

**HIGH LITTLETON BASTARDS**

The incidence of bastardy was not of significant proportions in the 16th and 17th centuries and the earliest records tend to be found in baptism registers. As the population became more mobile, so the incidence of bastardy increased and from the mid 18th century it was a problem which regularly exercised the minds of parish officers. This was not so much from the moral point of view but as to who was going to pay to maintain the unfortunate mother and child. This created a lot of bureaucracy and generated a number of records.

Acts of the following dates were important to the subject of bastardy:

1575/6 - Justices were empowered to make an Order on the parents of a bastard child for its maintenance. This liability could be discharged on payment of a lump sum or by entering into a Bond. If the Order was not observed, a warrant would be issued for the apprehension and committal of the offender to prison. Here he would remain, unless he could enter into recognisances, until the next Quarter Sessions, when a new Order would be made or the former one confirmed. This remained the basis of the law until 1834.

1597/8 - Parish officers could apprentice out pauper children. This often included bastards.

1609/10 - It was provided that any lewd woman, having had a bastard child and chargeable, **might** be sent to the House of Correction for up to 12 months. If she re-offended she **would** be sent there unless she gave sureties for her future good behaviour. This Act had the unfortunate effect of increasing the number of abortions and infanticides.

A woman assumed her husband's place of settlement on marriage. Thus, if the father of a bastard came from another parish, it was in the parish officers' interests to persuade the father to marry the woman, offering an inducement if necessary. If successful in getting the couple to marry, the whole family would assume the husband's settlement and the parish would be free of any future expense of the mother and child.

1662 - If the parent of a bastard child absconded, the overseers, on an order from justices, could seize the absconder's goods.

1732/3 - A mother pregnant with a bastard child was obliged to declare her condition to the parish officers and name the putative father of the child. This would normally be formalised in writing as an Examination and sworn before the justices.

It was also provided that the father of a bastard should be apprehended and committed to gaol until he gave security to indemnify the parish from expense.

1743/4 - The mother of a bastard was to be punished by public whipping.

Prior to the 1743/4 act bastard children of vagrant women gained a settlement in their parish of birth. This inevitably meant that parish officers were most anxious to remove pregnant women to another parish, to ensure they didn't give birth in their parish. The new act provided that a bastard child assumed the parish settlement of its mother, even if it was born in a different parish.

1795 - Every mother of a bastard child was deemed to be chargeable and therefore liable to removal to her parish of settlement.

1810 - Two justices could sentence the mother of a bastard child (after it was over a month old) to between 6 weeks and 12 months in the House of Correction or until she saw the error of her ways, when the justices would make an order for her release.

1839 and 1844 - The Poor Law Amendment Acts empowered the mother of a bastard to apply to the Petty Sessions for a maintenance order on the putative father.

Needless to say, the bastard children of the more well to do were usually taken care of outside the provisions of the various poor laws and without the involvement of the parish officers.

This section examines the various records relating to bastardy and demonstrate the operation of the law as well as showing where to look to ascertain the name of a bastard child's father. The notes following each case go some way to tracing what became of some, at least, of the bastard children and their parents. The indexes at the end cover the main text but not the notes.

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1. **Agnes HILL** had a bastard child c.1601 but the father's name has not been discovered.

[Note: Richard base son of Agnes HILL bapt. at High Littleton 7 Nov 1601. - Richard HILL base son of Agnes buried 27 Jan 1601/2.]

2. **Agnes BURGE** had a bastard child c.1611/2 but the father's name has not been discovered.

[Note: Joane base dau. of Agnes BURGE bapt. at High Littleton 20 Mar 1611/2.]

3. A base child was born in High Littleton c.Feb 1654/5 but register details are unreadable.

4. **Margaret EDWARDS** may have had a bastard child c.1658.

[Note: Mary (died 1 Dec) dau. of Margeret EDWARDS was buried at High Littleton 3 Dec 1658.]

5. **Jone JAMES** had a bastard child c.1663 but the father's name has not been discovered.

[Note: William base son of Jone JAMES of Hallatrow bapt. at High Littleton 6 Jan 1663/4.]

6. **Elizabeth NAISH** had a bastard child c.1667/8 but the father's name has not been discovered.

[Note: James base son of Elizabeth NAISH bapt. at High Littleton 9 Feb 1667/8.]

7. **John CARTER** gave a Bond to the Overseers of High Littleton in 1705. This probably relates to a bastardy but no details have been located.

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8. **John PARSONS** gave a Bond to the Overseers of High Littleton in 1711. This probably relates to a bastardy but no details have been located.

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9. **Thomas ABRAHAM** gave a Bond to the Overseers of High Littleton dated 10 April 1720. This probably relates to a bastardy but no details have been located.

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10. **Ann FRANCIS** of High Littleton was examined in Bastardy in 1735 but her Examination has not been located.

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[Note: This is presumably Ann, dau. of Thomas FRANCIS & his wife Margaret READ, baptized at High Littleton 26 Dec 1708.

No record of a live birth has been found but it is possible that the child was Charity, who herself had a bastard child in 1760.

Vestry Minutes of 8 Feb 1756 agreed to allow Ann FRANCIS 2/6 and to buy her a shift and to repair her bedstead and other necessaries as may be wanting for that purpose. Overseers' Accounts for 1755/6 record 2/6 paid to Ann FRANCIS. Minutes of 27 Oct 1756 agreed to buy Ann FRANCIS a warm rug and to mend her bedstead and turn. Accounts for 1756/7 record 9/6 given to Ann at several times, a further 2/6 and a payment of £1.15/- to Tho's READ for house rent for Ann FRANCIS and two others. Minutes of 14 Oct 1757 agreed to be at the charge of mending Ann's turn and bedstead and to give her one canvas shift. Accounts for 1757/8 record 7/- paid to Edward BULL for Ann FRANCES, 19/- paid to Farmer John BLINMAN for Ann and three others, 10/- given to Jane HILMAN and Ann FRANCES, 13/- for Rich'd WOOD (alias ATTWOOD)'s bill for Rob't PURNELL and Ann FRANCIS and £1.15/- to Tho's READ for house rent for Ann and two others. Minutes of 12 Oct 1758 agreed to give Ann 7/6. Accounts for 1758/9 record 8/- paid to Rich'd ATTWOOD for Anne FRANCIS' shifts & 7/6 by order of a Vestry. Accounts for 1759/60 record 2/- given to Ann FRANCIS in want & 2/6 to Farmer HARRIS for hallage of three quarters of cole to Jane HILMAN & Ann FRANCIS. Her rent was probably paid as well but the usual annual rent to Tho's READ did not specify the occupants of his house. Minutes of 7 Apr 1760 approved relief of 1/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Ann FRANCIS. Accounts for 1760/1 show this was paid for 50 weeks. Minutes of 23 Mar 1761 renewed Ann's relief at 1/- p.w. Accounts for 1761/2 show this was paid for 55 weeks. Minutes of 12 Apr 1762 again renewed Ann's relief at 1/- p.w. The 1762/3 Accounts show that 1/- was paid for 4 weeks, 6d. paid for 47 weeks and £2 paid to Tho's READ for house rent for A. FRANCIS & M. TYLER. Minutes of 4 Apr 1763 approved Ann's relief at 6d. p.w. Accounts for 1763/4 show this was paid for 55 weeks and £1. 5/- paid to G. TUCKER for rent for Ann & Charity FRANCIS. Minutes of 23 Apr 1764 renewed Ann's relief at 6d. p.w. Accounts for 1764/5 show this was paid for 50 weeks, £1. 5/- paid to George TUCKER for Ann's house rent and 7/1 to Ann for coal. Minutes of 8 Apr 1765 approved weekly relief of 6d. to Ann FRANCIS. Accounts for 1765/6 record 6d. paid to Ann for 20 weeks, 1/- for 31 weeks and 2/6 to Ann when sick. TUCKER's rent money didn't name tenants. Minutes of 31 Mar 1766 approved Ann's relief at 1/- p.w. again, which Accounts show was paid for 55 weeks. 1/- was also paid for moving Ann's goods, 5/8½ for a coat for Ann and 6d. given to her. Minutes of 20 Apr 1767 renewed Ann's weekly relief at 1/-. The 1767/8 Accounts record payments for 50 weeks. Minutes of 4 Apr 1768 again renewed Ann's relief at 1/- p.w. and the 1768/9 Accounts show this was paid for 51 weeks and also 6d. was given to her. Minutes of 27 Mar 1769 continued Ann's relief at 1/- p.w. Charity FRANCIS died in 1769 and Accounts for 1769/70 show that 2/- relief was paid to Ann FRANCIS and Cherry's child for 55 weeks, presumably as Ann was looking after the child. Minutes of 16 Apr 1770 continued Ann FRANCIS' relief at 1/- p.w. and Accounts for 1770/1 show this was paid for 50 weeks. Minutes of 1 Apr 1771 once again renewed Ann's relief at 1/- p.w. and Minutes of 3 Mar 1772 agreed to buy a coat for Ann FRANCIS. Accounts for 1771/2 record payments for 55 weeks, 4/- to Ann FRANCIS in her sickness and for coal and 6/7 for a coat and making for Ann. Minutes of 20 Apr 1772 approved 1/- p.w. relief to Ann and the 1772/3 Accounts show payments for 51 weeks. Minutes of 12 Apr 1773 renewed Ann's relief at 1/- p.w. Accounts for 1773/4 record payments for 51 weeks, 4/- for a shift for Ann and 2/2 for making shifts & shirts for Ann FRANCIS, Mary SMITH and 4 children. Minutes of 4 Apr 1774 continued Ann's relief at 1/- p.w. which the 1774/5 Accounts show was paid for 54 weeks. Minutes of 17 Apr 1775 increased Ann's relief to 1/6 p.w. The 1775/6 Accounts record payments for 51 weeks and 2/6 for coal and carriage for Ann FRANCIS etc. Minutes of 8 Apr 1776 continued

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Ann's relief at 1/6 p.w. and the 1776/7 Accounts show this was paid for 51 weeks. Minutes of 31 Mar 1777 renewed Ann's weekly relief at 1/6, which Accounts for 1776/7 show was paid for 55 weeks. Minutes of 20 Apr 1778 again approved 1/6 p.w. relief to Ann. Accounts for 1778/9 show payments for 50 weeks and 1/6 to Ann FRANCIS in want. Minutes of 5 Apr 1779 renewed Ann's relief at 1/6 p.w. Accounts for 1779/80 record payments for 51 weeks and 6d. given to Ann FRANCIS. Minutes of 27 Mar 1780 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. to Ann but a note "dead" was made. Accounts for 1780/1 record payments of 1/6 for 13 weeks and 2/- for 12 weeks, 3/8 for a shift for Ann, 2/- for Ann FRANCIS in want, 9/5 for coal liquor and looking after Ann and finally 16/- for burying Ann FRANCIS. Ann FRANCES (*sic*) was buried at High Littleton 20 Sep 1780.]

11. **Hannah COOK** may have had a bastard child c.1736/7.

[Note: Hannah COOK was buried at High Littleton between 1 Nov 1736 and 14 Apr 1737.  
Daughter of Hannah COOK was buried at High Littleton between 1 Nov 1736 and 14 Apr 1737.]

12. A bastard child by **John PARSONS** was born in or before 1737.

[Note: Tho's base son of John PARSONS was buried at High Littleton some time between 1 Nov 1736 and 14 Apr 1737.  
The mother's name has not been discovered but she may be one of those mentioned above.]

13. **Ann COLLIER** of High Littleton was examined in Bastardy in 1739 but her Examination has not been located.

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14. **Mary PARSONS** of [blank] was examined in 1746 but her Examination has not been located.

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Ivelchester, 5th April 1749.

**Thomas AMESBURY** and High Littleton.

Upon reading an Order under the Hands and Seals of George HODGES and Roger LYDE, Esquires, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Somerset (whereof one is of the Quorum) made for the maintenance of a Male Bastard Child born of the Body of **Mary PARSONS**, Singlewoman, in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, wherein Thomas AMESBURY of High Littleton aforesaid is adjudged to be the real Father of the said Male Bastard Child and ordered to pay unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, for and towards the maintenance of the said Bastard Child, the Sum of one Shilling and six pence Weekly and every Week from the date of the said Order (which was made and dated the Seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty eight) and so long as the said Child should Live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, with which Order the said Thomas AMESBURY hath been duly and timely Served before this present Sessions as appears on due proof thereof now made unto this Court. This Court therefore, on the Motion of Mr GOULD, as Counsell for the said Parish of High Littleton, doth order that the said recited Order be confirmed, unless sufficient cause be shewn to the Court by the End of this present Sessions and the same is hereby so confirmed accordingly.

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[Note: Mary dau. of Richard PARSONS & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 8 Feb 1717/8.

John a base born child of Mary PARSONS by Thomas AMESBURY of the parish of Timsbury bapt. at High Littleton 24 Feb 1746/7.

In a list of Bonds etc. copied into the Poor Book started in 1754/5, it is recorded that Thomas AMESBURY gave a Bond to the Overseers of High Littleton dated 12 March 1742, that an Order was made on Thomas AMESBURY in 1742 for the maintaining a Bastard Child and that a Confirmation of the above Order from the Sessions was received in 1749. The 1742 dates are believed to be an error and 1748 was probably intended.

Mary PARSONS was buried at High Littleton 21 Oct 1761.]

15. **Sarah HOLLOWAY** had a bastard child in 1749.

[Note: Sarah dau. of Rob't HOLLOWAY & Sarah born 8 Sep 1722 (High Littleton Register).

Robert (born Oct. 5) son of Sarah HOLLOWAY bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1749. - He married firstly Sarah YOUNG at High Littleton 9 Apr 1787, secondly Dinah GREEN at High Littleton 19 May 1807 and was buried at High Littleton on 4 Jun 1823.

Vestry Minutes of 18 Nov 1774 agreed that Sarah HOLLOWAY be allowed 2/6 p.w. during her present illness and Overseers' Accounts for 1774/5 record payments to her of 2/6 p.w. for 22 weeks. Minutes of 17 Apr 1775 approved relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to her and Accounts for 1775/6 show this was paid for 51 weeks. Minutes of 8 Apr 1776 continued the relief of 2/- p.w. but a note "dead" was added. Accounts for 1776/7 show that relief was paid for 28 weeks and also record a payment of 1/- to George TUCKER for going after the Coroner for Sarah HOLLOWAY.

Sarah HOLLOWAY was buried at High Littleton 23 Oct 1776.]

16. **Mary TYLER** had a bastard child by **John ROSE** c.1749/50.

[Note: A Bastardy Order was made on John ROSE in 1750 for maintaining a Bastard Child (SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1).

Rosanna a base born child of Mary TYLAR by John ROSE of Clutton bapt. at High Littleton 11 Mar 1749/50.

Overseers' Accounts for 1754/5 (the earliest surviving) show the receipt of £2. 8/- from Jno. ROSE on Mary TYLAR's Account, followed by £2.15/- (55 wks. at 1/6) in 1755/6, £2. 8/- in 1756/7, 16/- in 1757/8 and £1.18/- in 1758/9.

This is probably the same John ROSE who married Ann NAISH at Clutton 23 Apr 1753 and/or Mary BLACKER on 6 Apr 1760.

Mary TYLER had another bastard child by John CLARK in 1755.]

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17. **Hannah HUGH** had a bastard child by **John SEILLY** c.1752/3.

Somerset to wit.

The Examination of **Hannah HUGH** of the Parish of High Littleton, Widow, taken this 13th May 1756.

Who upon her Oath saith, That about Three Years ago, she, this Examinant, was delivered within the Parish of High Littleton aforesd. of a Male Bastard Child, and that such Child is now living, and chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and that **John SEILLY** of the City of Bristol, Hatter, is the natural Father of the said Child. The Mark of X Hannah HUGH.

Sworn the day and year aforesd. Before Rog'r LYDE.

[Below]

The Parish of High Littleton and John SEILLY - In Bastardy.

The above named **John SEILLY** was Committed by Warr't from Roger LYDE Esq'r on the above Examination, and still continues in Custody, refuseing to Indemnify the Parish. Please to move for his being continued in Custody.

N.B. There have been no Aplication (*sic*) for an Order, pursuant to the Statute.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/3-3.

[Note: Hannah HUGH was the widow of Ephraim HUGH, by whom she had at least 3 legitimate children.

Job son of Ephraim HUGH & Hanna bapt. at High Littleton 1 Nov 1747.

Ruth dau. of Ephraim HUGH & Hanna bapt. at High Littleton 1 Nov 1747.

Ephraim was another son.

No baptism has been located for Hannah's bastard son born c.1752/3.

Overseers' Accounts for 1754/5 record that Widow HUGH received 1/4 p.w. for 49 weeks. The earliest surviving Vestry Minutes dated 31 Mar 1755 approved relief of 1/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to widow HUGH and Accounts for 1755/6 show this was paid for 55 weeks. Minutes of 19 Apr 1756 reduced her relief to 6d. but Accounts for 1756/7 show that 1/3 was paid for 51 weeks.

Minutes of 11 Jul 1756 agreed that the Officers shall appear against John SILEY (*sic*) at Bridgwater Sessions. Overseers' Accounts for 1756/7 record £2. 6. 2 expence for taking up John SILEY and £2. 2. 6 expence for John SILEY at Bridgwater.

Hannah HUGH had another bastard child c.1757/8.]

18. **Mary TYLER** had a bastard child by **John CLARK** in 1755.

[Note: Mary had a previous bastard child by John ROSE in 1750 and the ongoing weekly relief reflects this. The earliest surviving Overseers' Accounts for 1754/5 record relief of 1/6 p.w. paid to Mary TYLAR for 49 weeks and 6/- given to her at several times in distress. Vestry Minutes of 31 Mar 1755 approved relief of 1/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Mary TYLAR. The 1755/6 Accounts show relief paid to Mary of 1/- for 26 weeks, 1/6 for 1 week and 2/- for 24 weeks, together with 2/6 to Eliza'th CHIVERS for delivering Mary TYLAR, 5/- to Mary VOWLS for attendance to her, another 5/- to Mary VOWLS for attendance, 19/- to Mary TYLAR at several times, 1/- for carrying her to the Infirmary at Bristol, 2/6 further for carrying her to the Infirmary at Bristol, 3/6 to John BRODRIBB for Mary's Examination & expence, 5/6 for her at Jno. Hippisley COXE's and £1.15/- to George TUCKER for house rent for Black George VOWLS & Mary TYLAR. Rebecca a base born child of Mary TYLAR by John CLARK bapt. at High Littleton 27 Jul 1755.

John CLARK was a son of Peter and Rebecca CLARK, who settled in High Littleton under a Certificate from Croscombe dated 5 Aug 1737. It was probably the same John who married Mary BROOKMAN at Marksbury 9 Jul 1758. John had 5 children before he and his family were removed to Croscombe by Order confirmed at Wells Quarter Sessions in 1771.

Minutes of 19 Apr 1756 approved relief of 2/- p.w. to Mary TYLAR. Minutes of 22 Aug 1756 agreed to pay Mary 45 weeks arrears stop't from her and also 10/6 for 6 weeks at 2/3 pr. week, she having receiv'd 3d. already. Accounts for 1756/7 record relief of 2/- for 5 weeks and 2/3 for 46 weeks, plus 11/3 arrears, 10/6 money that was kept back and 5/- was also given to Mary. Minutes of 11 Apr 1757 maintained relief at 2/3 p.w. Minutes of 10 May 1757 agreed to allow Mary TYLAR 6/-. Accounts for 1757/8 record relief of 2/3 for 4 weeks and 1/- for 37 weeks and £8. 0. 8 for Farmer HARRIS's bill for Mary TYLAR, Mary SAGE & Rob't PURNELL. Minutes of 27 Mar 1758 approved relief of 1/- p.w. and this was repeated in Minutes of 12 Oct 1758 but the 1758/9 Accounts show relief paid for 17 weeks only. Minutes of 21 Apr 1758 agreed to pay for Mary TYLAR's Wooden Legg and to give her half a crown. The 1758/9 Accounts record 11/6 paid to Mary by order of Vestry & Wooden Legg and 2/6 for Rich'd LANGFORD's bill for Mary TYLAR. The parish paid for 2 more wooden legs for Mary (by then Mary SMITH) in 1778/9 and 1785/6.

Accounts for 1757/8 record expenses for a warrant for John CLARK, which may well have related to non payment of bastardy pay. Accounts record on 12 Apr 1761 a payment of 3/- to James PALMER for examining Mary TYLER, who was over 8 months pregnant, and a mittimus for James SMITH, who was the person responsible. Mary's examination has not survived but the couple were persuaded to marry, a licence was hastily obtained, and the couple married the next day. James SMITH's first wife Martha (nee HEALE) had died in 1748. Mary TYLER married James SMITH, widower, at High Littleton 13 Apr 1761 and had 4 children by him. James died in 1774 and Mary died in 1796.]

19. **Mary HOLBROOK** had a bastard child by **John PAYNE** in 1755.

[Note: Overseers' Accounts record on 26 October 1755 a payment of £1 for the lying in of Mary HOLBROOKE of a base born child.

John base born child of Mary HOLBROOK by John PAIN was buried at High Littleton 26 Oct 1755.]

20. **Sarah HOLBROOK** had a bastard child by **John CRANG** c.1755/6

Know all Men by these Presents That I, **John CRANG** of the Parish of Timsbury in the County of Somerset, Yeoman, am held & firmly bound to John PARSONS, Thomas PALMER & John GREEN, Churchwarden & Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Timsbury aforesd. in the Sum of Forty Pounds of Lawful Money of Great



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Britain to be paid to the sd. John PARSONS, Thomas PALMER & John GREEN or either of them, their certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators, Successors or Assigns, For which Payment, well & truly to be made, I bind myself, my Heirs, Ex'ors & Adm'ors firmly by these sd. Presents. Sealed with my Seal, Dated this 23rd Day of March in the Year of our Lord 1756.

Whereas **Sarah HOLBROOK** of the sd. Parish of Camerton, Singlewoman, hath been lately delivered of a Female Bastard Child within the sd. Parish of Timsbury. Now the Condition of this Obligation is such That, if the above bounden John CRANG, his Heirs, Ex'ors or Adm'ors do & shall from Time to Time & at all Times hereafter well & sufficiently save & keep harmless & indemnified the sd. John PARSONS, Thomas PALMER & John GREEN, the present Churchwarden & Overseers of the poor of the Parish of Timsbury aforesd. & their Successors & all other the Inhabitants of the sd. Parish of Timsbury of & from all Costs, Charges & Expences whatsoever, which shall or may at any Time hereafter arise, grow due or be imposed upon them, either or any of them, for or by Reason or Means of the Education, Maintenance & Bringing up the sd. Female Bastard Child & of & from all Suits, Troubles, Damages & Demands whatsoever touching or concerning the same, Then this Obligation to be void; Otherwise to remain in Force. Jno. CRANG.

Sealed & delivered in the Presence of Will'm CORP, Geo. JAMES, 1756.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/2-1.

[Note: It is not clear how this document, which appears to relate to Timsbury, found it's way into the High Littleton Parish Chest.]

21. **Catharine PRIDDY** of High Littleton was examined in Bastardy in 1757 but her Examination has not been located.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

[Note: Catherine PRIDDY was apprenticed by Indenture dated 8 Apr 1751 to James BULL of Bradford (*on Avon*), weaver (SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1). She subsequently had a bastard child by James BULL (either her master or perhaps a son of the same name).

James Bull, a base born child of Catherine PRIDDY by James BULL bapt. at High Littleton 20 Nov 1757.

Vestry Minutes of 27 Dec 1762 agreed tow (sic) give Catern PRIDEY's child 6d. per week and for ye Offeres [*Officers*] to have Catern PRIDEY in to Shesions [*Sessions*] at Pensford for her to swe[a]r to that child that is at Robert PERREY [*sic*]. Overseers Accounts for 1762/3 record relief of 6d. p.w. for 19 weeks for James BULL's bastard. Minutes of 4 Apr 1763 continued relief to J. BULL's bastard at 6d. p.w. and the 1763/4 Accounts record that relief was paid to BULL's child for 55 weeks. Minutes of 23 Apr 1764 continued relief of 6d. p.w. to BULL's child and the 1764/5 Accounts show this was paid for 50 weeks. Minutes of 8 Apr 1765 maintained relief at 6d. p.w., which was paid for 50 weeks in 1765/6.

Catherine had another bastard child in 1763 by Joseph GAGE.]

22. **Hannah HUGH**, widow, had a bastard child c.1757/8.

[Note: Hannah HUGH had a bastard by James SEILLY c.1752/3.

Vestry Minutes of 11 Apr 1757 approved Hannah HUGH's pay at 1/3 p.w. in the weekly calendar and Overseers' Accounts for 1757/8 show this was paid for 50 weeks and 8/- was paid for the Widow HUGH's house rent omitted last year. Minutes of 6 Jun 1757 agreed to continue Hannah HUGH's pay as mentioned in the calendar and to put Ephraim, the son of Hannah HUGH, apprentice as soon as convenient opportunity will permit. The 1757/8 Accounts further record 2/6 paid to widow HART for delivering widow HUGH and 19/- was also paid to Farmer BLINMAN for his bill for Hannah HUGH and 2 others. Minutes of 27 Mar 1758 agreed Widow Hugh's pay at 1/3 p.w. Minutes of 21 Apr 1758 agreed to allow Ann SAGE 3/- p.w. for keeping Hannah HUGH's two children, to put Hannah HUGH's eldest son apprentice and further to allow Geo. TUCKER 8/- for conveying Hannah HUGH to Bridewell and bringing home her child. Overseers' Accounts for 1758/9 show that Hannah only received relief for 3 weeks, that Ann SAGE was paid for 11 weeks, Ann MARSHALL (alias DANDO) was also paid 3/- p.w. for 41 weeks for Hannah's children, Geo. TUCKER received 8/- for carrying Hannah to Bridewell, Rich'd LANGFORD was reimbursed 1/- that he gave Hannah and £3. 3/- was paid for putting Hannah's son apprentice. Job HEW (sic) was duly apprenticed to James TUGGEY, weaver of Hinton, on 11 May 1758.

Minutes of 12 Oct 1758 agreed to increase Hannah HUGH's weekly relief to 2/- p.w. but nothing seems to have been paid. Minutes of 16 Apr 1759 agreed to give some clothes to Ann DANDO for the use of Hannah HUGH's children and 3/- p.w. relief was approved in the weekly calendar to Hannah HUGH's children. Accounts for 1759/60 show that relief was paid for 43 weeks and Jno. GREENLAND was paid 1/6 for 1 pair of shoes for Hannah HUGH's boy.

No baptism of the second bastard child has been located but it appears that he was called Thomas. Relief paid to Thomas in the name of both HUGH and SEILLY suggests that his father may also have been James SEILLY.

Vestry Minutes of 12 Apr 1762 agreed relief of 1/- in the weekly calendar to Thomas SEILLY, a boy. The 1762/3 Accounts show this was paid for 51 weeks. Minutes of 4 Apr 1763 continued relief at 1/- and this was paid for 55 weeks in 1763/4. Minutes of 23 Apr 1764 maintained relief at 1/-, which was paid for 50 weeks in 1764/5. Minutes of 8 Apr 1765 increased Tho's SEILLY's relief to 1/6 p.w. Minutes of 3 May 1765 ordered that Joseph CLARKE of Temple Bridge be requested to undertake the care of Thomas SILLY, now afflicted with a Leprosy, at the expence of the parish and Minutes of 2 Jul agreed to advance £3 to pay the entrance money to Bath Hospital for a daughter of John EDWARDS having the Leprosie and £3 for ditto for Thomas HUE. Accounts for 1765/6 show that Thomas HUGH received relief of 1/6 for 30 weeks and 2/6 for 14 weeks. A shirt for Tho's HUGH cost 2/6, a pair of shoes for T. HUE 3/- and a coat and hat 2/6. Cloathing Thomas HUGH and carrying him to Bath Hospital cost £1.10. 5½, postage on acc't of T. HUGH 1/4, 2 caps & mending shoes 1/11 and bringing T. HUGH from Bath 1/6. Accounts for 1766/7 record 2/6 p.w. for Thomas SILLY for 55 weeks, 5/8 for 2 pair of shoes for Job VOWLES & Tho's SILLY and 10/10 for Cream of Tartar & Brimstone for Tho's SILLY & mending his cloaths.

Minutes of 20 Apr 1767 agreed weekly relief of 2/6 to T. SEILLY but it was noted "pd. 1 week & bound Apprentice". Accounts for 1767/8 record that Tho. HUGH was paid 2/6 for 1 week and £8. 8/- was paid to Benj'n GORDON with Tho's HUGH an Apprentice and 4/10 was paid for the Indentures. An Indenture dated 27 Apr 1767 shows that Thomas HUGH, aged 10, a poor child of High Littleton, was apprenticed to Benjamin GORTON, broadweaver of Bradford, Wilts.]

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23. **Mary FLOWER** of High Littleton was examined in Bastardy in 1759 but her Examination has not been located.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

[Note: Mary was the daughter of John FLOWER of Walcot.

Overseers' Accounts for 1759/60 record 17/8 paid for bedding and other things for Mary FLOWER.

Mary FLOWER, Singlewoman, was examined and removed from Combhay to High Littleton by Order dated 25 Oct 1759 (SRO Q/SR 328/1), which was confirmed at Wells Quarter Sessions on 15 Jan 1760 (SRO Q/SO 13 197).

No record of a live birth or Bastardy Order has been found.

Mary gave birth to twin bastard daughters in 1762.]

24. **Charity FRANCIS** had a bastard child in 1760.

[Note: The child was not baptized at High Littleton but appears to have been called John.

Charity's parentage has not been discovered but she may have been the bastard child of Ann FRANCIS born c.1735/6.

Overseers' Accounts for 1760/1 record on 7 Dec. a payment of £1 to Jno. BRODRIBB for Charity FRANCIS' lying in, followed on 11 Jan 1761 by 2/- to Mr JAMES for two summons warrants for her. Accounts for 1761/2 record on 29 Mar 1761 10/- paid to Peter CLARK for carrying Cherity [*sic*] FRANCIS to prison (*presumably as she refused to name the father of her child*).

Overseers' Accounts for 1762/3 record £1.19. 3½ for a bed and rug & pan etc. for Charity FRANCIS and £1. 5/- to Geo. TUCKER for house rent for Joan DENMEAD (alias LOCK) & Cher. FRANCIS. The 1763/4 Accounts show 4/- paid for 2 Iron Pots for Cher. FRANCIS & Mary FLOWER and £1. 5/- to Geo. TUCKER for rent for Cher. FRANCIS & Ann FRANCIS. Accounts for 1765/6 record relief of 1/- p.w. for 32 weeks paid to Charity FRANCIS and £1. 2/- for her house rent for last year.

Vestry Minutes of 31 Mar 1766 approved relief of 1/- in the weekly calendar to Charity FRANCIS and 1766/7 Accounts show this was paid for 55 weeks. Minutes of 20 Apr 1767 continued relief at 1/- p.w. and the 1767/8 Accounts show payments for 50 weeks. Minutes of 4 Apr 1768 maintained Charity's relief at 1/- p.w. Accounts for 1768/9 record payments for 51 weeks, together with 5/- to Cher. FRANCIS when sick at several times, 4/- for attendance of her, 17/6 for her house rent and 16/- for burying her.

Charity FRANCIS was buried at High Littleton 26 Feb 1769.

Vestry Minutes of 27 Mar 1769 agreed relief of 1/- p.w. to Cher's child and Accounts for 1769/70 show that 2/- p.w. was paid for 55 weeks for Ann FRANCIS and Cherry's child (instead of 1/- p.w. agreed in the weekly calendar for Ann). 5/- was also paid for washing Cherry FRANCIS' bed cloaths. Minutes of 16 Apr 1770 agreed 1/- p.w. for Cher's child and the 1770/1 Accounts record payments for 50 weeks. Minutes of 1 Apr 1771 continued relief of 1/- p.w. for Cherry FRANCIS' child but Accounts for 1771/2 record the recipient as John FRANCIS for 55 weeks. Minutes of 20 Apr 1772 again agreed relief of 1/- p.w. to Cherry's child and the 1772/3 Accounts show John FRANCIS was paid for 51 weeks and also 1/- was paid to John FRANCIS in want.

Minutes of 12 Apr 1773 continued relief of 1/- p.w. to John FRANCIS, which was paid for 51 weeks in 1773/4. Minutes of 4 Apr 1774 again approved relief of 1/- p.w. to John and the 1774/5 Accounts show payments for 54 weeks.]

25. **Elizabeth HARRIS** had a bastard child by **Joseph BARWELL** c.1761.

Know all Men by these Presents That I, **Joseph BARWELL** of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Coalminer, am held and firmly bound to Richard LANGFORD and Cornelius HARRIS, Churchwardens and John PARSONS and John JAMES, Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton (In Trust for the Parishioners of the said Parish), in the Sum of Fifty Pounds of good and lawful Money of Great Britain, to be paid to the said Richard LANGFORD, Cornelius HARRIS, John PARSONS and John JAMES or their certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, For which Payment well and truly to be made I bind myself, my Heirs, Executors and Administrators firmly by these Presents. Sealed with my Seal, Dated the Thirtieth Day of May in the Year of our Lord God One thousand seven hundred and Sixty three.

Whereas **Elizabeth BARWELL** (the present Wife of the above bounden Joseph BARWELL) by her late name of Elizabeth HARRIS, Singlewoman, in her Examination duly taken in Writing upon Oath before George HODGES Esquire, late One of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, deceased, and William SMITH, Clerk, One other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, [*hath*] declared that she was delivered of a Male Bastard Child at and in the said Parish of High Littleton and that the said Bastard Child was then (and now is) likely to become chargeable to the Parish aforesaid and that the said Bastard Child then was (and now is) living, And [*hath*] thereby charged the said Joseph BARWELL with having gotten her with Child of the said Bastard Child. Now therefore the Condition of this Obligation is such that if the said Joseph BARWELL, his Heirs, Executors or Administrators do and shall from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter fully and clearly exonerate and discharge or otherwise well and sufficiently save harmless and keep indemnified as well the abovenamed Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton and their Successors for the Time being, as also all and singular the other Parishioners and Inhabitants of the said Parish, which now are or hereafter shall be for the Time being, of and from all and all Manner of Costs, Charges and Expences whatsoever, which shall or may happen or accrue to them or any or either of them, for or by Reason of the Birth, Education and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child and of and from all Actions, Suits, Troubles, Damages and Demands touching or concerning the same, Then this Obligation to be void, or else in full Force. Joseph BARWELL.

Sealed and delivered (being first duly stamped) in the Presence of Jacob MOGG.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/2-3.

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[*Note*: William son of Joseph BARRELL of Littleton bapt. at Clutton 1 Mar 1761. Whether this is the bastard child or not, or even if it is the same Joseph, is unclear. The other Joseph around was Joseph's father but his wife Ann died in 1755.

Overseers' Accounts record on 19 Jul 1761 a payment of 8/- to Peter CLARK and John PARSONS for taking Elizabeth HARRIS and a guard. The circumstances are not apparent but both Elizabeth and Joseph ended up in court. At Taunton Quarter Sessions on 5 Oct 1762, Joseph BARWELL of High Littleton, clothworker and Joseph BARWELL of same, clothworker, gave traverses of £40 each on condition that Joseph BARWELL and Elizabeth his wife (late Elizabeth HARRIS) shall appear at next Quarter Sessions [SRO QSO 13 303].

At Wells Quarter Sessions on 11 Jan 1763 Joseph BARWELL and Elizabeth HARRIS were charged with Assault and Battery on Peter CLARKE and John PARSONS and for a rescue at Paulton. They were discharged on release and on Mr HOTCHKINS' motion fined 1/- each [SRO QSO 13 309].

Joseph (born 22 Nov) son of Joseph BARWELL & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 2 Dec 1744.

Joseph BARWELL probably married Elizabeth HARRIS c.1761/2 but the location of the marriage has not been found.

George son of Joseph BARRELL & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 27 May 1764.

Mary dau. of Joseph BARWELL & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 7 Sep 1766.

Elisabeth dau. of Joseph BARWELL & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 9 Apr 1769.

Sarah dau. of Joseph BARWELL & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 9 Jun 1771.

Hannah dau. of Joseph BARWELL & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 17 Apr 1774.

Elizabeth BARWELL was buried at High Littleton 11 Jan 1779 (*This may be James BARWELL's wife*).

Joseph BARWELL was buried at High Littleton 7 Jan 1782.

Overseers' Accounts for 1783/4 record 10/6 paid towards Wm. BARRELL's Funeral Expences.]

### 26. **Eleanor AMESBURY** had a bastard child in 1762.

[*Note*: William base son of Helenor AYMSBURY bapt. at High Littleton 6 Jun 1762.

Vestry Minutes of 6 Jun 1762 agreed to have Counsel's opinion on Thomas AMSBREY's bond and indentures. It is assumed that this has some relevance to the bastardy and perhaps Thomas was Eleanor's father.]

### 27. **Mary FLOWER** had bastard twins by **Jacob LOVE** in 1762.

[*Printed Form* - Printed and Sold, at J. PILE's Printing-Office, in Norton, near Taunton.]

County of Somerset to wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton and to either of them, These.

WHEREAS **Mary FLOWER** of the Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County, Single Woman, was on or about the nineteenth Day of September last (was) delivered of Two Bastard Female Children, within the Parish of High Littleton in the County aforesaid, which Children are now living and Chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton afs'd and likely to continue.

And Whereas upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises taken upon Oath before Us, and due Consideration being likewise had by Us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, (One being of the Quorum) both living next unto the limits of the Parish Church of High Littleton aforesaid, do adjudge **Jacob LOVE** of the same Parish, Labourer, to be the Father of the said Bastard Children, and for the Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton and also, for Provision and Maintainance of the said Bastard Children: WE do this Day, according to the Statutes in that Case made and Provided, hereby Order that the said Jacob LOVE shall Weekly and every Week from the Birth of the said Bastard Children, and so long as they shall be Chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, Pay unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid the Sum of One shilling & Three pence.

And also, shall and will, within six Days after Notice of this Our ORDER, Pay unto the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, the Sum of Two pounds towards the Charges the sd. Parish of High Littleton has already been at, for the Maintainance of the said Bastard Children, and obtaining this our Order.

And we do hereby further ORDER that the said Mary FLOWER shall Weekly and every Week, for so long Time thereof as the said Bastard Children shall be Chargeable, as aforesaid, and She shall not keep the same, Pay unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton afs'd for the Time being the Sum of nine pence for and towards the further Maintainance of the said Children.

THESE are in his Majesty's Name to command You, or some or one of You with all convenient speed, to give Notice of this our Order above, unto the Reputed Father and Mother therein Mentioned, to the End, They, and either of them may the better observe and perform the same. Given under our Hands and Seals, this 23d Day of February in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand, Seven Hundred, and Sixty Three. W. SMITH, Tho's PALMER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-4.

[*Note*: Overseers' Accounts for 1762/3 record 10/- paid to James WYAT for carrying Mary FLOWER to Bridewell, 2/- for keeping her 3 days, 4/2 Expences at Clutton Sessions, 14/4 to Shepton Bridewell for M. FLOWER's fees, 4/- for M. FLOWER's & Kate PRIDDY's Examination etc., 11/9 for bringing M. FLOWER from Shepton & expences at Pensford and 8/- at Pensford Sessions for an Order on Jacob LOVE and Mary FLOWER & expences.

Mary FLOWER and Elisabeth FLOWER, base born children, bapt. at High Littleton 12 Dec 1762.

Presumably Jacob LOVE failed to honour the Bastardy Order because Vestry Minutes of 29 May 1763 agreed to procure Jacob LOFF as ye lay [*law*] derectes [*sic*]. Overseers' Accounts for 1763/4 record 2/- for a warrant for Jacob LOVE, 10/- for carrying Jacob LOVE to prison, £1.18. 9 expences at Taunton Sessions against J. LOVE, 8/6 at Wells Sessions to continue J. LOVE [*in prison*], 17/- to Mr CORP and 9/- to John PARSONS & John BRODRIBB for taking J. LOVE. Accounts for 1764/5 record 17/2 to Mr CORP to continue Jacob

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LOVE in prison, 10/6 further to Mr CORP to continue him in prison, another 10/6 likewise and 6/- to Mr John BRODRIBB to continue LOVE in prison. Minutes of 31 Mar 1766 agreed that the Officer of the Poor do attend the Quarter Sessions in order to continue Jacob LOFE (*sic*) in prison and Accounts for 1765/6 record £1. 7. 8 to Mr CORP for continuing Jacob LOVE in prison.

Accounts for 1762/3 record relief of 3/- p.w. for 11 weeks to Mary FLOWER and 4/- p.w. for the same period to Mary VOWLES for Mary FLOWER's children. Minutes of 4 Apr 1763 approved relief of 2/3 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Mary FLOWER and Overseers' Accounts for 1763/4 show this was paid for 55 weeks together with 4/- for 2 iron pots for Cher. FRANCIS & M. FLOWER and 1/2 for a bed cord for Mary. Minutes of 4 Nov 1764 allowed Mary FLOWER 2/- one week, one of her children being out at nurse. Accounts for 1764/5 record payments of relief to Mary FLOWER of 2/3 for 4 weeks, 4/3 for 15 weeks, 3/- for 9 weeks & 2/- for 22 weeks, 2/6 p.w. for 23 weeks to Rachel HILL for nursing LOVE's child, 2/6 to John JAMES for carrying Mary FLOWER to Mr READ's House, 3/- to Mary TYLAR for carrying LOVE's children to Bath three separate times, £1. 6/- to Dr MUNGEE for medicines for LOVE's children, 1/- to Mary TYLER for carrying LOVE's child to Bath, 1/6 to Rachel HILL for making things for LOVE's child and 14/7 for cloaths for LOVE's child out at nurse. Minutes of 8 Apr 1765 approved relief of 2/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Mary FLOWER for her rickety child at nurse. Accounts for 1765/6 record relief of 2/- for 46 weeks to Mary, 2/6 for 51 weeks for nursing her child, 1/4 for a pair of shoes for FLOWER's child at nurse, 1/- for a pair of stockings for M. FLOWER's child at nurse, 1/6 for a pair of shoes for her child and 8/- for burying M. FLOWER's child.

Mary FLOWER was buried at High Littleton 16 Feb 1766.

Minutes of 31 Mar 1766 approved 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar for nursing M. FLOWER's child. Accounts for 1766/7 show this was paid for 55 weeks and also 1/6 for 1 pair of shoes for her child and 3/- for 1 pair of stays for Mary FLOWER's child. Minutes of 20 Apr 1767 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. to M. FLOWER's child and the 1767/8 Accounts show this was paid for 50 weeks, together with 4/8 for cloaths and 5/- for a pr. of shoes & shifts for FLOWER's child. Minutes of 4 Apr 1768 continued relief of 1/6 p.w. to Mary's child, which Accounts for 1768/9 record for 51 weeks and also 2/- for a pair of shoes for FLOWER's child and 7/6 to Mary FLOWER for her wedding.

John JENKINS widower otp married Mary FLOWER spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 1 Aug 1768 and they subsequently had 2 children. John's first wife Mary COTTLE died in April 1767.

Richard son of John JENKINS & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 6 Aug 1769.

Anne dau. of John JENKINS & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 10 Feb 1771.

The parish officers seemed to ignore Mary's marital status when referring to her bastard child. Minutes of 27 Mar 1769 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. to M. FLOWER's child. Accounts for 1769/70 show this was paid for 55 weeks to Mary FLOWER and 2/6 was paid for a coat & gown for Mary FLOWER's child. Minutes of 16 Apr 1770 again renewed relief of 1/6 p.w. to M. FLOWER's child, which was paid for 50 weeks in the 1770/1 Accounts. Minutes of 1 Apr 1771 continued relief of 1/6 p.w. to FLOWER's child. Accounts for 1771/2 show this was paid for 55 weeks. Minutes of 20 Apr 1772 continued relief of 1/6 p.w. to FLOWER's child and Accounts for 1772/3 record this was paid for 51 weeks. Minutes of 12 Apr 1773 continued relief of 1/6 p.w. to FLOWER's child and the 1773/4 Accounts show payments for 51 weeks. Minutes of 4 Apr 1774 continued relief of 1/6 p.w. to FLOWER's child, which the 1774/5 Accounts show was paid for 54 weeks. In addition 8/- was paid to Jno. JENKINS in want, £3 for Jno. JENKINS' s rent and Tho's PICKFORD's ¾ house rent to lady day last and £7. 8. 3½ expences of carrying Jno. JENKINS and family to Minehead. Accounts for 1776/7 record 5/- paid to Mary FLOWER's child in want. Jacob LOVE received relief from High Littleton on many occasions from 1767/8 onwards. He later married Abigail --- and had a child Betty in 1784.]

28. **Catharine PRIDDY** had a bastard child by **Joseph GAGE** in 1763.

Know all Men by these Presents That We, **Joseph GAGE** of the Town of Bruton in the County of Somerset, Broadweaver, and Jonathan HARFORD of the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the County aforesaid, Cordwainer, are held and firmly bound to Richard LANGFORD and Cornelius HARRIS, Churchwardens and John PARSONS and John JAMES, Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset aforesaid, in the Sum of Fifty Pounds of good and lawful Money of Great Britain, to be paid to the said Richard LANGFORD, Cornelius HARRIS, John PARSONS and John JAMES or their certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns (In Trust nevertheless for the Inhabitants and Parishioners of the said Parish of High Littleton), For which Payment well and truly to be made We bind ourselves and each of us bindeth himself for the Whole, Our and each of Our Heirs, Executors and Administrators firmly by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals, Dated the Ninth Day of May in the Year of our Lord God One thousand seven hundred and Sixty three.

Whereas **Catharine PRIDDY** of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, Singlewoman, was on or about the Fourteenth Day of April last past delivered of a Female Bastard Child at and in the said Parish of High Littleton, which said Child is now living and likely to become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, And hath declared that the said above bounden Joseph GAGE is the natural Father thereof and the Truth of which the said Joseph GAGE in his Conscience verily believes. Now the Condition of this Obligation is such That if the said Joseph GAGE and Jonathan HARFORD or either of them or either of their Heirs, Executors or Administrators do and shall from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter fully and clearly exonerate and discharge or otherwise well and sufficiently save harmless and keep indemnified the said Richard LANGFORD, Cornelius HARRIS, John PARSONS and John JAMES and their Successors for the Time being and also all and every other the Inhabitants of the said Parish of High Littleton of and from all and all Manner of Costs, Expences and Disbursements, which shall happen or accrue to them or any of them, by Reason of the Birth, Maintenance and Education of the said Female Bastard Child or otherwise howsoever touching the same, Then this Obligation to be void, or else in full Force. The Mark of X Joseph GAGE, Jonathan HARFORD.

Sealed and delivered (being first duly stamped) in the Presence of Geo. JAMES, 1763.

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[Note: Overseers' Accounts for 1762/3 record 4/- paid for M. FLOWER's & Kate PRIDY's Examination etc. followed by Expences at Pensford.

Mary base dau. of Catharine PRIDY bapt. at High Littleton 15 May 1763.

Vestry Minutes of 29 May 1763 agreed to proquet [*prosecute*] Catern PRIDY.

Catherine had previously had a bastard child by James BULL in 1757.

She was the subject of a Removal Order to High Littleton dated 21 May 1771.

Overseers' Accounts for 1783/4 record 9/- paid to Katherine PRIDY for tending Mary VOULS & Widow ASHMAN in Smallpox. Accounts for 1785/6 record £1. 1. 7½ paid for clothes for Catherine PRIDY's Daughter, of which Catherine reimbursed 6d.]

29. **Grace JONES** had a bastard child by **Stephen JORDAN** in 1764.

Know all Men by these presents that we, **Stephen JORDAN** of the Parish of High Littleton in the [*said - deleted*] County of Somerset, Tanner, and John PILL of the Parish of Farrington Gurney in the said County, Tayler, are held and firmly bound unto John BRODRIBB and Cornelius HARRIS, Churchwardens and William SKEY and John BUSH, Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County (In Trust for the Parishoners (*sic*) of the said Parish) in [*the Sum of*] Forty Pounds of good and Lawfull Money of Great Brittain to be paid to the said John BRODRIBB, Cornelius HARRIS, William SKEY and John BUSH or their certain Attorney, their Executors, Administrators or Assigns, To which Payment, to be well and truly made, we bind ourselves and each of us jointly and severally, by himself, our and each of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, firmly by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals and dated the Seventh Day of August in the Fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Brittain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and so forth and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Four.

The Condition of this Obligation is such, that Whereas **Grace JONES** of the said Parish of High Littleton, Singlewoman, hath in and by her voluntary Examination, taken in Writing and Upon Oath before Richard SLADE Esq'r, One of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, declared that she is with Child, and that the said Child is likely to be born a Bastard, and to be Chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and that the above bounden Stephen JORDAN is the Father of the said Child. If therefore the said Stephen JORDAN and John PILL or either of them, their or either of their Executors or Administrators, do and shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, fully and clearly indemnify and save harmless, as well the abovenamed churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton and their Successors for the time being, as also all and singular the other Parishoners and inhabitants of the said Parish of High Littleton, which now are or hereafter shall be for the time being, of and from all Manner of Costs, taxes, rates, Assessments and Charges whatsoever, for or by reason of the birth, Education or Maintainance of the said Child, and of and from all Actions, suits, troubles, and other Charges and Demands whatsoever, touching or concerning the same, that then this present Obligation to be void, otherwise of Force. Stephen JORDAN, John PILL.

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Jno. LANSDOWN, Henry SAGE.

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[Note: William Jordan, base born son of Grace JONES by Stephen JORDAN, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Nov 1764.

Nothing more is known of Grace JONES and her child. Stephen JORDAN was a tanner in Hallatrow and was Overseer of the Poor in 1772/3 and 1792/3. He married Martha COLLINS at Farrington Gurney on 30 Apr 1772 and died in 1793.]

30. Overseers' Accounts for 1766/7 record the payment of 6d. for a warrant for **Betty FRAPPIL [FRAPWELL]**. The circumstances are not apparent but may relate to a bastardy.

[Note: No live birth has been located.

Betty was probably the daughter of Rob't FRAPWELL and his wife Ann baptized at High Littleton 8 Jan 1748/9.]

31. **Betty HARDING** had a bastard child by Richard GREGORY in 1767.

Somerset.

The Voluntary Information of Betty HARDING, Single woman of High Littleton in sd. County.

Who upon her oath saith she is now with child with one or more child or children, w'ch child or children is Likely to [*be*] born a Bastard or Bastards, & to become chargable (*sic*) to the sd. Parish of High Littleton & that **Rich'd GREGORY**, Coalminer of Paulton in sd. County is the real & natavie [*?natural intended*] Father of such child or children. The mark of X Betty HARDING.

Sworn before me [*blank*], this 21 July 1767.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/3-4.

Know all men by these Presents That we, **Richard GREGORY** of the Parish of Paulton in the County of Somerset, Coalminer and Jacob GREGORY of the same Place, Yeoman and John GREGORY of the same

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Place, Coalminer, are held and firmly Bound unto Cornelius HARRIS and John BRODRIBB, Church wardens and Joseph BRODRIBB and William DRURY, Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County (in Trust for the Parishioners of the said Parish) in the Sum of Forty Pounds of lawful Money of Great Brittain to be paid to the said Cornelius HARRIS, John BRODRIBB, Joseph BRODRIBB and William DRURY or their certain Attorney, their Exec'rs, Adm'rs or Assigns, To which Payment, well and truly to be made, We Bind ourselves and each of us jointly and severally, and our and each and every of our Heirs, Exec'rs and Adm'rs, firmly by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals, Dated this Fifth day of August in the Seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Brittain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and so forth, And in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty seven.

The Condition of this Obligation is such, That Whereas **Betty HARDING** of the said Parish of High Littleton, Singlewoman, hath in and by her Voluntary Examination, taken in Writing and upon Oath before John ADAMS the Younger Esq'r, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, Declared that she is with Child with one or more Child or Children and that such Child or Children is or are likely to be borne a Bastard or Bastards and to be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, And that the above Bound Richard GREGORY is the Father of the said Child or Children. If therefore the said Richard GREGORY, Jacob GREGORY and John GREGORY or either of them, their or either of their Heirs, Exec'rs or Adm'rs, do and shall from time to time and at all times hereafter, fully and clearly Indemnify and save harmless, as well the above named Church Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton and their Successors for the time being, as also all and singular the other Parishioners & Inhabitants of the said Parish of High Littleton, which now are or hereafter shall be for the time being, of and from all manner of Costs, Taxes, Rates, Assessments and Charges whatsoever, for or by reason of the Birth, Education and Maintenance of the said Child or Children, and of and from all Actions, Suits, Troubles and other Charges and Demands whatsoever, touching or concerning the same, That then this present Obligation to be void, otherwise of Force. Rich'd GREGORY, Jacob GREGORY, John GREGORY.

Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of Will'm CORP, W.C. MAUNDER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/2-5.

[Note: Overseers' Accounts for 1777/8 record 2/- paid for the Examination of Ralph ROGERS & Betty HARDING.

The bastard child was called Jacob, who as Jacob GREGORY married Sipporah BULL at Paulton 25 Dec 1797. After Jacob's death in 1818, Sapphira GREGORY married Frederick SIMS, widower, at Bath Abbey 11 Apr 1819. As Zeporah SIMS, she was examined about her son William GREGORY's settlement on 15 Jul 1828 and referred to Jacob's illegitimate birth and his parents' subsequent marriage.

Richard GREGORY bach. otp married Betty HARDING spin. otp by banns at Paulton 30 May 1768.

Joseph son of Richard & Betty GREGORY bapt. at Paulton 19 Jan 1772.

Hester a daughter was born c.1780. - Hester dau. of Rich'd & Betty GREGORY, Paulton, aged 35, buried at Paulton 15 Oct 1815.

Persilia (being then 14 months old) dau. of Richard & Betty GREGORY bapt. at Paulton 5 Oct 1782.

Leucey (*sic*) dau. of Richard & Betty GREGORY bapt. at Paulton 14 Sep 1783.

Ann dau. of Richard & Betty GREGORY bapt. at Paulton 26 Sep 1790.

Amey dau. of Richard & Betty GREGORY bapt. at Paulton 11 Sep 1792. - Amy dau. of Richard & Betty GREGORY buried at Paulton 28 Oct 1793.

Amey dau. of Richard & Betty GREGORY bapt. at Paulton 10 Jul 1794.

Richard GREGORY, Paulton, aged 70, was buried at Paulton 18 Apr 1816.

Betty wife of Richard GREGORY, Paulton, aged 72, was buried at Paulton 18 Oct 1818.]

### 32. **Martha TUCKER** had a bastard child in 1768.

[Note: Martha (born Feb 26) was baptized at High Littleton 28 Feb 1749/50, daughter of George TUCKER and his first wife Martha EDGHILL. A family Bible confirms Martha's birth on 26 Feb 1750.

Overseers' Accounts for 1768/9 record 6/- paid for the examination of Martha TUCKER and Betty SMITH

James base born child of Martha TUCKER bapt. at High Littleton 16 Oct 1768. The father's name has not been discovered.

Accounts for 1772/3 record 1/6 given to George TUCKER's daughter for her child and 7 weeks at 1/6 p.w. given to George TUCKER's daughter.

When he was, 14 James was apprenticed to his uncle Henry TUCKER, shoemaker, but only served for 4 years, during which time he lived with his grandfather George TUCKER. James was examined about his settlement on 18 Apr 1837, prior to his removal by Order from Bedminster to High Littleton. In his examination he said he was the son of James (presumably an invention) & Martha TUCKER and grandson of George TUCKER. James received small legacies under the Wills of his aunt Sarah TUCKER, who died in 1810 and his grandfather George TUCKER, who died in 1826.

James married, had a son James born c.1805/6 and died in Clutton Union Workhouse on 13 Apr 1840.

At the age of 20 and with a 3½ year old son, Martha TUCKERx otp married John HOLBROOK otp by banns at High Littleton 20 Apr 1772. Martha's husband died later that year leaving her 6 months pregnant.

John HOLBROOKE was buried at High Littleton 17 Oct 1772.

John son of John HOLBROOK & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 24 Jan 1773.

Vestry Minutes of 12 Apr 1773 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to widow HOLBROOK and Accounts for 1773/4 show this was paid for 51 weeks. Minutes of 4 Apr 1774 renewed relief at 1/6 p.w. and Accounts record payments for 54 weeks in 1774/5. Minutes of 12 Apr 1775 continued Widow HOLBROOK's relief at 1/6 p.w. and Accounts for 1775/6 show it was paid for HOLBROOK's child for 51 weeks. Minutes of 8 Apr 1776 approved relief of 1/- p.w. for HOLBROOK's child and Accounts for 1776/7 record payments for 51 weeks. Minutes of 31 Mar 1777 continued relief at 1/- p.w. and 1777/8 Accounts show payments for 55 weeks. Minutes of 20 Apr

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1778 continued the child's relief at 1/- p.w. and 1778/9 Accounts record payments for 50 weeks. Minutes of 5 Apr 1779 renewed relief at 1/- p.w. but nothing was included in the Accounts for 1779/80. Minutes of 27 Mar 1780 again approved relief of 1/- p.w. for HOLBROOK's child and Accounts for 1780/1 record payments for 55 weeks. Minutes of 16 Apr 1781 renewed relief at 1/- p.w. and the 1781/2 Accounts show payments for 50 weeks. Minutes of 22 Apr 1782 renewed relief at 1/- p.w. and Accounts for 1782/3 show this was paid for 55 weeks. Finally Minutes of 21 Apr 1783 approved relief of 6d. p.w. to HOLBROOK's child and Accounts for 1783/4 show it was paid for 53 weeks. By then Martha had remarried a man 2 years her junior:

Samuel GREENx bach. otp married Martha HOLBROOKEx widow otp by licence at High Littleton 26 Jun 1775.

They had 2 children Samuel and Martha before Martha was widowed again.

Martha married thirdly at High Littleton 30 May 1791 James STICKLER (STICKLAND) and died in Oct 1830.]

### 33. **Betty SMITH** had a bastard child in 1768.

[Note: Betty dau. of James SMITH & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 5 Jun 1742.

Overseers' Accounts for 1768/9 record 6/- paid for the examination of Martha TUCKER and Betty SMITH

Martha base dau. of Betty SMITH bapt. at High Littleton 4 Dec 1768.

Accounts for 1769/70 record relief of 1/- for 16 weeks paid to Betty SMITH and 4/- for her house rent. Vestry Minutes of 16 Apr 1770 approved relief of 1/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to B. SMITH's bastard. Minutes of 9 May agreed to allow 10/- for Bett. SMITH's house room for this year and to give her 5/- for buying a sheet. Accounts for 1770/1 record the 1/- relief being paid for 50 weeks, 12/- for Betty SMITH's house rent and 5/- to John PILL for a Sheet for Betty. Minutes of 1 Apr 1771 renewed the relief of 1/- p.w. to Betty's bastard and Accounts for 1771/2 show this was paid for 55 weeks, together with 1/6 for a Bed Cord for Betty, 4/10 for 2 Crocks & Pott Hooks for Betty SMITH and Widow QUARMAN, 12/- for a year's house rent, 3/6 for a Spinning Turn, 2/- for attending Mary [SMITH] in her sickness and 6/- for 3 yards of Linsey for Betty. Minutes of 20 Apr 1772 renewed relief of 2/- p.w. to Betty's bastard and the 1772/3 Accounts show this was paid for 46 weeks, also 3/- for Betty's child, 2/- for her child further in want and 12/- for 1 year's house rent. Minutes of 12 Apr 1773 renewed the 1/- weekly relief to Betty's child and Accounts for 1773/4 show this was paid for 51 weeks, together with 3/- for a quarter's house rent due at Midsummer. Minutes of 4 Apr 1774 continued relief to Betty's child at 1/- p.w. which Accounts for 1774/5 show was paid for 54 weeks. Minutes of 17 Apr 1775 again renewed the relief at 1/- p.w. but there is a note "dead". Accounts for 1775/6 show that Betty SMITH was paid relief for 7 weeks, 2/- was paid in her illness and 10/8½ was paid for burying Betty's child.

Martha SMITH a child was buried at High Littleton 1 Jun 1775.

Betty got herself pregnant again but the parish officers persuaded the man to marry her. Overseers' Accounts for 1777/8 record £5. 8. 9 paid for the marriage & expence of Ed. BARNARD to Betty SMITH.

Edward BARNETT x bach. resident in the parish married Elizabeth SMITH x spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 17 Sep 1777. They had 2 children, one of whom died young, before Edward was examined on 2 Jan 1783 and the family removed to Chippenham.]

### 34. **Elizabeth VATER** had a bastard child by **Joseph WHITTOCK** in 1769.

[Printed Form - Sold by J. COLES and SON, Stationers, (No. 21.) in Fleet-Street.] (No. 31.) R.B.

County of Somerset. to wit.

The Order of John ADAMS and John ADAMS the Younger, Esq'rs, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church within the Parish of High Littleton in the said County made the Twentieth Day of June in the Year of our Lord 1769, concerning a Female Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of the Body of **Elizabeth VATER**, single Woman.

WHEREAS it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, as upon the Oath of the said Elizabeth VATER, that she the said Elizabeth VATER on the Twenty sixth Day of April now last past, was delivered of a Female Bastard Child at and in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, and that the said Female Bastard Child is chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton; and further, that **Joseph WHITTUCK** now of the Parish of Ditcheat in the said County, Yeoman, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Elizabeth VATER; and whereas the said Joseph WHITTUCK hath appeared this Day before us, but hath not Shewn any Cause why he should not be adjudged the Father of the said Bastard Child, We therefore, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises as well upon the Oath of the said Elizabeth VATER as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said Joseph WHITTUCK to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

And thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustentation and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said Joseph WHITTUCK shall and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them the Sum of Thirty Four shillings for and towards the Lying-in of the said Elizabeth VATER and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

And we do also hereby further Order, that the said Joseph WHITTUCK shall likewise pay or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One shilling Weekly, and every Week from the present Time, for and towards the keeping, Sustentation, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

And we do further Order that the said Elizabeth VATER shall also pay or cause to be paid to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or

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one of them, the Sum of Six Pence Weekly and every Week, so long as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, in case she shall not nurse and take Care of the said Child herself. Given under our Hands and Seals the Day and Year abovewritten. Jno. ADAMS, Jno. ADAMS Jun'r.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-6.

[*Note:* Elisabeth dau. of Betty VATER bapt. at High Littleton 30 Apr 1769.

Overseers' Accounts for 1783 record £1. 5/- paid to Tho's LANSDOWN for putting out Joseph WHITTOCK's child [*as an apprentice*]. This was probably 14 year old Elisabeth

Joseph son of William WHITTOCK & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1746.

William WHITTOCK married Elizabeth LANSDOWN at Chewton Mendip 6 May 1745.

Elizabeth (nee GULLIFORD) was the widow of John LANSDOWN.

Joseph WHITTOCK married Sarah (Sally) BOND at Ditchat 3 Apr 1769. This was 3 weeks before Elizabeth VATER's bastard was born. Joseph made his Will at Sutton in Ditchat in 1810 and presumably died soon afterwards.]

35. **Mary LEWIS** had a bastard child by **Joseph COOMBS** in 1769.

[*Printed Form* - Sold by J. COLES and SON, Stationers, (No. 21.) in Fleet-Street.] (No. 31.) R.B.

County of Somerset to wit.

The Order of John ADAMS and John ADAMS the Younger Esq'rs, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church within the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, made the Fourth Day of July in the Year of our Lord 1769, concerning a Female Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of the Body of **Mary LEWIS**, single Woman.

WHEREAS it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, as upon the Oath of the said Mary LEWIS, that she the said Mary LEWIS on the Twenty Second Day of May now last past, was delivered of a Female Bastard Child at and in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, and that the said Female Bastard Child is likely to be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton; and further, that **Joseph COOMBS** of the Parish of Camerton in the said County, Yeoman, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Mary LEWIS; and whereas the said Joseph COOMBS hath this day appeared before us, but hath not Shewn any Cause why he sho'd not be adjudged the Father of the said Bastard Child, We therefore, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises as well upon the Oath of the said Mary LEWIS as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said Joseph COOMBS to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

And thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustentation and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said Joseph COOMBS shall and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them the Sum of Forty Shillings for and towards the Lying-in of the said Mary LEWIS and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

And we do also hereby further Order, that the said Joseph COOMBS shall likewise pay or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One shilling Weekly, and every Week from the present Time, for and towards the keeping, Sustentation, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

And we do further Order that the said Mary LEWIS shall also pay or cause to be paid to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Six pence Weekly and every Week, so long as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, in case she shall not nurse and take Care of the said Child herself.

Given under our Hands and Seals the Day and Year abovewritten. Jno. ADAMS, Jno. ADAMS Jun'r.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-5.

[*Reverse*] - July the 7 1769 Deliver'd the Orders to Joseph COMBS And Mary LEWIS By me Wm. BLINMAN, Overseer.

[*Note:* Overseers' Accounts for 1768/9 record a payment of 3/- for Mary LEWIS' examination (*not preserved*), a warrant and expenses. This is followed by 1/6 for apprehending Joseph COOMBES and attendance on the Justices.

Mary LEWIS, singlewoman, was removed from Camerton to High Littleton by Order dated 18 Nov 1768.

Elisabeth base born dau. of Mary LEWIS bapt. at High Littleton 4 Jun 1769.

Accounts for 1769/70 record 11/6 paid for bedclothes and lodging for Mary LEWIS. Accounts for 1772/3 include 5/- given to Joseph COOMES's child, in 1773/4 5/- to Joseph COOMBS's child and the same in 1774/5. Accounts for 1776/7 record 6d. for a summons warrant for Joseph COOMBS, presumably for arrears of maintenance.]

36. **Mary VOWLES** had a bastard child c.1770.

[*Note:* John base son of Mary VOWLES bapt. at High Littleton 22 Apr 1770.

John VOWLES (an Infant) was buried at High Littleton 3 Jun 1770.]



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### 37. **Rachel PRIDDY** had a bastard child in 1770.

[Note: Overseers' Accounts for 1766/7 record 2/6 paid to Racheal (sic) PRIDDY in her Sickness.

Simon base son of Rachel PRIDDY bapt. at High Littleton 7 Oct 1770.

Vestry Minutes of 24 Oct 1770 agreed to have Rachael PRIDDY swear to the father of her bastard child.]

### 38. **Sarah JAMES** had a bastard child in 1772.

[Note: Sarah JAMES, singlewoman, was examined and removed from Paulton to High Littleton by Order dated 7 Oct 1772.

Katharine base child of Sarah JAMES bapt. at High Littleton 27 Dec 1772.

Overseers' Accounts for 1772/3 record £1. 0. 6 paid for a warrant and money as Sarah JAMES had and her quarters, 3/5 for a shift for Sarah, £2. 5/- to James PAINE for Sarah JAMES's house room & lodging 18 weeks at 2/6 p.w., 18/- to Sarah in her lying in, 3/- to Betty CHIVERS for delivering her, 12/6 to Sarah JAMES and her child, 1/- to Sarah further, 10/- to Tho's CLARE for the lodging of Sarah 5 weeks at 2/- p.w. and 2/6 further to James PAINE for Sarah's lodging. Vestry Minutes of 12 Apr 1773 approved relief of 1/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Sarah JAMES. Accounts for 1773/4 record payments for 36 weeks, 1/- to Tho's CLARE for 1 week house room for Sarah JAMES, 3/- for expences at Sessions with Sarah JAMES & Tho's PICKFORD, £1. 6. 6 to George TUCKER for a bed bolster and rug and bed cord for Lea TUCKER and Sarah JAMES, 3/6 for a pair of shoes for Sarah and 6/- for burying her child.

Katharine JAMES, a child, was buried at High Littleton 19 Dec 1773.

Accounts for 1774/5 record 1/9 given to Sarah JAMES in want, 3/4 for a pound of worsted for Sarah, 5/- given to Sarah in want at different times and 7/- to Dr BATH for curing Leah TUCKER and Sarah JAMES. Accounts for 1776/7 record £7. 8. 4 paid for the marriage of Sarah JAMES & gave the man. Presumably Sarah had got pregnant again but the man was persuaded to marry her.

Thomas ELLISONx bach. of Luckington, Wilts. married Sarah JAMESx spin. otp by licence at High Littleton 20 Apr 1776.

See Thomas ELLISON's examination below.]

Somerset's'e.

The Examination of **Thomas ELISON**, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in sd. County, taken before us, his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, this 22d of April 1776.

Who, upon his Oath saith, he have heard & believes he was born in the Parish of Christian Malford in the County of Wilts. Liv'd there till he was about Seven Years Old, when he was bound Apprentice to John RIDLEY of Luckington in the same County, Gingerbread Baker, serv'd his Master at Luckington about One Year & half, when his Master failed; he went with his Master to Westport near Malmsbury, serv'd him about ½ a Year there, when his Master, having no Work for this Examminant, he went to work for a Tannar at Westport Aforesd. but under no perticuler Agreement but for his Vicuits [*Victuals intended*] & some Cloaths, that he serv'd this Tanner for Eight or nine Years, but was at Liberty to Quit his Service at the End of Every Week if he chose, and that his Master & him very frequently parted during this Time of Service; that he went from thence to Chiping Sodbury in Glostershire, work'd there for Mr Samuel WEBB as a Journey Man Tanner, by the Week and since that Time have work'd for differ't Masters by the Week but have done no Act to gett a Settlement otherwise then [*than intended*] above, to the best of knowledge. The mark of X Tho's ELISON.

Sworn before us this 22d April 1776, Jno. ADAMS, J. ADAMS Jun.

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### 39. **Elizabeth TAYLOR** had a bastard child by **William MOGG** c.1774/5.

[Note: A note in the Farmborough Register refers to an Order on Lyttleton for Betty TAYLOR 24 Sep 1774.

Overseers' Accounts for 1774/5 record a payment of 1/- for Eliz. TAYLOR's Examination.

William, base son of Betty TAYLOR & Wm. MOGG, bapt. at High Littleton 15 Jan 1775.

Overseers' Accounts for 1775/6 record relief to Betty TAYLOR of 1/- p.w. for 11 weeks, 1/6 for 11 weeks, 12/- for a Bed for her, 2/3 for a Sheet, 1/- for a Bed Matt and 5/- cash given to Betty. Vestry Minutes of 8 Apr 1776 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar for Betty TAYLOR's child and Accounts for 1776/7 show this was paid for 51 weeks and also record 2/- to Betty's child in want and 9/- for burying her child.

William TAYLOR, a child, was buried at High Littleton 20 Mar 1777.

Elizabeth married the following year after getting pregnant again.

Joseph GULLOCKx resident in the parish married Elizabeth TAYLORx otp by banns at High Littleton 12 Oct 1778.

Joseph GULLOCK was a widower. He and Elizabeth had 4 or 5 children in Farmborough between 1779 and 1791.

Elizabeth GULLOCK, Farmborough, aged 74, was buried at Farmborough 2 Apr 1826.]

### 40. **Sarah YOUNG** had a bastard child c.1776.

[Note: Sarah may have been the daughter of Isaac YOUNG & Joyce bapt. at High Littleton 29 May 1748.

Jane base son (*sic*) of Sarah YOUNG bapt. at High Littleton 4 Feb 1776.

It may be the same Sarah YOUNG, resident in the parish, who intended to marry George FORDE of Chewton Mendip. After the banns were called at High Littleton on 12 Jan 1777, George FORDE forbade it.

Overseers' Accounts for 1783/4 record 2/- paid for expences to Charlton with Sarah YOUNG & Ann HOOK. Accounts for 1784/5 record a payment of 1/- for Sarah YOUNG's Examination, but whether in bastardy or concerning her settlement, is not apparent.

Robert HOLLOWAYx otp married Sarah YOUNGx otp by banns at High Littleton 9 Apr 1787.

They had at least 4 children and Sarah HOLLOWAY was buried at High Littleton 23 Jul 1806.]

### 41. **Leah TUCKER** had a bastard child in 1779.

[Note: Leah dau. of Charles & Rachel TUCKER bapt. at Timsbury 9 Feb 1749/50.

Overseers' Accounts for 1769/70 record 7/4½ for 2 Shifts and making for Lea TUCKER and 4/- for Shoes and mending for her. Vestry Minutes of 9 May 1770 agreed to allow 10/6 for cloaths for Leah TUCKER and to allow James TUCKER 2/- p.w. from Saturday the 6th of

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May for keeping her. Accounts for 1770/1 record relief of 2/- p.w. for 47 weeks to Lea TUCKER and 11/6 for her in want & for Cloaths. Minutes of 1 Apr 1771 approved relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Lea TUCKER and Accounts for 1771/2 show this was paid for 55 weeks. Minutes of 20 Apr 1772 approved 1/6 p.w. to Lea and the 1772/3 Accounts record this amount for 51 weeks. Minutes of 12 Apr 1773 maintained her relief at 1/6 p.w. but the 1773/4 Accounts show this was only paid for 9 weeks and 1/- for 42 weeks, together with 18/5½ to Tho's LANSDOWN for things for Lea TUCKER, £1. 6. 6 to George TUCKER for a Bed bolster and Rugg and bed cord for Lea TUCKER and Sarah JAMES and 7/- to Dr BATH for curing Lea TUCKER's leg. Minutes of 4 Apr 1774 approved Lea's relief at 1/- p.w. but Minutes of 10 May agreed to reduce it to 6d. The 1774/5 Accounts show Lea was paid 5 weeks at 1/- and 49 at 6d. and that Dr BATH was paid 7/- for curing Leah TUCKER and Sarah JAMES. Minutes of 17 Apr 1775 maintained Leah's relief at 6d. p.w. and the 1775/6 Accounts show this was paid for 51 weeks and also John PILL was paid £1. 7.11 for Cloaths for Leah and 2 other paupers. Minutes of 8 Apr 1776 continued Lea's relief at 6d. p.w. and the 1775/6 Accounts record payment for 55 weeks and £3. 5. 0 to Dr BATH for Lea TUCKER and Betty STICKLAND. Accounts for 1778/9 record 1/6 paid to Lea TUCKER in want and 17/10½ for her Cloaths & making. Accounts for 1779/80 record 1/- paid to Leah TUCKER in want, 8/3 for things for her in her lying in, 5/- to the nurse, 2/6 to Betty CHIVERS [*Midwife*], 1/- for a warrant & expence at Justice with Leah TUCKER, £2. 5.10 to Leah TUCKER & child for 18 weeks to ye 23 Oct 1779 and a further 12 weeks at 1/6 p.w. to Leah, 1/9 for things in the child's illness and 9/- for burying the child. Subsequently 1/9 was paid for a bed matt for Leah and 10 yds. of Hestings at 10d. pr. yard, making & thread for Mary BATH & Leah TUCKER. Charles, base son of Leah TUCKER, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Jul 1779. - Charles TUCKER, a child, was buried at High Littleton 12 Jan 1780.

Accounts for 1780/1 record 3/6 paid for a Bedstead and Bed Cord for Leah TUCKER and Accounts for 1782/3 record 5/- for Lea TUCKER in want, 1/- for 3 bushels of Coal for Lea, 1/4 for making 2 Shifts & a Coat for her, £1. 4. 3 to Lea TUCKER in her illness, 5/- to Mary BATH for tending her and 16/- for the burial expences.

Leah TUCKER was buried at High Littleton 13 Apr 1783.]

42. Overseers' Accounts for 1783/4 record 2/- paid for a warrant for **Sarah BATH**. The circumstances are not known but it is probable that Sarah was pregnant and unmarried, although no trace of a live birth has been found. [*Note*: Sarah dau. of Joseph BATH & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 30 Jan 1763.]

43. **Ann HOOK** had a bastard child by **Abraham COOK** in 1784.

[*Printed Form* - No. 26. Order of Bastardy). Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL, in Bath.]  
County of Somerset.

The Order of Vickris DICKINSON and John ADAMS Esquires, two of his Majesty's Justices of the peace in and for the said County, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church within the Parish of High Littleton in the said [*County*] made the 22 day of March in the 24th year of the Reign of his said Majesty King George the third [*1784*], concerning a Male Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish aforesaid, of the Body of **Ann HOOK**, Single Woman.

WHEREAS it hath appeared unto us the said justices, as well upon the complaint of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of High Littleton, as upon the oath of the said Ann HOOK, that she the said Ann HOOK on the seventh day of January now last past, was delivered of a male bastard child at and in the said parish of High Littleton in the said County, and that the said bastard child is chargeable to the said parish of High Littleton; and further that **Abraham COOK** of Clutton in the said County, Labourer, did beget the said bastard child on the body of her the said Ann HOOK. And whereas the said Abraham COOK is now before us, in Consequence of our Summons to shew Cause, but has shewn no Cause why he should not be adjudged the Father of the said Child, We therefore, upon examination of the cause and circumstance of the premisses, as well upon the oath of the said Ann HOOK as otherwise do hereby adjudge him the said Abraham COOK to be the reputed father of the said bastard child: And thereupon we do order, as well for the better relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the sustenation and relief of the said bastard child, that the said Abraham COOK shall and do forthwith, upon sight or notice of this our order, pay or cause to be paid to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the sum of £1.14. 6 for and towards the charges of the lying-in of the said Ann HOOK and the maintenance of the said bastard child, to the time of making this our order.

And we do also hereby further order, that he the said Abraham COOK shall likewise pay or cause to be paid to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of High Littleton for the time being, or to some or one of them, the sum of fourteen pence weekly and every week from the present time, for and towards the keeping, sustenation, and maintenance of the said bastard child, for and during so long time as the said bastard child shall be chargeable to the said parish of High Littleton.

And we do further order that the said Ann HOOK shall also pay or cause to be paid to the said churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of High Littleton for the time being, or to some or one of them, the sum of eight pence weekly and every week, so long as the said bastard child shall be chargeable to the said parish of High Littleton in case she shall not nurse and take care of the said child herself.

Given under our hands and seals the day and year first abovewritten. V. DICKINSON, Jno. ADAMS.

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[*Note*: Anne dau. of John HOOK & Betty bapt. at Camerton 27 Sep 1761.

Her mother died when Ann was 1 and her father married twice more. She moved with him from Camerton to High Littleton c.1765.

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Overseers' Accounts for 1783/4 record 2/- paid for a warrant for Ann HOOK and also 2/3 expences for Ann HOOK's affair at Chelwood. Abraham base born child of Ann HOOK bapt. at High Littleton 11 Feb 1784. Accounts for 1786/7 record 9/3 paid for a bed & blankett for An HOOK. Vestry Minutes of 6 Jun 1787 ordered that Ann HOOK be allowed 1/- p.w. for attending Joseph CHIVERS. Accounts for 1788 record that the parish paid 4/8 to Ann HOOK for Abr'am COOK's child, whilst Abraham was a Militia man. In 1790 were costs of a summons and warrant for Abr'm COOK, no doubt for arrears of maintenance and later for a warrant to apprehend him, plus expenses of taking him to the Justice. Vestry Minutes of 9 Apr 1792 instructed the Overseer to attend the next Quarter Sessions to appear against Ab'm COOK, a prisoner confined in Shepton Mallet Bridewell, for omitting to pay to a bastard child. Accounts for 1792 record the cost of attending the Sessions against COOK. Vestry Minutes of 1 Apr 1793 approved relief of 1/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Ann HOOK's child, described in 1794 as her eldest child. In 1795 relief to Ann's eldest boy was reduced to 9d. p.w. and ended in 1795/6. Ann HOOK had further bastard children by different men in 1788 (John), 1794 (Martha), 1796 (David) and 1802 (Ann). Abraham HOOKE, bach. otp married Tabitha WATTS spin. otp by banns at Paulton 6 Oct 1817. Tabitha (aged 29 years) wife of Abraham HOOK, Paulton, coal miner, bapt. at Paulton 18 Aug 1822. Ann dau. of Abraham & Tabitha HOOK, Paulton, coal miner, bapt. at Paulton 10 Jan 1819. - Ann dau. of John (*sic*) & Tabitha HOOK, Paulton, aged 2 years, buried at Paulton 7 Jul 1819. Abraham son of Abraham & Tabitha HOOK, Paulton, coal miner, bapt. at Paulton 26 Dec 1819. John son of Abraham & Tabitha HOOK, Paulton, coal miner, bapt. at Paulton 4 Mar 1821. Thomas son of Abraham & Tabitha HOOK, Paulton, coal miner, bapt. at Paulton 12 Sep 1824. Henry (born 8 Sep 1826) son of Abraham HOOK & Tabitha (dau. of John & Grace WATTS), Paulton, bapt. at Midsomer Norton Wesleyan Methodist Church 1 Oct 1826. Ann (born 7 Nov 1828) dau. of Abraham HOOK & Tabitha (dau. of John & Grace WATTS), collier, High Littleton, bapt. at Midsomer Norton Wesleyan Methodist Church 25 Dec 1828. Betsey (born 27 Jan 1831) dau. of Abraham HOOK & Tabitha (dau. of John & Grace WATTS), miner, Paulton, bapt. at Midsomer Norton Wesleyan Methodist Church 3 Apr 1831. Abraham HOOK (and from 1840 his widow), coal miner of Wityh Mills, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on several occasions between 1822 and 1846. Abraham HOOK, Farmborough, aged 55, was buried at High Littleton 10 Nov 1836. The 1851 Census finds Abitha (*sic*) HOOK, widow, aged 62, son Abram 32, married, coal miner, dau. in law Mary A. HOOK, 32, born Midsomer Norton, dau. Betsey 18, servant and unmarried son Henry 23, coal miner, living in Paulton, where all except Mary were born.]

44. **Anne PLUMLEY** had a bastard child by **William PURNELL** in 1784.

*Printed Form* - No. 26. Order of Bastardy. (Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL, Bath.)  
Somerset, To wit.

The Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing in or next unto the Limits where the Parish Church of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County stands, made the 18th Day of April in the 26th Year of the Reign of his Majesty King Geo. the third, and in the Year of our Lord 1786, concerning a Female Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of the Body of **Anne PLUMLEY**, single Woman.

WHEREAS it appears unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, as upon the Oath of the said Anne PLUMLEY, that she the said Anne PLUMLEY on the Eighth Day of January 1784, was delivered of a Female Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton, and that the said Bastard Child is likely to be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton; and further, that **William PURNELL** of the said Parish of High Littleton, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Anne PLUMLEY; And whereas the said William PURNELL hath this Day appeared before us, We therefore, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon Oath of the said Anne PLUMLEY as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said William PURNELL to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child. And thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton, as for the Sustentation and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said William PURNELL shall and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of One Pound and ten Shillings for and towards the lying-in of the said Anne PLUMLEY and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

And we do also hereby further order, that the said William PURNELL shall likewise pay or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One Shilling & six Pence Weekly and every Week, from this present time, for and towards the keeping, Sustentation, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. And we do further order, that the said Anne PLUMLEY shall also pay or cause to be paid to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Nine Pence Weekly and every Week, so long as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton in case she shall not nurse and take Care of the said Child herself. Given under our Hands, and Seals, the Day and Year first above-written. Ch. H. COXE, Jas. TOOKER.

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[Note: Nothing has been discovered about Anne PLUMLEY and her bastard child. There was a PLUMLEY family at Clutton around this time.]

45. **Judith BULL** had a bastard child by **Thomas HILL** in 1785.

[*Printed Form* - No. 26. (Order of Bastardy). Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL, in Bath.]  
County of Somerset.

The Order of John ADAMS and Charles Hippisley COXE Esquires, two of his Majesty's Justices of the peace in and for the said County, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church within the Parish of High Littleton in the said County made the 14th day of December in the 24th year [26th year = 1785 probably intended] of the Reign of his said Majesty King George the Third, concerning a Female Bastard Child, lately born in the parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of the Body of **Judith BULL**, Single Woman.

WHEREAS it hath appeared unto us the said justices, as well upon the complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of High Littleton, as upon the oath of the said Judith BULL, that she the said Judith BULL on the [blank] day of [blank] now last past, was delivered of a Female bastard child at and in the said parish of High Littleton in the said County, and that the said Female bastard child is living and become chargeable to the said parish of High Littleton; and further that **Thomas HILL** of Paulton in the said County, Currier, did beget the said bastard child on the body of her the said Judith BULL. And whereas the said Thomas HILL (after having been duly summoned to appear before us to shew Cause why an order sho'd not be made on him) hath not shewn any sufficient Cause why he sho'd not be adjudged the reputed Father of the said Female Bastard Child, We therefore, upon examination of the cause and circumstance of the premisses, as well upon the oath of the said Judith BULL as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said Thomas HILL to be the reputed father of the said bastard child: And thereupon we do order, as well for the better relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the sustenation and relief of the said Female bastard child, that the said Thomas HILL shall and do forthwith, upon sight or notice of this our order, pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the sum of Ten Shillings & Six Pence for and towards the charges of the lying-in of the said Judith BULL and the maintenance of the said bastard child, to the time of making this our order.

And we do also hereby further order, that he the said Thomas HILL shall likewise pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of High Littleton for the time being, or to some or one of them, the sum of Two Shillings weekly and every week from the present time, for and towards the keeping, sustenation, and maintenance of the said bastard child, for and during so long time as the said bastard child shall be chargeable to the said parish of High Littleton.

And we do further order that the said Judith BULL shall also pay or cause to be paid to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the time being, or to some or one of them, the sum of Six Pence weekly and every week, so long as the said bastard child shall be chargeable to the said parish of High Littleton in case she shall not nurse and take care of the said child herself.

Given under our hands and seals the day and year first above written. Jno. ADAMS, Ch. H. COXE.

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[*Note on reverse*] - January the 16 1786, then Served Thomas HILL of Paulton with the Order of Bastardy.

[Note: Judith dau. of Edward BULL & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 8 May 1768.

Betty dau. of Judith BULL bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1785. - Betty BULL, a child, buried at High Littleton 27 May 1787.]

46. **Susannah SHEARN** had a bastard child by **James DRURY** c.1786.

[Note: James son of Susan SHEARN bapt. at High Littleton 5 Feb 1786.

Overseers' Accounts for 1786/7 record 5/- paid to Susannah SHERRIN in her illness. Accounts for 1791 record a payment of £2.15. 9 to Jacob SHEARN for James DUREY's bastard at Farrington, and subsequent payments. Accounts for 1793/4 how the cost of warrants issued for James DUREY and in 1795/6 for James DRURY, presumably for arrears of maintenance. The 1795/6 Accounts record that £5.11. 3 was received from James DRURY, being reimbursement of 89 weeks pay at 1/3 p.w. of a bastard child by Susannah SHEARNE.

The father was most likely James (born 1765), son of William DRURY of High Littleton.

Accounts for 1795/6 record a payment of £1. 6/- for indentures of apprenticeship for J. DURY's child by SHEARN.

Susannah SHEARN was buried at High Littleton 24 Nov 1799.]

47. **Mary GULLOCK** had a bastard child by **John MARCHANT** c.1786.

[Note: Mary was probably a daughter of James GULLOCK & Joyce bapt. at High Littleton 17 Mar 1764.

John Marchant natural son of Mary GULLOCK by John MARCHANT bapt. at High Littleton 24 Feb 1786.

He may have been the John GULLICK, Infant, buried at High Littleton 21 Jun 1795, although "infant" usually refers to a child under 7.]

48. **Ann HOOK** had a bastard child by **William CHALLENGER** in 1788.

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Somerset To wit.

The Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing in or next unto the Limits where the Parish Church of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County stands, made the 28th Day of October in the 29th Year of the Reign of his Majesty King Geo. the third, and in the Year of our Lord 1788, concerning a Male Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of the Body of **Anne HOOKE**, single Woman.

WHEREAS it appears unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, as upon the Oath of the said Anne HOOKE, that she the said Anne HOOKE on the 27th Day of March last, was delivered of a Male Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton, and that the said Bastard Child is likely to be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton; and further, that **William CHALLENGER** of Clutton in the said County, Coal Miner, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Anne HOOKE; And whereas the said William CHALLENGER hath this Day appeared before us, We therefore, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon Oath of the said Anne HOOKE as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said William CHALLENGER to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child. And thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton, as for the Sustentation and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said William CHALLENGER shall and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of Two Pounds & Eighteen Shillings for and towards the lying-in of the said Anne HOOKE and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

And we do also hereby further order, that the said William CHALLENGER shall likewise pay or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One Shilling Weekly and every Week, from this present Time, for and towards the keeping, Sustentation, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of *[High Littleton]*. And we do further order, that the said Anne HOOKE shall also pay or cause to be paid to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some one of them, the Sum of Nine Pence Weekly and every Week, so long as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton in case she shall not nurse and take Care of the said Child herself. Given under our Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above-written. H.H. COXE, Jas. TOOKER.

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[*Note*: Overseers' Accounts for 1787/8 record 2/- paid for obtaining a warrant to apprehend William CHALLENGER as father of a bastard child by Ann HOOK, 15/- expenses of apprehending and taking him to the Magistrates, 5/- to the midwife and for Ann HOOK in childbed and relief of 4/8 to cover 4 weeks.

John natural son of Ann HOOK & Wm. CHALLENGER bapt. at High Littleton 25 May 1788.

John was the second of Ann HOOK's bastard children.

Overseers' Accounts for 1795/6 record the cost of a warrant for William CHALLENGER of Clutton, presumably for arrears of maintenance.

Vestry Minutes of 17 Apr 1797 approved relief of 9d. p.w. in the weekly calendar to Ann HOOK for her bastard child by CHALLENGER.

This ended in July, when Overseers' Accounts recorded 10/6 expenses for burying Ann HOOK's child.

John HOOK was buried at High Littleton 30 Jul 1797.

Ann had further bastard children in 1794, 1796 and 1802.]

49. Overseers' Accounts for 1788/9 record 3/6 paid for the bond for Jacob HEWS. Accounts for 1789/90 record expenses for 2 warrants for **Jacob HUGH**. This may possibly relate to a bastardy.

[*Note*: Jacob HUGH may have been the bastard son of Hannah HUGH born c.1757/8.]

50. **Martha PARFITT** had a bastard child by **John PALMER** in 1790.

[*Note*: Vestry Minutes of 15 Dec 1789 agreed that Mr Joseph BRODRIBB, one of the Overseers, having lately entered into a Recognizance for the appearance of John PALMER (a parishioner of this parish) at the next General Quarter Sessions and for the said John PALMER's abiding by and performing such order or orders as shall be then and there made respecting a bastard child with which one Martha PARFITT was pregnant and who has charged the said John PALMER with having begotten the said bastard child, shall be indemnified by the parish against all costs etc. in consequence of his entering into the said recognizance.

The bastard child was probably called Sarah. John and Martha were subsequently married in 1791.

John PALMER bach. otp married Martha PARFITTx spin. otp by licence at Farmborough 19 Feb 1791.

James son of John & Martha PALMER bapt. at Farmborough 11 Dec 1791. He is assumed to have died young.

James son of John & Martha PALMER bapt. at Marksbury (Farmborough Church being in a state of reparation) 6 Apr 1794.

Elizabeth dau. of John & Martha PALMER bapt. at Farmborough 17 Jan 1796.

Mary dau. of John & Martha PALMER bapt. at Farmborough 24 Jun 1798.

John son of John & Martha PALMER bapt. at Farmborough 23 Nov 1800.

Martha dau. of John & Martha PALMER bapt. at Farmborough 1 Apr 1804.

Thomas & William twin sons of John & Martha PALMER bapt. at Farmborough 14 Sep 1806.

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John PALMER of Farmborough received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1798, 1801, 1808 and 1815.

John died some time after 1815.

The 1841 Census finds Martha PALMER, aged 77, pauper and Sarah 30, washerwoman, living at Woods Hill, Farmborough. John PALMER 35 and family appeared next on the enumerator's schedule.

The 1851 Census finds Martha PALMER, widow, aged 90, pauper, son James, widower, 58, smith, daughter Sarah ROGERS, widow, 64, pauper and grandsons Thomas PALMER 15, ag. laborer, Francis LEWIS 11 and Silas LEWIS 9, living in Farmborough, where they were all born.

Martha PALMER, Farmborough, aged 94, was buried at Farmborough 8 Jan 1854.]

### 51. **Ann SMITH** had a bastard child by **William BISS** in 1790.

[*Note:* Anne dau. of James SMITH & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 15 Mar 1767.

Overseers' Accounts for 1790/1 record the cost of Ann SMITH going to the Justices to swear to her bastard child and George SAGE's wife going with her. This is followed by payment for a warrant for Wm. BIS and expenses to Nailsea to apprehend BIS. Later on, Betty CHIVERS was paid 2/6 for delivering Ann SMITH's bastard child.

Jemima dau. of Ann SMITH, a pauper, bapt. at High Littleton 17 Oct 1790.

Vestry Minutes of 1 Apr 1793 approved relief of 1/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Mary SMITH's daughter Ann SMITH. Minutes of 21 Apr 1794 renewed the relief of 1/-. Minutes of 6 Apr 1795 continued relief of 1/- p.w. to Mary SMITH's daughter. Minutes of 28 Mar 1796 approved relief of 1/3 p.w. to Mary SMITH's granddaughter. Minutes of 17 Apr 1797 allowed 2/- p.w. relief to Mary SMITH's daughters. Accounts for 1797/8 record 10/6 for inquest for Mary SMITH's daughter.

Mary SMITH's daughter received blankets from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1796.

Ann SMITH was buried at High Littleton 18 Aug 1797.]

### 52. **Sarah HOLLEY** had a bastard child in 1791.

[*Note:* Sarah dau. of John HOLLEY & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 26 Jul 1772.

Sarah HOLLEY was examined and removed, by Order dated 4 Jan 1791, to Bedminster, where her inherited settlement was, but she soon returned to High Littleton.

Elizabeth dau. of Sarah HOLLEY bapt. at High Littleton 22 Apr 1791. - Elisabeth HOLLEY, an infant, was buried at High Littleton 15 May 1791.

Sarah had further bastard children c.1795/6 and c.1800.]

### 53. **Elizabeth CHAPMAN** had a bastard child by **James BRICE** in 1792.

[*Note:* Overseers' Accounts for 1791/2 record expenses for examining Elizabeth CHEPPMAN and also taking of BRICE and keeping him in the hold, doubtless with regard to Elizabeth's pregnancy.

William natural son of Elizabeth CHAPMAN & James BRICE bapt. at High Littleton 1 May 1792.

The Overseers were successful in persuading the couple to marry and Accounts for 1792 show that the parish paid 3/6 to Samuel LANSDOWN [*Parish Clerk*] for marrying of BRIES (*sic*), 7/6 for a ring and a guinea was given to BRIES at the Church. There were further expenses for taking up the Bond of BRIES.

James BRICE x otp married Elizabeth CHAPMAN x otp by banns at High Littleton 1 May 1792.

William son of James & Betty BRICE buried at Chewton Mendip 22 May 1795.

They had a daughter Deborah. Deborah dau. of James BRICE by Betty his wife buried at Chewton Mendip 22 Jun 1796.

Betty wife of James BRICE was buried at Chewton Mendip 8 Dec 1795.]

### 54. **Thomas PARSONS** may have fathered a bastard child c.1792 but no trace of a baptism or likely mother has been located.

[*Note:* Vestry Minutes of 1 Apr 1793 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Thomas PARSONS' child. This was renewed at 1/6 in minutes of 1 Apr 1794 and 6 Apr 1795. Minutes of 28 Mar 1796 increased relief for Tho's PARSONS' child by (*blank*) to 2/- p.w. Minutes of 17 Apr 1797 reduced relief to 1/6 p.w. again and this was renewed in minutes of 9 Apr 1798, 25 Mar 1799, 14 Apr 1800 and 6 Apr 1801. The amount of relief for the child was deleted in minutes of 19 May 1802. Minutes of 2 Apr 1804 approved relief of 1/- p.w. to Tho's PARSONS' child.]

### 55. **Ann WILKINS** had a bastard child by **Richard GREENLAND** in 1792.

[*Printed Form* - No. 26. Order of Bastardy. (Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL, Bath.)]

County of Somerset To wit.

The Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing in or next unto the Limits where the Parish Church of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County stands, made the 13th Day of November in the 33rd Year of the Reign of his Majesty King George the Third, and in the Year of our Lord 17[92], concerning a Female Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of the Body of **Ann WILKINS**, single Woman.

WHEREAS it appears unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, as upon the Oath of the said Ann WILKINS, that she the said Ann WILKINS on the 5th Day of August last, was delivered of a Female Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton, and that the said Bastard Child is likely to be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton; and further, that **Richard GREENLAND** of High Littleton aforesaid, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Ann WILKINS.

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And whereas the said Richard GREENLAND hath this Day appeared before us in pursuance of our Summons for that Purpose, But hath shewn no Cause why he should not be deemed the Father of the said Bastard Child, We therefore, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon Oath of the said Ann WILKINS as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said Richard GREENLAND to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child. And thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton, as for the Sustentation and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said Richard GREENLAND shall and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of Fifteen Pence Weekly and every Week, from this present Time, for and towards the Keeping, Sustentation, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. And we do further order, that the said Ann WILKINS shall also pay or cause to be paid to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some one of them, the Sum of Nine Pence Weekly and every Week, so long as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton in case she shall not nurse and take Care of the said Child herself. Given under our Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above-written. H.H. COXE, Jas. TOOKER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-11.

[Note: Anne was baptized at High Littleton 31 Mar 1771 the daughter of Samuel WILKINS and his wife Anne MAGGS.

Sarah Greenland, natural dau. of Ann WILKINS bapt. at High Littleton 2 Sep 1792.

Richard was baptized at High Littleton 19 Aug 1764 the son of Joseph GREENLAND and Sarah. He was married when he fathered Anne's child. Richard GREENLAND bach. of High Littleton married Susanna SELWAY spin. otp by banns at Clutton 13 Apr 1789. They had at least 3 children at High Littleton between 1796 and 1810.

Overseers Accounts for 1799/1800 record the cost of a warrant for Richard GREENLAND, mittimus, guarding him all night and taking him to gaol, and a payment of £1.10/-, being 10 weeks at 3/-, to Richard GREENLAND's wife, while he was in gaol. This may relate to Richard's non-payment of maintenance for Ann WILKINS' child. There were further payments of 1/3 for 36 weeks to Rich'd GREENLAND's bastard child.

Ann WILKINS got pregnant again in 1795 and was removed to Melksham, the place of her inherited settlement, by Order dated 7 Nov 1795. The man responsible married her 2 months later.

John VATER otp married Ann WILKINS otp by banns at Melksham 4 Jan 1796.

John VATER was baptized at High Littleton 24 Dec 1775 a son of John VATER and his wife Mary GREENLAND, who was Richard's elder sister. Thus John's uncle was father of his wife's child.

John and Ann lived at High Littleton and Hallatrow for the rest of their lives. Their first child was baptized a month after their marriage and they went on to have 8 more. Ann died at Hallatrow in 1840.

Vestry Minutes of 19 May 1802 approved relief to Ann VATER but the amount was left blank. Minutes of 2 Apr 1804 granted relief at 1/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to A. VATOR (R. GREENLAND's Child) and Overseers' Accounts for 1804/5 show this was paid for 54 weeks. Minutes of 10 Jun 1805 approved 6d. p.w. relief to Ann VATER and the 1805/6 Accounts record payments for 51 weeks. Accounts for 1806/7 record relief of 1/- p.w. to Ann for 51 weeks. Vestry Minutes of 13 Apr 1807 recorded the intended apprenticeship of Sarah Greenland WILKINS, aged about 14, a natural child of Ann WILKINS (now VATER), to Miss SKEY of Hallatrow. In the event the apprenticeship does not seem to have happened.

Sarah WILKINS had a bastard child by David HOOK in 1820.]

### 56. **Betty HARRIS** had a bastard child by **William BALCH** 1793.

[Note: Elizabeth dau. of William HARRIS & Patience bapt. at Cameley 26 Apr 1770.

Overseers' Accounts record in Sept 1793 2/- paid to Betty HARRIS in distress, followed by several similar payments in the next 3 months. On 15 Oct 1793 were 2/6 expenses at the Sessions at the Golden Lion with Betty HARRIS, to be sworn to the father of her child, and 2/- for a warrant to apprehend the father William BALCH. Accounts also record the cost of a coat, bed gown, shift and handkerchief for Betty and on 28 Dec 2/6 to Elner SAIGE for putting Betty to bed and 16/- to Betty in her lying in. On 8 Feb 1794 was recorded £2. 2/- relief to Betty HARRIS, which was then fixed at 2/- p.w. In Feb 2/6 was paid to Elner SAIGE for curing Betty's breast.

James son of Betty HARRIS, a pauper, bapt. at High Littleton 16 Feb 1794.

Vestry Minutes of 21 Apr 1794 approved relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar for Betty HARRIS' child. This ended in September.

Overseers' Accounts for 1794/5 record a payment of 11/- to Betty HARRIS to go to service. There was also a payment for curing Betty of the itch, on brimstone and treacle. In the same year was 3/- to Betty HARRIS in her child's sickness and 11/4 for her child's funeral.

James HARRIS an infant was buried at High Littleton 10 Sep 1794.

The HARRIS sisters were a continuing burden to the Overseers. Having moved to Shepton Mallet, Betty and her sisters were removed back to High Littleton by Order dated 2 Dec 1800. Betty appears to have got pregnant again in 1806. She ended her days in the poor house at Hallatrow, where she died in Dec 1818.]

### 57. **Ann HOOK** had a bastard child by **Thomas BRODRIBB** c.1793/4.

[Note: Overseers' Accounts record on 14 Sep 1793 5/- paid to Ann HOOK in sickness. There were several similar payments around that time together with payments of 2/- to Hannah DANDO for looking after Ann and 9/0½ for a bed case and a sheet. Vestry Minutes of 15 Oct 1793 agreed to allow Anne HOOK 2/3 p.w. for her present support, which was paid for 27 weeks and 2/3 p.w. for Hannah DANDO for looking after Ann, which was paid for 4 weeks.

Martha dau. of Ann HOOK, a pauper, bapt. at High Littleton 23 Mar 1794.

Ann had had previous bastard children in 1784 and 1788 and went on to have more in 1796 and 1802.

Jacob CARTER bach. otp married Martha HOOK spin. otp by banns at Paulton 27 Feb 1814.

Many years later they had a child, the baptism entry for which revealed the name of Martha's father:

John (born 5 Nov 1830) son of Jacob CARTER, miner, Paulton, & Martha dau. of Thomas BROADRIBB & Anne HOOK, bapt. at Midsomer Norton Wesleyan Methodist Church 3 Apr 1831.

Ann HOOK went to live with her daughter Martha CARTER at Paulton Basin in Feb 1821 and died there 2 months later.]

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58. **Sarah JAMES** had a bastard child c.1794. One assumes that the father was a **WEEKS**.

[Note: Hannah Weeks dau. of Sarah JAMES bapt. at High Littleton 20 Apr 1794.]

59. **Mary GAGE** had a bastard child by **Joseph COLLIER** in 1794.

[Printed Form - No. 26. Order of Bastardy. (Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL, Bath.)]

County of Somerset To wit.

The Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing in or next unto the Limits where the Parish Church of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County stands, made the 18th Day of November in the 34th [35th intended] Year of the Reign of his Majesty King George the Third, and in the Year of our Lord 1794, concerning a Female Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of the Body of **Mary GAGE**, single Woman.

WHEREAS it appears unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, as upon the Oath of the said Mary GAGE, that she the said Mary GAGE on the 18th Day of October last, was delivered of a Female Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton, and that the said Bastard Child is likely to be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton; and further, that **Joseph COLLIER** of Timsbury in the said County, Coal Miner, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Mary GAGE; And whereas the said Joseph COLLIER hath been duly summoned and hath this Day appeared before us, But hath shewn no Cause why he should not be deemed the Father of the said Bastard Child, We therefore, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises as well upon Oath of the said Mary GAGE as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said Joseph COLLIER to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child. And thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustentation and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said Joseph COLLIER shall and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of Thirty Five Shillings & Six Pence for and towards the Lying-in of the said Mary GAGE and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

And we do also hereby further order, that the said Joseph COLLIER shall likewise pay or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Fifteen Pence Weekly, and every Week, from this present time, for and towards the Keeping, Sustentation, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. And we do further order, that the said Mary GAGE shall also pay or cause to be paid to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some one of them, the Sum of Nine Pence Weekly and every Week, so long as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, in case she shall not nurse and take Care of the said Child herself. Given under our Hands and Seal the Day and Year first above-written. H.H. COXE, Jas. TOOKER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-12.

[Note: Mary was baptized at High Littleton 1 Mar 1772 a daughter of Joseph GAGE & his wife Sarah BIGGS.

Martha dau. of Mary GAGE bapt. at High Littleton 26 Oct 1794.

Overseers' Accounts for 1794/5 record expenses for taking Joseph COLLIER and keeping him in hold for 1 night and the cost of burying Martha GAGE, to be repaid by Jos. COLLIER of Timsbury.

Martha GAGE, an infant, was buried at High Littleton 10 Dec 1794.

Mary GAGE had another bastard child in 1797.]

60. **Phoebe GREGORY** had a bastard child by **John BRITTON** in 1794.

[Printed Form - No. 26. Order of Bastardy. (Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL, Bath.)]

County of Somerset To wit.

The Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing in or next unto the Limits where the Parish Church of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County stands, made the Third Day of February in the Thirty Fifth Year of the Reign of his Majesty King George the Third, and in the Year of our Lord 1795, concerning a Male Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of the Body of **Phoebe GREGORY**, single Woman.

WHEREAS it appears unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, as upon the Oath of the said Phoebe GREGORY, that she the said Phoebe GREGORY on the Thirtieth Day of November last, was delivered of a Male Bastard Child within



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the said Parish of High Littleton, and that the said Bastard Child is likely to be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton; and further, that **John BRITTEN** of Paulton in the said County, Cordwainer, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Phoebe GREGORY; And whereas the said John BRITTEN, having been summoned to appear before us and having so appeared, hath shewn no Cause why he should not be deemed the Father of the said Bastard Child, We therefore, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon Oath of the said Phoebe GREGORY as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said John BRITTEN to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child. And thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton, as for the Sustentation and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said John BRITTEN shall and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of Forty Shillings for and towards the Lying-in of the said Phoebe GREGORY and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

And we do also hereby further order, that the said John BRITTEN shall likewise pay or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Fifteen Pence Weekly and every Week, from this present Time, for and towards the Keeping, Sustentation, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. And we do further order, that the said Phoebe GREGORY shall also pay or cause to be paid to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some one of them, the Sum of Nine Pence Weekly and every Week, so long as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton in case she shall not nurse and take Care of the said Child herself. Given under our Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above-written. Jas. TOOKER, Tho's S. JOLLIFFE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-17.

[*Note:* Overseers' Accounts for 1794/5 record expenses for the examination of Phoebe GREGORY, followed by a warrant to apprehend John BRITTON and expenses with them both at Clutton. There were further expenses of Farmer DURY [*William DRURY*] for going to Clutton to ascertain if Phebe GREGORY had lived in that parish for a year.

John son of Phebe GREGORY bapt. at High Littleton 1 Feb 1795.

Accounts for 1795/6 record payments of 15/8 towards Phoebe's lying in, 3/- to Phoebe in sickness and relief of 1/3 p.w. for 52 weeks as ordered. Vestry Minutes of 28 Mar 1796 approved relief of 1/3 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Phoebe GREGORY for a child by BRITTON. This was renewed at the same amount in minutes of 17 Apr 1797, 9 Apr 1798 and 25 Mar 1799, although Overseers' Accounts for 1799/1800 show that Phebe received 1/3 for 26 weeks and 1/6 for 29 weeks. Minutes of 14 Apr 1800 again approved relief at 1/3 p.w. This was increased to 2/- p.w. in minutes of 6 Apr 1801 but reverted to 1/3 in minutes of 19 May 1802. Minutes of 11 Apr 1803 increased relief to 1/6 p.w. and this was continued in minutes of 2 Apr 1804. Minutes of 10 Jun 1805 approved relief of 2/8 p.w. to GREGORY's children. Overseers' Accounts for 1805/6 show that 2/8 was paid for 43 weeks and 3/- for 8 weeks to Phebe and Mary GREGORY's children. Vestry Minutes of 13 Apr 1807 recorded the intended apprenticeship of John, a natural child of Phebe GREGORY, single woman, to Henry TUCKER, shoemaker of High Littleton. In the Indenture dated 18 May 1807, John was described as aged 12. The Parish paid £2 premium to Henry TUCKER.

James BROCKx bach. otp married Phoebe GREGORYx spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 25 Dec 1811. They lived at High Littleton but did not have any children. James BROCK was examined about his settlement on 3 Feb 1818. Phoebe died in 1820 at the age of 43 and was buried at Paulton just 8 days before her son was married.

John GREGORY bach. otp married Peninah WATTS spin. otp by banns at Paulton 15 May 1820. They had at least 3 children.

John suffered bouts of insanity and was sent to Dr FOX's asylum in Brislington in 1826 and Dr LANGWORTHY's asylum at Box in 1838. John and Peninah were removed from Paulton to High Littleton by Order dated 5 Dec 1848 and he died in Clutton Union Workhouse in 1856.]

61. Maria SWEET had a bastard child by **Joseph PRIEST** in 1794.

[*Printed Form* - No. 26. Order of Bastardy. (Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL, Bath.)]

County of Somerset To wit.

The Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing in or next unto the Limits where the Parish Church of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County stands, made the Third Day of February in the 35th Year of the Reign of his Majesty King George the Third, and in the Year of our Lord 1795, concerning a Female Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of the Body of **Maria SWEET**, single Woman.

WHEREAS it appears unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, as upon the Oath of the said Maria SWEET, that she the said Maria SWEET on the 18th Day of December last, was delivered of a Female Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton, and that the said Bastard Child is likely to be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton; and further, that **Joseph PRIEST** of Bath in the said County, Hair Dresser, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Maria SWEET; And whereas the said Joseph PRIEST hath been duly summoned to appear before us and hath this Day appeared accordingly, But hath shewn to us no Cause why he should not be deemed the Father of the said Bastard Child, We therefore, upon Examination of the Cause and

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Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon Oath of the said Maria SWEET as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said Joseph PRIEST to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child. And thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton, as for the Sustentation and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said Joseph PRIEST shall and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of Forty Shillings for and towards the Lying-in of the said Maria SWEET and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

And we do also hereby further order, that the said Joseph PRIEST shall likewise pay or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Eighteen Pence Weekly and every Week, from this present Time, for and towards the Keeping, Sustentation, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. And we do further order, that the said Maria SWEET shall also pay or cause to be paid to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some one of them, the Sum of One Shilling Weekly and every Week, so long as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, in case she shall not nurse and take Care of the said Child herself. Given under our Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above-written. Jas. TOOKER, Tho's S. JOLLIFFE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-13.

[*Note:* Overseers' Accounts for 1794/5 record the cost of the examination of Maria SWEET and warrant to apprehend Joseph PRIST (sic) of Bath, to give a bastardy bond at the Quarter Sessions. There were also expenses of J. BUSH and J. WEEKS going to Bath 3 times to find J. PRIST and to have the order made at Chilcompton. There were further expenses to Sarah HOLLOWAY for lodging and tending Maria in her lying in and to Mrs COLLINGS for hauling M. SWEET to Bath.

[Maria's child was not baptized in High Littleton and it seems likely that both went to Bath.]

### 62. **Ann DANDO** had a bastard child in 1795.

[*Note:* This Anne may be the one baptized at High Littleton 18 Oct 1772, a daughter of John DANDO and his wife Anne CHIVERS. The latter couple also had a Sarah in 1774.

Anne dau. of Sarah (*sic*) DANDO bapt. at High Littleton 15 Mar 1795. The father's name has not been discovered.

Vestry Minutes of 6 Apr 1795 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Ann DANDO and child. This ended in 1796.

Overseers' Accounts for 1795/6 record the cost to the parish of the funeral of Ann DANDO's child.

Ann DANDO, an infant, buried at High Littleton 9 Mar 1796.]

### 63. **Mary GREGORY** had a bastard child by **Joseph QUARMAN** in 1795.

[*Printed Form*]

County of Somerset To Wit.

THE Order of James TOOKER and Henry Hippisley COXE, Esquires, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset made the 30 Day of June 1795, concerning a Male Bastard Child lately born in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset of the Body of **Mary GREGORY** of High Littleton aforesaid, Single Woman.

Whereas it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as upon the Oath of the said Mary GREGORY, that she the said Mary GREGORY on the 20 Day of May last past, was delivered of a Male Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset and that the said Male Bastard Child is become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and likely so to continue. And that **Joseph QUARMAN** of High Littleton aforesaid, Servantman, did beget, and is the Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND whereas it hath been duly proved before us, That the said Joseph QUARMAN hath been duly summoned to appear before us this Day, to the End that we might examine into the Cause and Circumstances of the said Premises and he, having this Day appeared accordingly, hath shewn no Cause why he should not be deemed the Father of the said Bastard Child.

WE therefore, upon Examination and Consideration of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Mary GREGORY as otherwise, do hereby adjudge the said Joseph QUARMAN to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND thereupon we do Order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustenance and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said Joseph QUARMAN shall, and do, immediately upon Notice of this our Order, pay, or cause to be paid to the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Twenty Shillings for and towards the Lying-in of the said Mary GREGORY and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

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AND we do hereby also further Order, that the said Joseph QUARMAN shall likewise pay, or cause to be paid, to the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Fifteen Pence Weekly, and every Week, from the Date of this our Order, as well as for the Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton, as also for and towards the Keeping, Sustenance, and Maintaining the said Bastard Child, for and during so long time as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

AND we do further Order, that the said Mary GREGORY shall also pay, or cause to be paid unto the said Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Nine Pence Weekly, and every Week, for so long as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, except such Time as she the said Mary GREGORY shall keep, nourish, and maintain the said Bastard Child with the Allowance aforesaid from the said Joseph QUARMAN.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the 30 Day of June in the year of our Lord 1795. Jas. TOOKER, H.H. COXE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-14.

[*Note:* Overseers' Accounts for 1795/6 record the expenses of taking Mary GREGORY to swear to the father of her bastard, plus examination and a warrant. In addition there were expenses of 2/6 and 5/6 to the Sessions for the order etc. for Mary GREGORY's child by Joseph QUARMAN, 5/- to Jemima BRIMBLE for looking after Mary, 2 payments of 10/- for Mary's lying in and relief of 1/3 p.w. for 39 weeks, as ordered by the Magistrates for Mary's child. Joseph QUARMAN reimbursed the parish during the year for 38 weeks relief paid for his bastard child.

Richard son of Mary GREGORY bapt. at High Littleton 19 Jun 1795.

Vestry Minutes of 28 Mar 1796 approved relief of 1/3 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Mary GREGORY for a child by QUARMAN. This was renewed in minutes of 17 Apr 1797. Surprisingly Mary was not mentioned in the 1798 minutes but minutes of 25 Mar 1799 increased her relief to 1/6 p.w. Accounts for 1799/1800 show that she received 1/6 for 26 weeks and 2/- for 29 weeks. Minutes of 14 Apr 1800 approved relief of 2/- p.w. to Mary and this was renewed on 6 Apr 1801. Minutes of 19 May 1802 reduced her relief to 1/3 p.w. Minutes of 11 Apr 1803 increased Mary's relief to 1/6 p.w., which was renewed in minutes of 2 Apr 1804. Minutes of 10 Jun 1805 approved relief of 2/8 p.w. to GREGORY's children. Accounts for 1805/6 show that 2/8 was paid for 43 weeks and 3/- for 8 weeks to Phebe and Mary GREGORY's children.

Richard GREGORY, aged 12, son of Mary GREGORY of Litton was apprenticed to John HEAL, thatcher of Farmborough, by Indenture dated 18 May 1807, the Parish paying a premium of £2. Accounts record on 26 Jun 1813 the cost of a summons warrant for James (*sic*) HEAL, thatcher, about his apprentice Richard GREGORY. On 13 Jul were costs for cancelling the indentures between John HALE (*sic*), thatcher, and Richard GREGORY, with his discharge.

Accounts record on 16 Jul 1803 a payment for expences at the Justice with Joseph QUARMAN. This may relate to arrears of maintenance. Accounts record that Joseph QUARMAN received £8. 8/- parish bounty on 21 Oct 1803, he being drawn to serve in the Army of Reserve. He married Martha GREEN at Bathwick 23 Nov 1806. Joseph died in 1813 and his widow married James WALTER at St. James, Bath in 1820. A stone in High Littleton Churchyard records the death of Joseph QUARMAN on 5 Dec 1813 aged 46 and his wife Martha WALTER on 7 Jun 1843 aged 64.]

64. **Sarah HOLLEY** had a bastard child in c.1795/6.

[*Note:* John son of Sarah HOLLEY bapt. at High Littleton 5 Jan 1796. The father's name has not been discovered. Sarah had previously had a bastard child in 1791 and she had another in 1800.]

65. **Ann HOOK** had a bastard child by **James STICKLER** in 1796.

[*Printed Form*]

Somerset, (to wit.)

THE Order of James TOOKER and Thomas Samuel JOLLIFFE, Esquires, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish-Church of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, made the 6th Day of September 1796, concerning a Male Bastard Child lately born in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, of the Body of **Anne HOOKE**.

Whereas it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as upon the Oath of the said Anne HOOKE, that she the said Anne HOOKE on the 5th Day of July last past, was delivered of a Male Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, and that the said Male Bastard Child is become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and likely so to continue. And that **James STICKLER** of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Labourer, did beget, and is the Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND whereas it hath been duly proved before us on Oath, that the said James STICKLER hath been duly summoned to appear before us this Day, to the End that we might examine into the Cause and Circumstances of the said Premises, and he appearing accordingly, not having any Thing to say or shewing any just Cause whatsoever to the contrary why he should not be deemed the putative Father of the said Male Bastard Child.

WE therefore, upon Examination and Consideration of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Anne HOOKE as otherwise, do hereby adjudge the said James STICKLER to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

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AND thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustenance and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said James STICKLER shall, and do, immediately upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of Thirty Five Shillings and Six Pence for and towards the Lying-in of the said Anne HOOKE and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

AND we do hereby also further order, that the said James STICKLER shall likewise pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Eighteen Pence weekly, and every Week, from the Date of this our Order, as well as for the Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as also for and towards the Keeping, Sustenance, and Maintaining the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

AND we do further order, that the said Anne HOOKE shall also pay or cause to be paid unto the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One Shilling weekly, and every Week, for so long as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, except such Time as she the said Anne HOOKE shall keep, nourish, and maintain the said Bastard Child with the Allowance aforesaid from the said James STICKLER.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the 6th Day of September in the Year of our Lord 1796. Jas. TOOKER, Tho's S. JOLLIFFE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-15.

[Note: Overseers' Accounts for 1795/6 record expenses of 5/- and 3/- for taking Ann HOOK to the Justices, a payment for taking James STICKLER into custody, as supposed father of A. HOOK's child, 4/- to Tho's HART's wife for looking after and attending Ann HOOK and 1/- to Ann in distress. In the first half of 1796/7 were payments of £1. 1/- to Mrs JONES for attending Ann, £1. 5/- for lying in, 3/- to Ann in distress, 2/6 to Elnor SAGE for putting Ann to bed, 2/6 to Mrs SAGE for delivering her, 3/- for child's cloths, 5/- for obtaining an order of bastardy on James STICKLER plus 2/6 expenses and 1/6 relief for 4 weeks for Ann's child by James STICKLER.

David son of Ann HOOK bapt. at High Littleton 6 Nov 1796.

Vestry Minutes of 28 Mar 1796 approved relief of 1/3 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Ann HOOK. Minutes of 17 Apr 1797 approved 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Ann HOOK for her bastard child by Jas. STICKLER. This was renewed at the same amount in minutes of 9 Apr 1798, 25 Mar 1799 and 14 Apr 1800. Thereafter Ann received relief for her children generally.

The James STICKLER involved was almost certainly the son of John & Katherine STICKLER, born at Hallatrow and baptized at High Littleton 2 May 1773. He married Sarah HORLER at Paulton on 16 Jun 1794, shortly before the birth of a son David, baptized at High Littleton 24 Aug 1794.

Ann had 5 bastard children in all, of which David was the fourth.

Vestry Minutes of 13 Apr 1807 recorded the intended apprenticeship of David, a natural child of Ann HOOK, single woman, to William WEEKS of Hallatrow, occupier of COOK's farm house [*Tennis Court Farm*]. The Indentures were dated 18 May 1807 and the premium paid by the Parish was £10.

David fathered a bastard child by Sarah WILKINS in 1820.

David HOOK otp married Harriet BROWN spin. otp by banns at Timsbury 15 Feb 1824.

George son of David & Harriette HOOK, Timsbury, labourer, bapt. at Timsbury 7 Jan 1827.

Fanny dau. of David & Harriet HOOK, Timsbury, labourer, bapt. at Timsbury 21 Dec 1828.

Charles son of David & Harriet HOOK, Timsbury, servant, bapt. at Timsbury 5 Aug 1830. - Charles HOOK, Timsbury, aged 14 months, buried at Timsbury 11 Sep 1831.

Charles son of David & Harriet HOOK, Timsbury, servant, bapt. at Timsbury 21 Feb 1832.

Jane dau. of David & Harriet HOOK, Timsbury, servant at the Rectory, bapt. at Timsbury 8 Dec 1833.

David son of David & Harriet HOOK, Timsbury, servant at the Rectory, bapt. at Timsbury 17 Jan 1836. - David HOOK, Timsbury, aged 6, buried at Timsbury 24 Jun 1841.

Emma a daughter was born c.1837/8.

James son of David & Harriet HOOK, Timsbury, labourer, bapt. at Timsbury 12 Jul 1840.

The 1841 Census finds David HOOK, aged 45, labourer, Harriet 36, Mary 18, Charles 9, Jane 7, David 5, Emma 3 and James 1, living in Timsbury. Mary could be Mary Ann, Sarah WILKINS' bastard child, who was actually 20 years old.

David a son was born c.1842/3.

Julia Louisa dau. of David & Harriette HOOK, Timsbury, collier, bapt. at Timsbury 27 Dec 1845.

Under the burial entry of James CHALLENGER of Clutton, aged 22, at Clutton on 24 Apr 1844 is a note "James CHALLENGER was killed fighting with David HOOK of High Littleton." It should be noted that a William CHALLENGER of Clutton was the father of John HOOK, David's bastard half brother, born in 1788.

The 1851 Census finds David HOOK, aged 57, labourer, born High Littleton, wife Harriet 46, born East Harptree, children Emma 13, James 9, David 8, scholar, Julia 5, scholar, grand daughter Ann PARFITT 3, scholar, all born Timsbury, and lodger Stephen POWELL, 22, coal miner, living near the Church in Timsbury. Charles HOOK 17, groom, born Timsbury, was living in the household of James CRANG 70, surgeon, in Timsbury and George HOOK 22, miller, born Timsbury, was living as a servant with Henry FLOWER 60, miller, at Radford, Timsbury.

Harriet HOOK, Timsbury, aged 52, was buried at Timsbury 15 Feb 1855.

David subsequently married Miriam ---.

The 1861 Census finds David HOOK 69, watchman at coal works and wife Miriam 67, born Heytesbury, Wilts. living in Timsbury.

The 1871 Census finds David HOOK 76, watchman at coalpit and wife Miriam 77, still living in Timsbury.]

66. Ruth SEYMOUR had a bastard child by **Thomas BLACKER** in 1796.

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*Printed Form]*

Somerset, (to wit.)

THE Order of James TOOKER and William GORE LANGTON, Esq'rs, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish-Church of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, made the 10th Day of January 1797, concerning a female Bastard Child lately born in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, of the Body of **Ruth SEYMORE**, Singlewoman, since deceased.

Whereas it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, that she the said Ruth SEYMORE on the thirteenth Day of November last past, was delivered of a female Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, and that the said female Bastard Child is become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and likely so to continue. And that **Thomas BLACKER** of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Labourer, did beget, and is the Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND whereas it hath been duly proved before us on Oath, that the said Thomas BLACKER hath been duly summoned to appear before us this Day, to the End that we might examine into the Cause and Circumstances of the said Premises, and he appearing accordingly, not having any Thing to say or shewing any just Cause whatsoever to the contrary why he should not be deemed the putative Father of the said female Bastard Child.

WE therefore, upon Examination and Consideration of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, do hereby adjudge the said Thomas BLACKER to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustenance and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said Thomas BLACKER shall, and do, immediately upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of Forty Shillings for and towards the Lying-in of the said Ruth SEYMORE and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

AND we do hereby also further order, that the said Thomas BLACKER shall likewise pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Fifteen Pence weekly, and every Week, from the Date of this our Order, as well as for the Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as also for and towards the Keeping, Sustenance, and Maintaining the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the 10th Day of January in the Year of our Lord 1797. Jas. TOOKER, Wm. GORE LANGTON.

[Reverse - Delivered a copy to Tho's BLACKER 11th Jan'y '97 by me William VOKE, Overseer.]

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-16.

[Note: Ruth, a daughter of Carey SEYMOUR & his wife Ruth VOWLES, was baptized at High Littleton on 26 Oct 1777.

Overseers' Accounts for 1796/7 record 10/- paid to Mr JONES for delivering Ruth SEYMOUR and 6/6 for a warrant to apprehend Thomas BLACKER and an Order on him. This produced £2 from Thomas BLACKER, being monies paid by order of Magistrates for expenses attending the delivery of Ruth SEYMOUR of a bastard child by him.

Ruth SEYMOUR was buried at High Littleton 16 Nov 1796.

Ruth dau. of Ruth SEYMOUR bapt. at High Littleton 17 Nov 1796.

Vestry Minutes of 17 Apr 1797 approved relief of 2/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Hannah DANDO for looking after Tho's BLACKER's child by Ruth SEYMOUR. This was renewed in Minutes of 9 Apr 1798 and 25 Mar 1799. Accounts for 1799/1800 record that 2/6 p.w. relief for the child was paid for 24 weeks followed by 10/6 for the funeral of Tho's BLACKER's child.

Accounts record the receipt of Thomas BLACKER's bastardy pay, but in 1797/8 was recorded 1/- paid for a special warrant for Thomas, presumably for arrears of maintenance.

Ruth SEYMOUR an infant was buried at High Littleton 11 Sep 1799.

Thomas BLACKER married Mary WITHERS at Paulton 21 Apr 1806 and died in 1814, aged 38.]

### 67. **Mary GAGE** had a bastard child by **Evan EVANS** in 1797.

[Note: Mary had previously had a bastard child by Joseph COLLIER in 1794, which died a few weeks later.

Overseers' Accounts for 1796/7 record the expenses of taking Mary GAGE to Kilmersdon to the Magistrates. A warrant was then taken out against Evan EVANS on the oath of Mary.

Martha dau. of Mary GAGE bapt. at High Littleton 27 Oct 1797.

Vestry Minutes of 9 Apr 1798 approved relief of 1/3 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Mary GAGE for Evan EVANS' child. This was renewed at the same amount in minutes of 25 Mar 1799 and 14 Apr 1800. Minutes of 6 Apr 1801 increased relief to 1/6 p.w.. Minutes of 19 May 1802 approved relief of 1/3 p.w. again and this was renewed on 11 Apr 1803 and 2 Apr 1804. Minutes of 10 Jun 1805 reduced the relief to 1/- p.w. Overseers' Accounts for 1806/7 recorded relief at 1/- p.w.]

### 68. **Rhoda GULLICK** had a bastard child c.1797.

[Note: Rhoda dau. of Joseph GULLICK bapt. at Farmborough 5 May 1771.

Joanna dau. of Rhode GOLLICK (*sic*) bapt. at High Littleton 27 Oct 1797. - Joanna GULLICK was buried at High Littleton 21 Apr 1807.

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John WILKINSx otp married Rhoda GULLICKx otp by banns at High Littleton 20 Dec 1807.

John was baptized at Hinton Blewett 31 Mar 1754, a son of Thomas & Arabella WILKINS. He married Mary MAINSTONE in 1789 but had no children and his wife died in May 1807.

Mary dau. of John WILKINS & Rhoda bapt. at High Littleton 19 Apr 1810.

Thomas son of John & Rhoda WILKINS, Hallatrow, day labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 17 Oct 1813.

John WILKINS was examined about his settlement on 14 May 1816.

John died in Sep 1825 and Rhoda died in Jun 1857 aged 86, after being a widow for nearly 32 years.]

### 69. **Rebecca RUDDICK** had a bastard child in 1798.

[*Note:* Rebecca was baptized at Farrington Gurney 18 Jul 1779, a daughter of Isaac RUDDOCK and his wife Rebecca UNDERWOOD.

Kezia dau. of Rebekah RUDDICK bapt. at High Littleton 25 Mar 1798.

Overseers' Accounts for 1797/8 record the payment of 3/6 for the examination of Rebecca RUDDICK together with a warrant and expenses. There were also payments of £1. 1/- to Rebecca in her lying in and 2/6 to the midwife. On 12 May 1798 was a further payment of 16/6 to Rebecca RUDDICK in her lying in. Accounts record in May 1802 the cost of a bastardy order for John BRIMBLE, which probably relates to this affair. Vestry Minutes of 25 Mar 1799 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Reb. RUDDICK. This was renewed in minutes of 14 Apr 1800 and 6 Apr 1801 (to Rebecca's child). The amount minuted on 19 May 1802 was deleted.

John BRIMBLE of High Littleton married Rebecca RUDDICKx otp by banns at Farrington Gurney 13 Mar 1803.

John is assumed to be the John BRIMBLE baptized at High Littleton 14 Apr 1776, eldest child of Joel BRIMBLE and his wife Jane EDWARDS.

Harriet dau. of John & Rebecca BRIMBLE bapt. at Farrington Gurney 29 Jan 1804.

Overseers' Accounts for 1803/4 record the receipt of 16/- (being 8 weeks at 2/- p.w.) from the tything of Witcombe for the wife and child of John BRIMBLE of High Littleton, who is now serving as a substitute in the Supplementary Militia for --- BENDLE of Witcombe.

Vestry Minutes of 2 Apr 1804 approved relief of 1/6 in the weekly calendar to John BRIMBLE's child. Minutes of 10 Jun 1805 approved relief of 2/6 p.w. relief to John BRIMBLE's children. Accounts for 1806/7 record relief to Jno. BRIMBLE's children being 1/6 for 1 child and 2/- more for 2 children for 48 weeks.

Minutes of 13 Apr 1807 recorded that in a ballot for apprentices, Keziah RUDDOCK, aged about 9, a natural child of Rebecca RUDDOCK (now BRIMBLE), was allotted to George MILES, farmer of Rugburn House. In the event MILES did not take her.

Accounts for 1808/9 record 2/- being paid for 8 weeks for John BRIMBLE's 2 children, 3/- for 21 weeks for 3 children, 4/6 for 21 weeks and 1/- p.w. to John's wife.

John a son was born c.1808.

Accounts for 1809/10 record 4/6 p.w. for John BRIMBLE's family and 1/- p.w. for his wife being paid for the year. Accounts for 1810/1 record 5/6 p.w. for the whole year being paid to John BRIMBLE's wife and family. Accounts for 1811/2 record 5/6 being paid for 16 weeks and 6/6 for 33 weeks for John BRIMBLE's wife and family. Additional relief paid on 10 Aug 1811 was for the 5th child, born about 2 Mar last.

Accounts for 1812/3 record relief to John BRIMBLE's wife & family of 6/6 for 46 weeks, 7/6 for 4 weeks and 14 weeks arrears (14/-) to the 13th day of February, by order of magistrates.

John BRIMBLE's service in the Militia continued for many years and relief for his family was regularly reimbursed to High Littleton parish by Widcombe, the last time on 13 Feb 1813. BENDLE was later identified as William BENDLE.

Eliza dau. of John & Rebecca BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Jul 1813. - Eliza BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 1 year & 6 months, buried at High Littleton 27 Nov 1814.

Elijah son of John & Rebecca BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 23 Apr 1815.

Eliza dau. of John & Rebecca BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 18 Mar 1818.

Henry son of John & Rebecca BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 24 Sep 1820.

Elizabeth dau. of John & Rebecca BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 18 Apr 1824. She had a bastard child by George JAMES in 1844 before marrying him.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records Jno. BRIMBLE as occupier of a tenement and garden (227 on map) on the south east corner of Timsbury Road and the Batch, belonging to the late Mrs LANSDOWN.

The 1841 Census finds John BRIMBLE, aged 65, coal miner, Rebecca 60, Henry 20, coal miner, and George JAMES 20, coal miner, living in High Littleton.

John BRIMBLE sen'r received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on many occasions between 1819 and 1847.

John BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 74, was buried at High Littleton 12 Jun 1849.

The 1851 Census finds Rebecca BRIMBLE, aged 75, coal miner's widow, born Farrington Gurney, living in Timsbury Road, High Littleton with her daughter Elizabeth JAMES 27, born High Littleton and son in law George JAMES.

Rebecca BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 82, was buried at High Littleton 16 Oct 1855.]

### 70. **Diana BATH** had a bastard child by **Robert HAWKINS** c.1799.

[*Note:* Diana dau. of Joseph & Mary BATHE of Littleton bapt. at Clutton 14 Oct 1770.

Robert HAWKINS was born c.1778 in West Hardington the son of Joseph & Elizabeth HAWKINS. At 13 he was apprenticed as a tanner to William BATH of Hallatrow but ran away when he was 20½ just before the end of his time. This presumably coincided with his "accident" with Diana BATH.

Overseers' Accounts record on 12 Oct 1798 the cost of a warrant for Robert HAWKINS, followed in 1799/1800 by 5/6 for a bastardy order for Robert HAWKINS, also 10/- for taking Rob't HAWKINS at Wells and 3/- for dinner and expences for HAWKINS and the tithingman, and 7/6 paid to the tithingman for taking Rob't HAWKINS to jail. In the same year relief of 1/4 p.w. was paid for 50 weeks to Dianna BATH for her child by Robert HAWKINS.

Robert HAWKINS married Catharine SWENY at St. Philip & Jacob, Bristol 11 Oct 1829. He was examined about his settlement and removed from St. Philip & Jacob to High Littleton by Order dated 3 Feb 1843 and died in Clutton Union Workhouse in 1848.

Although his baptism has not been found, Diana's bastard child was called George. Diana had further bastard children in 1801 (Thomas) and 1804 (Abraham).

Vestry Minutes of 13 Apr 1807 record the intended apprenticeship of George BATH, a natural child of Dinah BATH, single woman, to Mr Thomas Collier DUDDEN of Hallatrow, shoemaker. The Indenture was dated 18 May 1807 and the parish paid DUDDEN a premium of £2 to keep him till he was 21. Overseers' Accounts record on 19 Dec 1807 a payment of £1. 7/- for clothes for Diana BATH's son, put apprentice. Thomas Collier DUDDEN was the father of Diana BATH's second bastard child.

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The relief that Dinah BATH received for George ceased in the year he was apprenticed but started again in the following year, suggesting that George did not last long with DUDDEN. This is supported by the fact that he later worked as a coal miner. Relief for George continued until September 1812.

George BATH otp married Mary CLEAR (*sic*) otp by banns at St. Philip & Jacob, Bristol 30 May 1830.

Mary (nee JONES) was previously the wife of James CLARE, whom she married in 1821 after having a bastard child (James JONES) by him. Following James CLARE's death Mary had a bastard child (presumably by George BATH) c.1828.

George illegitimate son of Mary CLARE, Paulton, bapt. at Paulton 9 Mar 1828.

Elizabeth a daughter was born c.1831.

Hepzebeth (born at Farmborough 16 Feb 1834) dau. of George BATH & Mary (formerly JONES), Farmborough, coale miner, bapt. at Frome Primitive Methodist Chapel 11 Mar 1834.

Sarah Ann dau. of George & Mary BATH, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 26 Mar 1837. - Sarah Ann BATH, High Littleton, aged 6, buried at High Littleton 20 Apr 1843.

Henry son of George & Mary BATH, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 7 Apr 1839.

The 1841 Census finds George BATH, aged 45, coal miner, Mary 40, James JONES 20, coal miner, George 13, Elizabeth 10, Hephzeba 7, Sarah 4 and Henry 2, living in High Littleton.

John son of George & Mary BATH, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 8 Aug 1841.

George BATH, coal miner of High Littleton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on many occasions between 1833 and 1849. In applying in 1831 he said he had 1 child under 10.]

### 71. **Mary NAISH** had a bastard child by **Israel DODD** c.1798/9.

[*Note:* Overseers' Accounts record on 12 Oct 1798 expenses of 2/6 for going to a Justice meeting with Israel DODD, followed on 3 Nov by 5/6 for obtaining an order of bastardy for Israel DODD. On 23 Feb 1799 was recorded the receipt of £3.13. 4 from Israel DODD for Mary NAISH's pay. The child's name has not been discovered nor has Mary been positively identified.

Vestry Minutes of 25 Mar 1799 approved relief of 1/4 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Mary NAISH. This was renewed in minutes of 14 Apr 1800, 6 Apr 1801 and 19 May 1802. Minutes of 11 Apr 1803 approved 1/4 p.w. relief to Mary's child. This was repeated in minutes of 2 Apr 1804 and 10 Jun 1805 (to Mary NASH's child. There was no weekly relief in 1806/7.)

Israel DODD may have been the son of William and Angel DODD baptized at East Harptree 26 Feb 1773, although his age at death suggests he was born in 1765. He married Sarah BARWELL in 1808, had 5 children before Sarah died in 1819, married secondly in 1830 Sarah BALL, had 5 more children and died in 1842. In his lifetime he was a collier, servant, shopkeeper and labourer.]

### 72. **Sarah TUCKER** had a bastard child c.1800.

[*Note:* Elizabeth base dau. of Sarah TUCKER bapt. at High Littleton 23 Feb 1800.

Sarah TUCKER has not been identified.]

### 73. **Sarah HOLLEY** had a bastard child c.1800.

[*Note:* William base son of Sarah HOLLEY bapt. at High Littleton 4 May 1800.

Sarah HOLLEY had had previous bastard children in 1791 and c.1795/6.

Sarah HOLLY was buried at High Littleton 25 Nov 1806.]

### 74. **Diana BATH** had a bastard child by **Thomas Collier DUDDEN** in 1801.

[*Printed Form* - No. 26. Order of Bastardy. (Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL, Bath.)]

County of Somerset To wit.

The Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing in or next unto the Limits where the Parish Church of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County stands, made the Fifth Day of June in the Forty First Year of the Reign of his Majesty King George the Third, and in the Year of our Lord 1801, concerning a Male Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of the Body of **Dinah BATH**, single Woman.

WHEREAS it appears unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, as upon the Oath of the said Dinah BATH, that she the said Dinah BATH on the Fourth Day of April last, was delivered of a Male Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton, and that the said Bastard Child is chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton; and further, that **Thomas DUDDEN** of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, Cordwainer, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Dinah BATH; And whereas the said Thomas DUDDEN hath been summoned to appear before us this Day to shew Cause why an Order should not be made on him, But hath shewn none on his Appearance, We therefore, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon Oath of the said Dinah BATH as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said Thomas DUDDEN to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child. And thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustentation and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said Thomas DUDDEN shall and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of Two Pounds One Shilling and Six Pence for and towards the Lying-in of the said Dinah BATH and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

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And we do also hereby further order, that the said Thomas DUDDEN shall likewise pay or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Twenty One Pence Weekly and every Week, from this present Time, for and towards the Keeping, Sustentation, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. And we do further order, that the said Dinah BATH shall also pay or cause to be paid to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some one of them, the Sum of Nine Pence Weekly, and every Week, so long as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton in case she shall not nurse and take Care of the said Child herself. Given under our Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above-written. Jas. TOOKER, Francis ADAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-18.

[Note: Overseers' Accounts record in Apr 1801 a payment towards Dinah BATH's lying in, and on 11 May a payment to Dina BATH at Clutton. In 1801/2 Thomas DUDDEN reimbursed the parish for Dina BATH's lying in and child.

Thomas illegitimate son of Diannah BATH bapt. at High Littleton 28 Sep 1802.

Diana BATH had previously had a bastard child in 1798/9 and had another in 1804.

Vestry Minutes of 19 May 1802 approved relief of 3/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Dina BATH. Minutes of 11 Apr 1803 and 2 Apr 1804 continued the 3/- p.w. relief to Dinah's children. This continued for many years. Relief for Thomas ended in 1814/5. Mr Thomas C. DUDDEN regularly paid 1/9 p.w. to the Parish for his child and was still paying in Mar 1812.

Thomas BATH bach. otp married Elizabeth PERRY spin. otp by banns at Clutton 24 Aug 1828.

William a son was born c.1829/30.

John son of Thomas & Elizabeth BATH, Clutton, labourer, bapt. at Clutton 1 Aug 1830. - John BATH, Clutton, aged 4 months, buried at Clutton 5 Dec 1830.

Grace dau. of Thomas & Elizabeth BATH, Clutton, labourer, bapt. at Clutton 22 Jan 1832.

Harriet dau. of Thomas & Elizabeth BATH, Clutton, labourer, bapt. at Clutton 29 Nov 1835.

Elizabeth dau. of Thomas & Elizabeth BATH, Clutton, labourer, bapt. at Clutton 20 Aug 1837.

Mary Ann dau. of Thomas & Elizabeth BATH, Clutton, labourer, bapt. at Clutton 29 Mar 1840.

The 1841 Census finds Thomas BATH, aged 40, labourer, Elizabeth 30, William 11, coal miner, Grace 8, Harriet 5, Elizabeth 4 and Mary Ann 1, living in Hallatrow.

Thomas Dudden son of Thomas Dudden & Elizabeth BATH, Hallatrow, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 16 Mar 1845.

Ann dau. of Thomas & Elizabeth BATH, Hallatrow, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 21 Feb 1847.

Thomas BATH, labourer, Cloud Hill, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on many occasions between 1832 and 1854.

The 1861 Census finds Thomas BATH, aged 63, ag. lab'r, born High Littleton, wife Elizabeth 58, born Clutton and children Ann 14, scholar and Julia 4, scholar, both born High Littleton, living at West Houses, Hallatrow. Julia was in fact Grace BATH's bastard child, baptized at High Littleton on 12 Aug 1860.

Thomas BATH, Hallatrow, aged 72, was buried at High Littleton 16 Nov 1869.

The 1871 Census finds Elizabeth BATH, widow, aged 65, unmarried daughter Ann 24, born Hallatrow and lodgers Samuel FORD 24, mason, born Keynsham and John BEES 24, labourer, born Keynsham, living in Hallatrow. Ann BATH subsequently married Samuel FORD.

The 1881 Census finds Betsy BATH, widow, aged 77, still living at West Houses in the house of her daughter Ann FORD and her family.

Betty BATH, West Houses, High Littleton, aged 85, was buried at High Littleton Nov/Dec (*date omitted in Register*) 1890.]

### 75. **Christian MILES** had a bastard child c.1801/2.

[Note: Christian was a daughter of George MILES and his wife Sarah HARRIS, who married at Englishcombe in 1783.

Mercy base born daughter of Christian MILES bapt. at High Littleton 7 Feb 1802.

Christian was appointed joint executrix (with her mother) of the 1807 will of her grandfather Cornelius HARRIS of Rugborne Farm. The will was proved in 1817 by Sarah HARRIS alone.]

### 76. **Ann HOOK** had a bastard child in 1802.

[Note: Overseers' Accounts record on 10 Aug 1801 1/- paid to Ann HOOK in distress, followed by similar payments on 15 and 22 Jan 1802. On 7 Sep 1801 was 11/5½ for a petticoat and gown for Ann HOOK.

Ann illegitimate dau. of Ann HOOK bapt. at High Littleton 28 Sep 1802. The father's name has not been discovered.

This was the fifth bastard child of Ann HOOK.

Vestry Minutes of 6 Apr 1801 approved relief of 3/- p.w. in the weekly calendar for Ann HOOK's children. This was reduced to 2/6 p.w. in minutes of 19 May 1802, renewed at 2/6 on 11 Apr 1803, when 2 children were mentioned, and continued in minutes of 2 Apr 1804 and 10 Jun 1805. Overseers' Accounts for 1806/7 record relief of 2/6 p.w. for the year. In 1807/8 2/6 was paid for 7 weeks to Ann HOOK and 1/3 for 40 weeks. The 1808/9 Accounts record relief of 1/3 p.w. for the whole year. Accounts for 1809/10 record relief of 1/3 for 22 weeks and 1/6 for 33 weeks. Accounts for 1810/1 record 1/6 p.w. to Ann for the year, whilst 1811/2 Accounts designate Ann's child as the recipient of the 1/6 p.w. relief. Accounts for 1812/3 record 2/- p.w. relief to Ann's daughter for 28 weeks followed by "since dead" and the cost of the funeral of Ann HOOK's child.

Ann HOOK was buried at High Littleton 11 Oct 1812.

Vestry Minutes of 28 Mar 1815 approved relief of 1/9 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Ann HOOK. Minutes of 25 Mar 1816 reduced Ann's relief to 1/- p.w. Minutes of 16 Jun 1816 resolved that Fanny COOMER and her mother quit the house (*poor house in Hallatrow*), to make room for Abigail LOVE and Ann HOOK. Minutes of 3 Nov 1816 agreed that Ann HOOK should be allowed nothing further. Nevertheless minutes of 25 Mar 1817 approved relief of 1/- p.w. for Ann HOOK. This was renewed in minutes of 25 Mar 1818, 25 Mar 1819, when Ann was at Hallatrow, and 27 Mar 1820. Minutes of 9 Sep 1820 agreed to give 1/- to Ann HOOK, troubled with asthma. Accounts record on 7 Feb 1821 2/- paid to Peter LUDWELL for removing Ann HOOK and her goods to her daughter at Paulton Basin. Minutes of 27 Mar 1821 approved relief of 2/- p.w. to Ann HOOK, plus 1/- p.w. to her daughter Martha CARTER, presumably for looking after her.

Ann HOOK received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on several occasions between 1794 and 1816. From 1810 she was shown as of Hallatrow.



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Ann HOOK, Paulton, aged 60, was buried at High Littleton 4 Apr 1821. Overseers' Accounts for 1821/2 record the cost of her funeral expenses.]

77. **Hannah PRIDDY** had a bastard child by **Simon GREGORY** in 1803.

[*Printed Form* - No. 26. Order of Bastardy. (Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL, Bath.)]

County of Somerset To wit.

The Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing in or next unto the Limits where the Parish Church of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County stands, made the 4th Day of July in the Forty third Year of the Reign of his Majesty King George the third, and in the Year of our Lord 1803, concerning a Female Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of the Body of **Hannah PRIDDEY**, single Woman.

WHEREAS it appears unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, as upon the Oath of the said Hannah PRIDDEY, that she the said Hannah PRIDDEY on the 28th Day of May last, was delivered of a Female Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton, and that the said Bastard Child is likely to be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton; and further, that **Simon GREGORY** of the Parish of Paulton in the said County, Coalminer, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Hannah PRIDDEY; And whereas the said Simon GREGORY hath not shewn any Cause to Us, why he should not be deemed the reputed Father of the said Female Bastard Child, We therefore, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon Oath of the said Hannah PRIDDEY as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said Simon GREGORY to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child. And thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustentation and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said Simon GREGORY shall and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of One Pound & thirteen Shillings for and towards the Lying-in of the said Hannah PRIDDEY and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

And we do also hereby further order, that the said Simon GREGORY shall likewise pay or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Eighteen Pence Weekly and every Week, from this present Time, for and towards the Keeping, Sustentation, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. And we do further order, that the said Hannah PRIDDEY shall also pay or cause to be paid to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some one of them, the Sum of One Shilling Weekly, and every Week, so long as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton in case she shall not nurse and take Care of the said Child herself. Given under our Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above-written. Jas. TOOKER, Wm. BINGHAM.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-19.

[Reverse: 3. 0. 0 + 1.10. 0 + 13. 6 = 5. 3. 6 + 1.13. 0 = 6.16. 6 - 4. 1. 0 Rec'd = 2.15. 6 Due 27 Oct'r 1804 - 1.13. 0 = 1. 2. 0.

[Note: Hannah was born c.1780/1 a daughter of John PRIDDY and his wife Hannah JONES. Hannah, as part of the family, was removed with her parents from Midsomer Norton to High Littleton by Order dated 25 May 1786.

Overseers' Accounts record on 28 May 1803 15/- paid towards Hannah PRIDDY's lying in and on 11 Jun 2/6 expenses to a Justice meeting with Hannah PRIDDY. On 25 Jun 4/- relief was paid to Hannah, on 2 Jul 2/6 expenses were paid for again going to the Justice with Hannah PRIDDY, 7/- for a bastardy order for Simon GREGORY and 5/- to Joyce LANSDOWN for putting Hannah PRIDDY to bed. Later in the year the parish received money from Simon GREGORY towards the pay of his child by Hannah PRIDDY.

Mary dau. of Hannah PRIDDY bapt. at High Littleton 19 Jun 1803.

Vestry Minutes of 2 Apr 1804 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Hannah PRIDDY's child. This was renewed in minutes of 10 Jun 1805. Overseers' Accounts record on 2 Nov 1805 the cost of a special warrant for Simon GREGORY and on 16 Nov for taking Simon GREGORY and having him to the Justices. Presumably this was for arrears of maintenance.

Hannah PRIDDY was buried at High Littleton 3 Sep 1806. Overseers' Accounts record the cost of her funeral expenses.

Hannah's mother, also Hannah PRIDDY, started receiving relief in 1804, when she was widowed and after Hannah the daughter died her mother seems to have brought up the child Mary. Thus Accounts for 1806/7 record 3/- p.w. relief paid to Hannah PRIDDY (*mother*) and Hannah PRIDDY (*daughter*)'s child. Minutes of 17 Apr 1807 approved 1/6 p.w. relief to Hannah PRIDDY's child. Accounts for 1808/9, 1809/10, 1810/1, 1811/2 and 1812/3 record relief of 1/9 rising to 2/3 p.w. to Hannah PRIDDY and a constant 1/6 p.w. relief to Hannah PRIDDY's child. Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 approved relief of 2/3 p.w. to Hannah PRIDDY followed by 1/6 p.w. to "her girl". Minutes of 18 Apr 1814 continued relief of 2/3 p.w. to Hannah PRIDDY, widow, but nothing was minuted for the child. Minutes of 28 Mar 1815 approved 1/6 p.w. relief to the grand-daughter of Hannah PRIDDY, who is assumed to be Mary, whilst Hannah the widow received 2/- p.w. Minutes of 25 Mar 1816 reduced Hannah PRIDDY's relief to 1/6 and her grand-daughter's to 1/- p.w. Hannah PRIDDY's relief continued until 1821, when she died aged 80 but no more relief was minuted for her grand-daughter.

Minutes of 15 Jun 1817 agreed that Mary PRIDDY should have clothes to fit her for farmer KEEL as a servant.]

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78. Overseers' Accounts record in Oct 1803 the cost of a warrant to apprehend **William PRICE**. The circumstances have not been discovered but may relate to a bastardy, although no order has been found.

[*Note:* The only unidentified bastard born in High Littleton around this time was Charlotte SPARKS' child William, baptized in Feb 1804 but there is nothing to suggest PRICE was the father. PRICE was not a parishioner of High Littleton but there was a William PRICE in Clutton.]

79. **Martha SALMON** had a bastard child in 1803.

[*Note:* Martha dau. of James SALMON & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 11 Feb 1781.

Overseers' Accounts record a payment on 26 Nov 1803 to Joyce LANSDOWN for putting Martha SALMON to bed. On the same day 1/- was paid to Samuel LANSDOWN for burying Martha SALMON's child.

No record of the child appears in the High Littleton Registers and there is no indication of the father's name.

Martha SALMON had further bastard children in 1808 and 1812.]

80. **Diana BATH** had a bastard child by **Joseph BISSEX** in 1804.

[*Printed Form* - No. 26. Order of Bastardy. (Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL, Bath.)]

County of Somerset To wit.

The Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing in or next unto the Limits where the Parish Church of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County stands, made the 11th Day of February in the 45th Year of the Reign of his Majesty King George the Third, and in the Year of our Lord 1805, concerning a Male Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of the Body of **Dinah BATH**, single Woman.

WHEREAS it appears unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, as upon the Oath of the said Dinah BATH, that she the said Dinah BATH on the Twenty Third Day of December 1804, was delivered of a Male Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton, and that the said Bastard Child is likely to be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton; and further, that **Joseph BISSEX** of High Littleton aforesaid, Engine Worker, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Dinah BATH; And whereas the said Joseph BISSEX hath shewn to us, no cause why an Order should not be made on him, We therefore, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon Oath of the said Dinah BATH as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said Joseph BISSEX to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child. And thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustentation and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said Joseph BISSEX shall and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of One Pound & thirteen Shillings for and towards the Lying-in of the said Dinah BATH and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

And we do also hereby further order, that the said Joseph BISSEX shall likewise pay or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Eighteen Pence Weekly, and every Week, from this present Time, for and towards the Keeping, Sustentation, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. And we do further order, that the said Dinah BATH shall also pay or cause to be paid to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some one of them, the Sum of One Shilling Weekly and every Week, so long as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton in case she shall not nurse and take Care of the said Child herself. Given under our Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above-written. Jas. TOOKER, Jn. STEPHENS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-20.

[*Note:* Diana BATH had two previous bastard children - George in 1798/9 and Thomas in 1801. Overseers' Accounts record on 15 Sep 1804 the cost of a special warrant for Jos'h BISIX and expenses at a meeting of the Justice with Dina BATH. On 2 Feb 1805 were expenses to the Justice with Dina BATH and on 23 Feb expenses to the Justice for an order for Jos'h BISIX.

Although no baptism has been located, her latest bastard was called Abraham.

Dinah BATH was already receiving relief when Abraham was born. Minutes of 10 Jun 1805 renewed the relief to Dinah BATH's children of 3/- p.w. Accounts for 1805/6 record payments of 3/- for 41 weeks and 4/6 for 10 weeks, reflecting Abraham's relief for the first time. Accounts for 1806/7 record weekly relief of 4/6 to Dina's 3 children. Minutes of 17 Apr 1807 reduced relief to Dinah BATH's children to 3/- p.w., presumably to take account of George's apprenticeship. However Accounts for 1808/9, 1809/10 1811/2 record payments of 4/6 p.w. again and in the last year refer to Dinah's 3 boys. Accounts for 1812/3 record payments of 4/6 for 34 weeks and 3/3 for 31 weeks to cover 2 boys. Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 approved relief of 3/3 p.w. to Dinah BATH's 2 boys, of whom TD received 1/9 and Ab. 1/6. Minutes of 18 Apr 1814 reduced relief for Dinah's child by TCD to 1/- and by (blank) to 1/6 p.w. Minutes of 28 Mar 1815 approved relief of 6d. p.w. to Abraham alone.

Accounts for several years up to 1812 record payments to Dinah BATH for looking after her mother and for 1810/1 6d. p.w. was included in the weekly calendar for that purpose. On 31 Aug 1812 was recorded the cost of a summons and warrants, one for Dinah BATH for beating her mother (*who died in Oct 1812*) and the other against her two sons for idleness and potato stealing. On 27 Jun 1813 2/6 was

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paid to Dinah BATH on her return from prison. On 2 Feb 1813 was the cost of a summons and warrants against Jacob and George SPARKS for an assault on Dinah BATH. The circumstances are not known.

Dinah BATH of Hallatrow received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1810 and 1813.

Vestry Minutes of 13 Jul 1816 agreed that Dinah BATH was to have a pair of shoes and on 11 Aug that a shift was to be bought for Dinah BATH. On 23 Jan 1818 it was again agreed that Dinah should have a shift.

Accounts record on 7 Apr 1818 expenses at Temple Inn to a charge by Dinah BATH, when the Justices ordered her to have 2/6 p.w. in lieu of 2/-. Vestry Minutes of 25 Mar 1819 approved relief of 2/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Dinah BATH of High Littleton and this continued at differing amounts until 1829.

Accounts record on 4 Aug 1818 expenses at Temple Inn to answer to a complaint by Dinah BATH's boy Abraham. The Magistrates, Rev. BARTER and Rev. DOVETON, gave orders that Dinah BATH's son Abraham BATH should have a jacket, a pair of trousers and a shirt, with 1/- at the time and a place of work should be found for him and that, on neglecting work, he is to be brought before a Magistrate and sent to prison.

Abraham BATH, Hallatrow, aged 20, was buried at High Littleton 2 Feb 1826. Accounts record the cost of his funeral expenses.

Diana BATH, Farmborough, aged 65, was buried at High Littleton 1 Aug 1832. Accounts record the cost of her burial.

See Joseph BISSEX's examination below.]

County of Somerset.

The examination of **Joseph BISSICKS**, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the aforesaid County, Engineer, taken before me, William BINGHAM, Clerk, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in & for the said County, this Nineteenth day of August in the Year of our Lord, 1805.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is about twenty eight years of age & was born in the Parish of St. George's in the County of Gloucester, as he has heard & believes, & that his Father was lawfully settled in the Parish of Bitton in the said County of Gloucester; that, at the age of fourteen or fifteen, he entered into the sea service on board a Merchant Man & continued in the said service for the space of six or seven years &, having quitted it, he engaged himself with his Brother Samuel BISSICKS, then residing in the Parish of St. George's in the said County of Gloucester, Engineer, to learn his trade, but no Indentures of apprenticeship were given on either side nor did he receive any wages from his Brother. He continued in this situation about the space of one year & has since worked at various places as an Engineer, but has entered into no sort of engagement by which he could gain a settlement. About six years ago, he Married Rebecca PEERCE, in the Parish Church of St. Paul's in the city of Bristol, by whom he has two children, Rebecca aged 5 years & Francis aged one year & 3 quarters. Jos. BISSICKS.

Sworn before me this 19th day of August 1805, Wm. BINGHAM.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-19. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-44a (A True Copy) with minor differences.

[Note: Joseph BISSICKS otp married Rebecca PEARCE otp by banns at St. Paul, Bristol 28 Jul 1799.

Joseph's brother Samuel married Sarah PEARCE, possibly Rebecca's sister, at St. James, Bristol 24 Dec 1797.

Rebecca, Joseph's child, was born c.1800.

Francis son of Joseph BISSICK (*sic*) & Rebecca bapt. at High Littleton 26 Feb 1804.]

81. **Charlotte SPARKS** had a bastard child in 1804.

[Note: William illegitimate son of Charlotte SPARKS bapt. at High Littleton 19 Feb 1804.

Overseers' Accounts record on 17 Nov and 24 Nov 1804 expenses of meetings with the Justices with Charlotte SPARKS, presumably to try to ascertain the name of the father of her bastard child.

Charlotte was the widow of James SPARKS, who died in 1802. The SPARKS family were removed from Farrington Gurney to High Littleton in 1785.

Before his death James SPARKS was already receiving relief for his family. Charlotte was left with 3 young sons Thomas, who died in 1811 and Jacob and George, who were apprenticed out by the parish in 1807, until they were 21, although they do not appear to have served out their time. Accounts for 1803/4 record relief of 3/9 for 39 weeks and 5/- for 12 weeks to Charlotte's family. Minutes of 10 Jun 1805 approved relief of 4/- p.w. Charlotte SPARKS' family but the 1805/6 Accounts record 8 weeks at 5/- and 43 weeks at 4/-. Accounts for 1806/7 record 4/- p.w. to Charlotte's children. Minutes of 17 Apr 1807 approved relief of 1/3 p.w. to Charlotte but Accounts for 1807/8 record 26 weeks at 4/-, 5 weeks at 3/- and 29 weeks at 2/6 to Charlotte's family. Accounts for 1808/9, 1809/10, 1810/1 and 1811/2 all record relief of 2/6 p.w. to Charlotte's children. Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. to Charlotte SPARKS herself.

Jacob and George SPARKS were troublesome youths. Overseers' Accounts record on 3 Mar 1812 a payment for a special warrant for Jacob SPARKS (*then 14½*) for beating and ill using his mother. On 2 Apr 1813 was a payment for a summons and warrant against Jacob and George SPARKS for an assault on Dinah BATH. This was followed by the cost of a special warrant for them both (they not appearing to the summons warrant) for assault against Dinah BATH and for breaking the windows and leadwork in the house where their mother lived. On 16 Feb were expenses for two men to watch over them, taking them to Old Down and 7/6 to Tho's MILES for the cost of two oaths administered against J. & G. SPARKS and writing a letter of recommendation to the Regulating Captain at the Port of Bristol, to put the two boys on board ship. On 17 Feb were 19/- expenses for taking J. & G. SPARKS to Bristol to get them on board a ship and 10/- to Charlotte SPARKS for the 2 boys. Vestry Minutes of 11 Apr 1816 ordered the Overseers to apprehend Jacob SPARKS for idleness and laying about in stables and outhouses etc. Overseers' Accounts record on 24 Aug the cost of a summons and warrant against Jacob SPARKS and on 3 Sep expenses in apprehending and taking Jacob SPARKS, expenses to James MOORE for warding over him 2 days and 1 night, and to James BUSH, the tithing man, for taking him from Old Down to Shepton Mallet Gaol.

Charlotte SPARKS, widow of Hallatrow, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1810 and 1813.

Charlotte SPARKS, Hallatrow, aged 57, was buried at High Littleton 18 Aug 1816. Overseers' Accounts record the cost of her funeral expenses.

Minutes of 8 Aug 1819 agreed that William SPARKS' pay was to be reduced to 3/- p.w. and that it is time he began to think about work etc. after this week.]

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82. Overseers Accounts record on 17 May 1806 expenses at a meeting of the Justice with **Betty HARRIS** [*presumably she was pregnant again*]. On the same day was the cost of a special warrant to apprehend **Thomas GARDNER** [*probably the likely father*]. No record has been found of a live birth.  
[Note: Betty HARRIS had previously had a bastard child in 1793, who died in 1794.]

83. **Betty SAGE** had a bastard child by **George SWIFT** in 1807.

[Note: Betty may have been Elizabeth dau. of George SAGE & Jane, pauper, bapt. at High Littleton 12 Jun 1785.

Vashti illegitimate dau. of George SWIFT & Betty SAGE bapt. at High Littleton 11 Jun 1807.

Overseers' Accounts for 1808/9 record relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Betty SAGE's child. This continued in 1809/10, 1810/1, 1811/2 and 1812/3. Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 renewed relief of 1/6 p.w. as did minutes of 18 Apr 1814 for Betty SAGE's child by George SWIFT. Minutes of 28 Mar 1815 reduced the relief to Betty SAGE's child to 1/- p.w. and minutes of 25 Mar 1817 continued this, referring to the child as base born. Minutes of 25 Mar 1818 and 25 Mar 1819 renewed the relief at 1/- p.w.

Accounts record on 17 May 1820 the cost of clothes for Betty SAGE's girl, to fit her for service at John BLINMAN's.

Aaron SLEIGH, bach. otp married Vashti SAGE, spin. otp by banns at Dunkerton 5 Mar 1837. They had at least 6 children.

The 1851 Census finds Aaron SLEIGH, aged 41, Vashti 42, Simon 13, Elizabeth 11, Aaron 8, Sarah 6, Joseph 5 and Emma 2, living at Camerton.

The 1881 Census finds Aaron SLEIGH, aged 72, coal weigher, born Brinkworth, Wilts. and wife Vashti 72, born High Littleton, living at 24 Mead Gate, Camerton.]

84. **Ann SIMS** had a bastard child in 1807.

[Note: Ann SIMS or SYMES was born at Paulton c.1788.

John son of Ann SIMS bapt. at High Littleton 24 Jul 1807. - John SIMS, an infant, was buried at High Littleton 12 Aug 1807.

Ann had further bastard children in 1808, 1810 and 1813. It seems likely that she lived with William BROOKS at Kingwell and that he was the father of her bastard children. William BROOKS was a widower, whose wife Mary HARRIS died in 1803 after having 11 children between 1783 and 1803. William BROOKS married Ann SIMS in 1813 and they had further children.]

85. **Martha SALMON** had a bastard child by **John PURDELL** in 1808.

[Note: Henry base son of Martha SALMON bapt. at High Littleton 13 Mar 1808.

Overseers' Accounts record on 24 Dec 1810 the cost of a warrant for John PURL (*sic*) upon bastardy and serving it and on 31 Dec expenses at Old Down with John PURDELL, when he was sent to Shepton Mallet (*Gaol*) on account of money left unpaid for Martha SALMON's child. On 20 Jan 1811 were expenses at Wells Sessions against John PURDLE for not paying his bastardy money and to John BALL for an order of commitment of John PORE (*sic*) to Shepton Gaol. On 17 Mar 1812 was recorded the cost of a special warrant for John PURDELL about his bastard child.

Accounts for 1810/1 record relief of 1/9 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Martha SALMON's child. This was repeated in Accounts for 1811/2, 1812/3, Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 and 14 Apr 1814. Martha SALMON, who had had a bastard child in 1803, who was stillborn or died at birth, had a bastard daughter in 1812 and got pregnant again in 1814. This time, with the aid of inducements, the person responsible, Samuel BEES of Clutton, married Martha SALMON by licence at High Littleton on 25 Jan 1815.

Accounts record on 10 Feb 1815 the cost of clothes for Martha SALMON's boy prior to her husband, Samuel BEES, taking him home with them. Minutes of 28 Mar 1815 approved relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Martha SALMON's boy, kept by her present husband Sam'l BEES. Relief of 2/- p.w. to Martha SALMON's base born boy was renewed at 2/- p.w. in minutes of 25 Mar 1816 and 25 Mar 1817. Minutes of 18 May 1817 agreed that Martha SALMON's son should have 2 shirts, a jacket and pair of breeches bought him. Minutes of 25 Mar 1818 continued Martha SALMON's boy's relief at 2/- p.w.

Accounts record on 6 Apr 1819 expenses to Old Down to answer charges made by Martha BEES for taking 1/- p.w. from her boy's pay. It was determined that the boy was to be found employment or to pay him as usual at 2/3 p.w. By Indenture dated 20 Jul 1819 Henry SALMON, aged 11, was apprenticed by the Parish to Peter Edward SCOBELL, doctor of medicine, to learn the business of husbandry. A document of the same date declaring SCOBELL to be a fit person to whom SALMON may be bound, described Henry as a poor child of High Littleton, illegitimate son of Martha BEES, wife of Samuel BEES of Clutton, labourer, late Martha SALMON, single woman. Accounts record on 4 Aug 1819 the payment of £2 consideration to Dr SCOBELL for Henry SALMON put as apprentice to him.]

86. **Ann SIMS** had a bastard child in 1808.

[Note: George, base son of Ann SIMS, bapt. at High Littleton 5 Jun 1808. - George SIMS, Kingwell, High Littleton, aged 4 years 6 months, was buried at High Littleton 10 Jan 1813.

Ann SIMS had had a bastard child in 1807 and had two more in 1810 and 1813. The father of them all was most likely William BROOKS, widower of Kingwell, who eventually married Ann in 1813.]

87. **Hannah SAGE** had a bastard child by **Edward DURNFORD** in 1810.

[Printed Form]

Somerset, (to wit.)

THE Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, made the Sixth Day of August 1810, concerning a Male Bastard Child lately born in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, of the Body of **Hannah SAGE**, Singlewoman.

Whereas it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as upon the Oath of the said Hannah SAGE, that she the said Hannah SAGE on the 17th Day of May last past was delivered of a Male Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, and that the said Male Bastard Child is become chargeable to the

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said Parish of High Littleton and likely so to continue. And that **Edward DURNFORD** of Chilcompton in the said County of Somerset, Labourer, did beget, and is the Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND whereas it hath been duly proved before us on Oath, that the said Edward DURNFORD hath been duly summoned to appear before us this Day, to the End that we might examine into the Cause and Circumstances of the said Premises, and he appearing accordingly, Not having any Thing to say or shewing any just Cause whatsoever to the contrary why he should not be deemed the putative Father of the said Male Bastard Child.

WE therefore, upon Examination and Consideration of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Hannah SAGE as otherwise, do hereby adjudge the said Edward DURNFORD to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustenance and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said Edward DURNFORD shall, and do, immediately upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of Two Pounds and Nine Shillings for and towards the Lying in of the said Hannah SAGE and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

AND we do hereby also further order, that the said Edward DURNFORD shall likewise pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Two Shillings weekly, and every Week, from the Date of this our Order, as well as for the Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as also for and towards the Keeping, Sustenance, and Maintaining the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

AND we do further order, that the said Hannah SAGE shall also pay or cause to be paid unto the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One Shilling weekly, and every Week, for so long as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, except such Time as she the said Hannah SAGE shall keep, nourish, and maintain the said Bastard Child with the Allowance aforesaid from the said Edward DURNFORD.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the Sixth Day of August in the Year of our Lord 1810. J.C. HIPPISEY, Jn. KINGSMILL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-21.

[Note: Anna dau. of George SAGE & Jane bapt. privately at High Littleton 13 Feb 1790.

Overseers' Accounts record on 31 Mar 1810 expenses for two days in seeking after Edward DURNFORD for a bastard child by Hannah SAGE. On 12 Aug were payments for taking Edward DURNFORD, putting a guard over him, expenses at Old Down Inn and hire of a horse for Hannah SAGE to go to Old Down.

Joseph base born son of Hannah SAGE bapt. at High Littleton 27 May 1810.

Accounts for 1810/1 record relief of 2/- p.w. paid for 37 weeks for Hannah SAGE's child by DURNFORD. Accounts for 1811/2 record 2/- p.w. relief for the year for Hannah's child by Edw'd DURNFORD. Accounts for 1812/3 record 2/- p.w. relief again. Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 approved 2/- p.w. relief for Hannah SAGE's child by DURNFORD. Minutes of 18 Apr 1814 renewed relief at 2/- p.w. Minutes of 28 Mar 1815 continued relief at 2/- p.w. Minutes of 8 Oct 1815 agreed to pay Hannah SAGE during her present illness and inability to work 1/6 p.w. Minutes of 25 Mar 1816 approved relief of 2/- p.w. to Hannah SAGE's child and 1/6 p.w. to Hannah. Minutes of 25 Mar 1817 renewed relief of 2/- to Hannah's base-born child and 1/6 p.w. to Hannah. Accounts for 1817/8 record payments for the child for 8 weeks, until the child was handed over to Edward DURNFORD's wife [see below] and for 48 weeks to Hannah.

It was probably this Joseph SAGE who married Mary RIDDLE at Midsomer Norton 30 May 1833.

Accounts record on 4 Apr 1834 a payment to Joseph SAGE's wife, he being gone to Wales.

Joseph SAGE, coal miner of Clandown, received a blanket from Mary JONES' Charity in 1841.]

County of Somerset.

**The Information** and Complaint of Thomas FLOWER, Overseer of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Exhibited this 13th Day of January 1816.

Who on his Oath saith that **Edward DURNFORD**, late of Chilcompton but now of Stoke Lane in the said County, Thatcher, hath disobeyed an Order in Bastardy dated 6th August 1810, made on him for Maintenance of a Bastard Child, born in the said Parish of High Littleton of the body of **Hannah SAGE**, Singlewoman; There being at this time the Sum of £24.14. 0 due from him the said Edward DURNFORD for Arrears of the said Pay. Tho's FLOWER.

Sworn before me, J.C. HIPPISEY.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-21a.

[Note: Overseers' Accounts record on 13 Jan 1816 the cost of a special warrant about Edw'd DURNFORD's bastardy money and on 13 Feb expenses of going to East Stoke Lane to apprehend Edw'd DURNFORD for not attending to his order of bastardy, but they could not meet with him, so came back to Old Down to know how to proceed further, when it was proposed that John BALL should proceed with a warrant. On the same day were expenses at Old Down about Edw'd DURNFORD, where DURNFORD's wife attended and John BALL reported that he could not find the man. It was then advised by the Magistrates to give up the debt on account of his poverty and on condition that he should pay his money at 2/- p.w. DURNFORD's wife agreed to do this and paid 1 month from 13 Jan to 10 Feb and promised to pay in future or she would take the child home and provide for it themselves. On 20 Mar was a payment to John BALL for

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servicing a special warrant on Edw'd DURNFORD at East Stoke Lane about his bastard money. On 24 Mar 1817 were expenses of going to East Stoke Lane about Edw'd DURNFORD's bastard money, which elicited a payment of £2. 4/-. On 20 May were expenses at Old Down to give up Hannah SAGE's boy to his father Edw'd DURNFORD. On 27 Mar 1819 were expenses to Edw'd DURNFORD's at East Stoke Lane about his pay for the child and on 6 Apr expenses to Old Down on the settling with Edw'd DURNFORD and Hannah SAGE's boy; he agreed to pay the money due and took the boy to himself. On the same day Edward paid the parish some of his arrears, leaving 20/- owing.]

88. **Nancy CHEWTON** had a bastard child c.1810.

[*Note:* Phebe base born daughter of Nancy CHUTON (B/T CHEWTON) bapt. at High Littleton 27 May 1810.

No details of Nancy or the father have been discovered. The surname CHEWTON or CHUTON was scarcely known around North Somerset at that time.]

89. **Ann SIMS** had a bastard child in 1810.

[*Note:* Hester base dau. of Ann SIMS bapt. at High Littleton 1 Nov 1810. - Hester SIMS, Kingwell, aged 2 years 6 months, was buried at High Littleton 19 Jan 1813.

Ann SIMS had had two bastard children in 1807 and 1808 and had another in 1813. The father of them all was most likely William BROOKS, widower of Kingwell, who eventually married Ann in 1813.]

90. **Sarah EMERY** had a bastard child by **George HOLBROOK** in 1810.

[*Printed Form* - No. 20. (Examination after Birth.) Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL, in Bath.]

County of Somerset.

THE Examination of Sarah EMERY of High Littleton in the said County, Single-woman, taken upon Oath before us, his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this 31st Day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand eight Hundred and Ten.

Who saith, That on Friday the 23rd Day of November now last past, at and in the Parish of High Littleton in the County aforesaid, the said Sarah EMERY was delivered of a female Bastard Child, and that the said Bastard Child is likely to become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and that George HOLBROOK, late of Paulton, Labourer, is the true Father of the said Bastard Child.

The Mark of X Sarah EMERY.

Taken and signed the Day and Year above-written, before us, J.C. HIPPISEY, Jn. KINGSMILL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/3-5.

[*Note:* Sarah EMERY has not been identified.

Overseers' Accounts record on 24 Dec 1810 the cost of a warrant for Sarah EMERY, presumably to have her examined and get her to name the father of her bastard child.

Harriet base born daughter of Sarah EMERY bapt. at High Littleton 3 Feb 1811.

Accounts for 1812/3 record relief for Sarah EMERY's child of 1/- for 40 weeks and 2/- for 15 weeks. Vestry Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 approved relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Sarah EMERY's child. Minutes of 18 Apr 1814 renewed relief of 2/- p.w. to Sarah's child by HOLBROOK. Accounts for 1814/5 show that 2/- was paid for 28 weeks and 3/- for 22 weeks and on 5 Nov 1814 the cost of a warrant and summons for Sarah EMERY for refusing to pay towards the support of her bastard child. On 22 Jan 1815 5/- was paid to buy cloaths for Sarah EMERY's child, by order of Vestry. Minutes of 28 Mar 1815 approved relief of 2/- p.w. for Sarah's child by HOLBROOK & 1/- for nursing same. Accounts name the nurse in 1816 as Love NORTON. Minutes of 25 Mar 1816 renewed relief to Sarah's child at 2/- p.w. Minutes of 12 May 1816 agreed that Sarah EMERY's child was to have some linen bought it and Minutes of 16 Jun 1816 resolved that Sarah EMERY's child was to have 2/6 p.w. instead of 2/- as heretofore. Accounts for 1816/7 show that 2/- relief was paid for 12 weeks and 2/6 for 40 weeks. Minutes of 25 Mar 1817 renewed relief of 2/6 p.w. to Sarah's base-born child. Minutes of 15 Jun 1817 agreed that Sarah EMERY's child should have 5/- for clothes. Minutes of 25 Mar 1818 approved relief of 2/6 p.w. to Sarah EMERY's child. Minutes of 25 Mar 1819 renewed relief of 2/6 p.w. to Sarah's child at Far'n. Minutes of 27 Mar 1820 reduced Sarah's child's relief to 1/6 p.w. but Minutes of 30 Apr 1820 agreed that Sarah's child should be paid 2/- p.w. in lieu of 1/6, as was agreed on at lady day last. Accounts for 1820/1 show that 1/6 was paid for 4 weeks and 2/- for 48 weeks. Minutes of 27 Mar 1821 continued relief at 2/- p.w. Minutes of 26 Mar 1822 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. to Sarah EMERY's bastard child. Finally, minutes of 26 Mar 1823 approved relief of 3/- per fortnight to Sarah's child.]

91. Overseers' Accounts record on 20 Jan 1811 a payment for an order on **John BICKNELL**, a Militia man. This probably relates to a bastardy but no live birth or mother's name has been located.

92. **Mary WYATT** had a bastard child by **Thomas CARTER** in 1811.

[*Note:* Overseers' Accounts record on 10 Jun 1811 a payment for a summons and warrant for the appearance at Old Down of Mary WYATT to swear to her bastard child. On 24 Jun were expenses for a special warrant to take Thomas CARTER, he being sworn to being the father of a child on the body of Mary WYATT and on 8 Jul expenses in going to Old Down to appear against Tho's CARTER for a bastard child on the body of Mary WYATT. On 22 Jul were expenses to Old Down with Tho's CARTER to indemnify the parish against the lying in of Mary WYATT, followed by a mittimus for Tho's CARTER to go to Shepton Gaol, he refusing to pay or give security for her lying in and, finally, the cost of taking him to prison. On 27 Jul Tho's CARTER paid £2 for the lying in of Mary WYATT.

No record of a live birth has been found but a Martha WYATT (infant) buried at High Littleton 16 Jan 1812, does not fit easily into any other WYATT family and may be Mary's bastard child.

Mary was the widow of James WYATT.

James was baptized at High Littleton 17 Jul 1768 a son of James & Betty WYATT.

James WYATT of High Littleton married Mary CANTLE otp by banns at Compton Dando 9 Jun 1794.

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George son of James & Mary WIAT (from High Littleton) bapt. at Clutton 26 Apr 1795.

Vestry Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 agreed that James WYATT of Hallatrow should have 7lb. of flour for the week at a price of 3/- per peck (*as part of a parish relief scheme when corn prices were high*).

Betty dau. of James WYATT & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 20 Jun 1797.

Susanna dau. of James WYATT & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 6 Apr 1800. - Susanna WYATT an infant was buried at High Littleton 23 Sep 1800.

Elijah son of James WYATT & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 26 Sep 1802.

Susanna dau. of James WYATT & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 16 Jun 1805. Overseers' Accounts record on 17 Mar 1819 £1 for clothes for Susan WYATT, having been taken into the service of John BLINMAN.

James son of James WYATT & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 13 Nov 1808.

James WYATT received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1797, 1801 and 1804.

James WYATT was buried at High Littleton 12 Aug 1808.

Overseers' Accounts for 1808/9 record relief of 7/6 p.w. paid for 30 weeks to Mary WIATT's family. In 1809/10 relief of 7/6 for 6 weeks and 6/- for 49 weeks was paid to Molly WIATT's family. Accounts for 1810/1, 1811/2 and 1812/3 show that 4/6 p.w. was paid in respect of 3 children.

The 1811 Census finds Mary WYATT, widow, living in Hallatrow with 4 males and 2 other females in the household.

Mary WYATT, widow, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1808, 1810 and 1813.

Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 approved relief of 3/- p.w. to Mary WYATT's 2 children. Minutes of 18 Apr 1814 renewed the relief at the same amount. Minutes of 28 Mar 1815 reduced relief to Mary WYATT's 2 children to 1/- p.w. Minutes of 2 Jun 1815 agreed that Mary WYATT's 2 children shall in future have 1/- p.w. instead of 6d., she being married to Tho's CARTER. Minutes of 25 Mar 1816 approved relief of 1/- each to Mary WYATT's 2 children. Minutes of 25 Mar 1817 renewed relief at the same amount but referred to the children of James WYATT dec'd. Minutes of 25 Mar 1818 continued the same relief to Mary's 2 children. Accounts for 1818/9 show that relief was paid to Mary's boy for the whole year but for only 48 weeks to her girl.

Thomas CARTERx bach. otp married Mary WYATTx widow otp by banns at High Littleton 29 May 1815.

Thomas was baptized at High Littleton 5 Mar 1788, a son of Thomas CARTER and his wife Martha VATER.

Fanny dau. of Thomas & Mary CARTER, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 7 Sep 1817. - Fanny CARTER, Hallatrow, aged 4 months, was buried at High Littleton 22 Jan 1818.

The Tithe Survey of 1839 records Thomas CARTER as occupier of cottages at Tanners (429 on map) in Hallatrow, belonging to Mary JAMES.

The 1841 Census finds Thomas CARTER, aged 57 and Mary 63, living in Hallatrow.

Mary CARTER, Hallatrow, aged 69, was buried at High Littleton 4 Jul 1843.

The 1851 Census finds Thomas CARTER, aged 70, widower, labourer, as a visitor in the house of Martha PICKERING 68, widow, living in Cameley. Martha was in fact Thomas' sister, who married James PICKERING in 1804.]

93. **Mary HILBURD** had a bastard child by **Isaac NAISH** in 1812.

[*Printed Form* - No. 20. (Examination after Birth.) Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL, in Bath.]

County of Somerset.

THE Examination of **Mary HIPPERT** of Litton in the said County, Single-woman, taken upon Oath before me, one [us, two] of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this 13th Day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand eight Hundred and thirteen.

Who saith, That on Friday the twenty first Day of February One thousand eight Hundred & twelve, at and in the Parish of High Littleton in the County aforesaid, the said Mary HIPPERT was delivered of a Female Bastard Child, and that the said Bastard Child is likely to become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and that Isaac NAISH of Clutton in the said County, Tallow Chandler, is the lawful Father of the said Bastard Child.

the Mark of X Mary HIPPERT.

Taken and signed the Day and Year above-written, before us, J.C. HIPPISEY, T. WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-24a.

[*Printed Form* - TUCKER, printer, Chard]

COUNTY OF Somerset.

The ORDER of us, Sir John Cox HIPPISEY, Baronet & The Rev'd Tho's WILLIAMS, two of his majesty's justices of the peace in and for the said county, one whereof is of the quorum, and both residing next unto the limits of the parish church within the parish of High Littleton in the said county, made the thirteenth day of July 1813 in the 53rd year of the reign of his said majesty king George the third, concerning a female bastard child, lately born in the parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of the body of **Mary HIPPERT**, single woman.

WHEREAS it hath appeared unto us the said justices, as well upon the complaint of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of High Littleton, as upon the oath of the said Mary HIPPERT, that she the said Mary HIPPERT on the Twenty first day of February 1812 now last past, was delivered of a female bastard child in High Littleton aforesaid, and that the said bastard child is chargeable to the said parish of High Littleton; and further that **Isaac NAISH** of Clutton in the said county of Somerset, Tallow Chandler, did beget the said bastard child on the body of her the said Mary HIPPERT.

And whereas it hath further appeared unto us the said justices, that the reasonable charges and expences, incident to the birth of the said bastard child, amount to the sum of Two Pounds and that the reasonable costs of apprehending and securing the said Isaac NAISH, together with the costs of the order of filiation amount to the

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further sum of [blank], the same having been duly ascertained before us the said justices, on the oath of Thomas FLOWER, one of the overseers of the poor, of the parish of High Littleton aforesaid.

And whereas the said Isaac NAISH, having been summoned to appear, appeareth and is present but doth not shew any just cause why he should not be deemed the putative Father of the said Female Bastard Child.

We therefore, upon examination of the cause and circumstances of the premises, as well upon the oath of the said Mary HIPPERT as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said Isaac NAISH to be the reputed father of the said bastard child; and do hereby allow the said sum of Two Pounds for the said charges and expences, and the sum of Thirteen Shillings for the said costs ascertained as aforesaid, to have been incurred by the said overseers of the said parish of High Littleton in respect of the said bastard child.

And thereupon we do order, as well for the better relief of the said parish of High Littleton as for the sustentation and relief of the said bastard child, that the said Isaac NAISH shall and do forthwith, upon notice of this our order, pay or cause to be paid to the overseers of the poor of the said parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the said sums of Two Pounds and Thirteen Shillings for and towards the said charges, expences and costs; and the further sum of One Pound Four Shillings for the maintenance of the said bastard child, to the time of making this our order.

And we do hereby further order, that the said Isaac NAISH shall likewise pay, or cause to be paid to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of High Littleton for the time being, or to some or one of them, the sum of Two Shillings weekly and every week from the present time, for and towards the keeping, sustentation, and maintenance of the said bastard child, for and during so long time as the bastard child shall be chargeable to the said parish of High Littleton.

And we do further order, that the said Mary HIPPERT shall also pay or cause to be paid to the said churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of High Littleton for the time being, or to some or one of them, the sum of One Shilling weekly and every week, so long as the said bastard child shall be chargeable to the said parish of High Littleton in case she shall not nurse and take care of the said child herself.

Given under our hands and seals the day and year first above written. J.C. HIPPISELEY, T. WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-24.

[Note: Mary's surname was spelt several different ways. It probably should have been HILBURD/HILBERT, names familiar in Litton.

Overseers' Accounts record on 4 Jan 1812 that Isaac NASH paid the parish £2 for the benefit of Mary HIBBERT in her lying in with child by him and on 28 Jan were expenses for a summons and warrant for Isaac NASH for a bastardy order.

Martha Naish base born dau. of Mary HIPPARD bapt. at High Littleton 1 Mar 1812.

Accounts record on 14 Oct 1812 the cost of serving a warrant on Isaac NASH for his bastard child by M. HIBBERT and on 2 Feb 1813 a special warrant against Isaac NASH for his bastard child on the body of Betty (*sic*) HIBBERT, he having absconded. On 17 Apr John NASH, father of Isaac, paid to the parish the arrears of maintenance for Mary HIBBERT's child to 17 Apr. On 13 Jul was recorded the cost of the bastardy order and on 7 Aug Isaac NASH himself paid the parish for 16 weeks pay to 7 Aug plus expenses for his child by Mary HIPPERT and continued to do so thereafter.

Vestry Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 approved relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Mary HIPPERT's child by Isaac NASH. This was renewed in minutes of 18 Apr 1814. Minutes of 28 Mar 1815 continued relief at 2/- p.w. to Mary HIBBURD's child by Isaac NAISH. Again this was renewed in minutes of 25 Mar 1816. Minutes of 25 Mar 1817 approved relief of 2/- p.w. to Mary HILBURD's bas born child and this was renewed in minutes of 25 Mar 1818. Minutes of 25 Mar 1819 continued relief to Mary HILBERT's child, who was noted as being at Litton. Accounts for 1819/20 show this was paid for 20 weeks only and also record that Isaac NAISH last paid his money to the parish for Mary HILPERT on 2 Sep 1819 and noted that there was no more to pay from 7 Aug.]

94. **Elizabeth YOUNG** had a bastard child by **George TRAVIS** in 1812.

[Printed Form]

County of Somerset, (to wit.)

THE Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, made the fourteenth Day of April 1812, concerning a Male Bastard Child lately born in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, of the Body of **Elizabeth YOUNG**, Singlewoman.

Whereas it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as upon the Oath of the said Elizabeth YOUNG, that she the said Elizabeth YOUNG on the second Day of March last past was delivered of a Male Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, and that the said Male Bastard Child is become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and likely so to continue. And that **George TRAVERS** of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Coal Miner, did beget, and is the Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND whereas it hath been duly proved before us on Oath, that the said George TRAVERS hath been duly summoned to appear before us this Day, to the End that we might examine into the Cause and Circumstances of the said Premises, and he appearing accordingly, not having any Thing to say or shewing any just Cause whatsoever to the contrary why he should not be deemed the putative Father of the said Male Bastard Child.



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WE therefore, upon Examination and Consideration of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Elizabeth YOUNG as otherwise, do hereby adjudge the said George TRAVERS to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustenance and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said George TRAVERS shall, and do, immediately upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of Eleven Shillings for and towards the Lying in of the said Elizabeth YOUNG and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

AND we do hereby also further order, that the said George TRAVERS shall likewise pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Two Shillings weekly, and every Week, from the Date of this our Order, as well as for the Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as also for and towards the Keeping, Sustenance, and Maintaining the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

AND we do further order, that the said Elizabeth YOUNG shall also pay or cause to be paid unto the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One Shilling weekly, and every Week, for so long as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, except such Time as she the said Elizabeth YOUNG shall keep, nourish, and maintain the said Bastard Child with the Allowance aforesaid from the said George TRAVERS.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the Fourteenth Day of April in the Year of our Lord 1812. Jas. TOOKER, T. WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-22.

[Note: Eliz'th was probably the dau. of John YOUNG & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 16 Oct 1791.

Overseers' Accounts record on 30 Dec 1811 a payment for swearing E. YOUNG about George TRAVERS' bastard child.

Elizabeth YOUNG, single woman, was removed from Farmborough to High Littleton by Order dated 16 Jan 1812. Accounts record on 16 Jan a payment for going to Brislington about Elizabeth YOUNG's settlement.

Accounts record on 18 Jan 1812 that John (*sic*) TRAVIS paid £2 to the Overseers for Elizabeth YOUNG. On 28 Jan was the cost of a special warrant for George TRAVIS for a bastard child on E. YOUNG.

George Travers base born son of Betty YOUNG bapt. at High Littleton 15 Mar 1812.

Accounts for 1812/3 record relief of 2/- p.w. paid for the whole year to Elizabeth YOUNG's child by G. TRAVIS, on 14 Apr 1812 the cost of obtaining an order on George TRAVIS and on 22 May a summons and warrant for George about his not paying to an order of bastardy. This produced a payment by him on 9 Jun towards arrears of 22/-. Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 renewed relief of 2/- p.w. for Elizabeth's child. Accounts for 1813/4 show that this was paid for 48 weeks only, and on 21 Mar 1814 a payment was made to the clerk of Farmborough Parish for a coffin and ringing the bell at the funeral of Eliz'th YOUNG's child.

George YOUNG, Farmborough, aged 2, was buried at Farmborough 25 Mar 1814.

George TRAVIS was born at High Littleton in 1794, the son of Samuel TRAVERS and Lucy GRIMSTEAD of Chelwood, whom Samuel had married bigamously in 1788, while his legal wife Elizabeth BOND of High Ham was still alive. George appears to have tried to avoid his responsibilities to Elizabeth YOUNG by binding himself apprentice to Capt'n GARDEN for 8 years in 1812 and served aboard a West Indiaman for a year before discharging himself. He married firstly Maria JAMES at Farrington Gurney on 20 Jan 1817 and after her death married Sarah HALL at Temple, Bristol on 1 Nov 1819, living first at Farmborough and then Bedminster. George TRAVISH [*sic*], coal carrier of Farrington Gurney, was examined about his settlement on 26 Jan 1819.]

County of Somerset.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County.

**Whereas** George BLACKER, Constable of the hundred of Chew in the said County, did on the 14th day of March past at your Suit convey **George TRAVERS**, late of High Littleton aforesaid, to Shepton Mallet Goal (*sic*), from Temple Inn, and delivered him to the Custody of the Keeper of the said Goal, by warrant under the Hand and Seal of Sir John Cox HIPPISEY Baronet, One of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County. These are therefore to order and require you, the said Overseers, forthwith on Sight of this Order to pay or cause to be paid unto the said George BLACKER the Sum of Sixteen Shillings for his time, Trouble, Costs and Expences in conveying the said George TRAVERS to Bridewell as aforesaid, He having been committed at your Suit for disobeying an Order of Bastardy. Herein fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal this Seventh day of April 1815. Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-45.

[Note: Overseers' Accounts record on 14 Mar 1815 the cost of a special warrant to take G. TRAVERS for not paying his bastard money and for making out his mittimus for 3 months imprisonment to Shepton Mallet. On 2 May the sum of 16/- was paid to George BLACKER for conveying George TRAVERS to Shepton Mallet.]

95. **Martha SALMON** had a bastard child by **John CARTER** in 1812.

[Printed Form]

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County of Somerset, (to wit.)

THE Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, made the twenty Sixth Day of May 1812, concerning a female Bastard Child lately born in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, of the Body of Martha SALMON, Singlewoman.

Whereas it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as upon the Oath of the said Martha SALMON, that she the said Martha SALMON on the 25th Day of April last past was delivered of a female Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, and that the said female Bastard Child is become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and likely so to continue. And that **John CARTER** of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Coalminer, did beget, and is the Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND whereas it hath been duly proved before us on Oath, that the said John CARTER hath been duly summoned to appear before us this Day, to the End that we might examine into the Cause and Circumstances of the said Premises, and he appearing accordingly, Not having any Thing to say or shewing any just Cause whatsoever to the contrary why he should not be deemed the putative Father of the said female Bastard Child.

WE therefore, upon Examination and Consideration of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Martha SALMON as otherwise, do hereby adjudge the said John CARTER to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustenance and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said John CARTER shall, and do, immediately upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of Nine Shillings for and towards the Lying-in of the said Martha SALMON and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

AND we do hereby also further order, that the said John CARTER shall likewise pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Two Shillings weekly, and every Week, from the Date of this our Order, as well as for the Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as also for and towards the Keeping, Sustenance, and Maintaining the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

AND we do further order, that the said Martha SALMON shall also pay or cause to be paid unto the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One Shilling weekly, and every Week, for so long as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, except such Time as she the said Martha SALMON shall keep, nourish, and maintain the said Bastard Child with the Allowance aforesaid from the said John CARTER.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the twenty Sixth Day of May in the Year of our Lord 1812. James TUSON, T. WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-23.

[Note: Martha SALMON had had two previous bastard children, in 1803 and 1808.

Overseers' Accounts record on 3 Dec 1811 expenses at Old Down about Martha SALMON swearing a bastard child to John CARTER (coal miner). On 31 Dec John CARTER paid the parish £2 for the use and benefit of Martha SALMON, she having sworn to him as the father.

On 26 May 1812 were expenses of going to Old Down to get an order of payment for the bastard child on the body of Martha SALMON.

John CARTER was born in High Littleton in 1784, a son of James CARTER and his wife Ann STRICKLAND (or STICKLER). He married Martha EVANS at High Littleton 25 Dec 1811 and had 7 or 8 children. He was a collier for many years, went blind and in later years lived in Scumbrum Lane, Farmborough and was a dealer in earthenware. He died in 1845.

Ann Carter dau. of Martha SALMON bapt. at High Littleton 6 May 1812.

Accounts for 1812/3 record the payment of 2/- p.w. for 47 weeks to Martha SALMON's child by John CARTER. Vestry minutes of 20 Apr 1813 approved relief of 2/- p.w. to Martha's child and this was renewed in minutes of 14 Apr 1814.

Martha got pregnant again in 1814 but this time, with the aid of inducements, the person responsible, Samuel BEES of Clutton, married her in 1815. He would not however take on Martha's bastard daughter

Vestry Minutes of 28 Mar 1815, renewed relief of 2/- p.w. to Martha SALMON's child by Jno. CARTER, kept by Jane SAGE and also approved pay of 1/- p.w. to Jane SAGE for looking after the child. Minutes of 25 Mar 1816 renewed relief of 2/- p.w. to Martha SALMON's girl. Minutes of 16 Jun 1816 agreed that John CARTER should pay only 1/- p.w. towards the support of a child belonging to him till he can get better wages, he having a wife and 2 small children; and that he is to pay 3d. p.w. besides, to pay off a sum in arrears of £1.14/- due the 15 June inst. Minutes of 11 Aug 1816 agreed that clothing be bought for Martha BEES (late SALMON)'s girl had by John CARTER. Minutes of 25 Mar 1817 again renewed relief of 2/- p.w. to Martha SALMON's base born girl and this was continued in minutes of 25 Mar 1818. Minutes of 14 Jun 1818 agreed that Martha BEES (late SALMON)'s child should have some linen & cloath bought for it, being nearly naked. Minutes of 25 Mar 1819 renewed relief at 2/- p.w. and noted that the child was at Clutton. Minutes of 23 Jan 1820 agreed that Martha SALMON's child was to have a strong frock bought her & 2 shifts. Minutes of 27 Mar 1820 again renewed relief at 2/- p.w. Minutes of 7 Jan 1821 agreed that Martha SALMON (now BEES)'s child should have a frock, a petticoat and 2 calico shifts bought her, she being nearly naked. Minutes of 27 Mar 1821 reduced the child's weekly relief to 1/6. Overseers' Accounts record on 14 Aug 1821, and many other weeks, payments to Sarah CHIVERS for looking after Martha SALMON's child. Minutes of 26 Mar 1822 approved relief of 2/- p.w. to Martha SALMON's bastard child. This was renewed in minutes of 26 Mar 1823 and 25 Mar 1824 at 4/- per fortnight and finally in minutes of 30 Mar 1825 at 2/- p.w.

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Joseph CHIVERS married Ann SALMON at Midsomer Norton 2 Apr 1836.]

96. **Ann BROWNING** had a bastard child by **John MULLETT** in 1812.

[*Note:* Ann BROWNING's baptism has not been found but she may have been the daughter of John BROWNING and his wife Hannah FRAPWELL, who lived in Hallatrow.

Overseers' Accounts record on 25 Feb 1812 a payment for a summons and warrant for John MULLETT and swearing Ann BROWNING to a bastard child. Later Accounts show that Nancy BROWNING was delivered on 30 Apr 1812 of a girl by John MULLETT, who paid for her support during lying in.

Angel dau. of Ann BROWNING bapt. at High Littleton 10 May 1812. - Angel BROWNING was buried at High Littleton 9 Aug 1812.

John MULLETT was probably a son of Joseph MULLETT from his first marriage, being born c.1792. In later life he was a shopkeeper in Farrington Gurney.

Ann BROWNING had another bastard child by John WEEKS in 1814.]

97. **Rosannah LANSDOWN** had a bastard child by **George GENGE** in 1813.

[*Printed Form* - (Warrant for Father of Bastard, p. n.) Printed and Sold by J. CARY, Shepton-Mallett.]

Somerset to Wit.

To the Constable of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, and all other his Majesty's Peace officers of the said County.

WHEREAS **Rosannah LANSDOWN** of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, single-woman, hath by her examination taken in writing under oath, before me Tho's WILLIAMS, Clerk, one of his Majesty's Justices of the peace in and for the said County, declared, that on the thirteenth day of March now last past, at her Dwelling House in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid in the County aforesaid, she the said Rosannah LANSDOWN was delivered of a female bastard child, and that the said bastard child is become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and hath charged **George GENGE** of Ilminster in the said County with being the lawful father of the said bastard child: And whereas Thomas FLOWER, one of the overseers of the poor of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, in order to indemnify the said Parish in the premisses, hath applied to me to issue out my warrant for the apprehending of the said George GENGE, I do therefore hereby command you immediately to apprehend the said George GENGE and to bring him before me or some other of his majesty's justices of the peace for the said County, to find security to indemnify the said Parish of High Littleton else to find sufficient surety for his appearance at the next general Quarter sessions of the peace to be holden for the said County, then and there to abide and perform such order or orders as shall be made, in pursuance of an act passed in the 18th year of the reign of her late majesty queen Elizabeth, concerning bastards begotten and born out of lawful matrimony.

Given under my hand and seal the fifth day of July in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen. T. WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-26a.

[*Printed Form*]

County of Somerset, (to wit.)

THE Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, made the Twenty first Day of September 1813, concerning a female Bastard Child lately born in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, of the Body of **Rosanna LANSDOWN**, Single Woman.

Whereas it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as upon the Oath of the said Rosanna LANSDOWN, that she the said Rosanna LANSDOWN on the Thirteenth Day of March last past was delivered of a Female Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, and that the said Female Bastard Child is become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and likely so to continue. And that **George GENGE** of Ilminster in the said County of Somerset, Carpenter & Joiner, did beget, and is the Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND whereas it hath been duly proved before us on Oath, that the said George GENGE hath been duly summoned to appear before us this Day, to the End that we might examine into the Cause and Circumstances of the said Premises, and he appearing accordingly, not having any Thing to say or shewing any just Cause whatsoever to the contrary why he should not be deemed the putative Father of the said Female Bastard Child.

WE therefore, upon Examination and Consideration of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Rosanna LANSDOWN as otherwise, do hereby adjudge the said George GENGE to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustenance and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said George GENGE shall, and do, immediately upon

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Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of Three Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Six Pence for and towards the Lying-in of the said Rosanna LANSDOWN and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

AND we do hereby also further order, that the said George GENGE shall likewise pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Two Shillings & three Pence weekly, and every Week, from the Date of this our Order, as well as for the Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as also for and towards the Keeping, Sustenance, and Maintaining the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

AND we do further order, that the said Rosanna LANSDOWN shall also pay or cause to be paid unto the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One Shilling weekly, and every Week, for so long as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, except such Time as she the said Rosanna LANSDOWN shall keep, nourish, and maintain the said Bastard Child with the Allowance aforesaid from the said George GENGE.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the Twenty First Day of September in the Year of our Lord 1813. T. WILLIAMS, Jn. KINGSMILL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-26.

[Note: Rosana was baptized at High Littleton on 21 Apr 1793 the eldest daughter of James LANSDOWN & his wife Anne DUDDEN. Elizabeth base born dau. of Rosanna LANSDOWN, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 11 Apr 1813.

Vestry Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 approved relief of 2/- or 2/6 p.w. to Rosannah LANSDOWN's child by George GANGE. Overseers' Accounts for 1813/4 record payments of 2/- for 11 weeks and 2/3 for 29 weeks. Minutes of 18 Apr 1814 approved relief of 2/3 p.w., which was renewed in minutes of 28 Mar 1815 and 25 Mar 1816.

Accounts record on 3 Aug 1813 the cost of a special warrant to apprehend George GANGE, carpenter and joiner at Ilminster, for a bastard child by Rosannah LANSDOWN, who became chargeable on 5 Jul at 2/- p.w. On 24-26 Aug were expenses for going to Ilminster to apprehend George GANGE, to have an order of bastardy made out for the pay to the child had by Ros'h LANSDOWN and on 21 Sep was the cost of the order of bastardy, which produced a payment of £3.11/- by George to the parish. Accounts record on 9 May 1815 expenses of a special warrant for apprehending George GANGE for not paying his weekly pay according to the order. Some of the arrears were paid on 21 Aug by Mr Rob't PHILLIPS (*possibly a parish officer of Ilminster*). On 23 Feb 1816 George GENGE's mother paid £1 and later other amounts.

Joseph GREENLAND bach. otp married Rosanna LANSDOWN spin. otp by banns at St. Nicholas, Bristol 11 Sep 1815.

They had several children.

Minutes of 25 Mar 1817 approved relief of 2/3 p.w. to Rosetta (*sic*) LANSDOWN's base born child, while minutes of 6 Oct 1817 agreed that Rosette (*sic*) LANSDOWN's child's pay was to be reduced to 2/- p.w. in lieu of 2/3 p.w. as before, on account of George GANGE being gone to America. Accounts for 1817/8 record payments of 2/3 for 28 weeks and 2/- for 24 weeks. Minutes of 25 Mar 1818 approved relief of 2/- p.w. to Ros'h LANSDOWN's bastard child. This was renewed at 2/- p.w. in minutes of 25 Mar 1819, when Rosannah's child was noted as in Bristol, 27 Mar 1820 and 27 Mar 1821. Minutes of 26 Mar 1822 approved relief of 1/3 p.w. to Rossana (*sic*) LANSDOWN.

The 1851 census finds Joseph GREENLAND, married, aged 66, clerk of coal work, born Midsomer Norton, Shusanna (*sic*), wife, 58, born High Littleton, Thomas, son, unmarried 25, coal miner, born Radstock, Charles, son, 23, iron founder, born Clandown, Joseph, son, 14, born Farrington Gurney, living in Farrington Gurney.]

### 98. **Ann SIMS** had a bastard child in 1813.

[Note: Hester Brooks base born dau. of Ann SIMS, Kingwell, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Apr 1813.

Ann had three previous bastard children, in 1807, 1808 and 1810. The father of them all was most likely William BROOKS, with whom Ann SIMS is assumed to have been living since his wife died. Ann was over 30 years younger than William BROOKS.

William BROOKS bach. of Paulton married Mary HARRIS otp at High Littleton 5 Sep 1782, when she was pregnant. They had 11 children - Nancy, Elizabeth, Martha (died young), Martha, Sarah, William, John, George, Cornelius Harris, Enos and Mary (died young) - at Paulton and High Littleton before Mary died in 1803.

The 1811 Census finds William BROOKS sen'r living in High Littleton with 5 other males and 1 female in the household.

William BROOKS otp married Ann SYMESx (SIMS in B/T's) otp by banns at High Littleton 17 Apr 1813.

Maria dau. of William & Ann BROOKS, High Littleton, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 23 Jul 1815. - Maria BROOKS, High Littleton, aged 21, buried at High Littleton 19 Jan 1837.

James son of William & Ann BROOKS, Kingwell, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 11 May 1817.

Jesse son of William & Ann BROOKS, Kingwell, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 12 Sep 1819.

Abel son of William & Ann BROOKS, High Littleton, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 21 Apr 1822.

Hannah dau. of William & Ann BROOKS, High Littleton, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 21 Mar 1824.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records William BROOKS as occupier of a tenement and bit of garden (part 45 on map), belonging to Mrs Mary HARRIS. Land Tax Assessments for 1830/1 and 1831/2 show William BROOKS as proprietor and occupier of a cottage and garden taxed at 4½d. The Tithe Survey of 1839 shows William BROOKS as proprietor of a house and garden at Kingwell (95 on map), occupied by John BROOKS.

Will'm BROOKES (later described as Sen'r of High Littleton) received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on several occasions between 1806 and 1831.

The 1841 Census finds William BROOKS, aged 85, dependent and Ann 56, dependent, living in High Littleton.

William BROOKS, High Littleton, aged 90, was buried at High Littleton 15 Apr 1846.

Vestry Minutes of 21 Dec 1842 resolved that the relief of William BROOKS sen'r should be reduced from 5/- to 4/- p.w.

The 1851 Census finds Ann BROOKS, widow, aged 63, invalid, pauper, born Paulton, with a lodger Grace ASHMAN, living in Bath Road, High Littleton.

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Ann BROOKS, High Littleton, aged 66, was buried at High Littleton 26 Feb 1855.]

99. **Betsy Dudden TUCKER** had a bastard child by **John HAM** in 1813.

[*Printed Form* - No. 20. (Examination after Birth.) Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL, in Bath.]

County of Somerset.

THE Examination of **Betsy Dudden TUCKER** of High Littleton in the said County, Single-woman, taken upon Oath before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this 21st Day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirteen.

Who saith, That on Sunday the Fourth Day of July now last past, at and in the Parish of High Littleton in the County aforesaid, the said Betsy Dudden TUCKER was delivered of a Female Bastard Child, which is now living, and become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and that John HAM of Winford in the said County, Cordwainer, did get her with Child of the said Bastard Child. The Mark of X Betsy Dudden TUCKER. Taken and signed the Day and Year above-written, before us, T. WILLIAMS [*only signatory*].

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-25a.

[*Printed Form* - Printed and Sold by J.E. LEWIS, Wells.]

County of SOMERSET.

WHEREAS Thomas FLOWER, Overseer of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in this County, hath complained unto Us, whose Names and Seals are hereunto set, Two Justices of the Peace of the said County, (one of Us being of the Quorum, and both of Us in or next unto the Limits where the Parish Church of the said Parish of High Littleton is) That on the Fourth Day of July in the Year of our Lord God, One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirteen, **Betsy Dudden TUCKER**, Singlewoman, was delivered of a Female Bastard in the said Parish of High Littleton, which Bastard is become chargeable to the said Parish:

AND Whereas the said Betsy Dudden TUCKER on her examination taken in writing, upon oath, before Us the said Justices hath charged **John HAM** of Winford in the said County of Somerset, Cordwainer, with having gotten her with Child of the said Female Bastard; And the said John HAM having been duly summoned to appear before Us, to answer the said charge hath appeared in pursuance of the said Summons, but hath not said any thing wherefore We ought not to adjudge him to be the Father of the said Bastard:

THEREFORE, upon examination of the cause and circumstance of the Premises it is now here considered and adjudged by Us the said Justices, that the matter of the said complaint and charge is true, and that the said John HAM is the Father of the said Female Bastard:

AND, for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton and for the keeping of the said Bastard We the said Justices do hereby order the said John HAM forthwith to pay the Sum of One Pound three Shillings and Six Pence to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton. And We do also charge the said John HAM with the Payment of the Sum of Two shillings and three pence weekly to the said Overseers, for so long Time as the said Bastard shall be chargeable to the said Parish:

AND, We do also hereby order the said Betsy Dudden TUCKER to pay, And we do charge her with the Payment of the Sum of One Shilling weekly to the Overseers for so long Time as the said Bastard shall be chargeable to the said Parish, unless she herself shall nurse and sustain the said Bastard.

Given at Temple Inn in the said County of Somerset, the Twenty First Day of September in the Year of our Lord God, One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirteen. T. WILLIAMS, Jn. KINGSMILL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-25.

[*Note*: Betsy Dudden was baptized at High Littleton 5 Feb 1788 daughter of Henry TUCKER & his wife Hannah DUDDEN. - A family Bible records Betsy's birth as 20 Jan 1788.

Overseers' Accounts record on 28 May 1813 the cost of a special warrant for John HAM to indemnify the parish for a bastard child by Betty Dudden TUCKER and on 12 Jun expenses in going after John HAM for two days, to Ston Easton, Farrington Gurney and Temple. Accounts record on 24 Aug 1813 expenses at Temple Inn about John HAM's business, on 8 Sep expenses at Old Down about John HAM's order of bastardy and on 21 Sep obtaining a bastardy order on him, which John HAM complied with the next day, paying what was due from 31 Jul to 18 Sep.

Martha base born dau. of Betsy Dudden TUCKER & John HAM, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 1 Aug 1813.

Vestry Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 approved relief of 2/- or 2/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Betty Collier (*sic*) TUCKER's child by John HAM. This appears to have been added to the list after the minute date. Overseers' Accounts for 1813/4 show that 2/- was paid for 2 weeks and 2/3 for 29 weeks. Minutes of 18 Apr 1814 approved relief of 2/3 p.w. to Betty Dudden TUCKER's child. This was renewed at the same amount in minutes of 28 Mar 1815, 25 Mar 1816, 25 Mar 1817, 25 Mar 1818, 25 Mar 1819 and 27 Mar 1820. Accounts for 1820/1 show that 2/3 was paid for 14 weeks and 1/9 for 38 weeks. Minutes of 27 Mar 1821 approved relief of 1/9 p.w. to B.D. TUCKER's child.

Accounts record on 3 May 1814 the cost of a summons and warrant for John HAM for not paying his bastard money. Thereafter he paid his money to the parish - E.g. Accounts record on 24 Mar 1819 the receipt from John HAM of his bastardy money up to 20 Mar 1819.

Charles HATHWAY bach. otp married Betsy Dudden TUCKER spin. otp by banns at St. Nicholas, Bristol 9 Sep 1819.

Betsy Dudden HATHWAY, High Littleton, aged 50, was buried at High Littleton 6 May 1838. - A family Bible records her death on 3 May 1838.

Martha, Betsy's bastard child, got pregnant in 1832 but married the man responsible a few weeks before giving birth.

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John STICKLAND otp married Martha TUCKER otp by banns at High Littleton 19 Feb 1833.

John may well have been a son of William STICKLER/STICKLAND and his wife Elizabeth COOMBS, originally of High Littleton, who moved to Camerton parish c.1807. Their eldest son James was a baker in Camerton.

George son of John & Martha STICKLAND, High Littleton, baker, bapt. at High Littleton 31 Mar 1833.

Elizabeth dau. of John & Martha STICKLAND, Camerton, baker, bapt. at High Littleton 29 Mar 1835.

Hannah Dudden dau. of John & Martha STICKLAND, Camerton, baker, bapt. at High Littleton 15 Jan 1837.

Sarah Ann dau. of John & Martha STICKLAND, Camerton, baker, bapt. at Camerton 6 Oct 1839.

Charles Henry son of John & Martha STICKLAND, Camerton, baker, bapt. at Camerton 9 Jan 1842. - Charles Henry STRICKLAND, Camerton, aged 11 weeks, buried at Camerton 23 Feb 1842.

Lucy dau. of John & Martha STICKLAND, Camerton, baker, bapt. at Camerton 19 Feb 1843.

Joseph son of John & Martha STICKLAND, Camerton, baker, bapt. at Camerton 14 Sep 1845.

William son of John & Martha STRICKLAND, Camerton, baker, bapt. at Camerton 24 Dec 1848.

The 1851 Census finds John STICKLAND, aged 41, Martha 38, George 18, Hannah 14, Sarah 11, Lucy 8, Joseph 5 and William 2, living in Camerton.

John son of John & Martha STICKLAND, Camerton, baker, bapt. at Camerton 23 Jul 1854.

The 1881 Census finds Martha STICKLAND, widow, aged 67, Publican & Grocer, born High Littleton, son John, unmarried, 26, Barman, born Camerton and grandson Joseph 14, scholar, born Camerton, living at The Seven Stars in Tunley Road, Camerton.

A stone in Camerton Churchyard records the deaths of John STICKLAND on 24 Dec 1862 aged 52, wife Martha STICKLAND on 27 Nov 1900 aged 87, son William STICKLAND on 24 Oct 1870 aged 22, and daughters Elizabeth STICKLAND on 7 Oct 1870 aged 35 and Sarah Ann STICKLAND on 22 Feb 1858 aged 18.]

100. **Mary PARFITT** may have had a bastard child by **Edmund GREY** in 1813.

[*Note:* Mary dau. of W'm VOWLES & Sarah bapt. at Cameley 8 Feb 1771.

George PARFITT bach. otp married Mary VOWLES spin. otp by banns at Clutton 5 Aug 1799.

A son was born c.1802/3.

George PARFITT died c.Dec 1802.

In her settlement examination taken on 13 Jul 1813 (SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-52) Mary said she had worked for Thomas DUDDEN of High Littleton for 5 years and lived as a servant with the rest of his family for 2 years until April 1813. In the further examination of Mary PARFITT of Clutton, widow, taken on 13 July 1813, she stated that she was then with child, likely to be born a bastard, and that Edmund GREY of Hallatrow, shoemaker, was the lawful father. An Order was made at that time for Mary's removal from Clutton to High Littleton but this was quashed in August 1813.

No trace of a live birth or Bastardy Order has been located.]

101. **Frances HOLBROOK** had a bastard child by **Simon Slade HILL** in 1813.

[*Printed Form* - No. 20. (Examination after Birth.) Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL, in Bath.]

County of Somerset.

THE Examination of **Frances HOLBROOK** of High Littleton in the said County, Single-woman, taken upon Oath before me, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this 23rd Day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand eight Hundred and thirteen.

Who saith, That on Saturday the Sixteenth Day of October now last past, at and in the Parish of High Littleton in the County aforesaid, the said Frances HOLBROOK was delivered of a female Bastard Child, which is now living, and likely to become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and that Simon SLADE otherwise Simon Slade HILL of High Littleton, Servant to Mr JAMES, did get her with Child of the said Bastard Child. The Mark of X Frances HOLBROOK.

Taken and signed the Day and Year above-written, before us, T. WILLIAMS, Jn. KINGSMILL.

[*Margin*] Lying in 15. 0, Father 2. 0, Mother 1. 0.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/3-6.

[*Printed Form* - No. 26. Order of Bastardy. Printed and sold by Richard CRUTTWELL, St. James's-Street, Bath.]

County of Somerset.

The Order of The Reverend Thomas WILLIAMS, Clerk and the Reverend John KINGSMILL, Clerk, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church within the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, made the twenty third Day of November in the fifty fourth Year of the Reign of his said Majesty King George the Third [1813], concerning a female Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of the Body of **Frances HOLBROOK**, single Woman.

WHEREAS it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, as upon the Oath of the said Frances HOLBROOK, that she the said Frances HOLBROOK on the 16th Day of October now last past, was delivered of a female Bastard Child in High Littleton aforesaid, and that the said Bastard Child is chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton; and further, that **Simon Slade HILL** of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Servant, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said [*Frances HOLBROOK*].

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And whereas it hath further appeared unto us the said Justices, that the reasonable Charges and Expences, incident to the Birth of the said Bastard Child, amount to the sum of Fifteen shillings and that the reasonable Costs of apprehending and securing the said Simon Slade HILL, together with the Costs of the Order of Filiation, amount to the further Sum of [blank], the same having been duly ascertained before us the said Justices, on the Oath of John [Thomas] FLOWER, one of the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid.

And whereas the said Simon Slade HILL, having been duly Summoned to appear before us this day, hath appeared according to such Summons but hath not shewn any just cause why he should not be deemed the Father of the said Female Bastard Child.

We therefore, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Frances HOLBROOK as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said Simon Slade HILL to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child; and do hereby allow the said Sum of Fifteen shillings for the said Charges and Expenses, and the Sum of [blank] for the said Costs ascertained as aforesaid, to have been incurred by the said Overseers of the said Parish of High Littleton in Respect of the said Bastard Child.

And thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustentation and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said Simon Slade HILL shall and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay, or cause to be paid, to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the said Sum(s) of fifteen shillings for and towards the said Charges, Expenses, and Costs; and the further Sum of [blank] for the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

And we do hereby further order, that the said Simon Slade HILL shall likewise pay, or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Two shillings Weekly, and every Week, from the present Time, for and towards the Keeping, Sustentation, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

And we do further order, that the said Frances HOLBROOK shall also pay, or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of one shilling Weekly, and every Week, so long as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton in Case she shall not nurse and take Care of the said Child herself. Given under our Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above-written. Jn. KINGSMILL, T. WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-28.

[Note: Overseers' Accounts record on 1 Sep 1813 a payment for swearing of Frances HOLBROOK to Simon Slade HILL being the father of her child, likely to be born a bastard. On 21 Sep Simon Slade HILL, labourer, paid £2. 2/- to indemnify the parish against expenses attending the lying in of Frances HOLBROOK and costs. On 20 Oct was recorded the first of 4 payments of 10/- to Frances HOLBROOK for lying in with a daughter by Simon Slade HILL born 16 Oct. On 20 Nov were expenses of a summons and warrant for Simon Slade HILL about an order and on 23 Nov the cost of obtaining a bastardy order for the future support of his child by Frances HOLBROOK. The baptism or name of their bastard daughter has not been discovered.

Vestry minutes of 20 Apr 1813 approved relief of 2/3 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Frances HOLBROOK's child by Simon Slade HILL, as ordered by magistrates. It appears that this was added to the list after the date of the original minute. Accounts for 1813/4 show that 2/- p.w. was paid for 20 weeks. Relief of 2/- p.w. was renewed in minutes of 14 Apr 1814, 28 Mar 1815, 25 Mar 1816, 25 Mar 1817, 25 Mar 1818 and 25 Mar 1819, when it was noted that the bastard child was at Marksbury.

Simon SLADE bach. otp married Elizabeth PALMERx spin. of Marksbury, minor aged 19 with consent of William PALMER, father, by banns at High Littleton 8 Nov 1815.

John a son was born c.1816. - John son of Simon & Betty SLADE, Paulton, aged 3, buried at Paulton 5 Mar 1820.

Betty wife of Simon SLADE, Paulton, aged 24, buried at Paulton 27 May 1819.

Simon paid his bastardy money regularly until 1819, when Accounts record on 2 Sep that his pay had stopped from 7 Aug, he having married Frances HOLBROOK and taken the child home.

Simon SLADE, widower otp married Fanny HOLBROOK spin. otp by banns at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 29 Jul 1819.

The 1851 Census finds Simon SLADE, aged 58, labourer, born Paulton and wife Frances 52, born Marksbury, living in Paulton.]

102. **Ann BROWNING** had a bastard child by **John WEEKS** in 1814.

[Printed Form.]

SOMERSET, To wit.

The Examination of **Anne BROWNING** [altered from Nancy] of Hallatrow in the said County, single Woman, taken on Oath before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this 19th Day of April in the Year of our Lord 1814.

THIS Examinant, on her Oath, saith and doth declare that, on or about the 3rd Day of April she was delivered of a Male Bastard Child within the Parish of High Littleton, which said Male Bastard Child was gotten on her Body by **John WEEKS**, Lab'r, and that the said Male Bastard Child is now living and become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

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Sworn and subscribed, the Day and Year first above written, before *[blank]*. The X Mark of Anne BROWNING.

*[Margin]* - Lying in 2.11.6 Per Mr.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-27a.

*[Printed Form - No. 26. Order of Bastardy. Printed and sold by Richard CRUTTWELL, St. James's-Street, Bath.]*

County of Somerset.

The Order of The Rev'd Jno. KINGSMILL & the Reverend Thomas WILLIAMS, Cl'ks, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church within the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, made the 19th Day of April in the 54th Year of the Reign of his said Majesty King George the Third *[1814]*, concerning a male Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of the Body of **Anne BROWNING** *[altered from Nancy throughout this document]*, single Woman.

WHEREAS it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, as upon the Oath of the said Anne BROWNING, that she the said Anne BROWNING on the 3rd Day of April now last past, was delivered of a male Bastard Child in High Littleton aforesaid, and that the said Bastard Child is chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, and further, that **John WEEKS** of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Labourer, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Anne BROWNING.

And whereas it hath further appeared unto us the said Justices, that the reasonable Charges and Expences, incident to the Birth of the said Bastard Child, amount to the sum of Two Pounds and that the reasonable Costs of apprehending and securing the said John WEEKS, together with the Costs of the Order of Filiation, amount to the further Sum of Eleven shillings & six pence, the same having been duly ascertained before us the said Justices, on the Oath of Thomas FLOWER, one of the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid.

And whereas the said John WEEKS, having been duly summoned to appear before us this day, hath in pursuance of our said Summons appeared, but hath not shewn any just cause why he should not be deemed the Father of the said Bastard Child.

We therefore, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Anne BROWNING as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said John WEEKS to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child; and do hereby allow the said Sum of Two Pounds for the said Charges and Expenses, and the Sum of Eleven Shillings & six pence for the said Costs ascertained as aforesaid, to have been incurred by the said Overseers of the said Parish of High Littleton in Respect of the said Bastard Child.

And thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustentation and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said John WEEKS shall and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay, or cause to be paid, to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the said Sums of Two Pounds and Eleven shillings and sixpence for and towards the said Charges, Expenses, and Costs; and the further Sum of *[blank]* for the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

And we do hereby further order, that the said John WEEKS shall likewise pay, or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Two Shillings Weekly, and every Week, from the present Time, for and towards the Keeping, Sustentation, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

And we do further order, that the said Anne BROWNING shall also pay, or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One Shilling Weekly, and every Week, so long as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton in Case she shall not nurse and take Care of the said Child herself. Given under our Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above-written. Jn. KINGSMILL, T. WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-27.

*[Note: Overseers' Accounts record on 12 Apr 1814 a payment to Ann BROWNING in her lying in and note that she was delivered of a son on Sunday 3 Apr, she having sworn to John WEEKS as the father of such child. On the same day were expenses for her examination and a summons and warrant for John WEEKS. On 16 Apr was the cost of a summons and warrant for John WEEKS to attend at Temple Inn to have an order of bastardy made against him with Ann BROWNING, and on 19 Apr the cost of the order.*

*John Weeks base born son of Ann BROWN (sic), Red House, bapt. at High Littleton 8 May 1814.*

*Ann BROWNING had a previous bastard by John MULLETT in 1812.*

*Vestry Minutes of 18 Apr 1814 approved relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Ann BROWNING's child by John WEEKS. Accounts for 1814/5 show this was paid for 47 weeks. Relief of 2/- p.w. was renewed in minutes of 28 Mar 1815, 25 Mar 1816, 25 Mar 1817, 25*



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Mar 1818, 25 Mar 1819, when it was noted that the child was in Hallatrow, 27 Mar 1820 and 27 Mar 1821. John WEEKS periodically paid his bastardy money to the parish.

John WEEKS was baptized at High Littleton 18 Feb 1795 the eldest son of James WEEKS and his first wife Betty SAGE. He married Margaret WALTER at Paulton 13 Jul 1817 and died in 1832.

The 1841 Census finds John BROWNIN, aged 27, ag. lab. living at Farrington Gurney. In 1851 John BROWNING, aged 36, labourer, was living in the household of Owen ADAMS 60, farmer of 148 acres, born Farrington Gurney, in Midsomer Norton. The 1861 Census finds John BROWNING 46, unmarried, servant, born Farrington Gurney, living in the household of Sarah GABY 50, widow, gentlewoman, in High Littleton. The 1881 Census finds John BROWN (*sic*) 67, unmarried, unemployed ag. lab., born High Littleton, living as a boarder in the house of Henry CURTIS in Farrington Gurney.]

103. **Maria SMITH** had a bastard child c.1814.

[*Note*: Eliza base born daughter of Maria SMITH, Priston, bapt. at High Littleton 21 Jun 1814. The father's name has not been located.

Maria SMITH's origins have not been traced. She may be the Maria SMITH, for whom Vestry Minutes of 9 Apr 1798 approved relief in the weekly calendar of 1/6 p.w. This was renewed at the same amount on 25 Mar 1799, 14 Apr 1800 and 6 Apr 1801. Minutes of 19 May 1802 list her but with the amount left blank. Overseers' Accounts record her receiving 1/6 p.w. relief from 1798/9 to 1801/2.

The 1851 Census finds Maria SMITH, unmarried, aged 61, pauper, born Bratton, Wilts., defective sight, living alone in Timsbury Road, High Littleton.]

104. --- **LACEY** had a bastard child in High Littleton c.1812-16.

[*Note*: In a Settlement Examination of 29 Oct 1835 Harriet LACEY said she was born illegitimately at High Littleton. Her age was shown as 25 in the 1841 Census of Hallatrow, at which time she had 3 bastard children of her own.

Harriet's parentage has not been discovered but her mother may have been a daughter of Thomas & Sarah LACEY of Farrington Gurney.]

105. **Martha SALMON** had a bastard child by **Samuel BEES** in 1815.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Samuel BEES of the Parish of Clutton in the said County, Labourer, touching his Settlement. Taken this 24th day of January 1815.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is about Twenty three [*altered from 18*] Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Clutton in the said County, as he has heard and believes, and that Samuel BEES, his Father, was legally settled in the said Parish of Clutton. Saith, that he has never lived out of the said Parish of Clutton more than about three Months and that his legal Settlement is in Clutton, to the best of his Knowledge and Belief. The Mark of X Samuel BEES.

Sworn 24th January 1815 before us T. WILLIAMS, W.B. BARTER.

[*Footnote*] 1792 April 15th. Mary & Samuel Son & D'r of Sam'l & Frances BEES - (Paupers).

N.B. - The Erasure over the figures 18 in the above Examination was taken but not Sworn two (*sic*) by S.B. when he took his Oath; said he could not tell his age, and by the Register of his Christning was found to be Twenty three Years, see above.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-24.

[*Attached to Examination*] - Samuel BEES of the Parish of Clutton, Bachelor, and Martha SALMON of this Parish, Spinster, were married in this Church, by Licence, this twenty fifth day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen by me REES MOGG, Curate.

This marriage was solemnized between us, The mark X of Samuel BEES, The mark X of Martha SALMON.

In the presence of Tho's FLOWER, Joel KEEL. No. 13.

The above is a true copy [*of*] the High Littleton Register of Marriages, extracted this 24th day January 1815, by me REES MOGG, Curate.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-24a.

[*Note*: Overseers' Accounts record on 6 Jan 1815 expenses for Martha SALMON swearing to Samuel BEES, late of Clutton, but now a carman to Mr BYFIELD's Coal Wagon, Bath, (*as putative father of her unborn child*) and also for a summons and warrant against Samuel BEES to indemnify the parish in Martha's lying in. On 23 Jan were expenses to Tho's MILES for a special warrant for Samuel BEES and for taking his examination. On 24 Jan were expenses in apprehending Sam'l BEES and retaining him from Monday till Wednesday when he was married, warded by Solomon FEAR, together with expenses in going to Timsbury, Farmborough, Farrington Inn and Old Down. Expenses were paid to George WEEKS, Joel KEEL, Solomon FEAR and Tho's FLOWER in connection with the matter. Accounts show that the parish paid £3. 5/- to Mr WILLIAMS for a licence for Sam'l BEES & Martha SALMON to marry, 10/- for a gold ring and a further 17/6 paid to Mr REES-MOGG for marrying them and the clerk's fee etc.

Samuel's marriage was not entirely planned and the parish were no doubt pleased to get Martha SALMON married off. Martha had previously had 3 bastard children: an unnamed child who died at birth in 1803 (father unknown), Henry in 1808 (father John PURDLE) and Ann Carter in 1812 (father John CARTER). Samuel BEES extracted a good deal from the parish for marrying Martha. He took on her son Henry but he did not take on her daughter Ann, who was fostered out.

No record of the live birth of any children of Samuel and Martha BEES has been discovered.

The 1841 Census finds Samuel BEES, aged 53, labourer and Martha 62, living at Scumbrum Lane, Farmborough.

The 1851 Census finds Samuel BEES, aged 63, wife Martha 71 and Mary 14, living in Midsomer Norton.]

106. **Sarah YOUNG** had a bastard child by **Joseph TUCKER** in 1815.

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Somerset.

The voluntary examination of Sarah YOUNG of the Parish of High littleton in the said County, singlewoman, taken on Oath before me, Wm. Coxeter JAMES Esq'r one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, the twenty fifth day of August one thousand eight hundred & fifteen.

Who saith, that she is now with Child, and that the said Child is likely to be born a bastard, and to be chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, and that **Joseph TUCKER** of High littleton, Coalminer, is the father of the said Child. The Mark of X Sarah YOUNG.

Taken & signed the day and Year above written, before me Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

*[Note on reverse describes Joseph TUCKER as a Widower and says "Child Dead Born".]*

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/3-7.

Somerset to wit.

To all Constables, Tythingmen & others of his Majesty's Peace Officers of the sd. County, for due Execution & Return hereof.

Whereas **Sarah YOUNG** of High littleton in the sd. county, singlewoman, hath by her voluntary examination taken in writing upon Oath, before me Wm. Coxeter JAMES Esq'r, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this present day declared herself to be with child, and that the said Child is likely to be born a bastard, and to be chargeable to the parish of High littleton in the sd. County, and that Joseph TUCKER of High littleton, Coalminer, is the father of the sd. child.

And whereas Thomas FLOWER, one of the overseers of the poor of the parish of High littleton aforesaid, in order to indemnify the said parish in the premises, hath applied to me to issue out my warrant for the apprehending of the said Joseph TUCKER, I do therefore hereby command you immediately to apprehend the said Joseph TUCKER and to bring him before me or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the sd. County, to find security to indemnify the said parish of High littleton or else to find sufficient surety for his appearance at the next general quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the sd. County & to abide & perform such order or orders as shall be made in pursuance of an Act passed in the eighteenth Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth, concerning bastards begotten & born out of lawful Matrimony

Given under my hand & Seal the twenty fifth day of August one thousand eight hundred & fifteen. Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-2.

*[Note: Sarah was probably the daughter of John YOUNG and his wife Betty BRIMBLE baptized at High Littleton 17 Nov 1793.*

*Overseers' Accounts record on 25 Aug 1815 a payment for a special warrant for Joseph TUCKER to indemnify the parish in the lying in of Sarah YOUNG, she having sworn to him as being the father. On 5 Sep was the cost of a special warrant to apprehend Joseph TUCKER in the same matter and on 20 Nov Accounts record the receipt of Sarah's lying in money from Joseph TUCKER.*

*As noted above the bastard child was born dead.*

*Sarah had three more bastards in 1818, 1821 and 1830.*

*Joseph TUCKER son of William TUCKER and his wife Ann BULL was baptized at High Littleton 1 Jan 1783. He married Hannah TUCKER at High Littleton 30 May 1803 and they had 5 children before Hannah died in Sep 1813. He married secondly Jane DIX in 1816, had more children and died in 1866.]*

107. **Jane DIX** had a bastard child by **Francis EVANS** in 1815.

Somerset to wit.

The voluntary examination of Jane DICKS of the Parish of High littleton in the sd. County, Widow, taken on Oath before me, Wm. Coxeter JAMES Esq'r one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in & for the sd. County, this second day of September one thousand eight hundred & fifteen.

Who saith, that she is now with Child & that the sd. Child is likely to be born a bastard, & to be chargeable to the Parish of High littleton in the sd. County, & that **Francis EVANS** of High littleton in the sd. County, Coalminer, is the father of the sd. Child. The Mark of X Jane DICKS.

Taken & signed the day & Year above written, before me Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

*[Note on reverse says she was delivered of a Dead Child on Tuesday the 5th day of September 1815.]*

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/3-8.

*[Note: Jane (nee REEDDLY) was the widow of William DIX, whom she married by banns at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 7 Mar 1808, both claiming to be of that parish.*

*William and Jane had 3 children before William died at the age of 25 in May 1814.*

*Jane DIX and her 3 children were removed from Farmborough to High Littleton by Order dated 8th July 1814.*

*Accounts record on 5 Sep 1815 the cost of a special warrant to apprehend Francis EVANS to indemnify the parish in the lying in of Jane DIX. Francis duly paid £2, which was paid to Jane for her lying in and 2/- reimbursement of the cost of the warrant.*

*As noted above Jane DIX and Francis EVANS' bastard child was born dead on 5 Sep 1815.*

*Francis EVANS was born at High Littleton c.1790, the son of Francis EVANS and his wife Sarah HOOPER. He married firstly Martha AYLSBURY at Newton St. Loe in 1817, had 3 children before Martha died in 1826 and married secondly Elizabeth JENKINS at Corston in 1826, had more children and died at Corston in 1840.*

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Joseph TUCKER, widower of High Littleton married Jane DIX otp by banns at Farmborough 19 Feb 1816.  
Joseph and Jane had 2 children.  
Jane TUCKER, High Littleton, aged 41, was buried at High Littleton 26 Feb 1826.]

108. **Judith GORE** had a bastard child by **Henry DANDO** in 1816.

[*Printed Form*]

County of Somerset, (to wit.)

THE Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, made the Nineteenth Day of Nov'r 1816, concerning a female Bastard Child lately born in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, of the Body of **Judith GORE**, Singlewoman.

Whereas it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as upon the Oath of the said Judith GORE, that she the said Judith GORE on the 15 Day of October last past was delivered of a female Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, and that the said female Bastard Child is become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and likely so to continue. And that **Henry DANDO** of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Coalminer, did beget, and is the Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND whereas it hath been duly proved before us on Oath, that the said Henry DANDO hath been duly summoned to appear before us this Day, to the End that we might examine into the Cause and Circumstances of the said Premises, and he now appearing accordingly, not having any Thing to say or shewing any just Cause whatsoever to the contrary why he should not be deemed the putative Father of the said female Bastard Child.

WE therefore, upon Examination and Consideration of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Judith GORE as otherwise, do hereby adjudge the said Henry DANDO to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustenance and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said Henry DANDO shall, and do, immediately upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of Two Pounds eight shillings for and towards the Lying-in of the said Judith GORE and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

AND we do hereby also further order, that the said Henry DANDO shall likewise pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of two shillings weekly, and every Week, from the Date of this our Order, as well as for the Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as also for and towards the Keeping, Sustenance, and Maintaining the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

AND we do further order, that the said Judith GORE shall also pay or cause to be paid unto the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of one shilling weekly, and every Week, for so long as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, except such Time as she the said Judith GORE shall keep, nourish, and maintain the said Bastard Child with the Allowance aforesaid from the said Henry DANDO.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the Nineteenth Day of November in the Year of our Lord 1816. J.C. HIPPISEY, Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-29.

[*Note*: Overseers' Accounts record on 14 Sep 1816 the cost of a special warrant against Henry DANDO, he being sworn to by Judith GORE as being the father of the child she is at present pregnant with and likely to become chargeable to the parish. On the same day the parish received £2 on behalf of Henry by the hands of Betty DANDO his mother, to indemnify the parish against the cost of Judith's lying in, plus 4/6 for the warrant. On 16 Sep the first instalment of the £2 was paid to Judith in her lying in of a girl born Tuesday 15th Oct about 6 o'clock in the evening; the child was sworn by her to Henry DANDO. Accounts record on 19 Nov 1816 the cost of taking the examinations of Henry and Simon DANDO and the cost of an order of bastardy on Henry DANDO.

Mary Ann illegitimate dau. of Henry DANDO & Judith GORE, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 6 Dec 1816.

Vestry Minutes of 25 Mar 1817 approved relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Judith GORE's base born child. This was renewed at the same amount in minutes of 25 Mar 1818 and 25 Mar 1819, when the child was in Hallatrow. Accounts record that Henry DANDO's periodically reimbursed the parish for his bastardy pay.

Henry DANDO married Judith GORE in 1820 and their child Mary Ann took the name DANDO.

George WELCHMAN bach. otp married Mary Ann DANDO spin. otp by banns at Walcot 11 Jul 1836.

Anna Maria dau. of George & Mary Ann WELCHMAN, Hallatrow, tailor, bapt. at High Littleton 14 May 1837. - Anna Maria WELCHMAN, Farmborough, aged 19 (*sic*), buried at High Littleton 21 Sep 1853.

Henry Dando son of George & Mary Ann WELCHMAN, Hallatrow, tailor, bapt. at High Littleton 24 Jan 1841.

The 1841 Census finds George WELCHMAN, aged 25, tailor, Mary Ann 20, Anna Maria 4 and Henry Dando 5 months, living at Lodge House, Hallatrow, next to Montvale.

Mary Ann WELCHMAN, Hallatrow, aged 26, was buried at High Littleton 13 May 1844.

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A memorial in High Littleton Churchyard, erected by Judith DANDO, records the death of her husband Henry DANDO on 18 Aug 1835 aged 45, daughter Mary Anne WELCHMAN on 7 May 1844, aged 25 and granddaughter Anna Maria WELCHMAN on 17 Sep 1853 aged 16.

George WELCHMAN, full age, widower, tailor, High Littleton, son of Benj'n WELCHMAN, butcher, married Mary WEEKS, full age, spin. Clutton, dau. of William WEEKS, blacksmith, by licence at High Littleton 25 Aug 1845.

The 1851 Census finds George WELCHMAN, aged 40, master tailor, born West Bradley, wife Mary 36, straw bonnet maker, born Chewton Mendip and children Anna M. 13, born High Littleton, William W. 4, born Timsbury and Elizabeth M. 3, born Farmborough, living at Hobbs' Wall, Farmborough. Henry D. WELCHMAN 10, scholar, born High Littleton, was a visitor in the house of Mary PERRY 60, widow, annuitant, born Chewton Mendip, next door.]

The Examination of Henry DANDO, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Coal Miner, touching his Settlement. Taken before us, his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this 19th day of November 1816.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is 23 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as he has heard and believes. Saith, that he has never lived out of the Tithing of Hallatrow in the said Parish of High Littleton and has always worked at the Coal Mines and has gained no Settlement. Saith, that he is the Son of Simon DANDO of Hallatrow, Coal Miner, who is a Parishioner lawfully settled in the Parish of Paulton in the said County. Henry DANDO.

Sworn before us J.C. HIPPISEY, Tho's WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-53.

[Note: Henry was born c.1793 a son of Simon DANDO and his wife Betty SILCOCK.

Henry DANDO bach. otp married Judith GORE spin. otp by banns at St. Nicholas, Bristol 20 Mar 1820.

They did not have any children after their marriage.

Land Tax Assessments from 1828/9 to 1831/2 show Henry DANDO as occupier of a house and garden belonging to Tho's Collier DUDDEN, taxed at 1/4d. Henry's parents previously occupied the house.

Henry DANDO, Hallatrow, aged 44, was buried at High Littleton 21 Aug 1835.

The 1841 Census finds Judith DANDO, servant, aged 50, living in the SCOBELL household at Montvale House, Hallatrow. She and the SCOBELL family were absent from Montvale when the 1851 Census was taken and they may well have all been at Nancealverne, Madron, the SCOBELL's Cornish seat.

The 1861 Census finds Judith DANDO, widow, aged 75, servant, born Burton Gifford, Som't (?*Broughton Gifford, Wilts.*) again living at Montvale with John Ustick SCOBELL and his wife.

Judith probably died in the 1860s but was not buried in High Littleton.]

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Simon DANDO, now residing at Hallatrow in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Coal Miner. Taken this 19th day of November 1816.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is 58 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, As he has heard and believes, that he has always worked at the Coal Mines and never gained himself any Settlement. Saith, that George DANDO, his Father, was a Parishioner lawfully settled in and acknowledged by the Parish of Paulton in the said County, and has [*had*] Parish Relief of that Parish, to the time of his Death about 12 Years ago. Saith, that he has a Wife, by Name Betty, and one Son only now living, named Henry, aged about 23 Years, now living with him, this Examinant, and who has gained no Parish Settlement, to the belief of this Examinant. Simon DANDO.

Sworn before us J.C. HIPPISEY, Tho's WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-54.

[Note: Simon son of Geo. DANDO & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 8 Oct 1758.

The above George was one of the children of George & Sarah DANDO who resided in High Littleton under a Certificate from Paulton dated 6 Mar 1736/7.

Simon DANDO otp married Betty SILCOCKx otp by banns at High Littleton 16 Sep 1787.

Ann dau. of Simon DANDO & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 19 Nov 1788. - Ann DANDO a child buried at High Littleton 20 Mar 1789.

Hannah dau. of Symon DANDO & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 19 Feb 1792. - She appears to have died young.

Henry a son was born c.1793. - He married Judith GORE in 1820.

John son of Simon DANDO & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 7 Nov 1793. - John DANDO an infant buried at High Littleton 17 Nov 1793.

The 1811 Census finds Simon DANDO living in Hallatrow with 2 other males and 1 female in the household.

Land Tax Assessments from 1817/8 to 1827/8 show Simon DANDO as occupier of a cottage and garden belonging to Tho's Collier DUDDEN, taxed at 1/4d. Sam'l DANDO, Simon's uncle, who died in 1817, was the previous occupier.

Simon DANDO, Hallatrow, aged 60, was buried at High Littleton 30 Apr 1819.

The 1825 Survey of Hallatrow records Betty DANDO as occupier of a tenement and garden (67a on the map) in front of Hallatrow Farm, belonging to Thomas Collier DUDDEN.

Betty DANDO, Hallatrow, aged 78, was buried at High Littleton 13 Mar 1836.]

109. **Betty EVANS** had a bastard child by **Isaac TUGWELL** c.1817.

[Note: Jonathan illegitimate son of Isaac TUGWELL & Betty EVANS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 13 Apr 1817.

Neither Betty EVANS nor Isaac TUGWELL can be positively identified and it is surprising that no more details of the affair have been found

Jonathan EVANS married Anna --- and had at least 6 children.

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The 1851 Census finds Jonathan EVANS, aged 33, labourer, born High Littleton, wife Anna 29 and children Mary Ann 10, scholar, Eliza 7, scholar, Joseph 5, scholar, all born Midsomer Norton and Elizabeth, under 1 month, born Paulton, living in Paulton. Anna died and Jonathan married secondly Mary Ann PALMER, a widow.

The 1881 Census finds Jonathan EVANS 63, labourer general, born High Littleton, wife Mary A. 44, born Camerton and children Ellen 18, machinist shoe factory, Charles 15, shoemaker apprentice, Kate 3 and stepchildren Thomas PALMER 16, shoemaker and Mary E. PALMER 14, machinist shoe factory, all born Paulton, living at Withy Mills, Paulton.]

110. Ann VOKES had a bastard child by **James MOORE** in 1817.

[*Printed Form*]

Somerset, (to wit.)

THE Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, made the 22nd Day of July 1817, concerning a Male Bastard Child lately born in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, of the Body of **Ann VOAKES**, Widow.

Whereas it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as upon the Oath of the said Ann VOAKES, that she the said Ann VOAKES on the 28th Day of May last past was delivered of a Male Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, and that the said Male Bastard Child is become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and likely so to continue. And that **James MOORE** of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Cordwainer, did beget, and is the Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND whereas it hath been duly proved before us on Oath, that the said James MOORE hath been duly summoned to appear before us this Day, to the End that we might examine into the Cause and Circumstances of the said Premises, and he appearing accordingly, not having any Thing to say or shewing any just Cause whatsoever to the contrary why he should not be deemed the putative Father of the said Male Bastard Child.

WE therefore, upon Examination and Consideration of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Ann VOAKES as otherwise, do hereby adjudge the said James MOORE to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustenance and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said James MOORE shall, and do, immediately upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of Twelve shillings & sixpence for and towards the Lying-in of the said Ann VOAKES and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

AND we do hereby also further order, that the said James MOORE shall likewise pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of two shillings weekly, and every Week, from the Date of this our Order, as well as for the Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as also for and towards the Keeping, Sustenance, and Maintaining the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

AND we do further order, that the said Ann VOAKES shall also pay or cause to be paid unto the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of one shilling weekly, and every Week, for so long as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, except such Time as she the said Ann VOAKES shall keep, nourish, and maintain the said Bastard Child with the Allowance aforesaid from the said James MOORE.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the Twenty second Day of July in the Year of our Lord 1817. W.B. BARTER, Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-30.

[*Note*: Anne dau. of Isaac STRICKLAND [*sic*] & Hester bapt. at High Littleton 7 Aug 1774.

William VOKES otp married Ann STICKLER [*sic*] otp by banns at High Littleton 12 Jun 1797.

William may have been the son of James VOKES & Grace bapt. at High Littleton 17 Jul 1768.

Valentine son of William VOKES & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 5 Apr 1801.

Paul son of William VOKES & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 31 Jul 1803.

Samuel son of William VOKES & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 3 Feb 1805.

William VOKES was buried at High Littleton 28 Jun 1807.

Hester dau. of Hester (?Ann intended), widow, bapt. at High Littleton 31 Jan 1808.

The 1811 Census finds Ann VOKES living in Hallatrow with 2 males and 2 other females in the household.

Ann VOKES of Hallatrow received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1810 and 1813.

Richard Moore illegitimate son of James MOORE & Ann VOKES, Hallatrow, shoemaker, bapt. at High Littleton 31 Aug 1817.

James MOORE and Ann VOKES married in 1819.

See James MOORE's examination below.]

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County of Somerset.

The Examination of James MOORE, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton, as to his Settlement, Cordwainer. Taken this 3rd day of February 1818.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is about 31 Years old and was born in the Parish of Clutton, as he has heard and believes. Saith, that Richard MOORE, his Father, was lawfully settled at Clutton aforesaid. Saith that he was lawfully bound an Apprentice by Indentures to John MOORE, his Brother in Clutton, for 5 Years and served the said full Term of 5 Years in Clutton aforesaid, that he paid his said Brother John £12 as an Apprentice Fee but he thinks the said Indenture was not inrolled. Saith he has lived out of the said Parish of Clutton for the last 7 Years past but has never hired himself for a year, or rented to the Value of £10, nor done any other Act whatever, whereby to gain himself a lawful Settlement. The Mark of X James MOORE.

Sworn before us Tho's WILLIAMS, Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-63.

[*Note:* Overseers' Accounts record on 31 Jan 1818 a payment to Tho's MILES for a summons for James MOORE to be examined about his settlement.

James MOOREx bach. otp married Ann VOKESx widow otp by banns at High Littleton 14 Jun 1819.

The 1825 Survey of Hallatrow records Jas. MOORE as the occupier of a tenement (64 on the map), belonging to Thomas VOKES, opposite where the Old Station Inn now stands. However the new Poor Rate Assessment for 1825/6 shows James MOORE as owner and occupier rated at 11¼d.

Land Tax Assessments for 1830/1 and 1831/2 show that James MOORE was assessed at 4d. for a house and shop.

In 1832 William son of George BROOKS was apprenticed to James MOORE of Hallatrow as a cordwainer. Of the £20 apprentice fee George BROOKS contributed £8 and the parish paid £12.

Ann MOORE, Hallatrow, aged 63, was buried at High Littleton 1 May 1838.

The Tithe Survey of 1839 records James MOORE as owner and occupier of the same cottage in Hallatrow (446 on the map) as in 1825.

The 1841 Census finds James MOOR, aged 50, cordwainer, living alone in Hallatrow.

James MOOR, Hallatrow, aged 57, was buried at Clutton 15 May 1842.]

### 111. Sarah YOUNG had a bastard child in 1818.

[*Note:* Sarah YOUNG, single woman, was removed from Farmborough to High Littleton by Order dated 13 Feb 1818.

Neither the name of the child nor father have been discovered.

Overseers' Accounts record on 28 May 1818 a payment of 4/- to Sarah YOUNG brought to bed this day with a daughter and 2/6 to a woman for delivering her in the time of the child's birth.

The child died in 1819. Accounts record on 27 Jan 1819 a payment of 4/- to Joseph HART for Sarah YOUNG's child's coffin and 4/- to James CHIVERS for breaking the ground & bell for S.Y.'s child.

Sarah had previously had a bastard child in 1815 and had further bastards in 1821 and 1830.]

### 112. [blank] VATER may have had a bastard child in High Littleton c.1819/20.

[*Note:* The name of the child was Charlotte but neither the child's baptism, mother's name nor father have been discovered.

John WEEKSx, full age, bach., collier, High Littleton, son of George WEEKS, collier, married Charlotte VATERx, full age, spin., High Littleton, dau. of [blank], by banns at High Littleton 20 Jun 1844.

John was baptized at High Littleton 26 Nov 1820, a son of George WEEKS, collier, and his wife Mary DANDO.

James son of John & Charlotte WEEKS, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 4 May 1845.

Anne dau. of John & Charlotte WEEKS, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 12 Sep 1847.

Jonah son of John & Charlotte WEEKS, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 23 Jun 1850.

The 1851 Census finds John WEEKS, aged 30, coal miner, wife Charlotte 31 and children James 6, scholar, Ann 3 and Jonah 11 months, all born High Littleton, living in Hallatrow.

Elizabeth dau. of John & Charlotte WEEKS, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 31 Jul 1853. She had a bastard child James in the Workhouse on 27 Nov 1872, who died on 15 Jan 1873.

Elijah son of John & Charlotte WEEKS, Hallatrow, coal miner, bapt. at High Littleton 27 Apr 1856. - Elijah WEEKS, High Littleton, aged 2, buried at High Littleton 7 Mar 1858.

Alice (*sic*) dau. of John & Charlotte WEEKS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 17 Apr 1859.

The 1861 Census finds John WEEKS, aged 40, coal miner, wife Charlotte 41 and children James 16, coal miner, Ann 13, scholar, Jonah 10, scholar, Elizabeth 7, scholar and Alice 2, all born High Littleton, living in Hallatrow.

Mary Jane dau. of John & Charlotte WEEKS, Hallatrow, miner, bapt. at High Littleton 1 Jul 1863.

The 1871 Census finds John WEEKS, aged 50, coal miner, wife Charlotte 41 and children John 20, coal miner, Alice 8 (*sic*) and Mary Jane 12 (*sic*), all born Hallatrow, still living in Hallatrow.

Charlotte WEEKS, Hallatrow, aged 56, was buried at High Littleton 19 Jun 1876.

John WEEKS married secondly Ann SAVAGE, a 42 year old spinster, in 1877, had a child in 1878 and died in 1885. His widow Ann then married Thomas NORRIS, a widower, in 1888.]

### 113. Judith SIMMONS had a bastard child by Jeremiah CHIVERS in 1820.

[*Printed Form*]

SOMERSET, To wit.

The voluntary Examination of Judith SIMMONS of High Littleton in the said County, single Woman, taken on Oath before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this 13th Day of October in the Year of our Lord 1819.

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THIS Examinant, on her Oath, doth declare that she is with Child, and that the said Child or Children is or are likely to be born a Bastard or Bastards, and to be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton And the said Judith SIMMONS doth charge Jeremiah CHIVERS of Radstock in the sd. County, Coalminer with having gotten the said Child or Children on her Body with which she is now pregnant. The Mark of X Judith SIMMONS. Sworn and subscribed the Day and Year first above written, before me Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-12.

[Note: Judith dau. of James & Eleanor SIMONS (*sic*) bapt. at Radstock 16 Apr 1797.

Judith was examined about her settlement on 4 Oct 1819 and removed from Radstock to High Littleton by Order dated the same day.

Overseers' Accounts record on 13 Oct 1819 1/- paid to Mr W.C. JAMES for her Examination & Oath, as to who is the father of the child or children she is now pregnant with, she having sworn that Jeremiah CHIVERS, coal miner at Radstock is the father, he having absconded and she was brought home by an Order. There follows 2/- paid for a special warrant to apprehend the before said Jeremiah CHIVERS, as soon as he can be found, to indemnify the parish for her lying in. Accounts record on 18 Nov 1/- paid for Judith SIMMONS' lodging till she be brought to bed. 1/- for Judith's lodging was paid to Hannah BRODRIBB each week up to 18 Jan 1820. Accounts record on 4 Jan 1820 10/- paid to Judith SIMMONS in her lying in, delivered of a daughter this day. On 18 Jan 6/- was paid to Judith in her laying in and from 22 Jan 2/- p.w. was paid to Judith SIMMONS' child.

Elizabeth dau. of Judith SIMMONS, Radstock, single woman, bapt. at Radstock 20 Feb 1820.

Judith SIMMONS, Radstock, aged 24, was buried at Radstock 9 Dec 1821.

Vestry Minutes of 27 Mar 1820 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar for Judith SIMMONS' child. This was renewed at the same amount on 27 Mar 1821, 26 Mar 1822, 26 Mar 1823, 25 Mar 1824 and 30 Mar 1825. Accounts up to 1830/1 continued to show relief of 1/6 p.w. to Judith SIMMONS' bastard child.]

114. **Sarah WILKINS** had a bastard child by **David HOOK** in 1820.

[Note: Mary Ann illegitimate dau. of David HOOK & Sarah WILKINS, Hallatrow, bapt. at High Littleton 13 Aug 1820.

Sarah is assumed to be Sarah Greenland WILKINS born 5 Aug 1792, the bastard daughter of Ann WILKINS (later VATER) and Richard GREENLAND.

David HOOK was born 5 Jul 1796, the bastard son of Ann HOOK and James STICKLER.

It was probably the same Sarah who had two more bastard children in 1824 and 1828.

Harriet base born dau. of Sarah WILKINS, Temple Cloud, by Joseph NEWBERY, Axminster, Devon, labourer, bapt. at Cameley 1 Aug 1824.

Maria (born April 1828) base born dau. of Sarah WILKINS, Temple Cloud, by Jonathan ROBSON, bapt. at Cameley 31 Jul 1831.]

115. **Hester DURY** had a bastard child by **Thomas CLEMENT** in 1821.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Hester DRURY [DURY], now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Singlewoman. Taken this 5th day of December 1820.

Who upon her Oath saith, that she is about 21 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of High Littleton, as she has heard and believes; that Joseph DRURY, Coalminer, her Father, was lawfully settled in the said Parish. Saith, that she lived a Year and upwards at Weston near Bath, and paid 1s. per Week for her Lodgings and maintained herself by Washing; that she never gained herself any Settlement, by any means, out of the said parish of High Littleton. Saith, she is now with Child, which is likely to be born a Bastard and to be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. And that Thomas CLEMENT of Farmborow in the said County, Waggoner, did beget the said Child and is the true Father thereof. The Mark of X Hester DRURY.

Sworn before us W.B. BARTER, Tho's WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-77.

[Note: Hester was baptized at High Littleton 23 Feb 1800, a daughter of Joseph DURY and his wife Martha GRAY.

Overseers' Accounts record on 5 Dec 1820 a payment to Tho's MILES at Temple Inn for taking the examination of Hester DURY as touching her settlement and her oath about the father of a child she is now big with, she having sworn to Tho's CLEMENT, labourer of Farmborough, to be the father, and also a special warrant to apprehend him, to indemnify the parish in her lying in. On 6 Dec was a payment to the tithing man for taking and keeping Tho's CLEMENT all night, bringing him to Timsbury and then to Ston Easton. There follows a payment to Tho's MILES for making out Tho's CLEMENT's commitment to Shepton Gaol, he having refused to pay. The tithing man was then paid for taking CLEMENT to Shepton. Accounts record on 16 Mar 1821 the payment of 5/- to Hester DURY in her lying in, she having been delivered of a female bastard child by Tho's CLEMENT of Farmborough about 7 o'clock this morning.

Sarah illegitimate dau. of Thomas CLEMENT & Hester DURY, High Littleton, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 8 Apr 1821.

On 19 Apr were expenses at High Littleton, Farrington Gurney and Timsbury with Tho's CLEMENT and on 8 Jun to ROGERS for taking Tho's CLEMENT to prison. At a Select Vestry held at High Littleton Church on 5 Jun 1821 it was resolved that, in consequence of Hester DURY of this parish having refused to marry Thomas CLEMENT of the parish of Farmborough, the father of her bastard child, that no weekly pay should in future be allowed her until further ordered by the Magistrates, the said CLEMENT having refused to comply with the order made by the Magistrates upon him the 19 Apr 1821. Vestry Minutes of 26 Mar 1823 approved relief of 3/- per fortnight for Hester DRURY's (*sic*) bastard child. This was renewed in minutes of 25 Mar 1824 and continued in minutes of 25 Mar 1825 at 1/6 p.w. Accounts up to 1830/1 continued to show relief of 1/6 p.w. to Hester DURY's bastard child.

It was probably this Sarah who married in Bath in 1842.]

[Printed Form]

Somerset, (to wit.)

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THE Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, made the Nineteenth Day of April 1821, concerning a female Bastard Child lately born in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, of the Body of **Hester DRURY [DURY]**, Singlewoman.

Whereas it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as upon the Oath of the said Hester DRURY, that she the said Hester DRURY on the 16th Day of March last past was delivered of a female Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, and that the said female Bastard Child is become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and likely so to continue. And that **Thomas CLEMENT** of Farmborow in the said County of Somerset, Labourer, did beget, and is the Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND whereas it hath been duly proved before us on Oath, that the said Thomas CLEMENT hath been duly summoned to appear before us this Day, to the End that we might examine into the Cause and Circumstances of the said Premises, and he appearing accordingly, not having any Thing to say or shewing any just Cause whatsoever to the contrary why he should not be deemed the putative Father of the said female Bastard Child.

WE therefore, upon Examination and Consideration of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Hester DRURY as otherwise, do hereby adjudge the said Thomas CLEMENT to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustenance and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said Thomas CLEMENT shall, and do, immediately upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of two Pounds and ten shillings for and towards the Lying-in of the said Hester DRURY and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

AND we do hereby also further order, that the said Thomas CLEMENT shall likewise pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of two shillings weekly, and every Week, from the Date of this our Order, as well as for the Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as also for and towards the Keeping, Sustenance, and Maintaining the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

AND we do further order, that the said Hester DRURY shall also pay or cause to be paid unto the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of one shilling weekly, and every Week, for so long as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, except such Time as she the said Hester DRURY shall keep, nourish, and maintain the said Bastard Child with the Allowance aforesaid from the said Thomas CLEMENT.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the Nineteenth Day of April in the Year of our Lord 1821. W.B. BARTER, Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-33.

[*Note:* Thomas CLEMENT rarely paid his maintenance willingly. Overseers' Accounts record on 11 Feb 1823 the cost of a summons and special warrant for Tho's CLEMENT, on 15 Feb a payment for the commitment of Tho's CLEMEN (*sic*), doubtless for arrears of maintenance, followed on 25 Feb by expenses to Joseph TUCKER for three guards for a night over CLEMENT. On 4 Nov 1823 there was a payment for a summons and special warrant for Tho's CLEMENT and for searching after him. On 10 Feb 1824 was a payment to James ROGERS for serving Tho's CLEMENT with a summons and attending at Temple Inn. Accounts record on 10 Sep 1826 expenses of the Constables for apprehending CLEMENT and guarding him. This resulted in CLEMENT signing the following promissory note.]

I hereby promise to pay to the Parish Officers of High Littleton the sum of one Shilling & Sixpence every Week, for the maintenance of my infant Girl, according to the Order of the Magistrates, & I further promise to pay two Shillings every Week to the Parish Officers of High Littleton until nine Pounds eighteen Shillings are repaid, for money advanced by the Parish of High Littleton for the maintenance of my Child during my absence.

Signed **Thomas CLEMENT**, his X mark, in presence of Thomas DIX, his X mark. High Littleton Vestry Room, 15 September 1826.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-15.

[*Note:* This did not end the matter. Accounts record on 31 May 1830 the cost of a summons for Thomas CLEMENT for bastardy pay and on 14 Jun a special warrant for him. On 26 Jun were expenses for information on Tho's CLEMENTS (*sic*) and his commitment and on 15 Jul to Richard TUCKER for apprehending him. On 31 Dec 1830 were expenses for information and a summons for Tho's CLEMENT (see below).]

[*Printed Form* - Bastards, 18. - c. Printed and Sold by SHAW & Sons, 137, Fetter Lane, London.]  
Somerset to wit.

To Richard TUCKER for this purpose specially named and also to the Constable of Farmborow in the said County, and to all other His Majesty's Officers of the Peace, for the same County.



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**Whereas Information and Complaint** have this Day been made before me, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, by Richard COX, one of the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, that by an Order made the nineteenth Day of April One Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty one under the Hands and Seals of The Reverend W.B. BARTER and Wm. C. JAMES Esquire, two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, (one whereof is of the Quorum,) and both residing near the limits where the Parish Church is situate of the said Parish of High Littleton, **Thomas CLEMENT** of Farmborow in the County of Somerset, Labourer, was adjudged to be the reputed Father of a female Bastard Child then lately born in the said Parish, of the Body of **Hester DRURY**, Single Woman, and that in and by the said Order it was amongst other things Ordered, that the said Thomas CLEMENT should pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Two Shillings Weekly and every Week, from the date of such Order, for and towards the keeping, Sustenance, and Maintenance of such Bastard Child, for and during so long a time as the said Bastard Child should be chargeable to the said Parish. And further, that the said Thomas CLEMENT hath had notice of the said Order, against which no Appeal hath been made and that the said Bastard Child is now living, and the said Parish is liable to the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child: And that default hath been made in the Payment of the said Weekly Sum of Money mentioned in the said Order, whereby there is now due and owing from him the said Thomas CLEMENT to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish under and by Virtue of the said Order on the account aforesaid, the Sum of One Pound and four shillings and that demand of Payment thereof hath been made upon the said Thomas CLEMENT but that he the said Thomas CLEMENT hath neglected to pay the same.

**These** are, therefore, to command you forthwith, upon sight hereof, to summon the said Thomas CLEMENT to appear before me, or such other or others of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the said County of Somerset, as shall be at Temple Inn, in the parish of Cam/e/ley in the same County, on Tuesday the eleventh Day of January instant at the Hour of eleven in the Forenoon of the same Day, to answer to the said Complaint, and to be further dealt with as the law directs; and be you then and there present to shew what you shall have done in the execution hereof.

**Given** under my Hand and Seal the third Day of January One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty one.

G.T. SCOBELL.

Document in High Littleton Vestry August 2000.

116. **Mary JONES** had a bastard child by **James CLARE** in 1821.

[Printed Form]

Somerset, (to wit.)

THE Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, made the twenty eighth Day of August 1821, concerning a male Bastard Child lately born in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, of the Body of **Mary JONES**, Singlewoman. Whereas it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as upon the Oath of the said Mary JONES, that she the said Mary JONES on the 19th Day of July last past was delivered of a male Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, and that the said male Bastard Child is become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and likely so to continue. And that **James CLARE** of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Coalminer, did beget, and is the Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND whereas it hath been duly proved before us on Oath, that the said James CLARE hath been duly summoned to appear before us this Day, to the End that we might examine into the Cause and Circumstances of the said Premises, and he appearing accordingly, not having any Thing to say or shewing any just Cause whatsoever to the contrary why he should not be deemed the putative Father of the said male Bastard Child.

WE therefore, upon Examination and Consideration of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Mary JONES as otherwise, do hereby adjudge the said James CLARE to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustenance and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said James CLARE shall, and do, immediately upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of Two Pounds and ten shillings for and towards the Lying-in of the said Mary JONES and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

AND we do hereby also further order, that the said James CLARE shall likewise pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or

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one of them, the Sum of two shillings weekly, and every Week, from the Date of this our Order, as well as for the Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as also for and towards the Keeping, Sustenance, and Maintaining the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

AND we do further order, that the said Mary JONES shall also pay or cause to be paid unto the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One shilling weekly, and every Week, for so long as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, except such Time as she the said Mary JONES shall keep, nourish, and maintain the said Bastard Child with the Allowance aforesaid from the said James CLARE.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the twenty Eighth Day of August in the Year of our Lord 1821. Tho's WILLIAMS, John Fred'k DOVETON.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-34.

[*Note:* Overseers' Accounts record on 12 Jun 1821 the cost of a summons for Mary JONES.

James illegitimate son of James CLARE & Mary JONES, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 23 Aug 1821.

James CLAREx bach. otp married Mary JONESx spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 16 Sep 1821.

Accounts record on 20 Nov 1821 6/- paid to Mary JONES and for a guard on Jas. CLEARE (*sic*) at Farrington Inn.

James CLARE and his father George were examined about their settlements on 2 Jul 1822, following which James and Mary were removed to Ashwick by Order dated 20 Jul 1822. The order did not include their son James, who, being born a bastard in High Littleton, had a legal settlement in the latter place. Clearly he accompanied his parents to Ashwick, as an Order dated 19 Aug 1822 was made for the removal of James JONES, an infant aged 1, child of Mary CLARE (late JONES) from Ashwick to High Littleton.

James and Mary JONES returned to live in Hallatrow, where they had a daughter.

Naomi dau. of James & Mary CLARE, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 24 Aug 1823.

James died and his widow then had a bastard child in Paulton c.1828, almost certainly by George BATH, whom Mary married at Bristol in 1830 and had several more children.

Vestry minutes of 26 Mar 1823 approved relief of 3/- per fortnight to James CLEARE's child. This was renewed in minutes of 25 Mar 1824 and 30 Mar 1825, at 1/6 p.w. to James's bastard child. Accounts up to 1832/3 show payments of 1/6 p.w. but after 6 weeks into 1833/4 relief to CLARE's bastard child was reduced to 1/- p.w. for the rest of the year. In 1834/5, against relief of 1/- p.w. in the weekly calendar, was written "able to work". The 1841 Census finds James JONES, aged 20, coal miner, living in High Littleton with George and Mary BATH and family.]

117. Sarah YOUNG had a bastard child by **William CLEAVES** in 1821.

*Letter addressed* - To Mr Joseph HARRIS or any Overseer of High Littleton. [with *note on reverse*] Sir, You will have the goodness to satisfy the Messenger. Edw'd PITMAN.

Mr HARRIS, I have sent you the Examination of **Sarah YOUNG** & it is necessary you should wait on Mr BARTER or Mr JAMES to get her discharge or if you will signify to me your wish that it should be done, I will do it without your taking any more trouble. I am Yours etc. J.B. MORGAN, Visiting Magistrate of Shepton Gaol. Shepton, Dec'r 14 1821.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-25.

[*Printed Form*]

Somerset, (to wit.)

THE Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, made the twenty fourth Day of December 1821, concerning a female Bastard Child lately born in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, of the Body of **Sarah YOUNG**, Singlewoman.

Whereas it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as upon the Oath of the said Sarah YOUNG, that she the said Sarah YOUNG on the 29th Day of September last past was delivered of a female Bastard Child within the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, and that the said female Bastard Child is become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and likely so to continue. And that **William CLEEVES** of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Labourer, did beget, and is the Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND whereas it hath been duly proved before us on Oath, that the said William CLEEVES hath been duly summoned to appear before us this Day, to the End that we might examine into the Cause and Circumstances of the said Premises, and he appearing accordingly & not having any Thing to say or shewing any just Cause whatsoever to the contrary why he should not be deemed the putative Father of the said female Bastard Child.

WE therefore, upon Examination and Consideration of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Sarah YOUNG as otherwise, do hereby adjudge the said William CLEEVES to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustenance and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said William CLEEVES shall, and do, immediately

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upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of Ten Shillings for and towards the Lying-in of the said Sarah YOUNG and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

AND we do hereby also further order, that the said William CLEEVES shall likewise pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence weekly, and every Week, from the Date of this our Order, as well as for the Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as also for and towards the Keeping, Sustenance, and Maintaining the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

AND we do further order, that the said Sarah YOUNG shall also pay or cause to be paid unto the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One Shilling weekly, and every Week, for so long as the said Bastard Child shall live and be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, except such Time as she the said Sarah YOUNG shall keep, nourish, and maintain the said Bastard Child with the Allowance aforesaid from the said William CLEEVES.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the twenty fourth Day of December in the Year of our Lord 1821. Tho's WILLIAMS, Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-31 & 32 (2nd copy).

[Note: Sarah YOUNG had previously had bastard children in 1815 and 1818.

Overseers' Accounts record on 20 Nov 1821 a special warrant for Sarah YOUNG and on 4 Dec a warrant for Sarah YOUNG. On 12 Dec was a payment to Mr MILES for Sarah YOUNG's commitment and on the same day the cost of conveying her to Shepton Gaol and cash paid for her admission to prison with the child.

Melinda dau. of Sarah YOUNG, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1821.

Accounts record on 5 Jan 1822 a payment to Robert CARTER for taking Sarah YOUNG to prison.

Sarah seems to have attempted to deceive the High Littleton Overseers into believing she was married by producing a forged marriage certificate. The name of her purported husband sounds very local but it is not known whether he existed or not (See below).

Sarah had another bastard child in 1830.

William CLEAVES was born c.1801 a son of William and Hannah CLEAVES. He married Martha CARTER at High Littleton 17 May 1824 and had 9 children. He was drowned with 10 others in Hayeswood Coalworks, Timsbury in Feb 1845 but his body was not recovered until 9 months later. Reports of the tragedy appeared in The Times of 5 Feb and Felix Farley's Bristol Journal of 8 Feb 1845.]

George SAGE, Private in the 28th Reg't of Foot, Married to **Sarah YOUNG**, in the Parish Church of Stock by Banes [*banns*] (near Gosport) in Hampshire, on the 6th day of June 1817 by me, Wm. BODLEY, Vicar of Stock.

Note, the above is a true Copy [*of the - deleted*] taken by the Certificate produced by Sarah YOUNG, by me, Tho's FLOWER.

[*pinned to the letter below*]

Addressed to - Mr Joseph LANSDOWN, High Littleton, near Old Down, Somerset.

Sir. I have searched the Registers at the Request of our Churchwardens for the Marriage of Geo. SAGE & Sarah YOUNG & it is not to be found; we have never had a Gent'n of the name of BODLEY do Duty at our Church. I am, Sir, Your obed't Serv't, J. GEAR, Parish Clerk. Alverstoke, Dec'r 28 1821.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-26.

118. **Mary DIX** had a bastard child by **Robert WINTER** in 1822.

County of Somerset.

The Voluntary Examination of **Mary DICKS** of the Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County, single Woman, taken before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the sd. County, this third day of November 1821.

Who upon her Oath saith, that she is with Child & that the Child or Children is or are likely to become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County & that **Robert WINTER** of the Parish of Paulton in sd. County, Coalminer, is the lawful Father of the sd. Child or Children. The Mark of X Mary DICKS.

Sworn before me Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/3-9.

[*Printed Form - No. 26. Order of Bastardy. Printed and sold by Richard CRUTTWELL, Bath Chronicle Office, St. James's-Street.*]

County of Somerset.

The Order of Thomas WILLIAMS and William Brudenell BARTER, Clerks, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church within the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, made the twenty third Day of April in the

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third Year of the Reign of his said Majesty King GEORGE the Fourth [1822], concerning a female Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of the Body of **Mary DIX**, Single Woman.

WHEREAS it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, as upon the Oath of the said Mary DIX, that she the said Mary DIX on the Seventeenth Day of March now last past was delivered of a female Bastard Child in High Littleton aforesaid, and that the said Bastard Child is chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and further, that **Robert WINTER** of Paulton in the said County of Somerset, Coalminer, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Mary DIX.

And whereas it hath further appeared unto us the said Justices, that the reasonable Charges and Expenses, incident to the Birth of the said Bastard Child, amount to the Sum of [blank] and that the reasonable Costs of apprehending and securing the said Robert WINTER together with the Costs of the Order of Filiation, amount to the Sum of Ten shillings, the same having been duly ascertained before us the said Justices, on the Oath of John BLINMAN, one of the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid.

And whereas the said Robert WINTER hath appeared before us pursuant to our Summons, but hath shewn no cause why an Order should not be made on him.

We therefore, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Mary DIX, as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said Robert WINTER to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child; and do hereby allow the said Sum of [blank] for the said Charges and Expenses, and the Sum of Ten shillings for the said Costs ascertained as aforesaid, to have been incurred by the said Overseers of the said Parish of High Littleton in respect of the said Bastard Child.

And thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustentation and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said Robert WINTER shall and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay, or cause to be paid, to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the said Sum of Ten shillings for and towards the said Charges, Expenses, and Costs; and the further Sum of Ten Shillings for the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.

And we do hereby further order, that the said Robert WINTER shall likewise pay, or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of two shillings Weekly and every Week, from the present Time, for and towards the Keeping, Sustentation, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

And we do further order, that the said Mary DIX shall also pay, or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of one shilling Weekly and every Week, so long as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton in Case she shall not nurse and take Care of the said Child herself.

Given under our Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above written. W.B. BARTER, T. WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-35.

[Note: Mary dau. of James DIX & Ann (from Hallatrow) bapt. at Farrington Gurney 6 May 1804.

James DIX, Mary's father, was examined about his settlement on 5 Dec 1794, 2 May 1803 and 19 Apr 1814.

Overseers' Accounts record on 21 Nov 1821 the cost of Mary DIX's examination.

Eliza dau. of Ann (sic) DIX, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 21 Apr 1822.

Vestry Minutes of 26 Mar 1823 approved relief of 3/- per fortnight to Mary DIX's bastard child and this was renewed in minutes of 25 Mar 1824. Minutes of 30 Mar 1825 approved the child's relief at 1/6 p.w. Accounts show that the relief finished after 10 weeks into 1826/7. Rob't WINTER was still paying his bastardy money to the parish at that time. Accounts record on 13 Dec 1833 3/6 paid to Rob't WINTER to buy clothes for Eliza DIX for service.

It may well be the same Robert WINTER who married Hannah COMMER at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 11 Sep 1821. The 1851 Census finds Robert WINTER, aged 57, Hannah 53, Elizabeth 12 and Eve 9, living in Midsomer Norton.]

119. **Elizabeth VOWLES** had a bastard child by **Jacob AMOS** in 1824.

Somerset to wit.

The Voluntary Examination of **Elizabeth VOWLES** of High Littleton in the said County, singlewoman, taken on Oath before me, Wm. C. JAMES Esq're, one of his Majesty's justices of the Peace in & for the said County, the sixth day of April 1824.

Who saith, that she is now with child and that the said child is likely to be born a bastard and to be chargeable to the parish of High Littleton in the said County and that **Jacob AMOS** of Paulton in the said County, Laborer, is the father of the said child. The Mark of X Elizabeth VOWLES.

Taken & signed the day and year above written before me Wm. C. JAMES.

Not paid, W.C.J.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/3-1.

[Note: Elizabeth was baptized at Clutton 2 May 1802, the eldest child of William VOWLES and his wife Sarah ATTWOOD.

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William VOWLES of Cloudhill died in 1814 at the age of 38 and from 1815 Sarah received relief for their 4 children, reducing to 2 children in 1816. Vestry Minutes of 18 May 1817 agreed that as soon as widow VOWLES' daughter Elizabeth gets herself a place, she should be properly clothed. Minutes of 15 Jun then agreed that Elizabeth VOWLES should be clothed to enable her to go to farmer Jonas WEEKS' and Overseers' Accounts duly recorded on 20 Jun a payment to her for that purpose. Accounts record on 17 Nov the cost of clothing for Eliza VOWLS, intended for her sister Elizabeth, had she gone to Jonas WEEKS'. On 13 Jan 1818 was the cost of clothes for Elizabeth VOWLS, gone to service to Mr HILL's at Marksbury.

Accounts record on 17 May 1824 a payment to the tithingman for going after Jacob EMOS (*sic*). On 28 Jun was a payment to Elizabeth VOWLES, being confined, and on 26 Jul 4/- for her bastard child.

William illegitimate son of Elizabeth VOWLES, High Littleton, bapt. at Paulton 19 Sep 1824.

Minutes of 30 Mar 1825 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Elizabeth VOWLES' bastard child. Accounts up to 1834/5, when it was noted that the child was 11 years old, show relief continuing at 1/6 p.w. In the 1835/6 Accounts relief was reduced to 1/- p.w.

Elizabeth got herself pregnant again in 1830. Accounts record on 2 Oct 1830 the cost of a summons for VOWLES and on 8 Oct the cost of apprehending Elizabeth VOWLES. This time the man responsible married her. Surprisingly the couple had their banns called 3 times at High Littleton in July 1829 but did not proceed with the wedding. Both were "of the parish" at that time.

James WILLIAMS otp married Elizabeth VOWLES otp by banns at Temple, Bristol 11 Oct 1830.

Sarah dau. of James & Elizabeth WILLIAMS, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 27 Mar 1831.

Ann dau. of James & Elizabeth WILLIAMS, Hallatrow, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Nov 1832.

In 1833 James WILLIAMS left his wife and family, who became chargeable to the parish. After being examined Elizabeth and her children were removed to Farrington Gurney by Order dated 10 Sep 1833.

Although the age is not quite right she may be the Elizabeth WILLIAMS, aged 52, married, born Clutton who was living in Hallatrow as one of William YEATS' lodgers, in the 1851 Census.]

120. **Elizabeth HOLLOWAY** had a bastard child by **Joseph WADHAM** in 1825.

[*Printed Form* - Printed for and sold by F. HARRIS, 52, Corn-Street, Bristol.]

County of Somerset.

THE Voluntary Examination of Elizabeth HOLLOWAY of High Littleton in the said County, Singlewoman, taken on Oath before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the said County this 7th day of October One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Four.

Who saith that she is now with Child, and that the said child is likely to be born a Bastard, and to be chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, and that **Joseph WADHAM** late of Twerton in the said County, Weaver, but now of Alderney New Mills, near Wootten Under Edge, Gloucestershire, is the Father of the said Child. The Mark of X Elizabeth HOLLOWAY.

Taken and Signed the Day and Year above written, before me [*blank*].

[*Note below*] - Edward TOCKWELL is foreman of the Mills at Wootten Under Edge.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/3-2.

[*Printed Form*]

County of Somerset to wit.

THE Order of us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church within the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, made the first Day of March One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty five, concerning a female Bastard Child lately born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of the Body of **Elizabeth HOLLOWAY**, single Woman.

WHEREAS it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, as upon the Oath of the said Elizabeth HOLLOWAY, that about the 14th day of January now last past she was delivered of a female Bastard Child in the Parish aforesaid, in the said County, and that the said Bastard Child is become chargeable to the said Parish, and further that **Joseph WADHAM** of Twerton in the said County, Weaver, did beget the said Bastard Child on her Body. And whereas the said putative Father has been duly summoned to appear before us to shew Cause why he shall not be deemed and considered the reputed Father, but has shewed no sufficient cause to the contrary:

WE therefore, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Elizabeth HOLLOWAY as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said Joseph WADHAM to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child. And thereupon we do order, as well for the better relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustentation and Relief of the said Bastard Child that the said Joseph WADHAM shall and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay or cause to be paid to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or to some or one of them, the Sum of Seven shillings and six pence for and towards the Lying in of the said Elizabeth HOLLOWAY and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child to the Time of making this our Order, and for the Charges and Expences incurred prior to the said Order of Filiation being made, and incident to the obtaining of the said Order, as ascertained on Oath. And we do also hereby further order that the said Joseph WADHAM shall likewise pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One Shilling and Six Pence weekly and every Week from this present Time for &

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towards the Keeping, Sustentation, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

And we do further order that the said Elizabeth HOLLOWAY shall also pay or cause to be paid to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One Shilling weekly and every week so long as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton in Case she shall not nurse and take Care of the said Child herself. Given under our Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above written. Tho's WILLIAMS, W.B. BARTER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-36.

[*Note:* Elizabeth was born c.1807 the daughter of Robert HOLLOWAY and his second wife Dinah GREEN (nee MERCHANT). She was baptized belatedly. Elizabeth dau. of Robert HOLLOWAY & Dinah bapt. at High Littleton 30 Aug 1812.

Elizabeth HOLLOWAY, single woman, was removed from Twerton to High Littleton by Order dated 24 Sep 1824. A letter addressed to Tho's MILES of Ston Easton contained details of her settlement examination.

The name of Elizabeth's bastard daughter has not been discovered.

Overseers' Accounts record on 21 Feb 1825 a payment for the orders of Jos'h WADHAM. Accounts record on 10 Aug 1830 the cost of a special warrant for WADHAM, doubtless for arrears of bastardy money and on 4 Sep were expenses of apprehending WHADAM. On 8 Oct were expenses of going to Twerton to WHADAM and on 25 Dec the cost of information and summons for J. WADAM. WADHAM was still reimbursing the parish for his bastardy pay in March 1833.

Overseers' Accounts for 1829/30 record relief of 1/6 p.w. for the whole year to E. HOLLOWAY's bastard child. This continued at the same amount until 40 weeks into 1832/3.]

121. **Mary Anne JANES** had a bastard child by **James WEAVER** in 1826.

[*Printed Form - No. 26. (Order of Bastardy.)* Printed and sold by Richard CRUTTWELL, Bath Chronicle Office, St. James's-Street.]

Somerset To-wit.

The Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing in or next unto the Limits where the Parish Church is situate of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, made the seventeenth Day of October in the Year of our Lord 1826, concerning a male Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of the Body of **Mary Anne JEANES** of High Littleton aforesaid, single Woman.

WHEREAS it hath been duly made to appear unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, as upon the Oath of Mary Anne JEANES, Single Woman, that she the said Mary Anne JEANES on or about the eighteenth Day of September last was delivered of a male Bastard Child in the said Parish of High Littleton, and that the said Bastard Child is now chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and likely so to continue; and further, that **James WEAVER** of the Parish of Timsbury in the County of Somerset, Labourer, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Mary Anne JEANES.

And whereas the said James WEAVER, now being here present, hath not shewn any sufficient cause why he should not be adjudged to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard child.

We therefore, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Mary Anne JEANES as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said James WEAVER to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child. And thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustentation and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said James WEAVER shall and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay, or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One Shilling and Six Pence Weekly, and every Week, from this present Time, for and towards the Keeping, Sustentation, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. And we do further order, that the said Mary Anne JEANES shall also pay, or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One Shilling Weekly, and every Week, so long as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton in Case she shall not nurse and take Care of the said Child herself. Given under our Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above written. W. WALDEGRAVE, Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-37.

[*Note:* Overseers' Accounts record on 9 Jun 1826 the cost of Mary Ann JEANES' examination and a warrant.

Mary Ann JANES' origins have not been traced, neither has the name of her bastard child been discovered.

Accounts for 1827/8 record the payment of 1/6 p.w. relief in the weekly calendar to JEANES' or JANES' child and this continued at the same amount until 9 Jul 1835, when there was a note "able to work".

Accounts record on 6 Mar 1830 the cost of a summons for WEAVER, presumably for arrears of bastardy pay. However he seems to have paid his money to the parish fairly regularly throughout the period.

James may well be the James Silas WEAVER, bach. who married Harriet SHORT spin. at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol on 28 Sep 1828. The 1851 Census finds James WEAVER, aged 50, labourer, born Marksbury, wife Harriett 46, born Timsbury, children Thomas 16, Caroline 10, John 9 and a visitor Sarah SHORT 72, widow, born Timsbury, living in Littleton Road, Timsbury.]

122. **Betty MINTY** had a bastard child by **Benjamin GULLOCK** in 1826.

County of Somerset.

The Voluntary Examination of **Betty MINTY** of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, single woman, taken upon Oath before me, Wm. C. JAMES Esq're one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the said County, this 11th day of October 1826.

Who declares that she is now with child and that such child is likely to be born a Bastard, and to be chargeable to the said Parish and that **Benjamin GULLOCK** of the Parish of Camerton in the County of Somerset, Laborer, hath gotten her with child, of the said child. The Mark of X Betty MINTY.

Taken & signed the day and year above written before me Wm. C. JAMES.

Not paid.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-17a.

[*Note:* Betty MINTY was removed from Camerton to High Littleton by Order dated 5 Oct 1826.

Sarah dau. of Betsy MINTY, Timsbury, spinster, bapt. at Timsbury 9 Mar 1828.

Overseers' Accounts for 1827/8 record the payment of 1/6 p.w. relief in the weekly calendar to MINTY's child. This continued at the same amount until 1835/6, when it was reduced to 1/3 p.w.

Betty MINTY was sent to Clutton Union Workhouse in 1839, where the Register records that Eliz'th MINTY, Camerton, gave birth to an illegitimate child on 18 Sep 1839, baptized on 23 Oct as George.

The 1841 Census finds Betty MINTY, aged 50, Sarah 13 (*sic*) and George 1, paupers, in Clutton Workhouse.

The Workhouse Admission Register records that Betty MINTY, Camerton, and George her bastard son, discharged themselves on 9 Jun 1841. Sarah discharged herself on 23 Aug 1841 to go to service. On 3 Mar 1842 Betty MINTY, born 1798, Camerton, servant, single, and son George, born 1839, were again admitted to the Workhouse but discharged themselves on 13 Jul, only to return later.

Betty MINTY died in the Workhouse on 24 Feb 1845. Sarah subsequently had 3 bastard children in 1846, 1850 and c.1852/3.

It may well be this Benjamin GULLICK who married Amelia DIX at Camerton on 16 Aug 1824.]

[*Printed Form* - No. 26. (Order of Bastardy.) Printed and sold by Richard CRUTTWELL, Bath Chronicle Office, St. James's-Street.]

Somerset To-wit.

The Order of us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing in or next unto the Limits where the Parish Church is situate of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, made the 16th Day of January in the Year of our Lord 1827, concerning a female Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of the Body of **Betty MINTY**, single Woman.

WHEREAS it hath been duly made to appear unto us the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, as upon the Oath of Betty MINTY, Single Woman, that she the said Betty MINTY on or about the tenth Day of November last was delivered of a female Bastard Child in the said Parish of High Littleton, and that the said Bastard Child is now chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and likely so to continue; and further, that **Benjamin GULLOCK** of the Parish of Camerton in the County of Somerset, Labourer, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Betty MINTY.

And whereas the said Benjamin GULLOCK hath this day appeared before us in pursuance of a Summons for that purpose but hath shewn no cause why he should not be adjudged to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

We therefore, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Betty MINTY as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said Benjamin GULLOCK to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child. And thereupon we do order, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustentation and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said Benjamin GULLOCK shall and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay, or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, or to some or one of them, the Sum of nine shillings and six pence as and for the reasonable Costs of apprehending and securing the said Benjamin GULLOCK and of this our Order of Filiation; all which said Charges, Expenses, Costs, and Maintenance have been duly and respectively ascertained, as well on the Oath of Peter LUDWELL, one of the said Overseers of the Poor, as otherwise, before us the said Justices, and are hereby by us allowed.

And we do also hereby further order, that the said Benjamin GULLOCK shall likewise pay, or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One shilling and sixpence Weekly, and every Week, from this present Time, for and towards the Keeping, Sustentation, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. And we do further order, that the said Betty MINTY shall also pay, or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One shilling

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Weekly, and every Week, so long as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton in Case she shall not nurse and take Care of the said Child herself. Given under our Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above written. Tho's WILLIAMS, Wm. C. JAMES.  
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-38 & 13/3/2-17b (2nd Copy).

123. **Eve WEEKS** had a bastard child in 1828.

[Note: Eve was baptized at High Littleton 17 Jan 1802, a daughter of George WEEKS and his wife Sarah AMESBURY. George Charles son of Eve WEEKS, Timsbury, spinster, bapt. at Timsbury 7 Sep 1828. Eve got pregnant again in 1830.]

124. **Elizabeth SLADE** had a bastard child by **Joseph BUSH** in 1828.

[Printed Form - Bastards, 1. Printed and Sold by SHAW & SONS, 137, Fetter-lane, Fleet-street, London.]  
Somerset to wit.

The Order of Thomas WILLIAMS, Clerk and William Coxeter JAMES, Esquire, Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing near the Limits of the Parish Church, within the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, made the twenty third Day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty eight, concerning a female Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish aforesaid, of the Body of **Elizabeth SLADE**, single Woman.

**Whereas** it hath been duly made appear unto us, the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton, as upon the Oath of the said Elizabeth SLADE, that she was delivered of a female Bastard Child in the said Parish, on the twenty third Day of July last and that the said Bastard Child is now chargeable to the same, and likely so to continue; and further, that **Joseph BUSH** of Farmborough in the said County, Farmer, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Elizabeth SLADE. And whereas the said Joseph BUSH hath been duly summoned to appear before us this day to shew cause why Orders in Bastardy should not be made on him in respect of the said Bastard Child, but hath failed in so doing.

**We**, therefore, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Elizabeth SLADE as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said Joseph BUSH to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

**And** thereupon we do **order**, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustenance and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said Joseph BUSH shall and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay, or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish or to some or one of them, the Sum of Two Shillings Weekly and every Week, from this present Time, for and towards the Keeping, Sustentation, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish. And **further order**, that the said Elizabeth SLADE shall also pay, or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or some or one of them, the Sum of one shilling Weekly and every Week, so long as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the same, in case she shall not nurse and take Care of the Child herself.

And we do also hereby **further order**, that the said Joseph BUSH shall likewise pay, or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, or to some or one of them, the Sum of nine shillings and sixpence for the reasonable Costs of obtaining our Order for the Filiation of the said Bastard Child.

**Given** under our Hands and Seals, the Day and Year first above-written. T. WILLIAMS, Wm. C. JAMES.  
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-39.

[Note: Elizabeth dau. of Stephen SLADE & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 5 Mar 1809.  
Elizabeth Bush dau. of Elizabeth SLADE, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 16 Nov 1828.  
Overseers' Accounts record on 2 Apr 1830 (and other times) the receipt from Joseph BUSH of money for the order.  
Joseph BUSH, widower otp, married Elizabeth SLADE, spin. otp, by banns at Walcot 4 Apr 1832.  
The 1841 Census finds Elizabeth SLADE, aged 12, living in High Littleton with her grandfather Stephen SLADE.  
Young Elizabeth had a bastard child in 1847 and died in 1848.]

125. **Emma MAY** had a bastard child c.1829.

[Note: William son of Emma MAY, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 31 Jan 1830.  
Neither Emma's origins nor the father's name have been discovered.  
William MAY, High Littleton, aged 1, was buried at High Littleton 3 Mar 1830.]

126. **Mary Ann DIX** had a bastard child by **George FIELD** in 1829.

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The Examination of **Mary DIX**, Singlewoman, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, touching the place of her last legal Settlement, taken upon Oath this 14th day of August 1829.

Who upon her Oath saith, that she is about 20 years of age and was born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as she has heard and believes. That her Father and Mother, William DIX and Jane his Wife, are both dead. That, when she was about 13 or 14 years of age, this Examinant hired herself to Mrs John BLINMAN, of Hallatrow in the said Parish of High Littleton, for a twelvemonth, as a Servant in Household Work, at the wages of 40s. p. year, that she served out the twelvemonth, if not more, and received her full wages, that she went away for a little time and came back and made a fresh agreement with Mrs BLINMAN, at the wages of three pounds p. year, but she did not stay about six Months under this hiring. That she has done nothing else to gain a Settlement. That she is now with Child, which is likely to be born a Bastard and to become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, and that George FIELD of the Parish of Chewton Mendip in the said County of Somerset, Laborer, did get [*her*] with Child of the said Bastard Child. Mary DIX, her X.

Sworn before me, at Midsomer Norton in the said County, Tho's SAVAGE, One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Somerset.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-80a.

[*Printed Form - J. WASON, Typ. Shepton-Mallet.*]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET. (TO WIT.)

The Order of William Coxeter JAMES and John PARISH, Esquires, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church, within the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, made the Twenty second Day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty nine, concerning a male Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish aforesaid, of the Body of **Mary Ann DIX**, single Woman.

WHEREAS it hath been duly made to appear unto us, the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, as upon the Oath of the said Mary Ann DIX, that she was delivered of a Male Bastard Child, in the said Parish of High Littleton, on or about the Sixth Day of November now last past, and that the said Bastard Child is now chargeable to such Parish, and likely so to continue; and further, that **George FIELD** of Chewton Mendip in the County of Somerset, Labourer, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Mary Ann DIX, and whereas the said George FIELD is now before us, but is unable to shew any sufficient cause why he should not be adjudged to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

WE, therefore, upon the examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Mary Ann DIX as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said George FIELD to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND thereupon we do ORDER, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for Sustenance and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said George FIELD shall and do pay, or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or some or one of them, the Sum of one shilling and sixpence Weekly and every Week, from this present Time, for and towards the Keeping, Sustenance, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to such Parish, And We do hereby FURTHER ORDER, that the said Mary Ann DIX shall also pay, or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or some or one of them, the Sum of one shilling Weekly and every Week, for so long Time as the Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the same, in case she shall not nurse and take Care of the Child herself.

And we do also hereby FURTHER ORDER, that the said George FIELD upon Notice of this our Order shall likewise pay, or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One pound thirteen shillings and sixpence being the Money expended in the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child to the time of making this our Order, the reasonable charges and expences, incident to the Birth of the said Bastard Child; the reasonable Costs of apprehending and securing the said George FIELD and the reasonable Costs of obtaining this our Order of filiation - the said several Charges, Expences and Costs, having been duly and respectively ascertained on Oath before us, in pursuance of the Statute in such case made and provided.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the Day and Year first above-written. Wm. C. JAMES, Jno. PARISH.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-40.

[*Note: Marianne dau. of William & Jane DIX bapt. at High Littleton 8 Jan 1809.*]

Overseers' Accounts record on 12 May 1821 the cost of clothes for Mary Ann DIX on her going to service at farmer BLINMAN's.

Accounts record on 14 Aug 1829 a payment to Wm. WILLIAMS for a summons and examination of Mary DIX. Accounts record on 4 Jan 1830 a payment to Mary DIX for her lying in and the orders. Accounts for 1830/1 record the payment of 2/6 p.w. relief in the weekly calendar to DIX's bastard child. This continued through 1831/2 until 1832/3, when 4/- was paid for 6 weeks and 1/6 for 46 weeks. Relief continued at 1/6 p.w. until 1835/6, when it increased to 2/- p.w.

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On 6 Mar 1830 was the cost of a summons for FIELD and again on 11 May. Geo. FIELD made periodic payments to the parish for his bastard child.]

127. **Ann STICKLER** had a bastard child by **Joseph GULLICK** in 1829.

*Printed Form - J. WASON, Typ. Shepton-Mallet.]*

COUNTY OF SOMERSET. (TO WIT.)

The Order of William Coxeter JAMES Esquire and Henry Hodges MOGG, Clerk, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church, within the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, made the Ninth Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty, concerning a female Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish aforesaid, of the Body of **Ann STICKLER**, single Woman.

WHEREAS it hath been duly made to appear unto us, the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, as upon the Oath of the said Ann STICKLER, that she was delivered of a female Bastard Child, in the said Parish of High Littleton, on or about the twentieth Day of November now last past, and that the said Bastard Child is now chargeable to such Parish, and likely so to continue; and further, that **Joseph GULLICK** of Farmborough in the County of Somerset, Coal Miner, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Ann STICKLER, and whereas the said Joseph GULLICK is now before us, but hath not shewn sufficient cause why Orders of Filiation should not be made on him in respect of the said Bastard Child.

WE, therefore, upon the examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Ann STICKLER as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said Joseph GULLICK to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND thereupon we do ORDER, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for Sustenance and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said Joseph GULLICK shall and do pay, or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or some or one of them, the Sum of One shilling and Six Pence Weekly and every Week, from this present Time, for and towards the Keeping, Sustenance, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to such Parish, And We do hereby FURTHER ORDER, that the said Ann STICKLER shall also pay, or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or some or one of them, the Sum of one shilling Weekly and every Week, for so long Time as the Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the same, in case she shall not nurse and take Care of the Child herself.

And we do also hereby FURTHER ORDER, that the said Joseph GULLICK upon Notice of this our Order shall likewise pay, or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Seven Shillings and sixpence being the Money expended in the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child to the time of making this our Order, the reasonable charges and expences, incident to the Birth of the said Bastard Child; the reasonable Costs of apprehending and securing the said Joseph GULLICK and the reasonable Costs of obtaining this our Order of filiation - the said several Charges, Expences and Costs, having been duly and respectively ascertained on Oath before us, in pursuance of the Statute in such case made and provided.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the Day and Year first above-written. Wm. C. JAMES, H.H. MOGG.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-41, 41a & 41b (3 Copies altogether).

[Note: Ann was baptized at High Littleton 21 Sep 1806, daughter of John STICKLER and his wife Sarah GREGORY.

Rosanna dau. of Ann STICKLER, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 3 Jan 1830.

Joseph was baptized at High Littleton on 16 Nov 1806, the son of William GULLICK and his wife Martha PERRY.

Joseph and Ann subsequently married and Rosanna took her father's surname.

Joseph GULLOCKx otp married Anne STICKLERx otp by banns at High Littleton 9 Jun 1830.

The 1851 Census finds James (*sic*) GULLICK, aged 44, coal miner, born Farmborough, wife Ann 45, born High Littleton and grandson Frederick MAGGS 4, born High Littleton, living in New Road, Farmborough. The 1881 Census finds Joseph GULLICK, aged 74, coal miner and wife Ann 76, living in Farmborough.

Ann GULLICK was believed to have died or been buried 2 Jul 1882, aged 71.

Joseph GULLICK, Ratcombe, High Littleton, aged 93, was buried at High Littleton 30 Jan 1897.

Rosanna GULLICK married John MAGGS c.1846. John was baptized at High Littleton 8 Sep 1822, son of James MAGGS and his wife Martha GAGE.

George Frederick son of John & Rosanna MAGGS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1846.

The 1851 Census finds John MAGGS, aged 28, coal miner, born Farmborough and wife Rosanna 21, stay stitcher, born High Littleton, living in New Road, Farmborough. The 1881 Census finds John MAGGS, aged 55, coal miner and wife Rosanna 49, both born High Littleton, living in High Littleton. In 1891 John MAGGS, aged 66, coal miner, wife Rose 61 and Joseph GULLICK 83, wife's father, widower, coal miner, all born High Littleton, were living at Rotcombe.

Rose MAGGS, Ratcombe, High Littleton, aged 63, was buried at High Littleton 26 Jun 1899.]

128. **Jane WEEKS** had a bastard child by **Richard CARTER** in 1830.

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County of Somerset.

The Examination of Jane WEEKS, Singlewoman, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, touching the place of her last legal Settlement, taken upon Oath this 27th day of November 1829.

Who upon her Oath saith, that she is about 23 years of age and was born at Hallatrow in the said Parish of High Littleton, as she has been informed and verily believes. That her Father and Mother, George WEEKS and Sarah his Wife, were and her Father now is, settled in High Littleton Parish by Estate. That she has lived at different places of Service, but never hired herself for a year, or served a year, at any one of them. That she is now with Child, which is likely to be born a Bastard, and to become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, and that Richard CARTER of the Parish of Saint Thomas, Pensford in the County of Somerset, Baker, did get her with Child of the said Bastard Child. The Mark of X Jane WEEKS.

Taken and Sworn before us, the day and year first above written, Tho's WILLIAMS, H.H. MOGG.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-81.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of George WOOKEY of Saint Thomas, Pensford in the County of Somerset, Farmer, touching the place of the last legal Settlement of **Jane WEEKS**, Singlewoman, taken upon Oath this 27th day of November 1829.

Who upon his Oath Saith, That a few days before September Bristol Fair in 1828, Jane WEEKS came to my House at Saint Thomas, Pensford aforesaid and hired herself as a Servant till Lady Day following, at the Wages of Five Pounds per year. She came into my Service on the 27th day of August 1828, and her Wages were to commence from the first day of September 1828. No fresh Agreement was made with her at Lady Day 1829, but she continued in my Service until the 11th July 1829, when she left, and received her Wages up to that period. She did not bargain with me, or my Wife, for a year, nor did she receive Five Pounds for Wages altogether. George WOOKEY.

Taken and Sworn before us, the day and year first above written, Tho's WILLIAMS, H.H. MOGG.

[Printed Form - J. WASON, Typ, High Street, Shepton-Mallet.]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET. (TO WIT.)

To the Constables of the Hundred of Keynsham in the said County of Somerset, and to the Tythingmen of the Parish of Saint Thomas, Pensford, in the said Hundred and County, and to each and every of them to execute and obey.

**Whereas Jane WEEKS** of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Single-Woman hath, in her voluntary examination taken in writing upon Oath, before us Thomas WILLIAMS, Clerk and Henry Hodges MOGG, Clerk, two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this day declared herself to be with Child, and that such Child is likely to be born a Bastard, and to be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and hath in the same examination charged **Richard CARTER** of Saint Thomas, Pensford, in the County of Somerset, Baker, with having gotten her with Child, of the said Child.

AND WHEREAS John BLINMAN, one of the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, in order to indemnify such Parish in the Premises hath applied to us to issue our warrant for the apprehending of the said Richard CARTER. We do therefore hereby command you immediately to apprehend the said Richard CARTER and to bring him before us, or one of us or any other of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset. To the intent that he may be committed to the common Gaol or House of Correction of the same County, unless he shall give security to indemnify the said Parish of High Littleton or shall enter into a recognizance with sufficient surety or sureties upon condition to appear at the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County of Somerset, to abide and perform such Order or Orders as shall then be made in pursuance of an Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth, concerning Bastards begotten and Born out of lawful Matrimony, unless one such Justice as aforesaid shall have certified in writing, under his hand to such General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, that it hath been proved before him upon the Oath of one credible witness that the said Jane WEEKS hath not been delivered; or that she had been delivered within one month only previous to the day on which such General Quarter Sessions of the Peace shall be holden: or unless two Justices of the Peace of the said County of Somerset shall have certified in writing under their hands to the next, or in case the said Jane WEEKS shall not have been delivered as aforesaid, then to the immediately subsequent General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, that an Order of filiation had been already made on the said Richard CARTER or that such Order was not then requisite to be made on account of the death of the Bastard Child, or for other like sufficient reason pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided. GIVEN under our hands and seals the twenty seventh day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty nine. T. WILLIAMS, H.H. MOGG.

Document in High Littleton Vestry Aug 2000.

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[*Note:* Jane was baptized at High Littleton 26 Jan 1806, daughter of George WEEKS and his first wife Sarah AMESBURY. Jane's mother died 5 months later.

Overseers' Accounts record on 29 Nov 1829 the cost of a warrant and serving farmer WOOKEY on account of Jane WEEKS. On 17 Dec 1829 was a payment to Mr WILLIAMS for the examination of Jane WEEKS and 2 warrants. On 6 Mar 1830 was the cost of a summons for CARTER and on 2 Apr Richard CARTER paid the parish £2 for Jane WEEKS' expenses and lying in. On 18 May was a payment to Richard TUCKER for a summons for Rd. CARTER and serving.

Jane's child was baptized twice, perhaps because she preferred the name Jane to Sarah: Sarah dau. of Jane WEEKS, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 3 Mar 1830. Sarah Jane (born 7 Feb 1830) illegitimate dau. of Jane WEEKS, Littleton, bapt. at Clutton 26 Mar 1837.

Accounts for 1830/1 record relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar for Jane WEEKS' bastard child. This continued at the same amount until at least 1835/6.

No Bastardy Order against Richard CARTER has been found although it seems very likely that one was made. For 8 years he irregularly paid his bastardy pay and was periodically summoned for arrears. Accounts record on 5 Nov 1831 the cost of a summons for CARTER at Pensford and again on 1 Dec 1832. On 25 Dec 1836 were costs of 2 warrants for Richard CARTER and Constable's expenses. This produced a substantial payment against Richard's arrears of bastardy pay. Richard CARTER was still paying in Apr 1838.

Jane WEEKS had further bastard children in 1833 and 1836. She died in 1846.

Sarah Jane, the bastard child, was sent to Clutton Union Workhouse, where the 1841 Census lists Jane WEEKS, aged 10, as an inmate. She was still there 4 years later when the Workhouse Master's Report Journal records on 14 May 1844 that Jane WEEKS of High Littleton is gone to service and is in want of the following clothes: 2 frocks (1 ordered), 2 pairs stockings, 2 flannel pettycoats (1 ordered), 1 skirt, 1 pair shoes, 1 bonnet, 1 handkerchief and 1 pinafore. Obviously Jane's employment did not last long, for on 16 Jul 1844 it was reported that Louisa VOKES needed clothes to go to service and it was ordered that she should have Jane WEEKS' clothes. On 8 Aug 1845 it was reported that Jane WEEKS of High Littleton is gone to service to Mr HIGGINS at Chelwood and will want clothes; her wages are 6d. the first month and 8d. thereafter - ordered 1 pair shoes, 1 pair stays, 1 bonnet, 2 gowns, skirt, 2 flannel petticoats, 2 pair stockings, 2 shifts, 2 aprons, 2 shifts and 1 pair pattens.]

129. Mary Ann SIMMONS had a bastard child by **George DEW** in 1830.

[*Printed Form* - J. WASON, Typ, High Street, Shepton-Mallet.]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET. (TO WIT.)

To the Constables of the Hundred of Whitstone in the said County of Somerset, and to the Tythingmen of the Parish of Shepton-Mallet in the said Hundred and County, and to each and every of them to execute and obey.

**Whereas** Mary SIMMONS, Widow, of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, hath, in her voluntary examination taken in writing upon Oath, before us Thomas WILLIAMS, Clerk and Henry Hodges MOGG, Clerk, two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this day declared herself to be with Child, and that such Child is likely to be born a Bastard, and to be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and hath in the same examination charged **George DEW** of Cowle Street in the said Parish of Shepton Mallet in the County of Somerset, Lace Maker, with having gotten her with Child, of the said Child.

AND WHEREAS John BLINMAN, one of the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, in order to indemnify such Parish in the Premises hath applied to us to issue our warrant for the apprehending of the said George DEW. We do therefore hereby command you immediately to apprehend the said George DEW and to bring him before us, or one of us or any other of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset. To the intent that he may be committed to the common Gaol or House of Correction of the same County, unless he shall give security to indemnify the said Parish of High Littleton or shall enter into a recognizance with sufficient surety or sureties upon condition to appear at the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County of Somerset, to abide and perform such Order or Orders as shall then be made in pursuance of an Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth, concerning Bastards begotten and Born out of lawful Matrimony, unless one such Justice as aforesaid shall have certified in writing, under his hand to such General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, that it hath been proved before him upon the Oath of one credible witness that the said Mary SIMMONS hath not been delivered; or that she had been delivered within one month only previous to the day on which such General Quarter Sessions of the Peace shall be holden: or unless two Justices of the Peace of the said County of Somerset shall have certified in writing under their hands to the next, or in case the said Mary SIMMONS shall not have been delivered as aforesaid, then to the immediately subsequent General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, that an Order of filiation has been already made on the said George DEW or that such Order was not then requisite to be made on account of the death of the Bastard Child, or for other like sufficient reason pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided. GIVEN under our hands and seals the twenty seventh day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty nine. T. WILLIAMS, H.H. MOGG.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-42a.

[*Printed Form* - J. WASON, Typ, Shepton-Mallet.]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET. (TO WIT.)

The Order of Thomas WILLIAMS, Clerk and William Coxeter JAMES Esquire, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church, within the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, made the thirtieth Day of March in the

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Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty, concerning a male Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish aforesaid, of the Body of **Mary SIMMONS**, Widow.

WHEREAS it hath been duly made to appear unto us, the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, as upon the Oath of the said Mary SIMMONS, that she was delivered of a male Bastard Child, in the said Parish of High Littleton, on or about the twenty fifth Day of February now last past, and that the said Bastard Child is now chargeable to such Parish, and likely so to continue; and further, that **George DEW** of Shepton Mallett in the County of Somerset, Lace maker, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Mary SIMMONS, and whereas the said George DEW is now before us, but hath not shewn any sufficient cause why he should not be adjudged to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

WE, therefore, upon the examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Mary SIMMONS as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said George DEW to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND thereupon we do ORDER, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for Sustenance and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said George DEW shall and do pay, or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or some or one of them, the Sum of one shilling and Six Pence Weekly and every Week, from this present Time, for and towards the Keeping, Sustenance, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to such Parish, And We do hereby FURTHER ORDER, that the said Mary SIMMONS shall also pay, or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or some or one of them, the Sum of One shilling Weekly and every Week, for so long Time as the Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the same, in case she shall not nurse and take Care of the Child herself.

And we do also hereby FURTHER ORDER, that the said George DEW upon Notice of this our Order shall likewise pay, or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One Pound, seventeen shillings and sixpence being the Money expended in the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child to the time of making this our Order, the reasonable charges and expences, incident to the Birth of the said Bastard Child; the reasonable Costs of apprehending and securing the said George DEW and the reasonable Costs of obtaining this our Order of filiation - the said several Charges, Expences and Costs, having been duly and respectively ascertained on Oath before us, in pursuance of the Statute in such case made and provided.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the Day and Year first above-written. T. WILLIAMS, Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-42.

[Note: Mary Ann was born at Shepton Mallet c.1804 daughter of James & Elizabeth TRIPPICK.

Jacob SIMMONDS married Mary TRIPICK (*sic*) by banns at Midsomer Norton 25 Apr 1822. They had 3 children (of whom 2 died young) at Clandown and Welton, before Jacob died at Welton in 1825. He was examined on 5 May 1825, when it was clear that his settlement was in High Littleton.

Having got pregnant in 1829 Mary SIMONS (*sic*), widow, and son William were removed from Shepton Mallet to High Littleton by Order dated 18 Nov 1829. The name of her bastard boy born in 1830 has not been discovered.

Overseers' Accounts record on 25 Mar 1830 a payment to Mary SYMMONS towards her lying in and on 26 Mar the cost of an order upon George DEW. Accounts for 1830/1 record relief of 3/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to widow SYMMONS' children (which presumably covered her legitimate son William and her bastard child). This continued into 1832/3 when relief of 3/- was paid for 6 weeks only and 1/6 for the remaining 46 weeks, the amount Mary had been getting since 1826 for William.

Accounts record on 15 Jul 1830 the cost of serving Geo. DEW with a summons, on 2 Oct the cost of another summons and on 8 Oct serving G. DEW with a summons, presumably for arrears of maintenance. On 24 Jan 1832 was a payment to the Constable of Shepton Mallet for apprehending G. DEW and bringing him up and on 8 Feb a payment to W. WILLIAMS for DEW's mittimus. On the same day the parish received Geo. DEW's bastard pay. Against the receipt of Geo. DEW's bastard pay on 25 Mar 1833 was a note "child dead".

Mary Ann returned to Shepton Mallet and had two more bastard children in 1840 and 1842.]

### 130. **Sarah YOUNG** had a bastard child c.1830.

[Note: Sarah YOUNG had previous bastard children in 1815, 1818 and 1821.

Aaron son of Sarah YOUNG, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 28 Mar 1830. The father's name has not been discovered.

Aaron YOUNG married c.1850/1 Constantia MAGGS.

Constantia dau. of Thomas & Susanna MAGGS, High Littleton, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 29 Dec 1828.

Sarah dau. of Aaron & Constance YOUNG, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 11 May 1815. She married Arthur FLOWER.

The 1851 Census finds Aaron YOUNG, aged 21, coal miner, wife Constant 22 and daughter Sarah, under 1 month, living in High Littleton.

John a son was born at High Littleton c.1853/4. He married Ruth ---.

William son of Aaron & Constance YOUNG, High Littleton, coal miner, bapt. at High Littleton 3 Aug 1856.

George son of Aaron & Constance YOUNG, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 2 Apr 1858.

Aaron son of Aaron & Constance YOUNG, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Nov 1860. - Aaron YOUNG, High Littleton, aged 13 months, buried at High Littleton 27 Oct 1861.

The 1861 Census finds Aaron YOUNG, aged 32, coal miner, wife Constance 32 and children Sarah 10, scholar, John 7, scholar, William 4, scholar, George 3, scholar and Aaron 7 months, all born High Littleton, living at Mearns. The family subsequently moved to Wales.

Frederick another son was born at Trevethin c.1866/7.

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The 1881 Census finds Aaron YOUNG 52, coal miner, wife Constant 50, and sons William 24, coal miner, George 22, coal miner, all born High Littleton, Frederick 14, coal miner, born Trevethin, living at Llanhilleth, Mon. Two more of their married children, Sarah FLOWER and John YOUNG and families, lived nearby.]

131. **Catharine PURNELL** had a bastard child by **William HILL** in 1830.

[*Printed Form* - J. WASON, Typ. Shepton-Mallet.]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET. (TO WIT.)

The Order of Thomas WILLIAMS, Clerk and George Treweeke SCOBELL, Esquire, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church, within the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, made the Eighth Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty, concerning a male Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish aforesaid, of the Body of **Catharine PURNELL**, single Woman.

WHEREAS it hath been duly made to appear unto us, the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, as upon the Oath of the said Catharine PURNELL, that she was delivered of a Male Bastard Child, in the said Parish of High Littleton, on or about the Second Day of May now last past, and that the said Bastard Child is now chargeable to such Parish, and likely so to continue; and further, that **William HILL** of Langport in the County of Somerset, Waggoner, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Catharine PURNELL, and whereas the said William HILL hath been duly summoned to appear before us this day to shew cause why he should not be adjudged to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child, but he hath neglected to appear to such Summons.

WE, therefore, upon the examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Catharine PURNELL as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said William HILL to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND thereupon we do ORDER, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for Sustenance and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said William HILL shall and do pay, or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or some or one of them, the Sum of One Shilling and Six Pence Weekly and every Week, from this present Time, for and towards the Keeping, Sustenance, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to such Parish, And We do hereby FURTHER ORDER, that the said Catharine PURNELL shall also pay, or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or some or one of them, the Sum of One shilling Weekly and every Week, for so long Time as the Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the same, in case she shall not nurse and take Care of the Child herself.

And we do also hereby FURTHER ORDER, that the said William HILL upon Notice of this our Order shall likewise pay, or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of One Pound, four shillings and sixpence being the Money expended in the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child to the time of making this our Order, the reasonable charges and expences, incident to the Birth of the said Bastard Child; the reasonable Costs of apprehending and securing the said William HILL and the reasonable Costs of obtaining this our Order of filiation - the said several Charges, Expences and Costs, having been duly and respectively ascertained on Oath before us, in pursuance of the Statute in such case made and provided.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the Day and Year first above-written. T. WILLIAMS, G.T. SCOBELL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-43.

[*Note:* Catherine (Christian) PURNELL was born Catherine PLENTY. Before she was married she had 2 bastard children by Richard YORK of Chewton Mendip. She subsequently lived as a servant with Mark PURNELL of Hallatrow Down Farm and became pregnant by him, as a result of which they went to Bristol to marry. Catherine was less than half Mark's age.

Mark PURNELL otp married Christianna PLENTY otp by banns at Temple, Bristol 30 Nov 1824. They had 3 children in quick succession before Mark died in Jun 1828, aged 54.

Catherine and children received relief from High Littleton from Mar 1829 onwards. She got pregnant at the end of 1829, was examined and then removed from Farrington Gurney to High Littleton by Order dated 5 Jan 1830.

Overseers' Accounts record on 12 Feb 1830 a payment to Mr WILLIAMS for information and a summons for William HILL (Langport). On 31 May was the cost of a summons for W. HILL, and Rich. TUCKER's expenses to Langport to serve William HILL with a summons for the expenses and confinement of Mark PURNELL's wife. On 14 Jun was the cost of an order on Will'm HILL.

Thomas illegitimate son of Christian PURNELL, Paulton, bapt. at Paulton 8 Aug 1830.

Accounts record on 2 Oct another summons for W. HILL and on 1 Jan 1831 expenses to Langport concerning William HILL.

Accounts for 1831/2 record relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Cath. PURNELL's bastard child. This ended in 1832/3, when there was a note that the child died in Oct. Catherine's also lost 2 of her legitimate children, who died in Oct 1832 in the cholera outbreak in Paulton, which claimed over 70 lives.

John HARES bach. otp married Christian PURNELL wid. otp by banns at Paulton 13 Jun 1833.

John was several years younger than Catherine/Christian. They lived in Paulton and had 3 children.]

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An A/c of Money Rec'd from the Parish of High Littleton by Catherine PURNELL, Widdow of the late Mark PURNELL  
*[part of the Account which relates to the bastard child]*

<u>Rec'd for Child (W. HILL's, Langport).</u>			£. s. d.
1830 May	2	Gave Mrs PURNELL in labour	3. 0
	4	do.	2. 0
	6	do.	2. 6
	7	do.	12. 6
	20	do.	5. 0
Jun	4	do.	5. 0
		To 41 Weeks pay for (HILL's) Child at 1/6	3. 1. 6
1832 Mar	25th	To 52 do. 1/6	3.18. 0
Oct	5th	To 26 1/6	<u>1.19. 0</u>
			<u>10. 8. 6</u>

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-37j.

132. **Hester VATER** had a bastard child by **Joseph GOVERD** in 1830.

*[Printed Form - J. WASON, Typ, High Street, Shepton-Mallet.]*

COUNTY OF SOMERSET. (TO WIT.)

To the Constables of the Hundred of Chew in the said County of Somerset, and to the Tythingmen of the Parish of Clutton in the said Hundred and County, and to each and every of them to execute and obey.

**Whereas Hester VATER** of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Single-Woman hath, in her voluntary examination taken in writing upon Oath, before me George Treweeke SCOBELL, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this day declared herself to be with Child, and that such Child is likely to be born a Bastard, and to be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and hath in the same examination charged Joseph GOVERD of Clutton in the County of Somerset, Coal Miner, with having gotten her with Child, of the said Child.

AND WHEREAS Richard COX, one of the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, in order to indemnify such Parish in the Premises hath applied to me to issue my warrant for the apprehending of the said Joseph GOVERD, I do therefore hereby command you immediately to apprehend the said Joseph GOVERD and to bring him before me or any other of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset. To the intent that he may be committed to the common Gaol or House of Correction of the same County, unless he shall give security to indemnify the said Parish of High Littleton or shall enter into a recognizance with sufficient surety or sureties upon condition to appear at the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County of Somerset, to abide and perform such Order or Orders as shall then be made in pursuance of an Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth, concerning Bastards begotten and Born out of lawful Matrimony, unless one such Justice as aforesaid shall have certified in writing, under his hand to such General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, that it hath been proved before him upon the Oath of one credible witness that the said Hester VATER hath not been delivered; or that she had been delivered within one month only previous to the day on which such General Quarter Sessions of the Peace shall be holden: or unless two Justices of the Peace of the said County of Somerset shall have certified in writing under their hands to the next, or in case the said Hester VATER shall not have been delivered as aforesaid, then to the immediate subsequent General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, that an Order of filiation had been already made on the said Joseph GOVERD or that such Order was not then requisite to be made on account of the death of the Bastard Child, or for other like sufficient reason pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided. GIVEN under my hand and seal the twenty seventh day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty. G.T. SCOBELL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-3.

*[Reverse]* -Warrant for Jos'h GOVERD £1.10. 0.

*[Note:* Esther dau. of John VATER & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 12 Mar 1809.

Overseers' Accounts record on 4 Sep 1830 the cost of information and a summons for Hester VATER. On 19 Nov was a payment to Hester VATER for her lying in, which was reimbursed to the parish by Joseph GOVERD.

Hester VATER, High Littleton, aged 21, was buried at High Littleton 5 Dec 1830. Accounts for 1830/1 record a payment to Jno. VATER for his daughter's funeral. No relief was paid for a bastard child and it seems probable that Hester died giving birth to a stillborn child.]

133. **Eve WEEKS** had a bastard child in 1830.

*[Note:* Eve WEEKS had previously had a bastard child in Timsbury in 1828.

Overseers' Accounts record on 20 Sep 1830 the cost of a special warrant for Eve WEEKS and on 24 Sep an order of bastardy on Eve WEEKS. On 8 Oct were expenses of apprehending Eve WEEKS and taking her to Temple Inn, followed by expenses for taking Eve WEEKS to Stanton Prior. She was removed from High Littleton to Stanton Prior by Order dated 28 Sep 1830.

Neither the child's baptism nor the name of the father have been found.]

134. **Harriet HUMPHREYS** had a bastard child in 1831.

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[*Note:* Harriet was born c.1806/7 a daughter of William HUMPHREYS and his wife Martha FLOWER. She was removed with her parents from Norton St. Philip to High Littleton by Order dated 10 Jan 1820.

Overseers' Accounts record on 13 Apr 1831 a payment to Harriet HUMPHRYS towards her lying in.

Henry Hippisley son of Harriet HUMPHRYS, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 7 Oct 1832. Neither a Bastardy Order nor the father's name hve been located.

Accounts for 1831/2 record payments to Harriet HUMPHRYS' child and in 1832/3 1/3 p.w. was paid in the weekly calendar to HUMPHREYS' bastard child. This continued at the same amount hrough 1833/4 and stopped after 44 weeks of 1834/5.]

### 135. **Martha FOX** had a bastard child in 1831/2.

[*Note:* Martha was baptized at High Littleton on 25 Dec 1812, a daughter of Richard FOX and his wife Sarah WEEKS.

Betsey dau. of Martha FOX, Hallatrow, bapt. at High Littleton 10 Jan 1832.

No evidence of a bastardy order has been found and the father's name has not been discovered.

It was probably this Betsey FOX, aged 19, servant, cook, born Cameley, who was living in the household of Findlater CRANG in Hallatrow at the time of the 1851 Census.]

### 136. **Sarah GRAY** had a bastard child in 1832.

[*Note:* Sarah dau. of Joseph GRAY & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 24 Feb 1805.

Sarah GRAY single woman, pregnant with child was removed from High Littleton to Twerton by Order dated 25 Sep 1832.

Sarah's bastard child was called Mary Ann. The father's name has not been located.

Mary Ann GRAY, Twerton, aged 3, was buried at High Littleton 29 Jun 1835.]

### 137. **Hannah PONFIELD** had a bastard child c.1833 or earlier.

[*Note:* Emma dau. of Hannah PONFIELD, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 10 Mar 1833.

Apart from the fact that a Mary PONFIELD had a bastard child baptized on the same day, nothing is known about the PONFIELD family.

No evidence of a bastardy order has been found and the father's name has not been discovered.]

### 138. **Mary PONFIELD** had a bastard child c.1833 or earlier.

[*Note:* Lucy dau. of Mary PONFIELD, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 10 Mar 1833.

The name PONFIELD was rare in the district but there was a Mary PONFIELD, unmarried, aged 55, on parochial relief, born Ston Easton, living on her own in Ston Easton at the time of the 1851 Census.

No evidence of a bastardy order has been found and the father's name has not been discovered.]

### 139. **Jane WEEKS** had a bastard child by **William PARFREY** in 1833.

[*Printed Form* - J. WASON, Typ, High Street, Shepton-Mallet.]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET. (TO WIT.)

To the Constables of the Hundred of Chewton in the said County of Somerset, and to the Tythingmen of the Parish of High Littleton in the said Hundred and County, and to each and every of them to execute and obey.

**Whereas Jane WEEKS** of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Single-Woman hath, in her voluntary examination taken in writing upon Oath, before me William Coxeter JAMES Esquire, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this day declared herself to be with Child, and that such Child is likely to be born a Bastard, and to be chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and hath in the same examination charged William PARFREY of Camley (*sic*) in the County of Somerset, Butcher, with having gotten her with Child, of the said Child.

AND WHEREAS Thomas HARRISON, one of the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, in order to indemnify such Parish in the Premises hath applied to me to issue my warrant for the apprehending of the said William PARFREY, I do therefore hereby command you immediately to apprehend the said William PARFREY and to bring him before me or any other of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset. To the intent that he may be committed to the common Gaol or House of Correction of the same County, unless he shall give security to indemnify the said Parish of High Littleton or shall enter into a recognizance with sufficient surety or sureties upon condition to appear at the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County of Somerset, to abide and perform such Order or Orders as shall then be made in pursuance of an Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth, concerning Bastards begotten and Born out of lawful Matrimony, unless one such Justice as aforesaid shall have certified in writing, under his hand to such General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, that it hath been proved before him upon the Oath of one credible witness that the said Jane WEEKS hath not been delivered; or that she had been delivered within one month only previous to the day on which such General Quarter Sessions of the Peace shall be holden: or unless two Justices of the Peace of the said County of Somerset shall have certified in writing under their hands to the next, or in case the said Jane WEEKS shall not have been delivered as aforesaid, then to the immediate subsequent General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, that an Order of filiation had been already made on the said William PARFREY or that such Order was not then requisite to be made on account of the death of the Bastard Child, or for other like sufficient reason pursuant to the statutes in such case made and



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provided. GIVEN under my hand and seal the Second day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Three. Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-1.

[Reverse] - Warrant to Apprehend William PARFRY - Jane WEEKS' 2nd child.

[Note: Overseers' Accounts record on 2 Apr 1833 the cost of a warrant to apprehend Wm. PARFREY and in 1833/4 the receipt of money from Wm. PARFRY for Jane WEEKS' confinement.

Jane WEEKS had previously had a bastard child in 1830.

William son of Jane WEEKS, Hallatrow, bapt. at High Littleton 16 Mar 1833.

William WEEKS, Hallatrow, aged 2 weeks (*sic*), was buried at High Littleton 21 Apr 1833. Accounts for 1833/4 record the cost of a coffin for Jane WEEKS' child.

Jane got pregnant again in 1835.]

140. **Harriet LACEY** had a bastard child by **Richard MILLARD** in 1833.

[Printed Form - Printed and Sold by WASON and FOXWELL, Shepton-Mallet.]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET. (TO WIT.)

The Order of William Coxeter JAMES Esquire and John PARISH Esquire, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both residing next unto the Limits of the Parish Church, within the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, made the fourteenth Day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty four, concerning a male Bastard Child, lately born in the Parish aforesaid, of the Body of **Harriett LACEY**, single Woman.

WHEREAS it hath been duly made to appear unto us, the said Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, as upon the Oath of the said Harriett LACEY, that she was delivered of a Male Bastard Child, in the said Parish of High Littleton, on or about the twentieth Day of March now last past, and that the said Bastard Child is now chargeable to such Parish, and likely so to continue; and further, that **Richard MILLARD** of North Wootton in the County of Somerset, Laborer, did beget the said Bastard Child on the Body of her the said Harriett LACEY. And whereas the said Richard MILLARD having been duly required so to do hath shewn no sufficient cause to us, why he should not be adjudged the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

WE, therefore, upon the examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as well upon the Oath of the said Harriett LACEY as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said Richard MILLARD to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND thereupon we do ORDER, as well for the better Relief of the said Parish of High Littleton as for the Sustenance and Relief of the said Bastard Child, that the said Richard MILLARD shall and do pay, or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the time being, or some or one of them, the Sum of one shilling and sixpence Weekly and every week, from this present Time, for and towards the Keeping, Sustenance, and Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to such Parish, And We do hereby FURTHER ORDER, that the said Harriett LACEY shall also pay, or cause to be paid, to the said Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or some or one of them, the Sum of one shilling Weekly and every Week, for so long Time as the Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the same, in case she shall not nurse and take Care of the Child herself.

And We do also hereby FURTHER ORDER, that the said Richard MILLARD upon Notice of this our Order shall likewise pay, or cause to be paid, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of Four Pounds Sixteen Shillings and five pence being the Money expended in the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child to the time of making this our Order, the reasonable charges and expences incident to the Birth of the said Bastard Child, the reasonable Costs of apprehending and securing the said Richard MILLARD and the reasonable Costs of obtaining this our Order of filiation - the said several Charges, Expences and Costs, having been duly and respectively ascertained on Oath before us, in pursuance of the Statute in such case made and provided.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the Day and Year first above-written. Wm. C. JAMES, Jno. PARISH.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/5/1-44.

[Note: Harriet LACEY was born illegitimately in High Littleton c.1812-14 but no record of her birth has been found.

After getting pregnant Harriet was removed from Wookey to High Littleton by Order dated 5 Jan 1833.

Overseers' Accounts record on 25 Mar 1833 expenses to Wookey to find Rich'd MILLARD, on 2 Apr the cost of a warrant for Rich'd MILLARD of Wookey and on 4 May more expenses to Wookey to find Richard.

George son of Harriot LACY, Hallatrow, bapt. at High Littleton 5 May 1833.

Harriet left Hallatrow about May 1833 and went to lodge with George MILLARD of Wookey, before moving to Meare at ladyday 1834. Accounts record on 11 Jan 1834 expenses to Wootton to find Rich'd MILLARD and serve a summons, followed on 14 Jan by the cost of a bastardy order for Rich'd MILLARD of North Wootton. Accounts for 1834/5 record relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to LACY's child. This continued through 1835/6.

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Accounts record on 1 Oct 1835 expenses to West Pennard to find Rich'd MILLARD and on 14 Oct the cost of information and a warrant for him, doubtless for arrears of maintenance.  
Harriet had further bastard children in 1836 and 1837/8.]

### 141. **Mary WILKINS** had a bastard child in 1833.

[Note: Mary was baptized at High Littleton 19 Apr 1810, a daughter of John WILKINS and his second wife Rhoda GULLICK.

Overseers' Accounts record on 26 Mar 1833 a payment to Mary WILKINS, being confined and on 23 Apr orders and expenses for Mary WILKINS.

Alfred son of Mary WILKINS, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 21 May 1833. Alfred was baptized again on 25 Dec 1833, all other details shown being the same.

Accounts for 1833/4 record relief of 1/6 p.w. for 48 weeks to Mary WILKINS' bastard child. This continued at the same amount through 1834/5 and 1835/6.

It is assumed that the father of the bastard child was Thomas JAMES.

Accounts record on 9 Mar 1833 the cost of a summons against Thomas JAMES and again on 22 Apr. On 10 Mar 1834 was the cost of information and a summons against Tho's JAMES, which resulted in JAMES making a payment under a bastardy order. On 7 Feb 1835 were costs for a warrant and commitment of Tho's JAMES for arrears of £12. 9/- bastardy money. On 18 Jul were expenses of another summons, information and a warrant for Tho's JAMES and on 23 Jul a warrant and commitment. Tho's paid irregular amounts to the parish but on 25 Dec 1836 was the cost of another warrant for Thomas JAMES. On 4 Dec 1838 were more expenses for a summons for Tho's JAMES for non-payment of bastardy money. Yet again on 2 Sep 1839 was the cost of a warrant for Thomas JAMES for bastardy pay and on 10 Sep renewing the warrant for him to appear at the next Magistrates' meeting. On 8 Oct were payments for warrants and affidavits etc. for Thomas JAMES to prove the loss of the order of bastardy made upon him on 23 Apr 1833. On 1 Apr 1841 was John WARD's expenses in searching after Tho's JAMES by a warrant, for bastardy money due to the parish. On 29 Sep were the expenses of HILL & WILLIAMS, solicitors, re Tho's JAMES and John WARD's expenses for taking Tho's JAMES under a special warrant issued against him. This produced the sum of £10 from Thomas for bastardy pay.

Mary WILKINS had further bastard children in 1836/7 and 1840.

Alfred and his mother were in Clutton Union Workhouse in 1841 and 1842.

Alfred seems to have been known as George later, under which name he appears, aged 18, living with his mother in High Littleton.

George WILKINS married Elizabeth c.1852.

Thomas H. a son was born at Merthyr Tydfil c.1862/3.

Frances Mary dau. of George & Elizabeth WILKINS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 9 Jun 1861. Frances Mary WILKINS, Bideford, Devon, aged 16, buried at High Littleton 5 Dec 1869.

The 1861 Census finds George WILKINS, aged 28, coal miner, born High Littleton, wife Elizabeth 29, born Hinton Blewett, and children Thomas H. 8, scholar, born Merthyr, Glamorgan and Mary E. 1 week, born High Littleton, living in High Littleton Village. Mary E. was presumably Francis Mary.

Bessie dau. of George & Elizabeth WILKINS, High Littleton, miner, bapt. at High Littleton 5 Apr 1863.]

### 142. **Mary HARRISON** had a bastard child in 1835.

[Note: According to a family bible, Mary was born Saturday March 13 1802, a daughter of John HARRISON and his wife Hannah TUCKER. Mary dau. of John HARRISON & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 11 Apr 1802.

Martha Beak dau. of Mary HARRISON, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 12 Apr 1835. A family bible says she was born on Friday Feb 27th 1835.

Judging by the child's name the father was probably a son of John BEAK, yeoman of High Littleton.

The 1841 Census finds John HARRISON, aged 70, shopkeeper, Hannah 60, Mary 30 and Martha 6, living in High Littleton.

By Will dated 22 Oct 1844 John HARRISON, beer seller of High Littleton (who died 11 Oct 1847), left his daughter Mary an annuity of 4/- p.w. and his granddaughter Martha Beak HARRISON £10 + accrued interest to be paid on 1st January 1867.

The 1851 Census finds Mary HARRISON, aged 49, assistant, living at the Street, Farmborough, in the household of her brother in law Abraham BELL 43, grocer and shoemaker, born Pensford, his wife Sarah (nee HARRISON) 40 and their 6 children.

The 1861 Census finds Mary HARRISON, aged 59, servant of all work, living in the household of her brother Thomas HARRISON 55, butcher and grocer, his wife and 4 of their children, in Hallatrow.

The 1881 Census finds Mary HARRISON, aged 79, Annuitant, Imbecile, living in the household of her brother Thomas HARRISON 74, master butcher, in Hallatrow. Martha HARRISON, aged 41, Imbecile, was an inmate of Clutton Union Workhouse.

A family bible says Mary HARRISON died Feb 12 1887. Mary HARRISON, Cloud Mill, Clutton, aged 84, was buried at High Littleton 17 Feb 1887. Cloud Mill was where Mary's niece Mary CARTER (nee HARRISON) lived.

Martha ended her days in Clutton Union Workhouse, where the Register records that Martha HARRISON, High Littleton, aged 53, died on 20 Nov 1893.

Martha HARRISON, Clutton Union Workhouse, aged 53, was buried at High Littleton 23 Nov 1893.]

### 143. **Jane WEEKS** had a bastard child in 1836.

[Note: Jane WEEKS had previously had bastard children in 1830 and 1833.

Overseers' Accounts record on 29 Dec 1835 2/6 paid to Sarah PARFITT, midwife, for attendance on Jane WEEKS. On 7 Jan 1836 was a payment of 1/- for coal for the poor house, J. WEEKS being confined. Around the same time were several payments for provisions for Jane WEEKS. No trace of a child has been found on this occasion and there may not have been a live birth.

Jane WEEKS, Hallatrow, aged 41, was buried at High Littleton 6 Nov 1846.]

### 144. **Harriet LACEY** had a bastard child in 1836.

[Note: Harriet LACEY had her first bastard child in 1833, prior to which she had been removed from Wookey to High Littleton. She subsequently returned to Wookey and later moved to Meare, where she was examined and, being pregnant, was removed to High Littleton by Order dated 29 Oct 1835.

James son of Harriet LACY, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 1 May 1836.

The father's name has not been discovered.

Harriet had another bastard child c.1837/8.]

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### 145. **Hester PICKFORD** had a bastard child c.1836.

[Note: Hester was born c.1814 a daughter of James PICKFORD and his wife Martha PURNELL.

Mercy dau. of Hester PICKFORD, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1836.

The father's name has not been discovered.

The 1841 Census finds James PICKFORD, aged 48, coal miner, Martha 45, Hester 25, Caroline 15 and Mercy 4, dependent, living in High Littleton.

Hester PICKFORD, Hallatrow, aged 28, was buried at High Littleton 14 Nov 1842.

The 1851 Census finds Martha PICKFORD, widow, aged 73 (sic), pauper, sells ham, born Farmborough, and visitors Thomas WHITE 30, farm labourer, born High Littleton and wife Caroline 24, born Farrington Gurney and Mercy PICKFORD 15, living in Hallatrow.]

### 146. **Mary WILKINS** had a bastard child c.1836/7.

[Note: Mary WILKINS had previously had a bastard child in 1833.

Fanny dau. of Mary WILKINS, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 22 Jan 1837.

The father's name has not been discovered.

Mary WILKINS had another bastard child in 1840.

Fanny, aged 3, was in Clutton Union Workhouse with her mother and elder brother in 1841 and 1842.

The 1851 Census find Fanny WILKINS, aged 14, living as a servant in the household of Henry DOWLING, farmer, in Bath Road, High Littleton.]

### 147. **Ann CLEEDLY** had a bastard child c.1837.

[Note: William son of Ann CLEEDLY, Marksbury, bapt. at High Littleton 3 Sep 1837.

The father's name has not been discovered and nothing more has been discovered about Ann or William. The name CLEEDLY is practically unknown in the area.]

### 148. **Harriet STONE** had a bastard child by **George CARTER** in 1837.

[Note: Harriet dau. of John CHURCHILL & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 4 May 1809.

Harriet married James STONE at High Littleton 8 Jul 1833 and had a son James Churchill bapt. at High Littleton 6 Jul 1834.

James STONE worked for various solicitors as a writer and joined the firm of HILL & WILLIAMS in Hallatrow in January 1833. He died and was buried, aged 25, at High Littleton 10 Aug 1834.

Elizabeth dau. of Harriet STONE, Paulton, bapt. at Paulton 8 Oct 1837.

Hannah was examined on 30 Sep 1834 and 9 Oct 1838, on which day an Order was made for the removal of Hannah and her 2 children to Keynsham. The latter examination named Elizabeth's father as George CARTER, carrier of Paulton.]

### 149. **Harriet LACEY** had a bastard child c.1837/8.

[Note: Harriet LACEY had previously had bastard children in 1833 and 1836.

No record has been found of the father's name or the baptism of the child, who appears to be Eliza.

The 1841 Census finds Harriet LACY, aged 25, charwoman, George 8, James 5 and Eliza 3, living in Hallatrow.]

### 150. **Lucy KING** had a bastard child c.1837/8.

[Note: Lucy was almost certainly a daughter of James & Mary KING.

Sarah dau. of Lucy KING, Hallatrow, bapt. at High Littleton 16 Aug 1840.

The 1841 Census finds James (sen'r) KING, aged 60, gardener, Mary 60, James (jun'r) 18, blacksmith, Mary Elizabeth 16 and Sarah 3, living in Hallatrow.

The 1851 Census finds James KING, aged 73, ag. lab., born Codford, Wilts., wife Mary 72, born Great Durniford, Wilts. and Sarah 13, grand daughter, born High Littleton, living in Hallatrow.]

### 151. **Elizabeth CHIVERS** had a bastard child c.1837/8.

[Note: Elizabeth was baptized at High Littleton 1 Mar 1812, a daughter of James CHIVERS and his wife Ann EVANS.

Elizabeth had a bastard child called Edward c.1837/8 in High Littleton but no baptism has been located and the father's name has not been discovered.

The 1841 Census finds Edward CHIVERS, aged 3, living with Richard BEARD 60, sawyer, and wife in High Littleton.

Elizabeth CHIVERS subsequently married Isaac PHELPS or PHILIPS

Thomas dau. of Isaac & Elizabeth PHELPS, High Littleton, servant, bapt. at High Littleton 18 Sep 1850.

The 1851 Census finds Elizabeth PHILIPS, aged 38, butler's wife, son Edward CHIVERS 13, coal miner and son Thomas PHILIPS 8 months, all born High Littleton, living in Bath Road, High Littleton.

The 1861 Census finds Elizabeth PHILLIPS, aged 44, married and son Tom 10, scholar, living in High Littleton.]

### 152. **Elizabeth STICKLAND** had a bastard child in 1838.

[Note: Elizabeth dau. of James & Ann STICKLER, Hallatrow, mason, bapt. at High Littleton 9 Mar 1817.

Sophia dau. of Elizabeth STICKLAND, Hallatrow, bapt. at High Littleton 26 Aug 1838.

Francis BIRD, full age, widower, pensioner, lime burner, High Littleton, son of William BIRD, lime burner, married Elizabeth STICKLANDx, full age, spinster, High Littleton, dau. of James STICKLAND, mason, by banns at High Littleton 7 Aug 1839.

It is not known if Francis BIRD was the father of Elizabeth's bastard child.]

### 153. **Sarah PARFITT** had a bastard child c.1838/9.

[Note: The child was called Richard but his baptism has not been located nor has his father's name.

The 1841 Census finds Sarah PARFITT, aged 40 and Richard 2, as inmates of Clutton Union Workhouse.

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The Workhouse Admission Register records that Sarah PARFITT, High Littleton and her bastard Richard left the workhouse on leave of absence on 1 Oct 1842 and returned on 3 Oct.]

### 154. **Christian SMITH** had a bastard child in 1839.

[*Note:* Christian dau. of George & Grace SMITH, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1815.

Hester dau. of Christian SMITH, Timsbury, bapt. at High Littleton 10 Mar 1839. The father's name has not been discovered.

The 1841 Census finds George SMITH, aged 52, coal miner, Grace 50, Christianna 25, Hester 23, Harriott 20, Elijah 14, Joice 10, Jacob 5 and Hester 3, living in High Littleton.

Clutton Union Workhouse Admission Register records the admission on 4 Mar 1842 of Christian SMITH, High Littleton, born 1816, servant, single and Hester her bastard. Christian discharged herself and child on 5 Mar.

Christian SMITH, High Littleton, aged 28, was buried at High Littleton 3 Jan 1844.]

### 155. **Mary WILKINS** had a bastard child in 1840.

[*Note:* Mary WILKINS had previously had bastard children in 1833 (Alfred) and c.1836/7 (Fanny).

Clutton Union Workhouse Register records that Mary WILKINS, High Littleton, gave birth to an illegitimate child on 13 May 1840, baptized John on 26 May 1840. The father's name has not been discovered.

The Workhouse Register further records the death of John WILKINS, High Littleton, aged 6 months, on 3 Nov 1840. John WILKINS, High Littleton, aged 6 months, was buried at High Littleton 6 Nov 1840.

The 1841 Census finds Mary WILKINS, aged 30, Alfred 7 and Fanny 3, as inmates of Clutton Workhouse.

The Workhouse Admission Register records that Mary WILKINS, High Littleton, discharged herself, Alfred and Fanny on 6 Aug 1841. On 19 Aug Mary WILKINS, High Littleton, servant, single, and her bastards Alfred and Fanny were readmitted and discharged themselves on 20 Jun 1842.

The 1851 Census finds Mary WILKINS, unmarried, aged 40, laundress and her son George 18, coal miner (*presumably the same person as Alfred*), both born High Littleton, living in High Littleton.

The 1861 Census finds Mary WILKINS 51, laundress, living at Rotcombe, High Littleton with 1 lodger in her house. The 1871 Census finds Mary WILKINS 65, ginger beer seller, still living in High Littleton with 1 visitor and 2 boarders. In 1881 Mary WILKINS 71, widow (*sic*), living alone in High Littleton. The 1891 Census finds Mary WILKINS 81, retired laundress, still living in High Littleton.

Mary WILKINS, single woman of High Littleton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1849, 51, 53, 65, 68 (village), 72 (Timsbury Lane) and 1874.

Clutton Union Workhouse Register records the death of Mary Ann (*sic*) WILKINS, High Littleton, aged 88, on 3 Mar 1899.

Mary Ann WILKINS, Clutton Workhouse, aged 88, was buried at High Littleton 6 Mar 1899.]

### 156. **Martha FORD** had a bastard child in 1840.

[*Note:* Martha was baptized at High Littleton 24 May 1818, daughter of Samuel FORD, collier, and his third wife Judith KINGMAN (nee SALMON).

The baptism of Martha's bastard child has not been located but it was called Ellen or Eleanor. The father's name has not been discovered.

The 1841 Census finds Martha FORD, aged 20 and Eleanor 1, living in High Littleton.

Clutton Union Workhouse Register records the admission on 29 Oct 1841 of Martha FORD, born 1818, High Littleton, single, servant and Ellen her bastard, born 1840. Martha discharged themselves on 2 Nov. On 18 Mar 1842 Martha FORD, born 1819, High Littleton, who was pregnant again, and Ellen, were admitted to Clutton Workhouse but Martha discharged them on 11 Apr. On 15 Apr they were readmitted, Martha gave birth to another bastard child a fortnight later and discharged all three of them on 17 May only to return the following day. The younger child subsequently died and Martha discharged herself and Ellen on 20 Jun. They returned the following day and Martha discharged herself on 6 Jul, Ellen having died in the meantime.

The Workhouse Register records the death on 4 Jul 1842 of Ellen FORD, High Littleton, aged 3.

Ellen FORD, High Littleton, aged 3, was buried at High Littleton 6 Jul 1842.]

### 157. **Mary Ann SIMMONS** had a bastard child in 1840.

[*Note:* Mary Ann SIMMONS (nee TRIPPICK) was the widow of Jacob SIMMONS, who died in 1825. She had a bastard child in 1830, who died c.1832/3. Having been born in Shepton Mallet she returned there after being removed to High Littleton in 1829 when she was pregnant with her first bastard child by George DEW.

Louisa dau. of Mary SIMMONDS, Cowl Street, sempstress, born 23 Jul, bapt. at Shepton Mallet 17 Sep 1840. The father's name has not been discovered.

Mary Ann had another bastard child in 1842.]

### 158. **Mary SMITH** had a bastard child in 1841.

[*Note:* Mary was born c.1818, a daughter of George & Betty SMITH.

John son of Mary SMITH, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 12 Apr 1841. The father's name has not been discovered.

Mary SMITH, High Littleton, aged 22, was buried at High Littleton 3 May 1841.

The 1841 Census finds George SMITH, aged 50, carpenter, Betsy 50, Jane 20, Ann 15, George 10 and John 2 months, living in High Littleton.

John SMITH, High Littleton, aged 2 months, was buried at High Littleton 20 Jun 1841.]

### 159. **Sarah TUCKER** had a bastard child in 1841.

[*Note:* Sarah dau. of James & Mary TUCKER bapt. at Farmborough 11 Oct 1812.

Clutton Union Workhouse Register records the birth on 14 Feb 1841 of Eliza illegitimate dau. of Sarah TUCKER, High Littleton.

The father's name has not been discovered.

The 1841 Census finds James TUCKER, aged 61, coal miner, Mary 49, Ann 24, Enoch 21, coal miner, Caroline 13, Enos 9 and Elijah (*Eliza intended*) 4 months, living in High Littleton. The 1851 Census finds James TUCKER, aged 70, coal miner, wife Mary 60, both born High Littleton, daughters Ann 31, born Farmborough, Elizabeth 26, born High Littleton and grand daughter Eliza 10, born Clutton, living at Ridings, High Littleton. Sarah TUCKER, aged 39, unmarried, house servant, born High Littleton, was living in the household of Thomas BATT 46, farmer, in Hallatrow.]

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### 160. **Elizabeth BRYANT** had a bastard child in 1841.

[Note: Henry son of Elizabeth BRYANT, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 13 Dec 1841.

The father's name has not been discovered.

Henry BRYANT, High Littleton, aged 3 weeks, was buried at High Littleton 29 Dec 1841.]

### 161. **Harriet SAGE** had a bastard child in 1841.

[Note: Harriet was born c.1822, a daughter of James SAGE and his wife Martha BOLWELL.

The 1841 Census finds James SAGE, aged 45, coal miner, Martha 50, Harrot (*sic*) 20, George 15, Jemima 14 and Jonah 9, living in High Littleton.

Sarah Ann dau. of Harriet SAGE, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 26 Dec 1841. It is possible that the father was Thomas PARFREY.

Thomas PARFRY, full age, bach., labourer, High Littleton, son of Thomas PARFRY, labourer, married Harriet SAIGE (sgd SAEG), full age, spin., High Littleton, dau. of James SAIGE, collier, by banns at High Littleton 17 Mar 1844.

John a son was born c.1844/5.

Joseph a son was born c.1846/7.

Henry a son was born c.1848/9.

The 1851 Census finds Thomas PARFRY, aged 40, ag. lab., wife Harriott 32, children Sarah Ann 9, scholar, National School, John 6, scholar, National School, Joseph 4, scholar, National School, Henry 2 and Amelia SAGE (*Harriet's sister Jemima's bastard*) 1, child at nurse, all born High Littleton, living in High Littleton.

Hester, assumed to be a daughter, was born in 1851. - Hester PARFRY, Hallatrow, aged 18 months, buried at High Littleton 15 Nov 1852.]

### 162. **Martha FORD** had a bastard child in 1842.

[Note: Martha FORD had previously had a bastard child in 1840.

Martha FORD, born 1819, High Littleton, was admitted to Clutton Union Workhouse 15 Apr 1842 as pregnant.

The Workhouse Register records that Martha FORD, High Littleton, gave birth to an illegitimate child on 30 Apr 1842, baptized Mary on 3 May. The father's name has not been discovered.

The Register further records that Mary FORD, High Littleton, died 6 Jun 1842, aged 6 weeks.

The Workhouse Master's Report Journal records on 10 Jun 1842 that the Committee are of opinion that it is not necessary to have a hearse to take Martha FORD's child to High Littleton Church, it being only 5 weeks old and could be carried by a woman. Note - to be carried by 2 women.

Mary FORD, High Littleton, aged 5 weeks, was buried at High Littleton 10 Jun 1842.

Martha discharged herself from the Workhouse on 20 Jun 1842.]

### 163. **Mary Ann SIMMONS** had a bastard child in 1842.

[Note: Mary Ann, widow of Jacob SIMMONS, had previously had bastard children in 1830 and 1840.

Sarah dau. of Mary SIMMONS, Cowl Street, born 15 May, bapt. at Shepton Mallet 24 Aug 1842. The father's name has not been discovered.

Mary Ann SIMMONS and her 2 bastard children were admitted to Shepton Mallet Workhouse on 10 Nov 1842 and remained there until she was examined and removed from Shepton Mallet to High Littleton by Order dated 7 Feb 1843.

Overseers' Accounts record on 11 Mar 1843 a payment to the Overseers of Shepton Mallet per order for Mary Ann SIMMONS and her 2 children.

Clutton Union Workhouse records the admission on 11 Mar 1843 of Mary SIMMONS, High Littleton, born 1804, servant, widow and her bastards Louisa, born 1840 and Sarah, born 1842. They discharged themselves on 13 Mar.

Mary Ann SIMMONS and children were the subject of two more removal orders on 7 Nov 1845 and 10 Nov 1848.]

### 164. **Maria CHIVERS** had a bastard child in 1842.

[Note: Maria was baptized at High Littleton 16 May 1819, a daughter of James CHIVERS and his wife Ann EVANS.

Maria worked at Twerton and later Weston, near Bath for John CRIPPS and his wife until she got pregnant.

Clutton Union Workhouse Admission Register records that Maria CHIVERS, High Littleton, born 1820, servant, single, was admitted to the Workhouse on 28 Apr 1842.

The Workhouse Register records the birth on 4 Jun 1842 of an illegitimate son of Maria CHIVERS, High Littleton, baptized Henry on 7 Jun. The father's name has not been discovered. Henry was baptized again in Church - Henry son of Maria CHIVERS, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 21 Aug 1842.

Maria and Henry discharged themselves from the Workhouse on 1 Jul, were readmitted on 8 Aug on the orders of the Relieving Officer but were discharged on 9 Aug.

Maria CHIVERS and her bastard son Henry were removed from High Littleton to Kelston by Order dated 28 Jun 1842 but this was annulled on 26 Jul and after being examined in Aug 1842 an Order was made out for Maria CHIVERS, single woman, with her bastard child Henry, aged 9 weeks, to be removed from High Littleton to Weston. However Maria went to service with Mrs COX at 12 Pierrepont St., Bath on 18th August before the order was executed.

Henry CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 6 months, was buried at High Littleton 22 Dec 1842.]

### 165. **Eliza BALL** had a bastard child in 1842.

[Note: William son of Eliza BALL, Clutton, bapt. at High Littleton 30 Oct 1842.

Nothing more is known of mother, father or the child.]

### 166. **Martha DURY** had a bastard child in 1842.

[Note: Martha was baptized at High Littleton 22 Jan 1815, the daughter of Josiah DURY and his wife Ann PRIDDY.

Josiah son of Martha DURY, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1842. The father's name has not been discovered.

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Clutton Workhouse Admission Register records the admission on 9 Feb 1843 of Martha DRURY (*sic*), born 1815, High Littleton and Josiah her bastard, born 1842. Martha discharged herself and child on 15 Apr but on 21 Apr Martha DREWERY (*sic*), single, servant, able bodied, no work, and Josiah, were readmitted.

The Workhouse Register records the death on 26 Apr 1844 of Josiah DURY, High Littleton, aged 1.

The Workhouse Master's Report Journal reports that the Minister of High Littleton fixed 4 o'clock for the burial of Josiah DURY; the funeral left the house at 3 o'clock on Monday. Josiah DURY, High Littleton, aged 1 year 5 months, buried at High Littleton 29 Apr 1844.

Samuel COLLEY, full age, widower, cordwainer, Newport, son of Samuel COLLEY, cordwainer, married Martha DURYx, full age, spinster, Newport, dau. of Josiah DURY, miner, at St. Paul's Parish Church, St. Woolas, Monmouthshire, 9 Jul 1849.]

### 167. **Martha YOUNG** had a bastard child by **Nehemiah ROGERS** in 1843.

[*Note:* Vestry Minutes of 21 Dec 1842 resolved that Martha YOUNG's relief of 2/- p.w. should be stopped and her father should be summoned, as he can well support her.

John illegitimate son of Martha YOUNG, Clutton, bapt. at Clutton 31 Jan 1843. Martha YOUNG, half dumb & very weak in intellect says that Nehemiah ROGERS is the father of her child. John YOUNG, Clutton, aged 14 days, was buried at Clutton 19 Feb 1843.

Martha YOUNG, Clutton, aged 24, was buried at Clutton 6 Feb 1847.

The 1851 Census finds Nehemiah RODGERS, aged 40, born Clutton and wife Ann 40, born Paulton, living at Kingwell, High Littleton.]

### 168. **Martha TUCKER** had a bastard child in 1843.

[*Note:* Martha was the daughter of George WINTER and his wife Abigail WIDDOCK.

Joseph TUCKER bach. otp married Martha WINTER spin. otp by banns at Paulton 25 Dec 1832.

Joseph was baptized at High Littleton 26 May 1811, a son of John TUCKER and his wife Mary TUCKER.

John son of Joseph TUCKER & Martha (dau. of George & Abigail WINTER), miner, High Littleton, born 12 Aug 1833, bapt. at Midsomer Norton Wesleyan Methodist Chapel 2 Sep 1833. - John TUCKER, High Littleton, aged 3, was buried at High Littleton 3 Jun 1836.

Hannah dau. of Joseph & Martha TUCKER, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 26 Apr 1835. - Hannah TUCKER, High Littleton, aged 13 months, was buried at High Littleton 26 May 1836.

John son of Joseph & Martha TUCKER, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 2 Apr 1837.

Joseph son of Joseph & Martha TUCKER, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 8 Dec 1839.

Joseph TUCKER (son of John), coal miner of High Littleton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1836 and 1839.

Joseph TUCKER, High Littleton, aged 30, was buried at High Littleton 26 Jan 1840.

The 1841 Census finds Martha TUCKER, aged 30, John 4 and Joseph 1, living in High Littleton.

Vestry Minutes of 21 Dec 1842 resolved that relief of 4/- p.w. to Martha TUCKER and family should be stopped until she proves if or not she is married to Thomas WHATLEY.

Henry Whatley son of Martha TUCKER, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 19 Mar 1843.

Thomas WHATLEYx, full age, bach., labourer, High Littleton, son of John WHATLEY, butcher, married Martha TUCKERx, full age, widow, High Littleton, dau. of George WINTER, labourer, by banns at High Littleton 6 Apr 1843.

Thomas was baptized at High Littleton 16 Feb 1817, a son of John WHATLEY, High Littleton, butcher, and his wife Elizabeth BULL.

He was removed from Farmborough to High Littleton by Order dated 2 Apr 1839.

Thomas & Martha had another son George in 1845.]

### 169. **Mary Ann BRIMBLE** had a bastard child in 1843.

[*Note:* Mary Ann was baptized at High Littleton 13 Aug 1820, a daughter of James BRIMBLE, collier of Mearns, and his wife Hannah ATWOOD.

The 1841 Census finds Mary Ann BRIMBLE, aged 30 (?20 intended), living with Hannah and family at Scumbrum Lane, Farmborough.

Clutton Union Workhouse Admission Register records the admission on 26 Jan 1842 of Mary Ann BRIMBLE, born 1822, High Littleton, servant, single. She discharged herself on 14 Feb.

George son of Mary Ann BRIMBLE, Farmbro', single woman, bapt. at Farmborough 28 May 1843. The father's name has not been discovered.

Mary Ann had further bastard children in 1848 and 1851.]

### 170. **Eliza TUCKER** had a bastard child in 1843.

[*Note:* Elizabeth has not been positively identified but may possibly be Betsey dau. of James & Harriott TUCKER, High Littleton, baker, bapt. at High Littleton 27 Jan 1822.

Clutton Union Workhouse Admission Register records the admission on 17 Aug 1843 of Elizabeth TUCKER, High Littleton, born 1822, servant, single, pregnant.

The Workhouse Register records the birth on 7 Sep 1843 of Mary Ann an illegitimate daughter of Eliza (*sic*) TUCKER, High Littleton.

Nothing more has been discovered about the father, mother or child.]

### 171. **Hester VOKES** is believed to have had a bastard child in 1844.

[*Note:* Hester was the widow of Thomas VOKES, labourer of Hallatrow..

Thomas VOAKES married Hester GREGORY at Midsomer Norton 22 May 1826.

Thomas (bapt. privately 5 Apr) son of William VOKES & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 28 Apr 1799, the same day his mother was buried.

Overseers' Accounts record on 9 Oct 1813 the cost of a summons and warrant for Thomas VOKES for breaking windows at the poor house.

Sarah dau. of Thomas & Hester VOKES, Paulton, labourer, bapt. at Paulton 9 Sep 1827.

Charlotte dau. of Thomas & Hester VOKES, Hallatrow, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1829.

Louisa dau. of Thomas & Hester VOKES, Hallatrow, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 22 Jul 1832.

Mary Ann dau. of Thomas & Hester VOKES, Hallatrow, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 26 Apr 1835.

William Thomas son of Thomas & Hester VOKES, Hallatrow, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 3 Jun 1838.

Jane dau. of Thomas & Hester VOKES, Hallatrow, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 6 Sep 1840.

Thomas VOAKS, labourer of Hallatrow, received blankets from Mary JONES' Charity in 1833, 36, 38 and 1840. In applying in 1831 he was said to have 2 children under 10.

Land Tax Assessments for 1830/1 and 1831/2 record Tho's VOAKES as owner of cottages occupied by himself and others assessed at 4d.

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The Tithe survey of 1839 shows Thomas VOAKES as owner and occupier of cottages (445 on map) at West Houses, Hallatrow.  
The 1841 Census finds Thomas VOAKS, aged 40, labourer, Hester 30, Sarah 14, Charlotte 11, Louisa 8, Mary Ann 6, William 3 and Jane 10 months, living in Hallatrow. Hester was apparently not born in the county.  
Thomas VOKES, Hallatrow, aged 42, was buried at High Littleton 20 Jun 1841.  
Vestry Minutes of 21 Dec 1842 resolved that the relief of Hester VOKES should be reduced from 5/- p.w. to 2/6, as she was employed at washing from 3/- to 4/-, lives in her own house at 1/6 p.w. and lets 2 other houses at 2/2 p.w. A bill from solicitors HILL & WILLIAMS (paid 24 Mar 1846) includes: 17 Jun 1844 - fees for information, summons and duplicate against Hester VOKES, 25 Jun - Two depositions, conviction and commitment of Hester VOKES, 30 Aug - fees for Information, Summonses etc. against Hester VOKES and fees on Committal of Hester VOKES. Overseers' Accounts record on 24 Jun 1844 a payment for a summons & commitment of H. VOAKS and on 3 Sep 1844 a payment for the commitment of Hester VOAKES for neglecting to maintain her family. On 10 Dec was a payment for a warrant and committal of Hester VOAKES and on 1 Apr 1845 the cost of a summons for H. VOAKES and renewing it.  
Louisa, one of Hester's children was in Clutton Union Workhouse in 1844, when the Master's Report Journal reported on 16 July that clothes were needed for Louisa VOKES, who has gone to service to Mrs COOK, Clutton. It was ordered that she should have Jane WEEKS' clothes - both belong to High Littleton. In the week ended 6 August the Master reported that Louisa VOKES, High Littleton, at service at Mrs COOK's, North End, wanted 1 frock, 1 pair of stays and 2 aprons. These were ordered.  
Clutton Union Workhouse Register records the death on 17 Jan 1845 of Hester VOKES, High Littleton, aged 10 months. It is believed that the mother's name was shown instead of the child's and that this is the same child as Maria VOKES, Hallatrow, aged 7 months, buried at High Littleton 21 Jan 1845. No baptism of the child has been found and there is no indication of the father or mother's names. However Hester's family was the only VOKES in Hallatrow at the time and it is thought that this was her bastard.  
Hester subsequently married George WEEKS of Hallatrow, whose wife Mary (nee DANDO) had died in Jun 1848 after having 10 children. George WEEKSx, full age, widower, collier, High Littleton, son of William WEEKS, sawyer, married Hester VOKESx, full age, widow, High Littleton, dau. of Simon GREGORY, collier, by banns at High Littleton 25 Dec 1848.  
George son of William WEEKS & Catharine bapt. at High Littleton 6 Dec 1795.  
Tryphena dau. of George & Hester WEEKS, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 20 Oct 1850. - Tryphena WEEKS, Hallatrow, aged 8 months, buried at High Littleton 2 Jun 1851.  
The 1851 Census finds George WEEKS, aged 50, coal miner, wife Hester 42, children William 12, Tryphena 6 months and step children Wm. VOKES 12, domestic servant and Jane VOKES 10, scholar, all born High Littleton, living in Hallatrow.  
The 1861 Census finds George WEEKS, aged 66, coal miner, wife Hester 51, born Paulton and grandchildren (*sic*) Henry VOKES 10, scholar, born Neath, Glamorgan and Sarah VOKES 3, scholar, born Clutton Union, living in Hallatrow.  
The 1871 Census finds George WEEKS, aged 77, coal miner, born Hallatrow, wife Hester 66, born Wales and grandson Edward JENKINS 16, coal miner, born Westbury on Trym, still living in Hallatrow.  
George WEEKS, coal miner of Hallatrow, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1853, 55, 63, 67 (old man, Hallatrow), 69 (delivered to grand dau. Sarah VOKES), 71 (& Hester) and 1873.  
George WEEKS, Hallatrow, aged 82, was buried at High Littleton 1 Oct 1876.  
The 1881 Census finds Hester WEEKS, widow, aged 77, born Paulton, living on her own in Hallatrow.  
Hester WEEKS, Clutton Workhouse, aged 85, was buried at High Littleton 27 Apr 1892.]

### 172. **Maria DANDO** had a bastard child by **Charles GANE** in 1844.

[*Note*: Maria was baptized at Farrington Gurney 22 Feb 1824, a daughter of Peter DANDO, coal miner, and his wife Mercy FORT (*FORD*). The family came to live in Hallatrow c.1835.  
Clutton Union Workhouse Register records the birth on 9 Apr 1844 of an illegitimate son of Maria DANDO, High Littleton, baptized John on 8 Apr (*sic*). He was baptized again in Church. John son of Maria DANDO, Hallatrow, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1844.  
Application for issue of a Summons against Maria DANDO was made on 22 Aug 1844 for attendance at Petty Sessions on 3 Sep, where a Bastardy Order was made for 1/6 p.w. and costs. The putative father was named as Charles GANE. (Return of Applications for Orders in Bastardy (Chewton Division) SRO Q/RcB1-1).  
The 1861 Census finds Peter DANDO, aged 61, coal miner, wife Mercy 58, unmarried son Thomas 33, coal miner, all born Farrington Gurney and grandchildren John DANDO 16, coal miner, born Clutton and Charles DANDO 9, scholar, born High Littleton, living in Hallatrow. Charles was the bastard child of Ruth, another of Peter's daughters.  
It is believed to be John DANDO, the bastard child, who married Sarah c.1867.  
George Harry son of John & Sarah DANDO, Clutton, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 26 Jan 1868.  
The 1871 Census finds John DANDO, aged 25, laborer, born High Littleton, wife Sarah 22, born Litton and son George H. 3, born Clutton, living in Hallatrow.  
Georgina Margaret dau. of John & Sarah DANDO, Hallatrow, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 27 Aug 1871.  
Emily a daughter was born at Clutton c.1873/4.  
Charles a son was born at Clutton c.1876/7.  
Gilbert W. a son was born at Clutton c.1877/8.  
Mercy a daughter was born at Clutton in 1880.  
The 1881 Census finds John DANDO, aged 45 (*sic*), ag. lab., born Clutton, wife Sarah 33, born Hinton Blewett and children George 13, ag. lab., born Clutton, Margaret 9, scholar, born Hallatrow, Emily 7, scholar, Charles 4, Gilbert W. 3 and Mercy 10 months, all born Clutton, living at Fox Hole, Compton Dando.]

### 173. **Maria BELL** had a bastard child in 1844.

[*Note*: George Bowing (*sic*) son of Maria BELL, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 29 Dec 1844.  
Nothing more is known of mother, father or the child.]

### 174. **Elizabeth BRIMBLE** had a bastard child by **George JAMES** in 1844.

[*Note*: Elizabeth was baptized at High Littleton 18 Apr 1824, a daughter of John BRIMBLE, collier, and his wife Rebecca RUDDICK.  
Eliza James dau. of Elizabeth BRIMBLE, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 29 Dec 1844.  
George JAMESx, full age, bach., collier, High Littleton, son of John JAMES, collier, married Elizabeth BRIMBLEx, full age, spin., High Littleton, dau. of John BRIMBLE, collier, by banns at High Littleton 23 Mar 1845.]

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George was baptized at High Littleton 4 Aug 1822 (with 3 others of the family), a son of John JAMES and his wife Grace WATTS. The 1841 Census finds George JAMES, aged 20, coal miner, living in High Littleton with his future in laws, John BRIMBLE 65, coal miner, Rebeca (*sic*) 60 and their son Henry 20, coal miner.

Albert a son was born at High Littleton c.1846/7.

Julia Emma dau. of George & Elizabeth JAMES, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 16 Sep 1849. She had a bastard child George in 1871, who did not live long.

The 1851 Census finds George JAMES, aged 29, coal miner, wife Elizabeth 27, children Eliza 6, Albert 4, Julia E. 1, mother in law Rebecca BRIMBLE 75, widow, born Farrington Gurney and brothers Jonah JAMES 15, coal miner and David 12, coal miner, living in Timsbury Road, High Littleton. All except Rebecca were born in High Littleton.

Sarah dau. of George & Elizabeth JAMES, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 29 Feb 1852.

Frances Ann dau. of George & Elizabeth JAMES, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 27 Aug 1854. - Frances Mary (*sic*), High Littleton, aged 2, buried at High Littleton 1 May 1856.

Frances Mary dau. of George & Elizabeth JAMES, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 28 Sep 1856.

Austin son of George & Elizabeth JAMES, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 30 Jun 1861.

Henry son of George & Elizabeth JAMES, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 30 Jun 1861.

The 1861 Census finds George JAMES, aged 38, coal miner, wife Elizabeth 37 and children Albert 14, coal miner, Julia E. 12, Sarah 10, Frances 4, Austin 2 and Henry 1 month, all born in High Littleton, living in High Littleton Village.

Martha dau. of George & Elizabeth JAMES, High Littleton, miner, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Sep 1864.

Amelia Bessy dau. of George & Elizabeth JAMES, High Littleton, miner, privately bapt. at High Littleton 13 Apr 1866.

The 1871 Census finds George JAMES, aged 49, coal miner, wife Elizabeth 45 and children Albert 24, coal miner, Julia E. 21, Sarah 19, Austin 12, coal miner, Henry 10, scholar, Martha 7, scholar and Amelia B. 5, scholar, all born in High Littleton, living in High Littleton.

George JAMES, High Littleton, aged about 52, was buried at High Littleton - Jul 1872.

The 1881 Census finds Elizabeth JAMES, aged 56, widow, laundress, son Albert 34, coal miner and daughter Amelia B. 15, scholar, living in High Littleton.

The 1891 Census finds Albert JAMES, aged 42, single, coal miner and his mother Elizabeth 67, widow, living at 4 Timsbury Road, High Littleton.

Elizabeth JAMES, Village, aged 66, was buried at High Littleton 18 Jan 1892.]

### 175. **Martha WEEKS** had a bastard child in 1845.

[*Note*: Martha was baptized at High Littleton 1 Aug 1819, a daughter of George WEEKS, collier and his wife Mary DANDO.

Valentine son of Martha WEEKS, Hallatrow, bapt. at High Littleton 9 Mar 1845. The father's name has not been discovered.

The 1851 Census finds Valentine WEEKS, aged 6, born High Littleton, living in Hallatrow with his mother's sister Mary Ann WYATT 22, her husband Samuel 25 and their son William 1. They were living next door to George WEEKS and his second wife Hester VOKES (nee GREGORY), Mary having died in 1848.

The 1861 Census finds Valentine WEEKS, aged 16, coal miner, still living with Samuel and Mary Ann WYATT and family at Hallatrow Batch.

The 1881 Census finds Martha WEEKS, unmarried, 62, born High Littleton, living at 6 Orange Court in Ss. Peter & Paul parish, Bath.]

### 176. **Ellen SMITH** had a bastard child in 1845.

[*Note*: Ellen was baptized at High Littleton 25 Dec 1824, a daughter of George SMITH, collier, and his wife Grace GULLICK.

Clutton Union Workhouse Register records the birth on 5 Jul 1845 of an illegitimate son of Ellen SMITH, High Littleton, baptized George on 6 Jul. The father's name has not been discovered.

The Workhouse Register records the death on 17 Nov 1845 of George SMITH, High Littleton, aged 4 months.

### 177. **Sarah MINTY** had a bastard child in 1846.

[*Note*: Sarah was born on 10 Nov 1826, the bastard child of Betty MINTY by Benjamin GULLOCK and was baptized at Timsbury 9 Mar 1828.

The earliest surviving Admission Register of Clutton Union Workhouse shows that Sarah MINTY was already an inmate in 1841 and the 1841 Census finds Sarah MINTY, aged 13 (*sic*), pauper, there.

Sarah discharged herself from the Workhouse on 23 Aug 1841 to go to service. On 25 Feb 1842 Sarah MINTY, born 1826, High Littleton, servant, single, no work, was readmitted, but she discharged herself on 30 Mar, apparently to go to service again. She returned on 2 May, out of work. The Workhouse Master's Report Journal records on 6 May 1842 that Sarah MINTY, who went to service last Saturday, came back on Monday; "she is lazy, sulky and saucy". The Journal records on 29 Jul that the Master is to pursue a summons against Sarah MINTY for disorderly conduct. Sarah discharged herself from the Workhouse on 21 Nov. She returned on several more occasions and the Report Journal records on 22 Mar 1844 that Sarah MINTY and two other women have been cutting up the clothes. The Guardians ordered that they should have no meat for a week as punishment.

The Workhouse Register records the birth on 30 Jan 1846 of an illegitimate daughter of Sarah MINTY, High Littleton, baptized Keziah the same day. The father's name has not been discovered.

The Workhouse Register records the death on 29 Apr 1846 of Kezia MINTY, High Littleton, aged 3 months.

Sarah had further bastard children in 1850 and 1853.]

### 178. **Elizabeth WHATLEY** had a bastard child in 1847.

[*Note*: Elizabeth was baptized at High Littleton 28 May 1822, the daughter of John WHATLEY, butcher, and his wife Elizabeth BULL.

The 1841 Census finds Elizabeth WHATLEY, aged 15, servant, living with William ASHMAN 67, coal miner and wife in High Littleton.

Elizabeth got pregnant in 1846 and for some reason was baptized again.

Elizabeth (an adult aged 24), dau. of John & Elizabeth WHATLEY, High Littleton, butcher, bapt. at High Littleton 13 Sep 1846.

Henry son of Elizabeth WHATLEY, High Littleton, single woman, privately bapt. at High Littleton 8 Mar 1847.

Application for issue of a Summons against Elizabeth WHATLEY was made on 21 Jun 1847 for attendance at Petty Sessions on 29 Jun, where no evidence was given and the case dismissed (Return of Applications for Orders in Bastardy (Chewton Division) SRO Q/RCb1-71).

The father of the bastard child was most likely Samuel TUCKER, who later married Elizabeth and had Henry baptized again in 1849 in the name of TUCKER.



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Samuel TUCKER, full age, bach., sawyer, High Littleton, son of Benjamin TUCKER, collier, married Elizabeth WHATLEYx, full age, spin., High Littleton, dau. of John WHATLEY, butcher, by banns at High Littleton 26 Sep 1847.

Samuel was baptized at High Littleton 7 Oct 1807, a son of Benjamin TUCKER and his wife Mary RICHARDSON.

The 1841 Census finds Benjamin TUCKER, aged 72, coal miner, Mary 74, George 46, coal miner, Samuel 30, ag. lab. and Martha 39, dependent, living in High Littleton.

Henry son of Samuel & Elizabeth TUCKER, High Littleton, sawyer, bapt. at High Littleton 11 Feb 1849. Family information says he was born 19 Feb 1847.

Samuel son of Samuel & Elizabeth TUCKER, High Littleton, sawyer, bapt. at High Littleton 11 Feb 1849. He was apparently born on 15 Aug 1848.

Martha dau. of Samuel & Elizabeth TUCKER, High Littleton, sawyer, bapt. at High Littleton 31 Oct 1852.

The 1851 Census finds Samuel TUCKER, aged 43, sawyer, wife Elizabeth 39 (*29 intended*) and children Henry 4, Sam'l 2 and Martha 7 months, all born High Littleton, living in High Littleton.

Sarah dau. of Samuel & Elizabeth TUCKER, High Littleton, sawyer, bapt. at High Littleton 31 Oct 1852.

Mary Ann dau. of Samuel & Elizabeth TUCKER, High Littleton, sawyer, bapt. at High Littleton 17 Apr 1856.

The 1861 Census finds Samuel TUCKER, aged 54, sawyer, wife Elizabeth 39 and children Henry 14, coal miner, Samuel 12, Martha 10, scholar, Sarah 8, scholar and Mary A. 5, scholar, all born High Littleton, living in High Littleton.

The 1871 Census finds Samuel TUCKER, aged 63, labourer, wife Elizabeth 45 and unmarried children Henry 24, coal miner, Samuel 22, coal miner, Martha 21, domestic servant and Mary Ann 15, domestic servant, living in High Littleton.

Samuel TUCKER, sawyer of High Littleton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on several occasions between 1849 and 1873. In 1870 he was described as miner, Top of Rotcombe, (delivered to Mary Ann TUCKER) and in 1873 old man & Elizabeth.

The 1881 Census finds Samuel TUCKER, aged 73 and wife Elizabeth 59, still living in High Littleton.

Samuel TUCKER, High Littleton, aged 82, was buried at High Littleton 20 Mar 1890.

The 1891 Census finds Elizabeth TUCKER, widow, aged 68, living alone in The Street, High Littleton.

Elizabeth TUCKER, Pump Barton, Farmborough, aged 78, was buried at High Littleton 28 Aug 1900.

Henry, the bastard child, married at Midsomer Norton on 14 Jun 1873 Anna Maria ASHMAN. He married under the name of Henry Tucker WHATLEY but rather surprisingly his father's name and occupation was left blank on the Marriage Certificate.

Anna Maria ASHMAN was born at Clutton on 9 Dec 1853.

After his marriage Henry dropped the name WHATLEY and all his children went by the surname TUCKER. They all attended High Littleton National School for a time.

Fenella Mary a daughter was born at High Littleton 10 Jul 1874. She married Thomas ROBBINS and emigrated to Canada in 1914.

George Joseph a son was born at Cwmaman, Wales at 7 o'clock Friday morning 22 Dec 1876. He was confirmed at Clutton Church on 9 Mar 1893. "Joseph" married Clara BIRD and emigrated to Australia in 1914.

Lily Jane a daughter was born at Farmborough 24 Jun 1879.

The 1881 Census finds Henry TUCKER, aged 33, coal miner, born High Littleton, wife Anna Maria 27, born Clutton and children Fenella Mary 6, born High Littleton, George Joseph 4, born Cwmaman, South Wales and Lily Jane 1, born Farmborough, living at No. 3 Sion Place, Clutton.

Harold a son was born at Clutton 30 Mar 1889.

Henry TUCKER, High Littleton, aged 76, was buried at High Littleton 12 Jul 1923.

Anna Maria TUCKER, Calne, Wilts., formerly of High Littleton, aged 73, was buried at High Littleton 19 May 1927.]

### 179. **Eliza BROWNING** had a bastard child by **Thomas COWEN** in 1847.

[Note: Eliza Fear was baptized at High Littleton 8 Sep 1816, a daughter of George BROWNING, collier and his wife Mary FEAR.

Application for issue of a Summons against Eliza BROWNING was made on 5 Apr 1847 for attendance at Petty Sessions on 20 Apr, where a Bastardy Order was made for 1/9 p.w. The putative father was named as Thomas COWEN (Return of Applications for Orders in Bastardy (Chewton Division) SRO Q/RcB1-7). Thomas may well have been a son of Isaac COWEN by his first wife.

Mildred dau. of Eliza BROWNING, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 2 May 1847.]

### 180. **Elizabeth SLADE** had a bastard child in 1847.

[Note: Elizabeth Bush was born on 23 Jul 1828, the bastard daughter of Elizabeth SLADE by Joseph BUSH. Her mother and father married 5 months later.

The 1841 Census finds Elizabeth SLADE, aged 12, living with her grandfather Stephen SLADE 61, smith, in High Littleton.

Marshal son of Elizabeth SLADE, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 12 Sep 1847. - Marshal SLADE, High Littleton, aged 8 months, buried at High Littleton 7 Apr 1848. The father's name has not been discovered.

Elizabeth SLADE, High Littleton, aged 20, was buried at High Littleton 15 Mar 1848.]

### 181. **Mary Ann BRIMBLE** had a bastard child in 1848.

[Note: Mary Ann had previously had a bastard child in 1843.

Frederick son of Mary Ann BRIMBLE, Farmbro', single woman, bapt. at Farmborough 30 Jul 1848. The father's name has not been discovered.

The 1851 Census finds Mary BRIMBLE, unmarried, aged 30, servant, George 8 and Fred'k 3, all born High Littleton, as inmates of Clutton Union Workhouse.

The Workhouse Register records that Mary Ann BRIMBLE, High Littleton, gave birth to another illegitimate child on 9 Jan 1851, baptized as William on 16 Jan. The Register records the death of William BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 1½, 21 Oct 1852. William BRIMBLE, Clutton, aged 1, was buried at High Littleton 25 Oct 1852.

The 1861 Census finds Hannah BRIMBLE, aged 66, widow, almswoman, born Farmborough, unmarried daughters Mary Ann 30 (*40 intended*), servant and Jane 24, servant, both born High Littleton and grandsons Frederick 13, ag. lab., born Farmborough and George 2, born Farmborough, living at New Road, Farmborough. George was Jane's bastard child.

Frederick BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 17, was buried at High Littleton 18 Jan 1866.

The 1871 Census finds Hannah BRIMBLE, aged 80, widow, and unmarried daughters Mary Ann 50 and Jane 33, both servants, living in High Littleton.

The 1881 Census finds Mary Ann BRIMBLE, unmarried, aged 61, dairy woman, living in High Littleton in the house of her nephew George BRIMBLE (Jane's son), unmarried, 23, coal miner, born Farmborough.

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Mary Ann BRIMBLE, Chapel Barton, aged 65, was buried at High Littleton 20 Apr 1887.]

### 182. **Ruth SAGE** had a bastard child in 1849.

[*Note:* Ruth was baptized at High Littleton on 3 May 1821, a daughter of James SAGE and his wife Martha BOLWELL. Selina dau. of Ruth SAGE, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 14 Oct 1849. The father's name has not been discovered. The 1851 Census finds Ruth SAGE, aged 29, servant and child Selina 1, as inmates of Clutton Union Workhouse. The Clutton Union Workhouse Register records the birth of another illegitimate child of Ruth SAGE, High Littleton, on 5 Apr 1851, baptized Fanny on 10 Apr.]

### 183. **Jemima SAGE** had a bastard child in 1849.

[*Note:* Jemima was born c.1826/7, a daughter of James SAGE and his wife Martha BOLWELL. The 1841 Census finds James SAGE, aged 45, coal miner, Martha 50, Harrot (*sic*) 20, George 15, Jemima 14 and Jonah 9, living in High Littleton. Amelia dau. of Jemima SAGE, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1849. The father's name has not been discovered. The 1851 Census finds Amelia SAGE, aged 1, child at nurse, born High Littleton, living with her aunt Harriet and her husband Thomas PARFREY and family in High Littleton, next door to James & Martha SAGE.]

### 184. **Sarah MINTY** had a bastard child in 1850.

[*Note:* Sarah MINTY had previously had a bastard child in 1846. Clutton Union Workhouse Register records the birth on 19 Feb 1850 of an illegitimate son of Sarah MINTY, High Littleton, baptized Cornelius on 20 Feb. The father's name has not been discovered. The 1851 Census finds Sarah MINTY, aged 24, unmarried, servant, born High Littleton and Cornelius 1, born Clutton Workhouse, as inmates of the Workhouse. Application for issue of a Summons against Sarah MINTY was made on 20 Apr 1853 for attendance at Petty Sessions on 10 May, where a Bastardy Order was made for 1/6 p.w. The putative father was named as Jonah PICKFORD. (Return of Applications for Orders in Bastardy (Chewton Division) SRO Q/Rc2-44). Clara MINTY, High Littleton, whose death is recorded in the Workhouse Register on 26 Sep 1854, aged 1¾, is assumed to be the child of the above. Clara MINTEE, Union, Clutton, aged 1 year 9 months, was buried at High Littleton 30 Sep 1854.]

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