

HIGH LITTLETON MISCELLANEOUS EXAMINATIONS

An unusually large number of Settlement Examinations have been preserved for High Littleton parish compared with neighbouring parishes. However these are by no means all those that once existed for High Littleton. By searching through Overseers' Accounts one can find references to further examinations, for which no documents exist today.

Examinations which supported Removal Orders, both to and from High Littleton, have been dealt with in sections similar to this one. This section deals with all those Examinations for which no evidence of a Removal Order has been found, together with a handful of examinations, which mention High Littleton or Hallatrow, found in neighbouring parish records. A few surviving Affidavits sworn prior to marriage by banns, which contain useful information concerning residence, have also been included here. Bastardy Examinations have been ignored as they are included in another section, which deals specifically with bastardy cases. However, it is possible that one two female examinations included here, for which there are few details, may in fact have been bastardy cases.

This section contains details of 118 examinations. In most cases the actual documents or copies have been preserved and these have been transcribed verbatim in chronological order. In the main these examinations cover the period from the mid eighteenth century to the mid 1830s, when Clutton Union came into being.

It seems clear that the parish officers had "purges" from time to time, which accounts for several people being examined on the same date - and one must remember that quite a number of other persons may also have been examined at the same time but are not included here because they were subjected to removal. Notes have been added after each case, which support and add to the information given in the examinations.

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1. John BASSETT of Timsbury was examined in 1711 but his Examination has not survived.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

2. Somerset Ss.

The Examination of Thomas MOONE now resideing in the Parish of Chew magna in the sd. County, taken upon Oath this 11th day of March 1722 [1722/3], who deposeseth & saith: That he was borne at Paulton in the sd. County & lived with his Freinds ab't 14 Yeares & then was bound apprentice to one Peter WALTER of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Clothworker, for 7 yeares & lived 3 yeares of the sd. seaven & then came away & lived with his Father in the said Parish of Chew Magna for about 4 Yeares. Then this Dep't married & lived about 14 Yeares in the sd. Parish of Chew Magna, there renting all that time upwards of £20 p. ann. & sometimes upwards of £30 p. ann. And this Examinant further saith, That he took an Estate at Witcombe, in the Parish of Chewton Mendippe in the said County, of £60 p. ann. but this examinant never enjoyed the same, but in one Year afterwards rented an Estate in Witcombe aforesaid of Mr PLAYSTER, of £40 p. ann. & Stocked the same & paid one Yeare's Rent, & continued in the said Estate for one Year more, but did not pay the full Rent for that Year; and afterwards rented at Shroule in the Parish of East Harptry in the said County, of above £20 p. ann., but of 3 severall persons & had not sufficient to stock the same for that purpose; and after he had rented the said Estate for Two Yeares, he came to live in the said Parish of East Harptree, in a House he rented there for Three Yeares; then he rented a small house in the said Parish of Chew Magna, where he now lives, at 45s. p. ann. rent. Thomas MOON.

[This was the third of five persons' Examinations on a double page, all dated the same. Only the last was sworn - before H. BRIDGES and John MOGG, 11 March 1722.]

SRO D/P/che.m. 13/3/4a-3iii.

[Note: Thomas MOON is assumed to be one of the sons of Jonas MOON, coalminer of Sutton (buried at Chew Magna 22 Dec 1704) and his wife Mary (buried at Chew Magna 5 Feb 1702/3).

By Will dated 15 Dec 1704, Jonas left his son Thomas, inter alia, a sixteenth part of his coleworks at South Slade, High Littleton [Hallatrow] (SRO DD/X/SR4).

Peter WALTER, Thomas' Master, who died in 1700, was one of the original members of Hallatrow Quaker Meeting.

Thomas MOON, Husbandman, and Mary his Wife resided in Chew Magna under a Settlement Certificate from East Harptree dated 5 May 1725 (SRO D/P/che.m. 13/3/3).

Mary wife of Thomas MOON was buried at Chew Magna 22 Jan 1729/30.

Thomas MOON of Sutton was buried at Chew Magna 26 Jul 1737.]

3. John JAMES of Paulton was examined in 1734 but his Examination has not survived.

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

[Note: William son of John JAMES bapt. at Paulton 20 Aug 1738.

George son of John JAMES & Betty bapt. at Paulton 1 Feb 1739/40.

The following is assumed to refer to the same John JAMES: Overseers Accounts for 1756/7 record a payment of 10/- for carrying John JAMES to ye goal [gaol] (*the circumstances have not been discovered*). Vestry Minutes of 13 Nov 1756 agreed to allow Betty JAMES, the wife of John JAMES, 2/- p.w. relief and 3/6, being consideration for what was allowed by us to Betty and Accounts show the payments of 2/- for 3 weeks and 3/6. Minutes of 1 Dec 1756 allowed Betty, wife of John JAMES 2/6 p.w., which Accounts for 1756/7 show was paid for 19 weeks. Minutes of 11 Apr 1757 approved relief of 2/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to John JAMES's wife and Minutes of 14 Oct 1757 agreed to allow about 3 doz'n of reed in order for thatching the house, late John JAMES's. Accounts for 1757/8 record 2/6 relief for 50 weeks, 14/6 paid to Farmer HEAD for helm to mend John JAMES's house and £1. 9. 9 for John BRODRIBB's bill for mending the same. Minutes of 27 Mar 1758 reduced the relief of John JAMES's wife to 2/- p.w. and Minutes of 12 Oct 1758 continued relief of 2/- p.w. The 1758/9 Accounts show this was paid for 55 weeks. Minutes of 16 Apr 1759 renewed relief at 2/- to John JAMES's wife but Accounts for 1759/60 record 2/- relief paid to John JAMES' children for 43 weeks and 6d. gift and £1.10. 6 was paid to Mr Thomas DANDO for clothing of JAMES's daughter to go to service and 6d. for the children. Accounts for 1760/1 record 3/2 paid to Jno. GREENLAND for JAMES's maid's shoes. Accounts for 1762/3 record 17/2½ to JAMES for cloaths to go to service followed by 7/- to Sarah JAMES, daughter to John JAMES. Accounts for 1763/4 record a payment of 8/4½ for thatching the house, late J. JAMES', 1/- to Mr MILES for an agreement with John BINCE for keeping J. JAMES' maid and £2. 7. 6 to John BINCE for John JAMES' maid. The Poor Book mentions a Note of Hand given by John BENICE to Mr Richard LANGFORD in 1763 for Condition of maintaining a child of John JAMES' but the document has not survived.

The pattern of relief implies that both John and Betty JAMES died during the period but they were not buried at High Littleton. Sarah appears to be another child of John and Betty.]

4. John PARKER of Midsomer Norton was examined in 1735 but his Examination has not survived.

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

[Note: Overseers' Accounts for 1754/5 record 8/6 given to Jno. PARKER at several times. Vestry Minutes of 31 Mar 1755 approved relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Jno. PARKER. Accounts for 1755/6 show that relief was paid for 1 week at 1/- and 54 weeks at 2/- and that £1.15/- was paid for Tho's READ's house rent for PARKER & FRANCIS. Minutes of 19 Apr 1756 renewed relief of 2/- p.w. to Jno. PARKER. Accounts for 1756/7 record that this was paid for 51 weeks and that £1.15/- was paid to Tho's READE for house rent for Jno. PARKER, Jane HILMAN and Ann FRANCIS. Minutes of 11 Apr 1757 approved relief of 3/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Jno. PARKER & wife and Minutes of 10 May 1757 agreed to allow John PARKER a pair of shoes. Accounts for 1757/8 show that the 3/- relief was paid to John PARKER for 43 weeks only, 5/3 was paid to Jos. GREENLAND for a pair of shoes for Jno. PARKER, 3/6 to Richard WOOD for a shirt for John and £1.15/- to Tho's READ for house rent for PARKER, Jane HILMAN & Ann FRANCES.

John PARKER (died 7 Feb) was buried at High Littleton 9 Feb 1758.

Accounts for 1757/8 record the payment of 1/6 p.w. relief to Gartery PARKER for 6 weeks.

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Gartery PARKER (died 10 Mar) was buried at High Littleton 12 Mar 1758.]

5. James SMITH of Chew Magna was examined in 1736 but his Examination has not survived.

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

[Note: James SMITH married Martha HEALE in 1731.

Elizabeth dau. of James SMITH bapt. at High Littleton 5 Dec 1736 (*entry deleted in Register*). - Elizabeth (died 5 Sep) dau. of James & Martha SMITH was buried at High Littleton 7 Sep 1740.

James was a son. - James son of James SMITH & Martha was buried at High Littleton some time between 1 Nov 1736 & 14 Apr 1737.

James son of James SMITH & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 11 Nov 1739. - He married firstly Grace SAGE, widow, at High Littleton 16 May 1763 and secondly Sarah CURTIS at St. Michael, Bath 3 Jan 1781.

Betty dau. of James SMITH & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 5 Jun 1742. - She had a bastard daughter in 1768 and after getting pregnant again was persuaded to marry the father Edward BARNETT at High Littleton on 17 Sep 1777.

Joel son of James SMITH & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 12 Jan 1745/6. - He married Mary VATER at High Littleton 14 Nov 1768.

Martha wife of James SMITH was buried at High Littleton 12 May 1748.

Overseers' Accounts for 1758/9 record 6/- paid to Wm. WHITTOCK for James SMITH in illness. Accounts for 1761/2 record a payment of 3/- on 12 Apr 1761 to James PALMER for the examining [of] Mary TYLER (*who was obviously very pregnant*) and mittimus for James SMITH (*the person responsible*). Mary had previously had bastard children by John ROSE in 1750 and John CLARK in 1755, so the Overseers must have been pleased when James SMITH agreed to marry her.

James SMITHx widower otp married Mary TYLERx spin. otp by licence at High Littleton 13 Apr 1761.

Timothy son of James SMITH & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 12 May 1761. - Timothy SMITH was buried at High Littleton 18 Dec 1810.

Martha dau. of James SMITH & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 7 Nov 1762. - Martha SMITH, Cloud Hill, aged 57, was buried at High Littleton 31 May 1819.

Richard son of James SMITH & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 4 Nov 1764. - Richard SMITH, a child, was buried at High Littleton 2 Jan 1780.

Anne dau. of James SMITH & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 15 Mar 1767. - She had a bastard child in 1768. Ann SMITH was buried at High Littleton 18 Aug 1797.

Vestry Minutes of 29 Sep 1766 state that, in consideration of the dearness of wheat, it was agreed to buy wheat at a market price and sell it to the poor, who have large families, whose names are underwritten (the 20 names included James SMITH, who was allowed 3 pecks per week), at 5/6 the bushel, the loss to be paid by a poor rate & to give J. SMITH 5/-. Accounts for 1766/7 record the latter payment to James in distress and a further 11/6 to James in distress at several times. Minutes of 26 May 1767 agreed to allow 3/- to James SMITH's children for cloaths. Accounts for 1767/8 record the payment of 3/- and also 5/6 paid to J. SMITH's family at several times. Minutes of 12 Aug 1768 agreed to allow James SMITH 5/-. Accounts for 1768/9 record £3. 2. 9 paid to James SMITH at several times and £1.10/- for James SMITH's house rent. Accounts for 1769/70 also record £1.10/- paid for James' house rent. Minutes of 9 May 1770 agreed to allow 3/6 to buy a spinning turn for Mary SMITH. Accounts for 1770/1 duly record the 3/6 and £1.10/- for James' house rent. Accounts for 1771/2 record 2/6 paid for a crock for James SMITH, £1.16/- to James SMITH & family in want, 2/- to Betty SMITH for attending Mary in her sickness, £1.10/- for James' 1 year's rent, 9/4 for 7 yds. of sarge [*serge*] for Mary at 1/4 pr. yard, 6/10½ for 2¾ yds. of blancoating for James and 5/- to James SMITH further in want. Accounts for 1772/3 record relief to James SMITH of 4/6 p.w. for 25 weeks, £3. 3. 5 to James in want, 6/1½ for 5¼ ells of flax for James, 2/4½ for 1½ yards of linsey for him, 18/4½ to Tho's LANSDOWN for things for SMITH's children, £4. 7/- to Dr BATH for curing Wm. TUCKER's leg & things for James SMITH's wife and £1.15/- for James' 1 year's house rent & garden. Minutes of 12 Apr 1773 approved relief of 4/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to James SMITH. Accounts for 1773/4 record that this was paid for 51 weeks, 2/- was paid to James in want, 3/6 for a shirt & making for James, 2/2 for making shirts & shifts for Ann FRANCIS, Mary SMITH and 4 children and £1.15/- for James SMITH's 1 year's house rent. Minutes of 4 Apr 1774 renewed James' relief at 4/6. Accounts for 1774/5 show this was paid for 5 weeks only, 4/- was paid for liquor that James had in his sickness and 16/- for burying James SMITH.

James SMITH was buried at High Littleton 1 May 1774.

Vestry Minutes of 10 May 1774 agreed to allow the late James SMITH's widow 2/6 p.w. Accounts for 1774/5 record the payment of 2/6 for 3 weeks, 3/6 for 18 weeks and 3/- for 28 weeks to widow SMITH, 2/6 given to Mary SMITH in her sickness by Mr MOGG's orders and £1.15/- for Mary's 1 year's rent to lady day. Minutes of 17 Apr 1775 approved relief of 3/- p.w. to widow SMITH. Accounts for 1775/6 record payments for 51 weeks, 17/7½ to Mrs LANSDOWN for cloaths for SMITH's children, and £1.15/- for Mary's 1 year's house rent due at lady day. Minutes of 8 Apr 1776 reduced wid. SMITH's relief to 2/6 p.w. Accounts for 1776/7 record payments for 51 weeks, 2/6 given to Mary in want, 6/5 for a wastcoat [*sic*] & breeches for SMITH's boy and £1.15/- for Mary's 1 year's house rent. Minutes of 31 Mar 1777 reduced wid. SMITH's relief to 2/- p.w. The 1777/8 Accounts show this was paid for 55 weeks, 4/8 was paid for a pair of shoes for Rich'd SMITH and £1.15/- for Mary's 1 year's house rent. Minutes of 20 Apr 1778 renewed relief of 2/- p.w. to Mary SMITH. Accounts for 1778/9 show this was paid for 50 weeks, 11/- for a wooden leg for Mary SMITH, 11/- for blanketing & making a wascoat for SMITH's boy and £1.15/- for Mary's 1 year's house rent. Minutes of 5 Apr 1779 continued Mary's relief at 2/- p.w. Accounts for 1779/80 record payments for 50 weeks, 11/2 was paid to Mr LANSDOWN for a blankett & other things for Rich'd SMITH, 19/9 to Rich'd in his lameness & burying him and £1.15/- for Mary's 1 year's house rent. Minutes of 27 Mar 1780 repeated Mary's relief at 2/- p.w. The 1780/1 Accounts show this was paid for 55 weeks, 16/- for a bed for Mary, £1. 5. 6 to Mr STOCKDALE for 17 yds. of kearsey at 18d. pr. yd., also 8/6 to him for 8½ yds. of flax at 12d. pr. yd., 4/10½ to Wm. LANSDOWN for making the things for Mary SMITH & family and £1.15/- for Mary's 1 year's house rent. Minutes of 16 Apr 1781 approved 1/- p.w. relief to Mary. Accounts for 1781/2 record this relief for 50 weeks and £1.15/- for Mary's 1 year's house rent. Minutes of 22 Apr 1782 renewed Mary's relief of 1/- p.w. Accounts for 1782/3 show this was paid for 55 weeks, 2/- was paid for a spinning turn for Mary SMITH and £1.15/- for Mary's house rent. Minutes of 21 Apr 1783 repeated relief of 1/- p.w. to Mary. Accounts for 1783/4 record 51 weeks relief paid. Minutes of 12 Apr 1784 continued Mary's relief at 1/- p.w. Accounts for 1784/5 record relief for 50 weeks, 1/- to Mary SMITH in want, £1.15/- for Mary's house rent [*to lady day 1784*], 2/8 for making of things for Mary, 2/6 for stuff for Mary & £1.15/- for Mary's rent to lady day 1785. Minutes of 28 Mar 1785 continued Mary's relief at 1/- p.w. Accounts for 1785/6 show this was paid for 55 weeks and 1/- for a wooden leg for Mary SMITH. Minutes of 23 Apr 1786 renewed Mary's relief of 1/- p.w. Minutes of 9 Apr 1787 again renewed Mary SMITH's relief at 1/- p.w. Minutes of 31 Mar 1788 continued relief to Mary at 1/- p.w. Minutes of 13 Apr 1789 increased Mary's relief to 1/6 p.w. Minutes of 5 Apr 1790 repeated Mary's relief of 1/6 p.w. Minutes of 25 Apr 1791 kept Mary's relief at 1/6 p.w. Minutes of 9 Apr 1792 showed no change at 1/6 p.w. Minutes of 31 Oct 1792 agreed to purchase two shifts for Mary SMITH. Minutes of 1 Apr 1793 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. to Mary. Minutes of 21 Apr 1794 increased Mary's relief to 2/- p.w. Minutes of 6 Apr 1795 maintained Mary's relief at 2/- p.w. Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 resolved that, taking into consideration some method for relieving the distresses of the poor, arising from the present high price of provisions, 55 lb. of bacon, the prime cost of which is 6d. pr. lb., be sold to Mary SMITH [*one of 16 names*], at the rate of 6d. per lb. for the best pieces and

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4d. pr. lb. for the residue. Mary SMITH received a shift and blanket from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1793. Minutes of 28 Mar 1796 approved relief of 2/6 p.w. to Mary during the present high price of provisions. Mary SMITH was buried at High Littleton 17 Nov 1796. Accounts for 1796/7 record the cost of burying Mary SMITH and also money paid to Mary SMITH's daughter after the death of her mother. Minutes of 17 Apr 1797 approved relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Mary SMITH's daughters.]

6. Adam GREEN of Clutton was examined in 1736 but his Examination has not survived.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

7. Somersetshire to witt.

The Examination of Edmond PERRY, now resideing in the Parish of Clutton, taken before us, this 20th day of Feb'ry 1740 [1740/1].

Who upon his oath saith, that he was born in the sd. parish of Clutton, and, when he was about Sixteen Years of age, he was bound an apprentice to John LANSDOWN of High Littleton in the sd. County, for Seven Years, and there lived with him the whole time, and that he has not gained any legall Settlem't since. [unsigned].

Sworn, the day & y'r abovesd., before us [blank].

SRO D/P/clut. 13/3/4-17.

[Note: Edmund son of Anthony & Mary PERRY bapt. at Clutton 22 Mar 1715/6.

Edmond son of Anthony PERRY, stocking maker, late of Clutton, was apprenticed to John LANSDOWN, tailor of High Littleton & Elizabeth his wife, by Indenture dated 20 May 1731, Edmond's mother Mary paying the £4 fee. Anthony PERRY was buried at Clutton 19 Sep 1727.

Edmund married Hannah c.1740-45.

John son of Edmund & Hannah PERRY bapt. at Clutton 23 Mar 1745/6.

Ann dau. of Edmund & Hanah (sic) PERRY bapt. at Clutton 26 Feb 1747/8

Sarah dau. of Edmund & Hannah PERRY bapt. at Clutton 20 Jun 1753.]

8. Jacob CARTER of High Littleton was examined in 1744 but his Examination has not survived.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

9. William HAYNES of Compton Dando was examined in 1744 but his Examination has not survived.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

10. Barnaby GANTLETT of Farmborough was examined in 1745 but his Examination has not survived.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

[Note: Barnaby GANTLET married Betty WARFIELD by banns at Clutton 20 Apr 1737.

William son of Barnaby GANTLET bapt. at Farmborough 29 Jan 1737/8. - William son of Barnaby GAUNTLET buried at Farmborough 22 Jan 1742/3.

Anne dau. of Barnaby GANTLET bapt. at Farmborough 26 Mar 1740.

Barnaby son of Barnaby GAUNTLET bapt. at Farmborough 13 Mar 1741/2.

Elizabeth wife of Barnaby GANTLETT was buried at Farmborough 26 Apr 1742.

Barnaby GAUNTLETT married Hester PARFECT at Farmborough 19 Nov 1744.

John son of Barnaby GAUNTLET bapt. at Farmborough 11 Oct 1745.

George son of Barnaby GAUNTLET bapt. at Farmborough 18 May 1747. - George son of Barnaby GANTLET buried at Farmborough 25 Mar 1753.

Eleanor dau. of Barnaby GANTLET bapt. at Farmborough 30 Oct 1748.

An Order was made for the removal of Barnaby GAUNTLETT, wife Hester and children Barnaby 8, Ann 10, John 4, George 3 and Eleanor 2, from Farmborough to Publow, which was confirmed at Quarter Sessions on 24 Apr 1750 (SRO Q/SO12 p.115). In the back of the Farmborough Register is a note - 1751 April 9 Barnaby GANTLETT discharge (i.e. *Settlement Certificate*).

Joshua son of Barnaby GANTLET bapt. at Farmborough 31 Mar 1751. - Joshua son of Barnaby GANTLET buried at Farmborough 31 Jul 1752.

Esther dau. of Barnaby GANTLET bapt. at Farmborough 12 May 1753. - Esther infant dau. of Barnaby GANTLET buried at Farmborough 16 Jun 1753.]

11. Overseers' Accounts for 1754/5 record 1/- paid for an Examination Warrant for **G. JAMES** but the Examination has not survived.

[Note: The person concerned was probably a George JAMES but he has not been identified.]

12. County of Somerset.

The Information of Richard SAGE, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County, taken this 14th Day of October 1757.

Who, upon his Oath saith, That he was born in the Parish of Camely in the sd. County, as he hath been informed & believes; lived with his Parents there 'till he was about Fourteen [thirteen in copy] Years old, when he was bound an Apprentice to George HARRIS of the Parish of High Littleton af'sd., Sheerman, for seven Years; that he served about three Years of that Term; that his sd. Master then deserted this Informant, but before this Desertion he, this Informant, was hired by his sd. Master to Abraham BRODRIBB of High littleton af'sd. till his

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sd. Master sho'd return from the City of London (the Place he then went to, as this Informant hath been informed & verily believes); that he worked w'th him, the sd. Abraham BRODRIBB, ab't half of a Year in the sd. Parish of High Littleton; soon after which, the sd. Abraham BRODRIBB removed into the Parish of Camely afores'd, with whom he, this Informant, there worked ab't half of a year. But this Informant saith, that he was not assign'd by the sd. George HARRIS to the sd. Abraham BRODRIBB by any lawful Writing to serve out the Remainder of the abovementioned Term of seven Years, to his Knowledge or Belief. And this Informant further saith, that he lived in different Places (but in any of which he did not gain any legal Settlem't by Service, Renting or otherwise) till he attained to the Age of Fifty seven Years, when he was chosen Clerk of the Parish of High Littleton afores'd by the Curate of the same Parish; in which Office he continued ab't Five Years. And this Informant saith, that he hath gained no other Settlem't than as above, to his Knowledge or Belief. Richard SAGE.

Sworn the Day & Year afores'd befor me Geo. HODGES.

Document in High Littleton Vestry Aug 2000. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-20a (*Copy*) with minor differences.

[*Note*: Richard son of Samuell & Margaret SAGE bapt. at Cameley 9 Oct 1694.

The following are assumed to be the children of an undiscovered first marriage of Richard SAGE:

Richard was probably the eldest son. - He married Grace in or before 1746.

William son of Richard & Ann SAGE of High Littleton bapt. at Clutton 5 Nov 1725.

Ann dau. of Richard & Ann SAGE of High Littleton bapt. at Clutton 22 Aug 1727.

Ann dau. of Rich'd & Ann SAGE of High Littleton bapt. at Clutton 21 Jun 1730.

Richard SAGE married Mary COTTLE widow, both of High Littleton, at Clutton 28 May 1733. - The marriage is also entered in the High Littleton Register for 1733 (no more exact date).

Churchwardens' Accounts for 1754/5 show that the Parish Clerk was paid £1 a year wages. Rich'd SAGE was also paid 1/- for washing the surplice and 5/- for mowing the Churchyard. The last marriage at High Littleton witnessed by Richard SAGE was in 1755 and it appears that he retired as Parish Clerk soon after 1757.

Vestry Minutes of 1 Dec 1756 agreed to pay Mr SHERBORN all reasonable charges for attending Mary the wife of Richard SAGE and also to allow the Overseer a discretionary power to relieve Mary SAGE in her present illness as he shall think proper. Minutes of 27 Dec 1756 agreed to allow Mary SAGE, the wife of Rich'd, 3/- p.w. Overseers' Accounts for 1756/7 show that Mary was paid 2/6 for 5 weeks and 3/- for 15 weeks and 3/- was paid further to Rich'd SAGE for Tho's TYLAR's funeral. An entry for a payment to Mr SHERBORN was deleted. Minutes of 11 Apr 1757 approved relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Mary SAGE. Minutes of 14 Oct 1757 agreed to allow Mary, the wife of Rich'd SAGE, 9d. pr. week and the arrears as is behind after the same. Accounts for 1757/8 show that Mary was paid 2/- for 15 weeks and 9d. for 35 weeks, £8. 0. 8 was paid for Farmer HARRIS' bill for Mary TYLAR, Mary SAGE and Rob't PURNELL and 1/- to John BRODRIBB for examining Rich'd SAGE. Minutes of 27 Mar 1758 approved relief of 9d. p.w. to Mary SAGE and Minutes of 12 Oct 1758 continued this at 9d. p.w. Accounts for 1758/9 show relief was paid for 55 weeks. Minutes of 12 Apr 1759 renewed relief of 9d. p.w. to Mary and Accounts for 1759/60 show this was paid for 51 weeks. Minutes of 7 Apr 1760 again renewed Mary's relief at 9d. p.w. and Accounts for 1760/1 record payments for 50 weeks. Minutes of 23 Mar 1761 increased Mary's relief to 1/- p.w. and Accounts for 1761/2 show this was paid for 55 weeks. Minutes of 12 Apr 1762 continued Mary's relief at 1/- p.w. Overseers' Accounts for 1762/3 record payments for 51 weeks and 7/- to Richard SAGE at several times when sick. Minutes of 4 Apr 1763 again renewed Mary's relief at 1/- p.w. Accounts for 1763/4 show that this was paid for 55 weeks, also that 1/- p.w. was paid to Rich. SAGE for 23 weeks and a payment of 3/- to Rich. Minutes of 23 Apr 1764 approved relief of 1/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Rich'd SAGE and the same to Mary. Accounts for 1764/5 show that they were each paid for 50 weeks. Minutes of 9 Apr 1765 renewed relief of 1/- p.w. each to Rich'd and Mary. Accounts for 1765/6 show that 2/- was paid to Rich. and Mary for 51 weeks and 2/- to Rich'd when sick. Minutes of 31 Mar 1766 increased relief to 1/6 p.w. each to Rich'd and Mary and Accounts for 1766/7 show that they were each paid for 55 weeks. Minutes of 20 Apr 1767 approved relief of 3/- p.w. to Rich'd SAGE & Mary, Minutes of 4 Aug 1767 agreed to give R. SAGE 2/6 and Minutes of 22 Sep 1767 agreed to give Rd. SAGE 2/-. Accounts for 1767/8 show that Rich'd & wife were paid for 50 weeks and Rich'd was given 13/- in sickness at several times. Minutes of 4 Apr 1768 renewed relief of 3/- p.w. to Rich'd SAGE & wife and there was a note "Rich'd SAGE dead". Minutes of 12 Aug 1768 agreed to give Mary JAMES 10/- for looking after Rich'd SAGE & wife and to give her for the time forward 1/6 p.w. for the same and to allow Rich'd SAGE & wife 4/- a week from this time. Accounts for 1768/9 record payments to Richard SAGE & Mary of 3/- for 19 weeks and 2/- for 32 weeks, 4/- given to Rich'd when sick, 3/- for liquor for Rich'd & 11/6 attendance, 16/- for burying Rich'd SAGE 1/- for carriage of Rich'd's goods and 6d. to Mary.

Richard SAGE was buried at High Littleton 14 Aug 1768.

Minutes of 27 Mar 1769 approved relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to M. SAGE. Accounts for 1769/70 record payments to Mary for 55 weeks and 10/- for her rent. Minutes of 16 Apr 1770 renewed relief of 2/- p.w. to Mary SAGE but noted "dy'd 1st May". Accounts for 1770/1 record payments of Mary's relief for 2 weeks and 16/- for burying her.

Mary SAGE was buried at High Littleton 2 May 1770.]

13. Sarah GAY of Combe Hay was examined in 1759 but her Examination has not survived.

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

14. County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of Owen JENKINS, now residing in the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the said County, Cordwainer, taken this 30th Day of March 1761 before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County.

Who, upon his Oath, saith that he was born in the Town or Parish of Bridgwater in the said County, as he hath been informed and believes; that he lived with his Parents there 'till about his Age of nine years, when he was bound out an Apprentice (but whether by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of Bridgwater afores'd or by himself or Parents, he cannot recollect) to *One Farmer STEVENS of the same Place, by whom he was soon after assigned over by Said STEVENS [bit in italics crossed through]* to One John MARTIN of Bridgwater

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afores'd, Cordwainer, till his age of twenty four years *for the then Residue of his Time, which is not yet expired [bit in italics crossed through]*. And this Examinant saith, that after he had lived with the sd. John MARTIN about seven Years, he was forced by his Sd. Master by Threatenings and cruel Treatment to desert his Services. And that he hath since worked up and down at several Places at his own Hands, but hath gained no other Settlement than as above, to his Knowledge or Belief. The Mark of X Owen JENKINS.

Sworn the Day and Year aboves'd Before us Jas. TOOKER, Geo. HODGES.

Document in High Littleton Vestry Aug 2000.

[Note: Why this document should be amongst High Littleton records is unclear. Although there is no record of him in the parish, JENKINS may have attempted to settle in High Littleton.

Owen JENKINS, sojourner, married Catherine WALTER at Midsomer Norton 22 Mar 1761.]

15. Overseers Accounts for 1766/7 record the payment of 1/6 for the Examination of James DURY but the document has not survived.

[Note: James was probably the son of Thomas DURY and Betty JAMES, who married at Clutton 19 Apr 1730.

He married Ann --- c.1752.

Betty dau. of James DEWRY bapt. at Clutton 29 Apr 1753. - She married James SALMON at High Littleton 26 Apr 1773.

Thomas son of James DRURY & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 22 Jun 1754. - He married Anne JONES at High Littleton 29 Apr 1776.

Sarah dau. of James DRURY & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 11 Apr 1756. - She married Richard TUCKER at High Littleton 19 May 1782.

James son of James DRURY & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 15 Oct 1758. No early burial has been found and he may have been baptized again 9 months later.

James son of James DURY & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 27 Jul 1759. - He married firstly Lydia TUCKER at High Littleton 3 Feb 1783 and secondly Mary PLUMLEY at Clutton 3 May 1785.

Overseers' Accounts for 1760/1 record on 22 Jun 1760 2/- given to Jno. PARSONS & Daniel PICKFORD for carrying James DURY's boy to Paulton in Small pox.

John son of James DURY & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 29 Oct 1760.

Martha dau. of James DURY & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 5 May 1763. - She married George PARFITT at High Littleton 19 Mar 1784.

Joseph son of James DURY & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 29 Jun 1766. - He married Martha GRAY at Farmborough 8 Nov 1790.

Josiah son of James DURY & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 1 May 1768. - He married Ann PRIDDY at St. James, Bristol 31 Jan 1814.

James DURY was a tailor all his working life. Amongst his apprentices were John BROWNING indentured 18 May 1764 and Richard TUCKER 31 May 1771. Accounts for 1771/2 record 7/- paid to Mr CORP for Indentures & exences when Rich'd TUCKER was bound to James DRURY, £10 to James DRURY with Rich'd TUCKER, £1. 3/- to James DRURY for Rich'd TUCKER's cloaths and 6/- for James DRURY's bill. Accounts for 1773/4 record 8/6½ paid to James DRURY for the taylor's bill. Accounts for 1775/6 record 3/6 paid to James DURY for making Martha STICKLAND's boy's cloaths. Accounts for 1776/7 record 3/- paid to James DURY for making the cloaths for Rob't PURNELL. Accounts for 1777/8 record 9/- paid to James for making gowns & pettycoats & 12 yards of enkle. Accounts for 1783/4 record £3 paid to James DURY for putting his [son] in the Hospital. Accounts for 1784/5 show £2. 7. 9 recieved from Bath Hospital for money paid with Jas. DURY's son.

The 1793 Survey of High Littleton shows James DRURY as proprietor of a cottage (206 on map - 1 perch) and a cottage & garden (207a on map - 5 perches), both located on the north west corner of Rotcombe Lane and High Street.

James DRURY received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on several occasions between 1794 and 1800.

Vestry Minutes of 19 May 1802 approved relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to James DRURY and wife.

James DRURY was buried at High Littleton 3 Jan 1803. Accounts record that he was buried at parish expense.

Vestry Minutes of 11 Apr 1803 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Ann DRURY. Minutes of 2 Apr 1804 increased Ann DRURY's relief to 1/9 p.w. Minutes of 10 Jun 1805 renewed Ann's relief at 1/9 p.w. Accounts for 1806/7 show that Ann received 1/9 p.w. for the year. Minutes of 17 Apr 1807 continued Ann's relief at 2/- p.w. Accounts for 1808/9 record that Ann DRURY was paid 2/- for 40 weeks and 2/6 for 10 weeks. Accounts for 1809/10 record that Ann DRURY was paid 2/6 for 41 weeks and 5/- for 14 weeks. Accounts for 1810/1 record that Ann DURY was paid 4/6 p.w. for the year. Accounts for 1811/2 show that Ann was paid 4/6 p.w. for 46 weeks and there was a note "dead".

Ann DRURY received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1804, 1808 (widow) and 1810 (in illness).

Ann DRURY was buried at High Littleton 10 Mar 1812. - Accounts for 1812 record a payment to Josiah DURY towards his mother's coffin and ringing the bell.

There were families of DURY and DRURY in High Littleton and the names were frequently confused in the parish records.]

16. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Robert HOLLOWAY, now residing in the Parish of Clutton in the sd. County, Coalminer, taken this 6th Day of April 1773 before us, his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the sd. County, whose Hands are hereunto set.

Who Upon his Oath saith, that he was born in the Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County, as he hath been informed & believes, lived with his Parents there till about his Age of Twenty One Years, when he married Elizabeth, his Present Wife, and hath acquired no Settlement independant (sic) of his Father, Stephen HOLLOWAY, who was & is settled in the Parish of Dunkerton in the sd. County. The Mark of X Robert HOLLOWAY.

Sworn, the Day & Year aforesd., before Jno. ADAMS, John ADAMS Jun'r. a Copy.

SRO D/P/clut. 13/3/4-7.

[Note: Rob't (born 26 Aug) son of Stephen HOLLOWAY & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 2 Sep 1744.

Stephen HOLLOWAY was examined and removed with his family by Order dated 6 Feb 1744/5 from High Littleton to Dunkerton, but Stephen, Ann and son Robert returned to High Littleton under a Certificate from Dunkerton dated 15 Apr 1745.

Robert HOLLOWAY married Elizabeth CREES at Chew Magna 4 Jun 1770.

Anne dau. of Robert HOLLOWAY & Elisabeth bapt. at High Littleton 28 Apr 1771.

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Robert son of Robert HOLLOWAY & Elisabeth bapt. at High Littleton 28 Feb 1773
 Sarah dau. of Robert & Elizabeth HOLLOWAY bapt. at Timsbury 9 Mar 1779.
 John son of Robert & Elizabeth HOLLOWAY bapt. at Timsbury 30 Jul 1780.
 Mary dau. of Robert & Elizabeth HOLLOWAY bapt. at Timsbury 17 Jun 1782.
 Betty dau. of Robert & Elizabeth HOLLOWAY bapt. at Timsbury 18 Jan 1786.
 Robert HOLLOWAY a pauper was buried at High Littleton 23 May 1788.]

17. County of Somerset.

The Exam'n of William HARRIS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County, Labourer, taken this 14th Oct'r 1774.

Who, upon his Oath saith, that he was born in the Parish of High Littleton afsd. as he has been informed & believes, that about Twelve years ago he took & occupied an Estate, in the Parish of Clutton in the sd. County, of Martha COOK, Widow, of Twenty Six Pounds a Year for ab't three Years. And hath not since gained any other Settlem't to his Knowledge. The Mark of X Will'm HARRIS.

Sworn the Day & Year aforesd. John ADAMS, John ADAMS Jun'r. (Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-2. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-14 (Copy) with minor differences.

[*Note:* William son of William & Elizabeth HARRIS baptized at High Littleton 25 May 1740 is believed to be the person who married Martha TUCKER in 1763 and died at Farrington Gurney in 1819 aged 80. The parents of the William examined in 1774 have not been identified but the Shepton Mallet connection suggests that he may be the son of Jacob and Christian HARRIS. Overseers' Accounts for 1774/5 record 1/- paid to Jacob HARRIS in want, whilst Accounts record on 14 Dec 1793 5/- paid to Jacob HARRIS' widow at Shepton, and 1794/5 Accounts record payments to widow HARRIS at Shepton Mallet in sickness and 16/- for her funeral. Christian HARRIS, aged 63, was buried at Shepton Mallet 14 Jun 1794. Jacob HARRIS buried at High Littleton 21 Jun 1753 is assumed to be from an earlier generation.

William HARRIS otp married Patience WILKINS otp by licence at Cameley 26 Apr 1770.

Elizabeth dau. of William HARRIS & Patience bapt. at Cameley 30 Sep 1770. She had a bastard child James in 1794, who only lived a few months and possibly another in 1806. Betty was removed from Shepton Mallet to High Littleton by Order dated 2 Dec 1800. Elizabeth HARRIS, Hallatrow, aged 51, was buried at High Littleton 28 Dec 1818.

Ann dau. of William HARRIS & Patience bapt. at Cameley - Oct 1772. - Anne HARRIS, a child, was buried at High Littleton 26 Jan 1774.

Mary dau. of William HARRIS & Patience bapt. at Cameley - Oct 1772. Mary HARRIS, High Littleton, aged 68, buried at High Littleton 28 Aug 1836.

Accounts for 1772/3 record 5/- paid for Wm. HARRIS' 5 weeks house rent. Accounts for 1773/4 record 4/- paid for Wm. HARRIS' house rent and 6/- for burying his child [*Anne*]. Accounts for 1774/5 record 4/6 paid for ye expences of **Wm. HARRIS** Examination. and 2/6 to Betty CHIVERS for delivering his wife.

James son of William HARRIS & Patience bapt. at High Littleton 2 Apr 1775. James served in the Army abroad before marrying Ann SAGE at Farmborough 10 Feb 1818.

Accounts for 1775/6 record 7/- given to William HARRIS in the snow.

Anne dau. of William HARRIS & Patience bapt. at High Littleton 18 May 1777. - Anne HARRIS, an infant, was buried at High Littleton 3 Jun 1777.

Accounts for 1777/8 record 5/6 paid for burying HARRIS' child [*Anne*]. Accounts for 1778/9 record 3/- given to Wm. HARRIS in want and 2/6 paid to Betty CHIVERS for delivering his wife.

Ruth dau. of William HARRIS & Patience bapt. at High Littleton 23 Aug 1778. Ruth was removed from Shepton Mallet to High Littleton by Order dated 2 Dec 1800.

Martha dau. of William HARRIS & Patience bapt. at High Littleton 11 Mar 1781. Martha was removed from Shepton Mallet to High Littleton by Order dated 2 Dec 1800.

Accounts for 1781/2 record 9/3 paid for 2 shirts & making for Wm. HARRIS. Accounts for 1782/3 record £2 paid for William HARRIS' 1 year's house rent. Accounts for 1783/4 record £4.15/- paid to William HARRIS & family in illness, £2 for 1 year's house rent and 2/6 to Betty CHIVERS for delivering Wm. HARRIS' wife.

Sarah dau. of William HARRIS & Patience bapt. at High Littleton 16 Nov 1783. Sarah was removed from Shepton Mallet to High Littleton by Order dated 2 Dec 1800. She married William JOYCE, a widower, at Frome 3 Sep 1802.

Vestry Minutes of 12 Apr 1784 approved relief of 3/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to William HARRIS and family. Accounts for 1784/5 show this was paid for 50 weeks and £2 was paid for Wm. HARRIS' 1 year's house rent. Minutes of 28 Mar 1785 renewed relief at 3/- p.w. Accounts for 1785/6 record 3/- p.w. relief paid to Wm. HARRIS & family for 55 weeks, 10/10½ paid for various articles in linnen for William & family, £2 for William's 1 year's house rent, 2/6 to the midwife for delivering his wife and 3/- to her in her lying in.

Ann dau. of W'm HARRIS & Patience a pauper bapt. at High Littleton 23 Apr 1786. Accounts record on 5 Oct 1810 payment to Mr SEARL of Shepton Mallet for Ann HARRIS 12 w'ks & her funeral expenses £3.

Minutes of 23 Apr 1786 continued relief to Wm. HARRIS & family at 3/- p.w., which the 1786/7 Accounts show was paid for 51 weeks, 5/- was also paid to W'm's family and £2 for his house rent to lady day. Minutes of 9 Apr 1787 reduced relief to 2/6 p.w. Minutes of 31 Mar 1788 renewed relief to William HARRIS & family at 2/6 p.w. Accounts for 1788/9 record a payment to W'm HARRIS' in his wife's lying in.

Wm. son of William HARRIS & Patience a pauper bapt. at High Littleton 15 Jun 1788.

Accounts for 1788 record the payment of £2. 2/- to W'm HARRIS to go to Shepton & never to return, followed by 10/6 for the carrying of Will'm HARRIS to Shepton. A further £2. 2/- was expended in taking W'm HARRIS' family to Mr MORGAN at Shepton.

Patience HARRIS, pauper, aged 49, was buried at Shepton Mallet 3 Apr 1790. Accounts for 1789/90 record a payment for the burial of W'm HARRIS' wife.

Accounts for 1790/1 record the payment of Will'm HARRIS' house rent at Shepton, being 55 weeks at 1/- p.w. Accounts for 1793 record 10/6 given to W'm HARRIS' family in the smallpox.

One may speculate that with one or two daughters in Frome it is possible that William HARRIS married again and lived at Frome. Alternatively this could refer to William the son born in 1788. Accounts record on 3 Apr 1809 a payment for the funeral expenses of W'm HARRIS, Frome, followed by relief to widow HARRIS (Frome). The latter is subsequently referred to as Sarah HARRIS, widow at Frome and relief to her continued for many years. In 1819 she was noted as living in Bristol and relief ended in 1821/2.]

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18. Vestry Minutes of 18 Nov 1774 agreed that two of the present Overseers do, at some Petty Sessions to be held in and for this Division, before and on this side [*of*] the 1st day of Jan'y next, cause **Thomas POOL**, Thomas BRIMBLE and George MAGGS, all now inhabitants in this parish, to be examined as to the parishes to which they respectively belong. No Examination has survived and, as no expense of such is recorded in Overseers' Accounts, it may not have been taken.

[*Note:* Thomas POOLE widower otp married Anne RICHARDSONx resident in the parish, by banns at High Littleton 2 Sep 1771.

Judith dau. of Thomas POOLE & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 8 Mar 1772.

Anne dau. of Thomas POOLE & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 11 Sep 1774.]

19. Vestry Minutes of 18 Nov 1774 instructed the Overseers, before next 1 Jan, to cause **Thomas BRIMBLE**, an inhabitant in this parish, to be examined as to the parish to which he belongs. Overseers' Accounts for 1774/5 record 2/- paid for Geo. MAGGS' & Tho's BRIMBLE's Examinations. Thomas' examination has not survived.

[*Note:* Thomas son of James BRIMBLE & Hanna bapt. at High Littleton 9 Dec 1739.

Thomas BRIMBLE horse driver married Hannah SELWAY spin. of Clutton by banns at Timsbury 12 Jul 1760.

Joseph son of Thomas BRIMBLE & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 24 Jan 1762.

Hannah dau. of Tho's BRIMBLE bapt. at Farmborough 18 Dec 1763.

Anne dau. of Tho's BRIMBLE bapt. at Farmborough 14 Apr 1765.

James son of Tho's BRIMBLE bapt. at Farmborough 5 Jul 1767. - James infant son of Tho's BRIMBLE buried at Farmborough 14 Feb 1768.

Mary dau. of Tho's BRIMBLE bapt. at Farmborough 26 Mar 1769. - Mary dau. of Tho's BRIMBLE buried at Farmborough 23 Jun 1774.

Betty dau. of Thomas BRIMBLE bapt. at Farmborough 9 Jun 1771.

Overseers' Accounts for 1774/5 record £1. 5/- paid for Tho's BRIMBLE's half year's rent to lady day last and 5/- given to Tho's towards ye expence of burying his child [*Mary*].

James son of Thomas BRIMBLE & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 22 Dec 1776.

Martha dau. of Thomas BRIMBLE & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 22 Dec 1776.

Accounts for 1777/8 record 5/- paid to Thomas BRIMBLE for Ann PURNEL's house rent. Accounts for 1778/9 record £1. 5/- paid for Tho's BRIMBLE's half a year's house rent due at michaelmas last and another £1. 5/- for half a year's rent due at lady day, 2/6 to Betty CHIVERS for delivering Tho's BRIMBLE's wife.

Mary dau. of Tho's BRIMBLE & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 11 Jan 1779.

Accounts for 1779/80 record 9/- paid for burying Tho's BRIMBLE's child, 2/- given to his wife in want, 16/- for burying Tho's BRIMBLE's wife and £2.10/- for Tho's' 1 year's house rent.

Hannah BRIMBLE was buried at High Littleton 18 Feb 1781.

Accounts for 1781/2 record £2.10/- paid for Tho's BRIMBLE's 1 year's house rent. Accounts for 1782/3 record the payment of 3/- relief for 9 weeks & 1/6 over to Tho's BRIMBLE's children. Accounts for 1783/4 record 9/6 paid to Tho's BRIMBLE in illness, 12/6 more for the same, 2 weeks' relief at 7/- p.w. and £3. 1/- for Geo. TUCKER, Daniel COLLIER & Thomas BRIMBLE's 1 year's house rent.

Thomas BRIMBLE married Ann HOLLEY by banns at Timsbury 7 Jul 1783.

Ann (nee BROOKMAN) was the widow of John HOLLEY, who died in 1779, leaving her with 5 children.

Accounts for 1784/5 record 10/6 paid for cloaths for Tho's BRIMBLE's daughter and £3. 1/- for Daniel COLLIER & Thomas BRIMBLE's house rent. Accounts for 1785/6 record £3. 1/- paid for 1 year's house rent for D¹ COLLIER (£1.15/-) & Tho's BRIMBLE (£1. 6/-).

Thomas son of Thomas BRIMBLE & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 10 Feb 1786. - Thomas BRIMBLE a child pauper buried at High Littleton 6 Jul 1788. Accounts for 1788/9 record the cost of burial of Thomas BRIMBLE's child.

Accounts for 1789/90 record a payment of £1 for a licence for Thomas BRIMBLE's daughter and soon after 2/6 to Betty CHIVERS [*midwife*] for delivering her. Which daughter is unclear.

Accounts for 1794/5 record a payment to Tho's BRIMBLE for his daughter to go to service.

Vestry Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 agreed that, due to the present high price of provisions, Tho's BRIMBLE [*and many other paupers*] should have 14lb. flour for the week at 3/- per peck.

Thomas BRIMBLE received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on several occasions between 1795 and 1810. Ann BRIMBLE of High Littleton received similar charity in 1815.

Accounts for 1808/9 record relief of 2/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Thomas BRIMBLE for the whole year. Accounts for 1809/10 also record 49 weeks relief at 2/6 p.w. to Thomas. Accounts for 1810/1 record relief of 4/6 p.w. to Thomas BRIMBLE (noted as "Dead") & wife and the cost of Thomas' funeral expences.

Thomas BRIMBLE was buried at High Littleton 17 Mar 1811.

Accounts for 1811/2 record relief of 2/3 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Tho's BRIMBLE's wife. Accounts for 1812/3 record similar relief for Tho's BRIMBLE's wife & family. Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 approved relief of 2/3 p.w. to Tho's BRIMBLE's widow. Minutes of 18 Apr 1814 renewed relief of 2/3 p.w. to Ann BRIMBLE, widow of Thomas. Minutes of 28 Mar 1815 reduced Ann's relief to 1/9 p.w. Minutes of 25 Mar 1816 increased Ann BRIMBLE's relief to 2/- p.w. Minutes of 25 Mar 1817 renewed relief to Ann BRIMBLE, widow of High Littleton, at 2/- p.w. Minutes of 24 Aug 1817 agreed that Ann BRIMBLE is to be allowed a pair of shoes. Minutes of 25 Mar 1818 continued Ann's relief at 2/- p.w. Minutes of 25 Mar 1819 again renewed Ann's relief at 2/- p.w. Minutes of 27 Mar 1820 renewed Ann's relief at 2/- p.w. Minutes of 27 Mar 1821 reduced the relief of Ann BRIMBLE (widow) to 1/6 [*2/- in pencil*] p.w. Minutes of 26 Mar 1822 approved relief of 2/- p.w. to Ann BRIMBLE. Minutes of 26 Mar 1823 approved relief of 4/- per fortnight to Ann. Minutes of 25 Mar 1824 renewed Ann BRIMBLE's relief at 4/- per fortnight. Minutes of 30 Mar 1825 agreed Ann's relief at 2/- p.w. Accounts for 1826/7 show that Ann's relief continued, before noting that she was dead, record the cost of looking after widow HOLLEY (*sic*) in her illness and her funeral expences.

Ann BRIMBLE, Farmborough, aged 97, was buried at High Littleton 19 Dec 1826.]

20. Overseers' Accounts for 1776/7 record 6d. paid for a Summons Warrant for Ralph ROGERS, Wm. SIMONS & Jo. BRIMBLE and 8/6 for the examining of **Joel BRIMBLE** & an Order for Rebecka CLARK. Joel's Examination has not survived.

[*Note:* Joel was probably the son of David & Ann BRIMBLE bapt. at Clutton 10 Mar 1742/3.

Joel BRIMBLE otp married Jane EDWARDSx resident in the parish, by banns at High Littleton 6 Mar 1775.

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John son of Joel BRIMBLE & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 14 Apr 1776. He married Rebecca RUDDICK at Farrington Gurney 13 Mar 1803.

Joel son of Joel BRIMBLE & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 6 Sep 1778. He married Elizabeth CLARE at Farmborough 13 May 1805.

Accounts for 1778/9 record 4/- given to Joel BRIMBLE in want.

Hannah dau. of Joel BRIMBLE & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 15 Aug 1780.

Accounts for 1780/1 record 4/- given to Joel BRIMBLE in want.

William son of Joel BRIMBLE & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 6 Apr 1783. - W'm BRIMBLE a child pauper buried at High Littleton 10 Jun 1788. Overseers' Accounts for 1788/9 record the burial of Joel BRIMBLE's child at parish expense.

Accounts for 1785/6 record 12/6 paid to Joel BRIMBLE sick at different times and a further 6/- given to Joel in his sickness. Accounts for 1786/7 record 2/6 paid to Betty CHIVERS for *[delivering]* Jo. BRIMBLE's wife.

James son of Joel BRIMBLE & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 14 Sep 1786. He married Hannah ATWOOD at High Littleton 2 Nov 1817.

William son of Joseph (*sic*) BRIMBLE & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1789. He married Ann CURTIS at Bedminster 1 Aug 1813.

David son of Joel BRIMBLE & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 13 Oct 1793. - David BRIMBLE, an infant, was buried at High Littleton 19 Apr 1796. Accounts for 1796/7 record the burial of Joseph BRIMBLE's child at parish expense.

Vestry Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 agreed that, due to the present high price of provisions, Jos'h *[sic]* BRIMBLE *[and many other paupers]* should have 24lb. flour for the week at 3/- per peck. Accounts for 1812/3 recorded relief of 2/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Joel BRIMBLE. Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 approved relief of 2/6 p.w. to Joel & wife. Minutes of 18 Apr 1814 renewed relief of 2/6 p.w. to Joel & his wife.

Accounts for 1814/5 record the cost of burying Joel BRIMBLE.

Joseph BRIMBLE, Farmborough, aged 76, was buried at High Littleton 23 Feb 1815.

Joel BRIMBLE received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on several occasions between 1794 and 1810. Jane BRIMBLE received similar charity in 1815.

Minutes of 28 Mar 1815 approved relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Jane BRIMBLE, widow of High Littleton. Minutes of 25 Mar 1816 renewed Jane BRIMBLE's relief of 2/- p.w. Minutes of 25 Mar 1817 renewed relief to Jane BRIMBLE, widow of High Littleton, at 2/- p.w. Minutes of 25 Mar 1818 continued Jane's relief at 2/- p.w. Minutes of 25 Mar 1819 again renewed Jane's relief at 2/- p.w. Minutes of 27 Mar 1820 renewed Jane's relief at 2/- p.w. Minutes of 27 Mar 1821 reduced the relief of Jane BRIMBLE to 1/6 p.w. Minutes of 26 Mar 1822 approved relief of 2/- p.w. to Jane BRIMBLE. Minutes of 26 Mar 1823 approved relief of 4/- per fortnight to Jane. Minutes of 25 Mar 1824 renewed Jane BRIMBLE's relief at 4/- per fortnight. Minutes of 30 Mar 1825 agreed Jane's relief at 2/- p.w. Jane BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 82, was buried at High Littleton 25 Dec 1825.]

21. Overseers' Accounts for 1777/8 record 2/- paid for the Examination of Tho's & Sam'l GREEN. Thomas' Examination has not survived.

[*Note:* Thomas was probably a son of William and Rebecca GREEN.

Thomas GREEN resident in the parish married Betty BUSHx sojourner in the parish, by banns at High Littleton 24 Dec 1765.

James son of Thomas GREEN & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 15 Jan 1769. - James GREEN a child buried at High Littleton 23 Aug 1772.

Joseph son of Thomas GREEN & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 17 Feb 1771. - Joseph GREEN a child buried at High Littleton 23 Aug 1772.

Betty GREEN was buried at High Littleton 26 Feb 1773.

Thomas GREEN widower otp married Rebeccah GIBBONSx spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 16 Sep 1773.]

22. Overseers' Accounts for 1777/8 record 2/- paid for the Examination of Tho's & Sam'l GREEN. Samuel's Examination has not survived.

[*Note:* Samuel son of William GREEN & Rebecca bapt. at High Littleton 26 Apr 1752.

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

Martha dau. of George & Martha TUCKER was born 26 Feb 1749/50, had an illegitimate son James in 1768, married John HOLBROOK at High Littleton 20 Apr 1772 and had a son John bapt. 24 Jan 1773 after her husband's death in Oct 1772.

Samuel son of Samuel GREEN & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 2 Feb 1777.

Martha dau. of Samuel GREEN & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 4 Apr 1779. She married firstly Joseph QUARMAN at Bathwick 23 Nov 1806 and secondly James WALTER at St. James, Bath 25 Dec 1820.

Accounts for 1779/80 record £7.10/- paid to Sam'l GREEN, Thomas DURY & James GREENLAND, 3 Militia Men.

Samuel died and Martha married for a third time.

James STICKLER otp married Martha GREENx otp by banns at High Littleton 30 May 1791.

James son of William STICKLER & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 9 Feb 1760.

Accounts record on 14 Sep 1793 a payment of £1.12/- to James STICKLER for the Militia (probably this James).

James STICKLAR received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1806.

The 1811 Census finds James STICKLER living in High Littleton with 2 other males and 1 female in the household.

The Will of Martha's father George TUCKER, made 20 Mar 1810 and proved 18 Jun 1816 by Henry TUCKER, mentions James STICKLER as the occupier of one of his tenements. George TUCKER left his beloved daughter Martha STICKLER 1/-.

Under the Will of Sarah TUCKER, Martha's sister, proved 14 Apr 1810 by George TUCKER and Martha STICKLER (wife of James), her nephews James TUCKER, John HOLBROOK and Martha GREEN were each left £20. The latter also received a few household objects and Martha STICKLER had half the residue.

Under the Will of George TUCKER, Martha's brother, made 19 Nov 1822 and proved 23 Jan 1827 by Charles TUCKER, each of the children of Martha STICKLAND, namely James TUCKER, John HOLBROOK and Martha WATERS (*WALTER intended*) were left £10.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records James STICKLER as the occupier of a cottage and garden at the Batch (part 218 on the map) belonging to Henry TUCKER.

Land Tax Assessments for 1830/1 and 1831/2 record James STICKLER as occupier and proprietor of a cottage assessed at 4d.

Martha STICKLAND, High Littleton, aged 80, was buried at High Littleton 6 Oct 1830.

Accounts for 1834 record relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to James STRICKLAND (*sic*). This continued until 1836.

James STICKLER, High Littleton, aged 76, was buried at High Littleton 2 Aug 1836.]

23. Somersetshire.

The Examination of Abigal HOUSE, now residing in the Parish of Chewton Mendip, Singlewoman, taken the 20th of Jan'y 1780.

Who, upon her Oath saith, that she was born in the Parish of Chewton Mendip, as she heard and believes, lived there and at other places till she was about Twenty Eight years of age, when she went into the Parish of High Littleton in the said County and Hired herself for a year to Mr Thomas JAMES of the said Parish, served him that Term, then returned into the Parish of Chewton Mendip and lived with one Mrs CURTIS for about Three quarters of a year, then went into the Parish of East Harptree and lived with one Mr POPE there about half a year, then Hired herself to Mr TREVELYAN of the said Parish for a year and lived with him about Six Months, when she was taken ill and returned to her Friends in the said Parish of Chewton Mendip and lived there till about Christmas, when she went into the Parish of Chewmagna and Hired herself to Mr PIKE till the Lady day next, when she hired herself for a year to said Mr PIKE and lived with him under that Hiring till about Six Weeks before Christmas, when she was taken ill and Obliged to Quit her Service and has resided at her own Hands since. The Mark X of Abigal HOUSE.

Sworn the day and year abovesaid, Before Jas. TOOKER, John ADAMS. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-5. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-20 (*Copy*) with minor differences.

[*Note: Overseers' Accounts for 1780/1 record relief of 1/6 p.w. paid to Abigall HOUSE for 55 weeks and 8/- paid to Dr HART for going to see Abigall HOUSE and given to her in want at severall times. Vestry Minutes of 16 Apr 1781 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendat to Abigal HOUSE. Accounts for 1781/2 show this was paid for 50 weeks and in addition 1/- was given to Abigall HOUSE. Minutes of 22 Apr 1782 increased Abigail HOUSE's relief to 1/9 p.w. and noted that she died on Oct'r 5th. Accounts for 1782/3 show that relief was paid for 27 weeks, 8d. was paid for making 2 shifts for Abigal, 4/- was given to her in sickness and 16/- was paid for her burial (not at High Littleton).]*

24. County of Somerset.

The Examination of James CARTER, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Coal miner, taken this 30th of March 1780.

Who, upon his Oath saith, that he was Born in the Parish of Clutton in the said County, as he hath been Informed and believes, that his Father Occupied an Estate there of about Thirty Pounds a Year and, when this Examinant was about Two Years Old, his Father (as he hath heard him say) came into the Parish of High Littleton and resided with his Son in a Free Hold House of his own there, till his Son, this Examinant, was Twenty Five Years Old, when he Married and left his Father, and that his Father is now in Possession of the said House, which is not Taxed to the Parish Rates. James CARTER.

Sworn the day & Year afores'd before [*no Justices' names given*]. a Copy.

Document in High Littleton Vestry Aug 200. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-11 (*Copy*) with minor differences.

[*Note: James CARTER was born at Clutton c.1753. His parentage has not been discovered.*

James CARTERx bach. otp married Sarah STRICKLAND of High Littleton by banns at Clutton 12 Apr 1779.

Sarah dau. of James & Martha STICKLER bapt. at Clutton 15 May 1758. The names STICKLER, STICKLAND and STRICKLAND were used indiscriminately in the same families.

James CARTER, coal miner, near the Pound, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in Jan 1821 following which is a note "dead".

James CARTER, High Littleton, aged 68, was buried at High Littleton 24 Jul 1821.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records Sarah CARTER as occupier of 2 tenements and garden near the Pound in Timsbury Lane (222 on the map), belonging to James CARTER. However in the revised Rates assessment for 1825/6, which followed the survey, Sarah was shown as owner and occupier. A Robert CARTER was shown as proprietor of the same property in the 1793 Survey.

The Tithe Survey of 1839 records Sarah CARTER as owner of the same cottages and gardens (177 on the map), near the Pound, occupied by George CARTER.

Sarah CARTER, Stanton Week, aged 87 was buried at High Littleton 30 Oct 1840.]

25. County of Somerset.

The Examination of John SELWAY, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the County aforesaid, Coalminer, taken this 30th March 1780.

Who, upon his Oath saith, That he was born in the Parish of Chewton Mendip, as he hath been informed and believes, that about his age of eighteen years he hired himself for a year to Farmer William HIPSLEY of Chewton Mendip aforesaid and serv'd him that year and also another year and hath not since gain'd any other settlement. The Mark of Jno. X SELWAY.

Sworn the day and Year aforesaid before [*no Justices' names given*]. A Copy.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-6. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-11a (*Copy*) with minor differences.

[*Note: John SELWAY of Chewton married Grace CLARE spin. by banns at Timsbury 26 Oct 1755.*

They probably had other children before Grace born c.1770. - Grace SELWAY (a child) buried at High Littleton 15 Feb 1774.

Daniel son of John SELWAY & Grace (of Clutton) bapt. at High Littleton 20 Oct 1771. - Daniel SELWAY (a child) buried at High Littleton 14 Mar 1773.

Elisabeth dau. of John SELWAY & Grace bapt. at High Littleton 23 Jan 1774.

Benjamin son of John SELWAY & Grace bapt. at High Littleton 27 Apr 1777.

John SELWAY was buried at High Littleton 10 Feb 1779.

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Grace SELWAY was buried at High Littleton 5 May 1802.

An inscription on a stone in High Littleton Churchyard records the death of John SELWAY on 7 Feb 1799 aged 65, his wife Grace on 30 Apr 1802 aged 72, son Daniel on 14 Mar 1773 aged 2 and daughter Grace on 15 Feb 1774 aged 3.]

26. County of Somerset.

The Examination of James DAVIS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Coalminer, taken this 30th March 1780.

Who, upon his oath saith, that he was born in the Parish of Midsummer Norton in the said County, as he hath been inform'd and believes; that when an Infant, his Father went to the Parish of St. James's in the City of Bath, where he took and occupied a publick House of £13 a Year, as his Mother, after his Father's Decease, inform'd this Examinant; that his Father died when he was about 9 years old and that he never heard him or his Mother say how long his Father occupied said Publick House; That he does not know where his Father was settled, having gain'd no Independant Settlement of him; That he has a Wife. James DAVIS.

Sworn the day and year aforesaid before [no Justices' names given]. A Copy.

Document in High Littleton Vestry Aug 2000. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-17 (*Copy*) with minor differences.

27. County of Somerset (to wit).

The Examination of Andrew ROGERS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Coalminer, taken this 1st Day of October 1781.

Who, upon his Oath saith, that he was born in the Parish of Clutton in the sd. County, as he hath heard & believes, lived with his Parents 'till he was about 22 Y'rs of Age, when he went into the said Parish of High Littleton, where he has resided ever since at his own Hands. That he has never done any Act to gain a Settlem't since his Birth, to his Knowledge or Belief. The Mark of X Andrew ROGERS.

Sworn the Day & Y'r abovesd. before Chas. HOTCHKIN, V. DICKINSON. (a Copy)

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-8i. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-18a (*Copy*) with minor differences.

[*Note*: The following may be this Andrew, in which case he would have been over 5 when baptized, according to his Examination: Andrew son of Sam'l ROGERS, Temple, bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 16 Nov 1748.

Andrew ROGERSx resident in the parish married Betty PURNELLx resident in the parish by banns at High Littleton 17 Jun 1765.

William son of Andrew ROGERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 18 May 1766.

Charles a child buried at High Littleton 7 Jul 1769 may have been another son of Charles & Betty.

Hester dau. of Andrew ROGERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 2 May 1770.

Charles son of Andrew ROGERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 6 Mar 1774. - Charles RODGERS, High Littleton, aged 52, buried at High Littleton 25 Mar 1827.

James son of Andrew ROGERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 15 Sep 1776. - James ROGERS an infant buried at High Littleton 9 Feb 1777.

John son of Andrew ROGERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 21 Jan 1781.]

28. Somersetshire (to wit).

The Examination of Charles ROGERS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Coalminer, taken this 1st Day of Oct'r 1781.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he was born in the Parish of Clutton in the sd. County, as he hath heard & believes, lived with his Parents there till he was ab't 20 Y'rs of Age, when he went into the sd. Parish of High Littleton & has resided there & at Farmborough at his own Hands ever since. That he has never done any Act to gain a Settlem't since his Birth, to his Knowledge or Belief. The Mark of X Charles ROGERS.

Sworn, the Day & Y'r abovesd., before Chas. HOTCHKIN, Ve. DICKINSON. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-7f.

[*Note*: Identification of Charles ROGERS is not easy as at least two persons of that name were in High Littleton at the same time. The following seems more likely: Charles ROGERSx of Clutton married Hannah BIGGSx otp by banns at High Littleton 28 Jul 1776.

Hannah dau. of Geo. BIGGS & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 13 Jun 1756.

George son of Charles ROGERS & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1776. - George ROGERS an infant buried at High Littleton 15 Jan 1777.

George son of Charles ROGERS & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 24 May 1778.

Hannah dau. of Charles ROGERS & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 6 Jan 1782. - Hannah ROGERS an infant buried at High Littleton 12 Feb 1783.

Hannah ROGGERS (*sic*) was buried at High Littleton 18 Jun 1797.]

29. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Isaac COOK, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County, Labourer, taken this 1st Oct'r 1781.

Who, upon his Oath saith, That he was born in the Parish of Clutton, as he hath been informed & believes. That his Father dying when he was young, he went with his Mother into the Parish of High Littleton and resided with her there 'till he was ab't 21 Y'rs of Age, when he married Sarah his present Wife, then returned into the said Parish of Clutton and resided there ab't 35 Y'rs, when he came into the said Parish of High Littleton & has

resided there at his own Hands ever since; that he has done no Act to gain a Settlement since his Birth, to his Knowledge or Belief. The Mark of X Isaac COOK.

Sworn the Day & Y'r abovesaid, before Chas. HOTCHKIN, V. DICKINSON. (a Copy)

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-8ii. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-19 (*Copy*) with minor differences.

[*Note*: Isaac son of Thomas COOKE & Hester of High Littleton bapt. at Clutton 12 Apr 1724.

Isaac COOK of High Littleton married Sarah LANSDOWN otp at Compton Dando 8 Sep 1745.

James son of Isaac COOK & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 16 Aug 1747.]

30. County of Somerset.

The Examination of **Charles SOMERS [SUMMERS]**, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County, Labourer, taken this 1st Oct'r 1781.

Who, upon his Oath saith, That he was born in the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the said County, as he has been informed & believes, lived there till he was ab't 13 Y'rs of Age, when he went into the sd. Parish of High Littleton, where he has resided ever since at his own Hands. That his Father's Settlem't was in the sd. Parish of Midsomer Norton, as he hath been informed & believes & that he hath done no Act to gain a Settlem't since his Birth, either by renting, Service or otherwise, to his Knowledge or Belief. Charles SOMMERS.

Sworn the Day & Y'r abovesd. before Chas. HOTCHKIN, V. DICKINSON. (a Copy).

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

[*Note*: Charles son of John & Ann SOMMERS bapt. at Midsomer Norton 13 Oct 1753.

Bristol Royal Infirmary Records show that Charles SOMERS of High Littleton, aged 16, was admitted as an In patient on 24 Oct 1771.

Charles SOMMERS resident in the parish married Betty CARTERx otp by banns at High Littleton 12 Jun 1775.

John son of Charles SOMMERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 18 Aug 1776. - John SOMMERS buried at High Littleton 30 Aug 1779.

Charles son of Charles SOMMERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 19 Jul 1778. - Charles SUMMERS a child buried at High Littleton 16 Jun 1779.

Charles son of Charles SUMMERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 26 Jul 1780.

James son of Charles SUMMERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 5 May 1782.]

31. County of Somerset.

The Examination of **George SPERRING**, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County, Labourer, taken this 1st of Oct'r 1781.

Who, upon his Oath saith, That he was born in the Parish of Saint Thomas, Pensford in the sd. County, as he hath been informed and believes, that when he was very young he went with his Parents into the Parish of Publow, where he resided with his Friends till he was ab't 18 Y'rs of Age, when he went into the Parish of Timsbury & work'd there at his own Hands for ab't 5 Y'rs, then came into the P'ish of High Littleton & has resided there as a Day Labourer ever since, and this Examinant further saith, that his Father now resides in the Parish of Publow in a Cottage house, the Property of his sd. Father, for the Rem'r of a Term of Y'rs determinable with Lives. And that he has never done any Act to gain a settlem't by service or otherwise, to his Knowledge or Belief. The Mark of X George SPERRING.

Sworn the Day & Y'r abovesd. before Chas. HOTCHKIN, V. DICKINSON. (a Copy)

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-7ii. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-21 (*Copy*) with minor differences.

[*Note*: George SPERRING married Heaster CHIVERS by banns at Timsbury 6 Aug 1780.

Hester, born c.1759/63, was a daughter of John CHIVERS and his wife Martha TEMPLAR.

Sarah dau. of George & Hester SPERING bapt. at Timsbury 21 Feb 1781. - She married Thomas THOMAS at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol on 17 Jan 1802.

William son of George SPERING & Hester bapt. at High Littleton 16 Mar 1783.

Martha dau. of George & Hester SPERING bapt. at Timsbury 27 Feb 1785.

Betty dau. of George & Hester SPERING bapt. at Timsbur 18 Feb 1787.

George son of George & Hester SPERING bapt. at Timsbury 8 Nov 1789.

John another son was born c.1792/3.

By Indenture dated 22 Jun 1812, George SPERRING, coal miner of Camerton, leased from William Jones BURDETT a messuage near Market Place, High Littleton, for 99 years from the death of Martha CHIVERS (Hester's mother) or the lives, if less, of his sons George SPERRING the younger, aged 21, coal miner of Camerton, John 19, coal miner of Camerton and grandson William THOMAS 6, son of Thomas THOMAS of Timsbury.]

32. County of Somerset.

The Examination of **Thomas BARNES**, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County, Coalminer, taken this 1st of Oct'r 1781.

Who, upon his Oath saith, that he was Borne in the Parish of Compton Dando in the sd. County, as he hath been informed & believes, lived with his Parents there 'till he was ab't 23 Y'rs of Age, when he went into the Parish of Timsbury & resided there at his own Hands for about one Y'r, when he married Elizabeth his present Wife; since that, he has resided at Timsbury & High Littleton at his own Hands, but has done no Act to gain a Settlem't since his Birth, to his Knowledge or Belief. The Mark of X Tho's BARNES.

Sworn the Day & Y'r abovesd. before Cha. HOTCHKIN, V. DICKINSON. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-7iii. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-22 (*Copy*) with minor differences.

[*Note:* Thomas BARNES married Elizabeth SAGE by banns at Timsbury 25 Jul 1779.

Honor dau. of Tho's BARNES & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 6 May 1781.

Thomas son of Tho's BARNES & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 29 Dec 1782.

Overseers' Accounts for 1784/5 record 1/- paid to Tho's BARNES in want.

Mary dau. of Thomas BARNES & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 15 May 1785.]

33. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Thomas SOMERS [SUMMERS], now residing in the P'ish of High Littleton in the sd. County, Coalminer, taken this 1st Day of Oct'r 1781.

Who, upon his Oath saith, that he was born in the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the sd. County, as he hath been informed & believes, lived there till he was ab't 14 Y'rs of Age, when he came into the Parish of High Littleton aforesd. & has resided there, in the Parish of Farmborough & at other Places at his own Hands ever since, that he has done no Act to gain a Settlem't since his Birth, to his Knowledge or Belief. The Mark of X Thomas SOMMERS.

Sworn the Day & Y'r abovesd. before Chas. HOTCHKIN, V. DICKINSON. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-7iv. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-22a (*Copy*) with minor differences.

[*Note:* Thomas son of John & Ann SOMERS bapt. at Midsomer Norton 23 Mar 1748/9.

Thomas SUMMERSx resident in the parish married Betty ROGERSx resident in the parish by banns at High Littleton 3 May 1773.

Elisabeth dau. of Tho's SOMMERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 8 Jun 1777.

Thomas son of Thomas SUMMERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 7 May 1780.

Overseers' Accounts for 1781/2 record £1. 0. 2 paid to Mr LANSDOWN and George TUCKER for going after Tho's SOMERS and expence.

George was born c.1785. - George son of Thomas & Betty SUMMERS, aged 14, buried at Midsomer Norton 25 Dec 1799.]

34. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Thomas TAYLOR, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County, Labourer, taken this first Day of Oct'r 1781.

Who, upon his Oath saith, that he was born in the Parish of Publow in the said County, as he hath been informed & believes, lived there and at sundry other Places 'till he was ab't 15 Y'rs of Age, when he hired himself for a Y'r to one William HARDING of Knowle in the Parish of Bedminster & served him the whole Time at Knowle af'sd. Then returned into the Parish of Publow & resided with his Parents there & at sundry other Places at his own Hands for ab't 3 Y'rs, then he went with his Parents to Widcombe in the Parish of Chewton Mendip & resided there & at sundry other Places for ab't 5 Y'rs, but in no one Place for a Y'r, when he married Mary his present Wife; since that, he has resided up & down at several Places at his own Hands. That he has never done any Act, other than as above, to gain a Settlem't, to his Knowledge or Belief. Tho's TAYLOR.

Sworn the Day & Y'r aboves'd before Chas. HOTCHKIN, V. DICKINSON. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-7v. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-23 but incomplete after Widcomb.

[*Note:* Thomas TAYLOR of Chewton married Mary HALE spin. otp by banns at Stowey 9 Apr 1763.

Elizabeth a daughter was born c.1764. - She married James TUCKER at High Littleton 9 Jun 1788.

They may have had other children.

The 1811 Census finds Thomas TAYLOR living in High Littleton with one female (presumably Mary) in the household.

Thomas TAYLOR, Mearns, aged 76, was buried at High Littleton 6 Sep 1815.

Mary TAYLOR, High Littleton, aged 82, was buried at High Littleton 6 May 1818.

A stone in High Littleton Churchyard records that Thomas TAYLOR died 3 Sep 1815 and his wife Mary on 4 May 1818. Also James TUCKER died 13 Nov 1804 aged 41, wife Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas & Mary TAYLOR, died 21 Dec 1825 aged 61 and their daughter Harriot (*TUCKER*) died 19 May 1794 aged 13 months. Also William MAGGS died 25 Dec 1838 aged 44, wife Mary died (*unreadable*) Oct 1849 aged 54 and Hannah, wife of Robert MAGGS (*son of William*) died 4 May 1847 aged 23.]

35. Overseers' Accounts for 1781/2 record 9/- paid for the Examinations of John HOOK, John AMESBURY & Jos. WATER, Expences & Warrant. John HOOK's Examination has not survived.

[*Note:* For details of the family see notes following John HOOK's Examination of 2 Sep 1783.]

36. Overseers' Accounts for 1781/2 record 9/- paid for the Examinations of John HOOK, John AMESBURY & Jos. WATER, Expences & Warrant. John AMESBURY's Examination has not survived.

[*Note:* John ALMSBURYx [*sic*] married Jane PICKFORDx otp by banns at High Littleton 4 Nov 1771.

Vestry Minutes of 24 Oct 1770 agreed to remove Jane PICKFORD but no trace of a Removal Order has been found.

Anne dau. of John AYMESBURY & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 18 Apr 1773.

Jane AYMESBURY was buried at High Littleton 30 Apr 1773.

John AIMSURY was buried at High Littleton 22 Jul 1783.

Overseers' Accounts for 1783/4 record relief of 4/- p.w. paid to John AMSBURY for 6 weeks, 2/6 to Flower PERRY for tending John, 16/- for John's funeral expences and 1/- p.w. paid for 38 weeks for John AMSBURY's child.

Accounts for 1784/5 record 1/- p.w. paid to John AMESBURY's child for 50 weeks. Minutes of 28 Mar 1785 approved 1/- p.w. in the weekly calendar for John AMESBURY's child. Accounts show this was paid for 55 weeks. Accounts for 1786/7 record £2. 2.11 paid to Mrs BOND for John AMESBURY's daughter and 6/- for cloaths for her.]

37. Overseers' Accounts for 1781/2 record 9/- paid for the Examinations of John HOOK, John AMESBURY & **Jos. WA/L/TER**, Expences & Warrant. Joseph WALTER's Examination has not survived.

[Note: For details of the family see notes following Joseph WALTER's Examination of 5 Sep 1820.]

38. [Reverse] - Letter addressed to Jacob MOGG Esq'r.
Somerset to wit.

The Examination of **John HOOK**, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Mason, taken this 2d Day of Sept'r 1783.

Who, on his Oath saith, That he was born at Newton in the County of Wilts., as he has heard and believes. That, when he was about 11 Years of Age, he was bound an Apprentice to one Wm. MANN of Tedbury in the County of Gloucester for seven Years and served the whole Term and for several Years afterwards, to the time of his Master's Death. That he then workt at different places as a Journeyman Mason for a long time and at last came to High Littleton aforesaid, where he Married one Mary HARDING, a Widow Woman, who is now dead. That the said Mary, his Wife, was entitled to two Leasehold Cottages (held by Lease under the Mrs JONES's) for her Life and after her Decease the sd. Cottages became the property of her Children by her first Husband. That this Examinant lett one of the said Cottages and inhabited the other with his said Wife, till the time of her Death, but that neither of the said Cottages were rated to the Landtax, Church or Poor. And this Examinant says, That about 14 or 15 Years ago, during the Life time of his said Wife, he occupied Land in the Parish of Farmborough, of the yearly Value of £4, which was rated to the Landtax, Church & Poor Rates, which this Examinant used to pay, but whether he was personally rated or not he does not know. That the said Rates and Taxes were afterw'ds allowed by his Landlord out of his Rent. The Mark of X John HOOK.

Sworn before us Ch. H. COXE, Jno. ADAMS.

[On a slip of paper attached is written] the fine for Wm. HARDING House when first purchist was £14. 0. 0. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-8a. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-21a (Copy) with minor differences.

[Note: John HOOK bach. of Tedbury (Tetbury), Glos. married Betty PADFIELD spin. otp by banns at Camerton 24 Jun 1759.

Anne dau. of John HOOK & Betty bapt. at Camerton 27 Sep 1761. - She had 5 bastard children by different men between 1784 and 1802 and died in 1821.

John son of John HOOK & Betty bapt. at Camerton 24 Nov 1762.

Betty HOOK was buried at Camerton 24 Nov 1762.

After getting Sarah LEWIS pregnant an Order was made for the removal of John HOOK, Mason and his children Ann aged about 2 and John about 1, from Camerton to Tedbury, Glos., which was confirmed at the Quarter Sessions at Wells on 10 Jan 1764 (SRO Q/SO13 344).

John HOOK of Tedbury married Sarah LEWIS otp by banns at Camerton 7 Mar 1764.

Betty dau. of John HOOK & Sarah bapt. at Camerton 20 May 1764.

George son of John HOOKE & Sarah bapt. at Camerton 9 Mar 1766. - George HOOKE a child buried at High Littleton 15 Feb 1767.

George son of John HOOKE & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 26 Nov 1767. - George HOOKE an infant buried at High Littleton 27 Jan 1768.

Sarah HOOKE was buried at High Littleton 26 Nov 1767.

John HOOKEx widower, sojourner, married Mary HARDINGx widow otp by banns at High Littleton 2 May 1768.

John's third wife had only been a widow for 7 weeks. Mary (nee ROBINS) married William HARDING at High Littleton on 30 Jun 1742 and he was buried at High Littleton 16 Mar 1768.

By Will dated 13 Mar 1768 William HARDING, horse driver of High Littleton, left his wife the dwelling house he then lived in (for her life and then to their 3 daughters), together with his brew house and garden and the dwelling house then occupied by John DANDO. A new lease of the property from the Misses JONES to Mary HOOK was entered into on 10 Nov 1773 for 99 years or the lives (if less) of Mary HOOK, late HARDING, James HARDING her son and Mary BUTCHER, late HARDING (her daughter). In 1815 it was noted that Mary HOOK and James HARDING were dead and Mary BUTCHER was 65.

Overseers' Accounts for 1771/2 record 2/- paid to John HOOK for looking after a poor woman. Accounts for 1776/7 record 5/- paid to John HOOK for lodging of Rob't CORNISH's family.

Mary HOOK was buried at High Littleton 30 Nov 1780.

Accounts for 1783/4 record 8/6 paid for the expence for twice going to Sessions with J. HOOK.

A survey of High Littleton in 1793 shows that Mary BUTCHER held a lifehold interest from Lady JONES in the two cottages and garden (187c on the map) measuring 8 perches and having a yearly value of £3, which were by Church Barton.

Accounts for 1810/1 record that John HOOK was paid 3/- p.w. relief in the weekly calendar. Accounts for 1811/2 show that this continued for the year. Accounts for 1812/3 record that he was paid 3/- p.w. for 8 weeks and 3/6 for 47 weeks. Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 approved relief of 3/- p.w. to John HOOK (Clutton). John HOOK of Clutton received a blanket from Mary JONES' Charity in 1813. Minutes of 18 Apr 1814 continued relief of 3/6 p.w. to John HOOK & for his lodging. Accounts record on 17 Nov 1814 payments of 13/6 for a second hand coat, 5/9 for a waistcoat and 8/6 for a pair of breeches bought for John Hook, by order of Monthly Vestry. Minutes of 28 Mar 1815 agreed relief of 3/6 p.w. to John & for his washing & lodging. Minutes of 25 Mar 1816 reduced John HOOK's relief to 2/- p.w. plus 6d. p.w. for washing & 6d. p.w. for lodging. Minutes of 25 Mar 1817 approved relief of 4/- p.w. to John HOOK & woman to look after him. Minutes of 23 Jan 1818 agreed that John HOOK was to have a shirt. Minutes of 25 Mar 1818 continued John's relief at 4/- p.w. Accounts for 1818/9 record payments for 8 weeks, then on 16 May 1818 a note that John HOOK died Friday evening (15th) about 10 o'clock. Payments were subsequently made to Dorcas PLUMLEY for laying him out, bearers to carry him to Clutton Church and his burial. On 19th Jun 16/- was paid to Joseph BELL for John HOOK's outsize coffin, due to the crook'd up state of his knees.

John HOOK, Cameley parish, Clutton, aged 98, was buried at Clutton 20 May 1818.]

39. Overseers' Accounts for 1783/4 record 2/- paid for expences at Charlton with Sarah YOUNG & Ann HOOK. Accounts for 1784/5 record 1/- paid for **Sarah YOUNG's** Examination. Her Examination has not survived and it is not clear whether this was a Bastardy or Settlement Examination.

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

Sarah had a bastard child called Jane baptized at High Littleton 4 Feb 1776.

She may have been the Sarah YOUNG, resident in this parish, who intended to marry George FORDE of Chewton Mendip but, after banns were called on 12 Jan 1777, George FORDE forbade it.

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

Robert (born 5 Oct) son of Sarah HOLLOWAY bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1749.

Stephen son of Robert HOLLOWAY & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 2 Mar 1788.

Judith dau. of Robert HOLLOWAY & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 17 Oct 1790.

Mary was another daughter. She married Jacob PARKHOUSE at Twerton 19 Oct 1817.

Vestry Minutes of 15 Oct 1793 instructed the Overseers to deliver to Sarah HOLLOWAY the bed and bed clothes belonging to Isaac PARFITT, [to keep] for so long as she wants but to be returned on her decease.

Sarah HOLLOWAY was buried at High Littleton 23 Jul 1806.

Robert HOLLOWAYx otp married Dinah GREENx otp by banns at High Littleton 19 May 1807.

Dinah (nee MERCHANT) was the widow of Isaac GREEN, whom she married at Priston 24 Jun 1793 and had at least 4 children before Isaac died in 1803.

Elizabeth born c.1807 was baptized late: Elizabeth dau. of Robert HOLLOWAY & Dinah bapt. at High Littleton 30 Aug 1812. She had a bastard child by Joseph WADHAM, weaver of Twerton, on 14 Jan 1825. Elizabeth was examined and removed from Twerton to High Littleton by Order dated 24 Sep 1824.

The 1811 Census finds Rob't HOLLOWAY living in High Littleton with 1 other male and 3 females in the household.

Eliza dau. of Robert HOLLOWAY & Dinah bapt. at High Littleton 22 Sep 1811.

Robert HOLLOWAY received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on several occasions between 1804 and 1818. Up to 1813 he was of High Littleton but of Hallatrow in 1818.

Vestry Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 approved relief of 3/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Robert HOLLOWAY's 2 children. This was reduced to 2/6 p.w. in 1814, 1/6 in 1815 and ended in 1815/6. Minutes of 9 Aug 1818 record that Rob't HOLLOWAY demanded 20/- for keeping his son in law Isaac GREEN and attendance on him while sick for 6 weeks, when at the same time he was ill only 14 days. His demand was not complied with. HOLLOWAY then threatened to go away and leave his own children to the parish. Minutes of 24 Jan 1819 agreed that Robert HOLLOWAY's pay of 2/6 p.w. should be taken up and that he is capable of some kind of work. Minutes of 25 Mar 1819 resolved that Thomas FLOWER, Acting Overseer, should summon Rob't HOLLOWAY before the Magistrates for him to show cause why he has left his wife and 2 children. Overseers' Accounts record on 27 Apr expenses about Rob't HOLLOWAY. Minutes of 30 Apr 1820 agreed that Rob't HOLLOWAY's 2 children should have 1/6 p.w. each in lieu of 9d. p.w. as was agreed at lady day last. Accounts for 1820/1 record relief of 3/- p.w. for 4 weeks and 2/- for 48 weeks to Rob't's 2 children. It then ended.

Robert HOLLOWAY, Hallatrow, aged 79, was buried at High Littleton 4 Jun 1823.

Dinah HOLLOWAY, widow of Hallatrow, received a blanket etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1824.

Overseers' Accounts record on 21 Mar 1825 a payment of 6/- for carriage of Dina HOLLOWAY's goods. Accounts for 1832/3 record relief of 2/- for 6 weeks and 2/6 for 40 weeks to Dinah HOLLOWAY. Relief in the weekly calendar continued until at least 1836.

The 1841 Census finds Dina HOLLOWAY, aged 69, living in Hallatrow in John ROBINS' household.

Dinah HOLLOWAY, Hallatrow, aged 75, was buried at High Littleton 1 Jun 1843.]

40. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Ann CLOTHIER of Chew Magna in the sd. County taken the 14th Dec'r 1785.

Who upon her Oath Saith, that her Sister Elizabeth BUSSEL, now residing with her in Chew Magna, is an Ideot. That She is One of the daughters of William BUSSEL, late residing in Chew Magna afores'd, Dec'ed. And that the sd. William BUSSEL was Settled in Ubley in the sd. County by Renting an Estate there of a Mr TAYLOR of about £20 a Year, for a Year. And that the sd. Elizabeth BUSSEL never gained a Settlement independ't of her Father, She being an Ideot from her Infancy. The Mark of X Ann CLOTHIER.

Sworn the day & Year aforesd. before Ch. H. COXE, Jno. ADAMS. [*The whole Examination has been crossed through.*]

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-27i.

[Note: Although deleted, it is unclear how this Examination came to be copied into the High Littleton book in the first place.

George CLOTHIER married Ann BUSSEL at Chew Magna 10th April 1760.]

41. County of Somerset.

The Examination of George PARFITT, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County, Labourer, taken the 15th March 1786.

Who upon his Oath Saith, that he was born in the Parish of Clutton in the sd. County, where his Father Abraham PARFITT is a Parishioner. That he has gained no Settlem't indep't of his Father's Settlem't. That he has a Wife Martha & a Dau'r Elizabeth, aged about two years. The Mark of X George PARFITT.

Sworn the Day & Y'r aforesd. before, Jno. ADAMS. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-26aii.

[Note: George's parents are assumed to be Abraham PARFITT and Mary ADAMS who married at Clutton 28 Nov 1750.

Overseers' Accounts for 1783/4 record 6/- paid for the cost of warrants for Martha DURY [and 2 others], who was obviously pregnant. Martha presumably revealed the father's name and the couple were no doubt induced to marry. The 1783/4 Accounts record paid £4. 7/- for George PARFITT's wedding.

George PARFITTx of Clutton married Martha DURYx otp by licence at High Littleton 19 Mar 1784.

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Martha was baptized at High Littleton 5 May 1763 a daughter of James & Ann DURY.

Accounts for 1784/5 record 4/6½ paid at Clutton for Geo. PARFITT. Accounts for 1785/6 record 4/8 paid for taking Examinations of Geo. PARFIT, James BOWDRIDGE [*BOWDITCH*] & Geo. JAMES.

Betty dau. of George PARFIT & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 16 May 1784. - Betty PARFITT a child buried at High Littleton 11 May 1787.

Betty dau. of George PARFIT & Mary (*sic*) bapt. at High Littleton 15 Jul 1787.

Martha PARFITT was buried at High Littleton 2 Aug 1789.]

42. County of Somerset.

The Examination of George JAMES, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County, Yeoman [*Coal Miner intended*], taken the 15th March 1786.

Who upon his Oath Saith, that he was born in High Littleton aforesd. as he hath heard & believes. That, about his Age of Seventeen Years, he bound himself Apprentice to Messrs COOK, LOVELL & CHILCOTT of Cathay in the Parish of Bedminster in the sd. County, Ropemakers, for 7 Years, but was to Serve 5 Y'rs only. That the Writings were prepared by his Master Mr COOK, who told him, as he believes, they were Stamped. That he did not pay any apprentice Fee. That he was to have 5 Shillings a Week for the first 3 Y'rs and 6 Shillings a Week for the last two Years of the first five Years, and was to be as a Journeyman for the last two Years of the 7 Years. That he boarded & lodged himself. That he served his Masters in Bedminster about two Years & lodged in Bedminster that Time, when he was impressed aboard a Man of War, Stayed aboard about three Days, when he was drafted into a Merchant Ship, the Joseph Brig, John PILL Captain, for Maderia (*sic*), Sailed in her about 3 Weeks, when they were taken by the French & carried into France, that he was a Prisoner thereabout four Months, and was then exchanged and returned to his Father & Mother at High Littleton, that he lay Ill there about ten Weeks; when he was recovered he went to Work in the Coal Mines in High Littleton about 6 Months, when John LARD (his Masters' Foreman at Cathay) came to him & asked him to come back again. That he returned to his Masters, who received him again into their Service. That he continued with them about a Quarter of a year, when he happened to fall from Bedminster Bridge & received a considerable Hurt, so as to render him incapable of Working. LARD told him that he should not allow him any thing, as 'twas his own Fault that he fell. That he was ill at Bedminster about a Week & then returned to his Father & Mother, having told LARDER [*LARD intended*] that he would go home. That he was with his Parents about a Week, When he went to Stone Easton in the sd. County and Worked for Zebedee WILCOX of that Parish, Rope Maker, as a Weekly Journeyman about 11 Months, then returned to his parents at High Littleton, Stayed a night & then went to London, worked at Greenland Dock about 6 Months, then went to Woolwich Rope Yard, worked there about a year, then returned to High Littleton, worked at the Coal Mines ever Since, which is about three Years. The Mark of X George JAMES.

Sworn the day & year aforesd. before Jno. ADAMS. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-27ii.

[*Note*: George was born at High Littleton c.1757 but was not baptized there.

George JAMESx otp married Ann RAPPSx otp by banns at High Littleton 26 Dec 1785.

Accounts for 1785/6 record 4/8 paid for taking Examinations of Geo. PARFIT, James BOWDRIDGE [*BOWDITCH*] & Geo. JAMES.

John son of George JAMES & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 26 Dec 1791. - He married Grace WATTS at Stowey 1 Dec 1817.

Ann dau. of George JAMES & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 3 Jan 1795.

George son of George JAMES & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 26 Nov 1797. - George JAMES an infant buried at High Littleton 18 Sep 1799.

George son of George JAMES & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 11 Apr 1802. - He married Elizabeth RAPPS at High Littleton 25 Dec 1821.

The 1811 Census finds George JAMES living in High Littleton with 1 other male and 2 females in the household.

Ann JAMES, High Littleton, aged 60, was buried at High Littleton 26 Apr 1821.

George JAMES received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on several occasions between 1795 and 1830; in 1821 he was described as George JAMES senior, coal miner of High Littleton.

Vestry Minutes of 4 Nov 1831 resolved that George JAMES should live in the poor house now occupied by Josiah DURY and have part of the garden belonging thereto, also that the said house be repaired. Overseers' Accounts for 1832 record relief to George JAMES of 1/3 p.w. for 8 weeks and thereafter 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar. This continued until Aug 1835, when it was noted that he was dead.

George JAMES, High Littleton, aged 78, was buried at High Littleton 30 Aug 1835.]

43. County of Somerset.

The Examination of James BOWDITCH, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Coalminer. Taken the 15th day of March 1786.

Who on his Oath saith, That he was born in the Parish of Camely in the said County, as he has heard and believes. That he lived as a Servant with James DICKENSON of Littleton [*Litton intended*] in the said County, for the Space of 5 Years and ¾ and received his Victuals and Cloaths for his Service, that his Father made the Hiring for him and that he has done no other Act to gain a Settlem't in any Parish, to the best of his Knowledge. That he has a Wife named Ann. The Mark of X James BOWDITCH.

Sworn the day & Year aforesaid before Jno. ADAMS. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-29a.

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[*Note*: Accounts for 1785/6 record 4/8 paid for taking Examinations of Geo. PARFIT, James BOWDRIDGE [*BOWDITCH*] & Geo. JAMES.

For details of James and family see his Examination of 5 Dec 1794.]

44. County of Somerset.

The Examination of **Joseph RAWLINS** of Clutton, Labourer, taken before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in & for this County, this 18th July 1786.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he was born in the Parish of Swanswick (*sic*) in this County, as he have heard & believes, liv'd with his Father there till he was ab't 13 Years of Age, when he hir'd himself by the Year to John HOOPER Esq'r of Walcot near Bath, liv'd with him for Eight Years, then went and Hir'd himself to Peter HOOPER of North Wraxall in Wiltshire, Liv'd with him ab't half a Year, then came into the Parish of Clutton in this County, to his Uncle Robert RAWLINS and Liv'd with him for upwards of Two Years, the first Year for his Victuals etc., but the Last Year, hir'd himself for Five Guineas, Serv'd that Year & receiv'd his full Wages. The mark X of Joseph RAWLINS.

Sworn before me Jno. ADAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-9.

Note: For details of Joseph and family see his Examination of 20 Dec 1797.]

44. The Examination of **Tho's HILL**, Cordwainer, residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, taken the 14th Day of August 1789.

Who, on his Oath saith, That he was born in the Parish of Market Stowey in the said County, as he has heard and believes and that his Father's Place of legal Settlement was at Market Stowey aforesaid and that he has never served any Apprenticeship or done any Act, to the best of his Knowledge and Belief, whereby to gain a Settlement in any other Parish. The Mark of X Tho's HILL.

Sworn before us H.H. COXE, Jas. TOOKER. (a Copy)

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-10. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-10a (Copy) with minor differences.

[*Note*: Market Stowey where Thomas HILL was born c.1750 is believed to be Nether Stowey.

Maria dau. of Thomas HILL & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 25 Nov 1787. - She married John BRIMBLE at High Littleton 25 Dec 1810.

Jacob son of Thomas HILL & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 3 Oct 1790. - Jacob HILL an infant buried at High Littleton 10 Apr 1791.

The 1811 Census finds Thomas HILL living in High Littleton with 2 females in the household.

Thomas HILL, High Littleton, aged 72, was buried at High Littleton 6 Aug 1822. Overseers' Accounts record that the parish paid the cost of his funeral.

Accounts record on 27 Oct 1823 relief of 2/- p.w. for 30 weeks paid to Tho's HILL's widow.]

46. County of Somerset.

The Examination of **James BOWDICH** [*BOWDITCH*], now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Coalminer. Taken this 5th day of Dec'r 1794.

Who on his Oath Saith, That he is about 33 Years of Age. That he was born in the Parish of Camely in the said County, as he has heard and believes. That, when he was about 10 Years of Age, his Father put him out at Service to James DICKENSON of Litton in the said County, Baker, for his victuals & Cloaths. That he lived with the said Jas. DICKENSON for the space of Five Years & Three Quarters but never received any Wages. That he afterwards lived with Farmer John BLINMAN of Farrington Gurney in the said County for the Space of Three Quarters of a Year. That he rents a House of Mr Joseph BROADRIBB, Malster, in High Littleton aforesaid, at the Yearly rent of £2.12. 6. And also rents a Paddock of Ground of Joseph HARRIS, for Potatoes, at the rent of £7.10. 0. That he Married Ann, his present Wife, in the Parish Church of High Littleton af'sd. That he hath Three Children, namely Grace aged about 8 Years, James aged about 3 Years and John aged about 6 Months. The Mark X of Jas. BOWDICH.

Sworn at Clutton before us [*no Justices' names given*]. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-28.

[*Note*: See also James' Examination of 15 Mar 1786.

James son of James BOWDICH & Ann bapt. at Cameley 4 Apr 1762.

The name BOWDITCH was frequently weitten as BIRRIDGE.

James BURRIDGEx resident in the parish married Ann FLOWERx resident in the parish by banns at High Littleton 1 Nov 1785.

Grace dau. of James BURRIDGE & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 6 Aug 1786.

James son of James BURRIDGE & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 10 Jul 1791. He married Joyce VATER at High Littleton 3 Aug 1812.

Overseers' Accounts for 1796/7 record a payment of £2. 2/- to James BOWDITCH towards finding a substitute, he being drawn to serve in the Supplementary Militia.

John son of James BURRIDGE & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 17 Aug 1794. - John BURRIDGE an infant buried at High Littleton 30 Jan 1795.

Samuel son of James BOWDITCH & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 9 Aug 1801.

Thomas son of James BOWDITCH & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 20 Mar 1803. Thomas BOWDICH, High Littleton, aged 13, buried at High Littleton 13 Aug 1815. Accounts record on 12 Aug 1815 the expenses of attending a coroner's jury on the body of Tho's BOWDITCH, killed at Mearns Coal Works. The cost was subsequently reimbursed to the parish by the Coal Works.

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George son of James BOWDITCH & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 13 Jan 1805. He married Ann MAGGS at Farrington Gurney 25 Dec 1828.

John (the second) was another child. - John BOWDITCH buried at High Littleton 2 Dec 1810. Accounts for 1810/1 record the funeral expenses of Ann BOWDITCH's boy.

James BURRAGE received a blanket from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1802.

James BOWDITCH was buried at High Littleton 20 Jul 1806.

Accounts record in Mar 1807 a payment to widow BOWDITCH in her lying in.

Hester dau. of James BOWDITCH & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 15 Feb 1807. Vestry Minutes of 17 Apr 1807 approved relief of 3/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Ann BOWDICH and family. Accounts for 1807/8 show this was paid for 55 weeks. Accounts for 1808/9 record relief of 3/- p.w. to Ann's children for 50 weeks. Accounts for 1809/10 record relief of 3/- p.w. to Ann's family for 55 weeks. Accounts for 1810/1 again record relief of 3/- p.w. to Ann BOWDITCH's family.

Ann BOWDICH (widow of James) received blankets from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1806, 1808 and 1810 (Ann BURRIDGE of Hallatrow).

Ann BOWDITCH was buried at High Littleton 10 Feb 1811. Accounts for 1811 record funeral and coroner's expenses for Ann BOWDICH.

Accounts for 1811/2 record relief of 7/6 p.w. paid to BOWDITCH's family for 49 weeks. Accounts for 1812/3 record 7/6 p.w. paid to BOWDITCH's 3 children for 55 weeks. Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 approved relief of 5/- p.w. to BOYDITCH's [*sic*] 2 children. Minutes of 15 May 1814 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. to Geo. BOWDITCH, a child with W'm AISHMAN and 2/- p.w. to Hester BOWDITCH, a child with Thomas FLOWER of Farrington. Accounts record on 1 Nov 1814 3/11 for a shirt and 9/6 for a cloth jacket for George BOWDITCH. Minutes of 28 Mar 1815 reduced George's relief to 1/- p.w. and maintained Hester's at 1/6 p.w. Minutes of 25 Mar 1816 reduced Hester's relief at 1/- p.w. Minutes of 25 Mar 1817 renewed relief of 1/- p.w. to Hester (a young child). Minutes of 25 Mar 1818 again renewed relief to Hester at 1/- p.w. Minutes of 25 Mar 1819 continued relief of 1/- p.w. to Hester BOWDITCH, Hallatrow. Minutes of 27 Mar 1820 maintained Hester's relief at 1/- p.w. Minutes of 26 Mar 1822 approved relief of 1/- p.w. to Hester BOWDITCH.]

47. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Samuel MILLARD, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Labourer. Taken this 5th day of Dec'r 1794.

Who on his Oath Saith, That he is about 29 Y'rs of Age. That he was born in the Parish of Henton Blewett in the said County, as he has heard and believes. That, when he was about 16 or 17 Years of Age, he hired himself a Servant to Joseph CLARK of Camely in the said County, Yeoman, for a year from Michaelmas to Michaelmas following, for the Wages of Four Pounds a year & lived with him for the Space of Four years and an half. That he afterwards hired himself a Servant to the Rev'd Thomas SEECOMBE of Camely aforesaid, Clerk, for a Year, for the Wages of Six pounds, and that he lived with him, the sd. Tho's SEECOMBE, for one year and a Quarter. Since which, he has done no Act to gain himself a Settlement elsewhere, having worked as a Day Labourer ever since. That he Married Martha, his present [*Wife inserted in pencil*], in the Parish Church of Camely aforesaid.

That he hath Four Children, namely, Maria aged about 7 Years, Ann aged about 5 Years, John aged about 3 Years and an Infant aged about 5 Weeks. That he is a Member of Temple Club. The Mark of X Sam'l MILLARD.

Sworn at Clutton before us, Jas. TOOKER, H.H. COXE, Edw'd LYNE. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-28a.

[*Note*: Samuel MILLAR (*sic*) otp married Martha CARVER otp by banns at Cameley 16 Apr 1787.

Maria was born c.1786/7.

Ann dau. of Samuel MILLARD & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1789.

John son of Sam'l MILLARD & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 11 Mar 1792.

Another child was born in 1794.]

48. County of Somerset.

The Examination of George ROGERS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Coalminer. Taken this 5th day of Dec'r 1794.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is about 23 Years of Age. That he was born in the Parish of Paulton in the said County, as he has heard and believes. That, when he was about 10 Years Old, he bound himself an Apprentice to Benjamin SMITH of Midsomer Norton, Breeches Maker, for the Term of Seven Years. That he lived with the said Benjamin SMITH for two Years & an half and received no Wages. That he afterwards returned to live with his Father in Paulton aforesaid. That he hath done no Act since, whereby to gain himself a Settlement. That he Married Anne, his present Wife, in the Parish Church of Clutton in the said County. That he hath one Child, by name Betty, aged about 12 Months. That his said Father paid to the said Benj'n SMITH Ten Guineas as an apprentice Fee and that there was one part of an Indenture between them, which was inrolled and the duty paid on it, that, after he had served his Said Master 2½ Years, his said Master became poor and unable to maintain an apprentice, and that thereupon, they parted by mutual Consent, but the Indenture was not cancelled, that he, this Examinant, lived to the end of his time in Paulton and that his Master knew he was there but never called on him to return afterwards. George ROGERS.

Sworn at Clutton before us Jas. TOOKER, H.H. COXE, Edw'd LYNE. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-30a.

[*Note*: George ROGERS bach. otp married Ann WILKINS spin. otp by banns at Clutton 23 Jun 1793.

Elizabeth dau. of George ROGERS (*sic*) & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 5 Jan 1794.]

49. County of Somerset.

The Examination of James STICKLER, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Labourer. Taken this 5th day Dec'r 1794.

Who on his Oath saith, That he is about 21 Years of Age. That he was born at Hallatrow within the said Parish of High Littleton, as he has heard and believes. That, about two years ago, he hired himself a Servant for a year to Mr Joseph HILL of Paulton in the said County and Served him for a year and an half, When he Married Sarah his Wife, in the Parish Church of Paulton aforesaid. That he hath one Child named David, aged about half a year. That he is a Member of High Littleton benefit Club. The Mark of X James STICKLER.

Sworn at Clutton in the said County, before us Jas. TOOKER, H.H. COXE, Edw'd LYNE. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-31.

[Note: James son of John STICKLER & Katharine bapt. at High Littleton 2 May 1773.

James STICKLER otp married Sarah HORLER spin. otp by banns at Paulton 16 Jun 1794.

David son of James STICKLER & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 24 Aug 1794.]

50. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Samuel LOXTON, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Mason. Taken this 5th Day of Dec'r 1794.

Who on his Oath Saith, that he is about 22 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Ston Easton in the said County, as he hath heard and believes. That he workt with James ELFORD of Ston Easton aforesd., Mason, 'till about 4 Years ago, since which, he hath workt as a Mason in the Parishes of Timsbury and High Littleton and their Neighborhood but hath never done any Act whatsoever, whereby to gain himself a Legal Settlement out of the said Parish of Ston Easton. That, about a quarter of a year ago, he Married Sarah his Wife, in the Parish Church of High Littleton aforesaid. Sam'l LOXTON.

Sworn at Clutton in the said County, before us Jas. TOOKER, H.H. COXE, Edw'd LYNE. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-31a.

[Note: Samuel LOXTON otp married Sarah STICKLER otp by banns at High Littleton 13 Aug 1794.

Sarah dau. of John STRICKLAND & Catharine bapt. at High Littleton 7 May 1775.

Sarah dau. of Samuel LOXTON & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 16 Aug 1795. - Sarah LOXTON buried at High Littleton 20 Aug 1806.

Charlotte dau. of Samuel LOXTON & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 5 Oct 1800. - Presumably she died young.

Charlotte dau. of Samuel & Sarah LOXTON (from Hallatrow) privately bapt. at Farrington Gurney 27 Apr 1804. - Charlotte LOXTON an infant buried at High Littleton 17 May 1804.

Sarah LOXTON was buried at High Littleton 27 Jan 1808.

The 1802 Survey of Hallatrow records Sam'l LOXTON and others as occupiers of a house and garden of 1r. 4p. (No. 92 on the map), belonging to Mrs JORDAN and later purchased by Rich'd LANGFORD and used as the Law Offices.]

51. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Jonathan HIGGINS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Labourer. Taken the 5th December 1794.

Who on his Oath Saith, That he is about 60 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Ditcheat in the said County, as he has heard and believes, where he always lived till about two Years ago, when he came to reside in High Littleton with his Children, who are Married there. That he hath never done any Act to gain himself a Settlement out of the said Parish of Dicheat. That he hath a Wife named Mary, now living with him and one Child living with him, named Isaac, aged about 18 Years and a Member in High Littleton benefit Club. The Mark of X Jonathan HIGGINS.

Sworn at Clutton in the said County, before us, Jas. TOOKER, H.H. COXE, Edw'd LYNE. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-32a.

[Note: Jonathan son of Mathew HIGGINS bapt. at Ditcheat 22 Sep 1737.

Jonathan HIGGINSx otp married Margrett MASTERSx otp by banns at Ditcheat 17 Sep 1759.

Elijah son of Jonathan HIGGINS bapt. at Ditcheat 17 Aug 1760. - Elijah HIGGINS buried at High Littleton 5 Jan 1797.

Margaret wife of Jonathan HIGGINS was buried at Ditcheat 6 Sep 1760.

Jonathan HIGGINSx otp married Mary HARVYx otp by banns at Ditcheat 11 Apr 1763.

Ann a daughter was born c.1763/4. - She married George BRICE at High Littleton 20 Nov 1791.

George son of Jonathan HIGGINS was born 21 Mar 1767 (Ditcheat Register). - George son of Jonathan HIGGINS buried at Ditcheat - Feb 1769.

(blank) son of Jonathan HIGGINS buried at Ditcheat 19 Mar 1769.

Another George was born c.1769. - He married Martha BULLOCK at High Littleton 29 Aug 1790.

Isaac son of Jonathan HIGGINS bapt. at Ditcheat 3 Oct 1775. - He married Martha EVANS at High Littleton 4 Sep 1797.

Rosannah, who was buried at High Littleton 25 Sep 1789 and Phoebe of Paulton buried at High Littleton 29 Nov 1803, may have been further children of Jonathan.

Jonathan HIGGINS was buried at High Littleton 7 Apr 1799.

Overseers' Accounts record in Dec 1800 the receipt of £6. 9.10 from Ditcheat parish for Mary HIGGINS' pay for the period from Easter to date.

Mary HIGGINS was buried at High Littleton 13 Jan 1802.]

52. County of Somerset.

The Examination of John ROGERS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Coalminer. Taken before us the 5th Dec'r 1794.

Who on his Oath Saith, That he is about 50 Years of Age. That he was born in the Parish of Clutton in the said County, as he has heard and believes. That, when he was about 8 Years Old, he went to work at Coal Pit. That he hath done no Act since, whereby to gain himself a Settlement, having worked at Coal Pit ever Since. That he Married Mary, his present Wife, in the Parish Church of High Littleton aforesaid. That he hath 2 Children, namely, Susanna aged about 22 Years and Betty aged about 18 Years. The Mark of X John ROGERS.

Sworn at Clutton, before us Jas. TOOKER, H.H. COXE, Edw'd LYNE. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-33.

[Note: John ROGERS otp married Susannah QUARMAN otp by banns at Clutton 12 Jan 1765.

Susannah died and John remarried. John ROGERSx widower of Clutton married Mary PURNELLx spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 27 Jan 1772.

Susannah dau. of John ROGERS & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 2 Aug 1772.

Betty a daughter was born c.1776.

There was also a son.

John ROGERS from High Littleton was buried at Clutton 29 Sep 1802. Overseers' Accounts record on 16 Oct a payment of 10/6 towards the funeral of Jno. ROGERS.

Accounts for 1808/9 record relief of 1/3 p.w. for 47 weeks to Mary RODGERS and son at Farmborough and on 11 Jul 1808 a payment for the funeral expenses of Mary RODGERS.]

53. County of Somerset.

The Examination of John YOUNG, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Lab'r. Taken this 5th Dec'r 1794.

Who on his Oath Saith, That he is about 25 Years of Age, as he believes. That he doth not know and hath never heard in what Parish or place he was born, but Supposes himself to be a base born Child. That he never recollects his Father or Mother or heard who they were or to what Parish they belonged. That the first place he recollects, or hath heard that he lived in, is the parish of Sowden, about 3½ Miles from Exeter. That he hath never lived in any Service for the Space of a Year or done any Act to gain himself a Settlement, to the best of his Knowledge and belief. That, about three Years and half ago, he Married Elizabeth his Wife, in the Parish Church of High Littleton aforesaid. That he hath two Children, Viz't: Elizabeth aged about 3 Years and Sarah aged about 1 Year. That he is a Member of High Littleton Benefit Club. The Mark of X John YOUNG.

Sworn at Clutton in the sd. County, before us Jas. TOOKER, H.H. COXE, Edw'd LYNE. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-34a.

[Note: John YOUNG was examined again on 16 Oct 1799 and 22 Mar 1811. See the notes after the latter Examination for details of John's family.]

54. County of Somerset.

The Examination of John FRENCH, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Tanner. Taken this 5th Dec'r 1794.

Who on his Oath saith, That he is about 32 Years of Age and was born in the parish of Cullumpton in the County of Devon, as he hath heard and believes. That, when he was about 10 Years of Age, his Father bargain'd for him to Serve Mr BARNES, a Tanner of Bickley in Devonshire, for the Wages of 8d. a Week for the 1st Y'r & all his necessaries. That, at the end of the first Year, he made a fresh Agreement with his said Master, to Serve him by the Week as before, at an advance of Wages and that he continued to serve his said Master in the Same manner for 10 Years and an Half. That he then hired himself a Servant for a Year to Richard BALL of Cullumpton aforesaid, Yeoman, and Served him till a Fortnight before the End of the Year, when Thomas PANNELL, the then Church Warden and another Inhabitant of Cullumpton, came to his Master's House and desired his Master to discharge him, that he might not gain a Settlement there, as he, this Examinant, was about to be Marr'd. That his Master then paid him his Wages but kept back 4s. That he aft'wds. continued the Year out and more and received 6/- Wages more. That he then Married Eliz'th, his 1st Wife, by whome he hath 1 Child named Sarah, aged about 10 Years. That, about 4 Years ago, he hired himself a Servant to Mr Wm. BATH, then of Botley in Hampshire, Tanner, by the Week, at 10/- p'r Week and lived with him 26 Weeks. That his sd. Master, during that time, removed to live in the Parish of High Littleton and this Examinant came with him. That, Shortly after (being then a Widower and having one Child aged about 6 Years), he hired himself for a Year to said Mr BATH at the Wages of £10, and Served him that Year accordingly, at High Littleton aforesaid. That he hath workt by the Week for said Mr BATH for ab't 2 Years since. That, during this last mentioned time, he Married Charlotte, his present Wife, in the Parish Church of High Littleton aforesaid, by whom he hath one Child named Harriet, aged about 13 Weeks. That he is a Member of Temple benefit Club. The Mark of X John FRENCH.

Sworn at Clutton, before us Jas. TOOKER, H.H. COXE, Edw'd LYNE. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-35.

HIGH LITTLETON MISCELLANEOUS EXAMINATIONS 1711-1856 & INDEXES

[*Note*: John FRENCHx otp married Charlotte CARVERx otp by banns at High Littleton 28 May 1792.

Mary Ann dau. of John FRENCH & Charlotte bapt. at High Littleton 20 Jan 1793. - Mary Ann FRENCH buried at High Littleton 28 Apr 1793.

Harriot dau. of John FRENCH & Charlotte bapt. at High Littleton 28 Sep 1794. - Harriet FRENCH buried at High Littleton 14 Aug 1806.

Henry son of John FRENCH & Charlotte bapt. at High Littleton 22 Jul 1798. - Henry FRENCH an infant buried at High Littleton 28 Apr 1799.

Henry son of John FRENCH & Charlotte bapt. at High Littleton 27 Jul 1800.

William BATH operated the Tannery in Hallatrow. An Indenture of Lease (& Release) dated 20 May 1796 between Thomas PILL and Joseph BLANDFORD mentions John FRENCH as occupier of part of a messuage (*on the site of what later became the Plymouth Brethren Chapel*) in Hallatrow, as tenant of Thomas PILL, tanner. He is similarly mentioned in another Indenture dated 1 Mar 1799 between James LANCASTER and Hester PILL.

Overseers' Accounts record on 12 Oct 1798 the payment of £2.12. 6 parish bounty to John FRENCH, who was drawn to serve in the Supplementary Militia. In the following year was recorded £6.10/- (being 26 weeks at 10/-) paid to Cameley parish for the relief of the children of Samuel MILLARD, who served as substitute for John FRENCH.]

55. Surry to wit.

The voluntary Examination of Sarah DANDO, Widow, who, upon her Oath saith, That she was married about thirteen years since at the parish Church of Battersea in the county of Surry, to John DANDO, who was then employed as a Labourer at Weekly Wages by [blank] HUTT of Queen Street in the Borough of Southwark in the sd. County of Surry, Butcher. That, upon her Marriage, she went to and resided with her Mother for some few Weeks in Pitt Street, Tottenham Court Road, in the County of Middlesex. That, after leaving her Mother, she and her Husband resided in Lodgings in Lambeth Marsh and the neighbourhood thereof, 'till about five years since, when he took of a Mr HEAD, then of Lambeth Marsh, a house in Royal Row in the parish of Saint Mary, Lambeth in the County of Surry aforesaid. That they lived in the same house a year and a half or thereabouts and paid for the rent of it, besides Taxes, Eighteen Guineas per Annum. That, finding the rent too heavy, they took Lodgings in the same parish, in which this Examin't and her Husband resided till his death. That he died on or about the twentieth day of January 1795 and that since that time she has continued in the same Lodgings. That, for seven years or thereabouts previous to her Husband's death, she was employed by Mr BUCKLEY at his Floor Cloth Manufactory in Bridge Road, Lambeth, as a Weekly Servant. And that she now has four Children, namely Joseph DANDO aged about nine years, Thomas DANDO aged about five years, John DANDO aged about two years and Charles DANDO aged about eight Months, the two eldest of whom were born in the parish of Saint Margaret, Westminster and the two youngest in the parish of Saint Mary, Lambeth, the officers of which lastmentioned parish have, from time to time since her Husband's death, relieved her and her Family. Sarah DANDO.

Sworn this 15th June 1795 before me, at Union hall, R. ROBERTSON. Sent.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-13 (*Original*). Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-10 (*Copy*) with minor errors and omissions.

John DANDO of the parish of Battersea, Bachelor and Sarah SEARLE of the parish aforesaid, Spinster, were married in this church by Banns this 17th day of July in the year 1782 by me John LAWRENCE, Curate. This marriage was solemnized between us John DANDO, Sarah SEARLE. In the presence of Deodatus BARNES, Maria AMERS, Rob't MUNDAY, Parish Clerk.

The above is a true extract from the Marriage Register Book belonging to the parish of Battersea in the county of Surrey, taken the 27th April 1795 by me R. MORGAN, Curate.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-6.

[*Note*: Overseers' Accounts for 1795/6 record expenses for the examination of Hannah [*Sarah intended*] DANDO in London.

There is insufficient information to identify this John DANDO but he was probably born c.1750/60 and presumably had a settlement in High Littleton at one time.

John DANDO bach. of Battersea married Sarah SEARLE spin. otp by banns at Battersea 17 Jul 1782.

Joseph a son was born in St. Margaret, Westminster c.1785/6.

Thomas a son was born in St. Margaret, Westminster c.1789/90.

John a son was born in St. Mary, Lambeth c.1792/3.

Charles a son was born in St. Mary, Lambeth in 1794.

John DANDO died 20 Jan 1795.]

56. Overseers' Accounts for 1796 record the expense of obtaining a copy of **John WILKINS'** examination but the Examination has not survived.

[*Note*: Although there were 2 John WILKINS in High Littleton at the time, this is thought to refer to the one born at Hinton Blewett in 1754 rather than the one born in High Littleton in 1765.

See John's Examination of 14 May 1816 for details of the family.]

57. Somerset to wit.

The Examination of Job VOWLES, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Coal Miner, taken this 27th Day of Oct'r 1797.

HIGH LITTLETON MISCELLANEOUS EXAMINATIONS 1711-1856 & INDEXES

Who on his Oath saith, That he was born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as he has heard & believes (*sic*), that when he was about 17 or 18 Years of Age, he hired himself a Servant for a Year to Farmer BROOKES of the Parish of Paulton in the said County, and served him for that Year in Paulton aforesaid, that he then returned to High Littleton aforesaid and hired himself a Servant to Cornelius HARRIS and served him from 7th July to 5th April following, in High Littleton aforesaid. And that he has done no other Act, whereby to gain a Settlement. That he has a Wife, by Name Susanna, and two Children, Sarah aged about 12 Years and Job aged about Nine Years. The Mark of X Job VOWLES.

Sworn before us Jas. TOOKER, John BAND.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-15.

[*Note*: Job son of William VOWLES & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 23 Nov 1760.

Job VOWLESx otp married Susanna VATERx otp by banns at High Littleton 25 Dec 1782.

Susanna dau. of John VATER & Joyce bapt. at High Littleton 7 Feb 1762.

Hannah dau. of Job VOWLES & Ann (*sic*) bapt. at High Littleton 8 Jun 1783. - Anna VOWLES a child buried at High Littleton 3 Jun 1788.

Sarah dau. of Job VOWLES & Susannah bapt. at High Littleton 14 Aug 1785.

Job son of Job VOWLES & Susannah bapt. at High Littleton 13 Jul 1788. - Job VOWLES buried at High Littleton 19 May 1799 (or 14 May 1800). There was another Job VOWLES, living at Langford's Way, High Littleton and it is not possible to ascertain which died in 1799 and which in 1800.

Vestry Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 agreed that, due to the present high price of provisions, Job VOWLES, Outlet [*and many other paupers*] should have 18lb. flour for the week at 3/- per peck.

Job VOWLES received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1795 and 1804.

Job VOWLES was buried at High Littleton 31 Jul 1810.

Susan VOWLES, High Littleton, aged 60, was buried at High Littleton 12 Mar 1820.]

58. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Joseph RAWLINS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton. Taken before us this 20th Dec'r 1797.

Who, on his Oath saith, that he is about 32 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Swineswick near Bath, as he has heard and believes. That about 13 Years ago he came to work for his Uncle Robert RAWLINS of Cloud Hill in the Parish of Clutton, Miller, and lived with him One Year, to learn the Trade of a Miller, without making any Bargain and that his Uncle found him in Victuals & Cloaths. Saith, that he then hired himself a Servant for a Year to the said Robert RAWLINS for 5 Guineas Wages and served him for one Year and an Half afterwards in Clutton Parish & received a Year and Half Wages. At the End of which Service he married his present Wife Jane LANSDOWN, in the Parish Church of High Littleton, by whom he has three Children, namely, Robert aged about 11 Years, Susanna aged about 5 Years and James aged about three Quarters of a Year. The Mark of X Joseph RAWLINS.

Sworn at Chilcompton in the s'd County before us, Jas. TOOKER, A.A. BAKER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-17 (*Original*). Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-8 (*Copy*) with minor differences.

[*Note*: See also Joseph's Examination on 18 Jul 1786, the day of his wedding.

Overseers' Accounts for 1786/7 record a payment of £1.14. 6 for a licence and expenses for Jos'h RAWLINS; no doubt because he had got Jane LANSDOWN pregnant and had been persuaded to marry her.

Joseph RAWLINSx otp married Jane LANSDOWN otp by licence at High Littleton 18 Jul 1786.

Jane dau. of Samuel LANSDOWN & Joyce bapt. at High Littleton 12 Oct 1766.

Robert a son was born c.1786.

Susanna a daughter was born c.1792. - Susanna married William BULL at High Littleton 12 Sep 1814.

James son of Joseph RAWLINS & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 30 Apr 1797.

Joseph RAWLINS was buried at High Littleton 12 Jan 1800.

The 1811 Census finds Jane RAWLINS living in High Littleton with one other female in the household.

Jane RAWLINGS, High Littleton, aged 47, was buried at High Littleton 7 Sep 1814.]

59. Somerset, To Wit.

The Examination of Isaac HIGGINS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Coal Miner, (touching his Settlement) taken upon Oath, before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, this 20th Day of Dec'r 1797.

This Examinant saith, that he is about 22 Years of age, and was born in the Parish of Ditchat in the sd. County, as he hath heard and believes, and that he never lived at Service or done any Act whatever to gain himself a legal Settlement on his own Account, to the best of his Knowledge and Belief. That, about 6 Years ago, he came to High Littleton and workt in the Coalpits. Saith, that about 4 Months past, he married Martha EVANS his present Wife in the Parish Church of High Littleton aforesaid. The Mark of X Isaac HIGGINS.

Sworn at Chilcompton in the County of Somerset before us, Jas. TOOKER, A.A. BAKER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-16 (*Original on Printed Form*). Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-8a (*Copy*) with minor differences.

[*Note*: Isaac son of Jonathan HIGGINS bapt. at Ditchat 3 Oct 1775.

See also the Examination of Jonathan HIGGINS taken 5 Dec 1794.

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Isaac HIGGINS^x otp married Martha EVANS^x otp by banns at High Littleton 4 Sep 1797.
Martha was baptized at High Littleton 3 Dec 1780 a daughter of Francis EVANS & his wife Sarah HOOPER.
Nancy dau. of Isaac HIGGINS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 2 Sep 1798.
Mary dau. of Isaac HIGGINS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 28 Sep 1800.
Samuel son of Isaac HIGGINS & Sarah (*sic*) bapt. at High Littleton 5 Aug 1803. - Samuel HIGGINS buried at High Littleton 27 Mar 1808.
James son of Isaac HIGGINS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 19 Jan 1806.
Samuel son of Isaac HIGGINS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 31 Mar 1809. - Samuel HIGGINS buried at High Littleton 3 May 1809.
Joseph son of Isaac HIGGINS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 26 Aug 1810.
The 1811 Census finds Isaac HIGGINS living in High Littleton with 3 females in the household.
Samuel son of Isaac & Martha HIGGINS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 11 Jul 1813. He married Jemima MOON at Timsbury 28 Jun 1835. They emigrated to Australia with their children George and Martha, sailing from London on 20 Aug 1852 aboard the Six Sisters and landed in Geelong on 13 Jan 1853.
The 1841 Census finds Isaac HIGGINS, aged 66 and Martha 62, living in Timsbury.
Martha HIGGINS, Timsbury, aged 65, was buried at Timsbury 1 Sep 1844.
The 1851 Census finds Isaac HIGGINS, aged 78, widower, formerly coal miner, born Ditchet, living at Timsbury in the house of his son James HIGGINS 44, coal miner, born Timsbury, his wife Fanny 43, born Newton, Devonshire & children Mary 9, Charles 7, Jane 5 and Margaret 2, all born Timsbury.
Isaac HIGGINS, Timsbury, aged 84, was buried at Timsbury 31 May 1857.]

60. County of Somerset to Wit.

The Examination of Benjamin CRICK, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, a private in the Northamptonshire Militia, touching his Settlement, upon Oath before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, this 20th Day of Dec'r 1797.

This Examination [*Examinant intended*] saith, that he is about 25 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Desborough in Northamptonshire, as he hath heard and believes, and that his parents were settled at Desborough aforesaid. Saith, that his Father Died when he was about 19 Weeks Old. Saith, that when he was about 13 Years old, he was bound an apprentice by his Mother and Uncle, who paid four Pounds Consideration for the same, to James LAW of Rowell, a Market Town in Northamptonshire, a Weaver of Tammy Cloth, and that he served his said Master the full term of 7 Years in Rowell aforesaid. Saith that he hath never gained any legal Settlement since. Saith that he hath been in the Northamptonshire Militia about 5 Years. Saith that on the 24 of June 1796, he married Mary TUCKER his present Wife, in the Parish Church of Saint Mary Redcliff, By whome he has one Child named Anne, aged about 20 Weeks. The Mark of X Benj'n CRICK.

Sworn at Chilcompton in the sd. County of Somerset, the 20 Day of December 1797, before us, Jas. TOOKER, A.A. BAKER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-9 (*Copy*).

[*Note*: Benjamin CRICK bach. otp married Mary TUCKER spin. otp by banns at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 24 Jun 1796.

Mary dau. of George TUCKER & Grace bapt. at High Littleton 18 Feb 1776.

Nancy dau. of Benjamin BRICK (*sic*) & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 13 Aug 1797. She married (*as Anne CRICK*) James DURY (*recorded as DRURY*) at Farmborough 25 Dec 1815.

Benjamin continued in the Militia for several years after his marriage. Overseers' Accounts from 1797 onwards record the payment of relief to Mary CRICK while he was away and the periodic reimbursement to the parish by the Treasurer of the County, e.g. Dec 1800 - received £5. 2/- for wife and child of Benj. CREEK (*sic*), 51 weeks to easter 1801. The final receipt for Benj. CRICK's wife's pay appeared in the 1803/4 Accounts, following expenses in Jan 1804 for going to Wells after her money.

Hester dau. of Benjamin CRICK & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 28 Aug 1803.

Elizabeth dau. of Benjamin & Mary CRICK bapt. at Farmborough 13 Oct 1805. She had a bastard child called Eliza in 1833.

Mercy dau. of Benjamin CRICK & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 5 Jun 1808.

Joseph son of Benjamin CRICK & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 21 Jul 1811. - He married Martha ---.

Samuel may have been another son. - Samuel CRICK, Farmborough, aged 9 weeks, buried at Farmborough 18 Dec 1814.

Mary dau. of Benjamin & Mary CRICK, Farmborough, labourer, bapt. at Farmborough 12 Nov 1815. - She married Moses HANNEY at Farmborough 3 Jan 1836.

Hannah dau. of Benjamin & Mary CRICK, Farmborough, labourer, bapt. at Farmborough 14 Jun 1818. - She married Charles SAGE at High Littleton 7 Mar 1839.

The 1841 Census finds Benjamin CRICK, aged 70, labourer, Mary 66 and Charlotte (*sic*) 14, living in Scumbrum Lane, Farmborough.

Benjamin CRICK, Farmborough, aged 75, was buried at Farmborough 30 Jun 1844.

The 1851 Census finds Mary CRICK, widow, aged 75, pauper, born High Littleton, living alone in New Road, Farmborough.]

61. County of Somerset, To Wit.

The Examination of John PARRY, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Blacksmith, (touching his Settlement) taken upon Oath, before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, this 20th Day of Dec'r 1797.

This Examinant saith, that he is about 31 Years of age and was born in the Parish of Carrick Howell, a Market Town in Brecknockshire in Wales, as he hath heard and believes, and that, when he was about 14 Years of Age, he hired himself a Servant for a Year to John PROSSER of Llandillo Parish (near Abergavenny) in Herefordshire and served him in the Farming Business for three Years and received his full Wages. Saith, that he enlisted a Soldier and served two Years in the 75th Regim't of Foot. Saith that he hath lived in no one Place for a Year, since living at Llandillo or ever done any Act to gain himself a legal Settlement, to the best of his

Knowledge and Belief. Saith, that a Twelve [Month omitted] ago last Summer, he married Betty COOK his present Wife, in the Parish Church of Paulton and has one Child by her, named Anne, aged about half a Year. The Mark X of John PARRY.

Sworn at Chilcompton in the sd. County of Somerset before us, Jas. TOOKER, A.A. BAKER.

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[Note: John PARREY otp married Betty COOKE of Timsbury by banns at Paulton 7 Jun 1796.

Ann dau. of John PERRY (sic) & Elizabeth (privately bapt. 1 Jun) bapt. at High Littleton 22 Oct 1797.]

62. County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of **James WALL**, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Mason, (touching his Settlement), taken upon Oath before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, this 15th Day of October 1799.

This Examinant saith, that he is about 35 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Horseley in Gloucestershire, as he hath heard and believes, and that his Parents' Settlement was in Horseley, as he has heard and believes, and that he lived in Horseley until he was about 13 Years old. Saith that he then came to his Brother Wm. WALL, a Mason and lived with him two or three weeks in Marksbury, that his said Brother Wm. removed to Meadgate in Timsbury Parish, and this Examinant workt as a Mortar Boy with one James BIGGS, a Mason of Farmborow, for about two Years, at 7d. per Day and his Brother had his Wages for maintaining him. Saith, that he then entered into a written Agreement with the sd. Jas. BIGGS, to work with him for five Years and to learn the Trade of a Mason, to have 3/6 for the first Year, 4s. for the 2nd, 5s. for the 3rd, 6s. for the 4th and 7s. for the 5th. And workt for him the said Five Years and half an Year afterwards, and lived all the time in Timsbury. Saith, that he hath worked at Masonry since and never gained any Settlement, But that he is legally settled at Horseley, to the best of his Knowledge and Belief. Saith that he married Rebecca his present Wife, in Horseley Church and hath three Children, Namely, Sarah aged about 7 Years, Mary aged about 4 Years and Anne aged about one Year or upwards. James WALL.

Sworn at Temple Inn in the Parish of Cameley, before Jas. TOOKER, A.A. BAKER. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-24.

[Note: Sarah dau. of James WALL & Rebekah bapt. at High Littleton 22 Jul 1792.

James son of James WALL & Elizabeth (sic) bapt. at High Littleton 5 Jan 1794. - James WALL an infant buried at High Littleton 29 Oct 1794.

Mary dau. of James WALL & Rebeccah bapt. at High Littleton 22 Nov 1795.

Overseers' Accounts for 1796/7 record a payment of £2. 2/- to James WALL towards finding a substitute, he being drawn to serve in the Supplementary Militia.

Ann dau. of James WALL & Rebecca bapt. at High Littleton 14 Oct 1798.

James son of James WALL & Rebecca bapt. at High Littleton 7 Dec 1800.]

63. County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of **Jeremiah EMERY**, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Engine Worker, (touching his Settlement), taken upon Oath before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, this 16th Day of October 1799.

This Examinant saith, that he is about 34 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Chilcompton, as he has heard and believes and that, when he was 20 Years of Age or upwards, he hired himself a Servant for a Year to Mr Wm. LANSDOWN and served him for Four Years, Making a new Bargain for a Year at the End of each Year, all which he served at Welton in the said [not mentioned before] Parish of Midsomer Norton. Saith that he soon after married Anne his present Wife, in the Parish Church of Midsomer Norton and never lived at Service or did any Act to gain himself a legal Settlement since, to the best of his Knowledge and Belief. Saith that he hath four Children, namely, Silas aged about 7 Years, Mary aged about 4 Years, John aged about 2 Years and a Boy aged about a Fortnight, intended to be christened William. The Mark of X Jeremiah EMERY.

Sworn at Temple Cloud in the Parish of Cameley, before us Jas. TOOKER, A.A. BAKER. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-24a.

[Note: Jeremiah son of W'm EMMORY & Ann bapt. at Chilcompton 31 May 1767.

Jeremiah EMERY married Ann SHORT by banns at Midsomer Norton 9 Nov 1789.

Silas son of Jeremiah & Ann EMORY bapt. at Midsomer Norton 16 Jun 1793.

Mary dau. of Jeremiah & Ann EMMERY bapt. at Midsomer Norton 3 Jan 1796.

John a son was born c.1797.

William son of John (sic) EMERY & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 3 Nov 1799.

Sarah dau. of Jeremiah EMERY & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 22 Nov 1801.

Susannah dau. of Jeremiah EMERY & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 11 Mar 1804.

Ann dau. of Jeremiah EMERY & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 4 May 1806.

Esther dau. of Jeremiah EMERY & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 4 Sep 1808.

A different Jeremiah & Ann EMERY were having children at Farmborough between 1790 and 1797.]

64. County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of John HARRISON, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Cordwainer, (touching his Settlement), taken upon Oath before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, this 16th Day of October 1799.

This Examinant saith, that he is about twenty Nine Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Westbury upon Severn in the County of Gloucester, as he has heard and believes, where his Father's Place of legal Settlement was, as he has been informed; that he learnt the Trade of a Cordwainer from his Grandfather and Uncle but was never bound an Apprentice, nor never did any thing whereby to gain a Settlement on his own Account, that, on the 22nd Day of August last, he married Hannah his present Wife, in the Parish Church of High Littleton aforesaid. John HARRISON.

Sworn before us Jas. TOOKER, A.A. BAKER. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-25a.

[*Note:* A HARRISON/TUCKER Family Bible records: John HARRISON Born Sept. 1th (*sic*) 1768 at Westbury upon Severn the son of Edward & Betey HARRISON of Westbury and Grandson of Wintour & Mary HARRISON of Newnham. Likewise Grandson of John & Sarah BAKER of Brodoak Near Newnham in Gloucester shier. Hannah HARRISON Born January 10th 1780 at Temple Cloud the Daughter of Henrey & Hannah TUCKER of Highlittleton and Grand Daughter of George TUCKER of Highlittleton. Likewise Grand Daughter of John & Mary DUDEN [*DUDDEN*] of Temple Cloud in Somerset Shier. Betsey HARRISON Born Friday May 2 1800 11 a Clock, died March 15th 1880. Mary HARRISON Born Saterdag March 13 1802, died Feb 12 1887. Ann HARRISON Born Saterdag December 3 1803. Thomas HARRISON Born Saterdag August 31 [*Aug 31 was a Sunday*] 1806 11 a Clock night. William HARRISON Born Tuesday July 19th 1808. Sarah HARRISON Born Monday March 22 [*Mar 22 was a Friday*] 1811. George HARRISON Born Sunday January 10 1813. John HARRISON Born Friday September 6 [*Not consistent with baptism on Aug 25*] 1816, died. Edward HARRISON Born Thursday September 3 1818. The above 9 Children is Grand Children to Henrey & Hannah TUCKER & Great Grand Children to George TUCKER of Highlittleton & Great Grand Children to John & Mary DUDEN, Temple Cloud, Somerset Shier. Likewise Grand Children to Edward and Betty HARRISON of Westbury & Great grand children to Wintour HARRISON of Newnham & Great grand Children to John & Sarah BAKER of Brodoak in the parish of Westbury Near Newnham in Gloucester shier.

On the next page, headed Old Stile [*referring to dates*] is: George TUCKER Born May 5th 1719 Died Jan'y 18 1816 Aged 96 years. Martha TUCKER Born 1720 Died Jan'y 19 1759 Aged 39 years. Sarah TUCKER Born April 15 1744. Martha TUCKER Born February 26 1750. Georg (*sic*) TUCKER Born February 11 1753. Henrey TUCKER Born June 15 1756 Died March 29 1836 aged 79 years & 9 months. The above 4 Children was Sons & Daughters of G. & M. TUCKER above. Hannah TUCKER Born January 10 1780. John TUCKER Born July 21 1781. Thomas TUCKER Born October 30 1783. Ann TUCKER Born October 2 1785 Died Jan'y 25 1809. Betsey Duden TUCKER Born Jan'y 20 1788 Died May 3 1838. Martha TUCKER Born Sunday December 3 [*Dec 3 was a Thursday*] 1789. Mary TUCKER Born November 8 1791. Richard TUCKER Born October 29 1793. George TUCKER Born December 11 1796. Joseph TUCKER Born thursday April 14 [*Apr 14 was a Sunday*] 1799. Charles TUCKER Born monday April 27 1801. James TUCKER Born December 29 1804. Hannah TUCKER Born October 13 1759 the Mother of the above Children Died April ? 1828 Aged 69 years. The 12 above Children is sons & daughters of Henry & Hannah. Martha Beak HARRISON the daughter of Mary HARRISON born Friday 27 February 1835 3 a Clock afternoon, Grand Daughter of John & Hannah HARRISON. John HARRISON Died October 11 1847 Monday. Hannah HARRISON Died Sept'r 30 1848 Saterdag Night ½ Past 11 o'Clock. Ann NAILER Died May 9 1852 at Wells.

On the next page is: James TUCKER died August 27th 1874 aged 68. Charls (*sic*) TUCKER Died March 1 1875.

Of John HARRISON's grandfathers, John BAKER was a shoemaker and he presumably taught John HARRISON the trade.

John HARRISON otp married Hannah TUCKER otp by banns at High Littleton 22 Aug 1799.

Hannah dau. of Henry TUCKER & Hannah bapt. at Cameley 4 Feb 1780.

Betsey dau. of John HARRISON & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 1 Jun 1800. - She married --- MATTHEWS.

Mary dau. of John HARRISON & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 11 Apr 1802. - She was an imbecile and had a bastard daughter Martha Beak HARRISON in 1835.

Ann dau. of John HARRISON & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 1 Jan 1804. - She married Joseph Thomas NAYLOR at St. James, Bath 4 Nov 1828.

Thomas son of John HARRISON & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 21 Sep 1806. - He married Mary MARCHANT at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 25 Oct 1829.

William son of John HARRISON & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 21 Aug 1808. - He married Ann (*possibly Ann HARRISON at Walcot 13 Oct 1833*). She died in Oct 1835. William is believed to have married secondly Sarah --- and finally Jane ---.

Sarah dau. of John HARRISON & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 14 Apr 1811. - She married Abraham BELL at St. James, Bath 19 Jan 1829.

The 1811 Census finds John HARRISON living in High Littleton with 2 other males and 8 females in the household.

George son of John HARRISON & Hannah, High Littleton, shopkeeper, bapt. at High Littleton 14 Feb 1813. He is believed to have married and had children.

John son of John HARRISON & Hannah, High Littleton, grocer, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Aug 1816. - John HARRISON, High Littleton, aged 22, buried at High Littleton 7 Jun 1839.

Edward son of John HARRISON & Hannah, High Littleton, shopkeeper, bapt. at High Littleton 11 Oct 1818. He married Agnes ---.

On the list of Persons Qualified to serve on Juries for High Littleton in Chewton Hundred, John HARRISON first appears in 1811 (*for 1811/2*) as a yeoman of High Littleton. He next appears in 1817 as a shopkeeper, then 1819 as a cardwinder (*cordwainer*) and in 1825 as a shopkeeper again (SRO Q/R/JI 11/11).

In the Will of George TUCKER dated 20 Mar 1810, he leave all his tenements or dwellinghouses and gardens etc. in High Littleton to his son Henry TUCKER. These included one in the occupation of John HARRISON (SRO ED Wills Box 20 No. 636).

Overseers' Accounts record on 30 Jul 1814 £1.10/- paid to John HARRISON by order of monthly vestry for ½ year's rent for Jane SAGE due lady day last past.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records John HARRISON as the occupier of a tenement, shop and part of a garden at the Batch (part 218 on the map), sub-let from Henry TUCKER. The 1839 Tithe Survey shows him as owner occupier of the same property, comprising a house and garden (19 & 19a on map), measuring 13 perches.

The Vestry Minute Book lists John HARRISON as one of 35 persons signing a tribute to Richard LANGFORD dec'd.

The 1841 Census finds John HARRISON, aged 70, shopkeeper, Hannah 60, Mary 30 and Martha 6 (*Mary's child*), living in High Littleton.

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John had a shop and sold beer on the site of the Old Market Tavern.

John HARRISON sen'r received a blanket etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1847.

John HARRISON, High Littleton, aged 79, was buried at High Littleton 18 Oct 1847.

The Will of John HARRISON, beer seller of High Littleton, dated 22 Oct 1844, was proved at Wells 3 Apr 1848 by Thomas HARRISON, butcher of High Littleton. In it are mentioned his wife Hannah and children Betsey MATTHEWS, Mary, Ann NAYLOR, Thomas, William, Sarah BELL, George, Edward and grand daughter Martha Beak. John left 3 houses (including the shop) and gardens at the Batch. His estate was valued at less than £100 (SRO ED Wills Box 227 No. 278).

Hannah HARRISON, High Littleton, aged 68, was buried at High Littleton 5 Oct 1848.]

65. County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of John YOUNG, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Labourer, (touching his Settlement), taken upon Oath before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, this 16th Day of October 1799.

This Examinant saith, that he is about 30 Years of Age but doth not know the Place of his Birth, nor doth he know any Thing of his Father and Mother or whether he ever had any Brother or Sister, but he recollects that he had a Great Uncle who lived at Brannicombe [*Branscombe intended*] in the County of Devon, but what his Name was he does not remember, that he lived with him for some time but cannot recollect how long, that his said Uncle gave him some old Cloaths and some Victuals and Drink, that he afterwards went to live at Sowton in the said County of Devon with one Farmer JENNINGS, who also gave him some old Cloaths and some Victuals and Drink and from thence he wandered to Bishop's Clist and several other Parishes in the Neighbourhood and workt for different Persons but never under any Hiring, 'till at last he came to Curry Rival, where he worked for one James TAYLOR for near half a Year, whose Service he quitted on Account of his going to Taunton Assizes; from thence he went to London and workt at different Places in that Neighbourhood but never under any hiring or ever continued in one Place for more than Seven Weeks at any one time. That, about Nine Years ago, he came to Hinton Blewett and hired himself a Servant to one Farmer LOXTON at 2/6 p'r Week and lived with him upwards of Nine Months, when he married Elizabeth his present Wife, in the Parish Church of High Littleton, where he has lived ever since his said Marriage. The Mark of X John YOUNG.

Sworn before us Jas. TOOKER, A.A. BAKER. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-26.

[*Note:* John YOUNG was previously examined on 5 Dec 1794 and was examined again on 22 Mar 1811. See the latter for details of John YOUNG's family.]

66. Overseers' Accounts recorded in Nov 1800 a payment for examining Sarah PARSONS but the Examination has not survived and no other information has been found to indicate whether this was a Bastardy or Settlement Examination.

[*Note:* Sarah PARSONS has not been identified.]

67. County of Somerset to Wit.

The Examination of John FRANCIS, day Labourer, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the County aforesd. (touching his Settlement), taken upon Oath before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, the 24th Day of April 1801.

This Examinant saith he is about Thirty one Years of age & was born in the Parish of Compton Dun in the said County, as he hath heard & believes, and that his Father's place of legal Settlement was in Compton Dun aforesaid. That, when he was about Twenty two Years of age, he hired himself a Servant for a Year from Lady day to the two Miss SMITHFIELDS, of the Parish of Butleigh Wooten in the said County and served them till nine weeks before the Lady day following, when, on account of some affront, his Mistress gave him a Month's warning to leave their Service; that, when the Month was up, he, this Examinant, said he was willing to serve out his Year and insisted on having his full Wages, which, his Mistress refusing to pay, he obtained a warrant from Mr DONISTHORPE, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in & for the said County and, on their appearing before him, the Justice ordered his Mistress to pay him the full Year's Wages, which she accordingly did pay, since which, he has lived in no Service for a Year or done any work, whereby he could gain a Settlement, to the best of his Knowledge & belief. That he has a Wife, by name Elizabeth & one Daughter named Sarah, about three Years of age. The Mark of X Jno. FRANCIS.

Sworn before us Jas. TOOKER, Tho's S. JOLLIFFE. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-39.

[*Note:* John FRANCISx of Timsbury married Elizabeth TUCKERx otp by banns at High Littleton 21 Nov 1796.

Sarah dau. of John FRANCIS & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 19 Aug 1798.

Harriett dau. of John FRANCIS & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 24 Apr 1803.

John son of John FRANCIS & Elisabeth bapt. at High Littleton 12 Apr 1805.

Mercy dau. of John FRANCIS & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 4 Oct 1807. - She married firstly Thomas LONGMAN at Farmborough 17 Jun 1826 and secondly John SWEET at Clutton 21 Sep 1854. She died at Clandown in 1886.

William son of John FRANCIS & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 19 Apr 1810.]

68. Martha CHIVERS's Examination.

Martha CHIVERS, W'o of John CHIVERS, married about 45 years back, in the Parish of Timsbury; the day of their marriage they occupied a House belonging to John CHIVERS, which he purchased of Mrs JONES at the price of two Guineas; lived in this House about ten years, Where they had 5 Children, William, Josiah, Hester, Jane and Joice; went from Littleton to Timsbury, where they had eight Children, of whom George, James & Betty are now living, five died in their infancy. James served an Apprenticeship to Geo. EVANS, Engineer, at Timsbury. John CHIVERS rented his House where he lived; about 12 or 14 years after he lived at Timsbury, he purchased a House in that parish, at about £48; about 1 year and half before he died, he went and lived with his Wife in his own house. The 5 Children they had at High Littleton went with them, as part of their Family, to Timsbury, where they lived 'till they were married. William the son lived in the parish of High Littleton in the House of his Father, for which he paid £2.10s. p. Ann., John the Father paying the Lord's Rent; on the Death of James CHIVERS, one of the lives on the House, uncle to Wm., he [*William*] put in his own life as a necessary life after the Death of John the Father & Martha the Mother; on the death of Wm., who died before his Father, and on the death of John, James the Son put in two lives in this House.

[*Not signed, sworn or dated but clearly c.1802.*]

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-12.

[*Note: John son of John & Elizabeth CHIVERS of Kilmersdon bapt. at Clutton 19 Jan 1731/2.*

John was the eldest of John CHIVERS children who resided in High Littleton under a Certificate from Kilmersdon dated 27 Feb 1736/7.

John CHIVERS collier of High Littleton married Martha TEMPLAR spin. otp by banns at Timsbury 26 Apr 1756.

Will'm son of John CHIVERS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 30 Jan 1757. He married Sarah GIBBS at Timsbury 18 Jul 1785.

Josiah a son was born c.1758/62. He married firstly Charity EVANS at Timsbury 6 Aug 1780 and secondly Hannah COMER (*nee DANDO*) at Timsbury 7 Mar 1796.

Hester a daughter was born c.1759/63. She married George SPERRING at Timsbury 6 Aug 1780.

Jane a daughter was born c.1760/64. She married William FEAR at Timsbury 4 Jul 1784.

Joyce dau. of Jno. CHIVERS of Littleton bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 26 Nov 1765. - Joyce CHIVERS buried at Timsbury 12 Aug 1772.

Elisabeth dau. of Jn. CHIVERS of Timsbury bapt. privately at Farnborough 9 Dec 1768. - Elizabeth CHIVERS buried at Timsbury 26 Feb 1769.

Another Elizabeth was born c.1769/70. - Elizabeth dau. of Jn. & Martha CHIVERS buried at Timsbury 28 Jan 1770.

Elizabeth (born 9 Feb) dau. of John CHIVERS, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 20 Mar 1771. - She died in infancy.

James (born 1 Jun) of John CHIVERS, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 8 Jun 1772.

George son of John CHIVERS, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 6 Jul 1773. He married Ann WATTS at Timsbury 5 Jan 1795.

Joyce dau. of John CHIVERS, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 6 Jul 1773 - She died in infancy.

Betty dau. of John CHIVERS, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 8 Mar 1777.

John son of John & Martha CHIVERS bapt. at Timsbury 20 Feb 1780. - John CHIVARS (*sic*) buried at Timsbury 10 May 1780.

By Indenture dated 17 Apr 1754 John CHIVERS leased a tenement near Market Place, High Littleton from Elizabeth & Mary JONES of Stowey, for 99 years or lives of himself and Martha TEMPLAR if less. On 5 Apr 1783, in consideration of a fine of £4. 4/- and surrender of the 1754 lease, a new lease was granted for 99 years or lives of John CHIVERS, aged 51, coal miner of High Littleton, Martha TEMPLAR (*then CHIVERS*) 48 and William CHIVERS 26, son of John. This lease was surrendered in 1812 in exchange for a new one granted by William Jones BURDETT, inheritor of the JONES estate, to George SPERRING (*Hester CHIVERS' husband*), coal miner of Camerton, for 99 years or lives, to run from the death of Martha CHIVERS, widow, aged 75, the remaining life on the 1783 lease. The 1793 Survey of High Littleton identifies the tenement as a cottage and 2 little gardens (187b on the map) at Church Barton.

By Indenture dated 1 Jun 1785 Mary JONES, in consideration of the surrender of a lease dated 6 Nov 1750 granted to John's father for lives of himself (who died in 1759) and sons John and Samuel, leased to John CHIVERS, coal miner of Timsbury, a cottage, garden and plot called Fair Close, for 99 years or lives of John, aged 54, his brother Samuel 52 and John's son William 28. The 1793 Survey of High Littleton identifies the tenement as a cottage and 2 gardens at the Batch (218c on the map) and Fair Close adjoining (217 on the map). The 1785 lease was subsequently surrendered when a new lease for lives was granted to Josiah CHIVERS on 25 Nov 1799.

John CHIVERS sen'r received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1799.

John CHIVERS died 22 Jan 1800 and was buried at Timsbury 28 Jan 1800.

Martha CHIVERS, Timsbury, aged 80, was buried at Timsbury 4 May 1817.]

69. County of Somerset.

The Examination of William BUTTON, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Coalminer, Exhibited before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in & for the said County, this 2nd Day of May 1803.

Who on his Oath saith, That he is about 23 Years of Age & was born in the parish of Kilmersdon in the sd. County, as he has heard & believes, and that Joseph BUTTON, Coalminer, his Father, is legally settled at Kilmersdon, as he believes, and that he, this Examinant, hath never gained a lawful Settlement out of the said Parish of Kilmersdon, to his Knowledge and Belief; That, about 3½ Years past, he married Mary CHIVERS his present Wife, in Babington Church and has two Children, Viz't: Sarah aged about 3 Years & Eliz'th aged about half a Year. William BUTTON.

Sworn before us Tho's S. JOLLIFFE, William BINGHAM.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-39a.

[*Note: William son of Joseph & Mary BUTTON bapt. at Kilmersdon 19 Apr 1779.*

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William BUTTON otp married Mary CHIVERS otp by banns at Babington 7 Oct 1799.

Sarah a daughter was born c.1799/1800.

Betty dau. of William BOTTEN & Betty (*sic*) bapt. at High Littleton 5 Dec 1802. She married Thomas JAMES at Timsbury 22 Nov 1819.

Joseph son of William BOTTEN & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 11 Nov 1804. He married Caroline JEANES at Timsbury 12 May 1831 and was killed in Conygre Coalpit in October 1851.]

70. County of Somerset.

The Examination of William FLETCHER, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Coalminer. Taken the 2nd Day of May 1803.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is about 29 Years of Age and was born in the parish of Compton Dunn in this County, as he has heard and believes, and that Robert FLETCHER, Labourer, his Father was legally settled at Compton Dunn aforesaid. Saith that about a Year & half ago last Lady Day, he came to the parish of High Littleton and, at last Michaelmas Twelve Month, he took to rent a House and Garden of Mr James TITCOMBE, situated at Hallatrow in the said parish of High Littleton, at the yearly Rent of Nine pounds a Year; that he occupied it for one Year & half and paid the Rent, and also paid poor Rates for the same during the same time. That he has done no other Act to gain a Settlement. That about 3 Years past, he married Jane NAISH in Timsbury Church and has no Child. The Mark of X William FLETCHER.

Sworn before us William BINGHAM, Tho's S. JOLLIFFE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-40.

[Note: William FLETCHER married Jane NAISH spin. by banns at Timsbury 6 Jul 1800.

The 1811 Census finds William FLETCHER living in High Littleton with 1 other male and 3 females in the household. gain on 19 Apr 1814. See the latter for details of the family.]

71. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Robert HARTNELL, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Journeyman Tanner. Taken the 2nd May 1803.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is about 52 Years of Age and that he was born in the parish of West Munckton in the said County, as he has heard and believes, and that John HARTNELL his Father, Gentleman Farmer, was legally settled there. Saith, that he rented fifty Six Pounds a Year for two Years, in the Parish of Wiveliscombe in the said County and paid the Rent & Church and Poor Rates for the same and quitted it about twenty Years ago. Saith, he has worked a Journeyman Tanner ever since having served apprentice to that Trade in Monckton Parish. Saith, that about twenty Years past and upwards, he married Elizabeth, his present Wife, in Saint Philip & Jacob Church in Bristol and has two Children, Charlotte aged about 18 Years and James aged about 15 Years. Robert HARTNOLL.

Sworn before Will'm BINGHAM.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-42a.

[Note: Robert son of Mr John & Eliz. HARTNOLL bapt. at West Monkton 30 May 1751.

Robert HARTNALL otp married Elizabeth ANWORD otp by banns at St. Philip & Jacob, Bristol 19 Sep 1784.

Charlotte was born c.1784/5 and James c.1787/8.]

72. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Elizabeth LOVE, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Singlewoman. Taken before [*me, one*] of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, the 2nd Day of May 1803.

Who on her Oath saith, she is about 20 Years of age and was born at Hallatrow in the Parish of High Littleton, as she has heard and believes and she hired herself Servant to Mr John BRODRIBB for a Month's Warning and served him thirteen Weeks in Clutton; that she hired herself Servant to Farmer WEAVER of Marksbury and served him upwards of Half a Year but not so much as three Quarters of a Year; that she lived a Fortnight Servant to Parsons DUDDEN of Temple. That she has done nothing towards gaining a Settlement except as above; that [*she*] is with Child but refuses to be sworn to the Father of it, although likely to be born a Bastard.

The Mark of X Elizabeth LOVE.

Sworn before Will'm BINGHAM.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-42.

[Note: Betty dau. of Jacob LUFF(*sic*) & Abigal, pauper, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Apr 1784.

Robert MAGGS appears to have been the unnamed father and he married Elizabeth a fortnight later. See Robert's Examination below.]

73. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Robert MAGGS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Cordwainer. Taken the 2nd Day of May 1803.

Who on his Oath saith that he is about thirty Years of Age and was born in the parish of Clutton in the said County, as he has heard and believes, and that Robert MAGGS his Father (a Coal Carrier) was legally settled in

Clutton aforesaid. Saith that his Father bound him apprentice for Seven Years to Thomas WEAVER of Twiverton in the said County, Cordwainer and paid 12 Guineas as an apprentice Fee. Saith that he served him exactly five years, when they parted by mutual Consent and his Master gave him up his Indenture. Saith that he has worked Journey work since and has not done any Act whatever to gain a Settlement in any Parish since living at Twiverton aforesaid. Saith he is a Singleman. The Mark of X Robert MAGGS.

Sworn before us Tho's S. JOLLIFFE, Will'm BINGHAM.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-41a.

[Note: Robert MAGGSx otp married Elizabeth LUFFx (*LOVE*) otp by banns at High Littleton 16 May 1803.

Mark son of Robert MAGGS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 2 Oct 1803.]

74. County of Somerset.

The Examination of **George EMBLIN**, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Cordwainer, touching his Settlement. Taken before us, his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this 12th Day of August 1805.

Who on his Oath saith, That he is about 24 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Melksham in the County of Wilts. as he has heard and believes and that his Father's legal Settlement was at Bath Easton, as he has also heard and believes. Saith that he was bound an Apprentice for 7 Years to Robert PREWETT of Bath Easton, Cordwainer, in Consideration of £10 Premium and served 4 Years and half in Bath Easton, when his Master and he disagreed and they consented to destroy the Indentures and did so accordingly, and that he was 18 Years old when he then left his sd. Master. Saith that he hath done no Act to gain a Settlement, save as above and that his Settlement is in Bath Easton, as he believes. That, on Thursday last, he married Jemima CHIVERS in High Littleton Church. George EMBLEN.

Sworn before us, J.C. HIPPISELEY, Wm. BINGHAM, Jas. TOOKER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-43.

[Note: George EMBLEN otp married Jemima CHIVERSx otp by banns at High Littleton 8 Aug 1805.

Jemima dau. of Samuel CHIVERS & Rachael bapt. at High Littleton 25 Jul 1790.

Maria dau. of George EMBLEN & Jemima bapt. at High Littleton 3 Nov 1805.

Henry son of George EMBLIN & Jemima bapt. at High Littleton 5 Jun 1808.

George son of George & Jemima EMBLIN, High Littleton, shoemaker, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Jun 1815. - George EMBLIN, High Littleton, aged 1, buried at High Littleton 25 Dec 1815.

George EMBLIN, High Littleton, aged 35, was buried at High Littleton 1 Jun 1815.]

75. County of Somerset.

The Examination of **Benjamin PERRY**, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Labourer, touching his Settlement, taken before us, his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this 12th Day of August 1805.

Who on his Oath saith, That he is about 22 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Cameley in the sd. County, as he has heard and believes, and that John PERRY, Labourer, his Father, was legally settled in the Parish of Chewton Mendip in the said County, by having lived a Servant at Widcombe in that Parish, as he has heard and believes. Saith that he was bound out an Apprentice by the Overseers of Chewton, to Samuel BLANNING of that Parish, Yeoman, to his Age of 21 Years; that he served about 5½ Years, when Farmer BLANNING gave up the Farm and he served James SHEPPARD, his Son in Law, about 1½ Year, making in all about 7 Years. Saith that he disagreed with the said James SHEPPARD, when he went away from him, being then about 18½ Years old. Saith he went and hired for a Year to Farmer John BLINMAN of Hallatrow and served him three Quarters of a Year. Saith that he has since worked as a Labourer at the Coal Pits. The Mark of X Benjamin PERRY.

Sworn before us J.C. HIPPISELEY, Wm. BINGHAM, Jas. TOOKER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-43a.

[Note: Benjamin son of John PERRY & Anne bapt. at Cameley 24 Oct 1784.]

76. County of Somerset.

The examination of **William PIKE**, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Labourer, 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 thirty six years of age & was born at North Nibley in the County of Gloucester, as he have heard & believes, in which Parish his Father was lawfully settled. That at the age of eighteen he hired himself by the year to Mr John [*Jesse written above*] HALL of the said Parish of North Nibley, at the yearly wages of eight Guineas & served him for the space of seven years on the above agreement. On quitting the above service, he hired himself for a year to Mr William GESERN of the said Parish of North Nibley, at the yearly wages of eight Guineas & half. That he continued in the said service for one whole year and received his full wages. He further saith that the House of the said William GESERN was partly situated in

the Parish of North Nibley & the other part in the Parish of Tenchcomb in the County of Gloucester aforesaid, but that he always slept in that part of the building situated in the Parish of North Nibley. That he has since done no act, nor engaged himself in any kind of service, by which he could gain a settlement. About nine or ten years ago he married Mary [*Mercy in 1814 Examination*] GOULD, in the Parish Church of North Nibley aforesaid, by whom he has four children, viz: George aged nine years, Martha aged five, Marianne aged two & Hannah [*Harriot written above*] one year & more. The Mark of X Will'm PIKE.

Sworn before me this Nineteenth of August 1805, William BINGHAM.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-18. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-45 [*Copy*] with differences.

[*It is difficult to know whether John HALL should be Jesse, Mary GOULD Mercy and the child Hannah or Harriot.*]

[*Note: William PIKE was examined again on 31 May 1814. See the latter Examination for details of the family.*]

77. (Copy).

County of Somerset.

The Examination of George DANDO, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, touching his Settlement, Exhibited before us, his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, the 14th day of Oct'r 1805.

Who on his Oath saith, That he is about 55 years of age and was born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as he has heard and believes, and that he has heard and believes that his Father Geo. DANDO was, at this Examinant's birth, living under a Certificate from the Parish of Paulton to the said Parish of High Littleton, dated 6th March 1736; And that he, this Examinant, has never gained a Settlement on his own account, and that he has been relieved by the Overseers of the said Parish of Paulton. Saith, that about 27 years agone, he was married in High Littleton Church and that his wife is dead and that he has three Children living with him as part of his family, viz't: Simon aged about 16 years, Tho's aged about 10 years and Jane aged about 7 years, and that he is become chargeable to High Littleton Parish. George DANDO.

Sworn before us [*no Justices' names given*].

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-86.

[*Note: George the father (1727-1804) resided in High Littleton as one of the children of George & Sarah DANDO, under a Certificate from Paulton dated 6 Mar 1736/7. He married Jane GREEN at High Littleton 21 Apr 1753.*

George son of George & Jane DANDO bapt. at Clutton 7 Apr 1755.

George DANDO otp married Ann VATERx otp by banns at High Littleton 13 Oct 1777.

Ann dau. of John & Joyce VATER bapt. at Clutton 14 Nov 1757.

George son of George DANDO & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 3 May 1778.

Anne dau. of George DANDO & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 19 Dec 1779.

James son of George DANDO & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 27 Jan 1782.

John son of George DANDO & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 19 Sep 1784.

Simon son of George DANDO & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 12 Aug 1787.

Jane dau. of George DANDO & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 13 Jun 1790. - She presumably died in infancy.

W'm son of George DANDO & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 2 Feb 1792. - He was a widower when he married Louisa LAMBOURN at Caversham, Oxford 1 Jul 1839. In 1851 he was living in Shoreditch.

Thomas son of Geo. DANDO & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 25 Sep 1794.

Jane dau. of George DANDO & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 10 Jun 1798.

Ann DANDO was buried at High Littleton 11 Oct 1801.

George DANDO, Paulton, aged 80, was buried at Paulton 27 May 1834.]

78. Copy.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of William SEAMER [SEYMOUR], now residing in the Parish of Radstock in the said County, Coalminer, (touching his settlement), taken upon Oath before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said county, this 1st Day of December 1806.

This Examinant on his Oath saith, that he is about Twenty eight years of Age and was born in the Parish of High Littleton in the said county, where his parents were legally settled, as he hath heard and believes; sa*i*/th that he never hired himself by the year, nor rented ten Pounds per Year. And this Examinant also saith, that he hath never done any act, whereby to gain a sett*l*/ement in any Parish or place (save as aforesaid), to the best of his Knowledge or belief. That he was, about Three Quarters of a year ago, Married in the Parish Church of Radstock in the said County, to Sarah, his present Wife, by whom he hath one child, born before he was married, in the said parish of Radstock, named John, aged about one year and half. The mark of X William SEAMER.

Sworn before us, the Day and year first above written, Jas. TOOKER, Tho's J. JOLLIFFE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-20.

[*attached to Examination*]

To the Overseers of High Littleton.

We, the undersigned inhabitants of the Parish of Radstock, have always known **William SEAMER** to be a very industrious man, of good character, and as he has been ill and unable to work for the last month, we therefore recommend him to your charitable consideration, as he belongs to your Parish.

John SMITH, Joseph STEEDS, Churchwardens. James HALL, George FEARE, Overseers.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-20a.

[*Note:* William son of Carey SEYMOUR & Ruth bapt. at High Littleton 2 Apr 1775.

John Seymour base born son of Sarah HAMBLETON bapt. at Radstock 5 Jan 1806.

William SEYMOUR married Sarah HAMBLETON by banns at Radstock 5 Jan 1806.

Hannah dau. of William & Sarah SEYMOUR bapt. at Radstock 9 Aug 1807.

Susannah dau. of William & Sarah SEYMOUR bapt. at Radstock 19 Oct 1809. - Susannah SEYMOUR, Radstock, aged 23, buried at Radstock 27 Apr 1834.

Carey son of William & Sarah SEYMOUR bapt. at Radstock 17 May 1812. - Carey SEYMOUR, Radstock, aged 24, died from the bite of a mad dog, buried at Radstock 18 Mar 1838.

William son of William & Sarah SEYMOUR, Radstock, coal miner, bapt. at Radstock 12 Feb 1815.

George & Thomas twin sons of William & Sarah SEYMOUR, Radstock, coal miner, bapt. at Radstock 7 Sep 1817.

Overseers' Accounts record on 15 Dec 1818 4/- paid to W'm SEYMOUR's wife and 6 children in the greatest distress, he being very ill and only receiving 6/- p.w. from his Club.

Levi son of William & Sarah SEYMOUR, Radstock, coal miner, bapt. at Radstock 6 Feb 1820.

Martha dau. of William & Sarah SEYMOUR, Radstock, coal miner, bapt. at Radstock 1 Dec 1822. - Martha SEYMOUR, Radstock, aged 5, buried at Radstock 25 Apr 1828.

William SEYMOUR of Radstock received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on several occasions between 1810 and 1827.

William SEYMOUR, Radstock, aged 66, was buried at Radstock 15 Oct 1839.

The 1851 Census finds Sarah SEYMOUR, widow, aged 72, born Midsomer Norton, and children William 36, coal miner and Levi 33, coal miner, both born in Radstock, living at Waterloo, Radstock.]

79. Overseers' Accounts recorded on 10 Jun 1810 a payment for the examination of **Ann SPERING** [**SPERRING**] at Old Down but the Examination has not survived and no other information has been found to indicate whether this was a bastardy or settlement Examination.

[*Note:* Ann SPERRING has not been identified but she may be the widow of Thomas SPERRING.]

80. Somerset to Wit.

The Examination of John YOUNG, now residing in Farnborough (*sic*), Labourer, taken 22nd March 1811.

Who on his Oath saith, that he hath never heard of his place of birth and never served any public office or gained a Settlement by Service. That in the Year 1806 he rented a Tenement in the parish of High Littleton, at the rent and annual value of £3 and at the same time rented Land at Clutton for a Potatoe Crop, at the Rent of £7.16/-, of a Mr BLACKER, and occupied the whole for upwards of 40 Days and paid the respective Rents therefor and resided the whole time at High Littleton. That he now resides on a Tenement of his own, the Land of which he purchased at the Sum of Two Guineas and holds the same by Lease under General POPHAM, and that he hath done no Act, except as here appears, to gain a Settlement. That he hath 5 Children, all born under lawful Wedlock, (Namely), Elizabeth aged about 20 Years, Sarah aged about 18 Years, Martha aged about 15 Years, George aged about 7 Years and Susannah aged about 3 Years. That his Wife died upwards of a Year since at Farnborough and was buried at High Littleton. That his Marriage with her was solemnized at High Littleton upwards of 20 Years since and that her maiden Name was Elizabeth BRIMBLE. The Mark of X John YOUNG. Sworn before us Justices, James IRELAND, A.A. BAKER. (A Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-46.

[*Loose paper in Book*] Memorandum made by Mr LANSDOWN.

in the Year 1806 [*appears to have been added later*] **John YOUNG** With his Wife & 5 Children Lived in the Parish of high Littleton; he Bought the Less of a Piece of Wast Ground In the Parish of Farnborough, held under General POPHAM, for the Sum of Two Guineas; he then Build him a Tenement, & When finished, he the said J. YOUNG Removed With his Wife & family, from the Parish of H. Littleton, Into the Parish of Farnborough, to his Owne Tenement. After he had Lived there Some time his Wife was taken Ill & Died. Soon after, YOUNG took Quarters for himself, but Left his family under the Care of his Mother in Law, Where they now Lives In his Owne Tenement.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-46a.

[*Note:* John YOUNGx otp married Betty BRIMBLEx otp by banns at High Littleton 1 Sep 1791.

Eliz'th dau. of John YOUNG & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 16 Oct 1791.

Sarah dau. of John YOUNG & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 17 Nov 1793.

Martha dau. of John YOUNG & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 11 Oct 1795.

George son of John YOUNG & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 17 Oct 1802.

Hester dau. of John YOUNG & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 7 Jul 1805. - Hester YOUNG an infant buried at High Littleton 27 Jan 1807.

Susanna dau. of John YOUNG & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 1 May 1808.

Betty YOUNG was buried at High Littleton 23 Jan 1810.

John YOUNG of Farnborough received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1815, 1819 and 1827.]

81. County of Somerset.

The Examination of James TUCKER, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Coal miner, touching his Settlement. Taken this 30th day of June 1813.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is about 42 years of Age and was born in the said Parish of High Littleton, as he has heard and believes, and that his Father James TUCKER, Engineer and Blacksmith, was legally settled in the said Parish of High Littleton, as he has heard and believes; that he, this Examinant, lived chiefly with his Father in the Parish of Midsomer Norton, untill his Death, when this Examinant was about 11 Years old; that his Father had parish Relief and charitable Gifts from High Littleton Parish; that he then worked for the late Mr JAMES of Welton at the Grove Coal Work for about 5 or 6 years and at Radstock and other places, untill he was about 21 Years of Age; that about that Age he enlisted a Solder (*sic*) in the 115th Regiment of Foot and was in it about 2 Years and was discharged in Northumberland for a bad Leg; that he then went Tunnel driving at Newent in Gloucestershire for about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a year, then went into Staffordshire and then into Derbyshire and worked at the Coal Mines two or three years, and then into Lancashire and then to Northumberland and Yorkshire for nearly twelve Months and then in Derbyshire again for about 13 or 14 Years. Saith, that about 18 Years ago, he was lawfully married by Banns in Saint Nicholas Church in the City of Gloucester to Eleanor BONNER, his present Wife, and that William TUCKER, his Brother of Midsomer Norton, Coalminer, was present at his Marriage; That he has five Children, nameley (*sic*) William aged about 17 Years, Ann aged about 16 Years, James aged upwards of 12 Years, Richard aged about 10 Years and John aged about 7 Years. Saith that he never was bound an Apprentice, nor hired himself by the Year, nor rented anything above the Value of 2s. Per Week, nor ever did any Act whatsoever to gain himself a legal Settlement; That about 7 Years ago, he was impressed in the Seaport Town of Liverpool and was on Board the Ceres Frigate for about 5 Years and was discharged on account of an Injury received in his Back by being bruised between some Timber. Saith that the Renting of 2s. P'r Week was about 10 or 11 Years ago, that he rented a lodging Room with a Bed and Furniture in it of George JORDAN of Mesham near Ashby in Derbyshire and continued it about Twelve Months and found his own Boarding; that George JORDAN and his Family lived in another part of the same House; That he afterwards got a Chaff Bed or two and a little Furniture of his own and the Door of his Room, communicating with the House of the said George JORDAN, was walled up and he then paid 14d. P'r week only Rent for the Room for about three years, since he came from Sea; that his Wife and Family lived in it all the time he was at Sea. The X Mark of James TUCKER.

Sworn before us J.C. HIPPISEY, T. WILLIAMS.

Document in High Littleton Vestry August 2000. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-47 (A true Coppy) with minor differences.

[*Note: Overseers' Accounts record on 30 Jun 1813 12/- paid to James TUCKER, his wife and 5 children come from Derbyshire and on 13 Jul payment for the Examination of James TUCKER and family late from Derby.*

James was born at High Littleton c.1770, a son of James TUCKER and his wife Ann GOOLD.

James (aged 20 years) son of James & Ann TUCKER bapt. at Midsomer Norton 25 Dec 1789.

James TUCKER married Eleanor BONNER at St. Nicholas, Gloucester c.1794/5.

William a son was born c.1795/6.

Ann a daughter was born c.1796/7.

James a son was born c.1800 at ?Acrop, Derbys. He married firstly Clara BEECHAM at Midsomer Norton 15 Oct 1821 and secondly Mary FLOWER at Farmborough 23 Dec 1832.

Richard a son was born c.1802/3. He married Hester VATER at High Littleton 31 Aug 1822.

John a son was born c.1805/6.

W'm (*deleted - James presumably intended*) TUCKER, lately from Derbyshire, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1813 and 1823 ("Darby" TUCKER, coal miner of Clandown). His name was deleted in 1827 and "dead" written in the Charity Book.

Overseers' Accounts record on 8 Apr 1823 a payment to James TUCKER at Clandown ill and on 13 Dec 1824 4/- paid to Darby TUCKER and son, ill. On 21 Mar 1825 £1. 1/- was paid for attending Darby TUCKER at Clandown.

James TUCKER, Clandown, aged 55, was buried at Midsomer Norton 29 Jan 1826. Accounts record on 5 Feb 1826 payment of the funeral expenses of Darby TUCKER.

Overseers' Accounts for 1826/7 record relief of 1/6 for 22 weeks paid to Eleanor TUCKER. This was increased to 2/- p.w. in 1827 and continued thus until at least 1836.]

82. Copy.

Somerset to Wit.

The Examination of William BLACKMOOR, now residing in the Parish of Corston in the said County. Taken on his oath, this 24th Day of Nov'r 1813, before Two of His Majesty's Justices of the peace of and for the said County.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is now about 80 Years of Age and was born, as he has heard and believes, in the Parish of Witchfield in the county of Stafford, where his father and mother then lived and were settled, that when Examinant was about 14 Years of Age, he was apprenticed by lawful Indenture to John GREENLAND of the Parish of High Littleton in the county of Somerset aforesaid, Shoemaker, for five Years, that his Master died

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about four Years after Examinant was apprenticed; he was then assigned to his Master's Son and served out the remainder of his Time with him at Hallow Trow, in the said Parish of High Littleton; since which Time, Examinant has done no Act, either by renting, servitude or otherwise, to gain any other place of Settlement - that he is become chargeable to the said Parish of Corston, having received relief therefrom. The Mark of X Wm. BLACKMOOR.

Sworn before us, the Day & Year af'd, Signed William CLARK, Cha's PHILLOTT.
Benj'n VEAL, Overseer, Isaac BRITTON, Churchwarden.

[Slip attached] -	1813	Relief to Wm. BLACKMOOR	s. d.
	Nov'r 24	at sundry times	8. 0
		Mrs DANCY for Lodging etc.	<u>12. 0</u>
			<u>1. 0. 0</u>

Benj'n VEAL, Overseer of the Parish of Corston.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-22.

[Note: John GREENLAND, mentioned in William's Examination, died 25 Sep 1753, which by deduction puts William BLACKMOOR's birth as c.1735.

A note on the reverse of the Examination suggests that William BLACKMORE, shoemaker, died not long after his Examination.]

83. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Wm. TAYLOR, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton, Coal Miner. Taken this 19th day of April 1814.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is about 35 Years old and was born in the Parish of [blank] in Bath, as he has heard and believes, that his Father was in a Brewer's Service and was killed by Accident, when this Examinant was an Infant about a Quarter of a Year old; that his Grand Mother Sarah DAVIS bred him up in the Parish of Staunton Drew; the Parish of Norton Malreward put him out to Farmer CHANCELLOR, of Halfway House in Staunton Drew, for his Maintenance, and he did not live a Year, not being well treated, and he ran away and has worked in Coal Pit and at Mines of Iron in Wales, and has never gained himself a Settlement. Saith that his Mother is married to John WITHERS of Priston. Saith that he married Mary, his Wife, in Timsbury Church, upwards of five Years past and has 3 Children, Viz't: Sarah aged about 4 Years, John aged about Year and upwards and a Daughter intended to be Christened Miriam. Saith that he lives with his Father in law Wm. HARDING. X The Mark of Wm. TAYLOR.

Sworn before us (*sic*) Jn. KINGSMILL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-49a.

[Note: Overseers' Accounts record on 19 Apr 1814 expenses at Temple Inn on the examination of William TAYLOR about his settlement.

On 3 May was a payment to Tho's MILES for taking the examination of W. TAYLOR.

Although signed, this Examination was crossed out at some time, possibly when Wm. TAYLOR was examined again on 31st May 1814. See the latter Examination for details of William's family.]

84. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Thomas WEST, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton, Coal Miner. Taken 19 Day of April 1814.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is 29 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Dunkerton in the said County, as he has heard and believes, and that William WEST, Labourer, his Father, was lawfully settled in the Parish of Camerton, by Wm. WEST, the Paternal Grand Father of this Examinant, renting a large Farm at Tunley in the said Parish of Camerton. Saith that this Examinant has always, during his Life, worked at the Coal Mines and never gained himself a Settlement apart from his Parents' Settlement. Saith that he married Joanna, his Wife, in High Littleton Church and has two Children, Viz't: Eliza aged 2½ Years and George aged about 14 Months. The Mark of X Thomas WEST.

Sworn before us (*sic*) Jn. KINGSMILL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-50.

[Note: Overseers' Accounts record on 8 Apr 1811 a payment of 2/6 for going to Old Down with Joanna CHIVERS, no doubt because she was pregnant and single. On the same day were expenses for going to serve Thomas WEST (*the putative father*) with a warrant. Thomas and Joanna were obviously persuaded to marry.

Thomas WESTx bach. otp married Joannah CHIVERSx spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 15 Apr 1811.

Joannah dau. of Thomas CHIVERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 12 Apr 1789.

Eliza dau. of Thomas WEST & Joanna bapt. at High Littleton 4 Jun 1811.

George son of Thomas & Joanna WEST, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 21 Feb 1813. He married Elizabeth ---.

Overseers' Accounts record on 19 Apr 1814 the cost of the examination of Tho's WEST about his settlement at Temple Inn and on 3 May the cost of a summons for Thomas WEST to appear at Temple on 17th instant.

William son of Thomas & Joanna WEST, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 1 Jan 1815.

Joseph son of Thomas & Joanna WEST, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 13 Oct 1816.

Hannah dau. of Thomas & Joanna WEST, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 1 Aug 1819.

Elizabeth dau. of Thomas & Joanna WEST, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Aug 1822.

Julia dau. of Thomas & Joanna WEST, Camerton, collier, bapt. at Camerton 1 May 1836.

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Anne dau. of Thomas & Joanna WEST, Camerton, collier, bapt. at Camerton 17 Apr 1836.

Thomas WEST, Camerton, aged 65, was buried at Camerton 17 Feb 1848.

The 1851 Census finds Joanna WEST, aged 62, coal miner's widow, born High Littleton and her unmarried daughters Hannah 32, born High Littleton and Julia 17, born Camerton, living in Camerton.

Joanna WEST, Camerton, aged 70, was buried at Camerton 27 Nov 1859.]

85. County of Somerset.

The Examination of John BUSH, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Tin Man, Touching his Settlement. Taken this 3rd day of May 1814.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is about 30 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as he has heard and believes, and that James BUSH (a Cooper), his Father, was legally settled in the said Parish of High Littleton. Saith, that when he was about Sixteen Years old, he was bound an Out Door Apprentice by his Father, to Thomas PYKE Esquire of Bridgewater, to learn the Tin Trade, for the Space of Seven Years, to receive so much Money, by the Week or Month, as should amount to Fifty Pounds for the Seven Years, that no Premium was paid as Apprentice Fee and the Indenture was on a Ten Shilling Stamp. Saith that he served his said Master 5½ Years and lived for the last Six Months of the said Service at the House of Mr HITCHCOCK in Saint Mary Street in Bridgewater. That he had brought an Action against sd. Mr PYKE and four others, for an Assault and they compromised the Action and agreed that the Indenture should be cancelled and he should be discharged from his Apprenticeship, which was done and he did not serve out any more of his Term. Saith that he hired himself as a Foreman in the Tinman, Braziers and Upholdstery Trade for One Year, to Mr Thomas STEPHENSON of Maidstone in Kent, at the Wages of Sixty Pounds and served him two Years and received his full Wages of One hundred and Twenty Pounds. Saith, that he then hired himself as Foreman by the Week, at £1. 6. 6, in the Tin, Plumbing and Glazing Trade, at Ashford in Kent and served upwards of a Year in Ashford. Saith, that he has done no Act to gain a Settlement, except as aforesaid. Saith that about 4 Years ago he married Elizabeth, his Wife, in Redcliff Church in Bristol and has two Children, Viz't: Elizabeth aged about three Years and Sarah aged about One Year. Jno. BUSH.

Sworn before us Jn. KINGSMILL, Tho's S. JOLLIFFE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-50a.

[Note: John son of James BUSH & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 27 Jun 1784. James BUSH and Betty LANSDOWN were married in 1777 and were probably responsible for that date appearing on the front of Pembroke House, High Littleton.

John BUSH otp married Elizabeth FEAR otp by banns at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 24 May 1810.

Elizabeth dau. of John BUSH & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 9 Jun 1811.

The 1811 Census finds John BUSH living in High Littleton with 2 females in the household.

Sarah dau. of John & Elizabeth BUSH, High Littleton, tinman, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Apr 1813. - Sarah BUSH, High Littleton, aged 1 year 6 months, buried at High Littleton 5 Sep 1814. Overseers' Accounts record on 6 Sep 1814 the cost of attending a coroner's jury on the body of a child belonging to John BUSH drowned in the well of James BUSH.

John BUSH, a Private in the Polden Hill Reg't of Local Militia was serving with his regiment while assembled for the purpose of exercise, from 4 Sep - 18 Sep 1813. The Overseer of High Littleton was ordered to pay Elizabeth BUSH, wife of John BUSH, and her 2 children under 10, 18d. p.w. for the support of herself and children (SRO D/P/lit.h. 21/2/1). Accounts record on 20 Sep 1813 a payment of 9/- (at 1/6 p.w. each) to Elizabeth BUSH and her 2 children, wife of John BUSH, tinman, on duty as a private in the Polden Hill Militia. This was reimbursed by the Receiver General on 27 Oct.

Overseers' Accounts record on 19 Apr 1814 the expense of renewing the warrant for the appearance of John BUSH at Old Down and on 3 May to Tho's MILES for taking John BUSH's examination.

Thomas Lansdown son of John & Elizabeth BUSH, High Littleton, tinman, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Dec 1814.

Arthur James son of John & Elizabeth BUSH, High Littleton, tinman, bapt. at High Littleton 16 Mar 1817.

Charlotte dau. of John & Elizabeth BUSH, High Littleton, tinman, bapt. at High Littleton 15 Mar 1818. - Charlotte BUSH, High Littleton, aged 20, buried at High Littleton 15 Apr 1838. Her death on 10 Apr 1838 is recorded on a stone in High Littleton Churchyard erected to the memory of her grandparents James & Betty BUSH of High Littleton.]

86. County of Somerset.

The Examination of William TAYLOR, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Coalminer. Taken this 31st day of May 1814.

Who on his Oath saith, That he is about 35 Years old and was born in the Parish of [blank] in Bath, as he has heard and believes; that his Father was killed in a Brewer's Service, when this Examinant was about a Quarter of a Year old, by a Barrel by Accident rolling on him; that he was the only Child his Father left and his Mother married John WITHERS of Priston, and this Examinant was bred up by Sarah DAVIS, his Grand Mother, in the Parish of Staunton Drew. Saith, that during his living with his said Grand Mother, she constantly received Relief for herself and this Examinant from the Parish of Norton Malreward and this Examinant remembers having gone several times from Staunton drew to the said Parish of Norton Malreward to fetch the Money from the Overseers of that Parish, as he believes, Eighteen Pence per Week, and that he has received Cloaths for himself, from the said Overseers of Norton Malreward, particularly a Shirt and Shoes. And the Parish of Norton Malreward placed him out to Farmer CHANCELLOR of Staunton Drew, for his Maintenance; And not being well treated there, he ran away within the first Year, and has worked at the Coal Mines ever since without gaining any legal Settlement. Saith that his Mother has told him his Settlement is in Norton Malreward and he believes it to be

true. Saith that he married Mary, his Wife, in Timsbury Church, upwards of five Years past and has 3 Children, Viz't: Sarah aged about 4 Years, John aged about one Year and a Daughter intended to be christened Miriam. The Mark of X William TAYLOR.

Sworn before us T. WILLIAMS, Jn. KINGSMILL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-51.

[Note: See previous Examination dated 19 Apr 1814.

William was the son of John TAYLOR and Betty CODRINGTON, who married at Stanton Drew 31 Mar 1777. John died c.1779 and Betty TAYLOR married secondly John WITHERS at Stanton Drew 27 Jan 1784.

William TAYLOR married Mary HARDING spin. by banns at Timsbury 4 Feb 1809.

Mary dau. of William HARDING & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 20 May 1781.

Sarah dau. of William TAYLOR & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 15 Oct 1809.

John son of William TAYLOR & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 13 Oct 1811.

Miriam dau. of William & Mary TAYLOR, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 28 Aug 1814. - Miriam TAYLOR, High Littleton, aged 2, buried at High Littleton 26 May 1816.

William TAYLOR, High Littleton, aged 40, was buried at High Littleton 6 Nov 1818.

Mary TAYLOR, High Littleton, aged 39, was buried at High Littleton 14 Jan 1821.]

87. County of Somerset.

The Examination of William PIKE, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Labourer. Taken this 31st day of May 1814.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is about 45 Years old and was born at North Nibley in the County of Gloucester, as he has heard and believes, in which Parish his father was Legally settled. That at the Age of 18 Years he hired himself by the Year to Mr Jesse HALLS of the said Parish of North Nibley, at the yearly Wages of Eight Guineas, and served him for the Space of Seven Years; Then hired himself for a Year to Mr William GESERN of the said Parish of North Nibley, at Eight Guineas and an half yearly Wages, that he served out the Year and received his full Wages. Saith that the House of the said William GESERN was Partly situated in the said Parish of North Nibley and the other Part in the Parish of Tenchcombe in the said County of Gloucester, But that he always slept in that Part of the Building situate in the said Parish of North Nibley. Saith that about 4 or 5 Years agone he rented an House of Mr Thomas HILL, at the yearly Rent of Two Pounds twelve Shillings and Six Pence and in the same Year rented a Field called Green Lane, containing One Acre and an half, at the yearly rent of Eight Pounds, for a Potatoe Crop, of Mr Wm. GOOLD, that he occupied the same and paid the rent for it. Saith, that the Field was plowed by the said Wm. GOOLD, from a Fallow and well manured, both at the Expense and hauling of the said Wm. GOOLD, who hired the Team, not keeping any Team himself. Saith that the above is the most that he ever rented in any one Year. Saith that he has done no Act to gain a Settlement, Save as above. That about 18 Years agone he married Mercy GOOLD, in the Parish Church of North Nibley aforesaid, And has eight Children, Namely, George aged about [blank] Years, Martha aged about [blank] Years, Mary Ann aged about [blank] Years, Hannah aged about [blank] Years, Sarah aged about [blank] Years, Isaac aged about [blank] Years, Uriah aged about [blank] Years and a Son not baptized. Saith, the said Wm. GOULD paid the Taxes and Tithes for the said Potato Ground. The Mark of X Wm. PIKE.

Sworn before us T. WILLIAMS, Jn. KINGSMILL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-51a.

[Note: See also William PIKE's Examination of 19 Aug 1805.

William PIKE married Mary (or Mercy) GOULD at North Nibley, Glos. c.1795/6.

George a son was born c.1796.

Martha a daughter was born c.1799/1800.

Mary Ann was born c.1802/3.

Harriet (or Hannah) was born c.1804.

Celia dau. of William PIKE & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 2 Apr 1809.

Celia either died young or is the same person as Sarah in the Examination.

Isaac son of William PIKE & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 2 Apr 1809.

Uriah was born c.1810. - Uriah PIKE, Hallatrow, aged 13, buried at High Littleton 2 Jan 1824.

The 1811 Census finds William PIKE living in High Littleton with 2 other males and 5 females in the household.

Another son was born c.1814.

Overseers' Accounts record on 19 Apr 1814 a payment for renewing the warrant for the appearance of Wm. PIKE at Old Down and on 17 May a special warrant for Wm. PIKE for not coming forward to be examined about his settlement.

An Indenture dated 15 Oct 1857 mentions William PIKE as a former occupier of one of seven cottages at Tanners, Hallatrow (428/9 on the Tithe map).]

88. Overseers Accounts record on 31 Jul 1815 2/- for a Summon Warrant for **Edw'd EDWARDS**, to be sworn as to his place of settlement. On 8 Aug were 1/- Expences at Temple Inn about E. EDWARDS' settlement and a note that he came there & went away before the Business was brought forward.

[Note: No other record of Edward EDWARDS' stay in High Littleton has been found and he seems to have removed himself voluntarily.]

89. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Edward Davis MILTON, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton, Cordwainer, Touching his Settlement. Taken this 5th day of September 1815.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is about 50 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Bampton in the County of Devon, and George Davis BAMPTON [*?MILTON intended*], his Father, was legally settled in the said Parish of Bampton, as he has heard and believes. Saith that he lived at Exeter for about Eight Years. Saith that he rented an House of Mr Edward BARTRAM, situated in Butcher Row in the Parish of Saint George in Exeter, at the Yearly Rent of £10 for the first two or three Years and Then at 10 Guineas and the Taxes, for about two or three last Years, and that he quitted it about Seven Years [*agone*] at last Lady Day. Saith that he has gained no Settlement since. Saith that he was married to Mary, his first Wife, in Bampton Church aforesaid and has five Children by her, all emancipated from him. Saith that he was married to Alice HODDINOTT, his present Wife, in Sparkford Church, about 7 Years agone, and that she is now living at Sparkford, as this Examinant believes; that he has no Children by her. Edward Davey (*sic*) MILTON.

Sworn before us J.C. HIPPISEY, Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-51b.

[*Note*: Edward MILTON bach. otp married Alice HODDINOTTx spin. otp by banns at Sparkford 20 Sep 1809.

Overseers' Accounts record on 25 Aug 1815 expenses at Old Down about the examination of Edward David (*sic*) MILTON, cordwainer, and note "he did not attend". On 5 Sep was a payment to Tho's MILES for taking the examination of Edw'd Davis MILTON, cordwainer, touching his settlement.]

90. County of Somerset.

The Examination of John WILKINS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Day Labourer, touching his Settlement. Taken this 14th day of May 1816.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is about 60 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Hinton Blewett in the said County, as he has heard, and that, after living at various places, he went to live with Benjamin HILL at Farrington Gurney and lived there nearly five Years, as Orsler, under an Hiring by the Year; that he then went to live with Stephen HOLLOWAY of High Littleton, Yeoman, and lived there for about four Years and a quarter; that, when he had been with the said Stephen HOLLOWAY about Six Weeks, he was married by Licence to Mary MAINSTONE, in High Littleton Church; that, on going to the said Stephen HOLLOWAY, he hired himself his Servant by the Year, at Six Guineas a Year, living in his Master's House, being then a Singleman, and that, after serving the first Six Weeks, he married his Master's Daughter in Law, the said Mary MAINSTONE, by the Consent of his said Master, and served his said Master for four Years and upwards then following, at Six Guineas a Year. Saith that he has done no Act to gain a Settlement from that time, to the best of his Knowledge and belief. Saith, that his said first Wife is Dead. That about Seven Years agone he was Married by Banes [*Banns*], in High Littleton Church, to Rhoda (GULLOCK), his present Wife and has two Children, Viz't: Mary aged about 6 Years and Thomas aged about Two Years and an half. Saith he is lame and in Want of Relief. The Mark of X John WILKINS.

Sworn before us Tho's WILLIAMS, Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

The above is a true Copy of the Original Examination.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-52a.

[*Note*: John son of Thomas & Arabella WILKINS, sojourners, bapt. at Hinton Blewett 31 Mar 1754.

John WILKINSx of Farrington Gurney married Mary MAILSTONEx (*sic*) otp by licence at High Littleton 11 May 1789.

Stephen HOLLOWAY, widower of High Littleton, married Mary's mother Mary MAINSTONE, widow of Timsbury, at High Littleton 14 Oct 1773.

Mary WILKINS was buried at High Littleton 27 May 1807. John remarried 7 months later.

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

Rhoda dau. of Joseph GULLICK bapt. at Farmborough 5 May 1771. Rhoda had a bastard child 10 years before her marriage to John:

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

Mary dau. of John WILKINS & Rhoda bapt. at High Littleton 19 Apr 1810. - She did not marry but had 3 bastard children between 1833 and 1840.

The 1811 Census finds John WILKINS living in High Littleton with 1 other male and 2 females in the household.

Thomas son of John & Rhoda WILKINS, Hallatrow, day labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 17 Oct 1813. - He married Anne SMITH at Timsbury 8 Aug 1836.

Overseers' Accounts record on 14 May 1816 expenses of taking the examination of John WILKINS, by which it turns out that he belongs to High Littleton. On 18 Feb 1817 were expenses at Temple Inn about John WILKINS' settlement, Mr LANGFORD being doubtful whether he belongs to High Littleton. It was that day determined that he does belong to High Littleton.

Vestry Minutes of 6 Sep 1818 agreed that John WILKINS & his family should have 6/- given them for this week only, unless his foot should prove worse and on 24 Jan 1819 that John WILKINS should be paid 1 other week's relief if required by him, he having been very ill.

John WILKINS, Mr G. TUCKER's Pool, High Littleton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1818, 1821 and 1823, following which is a note "dead". His widow received similar charity in 1827.

John WILKINS, High Littleton, aged 69, was buried at High Littleton 11 Sep 1825.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records Ruda (*sic*) WILKINS as the occupier of a tenement and garden by Rosewell Farm (178 on the map), belonging to Wm. Jones BURDETT.

Accounts for 1832 record relief of 1/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to widow WILKINS. This ended in 1835.

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The Tith Survey of 1839 records Rhodar (*sic*) WILKINS as occupier of a house and garden (20 on the map) at the Batch, High Littleton, belonging to Thomas TUCKER.

The 1851 Census finds Rhoda WILKINS, widow, aged 77, born Farmborough, living in the household of Hannah KELSON, landed proprietor, as a servant.

Rhoda WILKINS, High Littleton, aged 86, was buried at High Littleton 24 Jun 1857.]

91. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Joseph BAMPFYLDE, now residing in the parish of Clutton, Coalminer, as to his Settlement, taken this 1st day of April 1817.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is 28 Years of age at Christmas past, and was born in the Parish of Cameley, as he has heard and believes, and that John BAMPFYLDE, Coalminer, his Father, was lawfully settled in the said Parish of Cameley, and was relieved by the said Parish of Cameley, as he has heard Elizabeth his Mother say. Saith, that he hired himself a Servant for a Year to William DRURY of High Littleton in the said County, Yeoman, at the wages of three Pounds and ten Shillings for the Year, Board and Lodging in his sd. Master's House, from New Lady Day, and served the said William DRURY untill the New Lady Day following, and received his full Year's Wages, and quitted the Service 12 Years ago this Lady Day and has gained no Settlement since, by service or otherwise, having worked at the Coal Mines from that time. Saith that about 6 years [*agone*] last Autumn he was lawfully married by Banns, in Clutton Church, to Mary, his present wife (late COOK) and has three Children, Charlotte aged about 5 Years, George aged about 2½ Years and Cha's aged about 1½ Year in March past. Saith he is in want of Relief for want of full Employ. The Mark of X Joseph BAMPFYLDE.

Sworn before us Tho's WILLIAMS, W.B. BARTER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-25. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-57 with minor differences.

[*Note*: Joseph son of John BAMPFIELD & Betty bapt. at Cameley 4 Jan 1789.

Joseph BAMPFIELD of Cameley married Mary COOK otp by banns at Clutton 18 Aug 1811.

Charlotte dau. of Joseph BAMPFIELD, coal miner, & Mary bapt. at Cameley 27 Feb 1812. She had a bastard child Henry George at Clutton in 1829.

George son of Joseph & Mary BAMPFIELD, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 30 Jan 1814. - George BAMPFIELD, Clutton, aged 10, buried at Clutton 30 Nov 1823. Overseers' Accounts record on 2 Dec 1823 6/- given to Joseph BAMPFIELD towards burying his child.

Charles son of Joseph & Mary BAMPFIELD, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 1 Oct 1815.

Overseers' Accounts record on 1 Apr 1817 the cost of taking Joseph BAMPFIELD's examination about his settlement.

Harriet dau. of Joseph & Mary BAMPFIELD, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 31 Aug 1817. She married James MAGGS of Clutton and they emigrated to Australia, leaving Liverpool on 4 Aug aboard the Ticonderoga and landed at Melbourne 22 Dec 1852.

John son of Joseph & Mary BAMPFIELD, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 20 Jan 1820.

Joseph son of Joseph & Mary BAMPFIELD, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 10 Feb 1822.

Ruth dau. of Joseph & Mary BAMPFIELD, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 12 Dec 1824.

Maria dau. of Joseph & Mary BAMPFIELD, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 26 Aug 1827.

Marianne dau. of Joseph & Mary BAMPFIELD, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 3 Oct 1830.

George son of Joseph & Mary BAMPFIELD, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 7 Apr 1833.

Jemima Maggs dau. of Joseph & Mary BAMPFIELD, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 16 Oct 1836.

Joseph BAMPFIELD received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in Jan 1821, Xmas 1822 and 1824.

The 1851 Census finds Joseph BANFIELD, aged 62, pauper, coal miner, born Cameley, wife Mary 60 and children Mary Ann 20, dressmaker and George 18, coal miner, all born Clutton, living in Cook's Lane, Clutton.]

92. Overseers Accounts record on 31 Jan 1818 a payment to Tho's MILES for summoning Isaac MEREFIELD to be examined about his settlement.

No Examination or Order of Removal survives and it is likely that Isaac removed himself voluntarily.

[*Note*: Isaac MERRIFIELD bach. otp married Betsy WATTS spin. otp by banns at Kewstoke 20 Sep 1818.]

93. County of Somerset.

The Examination of James BROCK, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton, Cordwainer, as to his Settlement. Taken this 3rd day of February 1818.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is 28 Years old the 12th day of August past and was born in the Parish of Hinton Blewett, as he has heard and believes. Saith that George BROCK, Cordwainer, his Father, was settled at Hinton Blewett aforesaid and, when this Examinant was about 9 Years old, his Father removed with his family and rented an House in the Parish of Walcott, near Bath, at the yearly rent of Twelve Guineas and occupied the same for 4 or 5 Years and this Examinant lived with him as part of his Family. Saith his said Father then went a Substitute in the Somerset Militia and placed this Examinant with George BROCK of Hinton Blewett aforesaid, Cordwainer, this Examinant's Grandfather, to teach him his Business of a Cordwainer, till he could get his own livelihood, and his said Father paid his said Grandfather three One pound Bills for the same. Saith he lived with his said Grandfather in Hinton Blewett a little more than a year, when he was ill and staid in the Dispensary at Bath for more than 6 Months. Saith he then became a Servant in the Dispensary at 5s. p'r week, Lodging and Sundays Dinner, and staid a Year except a week or two. Saith that he has worked partly at his Trade and partly

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at Labour and has gained no Settlement since. Saith that 6 Years ago last Christmas Day he was lawfully married by Banns, in High Littleton Church, to Phoebe, his Wife and has no Family. James BROCK.

Sworn before us Tho's WILLIAMS, Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-64.

[Note: James BROCKx bach. otp married Phoebe GREGORYx spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 25 Dec 1811.

Phoebe had a bastard child by John BRITTEN, cordwainer of Paulton, on 30 Nov 1794, who was baptized John at High Littleton 1 Feb 1795.

Overseers' Accounts record on 31 Jan 1818 a payment to Tho's MILES for a summons for James BROCK to be examined about his settlement.

Phoebe wife of James BROCK, Hallatrow, aged 43, was buried at Paulton 7 May 1820.]

94. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Joseph TUCKER, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Coalminer, as to his Settlement. Taken the third day of February 1818.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is about 24 Years old and was born in the Parish of Timsbury, as he has heard and believes. Saith that Joseph TUCKER, his Father, Blacksmith, was lawfully settled in the said Parish of Timsbury. Saith that he hired himself a Servant for a Year to James VOAKES the Elder of Hallatrow, Yeoman, at £5 a Year, Board and Lodging, and served him the said Year and part of another and received his full Wages. Saith, that it was 7 or 8 Years ago. Saith that he has gained no Settlement since. That rather more than 3 Years ago he was lawfully married by Banns, in High Littleton Church, to Drusilla, his Wife and has two Children, Namely, Sarah aged about three Years and Charlotte aged about One Year and an Half. Joseph TUCKER.

Sworn before Tho's WILLIAMS, Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-65.

[Note: Joseph son of Joseph & Sarah TUCKER bapt. at Timsbury 2 Jun 1793.

Joseph TUCKER's mother was Sarah VOKES (born 1769), daughter of James VOKES the elder, to whom Joseph hired himself as a servant before he was married. Joseph TUCKER sen'r and Sarah VOKES married at Farmborough 8 Aug 1791.

Joseph TUCKER bach. otp married Drusilla HARESx spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 19 Sep 1814.

Sarah dau. of Joseph & Priscilla (*Drusilla in B/Ts.*) TUCKER, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Dec 1814. - She was examined and removed from High Littleton to Bedminster by Order dated 1 Dec 1835 but was living in Hallatrow and still unmarried in 1851.

Charlotte dau. of Joseph & Drusilla TUCKER, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 23 Jul 1816.

Overseers' Accounts record on 31 Jan 1818 a payment to Tho's MILES for a summons for Joseph TUCKER to be examined about his settlement.

Harriett dau. of Joseph & Drusilla TUCKER, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 29 Sep 1818.

William son of Joseph & Drusilla TUCKER, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 5 Mar 1821. He was unmarried and lodging in Timsbury in 1851.

George son of Joseph & Drusilla TUCKER, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 5 Oct 1823. He married Emma Griffiths BENDY at High Littleton 23 Oct 1847.

Joseph son of Joseph & Drusilla TUCKER, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1825. - He married Eliza ---.

Mark son of Joseph & Drusilla TUCKER, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 3 Aug 1828.

Ann dau. of Joseph & Drusilla TUCKER, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 8 Aug 1830.

Eliza dau. of Joseph & Drusilla TUCKER, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 2 Jun 1833.

Martha dau. of Joseph & Drusilla TUCKER, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1836. - Martha TUCKER, Hallatrow, aged 1 year & 6 months, buried at High Littleton 29 Aug 1837.

Mary dau. of Joseph & Drusilla TUCKER, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1836.

The 1825 Survey of Hallatrow records Jos. TUCKER as the occupier of a tenement and garden at West Houses (48 on the map), belonging to John BLINMAN.

The Tithe Survey of 1839 shows Joseph TUCKER still in occupation at West Houses (286 on the map) and John BLINMAN as the owner.

The 1841 Census finds Joseph TUCKER, aged 48, coal miner, Drucilla 48, William 20, coal miner, George 17, coal miner, Joseph 15, coal miner, Mark 13, coal miner, Ann 10, Eliza 8 and Mary 5, living in Hallatrow.

The 1851 Census finds Joseph TUCKER, aged 57, coal miner, born Timsbury, wife Drucilla 57, born Chewton, son Mark 22, coal miner and daughters Ann 20 and Mary 15, all three born Hallatrow, still living at West Houses.

The 1861 Census finds Joseph TUCKER, aged 67, coal miner and wife Drucilla 67, living at Hallatrow Batch.

The 1871 Census finds Joseph TUCKER, aged 77, unemployed coal miner and wife Priscilla (*sic*) 77, still there.

Drusilla TUCKER, Hallatrow, aged 84, was buried at High Littleton 19 May 1877.

Jos. TUCKER (Jas. VOKES' grandson), coal miner of Hallatrow, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on many occasions between 1821 and 1872. In 1868 it was noted that his charity was delivered to dau. in law Emma TUCKER and likewise in 1870, when he was described as old man, Hallatrow.]

95. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Thomas COTTLE, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Cordwainer. Taken this 3rd day of February 1818.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is 27 Years old and was born in the parish of [*blank*] (Monmouth Street) in Bath, where his Father, a Journey Man Coach Maker, lived. Saith that he was duly apprenticed by Indentures, for 7 Years, to Mr Cha's ADAMS of Mellis, Cordwainer, and served him 6¼ Years in Mellis aforesaid, when they disagreed and his Master and he parted by mutual Consent and his Master gave him up his Cloaths. Saith that he has been at Sea Ten Years and has done no Act to gain himself a Settlement. Saith that about 2 Years past he

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was lawfully married by Banns, in Mells Church, to Elizabeth, his Wife and has One Child named Jane, aged about 11 Months. Thomas COTTELL.

Sworn before us Tho's WILLIAMS, Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-67.

[Note: Thomas COTTELLx bach. otp married Elizabeth HORWOODx spin. otp by licence at Mells 4 Aug 1816.

Overseers' Accounts record on 31 Jan 1818 a payment to Tho's MILES for a summons for Tho's COTTLE to be examined about his settlement.]

96. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Benjamin WATTS, now residing in the parish of High Littleton, Coalminer, (touching his Settlement), taking (*sic*) this 10th day of March 1818.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is about 32 years of age and was born in the parish of Paulton, as he has heard and believes and that his Father, James WATTS, was legally settled in the said parish of Paulton. Saith that he has never gained himself a settlement, either by rental or Service, but has always worked as a Coalminer. Saith that about Six years ago he was legally married by Banns, in the parish Church of Paulton, to Hannah, his present Wife and has three Children, William aged about six years, Hester about 4 years and Sarah aged about ten months. The Mark of X Benjamin WATTS.

Sworn before me Tho's WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-68.

[Note: Benjamin son of James & Hester WATTS bapt. at Paulton 27 Feb 1786.

Benjamin WATTS bach. otp married Hannah BIRD spin. otp by banns at Paulton 19 Aug 1811.

William son of Benjamin WATTS & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 15 Apr 1812. - William WATTS, Hallatrow, aged 10, buried at Paulton 4 Feb 1823.

Hester dau. of Benjamin & Hannah WATTS, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 12 Jun 1814. She married John WARD.

Sarah dau. of Benjamin & Hannah WATTS, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 13 Jul 1817.

Overseers' Accounts record on 31 Jan 1818 a payment to Tho's MILES for a summons for Ben. WATTS to be examined about his settlement. On 10 Mar was a further payment to Tho's MILES for taking the examination of Ben. WATTS.

Ann dau. of Benjamin & Hannah WATTS, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1818.

Mary dau. of Benjamin & Hannah WATTS, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Aug 1822.

The 1825 Survey of Hallatrow records Benj'n WATTS as the occupier of a tenement and bit of garden at Bloomfield Cottages (100 on the map), sub-let from Jonas WEEKS.

Benjamin died some time before 1851.

The 1851 Census finds Hannah WATTS, widow, aged 62, born Priston, her unmarried daughter Ann 32, born Hallatrow, daughter Hester WARD 36, born Hallatrow and Hester's husband John WARD 65, saddle and harness maker, born Newbury, Berks. and child Mary A. WARD 3, born Paulton, living in Paulton.]

97. County of Somerset.

The Examination of George COLLINS, now residing in the Parish of Farrington Gurney, Coalminer, taken this 26th day of January 1819.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is about 26 years old and was born in the Parish of Farrington Gurney aforesaid, as he has heard and believes, and that his Father Parfitt COLLINS was legally settled in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County. Saith that he has always worked at Coalmining, and that he has never done any Act to gain himself a Settlement. Saith that about 15 months ago he was legally married by Banns, in the Parish Church of Hinton Blewett, to Elizabeth his present Wife. The Mark of X George COLLINS.

Sworn before us Tho's WILLIAMS, Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

SRO D/P/far.g. 4/1/3-4.

[Note: George son of Parfit & Mary COLLINGS bapt. at Farrington Gurney 25 Jun 1792.

Parfitt gained his Settlement in High Littleton by Service to Stephen JORDAN, tanner of Hallatrow. He was examined about his settlement on 7 Sep 1791. Mary was also examined on 4 Mar 1845, at which time she was removed by Order from Farrington Gurney to High Littleton.

George COLLINS of Farrington Gurney married Elizabeth PAIN by banns at Hinton Blewett 25 Nov 1817.

Ann dau. of George & Elizabeth COLLINS, Farrington Gurney, coal miner, bapt. at Farrington Gurney 11 Jul 1819.

Sarah dau. of George & Elizabeth COLLINS, Farrington Gurney, coal miner, bapt. at Farrington Gurney 10 Feb 1822.

James son of George & Betty COLLINS, Farrington Gurney, coal miner, bapt. at Farrington Gurney 5 Oct 1823.

George son of George & Betty COLLINS, Farrington Gurney, coal miner, bapt. at Farrington Gurney 17 Nov 1825.

William son of George & Betty COLLINS, Farrington Gurney, coal miner, bapt. at Farrington Gurney 13 Jul 1828.

John son of George & Elizabeth COLLINS, Farrington Gurney, coal miner, bapt. at Farrington Gurney 10 Jan 1831.

George COLLINS (son of Parfitt), coal miner of Farrington Gurney, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on several occasions between 1821 and 1840.

The 1841 Census finds George COLLINS, aged 45, coal miner, Elizabeth 45, Ann 22, Sarah 20, James 18, George 16 and John 11, living at Farrington Gurney.

The 1851 Census finds George COLLINS, aged 59, coal miner, born Farrington Gurney, wife Elizabeth 58, born Hinton Blewett, son John 20, coal miner, gd. dau. Mary Ann 9, school, all born Farrington Gurney, and 2 lodgers, living at Farrington Gurney.

The 1861 Census finds George COLLINS, aged 70, coal miner, pauper and wife Elizabeth 71, living at Kingwell, High Littleton.

George COLLINS, West House, High Littleton, aged 73 was buried at High Littleton 20 Feb 1864.

Elizabeth COLLINS, West House, High Littleton, aged 73, was buried at High Littleton 19 Nov 1865.]

98. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Susanna WILTON now residing in the parish of Chewton Mendip, Singlewoman, taken the 26th day of Jan'y 1819.

Who upon her Oath saith, that she is about 23 years old and was born in the parish of Midsomer Norton, as she has head and believes, and that John WILTON, her Father, being killed by Accident at Hallatrow, her Mother and family were removed 10 or 12 years ago to Chewton Mendip aforesaid. Saith that five weeks after Lady Day she hired herself to Farmer GRAY of Blagdon 'till Lady Day following, that she was ill, and by reason thereof, she was obliged to leave the said Service after staying eleven Months and receiving eleven Months' wages; that she has never lived in any Service for so long as a year, or done any other Act whereby to gain herself a Settlement. Saith that she is with Child, which is likely to be born a bastard and to be chargeable to the said parish of Chewton Mendip, and that Robert DAY of Chewstoke, Servant-Man, is the Father thereof. The mark of X Susanna WILTON.

Sworn before W.B. BARTER, Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

SRO D/P/chewt.m. 13/3/21. Also SRO DD/X/DDN1-10 for Typed Copy (with minor differences).

[Note: Susanna (born Sep 3) dau. of Jno. & Sarah WILTON bapt. at Chewton Mendip 7 Dec 1794.

The following entries for WILSON in High Littleton records probably refer to Susanna's father:

Overseers Accounts record in Oct 1801 expenses going after the coroner, a payment to the jury for attending John WILSON, 12/6 paid towards the funeral of Jno. WILSON, 4/6 to Sam'l LANSDOWN for his funeral and 9/- for a coffin.

John WILSON was buried at High Littleton 18 Oct 1801.]

99. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Joseph NORRIS, now residing in the Parish of Farrington Gurney, Coalminer, taken this ninth day of February 1819.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is about 22 years old, and was born in the Parish of High Littleton, as he has heard and believes. Saith that about three years ago he hired himself a Servant to Farmer BLINMAN of Farrington Gurney for a year, at the Wages [of] about nine Guineas and served him the whole year; That he then hired himself for a year to Doctor SCOBELL of Hallatrow in the Parish of High Littleton, at the Wages of nine Guineas a year and served him the whole year excepting three days at the Beginning of that year, Before the former Servant left and by his Master's Direction, but received the whole of his year's Wages. Saith that he has not done any act since, whereby to gain himself a Settlement; That about a quarter of a year ago, he was married by banns, in High Littleton Church, to Harriet his present Wife, by whom he has one child, Ann about 7 Weeks old. The Mark of X Joseph NORRIS.

Sworn before us J.C. HIPPISEY, Tho's WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/far.g. 4/1/3-8.

[Note: Joseph son of Joseph NORRIS & Leah bapt. at Farrington Gurney 27 Dec 1795.

Joseph NORRISx of Farrington Gurney married Harriet DANDOx otp by banns at High Littleton 16 Nov 1818.

Harriet dau. of John DANDO & Isset bapt. at High Littleton 28 Sep 1794.

Ann a daughter was born at the end of 1818. She was unmarried in 1840.

Samuel son of Joseph & Harriet NORRIS, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Mar 1821. He married firstly Eliza HOSKINS at High Littleton 28 Feb 1843 and secondly Mary ---.

Susanna dau. of Joseph & Harriet NORRIS, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 22 Jun 1823. She married Robert WYATT at High Littleton 8 Sep 1844.

Joseph son of Joseph & Harriet NORRIS, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 20 Nov 1825. He married Elizabeth GREGORY at Paulton 9 Apr 1849.

Thomas son of Joseph & Harriet NORRIS, Hallatrow, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 15 Jun 1828. He married firstly Harriet --- and secondly Ann WEEKS (nee SALVAGE) at High Littleton 25 Dec 1888.

James son of Joseph & Harriet NORRIS, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 26 Jun 1831. He married Mary ---.

By Will dated 18 Jan 1836, Harriet's father, John DANDO (who died in January 1840), left to Harriet, wife of Joseph NORRIS, coal miner of Hallatrow, an annuity of 15/- and to Ann NORRIS, her eldest daughter, all his household goods and furniture and the residue of his estate.

The 1841 Census finds Joseph NORRIS sen'r aged 40, Harriet 40, Samuel 20, Joseph jun'r 15, Thomas 12 and James 10, living in Hallatrow.

The 1851 Census finds Joseph NORRIS, aged 56, gardener, wife Harriett 56 and unmarried son Thomas 22, coal miner, all born in High Littleton, living in Hallatrow.

Joseph NORRIS, coal miner of Hallatrow, was a regular recipient of blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity between 1822 and 1854.

Harriet NORRIS, Hallatrow, aged 61, was buried at High Littleton 28 Feb 1856.

Joseph NORRISx widower, labourer, Hallatrow, son of [blank], married Lucy CARTLEDGE, aged 48, widow, Farrington Gurney, dau. of [blank] by licence at Farrington Gurney 29 Jul 1856. Lucy (nee SMITH) had firstly married William CARTLEDGE of St. Philip & Jacob, Bristol at Midsomer Norton 25 Sep 1832.

The 1861 Census finds Joseph NORRIS, aged 67, ag. lab., born Farrington Gurney and wife Lucy 52, staymaker, born Clapton, Midsomer Norton, living in Hallatrow.

Vestry Minutes of 16 Aug 1866 record that the Committee, set up to investigate the sanitary condition of the paris, suggest inspection of premises occupied by Jos'h NORRIS (and 3 others).

Lucy NORRIS, Farrington Gurney, aged 72, was buried at Farrington Gurney 10 Nov 1879.

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The 1881 Census finds Joseph NORRIS, widower, aged 89, formerly ag. lab., born Hallatrow, living as a lodger in the house of his son Joseph and family in Hallatrow.
Joseph NORRIS, Hallatrow, aged 94, was buried at High Littleton 25 May 1888.]

100. Overseers' Accounts record on 28 Jan 1820 expenses to Farmborough about **Rich'd TUCKER**'s settlement and on 1 Feb a payment to Tho's MILES at Old Down for taking Rich'd TUCKER's examination [*not preserved*]. On 15 Feb was another payment to Tho's MILES for taking the examination of Wm. SHORE [*not preserved*] as touching the settlement of Rich'd TUCKER, tailor, lately dec'd, whereon it appears that TUCKER's family belong to High Littleton. Vestry Minutes of 20th Feb 1820 agreed that Mr LANGFORD should have the opinion of council on the examination of Wm. SHORE (taylor), Farmborough, as touching the settlement of Rich'd TUCKER lately deceased and, should it be proved that the family do belong to High Littleton, in that case the Overseers of Temple Cloud should be repaid what have been advanced to the family of Rd. TUCKER.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Mary TUCKER, now residing in the Parish of Cameley in the said County, Widow. Taken this 1st day of February 1820.

Who on her Oath saith, That she is about 26 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Farmborow, as she has heard and believes and that her Father, James COBB, Servant to Dr GUNNING, was lawfully settled in Farmborow aforesaid. Saith that she was lawfully married by Licence in Farmborow Church, about 6 Years ago in June next, to Richard TUCKER (Taylor), her late Husband, who died about 10 days past. Saith that she has three Children by her sd. Husband, Namely, Benjamin aged about 5 Years in Nov'r last, John aged 3 Years in May next and Ann aged about Six Months. Mary TUCKER.

Sworn before us J.C. HIPPISEY, Tho's WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-74.

[*Note:* Mary Anning dau. of James & Anne COBB bapt. at Farmborough 16 Feb 1794.

Richard TUCKER bach. of Cameley married Mary Anning COBB spin. otp by licence at Farmborough 24 Jul 1814.

Rich'd son of Rich'd TUCKER & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 25 Sep 1791.

Richard TUCKER the father was a tailor and the younger Richard followed in his footsteps.

It is interesting to note that Harriet PARFITT, who was born at Stanton Wick c.1810/1 gave her father's name as Richard TUCKER, tailor, on her certificate of marriage to George BROOKS in 1840.

Benjamin son of Richard & Mary TUCKER, Clutton, tailor, bapt. at Clutton 11 Jun 1815.

John a son was born May 1817.

Ann dau. of Richard & Mary TUCKER, Temple Cloud, taylor, bapt. at Cameley 17 Oct 1819.

Overseers' Accounts for 1819/20 record a payment of 10/6 towards the funeral expenses of Richard TUCKER, taylor, who died 23 Jan 1820.

Rich'd TUCKER, Camely, aged 28, was buried at High Littleton 25 Jan 1820.

Accounts for 15 Feb 1820 record 3/- present relief even to Rd. TUCKER's wife and 3 children by order of the Magistrates. Vestry Minutes of 20 Feb 1820 agreed that Richard TUCKER's wife and 3 children should be paid 1/6 each for the present. Minutes of 27 Mar 1820 approved relief of 6/- p.w in the weekly calendar to Rich'd TUCKER's widow & 3 children at 1/6 each. Minutes of 27 Mar 1821 reduced relief to 5/- p.w. (1/3 each). Minutes of 26 Mar 1822 approved relief of 5/- p.w. to Rich'd TUCKER's family. Minutes of 26 Mar 1823 reduced relief to Rich'd's family to 9/- per fortnight. Minutes of 25 Mar 1824 renewed relief at 9/- per fortnight. Minutes of 30 Mar 1825 approved relief for Rich'd TUCKER's family at 4/6 p.w.]

101. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Joseph WALKER [WALTER], now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Tailor, as to his Settlement, taken the 5th day of September 1820.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is about 84 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Midsomer Norton, as he has heard and believes and that his Father, James WALKER of Midsomer Norton aforesaid, Cordwainer, was legally settled in the said Parish of Midsomer Norton, as he has also heard & believes. Saith that on the fifth day of May 1755 he was lawfully bound an Apprentice to James COOK of the Parish of Priston in the said County, Tailor, for the term of Seven Years. Saith that he served with his said Master in Priston, between 5 & 6 years, when his said Master had no Employment for him, and he had a Conversation with his said Master and it was agreed between them that this Examinant should go and serve James DRURY [*should be DURY*] of High Littleton in the said County, Taylor and he accordingly served the said DRURY for a Year or two, for the full Remainder of his said Term of Seven Years and, after the Expiration thereof, he went to the said Jas. COOK, his former Master in Priston, who gave him up his Indenture and he now has it in his Possession, and his said first Master had the other part of the Indenture. Saith that he was lawfully married in High Littleton Church, to Philip THATCHER's Daughter and that his said Father in Law gave him permission to erect a Dwelling House on a Bit of Ground at High Littleton, which his said Father in Law held by Lease for Lives, under the late Jacob MOGG Esquire and that he built the said House and occupied it for several Years, without paying any acknowledgement for the same; that, when one of the Lives died, by which the Tenement was held by the said Philip THATCHER, this Examinant paid a part of the Fine for Renewal and a part of the Quit Rent to the late George MOGG

Esquire. That he occupied the said House from the time of building it 50 Years ago, untill Michaelmas past, when it was taken from him by Nanny THATCHER, who purchased the Fee. Saith, that he has one Child, born in High Littleton, Namely, James WALKER aged 53 Years and upwards. The Mark of X Joseph WALKER. Sworn before us Tho's WILLIAMS, Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-75.

[*Note*: Joseph WALTER otp married Anne THATCHERx otp by banns at High Littleton 5 Jul 1767.

Anne was presumably the daughter of Philip & Sarah THATCHER, who had 3 children baptized at High Littleton between 1739 and 1746, but not Anne.

James son of Joseph WALTER & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 27 Aug 1769. - He married Sarah GULLICK at High Littleton 15 Jul 1792.

Anne WALTER was buried at High Littleton 19 Nov 1775.

Overseers' Accounts record on 5 Sep 1820 a payment to Tho's MILES for taking the examination of Joseph WALKER [*WALTER*], taylor, as touching his settlement, when it was agreed by the Magistrates that he belongs to High Littleton. Vestry Minutes of 27 Mar 1821 approved relief of 3/- p.w. in the weekly calendat to Joseph WALKER (*sic*). Accounts for 1821/2 rshow that payments ended after a few weeks.

Joseph WALTER, High Littleton, aged 83, was buried at High Littleton 8 Jun 1821.]

102. Somerset to wit.

The Examination of **James SHEPPARD** of Chewton Mendip in the said County, as to his Settlement, taken this 6th day of March 1821.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is about 21 years of age and was born in the parish of Chewton Mendip, as he has heard and believes, and that his late Father William SHEPPARD was settled in the said parish of Chewton Mendip. Saith that Betty SHEPPARD, his Mother, made an Hiring for him, this Examinant, to serve the late Mr Laurence LANSDOWN of High Littleton, Chandler, and this Examinant lived with the said Laurence LANSDOWN as a Servant in House for more than a year and was employed in carrying out Candles; saith it was many years ago, when he was a small Lad; saith, that he lived about three Quarters of a year with William WHITE, Butcher of Wells. Saith he has never gained any Settlement except in the said Parish of High Littleton.

The mark of X James SHEPPARD.

Sworn before us Tho's WILLIAMS, Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

SRO D/P/chewt.m. 13/3/21. Also SRO DD/X/DDN1-20 for Typed Copy (with minor differences).

[*Note*: James (born 8 Oct 1799) son of William SHEPPARD by Elizabeth his wife bapt. at Chewton Mendip 17 Jan 1800.]

103. [*Affidavit prior to Marriage by Banns.*]

Richard DYKE of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Labourer, maketh oath and saith, that he has lived in the said Parish of High Littleton for five years & upwards & that he is of the age of twenty one years & upwards. The mark X of Richard DYKE.

Sworn before me this 9th day of Nov'r 1822, John Fred'k DOVETON, Magistrate for the County of Som't.

Harriet BLACKER of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Spinster, maketh oath & saith, that she lived one year & upwards as servant to Mr LANDSDOWN in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, that she left the said Parish at Midsummer last & up to the present day has resided in Trim Street, Bath with her said Master, & that she is of the age of twenty one years & upwards. The mark X of Harriet BLACKER.

Sworn before me the day & year afores'd, John Fred'k DOVETON, Magistrate for the County of Somerset.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-27.

Somerset.

Harriet BLACKER maketh oath & saith that from the 9th day of November instant she hath resided in the house belonging to John BRIMBLE, as a Lodger, in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County & that she is of the age of twenty one years & upwards. The mark X of Harriet BLACKER.

Sworn before me, this 22nd day of Nov'r 1822, J.F. DOVETON, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in & for the said County.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-26.

[*Note*: Mr LANDSDOWN, mentioned in Harriet's affidavit, was Joseph LANSDOWN, tallow chandler, formerly of High Littleton and later of Walcot.

Richard DYKEx otp married Harriot BLACKERx otp by banns at High Littleton 25 Nov 1822 (witnesses Mary GIBBS, George BLACKER, James CHIVERS).

John son of Richard & Harriot DYKE, High Littleton, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 6 Jun 1824.

William son of Richard & Harriet DIKE, High Littleton, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 19 Feb 1826.

George son of Richard & Harriet DYKE, High Littleton, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 30 Mar 1828.

Mary Castle dau. of Richard & Harriet DYKE, High Littleton, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1831.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records Rd. DYKE as the occupier of a tenement at Mearns (part 60 on the map), sub-let from Heygrove Coal Company.

The 1841 Census finds Richard DYKE, aged 45, ag. lab., Harriot 47, John 17, William 15, George 13 and Mary 9, living in High Littleton.

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An inscription on a stone in High Littleton Churchyard records that Harriott (wife of Richard DYKE) died 15 Jan 1845, aged 51. Harriott DIKE, High Littleton, aged 51, was buried at High Littleton 21 Jan 1845.

The 1851 Census finds Richard DYKE, aged 57, wid'r, ag. lab., born Wilts., living in High Littleton as a lodger with the SLADE family.

The 1861 Census finds Richard DYKE, aged 67, wid'r, ag. lab., born Churl, Wilts., still living in High Littleton with the SLADE family.

Richard spent his last days in Clutton Union Workhouse, where the Register records that Richard DYKE, High Littleton, aged 83, died 17 Jul 1871. Richard DYKE, Clutton Union Workhouse, aged 71, was buried at High Littleton 19 Jul 1871.]

104. The affidavit of **Anne ROGERS**. [*Prior to Marriage by Banns.*]

This deponent maketh oath & saith for herself that her true christian name is Anne & her surname ROGERS & that she hath no other christian or surname; that she is upwards of twenty one years of age and that she hath resided for the last eight days past in the parish of Clutton in the County of Somerset, in the house of her father Robert ROGERS, Coalminer, in the said parish. Deponent also maketh oath and saith on the part of Thomas TUCKER, that, he the said Thomas TUCKER is upwards of twenty one years of age and has resided for the last eight days past in the house of William TUCKER, Coalminer, in the parish of High Littleton in the aforesaid County of Somerset.

Sworn before me T.B. JOHNSTON, Rector of Clutton, this 13th day of November in the third year of the reign of his present Majesty George the fourth and in the year of our Lord 1822. T.B. JOHNSTON. Ann ROGERS. SRO Front of Clutton Marriage Register.

Affidavit of **Anne ROGERS**.

Anne ROGERS of the Parish of Clutton in the county of Somerset maketh oath & saith, that the Christian & surname & place of abode, by which she hath above designated herself, are her true Christian and surname & place of abode and that she hath resided in the house of her father Robert ROGERS, Coalminer, situate in the aforesaid parish of Clutton, for the last eight days past & that she, the said deponent, is now above the age of twenty one years.

Sworn by the said Anne ROGERS, this twentieth day of November 1822, before me T.B. JOHNSTON, Rector of Clutton. Ann ROGERS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-28.

Thomas TUCKER of the Parish of Highlitleton in the County of Somerset, Coal-miner, maketh oath and says, and first this deponent Thomas TUCKER, for himself saith, that the Christian name and surname (*sic*) and place of abode, by which he hath above designated and described himself, are his true and real Christian and surname and place of abode, and he this deponent Thomas TUCKER further saith, that he hath resided and dwelt in the House situated in the Parish aforesaid with (*sic*) his Father William TUCKER, Coalminer, the last eight days last past and that he this deponent, is now above the age of twenty one years.

[*A deposition of Ann ROGERS followed but was crossed out.*]

Sworn by the said Thomas TUCKER, before me, this 14th of Nov'r 1822, W.B. BARTER. The Mark X of Thomas TUCKER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-11.

Affidavit of **Thomas TUCKER**.

Thomas TUCKER of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset maketh oath & saith that the christian & surname & place of abode by which he hath above designated himself are his true & real christian & surname & place of abode and he, this deponent, further saith that he hath resided in the House of his father William TUCKER, coalminer, situate in the aforesaid parish, for the last eight days past and that he is upwards of twenty one years of age.

Sworn before me this twentieth day of November 1822, T.B. JOHNSTON, Rector of Clutton. The mark of X Thomas TUCKER.

SRO Front of Clutton Marriage Register.

[*Note:* Thomas son of William TUCKER & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 8 Mar 1795.

Thomas TUCKER bach. otp married Christian GULLICKx spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 15 Apr 1816.

Ann dau. of Thomas & Christian TUCKER, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 26 Apr 1818.

Christian TUCKER, High Littleton, aged 25, was buried at High Littleton 19 Oct 1820.

Thomas TUCKER, widower of High Littleton, married Anne ROGERS spin. otp by banns at Clutton 25 Dec 1822.

Mary Ann dau. of Thomas & Ann TUCKER, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 23 Sep 1827. - Mary Ann TUCKER, High Littleton, aged 8, buried at High Littleton 8 Feb 1832.

Ruth dau. of Thomas & Ann TUCKER, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 23 Sep 1827. She married James TIDCOMBE at High Littleton 9 Apr 1853.

Rosanna dau. of Thomas & Ann TUCKER, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Oct 1829. She married George CARTER.

William son of Thomas & Ann TUCKER, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 5 Feb 1832. - William TUCKER, High Littleton, aged 6, buried at High Littleton 29 Jan 1837.

Overseers' Accounts record on 18 Apr 1834 relief of 3/- to Thomas TUCKER and family. Similar payments continued to 11 Jul. On 19 Jul was 4/- to Tho's TUCKER, ill and his wife in childbed.

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Abel son of Thomas & Ann TUCKER, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 28 Sep 1834. - Abel TUCKER, High Littleton, aged 2, buried at High Littleton 13 Mar 1836.

William son of Thomas & Ann TUCKER, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Aug 1839. - William TUCKER, High Littleton, aged 7 months, buried at High Littleton 9 Jan 1840.

The Tithe Survey of 1839 records Thomas TUCKER as occupier of a house (53 on the map) on the north west corner of High St. and Rotcombe Lane, belonging to Samuel PERRY and others.

The 1841 Census finds Tho's TUCKER, aged 46, coal miner, Ann 40, Ruth 14 and Rosanna 12, living in High Littleton.

The 1851 Census finds Thomas TUCKER, aged 56, coal miner, born High Littleton, wife Ann 52, born Clutton and daughter Rosanna 22, born High Littleton, living in High Littleton.

The 1861 Census finds Thomas TUCKER, aged 66, coal miner and wife Ann 61, living at Rotcombe.

Tho's TUCKER (son of Wm.), bayley of High Littleton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on many occasions between 1831 and 1855.

Thomas TUCKER, High Littleton, aged 70, was buried at High Littleton 25 Jun 1862.

The 1871 Census finds Ann TUCKER, aged 70, coal miner's widow, living alone in High Littleton.

Ann TUCKER, widow, Rotcombe, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1864, 1867 and 1872 (delivered to Rosanna CARTER).

Ann TUCKER, Hobbs Wall, Farmborough, aged 74, was buried at High Littleton 17 Jan 1875.]

105. [Affidavit prior to Marriage by Banns.]

Elizabeth MILES Maketh Oath & saith Elizabeth MILES is her true Christian & surname & that she now lives With her mother Mrs Sarah MILES in the Parish of Highlittleton in The County of Sommerset & that she is Under the age of Twenty One Years.

Sworn before me this 2d Day of Janu'y 1823, W.B. BARTER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-22.

Wm. MILLES Maketh Oath & Saith that William MILLES is his true Christain [*sic*] & surname, that he has lodged for this last fortnight Past With Mrs Sarah MILLS in The Parish of Highlittleton in the County of Sommerset & that He is above the Age of Twenty One Years.

Sworn before me this 2d Day of Janu'y 1823, W.B. BARTER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-23.

[Note: Elizabeth was a daughter of George MILES, farmer, formerly of Englishcombe before settling in High Littleton, and his wife Sarah HARRIS.

William MILLS otp married Elizabeth MILES otp by banns at High Littleton 20 Jan 1823 (witnesses Geirge ATKINS, Hannah LOVE).]

106. [Affidavit prior to Marriage by Banns.]

Richard COBLEY Maketh Oath & Saith that Richard COBLEY is his true Christain (*sic*) & Surname, & that he hath lodged for this last fortnight in the house of James CHIVERS in the Parish of Highlittleton, in the County of Somerset & that he is Above the Age of Twenty One Years.

Sworn before me, this 18th Day of Feb'y 1823, W.B. BARTER.

Margarett BARNES Maketh Oath & Saith that Margarett BARNES is her true Christain & Surname & that she has lived Servant in the House of Mr Tho's JAMES for this six Months Past in the Parish of Highlittleton in the County of Somerset & that she is Under Twenty One Years of Age.

Sworn before me, W.B. BARTER.

Documents in High Littleton Vestry Aug 2000.

[Note: Richard COBLEYx otp married Margarett BARNES otp by banns at High Littleton 26 Mar 1823 (witnesses Thomas COBLEY, Mary Ann COBLEY, James CHIVERS).]

107. [Affidavit prior to Marriage by Banns.]

William BRIMBLE Maketh Oath & Saith that William BRIMBLE is his True Christain (*sic*) and Surname, & that he hath lodged in the house of James BRIMBLE for this two years in the Parish of Highlittleton, in the County of Somerset & that he is Above the Age of Twenty One Years. The Mark X of Will'm BRIMBLE.

Sworn before me, this 5th of March 1823, W.B. BARTER.

[Below]

Sarah BENDELL Maketh Oath & Saith that Sarah BENDELL is her true Christain & Surname And that she has liv'd Servant for this Eight Months Past in the House of Mr HARRIS in the Parish of Highlittleton in the County of Somerset & that She is Above the Age of Twenty One Years. The Mark X of Sarah BENDELL.

Sworn before me, W.B. BARTER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-21.

[Note: Wm. son of Sam'l BRIMBLE & Jemima bapt. at High Littleton 19 Apr 1793.

William BRIMBLEx otp married Sarah BENDELLx otp by banns at High Littleton 14 Apr 1823.

John son of William & Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 6 Jun 1824. Overseers' Accounts record on 29 Dec 1835 2/- p.w. paid to John BRIMBLE a cripple (Wm.'s son appears elsewhere). John BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 19, buried at High Littleton 10 Apr 1843.

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Jemima dau. of William & Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Sep 1825.
 The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records Wm. BRIMBLE as the occupier of a tenement and garden (187e on the map) at Church Barton, belonging to John LANSDOWN. It was probably the same house where William's parents lived for many years.
 Charles son of William & Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 18 Mar 1827. - Charles BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 20, buried at High Littleton 2 Sep 1847.
 Hannah dau. of William & Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Jan 1829.
 Job son of William & Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 28 Nov 1830.
 Maria dau. of William & Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 13 Jan 1833.
 Ann dau. of William & Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 14 Dec 1834. - Ann BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 18 months, buried at High Littleton 7 Jun 1836.
 Ann dau. of William & Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1836.
 Eliza dau. of William & Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 24 Feb 1839.
 Samuel son of William & Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 14 Mar 1841.
 The 1841 Census finds William BRIMBLE, aged 48, coal miner, Sarah 40, John 15, coal miner, Charles 14, coal miner, Hannah 12, Job 10, Maria 8, Ann 4, Eliza 2 and Samuel 4 months, living in High Littleton.
 Harriet dau. of William & Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 7 Jan 1844. - Harriet BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 20, buried at High Littleton 29 May 1864.
 Elizabeth dau. of William & Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 28 Feb 1847.
 The 1851 Census finds William BRIMBLE, aged 58, coal miner, born High Littleton, wife Sarah 49, born Woollard and children Maria 19, Job 20, coal miner, Ann 14, Eliza 12, Samuel 10, Harriott 7 and Elizabeth 4, all born High Littleton, living in Timsbury Road.
 The 1861 Census finds William BRIMBLE, aged 68, coal miner, wife Sarah 60, born Compton Dando and unmarried children Job 30, coal miner, Samuel 20, coal miner, Harriet 17 and Elizabeth 14, living in High Littleton.
 William BRIMBLE, coal miner of High Littleton, applied for blankets from Mary JONES' Charity in 1831, when he said he had 5 children under 10. He was later described as Sam'l's son when receiving similar charity on many occasions between 1834 and 1854 and as an old man of Timsbury Lane in 1868, when Sarah BRIMBLE his wife collected the blankets.
 The 1871 Census finds William BRIMBLE, aged 79, coal miner and wife Sarah 72, born Woolard, still living in High Littleton.
 William BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 80, was buried at High Littleton 22 Jun 1872.
 Sarah BRIMBLE, widow of Timsbury Lane, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1872 and 1874.
 Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 79, was buried at High Littleton 7 Apr 1880.]

108. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Joseph BRODRIBB, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Carpenter, taken this 24th day of August 1824.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is about 42 years of age and was born in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, as he has heard and believes, and his Father Robert BRODRIBB, Carpenter, was legally settled in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid. Saith that he lived with his Father in the Parish of High Littleton till about his age of 21 years, with whom he learned his Trade, but he was never apprenticed to his Father, that he went from his Father's to Bath and worked there at his Business for 6 or 7 years as Journeyman, by the week, at the wages of 18s. to 20s. per week, he, the said Examinant, finding his own Board and Lodging, that he then went to London and rented Lodgings at 5s. per Week at No. 6 in Bennet St., Charlotte Str't or Rathbone Place, Saint Pancras, London and occupied the same Lodgings for about 6 Months, and then removed to No. 18 Tottenham Street, Tottenham Court Road and paid 5s. p'r Week rent for one furnished Back room, for nearly 18 Mos. Then removed to No. 27 George Str't, Portland Chapel, in Mary le Bon Parish and paid 4/6 p'r Week for a furnished Room, for about 9 Months. Then removed to [blank], a Street in the Parish of St. Pancras, near Charleton Street, Somers Town and paid 6s. p'r Week for a furnished Room on the first floor, for about 11 Weeks. Then removed to 122 Tottenham Court Road, in the said Parish of Saint Pancras and paid 4/6 p'r Week for a furnished room, for about 7 Months. Then lived rent free under Mr LANGDON, a Builder, his Master, in two Houses in Barton Crescent, for about Twelve Months. Then rented a room in Draper's Place, St. Pancras at 2/6 p'r Week, Nos. 6 & 7, for about Twelve Months. Then rented a Room in Crendon Street, Hay Market at 5/3 p'r Week, for 10 or 11 Months, in St. Martin le Grand Parish. Then lived rent free under his s'd Master, in two Houses in Adlow Street, for about 7 Months. Then rented in Good Street in St. Pancras at 4/6 p'r Week, for about 15 Weeks. Then rented [at] 5s. p'r Week in Castle Street, Mary le Bone, for about 3 Months. Then lived rent free under his said Master, for about 2 Years, in two houses in Regent Street. Then rented a room in Marshall Street, Carnaby Market at 4/9 p'r Week, for about 4 Months, being in St. James's Parish. Then rented in Palace St't, Pimlico in the Parish of St. Margaret, Westminster, for about 1 Year and 9 Mo's up to Good Friday last, at 4s. p'r Week. Then was ordered to Bath for the use of the Waters, on Account of his Ill health. Saith, he was lawfully married by Banns, in the Abbey Church, Bath, to Mary, his wife, 11 years ago last May and has no family. Joseph BRODRIBB.

Sworn before [blank].

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-29.

[Note: Joseph son of Robert BRODRIBB & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 21 Apr 1782.

Joseph BRODRIBB bach. otp married Ann PRINN spin. otp by banns at St. James, Bath 17 Nov 1807.

Ann wife of Joseph BRODRIBB, aged 25, was buried at Farrington Gurney 29 Jun 1810.

Joseph BRODRIBB wid'r otp married Mary SYMESx spin. otp by banns at Bath Abbey 22 May 1814.

Overseers' Accounts record on 20 Sep 1824 a payment for the examination of Jos'h BRODRIBB.

Joseph BRODRIBB, St. James parish, City of Bath, aged 50, was buried at Farrington Gurney 16 May 1833.]

109. County of Somerset.

The Examination of William GREGORY, at present residing in the Parish of Paulton in the said County, Coal Miner, touching the place of his last legal settlement. Taken on Oath, this 15th day of July 1828.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is about 29 Years old and was born in the said Parish of Paulton, as he hath heard and believes, and that he hath done no act to acquire a settlement for himself, to the best of his knowledge and belief. The mark of X William GREGORY.

Taken and sworn before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County, Wm. C. JAMES.

[*Note:* William son of Jacob & Sepperah GREGORY bapt. at Paulton 25 Dec 1798.

Overseers' Accounts record on 25 Jul 1818 a payment of caution money with Wm. GREGORY, son of Jacob of Paulton, to go for the benefit of the Bath water, having a chill on his arm - to be returned when he comes home. The sum of £1. 1/- was duly received back from Bath Casualty Hospital on 7 Sep.

William GREGORY bach. otp married Leah GREGORY spin. otp by banns at Paulton 23 Feb 1824.

Overseers' Accounts record on 13 Nov 1826 a payment to GREGORY (*probably William*) in distress, burying a child. On 24 Nov 1826 was another payment to GREGORY, burying a second child.

Catherine a daughter was born c.1824-6.

Betsy a daughter was born c.1831/2.

John a son was born c.1835/6.

Mary dau. of William & Leah GREGORY, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at Paulton 3 May 1840. - Mary GREGORY, Paulton, aged 3, buried at Paulton 10 Jan 1843.

The 1841 Census finds William GREGORY, aged 40, coal miner, Leah 35, Catherine 15, Betsy 9, John 5 and Mary 1, living in Paulton.

Mary dau. of William & Leah GREGORY, Paulton, collier, bapt. at Paulton 16 Jun 1844. - Mary GREGORY, Paulton, aged 5 (cholera), buried at Paulton 4 Nov 1849.

George son of William & Leah GREGORY, Paulton, collier, bapt. at Paulton 29 Oct 1847. - George GREGORY, Paulton, aged 2 (cholera), buried at Paulton 3 Nov 1849.

William GREGORY, coal miner of Paulton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1835, 1839 and 1842.

The 1851 Census finds William GREGORY, aged 52, coal miner, wife Leah 45 and son John 15, coal miner, all born Paulton, living in Paulton.]

[*Below William GREGORY's Examination*]

The Examination of Zeporah, the Wife of Frederick SIMS of Paulton aforesaid, Coal Miner, touching the settlement of the above named **William GREGORY**. Taken on Oath, this 15th day of July 1828.

Who upon her Oath saith, that the said William GREGORY is her son by her former Husband, Jacob GREGORY deceased, that the said Jacob GREGORY was a natural Child, as she hath heard and believes, of Betty HARDING of High Littleton in the said County, by Richard GREGORY, formerly of Paulton aforesaid, that she hath heard and believes that the said Jacob GREGORY was born in the said Parish of High Littleton; saith, that the said Richard GREGORY, after the birth of the said Jacob GREGORY, intermarried with the said Betty HARDING and had several Children by her; saith, that she was married, by Banns, to the said Jacob GREGORY, at Paulton aforesaid, about 30 years ago, and that, during such her first Marriage, the said William GREGORY was born; saith, that she does not know any thing of her said first Husband gaining a settlement for himself; saith, that her former Husband was on two occasions recognized by the Parishioners of High Littleton as settled in that Parish, whilst he was living in the Parish of Paulton, by them giving him two Blankets at Christmas and, whilst her said first Husband was ill, High Littleton Parish relieved them twice whilst they were living in Paulton and that since his death High Littleton Parish maintained two of their Children for several years. The Mark of X Zeporah SIMES.

Taken and Sworn before me Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-31.

[*Note:* Jacob the bastard son of Betty HARDING, single woman of High Littleton and Richard GREGORY, coal miner of Paulton, was born c.Jul/Aug 1767.

Richard GREGORY married Betty HARDING at Paulton 30 May 1768 and had at least 7 more children at Paulton between 1772 and 1794. Jacob assumed the surname GREGORY.

Jacob GREGORY otp married Sipporah BULL otp by banns at Paulton 25 Dec 1797.

William son of Jacob & Sepperah GREGORY bapt. at Paulton 25 Dec 1798.

Jacob son of Jacob & Sepperah GREGORY bapt. at Paulton 4 Mar 1804.

Richard son of Jacob & Sepperah GREGORY bapt. at Paulton 11 Nov 1806.

Betty dau. of Jacob & Zipprah GREGORY bapt. at Paulton 29 Jan 1810.

Grace dau. of Jacob & Sepperah GREGORY bapt. at Paulton 13 Sep 1812.

Jacob GREGORY of Paulton received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1808 and 1818, following which is a note "dead".

Jacob son of Richard & Betty GREGORY, Paulton, aged 50, was buried at Paulton 20 May 1818.

Overseers' Accounts record on 25 May 1818 relief paid to Jacob GREGORY's wife and 2 children, he being dead at Paulton. Vestry Minutes of 9 Aug 1818 agreed that Jacob GREGORY's 2 children should have 1/6 p.w. instead of 1/-. Minutes of 27 Mar 1820 approved relief of 2/6 p.w. to Jacob GREGORY's 2 children (1/3 each) in the weekly calendar and Accounts for 1820/1 show this was paid for the whole year. Minutes of 27 Mar 1821 reduced the relief to 1/- p.w. for each child. Minutes of 26 Mar 1822 approved relief of 1/- p.w. to Jacob GREGORY, which was renewed at the same amount in minutes of 26 Mar 1823. Minutes of 25 March 1824 approved relief of 2/- per fortnight to Jacob's child.

Frederick SIMSx widower otp married Sapphira GREGORYx widow otp by banns at Bath Abbey 11 Apr 1819.]

110. County of Somerset.

The Examination of William DURNELL at present residing in the Parish of Publow in the said County of Somerset, Laborer, touching the place of his last legal Settlement, taken on Oath this 11 day of December 1828. Who saith, that he is about 28 years of age and was born in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset (as he has heard and believes), where his Father and Mother, John DURNELL and Mary DURNELL, were settled Inhabitants, by his Father living at Service with Jacob MOGG Sen'r Esq're; That this Examinant did nothing to gain a Settlement in his own right, until about Lady Day 1824 when he made an agreement with Mr John COOMBS of Redcatch Farm at Knowle in the Parish of Bedminster in the said County of Somerset, Farmer, to serve him for a twelve month as a Servant in Husbandry, at the Wages of Six Pounds and Board and Lodging in the said Farm House; That he served out the said twelve month accordingly, when he made a fresh agreement with his Master for a half year's Service, at the Wages of Eight Pounds p. year, Board and Lodging, but he only served about a quarter of a year under this last agreement and then left his Master's Service, having first received his Quarter's Wages; That he has done nothing since to gain him a Settlement any where; That he is now unmarried. The X mark of William DURNELL.

Taken and Sworn before me, the day and year first above written, Tho's WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/far.g. 4/1/3-18.

[Note: William was born c.1800 the son of John DURNELL and his wife Mary BARROW, who married at Bedminster 17 Apr 1797.

William, aged 11, was removed with his parents (wrongly called DANIEL) from Temple, Bristol to High Littleton by Order dated 16 Apr 1812.

William DURNELL of Paulton and otp married Patience BATH otp by licence at Farrington Gurney 14 Dec 1828.]

111. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Edward Davis GULLOCK now residing in the Parish of Chewton Mendip, labourer, touching the Place of his last legal Settlement, taken on Oath this 9th day of March 1830.

Who deposeth as follows, Viz't: I am about 56 Years old and was born in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, as I have been informed and verily believes, but my Father's Settlement was in the Parish of Farmborough in the said County, as I have been informed by him and also believe; my Mother in law [*Step mother*] is now living in the Parish of Farmborough aforesaid and receiving Parochial aid of the Parish Officers there. About the age of 20 Years I entered His Majesty's Service in the Navy and continued there 16 Years and was discharged about the Year 1815. Since I have been discharged from His Majesty's Service I have done no act, to the best of my knowledge, to acquire a Settlement; about ten years ago I was married by Banns to Catherine (PICKERING), in the Parish Church of Chewton Mendip in the said County, by whom I have now two Children, namely, Mary Ann aged about ten years and Matilda aged about three Years and I am now chargeable to the said Parish of Chewton Mendip. The Mark of X Edward Davis GULLICK.

Taken before us Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset. H.H. MOGG, Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/chewt.m. 13/3/21. Also SRO DD/X/DDN1-44 for Typed Copy.

[Note: Edward Davies son of Charles GULLOCK & Helenor bapt. at High Littleton 10 Jan 1773.

Edward's father, Charles GULLOCK (born c.1739/40), resided in High Littleton under a Certificate from Farmborough dated 10 Oct 1768. Charles GULLOCK married three times - Esther TUCKER (in 1762), Eleanora DAVIS (1767) and Mary SAGE (1777). Judging by the christian names, his second wife Eleanor (Helenor) was probably a child of Edward DAVIS and Eleanor SAGE, who married in 1734.

For no obvious reason Edward Davis GULLOCK dropped his father's surname and used his mother's maiden name for much of his life.

Edward DAVIS otp married Catharine PICKERING otp by banns at Chewton Mendip 1 Feb 1819.

Mary Ann dau. of Edward & Catharine DAVIS, Chewton Mendip, labourer, bapt. at Chewton Mendip 13 Jun 1819. - Mary Ann DAVIS, Clutton Union Workhouse, aged 27, buried at Farmborough 21 Jan 1849.

Matilda dau. of Edward & Catharine DAVIS, Chewton Mendip, labourer, bapt. at Chewton Mendip 24 Sep 1826.

Edward Davis GULLICK and Catharine his wife and Mary Ann and Matilda their children were removed from Chewton Mendip to Farmborough by Order dated 9 Mar 1830.

Edward son of Edward & Catharine DAVIS, Farmborough, labourer, bapt. at Farmborough 31 Oct 1830. Clutton Union Workhouse Register records the death of Edward DAVIS, Farmborough, aged 11, on 31 Dec 1843. - Edward DAVIS, Clutton Union Workhouse, aged 11, buried at Farmborough 5 Jan 1844.

Caroline a daughter was born c.1835/6.

Charles a son was born c.1837. - Clutton Union Workhouse Register records the death of Charles DAVIS, Farmborough, aged 5, on 18 Jun 1844. - Charles DAVIS Clutton Union Workhouse, aged 5, buried at Farmborough 20 Jun 1844.

The 1841 Census finds Edward DAVIS, aged 65, ag. lab., Matilda 15, Edward 10, Caroline 5 and Charles 4, living in a Parish Poor House in Farrington Gurney.

Edward ended his days in Clutton Union Workhouse, where the Register records that Edward DAVIS, Farmborough, aged 67, died on 29 Jun 1841. - Edward DAVIS, Clutton Workhouse, aged 57 (*sic*), was buried at Farmborough 1 Jul 1841.]

112. Copy of Examination.

County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of George ESTCOURT [ESCOTT], at present residing in the Parish of Timsbury in the County of Somerset, touching the place of his last legal Settlement, taken upon oath before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the peace for the said County, this 30 day of December 1830.

Who on his Oath saith, that in the Month of March One Thousand eight hundred and seven, he hired himself to Richard BROOKS of Kingwell Farm in the parish of High Littleton in the said county, Butcher, to serve him as a Bailiff, at the yearly wages of fifteen pounds a year, that he lived there under that hiring till the year One Thousand eight hundred and eleven, when his Wife came to live at Kingwell Farm & he made a fresh agreement with Richard BROOKS and he was to receive Twenty pounds a year for himself, and his Wife was to receive ten pounds a year, she being there as an in-door Servant, that he boarded and lodged in the House all the while he was there, that he and his Wife staid there till the month of July 1813, when they both left, in consequence of having a family and went to reside at Sion Place in the Parish [of] Clutton, in a small cottage there, but did not pay more than Four guineas a year for it, and while he was living there, he rented a small Paddock of Mr George MOGG, for which he paid Five pounds a year, that the Paddock was situated in the parish of Farmborough in the said County, that he did not keep the paddock more than twelve months in consequence of Mr George MOGG's death [George MOGG died in May 1818], that he hath not done anything to acquire a Settlement, to the best of his knowledge, except as is here stated, since the year 1813, that he has had two Children, both of whom are living, one named Mary Ann aged about nineteen years, and John aged about seventeen years. The mark of X George ESTCOURT.

Taken and sworn before me, the day and year first above mentioned, Signed John PARISH.

[Slip attached] - This is to certify that George ESTCOURT rented a House of me, situate in Clutton, at the yearly rent of Five pounds p'r year, for several years. Wm. BUSH, Jan'y 31st 1831. Witness Jos'h HARRIS. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-32.

[Note: George ESKETT bach. of High Littleton married Hannah PITT spin. otp by banns at Walcot 15 Apr 1811.

Mary Ann dau. of George ESCOTT & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 15 Mar 1812.

John son of George & Hannah ESCOTT, High Littleton, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Apr 1813.

Overseers' Accounts record the payment of 2/- p.w. relief in the weekly calendar to George ESCOTT, ill, from 6 Jan 1832 until 1835, when there is a note "died 23 Mar".

George ESCOTT, High Littleton, aged 52, was buried at Timsbury 29 Mar 1835.

Relief was subsequently paid to Hannah. Vestry Minutes of 21 Dec 1842 recommended that Hannah ESCOTT's relief should be reduced from 2/6 to 1/6 p.w. or she be put in the workhouse.

The 1851 Census finds Hannah ESCOTT, aged 70, widow, pauper, born Brokenborough, Wilts. living at Timsbury Bottom.]

113. County of Somerset.

The Examination of George CURTIS, at present residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Labourer. Taken this Twenty third day of November One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty one.

Who being duly Sworn, on his oath saith as follows, Viz't: I am about Forty seven [altered from 40] Years old and was born in the Parish of Chewton Mendip in the County of Somerset, as I have heard and believe, where my Parents, Zebide and Mary CURTIS, were settled Inhabitants. When I was about Sixteen Years old, I went to live at Service with The Rev'd W. STEPHENS (afterwards KINGSMILL) at Chewton Mendip aforesaid, as a Gentleman's Servant. I was hired by the Year and I continued in such Service for two Years. I have done nothing to acquire a subsequent Settlement, to the best of my knowledge. About 28 Years ago, I was married at Ottery Saint Mary, in the County of Devon, to Grace (STEPHENS), my present Wife, by whom I have Five Children, namely, George aged about 26 Years, now married and living at Farmborough, Henry aged about 16 Years, living at home with me, but working on his own account and able to maintain himself, Mary aged about 14 Years, living at home with me, Elizabeth aged about 9 Years and Abigail aged about 5 Years. George CURTIS.

Taken and Sworn before me (*us deleted*), Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset, G.T. SCOBELL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-33.

[Note: George COURTIS a Somerset Militia man of Chawton Mandip (*sic*) married Gracey STEPHENS of South Molton by banns at Ottery St. Mary 27 Feb 1804.

George a son was born c.1804/5. He married Susanna YOUNG at Farmborough 13 Sep 1829.

Henry a son was born c.1814/5.

Mary a daughter was born c.1816/7.

Elizabeth (aged 3 years) dau. of George & Grace CURTIS, Clutton, mason, bapt. at Clutton 17 Jul 1825. She married John GREGORY.

Abigail dau. of George & Grace CURTIS, Clutton, mason, bapt. at Clutton 17 Jul 1825.

Overseers' Accounts record on 23 Nov 1831 a payment for Geo. CURTIS' examination.

The 1851 Census finds Grace CURTIS, aged 62, widow, pauper, born South Molton, living in Hallatrow Lane, Paulton in the house of her son in law John GREGORY 35, coal miner, born Paulton, daughter Elizabeth GREGORY 31, born Timsbury and their 3 children.]

114. County of Somerset.

The Examination of John DANDO, of Hallatrow in the Parish of High Littleton in this County, Shoe Maker, touching the place of his legal Settlement, taken this 28th day of January 1834.

Who upon his Oath saith as follows, Viz't: I am about 81 years old and was born in the Parish of High Littleton, as I have heard and believe; about 40 years ago, I went to the Parish of Clutton in this County and I there rented a House and some Land, of Dr READ, at the Rent of £64 a year. I occupied it 3 years. I then came back to Hallatrow and took a Lease of the Lord of [the] Manor, of a Piece of Waste Ground, for 99 years, as I believe, determinable on 3 Lives. I paid a Fine of 4 Guineas for the Lease. I built a Dwelling House on this Piece of Ground and I have lived in it ever since. I have renewed the Lease once since. I pay a Lord's Rent of 5s. a year. I have done nothing to acquire a Settlement, save as here stated, to the best of my belief. John DANDO.

Taken and Sworn before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset, H.H. MOGG.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-92.

[Note: John son of John DANDO & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 15 Apr 1753.

John DANDO otp married Isset GOULDx otp by banns at High Littleton 19 Feb 1789.

John son of John DANDO & Isaat bapt. at High Littleton 15 Aug 1790. He married Sarah BARTON at High Littleton 20 Apr 1812.

Mary dau. of John DANDO & Isset bapt. at High Littleton 17 Jun 1792. - Mary DANDO an infant buried at High Littleton 9 Jul 1797.

Harriot dau. of John DANDO & Isset bapt. at High Littleton 28 Sep 1794. She married Joseph NORRIS at High Littleton 16 Nov 1818.

Mary dau. of John DANDO & Isset bapt. at High Littleton 14 Jan 1798. She married George WEEKS at High Littleton 21 Feb 1819.

Peter son of John DANDO & Iset bapt. at High Littleton 30 Mar 1800. He married Mercy FORT at Farrington Gurney 28 May 1823.

Isett DANDO was buried at High Littleton 24 Jun 1806.

The 1802 Survey of Hallatrow records John DANDO as the lessee under the Lords of the Manor and occupier of a house and garden, measuring 10p. (80a on the map), on the north west side of the road between Hallatrow Farm and Hart's Lane.

The 1811 Census finds John DANDO living in Hallatrow with 2 other males and 2 females in the household.

The 1825 Survey of Hallatrow records John DANDO as lessee of the same property as before, but now 12p. and consisting of 2 dwelling houses, bakehouse and garden, occupied by himself and John DANDO junior.

Land Tax Assessments for 1830/1 and 1831/2 record John DANDO sen'r as proprietor and occupier of house and land assessed at 4d.

Overseers' Accounts record on 25 Jan 1834 the cost of a summons for John and Peter DANDO - *presumably about their settlements, although an examination survives only for the former.*

The Tithe Survey of 1839 records John DANDO as owner and occupier of the same cottages and gardens (452 on the map).

John DANDO senior, shoemaker of Hallatrow, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on several occasions between 1808 and 1839.

John DANDO, Hallatrow, aged 86, was buried at High Littleton 23 Jan 1840.

By Will dated 18 Jan 1836, proved at Wells 15 Jul 1840 by son Peter DANDO, coal miner of Hallatrow, John DANDO left the following: 1. To his grandson John DANDO, eldest son of John DANDO, his leasehold house and blacksmith's shop in Hallatrow, occupied by James HARDING, blacksmith, and half his garden ground; 2. To his son Peter DANDO his other leasehold house in Hallatrow with the other half of his garden ground, subject to paying an annuity of 15/- to his daughter Harriet, wife of George WEEKS, coal miner of Hallatrow, and an annuity of 15/- to his daughter Harriet, wife of Joseph NORRIS, coal miner of Hallatrow. His sons Peter and John DANDO were to pay all the rates and taxes on the houses; 3. To Ann NORRIS, daughter of Harriet NORRIS, all household goods, furniture etc. and the residue of his estate. Executor Peter DANDO, Estate valued at under £100.]

115. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Martha ROBERTS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, touching the place of her last legal Settlement, taken upon Oath, this Eleventh day of February 1834.

Who upon her Oath saith as follows, Viz't: I was born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid; my Maiden name was HARRIS. I was married to Thomas ROBERTS, a Seaman, in the Parish Church of High Littleton aforesaid, by Banns, about thirty years ago. He was then one of the Ship's Company on board the Tender in King Road, Bristol. He continued in such Service for a twelvemonth or so and happened to be at home with me at High Littleton on leave of absence, when the Tender, on making one of it's Voyages with Impressed Seamen to Plymouth, was taken by the French Enemy and carried into France. He then went to work on board the Canal Boats in Wilts. and Berks. for some time, and then went to America from Bristol, as a Seaman on board a Merchant Vessel, for a Six Months Voyage. He then came home to me again at High Littleton, and then went on board the Canal Boats as before, for some time. His last Voyage that I know of, as a Boatman, was to London from Berks.; he returned to me at High Littleton from London and staid about three days, and then left me, saying he was going to Bristol to get a job, and I have not seen or heard from him since. It is 18 years ago the 6th of last May, that he left me. We were married about 9 years before he left me. My Husband never rented any thing, or done any thing, to gain himself a Settlement after our Marriage, that I know of. I never heard from him where his Settlement was. I have heard him say he was in the Irish Rebellion, and I have heard he was an Irishman. When I was married, I was living with my Father, Wm. HARRIS, at High Littleton, and continued in the same House for about 3 quarters of a year, when my Husband took a House and Garden of Mrs STAPLE in Comebesham Lane in the Parish of Farmborough in this County, at Seven Pounds p. year, where I lived 4 years, and then my Father and I went to live at Farrington Gurney, in a House which the late Mr Jacob MOGG rented for me of William COLLINS, where I lived four years, Mr Jacob MOGG paying the rent, when I went into another House at Farrington, which Mr MOGG took of Aaron HAM for me and paid the rent of £5 p. year for 2 years, and then he took another for me at £7 p. year in Farrington, where I lived another two years, and then Mrs Jacob MOGG died and I lived with him at High Littleton for 13 Months, as a Servant. I went to live with Mr Jacob MOGG until he could get a Servant; he paid me for my Services, at the expiration of that period, two Guineas in Money and some Clothes, when I left him and he put me into the House in which I now live at High

Littleton, to live rent-free and where I have lived ever since. When I lived with Mr Jacob MOGG as Servant, my Husband had left me. Whilst I was living at Farrington my Husband lived with me occasionally and the Parish Officers of Farrington had him Examined before the Magistrates at Old Down and, when he came home, he said High Littleton was his Parish. I never had any Children. I believe my Father's Parish was High Littleton, as he was born and bred there, I believe, and he received regular Pay at 2s. p. Week from that Parish, whilst he was living with me in Farrington. He died at Farrington and was buried at High Littleton. My Mother's name was Martha TUCKER, and she has been dead near 40 years, I believe. I lived at home with my Father at High Littleton until I was about fourteen years of age, when I went to live at Service in Bath. I lived in various Places afterwards, but the last Place in which I lived as a Servant, before my Marriage, was with Mr Jacob MOGG in Alfred Street, on Kingsdown, Bristol, which I believe is in the Out-Parish of St. James. I bargained with Mrs MOGG at 8 Guineas p. year. I was Maid of all Work. I staid there about a year and a quarter, when I left in consequence of breaking a Blood Vessel. I then came home to my Father's, where I staid until my Marriage. I received my full wages of Mrs MOGG. Martha ROBERTS.

Taken and Sworn, the Day and Year aforesaid, T. WILLIAMS, Jno. PARISH.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-94.

[Note: Martha dau. of William HARRIS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 25 Sep 1764.

Martha's mother Martha (nee TUCKER) was buried at High Littleton 22 Nov 1796 and father William HARRIS (then of Farrington Gurney, aged 80) was buried at High Littleton 12 Dec 1819.

Thomas ROBERTS^x otp married Martha HARRIS otp by banns at High Littleton 3 Jun 1805.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records Martha ROBERTS as the occupier of a tenement and garden (188 on the map) on the west side of High St. opposite Timsbury Road, belonging to the Exors. of Jacob MOGG dec'd.

Overseers' Accounts record on 11 Feb 1834 a payment to Mr WILLIAMS for the examination of Martha ROBERTS.

The Tithe Survey of 1839 shows Martha ROBERTS as occupier of a cottage and garden (15a on the map), belonging to Jno. Geo. MOGG.

The 1841 Census finds Martha ROBERTS, aged 76, dependant and John HARRIS 15, living in High Littleton.

Vestry Minutes of 21 Dec 1842 resolved that Martha ROBERTS' relief should be reduced from 2/6 to 1/6 p.w. as she pays no rent and doesn't belong to this parish - she married a husband named ROBERTS and won't give her examination.

Martha ROBERTS, High Littleton, aged 80, was buried at High Littleton 15 Mar 1845.]

116. County of Somerset.

The Examination of John BRODRIBB, at present residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Laborer, touching the place of his last legal Settlement, taken upon Oath, this Twenty Sixth day of May 1834.

Who upon his Oath saith as follows, Viz't: I am 60 years of age and was born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as I have heard and verily believe. I lived with my Father Joseph BRODRIBB in his own Estate at Hallatrow, in the said Parish of High Littleton, until he sold it to Farmer John COOK, when he went to live in a House at High Littleton he rented of Mr Lawrence LANSDOWN, for 3 or 4 years, when he went to Kennicot, in the Parish of Dunkerton in this County and rented an Estate there of Mr KELSON of Kennicot, for 3 years, and then he went to Southampton for 2 or 3 years, when he died there. I left my Father for the first time when he went to Southampton. I was about 22 years old when he left Hallatrow, and about 27 or 28 when my Father left Kennicot. I lodged at Camerton and other places for about two or three years after my Father left Kennicot and worked about as a Sawyer or Laborer. I then went to Whitchurch near Bristol in the Year 1806 and bargained with Mr George HALL of the Rookery for a twelvemonth from Lady day, as an Indoor Servant in Husbandry, at the Wages of £13. I staid with him under this Hiring for 3 years without making any fresh Bargain and received my full Wages. I left him at Lady day 1809 and went to live with another Mr George HALL, at Fillwood Farm in the said Parish of Whitchurch, who was usually called Witshire George, who had a Cousin living with him also named George HALL, who was usually called Ashton George. I bargained with Wiltshire George for a twelvemonth from Lady day 1809 at an increase of Wages. I lived with him under this Hiring, as an Indoor Servant in Husbandry, for more than twelvemonth, when he left Filwood Farm for Bitton, leaving his Cousin Ashton George in the occupation of Filwood Farm, with whom I lived at Filwood under the same Hiring until the 6th February 1812, when I left in consequence of illness, having been sent by my Master to Bristol Infirmary. I staid in the Infirmary until the 23rd May following, when I came home to my Mother at Hallatrow, where I have lived ever since, and worked about as a Day Laborer and have done nothing since to gain me a Settlement. I was never married. I am now out of Employ and am chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. [unsigned].

Taken and Sworn, the Day and Year aforesaid, before me Jno. PARISH, One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-97.

[Note: John son of Joseph & Martha BRODRIBB bapt. at Clutton 10 Jan 1775.

Joseph BRODRIBB's estate in Hallatrow was Tennis Court Farm.

John's mother Martha BRODRIBB, Hallatrow, aged 70, was buried at High Littleton 13 Jan 1815. Overseers' Accounts record on 11 Jun 1834 a payment for the examination of John BRODRIBB.]

117. (Copy)

Somerset to wit.

The Examination of Richard JENKINS now residing in the Parish of Stanton Drew in the said County, taken on Oath this 13 day of February 1835.

Who saith, that he was born in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, as he hath heard and believes; that between thirty and forty years ago, he hired himself to James HIPPISEY of the Parish of Stanton Drew, Farmer, for a year at certain wages, that he lived in such service a whole year. And that about twenty years ago, he hired himself to Edward STRACHEY Esq're of Sutton Court in the Parish of Chew Magna in the said County, at the wages of Eighteen Guineas & Board and Lodging, that he lived in such service a whole year and received his wages, and afterwards lived four years more under the same hiring. And this Deponent saith, that he hath done no act (save as aforesaid) to acquire a Settlement and is now actually chargeable to the said Parish of Stanton Drew. Richard X JENKINS his mark.

Sworn before Us James PHILLOTT, G.T. SEYMOUR.

SRO D/P/che.m. 13/3/4a-89.

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

The 1841 Census finds Richard JENKINS, aged 70, pauper, in Clutton Union Workhouse.

Clutton Union Workhouse Register records that Richard JENKINS, Chew Magna, aged 73, died 12 Jul 1841 from general debility and spitting blood. - Richard JENKINS, Clutton Union Workhouse, aged 76, was buried at Chew Magna 15 Jul 1841.]

118. County of Somerset.

The Examination of Hannah TUCKER, Spinster, at present residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, touching the place of her last legal Settlement, taken upon Oath, this nineteenth day of December 1836.

Who, upon her Oath saith as follows, Viz't: I am nearly twenty years of age, and was born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as I have heard and believe. My Parents' Names were John and Mary TUCKER, who were, as I have heard, settled Inhabitants of High Littleton Parish by Birth. My Father died at High Littleton in the Month of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty (and was a Collier) but my Mother is still alive there, and I now reside with her. She now receives Parochial relief from that Parish. I lived at High Littleton with my Father and Mother until his death, when I went to live with Mr JAMES, the Carpenter at Brislington in this County and staid there less than three Months. I then came back to High Littleton and lived with Mr William MAGGS for six Months. I then went to live with Mr RICHARDS in the Corridor, at Bath for four Months. I then returned to High Littleton to my Mother and staid a Week or two, and then went into Bath and lived with Mrs SPENCER in Old Orchard Street, which I believe is in St. James's Parish, Bath, for fifteen or sixteen Months. I went first for a Week on Trial but made no particular agreement, only that I was to have a Shilling p. Week Wages. I received my Wages Weekly and gave a Week's notice when I left. I was Maid of all Work. No particular time was mentioned for my staying and my Sister, Mercy BANNISTER of Bath, first spoke to Mrs SPENCER about my living with her. I considered myself a Weekly Servant. On my leaving Mrs SPENCER's I came home to my Mother's for a few Weeks and then went to Bradford in the County of Wilts. under a bargain with The Reverend Mr BUTTON, a Wesleyan Minister there. He bargained with me at my Mother's House, in the presence of my Mother, to live with him a Month upon Trial and, if I then staid with him, I was to have Five Pounds per year Wages, and I was to give or receive a Month's Notice on leaving his Service. Nothing was said as to time. I went for the Month on Trial, at the end of which, nothing was said by either party, and I continued to live with him at Bradford for about six weeks more than a year and a half, except that at two different periods I went with my Master and Mistress to Westwood, about two Miles from Bradford, for a Week or two at a time. I received my Wages quarterly. I left his Service without any Notice, in consequence of his being removed to a Circuit in Cornwall. I then came home for a short time, and then went to live with Mrs DANIEL, Wife of Mr DANIEL a Grocer, in the Market Place in the Abbey Parish, Bath. I first went for a fortnight, in consequence of her Servant's illness, and then, from the Servant's not returning, I bargained with Mrs DANIEL to live with her at the Wages of Six Pounds p. year. I staid with her, including the fortnight at first, for about 50 Weeks and left without notice on account of Illness, and received my Wages for the time I actually staid there, and not for a twelvemonth. I went there first on the twenty seventh day of August and left the following twelfth of August last. I came home to my Mother's and have been there ever since. I am now very ill and am chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. I went to live with Mr BUTTON on the twenty second day of November 1833 and left him on the second day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty five. Hannah TUCKER.

Taken and Sworn before me G.T. SCOBELL, One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-34.

[Note: Hannah (born 25 Feb 1817) dau. of John & Mary TUCKER of High Littleton bapt. at Midsomer Norton Wesleyan Methodist Church 1 Apr 1817.

Mercy TUCKER of Bathwick, Hannah's sister, married John BANNESTER at Bathwick 6 Apr 1828.

Hannah TUCKER, High Littleton, aged 20, was buried at High Littleton 7 May 1837.]

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