SETTLEMENT and REMOVAL

The Act of 43 Elizabeth cap. 2 (1601), often called the Great Poor Law, provided the basis for poor law administration lasting well over 200 years. Amongst its provisions was the imposition, on annually appointed Overseers of the Poor of each parish, of the obligation to maintain and provide work for its poor. Such funds as were required for this purpose were to be provided out of a poor rate levied on occupiers of land, impropriators of tithes, coal mines etc.

At this time the poor were able to travel around freely and seek employment outside of their own parish. Inevitably they would gravitate towards parishes where the best employment opportunities lay, where there were plenty of wastes and commons on which to build cottages, free wood to burn and other advantages. Rogues and vagabonds, who were not too interested in working, roamed the country and also exploited "softer" parishes. This did not please local ratepayers, who accepted the obligation to support their own paupers, but did not take kindly to providing relief for strangers and vagrants and clearly something needed to be done.

The Poor Relief Act of 14 Charles II c.12 (1662) established the law of Settlement and Removal and brought about severe restrictions on the mobility of the poor. Upon complaint being made by the Churchwardens and Overseers to a Justice of the Peace, within 40 days, that a stranger was attempting to settle in their parish, two Justices were empowered to order his removal to the place where he last dwelt for 40 days, unless he rented a tenement with a yearly value of £10 or more or could provide adequate security to indemnify the parish against any future expenses it might incur on his behalf. Few incomers had sufficient means to qualify for either of these two exemptions.

Many parishes relied on itinerant workers for harvesting and seasonal work, when there was a short term demand for more labour than was available locally. Provision was made for this in the Act, whereby a stranger was permitted to reside temporarily in a parish, provided he brought with him an indemnity certificate from his own parish of settlement, agreeing to have him back. Certificates dating back to 1662 have survived for a few Somerset parishes, and even the occasional one predating the Act, but none survive for High Littleton.

The wording of the 1662 Act clearly inferred that 40 days residence in a parish constituted a legal settlement and thereby entitled a pauper to relief from that parish. Since a parish's ratepayers provided the funds for payment of relief, they took great care to ensure that no stranger gained a settlement in their parish and thereby became a potential burden to them. In a small parish it was not easy for a stranger to escape the attentions of one of the parish officers for long and consequently an order of removal was usually sought within a few days of his arrival. Nevertheless, there was a general feeling that an unacceptable number of strangers managed to avoid detection by successfully concealing themselves for the required 40 days and that steps should be taken to make it more difficult to gain a settlement by this means. This was largely achieved by an Act of 1 James II c.17 (1685), which stipulated that the 40 days residency was to be reckoned from the time when a stranger gave written notice of arrival to one of the parish overseers or churchwardens. An Act of 3 William & Mary c.11 (1691) made things even harder, by obliging the would-be settler to inform the parish officers of where he was living and the extent of his family, these details to be recorded in a parish book and notice read out in church after Sunday service.

The 1691 Act also established four more ways by which a settlement could be gained, without giving notice, namely, (i) by being bound apprentice to a parishioner, by indenture, (ii) by hiring and service for a year in the parish, whilst unmarried and having no children, (iii) by serving a parish office and (iv) by paying the parish rate. This concession helped a few but, for the vast majority of the poor, it was still almost impossible to reside legally outside of their parish of settlement. Some persons took advantage of the hiring and service qualification, by entering into an engagement for a year, with the intention of serving a few weeks only and still claimed a settlement. This loophole was closed in an Act of 1696/7.

One of the most important features of the Act of 8 & 9 William & Mary c.30 (1696/7) was the introduction of the Settlement Certificate (also called an Indemnity Certificate or Discharge). This was a certificate, directed from one parish to another, acknowledging the person named therein to be legally settled in the first parish and guaranteeing to receive him back if he became chargeable to the second parish. With a Settlement Certificate a stranger could reside in a new parish for as long as he liked and was only liable to be removed if he became actually chargeable by claiming parish relief. Whilst a certificated person could not subsequently gain a legal settlement in the new parish under the 40 day rule, he could gain a settlement there by renting a tenement of £10 p.a. or being placed in and serving some annual office [9 & 10 William III c.11(1697/8)]. If a certificated person, who had not subsequently gained a settlement, took an apprentice or hired a servant for a year, the latter

could not gain a settlement there by virtue of the apprenticeship or hiring; unlike an apprentice or servant of a settled inhabitant [12 Anne c.18 (1713/4)].

The owner occupier of an estate could claim a settlement in the parish where his estate was situated. However some persons contrived to purchase a fictitious estate or one of small value, in order to gain a settlement. The Act of 9 George I c.7 (1722/3) put a stop to this by stipulating that the estate had to have a minimum value of £30 p.a.

An Act of 3 George II c.29 (1729/30) tightened up the regulations regarding the issue of Settlement Certificates, by obliging the witnesses to make oath before the Justices that they had actually seen the parish officers sign and seal the certificate. The Justices then had to certify that the oath had been made. Another provision of that Act made the pauper's parish of settlement responsible for the cost of his removal.

The persons covered by a certificate varied. In some cases a certificate was restricted to a named individual, which might state his occupation. Some also named the person's wife and children, together with the ages of the latter. Others certificates were more general, omitting the wife's name, and referred to all present and future children and even any apprentices the person might take. High Littleton records provide several examples of the system in action: a stranger would attempt to settle in the parish; he was examined to ascertain his parish of settlement; if his settlement was found to be elsewhere, an order was obtained and he was removed to his own parish; a short while later he would return to High Littleton, this time with a Settlement Certificate, and was allowed to stay. Of those who came to High Littleton with a certificate, many only stayed for a short time but others remained for the rest of their lives, as did their children and grandchildren (by right of the original certificate), periodically suffering removal to their parish of settlement when they became chargeable, only to return later when they were no longer in need of relief. Settlement Certificates can provide researchers with valuable information concerning the place of origin of persons who came to live in High Littleton and details of their dependants. One should however be aware that not all incomers came directly from their parish of settlement and might have been residing in a different parish immediately prior to their arrival in High Littleton.

Whilst the various Acts set out the basic means by which a settlement could be gained, it was inevitable that anomalies arose, which ensured that the lawyers were kept busy. Resulting Case Law gradually provided detailed interpretations of the Statute Law and the following are early examples:

A wife takes her husband's legal settlement on marriage and any subsequent settlements he earns. If the husband is a covenanted servant to a master in one parish, where he is all day, but has a house in another parish, where he sleeps at night, his wife and family shall continue in the latter place, where they are settled but if the husband takes a house in the parish where his master is, then husband, wife and family are settled in the parish where he is employed (Dalt.).

If a father has a legal settlement in a parish, his children are deemed to be settled there also. However, if the father has no legal settlement, then his children gain a settlement where they are born (2 Bulst. 351).

If the parents of poor children die wandering, the children are to be provided for by the parish where they were born, for the place of birth is a certain settlement and is not altered by the parents afterwards wandering with them (Bulst. Rep. 351).

If a pregnant woman is sent to the House of Correction and gives birth there, the child gains a settlement where the mother last dwelt before being imprisoned (2 Bulst. 358).

If a travelling woman with unweaned child is apprehended, tried, condemned and executed, the child shall be sent to its place of birth if known, otherwise to the place where the mother was apprehended (Dalt. 158).

If a man settled in one parish marries a woman with children by a former husband, who was settled in a different parish, his wife takes her new husband's settlement but her children by her first husband retain their original settlement. Whilst such children over the age of 7 cannot be removed from their place of settlement, those under the age of 7 remain with their mother for nurture, but at the charge of their original parish of settlement (2 Salk. 470, 482).

If a person rents 2 tenements of £5 p.a. each, this gains a settlement under the £10 rule. However, renting a piece of land of £10 p.a. without a house belonging to it, does not gain a settlement (Hill, 1710).

If a person rents a tenement of £10 p.a. for a month it does not gain a settlement but if he continues for 40 days it gains a settlement under the 40 day rule (Parker, Chief Justice).

A person chosen by the parson as Parish Clerk, who continues for a year and received his fees and duties, gains a settlement as a parish officer (Mich. 1711).

For a servant to gain a settlement under the hiring and service for a year rule, it must be one entire hiring and one entire year's service. However, a hiring from Lady Day to Michaelmas, immediately followed by a hiring from Michaelmas to the following Lady Day, is deemed to be an entire hiring for a year (Hill 10 W.3).

A maid servant hired for a year but turned away on account of sickness, before the year expired, nevertheless gains a settlement (Style 168).

An unmarried person hired for a year, who marries before the year has expired, cannot be removed and gains a settlement on completion of the year's service (2 Salk 527).

If a servant, hired for a year in one parish, removes with his master to another parish after 6 months and then lives with him there, he gains a settlement in the latter parish.

A yearly servant to a lodger or visitor in a parish can still gain a settlement even though his master does not have a settlement there (Mod. Cas. L. & E. 50).

A person bound apprentice by indenture gains a settlement wherever he continues 40 days in his master's service and wherever he serves the last 40 days is the place of his last legal settlement (Hill. 4 Ann. B. R.).

An apprentice, who served 2 years in one parish and then was turned over to another master in another parish, where he serves out the remainder of his time, gains a settlement in the latter parish (Trin. 9 Geo. 1).

An Act of 17 George II c.5 (1743/4) stated that a bastard, born in a parish where the mother is not settled, should inherit its mother's settlement. Hitherto it would have gained a settlement in its parish of birth. An Act of 31 George II c.11(1758) tightened up the law relating to settlement of apprentices so that thenceforth it was necessary for properly drawn up writings or indentures to be signed and the documents stamped to show that ad valorem duty had been paid. In any event an apprentice retained his former settlement until he had slept in his master's parish for 40 days.

As time went on, many parish officers would tolerate, often for years, the presence of an incomer without a certificate, especially if he was healthy, doing a useful job and did nothing which was likely to gain himself a legal settlement there. However, even though he might never have become chargeable, he was still liable to be examined and removed at any time when the Vestry was having a purge on sojourners, perhaps because the population was growing faster than jobs, food was getting scarcer, or if he got married, had a child or otherwise came to the attention of the Vestry.

An important change in the poor law was made in an Act of 35 George III c.101 (1794/5), which provided that a stranger could only be removed from a parish if he was actually chargeable. This effectively put him in a similar position to that enjoyed by a certificated person. Thereafter, so long as a person didn't need relief, there was nothing to stop him residing in any parish he chose. Another feature of the 1794/5 Act was that the Justices were granted discretion to suspend orders of removal made on sick and infirm persons.

An Act of 59 George III c.50 (1819) extended the 40 day residency rule to a period of 1 year. In addition it stipulated that the rent of a £10 tenement had to have been paid for one year for a settlement to be gained by this means. The definition of a tenement was also clarified as a separate and distinct building or land. Hitherto a tenement had been held to include the lease of a dairy of cows and other non-landed property from which income could be earned.

Lawyers continued to profit, as parishes employed them to establish the settlement of paupers in complicated cases and much court time was expended in dealing with appeals. Counsel's opinion was frequently sought on obstruse points and case law grew. For instance, it was decided, that - where a house straddled the boundary of two parishes, the crucial factor was where the person actually slept - toll gatekeepers were excluded from gaining a settlement by virtue of residency, however long they were employed in their job in a parish - a rate collected for a county bridge did not count as a parish rate, even though collected by parish officers from the parish ratepayers.

Meanwhile overseers and their agents were kept busy transporting paupers and their belongings across the country to their respective parishes of settlement. Many removals were to parishes only a few miles away but some could be the other end of the kingdom, involving considerable time and expense. It was not uncommon for an overseer to deliver two families together to a parish and there collect another being removed in the opposite direction.

The Poor Law Amendment Act of 4 & 5 William IV c.76 (1834), which introduced Poor Law Unions, made great changes to the laws of settlement and removal. Thenceforth a settlement could not be gained by a hiring and service which had not already been completed. A settlement could not be gained by occupying a tenement unless poor rates had been paid on it for a year. Apprenticeships in the sea service and to fishermen no longer earned a settlement. Bastards took their mother's settlement until they were 16 or gained an earlier settlement in

their own right. Men, after marriage, were liable to support their children, whether legitimate or illegitimate, as part of the family.

The system for effecting a removal became more bureaucratic after the 1834 Act and no person could be removed until a Notice of Chargeability had been sent to the receiving parish. After the grouping of a number of parishes into a Union, there was little point in physically removing paupers within the same Union, who would end up in the same Workhouse which served both the removing and receiving parish. The examination of such paupers might still be necessary to ascertain to which parish the Union should charge the relief paid out.

Later Acts reduced the number of removals further. The Act of 9 & 10 Victoria c.66 (1846) ordered that anyone who had resided in a parish for 5 years could not be removed, although it did not give the person a settlement there. The Act of 24 & 25 Victoria c.55 (1861) rendered a person irremovable after 3 years residence and that of 28 & 29 Victoria c.79 (1865) reduced the period to 1 year after 25 March 1866. An Act of 39 & 40 Victoria c.61 (1876) introduced more changes. Anyone who had resided in a parish for 3 years and become irremovable could claim a settlement there. Derivative settlements were abolished except in the case of a wife from her husband or a child under 16 from a parent. Guardians instead of overseers were empowered to apply for removal orders. Poor Law Unions were finally abolished under an Act of 19 & 20 George V c.17 (1929).

A large proportion of documents relating to removals, both to and from High Littleton parish, have survived and are to be found at Somerset Record Office. In a few cases there remains only a brief reference to a removal having taken place but in others, especially in the later years when the system had become more bureaucratic or an appeal was involved, many different documents survive for each removal process. All these have been transcribed in full, as much to demonstrate the process at work and the changing legal requirements, as for the information contained therein. The most interesting of the documents relating to removal are the Examinations or Grounds for Removal, which may reveal fascinating details of the pauper's lives and it is surprising to read how widely travelled many were. The purpose of the examination was to draw out any information that would have a bearing on the pauper's legal place of settlement. Many of those examined were coal miners, who were paid weekly, lived in small tenements and did nothing in their lifetimes to earn a different settlement from that derived from their father, who also may have derived his settlement from his father and so forth. Examinations in such cases might cover two or three generations. Some paupers were removed several times during their life, their removal resulting from such things as accident, sickness, lunacy and bastardy, to just plain simple poverty.

This section contains details of 114 Removals from High Littleton. In a number of instances no documents relative to an order survive and the only evidence of a removal order or intention to apply for an order comes from Vestry Minutes or Overseers' Accounts. Proceedings were discontinued in some cases but nevertheless it was considered useful to include them. Because several persons, who were removed from High Littleton, subsequently returned with a Settlement Certificate, it seemed appropriate to include in the latter part of this section a transcription or note of the 51 Settlement Certificates issued to High Littleton, which have been located. These have been separately numbered and prefixed with a C.

After each case has been added in note form further details ascertained about the persons concerned. Usually these notes serve to confirm or add to the details provided in a pauper's examination but sometimes they expose inaccuracies in the information given by the examinant. Finally, at the end of the transcriptions, there are place and name indexes. These indexes are by Case number rather than Page number, to avoid repetition where details of a case are spread over several pages.

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	Samuel BASSETT	Farmborough	15 Mar	
	James BUSH	Cameley	7 May	
	David COLE	Hinton Blewett	18 Oct	
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	Benjamin HAND	Marksbury	9 Dec	
	James STICKLING (STICKLAND)	Wanstrow	9 Dec	
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95. Thomas ROBBINS	Bristol	Jan	1844
96. Elizabeth PARFITT, spinster	Farmborough	9 Jul	1844
97. Matthew WILLIAMS, wife Harriet & daughter Charlotte	Timsbury	3 Sep	1844
98. Sarah CHIVERS, widow	Kilmersdon	18 Mar	1845
99. Mercy CHIVERS	Kilmersdon	Jul	1845
100. Joyce SLADE, wife of William & children Matilda, Robert			
& an infant	St. George, Glos.	Aug	1845
101. Mercy CHIVERS, aged 18	Kilmersdon	9 Dec	1845
102. Jane SMITH, spinster	Farrington Gurney	3 Feb	1846
103. Thomas PRATTEN & family	Holcombe	Mar	1846
Susannah PRATTEN	Holcombe	Mar	1846
104. Thomas CHIVERS	Kilmersdon	5 May	1846
105. Thomas BRACEY	St. Philip & Jacob, Bristol	9 May	1846
106. Solomon FEAR	Timsbury	21 Nov	1848
107. Sarah CHIVERS, widow	Kilmersdon	16 Jan	1849
108. Sarah JAMES, widow & children Edwin, John & George	Paulton	22 Oct	1850
109. Sarah COBB			1853
110. Richard CLUETT & wife			1855
111. Sarah DODSON, widow & children	Kendal, Westmorland		1856
112. Emma Moore CHARD, wife of William & child Elizabeth	Midsomer Norton	26 Oct	1858
113. Richard CLUETT & wife Betty	Wincanton	8 Nov	1859
114. Mary MINALL wife of Jesse & child Edwin	Ramsbury, Wilts.	22 Oct	1861

SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATES to HIGH LITTLETON

	Subject of the Certificate	Issuing Parish	Date	<u>d</u>
C1	John BEANE, wife & child	Farrington Gurney	28 Apr	1698
C2	William COLE, wife Mary, children David, Francis, Sarah	,		
	& Grace	Hinton Blewett	6 Apr	1700
C3	John NASH & wife Jane	Clutton incomplete	_	1700
C4	John KIRLY, wife Joane & any children	Mells	20 Sep	1702
C5	Cornelius MITTEN, wife Anne & any children	Midsomer Norton	2 Nov	1707
		allowed	3 Nov	1707
C6	John WEBB, wife Elianor & any children	Radstock	12 Jan	1707/8
		allowed	14 Jan	1707/8
C7	John BATH, wife Joane & sons John, Stephen, Abraham			
	& Isaac	Farrington Gurney	12 Oct	1708
C8	Samuell COLLIER, wife Jone & daughter Mary	Stanton Drew	5 Dec	1708
C9	John JAMES, wife Hester & son John	Binegar	5 May	1709
C10	William BROWNE, wife Ann & daughter Deborah	Chewton Mendip		1710/1
	John HARTE, wife Mary & son William	Freshford		1711/2
C12	Richard CHING & wife	Stratton, Cornwall	13 Oct	1717
C13	Aron GANE, wife Deborah & children Mary & John	St. Thomas, Bristol	22 Nov	1723
C14	Isaac ALDREDGE, wife Mary & children Isaac, James	Berkley	30 Oct	1724
	& Mary	allowed	8 Jul	1730
C15	John PALMER coal miner, wife Hester & children John,	Midsomer Norton	14 Feb	1726/7
	Mary, Anne & Rachel	allowed	16 Feb	1726/7
C16	Henry GIBBENS & wife Rebecca	Hinton Blewett	5 Jul	1730
C17	John BARWELL, wife Hannah & children Ann, James,			
	Joseph & Sarah	East Harptree	5 Jul	1730
C18	Francis HEALE the younger, thatcher, wife Martha &	Midsomer Norton	6 Jul	1730
	children James, Eleanor & Elizabeth	allowed	8 Jul	1730
C19	Samuel KELSON, wife Margery & daughter Martha	Croscombe	29 Jul	1730
C20	Isaac DAVIS blacksmith, wife Mary & children Isaac,	Chelwood	15 Oct	1730
	Mary & Susannah	witnessed	4 Nov	1730
C21	George WILKINS, wife Elizabeth & children George	Melksham, Wilts.	24 Dec	1730
	& Ruth	sworn	28 Dec	1730

C22	Benjamin HAND, wife Jane & children James, Artulus				
	& Jane	Marksbury		17 Jan	1730/1
	Thomas BALLER, wife Jane & son Henry	Chewton Mendip		30 Jul	1735
C24	William STURGES, wife Elizabeth & children William,				
	Elizabeth & Ann	Churchill		1 Jan	1736/7
	Isaac BATH, wife Sarah & daughter Sarah	Farrington Gurney		27 Feb	1736/7
C26	Abraham BATH coal miner, wife Sarah & children John,				
	Stephen, Abraham & Joseph	Farrington Gurney		27 Feb	
C27	John CHIVERS, wife Elizabeth & sons John, Samuel	Kilmersdon		27 Feb	1736/7
	& Thomas	allo	wed	8 Apr	1737
C28	Robert HURFORD, wife Mary & children Sarah, Mary				
	& Ann	Minehead		2 Mar	1736/7
C29	George DANDO, wife Sarah & children John, Sarah,	Paulton			1736/7
	George, Samuel & James	allo	wed	26 Oct	1737
C30	John WOOD [or ATTWOOD] & wife Milicent	Clutton		1 Aug	1737
C31	Thomas PERRY & wife Anne	Clutton		2 Aug	1737
C32	Peter CLARK labourer, wife Rebecca & 3 children	Croscombe		10 Sep	1737
	Charles WEBB blacksmith & wife Martha	Norton St. Philip		30 Dec	1737
C34	Samuel BUDD coal miner, wife Grace & children George,				
	Martha & Elizabeth	Stoke Lane		22 Jul	1739
C35	Samuel GREEN blacksmith	Emborough		2 Dec	1739
C36	John BATH & wife Jane	Farrington Gurney		6 Jan 1	739/40
		allo	wed	22 May	1740
C37	John HIBBARD scribbler, wife Jane & children Martha,				
	Edward, Benjamin, John & Mary	Lacock, Wilts.		1 Apr	1743
C38	James CLARE	Ashwick		20 Aug	1743
C39	James STICKLAND [or STICKLER]	Wanstrow		30 Dec	1743
C40	John GULLOCK coal miner & wife Anne	Farmborough		4 Mar	1744/5
		allo	wed	6 Mar	1744/5
C41	John CREW, wife Jane & son Joseph	Farrington Gurney		16 Mar	1744/5
		allo	wed	22 May	1745
	Stephen HOLLOWAY, wife Ann & son Robert	Dunkerton		15 Apr	
C43	William BITTLE [or BEETLE]	Compton Dando		15 Apr	1745
			wed	19 Apr	
C44	John CURTIS, wife Jane & daughter Susannah	Churchill		15 Apr	
		allo	wed	26 Apr	
C45	Catherine BUSH, widow & children Mary & James	Farmborough		24 Jun	1747
C46	Aaron HEATH, wife Sarah & son James	Laverton		6 Nov	1754
C47	James PARFETT, wife Joan & children James, Joseph,	Camerton		28 Dec	1754
	Martha & Jane		wed	4 Jul	1755
	Thomas SYMES, wife Mary & children William & Hannah	Paulton		10 Mar	1764
	Charles GULLOCK	Farmborough		10 Oct	1768
C50	Lazarus WOODWARD, wife & family	Litton		24 Apr	1769
C51	Ann SPERRING, widow & 3 children	East Harptree		12 Jul	1780

1. James THRESHER was removed from High Littleton to Rode by Order dated 16th February 1701/2 but no documents survive.

Noted in Poor Book - SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

2. <u>George CARTER</u> was removed from High Littleton to Westwood, Wilts. by Order dated 14th November 1709 but no documents survive.

Noted in Poor Book SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

3. <u>Samuel BASSETT</u> was removed from High Littleton to Farmborough by Order dated 15th March 1711/2 but no documents survive.

Noted in Poor Book SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

[Note: Samuel BASSET of High Littleton married Mary FLOWER otp at Farmborough 19 Apr 1713.

Mary dau. of Sam. BASSET bapt. at Farmborough 30 May 1716.

Hanah dau. of Sam. BASSET bapt. at Farmborough 11 Sep 1718.

Samuel son of Samuel BASSET bapt. at Farmborough 9 Sep 1721.]

4. James BUSH was examined and removed from High Littleton to Cameley by Order dated 7th May 1714 but no documents survive.

Noted in Poor Book SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

5. <u>David COLE</u> was removed from High Littleton to Hinton Blewett by Order dated 18th October 1715 but no documents survive.

Noted in Poor Book SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

[Note: This is presumably the same David COLE, who, as part of the family of William and Mary COLE, settled in High Littleton under a Certificate from Hinton Blewett dated 6th April 1700.]

6. Jacob NAISH and family were removed from High Littleton to Cameley by Order dated 1725. Cameley appealed against the Order, which was discharged at the Quarter Sessions. Neither the Order nor Jacob NAISH's Examination has survived.

A copy of an Examination of 1711 amongst Clutton records relates to a Jacob NAISH (born c.1683/4) but no wife and family is mentioned, so it cannot be certain that he was the subject of the Order in 1725. Also in Clutton records (SRO D/P/clut. 13/3/1-9) is a Notice of Appeal dated 4 May 1715 by Clutton against an Order for the Removal of Jacob NAISH, wife Katharine and children Elizabeth and Sarah from St. Mary, Redcliff to Clutton. St. Mary, Redcliff parish subsequently agreed to take the family and the appeal was withdrawn. Again, it is uncertain to which Jacob NAISH this refers.

Som'rsettss.

A copy of the Examinat'on of **Jacob NAISH** Taken the 26th day of May 1711.

The examinant upon his oath saith that he was borne in the parish of Clutton in the said County of Somersett and that as he was Informed he came to live with his uncle Jacob BUCKE in the parish of Camely and County aforesaid when he was about a yeare old, where he have lived ever since and is now about Twenty Seaven yeares of age. And further saith that about seaven yeares agoe this Examinant Covenanted with his said uncle Jacob BUCKE (whoe is a Blackesmith) to serve him as a Covenant servant for a yeare for the wages of Fifty shillings a yeare, and all manner of apparell, meate, drinke, washinge and lodgeinge, and that he served him the said Jacob BUCKE accordinge to the said Agreement about one yeare and halfe and received wages from the said BUCKE accordinge to the same Agreement. Jacob NAISH.

Capt. & jurat die et anno sup'r dict. coram, Jo. MOGG.

SRO D/P/clut. 13/3/1-6.

Bridgewater Sessions, Midsummer, 13th July 11 George II, 1725.

Upon reading of an order under the hands & seales of William EARLE, Serg't at law and John MOGG Esq'rs, two of his Ma'tie's Justices of the peace of this County, made for the removall of **Jacob NAISH and Martha his wife, James their son & Anna Maria their daughter**, from the parish of High Littleton unto the parish of Camely in the said County, from which recited order the parishion'rs of Camely aforesd. now duely made their Appeale unto this Court, This Court, on hearing of Councill for either parish aforesaid and of what was alledged in the premisses, Doth order that the said recited Order be vacated, sett aside & discharged and the same is hereby vacated, sett aside & discharged accordingly.

SRO Q/SO 9 365.

[Note: Jacob NAISH married Martha ---.

Betsy dau. of Jacob & Martha NAISH bapt. at Cameley 22 ?Feb 1707/8 may relate to this family but could be from an earlier generation.

James was born ---.

Anna Maria was born ---.]

7. **Deborah FRANCIS** was removed from High Littleton to Cameley by Order dated ---- 1728.

Cameley appealed against the Order, which was confirmed at the Quarter Sessions. Neither the Order nor Deborah FRANCIS' Examination has survived.

Wells Sessions, 14th January 2 George II, 1728/9.

Upon reading of an order under the hands and seales of W'm EARLE, Serj't at Law and William JONES Esq'rs, two of his Maj'tie's Justices of the peace of this County, made for the Removall of **Deborah FRANCIS**, Spinster, from the Parish of High Littleton unto the Parish of Camely in the said County, from which recited Order the Parishioners of Camely aforesd. now duely made their Appeale unto this Court, This Court, on hearing of Councill for either Parish and of what was Alledged in the Premisses, Doth Order that the said recited Order be Confirmed and the same is hereby Confirmed Accordingly. SRO Q/SO 9 439.

8. Benjamin HAND was removed from High Littleton to Marksbury by Order dated 9th December 1730 but no documents survive.

Noted in Poor Book SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

[*Note*: Benjamin HAND, wife Jane & family returned to High Littleton with a Certificate from Marksbury dated 17th January 1730/1. Benjamin HAND otp married Jane COOK otp at Marksbury 2 Jun 1723.

James the eldest son was born before 1730. He witnessed Mary HAND's marriage in 1757.

Artulus a daughter was born before 1730.

Jane a daughter, born before 1731, never married. She received regular relief from the Quakers between 1774 and 1780 and again from the 1790s until her death. Jane HAND, Spinster, aged 76, Clutton, died 25.9 and was buried at Hallatrow Burying Ground 29.9.1805.

Elizabeth (Betty) was another daughter. She married William NAISH, coal miner of Clutton, at High Littleton Church 17 Apr 1759.

William and Elizabeth became Quakers. She died on 18.1 aged 58 and was buried at Hallatrow Burying Ground 22.1.1788.

Mary was another daughter. She married Richard COOK at High Littleton Church 11 Apr 1757 and had a child baptized there.

Benjamin (born 2 Jul) son of Benjamin HAND & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 30 Jul 1738. He married Artulus PARFITT of Clutton at High Littleton Church on 26 Jan 1764. At North Somerset (Quaker) Monthly Meeting at Claverham on 5.3.1764 Joseph CLARK reported that "Benjamin HAND the younger of High Littleton has lately been married by the priest to [a] young woman not in profession with us". Testimony against him was given forth and it was reported at Chew Monthly Meeting on 3.9.1764 that it was read in Hallatrow Meeting. Joseph son of Benjamin & Jane HAND bapt. at Clutton 19 Sep 1741. He married Sarah CARTER at High Littleton Church on 20 Feb 1765. They had 9 children baptized at High Littleton of whom the youngest, George, set fire to some hay belonging to Charles

KEEDWELL, was convicted of arson and executed on 1 May 1834. Jane HAND was buried at High Littleton Church on 25 Feb 1764.

Quaker Minute books record that Benjamin HAND the elder received regular relief from 1759 to 1766. On 4.3.1765 it was reported that "Benjamin HAND is very bare as to necessarys for his ware" and at a meeting on 8.8.1766 Joseph CLARK was reimbursed £3.16. 9 "for the support of Benjamin Hand while living & for his funerall expences". Presumably Benjamin died in 1766.]

9. James STICKLING (STICKLER or STICKLAND) was removed from High Littleton to Wanstrow by Order dated 9th December 1730 but no documents survive.

Noted in Poor Book SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

[Note: This is presumably James STICKLAND, who settled in High Littleton under a Certificate from Wanstrow of 30th December 1743. It is assumed to be this James who married Elizabeth.

Sarah dau. of James STICKLER & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1737.

James son of James & Betty STICKLEN bapt. at Clutton 6 Jun 1741.

Overseers Accounts for 1773/4 record £1.10/- paid for Betty STICKLAND's house rent due at Lady day 1773 and £1.10/- for 1774, suggesting that James may have died c.1772. Accounts for 1774/5 again record her rent at £1.10/-. In 1775/6 1/- was paid for coal for Betty and her rent of £1.15/- was paid to James HART. £1.15/- was again paid in 1776/7. In 1777/8 relief of 1/6 p.w. for 55 weeks was paid to Betty, together with rent of £1.15/- and £3. 5/- for Doctor BATH's bill for Lea TUCKER & Betty STICKLAND. In 1778/9 Betty was paid 50 weeks at 1/6 and her rent of £1.15/- was paid. Vestry Minutes of 5 Apr 1779 approved relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Betty STICKLAND. Accounts for 1779/80 show this was paid for 51 weeks, 16/- was paid for 1 blanket, 1 large peticoat & 1 bolster for Betty, 9/1½ for BRODRIBB's bill for things for Betty and 12/- to Martha STICKLAND (her husband James died in Apr 1768) for looking after Betty. In 1780/1 relief was paid for 55 weeks at 2/-, 8/- was paid for shifts for Betty & making them and 16/- to Martha STICKLAND for looking after Betty. Minutes of 16 Apr 1781 approved pay of 1/- p.w. to Martha STICKLAND for looking after Betty. Accounts for 1781/2 record 1/- paid to Martha for 2 weeks and relief of 2/- to Betty for 2 weeks and 15/6 for burying Betty STICKLAND.

Betty STICKLER was buried at High Littleton 1 May 1781. Another Betty STICKLAND was buried at parish expense on 7 Jan 1781.]

10. George WILKINS was removed from High Littleton to Melksham by Order dated 9th December 1730 but no documents survive.

Noted in Poor Book SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

[*Note*: George WILKINS, wife Elizabeth & family returned to High Littleton with a Certificate from Melksham dated 24th December 1730. Betty dau. of George & Betty WILKINS, sojourners, bapt. at Clutton 9 Feb 1734/5.

John son of George WILKINS of High Littleton bapt. at Farmborough 17 Apr 1737.

James son of George WILKINS & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 14 Aug 1737. - James WILKINS buried at Clutton 15 Aug 1738. James son of George WILKINS & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 18 Apr 1742. - He married Joyce PICKFORD at High Littleton 24 Dec 1764.

Samuel son of George WILKINS & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 30 Aug 1747. - He married Anne MAGGS at Cameley 28 Aug 1769. Overseers Accounts for 1755/6 record 7/8¾ paid to Geo. WILKINS for quarring (sic) of stones, which is now at Grinstone Quarry.

Churchwardens Accounts for the same year record 7/- paid to Geo. WILKINS for digging 21 loads of gravel at 4d.

Vestry Minutes of 8 Apr 1765 approved relief of 3/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to George WILKINS, which ended after a few months. George WILKINS was buried at High Littleton 28 Aug 1765.

Vestry Minutes of 3 Mar 1772 approved relief of 1/- p.w. to Betty WILKINS from 25 Dec last, to be repaid by the parish of Melksham. Overseers Accounts for 1781/2 record 5/- expence in going to Milksham, 30 weeks relief at 1/9 p.w. & 25 weeks at 2/- to Betty WILKINS. £5. 3. 6 was received of the parish of Milksham for Betty WILKINS. In 1782/3 Betty was paid 21 weeks at 2/-, 2/6 in her illness and 16/-was paid for her funeral expence. £3. 0. 6 was received from Melksham.

Betty WILKINS was buried at High Littleton 11 Jul 1783.]

11. <u>Martha ROWE</u> was examined and removed from High Littleton to Farmborough by Order dated 22nd December 1730 but no documents survive.

Noted in Poor Book SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

12. Abraham BATH was examined and removed from High Littleton to Farrington Gurney by Order dated 5th January 1730/1 but no documents survive.

Noted in Poor Book SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

[Note: This is presumably the same Abraham Bath, who, as part of the family of John and Joane BATH, settled in High Littleton under a Certificate from Farrington Gurney dated 12th October 1708.

Abraham BATH married Sarah MANDRILL at Clutton 30 Mar 1730.

Abraham BATH, coalminer, with wife Sarah and children John, Stephen, Abraham and Joseph, returned to High Littleton under a Certificate from Farrington Gurney dated 27th February 1736/7.

Betty dau. of Abraham BATH & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 1 Nov 1741.

Benjamin son of Abraham BATH bapt. at Clutton 16 Sep 1743 (could be 1744 - years confused).

William son of Abraham BATH & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 5 Oct 1746.

Priscilla (born 15 May) dau. of Abraham BATH & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 29 May 1748.

Elizabeth dau. of Abraham BATH & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 8 Apr 1750. - Betty dau. of Abraham & Sarah BATH buried at High Littleton 20 Nov 1754.

Abraham BATH was buried at High Littleton 21 May 1780.]

13. An Order was made in 1734 for the removal of **James LANE** from High Littleton to Clutton.

Clutton appealed against the Order, which was discharged at the Quarter Sessions. Neither the Order nor James LANE's Examination has survived.

Wells Sessions, Easter, 23rd April 1734.

Upon reading an Order under the hands and seales of W'm JONES & Hodges STRATCHEY Esq'rs, made for the removall of **James LANE** from High Littleton to Clutton, from which an Appeal is now duely made, This Court, on hearing Council and what w'uld be Alledged in the premisses on either side, Doth Sett aside the said recited Order.

SRO O/SO 10 143.

14. Robert HURFORD was removed from High Littleton to Minehead by Order dated 5th February 1736/7 but no documents survive.

Noted in Poor Book SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

[Note: Robert HURFORD, wife Mary & family returned to High Littleton with a Certificate from Minehead dated 2nd March 1736/7.]

15. <u>Samuel BUDD</u> was examined and removed from High Littleton to Stoke Lane by Order dated 23rd March 1736/7 but no documents survive.

Noted in Poor Book SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

[*Note*: Samuel BUDD, coal miner, wife Grace & family returned to High Littleton with a Certificate from Stoke Lane dated 22nd July 1739. Samuel and Grace had a son George. - George son of late dec'd Samuel BUDD & Grace buried at High Littleton 17 Mar 1755.

Martha dau. of Samuel BUDD & Grace bapt. at High Littleton 22 May 1737.

Elizabeth dau. of Samuel BUDD & Grace bapt. at High Littleton 22 May 1737.

Samuel son of Samuel BUDD & Grace bapt. at High Littleton 2 Sep 1739.

Daniel son of Samuel BUD & Grace bapt. at High Littleton 21 Feb 1741/2. - Daniel son of Samuel BUDD buried at High Littleton 10 Oct 1752.

Jonathan son of Samuel BUD bapt. at Clutton 12 Jun 1744 [could be 1743 - years confused].

The Bath Journal of 22 Apr 1745 reported that Samuel BUDD and James FLETCHER, two coal miners, were working in a pit at High Littleton, when a large cliff or rock fell in on them and killed the former, who has a wife and 6 children.]

[Letter] To Mr Thomas LANSDOWN, Curchwarden (sic) att High Littleton.

Stoke Lane, Sep. 10th 1780.

Sir. At A Vestery Meeting of the Parrish this Day held at Stoke Lane and Peruseing the Poor Book in July in the Year 1739, Wee find that **Jonathan BUDD** was not in the Certivecat as was Given by our Parrish to the Parrish of High Littleton, he since being Born; under this Circomstance we ar Not obligated to Maintain or Pay for the Cure of Jonathan BUDD's Legg. Sir, Wee ar Your Most Hum'le Ser't, John KELSON, William PURNELL, Churchwardens, George SELWAY, Overseare.

16. Peter CLARK was examined and removed from High Littleton to Croscombe by Order dated 5th August 1737 but no documents survive.

Noted in Poor Book SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-19.

[Note: Peter CLARKE was apprenticed by indenture dated 1 Apr 1719 (Noted in Poor Book but no master or trade shown).

Peter CLARK, labourer, wife Rebecca & family returned to High Littleton with a Certificate from Croscombe dated 10th September 1737. Of the 3 unnamed children in the Certificate, one was John who married Mary (probably Mary BROOKMAN at Marksbury on 9 Jul 1758). John and family were removed from High Littleton to Croscombe in 1770. Another child was George.

Peter son of Peter CLARKE & Rebecca bapt. at Paulton 15 Apr 1739. - Peter CLARK son of Peter & Rebecca buried at High Littleton 15 Aug 1742.

Ann dau. of Peter CLARK & Rebecca bapt. at High Littleton 1 Mar 1740/1.

Peter son of Peter CLARK & Rebecca bapt. at High Littleton 21 Jun 1743.

Samuel Bishop (born 15 May) son of Peter CLARK & Rebecca bapt. by the Rev. Mr Philip WHITTACKER at Clutton 20 May 1749 (High Littleton Register). The baptism is also entered in the Clutton Register. - Overseers Accounts for 1771/2 record a payment of £1. 6/- to Rebecca CLARK for her son Samuel in his sickness and burying him. Samuel CLARK was buried at High Littleton 26 Jan 1772.

Thomas (born 31 Mar) son of Peter CLARK & Rebecca bapt. at High Littleton 7 Apr 1751.

Rebecca dau. of Peter CLARK bapt. at Clutton 13 Mar 1754.

Accounts for 1754/5, 1775/6, 1756/7, 1760/1 & 1761/2 record that the County Stock Money was paid to Peter CLARK. In 1761/2 Peter was paid 10/- for carrying Cherity FRANCIS to prison and, with John PARSONS, 8/- for takeing Elizabeth HARRIS and gard (sic).

Accounts for 1761/2 record 11/- paid to Rebeca CLARK for going to Bristol with Martha DANDO and cureing Robert PURNELL's legg. In 1762/3 10/- was paid to Reb. CLARK for Sarah COLLIER's leg and 18/- for Sarah COLLIER's arm.

Accounts for 1766/7 record 2/- expenses at the Sessions with Peter CLARK and in 1767/8 15/- for Peter in sickness & burying him.

Peter CLARKE was buried at High Littleton 13 Mar 1768.

Rebecca CLARKE and family were removed from High Littleton to Croscombe in 1770/1 and again by Order dated 24 Apr 1776.]

17. John BISHOP of Marksbury was examined and removed from High Littleton to Chewton Mendip by Order dated 17th September 1737 but no documents survive.

Noted in Poor Book SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

[Note: Tobit son of John BISHOP of Littleton bapt. at Farmborough 27 Dec 1734.]

18. An Order was made on **John VIGOR**, which was confirmed, in 1743 but no documents survive. Noted in Poor Book SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

This confirmation of Order has not been located in Quarter Session records for 1743.

[Note: This is probably the same person as John VIGOURS who married Sarah BROWN of Chew Magna at Clutton 27 Aug 1727.]

19. James PERRY and family were removed from High Littleton to Midsomer Norton by Order dated 1st June 1743, which was confirmed at the Quarter Sessions. James PERRY's Examination has not survived.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

County of Somerset to wit.

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset to execute and convey.

And to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the said County to Receive and Obey.

FOrasmuch as Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto subscribed and set, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, of and for the said County of Somerset (whereof one is of the Quorum) by you the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset That James PERRY, Hester his wife, Mary, Hester and Martha their Children lately came and intruded into the said Parish of High Littleton endeavouring there to settle as Inhabitants thereof, contrary to Law, not having any Way Acquired or Obtained any Legal Settlement therein, and are become chargeable thereunto: We do, upon due Examination, adjudge the said Complaint and Premises to be true. And we do farther upon the Examination of the said James PERRY taken upon his Oath, adjudge, That the said James PERRY, Hester his wife, Mary, Hester and Martha their Children were last Legally settled, in the said Parish of Midsomer Norton in the County of Somerset aforesaid.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to Require, Order, and Command you, the said Church-Wardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, forthwith to remove and Convey the said James PERRY, Hester his wife, Mary, Hester and Martha their Children from the said Parish of

High Littleton unto the Parish of Midsomer Norton aforesaid, and them to deliver to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this Order or Duplicate, or true Copy hereof) who is, and are hereby required to Receive and Provide for them as the Law directs. And hereof you are not to fail. Given under our Hands and Seals the 1st Day of June in the 16th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second, King of Great-Britain, etc. and in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Three. Rog'r LYDE, H. STRACHEY. SRO Q/SR 311/2 5(19).

Bridgewater Sessions, 13th July 1743.

Upon reading an Order under the Hands and Seals of Roger LYDE and Hodges STRACHEY Esquires, Two of his Majestie's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset (whereof one is of the Quorum), made for the Removall of **James PERRY**, **Hester his Wife**, **Mary**, **Hester and Martha their Children**, from the Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County unto the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the said County, from which said Order the Parishoners of Midsomer Norton aforesaid have now omitted to make any Appeal, This Court doth therefore, on Proof now made upon Oath of the due service of the said Order on the said Parish of Midsomer Norton, hereby Confirm the said Order unless Sufficient Cause be shewn to the Contrary before the End of this present Sessions, And the same is hereby so Confirmed According[ly].

SRO O/SO 11 193.

[Note: James PERRY, his wife Hester and children Mary, Hester, Martha and Ann subsequently lived in Clutton under a Settlement Certificate from Midsomer Norton to Clutton dated 11 Dec 1743.]

20. James CLARE and family were removed from High Littleton to Ashwick by Order dated 15th June 1743, which was confirmed at the Quarter Sessions. James CLARE's Examination has not been located.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

County of Somerset to wit.

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset to execute and convey.

And to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Aishweek in the said County to Receive and Obey.

FOrasmuch as Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto subscribed and set, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, of and for the said County of Somerset (whereof one is of the Quorum) by you the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset That James CLARE, Mary his Wife, George, Joanna and Joyce their Children, lately came and intruded into the said Parish of High Littleton endeavouring there to settle as Inhabitants thereof, contrary to Law, not having any Way Acquired or Obtained any Legal Settlement therein, and are become chargeable thereunto: We do, upon due Examination, adjudge the said Complaint and Premises to be true. And we do farther upon the Examination of the said James CLARE taken upon his Oath, adjudge, That the said James CLARE, Mary his Wife, George, Joanna and Joyce their Children were last Legally settled, in the said Parish of Aishweek in the County of Somerset aforesaid.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to Require, Order, and Command you, the said Church-Wardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, forthwith to remove and Convey the said James CLARE, Mary his Wife, George, Joanna and Joyce their Children from the said Parish of High Littleton unto the Parish of Aishweek aforesaid, and them to deliver to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this Order or Duplicate, or true Copy hereof) who is, and are hereby required to Receive and Provide for them as the Law directs. And hereof you are not to fail. Given under our Hands and Seals the 15th Day of June in the 17th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the 2d, King of Great-Britain, etc. and in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Three. H. STRACHEY, Rog'r LYDE.

SRO Q/SR 311/2 5(18).

Bridgewater Sessions, 13th July 1743.

Upon reading an Order under the Hands and Seals of Hodges STRACHEY and Roger LYDE Esquires, Two of his Majestie's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset (whereof one is of the Quorum), made for the Removall of **James CLARE**, **Mary his Wife**, **George**, **Joanna and Joyce their Children**, from the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset unto the parish of Aishweek in the same County, From which said Order the Parishoners of Aishweek aforesaid have now omitted to make any Appeal, This Court doth therefore, on proof now made upon Oath of the Due Service of the said Order on the said Parish of Aishweek,

hereby Confirm the said Order Unless Sufficient Cause be shewn to the Contrary before the end of this present Sessions, And the same is hereby so Confirmed Accordingly.

SRO O/SO 11 193.

[Note: James CLARE returned to High Littleton with a Certificate from Ashwick dated 20 Aug 1743.

James CLARE married Mary ---.

Joanna was born.

Joyce was born. She married James GULLOCK at Farmborough 4 Dec 1763.

George son of James CLARE & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 6 Dec 1741. - George married Ann BROOKES at High Littleton 21 Nov 1768. James son of James CLARE & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 12 Feb 1743/4. - James married firstly Ann PAIN at Chelwood 1 Mar 1767 and secondly Elizabeth BROOKES at Farmborough 25 Apr 1768.

Thomas (born 8 Feb) son of James CLARE & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 15 Feb 1746/7. - Thomas married Betty JAMES at Farmborough 24 Jan 1768.

James CLARE was buried at High Littleton 21 Apr 1769.]

21. <u>William BEETLE</u> was removed from High Littleton to Compton Dando by Order dated 6th February 1744/5 but no documents survive.

Noted in Poor Book SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

[Note: William BITTLE returned to High Littleton with a Certificate from Compton Dando dated 15th April 1745.]

22. Stephen HOLLOWAY was examined and removed from High Littleton to Dunkerton by Order dated 6th February 1744/5 but no documents survive.

Noted in Poor Book SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

[Note: Stephen son of Robert HOLLOWAY & Sarah born 2 Jan 1717/8 (High Littleton Register).

Stephen HOLLOWAY married Ann PERRY at Clutton 24 May 1744.

Rob't (born 26 Aug) son of Stephen HOLLOWAY & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 2 Sep 1744. - Robert married Elizabeth CREES at Chew Magna 4 Jun 1770.

Stephen HOLLOWAY with wife Ann and son returned to High Littleton with a Certificate from Dunkerton dated 15th April 1745.

John (born 26 Jul) son of Stephen HOLLOWAY & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 27 Jul 1746. - John married Betty SPERRING of East Harptree at High Littleton 3 Jun 1771.

Stephen HOLLOWAY, Cloud Hill, aged 95, was buried at High Littleton 11 Jul 1813.]

23. <u>Richard ATWOOD</u> (or WOOD) was removed from High Littleton to Priston by Order dated 14th June 1745, which was confirmed at the Quarter Sessions.

Somerset to wit.

The Examination of Richard ATWOOD, now Residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County. Taken before us (Three of his Majestie's Justices of the Peace for the said County), This 14th Day of June 1745. Who, upon his oath Saith, That he was borne at Hallatrow in the said Parish of High Littleton, where he lived till he was about fifteen years of age, when he was bound an apprentice To one John NAISH of the Parish of Priston in the said County, Taylor, for seven years, where he lived with his said master the whole Term; from thence he Travelled and worked Journeywork at several Places and That he has not Gained any legall settlement since his apprenticeship, To the Best of his knowledge and Beliefe. Rich'd ATTWOOD.

Sworn the Day & Year above sd. before us H. STRACHEY, Rog'r LYDE, Geo. HODGES. A Copy.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-1. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-15 (Copy) with minor differences.

[Note: Richard ATTWOOD married some time after 1745.

 $Martha\ dau.\ of\ Rich.\ ATTWOOD\ of\ Hallatrow\ bapt.\ at\ Chelwood\ Independent\ Chapel\ \ -\ Feb\ 1754.$

Richard son of Rich'd ATTWOOD of Hallatrow bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 6 Apr 1756.

Overseers Accounts for 1755/6 record £1. 2.11 paid to Rich'd ATTWOOD for John GREENLAND's suit of close (*sic*) & 15/9 for Rich'd's bill for shirts & smocks. In 1756/7 was £1. 5. 3 for Rich'd ATTWOOD's bill and 7/- to Rich'd WOOD (sic) for cloth & making Tho's CORNISH & Tho's JAMES each a shirt. In 1757/8 was 3/6- for Richard WOOD for a shirt for Jno. PARKER & 13/- for his bill for Rob't PURNELL & Ann FRANCIS. In 1758/9 was 8/- for Rich'd ATTWOOD's bill for Anne FRANCIS' shifts & 8/- for Rich'd WOOD's bill for Mary TYLAR & Grace SAGE. In 1759/60 were 13/11½ & £3.15. 9½ for Richard WOOD's bills for the parish. In 1760/1 was £1.10. 4 for Rich'd ATWOOD's bill for the parish. In 1761/2 was 18/1 for Richard ATWOOD's bill. In 1762/3 were £1. 6. 1½ & £1.13. 2 for Rich'd ATTWOOD's bills for cloaths for the Poor.

Richard ATTWOOD was buried at High Littleton 8 Apr 1781.]

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

County of Somerset to wit.

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset to execute and convey.

And to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Priston in the same County to Receive and Obey.

FOrasmuch as Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto subscribed and set, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, of and for the said County of Somerset (whereof one is of the Quorum) by you the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of

Somerset That **Richard ATTWOOD** lately came and intruded into the said Parish of High Littleton endeavouring there to settle as an Inhabitant thereof, contrary to Law, not having any Way Acquired or Obtained any Legal Settlement therein, and is become chargeable thereunto: We do, upon due Examination, adjudge the said Complaint and Premises to be true. And we do farther, upon the Examination of the said Richard ATTWOOD taken upon his Oath, adjudge, That the said Richard ATTWOOD was last Legally settled, in the said Parish of Priston in the County of Somerset aforesaid.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to Require, Order, and Command you, the said Church-Wardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the said parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, forthwith to remove and Convey the said Richard ATTWOOD from the said Parish of High Littleton unto the Parish of Priston aforesaid, and him deliver to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this Order or Duplicate, or true Copy hereof) who is, and are hereby required to Receive and Provide for him as the Law directs. And hereof you are not to fail. Given under our Hands and Seals the 14th Day of June in the 19th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second, King of Great-Britain, etc. and in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Five. Rog'r LYDE, H. STRACHEY, Geo. HODGES.

SRO Q/SR 313/1 3(18).

Bridgewater Sessions, 16th July 1745.

Upon reading an Order under the Hands and Seals of Roger LYDE, Hodges STRACHEY and George HODGES Esquires, three of his Majestie's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County of Somerset (whereof one is of the Quorum), made for the Removall of **Richard ATWOOD** from the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset unto the Parish of Priston in the same County, from which said Order the Parishoners of Preston (*sic*) aforesaid have now Omitted to make any Appeal, This Court Doth therefore, upon Proof now made upon Oath of the Due Service of the said Order on the said Parish of Preston, hereby Confirme the said Order unless Sufficient Cause be shewn to the Contrary before the End of this present Sessions, and the same is hereby so Confirmed Accordingly.

SRO Q/SO 11 266.

24. John JENKINS and wife were removed from High Littleton to St. Decuman's by Order dated 17th June 1745, which was confirmed at the Quarter Sessions. John JENKINS' Examination has not been located.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

County of Somerset to wit.

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset to execute and convey.

And to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Decuman's in the same County to Receive and Obey.

FOrasmuch as Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto subscribed and set, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, of and for the said County of Somerset (whereof one is of the Quorum) by you the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset That **John JENKINS and Mary his Wife** lately came and intruded into the said Parish of High Littleton endeavouring there to settle as Inhabitants thereof, contrary to Law, not having any Way Acquired or Obtained any Legal Settlement therein, and are become chargeable thereunto: We do, upon due Examination, adjudge the said Complaint and Premises to be true. And we do farther upon the Examination of the said John JENKINS taken upon his Oath, adjudge, That the said John JENKINS and Mary his Wife were last Legally settled, in the said parish of Saint Decuman's in the County of Somerset aforesaid.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to Require, Order, and Command you, the said Church-Wardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, forthwith to remove and Convey the said John JENKINS and Mary his Wife from the said parish of High Littleton unto the parish of Saint Decuman's aforesaid, and them to deliver to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this Order or Duplicate, or true Copy hereof) who is, and are hereby required to Receive and Provide for them as the Law directs. And hereof you are not to fail. Given under our Hands and Seals the seventeenth Day of June in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second, King of Great-Britain, etc. and in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty five. Rog'r LYDE, Geo. HODGES.

SRO Q/SR 313/1 3(17).

Bridgewater Sessions, 16th July 1745.

Upon reading an order under the Hands and Seals of Roger LYDE and George HODGES Esquires, Two of his Majestie's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County of Somerset (whereof one is of the Quorum), made for the Removall of **John JENKINS and Mary his Wife** from the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset unto the Parish of Saint Decuman's in the same County, from which said Order the Parishoners of Saint Decuman's aforesaid have now Omitted to make any Appeal, This Court doth therefore, upon Proof now made upon Oath of the due Service of the said Order on the said Parish of St. Decuman's, hereby Confirm the said Order unless Sufficient Cause be shewn to the Contrary before the End of this present Sessions, and the same is hereby so Confirmed Accordingly.

SRO O/SO 11 267.

[Note: John JENKINS was apprenticed by indenture dated 16 Jun 1733 to Thomas HAWKES, carpenter of Dinniford (in St. Decuman's).

John JENKINS of Minehead married Mary COTTLE at High Littleton 15 Apr 1744.

Elizabeth (born 3 Dec) dau. of John JENKINS & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 4 Dec 1748.

Sarah dau. of John JENKINS & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 17 Feb 1754.

Overseers Accounts for 1757/8 record £31.16/- paid to the doctor for JENKINS' wife.

An Indenture of Lease dated 21 Aug 1766 between Elizabeth & Mary JONES of Stowey and William BAYNTON, surgeon of St. Philip & Jacob, Bristol mentions John JENKINS as one of BAYNTON's undertenants of a house at Rydens, High Littleton.

Mary JENKINS was buried at High Littleton 10 Apr 1767.

John JENKINS widower otp married Mary FLOWERx spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 1 Aug 1768.

Overseers Accounts for 1768/9 record 7/6 paid to Mary FLOWER for her wedding. This seems to have been an inducement to help get rid of Mary, who had twin bastard children by Jacob LOVE - Mary and Elizabeth born on 19 Sep 1762 and baptized at High Littleton on 12 Dec 1762 - who were a charge on the parish for many years. Mary was buried at High Littleton on 16 Feb 1766 but relief for Elizabeth continued until 1774/5. Mary FLOWER had also been examined in bastardy and concerning her settlement in 1759, but the Examination has not survived and there is no record in the Parish Registers of the baptism of a bastard child. Overseers Accounts for 1759/60 record 17/8 paid for bedding and other things for Mary FLOWER.

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

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

Overseers Accounts for 1774/5 record at different times, Gave Jno. JENKINS in want 8/-, Paid the expenses of carrying Jno. JENKINS and family to Minehead £7. 8. 3½ and Gave Jno. JENKINS ¼ Y'rs House rent.. No record of an Examination or Order of Removal has been located on this occasion.]

25. <u>William ATTWOOD</u> and family were removed from High Littleton to Midsomer Norton by Order dated 26th March 1753, which was confirmed at Quarter Sessions. William's Examination has not been located.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - Bristol: Printed for, and sold by J. CROFTS, on the Tolzey.] County of Somerset to wit.

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset to Execute and Convey.

And to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Midsummer Norton to Receive and Obey.

FOrasmuch as Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto subscrib'd and set, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, of and for the said County of Somerset (whereof one is of the Quorum) by you the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That William ATTWOOD, Mary his Wife, William aged about Ten Years, George aged between Seven and Eight Years, Richard aged between Four and Five Years and John aged about a Year and a half (their Children) lately came and intruded into the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, endeavouring there to settle as Inhabitants thereof, contrary to Law, not having any Way Acquir'd or Obtain'd a Legal Settlement therein, and are likely to become chargeable thereunto: We do, upon due Examination, adjudge the said Complaint and Premisses to be true. And we do farther, upon the Examination of the said William ATTWOOD taken upon his Oath, adjudge, that the said William ATTWOOD was last Legally settled, in the said Parish of Midsummer Norton.

THESE are therefore in his Majesty's Name, to Require, Order, and Command you, the said Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, forthwith to Remove and Convey the said William ATTWOOD, Mary his Wife, William, George, Richard and John their Children from the said Parish of High Littleton unto the Parish of Midsummer Norton aforesaid, and them to Deliver to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this Order or Duplicate, or true Copy hereof) who is, and are hereby requir'd to Receive and Provide for them as the Law directs. And hereof you are not to fail. Given under our Hands and Seals the 26th Day of March in the Twenty sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, King of Great-Britain, etc. And in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty three. Rog'r LYDE, Geo. HODGES. SRO Q/SR 321/2.

Ivelchester Sessions, 1st May 1753.

Upon reading an Order under the Hands and Seals of Roger LYDE and George HODGES Esquires, two of his Majesty's Justices of the peace for the County of Somerset (whereof one is of the Quorum), made for the Removal of William ATTWOOD, Mary his Wife, William Aged about ten Years, George aged between Seven and eight Years, Richard Aged between four and five Years and John Aged about a Year and half, their Children, from the Parish of High Littleton in the said County unto the Parish of Midsummer Norton in the same County, from which said Order the Parishoners of Midsummer Norton aforesaid have Omitted to make any Appeal unto this Court, This Court therefore, on Proof now made upon Oath of the due Service of the said Order on the said Parish of Midsummer Norton and on the Motion of Mr BRIDGE, doth Confirm the said Order unless Sufficient Cause be shewn to the Contrary before the end of this present Sessions, and the same is hereby so Confirmed accordingly.

SRO O/SO 12 270.

[Note: Will. ATWOOD was married at Clutton (bride's name not shown) - May 1739.

William son of William & Mary ATWOOD bapt. at Clutton 22 Nov 1740.

George (born 10 Aug) son of William ATTWOOD & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 19 Aug 1744.

William had previously been examined in 1744 (Poor Book SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1) but there is no evidence of removal at that time.]

26. <u>William LANSDOWN</u> and family were removed from High Littleton to Midsomer Norton by Order dated 30th June 1761.

Somersetshire.

The Examination of Wm. LANSDOWN, now residing in the Parish of High littleton in the County afores'd, Taylor, taken this 1st Day of June 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 Parish of High Littleton afores'd, as he hath been informed and believes, that he lived with his Parents there till about his Age of thirteen Years, when he was bound an Apprentice by Indenture by his Mother (his Father being then Dead) to his Brother John LANSDOWN, then of the Parish of High Littleton afores'd, Taylor, for a Term of seven Years, that he served his said Master in High Littleton aforesaid about two Years of that Term, when his Master removed to the Parish of Midsumer Norton in the sd. County, whom after he had there served about ten Weeks, his Master delivered up to this Examinant his Indentures, being prevailed upon to part with this Examinant by the sd. Parish of Midsomer Norton, which was disgusted that the sd. John LANSDOWN should attempt to introduce an Apprentice therein against their Consent. But at the Time this Examinant's Master delivered up to him his said Indentures, He was told by his sd. Master that it was done only to appease the Clamour of the said Parish of Midsomer Norton. And this Examinant further saith that he still looked upon himself to be the Apprentice of the sd. John LANSDOWN, the sd. John LANSDOWN continuing him in his Service and receiving the Profits of his Labour during all the Residue of his said Term, which was compleatly served and the last Forty Days whereof served by him in Midsomer Norton afores'd. That, soon after the Expiration of his sd. Apprenticeship, he Married Martha his present Wife. And this Examinant lastly saith, that he hath gained no other Settlement than as above, by any Ways or Means whatsoever, to his Knowledge or Belief. William LANSDOWN.

Sworn the Day and Year abovesd. before us, W. SMITH, Geo. HODGES.

Document in High Littleton Vestry August 2000. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-15a (Copy).

[*Note*: According to information written in the front of a little book preserved in the family, William LANSDOWN was born on 9 Feb 1732 and his brother John on 17 Sep 1725, two of the nine children of John and Elizabeth LANSDOWN. However, the same book says John the father died on 7 Jun 1743, whereas High Littleton parish register says he died on 6 Jul and was buried on 9 Jul 1743.

William LANSDOWN, taylor otp married Martha CRADY x spin. otp by banns at Midsomer Norton 28 Oct 1754.

John son of Will. LANSDON & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 13 Mar 1757.

Lydia dau. of Wm. LANSDOWN & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 4 May 1759. - Lydia LANSDOWN buried at High Littleton 6 Jul 1793. Rosanna dau. of William LANSDOWN & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 26 Apr 1761. - She married Richard HITCHINS at Radstock 6 Feb 1786.

James son of William LANSDOWN & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 27 Mar 1763. - He married Anne DUDDEN at Cameley 18 Apr 1792.

Joel son of William LANSDOWN & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 24 Jul 1768. - Joel LANSDOWN, aged 21, buried at High Littleton 11 Jul 1790

Overseers Accounts for 1780/1 record 4/101/2 paid to Wm. LANSDOWN for making things for Mary SMITH & family.

Martha LANSDOWN was buried at High Littleton 15 May 1803.

William LANSDOWN was buried at High Littleton 24 Nov 1805.]

[Order of Removal] - Printed Form - Bristol: Printed for, and sold by J. CROFTS, on the Tolzey.] County of Somerset to wit.

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset to Execute and Convey. And to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Midsomer Norton to Receive and Obey.

FOrasmuch as Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto subscrib'd and set, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, of and for the said County of Somerset (whereof one is of the Quorum) by you the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That William LANSDOWN, Martha his Wife, John Aged about Four years, Lydia Aged about Two years and Rosanna Aged about Two months, their Children lately came and intruded into the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, endeavouring there to settle as Inhabitants thereof, contrary to Law, not having any Way Acquir'd or Obtain'd a Legal Settlement therein, and are likely to become chargeable thereunto: We do, upon due Examination, adjudge the said Complaint and Premisses to be true. And we do farther, upon the Examination of the said William LANSDOWN, taken upon his Oath, adjudge, that the said William LANSDOWN, was and is last Legally settled, in the said Parish of Midsomer Norton.

THESE are therefore in his Majesty's Name, to Require, Order, and Command you, the said Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, forthwith to Remove and Convey the said William LANSDOWN, Martha his Wife, John, Lydia and Rosanna their Children from the said Parish of High Littleton unto the Parish of Midsomer Norton aforesaid, and them to Deliver to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this Order or Duplicate, or true Copy hereof) who is, and are hereby requir'd to Receive and Provide for them as the Law directs. And hereof you are not to fail. Given under our Hands and Seals the 30th Day of June in the First Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third King of Great-Britain, etc. And in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and sixty one. Geo. HODGES, W. SMITH.

[Reverse] - 3 July 1761 Cornelius HARRIS The Church Warden - William LANSDOWN and Martha his Wife & famly Deliv'ed To William SAVIGE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-1.

27. <u>Thomas MATHALEN</u> and family was removed from High Littleton to Dunkerton by Order dated 16th March 1764. The Examination of Thomas MATHALEN has not been located.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

County of Somerset.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton within the said County of Somerset to Execute and Convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Dunkerton in the said County to Receive and Obey.

FOrasmuch as Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County (whereof one is of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset aforesaid, That **Thomas MATHALEN and Mary his Wife, and Thomas their Son aged about Two years** of the Parish of Dunkerton aforesaid in the said County, lately came and intruded into the said Parish of High Littleton, endeavouring to settle as Inhabitants thereof, contrary to Law, not having any Way acquired or obtained any legal Settlement therein, and are likely to become chargeable to their said Parish. And forasmuch as upon Examination of the Premises duly had before Us upon the Oath of the said Thomas MATHALEN it appeareth that the said Allegations are true; We do therefore adjudge the same to be so, and that the said Thomas MATHALEN and Mary his Wife and Thomas are likely to become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and that the Place of the last legal Settlement of the said Thomas MATHALEN and Mary his Wife and Thomas was and is in the said Parish of Dunkerton and that they are lawful Parishioners thereof.

THese are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to will and require you, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, to remove and convey them the said Thomas MATHALEN and Mary his Wife and Thomas out of and from your said Parish of High Littleton unto the said Parish of Dunkerton, the same being by Us adjudged, as aforesaid, the Place of the last Legal Settlement of the said Thomas MATHALEN and Mary his Wife and Thomas and them, the said Thomas MATHALEN and Mary his Wife and Thomas, to deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the same Parish, or to some or one of them, together with a true Copy of this our Order, shewing the Original; who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law. And hereof you are not to fail. Given under our Hands and Seals this Sixteenth Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Four. Jno. ADAMS, Tho's PALMER.

[Reverse] - Served this order Aprill the 7th 1764 tow Will'm BROWEN overseer. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-2.

[*Note*: Thomas MATHALIN x bach. otp married Mary FOXHAL x (FOXUEL by mark) spin. otp by licence at High Littleton 2 Apr 1760. Thomas son of Thomas MATHLIN & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 18 Jan 1761.]

28. John FRANCIS and family were removed from High Littleton to Farrington Gurney by Order dated 16th March 1764. The Examination of John FRANCIS has not been located.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

County of Somerset.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton within the said County of Somerset to Execute and Convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Farrington Gurney in the said County to Receive and Obey.

FOrasmuch as Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County (whereof one is of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset aforesaid, That John FRANCIS, Sarah his Wife and Richard their Son aged about one year of the Parish of Farrington Gurney aforesaid in the said County lately came and intruded into the said Parish of High Littleton, endeavouring to settle as Inhabitants thereof, contrary to Law, not having any Way acquired or obtained a legal Settlement therein, and are likely to become chargeable to their said Parish. And forasmuch as upon Examination of the Premises duly had before Us upon the Oath of the said John FRANCIS it appeareth that the said Allegations are true; We do therefore adjudge the same to be so, and that the said John FRANCIS, Sarah his Wife and Richard are likely to become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and that the Place of the last Legal Settlement of the said John FRANCIS, Sarah his Wife and Richard was and is in the said Parish of Farrington Gurney and that they are lawful Parishioners thereof.

THese are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to will and require you, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, to remove and convey them the said John FRANCIS, Sarah his Wife and Richard out of and from your said Parish of High Littleton unto the said Parish of Farrington Gurney, the same being by Us adjudged, as aforesaid, the Place of the last legal Settlement of the said John FRANCIS, Sarah his Wife and Richard and them, the said John FRANCIS, Sarah his Wife and Richard, to deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the same Parish, or to some or one of them, together with a true Copy of this our Order, shewing the Original; who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law. And hereof you are not to fail. Given under our Hands and Seals this Sixteenth Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Four. Jno. ADAMS, Tho's PALMER.

[Slip of paper attached] - April the 7 1764 John BRODRIBB The Church Warden of High littleton Removed and Delivered John FRANCES & Sarah his Wife & Family to henery COLLINS Overseer of the Parish of Farinton Gorny.

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

[*Note*: This is probably John, son of Thomas FRANCIS & his wife Mary ATWOOD, born 29 Jan, baptized at High Littleton 5 Mar 1737/8. John FRANCIS x sojourner married Sarah STICKLER x otp by banns at High Littleton 13 Jul 1761.

Richard FRANCIS an infant was buried at High Littleton 18 Mar 1762.

The above is assumed to be John & Sarah's child, following whose death another Richard was born c.1763.

Mary dau. of John FRANCIS & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 1 Dec 1765.

Sarah FRANCIS was buried at High Littleton 8 Feb 1768 - and John remarried.

John FRANCIS x otp married Mary WILKINS x otp by banns at High Littleton 27 Mar 1769.

George son of John FRANCIS & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1770. - George FRANCIS, child, buried High Littleton 1 May 1774. Samuel dau. of John FRANCIS & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 30 May 1773.

Martha dau. of John FRANCIS & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 7 May 1775. - Martha FRANCIS buried High Littleton 23 Dec 1792.

Sarah dau. of John FRANCIS & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 21 Dec 1777.

Susanna dau. of John FRANCES & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 12 Mar 1780.

Betty dau. of John FRANCIS & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 25 Aug 1782.

John FRANCIS was buried at High Littleton 15 Feb 1795.

Mary FRANCIS was buried at High Littleton 22 May 1806.]

29. John CLARK and family were removed from High Littleton to Croscombe by Order dated 30th November 1770, which was confirmed at the Quarter Sessions. John CLARK's Examination has not been located.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - sold by J. COLES and son, Stationers, (No. 21.) in Fleet-Street.] (No. 38.) R.B.

County of Somerset to wit.

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County and to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Croscombe in the same County and to each and every of them.

UPON the Complaint of the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid in the said County of Somerset unto us whose Names are hereunto set and Seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset and one of us of the Quorum, that **John**

CLARK and Mary his Wife, Hester aged about Ten years, Mary aged about Eight years, Elizabeth aged about three Years and Sarah aged about One year, their Children, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere, and that the said John CLARK, his sd. Wife and Children are chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said Justices upon due Proof made hereof, as well upon the Examination of the said John CLARK upon Oath, as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration had of the Premises, do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge that the lawful settlement of him the said John CLARK, his sd. Wife & Child'n is in the said Parish of Croscomb in the said County of Somerset. We do therefore require you the said Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some, or one of you to convey the said John CLARK, his said Wife & Children from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Croscomb and them to deliver to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some, or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof: And we do also hereby require you the said Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Croscomb to receive and provide for them as Inhabitants of your Parish.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the 30th Day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy. Jno. ADAMS, Jno. ADAMS jun'r. SRO Q/SR 339/1.

[Printed Form]

UPON reading an Order under the Hands and Seals of John ADAMS and John ADAMS Jun'r, Esq'res, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset (whereof one is of the Quorum) made for the Removal of **John CLARK & Mary his wife, Hesther, Mary, Elizabeth and Sarah their Children** from the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, unto the Parish of Coscombe (*sic*) in the County afores'd, from which said Order the Parishoners (*sic*) of Coscombe aforesaid, have now omitted to make any Appeal: This Court doth therefore on Proof now made upon Oath of the due Service of the said Order, on the said Parish of Coscombe, hereby confirm the said Order, unless sufficient Cause be shewn to the contrary before the End of this present Sessions; And the same is hereby so confirmed accordingly. [undated].

Examined by Geo. WARRY, Deputy Clerk of the Peace of the said County of Somerset. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-8.

The above printed Confirmation contains several differences in wording compared with the manuscript Order Book covering Wells Sessions, 15th January 1771 (SRO O/SO 14 144).

[Note: John CLARK was presumably one of the three children of Peter & Rebecca CLARK, who settled in High Littleton under a Certificate from Croscombe dated 10 Sep 1737.

Rebecca a base born child of Mary TYLAR by John CLARK baptized at High Littleton 27 Jul 1755.

Overseers Accounts for 1756/7 record £2.18. 6 received in part of Jno. CLARK. Accounts for 1757/8 record 2/- paid for a warrant for John

CLARK and £2.17. 9 received of John BUSH for John CLARK. This probably related to arrears of John's Bastardy pay.

John CLARK x married Mary BROOKMAN x at Marksbury 9 Jul 1758.

Hester was born c.1760.

Mary was born c.1762.

Tobias son of John CLARKE & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 9 Sep 1764. - He is believed to have died young.

Elisabeth dau. of John CLARKE & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 15 Sep 1767.

Accounts for 1767/8 record 7/6 paid to John CLARK in sickness and in 1768/9 4/6 to John when sick.

Sarah dau. of John CLARKE & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 15 Jan 1769.

Vestry minutes of 24 Oct 1770 agreed to apply for an order to remove John CLARK and his family. Accounts for 1770/1 record 12/- paid for carrying John CLARK and family to Corscomb (sic).]

30. Overseers Accounts for 1770/1 record 1/5 paid to George CLARK for going to Pensford with his mother (*Rebecca*), 6d. paid for a summons for **Rebecka CLARK**, 1/8 expences at Justice meeting, 6/- expences at Wells, £1. 1/- paid the Counsel & 5/- for the Order [*presumably to Croscombe*] confirmed for Rebecka CLARK & family. No Examination, Order of Removal or Confirmation has been located.

[Note: For details of Rebecca's family see removal of Peter CLARK on 5 Aug 1737.

Rebecca was removed to Croscombe again by Order dated 24 Apr 1776.]

31. Vestry Minutes of 24 Oct 1770 agree that an order should be obtained to remove **Jane PICKFORD**. Overseers Accounts for 1770/1 record 6d. paid for a summons warrant for Jane PICKFORD 1/- for her examination. No Examination or Order of Removal has been found and it seems likely that Jane married a parishioner before she could be removed.

[Note: John ALMSBURY x otp married Jane PICKFORD x otp by banns at High Littleton 4 Nov 1771.

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

Jane AYMESBURY was buried at High Littleton 30 Apr 1773.

Overseers Accounts for 1781/2 record the expense of examining John AMESBURY but the examination has not survived. Accounts for 1783 record that John AMSBURY received relief of 4/- p.w. for 6 weeks before his death. A payment was also made to Flower PERRY for tending John AMSBURY and for his funeral expenses.

John AIMSBURY was buried at High Littleton 22 Jul 1783.

Accounts for 1783 record relief of 1/- p.w. to John AMSBURY's child for the remainder of 1783/4. The parish also received £1. 1/- for John AMESBURY's goods, presumably sold to repay relief paid to him in his lifetime.

Vestry Minutes of 28 Mar 1785 approved relief of 1/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to John AMESBURY's child. This ended in 1786. Overseers Accounts for 1786/7 record £2.11/- paid to Mrs BOND for John AMESBURY's daughter and £2. 2.11 for clothes for the latter. Presumably Anne (the daughter) went to service with Mrs BOND.]

- **32.** Vestry Minutes of 18 Nov 1774 instruct the Overseers to remove <u>Sarah EVANS</u> out of the parish, to the parish where she belongs, before next lady day. No Examination or Order of Removal has been located. Possibly this was a potential bastardy case and the parties were persuaded to marry before leaving the parish. [*Note*: William AISHMAN x resident in the parish married Sarah EVANS x resident in the parish, by banns at High Littleton 5 Jun 1775 (witnesses Benj. READ, James EVANS).]
- **33.** Overseers Accounts for 1775/6 record 3/6 paid to John HOOPER in distress, 4/6 for examining **John HOOPER** and getting an Order and 1/- to the men for halling (*sic*) his goods to Norton [?Midsomer Norton]. No Examination or Order has been located.

[Note: James son of John HOOPER & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 15 Mar 1767.

Martha dau. of John HOOPER & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 23 Jul 1769.

Joseph son of John HOOPER & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 10 Nov 1771.

Anna dau. of John HOOPER & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 28 Aug 1774.

John HOOPER bach. of St. James, Bristol married Sarah PARSONS wid. otp at High Littleton 21 Sep 1758 may be a first marriage.]

34. Robert BRYANT and son were removed from High Littleton to Axminster by Order dated 23rd February 1776.

Overseers Accounts for 1775/6 record 3/6 expenses at The Bull at Chelwood at the examination of Robert BRYANT, 4/6 for the Order and £1.14/- for Counsellor's opinion for Rob't BRYANT and expenses. Robert BRYANT's Examination has not been located.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

County of Somerset.

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to Execute and Convey. And to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Axminster in the County of Devon to receive and obey.

FOrasmuch as Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto subscrib'd and set, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, of and for the said County of Somerset (whereof one is of the Quorum) by you the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, that **Robert BRYANT** and Benjamin his Son aged about one year lately came and intruded into the said Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, endeavouring there to settle as Inhabitants thereof, contrary to Law, not having any Way Acquired or Obtained any legal Settlement therein, and are likely to become chargeable thereunto: We do, upon due Examination, adjudge the said Complaint and Premisses to be true. And we do farther, upon the Examination of the said Robert BRYANT, taken upon his Oath, adjudge, that the said Robert BRYANT and Benjamin his Son are last legally settled in the said Parish of Axminster.

THESE are therefore in his Majesty's Name, to Require, Order, and Command you, the said Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, forthwith to Remove and Convey the said Robert BRYANT and Benjamin his Son from the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid unto the Parish of Axminster aforesaid and them to Deliver to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this Order or Duplicate, or true Copy hereof) who is, and are hereby requir'd to Receive and Provide for them as the Law directs. And hereof you are not to fail. Given under our Hands and Seals the Twenty third day of February in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third King of Great-Britain, etc. And in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Six. Jno. ADAMS, J. ADAMS Jun'r.

[Reverse] - Deliver'd to John BULL Overseer of Axminster Rob't BRYANT and Child March the 28th 1776 by me Thomas LANSDOWN.

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

[*Note*: Robert BRIANT x, resident in the parish, married Elisabeth DYKE x, resident in the parish, by banns at High Littleton 6 Apr 1774. Benjamin their son was born c.1775.

Accounts for 1775/6 record £1. 4. 8½ expenses to Axminster with Rob't BRYAN & £2. 5/- for the chaise and gave the driver to Axminster. William son of Robert BRYANT & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 10 Oct 1779.

An Order was made for the removal of Robert BRYANT, wife Elizabeth and son William 10 from Shepton Mallet to Axminster in 1788. At Taunton Quarter Sessions on 7 Oct 1788 the Order was filed (SRO Q/SO 15 234).]

35. Rebecca CLARK was removed from High Littleton to Croscombe by Order dated 24th April 1776. The Examination of Rebecca CLARK has not been located.

[Letter from the Overseer of Croscombe to the Overseers of High Littleton]

Croscombe.

Gentilmen, I hope you will Let **Rebeca CLARCK** Continue in Her House & this parish will Relive her. I have Consulted Mr SPEED & wee have agreed to allow her one Shilling p'r week untill her Right parish is known. If you Don't Chise to Lett Her Continue in her houss wee will have her without aney fresh order.

from Benj'n JAMES, Overseer of the said parish of Croscombe. [Undated but probably 1776]. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-16.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

County of Somerset.

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to Execute and Convey And to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Croscombe in the said County to receive and obey.

FOrasmuch as Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto subscrib'd and set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, of and for the said County of Somerset (whereof one is of the Quorum) by you the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That **Rebecca CLARK**, **Widow**, lately came and intruded into the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, endeavouring there to settle as an Inhabitant thereof, contrary to Law, not having any Way Acquired or Obtained any legal Settlement therein, and is become chargeable thereunto: We do, upon due Examination, adjudge the said Complaint and Premisses to be true. And we do farther, upon the Examination of the said Rebecca CLARK, taken upon her Oath, adjudge, that the said Rebecca CLARK is last legally settled in the Parish of Croscombe aforesaid.

THESE are therefore in his Majesty's Name, to Require, Order, and Command you, the said Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, forthwith to Remove and Convey the said Rebecca CLARK from the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid unto the Parish of Croscombe aforesaid and her to Deliver to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this Order or Duplicate, or true Copy hereof) who is, and are hereby requir'd to Receive and Provide for her as the Law directs. And hereof you are not to fail. Given under our Hands and Seals the 24th day of April in the 16th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third King of Great-Britain, etc. And in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and seventy six. Jno. ADAMS, J. ADAMS Jun'r. [Reverse] - 2d May 1776 Deliver'd Rebecca CLARK to the Overseer of Croscomb, Benjamin JAMES. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-4.

[Note: Rebecca CLARK and family appear to have been removed to Croscombe in 1770/1 under a previous order.

Overseers Accounts for 1776/7 record 2/- given to Rebecka CLARK in want, 8/6 for examining Joel BRIMBLE & an Order for Rebecka CLARK and 4/8 expense of carrying Rebecka CLARK to Croscoomb.]

36. Robert CORNISH and family were removed from High Littleton to Hinton Charterhouse by Order dated 30th April 1776. Ann CORNISH's Examination has not survived.

[Letter - presumably written to the Churchwardens and Overseers of Hinton Charterhouse.]

Gentlemen, There is come to the Parish of High Littleton a Woman with two Children with a Certificate of her marriage to **Robert CORNISH**, a Soldier, who was born in High Littleton & apprenticed in the year 1743 to James HART, a Weaver of Pipehouse in the Parish of Henton; the Justices of this Division are ready to Grant an Order for their Removal to your Parish; they will have a Sessions at the Greyhound Inn in Midsummer Norton on Tuesday next at 10 in the morning; if you have any Objection why such Order should not be Granted, please to be there, as we purpose having the Order then.

Joseph BRODRIBB, Overseer.

Hallatrow, April 27 1776. (a Copy)

Document in High Littleton Vestry Aug. 2000.

[Printed Form - No. 36 (<u>Order of Removal</u>) Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL, in Bath.] County of Somerset To wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Charterhouse Hinton in the said County to receive and obey.

FORASMUCH as complaint hath been made unto us, whose names are hereunto set and seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's justices of the peace in and for the said County (one of us of the quorum) by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, That Robert CORNISH & Ann his Wife & William aged about six years and Elizabeth aged about two years, their children have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton contrary to law, not having any way gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere, and that they are become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said justices, upon due proof thereof made before us, as well upon the examination of the said Ann upon oath, as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration had of the premisses, do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the lawful settlement of the said Robert CORNISH & Ann his Wife & William & Elizabeth their Children is in the said Parish of Charterhouse Hinton in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you the said churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Robert CORNISH & Ann his Wife & William & Elizabeth their Children from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Charterhouse Hinton and them to deliver to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this our order or duplicate, or a true copy thereof:) And we do also hereby require you the said churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said Parish of Charterhouse Hinton to receive and provide for them as inhabitants of your sd. Parish.

Given under our hands and seals the 30th day of April in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six. Jas. TOOKER, Jno. ADAMS, J. ADAMS Jun'r.

[Reverse] - Deliver'd 2 May 1776 to John SMITH Overseer by me, Thomas LANSDOWN. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-5.

[Note: Robert was born in High Littleton c.1734/5, the son of Robert CORNISH and his wife Sarah.

When Robert was 7, the whole family was removed from Keynsham to High Littleton by Order dated 3 Feb 1741/2.

As paupers, the Overseers of High Littleton apprenticed out four of the CORNISH children, to avoid having to keep them at parish expense. Robert was apprenticed to James HART, weaver of Hinton Charterhouse, by Indenture dated 25th March 1743, until he was 24.

Robert CORNISH married Ann. William a son was born c.1769/70.

Elizabeth a daughter was born c.1773/4.

Overseers Accounts for 1776/7 record 5/6 paid for an Order for Robert CORNISH's wife and Family & Expenses, 9/6 to Rob't CORNISH's Family in want, 5/- to John HOOK for lodging them and 5/6 expense of carrying them to Henton.]

37. Betty CLARE and family were removed from High Littleton to Ashwick by Order dated 9th January 1778.

The Examination of Betty CLARE has not survived.

[Printed Form - No. 36 (Order of Removal). Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL in Bath.] County of Somerset To wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Ashwick in the said County to receive and obey.

FORASMUCH as complaint hath been made unto us, whose names are hereunto set and seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's justices of the peace in and for the said County (one of us of the quorum) by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, That Betty CLARE and John aged about ten years, Thomas aged about four years and Betty aged about two years, her lawful Children by Thomas CLARE her Husband, now in his Majesty's Service and absent from her and not resident in the said parish of High Littleton, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton contrary to law, not having any way gained a legal settlement there, and that the said Betty CLARE and the sd. John, Thomas and Betty, her said Children are become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said justices, upon due proof thereof made before us, as well upon the examination of the said Betty CLARE upon oath, as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration had of the premisses, do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the lawful settlement of the said Betty CLARE and the said John, Thomas and Betty, her said Children is in the said Parish of Ashwick in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you the said churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Betty CLARE and the said John, Thomas and Betty, her said Children from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Ashwick and them to deliver to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this our order or duplicate, or a true copy thereof:) And we do also hereby require you the said churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said Parish of Ashwick to receive and provide for them as inhabitants of your said Parish.

Given under our hands and seals the ninth day of January in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy eight. Jno. ADAMS, J. ADAMS Jun'r.

[Reverse] - The Family carried by Tho's LANSDOWN, Churchwarden, Wm. DRURY, Overseer, January 14th 1778.

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

[Note: Thomas (born 8 Feb) son of James CLARE & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 15 Feb 1746/7.

Thomas' parents settled in High Littleton under a Certificate from Ashwick dated 20th August 1743.

Thomas CLARE x coal miner married Betty JAMES x spin. by banns at Farmborough 24 Jan 1768.

John their child was born c.1768.

Thomas was born c.1773. He married Mary COLLYER at High Littleton 10 Jan 1803.

Betty was born c.1775.

Overseers Accounts for 1768/9 record a payment of £2. 1. 6 to Thomas CLARE on account of the parish of Ashwick.

Accounts for 1772/3 record 10/- paid to Thomas CLARE for the lodging of Sarah JAMES for 5 weeks @ 2/- p.w. In 1773/4 2/- was paid to Tho's CLARE for 1 week's house room for Sarah JAMES.

Overseers Accounts for 1777/8 record 1/6 expenses at Sessions with Betty CLARE.

Elizabeth CLARE, Farmborough, aged 85, was buried at Farmborough 23 Jan 1831.]

38. Elizabeth HARDING was removed from High Littleton to Paulton by Order dated 13th March 1778.

Somersetshire.

The <u>Examination of Elizabeth HARDING</u>, now resideing in the parish of High Littleton in the said County, Singlewoman, taken 13th March 1778.

Who, upon her Oath Saith, she was Born in the said Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County, as she hath Heard and Believes, lived with her Parents there till she was about Eighteen Years of Age, when she went into the parish of Paulton and Hired herself for a Year to one George ANSTEE, served him that Year and one Year after, then returned into the parish of Littleton and lived with her Parents there ever since. The Mark of X Eliz. HARDING.

Sworn the day and Year abovesd. Before Jas. TOOKER, J. ADAMS Jun'r.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-4a (Original). Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-13 (Copy) with minor differences.

[Note: Overseers Accounts for 1777/8 record 1/- paid for the examination of Betty HARDING and 3/6 for an Order for her.

It would be easy to assume that Elizabeth was the daughter of William & Mary HARDING baptized at High Littleton 6 Jun 1756. However, William HARDING died in 1768 and his widow Mary remarried, which does not tally with Elizabeth's Examination.]

[Printed Form - No. 36 (Order of Removal.) Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL, in Bath.] Somersetshire To wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Paulton in the same County to receive and obey.

FORASMUCH as complaint hath been made unto us, whose names are hereunto set and seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's justices of the peace in and for the said County (one of us of the quorum) by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That **Elizabeth HARDING**, **Singlewoman** hath come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton contrary to law, not having any way gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any certificate owning her to be settled elsewhere, and that she the said Elizabeth HARDING is likely to become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said justices, upon due proof thereof made before us, as well upon the examination of the said Elizabeth HARDING upon her oath, as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration had of the premisses, do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the lawful settlement of her the said Elizabeth HARDING was and is in the said Parish of Paulton

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you the said churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Elizabeth HARDING from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Paulton and her to deliver to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this our order or duplicate, or a true copy thereof:) And we do also hereby require you the said churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said Parish of Paulton to receive and provide for her as an inhabitant of your Parish. Given under our hands and seals the 13th day of March in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy Eight. Jas. TOOKER, J. ADAMS Jun'r.

[Reverse] - March the 23th 1778 Convaid Elizabeth HARDING To Paulton. William DRURY Oversear. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-7.

39. Ralph ROGERS & family were removed from High Littleton to Uffculme by Order dated 13th March 1778.

Somersetshire.

The Examination of Ralph ROGERS, now resideing in the parish of High Littleton in the said County, taken 13 March 1778.

Who, upon his Oath Saith, That he was Born at Ufcombe in the County of Devon, as he hath Heard and believes. That he was Bound an Apprentice by the parish, when he was about Nine Years of age, to Robert WEARE of the said parish of Ufcombe and, after liveing with his Master about two or three Years, he ran away from and left his Master's Service and, after liveing at several places at his own Hands for about Fifteen Weeks, he went into the parish of Wrington in the sd. County and Hired himself by the Week to one Thomas PLAISTER and lived with him One Year and Nine Weeks (by the Week), then Hired himself for a Year to the said Thomas PLAISTER and lived with him that Year also. Then went into the parish of Winscombe in the sd. County and hired himself for a Year to one John TILLY and served two Years. Then went into the parish of Caddistone near Cardiff in Wales and Hired himself for a Year to one William LEE and lived with him two Years, then hired himself for a year to Miles PICKETT of Caddiston aforesaid and served that time. Since that, [he] has lived up and down at several places at his own Hands. That, about Five Years since, he came into the parish of High Littleton and, after live[ing] there at his own Hands about one year; he Married Ann his present Wife, by whom he has two Children, Elizabeth aged about three Years and Wm. aged about one Year. The Mark of X Ralph ROGERS. Sworn the day and Year abovesd. Before Jas. TOOKER, Jno. ADAMS J'nr.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-4 (Original). Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-12a (Copy) with minor differences.

[Printed Form - No. 36 (Order of Removal.) Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL, in Bath.] County of Somerset To wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Ufcombe in the County of Devon to receive and obey.

FORASMUCH as complaint hath been made unto us, whose names are hereunto set and seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's justices of the peace in and for the said County of Somerset (one of us of the quorum) by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somereset, That Ralph ROGERS and Ann his Wife and Elizabeth, aged about three years and William, aged about one year, their Children, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton contrary to law, not having any way gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere, and that the said Ralph ROGERS and Ann his Wife and Elizabeth and William their Children are become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said justices, upon due proof thereof made before us, as well upon the examination of the said Ralph ROGERS upon his oath, as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration had of the premisses, do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the lawful settlement of the said Ralph ROGERS is in the said Parish of Ufcombe in the said County of Devon.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you the said churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Ralph ROGERS and Ann his Wife and Elizabeth and William their Children from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Ufcombe and them to deliver to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this our order or duplicate, or a true copy thereof:) And we do also hereby require you the said churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said Parish of Ufcombe to receive and provide for them as inhabitants of your said Parish.

Given under our hands and seals the thirteenth day of March in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight. Jas. TOOKER, J. ADAMS Jun'r.

[Reverse] - April ye 17th 1778 then Carrid Ralf ROGERS to Uffculm by mee William DRURY, Overseer.

Document in High Littleton Vestry Aug. 2000.

[Note: Ralph son of Eliz. ROGERS bapt. at Uffculme 9 Mar 1747/8.

Ralph ROGERS x sojourner in the parish married Anne PERRY x sojourner in the parish by banns at High Littleton 13 Sep 1773.

Vestry Minutes of 18 Nov 1774 instruct the Overseers to give notice to Ralph ROGERS to remove with his family out of the parish before next lady day. No Removal Order seems to have been obtained at this time.

Betty dau. of Ralph ROGERS & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 7 May 1775.

William son of Ralph ROGERS & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 30 Mar 1777.

Overseers Accounts for 1776/7 record 6d. for a summons and warrant for Ralph ROGERS, Wm. SIMONS & Jo. BRIMBLE. Accounts for 1777/8 record 1/- for the examination of Ralph ROGERS and £5.14/- expense of carrying away Ralph ROGERS & family to Uffcomb.]

[Notice of intended Appeal]

To the Church Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somersett; To one or Either of them (These).

Take Notice that we Intend to make an Appeal Against your order of Removal of **Ralph ROGERS**, Anne his Wife and Elizabeth and William their Children, at the next General Quarter Sessions of the peace that may be held within your Said County of Somersett.

Given under our hands, Being Two of the Overseers of the Poor for the time Being in the Parish of Uffculme in the County of Devon. Dated April 17th 1778.

as Witness our hands, Will. TRICKEY, E. SWEETLAND.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-5.

40. George CLARE and family were removed from High Littleton to Ashwick by Order dated 24th May 1782. The Examination of George CLARE has not survived.

[Printed Form - No. 36 (<u>Order of Removal</u>.) Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL, in Bath.] County of Somerset To wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of (of) High Littleton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Ashwick in the same County to receive and obey.

FORASMUCH as complaint hath been made unto us, whose names are hereunto set and seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's justices of the peace in and for the said County (one of us of the quorum) by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, That George CLARE and Ann his Wife and Hannah aged about Twelve years, Sarah aged about Nine years, George aged about Seven years, James Aged about five years and Susanna and Mary each aged about one year, their Children have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton contrary to law, not having any way gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere, and that they the said George CLARE and Ann his Wife and Hannah, Sarah, George, James, Susanna and Mary are become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said justices, upon due proof thereof made before us, as well upon the examination of the said George CLARE upon his oath, as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration had of the premisses, do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the lawful settlement of them the said George CLARE and Ann his Wife and the said Hannah, Sarah, George, James, Susanna and Mary, their Children is in the said Parish of Ashwick in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in his Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you the said churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said George CLARE and Ann his Wife and Hannah, Sarah, George, James, Susanna and Mary, their Children from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Ashwick and them to deliver to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this our order or duplicate, or a true copy thereof:) And we do also hereby require you the said churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said Parish of Ashwick to receive and provide for them as inhabitants of your said Parish.

Given under our hands and seals the Twenty fourth day of May in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty two. V. DICKINSON, Ch. H. COXE, H.H. COXE, Jno. ADAMS.

[Reverse] - June 4th 1782 George CLARE his Wife and Six Children Deliverd to the Officers of Aishweek Parish Mr Sam'l JAMES & Mr HARDICK.

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

[Note: George CLARE and children were removed to Ashwick again by Order dated 3 Sep 1790. See that Case for family details.]

[Letter addressed to] Jacob MOGG Esq'r.

Oakhill Aug'st 24 1782.

Sir, We have settled with Mr LANSDOWN respecting **CLARE**, and I hope to your and the Parish's satisfaction. Without this late additional Trouble, the Business would have been settled by Mr JAMES according to his word, but Illness prevented, and next week it was his purpose to have gone to Littleton and have finished the Business. I have now to request the Favor of you and the other gentlemen of the Parish, in compassion to CLARE's numerous Family, that you would suffer him to reside in your Parish, where he can much better support his Family, than here. His Rent will be paid by the Parish of Ashwick in future, untill two of his Children are put out Apprentices, when he declares he shall be of sufficient ability to pay it himself.

I am Sir yr. h'ble serv't Rich. PERKINS.

Document in High Littleton Vestry Aug. 2000.

41. Edward BARNETT and family were removed from High Littleton to Chippenham in 1783.

No Order of Removal has been located but Edward's Examination survives.

Overseers Accounts for 1782/3 record expenses of £2. 5. 6 for carrying Edward BARNET and his family to Chippenham and 16/1 received from the Overseers of Chippenham for Ed. BARNET.

Somerset to wit.

The Examination of Edward BARNARD [BARNETT], now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, taken before us, two [of] his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this Second Day of January 1783.

Who on his Oath saith, That he was born in the Parish of Calne in the County of Wilts. as he has heard and believes. That, when he was about 14 Years of Age he was bound an Apprentice 'till he was 24 Years of Age, to one Thomas NEWTON of Chippenham in the said County of Wilts., Broad Weaver, that he Served 4 Years of his Apprentice[ship] or thereabout with the said Thomas NEWTON in Chippenham aforesd. and then absconded and lived by Charity for near 6 Months and at last same [came intended] into the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the sd. County of Somerset and workt at Coal Pit and other Work. That, ab't Six Years ago, he came into the parish of High Littleton and Soon afterwards Married Betty his present Wife, by whom he has now one Child living, Sarah by name, aged about 3 Y'rs, and that he has, since leaving his Master at Chippenham, done no Act, to the best of his Knowledge, whereby to gain a Settlement otherwise than above. The Mark of X Edward BARNARD.

Sworn before us H.H. COXE, Ch. H. COXE. (a Copy).

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

[Note: Edward BARNETT x bach. resident in the parish, married Elizabeth SMITH x spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 17 Sep 1777.

Overseers' Accounts for 1777/8 record a payment of £5. 8. 9 for marriage expenses of Ed. BARNARD to Betty SMITH. The Overseers' keenness to marry off Betty, who was pregnant, can be explained by the fact that she had previously had a bastard child Martha in 1768, who died in 1775 and been a burden to the parish.

Sarah dau. of Edward BARNET & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 15 Mar 1778. - Sarah BARNETT a child buried at High Littleton 23 Jan 1780.

Sarah dau. of Edw'd BARNETT & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 12 Mar 1780.]

42. John RICHARDSON and family were removed from High Littleton to Kilmersdon by Order dated 14th December 1785.

County of Somerset.

The <u>Examination of **John RICHARDSON**</u>, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County, Coalminer, taken the 14th Day of December 1785.

Who on his Oath Saith, That he was born in the Parish of Farmborow in the sd. County, as he has heard and believes. That, his Father dying, his Mother was removed by an Order from Farmborow to the Parish of Kilmersdon and he, this Examinant, with her, and that they were relieved by the said parish of Kilmersdon, and that he has never done any Act whatever to gain a Settlement. That he has a Wife named Christian and one Child named Sarah, aged ab't 14 Months. The Mark of X John RICHARDSON.

Sworn the Day & Year aforesaid, before us Ch. H. COXE, Jno. ADAMS. (a Copy).

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

[Note: John son of George RICHARDSON bapt. at Farmborough 16 Jan 1761.

John RICHARDSON resident in the parish married Christian LOVEL x resident in the parish, by banns at High Littleton 6 Aug 1783.

Sarah dau. of John RICHARDSON & Christian bapt. at High Littleton 17 Oct 1784.

Overseers Accounts for 1785/6 record 5/6 for the examination & Order of Removal of John RICHARDSON (Kilmersdon) and 8/- horse hire & expences attend'g the Removal of LOVELL & RICHARDSON with their Families.]

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the said County to receive and obey.

FORASMUCH as complaint hath been made unto us, whose names are hereunto set and seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's justices of the peace in and for the said County (one of us of the quorum) by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, That **John RICHARDSON** and Christian his Wife and Sarah their Daughter aged about fourteen Months have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton contrary to law, not having any way gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere, and that the said John RICHARDSON, Christian his Wife and Sarah their said Daughter are likely to become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said justices, upon due proof thereof made before us, as well upon the examination of the said John RICHARDSON upon his oath, as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration had of the premisses, do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the lawful settlement of the said John RICHARDSON is in the said Parish of Kilmersdon.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you the said churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said John RICHARDSON and Christian his Wife and Sarah their said Daughter from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Kilmersdon and them to deliver to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this our order or duplicate, or a true copy thereof:) And we do also hereby require you the said churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said Parish of Kilmersdon to receive and provide for them as inhabitants of your said Parish.

Given under our hands and seals the 14th day of Dec'r in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five. Ch. H. COXE, Jno. ADAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-10.

43. John LOVELL and family were removed from High Littleton to Wellow by Order dated 14th December 1785.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of John LOVELL, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Labourer, taken the 14th Day of December 1785.

Who on his Oath Saith, that he was born in the Parish of St. Cuthbert in Wells, as he has heard and believes. That he hired himself for a year to Francis SADLER of Lullington in the said County and Served him a Year and three Quarters. That he also made a Bargain for a year with Mr Jacob ASHLEY of Marston in the sd. County and lived with him a year and three Quarters. That he likewise made a Hiring for a year with Mr John BIGGS of Peglinch in the parish of Wellow and lived with him that year and received his full Wages. That he has a Wife named Elizabeth and Six Children, the Four youngest of whom are living with him, Viz't: Obadiah aged 21 Years, John aged 16 Years, Jane aged 13 Years and Elizabeth aged 11 Years, neither of whom have done any Act to gain a Settlement on their own Acc't. The Mark of X John LOVELL.

Sworn the Day & Year aforesd. before us Ch. H. COXE, Jno. ADAMS. (a Copy).

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

[Note: John LOVEL labourer of Wellow married Elizabeth CARTER spin. otp by banns at Timsbury 23 Apr 1759.

One of the two unnamed elder children was probably Christian who married John RICHARDSON in 1783.

Obadiah was born c.1763/4

John son of John LOVELL & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 9 Mar 1766. - John LOVELL an infant buried at High Littleton 5 Jul 1768.

John son of John LOVELL & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 22 Jan 1769.

Jane dau. of John LOVELL & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 2 Jun 1771.

Elisabeth dau. of John LOVELL & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 28 Aug 1774.

Overseers Accounts for 1785/6 record 2/- p.w. for 5 weeks paid to John LOVELL, 5/6 for examination & Order of Removal for him (Wellow) and 8/- horse hire & expences attend'g the Removal of said LOVELL & RICHAEDSON with their Families.]

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

County of Somerset to wit.

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset to execute and convey. And to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Wellow to receive and obey.

FORASMUCH as Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto subscribed and set, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, of and for the said County in the said County (whereof one is of the Quorum) by you the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, That John LOVELL and Elizabeth his Wife and Obadiah LOVELL aged about twenty one years, John LOVELL aged about sixteen years, Jane LOVELL aged about thirteen years and Elizabeth LOVELL aged about Eleven years, their Children, lately came and intruded themselves into the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, endeavouring there to settle as Inhabitants thereof, contrary to Law, not having any Way acquired or obtained any legal Settlement therein, and are become chargeable thereunto: We do, upon due Examination, adjudge the said Complaint and Premises to be true. And we do farther, upon the Examination of the said John LOVELL, taken upon his Oath adjudge, That the said John LOVELL and Elizabeth his Wife, Obadiah LOVELL, John LOVELL, Jane LOVELL and Elizabeth LOVELL were last legally settled in the said Parish of Wellow in the County of Somerset aforesaid.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you, the said Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, forthwith to remove and convey the said John LOVELL and Elizabeth his Wife, Obadiah LOVELL, John LOVELL, Jane LOVELL and Elizabeth LOVELL from the said Parish of High Littleton unto the Parish of Wellow aforesaid, and them to deliver to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this Order or Duplicate, or a true Copy thereof) who is, and are hereby requir'd to receive and provide for them as the Law directs. And hereof you are not to fail. Given under our Hands and Seals the 14th Day of December in

the 26th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third King of Great-Britain, and so forth, and in the Year of our Lord 1785. Ch. H. COXE, Jno. ADAMS. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-11.

44. Martha SIMMONS and family were removed from High Littleton to Litton by Order dated 12th March 1789.

County of Somerset.

To the Church Wardens and overseers of the Parish of Litton in the said County.

Take Notice that we the Church Warden and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County aforesaid, whose Names are hereunto subscribed, do intend to apply to such two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County as shall be present at the Golden Hart Inn at Clutton in the said County, on Thursday the twelfth day of March Instant between the Hours of twelve at Noon and two in the afternoon of that day, for an order to remove **Martha SIMMONS** and her Children from our said Parish of High Littleton to your said Parish of Litton, at which Time and Place you may attend and shew Cause why such order should not be granted, if you think fit.

Dated this tenth day of March 1789. [unsigned], Church Warden, [unsigned], Overseers.

Document in High Littleton Vestry August 2000.

Somerset to Wit.

The Examination of Martha SYMONDS, now residing within the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, taken this 12th day of March 1789.

Who on her Oath Saith, that Thirteen Years ago last Feb'y, she Married William SYMONDS, her late Husband, at the Parish Church of High Littleton aforesaid. That, about three or four Years ago, there was a Question made by the Parish of Litton, whether her said Husband's Place of legal Settlement was in Litton or High Littleton and the Parish Officers of Litton took him to a Petty Sessions at Wells and had him Examined, and afterwards they acknowledged him as their Parishioner, by having given him relief to pay his House rent once or twice and also by admitting him to receive some of the Charity Money arising from Lands given to the Second Poor of Litton. That she has four Children, Viz't: Anne aged ab't 12 Years, Eliz'th aged about 10 Years, Tho's aged about 8 Years and Richard aged ab't 4 Years. Martha SIMONS.

Sworn at Clutton 12th Mar. 1789, Jas TOOKER, Alex'r ADAMS. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-37a.

[Note: William SIMMONS resident in the parish married Martha ATTWOOD, resident in the parish, at High Littleton 19 Feb 1776.

Martha dau. of Rich. ATTWOOD of Hallatrow bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel - Feb 1754.

Anne dau. of William SIMMONS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 5 Jan 1777.

Elisabeth dau. of W'm SIMMONS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 14 Mar 1779.

Thomas son of William SIMMONS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 28 Jan 1781.

James son of William SYMONDS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 17 Nov 1782. - James SIMMONS a child buried at High Littleton 28 Mar 1788.

Richard son of W'm SIMONS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 28 Nov 1784.

W'm SIMMONS a pauper was buried at High Littleton 20 Dec 1788. Martha remarried 8 years later.

Overseers Accounts for 1788/9 record relief of 3/- p.w. for 11 weeks and 2/- expences paid to widow SIMMONS, also 6/6 Expences at Clutton, Wells & Litton and 2/6 carrying the Family to Litton - widow SIMMONDS.

Henry FRAPWELL x otp married Martha SIMONS otp by banns at High Littleton 16 Oct 1796.

Henry FRAPWELL, baptized in 1756, was a widower, his first wife Amy DANDO having died in 1795.

The 1811 Census finds Henry FRAPWELL living in Hallatrow with 2 females in the house.

Henry FRAPELL, Hallatrow, aged 57, was buried at High Littleton 21 Jun 1814.

Henry FRAPWELL was a recipient of blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity between 1793 and 1813 (of Hallatrow) and Martha FRAPWELL (widow of Bristol), received similar charity in 1815.

Vestry Minutes of 28 Mar 1815 approved relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Martha FRAPWELL, widow. This was increased to 2/6 a year later and continued thus until mid 1819, when it was noted that she was dead.

Overseers Accounts recorded on 21 Jun 1819 that Martha FRAPWELL "departed this life in Bristol on Friday morning about 5 o'clock the 18th inst." Her funeral expenses were paid by the parish.]

William's Examination referred to in Martha's Examination has not been located but one taken in 1776 is shown below. There is no indication that William was removed at that time.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of William SYMONS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County, Labourer, taken this 24th April 1776.

Who, upon his Oath saith, that he was born in the Parish of Litton in the sd. County, as he hath heard & believes, that about his age of Eleven Years, he went into the Parish of High Littleton aforesd. & hired himself by the

week to Wm. SKEY of the same Place, Clothier, at Eighteen pence a week, Victuals & Drink but no Washing or Lodging and lived with him on those Terms about a Year and also served him about another Year under the like Weekly Wages and, in that Year, was found Victuals, Drink and Lodging and also lived with him about another Year under the Weekly Wages of One & twenty pence a Week, Victuals, Drink, Washing and Lodging but positively saith that he never bargained with his sd. Master to serve him for a Year and that he might have left his Master, if he had pleased, at the End of any One Week; And that he hath not lived a Year with any Master since. The Mark of X William SYMONS.

Sworn the day & Yr. aforesd. before Jno. ADAMS, Jn. ADAMS Jun'r.

Document in High Littleton Vestry August 2000. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-16 (Copy).

[Note: Overseers Accounts for 1776/7 record 6d. paid for a summons warrant for Ralph ROGERS, Wm. SIMONS & Jo. BRIMBLE.]

Printed Form - No. 36 (<u>Order of Removal</u>.) *Printed and sold by R. CRUTTWELL*, in Bath.] County of Somerset To Wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Litton in the said County to receive and obey.

FORASMUCH as complaint hath been made unto us, whose names are hereunto set and seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's justices of the peace in and for the said County (one of us of the quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, That Martha SIMMONDS, Widow and Anne aged about 12 years, Elizabeth aged about 10 years, Thomas aged about 8 years and Richard aged about 4 years, her Children have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton contrary to law, not having any way gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere, and that they the said Martha SIMMONDS and Anne, Elizabeth, Thomas and Richard are become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said justices, upon due proof thereof made before us, as well upon the examination of the said Martha SIMMONDS upon her oath, as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration had of the premises, do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the lawful settlement of them the said Martha SIMMONDS and Anne, Elizabeth, Thomas and Richard, her Children is in the said Parish of Litton in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Martha SIMMONDS and Anne, Elizabeth, Thomas and Richard, her Children from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Litton and them to deliver to the Churchwardeus (*sic*) and Overseers of the poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this our order or duplicate, or a true copy thereof:) And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said Parish of Litton to receive and provide for them as inhabitants of your Parish.

Given under our hands and seals the 12th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Nine. Jas. TOOKER, Alex. ADAMS.

[Reverse] - 16th March 1789 Delivered the within named Martha SIMMONS and Children with a duplicate of this Order to James CLARK one of the Overseers of the Poor of the within mentioned Parish of Litton. By me Joseph BRODRIBB.

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

45. George CLARE and family were removed from High Littleton to Ashwick by Order dated 3rd Sept. 1790.

County of Somerset to Wit.

The Examination of George CLEAR, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Coalminer, (touching his Settlement) taken upon Oath before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, this Ninth Day of August 1790.

This Examinant Saith, that he is about Fifty Years of Age and was born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as he hath heard and believes, and that he lived with his Parents at High Littleton aforesaid 'till he was about Thirty Years of Age, and this Examinant further Saith, that his Father was a legal Parishioner of the Parish of Ashwick in the said County, says that, about Twenty Years ago, he Married a Wife named Ann, by whom he hath Six Children, (Viz:) Hannah aged Eighteen Years, Sarah aged Sixteen, George aged Fourteen, James aged Eleven, Susannah aged Nine Years and Mary aged Nine Years, says that he hath done no Act to gain a Settlement (save as aforesaid), to his knowledge or belief, having always workt at the Coal Pits at High Littleton. The Mark X of George CLEAR.

Sworn at Kilmersdon in the said County on the Day and Year above Written, before me Tho's S. JOLLIFFE.

Resworn the 3rd Day of Sep'r 1790 at Chewton Mendip in the said County of Somerset, before us Jas. TOOKER, John BAND. (a Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-37.

[Note: George son of James CLARE & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 6 Dec 1741.

George's parents settled in High Littleton under a Certificate from Ashwick dated 20 Aug 1743.

George CLARE x bach. otp married Anne BROOKES x spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 21 Nov 1768.

George son of George & Ann CLARE (from Littleton) bapt. at Clutton 14 May 1769. - George CLARE a child buried at High Littleton 24 Nov 1769

Hannah dau. of George CLARE & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 18 Nov 1770

Sarah dau. of George CLARE & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 18 Jul 1773.

George son of George CLARE & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 25 Feb 1776. - He married Hannah WILKINS at Radstock 20 Mar 1799.

James son of George CLARE & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 15 Mar 1778.

Susanna dau. of George CLARE & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 1 Apr 1781.

Mary dau. of George CLARE & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 1 Apr 1781.

George CLARE, his wife and family was removed previously to Ashwick by Order dated 24th May 1782.

Accounts for 1783/4 record 19/1 paid to Ann CLARE for tending Ann PURNELL.

Ann CLARE a pauper was buried at High Littleton 13 Jul 1784. Accounts for 1784/5 record 16/- paid for burying Ann CLARE.

Overseers Accounts for 1790/1 (1st half year) record 6/6 paid for Sumson (Summons) for George CLARE to Kilsmuston (Kilmersdon) and Examenant of George CLARE & Expences. Also, paid 7/6 for George CLARE's Examanteion at Chutton (Chewton Mendip) and the Order & Expences and paid 6/- for Caring the famley to Aisweek and Expences.

George CLARE a pauper was buried at High Littleton 23 Mar 1794.]

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Ashweek in the County aforesaid to receive and obey.

FORASMUCH as complaint hath been made unto us, whose names are hereunto set and seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's justices of the peace in and for the said County (one of us of the quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, That George CLARE and Hannah aged about Eighteen years, Sarah aged Sixteen years, George aged fourteen years, James aged Eleven years, Susanna aged Nine years & Mary aged Nine years, his Children have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton contrary to law, not having any way gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere, and that they the said George CLARE and Hannah, Sarah, George, James, Susanna and Mary are become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said justices, upon due proof thereof made before us, as well upon the examination of the said George CLARE upon his oath, as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration had of the premises, do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the lawful settlement of them the said George CLARE and Hannah, Sarah, George, James, Susanna and Mary is in the said Parish of High Littleton [Ashweek intended] in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said George CLARE and Hannah, Sarah, George, James, Susanna and Mary, his Children from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Ashweek and them to deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this our order or duplicate, or a true copy thereof:) And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said Parish of Ashweek to receive and provide for them as inhabitants of your Parish.

Given under our hands and seals the 3rd day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety. Jas. TOOKER, John BAND.

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

46. Sarah HOLLEY was removed from High Littleton to Bedminster by Order dated 4th January 1791.

Somerset to Wit.

The <u>Examination of **Sarah HOLLEY**</u>, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in The said County, Singlewoman. Taken the Fourth day of January 1791.

Who on her Oath saith, That she was born at High Littleton in the sd. County, as She has heard and believes. But that she has heard and believes that her Father John HOLLY was a certificated Man from the Parish of Bedminster in the said County and this Examinant Saith, that She has done no Act, whereby to gain a Settlement on her own Account, to the best of her Knowledge & belief. The Mark of X Sarah HOLLY.

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

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

[Note: See below for Sarah's baptism in 1772. The Overseers' reason for wanting to remove Sarah is that she was unmarried and pregnant. Overseers Accounts for 1790/1 (1st half year) record a payment for Sumson (Summons) for Ann HOLEY [who was Ann BRIMBLE by this time] & famley to Kilsmuster (Kilmersdon). In the 2nd half year 6d was paid for Warr't for Ann HOLLY & Daughter, also Expences to Justice with HOLLY's and 1/- for Sarah HOLLEY's Examination and 4/6 for Order of Removal. There were also 3/- Expences at Clutton and 12/- for Removing her to Bedminster.

Elisabeth dau. of Sarah HOLLEY bapt. at High Littleton 22 Apr 1791. - Elisabeth HOLLEY, infant buried at High Littleton 15 May 1791. Overseers Accounts for 1792 (before 20 May) record 6d. for Warent for Sarey HOLEY. The circumstances are unclear.

John son of Sarah HOLLEY bapt. at High Littleton 5 Jan 1796.

William base son of Sarah HOLLEY bapt. at High Littleton 4 May 1800.

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

County of Somerset.

The <u>Examination of **Ann BRIMBLE**</u>, now the Wife of Thomas BRIMBLE, residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County, Coalminer. Taken the 4th Day of Jan'ry 1791.

Who on her Oath saith, That about 28 Years ago, she Married John HOLLEY, her first Husband, in the Parish Church of Marksbury in the said County and that she lived with him in the Parish of High Littleton to the time of his Death, her said Husband following the Trade of a Blacksmith and living in a House built for the use of the Coal pits. And that she has heard her Husband say that he, her said Husband and his Father, were certificated Persons from the Parish of Bedminster in the said County to the Parish of Camely. The Mark of X Ann BRIMBLE.

Sworn at Clutton, before us (sic) H.H. COXE.

And the sd. Ann BRIMBLE Saith, that she has five Children now living, by the sd. John HOLLEY, namely, Martha, now Married to Wm. BULL, James, Sarah, John and William. [unsigned].

Sworn before us [unsigned]. (a Copy).

[It is not clear if the copier had omitted the above paragraph or if the Examinant made a further declaration.] SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-34.

[*Note*: John HOLLY, blacksmith of Cameley married Ann BROOKMAN x spin. otp by banns at Marksbury 12 May 1761. John HOLLY was born at Bedminster c 1735/6

Martha dau. of John HOLLY & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 28 Mar 1762. - She married William BULL at Paulton 13 Apr 1783.

William son of John HOLLY & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 18 Sep 1763. - William HOLLY buried at High Littleton 25 Sep 1763.

William son of John HOLLEY & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 26 Aug 1764. - Will'm HOLLY, infant buried at High Littleton 25 Mar 1765. John son of John HOLLY & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 5 Jan 1766. - John HOLLY an infant buried at High Littleton 8 Dec 1766.

Anne dau. of John HOLLY & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 1 Nov 1767. - Anne HOLLY a child buried at High Littleton 2 Nov 1773. James was another son.

Sarah dau. of John HOLLEY & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 26 Jul 1772.

John son of John HOLLY & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 2 Apr 1775.

William son of John HOLLY & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 4 May 1777.

John HOLLY was buried at High Littleton 13 Jun 1779.

Churchwardens Accounts for 1761/2 record 11/9 paid to John HOLLY for locks and twists, in 1776/7 there was £1. 1/- to John HOLLEY for ironwork and in 1781/2 4/6 to Ann HOLLEY for the smith's bill (not paid until 2 years after John's death!).

Ann remained a widow for 4 years. Thomas BRIMBLE married Ann HOLLEY by banns at Timsbury 7 Jul 1783.

Thomas BRIMBLE was baptized in 1739 and married firstly in 1760 Hannah SELWAY, by whom he had at least 7 children before she died in 1781. Thomas BRIMBLE was examined regarding his place of settlement in 1774/5 but the Examination has not survived. Presumably he was found to have a settlement in High Littleton or he would not have received relief from there later in life.

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

Vestry Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 agreed to let Tho's BRIMBLE have 14 lb of flour p.w. at a subsidised price of 3/- a peck. Minutes of 9 May 1808 approved relief of 2/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Thomas BRIMBEL. Relief continued until 1811 when it was noted when it was noted that he was dead.

Thomas BRIMBLE received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity between 1795 and 1810 and Ann received similar charity in 1815.

Thomas BRIMBLE was buried at High Littleton 17 Mar 1811. Accounts for 1810/1 show that the parish paid his funeral expenses.

From 1811 relief of 2/3 p.w. was paid in the weekly calendar to Tho's BRIMBLE's widow Ann (of High Littleton). Vestry Minutes of 24 Aug 1817 agree that Ann BRIMBLE is to be allowed a pair of shoes. Weekly relief continued until 1826 when her death is noted.

Overseers Accounts for 1826/7 record the cost of looking after widow HOLLEY in her illness and her funeral expenses.

Ann BRIMBLE, Farmborough, aged 97, was buried at High Littleton 19 Dec 1826. The age at death does not look credible.]

John HOLLEY, Sarah's father, had been examined in 1764 and his Examination is reproduced below. County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of John HOLLEY, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton, Blacksmith, taken 16th March 1764, before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County.

Who, upon his oath saith, that he was Born in the Parish of Bedminster in the said County, as he hath heard and believes. That, Whilst he was an Infant, his Father, by virtue of a Certificate from the said Parish of Bedminster to the Parish of Cambley in the said County, went and resided in the said Parish of Cambley, as he hath also heard and believes, that he, this Examinant, accordingly resided in the said Parish of Cambley till he arrived at his Age of Twenty six Years; And since that, lived at High Littleton and other places at his own hands. John HOLLEY.

Sworn the day and Year above sd. before John ADAMS, Tho's PALMER. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-18 (*Copy*).

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County of Somerset.

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, to Execute and Convey; And to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Bedminster in the said County to receive and obey.

FOrasmuch as Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto subscrib'd and set, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, of and for the said County of Somerset (whereof one is of the Quorum) by you the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That **Sarah HOLLEY**, **Singlewoman** lately came and intruded into the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, endeavouring there to settle as an Inhabitant thereof, contrary to Law, not having any Way acquired or obtained any legal Settlement therein, and is likely to become chargeable thereunto. We do, upon due Examination, adjudge the said Complaint and Premisses to be true. And we do farther, upon the Examination of her the said Sarah HOLLEY, taken upon her Oath, adjudge, that the said Sarah HOLLEY is last legally settled in the Parish of Bedminster in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to Require, Order, and command you, the said Church-Wardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, forthwith to remove and convey the said Sarah HOLLEY from the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid unto the Parish of Bedminster aforesaid, and to deliver to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them (together with this Order or Duplicate, or true Copy hereof) who is, and are hereby requir'd to receive and provide for her as the Law directs. And hereof you are not to fail.

Given under our Hands and Seals the Fourth Day of January in the 31st Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third King of Great-Britain, etc. and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety One. Jas. TOOKER, H.H. COXE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-14.

47. Priscilla FRY was removed from High Littleton to Foxcote by Order dated 21st May 1792.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of **Priscilla FRY**, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County, Singlewoman, Taken the 21st Day of May 1792.

Who on her Oath Saith, that she was Born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesd., as She has heard and believes. That she hired herself a Servant for a year to Mr DAY, of the Parish of Foxcote in the sd. County and served for that year & half a year afterwards and received her whole Wages for the same. Since which, she hath done to [no intended] Act to gain a Settlement, to the best of her knowledge. The Mark of X Priscilla FRY.

Sworn at Clutton in the sd. County, before us Jas TOOKER, Pe. SHERSTON, T. BOWEN. (a Copy). SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-38.

[*Note*: Priscilla was the daughter of John and Mary FRY, who had 9 other children baptized at High Littleton between 1755 and 1776, but not Priscilla. The FRY family lived in a parish poor house in Hallatrow both before and after Priscilla's removal.

Overseers Accounts record in 1792 4/6 paid for the Order of Removal for John FRY's Daughter and £1. 6/- for Shahies (Chaise) & Expences to Vosket (Foxcote).

Vestry Minutes of 31 Oct 1792 ordered the Overseers to immediately pay £13.18. 6 to Mr James FLOWER, surgeon of Chilcompton, in part discharge of his bill for medicine and attendance on Priscilla FRY. Overseers Accounts duly record the payment of £13.18. 6 to Mr FLOWER for John FRY's Daughter in Nov 1792.]

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Foscott in the said County to receive and obey.

FORASMUCH as Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Names are hereunto set and Seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County (one of us of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, That **Priscilla FRY** hath come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton aforesaid contrary to Law, not having any way gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning her to be settled elsewhere, and that she the said Priscilla FRY is become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said Justices, upon due

Proof thereof made before us, as well upon the Examination of the said Priscilla FRY upon her Oath, as otherwise, and likewise upon due Consideration had of the Premises, do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the lawful Settlement of her the said Priscilla FRY is in the said Parish of Foscott in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Priscilla FRY from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Foscott and her to deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this our Order or Duplicate, or a true Copy thereof:) And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Foscott to receive and provide for the said Priscilla FRY as an Inhabitant of your Parish.

Given under our Hands and Seals the 21st Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and ninety two. Jas. TOOKER, Pe. SHERSTON. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-15.

48. <u>Ann (Nancy) WEBB</u>, adult daughter of Samuel WEBB, was removed from High Littleton to Norton St. Philip by Order dated 13th September 1793. Her Examination has not survived but her father's has.

Overseers Accounts record 9/- paid on 8 Sep 1793 for Tacking of Ann WEB to Wells in Shaies (*Chaise*) to Tacke Her Examateion and Expences for the Overseer and her and Sha driver and Turnpick. On 14 Sep was paid 8/6 for Tacking of Sam'l WEB & his Daughter to Weells and the Examation of Both and the Order of Removal (*sic*). There followed 14/- Expence from High Litt'on to Wells and to Norton Saint Fileps and 7/- Expences at Norton all Night and payment of £2.14/- to Mr HILLMAN for the Shays and 4/6 for the Overseer and hores to Wells and Expence for Sam. WEB's Examation (*sic*). Accounts record on 8 Feb 1794 17/1 expenses for carrying Sam. WEB's family to Norton. No Order of Removal for Samuel WEBB has been located and since he was certificated by Norton St. Philip he was probably removed without an Order.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Samuel WEBB, Collier, Son of Charles WEBB, Blacksmith, & Martha his Wife, who resided in the parish of High Littleton under a Certificate from the parish of Norton Saint Philip's to the said parish of High Littleton, under the hands & Seals of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the said parish of Norton Saint Philip's in the said County, taken on his oath before us, Peter SHERSTON and John BAND, Esquires, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, the 13th day of September 1793.

Who saith, that he was born at Norton Saint Philip's in the said County, where his parents were Parishoners and that he lived with them till he was Fifteen years of Age, then he went with his parents to High Littleton, who returned there after some absence from thence, where he has ever since resided and saith he has done no act whatsoever to gain a Settlement elsewhere. And this examinant further saith, that he has had, by Jane his present Wife, Eight Children, five of whome now reside with him and his said wife in the parish of High Littleton, Viz't: Nancy aged about Five & Twenty years, Martha aged about Sixteen years, Betty aged about fourteen years, Samuel aged about Twelve years and John aged about Seven Years. The Mark of X Samuel WEBB.

Sworn at Wells aforesaid the 13th Day of September 1793, before us, Pe. SHERSTON, John BAND.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-11. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-17a (Copy) with minor differences.

[Note: Samuel WEBB's parents settled in High Littleton under a Certificate from Norton St. Philip dated 30th Dec 1737.

Samuel WEB x, labourer married Jane ROGERS x by banns at Farmborough 25 Dec 1767.

Anne dau. of Samuel WEBB & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 5 Jun 1768.

Charles son of Samuel WEBB & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 2 May 1770.

Penelope dau. of Samuel WEBB & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 27 Jun 1773.

William son of Samuel WEBB & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 7 May 1775. Martha dau. of Samuel WEBB & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 14 Dec 1777.

Betty dau. of Samuel WEBB & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 26 Sep 1779.

Samuel son of Samuel WEB & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 26 Sep 1//9 Samuel son of Samuel WEB & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 3 Mar 1782.

John son of Samuel WEBB & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 8 Jul 1787.]

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

To the Churchwardens and Others, the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, to Convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Norton Saint Phillip's in the said County, to Receive and Obey: These.

WHEREAS Complaint has been made, by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, unto Us whose Hands and Names are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the County aforesaid, (one of Us of the Quorum) that **Nancy WEBB**, **Singlewoman** lately intruded herself into your said Parish of High Littleton, there to inhabit as a Parishioner contrary to the Laws

relating to the Settlement of the Poor, and is become Chargeable to your said Parish of High Littleton. WE therefore upon due Examination and Enquiry made into the Premises aforesaid as upon the Oath of the said Nancy WEBB, do find and adjudge the same to be true, and we do also adjudge that the last Place of the legal Settlement of her the said Nancy WEBB was and is in the Parish of Norton Saint Phillip's aforesaid.

THESE are therefore in his Majesty's Name, to Order and require you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, that you, some, or one of you, do forthwith remove and convey her the said Nancy WEBB from your said Parish of High Littleton to the Parish of Norton Saint Phillip's aforesaid, and her deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, or some, or one of them there, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof. And you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Norton Saint Phillip's aforesaid, are likewise hereby required in his Majesty's Name, to receive and provide for her the said Nancy WEBB as an Inhabitant of your said Parish of Norton Saint Phillip's until from thence she shall be discharged by due course of Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the Thirteenth Day of September in the Thirty third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety three. Pe. SHERSTON, John BAND.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-16.

49. Ann WILKINS was removed from High Littleton to Melksham by Order dated 7th November 1795. Ann's Examination has not been located but her father's Examination, taken a week later, has.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Samuel WILKINS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Cordwiner [Coalminer intended], taken on his Oath before Peter SHERSTON & John BAND Esq'rs, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, the 15th Day of November 1795.

Who, on his Oath saith, he is 40 Years of Age & upwards and was born in the said Parish of High Littleton, as he hath heard & believes. Saith, that he hath never gained any legal Settlement on his own Account, having work'd at the Coal pits for these 30 Years Last Past. And that he hath heard and believes it to be true that George WILKINS his Father, with his Wife and Family, came to reside in the said Parish of High Littleton by and under a legal Certificate, signed by the Parish Oficers (sic) of the Parish of Melksham in the County of Wilts. and directed to the said Parish Oficers of High Littleton. The Mark of X Samuel WILKINS.

Sworn before us the day and Year first above written, Pe. SHERSTON, John BAND.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-14a (Copy).

[Note: Samuel's parents settled in High Littleton under a Certificate from Melksham dated 24th Dec 1730.

Samuel son of George WILKINS & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 30 Aug 1747.

Samuel WILKINS of High Littleton married Anne MAGGS otp by banns at Cameley 28 Aug 1769.

Anne dau. of Samuel WILKINS & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 31 Mar 1771.

Samuel son of Samuel WILKINS & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 25 May 1788. - He married Elizabeth JAMES at High Littleton 6 Jul 1823.

Samuel WILKINS, Melksham, aged 60, was buried at Cameley 7 May 1806.

The 1811 Census finds Ann WILKINS living alone in Hallatrow. Ann WILKINS was buried at High Littleton 21 Jan 1812.]

[Order of Removal -Printed Form]

To the Churchwardens and Others, the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, to Convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Melksham in the County of Wilts. to Receive and Obey: These.

WHEREAS Complaint has been made, by you the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, unto Us whose Hands and Names are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the County aforesaid, (one of Us of the Quorum) that Ann WILKINS, Singlewoman lately intruded herself into your said Parish of High Littleton, there to inhabit as a Parishioner contrary to the Laws relating to the Settlement of the Poor, and is become Chargeable to your said Parish of High Littleton. WE therefore upon due Examination and Enquiry made into the Premises aforesaid as upon the Oath of the said Ann WILKINS, do find and adjudge the same to be true, and we do also adjudge that the last Place of the legal Settlement of her the said Ann WILKINS was and is in the Parish of Melksham aforesaid.

THESE are therefore in his Majesty's Name, to Order and require you the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, that you, some, or one of you, do forthwith remove and convey her the said Ann WILKINS from your said Parish of High Littleton to the Parish of Melksham aforesaid, and her deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, or some, or one of them there, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof. And you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Melksham aforesaid, are likewise hereby required in his Majesty's Name, to receive and provide for her the said

Ann WILKINS as an Inhabitant of your said Parish of Melksham until from thence she shall be discharged by due course of Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the Seventh Day of November in the Thirty sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety five. Pe. SHERSTON, John BAND.

[Reverse] - An Order to remove Ann WILKINS to the parish of Melksham, Wilts. who was removed the 21st Nov'r 1795 and delivered to the Churchwarden & Overseer of the Parish of Melksham by Henry PICKERING, Overseer of the parish of High Littleton.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-17.

[Letter] - To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton in the county of Somerset.

Melksham. December 26th 1795.

Gent'n, we Receiv'd your Letter Concerning of **Ann WILKINS** and we are willing to Allow all Reasonable Expences and Please to Send us a Coppy of *[George]* WILKINS's Sertificate. from Your Humble Ser't Sam'l RUMSEY, Overseer.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-27.

Note: See above for Ann's baptism in 1771.

Overseers Accounts record in May 1792 2/6 paid for Examations (sic) of Ann WILKINS and Expences, presumably because she was pregnant and unmarried. A Bastardy Order dated 13 Nov 1792 was made against Richard GREENLAND of High Littleton for Ann's child born on 5 Aug 1792. Sarah Greenland natural dau. of Ann WILKINS bapt. at High Littleton 2 Sep 1792.

Vestry Minutes of 2 Apr 1804 approved relief of 1/- p.w. to Ann VATER for R. GREENLAND's child. Relief continued at varying amounts until 1807, when Sarah Greenland WILKINS was apprenticed to Jane SKEY of Hallatrow.

The reason for Ann's removal in November 1795 was because she was again pregnant; this time by John VATER, who subsequently married her. John VATER otp married Ann WILKINS otp by banns at Melksham 4 Jan 1796.

John son of John VATER & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 24 Dec 1775.

Anne dau. of John VATER & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 28 Feb 1796. - Anne VATER an infant buried at High Littleton 1 Apr 1796. Hannah dau. of John VATER & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 3 Apr 1798.

John son of John VATER & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 7 Sep 1800. - He married Harriet KNOWLES at Midsomer Norton 3 May 1824.

Samuel son of John VATER & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 24 Apr 1803. - He married Sarah TUCKER at High Littleton 7 Feb 1828.

James son of James (sic) VATER & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 15 Jun 1806. - He married Eliza CARTER at St. Mary, Redcliff, Bristol 30 Jan 1834.

Esther dau. of John VATER & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 12 Mar 1809.

The 1811 Census finds John VATER living in High Littleton with 2 other males and 3 females in the household.

George son of John VATER & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 26 Apr 1812. - George VATER buried at High Littleton 8 Oct 1812.

George son of John & Ann VATER, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 28 Feb 1814. - George VATER, Hallatrow, aged 3, buried at High Littleton 22 Oct 1816.

 $Mary\ dau.\ of\ John\ \&\ Ann\ VATER,\ Hallatrow,\ collier,\ bapt.\ at\ High\ Littleton\ 25\ Dec\ 1817.$

Overseers Accounts record on 7 Jan 1817 a payment for part of a bill of 13/6 for Woolard, lost or destroyed by John VATER's wife, she being summoned to Old Down or she would have been sent to prison.

John VATER received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on many occasions between 1799 and 1836. These showed that from at least 1810 he was living near Hallatrow Bridge.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records Jno. VATER as occupier of a tenement (156 on the map), belonging to J.G. MOGG's Trustees, on the north west side of Hallatrow Bridge.

John VATER, Hallatrow, aged 63, was buried at High Littleton 12 Jan 1837.

Ann VATER, Hallatrow, aged 72, was buried at High Littleton 19 Jan 1840.]

50. **Hannah PICKFORD** was removed from High Littleton to Bath by Order c.1795/6.

No Examination or Removal Order has been located. Hannah probably gained a Settlement in Bath by Service for a year.

Overseers Accounts for 1795/6 record a payment of £1.7.6 for taking Hannah PICKFORD to Bath, per order of removal

[Note: Hannah dau. of Tho's PITFORD (sic) & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 19 Jan 1777.

Overseers Accounts record in Nov 1792 10/6 given to Thom's PICKFORD's Daughter to go to servis.]

51. George MAGGS was removed from High Littleton to Newton St. Loe by Order dated 27th October 1797.

Vestry Minutes of 18 Nov 1774 instructed the Overseers before next 1st January to cause George MAGGS, an inhabitant in the parish, to be examined as to the parish to which he belongs. Overseers Accounts for 1784 record expenses for the examination of George MAGGS. No record of either of these Examinations survives but an Examination was taken in 1794, three years before George MAGGS was actually removed. There is nothing in this Examination to indicate why his Settlement was in Newton St. Loe.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of George MAGGS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Coal Miner, taken this 5th Day of Decem'r 1794.

Who, on his Oath saith, that he is about Forty three Years of Age, that he was born in the Parish of Farmborough in the said County, as he has heard and believes, that, when he was about Twelve Months old, his Father was killed, by accident, in a Coal Pit, as he has heard & believes, that his Mother died when he was about Eight Years Old, that, after his Mother's Death, his Uncle John BUSH of High Littleton aforesaid, took him, this Examinant, to live with him & that his Uncle maintained him 'til he was about Twelve Years of Age, that he hath done no act since, whereby to gain himself a Settlement. That he Married Betty his present Wife in the Parish Church of High Littleton aforesaid, that he hath Eight Children, Viz't: George aged about Twenty Two Years, Samuel aged about Twenty One Years, Alexander aged about Eighteen, Martha aged about Twelve, Joanna aged about Eight, Parfitt aged about Six Years, Betty aged about Four Years & William aged about Two Years. The Mark of X George MAGGS.

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

The Orig'l in posses' of Mr Tho's MILES

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-12. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-7a (Copy) with minor differences.

[Note: George MAGGS was born at Farmborough c.1751.

George MAGGS otp married Betty BEANE otp by banns at High Littleton 25 Nov 1770.

George son of George MAGGS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 17 Mar 1771.

Samuel son of George MAGGS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1772.

Alexander son of George MAGGS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 23 Jun 1776.

William son of George MAGGS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 25 Apr 1779. - William MAGGS a child buried at High Littleton 2 Dec 1779.

Martha dau. of George MAGGS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 11 Mar 1781.

Johanna dau. of George MAGGS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 19 Sep 1784. - She married firstly John STICKLER, widower, at High Littleton 25 Jun 1810 and secondly Peter LUDWELL, widower, at St. Paul, Bristol 30 Jul 1820.

Parfitt son of George MAGGS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 14 Jan 1787.

Elizabeth dau. of George MAGGS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1791.

William a son was born c.1791/2.

John son of George MAGGS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1796.]

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - Printed and Sold by J. CARY, Shepton-Mallet.]

Somerset (to wit).

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Newton St. Loe in the said County to receive and obey.

FORASMUCH as complaint hath been made unto us, whose Names are hereunto set and Seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's Justices of the peace in and for the said County (one of us of the quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said parish of High Littleton in the said County, That George MAGGS, Coalminer and Betty his Wife and Johanna aged about 11 years, Parfit aged about 9 years, Betty aged about 7 years, William aged about 3 years and John aged about 1 year, his Children have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton contrary to Law, not having any way gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere, and that they the said George MAGGS and Betty his Wife, and Johanna, Parfit, Betty, William and John, his Children are become chargeable to the said parish of High Littleton. We the said Justices, upon due proof thereof made before us, as well upon the examination of the said George MAGGS upon his oath as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration had of the premisses, do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the lawful settlement of them the said George MAGGS and Betty his Wife and Johanna, Parfit, Betty, William and John, his Children is in the said parish of Newton St. Loe in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name to require, order, and command you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said George MAGGS and Betty his Wife, and Johanna, Parfit, Betty, William and John, his Children from and out of your said parish of High Littleton to the said parish of Newton St. Loe and them to deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or some or one of them, (together with this our Order or Duplicate, or a true copy thereof.). And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said parish of Newton St. Loe to receive and provide for them the said George MAGGS and Betty his Wife, and Johanna, Parfit, Betty, William and John, his Children as inhabitants of your said parish.

Given under our Hands and Seals the 27th day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety Seven. Jas. TOOKER, John BAND.

[Reverse] - Monday 30th Oct'r 1797 Delivered the within named Geo. MAGGS & Betty his Wife and their five within named Children to Farmer SPENCER, Churchwarden and Farmer BEAK, Overseer of the Poor of the Parish of Newton Saint Loe. Wm. DRURY, Overseer, Lawrence LANSDOWN, Churchwarden.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-18.

52. George AYRES and family were removed from High Littleton to Ubley by Order dated --- 1799.

Overseers Accounts record on 10 Nov 1798 a payment of 2/6 for a copy of the Examination of Geo. EYERS and 3/- Expences going after ditto. On 7 Dec 8/- was given to Geo. EYR's Wife at sundery times. On 26 Jan 1799 is recorded 2/- for a warrant for Geo. EYERS 13/- Expencis taking up & keeping Geo. EYERS, 1/- to Mr MILES for a second examination, 4/- Expencis going to Stone Easton & Cumpton twise and 10/- Expencis going to Wells twise with Geo. EYERS. On 23 Feb 1799 is 11/- Expencis going to Nailsey & Wells with Geo. EYRES, 6/- to Mr MILES for an Order, 9/- paid to Wm. VOKES for carrying Geo. EYERS' family & goods to Ubley and 5/- Expencis going to Ubley with Geo. EYERS' Family.

County of Somerset to Wit.

The <u>Examination of **George AYRES**</u>, 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 16th Day of January 1799.

This Examinant Saith, that he is about Thirty Four Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Camely in the said County, as he hath heard and believes, and that he hired himself a Servant for a Year to Thomas JEFFRIES of Ubley in the said County, Land Surveyor, and Served him for one Year and a Quarter in Ubley aforesaid for three Pounds Wages, which he received in full. Saith, that afterwards, being then about 16 Years of Age, his Uncle Cornelius AYES [AYRES intended] of Kempsford in the County of Gloucester, Blacksmith, took him to live with him and teach him his business, and that Some Paper or Parchment Writing, Drawn by the Clerk of the Parish of Kempsford, was Signed by him and his Uncle, but no Money whatever was paid on the Occasion, but this Examinant was to Serve his Uncle 7 Years; That he did Serve him Four Years and upwards in Kempsford and then ran away from him and has workt at Journey Work on his own account ever since. Saith, that within a twelve Months afterwards, he went and workt with his said Uncle at Journey Work and then left him again and afterwards workt for him two or three different times before the sd. Term was expired and his said Uncle paid him 5/- p'r Week for his Work and kept & maintained him during the time. Saith, that he has asked his Uncle for the said Agreement between them & he told him 'twas of no use to him, for that it was not a lawful Indenture and this Examinant Saith that he verily believes it was not a good or valid Indenture and that his said Uncle and the Clerk of the Parish are both some time since deceased. Saith, that he has done no Act to gain a Settlement Since; That he Married Charlotte his Wife, in the Church of Priston in Somersetshire and hath two Children, Jacob aged about 4 Years & Jane aged 1 Year and upwards. The Mark of X George AYRES.

Sworn at the City of Wells 16th January 1799, before us Will'm GORE LANGTON, John TURNER. (a Copy) SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-38a.

[Note: George AIRS x married Charlotte HUDD x by banns at Priston 20 Nov 1794.

Jacob a son was born c.1794/5.

Jane a daughter was born c.1797/8.]

53. Edith BAILEY and child was removed from High Littleton to Chew Magna in 1800.

No Order of Removal has been located but Edith's Examination, and one of her husband taken in 1797, survives. Overseers Accounts record in May 1800 expenses with Edith BAILEY to Brislington [for her examination] and on 10 May to Chew Magna. On 24 May 8/- was paid to Wm. VOKES for the carriage of Edy BAILEY's goods to Chew Magna.

Somerset to Wit.

<u>The Examination of **John BAYLEY** [BAILEY]</u>, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Taylor, taken this 27th day of Oct'r 1797.

Who on his Oath saith, he was born at Temple Cloud in the Parish of Camely in the said County, as he hath heard and believes. That, when he was about twelve Years of Age, he went to Bishop's Sutton in the Parish of Chew Magna in the said County and hired himself to one John MILLARD, a Taylor, for a Year, at three Shillings p'r Week, Board and Lodgings, the said John MILLARD undertaking to instruct him in his said Trade. That he accordingly Served the whole of the time under said agreement in said parish. Then agreed with him for another Year, at Four Shillings and Sixpence p'r Week, Board and Lodging in his Master's House and Served him accordingly in said Parish, Lodging in his Master's House and continued half a Year afterwards at same Wages. That he hath heard his Father say that his Settlement was at Martock in the said County. That he hath not gained any Settlement otherwise than aforesaid, to his knowledge. That his Father, being in Ilchester Gaol for debt, his, this Examinant's, Mother received relief from the said Parish of Martock. That he hath a Wife, by name Edith and two Children, Priscilla aged about two Years and half and Mary aged about one Year. John BAILEY.

Sworn at Chewton Mendip, before us Jas. TOOKER, John BAND. (a Copy). SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-36.

County of Somerset to Wit.

The <u>Examination of **Edith BAILEY**</u>, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Wife of John BAILEY (touching her Settlement) taken upon Oath before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, this Second Day of May 1800.

This Examinant Saith, that She is about Thirty Six Years of Age and was Born in the Parish of Wanstrow, as She hath heard and believes and that, on the Twenty Sixth Day of January in the Year of our Lord 1794, She married John BAILEY, her present Husband, in the Parish Church of High Littleton aforesaid and that, about two Years ago, her Husband entered into the East Somerset Supplementary Militia, as Substitute for John LIGHT of Backwell in the said County and this Examinant Saith, that on the Supplementary Militia being disembodied, her said Husband inlisted into Some Marching regiment (she believes the 46th Regiment), but that she has not Seen him or heard from him since. Saith, that she has heard her said Husband say that, before his Marriage to her, he had hired himself as a Journeyman to one John MILLARD of Bishop Sutton in the Parish of Chew Magna, Taylor, and Served him about three Years in Chew Magna Parish, lodging in his House. Saith, that She hath also heard her said Husband say that his Father was possessed of an House and Orchard in Martock Parish in the said County, which he had Sold and She believes her said Husband's Father was legally Settled, by means of the said property, in Martock parish. Saith, that She hath one Child by her said Husband now living, Namely Priscilla, Aged about 6 Years. Edith BAILEY.

Sworn at Brislington in the said County, before us Francis ADAMS, A.A. BAKER, James IRELAND. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-36a.

[Note: Edith dau. of George & Deborah VINCENT bapt. at Wanstrow 11 Mar 1764.

John BAILEY sojourner married Edith VINCENT otp by banns at High Littleton 26 Jan 1794.

Priscilla their daughter was born c.1794/5.

Mary dau. of John BAYLEY & Edith bapt. at High Littleton 19 Jun 1796. - Mary BAYLY an infant buried at High Littleton 11 Feb 1798. Thomas son of John BAILEY & Edith bapt. at High Littleton 3 Mar 1799. - Thomas BAILY an infant buried at High Littleton 17 Nov 1799. Overseers Accounts for 1799/1800 show that the parish paid the funeral expenses of Edith BAILEY's child.

Overseers Accounts for 1796/7 record the first payment of relief to Edith, wife of John BAYLY, who left her to serve in the Supplementary Militia. In 1799/1800 High Littleton received £5.10/- from Backwell parish as reimbursement of relief paid to Edith BAILEY while John was a substitute.]

54. Thomas COLEMAN and family was removed from High Littleton to Castle Cary by Order dated 14th February 1801.

No Examination taken at the time of the Order survives, but the following was taken 15 months previously.

County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of Thomas COLEMAN, 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 15th Day of October 1799.

This Examinant saith, that he is about 26 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Castle Cary, as he has heard and believes and that his Parents were settled in Castle Cary and this Examinant hath always lived there till about a Year past, since which he has workt as a Labourer and never gained a Settlement on his own Account. Saith, that he married Anne his present Wife at Ayford *[Ansford presumably intended]* Church about 4 Years agone and hath two Children, Namely, Elizabeth aged about two Years and Mary Anne aged about half a Year. The Mark of X Tho's COLEMAN.

Sworn at Temple Inn in the Parish of Cameley, before us Jas. TOOKER, A.A. BAKER. (Copy). SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-25.

[Note: Thomas son of Matthew & Priscilla COLEMAN bapt. at Castle Cary 27 Aug 1773.

Thomas COLEMAN married Ann c.1795.

Elizabeth their daughter was born c 1797

Mary Ann dau. of Thomas COLEMAN & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 25 Aug 1799.]

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

To the Churchwardens and Others, the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, to Convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Castle Cary in the said County, to Receive and Obey: These.

WHEREAS Complaint has been made, by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, unto Us whose Hands and Names are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the County aforesaid, (one of Us of the Quorum) that **Thomas COLMAN and Ann his Wife and Elizabeth aged 3 Years and Mary aged one Year, their Children** lately intruded themselves into your

said Parish of High Littleton, there to inhabit as Parishioners contrary to the Laws relating to the Settlement of the Poor, and are become Chargeable to your said Parish of High Littleton. We therefore upon due Examination and Enquiry made into the Premises aforesaid as upon the Oath of the said Thomas COLMAN, do find and adjudge the same to be true, and we do also adjudge that the last Place of the legal Settlement of them the said Thomas COLMAN, Ann his Wife and Elizabeth and Mary, their Children was and is in the Parish of Castle Cary aforesaid

THESE are therefore in his Majesty's Name, to Order and require you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, that you, some, or one of you, do forthwith remove and convey them the said Thomas COLMAN, Ann his Wife and Elizabeth and Mary, their Children from your said Parish of High Littleton to the Parish of Castle Cary aforesaid, and them deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, or some, or one of them there, together with this our Order or a true Copy thereof. And you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Castle Cary aforesaid, are likewise hereby required in his Majesty's Name, to receive and provide for them the said Thomas COLEMAN, Ann his Wife and Elizabeth & Mary, their Children as Inhabitants of your said Parish of Castle Cary until from thence they shall be discharged by due course of Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the 14th Day of February in the Forty first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of the united Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of our Lord, one Thousand eight hundred and one. John TURNER, John BAND.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-19.

55. Overseers Accounts record on 6 Mar 1809 a payment of 10/6 for **Betty CHIVER**S' examination, warrant and removal order to Timsbury.

Neither Betty's Examination nor the Order have been located. The motivation for Betty's removal was that she was pregnant and single.

[Note: Mercy base daughter of Betty CHIVERS bapt. at Timsbury 18 Jun 1809. - It was probably her who married Henry SMITH at Timsbury 30 May 1830.

Betty could have been the daughter of Thomas & Eleanor CHIVERS bapt. at Timsbury 31 Aug 1794 but is more likely to be Betty dau. of John CHIVERS [& his wife Martha TEMPLAR], coal miner, Timsbury, bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 8 Mar 1777.]

56. <u>Lucy TRAVIS otherwise Lucy GRIMSTEAD</u> was removed from High Littleton to Chelwood by Order dated 17th March 1812.

Overseers Accounts record on 11 Dec 1811 a payment of 2/6 to Lucy TRAVIS & her two children in Distress, till she can be removed to her own parish. Similar relief at the rate of 2/6 p.w. continued until 11 Apr 1812. On 30 Dec 1811 were Expences in twice going to Old Down about Lucy TRAVIS's Examination & Removal & taking a Summons Warrant 1/- & Swearing E. YOUNG ab't George TRAVERS' Bastard child 7/-. On 1 & 2 Feb 1812 was a payment of 19/- for going to High Ham parish about Sam'l TRAVIS, Overseer's horse & self, the Certificate of his Marriage cost 5/-, Horse hire two days 6/-. On 5 Feb was paid likewise for a Copy of the Certificate of Sam'l TRAVIS's being Married to Lucy GRIMSTED at Chelwood 5/, Horse hire & keep 1/6. On Feb 1, 2 & 5 12/6 was paid to the Overseer for his time, two Days and half, in going to High Ham and Chelwood at 5/- pr. day. On 25 Feb 2/6 was paid for Expences in going to Old Down about Lucy TRAVIS' Removal and on 17 Mar 3/6 for Expences to Old Down about Lucy TRAVERS' Order of removal to Chelwood and 7/- to Mr T. MILES for the Order of Removal. On 31 Mar 8/- was paid for Expences in Removing Widow TRAVIS with an Order to Chelwood, Horse hire & Overseer. On 3 May 1814 was a payment of 2/6 to Mr Tho's MILES for taking Lucy TRAVIS' examination on 31 Dec 1811. Lucy's Examination has not survived but her husband Samuel's taken in 1799 is reproduced below.

County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of Samuel TRAVIS, 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 15th Day of October 1799.

This Examinant saith, that he is about 41 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of High Ham in the said County, as he hath heard and believes, and that about 16 Years agone he bought an House, two Acres and an half of Land and an acre of Orchard of Freehold, in the said Parish of High Ham, for One Hundred Guineas and hath had Six Acres and an half of Land, Part of the late Common of Sedgemore, allotted to it and that he hath, since the purchase, lived in the said Parish and is legally settled there. Saith, that he hath worked for Mearns Coal Company about 12 Years past and lived in High Littleton but hath not gained a Settlement there, having worked as a Labourer since. Saith, that he married Lucy his present Wife, in the same Year he came to High Littleton, in the Parish Church of Chelwood and has five Children, Viz't: Thomas aged about 10 Years, John aged about 8

Years, George aged about 4 Years, Samuel aged about two Years and William aged about one Year. The Mark of X Samuel TRAVES.

Sworn at Temple Inn in the Parish of Cameley, before us Jas. TOOKER, A.A. BAKER. (a Copy). SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-23a.

[Note: Samuel son of Thomas TRAVERS & Anne his wife bapt. at High Ham 31 Mar 1751.

Samuel TRAVES x otp married Elizabeth BOND x otp by banns at High Ham 29 Apr 1787.

Elizabeth TRAVIS was buried at High Ham 8 Dec 1799.

Samuel TRIVES x widower otp married Lucy GRIMSTEAD x spin. otp by banns at Chelwood 10 Nov 1788.

Thomas son of Samuel & Lucy TRAVIS bapt. at Farmborough 13 Dec 1789. - He married Sophia MILES at High Littleton 2 Apr 1810. John son of Samuel TRAVERS & Lucy bapt. at High Littleton 19 Aug 1792. - He married Elizabeth WOOD, widow, at Clutton 23 Mar 1812.

George son of Samuel TRAVERS & Lucy bapt. at High Littleton 31 Aug 1794. - He married firstly Maria JAMES at Farrington Gurney 20 Jan 1817 and secondly Sarah HALL at Temple, Bristol 1 Nov 1819.

Samuel son of Samuel TRAVERSE & Lucy bapt. at High Littleton 10 Dec 1797.

William son of Samuel TRAVERSE & Lucy bapt. at High Littleton 14 Oct 1798. - William TRAVICE, High Littleton, aged 16, buried High Littleton 4 Apr 1815. Overseers Accounts record on 1 Apr 1815 the cost of the funeral of Wm. TRAVERS, killed at Mearns Coal Works. Mearns Coal Works subsequently reimbursed the parish with the funeral costs.

Ann dau. of Samuel TRAVERS & Lucy bapt. at High Littleton 30 Nov 1800. - She married --- EDWARDS.

James son of Samuel TRAVERS & Lucy bapt. at High Littleton 15 May 1803. - He married Elizabeth HARVEY at Chew Magna 19 Apr 1824.

Samuel TRAVIS was buried at Farmborough 9 Feb 1811.

The 1811 Census finds Widow TRAVERS living in High Littleton with 5 males and 1 other female in the household.

Overseers Accounts record on 12 Nov 1813 3/- paid to James & W'm TRAVIS in Feavour and on 23 Dec 2/- to W'm TRAVERS still Ill from Feavour (his Brother better).

Lucy TRAVIS, Sutton, aged 68, was buried at Chew Magna 25 May 1828.

A stone in Chew Magna Churchyard records the death of Lucy TRAVES, husband of Samuel, in May 1828 aged 68 and that of Ann EDWARDS, their daughter, on 2 Jul 1872 aged 78 (sic).

The sons Samuel, James and John moved to Bishop Sutton, where Samuel TRAVIS (born 1797) leased New Pit and sank what was known as TRAVIS' Pit.]

What Samuel did not admit in his Examination was that he had married Elizabeth GRIMSTEAD bigamously. The reason for the Overseer's visits to High Ham and Chelwood was to prove the bigamy (see Certificates below), as this would affect Lucy's settlement. Even though Samuel's first wife died in 1799 it did not validate the second marriage and therefore all Samuel's children were deemed bastards. If Lucy had been legally married she would have assumed Samuel's settlement of High Ham. As it was, she maintained her maiden settlement of Chelwood. Amongst Farrington Gurney records is an Examination of George TRAVIS taken in 1819, which confirms the bigamy of his father.

Samuel TRAVES of this Parish and Elizabeth BOND of this Parish were married in this Church by License this twenty ninth Day of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven by me W.T. BARRETT, Rector.

This Marriage was solemniz'd between us, Samuel TRAVES his Mark X, Elizabeth BOND her Mark X, In the Presence of John KIDDLE, Fra's GILLETT.

The above was copied from the Parish Register Book of the Parish of High Ham in the County of Somerset, this first Day of February 1812, by me A. LYNE, Curate.

Sepulti [Burials].

1799 Dec'r 8 Elizabeth TRAVIS.

Copied from the Register Book of High Ham, Feb'ry 1 1812, by me A. LYNE, Curate.

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

Samuel TRIVES of this Parish of Chelwood in the County of Somerset [Widower in Register] & Lucy GRIMSTEAD of this same Parish, Spinster, were married in this Church by Banns, this tenth day of November in the year one thousand seven hundred & eighty eight, by me W. SAYLE, Rector.

This marriage was solemnized between us, The mark of Samuel X TRIVES, The mark of Lucy X GRIMSTEAD, in the presence of William Lamb GRIMSTEAD [GRIMSTEED in Register], Robert HERVEY [looks more like HANNEY in Register].

The above was copied from the Parish Register Book of the Parish of Chelwood in the County of Somerset, this fifth day of February 1812 by me, R.C. WHALLEY, Rector.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-4.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of George TRAVISH, now residing in the Parish of Farrington Gurney, Coal Carrier, taken this 26th day of January 1819.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is about 24 years old and was born in the Parish of High Littleton, as he has heard and believes, and that his Father Samuel TRAVISH was legally settled in the Parish of High Ham in the said County, as he has heard and believes. Saith, that when his Father was married to his Mother, he had a Wife then living, and that his Brothers and Sister have been relieved by High Littleton, having been born in the sd. Parish of High Littleton and deemed as Bastards. Saith, that about 7 or 8 years ago, he bound himself apprentice to Capt'n Jno. GARDEN of the West Indian Ship, New Ann, for the term of three years, and served about one year; That he then went to Work as a Coalminer, and has continued to work as such and a Coal Carrier ever since. Saith, that 2 years ago he was lawfully married by Banns, in Farrington Church, to Maria his late Wife, by whom he had three children, one of whom is now living, namely Matilda aged about 5 Weeks. The Mark of X Geo. TRAVISH.

Sworn before us Tho's WILLIAMS, W.B. BARTER.

SRO D/P/far.g. 4/1/3-6.

[Note: George baptism in 1794 is shown above.

A Bastardy Order dated 14 Apr 1812 was made against George TRAVERS, coal miner of High Littleton, who fathered a bastard child by Elizabeth YOUNG, born on 2 Mar and baptized George Travers YOUNG at High Littleton on 15 Mar 1812. Perhaps this prompted George to go to sea. George was constantly behind with his bastardy payments and was committed to Shepton Mallet Gaol in 1815 for disobeying the Order, a year after the child had died aged 2 and been buried at Farmborough on 25 Mar 1814.

George TRAVERS otp married Maria JAMES otp by banns at Farrington Gurney 20 Jan 1817.

It would appear that a child was born in 1817 which must have died young.

Matilda and Maria (twins) were born in December 1818. - Maria TRAVIS, Farrington Gurney, aged 2 months, buried at Farrington Gurney 16 Feb 1819.

Maria wife of George TRAVIS, Farrington Gurney, aged 26, was buried at Farrington Gurney 11 Jan 1819.

George TRAVISH otp married Sarah HALL otp by banns at Temple, Bristol 1 Nov 1819.

Overseers Accounts record on 13 Nov 1820 5/- paid to George TRAVERS' wife taken in labour, he having been sent to prison for felony and she having been delivered of a girl. Mary Anne dau. of George & Sarah TRAVERS, Farmborough, labourer, bapt. at Farmborough 3 Dec 1820.

William son of George & Sarah TRAVIS, North St., hallier, bapt. at Bedminster 22 Sep 1822.

Hannah dau. of George & Sarah TRAVIS, Guinea St., hallier, bapt. at Bedminster 26 Sep 1824.]

[Printed Form - Orders of Removal. Printed and Sold by M. CARY, Shepton-Mallet.] County of Somerset.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Chelwood in the said County to receive and obey.

FORASMUCH as complaint hath been made unto us, whose Names are hereunto set and Seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's Justices of the peace in and for the said County (one of us of the quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, That **Lucy GRIMSTEAD** hath come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton contrary to Law, not having any way gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any certificate owning her to be settled elsewhere, and that she the said Lucy GRIMSTEAD is become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said Justices, upon due proof thereof made before us, as well upon the examination of the said Lucy GRIMSTEAD upon her oath as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration had of the premisses do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the lawful settlement of her the said Lucy GRIMSTEAD is in the said Parish of Chelwood in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name to require, order, and command you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Lucy GRIMSTEAD from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Chelwood and her to deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this our Order or Duplicate, or a true copy thereof.). And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Chelwood to receive and provide for her the said Lucy GRIMSTEAD as an inhabitant of your Parish.

Given under our Hands and Seals the seventeenth day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve. Jn. KINGSMILL, James TUSON.

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

57. Overseers Accounts record on 4 Dec 1813 1/6 paid for a Summon Warrant for E Holly HILL [should be **Elizabeth Hill HOLLEY**] to remove her out of our parish, she being with child & near her time. On 8 Dec were 2/6 Expences at Old Down about E.H. HILL and a note that "she never appear'd - was married at High Littleton Church same morning."

[Note: Elizabeth Hill HOLLEY was born c.1792. Her parentage has not been discovered.

William BROOKS x bach. otp married Elizabeth Hill HOLLY x spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 7 Dec 1813.

William son of William & Mary BROOKS bapt. at Paulton 7 Aug 1794.

George son of William & Elizabeth BROOKS, Farmborough, coal miner, bapt. at Farmborough 25 Dec 1814. - He married Rachel STOKES at Farmborough 3 Apr 1841.

There may well have been other children including Abel BROOKS, aged 7, buried at High Littleton 19 May 1822.

William son of William & Betsy BROOKS, Kingwell, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 11 May 1817. - He married Ann --- c.1839.

The "Taunton Courier" of 17 Apr 1817 reported that William BROOKS and W. NORRIS were sentenced to 18 months Imprisonment at Taunton Assizes, for heading a party of men and causing them to leave their work. The Felons Register of the Somerset County Gaol at Ilchester records that William BROOKS, Received from Shepton April 3 1817, aged 23, Committed by Sir J.C. HIPPISLEY Bart. on March 1st 1817 for Riotting, was tried at Taunton April 3 1817 by Sir Charles ABBOTT Knt. and sentenced to Eighteen Ca. Mn. Comn Gaol and Fined one shilling. He was discharged on Sept 23 1817 by Remission of Sentence. William NORRIS, aged 41, received a similar sentence and remission. The General Register of Ilchester Gaol records similar information for BROOKS and NORRIS.

Vestry Minutes of 6 Oct 1817 agreed that William BROOKS' rent for the quarter to 29 Sep should be paid for him, he having been in prison and only came home on the 28 Sep.

Mary dau. of William & Elizabeth BROOKS, Farmborough, coal miner, bapt. at Farmborough 24 Jun 1821. - She married William BROOKS at High Littleton 22 Feb 1841.

Harriott dau. of William & Elizabeth BROOKS, Farmborough, coal miner, bapt. at Farmborough 29 May 1825.

Abel son of William & Elizabeth BROOKS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 22 Jun 1828. - He married Eliza ROGERS at High Littleton 21 Apr 1848.

Rosanna dau. of William & Elizabeth BROOKS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 5 Sep 1830. - Rosanna BROOKS, High Littleton, aged 4, buried at High Littleton 28 Sep 1834.

Charles son of William & Elizabeth BROOKS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 23 Jun 1833. - He married Mary Ann ---

Rosanna dau. of William & Elizabeth BROCK (sic), High Littleton, collier, bapt. at Timsbury 13 Nov 1835 & Rosanna dau. of William & Elizabeth BROOKS, High Littleton, coal miner, bapt. at High Littleton 27 Dec 1835.

Vestry Minutes from 1834 approved relief in the weekly calendar to William BROOKS. This continued for several years at differing amounts.

The 1841 Census finds William BROOKS, aged 48, coal miner, Elizabeth 49, Harriott 16, Abel 13, Charles 8 and Rosanna 5, living in High Littleton.

W'm BROOKS (son of W'm), coal miner, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on many occasions between 1821 (of Farmborough) and 1855 (W'm sen'r, Kingwell). In applying in 1831 William BROOKS, coal miner of Kingwell, was said to have 4 children under 10.

Elizabeth BROOKS, High Littleton, aged 66, was buried at High Littleton 26 Dec 1858.

William BROOKS, High Littleton, aged 66, was buried at High Littleton 23 Oct 1859.]

58. Mary BLACKER and family were removed from High Littleton to Paulton in 1814.

No Order of Removal seems to have been made and it appears that Paulton took Mary BLACKER and family without one.

Overseers Accounts record on 28 Jan 1814 6/- paid to Mr SHORT of Paulton for **Tho's BLACKER**'s family, he down in the Feavour, by order of Mr LANGFORD (died the Monday following). On 31 Jan 6/- was paid to the Wife and three children of the late Tho's BLACKER in distress, by order of Mr LANGFORD. On 7/12/19 Feb 4/6 was paid on each occasion to the Widow BLACKER's three children for support at 1/6 each. On 21/22 Feb a payment of 2/6 was made to Mr Tho's MILES for an Affidavit taken by Mr Jonathan PARSONS about the Settlement of Tho's BLACKER & his family. At the same time High Littleton was ordered by the Magistrates not to relieve them any more as they belonged to Paulton, by a General Hiring by the year with 1 month's Warning on either side. 2/6 was also paid for the Overseer's Expence on above Business. On 8 Mar 2/6 was paid to the Overseer for Expence to Old Down to meet the Overseers of Paulton about T. BLACKER's family.

Jonathan PARSONS' Deposition on Oath about the Settlement of Tho's BLACKER.

County of Somerset.

The Information of Jonathan PARSONS of Temple Inn in the Parish of Cameley, touching the lawful Settlement of the Wife and Family of Thomas BLACKER, late of Paulton, Labourer, deceased. Taken the 22nd day of February 1814.

Who on his Oath saith, That the said Thomas BLACKER lived with him as a Servant in House as his Waggoner, to drive his Team and take Care of his Horses, that he served him in all about two Years; that the first time of his living with him he hired him at 4s. per Week and the last time at 5s. per Week and that [he] served him a Year and a Quarter at one time in a continued Service; That he agreed with him by the Week, but to give a Month's Notice on either Side before leaving the Service; that he was an unmarried Man at the time and lived in his House on Sundays as well as Week days; and that he was his Carter and looked after his Horses, as he, this Informant, occupied a considerable Farm at Paulton during the time the said Thomas BLACKER so lived with him. Saith there was a Month's Notice given before the said Thomas BLACKER left his Service. Jonathan PARSONS.

Sworn before us T. WILLIAMS, Jn. KINGSMILL. a Copy.

Document in High Littleton Vestry August 2000. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-23.

[Note: Thomas BLACKER was born c.1775.

A Bastardy Order dated 10 Jan 1797 was made against Thomas BLACKER, labourer, who fathered a bastard child by Ruth SEYMOUR born on 13 Nov 1796, the mother dying shortly afterwards and being buried at High Littleton on 16 Nov. The child was baptized Ruth at High Littleton on 17 Nov, died nearly 3 years later and was buried at High Littleton on 11 Sep 1799.

Thomas BLACKER otp married Mary WITHERS otp by banns at Paulton 21 Apr 1806.

They seem to have had 1 or 2 children between 1806 and 1810.

Uriah son of Thomas & Mary BLACKER bapt. at Paulton 31 Mar 1811.

Jane dau. of Thomas & Mary BLACKER, Paulton, waggoner, bapt. at Paulton 24 Jul 1814. - Jane dau. of Thomas & Mary BLACKER, Paulton, aged 3, buried at Paulton 17 Aug 1817.

Thomas BLACKER, Paulton, aged 38, was buried at Paulton 28 Jan 1814.]

59. Overseers Accounts record on 19 Nov 1816 1/- paid for a Summon Warrant for **Hannah SHEARN** to attend at Old Down, she being with child, to send her to her Parish of Midsomer Norton. On 26 Nov is a payment of 2/6 to George TUCKER for his Expences at Old Down ab't Han'h SHEARN & he removed her to her Parish of Midsomer Norton. No Order of Removal has been located but Hannah's Examination has been located.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Hannah SHEARN, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, touching her Settlement. Taken this 26th day of Nov'r 1816.

Who on her Oath saith, that she is about 29 Years old and was born in the Parish of Midsomer Norton, as she has heard and believes, and that, about 12 Years past, she was lawfully married, by Banns, to Henry SHEARN of Midsomer Norton aforesaid, Coalminer, in Midsomer Norton Church. Saith, that she had two Children by him, both now dead, that they have not lived together these Nine Years past. That her said Husband went in the Army, and has had his Discharge about One Year agone, but has not lived with her, this Examinant, since and that she has heard and believes he is living at Service in Bristol; that his Settlement is in the Parish of Midsomer Norton. Saith, that she is now with Child, which is not by her said Husband, but William SHEARN of Midsomer Norton aforesaid, Coalminer, the Brother of her said Husband, is the Father thereof. The Mark of X Hannah SHEARN.

Sworn before us [no Justices' names given].

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-55.

[Note: Henry SHEARN married Hannah ASHMAN by banns at Midsomer Norton 3 Jun 1804.]

60. James CARTER and family were removed from High Littleton to Paulton in December 1816.

Overseers Accounts record on 15 Sep 1816 the payment of 5/- present Relief to James CARTER's Wife & two Children, by order of Magistrates, until his Examination can be taken, he being very Ill and not able to attend. Five further payments of 5/- followed until 26 Nov, when, by order of Magistrates 2/- p. week more, making 7/- was paid. Four more weekly payments of 7/- to James CARTER's Wife & 2 children followed, the last being made on 24 Dec. On 24 Dec at Temple Inn, it was agreed on that James CARTER do belong to the Parish of Paulton and was accepted as such by Mr Tho's HILL, Overseer of Paulton, without his being Examined on his Oath & Mr Tho's HILL promised payment of all Moneys advanced to James CARTER's Wife & Family, during his illness up to this day, viz't 24 Dec.; 2/6 was also paid for Overseer's Expences on the above Business. On 28 Dec £3. 5/- was rec'd of the Overseers of Paulton Parish for Moneys paid to James CARTER's Wife & two Children, he down in a Feavor & could not be Examined about his Settlement, to the 24th day of December. [Note: With several James CARTERs about at the same time, the above James has not been positively identified.]

61. <u>Joseph CANNARD</u> was removed from High Littleton to East Harptree by Order dated 24th December 1816.

Overseers Accounts record on 24 Dec 1816 2/6 paid to Mr Tho's MILES at Temple Inn for taking the Examination of Joseph CANNARD, a Servant of Farmer MILES, he having been very Ill for several weeks and 5/6 paid to Mr Tho's MILES at the same time & place for making out the Order of Removal of Joseph CANNARD to East Harptry, as soon as it can be done with Safety, he being at present unfit to be removed & was ordered by the Magistrates back to farmer MILES's till the Doctor do pronounce him fit to be removed. On 6 Jan 1817 was a payment of 5/- to farmer KEEL for himself, Cart & horse to remove Joseph CANNARD by an Order from Farmer MILES's to East Harptry, his Parish, also 3/- for Overseer's Time 2/6, Hay for the Horse 6d. Vestry Minutes of 18 May 1817 agree that £3 should be offered to farmer MILES about Joseph CANNING's (sic) illness, instead of the bill as presented by him amounting to £3. 4. 0, which was the next day accepted by him, rather than be at variance with his parish. Overseers Accounts record £3 paid on 22 May to Farmer MILES for the keep of Jos'h CANNARD in lieu of a Bill presented of £3. 4/- for 5 Weeks Illness to Jan'y the 6th 1817, by order of last Month'y Vestry.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Joseph CANNARD, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Labourer. Taken this 24th day of December 1816.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is about 18 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Litton, as he has heard and believes. Saith, that Wm. CANNARD, Labourer, his Father, is settled in the said parish of Litton. Saith that, at Lady Day 1814, his said Father hired him to Samuel OLIVER for a Year, at £4 Wages, from New Lady Day till the New Lady Day following, and that he served him the said Year, in the Parish of East Harptry. Saith, that, at new Lady Day 1815, his said Father hired him for another Year to Geo. KING, Yeoman, for £4 a Year Wages and Washing and Mending. That, on Account of his having the Itch, he did not go into Farmer KING's Service, But served with Farmer James HUNT of East Harptry under the said Hiring, untill Priddey Fair day the 21st August. Saith, that James HUNT had not then Employ for him; And Joseph OLIVER, his Brother in Law, at Milton in the Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells, having parted with his Servant Boy, the said James HUNT, his Master, sent him to the said Joseph OLIVER, and he continued to serve the said Joseph OLIVER under the same hiring, untill the End of his Year or 25th March 1816, and the said James HUNT paid him the whole of his Wages, except One Pound, which the said Joseph OLIVER paid him. Saith, that the said James HUNT paid him £2. 1. 6, part of the Year's Wages and the said Joseph OLIVER was to pay him the Remainder. The Mark X of Joseph CANNARD.

Sworn before us Tho's WILLIAMS, W.B. BARTER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-56.

[Note: Joseph son of William & Betty CANNARD bapt. at Litton 12 Feb 1800.]

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of East Harptry in the said County to receive and obey.

FORASMUCH as complaint hath been made unto us, whose Names are hereunto set and Seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's Justices of the peace in and for the said County (one of us of the quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, That **Joseph CANNARD**, **Labourer**, hath come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton contrary to Law, not having any way gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any certificate owning him to be settled elsewhere, and that he the said Joseph CANNARD is become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said Justices, upon due proof thereof made before us, as well upon the examination of the said Joseph CANNARD upon his oath as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration had of the premisses do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the lawful settlement of him the said Joseph CANNARD is in the said Parish of East Harptry in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Joseph CANNARD from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of East Harptry and him to deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this our Order or Duplicate, or a true copy thereof.). And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of East Harptry to receive and provide for him the said Joseph CANNARD as an inhabitant of your Parish.

Given under our Hands and Seals the Twenty fourth day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen. Tho's WILLIAMS, W.B. BARTER.

[Reverse] - I hereby certify that Joseph CANNARD is now in a fit state to be mov'd to his Parish. James CRANG, Surgeon. Hallatrow, Jan'y 4 1817.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-21.

62. Order made 6th January 1818 for <u>Gideon KINGMAN</u> and family to be removed from High Littleton to Paulton.

Overseers Accounts record on 1 Jul 1817 2/6 paid to Mr Tho's MILES at Old Down Inn for taking the Examination of Gideon KINGMAN about his Settlement, his family likely to become troublesome and 2/6 for the Overseer's Expences at Old Down on the above Business. On 8 Jul 4/- was paid to Gideon KINGMAN. This was followed by payments of at least 2/- every few days to Gideon KINGMAN's wife and 3 children. On 16 Sep were Overseer's Expences at Temple Inn about Gideon KINGMAN's Settlement. On 7 Oct were Overseer's Expenses at Old Down about Gideon KINGMAN's Parish Settlement, when it was put off in order to have the Opinion of Third Council by Mr LANGFORD, in order to prevent if possible the Expence of a Law Suit. Meanwhile regular payments of relief to Gideon KINGMAN's wife and family continued. On 31 Oct it was noted that he had a bad gather'd Hand - not able to work. On 9 Dec 2/6 was paid to the Overseer for

Expence to Temple Inn about Gideon KINGMAN's Settlement and on 23 Dec 2/6 likewise to Old Down. Gideon KINGMAN's family were still receiving regular relief of 2/-, it was noted that he had no work on 2 Jan 1818 and he received 2/- for the last time on 5 Jan. On 6 Jan 1818 10/- was paid to Mr Tho's MILES at Temple Inn for an Order of Removall of Gideon KINGMAN and his family to Paulton and 2/6 for the Overseer's Expence at Temple Inn on the above Business. On 10 Jan 2/6 was paid for the Overseer going to Stone Easton Friday and Saturday about Gideon KINGMAN and on 13 Jan 3/- to Gideon KINGMAN to convey him to Wells and 10/- to the Overseer for his time 2 Days to Wells about Gideon KINGMAN's business.

County of Somerset.

The <u>Examination of **Gideon KINGMAN**</u>, now residing in the parish of High Littleton in the said County, Cordwainer, (touching his Settlement), taken this first day of July 1817.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is about 40 years old and was born in the parish of East Harptry, as he has heard and believes and that Gideon KINGMAN, his Father, Carpenter, was legally settled in the said parish of East Harptry, as he has also heard and believes. Saith, that when he was about 14 years of age, he was bound an Apprentice for the term of seven years, to Thomas BOULTING of East Harptry aforesaid, Cordwainer, by Indenture duly executed, dated 18th January 1790. Saith, that when he had been with his said Master about 4 years, he was bound over to Richard WATTS of Paulton, Cordwainer, for the Rem'r of the Term and for the further time of 49 weeks. Saith, that when he had been with the sd. Rich'd WATTS about 2½ years, in the Parish of Paulton, his Master gave up the Cordwaining Business and this Examinant returned home to East Harptry, to his Father's House, 6 Months before the Term of 7 years was expired and about One year and half before his apprenticeship Term was expired; that he went by his Master's Consent and did not do any work for his Master afterwards, but worked on his own Account. That his Master and he did not cancel, nor give up, nor interchange the Indentures but the same were remaining in the hands of the Parties as before, but the said Richard WATTS, nor this Examinant, or his Father, made no Claim on each other afterwards. Saith, that the last 40 Days and upwards of the 7 Years of his apprenticeship expired while this Examinant was living with his Father in the said Parish of East Harptry. Saith, that he has gained no Settlement since. That about 9 Years past, he was lawfully married by Banns, in Saint Michael's Church in Bath, to Mary, his present Wife and has 3 Children living, Viz't: Gideon aged about 81/2 years, Thomas aged about 41/2 years and John aged about 11 weeks. Saith, he has been lately relieved by the Parish of East Harptry three times, after having taken his Examination. Saith, that the last 40 days of the first Seven years of his apprenticeship expired while he was living with his Father in the Parish of East Harptry. That the reason he was bound to said Richard WATTS for 4 Years instead of being assigned for 3 Years, the Remainder of the 7 Years, was because the said Richard WATTS would have required more Money for 3 Years than for 4 Years Term. Gideon KINGMAN.

Sworn before W.B. BARTER.

Gideon KINGMAN. Resworn 7th Oct'r 1817 before us W.B. BARTER, P. Davis SHERSTON. Resworn 6th day of January 1818 before us W.B. BARTER, Wm. Coxeter JAMES, T. WILLIAMS. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-59/60.

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County of Somerset To-wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Paulton in the said County to receive and obey.

FORASMUCH as Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Names are hereunto set and Seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County (one of us of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, That **Gideon KINGMAN**, **Cordwainer and Mary his Wife and Gideon aged about Nine years, Thomas aged about five years and John aged about half a year, his Children** have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton contrary to Law, not having any way gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere, and that they, the said Gideon KINGMAN and Mary his Wife and Gideon, Thomas and John, his Children, are become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said Justices, upon due Proof thereof made before us, as well upon the Examination of the said Gideon KINGMAN upon his Oath, as otherwise, and likewise upon due Consideration had of the Premises, do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the lawful Settlement of him the said Gideon KINGMAN is in the said Parish of Paulton in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said

Gideon KINGMAN and Mary his Wife and Gideon, Thomas and John, his Children from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Paulton and them to deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this our Order or Duplicate, or a true Copy thereof:) And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Paulton to receive and provide for them as Inhabitants of your Parish.

Given under our Hands and Seals the Sixth Day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen. W.B. BARTER, Tho's WILLIAMS.

[Reverse] This Order was squash'd at Wells Quarter Session held on the 13th day of January 1818. Appeal against and return'd back at next Quarter Session at Wells on the 20th. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-23.

63. <u>Gideon KINGMAN</u> and family were removed from High Littleton to East Harptree by Order dated 20th January 1818.

Overseers Accounts record on 20 Jan 1818 2/6 Expence to Old Down to have G. KINGMAN's fresh Examination, when an order of Removall was made for East Harptry. On 22 Jan was 11/10 Expence attending the Removall of G. KINGMAN, his wife & family to East Harptry, Cart & Horse 5/-, two Dinners Overseer & man with Beer etc. & Hay for Horse with Mr POPE 5/10 and Overseer's time to East Harptry one Day 5/-. On 25 March was a payment of £24. 1. 3 to Mr Tho's MILES for Law Proceeding about Gideon KINGMAN's Settlement.

County of Somerset.

The <u>Examination of **Gideon KINGMAN**</u>, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton, Cordwainer, as to his Settlement. Taken this 20th day of January 1818.

Who upon his Oath saith, that after leaving the Service of Richard WATTS in the Parish of Paulton, as stated by his former Examinations, he returned to the Parish of East Harptry and worked on his own Account, and slept in the said Parish of East Harptry, untill after the Term of his Seven Years Apprenticeship was expired. That he then worked for George BROCK of Hinton Blewett, Cordwainer, for some Months. That he afterwards entered into a written agreement with Francis MAGGS of Bishop Sutton in the Parish of Chew Magna, Cordwainer, to serve the said Fra's MAGGS, as a Journeyman, at Piece Work for a Year, which he served accordingly. And, some time afterwards, he burnt the said written agreement in his Father's House at East Harptry. Saith, that by the Terms of the said agreement, he bound himself to serve the said Francis MAGGS for a Year as a Journeyman and to work for no other Master for any part of the said Year, that his Master was to pay him Journeyman's Wages for all the Shoes he made (many or few) and that he was to work in his Master's Shop as many days or hours as suited him, at his own Choice, and was to find his own Meat, Drink, Lodging and Necessaries, and this Examinant's Father to give the said Francis MAGGS Fifty Shillings, to bring him forward in his Business, and this Examinant was to allow the said Francis MAGGS One Shilling per Week out of his Earnings for the same Reason. This Examinant served the said Francis MAGGS the full Year, according to the said agreement, that he went to work for him, as he believes, about Potatoe Setting Season. Saith, that for some Months, he believes about 7 or 8 Months of the said Year, he slept at Bishop Sutton, at the House of Richard CURTIS, Carpenter, where he paid Six Pence per Week for his Lodging and all the other part of the said Year, he slept at his said Father's House in East Harptry, that in Particular, at the Beginning of the Service, he slept at his Father's House, not having at first got Lodgings at Richard CURTIS's, and very particularly, for a Month or Six Weeks the latter part of the Year, he slept at his said Father's House in East Harptry, because there should be no Dispute between the Parishes, Besides sleeping constantly at East Harptry on Saturday and Sunday Nights all the said year, on account of his Mother's washing and mending his Cloaths. Gideon KINGMAN.

Sworn before us Tho's WILLIAMS, W.B. BARTER, Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-61/62.

[Note: Although Gideon KINGMAN's baptism has not been located he was almost certainly the son of Gideon & Sarah KINGMAN, who were having children baptized at East Harptree around the right time.

Gideon KINGMAN bach. otp married Mary BLACKER spin. otp by banns at St. Michael, Bath 19 Dec 1807.

Gideon a son was born c.1808/9

Thomas son of Gideon KINGMAN & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 1 Nov 1812.

John born in 1815 must surely have been another son. - John KINGMAN, Hallatrow, aged 2 weeks, buried at High Littleton 14 May 1815. Mary Ann dau. of Gideon & Mary KINGMAN, shoemaker, Hallatrow bapt. at High Littleton 12 May 1816. - Mary Ann KINGMAN, Hallatrow, aged 3 months, buried at High Littleton 11 Aug 1816.

John son of Gideon & Mary KINGMAN, shoemaker, Hallatrow bapt. at High Littleton 15 Apr 1817.]

[Printed Form - No. 36. <u>Order of Removal</u>. Printed and sold by Richard CRUTTWELL, Bath Chronicle Office, St. James's Street.]

County of Somerset To-wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of East Harptry in the said County to receive and obey.

FORASMUCH as Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Names are hereunto set and Seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County (one of us of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, That **Gideon KINGMAN**, **Cordwainer and Mary his Wife and Gideon aged about Nine years, Thomas aged about five years and John aged about half a year, his Children** have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton contrary to Law, not having any way gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere, and that they the said Gideon KINGMAN and Mary his Wife and Gideon, Thomas and John, his Children, are become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said Justices, upon due Proof thereof made before us, as well upon the Examination of the said Gideon KINGMAN upon his Oath, as otherwise, and likewise upon due Consideration had of the Premises, do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the lawful Settlement of him the said Gideon KINGMAN is in the said Parish of East Harptry in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Gideon KINGMAN and Mary his Wife and Gideon, Thomas and John, his Children from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of East Harptry and them to deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this our Order or Duplicate, or a true Copy thereof:) And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of East Harptry to receive and provide for them as Inhabitants of your Parish.

Given under our Hands and Seals the Twentieth Day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen. W.B. BARTER, Wm. Coxeter JAMES. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-22.

64. Vestry Minutes of 18 May 1817 ordered that **George RUSSEL**, Butcher, should be summoned in order to have his Examination taken concerning his Parish Settlement. Overseers Accounts record on 19, 20 May 1/paid for a Summon Warrant for George RUSSEL to have him examined touching his Settlement and on 20 May 2/6 to Mr Tho's MILES for taking G.R.'s Examination and Overseer's Expences at Old Down on the above Business. George RUSSELL's Examination survives from which his Settlement appears to be at St. Cuthbert, Wells but there is no evidence that an Order was made for his Removal at this time.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of George RUSSELL, now residing in the parish of High Littleton in the said County, Butcher, taken the 20th day of May 1817.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is about 23 years of age, and was born in the parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City of Wells, as he has heard and believes, and that he has heard and believes that his Father, John RUSSELL, Butcher, was legally settled in the said parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells, by renting the Bell Inn, now the Angel and by property his own. Saith, that about 10 or 11 years ago, he bargained with Peter FRY of East Milton at one shilling per week, but did not live there a year. Saith, that he never hired himself to, nor lived with any person, for a year at one time. That, about two years and a quarter ago, he was married by Banns, at Paulton, to Hester, his present Wife and has got one child, William aged about a year and a quarter. George RUSSELL. Sworn before us Tho's WILLIAMS, W.B. BARTER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-58.

Accounts record on 18 Jan 1820 a payment to Tho's MILES for taking the examination of George RUSSELL's wife touching his settlement with intent of removal and a summons warrant to George RUSSELL's father and examination before an order can be made, also expenses at Temple Inn about the same business. On 29 and 30 Jan are expenses to Farmborough and Horrington about G. RUSSELL's settlement and on 1 Feb the cost of a special warrant against G. RUSSELL and a payment to Tho's MILES for taking John RUSSELL's examination at Old Down. The Examinations survive but no Order of Removal has been located.

County of Somerset.

The <u>Examination of **Hester RUSSELL**</u>, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, touching her Settlement and the Settlement of George RUSSELL, her husband. Taken this 18th day of January 1820.

Who on her Oath saith, that she is about 24 Years old and was born at Priston, as she has heard and believes, William BIRD, now of Paulton, being her Father. Saith, that about 5 Years agone, she was lawfully married by Banns, in Paulton Church, to the said George RUSSELL (Butcher), who went away about two Months ago and left her, and she has since had a Letter from him from London. Saith, that she has two Children by her said Husband, Namely, William aged about 4 Years and Eliza aged about 1½ Year. Saith, that she had a Letter from her said husband about 5 weeks past, inclosing 7s. 6d. in a small parcel and she has not heard from him since and is chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. The Mark of X Hester RUSSELL.

Sworn before us J.C. HIPPISLEY, Tho's WILLIAMS, Wm. Coxeter JAMES. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-71.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of John RUSSELL, now residing at West Horrington in Out Parish of St. Cuthbert in Wells in the said County, Butcher, as to his Settlement and the Settlement of George RUSSELL, his Son, lately residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County. Taken this 1st day of February 1820.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is about 50 Years of Age and upwards. Saith, that his Son George is about 25 Years old. Saith, he constantly resided with him, this Examinant, as part of his Family, till about 6 years agone, and never gained any Settlement on his Own Account previous to that time. Saith, that this Examinant's Settlement then was, and now is, in the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells, by renting an House of Mrs RAWLINS, at the Rent of Seven Guineas a Year, in Tarr Lane in Wells for 7 or 8 Years and an Acre of Potato Ground of Farmer John MARSHALL of Dulcot, in the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells, at five Pounds a Year and a Butcher's Shop in Wells at 2s. 6d. p'r Week and a Standing in Wells Market at 1s. 2d. p'r Week. Saith, that his said Son left this Examinant's family to reside in the Parish of Paulton, about Six Years agone. The Mark of X John RUSSELL.

Sworn before us J.C. HIPPISLEY, Tho's WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-73.

[Note: John (born 20 May) son of Thomas & Elizabeth RUSSEL, East Wells, bapt. at St. Cuthbert, Wells 19 Jun 1768.]

County of Somerset.

The <u>Examination of **George RUSSELL**</u>, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Butcher, as to his Settlement. Taken this 4th day of February 1820.

Who upon his Oath saith, That he is about 26 Years of Age and was born in the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells in the said County, as he has heard and believes. Saith, that he has heard and believes that John RUSSELL, his Father, a Butcher, was and is settled in the said Parish of Saint Cuthbert, and this Examinant lived with his said Father, as part of his Family, and at Service with Peter FRY and Farmer MOORSHOUSE for periods less than a Year, all in the said Parish of St. Cuthbert, till about 6 or 7 Years agone. Saith, that he then came to the Parish of Paulton and was lawfully married by Banns, in Paulton Parish, to Hester, his present Wife, By whom he has two Children, Namely, William aged about 4 Years and Eliza aged about 2 Years. Saith, that he has never rented to the Amount of Ten Pounds altogether at any one time, Nor gained himself a Settlement in any Parish on his own Account. George RUSSELL.

Sworn before us W.B. BARTER, Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-74a.

[Note: George (born 5 Apr) son of John & Mary RUSSELL, West Horrington, bapt. at St. Cuthbert, Wells 27 Apr 1794.

George RUSSELL bach. otp married Hester BIRD spin. otp, with parents' consent, by banns at Paulton 7 Feb 1815.

William son of George & Hester RUSSELL, Paulton, butcher, bapt. at Paulton 7 Jan 1816.

Eliza dau. of George & Hester RUSSEL, Hallatrow, butcher, bapt. at High Littleton 5 Jul 1818.]

65. <u>William VOKES</u> was removed from High Littleton to St. John, Glastonbury by Order dated 14th March 1820

Overseers Accounts record on 18 Jan 1820 a payment to Tho's MILES for taking the examination of Wm. VOKES touching his settlement and on 1 Feb is a similar payment to Tho's MILES at Old Down. On 14 Mar is a payment to Tho's MILES at Temple Inn for making out an order of removal for Wm. VOKES to St. John's, Glastonbury and on the following day is recorded the cost of removing him. It is assumed to be the same William who was examined in 1780, shortly after he came to High Littleton:

County of Somerset.

The Examination of William VOKE, now residing in the Parish of Highlittleton in the said County, Mason, taken this 30th March 1780.

Who, upon his oath saith, that he was born in the Parish of Barton in the said County, as he hath been inform'd and believes, that he left that Parish when he was about thirteen years old, and his Father, with his Consent,

enter'd into a Covenant in writing, for this Examinant to serve William DICKENSON of Kingston [Kingsdon probably intended] in the said Count, Esq'r, for four years and serv'd his said Master about two years only, when his Master gave him leave to depart his service, but the Covenant was not cancelled and is now in the Examinant's Custody, that he work'd at his own hands there about a year afterwards, then went into the Parish of Compton Dando [Compton Dundon probably intended] in the said County and agreed to serve David WEST of Street in the said County, Mason, for three years and, for that purpose, sign'd an unstamped Paper, and lodged the agreement part of that Time in Compton Dando, particularly the last forty Days and hath not since gained any other settlement. Wm. VOKE.

Sworn the day & Year aforsd. before [no Justices' names given]. A Copy.

Document in High Littleton Vestry August 2000. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-16a (Copy).

County of Somerset.

The Examination of William VOKES, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Labourer, Touching his Settlement. Taken this 18th day of January 1820.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is about 70 Years of Age and was born in the parish of Barton Saint David, as he has heard and believes. Saith, that he rented the Glastonbury Arms Inn in Glastonbury of John LILLY Esquire, at the Yearly Rent of £55, and occupied the same about 12 Months. Saith, that he then rented the Anchor Publick House in Glastonbury of Mr LILLY, at the Rent of upwards of £50 a Year, and occupied it a year and more and left it about two years last past, Both of the sd. Inns in the Parish of Saint John in Glastonbury, and hath gained no Settlement since. Saith, that he thereupon came to Hallatrow in the Parish of High Littleton and has resided in a Freehold House, his own Property there, of about the yearly Value of Three Guineas and which he had bought of his Brother for less than £20, and which he has sold about a Year agone, to one William HOARE, for about £10; that he is now chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton. The Mark of X William VOKES.

Sworn before us J.C. HIPPISLEY, Tho's WILLIAMS, Wm. Coxeter JAMES. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-72.

[*Note*: Although his baptism has not been located William may well have been the son of John and Ann VOKE, who were having children baptized at Barton St. David around the 1750s. Over the years his name seems to have changed from VOKE to VOKES.

William VOKE bach, resident in the parish married Ann BEAN otp by banns at High Littleton 12 Apr 1779.

Thomas son of Wm. VOKES & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 18 Jul 1779. - Thomas VOKES a child buried at High Littleton 1 Nov 1780. Thomas son of William VOKES & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 20 May 1781. - Tho. VOKES an infant buried at High Littleton 26 May 1781.

Samuel was another son. - Samuel son of William VOKES & Ann buried at High Littleton 31 Mar 1784.

Ann dau. of William VOKES & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 19 Sep 1784. - Ann VOKES an infant buried at High Littleton 2 Jun 1791. Thomas (bapt. privately 5 Apr.) son of William VOKES & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 28 Apr 1799. - He married Sarah GREGORY at Midsomer Norton 22 May 1826.

Ann VOKES was buried at High Littleton 28 Apr 1799.

William VOAKES wid'r otp married Mary SIMPSON wid. otp by licence at High Littleton 27 Jan 1800.

William's brother, from whom he bought a house in Hallatrow, was probably James VOKES senior.]

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Somerset to wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Saint John in Glastonbury, in the said County, to receive and obey.

FORASMUCH as Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County (one of us of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, That **William VOKES**, **Labourer** hath come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton contrary to Law, nor (*sic*) having any way gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning him to be settled elsewhere, and that he the said William VOKES is become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said Justices, upon due Proof thereof made before us, as well upon the Examination of the said William VOKES upon his Oath as otherwise, and likewise upon due Consideration had of the Premises, do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the lawful Settlement of Him the said William VOKES is in the said Parish of Saint John in Glastonbury in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said William VOKES from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Saint John in Glastonbury and him to deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this our Order or Duplicate, or a true Copy thereof.) And we do also hereby require you the

said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Saint John in Glastonbury to receive and provide for him the said William VOKES as an Inhabitant of your Parish.

Given under our Hands and Seals the 14th Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty. J.C. HIPPISLEY, T. WILLIAMS. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-25.

66. Overseers Accounts record on 25 Mar 1820 a payment to Tho's MILES for attendance at High Littleton and Timsbury to examine William SCRAGGS, abju'cation and mittimus and order of removal of his wife [Catherine SCRAGGS] and family to St. Michael, Oxford. Neither Order nor Examination has been located for that time but Examinations taken a year or so previously survive, following which an arrangement was made with St. Michael's, Oxford for Catherine to have relief.

Vestry Minutes of 9 Aug 1818 state that Catharine SCRAGGS, the Daughter of Jeremiah BUSH, with two children applied for Relief, her Husband having left her three weeks since & she not having heard from him nor knew where he was gone, but believes he was in Oxford. - No relief was granted her. Overseers Accounts record on 18 Aug 1818 2/6 paid to Mr Tho's MILES for taking the Examination of Catharine SCRAGGS, wife of W'm SCRAGGS, at Old Down, and to Catharine & her two child'n, by order of the Magistrate, till her Husband's Parish can be found, the sum of 5/- pr. Week. From 29 Aug to 14 Nov Accounts record 5/- p.w. being paid to Cath'n SCRAGGS & two child'n.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Catharine SCRAGGS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, as to her Settlement. Taken this 18th day of August 1818.

Who upon her Oath saith, that she is about 31 Years of Age and was born in the said Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as she has heard and believes. Saith, that about five Years last past, she was lawfully married by Banns, in the Parish Church at the Cove of Cork in Ireland, to William SCRAGGS, her Husband and has two Children by her said Husband, Namely, Frances Leicester SCRAGGS, aged about two years and an Infant Girl unchristened, aged about 12 weeks. Saith, that her husband has left her in High Littleton about 7 weeks past. Saith, that he was a Private in the third Garrison Battalion and she has heard him say, and believes it to be true, that his Settlement is in some Parish in the City of Oxford. Saith, that about Six Years agone, she hired herself a Servant to Col'l NEEDHAM of the said third Garrison Battalion and served him about One Week only in England and about One Year in Ireland, before her said Marriage. That she has lived a Servant with the said Col'l NEEDHAM nearly to the present time. Saith that she has never gained any Settlement out of the said Parish of High Littleton, Except by her said Marriage; that she is now chargeable. Catherine SCRAGGS.

Sworn before us W.B. BARTER, John Fred'k DOVETON.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-69.

Vestry Minutes of 1 Nov 1818 agreed that some steps should be immediately taken to find out Wm. SCRAGGS, supposed to be in some part of Oxford. In the following week it was determined that James BOULTER and Jonas WEEKS should go to Oxford in search of the sd. Wm. SCRAGGS. Overseers Accounts record on 5 Nov 2/- paid to Tho's MILES for a Special Warrant to apprehend Wm. SCRAGGS for leaving his Wife and two children chargeable to the parish. On the same day 2/9 was paid for Swearing in as Special Constables for the time being, to apprehend Wm. SCRAGGS at Oxford, James BOULTER & Jonas WEEKS and also the Overseer being sworn to the deposition at Timsbury. On 10/11/12 Nov 8/4 was paid - for two suppers W'm SCRAGGS & the Tything Man 1/-, two Breakfasts on the 11th 1/-, two Dinners 1/- & on the 12th two Breakfasts 1/- & One Gallon Beer 2/4; To Bed two nights 2/- for W'm SCRAGGS & the tything Man. On 12 Nov 2/6 was paid for Overseer's Expence in going once to Stone Easton & twice to Timsbury to have W'm SCRAGGS Commitment made out before Mr BARTER and Mr JAMES. Vestry Minutes of 29 Nov approved the expenses attending the journey to Oxford by Jonas WEEKS & James BOULTER to apprehend Wm. SCRAGGS & the bringing him down to have his Exam'n taken as touching his settlement, he having left his wife & 2 children chargeable to our parish - His parish proved to be at St. Michael's parish in Oxford; he was fully committed to Shepton Prison till the quarter sessions; the expenses of this journey amounted to £9.19.101/2 as above stated and agreed to. Likewise George SPREAT's bill for taking Wm. SCRAGGS to prison with a guard & travelling expenses agreed to at £1. 3. 9. Overseers Accounts record the payment of £9.19.10½ as Expences paid by James BOULTER and Jonas WEEKS in going to & coming from Oxford to Apprehend and bring down to High Littleton W'm SCRAGGS, to have his Examination as touching his Settlement and his leaving his Wife & two children

chargeable to our Parish, by Order of last Monthly Vestry, Nov 8, 9 & 10th days as under - To Coach hire from Bath to Oxford, Jonas WEEKS and James BOULTER at One Guinea each £2. 2/-, To Coach hire from Oxford to Bath Jonas WEEKS, James BOULTER & W'm SCRAGGS at One Guinea each £3. 3/-, To Expences for Traveling & Sundry Others three days (see their Bill) £4.14.10½. On 30 Nov was paid to George SPREAT, Tything Man, his Bill for Taking W'm SCRAGGS to Shepton Prison from Timsbury, by Order of Vestry, see his Bill £1. 3. 9.

WEEKS' and BOULTER's detailed bills have survived:

The Parish of High Littleton to J. WEEKS, 1818.			
Expencis to and From Oxford For Wm. SCRAGS.		s.	d.
First Day, Sonday's Expencis		2	8
Tuesday - Gail [Gaol] Keeper's Expencis		2	6
Constabol's Fees & Backing Warant		1	0
Pirl & Peppermint in Morning		2	2
1 Pint of Beer and Gin at Faringdon			9
Breckfast For 3 at Ciseter [Cirencester] & Waiter		8	0
Gave to the Coachman at Cisiter		2	0
2 Quart of Beer on the Road		7	2
1 Quart of Beer at Tedbury [Tetbury]			7
Bread & Chees at Bath			6
2 Quarts of Beer at Bath		1	2
Gave the Coachman at Bath		2	6
Gave the Gard at Bath		2	0
One Fare From Bath to Oxford	1	1	0
2 Fars From Oxford to Bath	2	2	0
and 1 Shilling toward Mr BOULTER's Fare		1	0
Sundry other Expencis		_3	_3
To.	£5	0	3
Add James BOULTER's Bill [see below]	<u>4</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>_7½</u>
	£ <u>9</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>10</u> ½

Mr James BOULTER - Expences to & from Oxford about Wm. SCRAGGS.

Three Cups Inn, Oxford:				
Bill			7	4
Dinner			4	6
Beer			2	51/2
Supper			2	0
Beer			1	11
Rum			1	2
Bed			<u>1</u>	_0
		£1	0	41/2
Exp. for both th' first Day			<u>18</u>	_3
		1	18	71/2
Coach		2	_1	_0
	[but adds to £3.19. 7½]	<u>4</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>_7½</u>

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-1.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of William SCRAGGS, now residing at High Littleton in the said County, Lab'r, as to his Settlement. Taken this 11th day of Nov'r 1818.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is about 33 Years old and was born in the Parish of Saint Mary Magdalen in the City of Oxford, as he has heard and believes and that his Father, Thomas SCRAGGS, was lawfully settled in the Parish of Saint Michael in the said City of Oxford, by Service as Horsler at the Star Inn. Saith that his said Father was relieved by that Parish previous to his Death, which happened about 10 Years ago, and Eliz'th SCRAGGS, his Mother, has Relief at present from the same Parish. Saith he has never gained a Settlement on his own Account; saith he went into the Supplementary Militia in 1803 and volunteered, on 4th Sept'r 1807, for a limitted period into the 51st Regiment of Foot and was, on 6th Nov'r 1809, transferred to the Third Garrison Battalion and served therein untill discharged on the 14th August 1814. Saith that about 6 or 7 Years agone, he was lawfully married by Banns, at the Parish Church of the Cove of Cork, to Catharine, his present Wife (late BUSH) and has two Children by her, Namely, Frances Leicester, aged about 2 Years and Matilda, aged about Six Months. William SCRAGGS.

Sworn before us Wm. Coxeter JAMES, W.B. BARTER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-70.

[Note: For details of the family see subsequent Removal Order dated 4 Jun 1833.]

Written in the back of the Overseers Accounts Book is the following:

A True Copy of a Letter from Peter WASH (sic), Clark to the Board of Guardiens for the Parish of St. Michael in Oxford, about W'm SCRAGGS' Wife and two children, sent to the Rev'd W.B. BARTER, Timsbury.

Sir,

The Guardians of the Poor, taking into consideration your representation of the situation of the Wife and Children of **William SCRAGGS**, will not object to allow them for the present period the sum of four Shillings per Week. In so doing however, it must be taken without prejudice to their right to question the Settlement in Oxford, as they have not at present the means of satisfying themselves on that point and they are willing to take your statement for granted only, until they can have the (*deleted*) an opportunity of investigating the matter.

I am Sir, your most obedient servant Perc'l WALCH, Cl'k to the Board of Guardians. Oxford 16th Oct. 1818.

Remarks - the Word (the) in the last line but one in the Original have a dash of the pen across it as done above, & the Letter as dated 16th Octo'r instead of the Month of November.

Tho. FLOWER, Acting Overseer to the Parish of High Littleton. Witness'd by Eliz. HOARE. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/3.

67. <u>Mary BARBER</u> was removed from High Littleton to Ston Easton by Order dated 30th September 1820.

Overseers Accounts record on 29 Sep 1820 a payment to Tho's MILES at Ston Easton for taking the examination of Mary BARBER and making out an order to remove her to Ston Easton, where she was removed the next day.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Mary BARBER, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Singlewoman, taken this 29th day of Sept'r 1820.

Who upon her Oath saith, that she is about 24 years old and was born in the Parish of Farrington Gurney, as she has heard and believes, and that her Father, Jonathan BARBER, is legally setled (sic) in the parish of Ston Easton, as she has also heard & believes. Saith she has never done any act whereby to gain herself a Settlement, that she is now with child, and that the said child or children is or are likely to be born a bastard or bastards. The Mark of X Mary BARBER.

Sworn before us W.B. BARTER, Wm. Coxeter JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-76.

[Note: Mary dau. of Jonathan & Flower BARBER bapt. at Farrington Gurney 25 Sep 1796.

Jonathan BARBER, Mary's father, was examined about his settlement in 1818 and again in 1841. He was removed to Ston Easton by Order dated 13 Jul 1841.]

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County of Somerset.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Ston Easton, in the same County, to receive and obey.

FORASMUCH as Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County (one of us of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, That Mary BARBER, Singlewoman, hath come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton contrary to Law, nor (sic) having any way gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning her to be settled elsewhere, and that she the said Mary BARBER, being with Child, is deemed as become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said Justices, upon due Proof thereof made before us, as well upon the Examination of the said Mary BARBER upon her Oath as otherwise, and likewise upon due Consideration had of the Premises, do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the lawful Settlement of her the said Mary BARBER is in the said Parish of Ston Easton in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Mary BARBER from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Ston Easton and her to deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this our Order or Duplicate, or a true Copy thereof.) And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Ston Easton to receive and provide for her the said Mary BARBER as an Inhabitant of your Parish.

Given under our Hands and Seals the 30th Day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty. W.B. BARTER, Wm. Coxeter JAMES. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-24.

68. James CLARE & Mary his Wife were removed from High Littleton to Ashwick by Order dated 20th July 1822.

Overseers Accounts record on 29 Jun 1822 the cost of summons' and examinations of Geo. CLARE and his son James at Old Down. On 19 Jul is a payment to Mr MILES for the order on James CLARE and on the same day are expenses for carrying CLARE and wife to Ashwick.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of George CLARE, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Coal Miner, as to his Settlement. Taken this 2nd day of July 1822.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is about 46 years old and was born in the said Parish of High Littleton, as he has heard and believes, and that George CLARE, Coal Miner, his late Father, a Coal Miner (duplicated), was settled in the Parish of Ashweek in the said County, and that he, this Examinant, never gained any Settlement on his own Account and that his lawfull Settlement is in the Parish of Ashweek, and that he has been acknowledged and relieved by them as their Parishioner on a late Accident of breaking his Arm. Saith that he was lawfully married by Banns, in Radstock Church, to Ann, his present Wife and has four Children, James aged about 23 Years, George about 7 Years, Mary aged about 4 Years and Ann aged about two Years. Saith that his Son James was born at Radstock and never gained any Settlement since his Birth, to the best of this Examinant's Information, Knowledge and Belief. The Mark of X George CLARE.

Sworn before us W. WALDEGRAVE, W.B. BARTER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-78.

[Note: George's grandfather, James CLARE, settled in High Littleton under a Certificate from Ashwick dated 20th August 1743. George's father was removed by Order to Ashwick with his children in 1782 and 1790 (including 14 year old George).

George son of George CLARE & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 25 Feb 1776.

Hannah dau. of James WILKINS & Joyce bapt. at High Littleton 10 Mar 1782.

James son of George & Hannah CLARE bapt. at Radstock 5 May 1799.

Overseers Accounts record in July 1804 expenses of going to the Justices with Hannah CLARE. This probably relates to the reimbursement of relief for Hannah whilst George was serving in the Supplementary Militia. Accounts for 1803/4 record the receipt of £3.16/-, being 38 weeks at 2/- p.w., from Croscombe parish for the wife and child of George CLARE, a parishioner of Ashwick residing in this parish now, who is serving as a substitute in the Supplementary Militia for Francis PARKER of Croscombe.

Vestry Minutes of 10 Jun 1805 approved relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Hannah CLARE. This was later paid to her child and continued at varying amounts until 1815. Meanwhile further amounts were received periodically from Croscombe, in respect of George's absence on Militia service, the last covering the period to 18 Mar 1815.

George son of George & Hannah CLARE, collier, Hallatrow, bapt. at High Littleton 17 Dec 1815. He married Harriet VOWLES at Farrington Gurney 25 Dec 1837.

Mary Wilkins dau. of George & Hannah CLARE, collier, Hallatrow, bapt. at High Littleton 30 Nov 1817. She had 3 bastard children in 1835, 1839 and 1842 before marrying Joseph ROGERS at Farrington Gurney 4 Jun 1844.

Ann dau. of George & Hannah CLARE, collier, Hallatrow, bapt. at High Littleton 27 Aug 1820. She married John ROGERS at Farrington Gurney 27 Feb 1843.

Martha dau. of George & Hannah CLARE, collier, Hallatrow, bapt. at High Littleton 17 Aug 1823. She died unmarried and was buried at Farrington Gurney 24 Apr 1896, aged 72.

An Indenture of 15 Oct 1857 mentions George CLARE as one time occupier of one of seven cottages at Tanners, Hallatrow (Nos. 428/9 on Tithe Map).

George CLARE, Farrington Gurney, aged 65, was buried at Farrington Gurney 25 Nov 1840.

The 1841 Census finds George CLEER, aged 25, coal miner, Harriet 25, Jesse 3, George 3 months, Mary 23, Hannah 60, Henry 5 and James 1, living at Farrington Gurney.

The 1851 Census finds Anna (sic) CLARE, aged 72, widow, pauper, born High Littleton and daughter Martha 27, born High Littleton, as lodgers in the house of Mary ROGERS [Hannah's daughter] 30, widow, born High Littleton, in Farrington Gurney. Anna CLARE, Farrington Gurney, aged 77, was buried at Farrington Gurney 21 Apr 1856.]

County of Somerset.

The <u>Examination of James CLARE</u>, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton, Coal Miner, as to his Settlement. Taken this 2nd day of July 1822.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is about 23 years old and was born at Round Hill, in the Parish of Radstock, as he has heard and believes, and that [he] has never done anything to gain himself a lawfull Settlement, having worked under Ground as a Coal Miner since he was 7 Years old. That he has heard his Father, George CLARE, Coal Miner, his Father (duplicated), say that his lawfull Settlement is in the Parish of Ashweek in the said County. Saith, that about 10 Months past, he was lawfully married by Banns, in High Littleton Church, to Mary, his present Wife. That he has one Child, born before Marriage, named James, aged about [a] Year, in the said Parish of High Littleton. Saith, that he has been living for the last half Year in a House belonging to the said Parish of High Littleton, and is in Want of Relief, in Consequence of want of Work. The Mark of X James CLARE.

Sworn before us W. WALDEGRAVE, W.B. BARTER.

[Pencil note] 1822 July 19. Car'ed James CLARE and Wife to Aishweek with a Order.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-79.

[Note: See above for James' baptism in 1799.

Overseers Accounts record on 9 Oct 1813 the cost of a summons and warrant for Adam WEEKS, Peter DANDO, James CLARE and Tho's VOKES [all aged around 13] for breaking windows at the poor house.

A Bastardy Order dated 28 Aug 1821 was made against James CLARE, coal miner of High Littleton, who fathered a bastard child by Mary JONES born on 19 Jul 1821. James illeg. son of Mary JONES & James CLARE, collier, Hallatrow bapt. at High Littleton 23 Aug 1821. James CLARE x bach. otp married Mary JONES x spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 16 Sep 1821.

Overseers Accounts record on 25 Sep 1821 a payment of 5/- to Mary CLEARE, her husband serving in the Militia. On 20 Nov is a payment of 6/- to Mary JONES and for a guard for James CLEARE at Farrington Inn. This latter item is probably related to the Bastardy Order.

Naomi dau. of James & Mary CLARE, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 24 Aug 1823.

James CLARE died and his widow Mary subsequently had a bastard child, acknowledged as that of George BATH, whom she later

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

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

George BATH was born c.1798/9 the bastard child of Dinah BATH by Robert HAWKINS and in 1807 was apprenticed by the parish to Thomas Collier DUDDEN, cordwainer of High Littleton. George's mother had several bastard children by different men.

Elizabeth, George & Mary BATH's daughter, was born c.1830/1.

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

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

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

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

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

George BATH, coal miner of High Littleton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on many occasions between 1833 and 1849 1

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Somerset (to wit).

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Ashweek, in the said County of Somerset to receive and obey.

FORASMUCH as Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County (one of us of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, That **James CLARE**, **Coalminer**, **aged about 23 years**, **and Mary his Wife** have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton contrary to Law, nor (*sic*) having any way gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere, and that they the said James CLARE and Mary his Wife are become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said Justices, upon due Proof thereof made before us, as well upon the Examination of the said James CLARE upon his Oath as otherwise, and likewise upon due Consideration had of the Premises, do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the lawful Settlement of them the said James CLARE and Mary his Wife is in the said Parish of Ashweek in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said James CLARE and Mary his Wife from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Ashweek and them to deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this our Order or Duplicate, or a true Copy thereof.) And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Ashweek to receive and provide for them the said James CLARE and Mary his Wife as Inhabitants of your Parish.

Given under our Hands and Seals the 20th Day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty two. W.B. BARTER, Wm. C. JAMES.

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

[*Note*: James JONES, the illegitimate son of James and Mary CLARE was not included in the above order but clearly went to Ashwick with his parents. An Order for the removal of 1 year old James JONES from Ashwick back to High Littleton was made on 19 Aug 1822.]

69. <u>James BROOKS</u> and children were removed from High Littleton to Clifton by Order dated 11th February 1823.

Overseers Accounts record on 11 Feb 1823 a payment to Tho's MILES for the examination and order on Jas. BROOKS.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of James BROOKES, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County, Cordwainer, as to his Settlement. Taken this 11th day of February 1823.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is about 34 Years old and was born at Winford in the said County, as he has heard and believes. Saith, that by Indenture of apprenticeship dated the 12th day of May 1802, duly stampt with a 15s. Stamp, he bound himself a lawfull apprentice to Henry BIRD of Clifton in the County of Gloucester, Cordwainer, and Hannah his Wife, for the term of Seven Years, in Consideration of £10 Pound (sic) paid to them as an apprentice Fee, and served out the said full term of Seven Years, lodging all the time in the said Parish of Clifton. Saith, that he afterwards took a House and Shop at Clifton aforesaid, of Mr John BRIDGES, at the yearly rent of £22 and occupied it for twelve Months and paid the rent for the same, and left it about five Years agone. Saith that he afterwards rented of Joseph WALLIS, a Tenement at 4s. by the Week, at Clifton aforesaid and occupied it for three Quarters of a Year, and has done no Act to gain a Settlement since. Saith that 10 Years agone last March, he was lawfully married by Banns, in Clifton aforesaid, to Ann, his late Wife, who died yesterday Week, and has 5 Children, Caroline aged 8 Years, Eliza aged about 6 Years, Thomas aged about 3 Years, Ann aged about 2 Years and a female Infant about 3 Weeks, not yet baptized. James BROOKS.

Sworn before us W.B. BARTER, Tho's WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-80.

[Note: James BROOKS otp married Ann HOLMAN otp by banns at Clifton 2 Mar 1813.]

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

County of Somerset To wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Clifton in the County of Gloucester to receive and obey:

FORASMUCH as Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset (one of us of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, That James BROOKS, Cordwainer and Caroline aged about 8 years, Eliza aged about 6 years, Thomas aged about 3 years, Ann aged about 2 years and a female Infant aged about 3 Weeks, not yet baptized, his Children have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton contrary to Law, not having any way gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere, and that they the said James BROOKS and Caroline, Eliza, Thomas, Ann and the said female Infant, his children are become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said Justices, upon due Proof thereof made before us as well upon the Examination of the said James BROOKS upon his Oath, as otherwise, and likewise upon due Consideration had of the Premises, do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the lawful Settlement of them the said James BROOKS and Caroline, Eliza, Thomas, Ann and the said female Infant, his children is in the said Parish of Clifton in the said County of Gloucester.

THESE are therefore in his Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said James BROOKS and Caroline, Eliza, Thomas, Ann and the said female Infant, his Children from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Clifton and them to deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, (together with this our Order or Duplicate, or a true Copy thereof:) And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Clifton to receive and provide for them as Inhabitants of your Parish.

Given under our Hands and Seals the Eleventh Day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty three. W.B. BARTER, Tho's WILLIAMS. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-27.

70. Elizabeth BRIMBLE was removed from High Littleton to Farmborough in 1826.

[Letter from High Littleton Overseers to Farmborough Overseers.]

High Littleton Vestry Room, 15 Sep'r 1826.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Farmborough.

We have just discovered that the Bearer, Elizabeth BRIMBLE, Widow, does not belong to this Parish, but that her Husband, the late Joel BRIMBLE, gained a Settlement in the Parish of Farmborough before his Death. It appears from Elizabeth BRIMBLE that her Husband purchased of her Father, James CLARE, his interest in a part of a piece of Waste Land in the Parish of Farmborough, and that Joel BRIMBLE built a House & small stable thereon, & having resided there many years, died there two or three years ago. There can therefore be no doubt that he gained a Settlement thereby, & that consequently his Widow & Children belong to the Parish of Farmborough. We send you this information in order to avoid trouble or dispute and now. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-13.

[Handwritten note]

James CLARE had a Lease for 21 y'rs of a piece of Waste & an old ruined House for £5, in the Parish of Farmborough, about 1805. James CLARE rebuilt the House & now occupies it. Elizabeth, his Daughter, married, about 1805, **Joel BRIMBLE** of H. Littleton. About 15 y'rs ago J's CLARE granted to his Son in Law & Daughter, for the remaining part of his Lease, a part of the above waste for £1, for the purpose of Joel BRIMBLE building himself a House on, which Joel BRIMBLE immediately built & a small stable & went to live in & with his Wife lived there about 14 y'rs, when he died two years ago last Whitsuntide. The Widow, who has 4 Children, cont'd to live there until her Lease expired in March following, 1825. She now lives there as a Tenant to Gen'l POPHAM at the low Rent of £1 a year, in consideration of her Husband having built the Cottage.

[Reverse] Elizabeth BRIMBLE, Daughter of James CLARE of Farmborough.

She has rec'd occasional relief in H. Littleton for 6 or 7 y'rs ago. The sum of £1 was taken by her Father in order to make his grant to his Daughter legal.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-10.

[Note: Elizabeth daughter of James CLARE was born at Farmborough c.1787/8.

Joel son of Joel BRIMBLE & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 6 Sep 1778.

Joel BRIMBLE bach. otp married Elizabeth CLEAR spin. otp, with parents' consent, by banns at Farmborough 13 May 1805.

Robert Clare son of Joel & Elizabeth BRIMBLE, Farmborough, labourer, bapt. at Farmborough 18 Sep 1814.

Henry son of Joel & Elizabeth BRIMBLE, Farmborough, coal miner, bapt. at Farmborough 26 Feb 1817.

Vestry Minutes of 30 Nov 1817 agree that Joel BRIMBLE is to have 5/- p.w. during his illness instead of 4/- p.w.

James son of Joel & Elizabeth BRIMBLE, Farmborough, coal miner, bapt. at Farmborough 15 Sep 1822.

Joel BRIMBLE, coal miner of Farmborough, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on several occasions between 1816 and 1823. On some occasions he was described as Joseph BRIMBLE (son of Joel).

Joel BRIMBLE, Farmborough, aged 47, buried at Farmborough 8 Jun 1824.

Overseers Accounts record on 7 Feb 1825 5/- paid to Joseph (sic) BRIMBLE's widow, being confined.

Hannah dau. of Joel & Elizabeth BRIMBLE, Farmborough, coal miner, bapt. at Farmborough 10 Apr 1825.

Overseers Accounts for 1826 record relief of 3/- p.w. in the weekly calendar paid to Joseph (sic) BRIMBLE's family. After 24 weeks this ended - presumably when the Overseers of High Littleton realised the BRIMBLEs were not their responsibility. The following year Elizabeth remarried in Bristol.

Uriah TUCKER wid'r otp married Elizabeth BRIMBLE widow otp by banns at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 15 Oct 1827.

Uriah son of George TUCKER & Grace bapt. at High Littleton 3 Jun 1787. Uriah's first wife Carolina (nee SMITH) of Ridings, High Littleton died aged 31 on 17 Jul 1819, leaving 2 small children Mary and John.

George son of Uriah & Elizabeth TUCKER, Farmborough, labourer, bapt. at Farmborough 10 Feb 1828. - George TUCKER, Farmborough, aged 12 days, buried at Farmborough 15 Feb 1828.

George son of Uriah & Elizabeth TUCKER, Farmborough, labourer, bapt. at Farmborough 22 Mar 1829.

The 1841 Census finds Uriah TUCKER, aged 50, coal merchant, Elizabeth 50, John 20, ag. lab., James BRIMBLE 15, ag. lab., Hannah BRIMBLE 15, ag. lab. and George TUCKER 10, living at Hill Bottom, Farmborough.

The 1851 Census finds Uriah TÜCKER, aged 65, coal haulier, born High Littleton, wife Elizabeth 63, born Farmborough and son George 21, labourer, born Farmborough, living in Farmborough.

The 1861 Census finds Uriah TUCKER, aged 76, coal merchant, wife Elizabeth 73, visitor John CLEAR 41, married, labourer, born High Littleton and nephew Joseph CLEAR 16, coal merchant, born Farmborough, living at Hole Bottom, Farmborough.

Elizabeth TUCKER, Farmborough, aged 86, was buried at Farmborough 21 May 1871.

The 1871 Census finds Uriah TUCKER, widower, aged 85, pauper, living alone at Hill Top, Farmborough.

Uriah ended his days in Clutton Union Workhouse, where the Register records Uriah TUCKER, Farmborough, aged 89, died 25 Jan 1874. - Uriah TUCKER, Farmborough, aged 89, was buried at Farmborough 31 Jan 1874.]

71. <u>Eliza PAYNE</u> was removed from High Littleton to Hinton Blewett by Order dated 6th April 1830.

Eliza PAYNE's Examination, referred to in the Order, has not been located.

[Printed Form - (<u>Order of Removal</u>.) Printed and Sold by J. WASON, Shepton-Mallet.] Somerset to wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset; and also to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Hinton Blewett in the said County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

FORASMUCH as Complaint hath been made unto us, whose names are hereunto set and Seals affixed, being two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, and one of us being of the Quorum, by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, That **Eliza PAINE**, **Wife of William PAINE** late of the Parish of Hinton Blewett in the said County, labourer, have intruded herself into the said Parish of High Littleton, endeavouring there to settle as an Inhabitant thereof, not having in any way acquired or obtained a legal Settlement therein, nor having produced a Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere and is actually become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said Justices upon due proof made thereof, as well upon examination of the said Eliza PAINE upon Oath as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration, do adjudge the said Conplaint (sic) and Premises to be true, and do also adjudge that the said Eliza PAINE is last legally settled in the said Parish of Hinton Blewett in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in His Majesty's Name to Require, Order, and Command you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, forthwith to Remove and Convey the said Eliza PAINE from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton unto the said Parish of Hinton Blewett and there to deliver her unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the same last mentioned Parish, or to some or one of them, (together with this Order or a true copy hereof,) who are hereby required to receive and provide for her according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the Sixth day of April in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth, King of Great Britain and Ireland, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty. Wm. C. JAMES, T. WILLIAMS.

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

[Note: Eliza has not been positively identified but it is possible that the following is her: William PAYNE bach. otp married Eliza VOWLES spin. otp by banns at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 13 May 1822.]

72. Ann JAMES was removed from High Littleton to St. Cuthbert, Wells by Order dated 10th May 1830.

Ann JAMES' Examination, referred to in the Order, has not survived, nor can she be easily identified. There is no mention in Overseers Accounts of the examination and removal of Ann JAMES but it may be significant that Accounts record on 6 May 1830 the cost of Mary JAMES' examination, and expenses to Old Down with Mary JAMES. No Examination or Order of Removal survives for a Mary JAMES and it is possible that the subject may have been Mary Ann JAMES.

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset; and also to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the In-Parish of Saint Cuthbert, Wells in the said County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

FORASMUCH as Complaint hath been made unto us, whose names are hereunto set and Seals affixed, being two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset and one of us being of the Quorum, by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, That **Ann JAMES**, **Spinster**, hath intruded herself into the said Parish of High Littleton endeavouring there to settle as an Inhabitant thereof, not having in any way acquired or obtained a legal Settlement therein, and is actually become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. We the said Justices upon due proof made thereof, as well upon examination of the said Ann JAMES upon Oath as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration, do adjudge the said Conplaint (*sic*) and Premises to be true, and do also adjudge that the said Ann JAMES was last legally settled in the said In-Parish of Saint Cuthbert, Wells in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in His Majesty's Name to Require, Order, and Command you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, forthwith to Remove and Convey the said Ann JAMES from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton unto the said In-Parish of Saint Cuthbert, Wells and there to deliver her unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the same last

mentioned Parish, or to some or one of them, (together with this Order or a true copy hereof,) who are hereby require to receive and provide for her according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the Tenth day of May in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the fourth, King of Great Britain and Ireland, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty. Wm. C. JAMES, Jno. PARISH. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-30.

73. Eve WEEKS was removed from High Littleton to Stanton Prior by Order dated 28th September 1830.

Overseers Accounts record on 20 Sep 1830 the cost of a special warrant for Eve WEEKS and on 24 Sep an Order of Bastardy on Eve WEEKS. On 8 Oct are expenses of apprehending Eve WEEKS and taking her to Temple Inn, followed by expenses for taking Eve WEEKS to Stanton Prior. Eve's Examination has not been located.

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Stanton Prior in the said County of Somerset. Somerset to wit.

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (One whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Eve WEEKS, singlewoman, pregnant with child, hath come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton, not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate acknowledging herself to be settled elsewhere, and is now actually become chargeable to the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Eve WEEKS upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Eve WEEKS to be in the Parish of Stanton Prior in the County of Somerset.

These are therefore in his Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Eve WEEKS from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Stanton Prior and her deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for her according to Law.

Given under our Hands and Seals the twenty eighth Day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty. Wm. C. JAMES, Tho's SAVAGE.

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

[Note: Eve dau. of Geo. WEEKS & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 17 Jan 1802.

Eve already had one bastard child:

George Charles son of Eve WEEKS, Timsbury, spinster, bapt. at Timsbury 7 Sep 1828.]

74. An Order dated 1st March 1831 was made for **Giles FOSTER** and family to be removed from High Littleton to Wick St. Lawrence.

Overseers Accounts record on 25 Feb 1831 a payment for Giles FOSTER's examination and order of removal.

Somerset to wit.

The <u>Examination of **Giles FORSTER**</u> (sometimes called Thomas FORSTER) at present residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Laborer, as to the Place of his last legal Settlement, taken upon Oath this first day of March 1831, before the undersigned Justices of the Peace in and for the said County.

Who upon his Oath saith as follows, Viz't: I am about fifty four years of age and was born in the Parish of North Curry, near Taunton, in the County of Somerset, as I have heard and verily believe. My Father and Mother's names were George and Sarah FORSTER, and I believe they were married at North Curry; my Mother's Maiden name was COOMBS. My Father rented a Farm of about Sixty Pounds p'r year at North Curry, and I lived with him there until I was nearly fifteen years of age, when I went to live with my Uncle Charles SMEY, a Farmer, at Oak Hill in the Parish of Aller in the County of Somerset, and lived with him for nearly three years as an Indoor Servant in Husbandry; the last twelve-month I lived with him under a Hiring for a twelve-month, from Lady day to Lady day, at the Wages of Five Pounds, which I received. When I left my Uncle's I went to live as an Indoor Servant in Husbandry with Farmer John JEFFERY of Hewish Episcopi near Langport, Somerset. Before I left

my Uncle's Service, I had agreed with Farmer JEFFERY for a twelve-month from Lady day, at the Wages of Five Pounds. At the expiration of this twelve-month, we made a fresh agreement for another year, at Five Pounds ten shillings and six pence, and when this year expired, we agreed for another twelve-month at an increase of Wages, but I left him about Six Months afterwards. When I left Farmer JEFFERY's, I went to my Brother John at Huntspill for a week or two, and then I went to work in Harvesting at Wick Saint Lawrence, near Worle, Somerset, for about a Month, for Mr BISDEE and afterwards for others, and then for about half a year I lived Indoor Servant in Husbandry with Mr CHAPPEL in the Parish of Worle, Somerset, and then I lived with Mr HILLIER at Nempnett, Somerset, for about half a year. I left him about Michaelmas and went back to Wick Saint Lawrence and went into the Service of Mr Samuel THOMAS, a Grazier there. I was in his Service as an Indoor Servant until about the following Lady day, without having made any agreement as to Wages or time, but at Lady day I made an agreement with him for 12 Guineas for a twelvemonth, which I staid out and received my Wages. I then made another agreement for a twelve-month at the same Wages, but I staid only until the following Harvest and left, having first received my Wages to that time. I then went Mowing and Raking in different places until the Harvest was over, when I went as a Day Laborer to Farmer WEAVER of the Parish of Chew Magna, Somerset, for nine shillings p'r week and continued in his Employ for about two years. I boarded and lodged myself. Whilst in his Employ, I rented of him about half an acre of Potatoe Ground, for the Crop, for five Pounds, and paid 1s. p'r week for my Lodging. Whilst working for Farmer WEAVER, my Brother George, who lived an Indoor Servant with Farmer Joseph GREDLEY of Knapp in North Curry, came to me with a Message from him, for me to go and look after a Farm he had taken at Brislington; about a Week afterwards, I went to Brislington and saw Farmer GREDLEY, and agreed with him to look after his Farm at Brislington until he came up to live there, at 10s. p'r week and a lodging in the House and Beer. About May following, Farmer GREDLEY and his Family came to live there. I continued to live with him upon the same terms until the Harvest, when we agreed for an increase of Wages until Michaelmas. I staid with him as a Weekly Servant at Brislington for four years and upwards, my Wages changing from time to time. Farmer GREDLEY then went to live at Saltford, Somerset, and I went with him and staid four or five years there, but I never made any agreement for a year, and considered myself at liberty to leave him at any time by giving him a Week's Notice. I gave him a Week's notice and came to Hallatrow, in the Parish of High Littleton, Somerset and entered the Employ of Dr SCOBELL as a Hind, or Bailiff, and staid in his Employ for upwards of two years. I made an agreement with him for ten shillings p'r week and I lodged and boarded myself, and no particular time for my staying was agreed on. I then worked as a Day Laborer for Joseph HILL Esq're of Paulton for two years, and have done nothing since to gain a Settlement. I was married at High Littleton to Jane, my present Wife, during the time I worked for Mr HILL, and have one Child, named Henry, who was baptized at High Littleton and is about 8 years of age. I am now actually chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. The Mark of X Giles FORSTER.

Taken and Sworn at Hallatrow, Somerset this first day of March 1831, before us Jno. PARISH, G.T. SCOBELL. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-31bi.

[Note: George FOSTER otp married Sarah COOMBES by banns at North Curry 5 Feb 1766.

Giles son of George FOSTER & Sarah bapt. at North Curry 14 Sep 1777.

Giles FOSTER x bach. otp married Jane CARTER spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 16 May 1819.

The following may be a very late baptism of Jane, carried out 10 days before her wedding, to rectify an earlier omission.

 $Jane\ dau.\ of\ James\ \&\ Sarah\ CARTER,\ High\ Littleton,\ collier,\ bapt.\ at\ High\ Littleton\ 6\ May\ 1819.$

Henry son of Giles & Jane FOSTER, labourer, Hallatrow bapt. at High Littleton 21 May 1820. - Henry FOSTER, Hallatrow, aged 5, buried at High Littleton 30 Jan 1825.

Henry son of Giles & Jane FOSTER, labourer, Hallatrow bapt. at High Littleton 1 Jan 1826.

Giles FOSTER, Hallatrow, aged 50, was buried at High Littleton 12 Apr 1831.

The fact that the second copy of the Order of Removal has been retained, and that Overseers Accounts do not record the expenses of removing Henry FOSTER's family, suggests that they were not physically removed because of Henry's terminal illness.]

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Week Saint Lawrence in the same County. Somerset to wit.

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (One whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Giles FORSTER, Jane his Wife and Henry their Child, now aged about Eight years, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton, not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and are now actually become chargeable to the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Giles FORSTER upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the

said Giles FORSTER, Jane his Wife and Henry their Child to be in the Parish of Week Saint Lawrence in the County of Somerset.

These are therefore in His Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Giles FORSTER, Jane his Wife and Henry their Child from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Week Saint Lawrence and them deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

Given under our Hands and Seals, the first Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty one. Jno. PARISH, G.T. SCOBELL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-31. 2nd copy on Printed Form of J. SHAW & SONS, SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-31a.

75. <u>Jane FOSTER</u> and her son were removed from High Littleton to Wick St. Lawrence by Order dated 18th October 1831.

Overseers Accounts record on 15 Oct 1831 1/- relief paid to Jane FOSTER and on 29 Oct 7/6 paid to Mr WILLIAMS for Jane FOSTER's order and £1 paid to Mr DUDDEN for going to Wick St. Lawrence with Jane FOSTER and child, by order.]

High Littleton Parish. Examination of Jane FOSTER as to her Parish 18th Oct'r 1831. Orders sign'd to Week St. Lawrence.

Jane FOSTER, being duly sworn saith as follows, Viz't: I am the Widow of the within named Giles FOSTER. I have heard his examination read over to me and I believe it is true. I took the examination, about three Weeks ago, to Week Saint Lawrence and I there saw a Mr DAY and he told me that it was in his Family that my late Husband acquired a Settlement, if a settlement was gained there. I and my son Henry FOSTER are now chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton. Jane FOSTER.

Taken and Sworn before us, Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset, the 18th day of October 1831. Jno. PARISH, Tho's SAVAGE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-31bii [On reverse of Giles FOSTER's examination of 1 Mar 1831].

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Jane FOSTER's Order to Week St. Larrance, 1831. "A".

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Week Saint Lawrence in the County of Somerset. Somerset to wit.

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (One whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Jane FOSTER and her child Henry FOSTER aged Six Years, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton, not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and are now actually become chargeable to the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Jane FOSTER upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Jane FOSTER and her said Child to be in the Parish of Week Saint Lawrence in the County of Somerset.

These are therefore in His Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Jane FOSTER and her said Child from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Week Saint Lawrence and them deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

Given under our Hands and Seals, the Eighteenth Day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty one. Jno. PARISH, Tho's SAVAGE.

[Reverse] - County of Somerset, Division of Chewton. 1853 April 26. This is the Order of Removal marked "A" produced to us this day and referred to in the examination of Henry FERBRACHE, upon an application by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Chew Magna in the County of Somerset for an Order for the Removal of Jane FOSTER to the place of her last legal Settlement. J. Usticke SCOBELL, Wm. Savage WAIT.

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

[Note: See Giles FOSTER examination and Removal Order 1 Mar 1831.

Clearly the above Order was exhibited in connection with an Order for Jane FOSTER's removal from Chew Magna in 1853.]

76. Ann CHURCHILL was removed from High Littleton to St. James, Bath, by Order dated 29th March 1832.

Overseers Accounts record on 8 Jun 1832 a payment for expenses and order for removal of Ann CHURCHILL to St. James, Bath. Elizabeth BAKER's Examination, referred to in the Order, has not been located.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - Printed and Sold by WASON and FOXWELL, Shepton-Mallet.] To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Saint James, Bath in the said County.

Somerset To Wit.

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (One whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Ann CHURCHILL, an Illegitimate Child of Dinah CHURCHILL deceased, now of the age of thirteen years or thereabouts, has come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere, and is now actually become chargeable to the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of Elizabeth BAKER, Wife of George BAKER, and Sister of the said Dinah CHURCHILL deceased, upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Ann CHURCHILL to be in the Parish of Saint James, Bath in the County of Somerset aforesaid.

THESE are therefore in His Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Ann CHURCHILL from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Saint James and her deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for her according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the Twenty Ninth Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty two. T. WILLIAMS, Wm. C. JAMES.

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

[Note: A clue to Dinah CHURCHILL's origins may be obtained from her sister's marriage:

George BAKER bach. otp married Elizabeth CHURCHILL spin. otp by banns at Farmborough 16 Sep 1822.]

77. Sarah GRAY was removed from High Littleton to Twerton by Order dated 25th September 1832.

Overseers Accounts record on 25 Sep 1832 a payment for the order for Sarah GRAY and her examination. Sarah GRAY's Examination has not been located. Presumably she gained her settlement in Twerton by service there

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Twiverton otherwise Twerton in the County of Somerset.

Somerset To Wit.

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (One whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Sarah GRAY, Singlewoman, pregnant with Child hath come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere, and is now actually become chargeable to the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Sarah GRAY upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Sarah GRAY to be in the Parish of Twiverton otherwise Twerton in the County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in His Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Sarah GRAY from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said

Parish of Twiverton otherwise Twerton and her deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for her according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seal, the twenty fifth Day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty two. H.H. MOGG, Wm. C. JAMES.

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

[Note: Sarah dau. of Joseph GRAY & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 24 Feb 1805.

Mary Ann, Sarah's bastard daughter was born in 1832. - Mary Ann GRAY, Twerton, aged 3, buried at High Littleton 29 Jun 1835.]

78. Charles DANDO and family were removed from High Littleton to Paulton by Order dated 22nd January 1833, after an appeal by Paulton was dismissed at Bridgwater Sessions.

Overseers Accounts record on 25 Jan 1833 a payment for the examinations of Chas. DANDO and Joseph DANDO for his son. On 26 Jul 1833 was recorded 10/- paid to Geo. and Rachel DANDO as witnesses on trial at Bridgwater and on 23 Aug a payment to Joseph DANDO's wife for going to Bridgwater on trial. Vestry Minutes of 10 Jan 1834 resolved not to pay HILL & WILLIAMS' bill respecting the law suit between High Littleton and Paulton parishes as it relates to Joseph DANDO's family but to have it sent to the Tax Master in London to have his opinion before paying the bill. Joseph DANDO had previously been examined in 1808 and 1833 but there were discrepancies, which he corrected in his examination in 1833.

(Copy).

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Joseph DANDO, now residing in the Parish of Timsbury in the same County, Mason, taken this 14th day of March 1808.

Who on his oath saith, that he is about 25 years of age & was born at Hallatrow in the Parish of High Littleton, as he has heard & believes. Saith that James DANDO, Labourer, his father, was & now is, legally settled in the Parish of Paulton in the said County. Saith that when he was about 18 years of age, he hired himself by verbal agreement with George WEEKS of Hallatrow aforesaid, Mason, to serve him for the space of 2 years, the said George WEEKS to learn him the Trade of a Mason and to give him the sum of 1s. 6d. p. week. Saith that he served his said Master & then left him. Saith that he never did any act whereby to gain a Settlement, save as above. Saith that about 4½ years ago, he married Elizabeth, his present wife, in Timsbury Church, by whom he has three Children, viz: Joseph aged about 4 years, Charles aged about 2¼ years and George aged about 18 weeks. The Mark of X Joseph DANDO.

Sworn before us, the day & year first above written, Wm. BINGHAM, Jn. KINGSMILL, James TUSON. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-87.

(Copy).

Somerset to Wit.

The <u>Examination of **Joseph DANDO**</u>, at present residing in the Parish of Timsbury in the said County of Somerset, Mason, touching the place of his last legal Settlement, taken upon oath before us, two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, the seventh day of April 1830.

Who on his Oath saith, That he is about Forty six years of age and was born, as he hath been informed and verily believes, in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and that his Father and Mother were settled at Paulton in the same County, as he hath heard and verily believes, and that his Mother is, at this present time, receiving relief from the said Parish of Paulton. That, when he was about eighteen years of age, he entered into an agreement with George WEEKS of Hallatrow in the said Parish of High Littleton, Mason, to work for him until he was twenty one years of age. That George WEEKS was to teach him his Trade as a Mason and to give him eighteen pence a week. That there was never an Apprenticeship Indenture executed, but there was an Agreement written out by George WEEKS and attested by two Witnesses. That he lived with George WEEKS during that Agreement and George WEEKS gave him his meet (sic), drink, washing and lodging till within four Months of the expiration of his Agreement and that, at that time, he went to live at Timsbury and lived there and worked for George WEEKS until the time of his Agreement was expired, and has lived at Timsbury ever since. That, about twenty two years ago, he was ill and his Examination was taken at Old Down Inn, in the Parish of Ston Easton in the said County and that he was relieved at that time by the said Parish of Timsbury, from the money arising from the rates collected for the relief of the Poor of the said Parish of Timsbury, during sixteen weeks. That he was never removed to any Parish, by an Order from the Magistrates, and that he hath done no Act, whereby to acquire a subsequent Settlement, save as is here stated. That, about twenty five years ago, he was married to Elizabeth WHITCOMBE, his present wife, at the Parish Church of Timsbury aforesaid, by whom he has eight Children, namely, Joseph aged twenty four years, Charles aged twenty two years, George aged

twenty one years, Anne aged about twenty years, Rachael aged twelve years, James [Jane surely?] aged ten years, John [James surely?] aged eight years, Sarah aged four years. The Mark of X Joseph DANDO. Taken and Sworn, the day and year first before written, T. WILLIAMS, Tho's SAVAGE. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-88.

(Copy)

The Examination of George WEEKS, touching the place of Settlement of Joseph DANDO.

Who upon his oath saith, that he is the person referred to by Joseph DANDO. Saith that he recollects the time when he came to work for him; he was about 18 years old, and he agreed to work for him until he was 21 years old, at the following wages, viz't: 1s. 6d. per week for the first year; it was also agreed that he should work 12 hours a day and he was to be paid for all overtime; he was never considered by me as an Apprentice, but only as an engaged Servant by the week. It is not customary in his Trade for Apprentices to be paid for overtime but Journeymen are so paid. Saith that he was examined about 16 years ago upon the same subject, when it was considered that Joseph DANDO was settled in the Parish of Timsbury. George WEEKS.

Taken & Sworn, the 27th day of April 1830, before us Tho's SAVAGE, T. WILLIAMS. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-89.

[Note: George WEEKS was baptized at Radstock in 1774, moved to High Littleton, married twice and for the latter part of his life was a mason in Hallatrow. He died in 1831.]

(Copy).

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Joseph DANDO, of the Parish of Timsbury in the said County of Somerset, Mason, touching the Settlement of his Son Charles DANDO, taken upon oath this 22nd day of January 1833.

Who upon his oath saith as follows, viz't: I have heard my Examinations of the 14th day of March 1808 and the seventh day of April 1830 [See below] read over to me, and I now state that the last is correct and not the first, and I wish to add the following explanations. I considered myself as an Apprentice to George WEEKS and, when I left his House (in consequence of disagreeing with my Mistress) and went to live at Timsbury, he threatened to put me to prison if I did not serve out my time, which I accordingly did and received 1s. 6d. p. Week wages. The two witnesses' Names to the Agreement with my Master were Samuel LOXTON and Samuel FRANCIS, both Workmen of George WEEKS. The paper was stamped and my Master told me it would do equally well as an Indenture. Before I apprenticed myself to George WEEKS, I had worked for him as a Journeyman for 7 years and received 14s. per week at the time I was apprenticed, but I wished to be more perfect in my Trade. My father and Mother knew nothing about it until I apprenticed myself, when I left their House. I am not aware that my Son Charles has done any thing to gain a Settlement. The Mark of X Joseph DANDO.

Sworn, the day and year above written, G.T. SCOBELL, Jno. PARISH.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-90.

[Note: Joseph son of James DANDO & Rachel bapt. at High Littleton 22 Dec 1782.

Joseph DANDO married Elizabeth WIDCOMB by banns at Timsbury 8 Aug 1803.

Joseph son of Joseph & Betty DANDO bapt. at Timsbury 5 Aug 1804.

Charles son of Joseph & Elizabeth DANDO bapt. at Timsbury 31 Aug 1806. - He married Ann PAIN at Farrington Gurney 3 Mar 1827.

George son of Joseph & Betty DANDO bapt. at Timsbury 21 Feb 1808. - He married Ann ---.

Ann dau. of Joseph & Betty DANDO bapt. at Timsbury 5 Aug 1810.

Rachel Purnel dau. of Joseph & Betty DANDO, Timsbury, mason bapt. at Timsbury 21 Sep 1817. - She married James JAMES.

Jane dau. of Joseph & Betty DANDO, Timsbury, mason bapt. at Timsbury 8 Oct 1820.

James son of Joseph & Betty DANDO, Timsbury, mason bapt. at Timsbury 26 May 1822. - He married Eleanor Charlotte KIDDLE at Timsbury 20 Sep 1845.

Sarah dau. of Joseph & Betty DANDO, Timsbury, mason bapt. at Timsbury 6 May 1824.

The 1841 Census finds Joseph DANDO, aged 60, mason, Elisabeth 50, Joseph 40 (sic), mason, Rachael 23, James 20, mason and Sarah 18, living in Timsbury.

Elizabeth DANDO, Timsbury, aged 65, was buried at Timsbury 15 May 1846.

The 1851 Census finds Joseph DANDO, widower, aged 71, born Paulton, living in Timsbury in the house of his son in law James JAMES 34, engineer, wife Rachel 34 and their son George 10, all born in Timsbury.

Joseph DANDO, Timsbury, aged 77, was buried at Timsbury 22 Apr 1859.]

(Copy).

Somerset to wit.

The Examination of Charles DANDO, at present residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, touching the place of his last legal Settlement, taken upon oath, this 22nd January 1833.

Who upon his Oath saith as follows: I am about 26 years of age, and was born in the Parish of Timsbury in the said County of Somerset. I have done nothing myself to gain a Settlement. I was married to Ann (PAIN), my present wife, at Farrington Gurney, Somerset, about 6 years ago, by whom I have 3 Children, viz't: Charles aged

between 5 and 6 years, Sarah aged between 3 and 4 years and George aged about a twelvemonth. I am now chargeable to High Littleton Parish. The Mark of X Charles DANDO.

Taken and sworn, the day and year above written, G.T. SCOBELL, Jno. PARISH. (Copy). SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-91.

[Note: See above for Charles' baptism in 1806.

Charles DANDO otp married Ann PAIN otp by banns at Farrington Gurney 3 Mar 1827.

Charles son of Charles & Ann DANDO, Farrington Gurney, mason bapt. at Farrington Gurney 7 Oct 1828.

Mary dau. of Charles & Ann DANDO, Hallatrow, mason bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1829.

George son of Charles & Ann DANDO, High Littleton, mason bapt. at High Littleton 18 Mar 1832.

Martha dau. of Charles & Ann DANDO, High Littleton, mason bapt. at High Littleton 24 Aug 1834.

Grace dau. of Charles & Ann DANDO, Paulton, mason, bapt. at Paulton 22 Jul 1838.

The 1851 Census finds Charles DANDO, aged 45, mason, born Timsbury, wife Ann 46, born Farrington Gurney, children Mary 21, born High Littleton, George 12 [clearly an error], coal miner, born High Littleton, Grace 12, born Paulton and father in law James PAIN 69, widower, coal miner, born Farrington Gurney, living at the Batch, Paulton.]

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Paulton in the County of Somerset. Somerset To Wit.

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (One whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Charles DANDO, Mason, Ann his Wife and Charles, aged between five and six years, Sarah, aged between three and four years and George, aged about a twelvemonth, their Children, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and are now actually become chargeable to the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Charles DANDO upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Charles DANDO, Ann his Wife and Charles, Sarah and George, their Children to be in the Parish of Paulton in the County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in His Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Charles DANDO, Ann his Wife and Charles, Sarah and George, their Children, from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Paulton and them to deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the twenty second Day of January in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty three. G.T. SCOBELL, Jno. PARISH.

[Reverse] - 1833 July 3rd. The Parish of Paulton appealed against this Order and on a Trial of such Appeal this day at Bridgwater Session the Order was confirmed. Wm. WILLIAMS, Attorney for High Littleton Parish on the occasion.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-36. For another copy see SRO Q/SR 468.

Paulton Appells. & High Littleton Responds. - Easter Session 1833.

Upon an appeal to this Court by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Paulton in the said County against an order under the hands and Seals of Jno. PARISH and G.T. SCOBELL, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, made for the Removal of Charles DANDO, Mason, Ann his wife and Charles aged between five and six years, Sarah aged between three and four years and George aged about a twelvemonth, their Children, from the Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Paulton, and upon motion of Counsel, This Court doth order that the said appeal be entered of this present Session and the Hearing thereof adjourned until the next General Quarter Session of the Peace to be holden in and for the said County, and the same is so entered and adjourned accordingly. SRO Q/SO 22 47.

Paulton Appells. & High Littleton Responds. - Midsummer Session 1833.

Upon reading an order made at the last Session, whereby an appeal then entered by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Paulton in the said County against an order, under the Hands and Seals of Jno. PARISH and G.T. SCOBELL, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, made for the Removal of Charles DANDO, Mason, Ann his wife and Charles aged between five and six years, Sarah aged between three and four years and George aged about a twelve month, their Children, from the Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Paulton, was adjourned to the present Session, And now, upon hearing

what is alleged in the Premises by the several Parties concerned and their Counsel and proved by them respectively, This Court doth order, adjudge and determine that the said order of Removal be confirmed and the same is hereby confirmed accordingly. SRO Q/SO 22 56.

1833. To the Overseer of High Littleton.

Mr WEEKS dr. to **John BALL** for attending at Bridgewater Sessions four days. £0. 14. 0 Settled. John BALL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-37d.

79. Catherine SCRAGGS was removed from High Littleton to St. Michael, Oxford by Order dated 4th June 1833.

Overseers Accounts record on 24 May 1833 2/- paid to Catherine SCRAGGS in distress and on 1 Jun the cost of Catherine SCRAGGS' examination and order. Relief was paid to Catherine SCRAGGS for many weeks after the date of the order and reimbursement was received from Oxford for Cath'n SCRAGGS. On 12 Jun 1835 Accounts record expenses in taking Catherine SCRAGGS to Oxford by order of removal. Whether this was a new order or the old one is not clear.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Catharine SCRAGGS (the Wife of William SCRAGGS), at present residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County. Taken this 4th day of June 1833.

Who, being duly Sworn, on her oath saith as follows: I have heard my Husband's Examination (in this Book, and dated the 11th day of November 1818) read over, and I believe what he there swore to, is all true. My Husband has deserted me for the last Sixteen Years. I don't know of my Husband ever having acquired a place of settlement otherwise than is stated in his Examination. Immediately after my said Husband's Examination was taken in the year 1818, I received relief from the Parish of Saint Michael in the City of Oxford, whilst I was living in the Parish of High Littleton, towards the breeding up of my Children, by the said William SCRAGGS. I received such relief for several years. I am now chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. Catherine SCRAGGS.

Taken and Sworn before us, the day and year first above written, Tho's SAVAGE, H.H. MOGG. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-83.

[Note: Catharine dau. of Jeremiah BUSH & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 16 May 1785.

William SCRAGGS married Catherine BUSH by banns at Cove of Cork c.1812/3.

William son of William & Catharine SCRAGGS, Holly Bush, servant, bapt. at High Littleton 23 Apr 1815.

Frances Leister dau. of William & Catharine SCROGGS (sic), Burnet, servant, bapt. at High Littleton 17 Jan 1817.

Matilda dau. of William & Catherine SCRAGGS, High Littleton, servant, bapt. at High Littleton 13 Sep 1818.

The 1841 Census finds Catharine SCRAGGS, aged 60, independent, living in the house of Ann HARRIS in Clutton.

The 1851 Census finds Catharine SCRAGGS, aged 66, widow, pauper, born High Littleton, living alone in Clutton village.

Catherine SCRAGGS, Clutton, aged 75, was buried at Clutton 31 Jan 1855.

See also previous Case c. Mar 1820.]

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Michael in the City of Oxford and in the County of Oxford.

Somerset To Wit.

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (One whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Catherine SCRAGGS, Wife of William SCRAGGS, hath come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere, and is now actually become chargeable to the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Catherine SCRAGGS upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Catherine SCRAGGS to be in the Parish of Saint Michael in the City of Oxford and in the County of Oxford.

THESE are therefore in His Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Catherine SCRAGGS from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Saint Michael in the City of Oxford and her deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of

the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for her according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the Fourth Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Three. Tho's SAVAGE, H.H. MOGG.

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

80. Elizabeth WILLIAMS and children were removed from High Littleton to Farrington Gurney by Order dated 10th September 1833.

Overseers Accounts record on 7 Sep 1833 the cost of an order of removal on Elizabeth WILLIAMS and family.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Elizabeth WILLIAMS (Wife of James WILLIAMS, Laborer), now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, taken upon Oath this 10th day of September 1833.

Who upon her Oath saith as follows, Viz't: My Maiden name was Elizabeth VOWLES. I was married to James WILLIAMS, my Husband, in the Parish Church of Temple in the City of Bristol, on the Eleventh day of October 1830, and I have two Children by him, now living, Viz't: Sarah aged $2\frac{1}{2}$ years, Ann aged 10 Months. I know nothing myself of my Husband's Settlement, but I have heard him say that he lived a Servant with Farmer Robert COLLINS of Farrington and with Farmer William BLINMAN of Farrington, and before that at Mr George HILL's at Paulton. My Husband has left me, and I am now chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. The Mark of X Elizabeth WILLIAMS.

Sworn before us, the day and year aforesaid, at Clutton, Somerset, Wm. C. JAMES, Jno. PARISH. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-84.

[Note: James WILLIAMS otp married Elizabeth VOWLES otp by banns at Temple, Bristol 11 Oct 1830.

Sarah dau. of James & Elizabeth WILLIAMS, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 27 Mar 1831.

Ann dau. of James & Elizabeth WILLIAMS, Hallatrow, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Nov 1832.]

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Robert COLLINGS of Farrington Gurney in the County of Somerset, Yeoman, touching the Settlement of James WILLIAMS, taken upon Oath this 10th day of September 1833.

Who upon his Oath saith as follows, Viz't: About 11 or 12 years since, James WILLIAMS bargained with me as a Servant in Husbandry for a twelve-month, at the Weekly Wages of two shillings, from Lady day to Lady day, and Board and Lodging in my House. He served out the twelve month in my House and he received his Wages, sometimes Weekly and sometimes not. He was unmarried at the time. Rob't COLLINGS.

Taken and Sworn, the day and year aforesaid, Wm. C. JAMES, Jno. PARISH.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-85.

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Farrington Gurney in the County of Somerset. Somerset To Wit.

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (One whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Elizabeth WILLIAMS, Wife of James WILLIAMS, Laborer, (who has absconded) and her two Children, Sarah aged 2 years and a half and Ann aged ten Months, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and are now actually become chargeable to the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Elizabeth WILLIAMS upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Elizabeth WILLIAMS, and Sarah and Ann her Children to be in the Parish of Farrington Gurney in the County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in His Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Elizabeth WILLIAMS and Sarah and Ann her Children from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Farrington Gurney and them deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the tenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty three. Wm. C. JAMES, Jno. PARISH.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-37.

81. <u>Samuel WILKINS</u> and wife were removed from High Littleton to Melksham by Order dated 11th February 1834.

Overseers Accounts record on 11 Feb 1834 a payment to Mr WILLIAMS for an order of removal for Samuel WILKINS and on 6 Mar a payment to Tho's HARRISON for conveying Sam'l WILKINS to Melksham.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Samuel WILKINS, now residing at Hallatrow in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, touching the place of his last legal Settlement, taken upon Oath, this Eleventh day of February 1834.

Who upon his Oath saith as follows, viz't: I am about 42 years of age and was born in the Parish of High Littleton, as I have heard and believe. I have heard and believe that my Father Samuel WILKINS was also born in the Parish of High Littleton, whose Father and Mother came to reside in the said Parish by and under a Certificate signed by the Parish Officers of the Parish of Melksham in the County of Wilts. I have done no act to acquire a Settlement in my own right. I was married to Elizabeth JAMES my present wife, at High Littleton Church, about 11 years ago. I and my wife are now chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton. The Mark of X Samuel WILKINS.

Taken and Sworn, the Day and Year aforesaid, Jno. PARISH, Wm. C. JAMES.

[pencil note - Removed to Melksham.]

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-95.

[Note: Samuel son of Samuel WILKINS & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 25 May 1788.

Samuel WILKINS senior's father, George WILKINS, settled in High Littleton under a Certificate from Melksham dated 24 Dec 1730.

Samuel WILKINS senior was examined about his settlement on 15 Nov 1795.

Samuel WILKINS x otp married Elizabeth JAMES x otp by banns at High Littleton 6 Jul 1823.

They do not appear to have had any children.

The 1825 Survey of Hallatrow records Sam'l WILKINS as the occupier of a very small tenement (66 on the map) belonging to Thomas Collier DUDDEN, near Hallatrow [now Manor] Farm.

The 1841 Census finds Samuel WILKINS, aged 50, coal miner and Betty 35, living in Hallatrow.

The 1851 Census finds Samuel WILKINS, aged 61, coal miner, born High Littleton and wife Eliz'th 52, born Paulton, living in Hallatrow.

The 1861 Census finds Samuel WILKINS, aged 72, coal miner and wife Elizabeth 61, still living in Hallatrow.

Samuel WILKINS, Hallatrow, aged 77, was buried at High Littleton 1 Nov 1866.

The 1871 Census finds Elizabeth WILKINS, aged 73, widow of Samuel, lodging with Louisa EVANS (nee BRICE), widow, in Hallatrow. Sam'l WILKINS, coal miner of Hallatrow, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1855 and Betty WILKINS, widow of Hallatrow, received similar charity between 1865 and 1872.]

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Melksham in the County of Wilts. Somerset To Wit.

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (One whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Samuel WILKINS, Coal Miner, and Elizabeth his Wife have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and are now actually become chargeable to the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Samuel WILKINS upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Samuel WILKINS and Elizabeth his Wife to be in the Parish of Melksham in the County of Wilts.

THESE are therefore in His Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Samuel WILKINS and Elizabeth his Wife from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Melksham and them deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the Eleventh Day of February in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty four. Jno. PARISH, Wm. C. JAMES. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-38.

[Letter attached to the above.] Melksham, Feb'y 13th 1834.

Gent'n, I hereby acknowledge **Sam'l WILKINS** and his Wife Elizabeth WILKINS, who have been removed from High Littleton to Melksham, as our Paupers. James NEWMAN, Overseer. To the Churchwardens & Overseers of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-38a.

82. An Order dated 17th February 1834 was made for the removal of **Thomas ROBBINS** and family from High Littleton to Holcombe, which was quashed on appeal.

A bill from HILL & WILLIAMS, solicitors (receipted by James STONE), to the Parish Officers of High Littleton (SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-37g) includes Feb'y - 1834 - Examination of Mrs ROBBINS as to her Settlement 3/6, Feb 17 - Examination of Thomas ROBBINS, her husband, in support thereof 1/6, Orders of Removal 4/-. Overseers Accounts record on 11 and 17 Feb 1834 payments to Mr WILLIAMS for these items and on 18 Feb the cost of conveying Tho's ROBINS and family to Holcombe.

County of Somerset.

The <u>Examination of Margarett ROBBINS</u>, Wife of Thomas ROBBINS, at present residing in the Parish of High Littleton in this County, touching the place of her last legal Settlement. Taken this Eleventh day of February 1834.

Who upon her Oath saith, as follows, Viz't: I am a Daughter of John WILKINS of High Littleton; in the year 1821 I was married at High Littleton to Thomas ROBBINS, my Husband. I don't believe my Husband ever did any thing to acquire a place of Settlement for himself. My Husband has left me these three Weeks and is gone to Wales to see for work. I have heard and believe that my Husband was born in the Parish of Holcombe in this County; his Mother was one Martha DORE; she was married to a Soldier and, in her Husband's absence on Duty, I have heard and believe that she had my Husband as an illegitimate Child. I have heard that her Husband was at home during some time of her pregnancy, but not at such a time by which he might have been by possibility the Father of my Husband. My Husband's Mother died when he was an Infant and he was brought up by his Mother's Sister, at the Expence of Holcombe Parish. My Husband was always considered a Bastard, but I don't know if any one ever paid to him as a Bastard. My Husband assumed the Name of ROBBINS, that being his Mother's Maiden Name. I and my Husband have several times been recognized by the Parish of Holcombe, whilst living out of that Parish; about 9 years ago, I had constant pay of 2s. 6d. a Week for Nine Weeks, of Holcombe Parish, whilst living at High Littleton; about a year and a half ago, I had 5s. on being Confined with twins, and about a year ago, I had 6s. to buy a Blanket when the Cholera was [at] Paulton, and once since, that I have had a half a Crown; a short time since, when my Husband was out of work, I went to Holcombe for relief, but the Overseers told me that I must be brought home by an Order, and they seemed to imply that they should contend that my Husband would follow the place of the Settlement of his Mother's Husband, which they stated was the Parish of Kilmersdon. My Husband's Aunt, who brought him up, is dead, but a Brother of her's is living, named Joseph ROBBINS, residing, I believe, at Kilmersdon, but I don't know if he is able to speak as to the birth of my Husband. I have 7 Children, namely, Mary Anne aged 11 Years, Charles aged 10 Years, Eliza aged 8 Years, Emma aged 6 Years, Thomas aged 4 Years and Martha and Mary (twins) aged about 1 Year. I and my said Children are all chargeable to High Littleton Parish. Margeat ROBINS (sic).

Taken and Sworn, the Day and Year aforesaid, before us T. WILLIAMS, Wm. C. JAMES. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-93.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Thomas ROBBINS, at present residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Coal Miner, touching the place of his last legal Settlement, taken upon Oath, this Seventeenth day of February 1834.

Who upon his Oath saith as follows, Viz't: I have heard my Wife's Examination of the Eleventh day of February instant read over to me and I believe it is all true. I have heard that I was born in the House of my Mother's Brother, Joseph ROBBINS, in the Parish of Holcombe. Joseph ROBBINS is now living in the Parish of Kilmersdon, and is a Collier. I was about 31 Weeks old when my Mother died, but before her Death, she was too ill to look after me and her Sister Mary ROGERS did so. Mary ROGERS lived in Oakhill Parish all the time I lived with her, which was until I was about Eleven years old, when I went to Timsbury and worked at the Coal Pits there, until I was married. Whilst I was living at Oakhill, the Parish of Holcombe paid my Aunt ninepence p. Week towards my Support, as I have heard. I believe no Order was ever made on my Mother. I have done nothing myself to gain a Settlement. Thomas ROBBINS.

Taken and Sworn, the Day and Year aforesaid, Wm. C. JAMES, Jno. PARISH. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-96.

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Holcombe in the County of Somerset. Somerset TO WIT.

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (One whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Thomas ROBBINS and Margaret his Wife and their Children Mary Anne aged about Eleven years, Charles aged about ten years, Eliza aged about eight years, Emma aged about six years, Thomas aged about four years and Martha and Mary (twins) aged about one year, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and are now actually become chargeable to the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Thomas ROBBINS upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Thomas ROBBINS and Margaret his Wife and Mary Anne, Charles, Eliza, Emma, Thomas, & Martha and Mary their children to be in the Parish of Holcombe in the County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in His Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Thomas ROBBINS and Margaret his Wife and Mary Anne, Charles, Eliza, Emma, Thomas, Martha and Mary their said Children from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Holcombe and them deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the Seventeenth Day of February in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty four. Wm. C. JAMES, Jno. PARISH. SRO Q/SR 472.

[Notice of Appeal].

We the undersigned Churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Holcombe in the County of Somerset do hereby give you Notice that we shall enter and try an appeal at the next general Quarter Sessions of the peace to be holden in and for the said County of Somerset against an order under the hands and seals of Wm. C. JAMES and Jno. PARISH, two of his Majesty's Justices of the peace of and for the said County of Somerset, made for the removal of **Thomas ROBBINS and Margaret his Wife and their Children, Mary Anne aged about Eleven years, Charles aged about ten years, Eliza aged about Eight years, Emma aged about six years, Thomas aged about four years and Martha and Mary (twins) aged about one year, from and out of the parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset to the said parish of Holcombe.**

As Witness our hands this eleventh day of April One thousand eight hundred and thirty four. J.A. GREEN, John GANE, Churchwardens of Holcombe, Joseph PADFIELD, Heli ORAM, Overseers of the Poor of Holcombe. To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

Served the wife of Peter LUDWELL one of the newly appointed Overseers for High Littleton with a true Copy of the within Notice this 12th day of April 1834.

Served Mrs HALL (wife of James HALL) of Brumhill Farm, High Littleton with a true Copy 12th April 1834. Served William MAGGS (Assistant Overseer) with a true Copy 12th April 1834.

Also Mr William BEAK, and Mr John BLINMAN the Churchwardens - 12th April 1834.

Also Mr Jonas WEEKS (the late Overseer) 12th April 1834.

Henry TROTMAN.

SRO Q/SR 472.

Holcombe Appells. & High Littleton Responds. - Easter Session 1834.

Upon an Appeal to this Court by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Holcombe in the said County against an order under the Hands and Seals of Wm. C. JAMES and Jno. PARISH, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, made for the Removal of **Thomas ROBBINS and**

Margaret his wife and their Children, Mary Anne aged about eleven years, Charles aged about ten years, Eliza aged about eight years, Emma aged about six years, Thomas aged about four years and Martha and Mary (twins) aged about one year, from the Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Holcombe, And upon notice of appeal being proved and the respondent not appearing, This Court doth order that the said Order of Removal be quashed and the same is hereby quashed accordingly.

SRO Q/SO 22 91.

Note: Margaret dau. of John WILKINS & his wife Ann PARFITT was born c.1799/1800.

Thomas ROBINS x bach. otp married Margaret WILKINS x otp by banns at High Littleton 2 Apr 1821.

Mary Ann Wilkins dau. of Thomas & Margaret ROBINS, Hallatrow, collier. bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1822. - She married Thomas GEORGE.

Charles son of Thomas & Margaret ROBBINS, High Littleton, collier. bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1823.

Eliza dau. of Thomas & Margaret ROBINS, Farmborough, labourer. bapt. at Farmborough 12 Mar 1826

Emma dau. of Thomas & Margaret ROBINS, High Littleton, collier. bapt. at High Littleton 1 Jun 1828. - She married Jeremiah SMITH.

Thomas son of Thomas & Margaret ROBINS, High Littleton, collier. bapt. at High Littleton 14 Feb 1830.

Martha dau. of Thomas & Margaret ROBBINS, High Littleton, collier. bapt. at High Littleton 10 Jun 1832.

Mary dau. of Thomas & Margaret ROBBINS, High Littleton, collier. bapt. at High Littleton 10 Jun 1832.

Jane Wilkins dau. of Thomas & Margaret ROBBINS, High Littleton, collier. bapt. at High Littleton 14 Sep 1834.

Rosanna another daughter was born c.1837/8.

Frances dau. of Thomas & Margaret ROBBINS, High Littleton, collier. bapt. at High Littleton 20 Jun 1841.

See also Examinations and further notes accompanying Removal Order to Kilmersdon dated 27 Jun 1843.]

83. Thomas PRATTEN and family were removed from High Littleton to Holcombe by Order dated 24 Jun 1834.

Overseers Accounts record on 24 Jun 1834 the cost of the examination of Thomas PRATTEN and order of removal to Holcombe. On 1 Jul is the cost of a horse and cart to take PRATTEN and family to Holcombe. The Examination survives but not the Order of Removal.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of **Thomas PRATTEN**, at present residing in the Parish of High Littleton in this County, Coal Miner, touching the Place of his last legal Settlement. Taken on Oath, this 24th day of June 1834.

Who upon his Oath, saith as follows, Viz't: I am about 43 years old, and was born in the Parish of Stratton on the Foss in this County, as I have heard and believe. I have never done any thing to acquire a place of Settlement for myself, to the best of my knowledge. My Father, I believe, was legally Settled in the Parish of Holcombe in this County and I follow his Settlement. I have heard that my Father was the Parish Clerk of Holcombe for many years. My Father is dead, but my Mother is still living, and receives Parish pay from Holcombe, whilst living at Radstock. I was married about 14 years ago at Chilcompton, to Dinah, my present Wife, by whom I have Five Children now living, namely, Ann aged Ten years, Elijah aged Eight years, Susannah aged Six years, Joseph aged four years and Betsey aged one year. I and my Wife and Family are chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton. Thomas PRATTEN his Mark X.

Taken and Sworn before us, Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset, H.H. MOGG, Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-98.

[Note: Thomas PRATTEN married Diana MERRIFIELD at Chilcompton 8 Apr 1820.

Ann dau. of Thomas & Diana PRATTEN, Paulton, collier, bapt. at Paulton 16 Mar 1823.

Elijah son of Thomas & Diana PRATING (sic), High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 3 Apr 1825.

Susanna dau. of Thomas & Dinah PRATING, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 29 Jul 1827.

Joseph son of Thomas & Dinah PRATTEN, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Aug 1831. - Joseph PRATTEN, High Littleton, aged 10, buried at High Littleton 2 Mar 1842.

Land Tax Assessments for 1830/1 and 1831/2 show Thomas PRATTEN as occupier of a cottage and garden belonging to Joseph HARRIS. Betsey a daughter was born c.1832/3.

Hannah Mary dau. of Thomas & Dinah PRATTEN, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 20 Mar 1837.

The 1841 Census finds Thomas PRATTEN, aged 50, coal miner, Dinah 45, Ann 18, Elijah 15, Joseph 10 and Betsy 5, living in High Littleton.

Fanny dau. of Thomas & Dinah PRATTIN, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 23 Apr 1843.

It was proposed to remove Thomas PRATTEN to Holcombe again in March 1846.

Thomas PRATTEN died between 1846 and 1848.

The 1851 Census finds Dinah PRATTEN, coal miner's widow, aged 57, pauper, daughter Fanny 8, scholar, National School, both born High Littleton and 2 lodgers, living in Timsbury Road, High Littleton.

Dinah PRATTEN, High Littleton, aged 64, was buried at High Littleton 13 Jul 1857.]

84. An Order dated 1st December 1835 was made for the removal of <u>Sarah TUCKER</u> from High Littleton to Bedminster.

The fact that the second copy of the Order of Removal, which one would have expected to accompany Sarah to Bedminster, has been retained at High Littleton and also the absence of removal expenses in the Overseers Accounts, suggests that Sarah TUCKER may not have been removed after all.

(Copy).

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Sarah TUCKER, at present residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Spinster, touching the Place of her last legal Settlement. Taken on Oath, this first day of December 1835.

Who upon her Oath, saith as follows, Viz't: I am about 21 years old, and was born in the Parish of High Littleton, as I have heard and believe, where my Parents, Joseph and Drusilla TUCKER, were settled Inhabitants. In the Month of July 1831, I went to live at Service at Mr Theophilus HEAL's, at Upper Knowl in the Parish of Bedminster in this County. I bargained for a year, and to give or take a Month's warning. I lived the whole year out and continued there until the following October. I have lived at several places of Service since, but at no one place for a Twelve Month, before the 14th of August 1834, when the Poor Law Amendment Act was passed, which prevents settlements being gained by hiring and Service. I am now in an ill state of health, and am chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. Sarah TUCKER [own signature].

Taken and Sworn before us, Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset, T. WILLIAMS, H.H. MOGG.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-100.

[Note: Sarah dau. of Joseph & Priscilla [B/T's Drusilla, which is correct] TUCKER, Hallatrow, collier bapt. at High Littleton 4 Dec 1814.]

[Notice of Chargeability, Order of Removal & Examination - Printed Form - H.E. CARRINGTON, Printer, St. James's Street, Bath.]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

THE Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

In the matter of **Sarah TUCKER** a Pauper.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Bedminster in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the above-named Sarah TUCKER has become chargeable to our said Parish of High Littleton and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for their (sic) removal to your parish of Bedminster as the place of their (sic) last legal settlement, (a copy of which Order, and also a copy of the Examination upon which the same was made, are herewith sent to you): and Take Notice, that unless you appeal against the said Order, and within twenty-one days from the date hereof, duly serve Notice of such Appeal, the said Paupers (sic) will be removed to your said Parish of Bedminster in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this first day of December one thousand eight hundred and thirty five. Edward DOWLING, Wm. WEYMOUTH, Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-39b.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - H.E. CARRINGTON, Printer, Chronicle Office, Bath.]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Bedminster in the said County of Somerset. Somerset to wit.

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (One whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Sarah TUCKER has come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging herself to be settled elsewhere, and is now actually become chargeable to the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Sarah TUCKER upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Sarah TUCKER to be in the Parish of Bedminster in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in his Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Sarah TUCKER from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Bedminster and her deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for her according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the first Day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty five. T. WILLIAMS, H.H. MOGG.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-39. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-39a for 2nd copy.

85. <u>Harriet STONE</u> and children were removed from High Littleton to Keynsham by Order dated 9th October 1838.

Vestry Minutes of 11 Aug 1838 instruct HILL & WILLIAMS of Hallatrow to prepare a case for the opinion of Counsel as to the settlement of Harriet STONE and her 2 children. On 15 Aug Mr WILLIAMS produced a draft of the opinion for Counsel as to the settlement of Harriet STONE, which was approved of. Overseers Accounts record on 6 Oct 1838 expenses for Mr DREW at Old Down to make the settlement of Harriet STONE. On 4 Dec is the cost of horse hire to Mr DREW's on Harriet STONE's case and on the same day is a payment to Tho's HARRISON for horse hire to Keynsham with H. STONE's family.

August 1838. Case as to the Parochial Settlement of the Widow and Child of **James STONE** for the Opinion of Mr BERE. 1 Gua. HILL & WILLIAMS, Hallatrow.

Case

Messrs HILL and WILLIAMS, Solicitors, of Hallatrow in the Parish of High Littleton, Somerset, being in want of a Writer in their Office, were applied to on behalf of James STONE, who met Mr WILLIAMS in Bristol on the 3rd January 1833, when a short conversation took place and James STONE, in reply to an Enquiry, asked a Salary of a Guinea pr. Week. Mr W. desired him to write to HILL and WILLIAMS with a specimen of his Writing and his Terms, and on the same day he sent them the following Letter, Viz't:

"Bristol, Thursday Evening 3rd Jan'y 1832 (for 1833)

Gentlemen.

I send you this as a general Specimen of my Engrossing. With respect to the salary I would have much rather have left that to you, but as Mr WILLIAMS wished me to name it, and as a situation in the Country shuts out the possibility of realizing any thing beyond my salary, I think I could not keep myself respectable enough to fill a situation in your Office with less than £60 per annum."

To which Messrs HILL and WILLIAMS sent the following reply:

"Hallatrow, 7th Jan'y 1833.

Mr James STONE,

We think you ask too high a salary, and apprehend you have forgotten that you only asked Mr WILLIAMS a Guinea per Week and not £60 per year when you saw him - Indeed we have now an experienced Married Clerk, who manages all our Tax Department etc. and only receives a Guinea per Week. Without knowing you abilities we should not like to offer you more than £1 p. Week and, if you can come to us for say 3 Months at that Salary, we shall have no objection to try you for that period, when a more permanent Agreement may be made.

Let us hear from you immediately and, if you come, when we may expect you, and we will look out for Lodgings for you."

To this James STONE wrote HILL and WILLIAMS as follows:

"Bristol, 7th Jan'y 1833.

Gent'n,

In answer to your Letter received this Evening I beg to say that I will do myself the pleasure of waiting on you at the terms proposed on Monday Morning next, unless I hear from you in the mean time to the contrary. I think Mr WILLIAMS must have misunderstood me with respect to the salary; I believe I stated that I had been receiving after the rate of a Guinea pr. Week at Messrs H. & L. [HARE & LITTLE] and I did not think that I could keep myself in the Country with much less than £60 pr. Year."

Messrs HILL & WILLIAMS procured lodgings at Hallatrow by the Week for James STONE, at his expense and wrote requesting his commencing the Engagement on Monday the 28th Jan'y 1833, which he did, and continued in their service until the 13th March 1834, when he left on account of Illness and in the following August died. Nothing was said of the 3 Months Trial (which would be on the 28th April 1833), nor at any other period of the Service, as to any fresh and more permanent Agreement and in fact no other Agreement, except as appears by the above Letters, was made. The Wages of £1 pr. Week were paid as STONE chose to receive them, which he did sometimes by the Week and sometimes once a fortnight, three, four or five Weeks, and always gave a receipt

for so many Weeks Wages. He wrote in the Office during the usual Office Hours and had the Sundays to himself. He was unmarried when he entered HILL and WILLIAMS' Service, but in August 1833 he married and at his Death left a Widow and a Child. He lived at Hallatrow the whole period of the Service. A question has arisen whether his Widow and Child are now settled in High Littleton Parish by virtue of such Service. Upon her Husband's death the Widow, still living at Hallatrow, applied to the Parish Officers of High Littleton for relief, and they gave her from time to time relief to the amount of 8/6, having taken her Examination in writing but not upon Oath, when she stated she did not know the place of the Legal Settlement of her Husband. It will be seen that from the 28th April 1833, when the 3 months Trial expired, to the 13th March 1834, when the Service terminated, is less than 12 months but, if at the expiration of the Trial a General Hiring or Hiring for a year can be presumed, it is apprehended that the Service under the 3 Months Trial and the subsequent presumed Yearly Hiring may be connected, so as to make a year's Service under a Yearly Hiring. The Parish Officers of High Littleton contend that there has been no hiring for a year and that the only ground for presuming one, namely the sentence in HILL and WILLIAMS' Letter of the 7th Jan'y 1833 that, at the expiration of the 3 Months Trial, "a more permanent Agreement may be made" means nothing more than that STONE, if approved, might then continue the Service in the usual manner between Attornies and their Clerks, which is by the Week as long as both parties please, which is confirmed by the facts that HILL and WILLIAMS procured STONE's Lodgings by the week, that he always received his Wages at so much per Week and that no Agreement beyond the 3 Months Trial was made, nor any thing said or done which would prevent the Engagement being put an end to by a Week's Notice.

Your Opinion is requested on behalf of the Parishioners of High Littleton, whether the Widow and Child of James STONE are now legally settled in that Parish by virtue of the Husband's Service and the relief afforded her as before stated.

[Opinion]

The Settlement & Liabilities depends on the view which the Court takes of the implied contract arising at the end of the 3 Months. It appears to me that, as the parties did not in fact come to any new agreement, the subsequent service would be referred to an understanding between the parties, that the weekly contract should subsist until the permanent one was agreed on. The receipt of weekly wages & the time at which the service ended are not so consistent with a yearly as a weekly hiring. I am of opinion therefore that no Set. was acquired by this hiring & service. The Case which resembles this in some degree is R. v Pucklechurch 5 East 382. In the event of a Removal & appeal, I fear it would be necessary to stamp the Letters, as they are not within the exception as to servants. Probably however, the appellant party would agree to admit it without putting their opponents to such expense.

Montagu B. BERE, Bristol Aug 18/38.

Document in High Littleton Vestry August 2000.

Harriet STONE's Examination referred to above is reproduced below:

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Harriett STONE, at present residing in the Parish of High Littleton in this County, Widow, touching the Place of her last legal Settlement. Taken on Oath, this 30th day of September 1834.

Who upon her Oath, saith as follows, Viz't: I am about 25 years old, and was born in the Parish of High Littleton, as I have heard and believe, and my Father, John CHURCHILL, is a settled Inhabitant in the Parish of High Littleton. In the year 1833, I was married to James STONE, my late Husband, at High Littleton. I don't know the Place of the legal Settlement of my said Husband, but I have heard him say that he lived three years with Mr Charles MULLINS, a Solicitor, in the Parish of Chew Magna in this County, and wrote in his Office, and my Husband's Uncle, Mr Sheppard STONE of Bristol, has told me that he had Ten Pounds a year. After my Husband left Mr MULLINS', I believe he wrote in the Office of Mr DREWE of Keynsham for about Six Months. My Husband then went to America and, on his return to this Country, I believe he wrote in the Office of Messrs HARE and LITTLE of Bristol for a few Months, when he came to the Parish of High Littleton and, in the Month of January 1833, I believe he engaged himself as a Writer in the Office of Messrs HILL and WILLIAMS, where he staid until the 13th of March 1834, when he was obliged to leave on account of ill health. I don't know upon what terms my Husband was with Messrs HILL and WILLIAMS, whether it was by the year or by the Week. My Husband died in August last. I have one Child by my said Husband, namely James Churchill, aged about 16 Weeks, and I and my Child are now chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton. Harriet STONE.

Taken and Sworn by us, Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset, [no Justices' names given]. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-99.

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County of Somerset.

The <u>Examination of **Harriet STONE**</u>, Widow, at present residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, touching the place of the last legal Settlement of Herself and Children, taken on Oath, this Ninth day of October 1838.

Who upon her Oath, saith as follows, Viz't, My Maiden Name was CHURCHILL. I was Married to my late Husband James STONE, a Law Writer, at the Parish Church of High Littleton aforesaid, on or about the Eighth day of July 1833. My Husband died in August 1834. I have one Child by my said Husband, namely James Churchill STONE, who was born on or about the 29th day of May 1834. Since my Husband's death, I have had an Illegitimate Female child by George CARTER of Paulton in this County, Carrier, which was born in or about the Month of September 1837, and is named Elizabeth STONE. I have done nothing to gain a Settlement since my Husband's death. I don't know the place of my late Husband's Settlement, but I have heard and believe that, before our Marriage, he was a Writer in the Office of Mr Joseph DREWE, Attorney, at Keynsham in this County, for some time. I and my said two Children are now Chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton. Harriet STONE.

Taken & Sworn before us, Justices of the Peace in and for the sd. County of Somerset, H.H. MOGG, Wm. C. JAMES, T. WILLIAMS.

[Side note] - Orders made to Keynsham same time. H.J.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-101.

[Note: Harriet dau. of John CHURCHILL & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 4 May 1809.

James STONE otp married Harriett CHURCHILL otp by banns at High Littleton 8 Jul 1833.

James Churchill son of James & Harriet STONE, Hallatrow, writer, bapt. at High Littleton 6 Jul 1834.

James STONE, Hallatrow, aged 25, was buried at High Littleton 10 Aug 1834.

Elizabeth dau. of Harriet STONE, Paulton, bapt. at Paulton 8 Oct 1837.

The 1841 Census finds James STONE, aged 5, living at Hallatrow with his grandfather John CHURCHILL and 2nd wife Betty (formerly BAMFIELD).]

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County of Somerset.

The <u>Examination of **Joseph DREWE**</u> of Westgate Buildings in the City of Bath, Attorney at Law, touching the Settlement of Harriet STONE and Children, taken on oath this 9th day of October 1838.

Who, upon his Oath saith as follows, Viz't: I resided and Practised in the Parish of Keynsham in the said County of Somerset for many years prior and up to 1828. And, in or about the Month of February in that year, James STONE, the deceased Husband of Harriet STONE, entered my Service as a Writer, to receive his Clothing, Food and Lodging with other remuneration in Money. He continued upon those Terms until the 24th of June in the above year 1828, *(at a yearly Salary of £15 and to receive his Lodging and Maintenance as before, on which Terms he continued in the Service of)* this Examinant, to continue with him in the same Service from the said 24th day of June 1838 [1828], at a yearly Salary of £15 and to receive his Lodging and Maintenance as before, on which Terms he continued in the Service of this Examinant. And this Examinant saith, that the said James STONE served under such second Contract for one Year and upwards. I don't know of any subsequent place of Settlement acquired by the said James STONE. Jos. DREWE.

Taken and Sworn before us, Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, H.H. MOGG, Wm. C. JAMES, T. WILLIAMS.

[The Copier has made a hash of copying this Examination. In place of the words between *()* it should read "When the said James STONE further contracted with" - See SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-100.] SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-40a.

[Notice of Chargeability, Order of Removal & Examination - Printed Form - H.H. CARRINGTON, Printer, St. James's Street, Bath.]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

THE Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

In the matter of **Harriet STONE** and her two Infant Children, Paupers.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Keynsham in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the above-named Harriet STONE has, together with her legitimate child James Churchill STONE, aged about four years and her Illegitimate child named Elizabeth STONE, aged about thirteen months, become chargeable to our said Parish of High Littleton and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your parish of Keynsham as the place of

their last legal settlement, (a copy of which Order, and also a copy of the Examination upon which the same was made, are herewith sent to you): and Take Notice, that unless you appeal against the said Order, and within twenty-one days from the date hereof, duly serve Notice of such Appeal, the said Paupers will be removed to your said Parish of Keynsham in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this ninth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight. J. Usticke SCOBELL, William MAGGS, Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-40b.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - H.E. CARRINGTON, Printer, Chronicle Office, Bath.]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Keynsham in the said County of Somerset.

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (One whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Harriet STONE with her Legitimate Child James Churchill STONE, aged about four years and her Illegitimate Child named Elizabeth STONE aged about thirteen months, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging themselves to be settled elsewhere, and are now actually become chargeable to the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Harriet STONE upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Harriet STONE and her said two Children to be in the Parish of Keynsham in the County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in Her Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Harriet STONE with her said two Children from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Keynsham and them deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the ninth Day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty eight. T. WILLIAMS, Wm. C. JAMES. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-40.

86. An Order was initiated for the removal of <u>William BANFIELD</u> from High Littleton to Stanton Drew, Nov 1839.

It appears that no Order of Removal was issued, as Stanton Drew voluntarily accepted William BANFIELD as a parishioner. The Examinations of William and John BANFIELD, referred to below, have not survived.

[Order to Remove - Blue Printed Form]

CLUTTON UNION,

To The Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union, and to such other the Officers of the said Parish as these may concern.

You are hereby ordered to take necessary steps to remove **William BANFIELD** to his last legal settlement. And you are hereby further ordered to report in writing to the Board of Guardians, to be held on Friday the Eighth day of November next, by Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, what you shall have done in pursuance of this Order. Given under our hands, at a Meeting of the Guardians of the said Union, this 25 day of October 1839. Wm. C. JAMES, Presiding Chairman, F.B. WRIGHT, Wm. WILLIAMS, Guardians, Wm. REES MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians.

[Reverse] - Served this on Mr WEEKS the 28th day of October 1839. R. DUDDEN.

1839 Nov'r 8. Mr COATES, the Guardian of Stanton Drew, agreed (at Clutton Board) to receive Wm. BANFIELD & Family as Parishioners of Stanton Drew. I had the past maintenance transferred in the Union Books from the account of High Littleton Parish to Stanton Drew Parish. Wm. WILLIAMS, Guardian for High Littleton.

N.B. Examinations of Jno. BANFIELD & Son Wm. BANFIELD were taken 7th Nov'r 1839, by me, W.W.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-29.

[Note: William son of John & Mary BAMFIELD bapt. at Clutton 22 Mar 1812.

Ann dau. of George & Sarah WEEKS, Hallatrow, mason, bapt. at High Littleton 24 Apr 1814.

William BANFIELD otp married Ann WEEKS otp by banns at Timsbury 25 Dec 1833.

Elizabeth Weeks dau. of William & Ann BAMFIELD, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 4 May 1834. - Elizabeth BAMFIELD, Farrington, aged 18, buried at High Littleton 5 Jun 1852.

Sarah Ann dau. of William & Ann BAMFIELD, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 27 Dec 1835. - Sarah BAMFIELD, High Littleton, aged 4, buried at High Littleton 4 Dec 1840.

Charles son of William & Ann BAMFIELD, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 11 Mar 1838.

Ann BAMFIELD, High Littleton, aged 26, was buried at High Littleton 8 Mar 1840.

The 1841 Census finds William BANFIELD, aged 25, coal miner, and children Elizabeth 7 and Charles 3, living in Hallatrow in the house of his parents John BANFIELD 50, coal miner, Mary 50 and family George 25, coal miner, Samuel 20, coal miner, Elizabeth 20, Sarah 15, Joseph 15, coal miner. Charles 12 and John 10.

William BANFIELD, full age, widower, collier, High Littleton, son of John BANFIELD, collier, married Mary ELMES x full age, spinster, High Littleton, dau. of Samuel ELMES, collier, by banns at High Littleton 25 Dec 1841.

Mary dau. of Samuel & Mary ELMS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 19 Feb 1815.

Jemima dau. of William & Mary BAMFIELD, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 20 Nov 1842.

Ellen dau. of William & Mary BAMFIELD, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 24 Nov 1844.

James a son was born at Clutton c.1847/8.

Hannah dau. of William & Mary BAMFIELD, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 11 Mar 1850.

The 1851 Census finds William BANFIELD, aged 39, coal miner, wife Mary 36 and children Charles 13, coal miner, Jemima 8, Ellen 6, James 3 and Hannah 1, living at Clutton Hill, Clutton. All except the last two, who were born in Clutton, were born in High Littleton.]

87. An Order dated 15th June 1841 was made for the removal of **Isaac PARFITT** from High Littleton to Clutton

Overseers Accounts record on 6 Jul 1841 a payment to HILL & WILLIAMS for the examination of Isaac PARFITT as to his parish. Isaac's Examination has not been located.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - HEWITT, Printer, Paulton.]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Clutton in the County of Somerset SOMERSET to wit.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That **Isaac PARFITT, Coal Miner**, has come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging him to be settled elsewhere, and is now actually become chargeable to the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Isaac PARFITT upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Isaac PARFITT to be in the Parish of Clutton in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in Her Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Isaac PARFITT from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Clutton and him deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for him according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the fifteenth Day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one. T. WILLIAMS, H.H. MOGG.

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

[Note: The 1841 Census finds Isaac PARFITT, aged 30, coal miner, living in the house of William MAGGS at High Littleton.]

88. An Order dated 13th July 1841 was made for the removal of **Jonathan BARBER** and wife from High Littleton to Ston Easton.

Overseers Accounts record on 31 Jul 1841 the cost of the examination of Jonathan BARBER as to his parish. The fact that the second copy of the Order was retained at High Littleton suggests that Jonathan was not actually removed. His Examination of 1841 has not survived. Overseers Accounts record on 31 Jan 1818 a payment to Tho's MILES for Jonathan BARBER to be examined about his settlement and this examination is reproduced below.

County of Somerset.

The <u>Examination of **Jonathan BARBER**</u>, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Servant, as to his Settlement. Taken this 3rd day of February 1818.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is about 51 Years old and was born in the Parish of Butleigh Wooton in the said County, as he has heard and believes. Saith, that he hired himself a Servant for a Year to Mrs KELSON and served her two Years in the Parish of Ston Easton. That he then made another Hiring for a Year with the said Mrs KELSON, at an Increase of wages, and served half a Year more or upwards in Ston Easton, when his said Mistress removed to live in Beckington in the said County and this Examinant served about 9 or 11 weeks in Beckington and then parted. Saith, that he then lived for half a Year with Dr POLLOCK in Wiltshire and then worked on his own Account at Labour, till he was lawfully married by Banns, in Farrington Church, to Flower COOK, his first Wife, by whom he has one Child, Namely, Mary aged 21 Years. Saith, that about 11 Years agone, he was lawfully married by Banns, in High Littleton Church, to Hannah, his present Wife and has four Children by her, Viz't: Eliza aged about 10 Years, John aged about 8½ Years, George aged about 6 Years and Thomas aged about 1½ Years. The Mark of X Jonathan BARBER.

Sworn before us Wm. Coxeter JAMES, Tho's WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-66.

[Notice of Chargeability, Order of Removal & Examination - Printed Form - H.H. CARRINGTON, Printer, St. James's Street, Bath.]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

THE Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

In the matter of **Jonathan BARBER and Hannah his Wife**, Paupers.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Ston-Easton in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the above-named Jonathan BARBER has, together with Hannah his Wife become chargeable to our said Parish of High Littleton and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your Parish of Ston-Easton as the place of their last legal settlement, (a copy of which Order, and also a copy of the Examination upon which the same was made, are herewith sent to you): and Take Notice, that unless you appeal against the said Order, and within twenty-one days from the date hereof, duly serve Notice of such Appeal, the said Paupers will be removed to your said Parish of Ston-Easton in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this thirteenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty one. [Unsigned], Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Ston-Easton [High Littleton intended].

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

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - HEWITT, Printer, Paulton.]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Ston Easton in the County of Somerset. SOMERSET to wit.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That **Jonathan BARBER and Hannah his Wife** have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and are now actually become chargeable to the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Jonathan BARBER upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Jonathan BARBER and Hannah his Wife to be in the Parish of Ston Easton in the County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in Her Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Jonathan BARBER and Hannah his Wife from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Ston Easton and them deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the thirteenth Day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one. Wm. C. JAMES, Tho's SAVAGE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-42a. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-42 for 2nd copy, marked on reverse - To be delivered with the Paupers to the Overseer of Ston Easton 1841.

[Note: Jonathan BARBER was born at Butleigh c.1766 and although his baptism has not been found at Butleigh, he was almost certainly the son of Jonathan and Grace BARBER, who were having children baptized there around that time.

Jonathan BARBER, common labourer otp married Flower SPARKS, widow otp by banns at Farrington Gurney 29 Jan 1794.

Flower's first marriage was: Isaac SPARKES sojourner married Flower COOKE spin. otp by banns at Clutton 25 Jan 1779.

Grace dau. of Jonathan & Flower BARBER bapt. at Farrington Gurney 2 Mar 1795. - She probably died young.

Mary dau. of Jonathan & Flower BARBER bapt. at Farrington Gurney 25 Sep 1796. - After getting pregnant Mary BARBER was removed from High Littleton to Ston Easton by Order dated 29 Sep 1820.

Flower wife of Jonathan BARBER, aged 52, was buried at Farrington Gurney 28 Jul 1805.

Jonathan BARBER x otp married Hannah COOK x otp by banns at High Littleton 30 Sep 1805.

Eliza dau. of Jonathan BARBER & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 4 Oct 1807. - She married William ROBERTS at High Littleton 24 Mar 1831.

John son of Jonathan BARBER & Mary (sic) bapt. at High Littleton 8 Jan 1809. - John BARBER, Clutton Union Workhouse, aged 77, buried at High Littleton 6 Sep 1886.

The 1811 Census finds Jonathan BARBER living in Hallatrow with 1 other male and 2 females in the household.

George son of Jonothan BARBER & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 21 Jan 1812.

Thomas son of Jonathan & Hannah BARBER, Hallatrow, servant, bapt. at High Littleton 30 May 1816. He was baptized again:

Thomas Parfitt son of Jonathan & Hannah BARBER, Hallatrow, servant, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Aug 1816. - He married Sarah.

The 1841 Census finds Jonathan BARBER, aged 75, labourer, Hannah 65, Thomas 25, labourer, Sarah 30 and Sarah 6 months.

Jonathan BARBER, High Littleton, aged 84, was buried at Farrington Gurney 14 Mar 1847.

The 1851 Census finds Hannah BARBER, widow, aged 77, pauper, born Clutton and granddaughter Sarah 10, born Hallatrow, living in Hallatrow.

Hannah BARBER, Hallatrow, aged 84, was buried at High Littleton 23 May 1857.]

89. <u>Catherine WEEKS</u> was removed from High Littleton to Chew Magna by Order dated 24th August 1841.

Overseers Accounts record on 29 Oct 1841 7/6 received from Chew Magna Overseers for 3 weeks pay advanced to Catherine WEEKS. On the same day is the cost of horse hire and expenses for Catherine WEEKS to go to Chew Magna, by an order. Catherine WEEKS' Examination has not survived but an Examination of her late husband William WEEKS in 1794 provides the reason for his (and therefore her) settlement being in Chew Magna.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of William WEEKS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Sawyer. Taken this 5th day of Dec'r 1794.

Who on his Oath Saith, That he is about 25 Years of Age. That he was born in the Parish of Stowey in the said County, as he has heard and believes. That, when he was about 15 Years of Age, he hired himself for a Year to Robert CHURCHILL, of Knighton Sutton within the Parish of Chew Magna, Yeoman, for the Wages of Fifty Shillings. That he lived out the said Year from Lady day to Lady day following. That he afterwards lived with Sarah ROBBINS of Stowey aforesaid, for the Space of two Years, for the Wages of £3 for the first and £3.10/for the Second Year. That he afterwards returned to Robert CHURCHILL's again and lived with him for Three Quarters of a Year. That he afterwards returned to live with the said Sarah ROBBINS of Stowey aforesaid and hired himself for a Year to the said Sarah ROBBINS, for the Wages of £4 and lived with her for the Space of two Years. That he afterwards hired himself a Servant to Mr Geo. JAMES, of Knowle Hill in Chew Magna af'sd., Gent'n, for the Wages of 5 Guineas a Year and lived with him for the space of 2 Years & 4 Months. That he has since done no Act, whereby to gain himself a Settlement. That he Married Christian, his present Wife, in the Parish Church of High Littleton aforesaid. That he hath two Children, namely, William aged about 3 Years and Sarah aged about two Years. William WEEKES.

Sworn at Clutton, before us Jas. TOOKER, H.H. COXE, Edw'd LYNE. (a Copy). SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-32.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - HEWITT, Printer, Paulton.]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Chew Magna in the County of Somerset. SOMERSET To wit.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (one whereof being of the

Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That **Catharine WEEKS**, **Widow**, has come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere, and is now actually become chargeable to the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Catharine WEEKS upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Catharine WEEKS to be in the Parish of Chew Magna in the County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in Her Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Catharine WEEKS from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Chew Magna and her deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for her according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the Twenty fourth Day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one. H.H. MOGG, T. WILLIAMS.

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

[Note: Catherine dau. of John STICKLER & Catherine bapt. at Cameley 1 Jan 1764.

William WEEKS of Stowey married Catherine STICKLER x otp by banns at High Littleton 10 May 1790.

William son of William WEEKS & Catharine bapt. at High Littleton 8 Apr 1792. - He married Harriet PARFITT at St. Paul, Bristol 14 Feb 1811

Sarah dau. of William WEEKS & Catharine bapt. at High Littleton 18 Aug 1793. - She married Richard FOX at High Littleton 26 Jul 1812. George son of William WEEKS & Catharine bapt. at High Littleton 6 Dec 1795. - He married firstly Mary DANDO at High Littleton 21 Feb 1819 and secondly Hester VOKES (nee GREGORY) at High Littleton 25 Dec 1848.

Elijah son of William WEEKS & Catharine bapt. at High Littleton 18 Feb 1798. - He married Christiana HEAL at Midsomer Norton 22 Aug 1819.

Jemima dau. of William WEEKS & Catharine bapt. at High Littleton 10 Jun 1804.

Martha dau. of William WEEKS & Catharine bapt. at High Littleton 10 Jun 1804. - Martha WEEKS buried at High Littleton 24 Apr 1808. Shadrach son of William WEEKS & Catherine bapt. at High Littleton 26 Oct 1806. - Shadrach WEEKS buried at High Littleton 3 Apr 1808.

The 1811 Census finds William WEEKS living in Hallatrow with 3 other males and 7 females in the household.

The 1825 Survey of Hallatrow records Wm. WEEKS as the occupier of a tenement (66 on the map) belonging to Thomas Collier DUDDEN near Hallatrow Farm. An Indenture dated 15 Oct 1857 mentions William WEEKS as a former occupier of 1 of 7 cottages at Tanners (428/9 on the Tithe map), Hallatrow on the opposite side of Wells Road.

The 1841 Census finds William WEEKS, aged 70, sawyer and Catherine 74, living in Hallatrow.

William WEEKS, Hallatrow, aged 70, was buried at High Littleton 18 Jul 1841.

The 1851 Census finds Catherine WEEKS, widow, aged 86, pauper, born High Littleton, living in Hallatrow with her daughter Sarah FOX, 57, born High Littleton and son in law Richard FOX.

Katherine WEEKS, High Littleton, aged 99 (sic), was buried at High Littleton 8 Apr 1858.]

90. An Order dated 28th June 1842 was made for the removal of **Maria CHIVERS** and her child Henry from High Littleton to Kelston.

Overseers Accounts record on 13 Jun 1842 the cost of a superseded order on Maria CHIVERS and on 29 Jun postage of an order on Maria CHIVERS. Clutton Union Workhouse Master's Report Journal records on 8 Jul 1842 £1 paid to the Magistrates' clerk for examination and order of removal of Maria CHIVERS, chargeable to High Littleton parish. No papers at all survive concerning the order of 28th June and it is unlikely that Maria was physically removed to Kelston. The Order was subsequently found to have been made to Kelston in error and it was annulled and steps taken to seek a new order of removal to Weston.

[Annulment of Order of Removal]

Somerset to wit.

Whereas, in and by an Order of Removal under the hands and Seals of us, Thomas WILLIAMS, Clerk and William Coxeter JAMES Esquire, whose names are hereunto set and seals affixed, being two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the County of Somerset, bearing date the twenty eighth day of June now last past, made upon the complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, that Maria CHIVERS, Singlewoman and her Infant Bastard Child named Henry CHIVERS, had then lately come to inhabit in the said Parish, not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning themselves to be settled elsewhere, and that the said Maria CHIVERS and her said Bastard son Henry CHIVERS were actually chargeable to the said Parish. We, the said Justices, upon Proof then made thereof before us, and upon the Examination of the said Maria CHIVERS, Ann CHIVERS, Widow, and Henry Wolford SALMON upon Oath, and due consideration had of the Premises, did adjudicate that the lawful settlement of the said Maria CHIVERS and her said Bastard son Henry CHIVERS were in the Parish of Kelston in the County of Somerset, and therefore we required the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, or some or one of them, to convey the said Maria CHIVERS and

her said Bastard Son Henry CHIVERS from and out of their said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Kelston and them to deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with our said Order, or a true Copy thereof, who were thereby required to receive and provide for them as Inhabitants of their said Parish. And whereas it hath since been represented, and duly made to appear unto us, the said Justices, by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton that the said Maria CHIVERS and her said Bastard son Henry have not any legal Settlement in the said Parish of Kelston and that the Examination and Declaration of the said Maria CHIVERS, taken upon the making of the said Order as aforesaid, were founded in mistake, which hath since been discovered. Therefore we, the said Justices, upon the application, and at the request of the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton (in order to prevent the charges and expences of an Appeal to the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said County of Somerset against the said Order of Removal) do hereby supersede, annul, vacate, and set aside the said order, and do command the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parishes respectively, to give up and return the said Order to us, that the same may be cancelled and made void to all intents and purposes whatsoever. And we do also require the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive back the said Maria CHIVERS and her said Bastard Son named Henry CHIVERS and maintain and provide for them until they can free themselves from the charge thereof by due course of Law.

Given under our hands and Seals the twenty sixth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two. T. WILLIAMS, Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-16.

[Note: See subsequent Order dated - Aug 1842 for details of Maria CHIVERS and family.]

91. Mary Ann STEDDEN was removed from High Littleton to Chew Stoke by Order dated 12th July 1842.

Overseers Accounts record on 12 Jul 1842 the cost of the order for Mary Ann STEDDEN and on 1 Aug the cost of removal of M.A. STEDDEN to Chew Stoke. Her Examination has not survived.

EXAMINATION ORDER of Removal and Notice. [Printed Form - HEWITT, Printer, Paulton.]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

THE Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

In the matter of Mary Ann STEDDEN, Pauper.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Chewstoke in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the above-named Mary Ann STEDDEN has become chargeable to our said Parish of High Littleton and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for Her removal to your Parish of Chewstoke as the place of her last legal settlement, (a Duplicate of which Order, and also a copy of the Examination upon which the same was made, are herewith sent to you): and Take Notice, that unless you appeal against the said Order, and within twenty-one days from the date hereof, duly serve Notice of such Appeal, the said Pauper will be removed to your said Parish of Chewstoke in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this twelfth day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty two. John BLINMAN, John BEAK, Edward DOWLING, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton.

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

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Chewstoke in the County of Somerset. SOMERSET to wit.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That **Mary Ann**

STEDDEN has come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere, and is now actually become chargeable to the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Mary Ann STEDDEN upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Mary Ann STEDDEN to be in the Parish of High Littleton [Chewstoke intended] in the County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in Her Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Mary Ann STEDDEN from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Chewstoke and her deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for her according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the twelfth Day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two. Tho's WILLIAMS, Wm. C. JAMES.

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

[Note: Ellen dau. of James & Mary Ann STEDDEN, Hallatrow, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 8 Mar 1842. - Ellen STEDDEN, Hallatrow, aged 3 months, buried at High Littleton 25 May 1842.]

92. An Order dated *[blank]* August 1842 was prepared for the removal of **Maria CHIVERS** and her child Henry from High Littleton to Weston but Maria went to Service before the Order was executed.

Overseers Accounts record on 29 Jun 1842 a payment for Ann CHIVERS giving her examination on her daughter's settlement.

[EXAMINATION ORDER of Removal and Notice - 2 part Printed Form - HEWITT, Printer, Paulton]. (Copy).

COUNTY OF SOMERSET, TO WIT.

THE <u>EXAMINATION</u> of <u>Maria CHIVERS</u>, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Singlewoman, touching the place of her last legal settlement, taken upon Oath this [blank] day of August 1842.

Who upon her Oath, saith as follows, viz: I am now about 22 years of age and was born in the Parish of High Littleton in this County, as I have heard and believe. My Father's Name was James CHIVERS and my Mother's Ann EVANS. My Father was a Collier and has been dead about fifteen Months, but my Mother is now living at High Littleton, a Widow. In the Month of April, when I was about 13 years of age, I and my Mother went to Mrs John CRIPPS, Butcher, at Twerton near Bath and my Mother bargained with her, for me to live with her as a Servant of all work, at the wages of one shilling per Week, which she was to lay out in clothes for me. No time of Service was agreed upon, nor any thing said as to warning, but Mrs CRIPPS said, if I was a good Girl and staid the year out, she would raise my Wages. I staid there right as soon as the Bargain was made and lived there until the following Lady day, and then removed with my Mistress into the Half way House in the Parish of Weston in this County, where my Master had taken a Farm and where I lived upwards of a Month and, finding the work too much, I gave a Week's Notice and left. I am quite sure I lived upwards of a twelve month with Mrs CRIPPS. She bought Clothes with my Wages. I never received any money for my Wages. I had a sister who lived with Mrs CRIPPS, 4 years before me. My Master had the Farm at Weston for half a year at least, before he and his Family went to live there, and I used sometimes to go to the House at Weston and sleep there. I slept more than Forty days altogether in Weston, before and after my Master's Family went to live there, and my last Night was at Weston. It was Haymaking time when I left them. I have a male Bastard Child named Henry, aged about nine Weeks.

Taken and Sworn before us, Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, [blank].

[Reverse]

(Copy)

County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of Ann CHIVERS, Widow, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, touching the place of the last legal Settlement of her daughter Maria CHIVERS, taken upon Oath this [blank] day of [blank] 1842.

Who upon her Oath saith as follows, Viz't: I am the Widow of James CHIVERS, late of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, Coal Miner. Maria CHIVERS is my lawful Daughter by my said Husband and was born at High Littleton aforesaid in March 1820. In 1833 about April, I went with my Daughter to Twerton in this County and bargained with Mrs CRIPPS, Wife of Mr CRIPPS, Butcher there, to live with her as a Servant

indoors, for a shilling a Week and Mrs CRIPPS said that, if she was a good Girl and stayed the year out, she would raise her wages; there was nothing said as to Warning or any specific time of Service mentioned. Mrs CRIPPS was to lay out my daughter's Wages in Clothes, instead of paying her the money. My Daughter lived more than a twelve month with Mrs CRIPPS and the latter part of the time was at Half way House in the Parish of Weston in the said County, whither Mrs CRIPPS and Family had removed. I had another daughter who lived several years with Mrs CRIPPS, before my said Daughter Maria.

Taken and Sworn before us, Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, [blank].

[*Note*: James (born 12 Mar 1781) son of Josiah CHIVERS, coal miner, High Littleton, bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 10 Feb 1782. Josiah's wife was Nancy HOLBROOKE whom he married at High Littleton on 4 Jan 1775.

James CHIVERS otp married Ann EVANS x otp by banns at High Littleton 25 Dec 1806.

Ann dau. of John EVANS & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 15 Oct 1786.

Ann dau. of James CHIVERS & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 29 Nov 1807.

Dorcas dau. of James CHIVERS & Ann bapt. at High Littleton - Mar 1810. - Tabitha (alias Dorcas) CHIVERS married Francis NELMS (alias ELMS) at High Littleton 28 May 1832.

The 1811 Census finds James CHIVERS jun'r living in High Littleton with 2 other males and 3 females in the household.

Family information in 1845 suggests there were 2 other children called Josiah and William, which could explain the 1811 Census figures.

Elizabeth dau. of James CHIVERS & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 1 Mar 1812. - Elizabeth had a bastard son Edward CHIVERS c.1837/8 before marrying [blank] PHELPS/PHILIPS.

Overseers Accounts record on 4 Jan 1814 6/- paid to James CHIVERS' wife and 4 children, he in fever.

Joseph son of James & Ann CHIVERS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 29 Jan 1815. - Joseph CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 2 months, buried at High Littleton 5 Mar 1815.

Dinah dau. of James & Ann CHIVERS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 24 Mar 1816.

Maria dau. of James & Ann CHIVERS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 16 May 1819.

Joseph son of James & Ann CHIVERS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 5 Aug 1821. - He married Hannah TRAVIS at High Littleton 12 May 1848.

James son of James & Ann CHIVERS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 30 May 1824.

George son of James & Ann CHIVERS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 24 Dec 1826. - He married Eliza HULL at Timsbury 2 Apr 1858.

Henry dau. of James & Ann CHIVERS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 21 Jun 1829.

Land Tax Assessments for 1830/1 and 1831/2 show James CHIVERS as occupier and proprietor of a cottage and garden in High Littleton assessed at 5d.

The Tithe Survey of 1839 records James CHIVERS as owner and occupier of cottages and gardens at The Batch (23 and 23a on the map), being the same property previously in the possession of his father. It may also be this James who occupied a garden at Butler's (43a on the map) belonging to Joseph HARRIS.

James CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 60, was buried at High Littleton 4 Mar 1841.

James CHIVERS (son of Josiah), coal miner of High Littleton, and later his widow Ann received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on many occasions between 1810 and 1855.

The 1841 Census finds Ann CHIVERS, aged 60, Joseph 17, coal miner, George 15, coal miner, James 13, coal miner, Henry 11, coal miner and Ann STOKES 4, living in High Littleton.

Vestry Minutes of 21 Dec 1842 resolve that the relief to Ann CHIVERS and family should be reduced from 3/- to 1/6 p.w. as she has employ at 2/- to 3/- p.w.

The 1851 Census finds Ann CHIVERS, aged 65, coal miner's widow, sons George 21 and Henry 20, all born High Littleton, living in Bath Road, High Littleton.

Ann CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 69, was buried at High Littleton 14 Jun 1855.]

[Below]

County of Somerset to wit.

The <u>Examination of **Henry Wolford SALMON**</u>, now residing in the Parish of Clutton in the County of Somerset, touching the place of the last legal Settlement of Maria CHIVERS and her Bastard Child, taken upon Oath this [blank] day of August 1842.

Who upon his Oath saith as follows, Viz't: I am Governor of the Clutton Union Workhouse. High Littleton Parish forms part of such Union. Maria CHIVERS was admitted into such Workhouse on the twenty eighth day of April last and was Confined in such Workhouse, on the fourth day of May last, of a Male Bastard Child, who has been Baptized by the Chaplain of such Workhouse as Henry CHIVERS. She and her said Bastard Child left such Workhouse on the first of July last, and returned to it again on the Seventh day of August instant. All the time she and her said Bastard Child have been in such Workhouse, they have been chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton.

[Note: Clutton Union Workhouse Admission Register records that Maria CHIVERS, High Littleton, born 1820, servant, single, out of work, was admitted to the workhouse on 28 Apr 1842, had a child and discharged herself with Henry her child on 1 Jul. They returned on 8 Aug on the orders of the Relieving Officer but at Maria's choice were discharged again on 9 Aug.

The Workhouse Register records that Maria CHIVERS, High Littleton, gave birth to an illegitimate child on 4 Jun 1842, baptized on 7 Jun as Henry. He was baptized again in Church:

Henry son of Maria CHIVERS, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 21 Aug 1842. - Henry CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 6 months, buried at High Littleton 22 Dec 1842.]

NOTICE OF ORDER of Removal. COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

THE Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

In the matter of Maria CHIVERS and her Child, Paupers.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Weston in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the above-named Maria CHIVERS, Singlewoman, has together with her Infant Bastard Child, Henry CHIVERS aged about nine Weeks, been relieved by and is become chargeable to our said Parish of High Littleton and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your Parish of Weston as the place of their last legal settlement, (a Duplicate of which Order, and also a copy of the Examination upon which the same was made, are herewith sent to you): and Take Notice, that unless you appeal against the said Order, and within twenty-one days from the date hereof, duly serve Notice of such Appeal, the said Paupers will be removed to your said Parish of Weston in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this [blank] day of [blank] one thousand eight hundred and forty two. [blank], Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton.

[Reverse] - Order not executed in consequence of Pauper going to Service. H. FERBRACHE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-15. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-15d for a copy of NOTICE OF ORDER of Removal.

ORDER OF REMOVAL [Printed Form]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Weston in the County of Somerset. SOMERSET to wit.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That **Maria CHIVERS**, **Singlewoman and her Infant Bastard Child Henry CHIVERS aged about nine Weeks**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and are now actually become chargeable to the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Maria CHIVERS, Ann CHIVERS, Widow and Henry Wolford SALMON upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Maria CHIVERS and her said Child Henry CHIVERS to be in the Parish of Weston in the County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in Her Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Maria CHIVERS and her said Child Henry CHIVERS from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Weston and them deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the [blank] Day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two. [unsigned].

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-15a. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-15b and c. for 2 further copies.

[Letter (with penny black stamp) addressed to] Maria CHIVERS, High Littleton, Somerset, postmarked Bath Au 7 1842 and Bristol Au 8 1842.

Bath, August 7th 1842.

Mrs COX is satisfied with the Character of Maria CHIVERS; she will therefore expect her to enter her service on the day appointed, which is next Thursday week the 18th of this month.

12 Pierrepont Street, Sunday morning.

Letter in High Littleton Vestry August 2000.

93. Michael Angle KEANON and wife were removed from High Littleton to Dublin, Ireland by Order dated 21st February 1843.

The Report Journal of the Clutton Union Workhouse Master (Henry W. SALMON) records on 3 Feb 1843 that he has been ordered [by the Board of Guardians] to procure the examination of Michael HANNEN (sic) and order for his and his wife's removal to their last legal settlement. Clutton Union Workhouse Admission Register records the admission on 9 Feb 1843 of Michael HANNAM (sic), born 1782, tailor, High Littleton, married, and Sarah his wife, born 1776. They were discharged by order of Magistrates on 16 Mar, when their

surname was shown as KENNON. Overseers Accounts record on 25 Mar 1843 the cost of an order of Michael KENEN. Neither the Examination nor Order of Removal survives.

31st March 1843, High Littleton - Dr. Statement of Expences and Affidavit in proof thereof for Removal of **Mich'l A. KANEN** & Wife from High Littleton to Ireland. *[marked 3 & 4 W.4 P.40]* cop'd. Somerset to wit.

Henry BLINMAN of Hallatrow in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Yeoman, maketh Oath and Saith, That he is a duly appointed Assistant Overseer of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, and That by the authority and on the behalf of & for Thomas HARRISON, one of the Constables of the said Parish of High Littleton, he, this Deponent, hath duly executed an Order dated the twenty first day of Febr. 1843 under the Hands and Seals of Tho's WILLIAMS, Clerk & W.C. JAMES Esq're, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, for the Removal of M. Angle KANEN and Sarah his Wife (poor Persons belonging to Ireland & chargeable to sd. Parish of H. Litt'on) from sd. Parish of High Litt'n to the City of Dublin in Ireland, and that the annexed Statement of the Expences incurred and paid on account of such Removal, amounting altogether to the sum of £8.19. 6 [see details below], is just and true and was bona fide incurred and paid by this Deponent on such account, and this Deponent hereby applies for an Order of Justices in Quarter Session for the payment of such Sum of £8.19. 6 out of the County Rate raised and levied in sd. County of Somerset.

Sworn before me the undersigned, one of the Justices of the Peace of the said County of Somerset, this thirty first day of March 1843. *[unsigned]*.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-32.

Statement of Expences bona fide incurred and paid by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset on account of the Removal of Michael Anglia KANEN and Sarah his Wife (poor Persons, him born in Ireland, & chargeable to the said Parish) from the said Parish of High Littleton to Dublin in the Kingdom of Ireland, in pursuance of an Order for that purpose, under the Hands & Seals of the Reverend Thomas WILLIAMS and Wm. Coxeter JAMES Esq're, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset & dated the twenty first day of February 1843, Viz't:

1843		£	S	d
Mar 16	Carriage to Bristol		4	6
	Fly to Hotwells		3	0
17	Dinner, Supper, Breakfast & Bed		5	6
18	Board & Lodging, Mr STEVENS, Packet House, Hotwells, Bristol		15	8
	Passage to Dublin	3	2	6
19	Board etc. to do.		14	8
	Cab from North Wall to North Union Workhouse, Dublin		4	0
Mar 20	Passage to Liverpool	1	0	0
	Supper & breakfast		3	6
21	Train to Gloucester	1	14	6
	Coach to Bristol		8	0
	Bed and Board		<u>3</u>	8
		£ <u>8</u>	<u> 19</u>	6

[Note: Michael KEREN (sic) otp married Sarah VOWLES widow otp by banns at Cameley 13 Nov 1824.

The 1841 Census finds Michael Angle KEANON, aged 50, tailor, born Ireland and Sarah 60, born in County, living in Hallatrow.

Overseers Accounts record on 25 Mar 1844 that the parish was refunded from the County Stock the expenses on the removal of Michael KEANEN and his wife to Dublin.

William ANGLE who lived (and died 1829) in Hallatrow may have been related to Michael Angle KEANON in some way.]

94. An Order dated 27 Jun 1843 was made for the removal of **Thomas ROBBINS** and family from High Littleton to Kilmersdon, which was quashed on appeal.

Clutton Union Workhouse Admission Register records on 9 May 1843 the admission of Thomas ROBBINS, aged 43, High Littleton, collier, married, out of work, wife Margaret 43 and children Eliza 17, Emma 15, Thomas 13, Martha 10, Mary 10, Jane 9, Rosanna 5 and Fanny 2. They discharged themselves on 11 May, were readmitted on 13 May and again discharged themselves on 18 May.

Overseers Accounts record on 27 May 1843 6/- paid for the passage of Tho's ROBBINS' goods from Newport, 3/- for standing of the same at Bristol and 10/- for horse, cart and turnpike for fetching same. On 29 May was the cost of a certificate of banns of marriage of Tho's ROBBINS' mother and father at Kilmersdon and expenses to Holcombe, Coleford and Kilmersdon for witnesses. On 6 Jun was the cost of a certificate of baptism at Ashwick of Tho's ROBBINS and likewise at Kilmersdon of Wm. SNOOK, and journeys to Coleford, Holcombe, Lypiatt etc. to summon witnesses. On 10 Jun was a payment to the Clerk of the Peace for a copy of the notice of appeal [in 1834] by Holcombe to High Littleton and on 12 Jun payments to the witnesses on the examination of Tho's ROBBINS. A Vestry meeting was called on 23 Sep 1843 for the purpose of considering a notice of appeal given by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in this County, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of this Parish, against an Order of Removal of Thomas ROBBINS, Margaret his Wife and Harriet [Emma intended], Thomas, Martha, Mary, Jane, Rosanna and Fanny their children and determining if such appeal shall be defended and what steps shall be taken therein. At the meeting on 3 Oct it was resolved, with one dissentient, that the Order of Removal of Thomas ROBBINS and his family from this parish to Kilmersdon be supported and that Messrs HILL & WILLIAMS conduct the same. Overseers' Accounts record on 6 Oct the cost of an extract of Tho's ROBBINS' marriage and on 18 Oct expenses of 11 witnesses to Taunton Sessions on the order of Tho's ROBBINS and family.

[Printed Form - Notice of Chargeability and Removal]

COUNTY of SOMERSET.

THE PARISH OF High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

In the matter of **Thomas ROBBINS**, a Pauper.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the above-named Thomas ROBBINS has, together with Margaret his Wife and their several Children Emma, Thomas, Martha, Mary, Jane, Rosanna and Fanny, become chargeable to our said Parish of High Littleton and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your Parish of Kilmersdon as the place of their last legal settlement, (a Duplicate of which Order, and also a copy of the Examination upon which the same was made, are herewith sent to you): and Take Notice, that unless you appeal against the said Order, and within twenty-one days from the date hereof, duly serve Notice of such Appeal, the said Paupers will be removed to your said Parish of Kilmersdon in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this twenty seventh day of June one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

John BEAK, John BLINMAN, Charles HALL, Jonas WEEKS, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton.

[Below] COPY.

COUNTY OF SOMERSET TO WIT.

THE <u>EXAMINATION</u> of <u>Thomas ROBBINS</u>, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, touching the place of his last legal settlement, taken upon Oath this thirteenth day of June 1843, Who upon his Oath, saith as follows, viz.

I am going on 44 years of age and was born in the Parish of Holcombe in this County, as I have heard and believe. I have heard I was born in the House of my Mother's Brother Joseph ROBBINS. My Mother's Maiden Name was Martha ROBBINS and I have heard she married William SNOOK, a Bastard Child of Hester DORE of Coleford in the Parish of Kilmersdon in this County, which said William SNOOK was a Soldier. I have heard that my Mother died in her said Brother Joseph's House at Holcombe a few Weeks after my birth. I was brought up by my Mother's Sister Mary ROGERS in the neighbourhood of Holcombe and Ashwick in this County until I was about eleven years old, when I left that neighborhood for Timsbury in this county and have worked in the Coal Mines there and elsewhere ever since. I have done no act to gain a Settlement in my own right. I have always gone by the name of Thomas ROBBINS, after my Mother's Maiden Name. In the year 1821 I was married at High Littleton Church to Margaret (WILKINS) my present Wife, by whom I have now ten Children, namely Mary Ann, Wife of Thomas GEORGE in Wales, Charles aged about Nineteen years, now at Risca, Eliza now aged past seventeen years, Emma aged about fifteen years, Thomas aged about thirteen years, Martha and

Mary (Twins) aged about Eleven years, Jane now aged about ten years, Rosanna now aged about Six years and Fanny now aged about two years. Thomas ROBBINS.

Taken and Sworn before us Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, John George MOGG, Wm. C. JAMES.

[Below]

County of Somerset to wit.

The <u>Examination of **Henry BLINMAN**</u>, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, touching the place of the last legal Settlement of **Thomas ROBBINS**, taken upon Oath this thirteenth day of June 1843, who upon his Oath saith as follows, Viz't:

I am an Assistant Overseer of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid. I now produce two Extracts from the Register Books of the Parish of Kilmersdon in this County, which Extract[s] I have compared with the Original Register Books and swear they are Verbatim Copies of the original Entries in such Books. The following are true Copies of such Extracts, Viz't.

"Kilmersdon - Baptisms 1776.

18 April - William SNOOK natural son of Hester DORE was Baptized."

"Kilmersdon Parish 1797.

150. William SNOOK of this Parish and Martha ROBINCE of ye same Parish were Married in this Church By Banns this 4th day of Dec'r in the year one thousand seven Hundred and Ninety Seven, By me John GRAVES, Vicar

This Marriage was solemnized between us Wm. SNOOK X his mark, Martha ROBINCE X her mark. In the presence of Joseph FLOWER, Wm. ABRAHAM."

Henry BLINMAN.

Taken and Sworn before us Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, John George MOGG, Wm. C. JAMES.

[Overleaf]

County of Somerset to wit.

The <u>Examination of **Ann ROBBINS**</u>, Widow, now residing at Lipyat in the Parish of Kilmersdon in the county of Somerset, touching the place of the last legal settlement of **Thomas ROBBINS**, taken upon Oath this thirteenth day of June 1843, who upon her oath saith as follows, Viz't.

I am now about 71 years old. My Maiden Name was BERRYMAN. About 50 years ago I married (at Kilmersdon Church) Joseph ROBBINS, who was an Elder Brother of Martha ROBBINS, the Mother of the Pauper Thomas ROBBINS. I knew said Martha ROBBINS well. Forty five years ago last December she was married to William SNOOK, a Bastard Child of Hester DORE of Coleford in the said Parish of Kilmersdon. I was present at the Marriage. They went from our House to be married, as said Martha ROBINS (sic) was living with me and my Husband at the time. Said William SNOOK was a Soldier on Furlough at the time of such Marriage. During the existence of the Furlough he and his Wife Martha, from the time of their Marriage, lived with said Hester DORE at Coleford and when said William SNOOK rejoined his regiment (about a month after the Marriage), said Martha SNOOK his Wife returned to our House and lived there and at her Sister's, Barbara CHAMPION's, in the Neighborhood until her Death. She died at our House at Holcombe about forty three years ago. About half a year before her Death she was Confined in our House with the Pauper Thomas ROBBINS. I was present at the Birth. His Mother was ill for some time before and after his Birth and never nursed him. He was brought up by Mary ROGERS, his Mother's Sister, in the neighborhood of Holcombe and Ashwick, until he was about Eleven years old, when he left that neighborhood for the Coal Works in the North of Holcombe. I never knew that the Pauper went after his Mother's Maiden Name until nine years ago, but it is very much the custom in the neighborhood of Holcombe for children to be called after their Mother's Maiden name. I don't know where William SNOOK's regiment lay, nor how many times he came home to his Wife on Furlough after his Marriage to said Martha ROBBINS. I remember hearing that, after the death of said Martha, he came to Holcombe and married a woman named Susanna GILSON, who went off with him to his regiment, and neither of them to my knowledge have been in the neighborhood of Holcombe since, and I have never heard whether he is alive or dead. The reputed Father of said William SNOOK was one William SNOOK, a Shoemaker of Kilmersdon, who died there about four years ago. Said William SNOOK (the Son) was born, as I believe, at Coleford in the said Parish of Kilmersdon and, I always understood, was Baptized at the Parish Church of Kilmersdon. He and I were Children together, living within half a Mile of each other for some years. He Enlisted a Soldier from Coleford. He came home on a Furlough to see his Mother at Coleford at the time he married Martha ROBBINS. I knew his Mother Hester DORE well. She had another Bastard Child, besides said William SNOOK, by another Man. She afterwards lived with a married Man named Luke WITCOMBE and died, as I have heard, at her House near Coleford several years since. I never knew she lived out of that

neighborhood, nor that she ever was married. I believe the Baptismal register Extract produced by Mr Henry BLINMAN refers to the Baptism of said William SNOOK (the Son). The Marriage register Extract produced by him refers to the Marriage of said William SNOOK and Martha ROBBINS. ROBBINS was heretofore sometimes spelt "ROBINCE". [no signature].

Sworn before us Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, John George MOGG, Wm. C. JAMES.

[Below]

County of Somerset to wit.

The <u>Examination of John CARY</u>, now residing at Coleford in the Parish of Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset, touching the place of the last legal settlement of **Thomas ROBBINS**, taken upon Oath this 27th day of June 1843, who upon his Oath saith as follows, Viz't:

I am now 78 years of age and have lived in the immediate neighborhood of Coleford all my Life. I well knew Hester DORE of Coleford before the Birth of her Bastard Son William SNOOK. I remember his Birth at Coleford aforesaid about Sixty seven years ago. He was the reputed Son of William SNOOK, Shoemaker at Kilmersdon, now deceased, and was, as I believe, Baptized at the Parish Church of Kilmersdon aforesaid. I and said William SNOOK (the Son), when he was young, worked together as Colliers under Ground in the neighborhood of Coleford. He afterwards enlisted a Soldier, and left the neighborhood. He came home on a Furlough to see his Mother at Coleford and married one Martha ROBBINS. Said Hester DORE had another Bastard Child, and afterwards lived with a married Man named Luke WITCOMBE, and died at Coleford several years since. She never married to my knowledge. John CARY.

Taken and Sworn before us Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, John George MOGG, Wm. C. JAMES.

[Below]

County of Somerset to wit.

The <u>Examination of **John DUDDEN**</u>, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, touching the place of the last legal Settlement of **Thomas ROBBINS**, taken upon Oath this twenty seventh day of June 1843, who upon his Oath saith as follows, Viz't:

I am a duly appointed Relieving Officer for the District of Clutton, in the Clutton Poor Law in this County. The Parish of High Littleton aforesaid forms part of such District and Union. The said Pauper Thomas ROBBINS and his Wife and seven youngest Children living with him have been chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton for the last six Weeks and are now chargeable thereto. John DUDDEN.

Taken and Sworn before us Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, John George MOGG, Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO Q/SR 531.

Copy Examination of Martha SNOOK in 1799 - Pauper's Mother.

[headed] (page 96).

Somerset (to wit).

The Examination of Martha SNOOK, residing in Holcombe, but of the Parish of Kilmersdon, Wife of William SNOOK late of the said Parish of Kilmersdon in the said County, Coalminer, taken on Oath before me Thomas Samuel JOLLIFFE, Esquire, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this 12th day of October 1799.

This Examinant on her oath saith that, about one year and three quarters ago, her husband left her, and he has ever since been serving in the 67th regiment of Foot, to which he belonged when he married her, that she has never seen him from that time; she believes he is now and has been for some time at Jamaica; that on or about the 26th February last, she was delivered of a small bastard child, which said bastard child was gotten on her body by Josias MOON of Stratton on the Foss in the said County, Coalminer, and that the said bastard child is now living and become chargeable to the said Parish of Kilmersdon. The Mark of (X) Martha SNOOK.

Sworn before me the day and year first above written at Holcombe in the said County, whither I come by desire of the Parish Officer of Kilmersdon, to take the aforesaid Examination and find the above said Martha SNOOK apparently in the last stage of a deep decline and quite unable to attend at Mells or any distance. From the simple plain account which this poor young woman, who has a very good character, given me, she has been treated in a most shocking and brutal manner by the aforesaid Josias MOON. Tho's Sam'l JOLLIFFE. SRO O/SR 531.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset. SOMERSET to wit.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Thomas ROBBINS and Margaret his Wife and their several Children namely [Eliza now aged past seventeen years - deleted] Emma aged about fifteen years, Thomas aged about thirteen years, Martha and Mary (Twins) aged about Eleven years, Jane now aged about ten years, Rosanna now aged about six years and Fanny now aged about two years, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and are now actually become chargeable to the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Thomas ROBBINS and others upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Thomas ROBBINS and Margaret his Wife and their said several Children [Eliza - deleted], Emma, Thomas, Martha and Mary (Twins), Jane, Rosanna and Fanny to be in the Parish of Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in Her Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Thomas ROBBINS and Margaret his Wife and their said several Children [Eliza - deleted], Emma, Thomas, Martha and Mary (Twins), Jane, Rosanna and Fanny, from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Kilmersdon and them deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the twenty seventh Day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three. John George MOGG, Wm. C. JAMES. SRO O/SR 531.

Grounds of Appeal with Mem. of Service.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

In the matter of an Appeal against an Order for the removal of **Thomas ROBBINS**, **Margaret his wife and Emma**, **Thomas**, **Martha**, **Mary**, **Jane**, **Rosanna and Fanny their children**, in which The Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset are the Appellants and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County are the Respondents.

We hereby give you and each of you notice that the Grounds of the above appeal are as follows, that is to say:

- 1. That the Examination on which the said Order of removal was made does not contain any Legal and sufficient Evidence that the said Thomas ROBBINS, Margaret his wife and their seven children, in the said Order mentioned, were or that any or either of them were, at the time of the making of the said order, settled in our said Parish of Kilmersdon.
- 2. That the said Examination is bad and insufficient on the face thereof.
- 3. That it does not appear upon the face of the said Examination that Emma aged fifteen years, Thomas aged Thirteen years, Martha and Mary aged Eleven years and Jane aged Ten years, five of the children of the said Thomas ROBBINS in the said order mentioned, were, before and at the time of the making of the said Order, unemancipated and Part of the Family of the said Thomas ROBBINS.
- 4. That it does not appear upon the face of the said Examination that the said Emma, Thomas, Martha, Mary and Jane had not, before and at the time of the making the said order, respectively gained Settlements in their own rights.
- 5. That the said Examination does not contain any Legal Evidence that William SNOOK, in the said Examination mentioned, was born in our said Parish of Kilmersdon or that he was at any time settled in our said Parish of Kilmersdon.
- 6. That the Evidence set out in the said Examination respecting the Birth of the said William SNOOK is hearsay and is also founded on conjecture and belief and is uncertain and inadmissible.
- 7. That the Examination does not contain any Legal evidence that the said William SNOOK, in the said Examination mentioned, was a Bastard Child of the said Hester DORE, in the said examination mentioned, and that, as such Bastard Child, he Gained a Settlement by birth in our said Parish of Kilmersdon.
- 8. That the said Place called Coleford, in the said Examination mentioned, is situate in the several Parishes of Kilmersdon, Leigh upon Mendip and Babington and that the said Examination contains no evidence that the said William SNOOK was born in that Part of Coleford which is situate in our Parish of Kilmersdon.

- 9. That the said William SNOOK, in the said Examination mentioned, was not born in our said Parish of Kilmersdon and was not, at the time of the Birth of the said Thomas ROBBINS or afterwards, settled in our said Parish and that the said Thomas ROBBINS did not derive a settlement by Parentage from the said William SNOOK, his supposed Father, in our said Parish of Kilmersdon.
- 10. That the said Thomas ROBBINS was born about 43 years ago in the Parish of Holcombe in the county of Somerset and that the said Thomas ROBBINS, Margaret his Wife and their seven children in the said Order mentioned, were at the time of the making of the said Order, settled in the said Parish of Holcombe.
- 11. That the name Thomas ROBBINS, in the said Order set out as the name of the Pauper, removed by that name, is not the right and true name of the said Pauper; That the name of the said Pauper was and is Thomas SNOOK, as appears in and by the examination on which the said Order was made and that the said Order is bad and defective in not stating and setting out the true name of the said Pauper, his Wife and Children.
- 12. That true Copies of the Examination, on which the said Order was made, have not been at any time sent by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton or other Proper Officers or Persons to our said Parish of Kilmersdon.

That the Copy of the Examination of John CARY, sent to our said Parish, is not a true and correct copy of his evidence as given by him before the Justices who made the said Order.

That the said Thomas ROBBINS, Margaret his Wife and their seven Children in the said Order mentioned, were not, at the time of the making of the said Order, settled in our said Parish in the manner stated in the said Examination. And take notice that at the trial of the said Appeal we shall rely on all or any one or more of the above grounds of Appeal.

Dated this Eighteenth day of September in the year of our Lord 1843. Thomas THATCHER, Joseph HOLBROOK, Churchwardens and Thomas CANDY, Richard ASHMAN, Overseers of the poor of the parish of Kilmersdon.

[Reverse].

Served personally John BEAK, Charles HALL and Jonas WEEKS with true Copies of the within notice and left another true Copy with the dau'r of Mr John BLINMAN at his Dwellinghouse, the 19 day of September 1843. Joseph FRENCH.

SRO Q/SR 531.

Kilmersdon appells. & High Littleton Responds. - Michaelmas Session 1843.

Upon an Appeal to this Court by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the said County against an order under the Hands and Seals of John George MOGG and Wm. C. JAMES, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, made for the Removal of **Thomas ROBBINS** and Margaret his wife and their several Children, namely Emma aged about fifteen years, Thomas aged about thirteen years, Martha and Mary (twins) aged about eleven years, Jane then aged about ten years, Rosanna then aged about six years and Fanny then aged about two years, from the Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Kilmersdon, And upon hearing what is alleged in the Premises by the several Parties concerned and their Counsel and proved by them respectively, This Court doth order, adjudge and determine that the said order of Removal be quashed and the same is hereby quashed accordingly. SRO Q/SO 23 143.

A bill from HILL & WILLIAMS, solicitors, indicates the work involved and considerable cost in fighting the appeal by Kilmersdon:

The Parish Officers of High Littleton DrTo HILL & WILLIAMS.			s	d
Kilmersdon Appellants & Yourselves Respondents. 1843			S	u
Sep 20th	Attending Churchwardens on their bringing Statement of Grounds of Appeal			
	served upon them by Parish Officers of Kilmersdon against Order for removal of			
	Thomas ROBBINS his Wife and Children from your Parish to their's and advising		6	8
	Attending Mr John REES MOGG, conferring hereon and as to propriety of			
	maintaining order etc 6/8		-	-
28th	Journey to Timsbury to obtain Evidence in confirmation of Order etc.		13	4
29th	Journey to Clandown, Hewish, Kilmersdon, Lippiatt, Coleford etc. for same			
	purpose - out all day	2	2	0
	Horse and Expences		15	0
30th	Clerk's Journey to Westfield, Radstock & Hewish for same purpose & Horse	1	11	6
Oct 3rd	Letter to Agents to retain Messrs MOODY & KINGLAKE & paid		3	7
	Letter to Clerk of the Peace for S'paes [Subpoenas] & pd.		3	7
	Letter to Mr MITCHELL, Sol'r, Shepton, for use of Brief used by Holcombe Parish			
	in their Appeal against High Littleton in 1834 & paid		3	7
	Having received Copy Brief from Mr MITCHELL, perusing and considering same		6	8

Oct	4th	Drawing retainer to Mr MOODY		2	6
		Agents attending to retain him		6	8
		Drawing retainer to Mr KINGLAKE Agents several attendances to retain him but could not find any one at his Chambers & Letters to use	s	2 6	6 8
		Letter to Mr KINGLAKE at Taunton to retain him, when he wrote in reply that he			
		had been retained by Appellants Drawing Admissions to be signed to save expense		3 6	7 8
		2 Fair Copies		5	0
		Journey to Frome attending Mr Henry MILLER for Appellants and agreeing upon			
		admissions and signing same & obtaining authority to inspect an original Examination of Martha ROBBINS recently found in the Chest at Kilmersdon,			
		afterwards attending at Kilmersdon for that purpose and inspecting same	2	2	0
		Gig and Expences Letter to Mr MILLER for inspection of old Parish Books of Kilmersdon,		15	0
		which Parish officers objected to produce without his authority & paid		3	7
	9th	Mr MILLER having written us that he would meet us at Kilmersdon by 10 o'clock			
		this Monday Morning, Journey to Kilmersdon for that purpose but after waiting some time he did not attend, when Churchwardens shewed us some Books but those			
		for the particular years we wanted were missing. Afterwards to Coleford etc.			
		examining various persons there as Witnesses - all day till late at night Horse & Expences	2	2 15	0
		Having learnt that an Order in Bastardy was made on application of Parish Officers of		13	Ü
		Kilmersdon for Wm. SNOOK as Born in their Parish, Letter to Mr DAVIS the present		_	
		Magistrates' Clerk of Frome Division to search for same amongst Papers in Office etc. Copy and Service of S'pae on Grace FISH at Coleford, 9 miles - 14/- say		5 5	1
		Same on John CARY - 14/- say		5	0
		Same on Ann ROBBINS - 14/- say Same on James COLES - 14/- say		5 5	0
	10th	Same on James COLES - 14/- Long Letter to Mr MILLER with terms of Settlement & paid		5	1
		Clerk's Journey to Stratton on the Foss, Ashwick, Holcombe, Lippiatt, Kilmersdon			
		& Coleford examining various Witnesses etc Horse and Expences all day Copy and Service of S'pae on Benjamin CHAMPION at Ashwick, 8 miles - 13/-, say	1	11 5	6 0
	11th	Attending Mr MILLER endeavouring to compromise Appeal - a long time		13	4
	13th	Copy & Service of S'pae on Henry BLINMAN Same on Jane PURDELL at Coleford - 14/- say		5 10	0
		Same on Elizabeth BRANCH at Kilmersdon - 12/- say		8	0
		Clerk's Journey to make arrangements with Witnesses for their attendance at Taunton		13	4
		Paid Expences of Horse etc. Drawing Notice to produce for service on Appellants		7 6	6 8
		Three fair copies		6	8
		Having heard from Mr DAVIS of his having found Order in Bastardy etc. Journey to Frome to inspect and take copies of Documents & serving him with S'pae duces Tecum			
		and attending Mr MILLER endeavouring to obtain further Admissions of custody of			
		such Documents to save expense of Mr DAVIS going to Taunton but he objected to it,	2	2	0
		also serving Notice to produce documents on Churchwardens of Kilmersdon Gig and Expences	2	2 15	0
		Having found on going to S'pae Pauper that he had left home for Wales, Letter to			
		Mr WILLIAMS whilst in Frome thereof for him to endeavour to get his Evidence admitted by Mr MILLER		2	0
		Paid Special Messenger to Frome		2	0
		Mr MILLER having objected to admit Pauper's Evidence, Letter to Mr MILLER in		_	0
14th/	15th (consequence, with a view to save expense if we could not meet with Pauper Clerk's Journey to Risca in Wales to S'pae Pauper	2	5 2	0
		Copy of S'pae for him		1	0
		Letter to Mr MILLER that we should attend to try Same to Mr DAVIS to attend as a Witness		3	6 6
		Instructions for Brief		13	4
		Drawing Brief - 29 Brief Sheets -£ 9.13. 4 say 2 Copies for Counsel - 58 B.S £9.13. 4 say	7 8	7 8	0
		2 Copies [of] Notice to produce to annex to Briefs	0	5	0
		2 Copies of Order of removal for Do.		5	0
		Attending Mr MOODY with Brief - 6/8 Attending Mr FITZHERBERT with Brief - 6/8		-	-
16th/	17th .	Journey to Taunton Session, Self & Clerk, to try Appeal - Order Quashed	6	6	0
		Letter to Mr DAVIS with Cheque for attendance as Witness & Travelling Expences	50	<u>3</u>	$\frac{-7}{2}$
		To Cash paid out of Pocket, Viz't: \pounds s d	50	•	-
		Paid Fees at Kilmersdon for Extracts from Registers 5 0 Paid Clerk of the Peace for S'paes etc. 18 4			
		Paid Clerk of the Peace for S'paes etc. 18 4 Paid Mr MITCHELL's Fee 1 1 0			
		Paid Mr MOODY retaining fee & Clerk 1 3 6			
		Paid Grace FISH Conduct Money 1 0 Paid John CARY Conduct Money 1 0			
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Paid Ann ROBBINS Cond	duct Money		1	0			
Paid James COLES Cond	uct Money		1	0			
Paid Benjamin CHAMPIO	ON Conduct Money		1	0			
Paid Henry BLINMAN C	onduct Money		1	0			
Paid Jane PURDELL Con	duct Money		1	0			
Paid Elizabeth BRANCH	Conduct Money		1	0			
Paid Mr DAVIS for Searc	hes, Letters and attendances as to the Bastardy Order etc.	1	1	0			
Paid Clerk's Expences to a	and fro from Risca & of Pauper from Risca	2	10	6			
Paid Pauper Conduct Mor	ney		1	0			
Paid Special Messenger to	Frome - out all night		3	0			
Paid Mr MOODY fee with	n Brief	4	6	6			
Paid Mr FITZHERBERT	fee with Brief	4	6	6			
Paid Travelling Expences	of self & Clerk & ROBBINS & Wife to						
Bristol & of self to & in T	Taunton & back	3	5	0			
Paid Court Fees		3	9	0			
Paid Pauper and Wife for	time	1	0	0			
Paid them Travelling Expe	ences from Bristol to Taunton		15	6			
Paid Clerk's Travelling Ex	pences from Bristol to Taunton,						
(Mr Henry BLINMAN pa	id returning)		7	6			
To amount of Cheque sen	t Mr DAVIS for attendance as a Witness &						
Travelling Expences		7	<u>13</u>	_0			
		<u>7</u> <u>32</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>4</u>			
					<u>3</u>	<u>2</u> <u>14</u>	_4
					8	<u>2</u> <u>15</u>	_6
1844 Oct'r 11	By Cash	40	0	0			
1845 24 March	By Cash	<u>42</u>	<u>15</u>	_6			
		82	15	6			

Rec'd for Messrs HILL & WILLIAMS the above £82.15. 6 for which they shall give a Stamped Receipt. Henry FERBRACHE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-38.

[Note: See Removal Orders of 17 Feb 1834 for details of Thomas ROBBINS and family.

Margaret's father John WILKINS, who died in 1842, left her a tenement and garden at Chapel Barton, High Littleton, for her life with remainder to her children. By Release & Assignment dated 2 Jan 1844, Thomas ROBBINS, coal miner of Hallatrow & wife Margaret, sold to James WEEKS, yeoman of Hallatrow, for a consideration of £19.10/-, the tenement and garden, which was let to William BRIMBLE. By Indenture dated 10 Apr 1852 Thomas ROBBINS, cordwainer [coal miner presumably intended] & wife Margaret, late of High Littleton, now or late of Abersychan, Charles ROBBINS, coal miner of same, Thomas GEORGE, coal miner of same & Mary Ann his wife, Jeremiah SMITH, coal miner of same & Emma his wife, Thomas ROBBINS, coal miner of same, Martha ROBBINS, spinster of same, Jane ROBBINS, spinster of same, Rosanna ROBBINS, spinster of same and Frances ROBBINS, spinster of same, in consideration of £15, sell the reversion of the above premises to John REES MOGG Esq. of High Littleton House. A letter attached dated 15 May 1852 from Mr ROBBINS, Abersychan, acknowledges receipt of the £15, which he hopes will help him and his family to Australia. See also the next Case.]

95. Thomas ROBBINS was removed from High Littleton to Bristol by Order dated January 1844.

Overseers Accounts record on 11 Jan 1844 the cost of an order of removal of Tho's ROBBINS to Bristol [no parish mentioned]. No copy of the Order survives, nor are there any more details.

[Note: No other Thomas ROBBINS, besides the Thomas and son in the foregoing Case, are known to have been in High Littleton at this time.]

96. An Order dated 9th July 1844 was made for the removal of **Elizabeth PARFITT** from High Littleton to Farmborough.

Overseers Accounts record on 9 Jul 1844 the cost of the order and examination of Elizabeth PARFITT and on 29 Sep the receipt of 7/6 from Farmborough Overseers, being 3 weeks maintenance of Eliz. PARFITT. A bill from HILL & WILLIAMS, solicitors, includes: Jun 17 1844 - Examination of Elizabeth PARFITT 5/-, Same of her Mother in support 2/-, Attending Churchwarden, advising as to further necessary Evidence 6/8, Jun 21 - Examination of James PARFITT (Pauper's Father) in support 2/-, Same of Her Grandfather James PARFITT ditto 2/-, Jun 25 - Examination of John DUDDEN ditto 2/-, Orders and Duplicates to Farmborough, Notices, Copies of the Examinations etc. when same adjourned 11/6, Jul 9 - Examination of Henry BLINMAN as to Elizabeth PARFITT's Settlement 2/-, Copy Certificate of Chargeability to annex to examination 1/- (SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-40). None of the Examinations mentioned survive.

NOTICE OF ORDER of Removal - [Printed Form - HEWITT, Printer, Paulton.] COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

THE Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

In the matter of **Elizabeth PARFITT**, a Pauper.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Farmborough in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the above-named Elizabeth PARFITT has been relieved by and is become chargeable to our said Parish of High Littleton and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for her removal to your Parish of Farmborough as the place of her last legal settlement, (a Duplicate of which Order, and also a copy of the Examination upon which the same was made, are herewith sent to you): and Take Notice, that unless you appeal against the said Order, and within twenty-one days from the date hereof, duly serve Notice of such Appeal, the said Pauper will be removed to your said Parish of Farmborough in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this Ninth day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty four. John BLINMAN, John BEAK, Thomas HARRISON, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-44a.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Farmborough in the County of Somerset. SOMERSET (TO WIT.)

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That **Elizabeth PARFITT, Spinster, aged Eighteen years** has come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere, and is now actually become chargeable to and has been releived (*sic*) by the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Elizabeth PARFITT and others by and before us the said Justices upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Elizabeth PARFITT to be in the Parish of Farmborough in the County of Somerset aforesaid.

THESE are therefore in Her Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Elizabeth PARFITT from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Farmborough and her deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for her according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the Ninth Day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four. Wm. C. JAMES, J. HIPPISLEY.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-44.

[Note: Elizabeth was born c.1826/7 the daughter of James PARFITT and his wife Mary WILKINS.]

97. An Order dated 3rd September 1844 was made for the removal of **Matthew WILLIAMS** and family from High Littleton to Timsbury.

Overseers Accounts record on 17 Dec 1844 a payment to Mr WILLIAMS for the examination of Matthew WILLIAMS. A bill from HILL & WILLIAMS, solicitors (SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-40) includes: Sep 3 1844 - Fees for Examination, Orders etc. of Matthew WILLIAMS 19/-, Looking up and Perusing Papers in Office to ascertain facts relative to Settlement of Matthew WILLIAMS 6/8, Sep 10 - Attending Edward WILLIAMS at Timsbury and Farmer HALL etc. and Patty HIGGINS at High Littleton, Examining them 13/4, Several attendances on Edward WILLIAMS, Farmer BLINMAN & others hereon 6/8. None of the Examinations mentioned survive.

[Order to Examine & Remove - Blue Printed Form] CLUTTON UNION,

To The Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union, and to such other the Officers of the said Parish as these may concern. You are hereby ordered to procure the examination of **Matthew WILLIAMS** and remove him and his family to their last legal settlement.

And you are hereby further ordered to report in writing to the Board of Guardians, to be held on FRIDAY, the 6 day of September next by Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, what you shall have done in pursuance of this Order.

In testimony whereof the common seal of the said Guardians of the said Union was hereunto affixed at a Meeting of the Board this 30 day of August 1844. Wm. C. JAMES, Presiding Chairman of the said Board. Wm. REES MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the Clutton Union. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-45a.

[Certificate of Chargeability - Printed Form]

Schedule (C.)

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the CLUTTON UNION, in the County of Somerset, do hereby Certify, that on the thirtieth day of August instant **Matthew WILLIAMS** and his Wife Harriet and his Child Charles 2 years [Charlotte - 13 Months pencilled above] became chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union.

In Testimony whereof the Common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed, at a Meeting of their Board, this 30th day of August 1844. (Signed) Wm. C. JAMES, Presiding Chairman of the said Board.

(Countersigned) Wm. REES MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of Clutton Union, Somerset. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-45b.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Timsbury in the County of Somerset. SOMERSET to wit.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Matthew WILLIAMS and his Wife Harriet and their Child named Charlotte, aged about thirteen months have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and are now actually become chargeable to and have been relieved by the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Matthew WILLIAMS and of his Father Edward WILLIAMS by and before us, the said Justices upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Matthew WILLIAMS, Harriet his Wife and their Child named Charlotte to be in the Parish of Timsbury in the County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in Her Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Matthew WILLIAMS, Harriet his Wife and their said Child Charlotte from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Timsbury and them deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the third Day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four. Wm. C. JAMES, J. HIPPISLEY.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-45.

[Note: Matthew son of Edward & Betty WILLIAMS bapt. at Timsbury 2 Feb 1812.

The 1841 Census finds Ethered (*sic*) WILLIAMS, aged 65, coal miner, Betty 60, Mathew 25, coal miner and Enoch 5, living in Timsbury. Matthew WILLIAMS married Harriet c.1842.

Charlotte dau. of Matthew & Harriet WILLIAMS, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 17 Sep 1843.

Sarah dau. of Matthew & Harriott WILLIAMS, Timsbury, collier, bapt. at Timsbury 25 Jul 1845.

Emma dau. of Matthew & Harriet WILLIAMS, Timsbury, collier, bapt. at Timsbury 25 Jul 1847.

The 1851 Census finds Matthew WILLIAMS, aged 38, coal miner, wife Harriett 32 and daughters Charlotte 8, Sarah 6 and Emely (sic) 4, (all born Timsbury), living at Northfield, Timsbury.

Martha a daughter was born c.1854/5.

Aaron a son was born c.1855/6.

Mark a son was born c.1856/7.

The 1861 Census finds Mathew WILLIAMS, aged 49, coal miner, wife Harriet 42, born High Littleton and children (all born Timsbury) Emma 13, Martha 9, Aaron 5 and Mark 4, living at 5 North Field, Timsbury.

The 1871 Census finds Mathew WILLIAMS, aged 60, coal miner, wife Harriet 53, born High Littleton, children Emma 23, Martha 16, Aaron 15, coal miner, Mark 13, coal miner and grand daughter Beatrice D. WILLIAMS, born Timsbury, living at Timsbury.

The 1881 Census finds Matthew WILLIAMS, widower, aged 70, coal miner, son Aaron 24, unmarried, shoemaker at a factory, daughter Martha 26, unmarried, housekeeper and grand daughter Beatrice M. WILLIAMS 12, scholar, living at North Street, Timsbury.]

98. An Order dated 18th March 1845 was made for the removal of <u>Sarah CHIVERS</u> from High Littleton to Kilmersdon, which was confirmed after an appeal.

Overseers Accounts record on 18 Mar 1845 the expenses of witnesses on the examination of Sarah CHIVERS. A bill from HILL & WILLIAMS, solicitors, included: Jan 18 1845 - Attending Sarah CHIVERS a long time, takeing down her Statement of facts as to her Settlement 5/-, Attending Mr John BLINMAN the Churchwarden hereon, conferring and advising as to further evidence and instructing him thereon and as to obtaining Opinion of Counsel etc. 6/8, Feb 8 - Attending, searching register at St. Mary Redcliff for Marriage of Thomas CHIVERS and Betty BARNES 6/8, Paid Search 1/0, Feb 14 - Attending Thomas CHIVERS at Radford to ascertain where his Father and Mother were married 6/8, Journey to St. George's, Glouc'shire, searching register and procuring Extract of Marriage of Thomas CHIVERS and Betty BARNES £1. 1/-, Paid Fly Hire and Turnpike 3/41/2, Fee to Clergyman 2/6, Mar 11 - Drawing Examinations to support proposed order for removal of Sarah CHIVERS to Kilmersdon - fo. 34 - £1.14/-, Fair Copy of Settlement for Mr FITZHERBERT - fo. 34 - 11/4, Drawing Instructions for Mr FITZHERBERT to settle Examinations, & Case for his Opinion £1. 1/-, Fair Copy 10/6, Letter and Parcel to him with Papers at Dorchester 5/-, Paid Carriage of Parcel to him 4/4, Paid him fee to settle Drafts Exam'ns and Clerk £2. 4. 6, Paid him fee to advise on case & clerk £1. 3. 6, Paid Carriage Papers back from him 2/8, Mar 17 - Summons for Thomas CHIVERS as a Witness and Duplicate 1/6, Mar 18 - Examination of Sarah CHIVERS and 4 others in support, 7 Exhibits, Order to Kilmersdon and 2 Duplicates, Notice of same Duplicate etc., Copies of 5 long Examinations, Copies of 7 Exhibits etc. £1.14./-. Overseers Accounts record on 14 Apr 1845 the cost of conveyance and expenses of Sarah CHIVERS to Kilmersdon by order.

[Blue Printed Form - <u>Order to Examine & Remove</u>] CLUTTON UNION,

To The Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union, and to such other the Officers of the said Parish as these may concern. You are hereby ordered to procure the examination of **Sarah CHIVERS** and remove her to her last legal settlement.

And you are hereby further ordered to report in writing to the Board of Guardians, to be held on FRIDAY, the 24th day of January instant by Eleven o' Clock in the Forenoon, what you shall have done in pursuance of this Order.

In testimony whereof the common seal of the said Guardians of the said Union was hereunto affixed at a Meeting of the Board this 10th day of January 1845. Wm. C. JAMES, Presiding Chairman of the said Board. Wm. REES MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the Clutton Union.

[Reverse] - 14th March 1845.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-22.

The Examinations of Sarah CHIVERS, John BLINMAN, Thomas CHIVERS, William WILLIAMS and Henry BLINMAN, referred to in the Order of Removal, have not been found but exhibits A, C, D and F shown below have.

1780 August 6th, Jeremiah son of Thos. & Betty CHIVERS.

The above is a true copy taken from the Register of Baptisms belonging to the Parish of High Littleton in the county of Somerset by me H.H. MOGG, Jun'r, Vicar, Jan'ry 25 1845 [this sentence struck through later]. "A". [Reverse] - County of Somerset.

This is the Copy marked "A" of an Entry in the Baptismal Register Book of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, referred to in the Examination of John BLINMAN and produced before us two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset at the Petty Session held in the Board Room of the Clutton Union Workhouse this Eighteenth day of March 1845, on an application for the removal of **Sarah CHIVERS**, Widow, from the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to her last place of legal Settlement. J. HIPPISLEY, Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-22c.

[Note: Jeremiah CHIVERS was Sarah's husband.

Sarah dau. of James SMITH & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 18 Nov 1781.

Jeremiah CHIVERS x otp married Sarah SMITH x otp by banns at High Littleton 17 Oct 1802.

Overseers Accounts record on 2 Apr 1803 a payment of 7/- to Sarah CHIVERS, her husband being in the Militia. On 23 Apr 14/- was paid to Jeremiah CHIVERS' wife in her lying in. In May 1803 are expenses of going to Wells three times for a substitute [for the Militia] for Jeremiah CHIVERS and on 21 May £10.10/- paid for a substitute for Jeremiah CHIVERS.

James son of Jeremiah CHIVERS & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 5 Jun 1803. - James CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 11, buried at High Littleton 27 Mar 1814. Overseers Accounts show that the parish paid James' funeral expenses and say he was killed.

Theresa [Thirza] dau. of Jeremiah CHIVERS & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 8 Nov 1807. - She married Abel CURTIS at High Littleton 17 Mar 1835. - Thirza died in 1835 and Abel CURTIS married Joyce Tidcombe LANSDOWN at High Littleton in 1839.

Betty Barns dau. of Jeremiah CHIVERS & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 22 Jan 1811. - Betty Barns CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 3, buried at High Littleton 13 Mar 1814.

The 1811 Census finds Jeremiah CHIVERS living in High Littleton with 1 other male and 3 females in the household.

James son of Jeremiah & Sarah CHIVERS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Aug 1816. - James CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 14, buried at High Littleton 8 Feb 1831.

Elizabeth dau. of Jeremiah & Sarah CHIVERS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 30 Jan 1822. - Elizabeth CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 7, buried at High Littleton 23 Apr 1829.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records Jeremiah CHIVERS as the occupier of a tenement and garden (187f on the map) at Church Barton, owned by Tho's THOMAS. Land Tax Assessments for 1830/1 and 1831/2 show Jeremiah CHIVERS as proprietor and occupier of a cottage and garden assessed at 2d.

Jeremiah CHIVERS (coal miner of High Littleton) received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on several occasions between 1806 and 1833.

Jeremiah CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 54, was buried at High Littleton 13 Apr 1834. He died on 9 Apr.

Overseers Accounts for 1834 record relief of 1/9 p.w. in the weekly calendar to widow CHIVERS. This continued until at least 1836.

The 1841 Census finds Sarah CHIVERS, aged 60, living with Charlotte DOWLING in High Littleton.

Vestry Minutes of 21 Dec 1842 resolved that Sarah CHIVERS' relief of 2/6 p.w. should be reduced to 1/6 p.w. or she should go to the workhouse, being able bodied.

The 1851 Census finds Sarah CHIVERS, aged 69, widow, pauper, born High Littleton, lodging with Ellen BULL, widow (along with Charlotte DOWLING, widow) in High Littleton.

The 1861 Census finds Sarah CHIVERS, aged 79, living with her son in law Abel CURTIS, his second wife Joyce and their 2 children, in High Littleton.

Sarah CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 85, was buried at High Littleton 17 Mar 1867.]

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(D) The register of Burials belonging to the parish of St. George in the county of Glocester & diocese of Bristol, April 22 1759. Richard HART, Vicar, William KING, Brice WEBB, Churchwardens. Also of Marriages commencing at Dec'r 3 1756, William CARY, Vicar, John HARRISON, Isaac SWEET, Churchwardens. Also of Baptisms which begins at the other end of the book.

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(D). Marriages. 1773 June 6, **Thomas CHIVERS**, widower & Betty BARNS, spinster, both of this Parish. County of Somerset.

This is the Copy of an entry in the Marriage Register of the Parish of Saint George's in the County of Gloucester and marked (D), referred to in the Examination of William WILLIAMS and produced before us two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset at the Petty Session in the Board Room of the Clutton Union Workhouse in the said County this Eighteenth day of March 1845, on an application for the removal of **Sarah CHIVERS**, Widow, from the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to her last place of Legal Settlement. J. HIPPISLEY, Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-22b.

[Note: The above couple are Jeremiah CHIVERS' parents.

Thomas (born 22 May) son of John CHIVERS & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 14 Jun 1741.

Thomas CHIVERS otp married Sarah DANDO x, sojourner in the parish, by banns at High Littleton 8 Apr 1765.

Joseph son of Thomas CHIVERS & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 6 Jul 1766. - Joseph CHIVERS a child buried at High Littleton 20 Mar 1767.

Family information in 1845 suggests there may have been 1 or 2 more children who died young but there is no other evidence for this.

Sarah CHIVERS was buried at High Littleton 27 Jan 1768. Thomas remarried nearly 3 years later.

Thomas CHIVERS widower otp married Sarah BARNES spin otp by banns at High Littleton 19 Nov 1770.

James (born 27 Jan) son of Thomas CHIVERS & Sarah bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 31 Jan 1772. - James CHIVERS buried at High Littleton 15 Nov 1772.

Family information suggests there may have been another child who died young but there hardly seems to have been time.

Sarah CHIVERS was buried at High Littleton 17 Oct 1772. Thomas married thirdly 7 months later.

Thomas CHIVERS widower otp married Betty BARNS spin. otp by banns at St. George, Glos. 6 Jun 1773.

James son of Thomas CHIVERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 26 Mar 1775. - James CHIVERS, Paulton, aged 64, buried at High Littleton 29 Jan 1840.

Thomas son of Thomas CHIVERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 2 Feb 1777. - He married firstly Hester CURTIS at High Littleton 11 Apr 1803 and secondly Sarah PICKERING at St. James, Bristol 16 May 1824.

Jeremiah son of Tho's CHIVERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 6 Aug 1780. - He married Sarah SMITH at High Littleton 17 Oct 1802.

Jesse son of Thomas CHIVERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 4 May 1783. - He married Jane BARNES at Paulton 5 Jul 1812.

Overseers Accounts for 1784/5 record 3/6 paid to Thomas CHIVERS in want.

Sarah dau. of Thomas CHIVERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1785.

Overseers Accounts for 1786/7 record 6/6 paid to Thomas CHIVERS in sickness plus a further 1/- and £1. 1/- for part of his house rent. Joannah dau. of Thomas CHIVERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 12 Apr 1789. - She married Thomas WEST at High Littleton 15 Apr 1811

Overseers Accounts for 1791/2 record 2/6 paid to Tho's CHIVERS' wife to go to Shepton, then 2/- to Tho's' family, followed by 2/6 p.w. for several weeks and 3/- for his Club money.

Elijah son of Thomas CHIVERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 23 Sep 1792. - He married Mary TUCKER at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 18 Apr 1814.

Family information suggests there may have been 2 more children who died before maturity.

Vestry Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 agree that Thomas CHIVERS of High Littleton should have 21 lb of flour for the week at a subsidised price of 3/- per peck.

Tho's CHIVERS received a blanket and garment from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1795.

Thomas CHIVERS was buried at High Littleton 10 Mar 1796. - Family information says he was killed at Tyning Coal Pit. Overseers Accounts for 1795/6 record 3/- paid for beer for the jury on an inquest on the death of Tho's CHIVERS and later 6/- paid to Tho's CHIVERS' widow in distress.

Vestry Minutes of 28 Mar 1796 approved 3/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Thomas CHIVERS' widow and family, noted in Overseers Accounts as at Clutton. In 1797 this was reduced to 2/6 p.w. and in 1798 was for Thomas CHIVERS' 2 children. Relief reduced again in 1800 to 2/- p.w. In 1801/2 relief of 2/6 p.w. for 23 weeks and 1/6 for 31 weeks was paid to Tho's CHIVERS' widow, then ended. Overseers Accounts record that the parish paid Thomas CHIVERS' house rent of £5. 8/- for 2 years to ladyday 1798 and continued to pay £2.14/- rent each year for Betty CHIVERS to Mr LANSDOWN, up to ladyday 1804. Accounts record on 15 May 1802 £1 given to Betty CHIVERS to buy her daughter clothes.

The 1811 Census finds Betty CHIVERS living in High Littleton with 2 males and 2 other females in the household.

Betty CHIVERS, widow of High Littleton, received several blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity between 1800 and 1815.

Vestry Minutes of 28 Mar 1815 approved relief of 1/3 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Betty CHIVERS, referred to as widow and of High Littleton in subsequent years. Minutes of 20 Aug 1820 ordered that Betty CHIVERS should have 1/6 p.w. in lieu of 1/3. Relief ended after a few weeks.

Betty CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 70, was buried at High Littleton 5 Oct 1820.]

(C) Page 37. Marriages 1731. **John CHIVERS** of Kilm'sdon & Elizabeth CARTER were married by Certificate May 16.

[Reverse] - (C) County of Somerset.

This is the Copy marked "C" of an Entry in the Marriage Register Book of the Parish of Clutton in the County of Somerset, referred to in the Examination of John BLINMAN and produced before us two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset at the Petty Session held in the Board Room of the Clutton Union Workhouse this Eighteenth day of March 1845 on an application for the removal of **Sarah CHIVERS**, Widow, from the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to the Place of her last legal Settlement. J. HIPPISLEY, Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-10a.

[Note: The above couple were Jeremiah CHIVERS' grandparents.]

[Printed Form - Certificate of Chargeability] (F)

Schedule (C.)

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the CLUTTON UNION, in the County of Somerset, do hereby Certify, that on the 10th day of January last **Sarah CHIVERS** became chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union, and still continues so chargeable thereto.

In Testimony whereof the Common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed, at a Meeting of their Board, this 14th day of March 1845. (Signed) Richard EDGELL, Presiding Chairman of the said Board. (Countersigned) Wm. REES MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of Clutton Union, Somerset.

[Reverse] - (F) County of Somerset.

This is the Certificate of Chargeability marked F, referred to in the Examination of Henry BLINMAN and produced before us two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset at the Petty Session held in the Board Room of the Clutton Union Workhouse this Eighteenth day of March 1845, on an application for the removal of **Sarah CHIVERS**, Widow, from the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to her last place of legal Settlement. J. HIPPISLEY, Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-22d.

[Printed Form - Notice of Chargeability & Removal - HEWITT, Printer, Paulton.]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

THE Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

In the matter of **Sarah CHIVERS** a Pauper.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the above-named Sarah CHIVERS, Widow, has become chargeable to our said Parish of High Littleton and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for her removal to your Parish of Kilmersdon as the place of her last legal settlement, (a Duplicate of which Order, and also a copy of the Examination upon which the same was made, are herewith sent to you): and Take Notice, that unless you appeal against the said Order, and within twenty-one days from the date hereof, duly serve Notice of such Appeal, the said Pauper will be removed to your said Parish of Kilmersdon in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this Eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty five. John BLINMAN, Jno. BEAK, William ROBBINS, Thomas HARRISON, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-21.

ORDER OF REMOVAL

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the said County of Somerset. SOMERSET. (TO WIT.)

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That **Sarah CHIVERS**, **Widow**, has come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere, and is now actually become chargeable to and has been relieved by the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Sarah CHIVERS and of John BLINMAN, Thomas CHIVERS, William WILLIAMS and Henry BLINMAN, by and before us the said Justices upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Sarah CHIVERS to be in the Parish of Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in Her Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Sarah CHIVERS from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Kilmersdon and her deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for her according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the Eighteenth Day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five. Wm. C. JAMES, J. HIPPISLEY.

[Reverse] - Confirmed Michaelmas Session 1845.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-17. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-23 (Copy) *marked* Original filed with Clerk of the Peace at Taunton Session 14 October 1845 on confirming Order of removal. Another copy can be found in SRO Q/SR 543.

Kilmersdon appells. & High Littleton Responds. - Midsummer Session 1845.

Upon an Appeal to this Court by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the said County against an order under the hands and seals of Wm. C. JAMES and J. HIPPISLEY, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, made for the Removal of **Sarah CHIVERS**, **Widow**, from the Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Kilmersdon, And upon motion of Counsel, This Court doth order that the said appeal be entered of this present Session and the hearing thereof adjourned until the next General Quarter Session of the Peace to be holden in and for this County, and the same is so entered and adjourned accordingly.

SRO Q/SO 23 210.

Vestry Minutes of 1 Oct 1845 resolved that Messrs HILL & WILLIAMS appeal to the Quarter Sessions, to be held at Taunton on Tuesday next the 14th inst., to have the Order of Removal of Sarah CHIVERS from this Parish to Kilmersdon Confirmed, the Churchwardens and Overseers of Kilmersdon, having entered an appeal against such order, they having now served us with Notice not to by the same. HILL & WILLIAMS' bill included: Aug 13 1845 - Letter to Clerk of the Peace to know if any Appeal had been entered & respited at last Session against Order for removal of Sarah CHIVERS from your Parish to Kilmersdon 3/7, Paid Clerk of Peace for Search & Letter that Appeal had been respited 7/6, Attending Assistant Overseer etc. on the Parish of Kilmersdon having served Notice that they should not prosecute their Appeal, conferring and advising as to confirmation of Order 6/8, Sep 3 - Letter to Clerk of the Peace thereon and paid 3/7, Preparing Brief for Counsel to obtain confirmation of order 10/6, Attending Assistant Overseer as to necessary Evidence to be adduced at Quarter Session 6/8, Attending him and delivering Brief and Papers and instructing him as to attending at the Sessions 6/8, Paid Court fees 7/0, Paid fee to Mr PHINN & Clerk £1. 3. 6, Attending Assistant Overseer on his return from the Sessions & receiving Papers etc. from him 6/8. Overseers Accounts record on 11 Oct 1845 Counsel's fee to have the order of Sarah CHIVERS to Kilmersdon confirmed.

Kilmersdon Appells. & High Littleton Responds. - Michaelmas Session 1845.

Upon reading an order made at the last Session, whereby an Appeal, then entered by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the said County against an order under the hands and seals of Wm. C. JAMES and J. HIPPISLEY, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, made for the Removal of **Sarah CHIVERS**, **Widow**, from the Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Kilmersdon, was adjourned to the present Session, And the said Appeal coming on now to be heard, but the appellant not

appearing to prosecute the same, And upon motion of Counsel for the Respondents, This Court doth order and determine that the said order of Removal be confirmed and the same is hereby confirmed accordingly. SRO Q/SO 23 217.

100 years after the first CHIVERS settled in High Littleton, the family had grown to such proportions that the Parish Officers had great difficulty in working out exactly how all the CHIVERS were related to each other. Accordingly, a rough pedigree was drawn up by Henry FERBRACHE, clerk to solicitors HILL & WILLIAMS. This is headed up as follows:

Pedigree of the CHIVERS's Family.

April 16 1845. This Pedigree made out from Information Received from Tho's CHIVERS the Postman (called Tumbling Tom, aged 80 & upwards), James CHIVERS the Clerk, Sarah the Wife of Jeremiah CHIVERS, Farmer John BLINMAN and many other persons Inhabitants of High Littleton & Neighborhood.

H. FERBRACHE.

[Details not copied and not wholly reliable.]

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-24.

99. Steps were initiated in July 1845 to remove <u>Mercy CHIVERS</u> (and possibly her father <u>Sampson CHIVERS</u>) from High Littleton to Kilmersdon but were abandoned at that time, when Mercy went to Service. Overseers Accounts record on 23 Jun 1845 the cost of attendance and examination of witnesses on the examination of Sampson CHIVERS. A bill from HILL & WILLIAMS, solicitors, includes: Jul 1845 - Examination of Sampson CHIVERS as to his Settlement 5/-, Journey to Mearnes to take same 3/-, Examination of Mercy CHIVERS 5/-, Journey to High Littleton to take same 3/-.

[Printed Form - Certificate of Chargeability]

Schedule (C.)

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the CLUTTON UNION, in the County of Somerset, do hereby Certify, that on the 27th day of June instant **Sampson CHIVERS** became chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union.

In Testimony whereof the Common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed, at a Meeting of their Board, this 27th day of June 1845. (Signed) Wm. C. JAMES, Presiding Chairman of the said Board. (Countersigned) Wm. REES MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of Clutton Union, Somerset. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-2.

Printed Form - <u>Certificate of Chargeability</u>]

Schedule (C.)

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the CLUTTON UNION, in the County of Somerset, do hereby Certify, that on the 27th day of June instant **Mercy CHIVERS** became chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union.

In Testimony whereof the Common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed, at a Meeting of their Board, this 27th day of June 1845. (Signed) Wm. C. JAMES, Presiding Chairman of the said Board. (Countersigned) Wm. REES MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of Clutton Union, Somerset. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-18a.

NOTICE OF ORDER of Removal.

[Notice of Chargeability & Removal - Printed Form - HEWITT, Printer, Paulton.] COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

THE Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

In the matter of Mercy CHIVERS, a Pauper.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the above-named Mercy CHIVERS, Spinster, aged eighteen years, daughter of Sampson CHIVERS, has become chargeable to our said Parish of High Littleton and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for her removal to your Parish of Kilmersdon as the place of Her last legal settlement, (a Duplicate of which Order, and also a copy of the Examinations upon which the same was made, are herewith sent to you): and Take Notice, that unless you appeal against the said Order, and within twenty-one days from the date hereof, duly serve Notice of such Appeal, the said Pauper will be removed to your said Parish of Kilmersdon in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this [blank] day of [blank] one thousand eight hundred and forty five. [unsigned], Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton.

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

[blank] 1845. Examination of Mercy CHIVERS, Spinster of High Littleton, as to her Sett't. Somerset to wit.

The Examination of Mercy CHIVERS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Spinster, touching the place of her last legal Settlement, taken upon Oath this [blank] day of [blank] 1845, before us [blank] and [blank] two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset. Who upon her Oath, saith as follows, Viz't: I am about eighteen years of age, and was born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as I have heard my late Mother say and I believe. My Father's and Mother's Names were Sampson and Jane CHIVERS. My Mother is dead, but my Father is a Coal Miner and now lives at Mearnes in the said Parish of High Littleton. I have done nothing to gain a Settlement in my own right. I follow my Father's Settlement. The Mark of X Mercy CHIVERS.

Taken and Sworn, [blank].

[Pencil note] - Baptized at High Litt'n Chapel or Church.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-8.

Somerset to wit.

The Examination of Sampson CHIVERS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Coal Miner, touching the place of his last legal Settlement, taken upon Oath this [blank] day of [blank] 1845.

Who, upon his Oath, saith as follows, Viz't: I am going on 63 years of age, and was born and baptized in the Parish of Camerton in this County of Somerset, as I have heard my Mother say and I believe. My Father's Name was Robert CHIVERS, and my Mother's Maiden Name was Sarah BROOKES. She was a Native of Compton Martin in this County, as I have heard her say and believe. I don't recollect ever hearing either of them say where they were married. My Father and Mother had two other Sons besides me and four Daughters. I am the sixth of their said Children. I have heard my said Father say that he was a Son of John CHIVERS and Elizabeth his Wife, whose Maiden Name was Elizabeth CARTER of Clutton, and that he, said John CHIVERS, originally came from the South, and was Bailiff at Heighgrove Coal Work in this Parish of High Littleton and was killed there. My Father had several Brothers and a Sister. I knew John, Thomas, Samuel, and Josiah, my Father's Brothers, and Ann ROGERS his Sister. Thomas CHIVERS, the present Postman of Timsbury and James CHIVERS, the present Parish Clerk of High Littleton, are my first Cousins, being Sons of said Samuel CHIVERS, who used to be called the Doctor. I remember my Grand Mother, said Elizabeth CHIVERS, very well. She died and was buried at High Littleton upwards of thirty years ago. She lived some time with my Mother at High Littleton. My Father died and was buried at High Littleton about [blank] years ago, and my Mother died and was buried at Paulton in this County about [blank] years ago. My Mother was a Cripple and she lived with my Sister Betty HENTON at Paulton aforesaid for several years, both before and after my Father's Death. My Father did not live with my Mother at Paulton. Whilst she was living at Paulton, he was living separate at High Littleton, but before my Mother lived at Paulton, and whilst she was living at High Littleton, he lived some time at Paulton with my said Sister. My Father and Mother did not live together for fourteen years at least before his Death, except for about [blank]. My Father was a Collier. He left his Wife and Family at High Littleton for several years, when he was out of the Neighborhood. I never knew my Father rent to the amount of ten Pounds p. year, or do any thing else to gain a Settlement for himself. I lived with my Mother in High Littleton up to the time of my Marriage and have worked at the Coal Mines [nearly - pencil addition] all my life. I was married to Jane CHIVERS, my Cousin, a Daughter of said Josiah CHIVERS, at the Parish Church of Saint James in the City of Bath, upwards of forty years ago, by whom I have now six Children [all born in lawful wedlock - pencil addition], namely Ann, now the Wife of Thomas BURT of London, Elizabeth CHIVERS, now in Service in London, Fanny, the Wife of John STOCKEY, now of Clevedon, Hester CHIVERS, now in Service in Bristol, Mercy CHIVERS, aged about eighteen years, now living with me and unwell, and Mary Ann CHIVERS, aged past sixteen years, now also living with me. All my Children were born in High Littleton Parish. My said Wife died and was buried at High Littleton more than two years ago. When I was first married, I lived in a House of Henry TUCKER's in High Littleton Parish for at least [more than - pencil addition] ten years, at the yearly rent of four pounds. I then took a Cottage and Garden of Mr Joseph HARRIS situated in High Littleton Parish, at the yearly rent of six pounds, which I entered upon and resided in for [blank] years and paid the rent to him, except the last year, which I now owe for. I then lived in a House at Cross Ways, in the Parish of Farmborough in this County, belonging to Mr Wm. BUSH, for a twelve-month, at the yearly rent of four Pounds. I then took a House in High Littleton Parish of John WILKINS, at the yearly rent of four Pounds, in which I resided for several years, until it was burnt down, and paid him the whole rent due. I then took my present House at Mearnes in High Littleton Parish of Mr Thomas MILES, the Steward of William Jones

BURDETT Esq're, at the rent of four pounds per year, in which I have resided for the last fourteen or fifteen years, and have paid the rent. I have never paid any Poor or other Parish rates. Whilst I was living in Mr HARRIS's House, but I don't remember the exact year, I took of Farmer James BOULTER of High Littleton half an acre of Land in a Field called Hedges's [Hodges's in pencil] Bars in High Littleton, for a Potatoe Crop, at the rate of Eight Pounds p. acre. The Ground was fresh broken up. I and my Son Joseph planted the whole of it, and dug the Potatoes, and I sold some of them to John TUCKER. My Brother John also had some of the same Field at the same time. I paid Farmer BOULTER four Pounds for the rent. I did not underlet any part of my half acre. I never rented half an acre of Potatoe Land of any one person before or since. At the same time that I held this Potatoe Ground of Farmer James BOULTER, I also had about twenty Lugs of Ground at Haygrove in Farmborough Parish, which I had grubbed up, by permission of Mr William ADAMS, Steward of General POPHAM, and planted to Potatoes, but I paid no rent for this. I held this for three a [or - intended] four years. I have never served any Office, nor lived at Service for a year, nor been possessed of any Property, nor done any thing to gain a Settlement for myself, except what I have before stated. I have never been relieved by any Parish, except during the last Week, when I have received five shillings in Money and Bread from Mr John DUDDEN, the relieving Officer for High Littleton Parish. My Daughter Mercy has done nothing, to my knowledge, to gain a Settlement for herself.

[Not signed or sworn. Various partly legible pencil side notes.] [Reverse] - Sampson CHIVERS's first Exam'n. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-2i.

The Examinations of John BLINMAN, James CHIVERS, William WILLIAMS and Henry BLINMAN referred to in the undated Order of Removal have not survived or were never taken.

[Printed Form - Order of Removal]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset. SOMERSET, TO WIT.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Mercy CHIVERS, Spinster, aged eighteen Years, Daughter of Sampson CHIVERS, has come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere, and is now actually become chargeable to, and has been relieved by the same, WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Mercy CHIVERS, Sampson CHIVERS, John BLINMAN, James CHIVERS, William WILLIAMS and Henry BLINMAN by and before us the said Justices upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Mercy CHIVERS to be in the Parish of Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in Her Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Mercy CHIVERS from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Kilmersdon and her deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for her according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the [blank] Day of [blank] in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty five. [unsigned].

[Reverse] - Went to Service before order executed. H. FERBRACHE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-3. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-6 & 7 for 2 further unsigned copies of the Removal Order. [*Note*: Mercy CHIVERS was subsequently removed to Kilmersdon by Order dated 9 Dec 1845.]

100. An Order dated 12th August 1845 for the removal of **Joyce SLADE** and children from High Littleton to St. George was drawn up but not executed.

Overseers Accounts record on 23 Jun 1845 the cost of a summons for Stephen SLADE on examination. A bill from HILL & WILLIAMS, solicitors (SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-40) includes: Jul 1845 - Examination of Joyce SLADE, Wife of William SLADE 5/-, Journey to High Littleton to take same 3/-, Summons for a Witness 1/-, Jul 11 - Attending Stephen P. SLADE all Morning, obtaining History of his Life & production of Documents in order to prepare his Examination to support order of removal of his Daughter in Law Joyce SLADE 13/4, Looking up Papers in Office as to his late Father's Property in Paulton 6/8, Jul 12 - Attending Overseer, advising

on further Evidence 6/8, Aug - Summons to further Witnesses etc. 1/6, Aug 12 - Examinations of Stephen P. SLADE, Messrs HILL Jr. & BLINMAN as to Settlement of Wm. SLADE's Wife etc., 2 Exhibits, Order & Duplicates, Notices, Copies of 5 Examinations, Copies of 2 Exhibits - long £1. 2.10. Not all the Examinations survive. Joyce SLADE and family were not removed after all, as her husband William returned the day before the order was due to have been executed and took his wife and children away.

[Summons - Printed Form]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET TO WIT.

To the Constables and Tythingmen of the Parish of Paulton and also to all other the Constables, Tythingmen, and Officers of the Peace, of Her Majesty, in and for the said County and to each and every of them to execute. YOU are hereby in Her Majesty's Name required to summon and warn **Mr John HILL the Younger** of your Parish personally to be and appear before such of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, of and for the said County of Somerset, as will be then present at the UNION WORKHOUSE, at CLUTTON, in the said County, on TUESDAY the 12th day of August next at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon of that day to give Evidence touching the place of the Settlement of Joyce SLADE and her children and you are then and there to appear and make due return of this Warrant. Herein fail not. Given under my Hand this 8th day of August in the year of our Lord, one Thousand eight hundred and forty five. Wm. C. JAMES. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-46b.

Somerset to wit.

The Examination of Joyce SLADE (Wife of William SLADE, Blacksmith and Engineer), now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, touching the place of the last legal Settlement of herself and two Children, namely Robert and Matilda, taken upon Oath this [blank] day of [blank] 1845.

Who upon her Oath saith as follows, Viz't: My Maiden Name was Joyce CAREY. I was married in the Parish Church of Backwell in this County, on the first of January 1840, to my present Husband William SLADE, by whom I have two [three pencilled over top] Children born in lawful Wedlock, namely Matilda born about Eleven Months after our Marriage and Robert aged two years and four Months [and - in pencil]. Said Matilda was born in the said Parish of Backwell and said Robert [and - in pencil] in the said Parish of High Littleton. My Husband has done nothing since our Marriage to gain a Settlement for himself. I believe he follows the Settlement of his Father Stephen SLADE, now living at Rydens in the said Parish of High Littleton, Blacksmith and Engineer. My Husband has left me nearly three Months. [I believe he is in Wales somewhere - pencilled over top]. I had a letter from him a few days ago, dated Tantainham [?], in which he promises to send me some Money soon, and to return home. I now am hourly expecting to be confined [deleted in pencil]. Last Wednesday, the second of July the Relieving Officer of High Littleton Parish (Mr John DUDDEN) relieved me with two shillings in Money and some Bread. The Mark of X Joyce SLADE.

[Clearly not completed and sworn. The pencilled updates reflect the birth of Joyce's third child.] SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-46.

[Note: William SLADE, full age, bach., blacksmith, Backwell, son of Stephen SLADE, blacksmith, married Joice CAREY x aged 19, spin., servant, Backwell, dau. of James CAREY, labourer, by banns at Backwell 31 Dec 1839.

Matilda their daughter was born in Backwell c.Nov 1841.

Robert son of William & Joyce SLADE, High Littleton, blacksmith, bapt. at High Littleton 18 Dec 1842.]

County of Somerset to Wit.

The <u>Examination of Stephen Plumer SLADE</u>, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Engineer and Smith, touching the place of the last legal Settlement of Joyce SLADE, Wife of his Son William SLADE, taken upon Oath, this [blank] day of [blank] 1845.

Who, upon his Oath saith as follows, viz't: I am nearly 66 years of age, and was born in the Parish of Stanton Drew in this County of Somerset, as I have heard my Parents say and believe. My Father's and Mother's Names were John and Mary SLADE. I am the third Child of my Parents. I lived with my said Father and Mother in the said Parish of Stanton Drew until I was about five years old, when my Mother died and was buried there. I lived with my Father in the same Parish for about a year after my Mother's death, when I removed with him and the rest of his Family to the Parish of Paulton in the said County of Somerset, in which Parish my said Father continued to reside until his death, which took place in the year 1791; he was buried at Paulton. All the time my said Father lived at Paulton he resided in a Freehold Dwelling House there, and occupied Lands there, which he was possessed of as Heir at Law or otherwise of his Uncle Stephen PLUMER. I lived with my said Father at Paulton until his death, and after his death I lived with my Eldest Sister in a House, part of our Property at Paulton aforesaid, until her death in April 1792, when I lived with Mr Simon HILL at Paulton, until I went on Trial for my Apprenticeship. My Father made a Will and appointed Messrs Simon HILL and Joseph HILL of Paulton my Guardians. On the Eighteenth of February 1793, I was bound, by my said Guardians, Apprentice by

Indenture, to Thomas PALMER of the Parish of Saint George in the County of Gloucester, Engineer and Smith, for 7 years. I served my said Master under my Apprenticeship and resided in his House at Saint George's aforesaid, from its commencement until the latter part of January 1797, excepting some nights that I slept at Warmley in the Parish of Bitton in the said County of Gloucester, whilst working the Engine at the Spelter Works there for my Master, prior to October 1796. In the latter part of January 1797, I went with my Master from his house at Saint George's to Erect an Engine at Smallcombe Coal Work, in the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the said County of Somerset, at which work I was employed as my Master's Apprentice without intermission, until October 1797. All the time I was working at Smallcombe I lodged in the House of John HURTON in the Parish of Radstock in the County of Somerset. On Saturday afternoon the 21 of October 1797, after work, I left John [HURTON's] House and went over to my said Master's House at Saint George's aforesaid, about 16 Miles distant and slept there that night and left it on the next day (Sunday) in the Afternoon, in order to go back to my Lodgings at Radstock and be ready for Work on Monday Morning at Smallcombe Coal Work (the Engine not having been finnished), but in my way back I met with a return Chaise, and went to the then Golden Hart Inn at Clutton in the said County of Somerset, where I slept that Sunday Night. The next day (Monday) I went to Stanton Wick in the said Parish of Stanton Drew, and I slept at the Public House at Stanton Wick on that Monday Night. The next day, Tuesday the 24th of October 1797, I went to Bristol and entered as a Sailor in the Royal Navy, and slept that night at the [blank] House in the Quay, and the next Morning (Wednesday) I went on board the [blank] in King Road, and sailed the next day, and remained at Sea until September 1802, when I was discharged at Plymouth. My Master knew nothing of my intention to go to Sea. A few Weeks after my discharge from the Navy, I went to my late Master's House (he having died whilst I was at Sea) and asked his widow for my Indenture, and offered her half a Guinea for it, when she delivered it to me, and which I have kept ever since, and now produce marked "A". I believe there were two parts of my Indenture, and that my Guardians had the other part. On my returning from Sea, I went to Lodge at Paulton, and soon afterwards received of my said Guardians, my Share of the produce of the Sale of my Father's Property at Paulton, which took place soon after his death. I have never rented to the amount of Ten pounds per year, nor served any Office, nor done any thing except as before stated to gain a Settlement for myself. I was married to Sarah (SPERRING), my present Wife, at the Parish Church of Saint Mary Redcliff, in Bristol, in September 1803, by whom I have had nine Children, William SLADE, the Husband of the Pauper Joyce SLADE, was our Eighth Child, and he was born in November 1818, in the Parish of Farmborough in the said County of Somerset, and was soon afterwards baptized in Farmborough Church. Stephen Plumer SLADE.

Taken and sworn before us, the said Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, [blank].

[Not completed and sworn.]

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[Note: John SLADE otp married Mary SHURVY otp by banns at Stanton Drew 11 Jun 1767.

Stephen son of John & Mary SLADE bapt. at Stanton Drew 27 Feb 1780.

Stephen SLADE otp married Sarah SPERRING otp by banns at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 5 Sep 1803.

The following 2 baptisms may refer to this Stephen SLADE, which still leaves 2 more children unaccounted for..

Mary dau. of Stephen & Esther (sic) SLATE bapt. at Farmborough 11 Sep 1806.

John son of Stephen & Mary (sic) SLADE bapt. at Farmborough 17 Aug 1807.

Elizabeth dau. of Stephen SLADE & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 5 Mar 1809. - She had a bastard child Elizabeth Bush by Joseph BUSH on 23 Jul 1828.

Grace dau. of Stephen & Sarah SLATE bapt. at Farmborough 20 Oct 1811.

John [Plummer] son of Stephen & Sarah SLADE, Farmborough, engineer, bapt. at Farmborough 27 Feb 1813. - He married Charlotte EMERY at High Littleton 18 May 1837.

William son of Stephen & Sarah SLADE, Farmborough, engineer, bapt. at Farmborough 14 Feb 1819. - He married Joice CAREY at Backwell 31 Dec 1839.

Matilda dau. of Stephen & Sarah SLADE, High Littleton, blacksmith, bapt. at High Littleton 21 Sep 1823. - Matilda SLADE, High Littleton, aged 2, buried at High Littleton 5 Sep 1825.

Overseers Accounts for 1825/6 record the cost of coroner and jury on Stephen SLADE's child.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records Step'n SLADE as the occupier of a tenement at Mearns (part 60 on the map), sub-let from Heygrove Coal Company.

The 1841 Census finds Stephen SLADE, aged 61, smith, living in High Littleton with his 12 year old grand daughter Elizabeth [bastard daughter of Elizabeth SLADE]. Stephen's wife Sarah was not at home.

Stephen SLADE, High Littleton, aged 69, was buried at High Littleton 19 Nov 1849.

The 1861 Census finds Sarah SLADE, widow, aged 77, school mistress Dame School, born Stanton Drew, and grand daughter Elizabeth 11, scholar, born High Littleton, living at Mearns. The 1871 Census finds Sarah SLADE 87, mistress of Dame School, living alone in High Littleton.

Sarah SLADE, Mearns, High Littleton, aged 88, was buried at High Littleton 30 Sep 1872.]

[Printed 2 page Form]

[Notice of Chargeability]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

THE PARISH OF High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

In the matter of **Joyce SLADE**, Pauper.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of [blank] in the County of [blank].

TAKE NOTICE, that the above-named [blank] has together with [blank] become chargeable to our said Parish of [blank] and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your Parish of [blank] as the place of their last legal settlement, (a Duplicate of which Order and also a Copy of the Examination upon which the same was made, are herewith sent to you): and take Notice, that unless you appeal against the said Order, and within twenty-one days from the date hereof, duly serve Notice of such Appeal, the said Pauper will be removed to your said Parish of [blank] in pursuance of the said Order. Dated this [blank] day of [blank] one thousand eight hundred and [blank]. [blank], Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of [blank].

[See SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-46c for a Duplicate of this Notice on a separate Printed Form - [HEWITT, Printer, Paulton.].

[Below]

COPY.

<u>THE EXAMINATION of [blank]</u> now residing in the Parish of [blank] in the County of Somerset, touching the place of h[blank] last legal settlement, taken upon Oath this [blank] day of [blank] 184-. Who upon h[blank] Oath, saith as follows, viz. [blank]

[Second page - Order of Removal]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Saint George in the County of Gloucester. SOMERSET, TO WIT.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Joyce SLADE, Wife of William SLADE, Blacksmith and Engineer (who has deserted her) and their Children, Matilda, aged 4 years, Robert, aged 2 years, and an Infant aged 1 Month have come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and are now actually become chargeable to and have been relieved by the same, WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Joyce SLADE and others by and before us the said Justices upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Joyce SLADE and her said three Children to be in the Parish of Saint George in the County of Gloucester.

THESE are therefore in Her Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Joyce SLADE and her said three Children from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Saint George and them deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the twelfth Day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five. [unsworn].

[Reverse] - 11th Aug't. Husband came from Wales and removed Wife & Family from H. Litt. with him. [Attached were two further copies of the above Order of Removal partially completed].

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-46a. See also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-46d & e for 2 further copies of Order of Removal form, headed up but not completed.

101. An Order dated 9th December 1845 was made for the removal of <u>Mercy CHIVERS</u> from High Littleton to Kilmersdon

A bill from HILL & WILLIAMS. solicitors, includes Nov 17 1845 - Fresh Examination of Mercy CHIVERS, the former proceeding having been abandoned 5/-, Journey to Mearnes to take same 3/-, Do. of her Father in support 2/-, Attending Overseer and Farmer BOULTER as to Evidence and advising on further enquiries etc. 6/8, Journey to High Littleton making various enquiries as to reputed renting by Sampson CHIVERS etc. 6/8, Letter to Clerk of the Peace for Order of Sessions confirming Order of Removal of Sarah CHIVERS to Kilmersdon to be used as Evidence & paid 3/7, Paid his fees for same etc. 4/4, Nov 22 - Examination of James CHIVERS 2/-, Do. of John BLINMAN 2/-, Do. of Mr WILLIAMS 2/-, Do. of Henry BLINMAN 2/-, Several Attendances on Assistant Overseer and Churchwarden and James CHIVERS as to further Evidence to be

procured from Cheltenham etc. etc. 13/4, Nov 24 - Attending at William BROOKES' House, Mearns, to obtain further Evidence 7/6, Attending James CHIVERS, instructing him as to taking Extract from Camerton Parish as further Evidence 6/8, Paid for Extract from Camerton Parish 2/6, Summons for four Witnesses and duplicates 6/-, Dec'r - Letter to Agents with instructions to procure Extract from General Registry, London, of Baptism of Robert CHIVERS, Father of Sampson CHIVERS and paid 5/1, Their Attendances bespeaking and afterwards for same 13/4, Their Letter to us therewith & paid 3/7, Paid for Search and Extract and Certificate thereof 3/6, Dec 9 - Examination of Farmer BOULTER, Tho's PRATTEN and James DRURY in support of Mercy CHIVERS' Examination 6/-, 7 Exhibits 7/-, Minute of adjournment by Justices 1/-, Attending Mr Charles TUCKER as to further Evidence in support thereof 6/8. Overseers Accounts record on 17 Dec 1845 expenses of a 2 day journey to Cheltenham for evidence on Sampson CHIVERS' examination. *The following 2 letters and possibly the third relate to items mentioned above:*

Mr Jos'h HARRIS, Cheltenham July 12th '45.

Letter postmarked Cheltenham JY 11 1845 and Bristol JY 12 1845.

Addressed to Mr Henry BLINMAN, Ass't Overseer, Temple Cloud, Nr. Bristol.

Albion Brewery, Chelt'm, 10 July 1845.

Sir, I believe **Sampson CHIVERS** occupied my Father's House at High Littleton several years from 1818 and at ab't £5 p. annum; not having my Father's old books I cannot give you the exact date he entered upon it or left it, but I know he was considerably in arrear with his rent. I am Sir, Yours Obed'ly Jos'h HARRIS.

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Mr Joseph HARRIS, Cheltenham Nov'r 13th '45.

Letter postmarked Cheltenham NO 12 1845 and Bristol NO 13 1845.

Addressed to Mr Henry BLINMAN, Assist't Overseer, Temple Cloud, Nr. Bristol.

Albion Brewery, Chelt'm, 11 Nov'r 1845.

Sir, I beg to say I cannot give you any more information respecting **Sampson CHIVERS** than I did in my former letter, and my Father's memory has so failed that it is quite useless to put any question to him on the subject and I am not in possession of any books in which the rent acc't was kept or I should be happy to give you all the information you require. I am Sir, yours respectfy J. HARRIS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-10c.

Letter 11th Jan'y 1846, Mr Henry BLINMAN to Mr Chas. TUCKER re CHIVERS Sett't.

Temple Cloud, 11 Jan'y '46.

Sir, at your earliest convenience previous to Friday next will you call on Mr Wm. WILLIAMS, Hallatrow; your charge for such attendance will be paid. I am Sir, your Ob'dt Serv't Henry BLINMAN.

[To] Mr Charles TUCKER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-10e.

[Blue Printed Form - Order to Remove]

CLUTTON UNION,

To The Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union, and to such other the Officers of the said Parish as these may concern. You are hereby ordered to take the necessary steps to remove **Mercy CHIVERS** to her last legal settlement.

And you are hereby further ordered to report in writing to the Board of Guardians, to be held on FRIDAY, the 21st day of November inst't by Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, what you shall have done in pursuance of this Order.

In testimony whereof the common seal of the said Guardians of the said Union was hereunto affixed at a Meeting of the Board this 7th day of November 1845. Wm. C. JAMES, Presiding Chairman of the said Board. Wm. REES MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the Clutton Union.

[Attached]

Mercy CHIVERS, High Littleton, Certificate of Chargeab'y (Expired), 7th November 1845.

[Printed Form - <u>Certificate of Chargeability</u>]

Schedule (C.)

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the CLUTTON UNION, in the County of Somerset, do hereby Certify, that on the 7th day of November instant **Mercy CHIVERS** became chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union.

In Testimony whereof the Common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed, at a Meeting of their Board, this 7th day of November 1845. (Signed) Wm. C. JAMES, Presiding Chairman of the said Board. (Countersigned) Wm. REES MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of Clutton Union, Somerset. [Below] - 1845 November 25, Somerset to wit.

This is the Certificate of Chargeability produced to us Justices by, and referred to in the Examination of, Henry BLINMAN on this day, upon an application for the removal of **Mercy CHIVERS**. *[unsigned]*. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-4.

[Printed Form - <u>Summons</u>]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET TO WIT.

To the Constables and Tythingmen of the Parish of High Littleton and Farmborough and also to all other the Constables, Tythingmen, and Officers of the Peace, of Her Majesty, in and for the said County and to each and every of them to execute.

YOU are hereby in Her Majesty's Name required to summon and warn Mercy CHIVERS, Sampson CHIVERS, Coal Miner, both of High Littleton, James BOULTER, Farmer and James DRURY, Coal Miner, both of the said Parish of Farmborough, personally to be and appear before such of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, of and for the said County of Somerset, as will be then present at the UNION WORKHOUSE, at CLUTTON, in the said County, on TUESDAY the Ninth day of December Instant at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon of that day to give Evidence touching the Parish Settlement of the said Mercy CHIVERS, upon the application of the Parish Officers of High Littleton aforesaid and you are then and there to appear and make due return of this Warrant. Herein fail not. Given under my Hand this 8th day of December in the year of our Lord, one Thousand eight hundred and forty five. Wm. C. JAMES. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-9.

[Printed Form - Order of Removal, Copy Examinations and Notice (16 sides)]

Notice of Chargeability & Removal

COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

THE PARISH OF High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

In the matter of **Mercy CHIVERS**, a Pauper.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the above-named Mercy CHIVERS, aged eighteen years, daughter of Sampson CHIVERS, has become chargeable to our said Parish of High Littleton and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for her removal to your Parish of Kilmersdon as the place of Her last legal settlement, (a Duplicate of which Order, and also a copy of the Examinations upon which the same was made, are herewith sent to you): aud (sic) take Notice, that unless you appeal against the said Order, and within twenty-one days from the date hereof, duly serve Notice of such Appeal, the said Pauper will be removed to your said Parish of Kilmersdon in pursuance of the said Order. Dated this ninth day of December one thousand eight hundred and forty five, [unsigned], Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton.

[Below]

COPY. COUNTY OF SOMERSET, TO WIT.

THE <u>EXAMINATION</u> of <u>Mercy CHIVERS</u>, Spinster, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, touching the place of her last legal settlement, taken upon Oath this ninth day of December 1845, before us, William Coxeter JAMES Esquire and John HIPPISLEY Esquire, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset.

Who upon her Oath, Saith as follows, viz't: I am about Eighteen years of age and was born in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, as I have heard my Mother say and I believe. My Father's and Mother's Names were Sampson and Jane CHIVERS. My Mother is dead, but my Father is a Coal Miner and now lives at Mearnes in the said Parish of High Littleton, and I reside with him. I have done nothing to gain a settlement in my own right. I follow my Father's settlement. I have been for some time, and now am, unwell and have been relieved by the said Parish of High Littleton for several Weeks past, through Mr John DUDDEN, the relieving Officer of that Parish; the last time he relieved me was on Wednesday the third last. The Mark of X Mercy CHIVERS. Taken and sworn before us, the above named Justices, [unsigned].

[Below]

(Copy). County of Somerset to Wit.

The Examination of Sampson CHIVERS, Coal Miner, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, touching the place of the last legal settlement of the before named Mercy CHIVERS,

Spinster, his Daughter, taken upon Oath, this ninth day of December 1845, before us, William Coxeter JAMES Esquire and John HIPPISLEY Esquire, the said Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset. Who, upon his Oath, saith as follows, viz't: I am about 63 years of age, and was born and baptized in the Parish of Camerton in this County of Somerset, as I have heard my late Mother say and I believe. My Father's Name was Robert CHIVERS, and my Mother's Maiden Name was Sarah BROOKES, as I have heard her say and believe. My Father and Mother had two other Sons besides me and four Daughters. I am the Sixth of their said Children. I have heard my said Father say that he was a Son of John CHIVERS and Elizabeth his Wife, whose Maiden Name was Elizabeth CARTER of Clutton, and that he, said John CHIVERS, originally came from the South, and was Bailiff at Heighgrove Coal Work in the said Parish of High Littleton and was killed there. "The South", in the Parish of High Littleton is understood to mean the Neighborhood of Coleford and Kilmersdon in this County. My Father had several Brothers and a Sister. I knew John, Thomas, Samuel, and Josiah, my Father's Brothers, and Ann ROGERS his Sister. Thomas CHIVERS, the late Postman of Timsbury, and James CHIVERS, the Present Parish Clerk of High Littleton, are my first Cousins, being Sons of said Samuel CHIVERS, who used to be called the Doctor. My said Uncles John, Thomas and Samuel CHIVERS were Elder Brothers to my said Father. I remember my Grandmother, said Elizabeth CHIVERS, very well. She was a Midwife. She died and was buried at High Littleton upwards of Forty years ago. She lived some time with my Mother at High Littleton. Joseph CHIVERS of Timsbury in this County, whose Settlement was lately adjudged to be in the Parish of Kilmersdon in this County, whither he was removed, was a Son of my said Uncle Thomas CHIVERS [marginal note - Son of Cousin Thomas]. My Father was a Coal Miner and died and was buried at High Littleton aforesaid several years ago, and my Mother died and was buried at Paulton in this County a few years after my Father's death. She was a Cripple. I never knew my Father rent to the amount of Ten Pounds per Year, or do any thing else to gain a Settlement for himself. I lived with my Mother in High Littleton from my earliest recollection up to the time of my Marriage, and have worked at the Coal Mines all my Life, with the exception of a few Months I worked as a Laborer at Clifton near Bristol. I was married to Jane CHIVERS, my Cousin, a Daughter of my said Uncle Josiah CHIVERS, at the Parish Church of St. James in the City of Bath, upwards of forty years ago, by whom I have now six Children, all born in lawful Wedlock, the fifth of whom is the said Mercy CHIVERS, the Pauper, who now resides with me, and is unwell. She was born in the said Parish of High Littleton, and is about eighteen years old. She has done nothing to gain a Settlement in her own right, but she follows my Settlement. My said Wife died and was buried at High Littleton more than two years ago. I know Sarah CHIVERS, Widow, who was recently removed by High Littleton Parish to Kilmersdon Parish. She is the Widow of my first Cousin Jeremiah CHIVERS, a Son of my said Uncle Thomas CHIVERS. I knew said Jeremiah CHIVERS well. I have heard my said Father Robert CHIVERS say that his Father, John CHIVERS, used to attend at the Independent Chapel at Chelwood in this County. At the Spring of the year, twenty seven years ago, I took of Farmer James BOULTER, now of Farmbrough, Eighty Lugs of Land for a Potato Crop, at one shilling p'r Lug, part of a Field called Hodges's Bars, situate in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid. I occupied such Eighty Lugs myself and set it to Potatoes and paid Mr James BOULTER four pounds for the rent thereof. I had forty sacks of Potatoes therefrom. No one but Farmer James BOULTER and myself was present when I took the Land of him; there was never any writing about it. No written receipt for the rent was given. There was a very good crop of Potatoes that Season. James DURY of Farmbrough rented a Plot of Ground by the side of my piece, at the same time.

[Note: See below for Sampson CHIVERS' baptism in 1782.

Samson CHIVERS bach. otp married Jane CHIVERS spin. otp by banns at St. Michael, Bath 25 Dec 1803.

Jane (born 30 Mar) dau. of Josiah CHIVERS, coal miner, High Littleton, bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 3 Jul 1783.

Joseph son of Samuel (sic) CHIVERS & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 23 Dec 1804. - Joseph CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 17, buried at High Littleton 5 Dec 1821. Overseers Accounts record on 9 Dec 1821 a payment to the jury [at the inquest] on the body of Joseph CHIVERS

Frances dau. of Samson CHIVERS & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 5 Apr 1807. - Fanny CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 7, buried at High Littleton 25 Dec 1814.

Ann dau. of Sampson CHIVERS & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 30 Oct 1808. - Ann CHIVERS buried at High Littleton 17 Nov 1808.

Ann dau. of Samson CHIVERS & Ann (B.Ts. say Jane) bapt. at High Littleton 29 Oct 1809. - She married Thomas BURT at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 21 Dec 1828.

The 1811 Census finds Sampson CHIVERS living in High Littleton with 1 other male and 3 females in the household.

Frances (born 19 May) dau. of Sampson CHIVERS & Jane bapt. at Midsomer Norton Wesleyan Methodist Chapel 24 Jun 1817. - She married John STOCKEY.

Hester dau. of Sampson & Jane CHIVERS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 5 Aug 1821.

Joseph son of Sampson & Jane CHIVERS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 13 Oct 1822. - Joseph CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 2, buried at High Littleton 18 Nov 1823.

Mercy a daughter was born c.1827.

Mary Ann dau. of Sampson & Jane CHIVERS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 17 Feb 1828.

Land Tax Assessments for 1830/1 show Sampson CHIVERS & other as occupiers of a cottage & garden late LANSDOWN's, belonging to John WILKINS, assessed at 1/-.

The Tithe survey of 1839 shows Sampson CHIVERS as occupier of cottages & gardens at Mearns (135 on the map) belonging to Wm. Jones BURDETT Esq.

The 1841 Census finds Sampson CHIVERS, aged 58, coal miner and Mary 10, living in High Littleton.

Sampson CHIVERS (son of Rob't) received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on many occasions between 1808 and 1845. Records show that in 1818 he lived opposite Mr HARRIS and in 1822 he had 5 children.

Jane CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 60, was buried at High Littleton 10 Apr 1843.

Samson CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 64, was buried at High Littleton 12 Nov 1846.]

[next page]

(Copy). County of Somerset to Wit.

The Examination of John BLINMAN, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Yeoman, touching the place of the last legal Settlement of the before named Mercy CHIVERS, Spinster, taken upon Oath this ninth day of December 1845, before us the said [blank] and [blank], two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset.

Who, upon his Oath, saith as follows, viz't: I am about 60 years of age and have lived in the said Parish of High Littleton all my Life. I am one of the Churchwardens of High Littleton and have been so for many years. I remember Elizabeth CHIVERS, a Widow, who died at High Littleton many years ago and who was a Midwife. She left several Sons and a Daughter, some of whom I knew, particularly Samuel and Thomas. Said Samuel used to be called the Doctor, and was the Father of James CHIVERS, the present Parish Clerk of High Littleton. I now produce a Certificate, which I took from the Parish Chest in the Vestry Room of High Littleton Church yesterday and which is now in the same state as when I found it. The following is a copy of it, viz't: "Somersetshire to wit.

To the Minister, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, These,

We, the Minister, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the said County of Somerset, do hereby own and acknowledge John CHIVERS, Elizabeth his Wife, John, Samuel and Thomas their Sons to be Parishioners legally setled [sic] in our said Parish of Kilmersdon and for ourselves and successors do promise and agree to take and receive them as such, untill they shall at any time after the date of these presents gain a lawfull settlement in any other Parish.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this twenty seventh day of February in the tenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and so forth and in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty six. Tho. JENKINS, Vicar, William MOORE, Tho. SHUTE, Ch. Wardens, William MATHEWS, Overseer. Witnessed by us John HUGHES, The Mark of X James CARTER.

We, two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid [marginal note - Not stated to be done within jurisdiction], do allow the above Certificate on the Oath of the above named James CARTER, who saw the same duly executed. Wm. JONES, H. STRACHEY, 8th April 1737."

The said Certificate so produced by me, relates to John CHIVERS and Elizabeth his Wife, the Grandfather and Grandmother of Sampson CHIVERS, the Father of Mercy CHIVERS the Pauper, and to their three Eldest Sons, John, Samuel and Thomas CHIVERS. I also produce a Paper marked "C", which is a true Copy of an Entry in the Marriage Register Book of the Parish of Clutton in the said County of Somerset, and which I examined and compared with the Original Entry in such Book, on the twelfth day of March last. I believe that the said Entry last mentioned relates to the Marriage of the said John and Elizabeth CHIVERS, the Grandfather and Grandmother of the said Sampson CHIVERS, the Father of the said Mercy CHIVERS. I also produce a Paper marked "H", which is a true Copy of an Entry in the Marriage Register Book of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, and which I examined and compared with the Original Entry in such Book, on the twenty fourth day of November Instant. I believe such Entry last mentioned relates to the Marriage of Robert CHIVERS and Sarah (BROOKES) his Wife, the Father and Mother of Sampson CHIVERS, the Father of the Pauper Mercy CHIVERS.

The Original Settlement Certificate from Kilmersdon, of which a copy was included above between " " is preserved as SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-11 and included in this booklet as C27. It has been signed on the back - J. HIPPISLEY, Wm. C. JAMES - indicating that it was produced as an exhibit in this Case or the Case of Sarah CHIVERS.

[Exhibits C and H]

(C) Page 37. Marriages 1731. **John CHIVERS** of Kilm'sdon & Elizabeth CARTER were married by Certificate May 16.

[Reverse] "C" Somerset to wit. 9th December 1845.

This Paper was this day produced to us the undersigned Justices by John BLINMAN on an application for the Removal of **Mercy CHIVERS** to the Place of her last legal Settlement, and referred to in his Examination this day as marked "C". J. HIPPISLEY, Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-10a.

[Note: This couple are Mercy CHIVERS' great grandparents.]

(a) "H". **Robert CHIVERS** & Sarah BROOKES were married in this Church by Banns this 22d day of January 1770 by John HAMMETT, Curate.

This marriage was solemnized between us. The mark of X Robert CHIVERS, The mark of X Sarah BROOKES. In the presence of Stephen HOLLOWAY, John HART.

(b) The above is a true copy taken from the Register of Marriages belonging to the parish of High Littleton by me, H.H. MOGG, Vicar. [Piece (b) was cut off the bottom of piece (a) but preserved as SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-10b.]

[Reverse of (a)] - "H" Somerset to wit. 9th December 1845.

This is the Paper marked "H" produced to us Justices by, and referred to in the Examination of, John BLINMAN on this day, upon an application for the Removal of **Mercy CHIVERS**. J. HIPPISLEY, Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-10i. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-10h (Copy of (a) & Reverse).

[Note: The above couple were Mercy CHIVERS' grandparents.

Robert son of Jno. CHIVERS of High Littleton bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 15 May 1748.

Robert CHIVERS x otp married Sarah BROOKES x otp by banns at High Littleton 22 Jan 1770.

Joseph (born 15 Jan 1771) son of Robert CHIVERS, coal miner, High Littleton, bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 20 Mar 1771.

Ann [Nancy] (born 2 Jan 1773) dau. of Rob't CHIVERS, coal miner, High Littleton, bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 29 Jan 1773. - She married John PRIDDY at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 29 Sep 1800.

Christian dau, of Rob't CHIVERS, coal miner, High Littleton, bapt, at Chelwood Independent Chapel 9 Jul 1775.

Betty dau. of Robert CHIVERS & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 15 Apr 1777. - She married --- HENTON.

John son of Robert CHIVERS & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 12 Dec 1779. - He married Mary WYATT at High Littleton 30 May 1803.

Overseers Accounts for 1779/80 record the expense of keeping Robert CHIVERS in hold [lock-up], from whence he was obviously sent to prison. Accounts then record relief of 4/- p.w. for 12 weeks to Rob't CHIVERS' family, 12/6 for the payment of Rob't CHIVERS' house rent for a half year, 2/6 for his Club money for a quarter and a further 1/- to his family in want. Finally, £1. 1. 6 was paid to Henry SHROLL for his bill for Robert CHIVERS and fetching him from gaol. Accounts for 1782/3 record 12/6 paid to Robert CHIVERS towards his house rent

Sampson son of Robert & Sarah CHIVERS bapt. at Camerton 27 Oct 1782. - He married Jane CHIVERS at St. Michael, Bath 25 Dec 1803.

Sarah dau. of Robert CHIVERS & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 23 Jun 1785. - It was probably this Sarah who married Isaac PARFITT at Clutton 25 Dec 1806.

Overseers Accounts for 1785/6 record 5/- given to Robert CHIVERS' family in sickness and 2/6 to his wife. In 1786/7 £2. 4. 6 was given to Robert at several times, £1 towards last year's rent and £2. 10/- for 1 year's house rent. Vestry Minutes of 23 Apr 1786 approved relief of 5/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Rob't CHIVERS' wife and children. Minutes of 14 Aug ordered that Robert's wife and children should be allowed 4/- p.w. This ended in 1786/7. Accounts for 1787/8 record 4/- to Robert's family in distress and £1.15/- to his wife at sundry times. Accounts for 1788/9 record relief of 3/- p.w. for 44 weeks to Rob't CHIVERS' family, £1. 3. 6 to the family in distress, 19/8 for Rob't's daughter's clothes to go to service and £2.10/- for rent. In 1789/90 were payments of 7/- and 2/6 to Robert CHIVERS' wife, £2.10/for a year's house rent, 7/- expenses in "taking" Robert and 6/- for bringing him home, 1/- for an oath, 3/6 for 2 warrants and 2/- Overseers' expenses. Accounts for 1790/1 record expenses of taking [apprehending] Robert CHIVERS at Bath and keeping him in the hold 2 nights and carrying him to gaol. This is followed by £3 expenses at Bridgwater [Sessions] for 5 days and 1 day in Bristol against Rob. CHIVERS. Relief of 3/- p.w. was then paid to Robert's wife for 49 weeks and £2.10/- rent. Vestry Minutes of 25 Apr 1791 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Sarah CHIVERS and family. This was paid for 50 weeks, together with £2.10/- rent and 10/- for Robert's daughter to go to service. In 1792/3 the Overseers again paid the rent of £2.10/-. In 1793/4 1/- was paid to Sarey CHIVERS in sickness and 2/- to Sarah to buy clothes for her child. In the following year was 1/- for Sarah's son and Sarah was also paid 9d. p.w. for looking after her mother in law Betty CHIVERS. In 1795/6 Robert's wife was given 9/- and 4/6 in sickness and loaned £1. 1/- in distress, to be repaid at 6d. p.w. out of the 1/- p.w. she was then allowed for looking after Betty. In 1796/7 was a payment to Mr DUDDEN for clothes for Sarah CHIVERS, 2/- to her in distress and she was loaned £1. 1/-, which she largely repaid within the year. In 1797/8 Sarah was given 1/- and 5/in distress and £2.10/- was paid to Mr LANSDOWN for 1 year's rent to lady day. In 1799/1800 Sarah was given 5/- in distress on 5 separate occasions. In 1800/1 Sarah CHIVERS was given several amounts in distress. This followed through into 1801/2 and from August onwards she received 1/- p.w. regularly. Vestry Minutes of 19 May 1802 approved relief of 1/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Sarah CHIVERS (referred to as the wife of Robert in 1814), which continued until 1816/7. Sarah CHIVERS received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on several occasions between 1793 and 1813. Minutes of 12 May 1816 agreed that Rob't CHIVERS was to have 1/6 p.w. and to do what he can. Minutes of 13 Jul 1817 agreed that Rob't CHIVERS should have 2/6 p.w. in lieu of 2/- as heretofore. On 12 Jul 1818 it was agreed that Robert CHIVERS' weekly pay should be raised from 2/- to 2/6 p.w. On 9 Aug Rob't CHIVERS applied to the Vestry for a blanket and was ordered to wait until the winter season commenced. On 1 Nov it was agreed that Rob't CHIVERS' daughter should have 6d. p.w. for the rent of Rob't CHIVERS' lodgings. Accounts for 1818/9 record relief of 2/- p.w. for 16 weeks and 2/6 for 36 weeks to Rob't CHIVERS and 2/- p.w. to Sarah CHIVERS for the whole year. This continued at varying amounts until 1821 when the separate relief is merged into 4/6 p.w. to Robert CHIVERS and wife plus 6d. p.w. rent. In 1824 relief was again shown separately as 2/6 p.w. to Robert CHIVERS and 2/- p.w. to his wife. Accounts show that Robert's relief continued until Dec 1825, when he died.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records Rob't CHIVERS as the occupier of a small tenement at the Batch (pt. 218 on the map), owned by James CHIVERS.

Robert CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 74 (sic), was buried at High Littleton 18 Dec 1825.

Overseers Accounts record the payment of 2/- p.w. relief to CHIVERS' widow for the remainder of 1825/6. This increased to 3/- p.w. in 1827 and ended in Jan 1832 with a note that she died on 13 Jan (sic).

Sarah CHIVERS, Paulton, aged 86, was buried at Paulton 8 Jan 1832.]

[next page]

(Copy). County of Somerset to Wit.

The Examination of James CHIVERS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, touching the place of the last legal Settlement of the before named Mercy CHIVERS, Spinster, taken upon Oath this [blank] day of [blank] 1845, before us the undersigned [blank] and [blank], the said two Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset.

Who, upon his Oath, saith as follows, viz't: I am about 72 years of age, and am Parish Clerk of the said Parish of High Littleton. My Father's Name was Samuel CHIVERS (commonly called the Doctor), who had a younger Brother named Robert, who was the Father of Sampson CHIVERS, the father of the Pauper Mercy CHIVERS. My Father and my said Uncle Robert were two sons of John CHIVERS and Elizabeth his Wife. My said Grandfather and Grandmother had several other Children, namely John, Thomas, James, Josiah, Joseph and Ann, all of whom I knew. The John CHIVERS and Elizabeth his Wife and their sons, John, Samuel and Thomas, named in the Certificate now produced by John BLINMAN, were my said Grandfather and Grandmother, and my Father Samuel CHIVERS and my Uncles John and Thomas CHIVERS. My Uncle Robert CHIVERS, being a younger Brother to my said Father and two last mentioned Uncles, must have been born after the date of the said Certificate. I knew my said Grandmother Elizabeth CHIVERS well. She was a Midwife. She died at High Littleton aforesaid upwards of forty years ago. I have heard my said Father say that his Father John CHIVERS originally came from Kilmersdon, and was Bailiff at Heighgrove Coal Work in High Littleton and was killed there many years ago, and that his (my Father's) Mother's Maiden Name was CARTER and that she lived in Clutton Parish. The Certificate of Marriage marked "C", now produced by John BLINMAN, relates to the marriage of my said Grandfather and Grandmother, both now deceased. My Father and all his Brothers and Sisters are all dead. My Uncle Robert married Sarah BROOKES, by whom he had several Children besides said Sampson CHIVERS. My said Uncle Robert and my said Aunt Sarah his Wife lived together at High Littleton as Man and Wife for many years. My Nephew Joseph CHIVERS of Timsbury, Son of my Elder Brother Thomas CHIVERS, and his Family have lately been removed by Timsbury Parish to that of Kilmersdon, and the Order for such removal has been lately confirmed at the Somerset Quarter Session, where I was examined as a Witness. Sarah CHIVERS, Widow of my Cousin Jeremiah CHIVERS, Son of my Uncle Thomas CHIVERS, has also been lately removed by High Littleton Parish to that of Kilmersdon. I never knew my said Uncle Robert do any thing to gain a Settlement in his own right. I now produce a Paper marked "I", which is a true Copy of an Entry in the Baptismal Register Book of the Parish of Camerton in the said County of Somerset, and which I examined and compared with the Original Entry in such Book, on the twenty fourth day of November Instant. I believe such Entry last mentioned relates to the Baptism of Sampson CHIVERS, Father of the Pauper, Mercy CHIVERS. I believe that the Entry in the Marriage Register Book of High Littleton Parish, of which John BLINMAN now produces a Copy marked "H", relates to the Marriage of my said Uncle Robert CHIVERS with Sarah (BROOKES), his Wife. I have heard my said Grandmother Elizabeth CHIVERS say that my Grandfather John CHIVERS, whilst living at High Littleton, regularly attended with his Family at the Independent Chapel at Chelwood in this County, as his and their usual Place of religious Worship. I believe the Extract, now produced by William WILLIAMS marked "K", refers to the Baptism of my said Uncle Robert CHIVERS. My late Father and his Family (including myself), for many years likewise attended the said Independent Chapel at Chelwood aforesaid, as his and our usual Place of religious worship, as did also several other of my Uncles and their Families.

[*Note*: James (born 26 Aug 1772) son of Samuel CHIVERS & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 9 Aug 1812. He had already been baptized 40 years previously. James son of Samuel CHIVERS, coal miner, High Littleton bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 4 Sep 1772. Samuel's wife was Elizabeth BAILY, whom he married at St. John, Bristol on 19 Jul 1756.

James CHIVERS otp married Hester HARRIS otp by banns at High Littleton 12 Apr 1795.

Hester dau. of William HARRIS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 22 May 1768.

Adam son of James CHIVERS & Hester bapt. at Farmborough 27 Mar 1796.

Eve dau. of James CHIVERS & Hester bapt. at High Littleton 25 Mar 1798. - She married William BULL at St. James, Bristol 29 Apr 1822 and after William's death in 1832 was removed from Paulton to High Littleton by Order dated 19 Mar 1833.

Abel son of James CHIVERS & Hester bapt. at High Littleton 14 Dec 1800. - He was not alive in 1845.

Jubal son of James CHIVERS & Hester bapt. at High Littleton 3 Jun 1804. - Family information says he married and had 3 or 4 children. Gabriel son of James CHIVERS & Hester bapt. at High Littleton 7 Oct 1807. - He died in Clutton Union Workhouse on 17 May 1885. James claimed to have had another child, who was dead by 1845.

The 1811 Census finds James CHIVERS living in High Littleton with 4 other males and 2 females in the household.

James CHIVERS was Parish Clerk of High Littleton from 1816 onwards.

The 1841 Census finds James CHIVERS, aged 65, shoemaker, Hester 70 and Gabriel 30, shoemaker, living in High Littleton.

James CHIVERS, shoemaker and parish clerk, (at some time of Vicarage House, High Littleton), received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on many occasions between 1799 and 1850.

James CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 78, was buried at High Littleton 8 Nov 1850.

Hester CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 83, was buried at High Littleton 19 Mar 1851.]

[Exhibit I]

(a) Copy of the Register of Baptisms in the Parish of Camerton for the year 1782. [Piece (a) was cut off the top of piece (b) but preserved as SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-10f.]

(b) Sampson son of Robert & Sarah CHIVERS bap'd Oct 27 1782.

(c) I hereby certify that the above is a true & correct copy of the Register of Baptisms in the Parish of Camerton for the year 1782. H'y JARRETT, Rector. [Piece (c) was cut off the bottom of piece (b) but preserved as SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-10g.]

[Reverse of (b)] - "I" Somerset to wit. 9th December 1845.

This is the Paper Writing marked "I" produced to us Justices by, and referred to in the Examination of, James CHIVERS on this day, upon an application for the removal of **Mercy CHIVERS**. Wm. C. JAMES, J. HIPPISLEY.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-10j. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-10k (Copy of (b) & Reverse).

[Below]

(Copy).

County of Somerset to Wit.

The Examination of William WILLIAMS, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Gentleman, touching the place of the last legal settlement of the before named Mercy CHIVERS, taken upon Oath, this [blank] day of [blank] 1845, before us [blank] and [blank], the said two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset.

Who, upon his Oath, saith as follows, viz't: I now produce an Order marked "E" of the Court of Quarter Session, held at the City of Wells in and for the County of Somerset on the 31st day of December last. It is signed "COLES" by Edward COLES, the Clerk of the Peace for the said County. I was Attorney for the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Timsbury in this County, who were the Respondents in the appeal mentioned in the said Order and I attended the Trial of such Appeal as such Attorney, upon which occasion the Certificate of Acknowledgement from the said Parish of Kilmersdon, now produced by John BLINMAN, was put in and received as Evidence to prove that John CHIVERS and Elizabeth his Wife and their Sons, John, Samuel and Thomas, therein named, were settled in the said Parish of Kilmersdon. And, it being proved by Evidence that Joseph CHIVERS, the Pauper named in the said Order of Court, was the Great Grandson of the said John CHIVERS, the said Court of Quarter Session confirmed the Order of removal mentioned in the Order of Court marked "E", and the said Pauper Joseph CHIVERS and his Wife and Family have since been removed to and accepted by the said Parish of Kilmersdon accordingly. The principal points and matters in issue in the said Appeal were, whether the Certificate of acknowledgement was a good and valid certificate and receivable in Evidence, and whether the said Joseph CHIVERS was the Grandson of Samuel CHIVERS and the Great Grandson of the said John CHIVERS, respectively mentioned in the said Certificate of Acknowledgement. And the said Court of Quarter Session decided and adjudged that the said Certificate of Acknowledgement was a good and valid Certificate and receivable in Evidence and also that the said Joseph CHIVERS was the Grandson of the said Samuel CHIVERS and was Great Grandson of the said John CHIVERS respectively mentioned in the said Certificate of Acknowledgement. I also now produce an Order marked "F" of the Court of Quarter Session held at Taunton in and for the County of Somerset, on the fourteenth day of October last. It is signed "COLES" by Edward COLES, the Clerk of the Peace for the said County. I was Attorney for the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton, who were the Respondents in the appeal mentioned in the last mentioned Order. The Order of removal of Sarah CHIVERS, Widow, mentioned in the said last mentioned Order of Court, was made upon proof before the removing Justices that she was the Widow of Jeremiah CHIVERS, the Son of Thomas CHIVERS, the Son of John CHIVERS and Elizabeth his Wife, mentioned in the said Certificate now produced by the said John BLINMAN, and which certificate was also then put in Evidence by the said John BLINMAN before the said removing Justices and received by them. I now also produce a Paper Writing marked "K", under the Seal of the General Register Office and dated the 29th day of November 1845, being a certified Extract of the Baptism of Robert, Son of John CHIVERS of High Littleton on the 15th May 1748, taken from the Register or Record, numbered 89 Somerset and entitled Register of Births etc. Independent Chapel, Chelwood.

[Note: William WILLIAMS was the local solicitor who acted for the Parish Officers of High Littleton. Born in Bristol c.1796/7 he married Mary Ann BAILEY at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol on 7 Sep 1816 and had 6 children. He moved to High Littleton and worked as a clerk in the Law Office of Richard LANGFORD, solicitor of Hallatrow. Following LANGFORD's death in 1826 William WILLIAMS and John HILL of Paulton took over the practice and operated as HILL & WILLIAMS. William WILLIAMS lived at Elm Cottage, Hart's Lane, Hallatrow until his death on 19 Jun 1851.]

[*Exhibit E*]

This Exhibit, which deals with the case of Joseph CHIVERS of Timsbury, has not survived but documents relating to the case can be found in the Quarter Sessions Rolls (SRO Q/SR 540). An Order was made on 4 Oct 1844 for the removal of Joseph CHIVERS and family from Timsbury to Kilmersdon. Kilmersdon appealed

against the Order and the appeal was duly heard at the Epiphany Sessions 1844-5. Amongst the documents submitted to the Court were a copy of the Order, the Grounds of Appeal and the Notice of Chargeability, which included the Examinations of Joseph CHIVERS, his father Thomas, John BLINMAN and George KEELING. The latter document, which includes the Examinations, and the Court's confirmation of the Order are reproduced below.

[Printed Form - Notice of Chargeability & Removal]

COUNTY of SOMERSET.

THE PARISH OF Timsbury in the said County of Somerset.

In the matter of Joseph CHIVERS, his Wife and Children, Paupers.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the above-named Joseph CHIVERS has, together with Maria his Wife and their eight children, namely Mary aged about fifteen years, Elizabeth aged about thirteen years, Eliza aged about eleven years, Louisa aged about nine years, William aged about seven years, Sarah aged about five years, Charles aged about three years and a female Infant aged about six Weeks, become chargeable to our said Parish of Timsbury and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your Parish of Kilmersdon as the place of their last legal settlement, (a Duplicate of which Order, and also a copy of the Examination upon which the same was made, are herewith sent to you): and Take Notice, that unless you appeal against the said Order, and within twenty-one days from the date hereof, duly serve Notice of such Appeal, the said Paupers will be removed to your said Parish of Kilmersdon in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this fourth day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Bartho'w SMITH, James GREGORY, Henry FLOWER, George KEELING, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Timsbury.

[Below]

COPY.

COUNTY OF SOMERSET, TO WIT.

THE <u>EXAMINATION</u> of **Joseph CHIVERS** now residing in the Parish of Timsbury in the County of Somerset, Coalminer, touching the place of his last legal settlement, taken upon Oath this fourth day of October 1844.

Who upon his Oath, saith as follows, viz. I am about forty years old, and was born as I have heard and believe in the Parish of Timsbury aforesaid. My Mother Eleanor CHIVERS died and was buried at Timsbury aforesaid about thirty three years ago. My Father Thomas CHIVERS is now living at Timsbury aforesaid. I have worked at the Coal pits all my Life and have done nothing to gain a Settlement in my own right. Nearly eighteen years ago I was married at St. James's Church in Bath, to Maria (WEST) my present Wife, by whom I have now nine children born in lawful Wedlock, namley (*sic*) Uriah aged about seventeen years, Mary aged about fifteen years, Elizabeth aged about thirteen years, Eliza aged about eleven years, Louisa aged about nine years, William aged about seven years, Sarah aged about five years, Charles aged about three years and a Female Infant aged six Weeks. The Mark of X Joseph CHIVERS.

Taken and Sworn before us the undersigned, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset. Wm. C. JAMES, J. Usticke SCOBELL.

[Note: Joseph son of Thomas & Eleanor CHIVERS bapt. at Timsbury 5 Sep 1802. He was baptized at the same time as his brother James and sister Rebecca.

Joseph CHIVERSx bach. otp married Maria WESTx spin. otp by banns at Lyncombe & Widcombe (solemnised at St. James, Bath) 12 Nov 1826.

Uriah son of Joseph & Maria CHIVERS, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Timsbury 3 Jun 1827.

Mary dau. of Joseph & Maria CHIVERS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 22 Jun 1828. She married James GULLICK at Timsbury 8 Aug 1853.

Elizabeth dau. of Joseph & Maria CHIVERS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 29 Aug 1830.

Eliza dau. of Joseph & Maria CHIVERS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1832.

Joseph CHIVERS (son of Thomas), coal miner of Kingwell (later of Timsbury) received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1832, 1834, 1837 and 1840. In applying in 1831 he said he had 3 children under 10.

Louisa dau. of Joseph & Anna Maria CHIVERS, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Timsbury 7 Jun 1835. She married James ANSTEE at Timsbury 10 Oct 1852.

William son of Joseph & Anna Maria CHIVERS, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Timsbury 28 May 1837.

Sarah dau. of Joseph CHIVERS & Anna Maria nee WEST was born at Timsbury 8 Oct 1839 (Birth Certificate). She married William GAY at Bath Register Office 20 Aug 1860.

The 1841 Census finds Joseph CHIVERS, aged 37, coal miner, Hannah M. 36, Uriah 14, coal miner, Mary 13, Elizabeth 10, Eliza 8, Louisa 6, William 4, Sarah 1 and James CHIVERS 44, coal miner (*Joseph's unmarried brother*), living in Timsbury.

Charles son of Joseph & Anna Maria CHIVERS, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Timsbury 5 Jun 1842.

Hester dau. of Joseph & Maria CHIVERS, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Timsbury 25 Dec 1844. - Hester CHIVERS, Timsbury, aged 4, buried at Timsbury 28 May 1848.

Rosanna dau. of Joseph & Maria CHIVERS, Timsbury, collier, bapt. at Timsbury 29 May 1848.

The following may be another of their children: George son of Joseph & Margaret (sic) CHIVERS, Timsbury, collier, bapt. at Timsbury 25 Dec 1849. George has not been located in the 1851 Census.

The 1851 Census finds Joseph CHIVERS, aged 47, coal miner, wife Maria 45, children Elizabeth 20, Louisa 16, William 13, Sarah 10, Charles 8, Rosana 2 and brother James 53, unmarried, living at Northfield, Timsbury. All except Elizabeth (born High Littleton) were born in Timsbury. Mary CHIVERS 22, born High Littleton, was a servant in the household of Richard GILL, coal miner, at Northfield and Eliza CHIVERS 18, born High Littleton, was a servant in the household of William COLES 39, grocer, in Timsbury. Joseph CHIVERS, Timsbury, aged 63, was buried at Timsbury 26 Sep 1865.]

[Below]

Copy.

County of Somerset to wit.

The <u>Examination of **Thomas CHIVERS**</u> now residing in the Parish of Timsbury in the County of Somerset, Coalminer, touching the place of the last legal settlement of his Son, the before named **Joseph CHIVERS**, taken upon Oath, this fourth day of October 1844; who upon his Oath saith as follows, viz.

I am about eighty years old, and was born, as I have heard and believe, in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. My Father's and Mother's Names were Samuel and Elizabeth CHIVERS. My Father used to be called Docter CHIVERS from his Innoculating People. My Father died and was buried at High Littleton aforesaid about forty five years ago, and my Mother died at my House at Timsbury aforesaid about thirty seven years ago, and was buried at High Littleton aforesaid, leaving me and other Children. I have heard my Father and Mother say they were married at Saint John's at Bristol and that I was baptized at the Parish Church of High Littleton. I lived in the said Parish of High Littleton with my said Father and Mother close to the Church until I was about twenty five years of age, when I married my first Wife Eleanor HOLBROOK, Daughter of William HOLBROOK, at the Parish Church of Timsbury aforesaid, when I lived for a very short time in the Parish of Farmborough in the County of Somerset, and then removed to the Parish of Timsbury aforesaid, where I have resided ever since, for the last fifty five years or thereabouts. I had seventeen Children by my said wife Eleanor, all born in lawful wedlock, in the said Parish of Timsbury. The before named Joseph CHIVERS, the Pauper now present, is one of our said seventeen children, and is about forty years old. I have worked all my Life at Coal Pit, except the last three or four years, when I became too old. For the last seventeen years I have also been a Letter Carrier from the Post Office at Timsbury to the surrounding villages. I have never hired myself as a Servant for a year, nor been apprenticed, nor rented to the amount of ten Pounds per year, nor served any Office, except that of Letter Carrier, nor possessed any Estate in Houses or Land, nor done any other Act to gain a Settlement in my own right. I do not know that my Son Joseph has done any act to gain a Settlement for himself. Upon the death of my said first wife, I married my present Wife, Mary WEST, a widow, about thirty three years ago, at the Parish Church of Walcot, in this County, by whom I have had seven children. At the time of my second Marriage, my said Wife Mary lived in the Parish House at Timsbury near the Inn, rent free. She was not a Tenant. I have heard in our Family, and believe, that my Father's Father John CHIVERS originally belonged to Kilmersdon, but came to work as a Coal Bailiff at Heighgrove Coal Pit in High Littleton, and was killed there very many years ago, leaving a widow and several Children. I remember that my said Grandmother had eight Children, named John, Samuel (my own Father), Thomas, James, Robert, Josiah, Joseph and Ann. I remember my Grandmother Elizabeth CHIVERS. She died and was buried at High Littleton about 47 years ago. I remember all my Father's said Brothers and Sister. My Uncle Thomas was killed at Tyning Coal Work in March 1796, and my Uncle John died at Timsbury in the year 1800. My Father and his Brothers John and Thomas were the three oldest of their Father's Family. I never knew that my Father gained a Settlement in his own right, but I believe he followed his Father John CHIVERS's Settlement. The Certificate now produced by Mr John BLINMAN relates to my said Grandfather and Grandmother and my said Father Samuel CHIVERS, and my Uncles John and Thomas CHIVERS as I believe. Thomas CHIVERS.

Taken and Sworn before us the said two Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset. Wm. C. JAMES, J. Usticke SCOBELL.

[Note: Thomas son of Samuel CHIVERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 23 Dec 1764.

Thomas CHIVERS bach, otp married Eleanor HOLBROOKE spin, otp by banns at Timsbury 4 Aug 1788.

William son of Thomas & Eleanor CHIVERS bapt. at Timsbury 4 Apr 1790. - William CHIVERS buried at Timsbury 21 Apr 1799.

Uriah son of Thomas & Eleanor CHIVERS bapt. at Timsbury 30 Jan 1792. - Uriah CHIVERS, Timsbury, aged 22 (sic), buried at Timsbury 18 Jul 1819.

Betty dau. of Tho's CHIVERS & Eleanor bapt. at High Littleton 26 May 1793. - Betty CHIVERS an infant from Timsbury buried at High Littleton 18 Aug 1793.

Overseers Accounts for 1794/5 record a payment to Tho's CHIVERS' wife towards her lying in. - Betty dau. of Thomas & Eleanor CHIVERS bapt. at Timsbury 31 Aug 1794.

Accounts record relief of 3/- p.w. for 11 weeks from 6 Jun 1794 and 4/6 p.w. for 32 weeks to 4 Apr 1795 to Thomas CHIVERS' wife. In addition there was a payment of £2.11. 9 to James COOMBS for ¾ year's house rent of Tho. CHEEVERS at Timsbury. Accounts for 1800/1 record 2/6 paid to Tho's CHIVERS in distress, then from early Mar 1801 3/- p.w., increasing to 4/- for several months, to Thomas CHIVERS in sickness or distress.

James son of Thomas & Eleanor CHIVERS bapt. at Timsbury 5 Sep 1802. He was born c.1796/7 and never married.

Joseph son of Thomas & Eleanor CHIVERS bapt. at Timsbury 5 Sep 1802. - He married Maria WEST at Lyncombe & Widcombe 12 Nov 1826

 $Rebecca\ dau.\ of\ Thomas\ \&\ Eleanor\ CHIVERS\ bapt.\ at\ Timsbury\ 5\ Sep\ 1802.\ -\ She\ married\ John\ TUCKER\ at\ Timsbury\ 27\ Jul\ 1820.$

Ann dau. of Thomas & Eleanor CHIVERS bapt. at Timsbury 4 Aug 1804.

Samuel son of Thomas & Eleanor CHIVERS bapt. at Timsbury 25 Dec 1807. - He married firstly Betty and secondly Maria.

Eleanor Holbrook dau. of Thomas & Eleanor CHIVERS bapt. at Timsbury 9 May 1811. - She probably died young.

Family information provided partly by Thomas in 1845 says that he had 17 children by Eleanor of whom Joseph was the eighth. This leaves 7 more to identify and it is likely that most of these must have died young, there being a number of unmatched burials in Timsbury. Eleanor CHIVERS was buried at Timsbury 9 May 1811. Thomas soon remarried.

Thomas CHIVERS widower otp married Mary WEST widow otp by banns at Walcot 24 Sep 1811.

William son of Thomas & Mary CHIVERS, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Timsbury 27 Sep 1812. - He married Phoebe HOLBROOK at Timsbury 11 Mar 1842.

John son of Thomas & Mary CHIVERS, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Timsbury 20 Feb 1814.

George son of Thomas & Mary CHIVERS, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Timsbury 26 Nov 1815. - He married Emma LINTERN at Timsbury 19 Mar 1837.

Eleanor dau. of Thomas & Mary CHIVERS, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Timsbury 29 Jun 1817. - Eleanor CHIVERS, Timsbury, aged 21, buried at Timsbury 15 Feb 1839.

Sarah dau. of Thomas & Mary CHIVERS, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Timsbury 3 Dec 1818. - Sarah CHIVERS, Timsbury, aged 1 week, buried at Timsbury 16 Dec 1818. Overseers Accounts record on 9 Dec 1818 relief to Thomas CHIVERS at Timsbury with sick wife and dead child, in great distress.

Vestry Minutes of 15 Oct 1820 agreed that CHIVERS, living in Timsbury with a large family and being brought to great distress through illness, should be allowed 10/-.

Mary CHIVERS, Timsbury, aged 65, was buried at Timsbury 12 Jun 1836.

Family information in 1845 says that Thomas had 7 children by his second wife, which leaves 2 unlocated.

The 1841 Census finds Thomas CHIVERS, aged 75, coal miner, living at the house of his son William 25, coal miner, in Timsbury.

Thomas CHIVERS (sometimes described as son of Sam'l and coal miner of Timsbury) received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on many occasions between 1797 and 1842.

Thomas was the Timsbury Postman for many years and was also known as "Tumbling Tom".

The 1851 Census finds Tho's CHIVERS, widower, aged 86, pauper, born High Littleton, living at Maggs' Cottages, Timsbury, in the house of his nephew Joseph HOLBROOK 49, widower, coal miner, born Timsbury and Joseph HOLBROOK's sister Phebe CHIVERS 37, born Timsbury.

Thomas CHIVERS, Timsbury, aged 87, was buried at Timsbury 14 Dec 1852.]

[Below]

Copy.

County of Somerset to Wit.

The Examination of John BLINMAN now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Yeoman, touching the place of the last legal settlement of the before named Joseph CHIVERS, taken upon oath this fourth day of October 1844; who upon his oath saith as follows, viz't.

I am about sixty four years of age, and have lived in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid all my Life. I am a son of the late John BLINMAN of Hallatrow in the said Parish and always lived with him till his Death. I usually assisted him to perform the Office of Overseer when he served it in the Parish of High Littleton. I remember hearing of Elizabeth CHIVERS, a widow, who died at High Littleton many years ago. She left several Sons and a Daughter, some of whom I knew, particularly Samuel and Josiah CHIVERS. Said Samuel CHIVERS and Betty his Wife were the Father and Mother of Thomas CHIVERS, now of Timsbury, the Father of Joseph CHIVERS the Pauper. Said Samuel CHIVERS (who was called the Doctor, from his Innoculating Children) died at High Littleton about forty five years ago, and said Betty his Wife died about 37 years ago. I am now one of the Churchwardens of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, and have been so for several years. I now produce a Certificate which I found in the Parish Chest in the Vestry Room at High Littleton on the thirteenth of September last. The following is a Copy of it, viz't.

Settlement Certificate from Kilmersdon, dated 27 Feb 1736/7 (reproduced as C27 near the end of this booklet). I believe the said Certificate, now produced, relates to John CHIVERS and Elizabeth his Wife, the Great Grandfather and Grandmother of the Pauper Joseph CHIVERS, now of Timsbury, and to their Sons John, Samuel and Thomas. I now produce an Extract from the Baptismal Register Book of the said parish of High Littleton, and which Extract I compared with the Original Entry in such Book in the Vestry Room of the said last mentioned Parish on the Thirtieth day of September last. The following is a true copy of such Extract, viz't.

"Baptisms in 1764.

Dec'r 23. Thomas son of Samuel & Betty CHIVERS."

I believe such Extract relates to Thomas the Father of the Pauper Joseph CHIVERS, both now present. John BLINMAN.

Taken and Sworn before us the said two Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset. Wm. C. JAMES, J. Usticke SCOBELL.

[*Note*: John BLINMAN was born at Hallatrow on 1 May 1780 the eldest child of John BLINMAN and his wife Ann COLLINS of Hallatrow Farm. John junior married Kezia EMERY at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol on 10 Sep 1810 and had 9 children, John, Henry, Elizabeth, Elizabeth (2), Joseph, James, William, George and Thomas Walter, between 1813 and 1834. He also farmed at Hallatrow Farm (later called Manor Farm). He was an Overseer of the Poor in 1822/3, a Churchwarden from 1830 to 1854 and died on 30 Jan 1855.]

[Below]

Copy.

County of Somerset to Wit.

The <u>Examination of George KEELING</u> now residing in the Parish of Timsbury in the County of Somerset, Yeoman, touching the place of the last legal settlement of the before named Joseph CHIVERS, taken upon Oath, this fourth day of October 1844; who upon his Oath saith as follows, viz't.

I am the Assistant Overseer of the Parish of Timsbury aforesaid. I now produce a Certificate of Chargeability, which relates to Joseph CHIVERS, the Pauper before named and his wife and Children. The following is a Copy of such Certificate, viz't.

"Schedule C.

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the Clutton Union in the County of Somerset do hereby certify that on the sixth day of September last Joseph CHIVERS and his Wife Maria and his Children Mary 15, Elizabeth 13, Eliza 11, Louisa 9, William 7, Sarah 5, Charles 3 years and an Infant 2 weeks, became chargeable to the Parish of Timsbury in the said Union, and still continue chargeable thereto.

In testimony whereof the Common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed at a Meeting of their Board this 4th day of October 1844. Signed Wm. C. JAMES, Presiding Chairman of the said Board. (Countersigned) Wm. REES MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of Clutton Union, Somerset." George KEELING.

Taken and Sworn before us the said two Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset. Wm. C. JAMES, J. Usticke SCOBELL.

Kilmersdon Appells. & Timsbury Responds. - Epiphany Session 1844-5.

Upon an Appeal to this Court by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the said County against an order under the hands and seals of Wm. C. JAMES and J. Usticke SCOBELL, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, made for the Removal of Joseph CHIVERS and Maria his wife and their eight Children, namely Mary aged about fifteen years, Elizabeth aged about thirteen years, Eliza aged about eleven years, Louisa aged about nine years, William aged about seven years, Sarah aged about five years, Charles aged about three years and a female Infant aged about six weeks, from the Parish of Timsbury to the said Parish of Kilmersdon, And upon hearing what is alleged in the Premises by the several Parties concerned and their Counsel and proved by them respectively, This Court doth order, adjudge and determine that the said order of Removal be confirmed and the same is hereby confirmed accordingly.

SRO Q/SO 23 198.

[Exhibits F and K]

14th October 1845. In re Sarah CHIVERS, Wo. Order of Somerset Quarter Session confirming Order of Removal from High Littleton to Kilmersdon.

[Printed Form]

"F" SOMERSET, (TO WIT.)

At the General Quarter Session of the Peace of our Lady the Queen, held at the Castle of Taunton in and for the County of Somerset, on Tuesday, the fourteenth Day of October in the ninth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of our Lord, 1845 before William MILES, Charles Aaron MOODY, Esquires, Chairmen, and others their Companions, Justices of our said Lady the Queen, assigned to keep the Peace of our said Lady the Queen in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, and also to hear and determine divers Felonies, Trespasses and other Misdemeanors committed in the same County,

Upon reading an Order made at the last Session, whereby an Appeal then entered by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the said County against an Order under the Hands and Seals of "Wm. C. JAMES" and "J. HIPPISLEY" two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County made for the Removal of **Sarah CHIVERS**, **Widow**, from the Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Kilmersdon was adjourned to the present Session, And the said Appeal coming on now to be heard, but the Appellants not appearing to prosecute the same, And upon Motion of Counsel for the respondents, THIS COURT doth Order and determine that the said Order of Removal be confirmed and the same is hereby confirmed accordingly. By the Court, COLES, Clerk of the Peace.

[Reverse] -. Somerset to wit. 9th December 1845. This is the Order marked "F" produced to us Justices by, and referred to in the Examination of William WILLIAMS on this day, upon an application for the Removal of Mercy CHIVERS. J. HIPPISLEY, Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-20.

May 15th 1748. Baptism of Robert CHIVERS, Son of John and Eliz'th CHIVERS at Chelwood Independent Chapel.

1748 - May 15 - **Robert - Jno. CHIVERS** - High Littleton.

Certified to be an Extract from the Register or Record numbered 89 Somerset and entitled Register of births etc. Independent Chapel, Chelwood and to be a true Copy of an entry contained therein; such Register or Record being one of the Registers or Records deposited in the General Register Office, under the Act of 3 and 4 Victoria, cap. 92, entitled "An Act for enabling Courts of Justice to admit non-parochial Registers as evidence of Births or Baptisms, Deaths or Burials, and Marriages."

Given at the General Register Office, and stamped with the Seal of the said Office, the 29 day of November One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty five. (K).

[Reverse] - "K" Somerset to Wit, 9th December 1845.

This is the Paper Writing marked "K" produced to us by, and referred to in the Examination of, William WILLIAMS on this day, upon an application for the removal of **Mercy CHIVERS**. J. HIPPISLEY, Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-19. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-10l (Copy).

(Copy).

County of Somerset to Wit.

The Examination of Henry BLINMAN, now residing in the Parish of Cam[e] ley in the County of Somerset, Yeoman, touching the place of the last legal settlement of the before named Mercy CHIVERS, taken upon Oath, this [blank] day of [blank] 1845, by and before us [blank] and [blank], the said two Justices of the Peace in and for the said County.

Who, upon his Oath, saith as follows, viz't: I am the Assistant Overseer of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset. The said Parish of High Littleton forms a part of the Clutton Poor Law Union. Said Mercy CHIVERS is now residing in the said Parish of High Littleton. I now produce a Certificate of Chargeability, which relates to the said Mercy CHIVERS, who is the same Person as is mentioned in the said Certificate. The following is a Copy of such Certificate, viz't:

Schedule (C).

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the Clutton Union in the County of Somerset do hereby certify, that on the 7th day of November instant, **Mercy CHIVERS** became chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union.

In Testimony whereof the common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed at a Meeting of their Board, this 5th day of December 1845. (Signed) Wm. C. JAMES, Presiding Chairman of the said Board.

(Countersigned) Wm. REES-MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of Clutton Union, Somerset.

[Note: Henry BLINMAN was born at Hallatrow on 25 Aug 1814 the second son of John BLINMAN of Hallatrow Farm. He married Selina BLINMAN at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol on 14 Nov 1843, had 7 children and died at Farrington Gurney on 1 Oct 1893. After marrying, he lived at Temple Cloud, where he farmed at first before becoming an auctioneer and moved to Farrington Gurney c.1854. He was appointed Assistant Overseer of High Littleton in March 1843 and resigned in 1848. Unlike the office of Overseer, which was an annual one and unpaid, the Assistant Overseer was not subject to annual rotation, did most of the Overseers' work and was remunerated. For his services Henry BLINMAN received 4d. in the £ of the rates he collected.]

[Exhibit]

[Printed Form - <u>Certificate of Chargeability</u>]

Schedule (C.)

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the CLUTTON UNION, in the County of Somerset, do hereby Certify, that on the 7th day of November last **Mercy CHIVERS** became chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union, and still continues so chargeable thereto.

In Testimony whereof the Common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed, at a Meeting of their Board, this 5th day of December 1845. (Signed) Wm. C. JAMES, Presiding Chairman of the said Board.

(Countersigned) Wm. REES MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of Clutton Union, Somerset.

[Below] - 1845 December 9th, Somerset to wit.

This is the Certificate of Chargeability produced to us Justices by, and referred to in the Examination of, Henry BLINMAN on this day, upon an application for the removal of **Mercy CHIVERS**. J. HIPPISLEY, Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-18.

102. An Order dated 3rd February 1846 was made to remove **Jane SMITH** from High Littleton to Farrington Gurney.

Overseers Accounts record on 3 Feb 1846 a payment to Geo. SMITH on the examination of Jane SMITH. A bill from HILL & WILLIAMS, solicitors (SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-40) includes: Jan 25 1846 - Examination of Jane SMITH 5/-, Journey to High Littleton to take same 3/-, Letter to Magistrate to procure his attendance to take her Examination (she being ill) and Messenger 4/6, Report by such Magistrate of having taken such Examination to Petty Session 1/-, Feb - Examination of George SMITH & Henry BLINMAN in support 4/-, Feb 2 - Journey to Farrington Gurney to procure Evidence of Thomas SMITH and William SMITH in support of Order for removal of Jane SMITH 7/6, Orders of Removal 4/-, Exhibit 1/-, Notices 3/-, Copies of Examinations 3/-, Suspension endorsed 2/-. None of the Examinations or Notices have survived and Jane SMITH was presumably not removed as she died in High Littleton 3 weeks later.

[Order to Remove]

CLUTTON UNION,

To The Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union, and to such other the Officers of the said Parish as these may concern. You are hereby ordered to take necessary steps to remove Thomas BRACEY and his Wife to their last legal settlement. Also to take the necessary steps to remove **Jane SMITH** to her last legal settlement.

And you are hereby further ordered to report in writing to the Board of Guardians, to be held on Friday 30th day of January instant, by Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, what you shall have done in pursuance of this Order. In testimony whereof the common seal of the said Guardians of the said Union was hereunto affixed at a Meeting of the Board, this 16th day of January 1846. Wm. C. JAMES, Presiding Chairman of the said Board. Wm. REES MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the Clutton Union. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-15b.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Farrington Gurney in the County of Somerset.

SOMERSET. (TO WIT)

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto Us, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That **Jane SMITH, Spinster** has come to inhabit in the said Parish of High Littleton not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere, and is now actually become chargeable to and has been relieved by the same; WE, the said Justices, upon the Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Jane SMITH, George SMITH and Henry BLINMAN by and before us the said Justices upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the Place of the legal Settlement of the said Jane SMITH to be in the Parish of Farrington Gurney in the County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in Her Majesty's Name to require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Jane SMITH from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Farrington Gurney and her deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of them, together with this our Order, or a true Copy thereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for her according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the third Day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six. Wm. C. JAMES, J. HIPPISLEY.

[Reverse] - WHEREAS it doth appear unto us John HIPPISLEY and William Coxeter JAMES Esquires the Justices within named, that Jane SMITH the Pauper within Ordered to be Removed is at present unable to travel by reason of Sickness and Infirmity, WE do therefore hereby suspend the execution of the within Order of Removal until it shall be made appear that the same may be safely executed without danger.

GIVEN under our Hands the third Day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty six, Wm. C. JAMES, J. HIPPISLEY.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-47.

 $[\textit{Note}: Jane\ dau.\ of\ George\ \&\ Elizabeth\ SMITH,\ Farrington\ Gurney,\ carpenter,\ bapt.\ at\ Farrington\ Gurney\ 1\ Feb\ 1821.$

The 1841 Census finds Jane SMITH, aged 20, living in High Littleton with her father George SMITH, aged 50, carpenter and mother Betsy 50, sister Ann 15, brother George 10 and sister Mary's bastard son John 2 months.

Jane SMITH, High Littleton, aged 25, was buried at High Littleton 26 Feb 1846.

The 1851 Census finds Jane's parents George SMITH 68, born Farrington Gurney and Betty 62, born Oak, still living in High Littleton.]

103. Steps were taken for the removal of <u>Thomas PRATTEN</u> and family and <u>Susannah PRATTEN</u> from High Littleton to Holcombe in March 1846.

A bill from HILL & WILLIAMS, solicitors, includes: Mar 1846 - Attendance on Assistant Overseer as to orders of removal of Thomas PRATTEN and Wife and Family and of his Daughter Susannah PRATTEN to Holcombe and advising on necessary Evidence to be procured etc. (SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-39). There is nothing else surviving to suggest that a removal order was executed.

[Note: See previous removal of the PRATTEN family to Holcombe by Order dated 24 June 1834.]

104. An Order dated 5th May 1846 was prepared for the removal of <u>Thomas CHIVERS</u> from High Littleton to [Kilmersdon probably intended].

No papers survive for this order and it may not have been executed. The only evidence of an Order comes from Exhibits C, D, F and G below. The exhibits lead one to the conclusion that the Thomas CHIVERS concerned, was Samuel's son, born in 1764, who had lived in Timsbury for over 50 years. The circumstances whereby High Littleton were seeking to remove him are not apparent.

(C) Page 37. Marriages 1731. **John CHIVERS** of Kilm'sdon & Elizabeth CARTER were married by Certificate May 16.

[Reverse] - "C" Somerset to wit. 5 May 1846.

This Paper was this day produced to us the undersigned Justices by John BLINMAN on an application for the Removal of **Thomas CHIVERS** to the place of his last legal Settlement, and referred to in his Examination this day as Marked "C". Wm. C. JAMES, J. HIPPISLEY.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-10a.

[Note: These are Thomas CHIVERS' grandparents who came to High Littleton with a Certificate from Kilmersdon dated 27 Feb 1736/7.]

Baptisms in 1764. [pencil note on reverse - High Littleton register.]

Dec'r 23 Thomas son of Samuel & Betty CHIVERS. D.

[Reverse] - "D" 1846 May 5th. Somerset to wit.

This is the Extract marked D produced to us Justices by, and referred to in the Examination of, John BLINMAN on this day, upon application for the removal of **Thomas CHIVERS**. Wm. C. JAMES, J. HIPPISLEY. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-22a.

[Note: The above is Thomas' baptism.]

14th October 1845. In re Sarah CHIVERS, Wo. Order of Somerset Quarter Session confirming Order of Removal from High Littleton to Kilmersdon.

[Printed Form]

"F" SOMERSET, (TO WIT.)

At the General Quarter Session of the Peace of our Lady the Queen, held at the Castle of Taunton in and for the County of Somerset, on Tuesday, the fourteenth Day of October in the ninth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of our Lord, 1845 before William MILES, Charles Aaron MOODY, Esquires, Chairmen, and others their Companions, Justices of our said Lady the Queen, assigned to keep the Peace of our said Lady the Queen in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, and also to hear and determine divers Felonies, Trespasses and other Misdemeanors committed in the same County,

Upon reading an Order made at the last Session, whereby an Appeal then entered by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the said County against an Order under the Hands and Seals of "Wm. C. JAMES" and "J. HIPPISLEY" two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County made for the Removal of **Sarah CHIVERS**, **Widow**, from the Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Kilmersdon was adjourned to the present Session, And the said Appeal coming on now to be heard, but the Appellants not appearing to prosecute the same, And upon Motion of Counsel for the respondents, THIS COURT doth Order and determine that the said Order of Removal be confirmed and the same is hereby confirmed accordingly. By the Court, COLES, Clerk of the Peace.

[Below] - Somerset to wit, 5th May 1846.

This is the Order marked "F" produced to us Justices by, and referred to in the Examination of, William WILLIAMS on this day, upon an application for the Removal of **Thomas CHIVERS**. Wm. C. JAMES, J. HIPPISLEY.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-20.

The Register of Banns and Marriages Published or Solemnized in the Parish of St. John, Baptist, Pursuant to the Form Prescribed by an Act of Parliament Passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of King George II Intitled An Act for the better Preventing of Clandestine Marriages. London. Printed in the Year MDCCLIV. [The Year 1756] Page 5.

No. 25. Banns of Marriage between **Samuel CHIVERS** of this Parish and Elizabeth BAILY of the same, Spinster, were published on the three Sundays underwritten; That is to say, On Sunday, the fourth of July 1756 by me B. HANCOCK, Curate. On Sunday, the eleventh of July 1756 by me W. DAVIES, A.M. On Sunday, the eighteenth of July 1756 by me R. PENROSE. Mar. 19 July. "G" [The Year 1756] Page 5.

No. 20. **Samuel CHIVERS** of this Parish, Coal-Miner and Elizabeth BAILY of the same, Spinster were Married in this Church by Banns this nineteenth Day of July in the Year one Thousand Seven Hundred and fifty six by me Benjamin HANCOCK, curate.

This Marriage was solemnized between Us. Samuel CHIVERS, the mark X of Elizabeth BAILY.

In the Presence of Richard DIX, the mark X of John HOWELL.

[Reverse] - 1846 May 5, Somerset to wit.

This is the Extract marked "G" produced to us Justices by, and referred to in the Examination of, William WILLIAMS on this day upon an application for the removal of **Thomas CHIVERS**. Wm. C. JAMES, J. HIPPISLEY.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-10.

[Note: This couple are Thomas CHIVERS' parents.

Samuel was born c.1734 the second son of John CHIVERS and his wife Elizabeth CARTER. He is named as one of their children in a Certificate dated 27 Feb 1736/7 from Kilmersdon to High Littleton.

Samuel CHIVERS, coal miner otp married Elizabeth BAILY, spinster otp by banns at St. John, Bristol 19 Jul 1756.

John son of Sam'll CHIVERS & Eliza'th bapt. at High Littleton 5 Jun 1757. - He married firstly Betty BULL at High Littleton 15 Nov 1779 and secondly Elizabeth ANSTEY, widow of Babington, at Timsbury 26 Jan 1795.

Samuel son of Samuel & Elizabeth CHIVERS bapt. at Timsbury 30 Aug 1761 and Samuel son of Samuel CHIVERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 31 Aug 1761. - He married Rachel STICKLAND at High Littleton 10 Oct 1787.

Thomas son of Samuel CHIVERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 23 Dec 1764. - He married firstly Eleanor HOLBROOK at Timsbury 4 Aug 1788 and secondly Mary WEST at Walcot 24 Sep 1811.

Vestry Minutes of 29 Sep 1766 agreed that Samuel CHIVERS should have 2 bushels of wheat for the week at a subsidised price of 5/6 per bushel

James son of Samuel CHIVERS, coal miner, High Littleton, bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 4 Sep 1772 and James (born 26 Aug 1772) son of Samuel CHIVERS & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 9 Aug 1812. - He married Hester HARRIS at High Littleton 12 Apr 1795.

Samuel CHIVERS received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on 3 occasions between 1794 and 1798.

Samuel CHIVERS was called "the Doctor" and Overseers Accounts record scores of payments to him for treatment of poor parishioners. In particular he innoculated hundreds of people against smallpox.

Samuel CHIVERS was buried at High Littleton 21 Apr 1799.

Overseers Accounts record on 21 Mar 1801 1/- paid to Betty CHIVERS in distress and thereafter 1/- p.w. Accounts for 1801/2 record relief to Betty of 1/- p.w. for 13 weeks, 2/- for 10 weeks and 1/6 for 31 weeks. Vestry Minutes of 19 May 1802 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Betty CHIVERS. This was increased to 2/- p.w. in 1806 and ended in 1807.

Betty received blankets from Mary JONES' Charity in 1801 (Doctor CHIVERS' widow) and 1804 (Sam'l CHIVERS' widow).

Betty CHIVERS was buried at High Littleton 17 Mar 1807. - Overseers Accounts for 1807 show that the parish paid her funeral expenses.]

105. By Order dated 9th May 1846 the Settlement of <u>Thomas BRACEY</u> was adjudged as being in St. Philip & Jacob, Bristol

Overseers Accounts record on 25 Aug 1846 expenses of a journey to Bristol on the examination of Thomas BACEY (*sic*) and on 25 Mar 1847 is a payment to HILL & WILLIAMS, Solicitors, for processing the examination of Thomas BRACEY and wife. Their Bill, which contains the names of several relatives and other details, is reproduced below and demonstrates the costs sometimes involved in establishing a pauper's settlement. An earlier bill from HILL & WILLIAMS (SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-40) includes Jan 19 1846 - Attending Thomas BRACEY & Wife & taking various particulars as to necessary Evidence to prove his settlement 6/8, Attending Churchwarden, advising on further Evidence to prove his settlement 6/8.

The Parish of High Littleton Dr. - To HILL & WILLIAMS.

1846

March

Attendance on Assistant Overseer as to orders of removal of Thomas PRATTEN and Wife and Family and of his Daughter Susannah PRATTEN to Holcombe and advising on necessary Evidence to be procured etc. *[Not the BRACEY case]* Attending Churchwarden, advising on Evidence as to Thomas BRACEY's

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		Settlement (a Lunatic), when it became necessary for us to make various Enquiries				
		etc. in Bristol to prove same			6	8
Mar	5th	Journey to Bristol, attending Mrs FERRIS in Temple Street, afterwards at Mr READ's				
		in Queen Square, afterwards in Nicholas Street Market, afterwards in Stapleton Road,				
		making enquiries to obtain Evidence of such [Thomas BRACEY's deleted] Settlement	*Taxed off 10/6	2	2	0
	6th	Journey to Bristol Hotwells and afterwards at Bristol Registry Office perusing Will	1 asica 0,5 10,0	_	-	Ü
		of Thomas ARNOLD, afterwards attending Messrs GILLARD and FLOOK, Sol'rs,				
		afterwards Mrs FERRIS, for same purpose		1	11	6
	16th	Attending at Mrs FERRIS's in Temple St., Bristol, to peruse Registers etc. as to Family				
		of BRACEY she promised to find, but she found she had handed them to Messrs CORNISH and PARNELL some years ago, but obtaining further information as to her				
		Family from her Sister [blank] BRACEY	* Taxed off 6/8		6	8
		Attending Mr Brooke SMITH a long time, endeavouring to obtain particulars of	3,3			
		Property from him, when we at length found it advisable to see Messrs GREGORY				
		& Sons, Sol'rs			6	8
		Attending them accordingly, when they undertook to look up Deeds and papers for us by to morrow	*Taxed off 6/8		6	8
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	*Taxed off 3/6		3	6
		Attending at St. Phillip's Church, Bristol, searching Registers for various entries	33			
		-2 Hours			13	4
A:1	17	Attending Mrs EDWARDS a long time, taking down her Statement as to Family etc.			10	0
April		Attending Messrs GREGORY & Sons, going thro' Deeds and papers in thei possession and obtaining information as to property belonging to Ann BRACEY				
		deceased - a long time			10	0
	24th	Attending Clutton Board of Guardians, making application for and obtaining Order				
		for relieving Officer to make application for Order adjudicating Thomas BRACEY's				
		Parish Letter to C.C. LANGWORTHY English for names at a of visiting Justices at a 8-paid			10 3	6 7
	25	Letter to C.C. LANGWORTHY Esq're for names etc. of visiting Justices etc. & paid Letter to Mr PHILLIPS, Chippenham, Clerk to Justices, for Appointment to attend at			3	,
	20	Box to obtain Orders etc. & paid	*Taxed off 3/7		3	7
Apr	28	Having received Letter from Mr PHILLIPS, writing him in reply and paid			3	7
		Letter to Agents for S'pae and paid	*Taxed off 3/7		3	7
		Letter to Mrs EDWARDS to meet us at Hotwells and paid Precipe for S'pae and attending			3	7 4
		S'pae			8	4
		Agents' Letter to us therewith & paid	*Taxed off 3/8		3	8
	30	Journey to Bristol Hotwells, searching out Hannah ARNOLD, Cousin of Pauper, and				
		Examining her, and also Mrs GARDINER and Mrs EDWARDS, several Hours, in		1	1.1	
		order to obtain Confirmatory Evidence to support Order - Horse & Expences Drawing long and Special Examination of Mrs Mary EDWARDS - 12 fos.		1	11 12	6 0
		Fair Copy			4	0
		Same and Copy of Eleanor BRACEY - 7 fos.			9	4
		Same and Copy of Mr John DUDDEN - 9 fos.	*Taxed off 3/-		12	0
Mov	5th	Same of Hannah ARNOLD (who refused to be sworn) - 10 fos. Letter to Doctor LANGWORTHY for Copy Order etc. for sending Lunatic to his			13	4
May	Jui	House & pd.			3	7
	6th	Copy and Service of S'pae on Ann EDWARDS in Bristol - 12 Miles			17	0
		Attending Mr CHICK, Assistant Overseer of Out Parish of St. Philip & Jacob, at his				
		House in Stapleton Road to obtain sight of old Parish Books to prove ownership etc.				
		of House by Thomas BRACEY & Wife and relief of latter by that Parish and names etc. of present Parish Officers and correct description of Parish and Union, when we				
		obtained the two latter but, as to the Books, he referred us to the Parish Attorney				
		Mr Charles LATCHAM etc.	*Taxed off 3/4		10	0
		Attending at Mrs KINGSDON at the New Prison, Gloucester Road, to ascertain if				
		she had brought to her recollection any further facts to prove possession etc. of Property			6	8
		Attending twice on Mr CHRISTOPHER at his House in Lower Easton, a former			O	O
		Assistant Overseer of the Parish, to obtain confirmatory proof of possession etc. of				
		House by Tho's BRACEY & Wife but he had no sufficient recollection of the			4.0	
		facts etc. Attending Mrs Harriet BAILEY, 25 Tabernacle Street, Bristol, twice to obtain such	*Taxed off 6/8		10	0
		confirmatory Evidence but with the same result	*Taxed off 6/8		6	8
		Attending the Rev'd Mr DAY at his House in Portland Square and with him				
		afterwards to St. Philip's Church and searching Register Books for, and obtaining				
		Extract of, Baptism of Thomas BRACEY the pauper, the former Extract turning out			6	0
	7th	to be of an Elder deceased Brother of his of the same name Drawing Special Order of Adjudication of Settlement - fo. 7			6 7	8
		Engrossing Order and 2 Duplicates			7	0
		Letter to Mr PHILIPS, fixing attendance for Saturday and paid			3	7
14	O+1-	Copy and Service S'pae on Eleanor BRACEY at Paulton			6	0
May	ЯШ	Journey to Box with Mr John DUDDEN and obtaining Orders of Adjudication made by Justices etc. (Mr Jno. DUDDEN pd. Expences)	*Taxed off 10/6	2	2	0
		o, vacates ea. (in the Debber pa. Expences)	Tunca Ojj 10/0	_	_	0

	18th	Copies of Examinations and Exhibits to serve - fo. 38 Journey to Bristol, serving Order of Adjudication on Parish Officers of St. Philip &			17	8
	1001	Jacob (without) with Copies of Examinations and Exhibits		1	11	6
		Letter to Mr PHILIPS with Cheque for his Bill & paid			3	7
		Attending at High Littleton etc. to procure Account of Expences of Maintenance and				
		obtain attendance of Mr DUDDEN Relieving Officer at Petty Session to prove				
		Order etc.			6	8
July	3rd	Journey to Bristol to serve order of Magistrates, procured for Expences of Thomas				
-		BRACEY and demand amount of Board of Guardians, Parish Officers etc.				
			*Taxed off 10/6	2	2	0
			33	$\frac{2}{24}$	$\frac{2}{17}$	2
		To Cash paid as follows, Viz't:	£ s d			
		Paid for Searches at Bishop's Registry	2 0			
		Paid for Searches at Saint St. (sic) Philip's Church, Bristol	3 6			
		Paid Mrs EDWARDS for loss of time	1 6			
		Paid Messrs GREGORY & Sons fee for searches etc.	13 4			
		Paid Mrs EDWARDS with S'pae etc.	10 0			
		Paid Rev'd Mr DAY for Extract of Baptism of Thomas BRACEY	3 6			
		Paid Eleanor BRACEY with S'pae	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			
		Paid Mr Joseph PHILIPS, Clerk to the Justices of Chippenham Division etc.	5 3 10			
		Paid Mr John DUDDEN for Gig Hire and Expences to Box, Turnpikes etc.	$\frac{1}{8}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{0}{8}$			
			$\frac{1}{8}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{0}{8}$			
				$\frac{8}{33}$	_3	_8
				33	0	10
Oct'r		Drawing and Engrossing Affidavit of Increase - fo			6	0
		Attending to be sworn and paid fee	*Taxed off 3/4		6 7 3	8
		Letter to Clerk of the Peace with Bill, Briefs etc. for taxation				6
		Carriage Parcel to him			2	2
		Paid his fee for taxation			12	0
		Paid Carriage Papers back			-	-
		Bill of Costs & Copy			10	0
		Copy for registrar			_ <u>5</u> 7 _ <u>2</u> _ <u>5</u>	_0 2 _2 _0
				35	7	2
			*Taxed off	_4	_2	_2
				<u>31</u>	_5	_0

I have taxed Messrs HILL and WILLIAMS's Bill herein as between Attorney and Client at thirty five pounds seven shillings and two pence and do allow the same at the Sum of thirty one pounds five shillings.

Dated this twenty third day of January 1847, Edwin LOVELL, Clerk of the Peace.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-39.

The Parish 1847	of High Littleton Dr To HILL & WILLIAMS.	£	s	d
March 2	6 Precepts to High Constables & Notices for Church Door of Petty Sessions for			
	hearing Appeals against Poor rates during the year 1846/7		6	0
	To Petty Sessions Lists sent you		2	_0
			8	0
	To Bill sent you	<u>31</u>	_5	_0
		31	13	_0

1847 March 26th - I acknowledge to have received the Sum of £31.13. 0 in account with Mr Henry BLINMAN, Assistant Overseer, and undertake to give a Stamped receipt for same, not having now one by me.

for HILL & Self. Wm. WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-39a.

1847 March 26th. Received of Mr Henry BLINMAN the Sum of Thirty one pounds thirteen shillings, the amount of the annexed Bill on the Parish of High Littleton, for Messrs HILL & WILLIAMS. John SMART.

£31.13.0 [Receipt - stamped 1s.]

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-39b.

[Certificate of Chargeability - Printed Form]

Schedule (C.)

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the CLUTTON UNION in the County of Somerset, do hereby Certify, that on the 15th day of January 1846, **Thomas BRACEY** and his Wife, Ellen became chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union, and still continue so chargeable thereto.

In Testimony whereof the Common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed, at a Meeting of their Board, this 16th day of January 1846. (Signed) Wm. C. JAMES, Presiding Chairman of the said Board.

(Countersigned) Wm. REES MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of Clutton Union, Somerset. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-15a.

[Order to Remove - Printed Form]

CLUTTON UNION,

To The Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union, and to such other the Officers of the said Parish as these may concern. You are hereby ordered to take the necessary steps to remove **Thomas BRACEY** and his Wife to their last legal settlement. Also to take the necessary steps to remove Jane SMITH to her last legal settlement.

And you are hereby further ordered to report in writing to the Board of Guardians, to be held on FRIDAY, the 30th day of January instant by Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, what you shall have done in pursuance of this Order.

In testimony whereof the common seal of the said Guardians of the said Union was hereunto affixed at a Meeting of the Board this 16th day of January 1846.

Wm. C. JAMES, Presiding Chairman of the said Board. Wm. REES MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the Clutton Union.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-15b.

[Printed Form - Lunatics. (8 & 9 Vict. c.126.) <u>Order of justices adjudging settlement</u>, under s.58. - London: SHAW AND SONS, Law Publishers, Fetter Lane.]

Wiltshire to wit.

To the Guardians of the Poor of the Clutton Union in the County of Somerset.

Whereas by a certain Order under the Hands of The Reverend Thomas Bryan JOHNSTONE, Clergyman of the Parish of Clutton in the County of Somerset, in the said Clutton Union, and John DUDDEN, Relieving Officer of the said Clutton Union, in which the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, hereinafter mentioned, is situate, bearing date the twenty eighth Day of February One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Six, directed to Doctor C.C. LANGWORTHY, Proprietor of the House at Box in the County of Wilts. duly licensed for the reception of Lunatics, reciting that the said Clergyman and Relieving Officer, having called to their assistance a Surgeon and having personally examined Thomas BRACEY, a Pauper of the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union of Clutton and County of Somerset, and being satisfied that the said Thomas BRACEY was of unsound Mind and a proper Person to be confined, the said Clergyman and Relieving Officer thereby directed the said C.C. LANGWORTHY to receive the said Thomas BRACEY as a Patient into his said Licensed House, to which Order a Statement was subjoined according to the Form of the Statute in such Case made and provided:

And Whereas you, the said Guardians of the Poor of the said Union of Clutton, have this Day made application unto us, Thomas CLUTTERBUCK and Frederick William ROOKE Esquires, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Wilts. in which the said Licensed House is situate, to inquire into the last legal Settlement of the said Thomas BRACEY so ordered to be confined therein as aforesaid:

Whereupon we the said Thomas CLUTTERBUCK and Frederick William ROOKE, having this Day found that the said Thomas BRACEY is now so confined in the said Licensed House in pursuance of the said Order, did proceed to inquire into his last legal Settlement accordingly, and satisfactory evidence being now adduced before us as well by the Oaths of Ann EDWARDS, Wife of John EDWARDS and Sister of the said Thomas BRACEY, Eleanor BRACEY, Wife of the said Thomas BRACEY and the said John DUDDEN as otherwise, that the last legal Settlement of the said Thomas BRACEY is in the Parish of Saint Philip and Jacob (without), late in the County of Gloucester but now in the City and County of Bristol, in the Union of Clifton and County of Gloucester. We do therefore by this Order, under our Hands and Seals, adjudge the last legal Settlement of the said Thomas BRACEY to be in the said Parish of Saint Philip and Jacob (without), late in the County of Gloucester but now in the City and County of Bristol, in the Union of Clifton aforesaid, accordingly.

Given under our Hands and Seals the Ninth Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Six at Box in the said County of Wilts. Tho's CLUTTERBUCK, F.W. ROOKE. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-15.

[Note: Thomas BRACEY bach. otp married Eleanor SMALDON spin. otp by banns at Bedminster 27 Oct 1833.

The marriages of Mrs FERRIS and John EDWARDS mentioned previously are shown below:

Thomas FERRIS otp married Fanny BRACEY otp by banns at St. Paul, Bristol 8 Aug 1814.

John EDWARDS of married Ann BRACEY of by banns at Christ Church, Bristol 25 Mar 1826.

The 1841 Census finds Thomas BRACEY, aged 40, labourer and Ellen, 30, living in Paulton.]

106. An Order dated 21st November 1848 was made for the removal of **Solomon FEAR** from High Littleton to Timsbury.

The Examinations of Solomon FEAR, Henry BLINMAN and Mary BROWNING have not survived.

Vestry Minutes of 30 Mar 1849 resolve that the bills for Magistrates' Clerk's fees in settlements of Solomon FEAR and others be paid, but a bill from HILL & WILLIAMS of £5.12. 8 in relation to the settlement of Solomon FEAR be submitted to the Clerk of the Peace for taxation.

[Certificate of Chargeability - Printed Form]

Schedule (C.)

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the CLUTTON UNION, in the County of Somerset, do hereby Certify, that on the Sixth day of October 1848 **Solomon FEAR** became chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union, and still continues so chargeable thereto.

In Testimony whereof the Common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed, at a Meeting of their Board, this third day of November 1848. (Signed) J. HIPPISLEY, Presiding Chairman of the said Board.

(Countersigned) Wm. REES-MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of Clutton Union, Somerset.

[Reverse] - "C". This is the Certificate of Chargeability marked "C" referred to in the Examination of Henry BLINMAN, taken before us Justices, this twenty first day of November 1848, as to the Settlement of Solomon FEAR. J.U. SCOBELL, J. HIPPISLEY.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-49.

[Printed Form - Poor F. (Class 4.) Notice of Chargeability, Order of Removal, and Examination. London: SHAW and Sons, Law Publishers, Fetter Lane.]

[Notice of Chargeability]

PARISH OF High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of Solomon FEAR, Coal Miner.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Timsbury in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice, That the above-named Solomon FEAR now residing in this Parish has become and now is chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and is now receiving Relief from the said Parish, and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for his Removal to your Parish of Timsbury as the last place of legal Settlement, (a duplicate of which Order, and a Statement in writing under our hands setting forth the grounds of such removal including the particulars of the settlement relied upon in support thereof and on which the same was made are herewith sent). **And Take Notice**, That unless Notice of Appeal against the said Order be received by us within Twenty-one Days from the sending hereof, the said Pauper will be removed to your said Parish of Timsbury in pursuance of the said Order and no appeal against the same can afterwards be allowed.

DATED this twenty first Day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight. John BLINMAN, Wm. BEAK, Thomas HARRISON, Wm. ROBBINS, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton.

[Below - Order of Removal]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Timsbury in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

County of Somerset to wit.

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Names are hereunto set and Seals affixed, being Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Solomon FEAR, Coal Miner has come to inhabit, and is now inhabiting in the said Parish of High Littleton not having resided in the said Parish for Five Years next before the Application for this Warrant, and not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging him to be settled elsewhere, and that he is now actually chargeable to and is now receiving Relief therefrom: and that the Parish of Timsbury aforesaid is the place of his last legal Settlement: We, the said Justices, upon due Proof made thereof as well by Examination of Witnesses, to wit, of Solomon FEAR, Henry BLINMAN and Mary BROWNING upon Oath, as otherwise, and upon due consideration of the Premises do adjudge the same to be true, and that the place of the last legal Settlement of the said Solomon FEAR is in the said Parish of Timsbury in the said County of Somerset.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's name, to require and order that at such time and in such manner as by Law is provided and directed in that behalf, you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, do remove and convey the said Solomon FEAR from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Timsbury and him deliver, together with this our Order or a Duplicate or true Copy thereof, unto the Overseers of the Poor there, or one of them, who are hereby required to receive and provide for him according to Law.

Given under our Hands and Seals, at Clutton in the County of Somerset, the twenty first Day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight. J.U. SCOBELL, J. HIPPISLEY. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-49a.

[Exhibits with Henry BLINMAN's Examination]

Baptisms 1785. August 7th. Solomon Son of William and Jane FEAR.

Extracted from the Register of Baptisms for the parish of Timsbury, Nov'r 7th 1848, by me Richard HILL, Rector of Timsbury. [This sentence later deleted].

[Reverse] - "B". This is the Extract marked "B" from the Register Book of Baptisms in the Parish Church of Timsbury, Somerset referred to in the Examination of Henry BLINMAN, taken before us this twenty first day of November 1848, as to the Settlement of Solomon FEAR. J.U. SCOBELL, J. HIPPISLEY.

No. 3. William FEAR of this parish and Jane CHIVERS of this parish were married in this Church by Banns, this fourth day of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty four by me, Will'm Brudenell BARTER, Rector.

This Marriage was Solemnized between us - Wm. FEAR [sgd.], The mark of X Jane FEAR late Jane CHIVERS. In the presence of Samuel ANSTY, William CHIVERS.

I certify this entry No. 3 to be a correct copy of the entry so numbered in the marriage register book of the parish of Timsbury. Witness my hand this 7th day of November 1848, Richard HILL, Rector of Timsbury. [This certificate later deleted].

[Reverse] - "A". This is the Extract marked "A" from the Registry of Marriages of Timsbury, Somerset, referred to in the Examination of Henry BLINMAN, taken before us this 21st day of November 1848, as to the Settlement of Solomon FEAR. J.U. SCOBELL, J. HIPPISLEY. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-49b.

Statement of Grounds of Removal and Particulars of Settlement.

Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of **Solomon FEAR**.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Timsbury in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice, that the following is a Statement of the Grounds for the Removal of the before named Solomon FEAR to your Parish of Timsbury under the Order of Justices and Notice of Chargeability of which Duplicates are herewith sent to you, and also the Particulars of the Settlement relied upon in support thereof, (that is to say) The Grounds of such Removal, are that the said Solomon FEAR has come to Inhabit, and is now Inhabiting in our Parish of High Littleton, but has not resided in such Parish for five years next before the Application made to the Justices for the said Order of Removal, and is not otherwise Irremovable therefrom and has not gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate acknowledging him to be settled elsewhere; and that he is now actually chargeable to our said Parish of High Littleton, and is now receiving Relief therefrom; and that your said Parish of Timsbury is the Place of his last legal Settlement.

And the Particulars of the Settlement relied upon in support of the said Order of Removal are that the said Solomon FEAR was born in your said Parish of Timsbury in or about the Month of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty five; and that he has acquired no other Settlement in his own right, and that the Place of Settlement of his Father William FEAR deceased is unknown, and that the Maiden Settlement of his Mother Jane FEAR deceased (formerly Jane CHIVERS, Spinster, a Daughter of John CHIVERS and Martha his Wife, both deceased) was in your said Parish of Timsbury, by Birth and Parentage.

Dated this twenty first day of November 1848. John BLINMAN, Wm. BEAK, Thomas HARRISON, Wm. ROBBINS, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-49c.

[Note: Solomon son of William & Jane FEAR bapt. at Timsbury 7 Aug 1785.

Solomon FEAR bach. of Timsbury married Mary YEATES x spin. of Lyncombe & Widcombe by banns 1 Jan 1820 (in Lyncombe & Widcombe Register but solemnized at St. James, Bath).

Jane dau. of Solomon & Mary FEAR, Ridings, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Jun 1820. - Jane FEAR, High Littleton, aged 9 months, buried at High Littleton 9 Jan 1821.

Sarah dau. of Solomon & Mary FEAR, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 3 Jun 1821. - Sarah FEAR, High Littleton, aged 6 months, buried at High Littleton 18 Oct 1821.

Mary FEAR, High Littleton, aged 28, was buried at High Littleton 9 Sep 1821.

The 1841 Census finds Solomon FEAR, aged 55, coal miner, living at Timsbury in the house of Mary BROWNING.

The 1851 Census finds Solomon FEAR, widower, aged 66, coal miner (pauper), born Timsbury, living at High Littleton Cottage as a lodger of Mary BROWNING, widow, 60, schoolmistress, born Timsbury. Although no relationship is shown in the Census it sems likely that Mary (nee FEAR), widow of George BROWNING, was Solomon's younger sister.

Clutton Union Workhouse Register records that Solomon FEAR, Timsbury, aged 95, died on 24 Jan 1878. - Solomon FEAR, Timsbury, aged 93, was buried at Timsbury 26 Jan 1878.]

107. An Order dated 16th January 1849 was made for the removal of <u>Sarah CHIVERS</u> from High Littleton to Kilmersdon.

Vestry Minutes of 30 Mar 1849 resolve that the bills for Magistrates' Clerk's fees in settlements of Sarah CHIVERS and others be paid, but a bill from HILL & WILLIAMS of £3. 1. 6 in relation to the settlement of Sarah CHIVERS be submitted to the Clerk of the Peace for taxation.

[Blue Printed Form - <u>Order to Examine & Remove</u>] CLUTTON UNION,

To The Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union, and to such other the Officers of the said Parish as these may concern. You are hereby ordered to take the necessary steps to remove **Sarah CHIVERS** to her last legal settlement.

And you are hereby further ordered to report in writing to the Board of Guardians, to be held on FRIDAY, the 12th day of January next by Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, what you shall have done in pursuance of this Order.

In testimony whereof the common seal of the said Guardians of the said Union was hereunto affixed at a Meeting of the Board this 29th day of December 1848. J. HIPPISLEY, Presiding Chairman of the said Board. Wm. REES MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the Clutton Union. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-1.

[Reverse - Notice of Chargeability & Removal]

PARISH OF High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of Sarah CHIVERS, Widow.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, That the above-named Sarah CHIVERS now residing in this Parish of High Littleton has become and now is chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and is now receiving Relief from the said Parish of High Littleton and that an order of Justices has been obtained for her Removal to your Parish of Kilmersdon as her last place of legal Settlement, (a duplicate of which Order, and a Statement in writing setting forth the Grounds of Removal, including the particulars of the Settlement relied upon in support thereof, are herewith sent). **AND TAKE NOTICE**, That unless Notice of Appeal against the said Order be received by us within Twenty-one days from the sending hereof, or, (in case of your application for a Copy of the Depositions on which such Order has been made) within a further period of fourteen days after the sending of such Copy, the said Pauper will be removed to your said Parish of Kilmersdon in pursuance of the said Order, and no appeal against such Order can afterwards be allowed.

DATED this Sixteenth Day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty nine. John BLINMAN, Wm. BEAK, Wm. ROBBINS, Thomas HARRISON, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-1d.

[Printed Form- Statement of Grounds of Removal & Particulars of Settlement]

Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of Sarah CHIVERS, Widow.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the following is a Statement of the Grounds for the removal of the before named Sarah CHIVERS to your Parish of Kilmersdon under the Order of Justices, and notice of Chargeability of which Duplicates are herewith sent to you; and also the PARTICULARS OF THE SETTLEMENT relied upon in support thereof, (that is to say) THE GROUNDS OF SUCH REMOVAL, are, that the said Sarah CHIVERS have [has] come to inhabit and are [is] now inhabiting in our Parish of High Littleton but that she has not resided in such Parish for five years next before the application made to the Justices for the said Order of Removal, and that she has not otherwise become Irremovable from our said Parish, and have [has] not gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any Certificate acknowledging them [her] to be settled elsewhere, and that they are [she is] now actually chargeable to our said Parish of High Littleton and are [is] now receiving Relief therefrom; and that your said Parish of Kilmersdon is the Place of their [her] last legal settlement.

AND THE PARTICULARS OF THE SETTLEMENT relied upon in support of the said Order of Removal, are First - That the said Sarah CHIVERS is the lawful Widow of Jeremiah CHIVERS deceased, having intermarried with the said Jeremiah CHIVERS in the Parish Church of High Littleton aforesaid, in or about the year one thousand eight hundred and two, her Maiden Name being Sarah SMITH; and that the said Jeremiah CHIVERS was a legally settled Inhabitant in, and Parishioner of, your said Parish of Kilmersdon, and continued so up to the time of his death in April one thousand eight hundred and thirty four, (the said Jeremiah CHIVERS being a lawful son of Thomas CHIVERS, who was a lawful son of John CHIVERS and the said John CHIVERS and Thomas CHIVERS, his son, being duly acknowledged by your said Parish of Kilmersdon, by means of a lawful Certificate, to be settled Inhabitants in, and Parishioners of, your said Parish of Kilmersdon) and that the said

Sarah CHIVERS hath not, since her said Husband's death, done any Act to gain a legal settlement for herself. Second - That the said Sarah CHIVERS, on the eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty five, having become chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton, was, with others, examined on Oath as to her place of legal Settlement, and an Order bearing date the said eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty five, under the Hands and seals of William Coxeter JAMES and John HIPPISLEY Esquires, then two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, was made for the removal of the said Sarah CHIVERS from our said Parish of High Littleton to your said Parish of Kilmersdon, that being the Place of legal Settlement of the said Sarah CHIVERS, and that a short time after the date of the said Order, the said Sarah CHIVERS was removed and conveyed, by virtue of the said Order, from our said Parish of High Littleton to your said Parish of Kilmersdon, and were [was] received by your said Parish under the said Order; and that, at the Midsummer Quarter Session held at Bridgwater in and for the said County Of Somerset, in the said year One thousand eight hundred and forty five, your said Parish of Kilmersdon entered and respited an Appeal against the said Order, and afterwards abandoned such Appeal; and at the Michaelmas Quarter Session held at Taunton in and for the said County of Somerset, on Tuesday the fourteenth day of October in the said year One thousand eight hundred and forty five, your said Parish as Appellants not appearing, the said order of removal, upon the application and Motion of the said Parish of High Littleton, was duly confirmed by the said Court; and the said Sarah CHIVERS has not since acquired any other Place of Settlement for herself.

AND TAKE NOTICE, that we the undersigned Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton intend to rely upon all or any of the said Grounds of Removal and Settlement in support of the said order of Removal.

DATED this Sixteenth day of January One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty nine, John BLINMAN, Wm. BEAK, Wm. ROBBINS, Thomas HARRISON, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-1a.

[Note: The statement above that Thomas son of John CHIVERS was acknowledged by Kilmersdon as a settled inhabitant through a Certificate is not correct. The Settlement Certificate was dated 27 Feb 1736/7 and included a son Thomas, but Thomas (died 22 Apr) son of John & Elizabeth CHIVERS was buried at High Littleton 26 Apr 1738. A subsequent Thomas was born on 22 May 1741.]

The Examinations of Sarah CHIVERS and Henry BLINMAN referred to in the Order of Removal have not survived but the exhibits marked B and C, which relate thereto, have survived and are shown below.

Michaelmas Session 1845.

Somerset.

At the General Quarter Session of the Peace of our Lady the Queen, held at the Castle of Taunton in and for the County of Somerset, on Tuesday the fourteenth day of October in the ninth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, defender of the Faith, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five, before William MILES, Charles Aaron MOODY, Esquires, Chairmen, The Honorable Philip Pleydell BOUVERIE, Sir Alexander HOOD, Baronet, John Noble SHIPTON, Doctor in Divinity, Francis WARRE, Doctor of Laws, Langley Saint ALBYN, Haviland John ADDINGTON, Thomas Dyke ACLAND, John Roy ALLEN, William BEADON, William BLAKE, George BROWNE, John BLOMMART, Samuel William BYTHESEA, Philip Pleydell BOUVERIE, Junior, Philip BROADMEAD, Richard Thomas COMBE, Thomas George Warrington CAREW, James Benjamin COLES, Francis Henry DICKINSON, Robert James ELTON, Bickham ESCOTT, Heberden Finden EMERY, Thomas HOSKINS, William Henry HARFORD, Charles John HELYAR, John HALLIDAY, William Francis KNATCHBULL, Thomas Tutton KNYFTON, Richard Meade KING, Richard King Meade KING, Thomas Cridland LUXTON, Francis Fownes LUTTRELL, Ambrose Goddard LETHBRIDGE, William Henry GORE LANGTON, Stephen PITT, John Matthew QUANTOCK, Edward Ayshford SANFORD, William SPEKE, Henry Bull STRANGWAYS, Francis Hutchinson SYNGE, William Ayshford SANFORD, Thomas Bampfylde UTTERMARE, George WARRY, Charles Noel WELMAN, John Woolcott WARREN, Esquires, William Jefferys ALLEN, William BURRIDGE, Henry BENNETT, John Hopkins BRADNEY, James Stratton COLES, John Frederick DOVETON, Thomas Robert JOLLIFFE, Thomas Fownes LUTTRELL, Thomas Henry MOREHOUSE and William Bailey WHITEHEAD, Clerks, Justices of our said Lady the Queen, assigned to keep the Peace of our said Lady the Queen in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid and also to hear and determine divers Felonies, Trespasses and other Misdemeanors committed in the same County.

Upon reading an Order made at the last Session, whereby an Appeal then entered by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Kilmersdon in the said County, against an Order under the hands and seals of "Wm. C. JAMES" and "J. HIPPISLEY", two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, made for the removal of **Sarah CHIVERS**, Widow, from the Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of

Kilmersdon, was adjourned to the present Session. And the said Appeal coming on now to be heard, but the Appellants not appearing to prosecute the same, And upon Motion of Counsel for the Respondents, **This Court** doth Order and determine that the said Order of Removal be confirmed and the same is hereby confirmed accordingly. By the Court, COLES, Clerk of the Peace.

[Reverse] - (B). County of Somerset (to wit) - Division of Chewton, 1849 January 16th.

This is the Paper Writing or Copy Order of Court of Quarter Sessions marked (B), exhibited by, and referred to in the examination of, Henry BLINMAN, Sworn before us this day, as to the Settlement of the within named **Sarah CHIVERS**. G.T. SCOBELL, J. Usticke SCOBELL, J. HIPPISLEY, Justices of the Peace in and for the said County.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-1c.

[Printed Form - Certificate of Chargeability]

Schedule (C.)

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the CLUTTON UNION, in the County of Somerset, do hereby Certify, that on the 29th day of December 1848 **Sarah CHIVERS** became chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union.

In Testimony whereof the Common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed, at a Meeting of their Board, this 29th day of December 1848. (Signed) J. HIPPISLEY, Presiding Chairman of the said Board. (Countersigned) Wm. REES MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of Clutton Union, Somerset.

[Reverse] - (C). County of Somerset to wit. Division of Chewton, 1849 January 16th.

This is the Certificate of Chargeability marked (C) exhibited by, and referred to in the Examination of, Henry BLINMAN, Sworn before us this day as to the settlement of the within named **Sarah CHIVERS**.

G.T. SCOBELL, J. HIPPISLEY, J. Usticke SCOBELL, Justices of the Peace in and for the said county. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-1b.

[Double sided Printed Form]

[Order of Removal]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset; and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

COUNTY OF SOMERSET to Wit.

WHEREAS COMPLAINT hath been made unto us, whose names are hereunto set and Seals affixed being three of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Sarah CHIVERS, Widow, has come to inhabit, and is now inhabiting in the said Parish of High Littleton not having resided in the said Parish Five Years next before the Application for this Warrant, and not being otherwise irremoveable therefrom; and not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere, and that she is now actually chargeable to the same Parish and is now receiving Relief therefrom: and that the Parish of Kilmersdon is the place of her last legal Settlement: WE, the said Justices, upon due Proof thereof as well by Examination of Witnesses, to wit, of the said Sarah CHIVERS and Henry BLINMAN upon Oath, as otherwise, and upon due consideration of the Premises, do adjudge the same to be true, and that the place of the last legal Settlement of the said Sarah CHIVERS is in the said Parish of Kilmersdon in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in her Majesty's name, to require and order that you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, do at such time and in such manner as by Law is provided and directed in that behalf, remove and convey the said Sarah CHIVERS from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Kilmersdon and her deliver, together with this our Order or a Duplicate or true Copy thereof, unto the Overseers of the Poor there, or one of them, who are hereby required to receive and provide for her according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, at the BOARD ROOM OF THE CLUTTON UNION WORKHOUSE, in the Parish of Clutton, in the said County of Somerset, the Sixteenth Day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty nine. G.T. SCOBELL, J. HIPPISLEY, J. Usticke SCOBELL.

[Note: For details of Sarah CHIVERS and family see Order dated 18 Mar 1845 for her removal to Kilmersdon.]

108. An Order dated 22nd October 1850 was made for the removal of **Sarah JAMES** and children from High Littleton to Paulton.

[Certificate of Chargeability - Printed Form]

Schedule (C.)

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the CLUTTON UNION, in the County of Somerset, do hereby Certify, that on the Eleventh day of October 1850 Sarah JAMES and her Children, Edwin aged about four years, John aged about two years and George aged about ten Months became chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union.

In Testimony whereof the Common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed, at a Meeting of their Board, this 11th day of October 1850. (Signed) James PERRIN, Presiding Chairman of the said Board. (Countersigned) Wm. REES-MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of Clutton Union, Somerset.

[Reverse] - 1850 October 22nd. County of Somerset. The within Certificate was produced by Isaac COWEN this day before us, and is the same as is referred to by him in his Examination taken by and before us this day touching the Settlement of the within named Paupers. J.U. SCOBELL, J.G. MOGG. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-48b.

[Notice of Chargeability & Order of Removal - Double sided Printed Form]
[Order of Removal]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset; and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Paulton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

COUNTY OF SOMERSET to Wit.

WHEREAS COMPLAINT hath been made unto us, whose names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Sarah JAMES, Widow, and her three children, namely Edwin JAMES now aged about four years, John JAMES aged about two years, and George JAMES aged about six Months have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of High Littleton not having resided in the said Parish Five Years next before the Application for this Warrant, and not being otherwise irremoveable therefrom; and not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere and that they are now actually chargeable to the same Parish and are now receiving Relief therefrom: and that the Parish of Paulton aforesaid is the place of their last legal Settlement: WE, the said Justices, upon due Proof thereof as well by Examination of Witnesses, to wit, of the said Sarah JAMES, and Thomas JAMES and Isaac COWEN upon Oath, as otherwise and upon due consideration of the Premises do adjudge the same to be true and that the place of the last legal Settlement of the said Sarah JAMES and her said three Children Edwin, John and George is the said Parish of Paulton in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in her Majesty's name, to require and order that you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, do at such time and in such manner as by Law is provided and directed in that behalf, remove and convey the said Sarah JAMES, and her said three Children Edwin, John and George from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Paulton and them deliver, together with this our Order or a Duplicate or true Copy thereof, unto the Overseers of the Poor there, or one of them, who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, at the BOARD ROOM OF THE CLUTTON UNION WORKHOUSE, in the Parish of Clutton, in the said County of Somerset, the twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty. J.U. SCOBELL, J.G. MOGG.

[Reverse - <u>Notice of Chargeability</u>]

PARISH OF High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of Sarah JAMES and her three Children.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Paulton in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, That the above-named Sarah JAMES now residing in this Parish of High Littleton with her said three Children, namely Edwin JAMES, aged about four years, John JAMES aged about two years and George JAMES aged about six Months have become and now are chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and is now receiving relief from the said Parish of High Littleton and that an order of Justices has been obtained for their Removal to your Parish of Paulton as their last place of legal Settlement, (a duplicate of which Order, and a Statement in writing setting forth the Grounds of Removal, including the particulars of the Settlement relied upon in support thereof, are herewith sent.) AND TAKE NOTICE, That unless Notice of Appeal against the said Order be received by us within Twenty-one days from the sending hereof, or, (in case of your application for a Copy of the Depositions on which such Order has been made) within a further period of

fourteen days after the sending of such Copy, the said Paupers will be removed to your said Parish of Paulton in pursuance of the said Order, and no Appeal against such Order can afterwards be allowed.

DATED this twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty. Wm. BEAK, Charles DOLMAN, George BLINMAN, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-48.

[Statement of Grounds of Removal and Particulars of Settlement - Printed Form]

Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of Sarah JAMES and her three Children.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Paulton in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the following is a STATEMENT OF THE GROUNDS for the removal of the before named Sarah JAMES and her said three Children, namely Edwin JAMES now aged about four years, John JAMES aged about two years and George JAMES aged about six months, to your Parish of Paulton under the Order of Justices, and Notice of Chargeability of which Duplicates are herewith sent to you; and also the PARTICULARS OF THE SETTLEMENT relied upon in support thereof, (that is to say)

THE GROUNDS OF SUCH REMOVAL, are, that the said Sarah JAMES and her said three Children, namely Edwin, John and George have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in our Parish of High Littleton but that they have not resided in such Parish five years next before the application made to the Justices for the said Order of Removal, and that they have not otherwise become Irremovable from our said Parish, and have not gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and that they are now actually chargeable to our said Parish of High Littleton and are now receiving Relief therefrom; and that your said Parish of Paulton is the Place of their last legal settlement.

AND THE PARTICULARS OF THE SETTLEMENT relied upon in support of the said Order of Removal, are First - That the said Sarah JAMES is the lawful Widow of George JAMES, Coalminer, who died in the said Parish of High Littleton on or about the twenty fifth day of September 1849, she having been lawfully Married to him, the said George JAMES, by her then Maiden name of Sarah RAPPS, in the Church at Larkhall, near Walcot, Bath in August 1844, and that the said three other Paupers, Edwin JAMES, John JAMES and George JAMES, are the lawful Children of the said George JAMES deceased by the said Sarah JAMES, and which said Sarah JAMES and her said three Children have acquired no settlement for themselves since the decease of the said George JAMES deceased, but follow the Settlement he had at the time of his death, which was in the said Parish of Paulton, by Birth, he having been born in such last mentioned Parish about twenty nine years ago, and having acquired no settlement for himself subsequent to his Birth.

Second - That the said Sarah JAMES and her said three Children are settled in the said Parish of Paulton as the Widow and Children of the said George JAMES deceased, because he, the said George JAMES, was settled in such Parish at the time of his death, by Parentage, he having been the lawful Son of Thomas JAMES, Laborer, now residing in the said Parish of Paulton, by Mary his first Wife, which said Thomas JAMES, at the time of the Emancipation and Death of the said George JAMES was, and now is, settled in the said Parish of Paulton, by several successive years' Service, first with John ROSSITER, and then with Robert HILL, and then again with said John ROSSITER as after mentioned, under several successive hirings for a year as a servant in husbandry, when he was unmarried and without Child or Children, and by his residence under such successive yearly hirings and service in the said Parish of Paulton; the first of which said hirings for a year was in or about the year 1803, with Farmer John ROSSITER of the Manor Farm in the said Parish of Paulton, from Lady Day to Lady Day following, at the Wages of Seven Pounds and Board and Lodging, which he served out and resided all the time in the House of said John ROSSITER at Paulton aforesaid and, at the end of such year's hiring and Service, the said Thomas JAMES continued to serve the said John ROSSITER under fresh hirings for a year and to reside in his House at Paulton aforesaid, at increased yearly Wages, for several years successively and until about Lady day in the year 1819, when he left, and immediately went to, and served Mr Robert HILL of Paulton Farm in the said Parish of Paulton, for two successive years under two successive hirings for a year with him, at yearly Wages, and Board and Lodging, and resided under such yearly Hirings for such two successive Year's Service, in the House of said Robert HILL at Paulton aforesaid, and left such Service about Lady day 1821, when he went back and resided with the said John ROSSITER in his said Farm House at Paulton aforesaid, and served him as a Servant in Husbandry for upwards of a Year under a Hiring for a Year at Yearly Wages and Board and Lodging, until the first Marriage of the said Thomas JAMES, which took place in or about the year 1822.

AND TAKE NOTICE, that we the undersigned Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton intend to rely upon all or any of the said Grounds of Removal and Settlement in support of the said Order of Removal. DATED this twenty second day of October One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty. Wm. BEAK, Charles DOLMAN, George BLINMAN, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-48a.

[Note: George the son of Thomas & Mary JAMES was born at Paulton c.1820. His parents were Thomas JAMES and Mary EVANS who married at Paulton 11 Jul 1815. Mary died and Thomas married secondly Sarah TYLER at Farrington Gurney 15 Apr 1823.

George JAMES married Sarah RAPPS at Larkhall in Aug 1844.

Sarah dau. of Job & Maria RAPPS, Clutton, collier. bapt. at Clutton 12 Oct 1824.

Edwin son of George & Sarah JAMES was born at Paulton c.1845/6. - Edwin JAMES, High Littleton, aged 8, buried at High Littleton 10 Jun 1854.

John son of George & Sarah JAMES, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 28 May 1848.

George JAMES, High Littleton, aged 28, was buried at High Littleton 26 Sep 1849.

James George son of George & Sarah JAMES, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 2 Jun 1850.

The 1851 Census finds Sarah JAMES, coalminer's widow, aged 26, pauper, born Clutton, her children Edwin 5, born Paulton, John 3 and George 10 months, both born High Littleton, and Sarah's sisters Hester, Priscilla and Eliza RAPPS, living in Timsbury Road, High Littleton.

The 1861 Census finds Sarah JAMES, aged 37 and sons John 13 and George 10, living at Rotcombe, High Littleton.

The 1871 Census finds Sarah JAMES, aged 46, widow of George JAMES, collier, and son George 20, still living in High Littleton.

Sarah JAMES, widow of Rotcombe, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1866, 1867 (delivered to mother Maria RAPPS), 1869 and 1871 (Maggs' Folly).

Sarah JAMES, High Littleton, aged 85, was buried at High Littleton 1 Jul 1909.]

109. Steps were taken in December 1853 to remove <u>Sarah COBB</u> from High Littleton. No Order has been found and it appears that Sarah may have removed herself voluntarily.

Vestry Minutes of 9 Dec 1853 record that Mr Henry FERBRACHE, the Parish Guardian, stated to the vestry that Sarah COBB, servant to Mrs GABY, had become chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton, she not being a Parishoner (*sic*) and having only resided in the Parish a few days. Resolved unanimously that Mrs GABY be spoken to on the subject and be requested to make arrangements for her removal from the Parish.

[Note: Sarah COBB has not been positively identified. She may have been the 27 year old wife of James COBB, sawyer of Pensford. Sarah GABY (nee BEAMS) came from Langley, Wilts. and was the widow of Walter GABY who lived at Lansdown Place, High Littleton.]

110. Steps were taken in 1855 to remove **Richard CLUETT** and his wife from High Littleton. No Order has been located and the matter may have been dropped.

Vestry Minutes of 2 Aug 1855 resolved that the Parish Officers do take the necessary steps for their removal of Richard CLUETT and his wife to their legal settlement. On 26 Oct Minutes record that the Assistant Overseer brought the case of Richard CLUETT, having deserted his wife and that she was at the present time chargeable to the parish and in receipt of 4 shillings per week, before the notice of the vestry. It was resolved that the Ass't Overseer do procure a warrant for his apprehension.

[Note: Richard CLUETT and wife were removed to Wincanton by Order dated 8 Nov 1859. See that Case for details of the family.]

111. Steps were initiated in 1856 to remove **Sarah DODSON** and children from High Littleton to Kendal. In the event the Guardians of Clutton Union refused to co-operate and the matter seems to have been dropped. Vestry Minutes of 30th May 1856 resolved that Mr COWEN make enquiries in the place of Sett't of Sarah DODSON & that his expences be paid in so doing. Minutes of 3 Jul record that Mr COWEN, Assistant Overseer, reported that, in pursuance of the direction of the Vestry, he had proceeded to Kendal and had seen Susannah DODGSON the Mother of the late Thomas H. DODGSON, whose Widow is now Chargeable to this Parish, and that from her information it appeared that he was, at the time of his death, legally settled in Kendal. It was resolved that the Assistant Overseer do lay a statement of the facts before the Board of Guardians of this Union & do request them to direct the cost of maintenance to be transferred to the Common Fund and, if they shall refuse to do so, that he do proceed in the regular course to obtain an adjudication by the Magistrates of such Settlement. Minutes of 11 Oct record that the Assistant Overseer had attended the Board of Guardians and had given them all the information in his power relative to the Parish of Sarah DODGSON and her 4 Children but they, not considering his evidence sufficient, had declined to place her on the common fund. Resolved that Mr Charles DOMAN, the Parish Guardian, do attend on Friday the 19th inst. to ascertain from the Board what evidence they require to be produced relative to the settlement of the Widow and Children of the late Thomas Harrison DODGSON as the Magistrates have signified their objection to take any further examinations as to the settlement.

[Note: Thomas DODSON, full age, bach., fellmonger, Hallatrow, son of William DODSON, coal merchant, married Sarah BAMFIELDx, full age, spin., Hallatrow, dau. of John BAMFIELD, coal merchant, by banns at High Littleton 12 Sep 1846.

William son of Thomas & Sarah DODSON, Hallatrow, felmonger, bapt. at High Littleton 29 Aug 1847. - William DODSON, High Littleton, aged 19, buried at High Littleton 24 Mar 1867.

Francis Sylvister son of Thomas & Sarah DOBSON (sic), Hallatrow, felmonger, bapt. at High Littleton 19 Nov 1848.

George Henry son of Thomas & Sarah DODSON, Hallatrow, felmonger, bapt. at High Littleton 23 Dec 1849.

The 1851 Census finds Sarah DODSON, aged 27, born Clutton and children, William 3, Francis 2 and George 1, living in Hart's Lane, Hallatrow. Thomas was away.

James son of Thomas & Sarah DODSON, Hallatrow, skinner, bapt. at High Littleton 27 Jul 1851.

Thomas Harrison DODSON, Hallatrow, aged 35, was buried at High Littleton 11 Mar 1852.

 $Sarah\ subsequently\ married\ Thomas\ BATT,\ a\ Hall at row\ farmer,\ whose\ wife\ Anne\ COOMBES\ had\ died.$

The 1861 Census finds Thomas BATT, aged 56, farmer of 36 acres, born Paulton, wife Sarah 35, born Clutton and her sons Francis DODSON 12, born Hallatrow & George DODSON 11, born Hallatrow, living at Hallatrow Batch in Hart's Lane. William DODSON 14, labourer, born High Littleton, was living with his uncle George BANFIELD, who kept the beer house [Hallatrow Inn] in Hart's Lane. Sarah BATT, Farrington Gurney, aged 48, was buried at High Littleton 9 Jun 1872. Thomas BATT, High Littleton, aged 75, was buried at High Littleton 25 Jan 1880.]

112. An Order dated 26th October 1858 was made for the removal of **Emma Moore CHARD** and her child from High Littleton to Midsomer Norton.

[Certificate of Chargeability - Printed Form]

Schedule (C.)

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the CLUTTON UNION, in the County of Somerset, do hereby Certify, that on the 14th day of October 1858 Emma CHARD aged 22 years and her Child Elizabeth aged 16 months became chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union.

In Testimony whereof the Common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed, at a Meeting of their Board, this 15th day of October 1858. (Signed) B. SMITH, Presiding Chairman of the said Board. (Countersigned) Edward H. PERRIN, Clerk (or acting as Clerk) to the Board of Guardians of Clutton Union, Somerset.

[Below] - County of Somerset 1857 (sic). This is the Certificate of Chargeability referred to in the Examination of Isaac COWEN, upon an application by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County for an order for the removal of Emma Moore CHARD and her Child to the place of their last legal Settlement.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-50a.

[Order of Removal - Double sided Printed Form]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset; and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

COUNTY OF SOMERSET, To Wit.

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Names are hereunto set and Seals affixed, being two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset (one whereof being of the Quorum,) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Emma Moore CHARD, the Wife of William CHARD (a Prisoner in the House of Correction at Shepton Mallet in the said County) and her Child named Elizabeth, aged about sixteen months have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of High Littleton not having resided in the said Parish Five Years next before the Application for this Warrant, and not being otherwise irremoveable therefrom; and not having gained a legal settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and that they are now actually chargeable to the same Parish and are now receiving Relief therefrom: and that the Parish of Midsomer Norton aforesaid is the place of their last legal Settlement: We, the said Justices, upon due proof thereof, as well by Examination of Witnesses, to wit, of William CHARD, Richard CHARD, Henry FERBRACHE and Isaac COWEN upon Oath, as otherwise, and upon due consideration of the premises, do adjudge the same to be true, and that the place of the last legal Settlement of the said Emma Moore CHARD and her said Child Elizabeth is the said Parish of Midsomer Norton in the said County of Somerset.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's name, to require and order that you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, do, at such time and in such manner as by Law is provided and directed in that behalf, remove and convey the said Emma Moore CHARD and her said Child Elizabeth from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Midsomer Norton and them deliver, together with this our Order, or a Duplicate or true Copy thereof, unto the Overseers of the Poor there, or one of them who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

Given under our Hands and Seals, at the Divisional Court, at Temple Cloud, in the said County of Somerset, the twenty sixth day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty eight. G.T. SCOBELL, Wm. Savage WAIT.

[Reverse - Notice of Chargeability]

PARISH OF High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of Emma Moore CHARD and her Child, Paupers.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the County of Somerset. **Take Notice**, That the above-named Emma Moore CHARD, the Wife of William CHARD (a Prisoner in the House of Correction at Shepton Mallet in the said County) and her Child named Elizabeth, aged about sixteen

months, now residing in the said Parish of High Littleton, have become and now are chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and are now receiving Relief therefrom and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for their Removal to your Parish of Midsomer Norton as their last place of legal Settlement, (a Duplicate of which Order, and a Statement in writing setting forth the Grounds of Removal, including the particulars of the Settlement relied upon in support thereof, are herewith sent.) And Take Notice, That unless Notice of Appeal against the said Order be received by us within twenty-one days from the sending hereof, or, (in case of your application for a Copy of the Depositions on which such Order has been made) within a further period of fourteen days after the sending of such Copy, the said Paupers will be Removed to your said Parish of Midsomer Norton in pursuance of the said Order, and no Appeal against such Order can afterwards be allowed.

Dated this twenty sixth day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty eight. John REES-MOGG, Henry FERBRACHE, G.B. [in pencil - obviously intended for George BLINMAN to sign], John DUDDEN, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-50.

[Statement of Grounds of Removal and Particulars of Settlement - Printed Form]

Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of Emma Moore CHARD and her Bastard Child, Paupers.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the following is a STATEMENT OF THE GROUNDS for the removal of the before named Emma Moore CHARD, the Wife of William CHARD (a Prisoner in the House of Correction at Shepton Mallet in the said County) and her Child named Elizabeth, aged about sixteen months, to your Parish of Midsomer Norton under the Order of Justices, and Notice of Chargeability of which Duplicates are herewith sent to you; and also the PARTICULARS OF THE SETTLEMENT relied upon in support thereof, (that is to say) THE GROUNDS OF SUCH REMOVAL, are, that the said Emma Moore CHARD and her said Child have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in our Parish of High Littleton but that they have not resided in such Parish five years next before the application made to the Justices for the said Order of Removal, and that they have not otherwise become Irremovable from our said Parish, and have not gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and that they are now actually chargeable to our said Parish of High Littleton and are now receiving Relief therefrom; and that your said Parish of Midsomer Norton is the Place of their last legal settlement.

AND THE PARTICULARS OF THE SETTLEMENT relied upon in support of the said Order of Removal, are That the said Emma Moore CHARD and her said Bastard Child are legally settled in your said Parish of Midsomer Norton inasmuch as the said Emma Moore CHARD was married to one William CHARD (now a prisoner in the House of Correction at Shepton Mallet in the said County) in or about the Month of July 1857, in the Church of our said Parish of High Littleton, her said Husband being legally settled in your said Parish of Midsomer Norton as hereinafter mentioned. That the said William CHARD is a Son of Richard and Mary Ann CHARD, who were Married in the Parish Church of Binegar in this County in or about the year 1829 and, as the said William CHARD has never acquired any place of Settlement for himself, he has the place of Settlement which he derived by Parentage from his Father the said Richard CHARD. That the said Richard CHARD is legally settled in your said Parish of Midsomer Norton by Birth, he having been born there in or about the year 1805. That the said Richard CHARD is further settled in your said Parish of Midsomer Norton, by Parentage, inasmuch as he is a Son of the late Thomas CHARD deceased (by Ann his Wife), who acquired a Settlement in your said Parish of Midsomer Norton by Renting a Tenement there. Inasmuch as he, the said Thomas CHARD, for more than 20 years prior to the year 1830, rented a Farm in your said Parish of Midsomer Norton, near to Downside College, of Mr KNATCHBULL, consisting of a House and upwards of 40 Acres of Land, the Rent of which was about £80 a year and certainly upwards of £10 a year and, during the whole of the time that he so rented such Farm, he resided and slept in your said Parish of Midsomer Norton. That the said Thomas CHARD became further settled in your said Parish of Midsomer Norton by his being charged with and paying his share towards the public Taxes or levies of your said Parish of Midsomer Norton, during all the time he so, as aforesaid, rented the before mentioned Farm of Mr KNATCHBULL. That the said Thomas CHARD was also further settled in your said Parish of Midsomer Norton by serving an Office, inasmuch as he executed the Office of an Overseer of the Poor of your said Parish of Midsomer Norton for several years, whilst he so rented the said Farm of Mr KNATCHBULL as aforesaid and whilst the late Mr Artemas AGLEN was the Assistant Overseer of your said Parish of Midsomer Norton. That, by the means and under the circumstances aforesaid, the before mentioned Settlements acquired by the said Thomas CHARD in your said Parish of Midsomer Norton, have been communicated to his Son, the said Richard CHARD, and by the said Richard to his Son the said William CHARD, the Husband of the Pauper, the said Emma Moore CHARD and by the said William CHARD to his said Wife and her said Bastard Child. And further that, the said Settlement acquired by the said Richard CHARD in your said Parish by Birth as aforesaid, hath also been communicated to the said William CHARD

and by the said William CHARD to his Wife Emma Moore CHARD and her said Bastard Child, and therefore the said Paupers, Emma Moore CHARD and her said Bastard Child Elizabeth CHARD are now now (duplicated) legally settled in your said Parish of Midsomer Norton.

AND TAKE NOTICE, that we the undersigned Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton intend to rely upon all or any of the said Grounds of Removal and Settlement in support of the said Order of Removal.

DATED this 26th day of October One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty eight. John REES-MOGG, Henry FERBRACHE, G.B. [in pencil - obviously intended for George BLINMAN to sign], John DUDDEN, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of [High Littleton].

[Reverse] - Copy sent to Overseers of the Parish of Midsomer Norton on 5th of November 1858. I. COWEN. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-50b.

[Note: Emma was born in Bath c.1836/7 the bastard daughter of ---- BARRY by George MOORE.

The 1841 Census finds Emma (recorded as Emma Barry ELMS), aged 4, living with Richard & Eliza ELMS in Hallatrow, with George MOOR, aged 30 and the latter's parents living next door.

The 1851 Census finds Emma MOORE, aged 14, house servant, born Bath, niece of Richard and Eliza ELMS, with whom she was living, at Hallatrow. George MOORE 44, unmarried, ag. lab., born Chilcompton, lodged with them.

Emma had a bastard child at the age of 16. - Mary Anne dau. of Emma Moore BARRY bapt. at High Littleton 15 May 1853.

Elizabeth another bastard child was born to Emma c.Jun 1857. It is presumed to be the father that Emma married a month later.

William CHARD x bach. of full age, labourer, High Littleton, father Richard CHARD, labourer, married Emma Moore BARRY x spin. age 20, High Littleton, father George MOORE, labourer, by banns at High Littleton 26 Jul 1857 (witnesses Richard ELMS, Eliza ELMS). William son of Richard & Anne CHARD, Stoneaston, labourer, bapt. at Ston Easton 29 Apr 1832.

A warrant for William CHARD's arrest was dated 28 Sep 1858 and he was takn into custody the following day, charged with robbing Richard ELMS at High Littleton. William was found guilty and sentenced to 4 years penal servitude. It is assumed to be the same William, who married bigamously shortly after his release. William CHARD, age 28, bachelor, farm labourer, father Richard CHARD, farm labourer, married Mary GIBBONS of Galmington, father George GIBBONS, at Wells Register Office 17 Sep 1862.

Emma CHARD, Paulton, age 40 years, was buried at Paulton 4 Apr 1866. Her death certificate, describing her as wife of William CHARD, farm labourer, showed she died of heart disease and exhaustion after confinement at Paulton; Eliza ELMS was present at death. William entered Wells Asylum as a patient in 1878 and died there on 9 Nov 1881. He was buried at West Camel on 13 Nov 1881.]

113. An Order dated 8th November 1859 was made for the removal of **Richard CLUETT** and wife from High Littleton to Wincanton.

A Vestry meeting was called for 16 Sep 1859 to consider the removal of a pauper named CLUETT. It was resolved that the Guardian (Mr SPERRING) be requested to apply to have the charges of the wife of Rich'd CLUETT transferred from the Parish of High Littleton to the Common Fund of the Union & if the Board of Guardians object to such transfer that then the Overseer be requested to take proceedings against the said Rich'd CLUETT for not maintaining his wife.

[Certificate of Chargeability - Printed Form]

Schedule (C.)

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the CLUTTON UNION, in the County of Somerset, do hereby Certify, that **Elizabeth CLEWETT aged 64 years** is now chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton in the said Union. In Testimony whereof the Common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed, at a Meeting of their Board, this 4th day of November 1859. (Signed) James PERRIN, Presiding Chairman of the said Board.

(Countersigned) Edward H. PERRIN, Clerk (or acting as Clerk) to the Board of Guardians of Clutton Union, Somerset.

[Below] - 8 Nov'r 1859. This is the Certificate of Chargeability referred to in the Examination of Isaac COWEN on an application by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton for an Order for the removal of Richard CLUETT & Betty his Wife to the place of their last legal Settlement. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-51a.

[Order of Removal - Double sided Printed Form]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset; and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Wincanton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

COUNTY OF SOMERSET, To Wit.

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Names are hereunto set and Seals affixed, being two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset (one whereof being of the Quorum,) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Richard CLUETT, Mason, and Betty his Wife have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of High Littleton not having resided in the said Parish Five Years next before the Application for this Warrant, and not being otherwise irremoveable therefrom; and not having gained a legal settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and that they are now actually chargeable to the same

Parish and are now receiving Relief therefrom: and that the Parish of Wincanton aforesaid is the place of their last legal Settlement: **We**, the said Justices, upon due proof thereof, as well by Examination of Witnesses, to wit, of the said Richard CLUETT and Isaac COWEN upon Oath, as otherwise, and upon due consideration of the premises, do adjudge the same to be true, and that the place of the last legal Settlement of the said Richard CLUETT and Betty his Wife is the said Parish of Wincanton in the said County of Somerset.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's name, to require and order that you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, do, at such time and in such manner as by Law is provided and directed in that behalf, remove and convey the said Richard CLUETT and Betty his Wife from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Wincanton and them deliver, together with this our Order, or a Duplicate or true Copy thereof, unto the Overseers of the Poor there, or one of them who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

Given under our Hands and Seals, at the Divisional Court, at Temple Cloud, in the said County of Somerset, the Eight day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty nine. G.T. SCOBELL, Wm. Savage WAIT.

[Reverse - Notice of Chargeability]

PARISH OF High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of Richard CLUETT and Betty his Wife, Paupers.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Wincanton in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice, That the above-named Richard CLUETT now residing in this Parish of High Littleton has with Betty his Wife become and now is chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and is now receiving Relief therefrom and that an order of Justices has been obtained for their Removal to your Parish of Wincanton as their last place of legal Settlement, (a Duplicate of which Order, and a Statement in writing setting forth the Grounds of Removal, including the particulars of the Settlement relied upon in support thereof, are herewith sent.) **And Take Notice**, That unless Notice of Appeal against the said Order be received by us within twenty-one days from the sending hereof, or, (in case of your application for a Copy of the Depositions on which such Order has been made) within a further period of fourteen days after the sending of such Copy, the said Paupers will be Removed to your said Parish of Wincanton in pursuance of the said Order, and no Appeal against such Order can afterwards be allowed.

Dated this Eighth day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty nine. Henry FERBRACHE, George BLINMAN, Thomas BATT, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-51.

[Statement of Grounds of Removal and Particulars of Settlement - Printed Form]

Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of **Richard CLUETT and Betty his Wife**, Paupers.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Wincanton in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the following is a STATEMENT OF THE GROUNDS for the removal of the before named Richard CLUETT and Betty his Wife to your Parish of Wincanton under the Order of Justices, and Notice of Chargeability of which Duplicates are herewith sent to you; and also the PARTICULARS OF THE SETTLEMENT relied upon in support thereof, (that is to say)

THE GROUNDS OF SUCH REMOVAL, are, that the said Richard CLUETT and Betty his Wife have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in our Parish of High Littleton but that they have not resided in such Parish five years next before the application made to the Justices for the said Order of Removal, and that they have not otherwise become Irremovable from our said Parish, and have not gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and that they are now actually chargeable to our said Parish of High Littleton and are now receiving Relief therefrom; and that your said Parish of Wincanton is the Place of their last legal settlement.

AND THE PARTICULARS OF THE SETTLEMENT relied upon in support of the said Order of Removal, are That the said Richard CLUETT is legally settled in your said Parish of Wincanton, inasmuch as he was born there in or about the year 1799, his Parents being the late Harcourt and Joanna CLUETT, both deceased. That the said Richard CLUETT is further settled in your said Parish of Wincanton by Hiring and Service, for that, in or about the year 1814, whilst he was unmarried and not having any Child or Children, he lawfully hired himself into your said Parish of Wincanton for one year, as a General Servant to one John HARWOOD, who then kept the Greyhound Inn there, and continued and abided in the same Service during the space of one whole year, and continued on in the same place of Service for three subsequent years. That the said Richard CLUETT was lawfully married to Betty his Wife (before her Marriage Betty PRICE [sic]) in or about the year 1827, in the

Parish Church of Saint Mary, Redcliff in the City of Bristol. That the same Richard CLUETT, not having acquired any other place of settlement, he is, with his said Wife, by the means and under the circumstances aforesaid, now legally settled in your said Parish of Wincanton.

AND TAKE NOTICE, that we the undersigned Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton intend to rely upon all or any of the said Grounds of Removal and Settlement in support of the said Order of Removal.

DATED this eighth day of November One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty nine. Henry FERBRACHE, George BLINMAN, Thomas BATT, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton

[Reverse] - Copy sent to Wincanton 15th November 1859.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-51b.

[Note: Richard son of Harcourt & Joanna CLUETT was born at Wincanton c.1799.

Richard CLUET bach, otp married Elizabeth BRICE spin, otp by banns at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 19 Nov 1826.

Betty dau. of George BRICE & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 27 Apr 1794.

Charles son of Richard & Elizabeth CLUETT, High Littleton, mason, bapt. at High Littleton 9 Sep 1827. - Charles CLUETT, High Littleton, aged 1, buried at High Littleton 2 Dec 1827.

Charles son of Richard & Elizabeth CLUETT, High Littleton, mason, bapt. at High Littleton 22 Mar 1829.

The Tithe Award of 1839 lists Richard CRUIT (sic) as occupier of a house and garden (24 on the map), belonging to James WALTER, at the Batch, High Littleton.

The 1841 Census finds Richard CLUETT, aged 42, mason, Elizabeth 45 and Charles 12, living in High Littleton.

The 1851 Census finds Richard CLEWETT, aged 51, mason, born Wincanton, wife Betty 57, born High Littleton and son Charles 22, mason, born High Littleton, living at New Road, Farmborough.

See also intended removal of Richard CLUETT and wife in 1855.]

114. An Order dated 22nd October 1861 was made for the removal of **Mary MINALL** and child from High Littleton to Ramsbury.

Vestry Minutes of 11 Jul 1861 resolved that Mr COWEN do take the necessary steps to ascertain the place of the legal settlement of Mary MINEL, at present chargeable to this parish. On 14 Aug 1861 Mr I. COWEN, the Ass't Overseer, stated that Mary VINEY [MINALL intended], the wife of Jesse VINEY, a Private Soldier in the 45th Regiment of Foot was chargeable to the parish of High Littleton and that as far as he could ascertain her husband's parish was Ramsbury in Wiltshire. Resolved that the necessary steps be taken to have the pauper removed to her legal place of settlement.

[Double sided Printed Form]

[Order of Removal]

To the CHURCHWARDENS & OVERSEERS of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset; and to the CHURCHWARDENS & OVERSEERS of the Poor of the Parish of Ramsbury in the County of Wilts. and to each and every of them.

COUNTY OF SOMERSET, TO WIT.

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Names are hereunto set and Seals affixed, being two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset (one whereof being of the Quorum,) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, That Mary MINALL, Wife of Jesse MINALL, a Soldier in Her Majesty's 45th Regiment of Foot and their Child aged about six Weeks have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of High Littleton not having resided in the said Parish Five Years next before the Application for this Warrant, and not being otherwise irremoveable therefrom; and not having gained a legal settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and that they are now actually chargeable to the same Parish of High Littleton and are now receiving Relief from therefrom: and that the Parish of Ramsbury aforesaid is the place of their last legal Settlement: We, the said Justices, upon due proof thereof, as well by Examination of Witnesses, to wit, of the said Mary MINALL, Thomas MINALL and Edmund William PIKE upon Oath, as otherwise, and upon due consideration of the premises, do adjudge the same to be true, and that the place of the last legal Settlement of the said Mary MINALL and her said Child is the Parish of Ramsbury in the said County of Wilts.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's name, to require and order that you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, do, at such time and in such manner as by Law is provided and directed in that behalf, remove and convey the said Mary MINALL and her said Child from and out of your said Parish of High Littleton to the said Parish of Ramsbury and them deliver, together with this our Order, or a Duplicate or true Copy thereof, unto the Overseers of the Poor there, or one of them who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

Given under our Hands and Seals, at the Divisional Court, at Temple Cloud, in the said County of Somerset, the twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty one. J. HIPPISLEY, Wm. Savage WAIT.

[Reverse - Notice of Chargeability]

PARISH OF High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of Mary MINALL and her Child, Paupers.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Ramsbury in the County of Wilts.

Take Notice, That the above-named Mary MINALL now residing in this Parish of High Littleton, Wife of Jesse MINALL, a Soldier in Her Majesty's 45th Regiment of Foot and their Child aged about six weeks [has] become and now is chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton and is now receiving Relief therefrom and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for them [their] Removal to your Parish of Ramsbury as their last place of legal Settlement, (a Duplicate of which Order, and a Statement in writing setting forth the Grounds of Removal, including the particulars of the Settlement relied upon in support thereof, are herewith sent.) **And Take Notice**, That unless Notice of Appeal against the said Order be received by us within Twenty-one days from the sending hereof, or, (in case of your application for a Copy of the Depositions on which such Order has been made) within a further period of Fourteen days after the sending of such Copy, the said Paupers will be Removed to your said Parish of Ramsbury in pursuance of the said Order, and no Appeal against such Order can afterwards be allowed.

Dated this twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty one. Henry FERBRACHE, John REES-MOGG, James HALL, Francis WEEKS, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-52.

[Statement of Grounds of Removal and Particulars of Settlement - Printed Form]

Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of Mary MINALL and her Child, Paupers.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Ramsbury in the County of Wilts.

1. **TAKE NOTICE**, that the following is a STATEMENT OF THE GROUNDS for the removal of the before named Mary MINALL, Wife of Jesse MINALL, a Soldier in Her Majesty's 45th Regiment of Foot, and her Child aged about six Weeks, to your Parish of Ramsbury under the Order of Justices, and Notice of Chargeability of which Duplicates are herewith sent to you; and also the PARTICULARS OF THE SETTLEMENT relied upon in support thereof, (that is to say)

THE GROUNDS OF SUCH REMOVAL, are, that the said Mary MINALL and her Child have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in our Parish of High Littleton but that they have not resided in such Parish five years next before the application made to the Justices for the said Order of Removal, and that they have not otherwise become Irremovable from our said Parish, and have not gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and that they are now actually chargeable to our said Parish of High Littleton and are now receiving Relief therefrom; and that your said Parish of Ramsbury is the Place of their last legal settlement.

AND THE PARTICULARS OF THE SETTLEMENT relied upon in support of the said Order of Removal, are 2. That the said Pauper Mary MINALL is the lawful Wife of Jesse MINALL, a Soldier in Her Majesty's 45th Regiment of Foot, now Stationed at Aldershott, she having Married him in the Month of February last, in the Parish Church of Chelwood in the said County of Somerset, and by him she has a Child aged about 6 Weeks.

- 3. That the said Jesse MINALL never acquired a place of Settlement for himself, but hath that of his Father Thomas MINALL, which is in your said Parish of Ramsbury.
- 4. That the said Thomas MINALL is legally settled in your said Parish of Ramsbury by Birth and also by Parentage, inasmuch as he was born there in or about the year 1806, and where also his Father and Mother, Charles and Jane MINALL, were settled inhabitants.
- 5. That the said Thomas MINALL is further settled in your said Parish of Ramsbury by acknowledgment, inasmuch as your said Parish has repeatedly afforded him relief.
- 6. That the said Jane MINALL, the Mother of the said Thomas MINALL was also acknowledged by your said Parish of Ramsbury, for that, when her Husband the said Charles MINALL died, you afforded her relief and assisted her to help bury him.
- 7. That, by the means and under the circumstances aforesaid, the before mentioned Settlements of the said Thomas MINALL and Jane MINALL in your said Parish of Ramsbury, have been communicated to the said Jesse MINALL, and by the said Jesse MINALL, by Marriage, to the Pauper Mary MINALL and her said Infant Child, and therefore the said Mary MINALL and her said Infant Child are now legally Settled in your said Parish of Ramsbury.

AND TAKE NOTICE, that we the undersigned Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton intend to rely upon all or any of the said Grounds of Removal and Settlement in support of the said Order of Removal.

DATED this twenty second day of October One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty one. Henry FERBRACHE, John REES-MOGG, James HALL, Francis WEEKS, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton.

[Reverse] - pencil note - Copy Posted 30th October 1861.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-52a.

[Note: Jesse son of Thomas MINALL was born at Ramsbury c.1834/5.

Jesse MINAL x aged 21, bach. soldier in H.M.'s 45th Reg't, Chelwood, son of Thomas MINAL, labourer, married Mary DICKS x aged 26, spin., domestic servant, Chelwood, dau. of James DICKS, labourer, by licence at Chelwood 12 Feb 1861.

Frances Mary dau. of James & Maria DIX, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 16 Oct 1831.

Edwin son of Jesse & Mary MINNAL (sic), High Littleton, soldier, bapt. at High Littleton 6 Oct 1861.

High Littleton School Admission Register records the birth dates of more of their children and also reveals that George, the first to go to School there, entered on 15 Jul 1878, his previous school being in India. At that time Jesse was described as a Pensioner living at Chapple Barton. By 1 Apr 1879 when William entered the school, Jesse's address was Rodcombe [Rotcombe].

George MINALL was born in Apr 1867. He married firstly in 1890 Lily Annie SMITH (died 1895) and secondly in 1896 Louisa BARNETT (died 1902).

Mary Ellen MINALL was born 9 May 1869. She married in 1892 George BROOKS.

William MINALL was born 27 Oct 1871. He married firstly in 1891 Georgina SMITH (died 1905) and secondly Ellen Louisa

Louisa MINALL was born 1 Nov 1873. She married in 1892 Thomas James HOLVEY.

The 1881 Census finds Jesse MINAL, aged 48, general labourer and army pensioner, born Warminster, living at Rotcombe with his children, George 14, born Poonah, India, Mary E. 11, born Madras, William 10, born Madras and Louisa 7, born Thayet Myo, British Burmah. Mary MINAL, aged 49, nurse, born High Littleton was living with George BLINMAN's family, which included a 2 week old child, in High Littleton.

The 1891 Census finds Jessy MINAL, aged 55, army pensioner, born Ramsbury, Wilts., wife Mary 50, born High Littleton, children, Ellen 21, employed at shoe factory, born Fort St. George, East Indies, William 19, coal miner, born Fort St. George, Louisa 17, employed at boot factory, born Thayet Myo, East Indies and niece Emma DIX 14, born Handavel, South Wales, still living at Rotcombe.

Frances Mary MINALL, Ratcombe (sic), High Littleton, aged 55 (sic), was buried at High Littleton 21 Dec 1897.

Jesse & Mary MINALL received blankets from Mary JONES' Charity from at least 1892 to 1896, when they were at Maggs' Folly and Jesse received similar charity in 1900, when he was at Rotcombe.

The 1901 Census finds Jesse MINAL, 66, wid'r, army pensioner, born Wanborough, Wilts., living at Maggs' Folly, High Littleton, in the household of his son in law George BROOKS, 29, coal hewer below ground, born High Littleton, wife Mary E. 29, born India, British subject and children Oliver W. 6, Albert H. 3 & Thomas G. 11 mos., all born High Littleton.

Jesse MINALL, Ratcombe, High Littleton, aged 67, was buried at High Littleton 24 Feb 1902.]

C1.

A Discharge

Som'sett.

Wee, the Churchwardens and ov'seers of the poore of the parish of Farrington Gurney in the County aforesaid, doe Acknowledge and owne **John BEANE**, **his wife and Child** to be parishoners Legally settled in our said parish. In Wittnesse hereof wee have sett our hands and seales this Twenty Eight day of Aprill Annoq. Dom. 1698 Annoq. Regni Dom. nostri Gulielmi Tertii nunc Regis Angli. et c'a Decimo. the marke of Marke X COLLINS, whoe served for Mary PURNELL wido, the marke of Richard X FRAPWELL, Church wardens, the marke of Michaell X WEBB, William ROSEWELL, ov'seers of the poore.

Signed sealed and delivered in the pr'sence of us, George PAYNE, John PAYNE.

Allowed by us Edw. BABER, Ar. STOCKER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-1.

C2.

Form - Printed for R. VINCENT, in Clifford's-Inn-Lane, Fleet Street.]

WE Whose names are hereunto Subscribed, Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Hento' Bluet in the County of Som'sett aforesaid, do hereby own and acknowledge William COLE, Mary COLE his wife, David COLE, Francis COLE, Sarah COLE & Grace COLE his Children to be there Inhabitants legally setled in the Parish of Henton Bluet aforesaid. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals, the 6th Day of Aprill in the twelth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord William by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoq. Dom. 1700. John LANE, Joseph ROSSELL, Church wardens, oversears.

Attested by us Thomas VOWLES, Henry GIBBONS, William THYERY.

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Som'sett or to any or either of them.

WE whose Names are hereunto Subscribed, Justices of the Peace of the County of Som'sett aforesaid, do allow of the Certificate above-written. Dated the 6th day of Aprill Anno Dom. 1700. Jo. STRACHEY, Cor. LYDE. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-2.

[Note: David COLE was removed from High Littleton to Hinton Blewett by Order dated 18 Oct 1715.]

C3.

Somersettss.

Wee whose names are hereunto subscribed, Church Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of Clutton in the County of Somersett aforsaid, Doe hereby own and acknowledge **John NASH and Jane his wife** to be there Inhabitants legally settled in the parish of Clutton aforesaid. In witnes whereof wee have hereunto sett our hands and seales *[date omitted]* in the Twelfth yeare of the Reigne of our Soveraigne lord William the Third, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith & Annoqu. Domini 1700.

Attested by us [unsigned].

To the Church Wardens and Overseers of the poor of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somersett or to any or either of them.

Wee, whose names are hereunto subscribed, Justices of the peace of the County of Somersett aforesaid, Doe allow of the Certificate above written.

Dated the [left blank] Annoque Domini 1700. [unsigned]

D/P/clut. 13/3/1.4

[Note: It is uncertain whether this was a draft or copy of a certificate issued or whether it was never issued.]

C4.

These are to certify all whom it may or shall Concerne, that wee, ye Churchwardens and the overseeres of the poor of the parish of Mells in the County of Som'sett, whose hands and seales are hereunto sett, doe hereby own and acknowledge **John KIRLY and his wife Joane, with any Child or Children they now have or hearafter may have**, to be p'sons Legally settled in our said parish of Mells; in Wittnes whereof wee have hereunto sett our hands and seales this Twentyeth day of September in ye First year of ye Reigne of our soveraigne Lady Queen Ann, over England etc. Anno Dom. 1702. John SWEET, Joseph CORNISH, Robert HUNTLEY, Richard HODDINOT.

Signed and sealed by ye said Churchwardens and Overseeres of the poor in the presence of us whose hands are here under sett. Henry HUNTLEY, Mary MASTERS.

Som'sett.

The Certificate above Written seene and allowed by us, whose names are here unto subscribed, two of Hir maiesty's Justices of the peace in the County aforsaid, one of us being of the quoram. Geo. HORNER, Hen. MOMPESSON.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-3.

C5.

Som'settss.

Wee, whose hands & seals are hereunto subscribed, Church Wardens & Ov'seers of the poor of the p'ish of Midsom' Norton in the County afores'd, doe hereby own & Acknowledge Cornelius MITTEN and Anne his wife, with any Child or Children as they shall hereafter happen to have born, to be Inhabitants legally settled in the p'ish of Midsomer Norton aforesaid. In witness whereof wee have hereunto sett our hands and seales the Second Day of November In the Sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne, By the Grace of God, of Great Brittain, France and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the faith &c. Annoq. Dom. 1707. John WEAVER, Thomas FRY, George JAMES, Thomas PILL.

Attested by us, James NORMAN, John PARSONS.

To the Churchwardens & Ov'seers of the poor of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Som'set, or to any or either of them. These.

Wee, whose hands are hereunto subscribed, two of her Ma'ty's Justices of the peace of the County of Som'sett aforesaid, doe allow of the Certificate above written, Dated ye 3d day of Novemb. A'oq. Dom'i 1707. Jo. LANSDOWN, Thomas CAREW.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-4.

C6.

Som'settss:

Wee, whose hands are hereunto subscribed, Church-wardens & Ov'seers of the poor of the p'ish of Rodstocke in the County afores'd, doe hereby own & Acknowledge **John WEBB and Elianor his wife, with any Child or Children as they have or shall hereafter have**, or any Apprentice or Apprentices whatsoev' as they shall hereafter have, to be Inhabitants legally settled in the said p'ish of Rodstocke. In witness whereof we have hereunto sett our hands & seals the twelfth day of January in the sixth year of the Reigne of our Sov'eigne Lady Anne, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith etc. Annoq. Do'ni 1707 [1707/8]. the mark of John X JAMES, Church warden, William LANSDOWN, Overseer of the poor. Attested by us, John PERRY, Edward WEYKES.

To the Church-wardens & Ov'seers of the poor of the p'ish of High Littleton in the County of Som'sett or to any or either of them; these.

Wee, whose hands are hereunto subscribed, two of her Ma'ty's Justices of the peace of the County of Som'set aforesaid, doe allow of the Certificate above written Dated ye 14th day of Jan'ry A'oq. Dom. 1707. Jo. LANSDOWN, Thomas CAREW.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-6.

C7.

Som'sett.

To the Churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the parish of High Littleton in the County aforesaid.

Wee, whose hands and seales are hereunto subscribed and sett, beinge the Churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the parish of Farrington Gurney in the said County of Somersett (or the major parte of them), doe hereby certifie that wee doe owne and Acknowledge the bearer hereof, John BATH and Joane his wife, John, Stephen, Abra'm and Isaac their sons (and all such other Children as shall be begotten betweene them dureing the time of their resideinge and dwellinge within the said parish of High Littleton), To be Inhabitants Legally settled in our said parish of Farrington Gurney. In Witnesse whereof wee have hereunto sett our hands and seales the Twelveth day of October In the seaventh yeare of her ma'tie's Raigne over greate Brittaine etc. Annoq. Dom. 1708. John MOGG, John NAISH, George PAYNE.

Attested by us, Henry HOLE, William ROSEWELL, John PAYNE.

Som'sett.

Wee, whose hands are hereunto subscribed, Two of her ma'tie's Justices of the peace for the said County, doe Allow of the above Certificate. Dated the day and yeare above written. Jo. LANSDOWN, H. BRIDGES. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-7.

[*Note*: Stephen (born 16 Jul) son of John BATH & Joane bapt. at Farrington Gurney 25 Jul 1703. He married firstly Mary -- (buried Farmborough 8 Dec 1739) & secondly Hannah PARFETT at Farmborough 25 Jan 1741/2. Abraham married Sarah MANDRILL see Certificate dated 27 Feb 1736/7.

Isaac married Sarah --- see Certificate dated 27 Feb 1736/7.

Presumably son John in the Certificate of 1708 died young.

John son of John BATH & Joan born 16 Dec 1712 (High Littleton Register). - He married Jane - see Certificate dated 6 Jan 1739/40.]

C8.

Som'sett.

To the Churchwardens & overseers of the poor of the p'ish of High Littleton in the County of Somersett afores'd. Wee, whose hands and seales are hereunto subscribed and sett, being the Churchwardens & overseers of the poor of the parish of Stanton Drew in the said County of Somersett (or the major part of them), Doe hereby Certifey that we doe own and Acknowledg the bearer hereof, **Samuell COLLIER & his wife Jone & his Daughter Mary**, to be Inhabitants legally setled in our said p'ish of Stanton Drew. In wittness whereof we have hereunto sett our hands & seales the 5th of decemb'r 1708. John HAZLE, the marke of Samuell X PAGE, Churchwardens & ov'seeres.

Signed & sealed in the presents of us, Cor. LYDE, Jno. ADAMS.

Somersett.

Wee, whose hands are hereunto subscribed, two of her Maj'st's Justices of the peace for the said County doe Allow the above written Certificate. Jo. LANSDOWN, John MOGG. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-5.

C9.

Somerset.

To the Churchwardens and Overseeres of the poore of the pish of High Littelton in ye Countie affores'd.

Wee, whose hands and seales are hereunto subscribed and set, being the Churchwardens and Overseeres of the poore of the p'ish of Binnigar in ye sd. Countie of Somerset or the Major parte of them, doe hereby certifie That wee doe owne and Acknowledg the Barer hereof, **John JAMES and Hester his wife and John JAMES his soone and all such other Children as is or shall be Begotten Beetweene them during the time of theire residence and dwelling within the sd. p'ish of High Littelton, to be Inhabitance Legally settled in our sd. parrish of Binnigar; in witness whereof wee have hereunto set our hands and seales this fifth day of May in ye eight yeare of her Majestis Reigne, now Queene of Great Brittaine, An'oque Domi'i 1709. Geo. LANE, Churchwarden, John NEWTH, Mary HIPPISLEY.**

Attested by us, the mark of ?James SNOOK, the mark of Edward HOBBS, Will. JAMES.

Wee, whose hands are hereunto subscribed, two of her Majestis Justicees of the peace for the sd. Countie, do Allow of the Above Certificate dated the day and yeare Above written. H. BRIDGES, John MOGG. Document in High Littleton Vestry Aug. 2000.

C10.

Som'settss.

To the Churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the parish of High Littleton in the said County, These.

Wee, whose Hands and seales are hereunto subscribed and sett, beinge the Churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the parish of Chewton Mendip in the said County, or the major parte of them, doe hereby certifie that wee doe owne and Acknowledge the Bearer hereof, **William BROWNE**, **Ann his wife and Deborah their Daughter**, to be Inhabitants Legally settled in our said parish of Chewton Mendip. In Witnesse whereof wee have hereunto sett our Hands and seales the Sixth day of February In the ninth yeare of her ma'tie's Reigne over Greate Brittaine etc. Annoq. Dom. 1710 [1710/1]. Sam'l HOUSE, Wm. DUDDEN, Church-wardens, Richard THRISEL, William BROWN, overseers of the poor.

Attested by us, Benjamin ATWOOD, John BROWN jun'r.

Som'settss.

Wee, whose hands are Hereunto subscribed and sett, Two of her majestie's Justices of the peace for the said County doe Allow of the above Certificate, dated the day and yeare above written. H. BRIDGES, John MOGG. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-8.

C11.

Som'settss.

To the Churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the parish of High Littleton in the County aforesaid.

Wee, whose names are hereunto subscribed and sett, the Churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the parish of Freshford in the said County, doe hereby certifie that **John HARTE**, **Mary his wife and William their sonn**, are Lawfull Inhabitants and parishoners of our said parish of Freshford. And wee doe hereby promise that, if the said John HARTE, Mary his wife and William their sonn or any Childe or Children they shall have dureinge their Residense within the said parish of High Littleton, shall at any times be chargeable to the parishoners

thereof, that wee will receive them or any or either of them into our said parish of Freshford and provide for them as our parishoners, Accordinge to Law. Given under our Hands and seales this first day of March In the Tenth yeare of her majestie's Reigne over Greate Brittaine etc. Annoq. Dom. 1711/12. Peter FISHER jun'r, Joh. SILLCOCK, Churchwardens, Wm. ROSE, Rich. EAYRS, overseers.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us, John SANDERS, John LASBURY.

Som'settss

Wee, whose Hands are hereunto subscribed and sett, Two of her majestie's Justices of the peace for the said County, doe Allow of the above Certificate. Dated the day and yeare above written. H. BRIDGES, John MOGG.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-9.

C12.

To the Minister, Churchwardens & Overseers of the poor and others the Inhabitants of the Towne and parish of Heigh Littleton in the County of Som's't, (These).

Whereas **Richard CHING** and his Wife of the Parish of Stratton in the County of Cornwell, Feltmaker, For his better Livelyhood and advantage of his Trade, doth at present reside, sojarne and Live within the persinkes of your said parish, Now Therefore, at the Request of the said Richard CHING, Wee, the Minister, Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of our said Parish of Stratton in the afforesaid County of Cornewell, doe hereby acknowledge and Confess the said Richard CHING and his wife to bee our parishoners; (and them will receive with theire Family as such) And at such time and times as hime, her or they, shall become Chargable or Burthensom to your said parish, and will soffitiently keep and save harmless your said parish of heigh Littleton from any such parochiall Cha'ges. In witness heareof wee have hereunto subscribed our names this thirteenth of october and In the fourth yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne Lord George, over great Brittaine, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the faith Annoq. Domi. 1717. Eeyon BAYLEY, Clarke, Peter CALLOWAY, [blank], Steven CALL, Churchwardens, Benjamin UGLO, John WILLS, Overseers.

Witness: Allowed by us, Tho. WADON, Walter LANGFORD.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-10.

[Note: Richard son of Rich'd CHING of Wellow & Ann his wife was buried at High Littleton 14 Nov 1740.]

C13.

Bristoll Ss.

We, whose names are underwritten, being the Church wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of St. Thomas in the Citty of Bristoll Aforesaid, Doe hereby owne and Acknowledg that **Aron GANE**, **Deborah his Wife, Mary and John theire Children** to be Inhabitants Legally settled in the parish of of (*sic*) St. Thomas in the Citty of Bristoll Aforesaid. In Wittness whereof wee have hereunto sett our hands and seals the 22d day of November in the Tenth yeare of the Reigne of ower sovereign Lord George, by the Grace of God, of Greate Brittaine, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the faith etc. Annoq. Dom. 1723. Phil. JONES, Joseph LITTLE, Church Wardens, Ste. CLUTTERBUCK, Jon. SMITH, overseers.

Attested by Geo. ADAMS, The Mark of Abraham X DERRICK.

To the Church Wardens & overseers of the parish of High Littleton in The County of Som'sett or to Any or either of them.

We, whose names are underwritten, Justices of of (*sic*) the peace for the Citty and County of Bristoll Aforesaid, do Allow of the Certificate above written. Dated the 22d day of November Anno Dom. 1723. Wm. DAINES, Henry SWYMMER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-11.

[Note: Moses (born 8 Sep) son of Aaron GANE & Deborah bapt. at High Littleton 9 Sep 1737.

Debora (died 11 Jun) wife of Aaron GANE was buried at High Littleton 12 Jun 1741.

Aaron GANE married Rachel PALMER at High Littleton 11 Nov 1744.

Deborah dau. of Aaron GANE & Rachel bapt. at High Littleton 3 Nov 1745.

Aaron (died 3 Jul) son of Aaron GANE was buried at High Littleton 5 Jul 1750.]

C14.

Som'set.

We, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the Parish of Berkley, doe hereby owne and Acknowledge **Isaac ALDREDGE, Mary his wife, Isaac, James and Mary, their sons and daughter**, to be Inhabitants Legally settled in our parish aforesaid. In Wittness hereof we have hereunto sett our hands and seales the thirteeth day of October Anno Dom. 1724, Anno Regni Domini nostri Georgii, dei gratia, Magnae Britaniae, Franciae et Hiberniae, Regis, fidei defensoris &c. undecimo. *[blank]*, Edward KEEVILL, Churchwardens, John HOLLWEY, Jerem. WILKINGS, Overseers.

Signed And Sealed in the p'sence of John BAYLEY, Richard HORTON.

We, whose hands and seals are hereunder sett, two of his Majesty's Justices of the peace for the sd. County, do allow of the above Certificate; as witness our hands this 8th July 1730. Will. EARLE jr., Wm. JONES. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-12.

[Note: Isaac ALDRIDE (sic - presumably the son) married Mable SULEWAY at Clutton 8 Aug 1741.]

C15.

To the Church wardens and overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. We, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the abovewritten County of Somerset, do hereby certifie, own and acknowledge that John PALMER, Cole Miner, Hester his Wife and John PALMER, Mary PALMER, Anne PALMER and Rachel PALMER, their Son and Daughters, who now, for their conveniency, desire to reside within your said Parish of High Littleton, are Inhabitants legally settled within our said Parish of Midsomer Norton. And we do hereby, for our Selves and our Successors, promise and agree that, if the said John PALMER the Father, Hester his Wife, John PALMER the son, Mary PALMER, Anne PALMER and Rachell PALMER or any or either of them shall happen to become chargeable or want relief, We will receive and relieve them and every or any of them at the Publick Charges of our said Parish of Midsomer Norton, without any Charge or Detriment to your said Parish of High Littleton. In Testimony whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and seals this Fourteenth Day of February Anno Dom. 1726/7. Geo JAMES, Church warden, Isaac HODGES, George ABRAM, Thomas CATLEY, overseers.

Witnesses the signing and executing hereof, John PERRY, John HEALE.

February 16th 1726. Confirm'd and allow'd of by us, John MOGG, Wm. LONG. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-13.

C16.

We, the Minister, Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor and other Principal Inhabitants of the Parish of Henton Bluet in the County of Som'set, Do own and acknowledge **Henry GIBBENS and Rebecca his Wife** to be Parishioners lawfully setled in our said Parish and as such will receive them untill they or either of them shall, at any time after the date of these p'sents, obtain a lawfull Settlement in any other Parish. In Witness whereof we have hereunto sett our hands and Seals this Fifth day of July in the Fourth Year of the reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith etc. Annoq. Dom. 1730. Henry BROOKES, Rector, Thomas PINKERD [?], Chur'warden, Thomas EMERY, Overseer.

Witnessed by Jos. VEAKS [?], Thomas VOWLES, Rich. THIERY, Fra. LYONS, Ju'r.

We, Two of his Ma'tie's Justices of the peace for the sd. County of Som'set, do allow of the above Certificate. Will. EARLE jr., Wm. JONES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-18.

C17.

We, the Minister, Churchwardens, Overseers of the poor and other principal Inhabitants of the Parish of East Harptrey in the County of Som'set, Do own and acknowledge John BARWELL, Hannah his Wife, Ann, James, Joseph and Sarah, Sons and Daughters of the said John and Hannah BARWELL, to be Parishioners lawfully setled in our said Parish and as such will receive them or any or either of them, Unless they or any or either of them, at any time after the date of these p'sents, shall for himself or herself gain a lawfull Settlement in any other Parish. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this Fifth day of July in the Fourth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith etc. Annoq. Dom. 1730. Geo. CHURCHEY, Vicar, Charles BUTCHER, Charles SMITH, Churchwardens, John SPERING, Samuell LASBYRY, Overseers.

Witnessed by Will. BUTCHER, Simon DANDO, Ja. YORKE, Francis SAVIDG.

We, Two of his Ma'tie's Justices of the peace for the said County of Som'se, do allow the above Certificate. Will. EARLE jr., Wm. JONES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-19.

C18.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. We, the Churchwardens and overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the said County of Somerset, do hereby certifye, own and acknowledge that Francis HEALE the younger of our said Parish of Midsomer Norton, Thatcher, Martha his Wife, and James HEALE, Eleanor HEALE and Elizabeth HEALE, Son and Daughters of him the said Francis HEALE, who now desire to reside in your said Parish of High Littleton, are Inhabitants legally settled in our said Parish of Midsomer Norton. And we do, for ourselves and our Successors, promise and agree That, if the said Francis HEALE, Martha his Wife, James HEALE,

Eleanor HEALE and Elizabeth HEALE, their Son and Daughters and such other Child or Children as they the said Francis HEALE and Martha his Wife shall happen hereafter to have borne and baptized within your said Parish, or any or either of them, shall happen to become chargeable or want Relief, we will receive and relieve them and every or any or either of them, who shall so become chargeable, at the Publick Charges of our said Parish of Midsomer Norton, without any Charge or detriment to your said Parish of High Littleton. In Testimony whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and seals this sixth day of July in the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereigne Lord King George the second Annoq. Dom. 1730. Wm. SAVAGE, Churchwarden, Thomas PARSONS, Syd'm POYNTZ, Overseers.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of Wm. CATCOTT, Isaac HODGES.

We whose hands & seals are hereunto sett, two of his Majesty's Justices of the peace for the sd. County, do allow of the above Certificate; as witness our hands this 8th of July 1730. Will. EARLE j'r, Wm. JONES. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-17.

C19.

We, the Minister, Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor and other Principal Inhabitants of the Parish of Croscombe in the County of Som'set, do own **Samuel KELSON**, **Margery his Wife and Martha their Daughter**, to be Parishioners lawfully settled in Our said Parish and as such, at any time hereafter will receive, untill he, she, they or either of them shall gain a lawfull Settlement in any other parishes or parish. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this Twenty and Ninth day of July in the Fourth Year of the reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith etc. Annoq. Dom. 1730. Minister [blank], Churchwardens Tho. POYTON, Tho's PARSONS, Overseers Gabriel PORCH, Abr'm BABER.

Witnessed by William GRIMSTEED, John POYTON.

We, Two of his Ma'tie's Justices of the Peace for the sd. County of Som'set, do allow of the above Certificate. [Unsigned].

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-15.

C20.

Som's'ttss.

To the Churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Som'sett.

Wee, whose hands and seals are hereunto sett, being the Churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Chellworth in the said County, Do hereby own and acknowledge **Isaac DAVIS**, **Blacksmith**, **Mary his Wife**, **Isaac**, **Mary and Susannah**, **their Sone and Daughters**, to be parishioners legalled (*sic*) settled within our said parish of Chellworth and do hereby promise to receive and provide for them, any or either of them, at any time or times hereafter, untill they shall gain a Legall Settlem't in any other parish. In Witness whereof we have hereunto sett our hands and seals this 15th day of October Annoq. D'ni 1730. William GIBBS, John STOKES. Sealed & Delivered in the p'sence of Thomas PETERSON, Samuell LOSCOMBE.

4th Nov'r 1730. Jurat fuit supra notat Thomas PETERSON super Executione hunc Certificate coram nobis Wee whose Hands are hereunto subscribed and sett, Two of his Majestie's Justices of the Peace, Quorum unus, doe allow of the certificate above Written, dated ye 15th of October 1730. Will. EARLE j'r, Wm. JONES. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-16.

[Note: James son of Isaac & Mary DAVIS was buried at High Littleton 29 May 1737.

Milicent (born 26 May) dau. of Isaac DAVIS & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 29 May 1737. - Milicent dau. of Isaac & Mary DAVIS buried at High Littleton 13 Jun 1737.

Ann dau. of Isaac DAVIS & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 17 Dec 1738.

Isaac DAVIS (died 11 Jun) of Farrington Gourney was buried at High Littleton 13 Jun 1741.]

C21

Melksham in Com. Wilts. Ss.

To the Churchwardens & Overseers of the poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Som'set or to either of them. These.

We, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Melksham or the Major part of them, whose Names are Subscrib'd and Seals put, do hereby Certifie that the Bearer hereof, **George WILKINS**, **together with Elizabeth his Wife**, **George his Son & Ruth his Daughter**, are Inhabitants legally settled in our said Parish of Melksham and that we and our Successors shall & will, from time to time & at all times hereafter, own and acknowledge them accordingly to be our Parishioners, as the Statute in that Case provides. Witness our Hands and Seals the Twenty Fourth Day of Decemb'r Anno. Dni. 1730. Jas. KINGTON, Wm. CONDUIT, Churchwardens, Ed. SCOTT, James SOUTHARNWOOD, Overseers.

Sign'd, Seal'd and deliver'd in the presence of Wm. SALTER, James TAYLOR.

James TAYLOR, one of the wittnesses to the abovewrighten certificate, maketh Oath that he & the said Wm. SALTER did see James KINGTON, Wm. CONDUIT, Edward SCOTT & James SOUTHERNWOOD, church wardens & overseers of the poor of the p'ish of Melksham abovesaid, severally signe and seale the said certificate & that the names of them the said Wm. SALTER & James TAYLOR are their propper hand wrighting.

Sworn before us, Two of his Majestie's Justices of the peace for the county of Wiltes, the 28 day of Dece'b'r An. Dom. 1730. Wm. BEACH, C. METHUEN.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-20.

[Note: George WILKINS was removed from High Littleton to Melksham by Order dated 9 Dec 1730. He returned with a Certificate and remained in High Littleton for the rest of his life.]

C22.

To the Churchwardens & Overseers of the poor of High Littleton in the County of Som'set. These.

We, the Minister, Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor and other principal Inhabitants of the parish of Marksbury in the said County of Som'set, whose hands and seals are hereunto subscribed and affixed, Do acknowledge **Benjamin HAND**, **Jane his Wife**, **James**, **Artulus and Jane**, **their Son and Daughters**, to be parishioners lawfully setled in our said parish of Marksbury and as such, at any and all time and times hereafter, them will receive untill they shall gain a lawfull Settlem't in another parish. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this Seventeenth day of January in the Fourth Year of the reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the second, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France & Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith etc. Annoq. Dom. 1730 [1730/1]. Wm. RADFORD, Rector, Min'r, John COLLINS, Churchwarden, Jone GEEAL, Overseer.

Witnessed by us, George BROAD, Wm. QUARMAN, John COX.

We Two of his Ma'tie's Justices of the peace for the County afores'd, do allow the above written Certificate on the Oath of John COX, one of the above named Witnesses, who saw the same duly Executed. Will. EARLE j'r, Wi. JONES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-14.

[Note: Benjamin HAND and family were removed from High Littleton to Marksbury by Order dated 9 Dec 1730 before returning 5 weeks later with a Certificate.]

C23.

To the Minister, Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. These.

Know ye That We, the Minister, Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor and Other principal Inhabitants of the parish of Chewton Mendip in the County of Somerset, do hereby own and acknowledge **Thomas BALLER, Jane his Wife and Henry their Son** to be Inhabitants legally setled in our said Parish And as Such will receive them whensoever they or either of them shall be unto us tendered and delivered, unless a legal Settlement shall be by them obtained else where. In Witness whereof we, for our Selves and Successors, have set our hands and Seals this Thirtyeth day of July in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King George the Second that now is, Annoq. Dom. 1735. Jo. TASWELL, Vicar, George PALMER, Francis BOORDE, Churchwardens, William HIPPISLEY, Thomas GREEN, Overseers.

Witnessed by Jona. HOSKINS, Thomas X PLENTY his Mark.

We, Two (*sic*) of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Somerset, do allow of the above Certificate upon the oath of Jonathan HOSKINS. Will. EARLE j'r, Wm. JONES, H. STRACHEY.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-21.

[Note: Ann dau. of Thomas & Jane BALLER of Ston Easton bapt. at Clutton 7 Dec 1732. - Ann BALLER (Ston Easton) buried at Clutton 5 Jun 1734.

Henry son of Thomas & Jane BALLER bapt. at Clutton 21 Jan 1733/4.

Thomas another son was born c.1736.

James son of Thomas & Jane BALLER bapt. at Clutton 2 Mar 1740/1.

Isaac son of Thomas & Jane BALLER bapt. at Clutton 1 Jul 1744. - Isaac son of Thomas & Jane BALLER buried at Clutton 17 Sep 1747. Betty dau. of Thomas & Jane BALLER bapt. at Clutton 15 Sep 1745. - Betty dau. of Thomas & Jane BALER buried at Clutton 5 Jan 1745/6

Jane wife of Thomas BALER (sic) was buried at Clutton 10 Nov 1745.

Thomas married secondly Mary --- c.1746.

Thomas BALLER, wife Mary & children Henry, aged 14, Thomas 11 & James 5, were removed from Clutton to Chewton Mendip, the Order being confirmed at The Quarter Sessions at Wells in 1747 (SRO Q/SO 11 384).]

C24.

To the Minister, Church Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. These.

We, the Minister, Church Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Churchill in the said County of Somerset, Do hereby own and acknowledge William STURGES and Elizabeth his Wife, William, Elizabeth and Ann, Son and Daughters of the said William and Elizabeth STURGES, to be Parishioners legally setled in our said Parish of Churchill, And, for our Selves and Successors, do promise and agree to take and receive them as such, at any time hereafter, Together with such other Child and Children as the said William STURGES shall have by the said Elizabeth his Wife. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set Our Hands and Seals this First day of January in the Tenth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and so forth and in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty six [1736/7]. John MARKHAM, Minister, [blank], Churchwardens, Geo. BISSE, Overseers.

Witnessed by us, Absalom BARROW, the Marke of Thomas X CROOKER, Sam'll SIMMONS.

We, Two of his Majestie's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, do allow the above Certificate on the Oath of Thomas CROOKER, who saw the same duly Executed. Will. EARLE j'r, Wm. JONES. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-25.

C25.

Somersetshire To Witt.

To the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. These.

We, the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of Farrington Gurney in the said County of Somerset, do hereby own and Acknowledge Isaac BATH, Sarah his wife, [and] Sarah their Daughter to be Parishioners legally setled in Our said Parish of Farrington Gurney [and] for Our selves and Successors do promise and Agree to take and Receive them as such at any time Hereafter, Together with such other Child and Children as the said Isaac BATH shall have by the said Sarah his wife. In Wittness whereof we have hereunto set Our Hands and Seals, this twenty seven day of Febuary in the Tenth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the faith and so forth and in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Thirty six [1736/7]. John ROSWELL, The mark of Richard X DAVIS, Church-wardens, John ROSWELL, The marck of X Richard DAVIS, overseers of the poor. Wittnessed by us John YOUNG, The marke of X William PALMER.

We, two of his Majestie's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, do allow the above Certificate on the Oath of William PALMER, who saw the same duly Executed. Will. EARLE j'r, H. STRACHEY. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-22.

[Note: Isaac is assumed to be a son of John and Joane BATH who came to High Littleton under a Certificate from Farrington Gurney dated 12 Oct 1708

Sarah dau. of Isaac & Sarah BATH was buried at High Littleton 3 May 1737.

Patience & Sarah (born 19 Jan) daus. of Isaac BATH & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 20 Jan 1739/40.

Jacob son of Isaac BATH bapt. at Clutton 2 Feb 1741/2. - Bristol Royal Infirmary Records show that Jacob BATH of High Littleton, aged 11, was admitted as an Inpatient on 14 Feb 1754 and again, aged 16, on 6 Sep 1759.

Joseph son of Isaac & Sarah BATH bapt. at Clutton 30 Jul 1748.

An Indenture of Lease dated 14 Feb 1785 refers to Isaac BATH, coal miner, as a former occupier of a cottage at Peter's Cloud Hill in High Littleton.]

C26.

Somersetshire To Witt.

To the Church wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. These.

We, the Church-wardens and Overseers of the poor of ye Parish of Farrington Gurney in the said County of Somerset, do hereby own and Acknowledge Abraham BATH, Coleminer and Sarah his wife, John, Stephen, Abraham And Joseph their sons, to be parrishoners legally setled in our said Parish of Farrington Gurney and for Our-selves and successors do promise and Agree to take and receive them as such at any time hereafter, Together with such other Child and Children as the said Abraham BATH shall have by the said Sarah his wife. In Wittness whereof we have hereunto set Our Hands and seals, this Twenty seventh day of Febuary in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George ye Second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the faith and so forth and in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty-six [1736/7]. John ROSWELL, The marck of Richard X DAVIS, Church-wardens, John ROSWELL, The marck of Richard X DAVIS, overseers of the poor.

Wittnessed by us John YOUNG, The marke of X William PALMER.

We Do allow of the above Certificate upon the oath of William PALMER one of the Witnesses. Will. EARLE j'r, H. STRACHEY.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-24.

[Note: Abraham BATH was examined about his settlement and removed with his family from High Littleton to Farrington Gurney by Order dated 5 Jan 1730/1.]

C27.

Somerset Shire to Wit.

To The Minister, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. These.

We, the Minister, Church-wardens and Overseers of the poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the said County of Somerset, do hereby own and Acknowledge **John CHIVERS**, **Elizabeth his Wife**, **John**, **Samuel and Thomas their Sons**, to be parishioners legally setled in our said parish of Kilmersdon and, for our selves and successors, do promise and Agree to take and Receive them as such, untill they shall, at any time after the date of these presents, gain a lawfull Settlement in any other parish.

In Wittness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this Twenty-seventh day of Febuary in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the faith and so forth and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty six. Tho. JENKINS, Vicar, William MOORE, Tho. SHUTE, Ch. Wardens, William MATHEWS, Overseer.

Witnessed by Us John HUGHES, The mark of X James CARTER.

We, two of His Majestie's Justices of peace for the County aforesaid, do allow the above Certificate on the Oath of the above named James CARTER, who saw the same duly Executed. 8th April 1737. Wm. JONES, H. STRACHEY.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-11.

[Note: John CHIVERS of Kilmersdon was examined about his settlement in 1736 but the document has not survived. Doubtless this sparked the Settlement Certificate from Kilmersdon.

It is possible that John was the son of Samuel CHIVERS and his wife Mary HAMLIN who married at Kilmersdon on 28 Aug 1704. Unfortunately there is a gap in the Kilmersdon Baptism Register between 1708 and 1725, when John's baptism might have been recorded. John CHIVERS of Kilmersdon married Elizabeth CARTER otp at Clutton 16 May 1731.

John son of John & Elizabeth CHIVERS of Kilmersdon bapt. at Clutton 19 Jan 1731/2. - John married Martha TEMPLAR at Timsbury 26 Apr 1756.

Samuel the second child married Elizabeth BAILY at St. John, Bristol 19 Jul 1756.

Thomas was the next child. - Thomas (died 22 Apr) son of John & Elizabeth CHIVERS buried at High Littleton 26 Apr 1738.

Ann dau. of John CHIVERS & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 25 Mar 1739. - Ann married Solomon ROGERS at High Littleton 15 Oct 1759.

Thomas (born 22 May) son of John CHIVERS & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 14 Jun 1741. - Thomas married firstly Sarah DANDO at High Littleton 8 Apr 1756, secondly Sarah BARNES at High Littleton 19 Nov 1770 and thirdly Betty BARNS at St. George, Glos. 6 Jun 1773

James (born 26 Jun) son of John CHIVERS & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 29 Jun 1743. - James married Mary BUSH at High Littleton 8 Apr 1765.

Josiah son of Jno. CHIVERS of High Littleton bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 22 Jan 1745/6. - Josiah married Ann (Nancy) HOLBROOKE at High Littleton 4 Jan 1775.

Robert son of Jno. CHIVERS of High Littleton bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 15 May 1748. - Robert married Sarah BROOKES at High Littleton 22 Jan 1770.

Joseph son of Jno. CHIVERS of Littleton bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 10 Oct 1753. - Joseph married Rebecca HOLBROOKE at High Littleton 18 Apr 1775.

By Indenture dated 6 Nov 1750 John CHIVERS leased from Mary & Elizabeth JONES of Stowey, a cottage bounding Timsbury Road [at the Batch], where he lived, together with a plot adjoining called Fair Close, for 99 years or the lives of himself and sons John and Samuel, if less. This lease was surrendered in 1785 in favour of a new one to John CHIVERS junior.

In a Settlement Examination dated 9 Dec 1845, Sampson CHIVERS (Robert's son) stated that his grandfather John was bailiff at Heighgrove Coal Works and was killed there. John CHIVERS (died 17 Apr) was buried at High Littleton 18 Apr 1759.

An application dated 25 Jul 1771 was made to the Registrar of the Bishop's Court, Wells for the dwelling house of Elizabeth CHIVERS, widow, in High Littleton, to be used by protestant dissenters, called Presbyterians, for public worship. The application was signed by Lewis LEWIS, John CHIVERS, Thomas CHIVERS, Samuel CHIVERS, James CHIVERS, Robert CHIVERS, Samuel WILLIAMSON, William GIBBS, Joseph BATH, Josiah CHIVERS, Joseph CHIVERS and John CHIVERS jun'r.

Betty CHIVERS (John's widow) was a midwife and Overseers Accounts record scores of payments to her, over many years, for delivering children of poor parishioners.

Accounts for 1792/3 record relief of 2/- p.w. for 5 weeks and 1/6 for 45 weeks to old Betty CHIVERS, plus 1/- to her in distress and a further 5/- to her in distress and hauling her goods. In the following year was 4/3 for a bed gown for Betty. Vestry Minutes of 1 Apr 1793 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Betty CHIVERS. This continued to 1796, when it was increased to 1/10 p.w. and ended in 1797.

Betty CHIVERS received gifts of clothes etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1793 and 1796.

Overseers Accounts for 1794/5 record the cost of a warrant to summon CHIVERS' daughters to the Justices for abusing Betty CHIVERS. In his Settlement Examination Sampson CHIVERS stated that his grandmother Elizabeth CHIVERS lived some time with his mother Sarah in High Littleton. Vestry Minutes of 15 Oct 1793 approved relief of 9d. p.w. in the weekly calendar to Sarah CHIVERS for looking after Betty CHIVERS. This increased to 1/- p.w. in 1796 and ended in 1797. Overseers Accounts for 1796/7 record the payment of 3/6 for cloth for Betty CHIVERS by order of Vestry, 16/103/4 for things for old Betty, 7/- for a sheet and 3/11 for a shift for her. Finally 16/- was paid for her funeral expenses.

Betty CHIVERS was buried at High Littleton 8 Nov 1797. Family information in 1845 stated that she was 90 years old.]

C28.

Som'set to wit.

To the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County. These. We, Sampson HILES and Henry HARRISON, Church wardens, and Francis WILLIAMS, Samuel LANGDON, John ATTEWEL, Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Minehead in the County of Som'sett, do hereby Certifie, own, and acknowledge **Robert HURFORD**, **Mary his Wife, Sarah, Mary and Ann their Children**, to be Inhabitants Legally settled in our said Parish of Minehead, as wittness our hands and Seals this Second day of March in the tenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second, King of Great Brittain &c. one thousand seven Hundred thirty six [1736/7]. Sampson HILES, Henry HARRISON, Francis WILLIAMS, John ATWELL.

Sealed and delivered in the p'sence of us, Benj'n FORREST, John DEAKE. Wm. BLAKE.

We, whose hands and seales are hereunto set, two of his Majestie's Justices of the Peace for ye sd. County (whereof one is of the Quorum), do allow of the above Certificate and do hereby Testify that Benjamin FORREST and John DEAKE, wittnesses hereunto, did jointly and severally make Oath that Sampson HILES, Henry HARRISON, Church-Wardens, and Francis WILLIAMS, Samuel LANGDON, and John ATTEWEL, Overseers of the Poor of the sd. Parish of Minehead, did in their presence subscribe their names, seale and deliver the above Certificate, and we do further Certific that the above sd. Benjamin FORREST and John DEAKE did subscribe their names as Wittnesses to the Execution hereof. J. TREVELYAN, Wm. BLAKE. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-23.

[Note: Robert HURFORD and family had previously been removed from High Littleton to Minehead by Order dated 5 Feb 1736/7.]

C29

Somerset-Shire To Witt.

To the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Highlittleton in the County of Somerset, These:

We, the Church-warden and Overseer of the Poor of the parish of Paulton in the said County of Somerset, do hereby own and acknowledge **George DANDO**, **Sarah his wife**, **John**, **Sarah**, **George**, **Samuel and James**, **their sons and daughter** to be parishioners legally settled in our said Parish of Poulton for ourselves and successors, do promise and agree to take and Receive them as such at any time Hereafter, Together with such Child and Children as the said George DANDO shall have by the said Sarah his wife.

In Wittness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this sixth day of March in the Tenth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the second, by the Grace of God of Great Brittain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the faith and so forth, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty six [1736/7]. Overseer Mary PLUMER, her mark, Churchwarden Joh. BAILEY.

26th October 1737, We, two of his Majestie's Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid, do allow the above Certificate on the oath of Samuel SYMES, who saw the same duly Executed. Wm. JONES, H. STRACHEY. Document in High Littleton Vestry Aug. 2000.

[Note: Entered together in the Paulton Parish Register is the marriage of George DANDO and birth of 5 children.

George & Sarah DANDO were married at Paulton 24 Jun 1716.

John their son was born 30 Dec 1719. - John married Ann MARTIN at High Littleton 13 Oct 1746.

Sarah their daughter was born 25 Oct 1724.

George their son was born 19 Sep 1727. - George married Jane GREEN at High Littleton 21 Apr 1753.

Samuel their son was born 3 Dec 1733. - Samuel married firstly Katherine (died 1782) and secondly Ann SEYMOUR at High Littleton 7 Feb 1787.

James their son was born 4 Feb 1736/7. - James married Sarah HARRIS at High Littleton 26 Sep 1762.

Mary (born 2 Jun) dau. of George & Sarah DANDO bapt. at High Littleton 15 Jun 1740.

Sarah wife of Geo. DANDO of Hallatrow was buried at Paulton 13 Jan 1769.

George DANDO an old man was buried at Paulton 13 Jan 1773.]

C30.

To the Minister, Churchwardens and Overseers of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. These.

We, the Minister, Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the Parish of Clutton in the said County of Somersett, do hereby Acknowledge **John WOOD** and **Milicent his Wife** to be legal Parishoners setled in our said Parish of Clutton, And, for our Selves and Successors, do promise and agree to take and receive as such, at any time hereafter, together with such Child or Children as the said John WOOD shall have by the said Milicent his wife.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this first day of August in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by the grace of God, of Great Brittain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and so forth, and in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and thirty seven. Phil. WHITAKER, Minister, Nicholas BLACKER, the mark X of Benjamin ALLEN, Churchwardens, Sam'l ALLEN, Tho's READ, Overseers.

attested by, the mark of Nathaniell ATWOOD, Thomas FRANCES.

We, whose Names are hereunto Subscribed, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the sd. Countty of Som't afores'd, do allow of the above Certificate upon the Oath of Nathaniel WOOD (sic), who is One of the Witnesses hereunto. Wm. JONES, H. STRACHEY.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-27.

[*Note*: John ATTWOOD married Millicent LANGFORD at Clutton 30 May 1737. John son of John WOOD & Millicent of Clutton bapt. at High Littleton 22 Feb 1740/1. Joseph son of John & Millicent ATWOOD bapt. at Clutton 13 Nov 1742. Mary daughter of John ATTWOOD & Millicent bapt. at High Littleton 24 Aug 1746. Richard son of John & Millicent ATWOOD bapt. at Clutton 29 Jan 1747/8.

Benjamin son of John & Millicent Atwood bapt. at Clutton 26 May 1751.]

C31.

To The Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Som'sett. These.

We, The Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Clutton in the County of Som'sett, do hereby Certify that we do own and Acknowledge **Thomas PERRY and Anne his wife** to be both Inhabitants Legally Settled in our said Parish of Clutton. And we do hereby promise, for our Selves and Successers, to receive them into our said Parish of Clutton whenever they shall become Chargeable.

In witness whereof we, the said Churchwardens and Overseers, have hereunto respectively Sett our hands and seals, this Second day of August In the Eleventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second, now King of Great Britain and so forth, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Seven. the mark X of Benjamin ALLEN, Nicholas BLACKER, Churchwardens, Sam'l ALLEN, Tho's READ, Overseers.

Attested by Jas. LEMAN, the Mark of Nathaniel ATTWOOD.

We, whose Names are hereunto Subscribed, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County of Som'sett, do allow of the above Certificate upon the Oath of Nathaniel WOOD (sic), who saw the same duely Executed. Wm. JONES, H. STRACHEY.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-28.

[Note: Thomas PERRY of Clutton was examined about his settlement in 1737 but the document has not survived. Doubtless this sparked the Settlement Certificate.]

C32.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. These.

We, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Croscomb in the County of Somerset, hereby certify that we do own and acknowledge **Peter CLARK, Labourer, Rebecca his wife and their three Children,** to be Inhabitants legally settled in our said Parish of Croscomb. And we do hereby promise, for ourselves and successors, to receive them into our said Parish whenever they shall become Chargeable. In Witness whereof we, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Croscomb aforesaid, have hereunto respectively set our Hands and Seals the Tenth day of September in the year of Our Lord 1737. John KING, James BACON, Churchwardens, Jos. HAILSTONE, [blank], Overseers.

Witness John GUTCH jun'r, Jos. WOODSFORD. Witnesses to it's being Executed by the said James BACON, John BACON, John GUTCH jun'r.

We, whose Names are hereunto subscribed, two of his Maj'tie's Justices of Peace of & for the said County of Somerset, do hereby certify That John GUTCH Jun'r, one of the Witnesses who attested the Exec'on of the abovewritten Certificate, made Oath before us y't the Churchwardens & Overseers of Croscomb afores'd did severally sign & seal the said Certificate & y't his Name set thereto as a witness & also the name of the other subscribing Witness are of their own Hand-writing respectively, and we do allow of the said Certificate. James STRODE, Tho's COWARD.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-29.

[Note: Peter CLARKE of High Littleton was examined and removed from High Littleton to Croscombe by Order dated 5 Aug 1737. He returned 5 weeks later with the Certificate.]

C33.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton In the County of Somerset.

We, The Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Norton St. Phillip's in the County of Somerset, do hereby Certifie That we do own and Acknowledge **Charles WEBB**, **Blacksmith and Martha his Wife** to be Inhabitants Legally settled in our said Parish of Norton St. Phillips and we Do hereby Acknowledge and promise, for ourselves and successors, to receive them into our said parish of Norton St. Phillip's whenever they shall become Chargeable.

In Witness whereof we, the said Churchwardens and Overseers, have hereunto respectively set our Hands and Seals this Thirty day of December In the Eleventh Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second, Now King of Great Britain and so forth and In the Year of Our Lord 1737. Theo. PONTING, James CLEMENT, Churchwardens, The mark X of John POOLL, Tho's MORGAN, Overseers.

Attested by Thomas NOTT, John WINGROVE, James LAVENGTON. Thos MORGAN's attest. by Tho. COLLIER, John WINGROVE.

We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, two of his Majestie's Justices of the peace of and for the said County of Somerset, do allow of the above Certificate on the oath of James LAVINGTON, one of the subscribing witnesses, who saw the same duly Executed. Wi. JONES, H. STRACHEY.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-26.

[Note: Charles WEBB married Martha ---.

A son Samuel was born at Norton St. Philip's. - Samuel WEB, labourer, married Jane ROGERS at Farmborough 25 Dec 1767.

Ann dau. of Charles WEBB & Martha bapt. at Clutton 3 Apr 1744.

William (born 1 Feb) son of Charles WEBB & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 15 Feb 1746/7.

Penelope (born 24 Mar) dau. of Chas. WEBB & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 26 Mar 1749.

It is possible that John WEBB (died 6 Jan 1738/9) buried at High Littleton 9 Jan 1738/9 and Geo. WEBB buried there 27 Sep 1753 may also have been children of Charles & Martha.

Chas. WEBB was buried at High Littleton 12 Sep 1753.

Samuel WEBB the son was examined about his settlement on 13 Sep 1793 prior to his removal from High Littleton to Norton St. Philip. In his Examination he said he resided at Norton St. Philip with his parents until he was 15, when he went to High Littleton with his parents, who were returning to the latter place after some absence.]

C34

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of High-Littleton in the County of Somerset. These.

We, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Stoke Lane in the County of Somerset, hereby certifie that we do own and acknowledge **Samuel BUDD**, **Coalminer**, **Grace his Wife**, **George their Son**, **Martha and Elizabeth their Daughters**, to be Inhabitants legally settled in our said Parish of Stoke Lane. And we do hereby promise, for ourselves and Successors, to receive them into our said Parish whenever they shall become Chargeable. In Witness whereof we, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Stoke Lane aforesaid, have hereunto respectively set our Hands and Seals the Twenty second Day of July in the Year of Our Lord 1739. John CHARMBURY, John PLAISTER, Churchwardens, Edward GOOLD, *Iblankl*. Overseers.

Witness by us, the mark of Thomas X START, the mark of George X BUD Sen'er.

We, whose Names are hereunto Subscribed, two of his Majestie's Justices of Peace of & for the sd. County of Somerset, do hereby certifie That Thomas START, one of the Witnesses who attested the Execution of the above written Certificate, made oath before us that the Church-Wardens & Overseers of Stoke Lane afores'd did severally signe & seal the said Certificate & that his name set thereto as a Witness and also the name of the other Subscribing Witness are of their own proper Hand-writing, And we do allow of the sd. Certificate. Wm. JONES, H. STRACHEY.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-31.

[Note: Samuel BUDD of Stoke Lane was examined about his settlement in 1734 but the document has not survived. He and his family were later removed from High Littleton to Stoke Lane by Order dated 23 Mar 1736/7.]

C35.

Somerset to Wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County. These.

We, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Embrough in the County of Somerset, do hereby Certifie, own and Acknowledge **Samuel GREEN, Blacksmith**, to be an Inhabitant legally settled in our said Parish of Embrough. As Witness our hands and Seals this Second Day of December in the twelfth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, King of Great Britain and so Forth, and in the Year of our Lord 1739. John HIPPISLEY, Churchwarden, Thomas FRAPPELL, The mark of Roger PADFIELD X, Overseers.

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Joseph DANDO, Daniel CHESMAN.

We, whose Names are hereunto Subscribed, two of his Majestie's Justices of Peace of & for the County of Somerset, do hereby certific That Joseph DANDO, one of the Witnesses who attested the Execution of the above Written Certificate, made oath before us that the Church Warden and Overseers of Embrough afores'd, did severally Sign and Seal the said Certificate, & that his name and Daniel CHESMAN's name set thereto as Witnesses are their own proper Hand-writings, And we do allow of the said Certificate. Rog'r LYDE, H. STRACHEY.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-30.

C36.

Somersetsh'e to Wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset. These. We, the Minister, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of Farrington Gurney in the said County, Do hereby Acknowledge **John BATH and Jane his Wife** to be Parrishioners legaly setled in our said parish of Farrington Gurney, And, for our selves and Successors, do promise and Agree to take and receive them as such, at any time hereafter, **Together with such Child or Children as the sd. John BATH shall have by the sd. Jane his Wife**. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals, this the 6th Day of January in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and so forth, and in the Year of our Lord 1739 [1739/40]. Sam'll WEST, John YOUNG, Church wardens, Sam'll WEST, John YOUNG, oversears of the poor. Sealed and deliver'd in the presence of William CREW, Der. WEST, Abr. BATH.

We, whose Names are Subscribed, being two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset, do allow of the Certificate above Written. And we do hereby Certificate that Abraham BATH of High Littleton, Coleminer, One of the Subscribing Witness[es] to the said Certificate, hath this Day made Oath before us that he did see the above named Samuel WEST, Church Warden and John YOUNG, Overseer of the Poor of the Parish of Farrington Gourney, severally sign and seal the said Certificate and that the Names William CREW, Der. WEST and Abr. BATH, attesting the Execution thereof, are of their own proper hand Writing. Given under our hands the 22d Day of May 1740. Wi. JONES, H. STRACHEY.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-32.

[Note: John son of John BATH & Joan born 16 Dec 1712 (High Littleton Register).

John's parents had come to High Littleton under a Certificate from Farrington Gurney dated 12 Oct 1708.

Dianna dau. of John BATH & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 5 Jun 1743.]

C37.

Wilts Ss.

We, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Laycock in the County of Wilts. aforesaid, Do hereby own and Acknowledge John HIBBARD, Scribler and Jane his Wife, Martha their Daughter aged twelve Years, Edw'd their Son aged ten Years, Benjamin their Son aged Five Years & a half, John their Son aged two Years and a Quarter and Mary their Daughter aged Nine Weeks, to be Inhabitants Legally Settled in the Parish of Laycock aforesaid.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto Sett our Hands and Seals this First Day of Aprill In the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great Brittain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and so Forth and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty three. John TALBOT Jun'r, Sam. CREW, Church Wardens, [blank], Geo. TAYLOR, Overseers. Attested by James GRIST, Jo'n HULBERT.

To the Churchwardens & Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somersett or to any or Either of them.

We, whose Names are hereunto Subscribed, Justices of the Peace for the County of Wilts. aforesaid, do allow of the sd. Certificate above written & we do Certifie that Jas. GRIST, one of the Witnesses Attesting the Execution of this Certificate, made Oath before us that he did see the Churchwardens and Overseers, whose Hands & Seals are hereunto Sett, Severally Sign and Seal this Certificate and that Jas. GRIST and John HULBERT, the Witnesses Attesting this Certificate, are their own proper hand writing. Given under our Hands the 1st Day of April Anno Dom. 1743. John TALBOT, Jas. MOUNTAGNE Jun'r. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-33.

C38

The High Littleton Poor Book includes amongst a list of Settlement Certificates received, one from Aishwick dated 20th August 1743 in respect of **James CLARE**. The actual certificate has not survived. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

[Note: James CLARE had previously been removed from High Littleton to Ashwick by Order in 1743.]

C39.

The High Littleton Poor Book includes amongst a list of Settlement Certificates received, one from Wanstrow dated 30th December 1743 in respect of **James STICKLAND**. The actual certificate has not survived. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1.

[Note: James STICKLING had previously been removed from High Littleton to Wanstrow by Order dated 9 Dec 1730.]

C40.

Som's't to Wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton. These.

We, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Farmborow in the County aforesaid, hereby Certify that we own and acknowledge **John GULLOCK**, **Coal-miner and Anne his Wife**, to be both Inhabitants Legally settled in our said Parish of Farmborow and we do hereby promise, for ourselves and Successors, to receive them in our said Parish whenever they shall become Chargeable. In Witness whereof we, the said Churchwardens and Overseers, have hereunto respectively set our Hands and Seals the fourth Day of March in the Year of our Lord 1744/5. John KING, [blank], Churchwardens, Wm. BESSLEY, [blank], Overseers.

Witness the mark of William X GULLOCK, Sam'l PURNELL.

County of Somerset To wit.

William GULLOCK of the Parish of Farmborow in the County of Somerset maketh Oath that he is One of the Witnesses who Attested the Execution of the above written Certificate, that he did See John KING Church-Warden and William BESSLEY, Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish of Farmborow, whose Names and Seals are to the said Certificate Subscribed and Sett, Severally Sign and Seal the same Certificate: And this Deponent Further Saith, that the name William GULLOCK above written, Attesting the said Certificate, is the Proper Hand Writing of this Deponent and the Name Samuell PURNEL above Likewise written is the Proper Hand Writing of Samuell PURNELL of the Parish of Clutton in the County of Somerset aforesaid.

We, his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset, whose names are hereunto Subscribed, do Allow of the above-written Certificate: And we do hereby Certify that the above Deponent William GULLOCK this Day made Oath before us of the Execution thereof in manner above-written. Given under Our Hands this 6th Day of March in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & forty four [1744/5]. H. STRACHEY, Rog'r LYDE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-34.

[Note: John GULLOCK of Farmborough was examined about his settlement in 1744 but the document has not survived. This presumably resulted in the Certificate being obtained.

John son of Wm. & Anna GULLOCK bapt. at Farmborough 12 Jan 1723/4.

John GULLOCK married Anne CARTER at Farmborough 24 Nov 1742.]

C41.

Somerset (to wit).

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County and either of them. These.

We, John MOGG and William COLLINS, Church-Warden and Overseer of the Poor of the Parish of Farrington Gurney in the said County of Somerset, do hereby own and Acknowledge **John CREW and Jane his Wife and Joseph their Son** to be Inhabitants legally settled in the said Parish of Farrington Gurney. In Witness whereof we have hereunto Set our Hands and Seals, the Sixteenth Day of March in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the Second and in the Year of our Lord Christ 1744 [1744/5]. John MOGG, William COLLINS.

Attested by John GANE, Joseph CREW.

We whose Names are Subscribed (being two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset), do allow of the Certificate above written; and we do hereby Certify, that Joseph CREW one of the Witnesses who Attested the Execution thereof, hath made Oath before us, that he saw the said Church-Warden and Overseer, severally sign and seal the said Certificate, and that the Names of this Deponent and of John GAINE the other Witness Attesting the same are of their own proper Hand Writing. Given under our Hands this 22d Day of May in the Year of our Lord 1745. Wi. JONES, Geo. HODGES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-37.

[Note: John CREW was examined about his settlement in 1744 but the document has not survived. This presumably resulted in the Certificate being obtained.]

C42.

[Printed Form]

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each of them.

WE the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Dunkerton in the County of Somerset do hereby acknowledge **Stephen HOLLOWAY**, **Ann his Wife and Robert their Son** to be Inhabitants legally settled in our said Parish. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals, this fifteenth Day of April in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty five. John BIGGS, Church-Wardens (sic), Thomas HARDING, John BIGGS [probably same signature], Overseers.

Attested by George VOWLES, John COTTLE.

We whose Names are hereunto subscribed, being two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County of Somerset do allow of the Certificate above-written; and do hereby Certify, That George VOWLES, being one of the Witnesses to the Execution of the said Certificate, did make Oath before Us, That he did see the said Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor, severally sign and seal the said Certificate, and that the Names of them the said George VOWLES and John COTTLE are of their own proper Hand Writing. Dated the fifteenth Day of April in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty five. Geo. HODGES, Rog'r LYDE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-36.

[Note: Stephen HOLLOWAY was examined about his settlement and removed from High Littleton to Dunkerton by Order dated 6 Feb 1744/5. He returned 2 months later with the Certificate.]

C43.

[Printed Form]

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each of them.

WE the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Compton Dando in the County of Somerset do hereby acknowledge **William BITTLE** to be [an] Inhabitant legally settled in our said Parish. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals, this fifteenth Day of April in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty five. John ALLEN, Church-Warden, William POW, Overseer.

Attested by Tho. DANDO, Henry SIMES.

We whose Names are hereunto subscribed, being two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County of Somerset do allow of the Certificate above-written; and do hereby Certify, That Thomas DANDO, Gent. being one of the Witnesses to the Execution of the said Certificate, did make Oath before Us, That he did see the said Church-Warden and Overseer of the Poor, severally sign and seal the said Certificate, and that the Names of them the said Thomas DANDO and Henry SIMES, witnesses attesting the above Certificate, are of their own proper Hand Writings. Dated the nineteenth Day of April in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty five. H. STRACHEY, Rog'r LYDE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-35.

[*Note*: William BEETLE was removed from High Littleton to Compton DANDO by Order dated 6 Feb 1744/5. Doubtless this resulted in the issuing of the Certificate 2 months later.]

C44.

[Printed Form]

County of Som'sett To wit.

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Som'set or to any or either of them. These.

WE whose Hands and Seals are hereunto subscribed and set, being the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of Churchill in the County of Som'sett do hereby own and acknowledge **John CURTIS**, **Jane his Wife and Susannah their Child** to be our Inhabitants legally settled in the parish of Churchill aforesaid. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals, the Fifteenth Day of April in the Year of our Lord God One Thousand Seven Hundred & Forty five, and in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Edw'rd SAUNDERS, Richard HIPSLEY.

Witness'd by Geo. BAKER, William WHITE.

George BAKER of the parish of Churchill in the County of Som'sett maketh Oath that he is one of the Witnesses who attested the Execution of the above-written Certificate, that he did see Edw'd SAUNDERS, Church-Warden and Richard HIPSLEY, Overseer of the Poor of the said parish of Churchill, whose Names and Seals are to the said Certificate subscribed and set, severally sign and seal the same Certificate: And this Deponent further saith, that the Name George BAKER above-written, attesting the said Certificate, is the proper Hand Writing of this Deponent; and the Name William WHITE above likewise written, is the proper Hand Writing of William WHITE of the parish of Churchill in the County of Som'sett afores'd.

WE his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Som'sett, whose Names are hereunto subscribed, do allow of the above-written Certificate: And we do hereby certify that the above Deponent George BAKER this Day made Oath before us of the Execution thereof in manner above-written. Given under our Hands, the 26th Day of April in the Year of Our Lord God, One Thousand Seven Hundred & Forty five. Geo. BISSE, Tho. PIGOTT.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-38.

[Note: John CURTIS was apprenticed to Richard STEVENS, blacksmith of Langford, by Indenture dated 6 May 1732. This presumably gained John a settlement in Churchill.

John CURTIS married Jane PURNELL widow by banns at High Littleton 24 Dec 1743.

Susannah was presumably born in 1744.

Sarah dau. of John CURTIS & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 12 Jan 1745/6.

William son of John CURTIS & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 31 Mar 1751. - William married Ann BIGGS at Farmborough 10 Feb 1772.]

C45.

[Printed Form]

County of Somerset, to witt.

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset or to any or either of them.

WE, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto subscribed and set, being the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Farmborow in the County of Somerset, do hereby own and acknowledge **Catherine BUSH**, **Widow**, **Mary and James her Children**, to be Inhabitants legally settled in the Parish of Farmborow aforesaid. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals, the Twenty Fourth Day of June in the Year of our Lord God One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Seven and in the Twenty First Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. John KING, Tho. KELSON.

Attested by Tho. DANDO, Henry THOMAS.

County of Somerset To wit.

Thomas DANDO of Chellwood in the County of Somerset aforesaid maketh Oath that he is one of the Witnesses who attested the Execution of the above-written Certificate, that he did see John KING, Church-Warden and Thomas KELSON, Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish of Farmborow, whose Names and Seals are to the said Certificate subscribed and set, severally sign and seal the same Certificate: And this Deponent further saith, that the Name Thomas DANDO above-written, attesting the said Certificate, is the proper Hand Writing of this Deponent; and the Name Henry THOMAS above likewise written, is the proper Hand Writing of the said Henry THOMAS.

WE his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset, whose Names are hereunto subscribed, do allow of the above-written Certificate: And we do hereby certify that the above Deponent Thomas DANDO this Day made Oath before us of the Execution thereof in manner above-written. Given under our Hands, the Twenty Fourth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Seven. Rog'r LYDE, Geo. HODGES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-39.

[Note: Catharine BUSH was buried at High Littleton 18 Oct 1778.]

C46.

[Printed Form]

Somerset To wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset or whom else it may concern.

WE whose Hands and Seals are hereunto subscribed and set, being the Churchwarden and Overseer of the Poor of the Parish of Laverton in the said County of Somerset do hereby certify, own, and acknowledge **Aaron HEATH, Sarah his Wife and James, aged four Months, their son,** to be all Inhabitants legally settled in our said Parish of Laverton. IN WITNESS whereof We have hereunto set our Hands and Seals, the sixth Day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and fifty four. Jno. YERBURY, Churchwarden, The Mark of John X SHIPTON, Overseer.

Signed and Sealed in the Presence of us, who have here-under subscribed our Names as Witnesses. Wm. PHELPS, Will'm LACEY.

Somerset To wit.

WE, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset, do allow of the above-written Certificate; and we do also certify, that William LACEY one of the Witnesses to the said Certificate hath made Oath before us, That he did see the said Churchwarden and Overseer whose Names and Seals are to the said Certificate subscribed and set, severally sign and seal the same. And that the Names of the said William PHELPS and William LACEY subscribed as Witnesses, attesting the said Certificate are of their own proper Hand Writing. Given under our Hands the sixth Day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and fifty four. Li. SEAMAN, G. HILL, 1754.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-41.

[Note: John son of Aaron HEATH of High Littleton bapt. at Farmborough 1 Feb 1756. - John infant son of Aaron HEATH of High Littleton buried at Farmborough 4 Feb 1756.

William son of Aaron HEATH & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 29 Jan 1758.

Aron HEATH was buried at Farmborough 26 Apr 1762.

Sarah HEATH widow was buried at Farmborough 10 Nov 1762.]

C47.

Somerset to Wit.

To the Church-Warden and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset. We, the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Camerton in the County of Somerset, do own and Ack[n]owledge James PARFETT, Joan his Wife, James, Joseph, Martha and Jane their Sons and Daughters, to be legal Inhabitants Setled in our said Parish of Camerton. In Witness whereof we have set our Hands and Seals, this Twenty Eighth Day of December 1754. Tho's BIGGS, Churchwarden, Tho's BIGGS [same signature], Tho's BIGGS [different signature], massen [mason], Overseers.

Attested by us, The marke of William X BENNETT, Samuel JAY.

County of Somerset.

We whose Names are hereunto set and subscribed, his Majestie's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Somerset, do allow of the above written Certificate; And do hereby certify That William BENNET one of the above Witnesses to the said Certificate, came before us this fourth Day of July In the Year of our Lord 1755 and made Oath That he did see the Churchwarden & Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Camerton in the said County, severally sign & seal the said Certificate, And that the Names Tho's BIGGS, Tho's BIGGS and Tho's BIGGS, massen, are of their several and respective proper Hands' Writing. B. HAYWARD, H. WALTERS. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-40.

[Note: James PARFIT of Stoke Lane married Joan TAILOR of Kilmersdon at Kilmersdon 27 Aug 1745.

James a son was born c.1746. - James PARFECTx bach. otp married Mary PARFECTx spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 17 Apr 1764. Martha dau. of James & Joan PARFITT bapt. at Camerton 15 Nov 1747. - Joseph COOK bach. sojourner itp married Martha PARFECTx spin. sojourner itp by banns at High Littleton 4 Jul 1764.

Henry son of James PARFITT bapt. at Timsbury 28 Mar 1750 may have been another son, in which case he died before 1754. Joseph son of James PARFETT & Joan bapt. at High Littleton 18 Oct 1751.

Jane dau. of James PARFETT & Joan bapt. at High Littleton 22 Mar 1754. - Jane married George SAGE at High Littleton 9 May 1774.]

C48

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

These are to Certify that we, whose hands and Seals are hereunto Subscribed and set, being the Churchwarden and Overseer of the poor of the Parish of Paulton in the said County of Somerset, do hereby own and acknowledge **Thomas SYMES**, **Mary his wife and William his son aged about Fifteen Years and Hannah his Daughter aged about Thirteen Years**, to be Inhabitants legally settled in our said parish of Paulton; in Witness whereof we have set our hands and Seals, the Tenth Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Four, James SYMES, Churchwarden, Joseph BULL, Overseer.

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us, Thomas SYMS sen'r, Stephen BAYLEY.

Somersetshire to wit

We, whose names are hereunto Subscribed, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the peace for the said County of Somerset, Do allow of the above written Certificate and do Certify that the above named Tho's SYMES Sen'r did this Day make Oath before us, that he with Stephen BAILY, the other witness attesting the Execution of the above Certificate, did see the Churchwarden and Overseer of the poor of the parish of Paulton aforesaid, Severally sign and Seal the said Certificate and that the names of the said Thomas SYMES and Stephen BAILY attesting the same are of their own proper handwriting. Given under our Hands the Tenth Day of March 1764. Tho's PALMER, Jno, ADAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-42.

[Note: Mary SYMES was buried at High Littleton 30 May 1781.

Thomas SYMES was buried at High Littleton 28 Sep 1797.]

C49.

We whose Hands are hereunto sett do acknowledge and allow **Charles GULLOCK** to be a parishioner legally settled in the parish of Farmborow in the County of Somerset; as Witness our Hands this 10th day of October 1768. John READ, Churchwarden, Joseph BRODRIBB, Overseer.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-43.

[Note: Overseers Accounts for 1768/9 record a payment of 3/- for a summons for Charles GULLOCK and expenses. Presumably this related to his settlement and resulted in the Certificate being produced.

Charles son of George GULLOCK & Elizabeth bapt. at Farmborough 8 Mar 1739/40.

Chas. GULLOCKx, coal miner married Esther TUCKERx of High Littleton by banns at Timsbury 2 Feb 1762.

Zachariah son of Charles GULLOCK & Esther bapt. at Farmborough 31 Oct 1762. - Zachariah married Mary FLOWER at High Littleton 9 Aug 1783.

Jane dau. of Charles GULLOCK & Esther bapt. at Farmborough 24 Apr 1765.

George son of Charles GULLOCK & Esther bapt. at Farmborough 22 Feb 1767. - George GULLOCK buried at High Littleton 18 Sep 1768. Hester GULLOCK was buried at Farmborough 7 Mar 1767.

Charles GULLOCKx married Eleanora DAVISx by banns at Timsbury 23 Nov 1767.

Edward Davies son of Charles GULLOCK & Helenor bapt. at High Littleton 10 Jan 1773. - Edward DAVIS married Catherine PICKERING at Chewton Mendip 1 Feb 1819. Apart from in a Settlement Examination on 9 Mar 1830, prior to his removal from Chewton Mendip to Farmborough, Edward and family were all known by the surname DAVIS.

Charles son of Charles GULLOCK & Helenor bapt. at High Littleton 21 Aug 1774.

Phyllis Davis dau. of Charles GULLOCK & Helenor bapt. at High Littleton 14 Apr 1776. - Phyllis Davis GULLOCK, a child, buried at High Littleton 13 Jun 1776.

Helenor GULLOCK was buried at High Littleton 1 Aug 1776.

Charles GULLOCKx of High Littleton married Mary SAGEx otp by banns at Publow 14 Oct 1777.

Martha infant dau. of Charles GULLOCK buried at Farmborough 2 Mar 1783.

George son of Charles & Mary GULLOCK bapt. at Radstock 21 Mar 1784.

Job son of Charles & Mary GULLOCK bapt. at Radstock 1 Mar 1789.

James son of Charles & Mary GULLOCK bapt. at Radstock 1 Mar 1789. - James son of Charles & Mary GULLOCK buried at Radstock 7 May 1789.

James son of Charles & Mary GULLOCK bapt. at Radstock 20 Jun 1790.

Charles son of Charles & Mary GULLOCK bapt. at Radstock 28 Sep 1794.

Charles GULLICK, aged 56, was buried at Radstock 29 Aug 1794.]

C50.

April ye 24th 1769.

We the Minister, Churchwardens, Overseers and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Litton doth own **Lazarus WOODWARD**, his Wife and family, to be our Parishoners and will Relieve or Receive them whenever they become Chargable. George PROWSE, Rector, James SALVIDGE, Churchwarden, Charles HILBURD, Overseer, Tho. SHEPEARD, James THATCHER, Lewis THIERY, William VOWLES. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-44.

C51

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of High Littleton in the county of Somerset.

We the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of Eastharptry in the said county, do own and acknowledge **Ann SPERRING**, **widow**, **and her three children** to be inhabitants legally settled in our said parish, and we do hereby promise to receive them whenever they shall become chargeable. Witness our hands this 12 July 1780. Rob. WRIGHT, Tho's TREVELYAN, Churchwardens, Cha's BUTCHER, [blank], Overseers.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/1-45.

[Note: Thomas SPIRING of East Harptree married Ann DANDOx otp by banns at High Littleton 12 Apr 1774.

Thomas son of Thomas & Ann SPERRING bapt. at East Harptree 11 Dec 1774.

Ann dau. of Thom's & Ann SPERRING bapt. at East Harptree 14 Apr 1776.

Anna Dando dau. of Thomas & Ann SPERRING bapt. at East Harptree 23 Jan 1779. - Ann Dando SPERING, an infant, buried at High Littleton 29 Apr 1781.

Thomas SPERRING probably died in 1780.]

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