

REMOVALS to HIGH LITTLETON 1676-1863 & SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATE ISSUED
by HIGH LITTLETON 1764 & INDEXES

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.

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

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£30 p.a. An Act of 3 George II c.29 (1729/30) tightened up the regulations concerning the issue of settlement certificates and also made the pauper's parish of settlement responsible for the cost of his removal.

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

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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 obtruse 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 many, 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 a removal are the Examinations or Grounds for Removal, which may reveal fascinating details of the life of the pauper and it is surprising to read

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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 simple poverty.

This section contains details of 109 removals to High Littleton. In addition 1 Settlement Certificate issued by High Littleton, numbered C1, and one case numbered L1, involving the intended removal of a parishioner to Wells Asylum, has been included at the end of the removals. 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. There are are place and name indexes. The 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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SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATES

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REMOVAL to a LUNATIC ASYLUM

<u>Case</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Institution</u>	
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1. Jacob CLARK and wife were removed from Paulton to High Littleton by Order in 1676.

High Littleton appealed against the Order, which was discharged at the Quarter Sessions. Neither the Order nor Jacob CLARK's Examination has survived.

Bridgwater [*Midsummer*] 28 Charles 2, 1676.

Upon readinge the true examined copy of an Ord'r made under the hands & seales of Joseph LANGTON & John HARRINGTON Esq'rs, two of his ma'tie's Justices of the peace of the said County, touching the removeall of one **Jacobb CLERKE & his wife** from the p'ish of Paulton unto the p'ish of High Littleton in the same County, And upon hearinge the allegac'ons of Councell on either said p'ish concerned, And upon p/r/oofe made upon the oathes of Thomas MERCHANT & John BAILY, both of Paulton aforesaid, That the said Jacobb CLARKE rents an estate of £13.10/- p. Ann. lyeinge in Paulton aforesaid, This Court thereupon doeth dischargd the said recited order soe made by the aforesaid Justices, And doeth hereby order That the said Jacob CLERKE & his wife bee from henceforth absolutely settled in the said p'ish of Paulton, any order to the contrary notw'thstandinge.
SRO Q/SO 7 22.

2. Anthony PURNELL and family were removed from Stanton Drew to High Littleton by Order in 1696.

High Littleton appealed against the Order, which was confirmed at the Quarter Sessions. Neither the Order nor Anthony PURNELL's Examination has survived.

Wells Sess'n, Xmas, 8 W'm III, 1696/7.

Upon readinge of an order under the hands & seales of S'r W'm CARM Barr't & Cornelius LYDE Esq'r, Two of his Ma'tie's Justices of the peace of the County afores'd, made for the removeall of one **Anthony PURNELL, his wife & Two Children**, from the p'ish of Stanton Drewe unto the parish of High Littleton in the County aforesaid, from w'ch order the p'ishioners of High Littleton afores'd nowe duely made their appeale unto this Court, This Court, on heareinge of Counsell for either p'ish afores'd & what was alleag'd in the pr'misses, doeth hereby Confirme the s'd recit'd order & doeth hereby order th't the said Anthony PURNELL, his wife & Two Children, be henceforth absolutely settled w'thin the s'd parish of High Littleton, there to bee contin'd & provided for accordinge to Lawes.

SRO Q/SO 8 333.

[*Note: Anthony PURNELL is assumed to have married Jane ----.*

Henry son of Antony PURNELL bapt. at Stanton Drew 1 Jul 1695.

Another child was born by 1696.

Mary dau. of Antony PURNELL bapt. at Stanton Drew 9 Jan 1698/9.

Anne dau. of Antony PURNELL bapt. at Stanton Drew 28 Jul 1706.

Hester dau. of Antony PURNELL bapt. at Stanton Drew 30 Aug 1708.

Jane dau. of Antony PURNELL bapt. at Stanton Drew 15 Jan 1709/10.

Joan dau. of Antony PURNELL bapt. at Stanton Drew 2 Mar 1711/2.

A Removal Order of 1728 mentions a son John.

Antony son of Antony PURNELL bapt. at Stanton Drew 25 Oct 1713. He married Betty ----.

William was another son.

Antony PURNELL was buried at Stanton Drew 23 Feb 1714/5.

Jane and 3 sons were removed from Stanton Drew to High Littleton in 1728.]

3. James BURGE and family were removed from Chew Magna to High Littleton by Order in 1719.

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

Bridgewater Sessions, Midsummer, 5 George I, 1719.

Upon readeinge of an order under the hands and seales of Thomas BREWER and John MOGG Esq'rs, Two of his Ma'tie's Justices of the peace of this County, made for the removeall of **James BURGE, John BURGE, Thom's BURGE, Rebecca BURGE & Mary BURGE** from the parish of Chew Magna unto the parish of High Littleton in the County aforesaid, from which recited order the parishioners of High Littleton aforesaid nowe duely made their Appeale unto this Court, This Court, on heareinge of Councill for either parish aforesaid & of what was alleaged in the premisses, doeth order That the said recited order be vacated, sett aside & discharged, And the same is hereby vacated, sett aside & discharged accordingly.

SRO Q/SO 9 234.

4. Jane PURNELL and family were removed from Stanton Drew to High Littleton by Order in 1728.

High Littleton appealed against the Order, which was confirmed at the Quarter Sessions. Neither the Order nor Jane PURNELL's Examination has survived.

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Amongst Stanton Drew records is a Summons dated 8 Oct 2 George II, 1728 to Tho. HODGES and Rob. BRODRIPP to attend the Quarter Sessions at Wells to give evidence on behalf of Stanton Drew inhabitants against inhabitants of High Littleton concerning the location of settlement of one **Antony PURNELL** [*The Writ is in latin, in common form*]. This probably relates to this case.

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

Upon reading of an Ord'r und'r the hands and seales of W'm EARLE, Serj't at Law & W'm JONES Esq'rs, two of his Maj'tie's Justices of the peace of this County, made for the Removall of **Jane PURNELL, Widow, John, Anthony & William, her Sons**, from the Parish of Stanton Drew to the Parish of High Littleton in the sd. County, from which recited Order the Parishion'rs of High Littleton now duely made their Appeale unto this Court; This Court, on hearing of Councill for either P'ish afores'd and of what was Alledged in the Premisses, Doth Order that the said Recited Ord'r be Confirmed & the same is hereby Confirmed Accordingly.

SRO Q/SO 9 439.

[Note: Jane is assumed to be the widow of Anthony PURNELL, who was removed from Stanton Drew to High Littleton in 1696.]

5. Robert PURNELL and family were removed from Walcot to High Littleton by Order dated 8th April 1738. High Littleton Poor Book (SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1) records that notice of intended appeal against Robert PURNELL's Order was given to the Parish of Walcott. However, Quarter Sessions records suggest that no appeal was made and the Order was confirmed. Jane PURNELL's Examination has not survived.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

Somersetshire.

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

And to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset 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 of Somerset (one of the Quorum) by you the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the sd. Parish of Wallcott, That **Robert PURNELL & Jane his Wife, Jane their Daughter aged about Six Years, Robert their Son aged about Four Years & Betty their Daughter aged about two years & half**, lately came and intruded into the Parish of Wallcott aforesaid, endeavouring there to settle as Inhabitants thereof, contrary to Law, not having any ways acquired or obtained any legal Settlement therein, and are 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 Jane the wife of the said Robert, taken upon her Oath, adjudge, That the said Robert PURNELL, Jane his wife, Jane, Robert & Betty their said Children were last legally settled, in the Parish of High Littleton 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 Wallcott or some or one of you forthwith, to remove and convey the said Robert PURNELL & Jane his wife, Jane, Robert & Betty their said Children from the said Parish of Wallcott unto the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid and them to deliver over 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 not to fail. Given under our Hands and Seals this Eighth Day of April in the Year of our Lord One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirty Eight. J. CODRINGTON, Jos. HOULTON, Hen. WALTERS.

SRO Q/SR 306/2 4(30).

Bridgewater Sessions, 11th July 1738.

Upon reading an order under the hands and seals of John CODRINGTON, Joseph HOULTON and Henry WALTERS, three of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County (whereof One is of the Quorum), made for the Removal of **Robert PURNELL and Jane his Wife, Jane their Daughter aged about Six Years, Robert their Son aged about Four Years and Betty their Daughter aged about two Years and half**, from the Parish of Walcott in the said County of Somerset unto the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset aforesaid, from which said Order the Parishioners of High Littleton aforesaid have now omitted to make any appeal, This Court doth therefore, on Proof now made upon Oath of the due Service of the sd. Order on the said P'ish of High Littleton, 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 Q/SO 10 298.

[Note: Robert PURNELL married Jane ---.

Jane was born c.1731/2.

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Robert was born c.1733/4.

Betty was born c.1735.

Overseers Accounts for 1754/5 record payments of 7/- for shoes & £1. 3. 5½ for cloaths for Rob't PURNELL and in 1755/6 two amounts of 1/- to Robert PURNELL by order of the Vestry. Vestry Minutes of 27 May 1756 agreed to buy Robert a blanket, waistcoat, a pair of linings and 2 shirts and further to allow him 6d. p.w. towards paying for his quarters. Accounts for 1756/7 record 2/- paid for Rob't PURNELL's bedcord & a letter for Hester STREFFORD & 7/6 to Jos. GREENLAND for Robert's boots. Minutes of 6 Jun 1757 agreed to pay Abraham QUARMAN 6d. p.w. house rent during the time that Robert PURNELL lived there. Minutes of 14 Oct agreed to allow 40/- to buy Rob't PURNELL 2 reds [*thatching reeds*] and tackling and to buy him 2 canvas shirts and a pair of canvas trousers. Accounts for 1757/8 record £8. 0. 8 for Far'r HARRIS' bill for Mary TYLAR, Mary SAGE & Rob't PURNELL, 13/- to Abra. QUARMAN for Rob't's rent, 1/2 for mending his shoes, 1/- given to Rob't, 19/- for Far'r BLINMAN's bill for Rob't PURNELL, Hannah HUGH, Ann DANDO & Ann FRANCES, 13/- for Rich'd WOOD's bill for Rob't PURNELL & Ann FRANCES & 12/- for Rob't house rent. Minutes of 27 Mar 1758 agreed relief of 1/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Robert PURNELL and on 21 Apr it was agreed to allow him a pair of shoes. On 26 Dec it was agreed to allow him 1/- p.w. during such time as the Vestry think it wanted. Accounts for 1758/9 record relief of 1/- for 45 weeks, 1/- to Jos. GREENLAND by the order of Wm. [WHITTOCK] for mending R. PURNEL's boots, 3/4 for a shirt for Rob't & 9/- for Wm. WHITTOCK's bill for Grace COX & Rob't PURNELL. Accounts for 1759/60 record relief of 1/- p.w. for 38 weeks, 2/6 to Charles HEAL for tending Rob't when sick & 12/- for Rob't's house rent. In 1760/1 was 50 weeks relief at 1/- p.w., 7/6 to Joseph GREENLAND for Rob't's shoes & 12/- for Rob't PURNELL's house rent. Accounts for 1761/2 record 55 weeks relief at 1/-, 1/6 to Robert PURNELL in distress, 11/- to Rebecca CLARK for going to Bristol with Martha DANDO & curing Robert PURNELL's legg, 7/6 to Sam'l LANSDOWN for Robert's boots, 8d. to Cornelius HARRIS for paper for Robert PURNELL, 7/6 to John GREENLAND for Robert PURNELL's boots & 12/- for Rob't's house rent. Minutes of 27 Dec 1762 agreed to pay for mending Robert PURNELL's shoes. Accounts for 1762/3 record relief of 1/- for 51 weeks, 3/- to Charles REELES for R. PURNEL's house rent & 3/- to C. HARRIS for ¼'s house rent for R. PURNEL. Accounts for 1763/4 record 1/- relief for 55 weeks & in 1764/5 1/- for 50 weeks & £1. 4/- to Robert PURNELL for cloaths. In 1765/6 was relief of 1/- for 51 weeks & 1/- for mending Rob't's cloaths. In 1766/7 was 1/- to Rob't for 55 weeks, 7/10 for 1 shirt to Geo. LACEY & 1 for Rob't PURNELL, 7/6 for Rob't's boots & 12/- for Rob't's house rent for a year. Accounts for 1767/8 record £2.14/- for Rob't PURNEL's cloaths, lodging etc. & 3/7 for a shirt. Accounts for 1768/9 record 1/- relief for 51 weeks, 3/- given to Rob't & 6/- for his house rent. In 1769/70 was relief of 1/- for 55 weeks & 9/- for Rob't's boots. Minutes of 9 May 1770 agreed to clothe Robert out of his pay. Accounts for 1770/1 record relief of 1/- for 30 weeks, £1. 5. 2 for Tho's LANSDOWN's bill for Rob't PURNEL when hurt, 7/6 to John GULLOCK for Rob't's shirts, 1/4 to John PILL for a hat, 1/3 for a pair of stockings, 4/6 for a pair of breeches, 8/1 for a wascoat for Rob't, 2/6 to James GULLOCK for looking after Rob't when hurt, 6/- to James GULLOCK for ½ year's rent for Rob't, 6d. for further rent & another 1/- to James GULLOCK for Rob't PURNEL's rent to old lady day. In 1771/2 was 1/- relief for 55 weeks, 10/3 to Sam'l LANSDOWN for Rob't's half boots & mending, 1/2 for a pair of stockings for Rob't, 9/- for ¾ year's rent & 3/- to James CLARE for a further quarter's rent for Rob't PURNEL. Accounts for 1772/3 record relief of 1/- for 38 weeks, 9/- for ¾ year's house rent, 9/- for Rob't's shoes & £1. 5.10 for cloaths. In 1774/5 6/- was given to Rob't PURNELL in want, 3/6 paid for a shirt for Rob't, 7/6 to Rob't in want at different times, 1/6 to Sam'l LANSDOWN for mending a pair of half boots for Rob't & 9/6 for a new pair of the same & 1/- to Rob't PURNELL in want. In 1775/6 was 3/- to Rob't PURNELL in distress at sundry times & 2/2 for Sam'l LANSDOWN's bill for mending Rob't's boots. Accounts for 1776/7 record 3/11½ for a shirt & making for Rob't, 14/- given to Rob't PURNEL & wife in want, 12/6 for 5 ells of blanketing at 2/6 pr. ell, 6 ells & ½ of flax at 1/- pr. ell, 1/2 for 1 pair of stockings for Rob't, 3/- to James DURY for making the cloaths & 9d. for making the shirts for Rob't. Accounts for 1777/8 record 1/- p.w. relief for 27 weeks, 8/6 given to Rob't in want at severall times, 12/2 to Sam'l LANSDOWN for Rob't's half boots & mending, 5/6 for Rob't's house rent, 8/- for a sute of cloaths for Rob't, 8/- for shirts, 6/- given to Rob't PURNELL's wife in sickness & 5/- to Daniel COLLIER for Rob't's house rent. In 1778/9 was relief of 1/- for 50 weeks, 14/2 for cloaths, 10/- for a pair of half boots & mending for Rob't & 2/- given to Rob't PURNEL in want. Accounts for 1779/80 record relief of 1/- for 51 weeks to Rob't PURNELL's wife, 10/- to Sam'l LANSDOWN for a pair of half boots for Rob't, 16/11 for Rob't's cloaths & 1/4 to Sam'l LANSDOWN for mending Rob't's shoes. Minutes of 27 Mar 1780 approved relief of 1/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Robert PURNELL. Accounts for 1780/1 record 1/- relief for 55 weeks to Rob't, 8/- for 2 shirts for Rob't, 10/- for a pair of half boots & 10/- to John PILL for coat, wastcoat & breeches for Rob't. In 1781/2 was relief of 1/- for 50 weeks, 15/6 for Rob't's cloaths & stockings, 7/6 for 2 shirts & making, 10/- to Sam'l LANSDOWN for a pair of half boots for Rob't, 1/- for mending Rob't's boots & 15/- to John PILL for Rob't's coat, wascoat, breeches & stockings. In 1782/3 was relief of 1/- for 55 weeks, 11/- for Rob't's boots & mending & 8/3 for 6 ells of canvas & making 2 shirts for Rob't. Accounts for 1783/4 record relief of 1/- for 51 weeks to Rob't PURNELL & wife, 8/- to Robert at Easter, 10/- for boots, 5/- to Rob't's wife in her illness, 4/- to Rob't's wife in want, 8/6 for 2 shirts for Rob't & making, 15/5 for Rob't's clothes, 4/6 for two yards of serge and mending Rob't's clothes & 6d. for mending Rob't PURNELL's boots. In 1784/5 was relief of 1/- for 50 weeks, 10/- for Rob't's boots, 2/6 for mad dog stuff for Rob't, 1/- for making of shirts for Rob't & 19/9 to John PILL for Rob't's cloaths. Accounts for 1785/6 record relief of 1/- for 34 weeks & 1/6 for 24 weeks, 1/6 to Rob't at different times in want, 12/9 for clothes for Rob't, £2 for bed & carrying of Rob't from Bristol & £1. 9.11 for clothes & boots for Rob't. In 1786/7 was relief of 1/6 for 51 weeks & £1. 1/- for cloaths for Rob't. Robert continued to receive weekly relief for the rest of his life. Minutes of 15 Oct 1793 agreed to advance 10/6 to Robert PURNELL on his weekly pay and Overseers Accounts for 1794/5 record 1/- paid for mending his boots and 4/- to Robert at various times in distress. Robert received a blanket and waistcoat from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1796. Robert's weekly relief increased on 23 Apr 1786 to 1/6 and in 1800 to 2/- p.w. and then again in 1801 to 2/6, before ending in September that year. Accounts then record the cost of Robert PURNELL's funeral expenses.

Robert PURNELL was buried at High Littleton 26 Sep 1801.]

6. Robert CORNISH and family were removed from Keynsham to High Littleton by Order dated 3rd February 1741/2, which was confirmed at the next Quarter Sessions.

Robert CORNISH's Examination has not survived.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

County of Som'rset to wit.

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

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

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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 Som'rset (whereof one is of the Quorum) by you the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said parish of Keinsham in the said County of Somerset That **Robert CORNISH, Sarah his Wife, Joseph aged about fourteen years, William aged ab't Twelve Years, Cornelius aged ab't Nine years, Robert aged ab't seven years, Sarah aged ab't Six years & Mary aged about one year & an half, their Children**, lately came and intruded into the said Parish of Keinsham 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 Robert CORNISH taken upon his Oath, adjudge, That the said Robert CORNISH, Sarah his wife, Joseph, William, Cornelius, Robert, Sarah & Mary, their Children were last Legally settled, in the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Keinsham or some or one of you, forthwith to remove and Convey the said Robert CORNISH, Sarah his Wife, Joseph, William, Cornelius, Robert, Sarah & Mary, their Children from the said Parish of Keinsham unto the Parish of High Littleton 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 3d Day of Feb'ry in the 15th 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 & one. H. STRACHEY, Rog'r LYDE.

[Reverse - 25th March 1742. Delivered a true Coppie of this order.]

SRO Q/SR 310/2 3(35).

Brewton Sessions, 27th April 1742.

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 of and for the said County of Somerset (whereof one is of the Quorum), made for the Removall of **Robert CORNISH, Sarah his Wife, Joseph aged about Fourteen Years, William aged about Twelve Years, Cornelius aged about Nine Years, Robert aged about Seven Years, Sarah aged about Six Years and Mary aged about One Year and an half, their Children**, from the Parish of Keynsham in the said County of Somerset unto the Parish of High Littleton in the same County, from which Order the Parishoners of High Littleton aforesaid have now omitted to make any Appeal, This Court doth therefore, on the proof now given upon Oath of the due service of the said Order on the said Parish of High Littleton, 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 Confirmed accordingly.

SRO Q/SO 11 116.

[Note: Robert CORNISH married Sarah ---.

Joseph was born c.1727/8.

William was born c.1729/30.

Cornelius was born c.1732/3. He was apprenticed by the Overseers of High Littleton to Charles WEBB, blacksmith of High Littleton, by Indenture dated 28 Dec 1745.

Robert was born c.1734/5. He was apprenticed by the Overseers of High Littleton to James HART, weaver of Hinton Charterhouse, by Indenture dated 25 Mar 1743.

Sarah was born c.1735/6. She was apprenticed by the Overseers of High Littleton to William HART of Priston, by Indenture dated 27 Feb 1744/5.

Mary was born c.1740. She was apprenticed by the Overseers of High Littleton to Henry WILLIAMS, weaver of Freshford, by Indenture dated 10 Mar 1746/7.]

7. James WEST was removed from Farmborough to High Littleton by Order dated 24th June 1747.

Poor Book SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 but no documents have been located.

[Note: James WEST married Elizabeth.

Hannah dau. of James WEST & Eliz'th bapt. at High Littleton 7 May 1739. - Hannah died young.

Hannah (born Mar 31) dau. of James WEST & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 5 Apr 1741.

Elizabeth dau. of James WEST & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 13 Apr 1743.

William son of James WEST & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 9 Apr 1745.

Sarah dau. of James WEST & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 24 May 1747.]

8. George VOWLES and family were removed from Litton to High Littleton by Order in 1751.

High Littleton appealed against the Order which was confirmed at the Quarter Sessions. Neither the Order nor George VOWLES' Examination has survived.

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Wells Sessions, 14th January 1752.

Upon reading an order under the Hands and Seals of the Reverend Doctor Samuel CRESWICKE, Dean of Wells and John PRICKMAN Esquire, 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 **George VOWLES, Mary his Wife, and their four Children (to wit), Mary about nine years old, George about seven years old, Ruth about five years old and Robert about one year and three Quarters old**, from the parish of Litton in the said County unto the parish of High Littleton in the same County, From which said Order the Parishioners of High Littleton aforesaid have now duly made their Appeal unto this court, This Court, on hearing of Counsell for each parish aforesd. and what was Alledged in the premises, doth Confirm the said Order and the same is hereby confirmed accordingly.

SRO Q/SO 12 210.

[Note: George son of William VOWLES & Patience was born 28 Dec 1720 (High Littleton Register).

George married firstly Rachel ---.

Betty dau. of George VOWL'S & Rachel bapt. at High Littleton 8 Mar 1740/1.

Rachel (died 31 Oct) wife of George VOWL'S was buried at High Littleton 1 Nov 1741.

Mary was born c.1741.

George VOWELS married Mary SHOART at Clutton 10 Feb 1744/5.

George was born c.1744/5. - George son of George VOWLES buried at High Littleton 14 Sep 1752.

Ruth was born c.1746. She married Carew (Carey) SEYMOUR at High Littleton 15 Jun 1767.

William was another child. - William (died 20 Mar) son of George & Mary VOWLS buried at High Littleton 22 Mar 1746/7.

Stephen son of George VOWLS & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 11 Feb 1749/50.

Robert was born c.1750. He married Sarah GAGE at High Littleton 18 Sep 1780.

Overseers Accounts for 1754/5 record that Geo. VOWLES & his wife were paid 10 weeks at 1/6 and 2 at 6d. for attending Jno. PURNELL and £1.15/- was paid to Geo. TUCKER for a year's rent for Black G. VOWLS. Accounts for 1755/6 record payments of 5/-, 5/- & 19/- to Mary VOWLS for attendance on Mary TYLAR several times and 1/- & 2/6 for Mary carrying Mary TYLAR to the Infirmary at Bristol and £1.15/- to Geo. TUCKER for Black G. VOWLS & Mary TYLAR's rent. Accounts for 1756/7 record 5/- given to Geo. VOWLS in time of sickness & £1.15/- rent to Geo. TUCKER for George. In 1757/8 £1.15/- was paid to Geo. TUCKER for Black Geo. VOWLS. Accounts for 1762/3 record that Mary VOWLES was paid 11 weeks at 4/- for Mary FLOWER's children. Accounts for 1766/7 record 10/6 paid to George VOWLES in distress at sundry times. In 1772/3 1/6 was paid to George VOWLES in want and in 1773/4 10/- for George VOWLES' house rent for a quarter. In 1774/5 £1. 1/- was paid for a half year's rent for George. In 1775/6 7/6 was given to George VOWLES in the snow and £2. 2/- was paid for a year's house rent for George. In 1776/7 £1. 6/- was paid for George's rent and in 1777/8 £1.10/- for a part year's rent. In both 1778/9 and 1779/80 £2. 2/- was paid for a full year's rent. The same amount was paid in 1780/1 and 5/- was also paid to George VOWLES in want. Accounts for 1781/2 record relief of 2/6 for 5 weeks & 3/- for 18 weeks to Geo. VOWLES and also £2. 2/- for his house rent. Vestry Minutes of 22 Apr 1782 approved relief of 3/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to George VOWLES. Accounts for 1782/3 show this was paid for 55 weeks as well as £2. 2/- house rent for George VOWLES & Widow AISHMAN. Minutes of 21 Apr 1783 agreed to allow George VOWLES £1 towards Will'm VOWLES' House Rent. Accounts for 1783/4 record relief of 3/- for 51 weeks to George VOWLES and wife, £1 to Mary VOULS & Widow ASHMAN in smallpox & £2. 2/- for Geo. VOWLES' & Wido. AISHMAN's rent. In 1784/5 3/- p.w. for 50 weeks was paid to Geo. VOWLES & wife, 4/- to George VOWLES in want, 5/- to George & £2. 2/- for Widow ASHMAN & G. VOWLES' year's house rent. In 1785/6 relief of 2/6 p.w. for 55 weeks was paid to George & his wife & £2. 2/- for Widow ASHMAN & G. VOULES' house rent. In 1786/7 2/6 p.w. was paid to Geo. VOWLES & wife for 51 weeks, 6d. for cloaths for G. VOWLES & wife and £2. 2/- house rent for Widow ASHMAN & G. VOWLES & wife. George's relief was increased to 3/- p.w. 5 weeks before his death.

George VOWLES a pauper was buried at High Littleton 11 Mar 1788. Accounts for 1787/8 record the cost of his funeral.

For the last 2 weeks of 1787/8 1/6 p.w. relief was paid to George VOWLES' widow. This continued until 1794, when relief to Mary VOWLES of Hallatrow (to distinguish her from another Mary VOWLES of High Littleton) was increased to 2/- p.w. and further to 2/6 p.w. in 1796. Minutes of 31 Oct 1792 agreed to purchase some bedclothes for Mary VOWLES and on 27 Jul 1795 it was agreed to sell some bacon to Mary VOWLES at a (subsidised) price of 6d. per lb. for the best pieces and 4d. for the residue.

Mary VOWLES, widow of Hallatrow, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1793 and 1796.

Mary VOWLES was buried at High Littleton 8 Nov 1797. Overseers Accounts for 1797/8 record the cost of the funeral of Mary VOWLES of Hallatrow.]

9. Mary FLOWER, Singlewoman, was removed from Combhay to High Littleton by Order dated 25th October 1759, which was confirmed at the Quarter Sessions.

The Poor Book (SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1) records that Mary FLOWER was examined in bastardy and concerning her settlement in 1759 and that John FLOWER of Walcot was also examined in 1759. Neither John nor Mary's Examination has survived.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

County of Somerset to wit.

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

And to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County aforesaid 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 Combhay in the said County of Somerset That **Mary FLOWER, Singlewoman**, lately came and intruded into the said Parish of

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Combhay 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 John FLOWER, Father of the said Mary FLOWER And also upon the Examination of the said Mary FLOWER that she hath not gained any Legal Settlement Subsequent to the Settlement of the said Father, taken upon their Oaths, adjudge, That the said Mary FLOWER was and is last legally settled in the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Combhay or some or one of you, forthwith to remove and convey the said Mary FLOWER from the said Parish of Combhay unto the Parish of High Littleton 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 a true Copy hereof) who is, and are hereby required to receive and provide for her as the Law directs. And hereof you are not to fail. Given under our Hands and Seals the Twenty fifth Day of October in the Thirty third 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, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty nine. Geo. SOMERVILLE, J. SMITH.

SRO Q/SR 328/1.

Wells Sessions, 15th January 1760.

Upon reading an Order under the Hands and Seals of the Hon'ble George SOMERVILLE and John SMITH Esq'r, 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 **Mary FLOWER, single woman**, from the Parish of Combhay in the said County to the Parish of High Littleton in the same County, From which said Order the Parishoners of High Littleton 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 High Littleton (on the motion of Mr POPHAM) 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 Q/SO 13 197.

[Note: No record has been found of a live birth or Bastardy Order made against the putative father. Overseers Accounts for 1759/60 record 17/8 paid for bedding and other things for Mary FLOWER.

Mary gave birth to twin bastard girls, Mary and Elizabeth, on 19 Sep 1762, the father being Jacob LOVE, labourer of High Littleton, against whom a Bastardy Order was made on 23 Feb 1763.

Mary FLOWER married John JENKINS, widower, at High Littleton 1 Aug 1768.]

10. Ann PARSONS and daughter were removed from Wilton, Wilts. to High Littleton by Order dated 20th February 1762.

Borough of Wilton in Wilts.

The Examination of **Ann PARSONS** (wife of Richard PARSONS, a Soldier in his Majesty's 34th Reg't of Foot), a Rogue and Vagabond, taken on Oath before me, James KENNEDY, Deputy Mayor and one of his Majesty's Justices of the said Borough, this Twentieth Day of February in the Year of our Lord 1762.

Who, on her Oath saith, That her said Husband hath told her and she believes, that he was born and bred up in the said Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, for that the Officers of the said Parish received her as an Inhabitant and supported her in her lying in with the Child she now hath with her; she further, on her said Oath, saith that she was Married to her said Husband in the Parish Church of St. Julian's in the City of Norwich, by Mr Isaac PAGE, Minister there, in the year 1757. Ann PARSONS X her mark.

Sworn before me February 20th 1762, Jas. KENNEDY, Dep'y Mayor.

Somers'tt to Witt 25th Feb'y 1762, Wm. JONES.

Document in High Littleton Vestry August 2000. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-12.

[Note: Richard son of Richard PARSONS & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 23 Apr 1727.

Richard PARSONS married Ann ----- at Norwich in 1757.

A child was born in 1760, which died c.1762.

Overseers Accounts record on 7 Dec 1760 a payment to John PARSONS for his sister in law's lying in. Accounts for 1760/1 record 1/6 p.w. relief paid for 16 weeks to John PARSONS' sister in law. Vestry Minutes of 23 Mar 1761 approved relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Richard PARSONS' wife. This was paid at 2/- for 22 weeks and then 6/- for 4 weeks.

Accounts record on 30 Aug 1761 a payment of £1.10/- to John PARSONS' sister in law to go to her husband. Accounts for 1762/3 record relief of 2/- p.w. for 3 weeks to Rich. PARSONS' wife and a payment to Mary HARDEN [HARDING] for Rich. PARSONS wife, keeping her, carrying her to Bristol and to go home and for burying her child.

Vestry Minutes of 12 Apr 1769 agreed to allow Flower JAMES 1/- p.w. for attendance with Ann PARSONS, 2/- p.w. to the said Ann PARSONS and to allow Ed. PERRY what shall be thought necessary for her house rent. Overseers Accounts for 1769/70 record the cost of maintenance and burying of Ann PARSONS.

Anne PARSONS was buried at High Littleton 31 Jul 1769.]

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[On reverse of Examination]

Borough of Wilton in Wilts.

To the Constable, Tithingman or other Officer of the Peace of the Borough of Wilton in the said County; and also to all Constables and other Officers whom it may concern, to receive and convey: And to the Church wardens, Chapel Wardens or Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset or either of them, to receive and obey.

Whereas **Ann PARSONS** and her Daughter, a Child of about Twelve Months old, were this Day apprehended within the Borough of Wilton in the County of Wilts. abovesaid, as Rogues and Vagabonds, wandering and begging there; and upon Examination taken before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Borough, on the Oath of the said Ann PARSONS (which Examination is hereunto annexed) it doth appear that their last legal settlement was, and is, in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. These are Therefore to require you, the said Constables, forthwith to convey the said Vagrants to South Newton in the County of Wilts., that being the first Parish in the next precinct, through which they ought to pass in the direct way to the said Parish of High Littleton, to which they are to be sent, and deliver them to the Constable, Tithingman or other Officer of such first Parish in such next precinct, together with this Pass and the Duplicate of the Examination of the said Ann PARSONS, taking his receipt for the same; and the said Vagrants are to *[be]* thence conveyed on in like manner to the said Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, there to be delivered to some Church-warden, Chapel warden or Overseer of the poor of the same Parish, to be there provided for according to Law. And you, the Churchwarden, Chapelwarden and Overseer of the poor, are hereby required to receive the said Persons and provide for them as aforesaid. Given under my Hand and seal this Twentieth Day of February in the Second Year of the Reign of his Majesty King George the Third, over Great Britain etc. and in the year of our Lord 1762. Jas. KENNEDY, Dep'y Mayor.

11. Steps were initiated to remove **Cornelius NAISH** from Clutton to High Littleton in 1764.

Cornelius had previously been examined in 1737 and 1749/50. Whilst it would appear that Cornelius might have gained a settlement in High Littleton, Counsel decided otherwise.

Somerset Shire To wit.

The Examination of **Cornelius NAISH**, now residing in the Parish of Clutton aforesaid, Cordwainer, taken upon Oath before us, this 16th Day of September 1737.

Who deposeth and Saith, that he was born in the said Parish of Clutton and that he lived there untill he was ab't 19 Y'rs of Age, when he Covenanted w'th John GREENLAND, who was then, and now is, resident in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Cordwainer, to Serve him as an Apprentice, for the term of two Years, and he farther Saith, that he Served his said Master One Y'r and three quarters and that this Dep't gave his said Master the Sum of Four pounds, to Instruct him in the Art of Cordwaining or Shoe Making. And farther addeth, that he hath not acquired any legall Settlem't in any other Parish since that in the said Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, but this Deponent cannot say that he lived and lodged with his said Master for forty days altogether. Cornelius NAISH.

Sworn, the Day and Year abovesaid, before us Wm. JONES, H. STRACHEY.

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Somerset.

The Examination of **Cornelius NAISH**, now resideing in the Parish of Clutton in the sd. County, taken before us this 9th day of March 1749 *[1749/50]*.

Who upon his Oath saith, That he was Born in the Parish of Clutton, as he has been Informed & believes, where he lived till he was ab't 18 Years of Age, when his Brother, with this Examinant's Consent, made an Agreem't with one John GREENLAND of Hallotrow in the Parish of High Littleton, Cordwainer, to bind this Examinant to him for 3 Years, for £4 Consideration Money, & that this Examinant went Accordingly to the sd. John GREENLAND & lived with him for some time, but how long he cannot remember & then went away from him & Staid away about 4 or 5 Days & then, by his Brother's Persuasion, went back again to the sd. GREENLAND & lived with him again, but how long he cannot remember & went away again from the sd. GREENLAND & Continued away ab't a Week & then, by the like persuasion of his Brother, went back again & lived with him some time after, & this Examinant saith, that the whole time he lived with the sd. John GREENLAND was about One Year & Three Quarters & that his said Brother pd. the sd. John GREENLAND the sd. Four Pounds, but that he was never bound to the sd. John GREENLAND & that he never lived a Cov't Serv't, Served any Parish Office or done any other Act whereby to gain any Settlem't since his Birth. Cornelius NAISH.

Sworn, the Day & Year aforesaid, Rog'r LYDE, Geo. HODGES.

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County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of Cornelius NAISH, now resideing in the Parish of Clutton in the said County, Coalminer. Taken this Fifth day of May 1764 before us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto sett, 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 Clutton in the said County, as he hath been Informed and Believes, lived with his Parents in the said Parish till he was about Fourteen Years of Age, when his Parents Dyed. That he then Worked for some time in the said Parish of Clutton, then went into the Parish of Timsbury in the said County and Worked at the Coal Pitts there, for three or Four Years, at Eight Pence p. Day, and cohabited with his Brother during that time. That, soon after he left Timsbury, he went into the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, and Agreed with one John GREENLAND of Hallatrow in the said Parish, Cordwainer, Giving a Consideration of Four Pounds to Learn the Art or Mistery of that Trade. That he was to continue with him Four Years, but that no Indentures or Contract whatsoever in Writing was made or ever Subscribed Between them, and lived with him, the said GREENLAND, in the said Parish of High Littleton about Two Years and three Quarters, but Absconded several Times, Staying away some days, Amounting in the whole to some few Weeks. That he then lived up and down at several Places, but under no Hireing for more than a Week, till about Fourteen Years since, when he returned into the said Parish of Clutton and has lived there ever since, and has gained no Settlement other than as above, to his knowledge or belief. Cornelius NAISH.

Sworn, the day and Year abovesaid, before Tho's PALMER, Jno. ADAMS. (a Copy).

[Footnote] - The Pauper could not acquire a Settlem't in High Littleton as an Apprentice, there being no Indentures executed, and I think it can not be construed a hiring and Service to give a Settlement. Alex'r POPHAM. Jan'y 15 1765.

SRO D/P/clut. 13/3/4-8.

[Note: Cornelius son of Joseph NAISH bapt. at Clutton 31 Jul 1715.

Cornelius married Jane c.1742.

Flower dau. of Cornelius & Jane NAISH bapt. at Clutton 13 May 1743.

Sarah dau. of Cornelius NAISH & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 25 May 1746.

Joseph son of Cornelius NAISH & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 20 Mar 1747/8.

John son of Cornelius & Jane NAISH bapt. at Clutton 29 Jul 1749. - John son of Cornelius & Jane NAISH buried at Clutton 25 Dec 1752.

Mary dau. of Cornelius & Jane NAISH bapt. at Clutton 29 Jun 1754.

Overseers Accounts for 1764/5 record 2/- Expences at Sessions on Cor's NAISHE's examination, 1/- to Mr CORP for drawing a copy of Corn. NAISHE's Examination and 10/6 for a Counsellor's opinion on Corn's NAISH's Examination.]

12. Mary LEWIS was removed from Camerton to High Littleton by Order dated 18th November 1768.
Mary LEWIS' Examination has not been located.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

Somerset To wit.

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of Camerton in the said County of Somerset to execute and convey. And to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset aforesaid 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 Camerton in the said County of Somerset That **Mary LEWIS, Singlewoman**, lately came and intruded herself into the said Parish of Camerton in the County 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 Premises to be true. And we do farther, upon the Examination of the said Mary LEWIS in Writing taken upon her Oath adjudge, That the said Mary LEWIS was and is last legally settled in the said parish of High Littleton 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 Camerton or some or one of you, forthwith to remove and convey the said Mary LEWIS from the said parish of Camerton unto the parish of High Littleton 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 a true Copy thereof) who is, and are hereby required to receive and provide for her as the Law directs. And hereof you are not to fail. Given under our Hands and Seals the Eighteenth Day of November in the Ninth 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 1768. Tho's COWARD Jun'r, Jo. WOOD.

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[*Note:* Overseers Accounts for 1768/9 record 3/- paid for Mary LEWIS' Examination Warrant & Expenses.

The reason for Mary LEWIS' removal was that she was pregnant and unmarried.

She subsequently gave birth to an illegitimate daughter Elizabeth in High Littleton on 22 May 1769. A Bastardy Order was duly made against Joseph COOMBS, yeoman of Camerton, the reputed father, on 4 Jul 1769.]

13. Phebe QUARMAN & children were removed from Kilmersdon to High Littleton by Order dated 15 June 1770.

Neither Phebe QUARMAN's Examination nor Removal Order has survived. Evidence of the Order comes from "The King's Peace. The Justice's notebooks of Thomas HORNER of Mells 1770-1777" Vol. 1 p.13:

15 June 1770, George Inn, Frome. Phebe QUARMAN, widow, residing in the parish of Kilmersdon, was examined before me and [*Rev.*] Mr HARRIS touching her legal settlement and an Order granted to remove her and her two children to the parish of High Littleton in this County.

[*Note:* Vestry Minutes of 2 Feb 1767 agreed to allow 1/6 p.w. to Phebe QUARMAN. Overseers Accounts for 1766/7 record a payment of 10/6 to widow QUARMAN in her lying in and 1/6 p.w. relief for 11 weeks. Minutes of 22 Sep 1768 agreed to allow widow QUARMAN 2/- p.w. Accounts for 1767/8 record relief of 1/6 for 22 weeks & 2/- for 28 weeks & 2/6 paid to widow QUARMAN in smallpox. Accounts for 1768/9 record relief of 2/- for 51 weeks and in 1769/70 2/- for 55 weeks & 8/6 at several times when sick. Minutes of 9 May 1770 agreed to allow widow QUARMAN 4/- p.w. in her sickness but no such payments seem to have been made. Accounts for 1770/1 record relief of 2/- for 50 weeks, 9/9 house rent and 4/- for carrying the widow QUARMAN's goods. Accounts for 1771/2 record relief of 2/- for 55 weeks, 4/10 for 2 crocks & pott hooks for Betty SMITH & the widow QUARMAN, 9/5 for 4 pairs of shoes for QUARMAN's & TUCKER's children & Nick POOL, 2/- for widow QUARMAN's child's shoes & 4/- for 2 shirts for widow QUARMAN's children. Minutes of 3 Mar 1772 agreed to buy 2 garments for widow QUARMAN's children. Accounts for 1772/3 record 2/- relief for 51 weeks, 5/3 for a wascoat for widow QUARMAN's boy & 4/9 to Tho's DUDDEN for 2 pair of shoes for Phebe QUARMAN's children. Accounts for 1773/4 record relief of 2/- for 51 weeks & in 1774/5 2/- for 54 weeks. Accounts for 1775/6 record relief of 2/- for 51 weeks & 10/6 to Phebe QUARMAN's children in the smallpox. In 1776/7 was relief of 2/- for 38 weeks & 2/6 for 13 weeks. Accounts for 1777/8 record relief of 2/6 for 15 weeks, 4/- to widow QUARMAN's boy in want & 10/6 for burying widow QUARMAN's boy. William QUARMAN was buried at High Littleton 9 Jul 1777.

For the remaining 40 weeks of 1778 widow QUARMAN received 1/- p.w. relief. Accounts for 1778/9 record 3/6 paid for a spinning turn for QUARMAN's maid. In 1779/80 7/6 was given to Phebe QUARMAN.

Abraham BROOKS x resident i.t.p. married Phebe QUARMAN o.t.p. at High Littleton 5 Jan 1780.

Abraham was born at Farrington Gurney on 23 Feb 1747/8, one of four bastard children of Martha BROOKS. He married his first wife Hannah MORRIS at Timsbury 2 Sep 1771.

Abraham BROOKES from Paulton was buried at High Littleton 6 May 1791.

The identity of Martha QUARMAN buried at High Littleton 31 May 1781 has not been discovered but may have been Phebe's daughter.]

14. Catherine PRIDDY was removed to High Littleton by Order dated 21 May 1771.

Neither Catherine PRIDDY's Examination nor Removal Order has survived. Evidence of the Order comes from "The King's Peace. The Justice's notebooks of Thomas HORNER of Mells 1770-1777" Vol. 2 p.7:

21 May 1771. Granted Orders on the examination of Katherine PRIDDY, taken before me and Mr EDGELL at Standerwick, to remove said PRIDDY to High Littleton in this County, as the place of her legal settlement.

[*Note:* Catherine PRIDDY was apprenticed to James BULL, weaver of Bradford [*on Avon*] in 1751. In 1757 she was examined prior to giving birth to a bastard child by James BULL.

Catherine gave birth to another bastard child in 1763 by Joseph GAGE, broadweaver of Bruton.

Overseers Accounts for 1783/4 record 9/- paid to Katherine PRIDEE for tending widow ASHMAN in smallpox.

Vestry Minutes of 1 Apr 1793 approved relief of 9d. p.w. in the weekly calendar to Catherine PRIDDY. This continued at varying amounts to Kate or Katherine until 1811. Accounts record on 14 May 1803 2/- paid to Cath. PRIDDY in illness and 5/3 for sheet for her. Cathern PRIDDY received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on a number of occasions between 1794 and 1810, when she was at Hallatrow. Catharine PRIDDY was buried at High Littleton 29 Mar 1811. Accounts record the cost of her funeral expenses.]

15. Sarah JAMES was removed from Paulton to High Littleton by Order dated 7th October 1772.

Sarah JAMES' Examination has not been located.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - Sold by J. COLES, Stationer in Fleet Street.] (No.39.) R.B.

Somersetshire (to wit).

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Paulton in the said County and to the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County aforesaid and to each and every of them.

UPON the Complaint of the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Paulton 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 **Sarah JAMES, Singlewoman** hath come to inhabit in the said Parish of Paulton not having gained a legal Settlement there, and that the said Sarah JAMES [*is*] now chargeable to the said Parish of Paulton: We the said Justices, upon due Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Sarah JAMES 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 her the said Sarah JAMES is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said

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County of Somerset: We do therefore require you the said Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Paulton or some or one of you, to convey the said Sarah JAMES from and out of your said Parish of Paulton to the said Parish of High Littleton, 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 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 High Littleton to receive and provide for her as *[an]* Inhabitant of your said Parish. **Given** under our Hands and Seals, the Seventh Day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Two. Jno. ADAMS, Jno. ADAMS J^{nr}.

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[*Note:* The reason for Sarah's removal was that she was pregnant and unmarried.

She gave birth to an illegitimate daughter Katharine in 1772, who died in 1773. No Bastardy Order or Bond has been located and there is no indication that the reputed father's name was ever revealed.

Sarah JAMES married Thomas ELLISON of Luckington, Wilts. at High Littleton in 1776.

Thomas ELISON, then residing in High Littleton, was examined about his Settlement on 22 Apr 1776 (SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-3).]

16. James SPARKS and family were removed from Farrington Gurney to High Littleton by Order dated 21st June 1785.

James SPARKS' Examination has not been located.

[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 Farrington Gurney in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of High Littleton 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 Farrington Gurney in the said County That **James SPARKS and Charlotte his Wife, Thomas and Betty their Children** have come to inhabit in the said parish of Farrington Gurney 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 SPARKS and Charlotte his Wife, Thomas and Betty, their Children are become chargeable to the said parish of Farrington Gurney: We the said justices, upon due proof thereof made before us, as well upon the examination of the said James SPARKS 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 James SPARKS, Charlotte his Wife, Thomas and Betty, their Children is in the said parish of High Littleton 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 Farrington Gurney or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said James SPARKS, Charlotte his Wife, Thomas and Betty their Children from and out of your said parish of Farrington Gurney to the said parish of High Littleton 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 High Littleton to receive and provide for them as inhabitants of your parish.

Given under our hands and seals the 21st day of June in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Five. Jas. TOOKER, H.H. COXE.

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

[*Note:* James SPARKS married Charlotte, who was born c.1758/9.

A son Thomas was born before 1785. - Thomas SPARKS was buried at High Littleton 27 Mar 1811.

A daughter Betty was born in or before 1785. Betty SPARKS a child was buried at High Littleton 11 Mar 1788.

Overseers Accounts for 1785/6 record 3/6 paid to James SPARKS in distress at diff't times & 15/- to Mrs DANDO for Qrs. rent for James, by order of J. MOGG Esq. Accounts for 1786/7 record 7/- paid to James SPARKS at several times & 13/- for SPARKS' ½ year's rent.

Elizabeth dau. of James SPARKS & Charlotte bapt. at High Littleton 15 Nov 1792.

Jacob son of James SPARKS & Charlotte bapt. at High Littleton 21 Aug 1797. - He married Elizabeth WILCOX at Camerton 3 Apr 1820.

George son of James SPARKS & Charlotte bapt. at High Littleton 28 Sep 1802.

Vestry Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 agreed that James SPARKS, Hallatrow should have 14 lb. of flour at a subsidised price of 3/- a peck. Minutes of 6 Apr 1801 approved relief of 7/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to James SPARKS and family. James SPARKS received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1795, 1798 and 1801. Accounts for 1802/3 record that the parish paid for James' funeral.

James SPARKS was buried at High Littleton 28 Sep 1802.

Charlotte had an illegitimate son baptized William at High Littleton on 19 Feb 1804. The name of the father has not been discovered.

After James' death relief in the weekly calendar to Charlotte SPARKS' family, children, boy and finally herself, continued at varying amounts until 1813/4. To avoid the future expense of maintaining Charlotte's two elder sons, the parish paid £2 to James HARDING, blacksmith of High Littleton, for Jacob to be apprenticed to him and likewise £10 to William GOULD, tanner of Hallatrow to take George. Both sets of Indentures were dated 18 May 1807. The two boys were frequently in trouble and Accounts record on 3 Mar 1812 the cost of a special warrant for Jacob SPARKS for beating and ill using his mother and on 2 Feb 1813 the cost of a special warrant for Jacob and

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George SPARKS, they not appearing to a summons warrant, for an assault against Dinah BATH and for breaking the windows and leadwork in the house where their mother lives. There were several other incidents and Jacob was gaoled at least once. Charlotte SPARKS, widow of Hallatrow, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1810 (in illness) and in 1813. Minutes of 23 Jul 1815 agreed that Charlot SPARKS should pay 40/- p.a., in weekly payments, for the house she lives in, in Hart's Lane [*presumably a parish Poor House*]. Minutes of 16 Jun 1816 agreed to pay George MATHEWS 8/- for provisions had by Charlotte SPARKS during the time of her illness. Accounts note that Charlotte SPARKS died on 16 Aug 1816 and record the cost of her funeral. Charlotte SPARKS, Hallatrow, aged 57, was buried at High Littleton 18 Aug 1816.]

17. John PRIDDY and family were removed from Midsomer Norton to High Littleton by Order dated 25th May 1786.

John PRIDDY's Examination has not been located.

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

County of Somerset.

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton 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 Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Midsomer Norton in the said County That **John PRIDDY and Hannah his Wife and Ann aged about Sixteen Years, Jane aged about Fourteen Years, James aged about Twelve Years, Betty aged about Eleven Years, Mary aged about Six Years, Hannah aged about Five Years and Benjamin aged about three Years, their Children** have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Midsomer Norton 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 John PRIDDY and Hannah his Wife and Ann, Jane, James, Betty, Mary, Hannah and Benjamin their Children are likely to become chargeable to the said Parish of Midsomer Norton: We the said justices, upon due proof thereof made before us, as well upon the examination of the said John PRIDDY 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 John PRIDDY and Hannah his Wife and Ann, Jane, James, Betty, Mary, Hannah and Benjamin is in the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Midsomer Norton or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said John PRIDDY and Hannah his Wife and Ann, Jane, James, Betty, Mary, Hannah and Benjamin their Children from and out of your said Parish of Midsomer Norton to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Duplicate, 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 High Littleton to receive and provide for them as inhabitants of your Parish.

Given under our Hands and Seals the Twenty Fifth day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Six. John STRODE, Ch. H. COXE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-4.

[*Note:* John PRIDDY married Hannah JONES by banns at Midsomer Norton 20 Sep 1767.

A daughter Ann was born c.1769/70. - She married Thomas PARFITT at High Littleton 8 Aug 1791.

Jane was born c.1771/2. - Jane PRIDDY was buried at High Littleton 5 Mar 1793. Overseers Accounts for 1792/3 record that John PRIDDEY's daughter was buried at parish expense.

Accounts for 1772/3 record £1. 8/- paid to John PRIDDY & family in want.

James was born c.1773/4.

Accounts for 1774/5 record £1. 1/- paid to Mr JAMES for Jno. PRIDDY's house rent to lady day 1774.

Betty was born c.1774/5.

There was another child who died in 1775/6. - Accounts for 1775/6 record a payment of 5/- to John PRIDDY for burying his child.

Accounts for 1776/7 record £2. 2/- paid for John PRIDDY's house rent for the last year, £2. 2/- for house rent due at lady day 1777 & 19/6 given to John PRIDDY, wife & family in want. Accounts for 1777/8 record £1 for John PRIDDY's family in the small pox & £2. 2/- for 1 year's house rent. Accounts for 1778/9 record 12/6 for John PRIDDY's family in want, 16/6 for 11 yards of tick, at 1/6 pr. yard, for John PRIDDY & £2. 2/- for house rent for the year. In 1779/80 £2 was paid for John's house rent.

Mary was born c.1779/80. - It was probably this Mary who was buried at High Littleton 12 Oct 1795. Accounts for 1795/6 record that the parish paid Mary PRIDDY's funeral expenses.

Accounts for 1780/1 record 9/- paid for 2 sheets for John PRIDDY's family & £2 for 1 year's house rent.

Hannah was born c.1780/1. - She had an illegitimate daughter Mary on 28 May 1803.

Accounts for 1781/2 record £2 paid for John PRIDDY's house rent for a year. In 1782/3 John PRIDDY's house rent of £2 was again paid. Benjamin was born c.1782/3. - He married Jane RICHARDS at High Littleton 19 Jul 1813.

Vestry Minutes of 21 Apr 1783 agreed to allow John PRIDDY £1.10/- towards his house rent for the next year. Accounts for 1783/4 record 12/- paid to John PRIDIE in smallpox & £1.10/- for Jno. PRIDDY's house rent for a year. Accounts for 1784/5 record 13/3½ for 11 ells of flaxen for John PRIDDY's family & £1. 5/- towards Jno. PRIDDY's rent. Accounts for 1785/6 record 19/- for John's house rent & 3/- to

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John PRIDDY in distress, by order of J. MOGG. Accounts for 1786/7 record £2. 3/- for John PRIDDY's house rent for last year, £4.15/- to J. PRIDDY's family at several times & £2. 2/- house rent for John from 25 May at 1/- p.w.
Land Tax Assessments from 1788/9 to 1793/4 record John PRIDDY and Robert HOLLOWAY as occupiers of property belonging to James TIDCOMBE, taxed at 1/8d.

Accounts for 1794/5 record a payment of £1. 7. 2 to John PRIDDY's daughter [*probably Hannah*] to go to service. Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 agreed that John PRIDDY of Hallatrow should have 21 lb. of flour for the week at a subsidised price of 3/- per peck and similarly some bacon at 6d. per lb. for the best pieces and 4d. the residue. Minutes of 19 May 1802 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to John PRIDDY and in 1803 to John and his wife. John PRIDDY received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1793, 1796, 1798, 1800 (as John sen'r) and 1802. Accounts for 1803/4 record that the parish paid John PRIDDY's funeral expenses.

John PRIDDY was buried at High Littleton 29 Jan 1804.

Minutes of 2 Apr 1804 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Hannah PRIDDY. This continued at varying amounts until 1821. Accounts record on 5 Sep 1812 the cost of removing Hannah PRIDDY to Cloud Hill [*one of the parish Poor Houses*]. Minutes of 23 Jan 1818 agreed that Hannah PRIDDY is to have a shift and a pair of shoes. On 14 Jun 1818 it was agreed to have a calico shift bought her. Hannah PRIDDY received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1804, 1808 (widow), 1810 (Hallatrow), 1813 (Cloud Hill) and 1816 (widow of Hallatrow).

Hannah PRIDDY, Hallatrow, aged 80, was buried at High Littleton 22 Apr 1821.]

18. Thomas TUCKER and family were removed from Midsomer Norton to High Littleton by Order dated 25th May 1786.

Thomas TUCKER's Examination has not been located.

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County of Somerset TO WIT.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton 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 Midsomer Norton in the said County That **Thomas TUCKER and Jane his Wife and Mary Ann aged about two Years, their Child** have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Midsomer Norton 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 Thomas TUCKER and Jane his Wife and Mary Ann their Child are likely to become chargeable to the said Parish of Midsomer Norton: We the said justices, upon due proof thereof made before us, as well upon the examination of the said Thomas TUCKER 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 Thomas TUCKER and Jane his Wife and Mary Ann their Child is in the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Midsomer Norton or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Thomas TUCKER and Jane his Wife and Mary Ann their Child from and out of your said Parish of Midsomer Norton to the said Parish of High Littleton and them to deliver to the Churchwardens (*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 High Littleton to receive and provide for them the sd. Thomas TUCKER and Jane his Wife and Mary Ann their Child as inhabitants of your Parish.

Given under our hands and seals the Twenty Fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Six. John STRODE, Ch. H. COXE.

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

[*Note:* Thomas TUCKER married Jane CHALLENGER by banns at Midsomer Norton 2 Feb 1784.

Mary Ann a daughter was born at Midsomer Norton in 1784. - She married Benjamin CHALLENGER at Temple, Bristol 21 May 1809.

William son of Thomas & Jane TUCKER bapt. at Midsomer Norton 29 May 1785. - He married Almira PARFITT at Clutton 7 Jul 1811.

Strangely, William was not included in the above Removal Order.

Thomas son of Thomas TUCKER & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 1 Nov 1789. - He married Amy BOLWELL at Temple, Bristol 1 Apr 1810.

Elisha son of Tho's TUCKER & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 8 Jan 1792. - Eli TUCKER an infant was buried at High Littleton 23 Apr 1797.

Aaron son of Thomas TUCKER & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 5 Jan 1794. - He married Anne COOK at Temple, Bristol 8 Aug 1814.

Moses son of Thomas TUCKER & Jane bapt. at Clutton 4 Dec 1796. - He married Honor DAGGER at Temple, Bristol 27 May 1822.

David son of Thomas TUCKER & Jane bapt. at Clutton 24 Mar 1799. - He married Elizabeth PHIPPS at Kingswood 29 Dec 1824.

Henry son of Thomas TUCKER & Jane bapt. at Clutton 8 Aug 1802. - Henry TUCKER, Clutton, aged 11, buried at Clutton 20 Oct 1813.

John son of Thomas TUCKER & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 10 Jan 1806. - He married Jane DANDO at Farmborough 25 Dec 1831.

Overseers Accounts for 1795/6 record the payment of £2. 2/- to Thomas TUCKER towards his house rent of £3. 8/-, he having had an illness of 40 weeks, without assistance. Thomas TUCKER received blankets from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1795, 96, 99 & 1810.

Thomas TUCKER died at Clutton in 1817.

Vestry Minutes of 6 Oct 1817 agreed that no relief shall be allowed to Tho's TUCKER's widow. Accounts record on 20/21 Oct 1817 expenses at Temple Inn to answer a complaint for not relieving Jane TUCKER, widow of T. TUCKER. It was agreed to give Jane

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TUCKER 1/- p.w. to which she was content. Accounts for 1819 record relief of 1/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Jane TUCKER, widow at Clutton. This was increased to 1/3 in 1824 and 1/6 in 1829. Minutes of 2 Dec 1831 agreed that Jane TUCKER was to be paid 2/- instead of 1/6 p.w. and this continued until at least 1836.

Jane TUCKER died c.1837/8.

The Examination of Jane's son John TUCKER on 14 Dec 1843, when he was removed from Merthyr Tydvil, mentions that after Thomas' death at Clutton in 1817, Jane lived in Clutton, High Littleton and Farmborough, where she died about 20 years later. It also refers to the parish relief she received.]

19. Thomas PRIDDY was removed from Cameley to High Littleton by Order dated 13th April 1790.
Thomas PRIDDY's Examination has not been located.

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County of Somerset TO WIT.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Cameley in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton 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 Cameley in the said County That **Thomas PRIDDY and Elizabeth his Wife and James aged about 18 Years, John aged about 17 Years, Mary aged about 14 Years, Martha aged about 11 Years, Ann aged about 7 Years and Elizabeth aged about 4 Years, their Children** have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Cameley 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 Thomas PRIDDY and Elizabeth his Wife and James, John, Mary, Martha, Ann and Elizabeth their Children are likely to become chargeable to the said Parish of Cameley: We the said justices, upon due proof thereof made before us, as well upon the examination of the said Thomas PRIDDY 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 Thomas PRIDDY and Elizabeth his Wife, James, John, Mary, Martha, Ann and Elizabeth is in the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Cameley or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Thomas PRIDDY and Elizabeth his Wife and James, John, Mary, Martha, Ann and Elizabeth their Children from and out of your said Parish of Cameley to the said Parish of High Littleton and them to deliver to the Churchwardens (*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 High Littleton to receive and provide for them as inhabitants of your Parish.

Given under our hands and seals the thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety. H.H. COXE, James TOOKER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-6.

[Note: Tho's son of Richard PRIDDY & Susannah bapt. at High Littleton 27 Apr 1746.

Thomas PRIDDY of High Littleton married Elizabeth MAGGS otp by licence at Cameley 22 Nov 1770.

James son of Thomas PRIDDY & Elizabeth bapt. at Cameley 17 Mar 1772. - He married Elizabeth VOWLES, widow, at Farmborough 11 Feb 1812.

John son of Thomas PRIDDY & Elizabeth bapt. at Cameley 17 Mar 1772. - He married Ann CHIVERS at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 29 Sep 1800.

Mary dau. of Tho's PRIDDY & Elizabeth bapt. at Cameley 12 Feb 1775.

Overseers Accounts for 1775/6 record £1.13. 6 given to Thomas PRIDDY's family in his lameness.

Martha dau. of Thomas PRIDDY & Elizabeth bapt. at Cameley 18 Jan 1778. - She married Nathaniel YOUNG at High Littleton 28 Apr 1800.

Accounts for 1780/1 record £1.10/- paid to Tho's PRIDDY's family in his lameness 6 weeks at 5/- p.w. In 1782/3 14/- was paid to Tho's PRIDDY in distress.

Ann a daughter was born c.1782/3.

Accounts for 1783/4 record 8/- paid to Tho's PRIDDY in want. In 1784/5 17/6 was paid to Tho's PRIDDY's family in the small pox, £1. 5/- for innoculating Tho's PRIDDY's wife & children & 7/6 to Thomas PRIDDY in want.

Elizabeth dau. of Thomas PRIDDY & Elizabeth bapt. at Cameley 27 Feb 1785. - Elizabeth PRIDDY, High Littleton, aged 35, buried at High Littleton 27 Jun 1820.

Accounts for 1786/7 record 5/- paid to Thomas PRIDDY. Vestry Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 agreed that Thomas PRIDDY of High Littleton should have 21 lb. of flour at a subsidised price of 3/- per peck. Accounts record on 23 Apr 1803 2/6 paid to Thomas PRIDDEY in illness. The 1811 Census finds Tho's PRIDDY living in High Littleton with 1 other male and 2 females in the household.

Accounts record on 7 Jun 1814 the payment of caution money [*returnable deposit*] with Tho's PRIDDY to the Bath Hospital. A note was added "returned uncured 6 Aug". Minutes of 23 Jan 1818 approved relief of 3/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Tho's PRIDDY and wife. This continued at the same rate until 1821, when it was reduced to 2/6 but reverted to 3/6 in 1822. Thomas PRIDDY received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1794, 1797, 1800, 1804, 1806, 1808, 1810 and 1815.

Minutes of 19 Apr 1818 mention the house where Josiah DURY and Tho's PRIDDY live. Minutes of 12 Nov 1820 agreed that the poor house, where Tho's PRIDDY lives, having given way, it should be repaired and the house thatched, otherwise the whole house will be down

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Thomas PRIDDY, High Littleton, aged 77, was buried at High Littleton 22 May 1822.

According to the Examination of son James on 21 Dec 1846, when he was removed from Burnett to High Littleton, Thomas PRIDDY was a collier.

From 1822 until 1831 relief of 2/6 p.w. was paid to Tho's PRIDDY's widow and Accounts for 1830/1 record that widow PRIDDY's funeral expenses were paid by the parish.

Elizabeth PRIDDY, High Littleton, aged 86, was buried at High Littleton 27 Feb 1831.

20. Elizabeth HARRIS, Ruth HARRIS, Martha HARRIS and Sarah HARRIS were removed from Shepton Mallet to High Littleton by Order dated 2nd December 1800.

The Examinations of Elizabeth HARRIS, Ruth HARRIS, Martha HARRIS and Sarah HARRIS have not been located.

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Somerset (to wit).

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Shepton Mallet in the said County of Somerset to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton 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 of Somerset (one of us of the quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Shepton Mallet in the said County of Somerset That **Elizabeth HARRIS, Ruth HARRIS, Martha HARRIS and Sarah HARRIS (Sisters), Singlewomen**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Shepton Mallet contrary to Law, not having any way gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any certificate owning them, any or either of them to be settled elsewhere, and that they the said Elizabeth HARRIS, Ruth HARRIS, Martha HARRIS and Sarah HARRIS are severally and respectively actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Shepton Mallet: We the said Justices, upon due proof thereof made before us, as well upon the examination of the said Elizabeth HARRIS, Ruth HARRIS, Martha HARRIS and Sarah HARRIS taken in Writing upon their oaths, 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 Elizabeth HARRIS, Ruth HARRIS, Martha HARRIS and Sarah HARRIS is in the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Shepton Mallet or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Elizabeth HARRIS, Ruth HARRIS, Martha HARRIS and Sarah HARRIS from and out of your said Parish of Shepton Mallet to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 High Littleton to receive and provide for them the said Elizabeth HARRIS, Ruth HARRIS, Martha HARRIS and Sarah HARRIS as inhabitants of your said Parish.

Given under our Hands and Seals the 2d day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred. John STRODE, John BAND.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-7.

[Note: The four girls were some of the children of William HARRIS and his wife Patience WILKINS who married at Cameley 26 Apr 1770. Elizabeth dau. of William HARRIS & Patience bapt. at Cameley 30 Sep 1770

Ruth dau. of William HARRIS & Patience bapt. at High Littleton 23 Apr 1778.

Martha dau. of William HARRIS & Patience bapt. at High Littleton 11 Mar 1781.

Overseers Accounts for 1783/4 record a payment to Betty CHIVERS [*midwife*] for delivering William HARRIS' wife. - Sarah dau. of William HARRIS & Patience bapt. at High Littleton 16 Nov 1783.

It is not clear how William HARRIS earned a settlement in High Littleton but he and his family were regular recipients of relief from 1784 until 1788, at which time the family moved from High Littleton to Shepton Mallet.

Accounts for 1788 record the payment of £2. 2/- to William HARRIS to go to Shepton "and never to return", followed by 10/6 for carrying William HARRIS to Shepton and a further £2. 2/- for taking Wm. HARRIS' family to Mr MORGAN at Shepton. Accounts for 1789/90 record the cost of burying Wm. HARRIS' wife and the Shepton Register reveals that Patience HARRIS, pauper, aged 49, was buried at Shepton Mallet on 3 Apr 1790. Accounts for 1790/1 record the payment of Wm HARRIS' house rent at Shepton, being 55 weeks at 1/- p.w. and in 1793 10/6 was paid to William HARRIS' family in smallpox.

Betty HARRIS had a bastard child James in 1793 by William BALCH.

Accounts record in 1794/5 a payment to Betty HARRIS to have her sister [*presumed to be Sarah*] to Frome. In the same year is 2/6 for a shift for Sarah HARRIS and a payment for curing Sarah of the itch with brimstone and treacle and relief of 1/6 p.w. for 30 weeks from 28 Jun 1794. Vestry Minutes of 6 Apr 1795 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Sarah HARRIS, later described as Wm. HARRIS' daughter. This continued at varying amounts until 1798/9.

Accounts record in Dec 1800 expenses of Eliz., Ruth, Mart. and Sa'h HARRIS from Shepton Mallet and throughout 1801/2 frequent payments of relief to the 3 HARRIS daughters. The sister not receiving relief was probably Sarah who was in Frome. Rather surprisingly Ann HARRIS another sister, who received relief from High Littleton both before and after 1800, while living in Shepton Mallet, was not removed at the same time. Accounts record on 9 Apr 1802 expenses of going to the Justice with Sarah HARRIS and expenses to Frome. Doubtless she was pregnant and had to swear to the father. On 4 Sep was recorded the cost of a licence for Wm. JOYCE, travelling from Wells to Frome with JOYCE and paying for marrying him.

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William JOYCEx widower married Sarah HARRISx spin. by licence at Frome 3 Sep 1802.

No more is recorded of Ruth and Martha HARRIS in High Littleton records.

Minutes of 19 May 1802 approved relief in the weekly calendar to Betty HARRIS. This reduced to 6d in 1805 and ceased in 1806/7. Betty may have had another bastard child in 1806. Relief of 1/- p.w. to Betty HARRIS resumed in 1809 and continued at an increasing amount until 1818, when there was a note "dead". Minutes of 23 Jul 1815 agreed that Betty HARRIS will continue to be an inmate of the house *[poor house]* in Hart's Lane, where she lives with Charlotte SPARKS.

Betty HARRIS of Hallatrow received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1813 and 1816.

Accounts for 1818/9 record that Betty HARRIS died this day 24 Dec about 1 p.m. and that her funeral expenses were paid by the parish.

Elizabeth HARRIS, Hallatrow, aged 51, was buried at High Littleton 28 Dec 1818.]

21. Elizabeth YOUNG was removed from Farmborough to High Littleton by Order dated 16th January 1812. Elizabeth YOUNG's Examination has not been located.

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County of Somerset To-wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Farmborough in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton 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 Farmborough in the said County That **Elizabeth YOUNG, Singlewoman**, hath come to inhabit in the said Parish of Farmborough 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 YOUNG is become chargeable to the said Parish of Farmborough: We the said Justices, upon due Proof thereof made before us, as well upon the Examination of the said Elizabeth YOUNG 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 Elizabeth YOUNG is in the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Farmborough or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Elizabeth YOUNG from and out of your said Parish of Farmborough to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 High Littleton to receive and provide for her as an Inhabitant of your Parish.

Given under our Hands and Seals the Sixteenth *[pencil note - The Sess'ns were holden at Wells on the 14th]* day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and twelve. James IRELAND, Charles HILL. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-8.

[Note: Elizabeth was probably the daughter of John and Betty YOUNG baptized at High Littleton 16 Oct 1791.

In 1806 John YOUNG was living in High Littleton but shortly afterwards erected a tenement on some waste ground he leased in Farmborough and went to live there with his family.

The reason for Elizabeth YOUNG's removal was that she was pregnant and single. She gave birth to a bastard child by George TRAVIS, coal miner of High Littleton, in 1812, who died in 1814.]

22. Mary DURNELL and family were removed from Temple, Bristol to High Littleton by Order dated 16th April 1812.

Mary DURNELL's Examination has not been located.

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City and County of Bristol.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Temple o'wise Holy Cross within the said City and County of BRISTOL, to Execute and Convey; And to the Church or Chapel-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset to Receive and Obey.

FORASMUCH as Complaint hath been made to us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said City and County of Bristol (whereof one is of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Temple in the City and County of Bristol aforesaid, That **Mary DANIEL *[should be DURNELL]*, Wife of John DANIEL a Mariner and her two children, William aged Eleven years and Jane four years**, of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, in the said County of Somerset lately came and intruded into the said Parish of Temple endeavouring to settle there as Inhabitants thereof, contrary to Law, not having any way acquired or obtained any Legal Settlement therein, and

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have actually become chargeable to the said Parish. And forasmuch as upon Examination of the premises duly had before us, upon the Oath of the said Mary DANIEL it appeareth that the said Allegations are true; we do therefore adjudge the same to be so, and that the said Mary DANIEL and her said two Children actually have become chargeable to the said Parish of Temple and that the Place of the last Legal Settlement of the said Mary DANIEL & her said two Children was and is in the aforesaid Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset 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 Temple to remove and convey them the said Mary DANIEL & her said two Children out of and from your said Parish unto the said Parish of High Littleton the same being by Us adjudged as aforesaid, the Place of the last Legal Settlement of the said Mary DANIEL & her said two children and them the said Mary DANIEL and her said two children to deliver unto the Church or Chapel Wardens 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 April in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and twelve. Tho's DANIEL, Daniel WAIT.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-9.

[Note: John DURNELL married Mary BARROW at Bedminster 17 Apr 1797.

A son William was born in 1800.

A daughter Jane was born c.1807/8.

According to the Settlement Examination of William DURNELL in 1828, his father John gained a settlement in High Littleton by living at service with Jacob MOGG senior.

Vestry Minutes of 19 May 1802 approved relief of 1/3 p.w. in the weekly calendar to John DURNELL's child. This continued at varying amounts until 1810/1. Overseers Accounts record on 23 May 1811 £1 paid to Mary DURNEL for Cloaths for her son (by Order of Mr SCOBELL). On 23 Feb 1812 6/- was given to Mary DURNAL's Son in Illness (by order of Dr SCOBELL). On 21 Apr 1812 3/- was paid to Mary DURNELL & two children for present support, having been sent from Bristol by an order.]

23. An Order was made for the Removal of Mary PARFITT, widow, from Clutton to High Littleton in July 1813, but it was subsequently quashed.

Overseers' Accounts record on 20 Jul 1813 a payment to Tho's MILES for a copy of Mary PARFETT's examination concerning her settlement, taken by Clutton parish. On 27 Jul were expenses at Temple Inn about an order removing Mary PARFETT and on 10 Aug expenses for going to Old Down about Mary PARFETT's settlement, when it was finally settled by Sir John [HIPPISELEY] that she belonged to Clutton and the Order for High Littleton was quashed.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Mary PARFITT, now residing in the Parish of Clutton in the said County, Widow, touching her Settlement, taken this 13th July 1813.

Who on her Oath saith, that she is about Thirty eight years of Age and was born in the Parish of Cameley and that William VOWLES, Labourer, her Father was legally settled in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, as she has heard and believes. Saith, that about Eighteen years ago, she hired herself Servant to Farmer James DRURY of Farmborough in the said County for a Year, at Fifty two Shillings Wages, that she served him one year and then went to live with Farmer William DRURY of High Littleton for a Year, that she lived with him between Three and Four Years and then left him to go and live with her Father and Mother at Clutton, where she remained for two years, when she was Married to George PARFITT of Clutton, Coal Miner, in the Parish Church of Clutton by Bands (*sic*). Saith, that her Husband George PARFITT has been dead Ten Years last Christmas. Saith, that she has one Child living, by the said George PARFITT her Husband; that about Five years after her Husband's Death she went to live with Mr Thomas DUDDEN of High Littleton, where she has lived ever since up to last April, at one Shilling per Week, Meat and Drink, that she slept in the House with the rest of the Family for upwards of Two years. Saith, that her Son is about Ten years of Age and has been chargeable to the said Parish of Clutton. The Mark X of Mary PARFITT.

Sworn before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, the day & year first above written, J.C. HIPPISELEY, T. WILLIAMS.

[Reverse] - Copy.

County of Somerset.

The further Examination of Mary PARFITT of Clutton, Widow, taken the said 13 July 1813.

Who, on her Oath [*saith*], that she is now with Child and that the said Child is likely to be born a Bastard and to be chargeable to the said Parish of Clutton, and that Edmund GREY, now or late of Hallatrow, shoemaker, is the lawful Father thereof. The Mark X of Mary PARFITT.

Sworn before me J.C. HIPPISELEY.

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[Note: Mary dau. of W'm VOWLES & Sarah bapt. at Cameley 8 Feb 1771.

George PARFITT bach. otp married Mary VOWLES spin. otp by banns at Clutton 5 Aug 1799.

A son was born c.1802/3.]

24. Jane DIX, widow and family were removed from Farmborough to High Littleton by Order dated 8th July 1814.

Jane DIX's Examination has not been located. An Appeal was entered against the Order and Counsel's Opinion was sought.

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Somerset To-wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Farmborough in the said County of Somerset to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton 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 of Somerset (one of us of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Farmborough in the said County That **Jane DIX, the widow of William DIX, late of the parish of Farmborough aforesaid, Coalminer, and her three Children, namely Mary Ann, aged about Five Years, Maria, aged about Three Years and Elizabeth, aged about One Year and a quarter**, have come to inhabit in the said parish of Farmborough 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 Jane DIX and her said Children, Mary Ann, Maria and Elizabeth, are become chargeable to the said Parish of Farmborough: We the said Justices, upon due Proof thereof made before us, as well upon the Examination of the said Jane DIX 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 Jane DIX and her said Children Mary Ann, Maria and Elizabeth is in the said parish of High Littleton 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 Farmborough or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Jane DIX and her said Children Mary Ann, Maria and Elizabeth from and out of your said parish of Farmborough to the said parish of High Littleton 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 High Littleton to receive and provide for them as Inhabitants of your parish.

Given under our Hands and Seals the Eighth day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fourteen. A.A. BAKER, John HURLE.

[Reverse]

Charles HASSELL, Overseer Farmborough.

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[Note: William DIX was born c.1789 a son of James DIX and his wife Ann GULLIFORD.

William DIX otp married Jane REEDDLEY otp by banns at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 7 Mar 1808.

Marianne dau. of William & Jane DIX bapt. at High Littleton 8 Jan 1809.

Maria dau. of William & Jane DIX bapt. at Farmborough 17 Feb 1811.

Elizabeth dau. of William & Jane DIX, Farmborough, coal miner, bapt. at Farmborough 18 Apr 1813.

William DIX, Farmborough, aged 25, was buried at High Littleton 20 May 1814.

Overseers' Accounts record on 25 Jul 1814 relief to Jane DIX's 3 children and this continued for the year. On 10 Oct 1814 10/6 was paid for ½ Jane DIX's quarter's rent due michaelmas last at £4. 4/- p.a. In early 1815 the relief was paid to Farmborough parish for widow DIX's 3 children. Vestry Minutes of 28 Mar 1815 approved relief of 4/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Jane DIX's 3 children. Minutes of 25 Mar 1815 reduced the relief to 1/3 p.w. each and in renewing relief at the same amount in minutes of 25 Mar 1817, the 3 children were described as of William DIX deceased. Accounts record on 17 Jun 1817 expenses at Temple Inn about Jane DIX's 3 children. Minutes of 25 Mar 1818 increased relief to Jane's 3 children to 1/6 p.w. each. This was renewed at 1/6 in minutes of 25 Mar 1819 and 27 Mar 1820. Minutes of 27 Mar 1821 reduced the 3 children's relief to 3/6 p.w. in total and minutes of 26 Mar 1822 approved relief for 2 children only at 2/4 p.w. total. Minutes of 26 Mar 1823 approved relief of 3/- per fortnight to Jane DIX's children and minutes of 25 Mar 1824 approved the same amount for Jane's child. Accounts for 1824/5 show that relief ended in Jul 1824 and on 28 Jun 1824 was the cost of clothes for Jane DIX's child going to Bath to service.

Jane had a bastard child by Francis EVANS, which was born dead on 5 Sep 1815.

Joseph TUCKER, widower of High Littleton married Jane DIX otp by banns at Farmborough 19 Feb 1816.

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Joseph TUCKER son of William TUCKER and his wife Ann BULL was baptized at High Littleton 1 Jan 1783. He had 5 children by his first marriage to Hannah TUCKER, who died in 1813, as well as fathering a still born bastard child by Sarah YOUNG in 1815.

James son of Joseph & Jane TUCKER, Mearns, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Jun 1820.

Hannah dau. of Joseph & Jane TUCKER, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 26 Feb 1826. - Hannah TUCKER, High Littleton, aged 1, buried at High Littleton 28 May 1826.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records Jos. TUCKER as the occupier of a tenement at Mearns (part 60 on map), which was sublet from Heygrove Coal Company.

Jane TUCKER, High Littleton, aged 41, was buried at High Littleton 26 Feb 1826.

Joseph TUCKER of High Littleton received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1816 (who married Jane DIX), 22 (coal miner, Mearns), 27, 36, 39 and 1842.

The 1841 Census finds Joseph TUCKER, aged 55, coal miner, living in High Littleton, when his son William and family were living with him. The 1851 Census finds Joseph TUCKER, widower, 68, coal miner (pauper), born High Littleton, living in his son William's house at Mearns. In 1861 Joseph, then aged 78, was still there and it was noted that he was blind from old age.

Joseph TUCKER, High Littleton, aged 83, was buried at High Littleton 30 Mar 1866.]

High Littleton. Case for Mr WILLIAMS's Opinion on the Settlement of Jas. DIX & Family. MILES, Ston Easton.

Sir, At the last Somerset Sessions at Bridgewater an Appeal was entered by the parish of High Littleton against an Order of Removal of **Jane DIX**, Widow and her three Children from the parish of Farmborow, and respited to the next Sessions, and you was consulted on the Settlement. The Question is, whether the pauper's Father in Law James DIX, her Husband's Father, gained a Settlement by Renting in High Littleton previous to his Son's Marriage to the Pauper in 1808. The Son was a Coalminer and never gained a Settlement on his own Account, but told his Wife, the pauper, that his Father's Settlement was in High Littleton. The said James DIX was examined before two Justices in 1803 as follows:

"County of Somerset. The Examination of **James DIX**, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Labourer. Taken the 2nd Day of May 1803.

Who on his Oath saith, That he is about 38 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Emborow in this County, as he has heard and believes, and that Wm. DIX his Father was legally settled at Emborow aforesaid. Saith that about Sixteen Years past he hired himself a Servant for a Year to Thomas WEBB of Whitchurch Farm in Binegar Parish, Yeoman and served him four Years and slept in his House at Whitchurch aforesaid, and received his full Wages at the End of every Year. Saith that about 7 or 8 Years ago, he rented an House in High Littleton of Mr Joseph BRODRIBB, now deceased, at 32 Shillings a Year Rent, and in the same Year he rented Two Acres of Ground for a Potatoo Crop of Farmer George KINGMAN at Eight Guineas, and that he underlet so much of the Potatoo Ground, Part of the Quantity rented at Eight Guineas as amounted to about Three Pounds, but he was responsible for the Rent of Eight Guineas, and he was obliged to distrain for the Rent of Three Pounds to make good the Rent of Eight Guineas to the said George KINGMAN, But the Undertenants themselves paid the Money to the said George KINGMAN's Hands. Saith that for Four Years now last past he has rented an House of Mr Thomas BRODRIBB in High Littleton at Two Guineas a Year Rent. Saith that at Lady Day 1801 he took a plowed Paddock of Mr Wm. BATH for a Potatoo Crop, about one Acre and an Half, That they could not very well agree about the amount of Rent to be paid at the time of taking the said Ground, the said Mr BATH asked him more than he chose to give. He offered him five pounds Rent, which Mr BATH would not accept; at last they agreed that he should pay Mr BATH in Potatoes for the Rent, that he should give him Twenty Sacks of Potatoes. Saith that there was a general bad Crop of Potatoes that Year and they rose to the high price of 12s. Per Sack and in Consideration thereof Mr BATH remitted Six Sacks of the Rent, and accepted Fourteen Sacks of Potatoes only, which at 12s. Per Sack amounted to Eight Guineas. Saith that he has not rented above five or Six Pounds a Year or done any Act to gain a Settlement save as above. Saith that above 15 Years past he married Ann GULLIVER, his present Wife, in Midsomer Norton Church and has Six Children, Wm. aged about 14 Years, George aged about 10 Years, Elizabeth aged about 8 Years, Thomas aged about 4 Years, James aged about 3 Years and Samuel aged about 2 Years. The Mark of X James DIX.

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

There appear two Instances of renting. In the first, the Pauper's Father in Law underlet a Part of the Potatoo Ground and in both, the Value of the Tenement is barely sufficient and, if it can be called in Question further than by the Amount of Rent paid, it can be proved not to be worth the Rent he paid, which was for the Purpose of gaining a Settlement in High Littleton by such Renting. In the latter Instance he consented to pay Mr BATH but five pounds Rent, and finally paid him 14 Sacks of Potatoes, which he calculated at 12s. Per Sack to make the Rent amount to Eight Guineas and to constitute, with his House Rent of Two Guineas, a yearly Tenement of Ten Guineas. But the usual Value of Potatoes is not more than 5s. or 6s. P'r Sack.

The said James DIX, Pauper's Father in Law, was again examined in 1814 and it appears that he gained a Settlement in High Littleton by renting in 1813, but his said Son was married and emancipated from him in 1808.

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Your Opinion is desired as to the Settlement of the Paupers and whether there is a fair Prospect of Success for the Appellants, and whether there appears sufficient in the Case to entitle them to adduce proof of the Value of the Tenement in Contradiction to the Testimony of the Pauper's Father in law James DIX, who is still living and desirous of making the Settlement in High Littleton.

Opinion

Of the Settlement by Hiring & Service in Whitchurch, no doubt can exist & the only Question arises on a Settlement by renting a Tenement of the yearly Value of £10.

As to the first renting of Jos'h BRODRIBB & Geo. KINGMAN, Unless the renting here stated can be impeached on the ground of fraud & it can be distinctly shewn that the House & Potatoe Ground, in the state in which they were respectively taken, were not worth £10 p. ann., I am of Opinion that such Renting conferred a Settlement in High Littleton. Formerly, indeed till very recent decisions, it was the practice of Sessions to make deductions from the Rent (in such Cases as the present) for any Labour bestowed or any Dung or Soil used on Potatoe land, anterior to it being rented, by the Person letting it, & to consider the amount, when stripped of such deductions, as the actual Rent or Value; but the Case of St. Paul's, Deptford 13 E. 320 shook the principle of deductions of this nature & R. v Purley 16 E. 126 & R. v Ringwood 1 Maule & Selwyn 381 clearly establish that, if the subject matter rented be reasonably worth £10 p. ann., no matter by what temporary or accidental Circumstances it becomes so, it confers a Settlement. The words of Lord Ellenborough in R. v Purley are "He occupied a Tenement, which during that year was in fact of the Value of £10, how it became so is quite immaterial". The underletting by DIX does not affect the Settlement.

As to the 2nd Renting, there appears an Obscurity in the Statement, which says that for 4 years last past (from 1810 to 1814 inclusive) DIX rented a House of Mr BROADRIBB of 2 gns. p. ann. value, that at Lady day 1801 (13 years since) he rented a ploughed paddock for a potatoe Crop, for which he eventually paid 14 sacks of Potatoes worth 12/- p. sack, & it is submitted to me if such rentings, combined & forming an Am't of 10 gns., wo'd confer a settlement; but in point of Fact it appears that the renting of the House & Potatoe land were not contemporaneous. If they had been rentings at the same time, & the potatoe land that year was worth the 14 Sacks of Potatoes, it wo'd undoubtedly have given a Settlement. If (which does not appear in the statement), DIX rented any tenem't in the shape of House or lodging in High Littleton, the rent of which with the potatoe Land in question wo'd amount to £10 p. annum (altho' the Land was rendered worth the 14 Sacks of Potatoes by peculiar & temporary Circumstances only), it wo'd confer a Settlement. But it is competent to those who resist the Settlement to shew that fraud existed in either of the Instances of renting, & that the Holdings in either Case was not worth £10 p. annum. The Fact of the Father in Law of Pauper gaining a Settlement in High Littleton in 1813 is not of any relevancy to the Case; the Cases Bugden & Ampthill, Burr Settlem't Cases 270 & St. Michael's in Norwich v Saint Matthew in Ipswich therein cited (& to be found in 2 Bott 40) establish the point that the Father does not communicate a settlement to his son which the parent gains subsequently to the son's marriage & Emancipation.

Of the probability of success in the Appeal, I cannot form an Opinion, being ignorant of the Evidence the Appellant Parish can adduce to shew fraud & want of Value in the respective Rentings. I have stated all the late Cases, Cases on Value & the Way in which the Court has denied the propriety of deductions, which will I hope enable the Appellant's Solicitor to judge of the Efficacy of his Evidence to impeach the Value of the rentings in this Instance.

Lincoln's Inn, Oct'r 6th 1814, C.F. WILLIAMS.

Document in High Littleton Vestry August 2000.

[James DIX's Examination referred to in Counsel's Opinion above].

County of Somerset.

The Examination of James DIX, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Labourer. Taken this 19th day of April 1814.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is about 50 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Emborow, as he has heard and believes, and that he gained a Settlement by hiring and Service in the Parish of Binegar in the said County. Saith that he has rented a House of Mr Joseph MULLETT, from Michaelmas 1807, that he has paid £5.15. 6 a Year Rent for it every Year untill Lady Day 1813, when the Rent was increased to Eight Pounds a Year and which he, this Examinant, paid to Mr John WEEKS, for the Year's rent to Lady Day last. Saith that in the Year 1813, he took One Acre by admeasurement of Ground called Green Lane, in the Parish of Cameley, of Mr Jonathan PARSONS, at Six Guineas rent a Year, for a Potato Crop, and 12s. for the Tithes. Saith that he occupied it for the Potato Crop and paid the Rent of Six Guineas p'r Year and 12s. for the Tithes, to the said Jonathan PARSONS. Saith that the said Jonathan PARSONS plowed up the Ground at his own Expences, to put it in Order for the Crop, from the lay the first Year and the Sward not being rotten; he took it again the second Year at Six Guineas, there was no Manure put to the Gro'd. Saith that he had nearly 100 Sacks of Potatoes from it. Saith, that he married Ann his Wife in Midsomer Norton Church and has Nine Children, Six living with him,

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Viz: Thomas aged about 17 Years, James 15 Years, Samuel 13 Years, Mary 10 Years, Sarah 8 Years, Ann 4 Years and upwards. The Mark of X James DIX.

Sworn before us (*sic*) Jn. KINGSMILL.

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[*Note:* Overseers' Accounts record on 19 Apr 1814 the cost of examining James DIX at Temple Inn about his settlement and on 3 May a summons for him to appear at Temple on 17th instant. Accounts record on 11/12 Jul 1814 expences on a journey to Bridgwater, horse & self, Monday & on to Tuesday at breckfast, corn 13/6 & expence in my return, horse & self 6/6, cash paid John STICKLER for his horse two days & ½ 5/-, cash my time, two days at 5/- p. day 10/- and cash paid for Councillor WILLIAMS' fee to move the Court for a tryall of James DIX's settlement at Taunton Octo'r 3rd £1. 1/-.

James DIXx otp married Ann GULLIFORDx otp by banns at Midsomer Norton 25 May 1788.

William a son was born c.1788/9. He married Jane REEDDLEY at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 7 Mar 1808.

George son of James DICKS & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 29 Apr 1792.

Betty dau. of John (*sic*) DIX & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 8 Mar 1795.

Thomas son of John (*sic*) DIX & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 21 May 1797. He married Sarah FLOWER at High Littleton 16 Sep 1816.

James son of James DIX & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 9 Jun 1799. He married Maria SAGE at High Littleton 26 Jan 1824.

John [*Samuel intended*] son of James DIX & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 9 Aug 1801. Samuel died on 26 May and was buried, aged 30, at High Littleton 30 May 1832.

Mary dau. of James DIX & Ann (from Hallatrow) bapt. at Farrington Gurney 6 May 1804. She had a bastard child (*Eliza*) by Robert WINTER on 17 Mar 1822.

Sarah dau. of James DIX & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 31 Aug 1806. She married Joseph TUCKER at High Littleton 15 May 1826.

Ann dau. of John (*sic*) DIX & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 5 Aug 1810. She married George SHORT at High Littleton 16 Feb 1833.

The number of errors in recording the baptisms of James' children is quite extraordinary. There was a John DIX who married Ann BUTT at Cameley in 1791 and later lived in Camerton, who was having children (including an Elizabeth baptized 1798, died 1807) around the same time as James & Ann but the former does not appear to have ever lived in High Littleton and the information in James' Examination is pretty conclusive.

The 1811 Census finds James DIX living in Hallatrow with 4 other males and 5 females in the household.

James DIX (later sen'r, labourer of Langford's Lane, High Littleton) received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1804, 1815 (of Hallatrow) and several times between 1818 and 1837.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records Jas. DICKS as the occupier of a tenement and garden (part 218 on the map) at the Batch, belonging to Henry TUCKER.

The 1841 Census finds James DIX, aged 75, dependent and Ann 76, living in High Littleton.

Vestry Minutes of 21 Dec 1842 record that they think relief to James DIX and wife should be reduced from 5/- to 3/- p.w. as he can get employ breaking stones etc. and has 9d. p.w. from [*the*] Club.

Anne DIX, High Littleton, aged 83, was buried at High Littleton 11 Sep 1847.

The 1851 Census finds James DIX, aged 86, pauper, coal miner, born Emborough, living in High Littleton with his son Thomas and family.

James DIX, High Littleton, aged 87, was buried at High Littleton 10 Feb 1853.]

James had been examined on two previous occasions:

County of Somerset.

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

Who on his Oath saith, That he is about 28 Years of Age and was born in the parish of Emborow in the said County, as he hath heard and believes. That, when he was about 16 Years of Age, he hired himself a Servant for a Year to Thomas WEBB the Elder, of Whitchurch Farm in the parish of Binegar, Yeoman, and Served him for that Year and also for three Years afterwards, making a fresh hiring for a Year each time. That he afterwards hired himself a Servant, for half a Year only, to Thomas HEDGES of Chilcompton Farm, for the Winter half Year, at £4, which he served accordingly. That he then Married Ann, his present Wife, in the Parish Church of Midsomer Norton aforesaid [*not mentioned before*] and hath workt on [*at intended*] his own Hands ever since.

That he hath two Children, Viz't: William aged about Six Years and George aged about three Years. That he is a member of High Littleton Benefit Club. The Mark of X James DIX.

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

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

County of Somerset.

The Examination of James DIX, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Labourer. Taken the 2nd Day of May 1803.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is about 38 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Emborow in this County, as he has heard and believes, and that William DIX his Father was legally settled at Emborow aforesaid. Saith, that about 16 Years past, he hired himself for a Year to Thomas WEBB of Whitchurch Farm in Binegar Parish, Yeoman and served him Four Years and slept in his House at Whitchurch [*Farm*] aforesaid and received his full Wages at the End of every Year. Saith That about 7 or 8 Years ago, he rented an House of Mr Joseph BRODRIBB, now deceased, at 32 Shillings a Year Rent and, in the same Year, he rented two Acres of Ground for a Potatoe Crop, of Farmer Geo. KINGMAN, at 8 Gu'as and that he underlet so much of the Potatoe Ground, part of the Quantity Rented at 8 Gu'as, as amounted to about £3, but he was responsible for the Rent of 8 Gu'as and he was obliged to distrain for the Rent of £3, to make good the Rent of Eight Guineas to sd. George

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KINGMAN, but the Undertenants themselves paid the Money to said George KINGMAN's Hands. Saith that for Four Years now last past, he has rented an House of Mr Tho's BRODRIBB at Two Guineas a Year Rent. Saith, that at Lady Day 1801, he took a plowed paddock of Mr Wm. BATH, for a Potatoo Crop, about One Acre and an Half. That they could not very well agree about the Amount of Rent to be paid at the time of taking the said Ground, the said Mr BATH asked him more than he chose to give. He offered him Five pounds Rent, which Mr BATH would not accept; at last they agreed that He should pay Mr BATH in Potatoes for the Rent, that he should give him twenty Sacks of Potatoes. Saith that there was a general bad Crop of Potatoes that Year and they rose to the high price of Twelve Shillings per Sack and, in Consideration thereof, Mr BATH remitted Six Sacks of the Rent and accepted fourteen Sacks of Potatoes only, which at 12s. p'r Sack amounted to Eight Guineas. Saith that he has not rented above £5 or £6 a Year or done any Act to gain a Settlement, Save as above. Saith That about 15 Years past, he married Anne GULLIVER, his present Wife, in Midsomer Norton Church and has 6 Children, Wm. aged about 14 Years, George aged about 10 Years, Eliz'th aged about 8 Years, Thomas aged about 4 Years, James aged about 3 Years and Samuel aged about two Years. The Mark of X James DIX.

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

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-40a/41.

25. Sarah YOUNG was removed from Farmborough to High Littleton by Order dated 13th February 1818. Sarah YOUNG's Examination has not been located.

[Printed Form - No. 36. Order of Removal. Printed and sold by Richard CRUTTWELL, Bath Chronicle Office, St. James's-Street.]

County of Somerset.

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

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set and subscribed, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County of Somerset (one of us being of the Quorum) by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Farmborough in the said County of Somerset That **Sarah YOUNG, Singlewoman**, lately came to inhabit in the said Parish of Farmborough in the said County of Somerset contrary to Law, not having any Ways gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning her to be settled elsewhere; and that the said Sarah YOUNG (being with Child) is actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Farmborough: We the said Justices, upon due Examination of the said Complaint and Premises, and also upon Examination of the said Sarah YOUNG upon her Oath before us, and upon due Consideration by us had in the Premises, do adjudge the said Complaint and Premises to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the lawful Settlement of her the said Sarah YOUNG is in the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Farmborough in the said County of Somerset or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Sarah YOUNG from and out of your said Parish of Farmborough to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 High Littleton to receive and provide for her according to Law, as an Inhabitant legally settled in your said Parish of *[High Littleton]*.

Given under our Hands and Seals the 13th Day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and eighteen. John Fred'k DOVETON, John HURLE.

[Reverse] - brought home the 14th day of February 1818.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-10.

[Note: Sarah was almost certainly the daughter of John & Elizabeth YOUNG bapt. at High Littleton 17 Nov 1793.

The reason for Sarah's removal was that she was pregnant and unmarried. She gave birth to a bastard child in 1818, who died in 1819.

Sarah YOUNG had previously had a still born child by Joseph TUCKER in 1815.

Sarah had another bastard child Melinda in 1821, by William CLEAVES, labourer of High Littleton, and yet another, Aaron, in 1830.]

26. Francis JAMES was removed from St. Peter & Paul, Bath to High Littleton by Order dated 20th May 1818.

[Order of Removal & Examination - Printed Form]

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To the Constables of the City of Bath, and also to all Constables and other Officers whom it may concern, to execute and convey: and to the Churchwardens, Chapelwardens, or Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, or either of them, to receive and obey.

WHEREAS **Francis JAMES** was apprehended in the Parish of Saint Peter & Paul, in the said City of Bath, as a Rogue and a Vagabond, that is to say, wandering abroad and begging Alms there contrary to Law and who has been duly convicted thereof, and punished as the Law directs, And upon the examination of the said Francis JAMES taken upon Oath before me John KITSON Esquire, Mayor & one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said City of Bath, (which Examination is hereunto annexed) it doth appear that the last legal place of Settlement of the said Francis JAMES is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, These are therefore to require you, the said Constables of the said City of Bath, to convey the said Francis JAMES from and out of the said Parish of Saint Peter & Paul in the said City of Bath, to the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset to which he is now sent, and to deliver him together with this Pass, and the duplicate of the examination of the said Francis JAMES to the Churchwardens, Chapelwardens, or Overseers of the Poor of the same Parish of High Littleton or either of them, (taking his or their Receipt for the same) to be there provided for according to Law. And you the said Churchwardens, Chapelwardens, and Overseers of the Poor of said Parish of High Littleton are hereby required to receive the said Person, and provide for him as aforesaid.

Given under my hand and Seal the 20th Day of May in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen. J. KITSON, Mayor.

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City of Bath.

THE Examination of Francis JAMES, a Rogue and Vagabond apprehended and taken in the Parish of Saint Peter & Paul in the said City of Bath, taken upon his Oath, this Twentieth Day of May 1818 before me John KITSON Esquire, Mayor and one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said City.

WHO upon his Oath saith, that he is now about 65 years of age, and was born, as he has heard and believes, in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, where his father was also born and in which Parish this Examinant is settled, as he believes. Francis JAMES.

Sworn at the said City, the Day and Year first above-written, before Me, J. KITSON, Mayor.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-11.

[Note: Francis son of Francis JAMES of High Littleton bapt. at Farmborough 31 Mar 1753.

Vestry Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 agreed that Francis JAMES of High Littleton should have 21 lb. of flour at a price of 3/- per peck.

Francis JAMES received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1794, 1798, 1802, 1806 and 1810.

Overseers Accounts record on 3 Apr 1817 1/6 paid to Francis JAMES in distress. Relief of 1/- p.w. then followed until 16 Jun. On 19 Apr it was noted that he was ill. On 9 May 5/3 was spent on a shirt for Francis JAMES. On 14 Feb 1818 Relief of 6d. was paid to Francis JAMES. This continued weekly at the same rate until 20 Mar. Accounts record on 4 Aug 1818 Expences at Temple Inn to answer to a complaint of Francis JAMES; Francis JAMES was referred to the Monthly Vestry for them to determine what is to be done for him. Accounts for 1825/6 record the payment of 2/- p.w. relief in the weekly calendar to Francis JAMES. This ended in 1826, when the Accounts record on 3 Apr a payment for making a coffin for Francis JAMES.]

27. Judith SIMMONS was removed from Radstock to High Littleton by Order dated 4th October 1819.

Somerset (to wit).

The Examination of Judith SIMMONS, now residing in the Parish of Radstock in the said County, Singlewoman, (touching her Settlement), taken upon Oath before us two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this 4th Day of October 1819.

This Examinant on her Oath saith, that she is about twenty two Years of Age, and was born in the Parish of Radstock aforesaid, as she hath heard and believes. And this Examinant further saith, that her Parents were legally Settled in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, at the time of her Birth, as she hath also heard and believes. Saith that she never hired herself by the Year, nor rented ten Pounds P. Year, nor did any Act whereby to gain a Settlement in any Parish or place (save as aforesaid), to the best of her Knowledge or belief; And that she is with Child and deemed actually chargeable to the said Parish of Radstock. The mark of X Judith SIMMONS.

Sworn before us at Kilmersdon in the said County, the 4th day of October 1819, Tho's S. JOLLIFFE, Tho's R. JOLLIFFE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-12a.

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Somerset (to wit).

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Radstock in the said County to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton 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 whereof (one of us of the quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Radstock in the said County That **Judith SIMMONS, Singlewoman**, has come to inhabit in the said Parish of Radstock 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 Judith SIMMONS is with Child and deemed actually chargeable to the said Parish of Radstock: We the said Justices, upon due proof thereof made before us, as well upon the examination of the said Judith SIMMONS taken 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 Judith SIMMONS is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County.

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 Radstock or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Judith SIMMONS from and out of your said Parish of Radstock to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 High Littleton to receive and provide for her as an inhabitant of your Parish.

Given under our Hands and Seals the Fourth day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Nineteen. Tho's R. JOLLIFFE, Tho's S. JOLLIFFE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-12.

[Note: Judith dau. of James & Eleanor SIMONS (*sic*) bapt. at Radstock 16 Apr 1797.

Judith was 10 when her father James was examined about his Settlement on 9 Feb 1807.

Following her removal to High Littleton Judith SIMMONS was examined again on 13 Oct 1819, when she revealed that she was pregnant by Jeremiah CHIVERS, coal miner of Radstock. Judith gave birth to a daughter Elizabeth in 1820.

Judith died in 1821.]

28. Martha HUMPHRIES and family were removed from Norton St. Philip to High Littleton by Order dated 10th January 1820.

The Examination of William HUMPHRIES has not been located.

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COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

To the CHURCHWARDENS and OVERSEERS of the Poor of the Parish of Norton Saint Philip's in the said County of Somerset, to execute and convey. And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset to receive and obey.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set and subscribed, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County of Somerset, (one of us of the Quorum) by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Norton Saint Philip's in the said County of Somerset: That **Martha the Wife of William HUMPHREYS (now confined in Ilchester Gaol for Felony) and her three infant children, namely Harriett aged about thirteen Years, William aged about twelve Years and Martha aged about eighteen Months**, lately came to inhabit in the said Parish of Norton Saint Philip's in the said County of Somerset, contrary to Law, not having any Ways gained a Legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere: and that the said Martha HUMPHREYS and her said three infant children are actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Norton Saint Philip's: We the said Justices upon due examination of the said complaint and premises, and also upon examination of the said William HUMPHREYS upon his Oath before us and upon due consideration by us had in the premises, do adjudge the same complaint and premises to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the last lawful settlement of them the said Martha HUMPHREYS and her said three infant children is in the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Norton Saint Philip's in the said County of Somerset, or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Martha HUMPHREYS and her said three infant Children from and out of your said Parish of Norton Saint Philip's to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 true Copy thereof) and we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for them the said Martha HUMPHREYS and her said three infant Children according to Law, as Inhabitants legally settled in your said Parish of High Littleton.

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Given under our Hands and Seals the tenth day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty. Wm. CLARK, Edm'd ANDERDON.

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

[Note: William HUMPHRIS otp married Martha FLOWER otp by banns at Bedminster 30 Oct 1803.

Harriet a daughter was born c.1806. - She had a bastard child, baptized Henry Hippisley HUMPHRYS at High Littleton on 7 Oct 1832

William a son was born c.1807.

Martha was born in 1818.

It seems most likely that William HUMPHREYS gained a settlement in High Littleton by service.

Overseers Accounts record on 11 Jan 1820 3/6 present relief paid to Wm. HUMPHRYS' wife and 3 children, brought home by an order from Norton St. Philip's. Vestry Minutes of 23 Jan 1820 agreed that a blanket and tin saucepan should be bought for William HUMPHREYS' family during his confinement and till they go away, when the things shall be returned to the Overseer.

The 1825 Survey of Hallatrow records Wm. HUMPHRIES as the occupier of a tenement (near 64 on the map), belonging to John POLLETT. Land Tax Assessments for 1830/1 and 1831/2 record Wm. HUMPHRIS as the occupier of a cottage belonging to John POLLETT assessed at 2d.

William HUMPHRYS, sawyer of High Littleton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1824 and 1832. In applying in 1831 he said he had 1 child under 10.

William the son went to prison in 1831. The Ilchester Gaol Felons' Register (SRO Q/AGi 14/4) records that William HUMPHRIES, aged 23, sawyer, committed by T. WILLIAMS, Clerk, on July 2, was transferred from Shepton Gaol on 6 Aug 1831, tried for burglary in the dwelling house of Michael MARSHALL and stealing a gun, found guilty and sentenced to death. The sentence was commuted to 12 calendar months hard labour and he was returned to Shepton Gaol. The Gaol Description Book (SRO Q/AGi 15/3) records: Aug 13 1831 - Will'm HUMPHRIS, aged 23, height 5 ft. 7½ ins., person Stout, complexion Fair, visage Oval, hair D.B. [Dark brown], Pockmarked, crucifix on left arm, scar over left eye, born Bishford [Bishopport intended], Bedminster, trade Sawyer, last abode Hallatrow, Single, Reads and Writes, Sentence 12 months Shepton Gaol.]

29. James JONES was removed from Ashwick to High Littleton by Order dated 19th August 1822.

The Examination of Mary CLARE his mother has not been located.

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County of Somerset.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Ashwick in the said County and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County and to each and every of them.

UPON the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Ashwick 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 **James JONES, an Infant, aged about One Year** has come to inhabit in the said Parish of Ashwick not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning him to be settled elsewhere, and that the said James JONES is chargeable to the said Parish of Ashwick: We the said Justices, upon due Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of Mary CLARE, late Mary JONES, Mother of the said James JONES, taken 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 James JONES is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

We do therefore require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Ashwick or some or one of you, to convey the said James JONES from and out of your said Parish of Ashwick to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 a true Copy thereof: And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for him as an Inhabitant of your Parish. Given under our Hands and Seals the 19th day of August in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty Two. Tho's S. JOLLIFFE, Tho's R. JOLLIFFE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-15.

[Note: James JONES was born on 19 Jul 1821 the bastard child of Mary JONES, who married James CLARE the father six weeks later.

James CLARE's settlement was in Ashwick and Mary inherited his settlement on marriage, but James JONES, being born a bastard in High Littleton, even though his parents later married, was deemed to have a settlement in the latter parish. James CLARE and wife were removed from High Littleton to Ashwick by Order dated 20 Jul 1822, which Order did not include their child, although he doubtless accompanied his parents. Not wanting to relieve someone who was not settled in their parish, the Parish Officers of Ashwick promptly had James JONES removed back to High Littleton.

James JONES' father died some time after 1823 and his mother Mary CLARE then had a bastard child by George BATH c.1828, before marrying him at St. Philip & Jacob, Bristol in 1830.]

30. John WALDRON and family were removed from Temple, Bristol to High Littleton by Order dated 12th November 1822.

John WALDRON's Examination has not been located.

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City and County of Bristol.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Temple within the said City and County of BRISTOL, to Execute and Convey; and to the Church or Chapel Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset to Receive and Obey.

Forasmuch as Complaint hath been made to us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said City and County of Bristol (whereof one is of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Temple in the said City and County of Bristol aforesaid, That **John WALDRON, Amey his wife and their two Children (viz.) Charlotte aged four years & upwards and William aged about seven months**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Temple not having acquired or obtained any Legal Settlement therein, and have actually become and are chargeable to the same Parish; WE the said Justices, upon Examination, do adjudge the said Complaint and Premises to be true; AND we do further, upon the Examination of the said John WALDRON taken upon Oath as otherwise, adjudge that the last Legal Settlement of the said John WALDRON, Amey his Wife and their said two Children was and is in the aforesaid Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

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 Temple to remove and convey them the said John WALDRON, Amey his Wife and their said two children out of and from your said Parish, unto the said Parish of High Littleton, and them to deliver unto the Church or Chapel Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the same Parish or to some or one of them, together with a Duplicate of this our Order; 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 12th Day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty two. Tho's DANIEL, Wm. TRIPP.

[Note on reverse - Butter Lane, Great Gardens.]

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-14.

[Note: John WALDRON, widower, excise officer of Bedminster married Amey WATTS widow otp by licence at St. Peter, Bristol 14 Aug

1815. The following may have been John's and Amy's first marriages:

John WALDRON otp married Elizabeth TRISTED otp by banns at St. John, Bristol 16 Nov 1812.

John WATTS otp married Amy ROAN otp by licence at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 30 Jun 1807.

Charlotte a daughter was born c.1818.

William was born in 1822.

Caroline was born c.1825.

Thomas was born in 1828.

Amey and family were subsequently removed from Lyncombe and Widcombe to High Littleton by Order dated 13 Nov 1829. Where John was at the time is unclear but he appears to have been still alive in 1830. Overseers Accounts record on 18 Jun 1830 a payment to Jno. WALDON (sic) to get his tools out of pawn.

Amy may have been the Amy WALDON, aged 66, living at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol in 1851.]

31. Elizabeth HOLLOWAY was removed from Twerton to High Littleton by Order dated 24th September 1824.

*Letter marked OHMS, with details of **Elizabeth HOLLOWAY's Examination** addressed to Tho's MILES, Stone Easton, N. Bath.*

Eliz'th HOLLOWAY. 18 [years] old, born at H.L. - 3 years ago, went to live with Joseph ALLEN, Weaver - agreed his Wife Jane ALLEN; in the fall, 10 weeks 3 days before Christmas 1821 - her late fa'r Rob't HOLLOWAY (dead 1½ y'rs) had her along to Twerton - he had ano'r Dau'r living at Twerton (by former Wife) - she told her Fa'r of the place - to Mr ALLEN's House - saw ALLEN and Wife and left her a Fortnight on Trial - At the End of fortnight he came again - and she was present with him and her father and her Mistress - Fa'r said, how do my Dau'r get along? "very well Sir indeed" - I am going to give her half a Crown a Week and a hot Dinner ev. day - Fa'r said, you know what to give her. Give her what you please and don't hurt yourself - Indoors. - She staid Twelve Mo's at Twerton and did the House Work and a little at Her Master's Bus's of a Weaver - sewing harness, drawing Harness and quilling - and received a Hot Dinner daily - and slept at her Half Sister's, Mary wife of Jacob PARKHOUSE, Coal Hauler, who lived close by. The first week, when on Trial, had 3s. p'r Week and no Dinner - aft'r her Fa'r came and agreem't made, 2/6 and hot Dinner. She was paid 3s. at the End of the week - Then it went on for a fortnight and was paid 5s. - and afterw'ds received it as she wanted, at the rate of 2/6 p'r week - Spent Sundays in her Master's House - found her own Cloaths. Had no time to work for her Half Sister. She lived on and they took her into House to sleep, *[for - deleted]* out of good will aft'r the 1st Year - and she served them for nearly two years more afterwards, sleeping in the House, at the same wages and Dinner - Saith she had her Breakfast and Tea, Supp'r and all Meals, and deducted out of the Wages of 2/6 Week for her Eating, Except the Dinner - Sometimes she received 1/6, sometimes only 1s. p'r Week, according as used to be supplied separately with what she had - She had all her Victuals in her Master's House and did not

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buy at any Shop - She came away a fortnight past, being with Child - She took her Money as she wanted, computed at 2/6 p'r Week. She worked at the House Work and her Master taught her the Trade in a Branch of Weaving - Sev'l times in Conversation with her Master and Mistress they said she should stay as long as she chose and behaved well, And if she could better herself she was to go if she liked. She answered that she should not want to go while she did so well as she did there And they did so much for her.
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COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

To the CHURCHWARDENS and OVERSEERS of the Poor of the Parish of Twerton in the said County of Somerset, to execute and convey. And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset to receive and obey.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set and subscribed, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County of Somerset, (one of us being of the Quorum) by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Twerton in the said County of Somerset: That **Elizabeth HOLLOWAY, a Singlewoman and now with child**, lately came to inhabit in the said Parish of Twerton in the said County of Somerset, contrary to Law, not having any Ways gained a Legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning her to be settled elsewhere: and that the said Elizabeth HOLLOWAY being with child is actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Twerton: We the said Justices upon due examination of the said complaint and premises, and also upon examination of the said Elizabeth HOLLOWAY upon her Oath before us and upon due consideration by us had in the premises, do adjudge the same complaint and premises to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the last lawful settlement of her the said Elizabeth HOLLOWAY is in the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Twerton in the said County of Somerset, or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Elizabeth HOLLOWAY from and out of your said Parish of Twerton to the said Parish of High Littleton and her 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 true Copy thereof) and we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for her the said Elizabeth HOLLOWAY according to Law, as an Inhabitant legally settled in your said Parish of High Littleton.

Given under our Hands and Seals the twenty fourth day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four. Edm'd ANDERDON, Charles G. BAMPFYLDE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-16.

[Note: Robert HOLLOWAY married firstly Sarah YOUNG at High Littleton on 9 Apr 1787 and had at least 3 children including Mary who married Jacob PARKHOUSE at Twerton on 19 Oct 1817. Sarah died and was buried at High Littleton on 23 Jul 1806, whereupon Robert married Dinah GREEN at High Littleton on 19 May 1807. Dinah (nee MERCHANT) was the widow of Isaac GREEN, who died in 1803, and was 20 years Robert's junior. Robert and Dinah had 2 children, of whom Elizabeth HOLLOWAY was born c.1807 but not baptized until she was about 5 years old.

Robert HOLLOWAY received relief for his 2 children from 1813 until 1820/1. He was buried at High Littleton on 4 Jun 1823.

After being removed from Twerton, Elizabeth HOLLOWAY was examined on 7 Oct 1824, when she revealed that James WADHAM, weaver, late of Twerton, but then of Alderney New Mills, Wootton under Edge, was the father of the bastard child she was expecting. Elizabeth gave birth to a daughter on 14 Jan 1825.]

32. Betty MINTY was removed from Camerton to High Littleton by Order dated 5th October 1826.

Betty MINTY's Examination has not been located.

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COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

To the CHURCHWARDENS and OVERSEERS of the Poor of the Parish of Camerton in the said County of Somerset, to execute and convey. And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to receive and obey.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set and subscribed, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County of Somerset, (one of us being of the Quorum) by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Camerton in the said County of Somerset: That **Betty MINTY, Singlewoman and now with child**, lately came to inhabit in the said Parish of Camerton in the said County of Somerset, contrary to Law, not having any Ways gained a Legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning her to be settled elsewhere: and that the said Betty MINTY is actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Camerton: We the said Justices upon due examination of the said complaint and premises, and also upon examination of the said Betty MINTY upon her Oath before us and

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upon due consideration by us had in the premises, do adjudge the same complaint and premises to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the last lawful settlement of her the said Betty MINTY is in the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Camerton in the said County of Somerset, or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Betty MINTY from and out of your said Parish of Camerton to the said Parish of High Littleton and her 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 true Copy thereof) and we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for her the said Betty MINTY according to Law, as an Inhabitant legally settled in your said Parish of High Littleton.

Given under our Hands and Seals the fifth day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty Six. Chas. PHILLOTT, J.C. [*?GULLICK*].

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-17.

[*Note*: Having been removed from Camerton to High Littleton, Betty MINTY was examined again on 11 Oct 1826, when she revealed that Benjamin GULLOCK, labourer of Camerton fathered the bastard child she was expecting. Betty gave birth to Sarah on 10 Nov 1826.

Betty MINTY became pregnant again and was sent to Clutton Union Workhouse where she had a bastard child George on 18 Sep 1839.

The 1841 Census finds Betty MINTY, aged 50, Sarah 13 and George 1, paupers in Clutton Union Workhouse. Betty ended her days in the Workhouse, where the Register records that Betty MINTY, Camerton, aged 44, died 24 Feb 1845.

Betty MINTY, Camerton, aged [*blank*], was buried at Camerton 28 Feb 1845.]

33. James LACEY and family were removed from Whatley to High Littleton by Order dated 7th May 1828. James LACEY's Examination has not been located.

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[*Copy*] Somerset, TO WIT.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Whatley in the said County, to execute and convey. And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset 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 Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Whatley in the said County of Somerset, that **James LACEY aged about thirty two years, Ann his wife aged about thirty two years and their six children, William aged about eleven years, Joseph aged about nine years, Hannah aged about seven years, Sarah aged about five years, James aged about two years and Thomas aged about six months**, lately came and intruded themselves into the Parish of Whatley in the said County of Somerset, endeavouring there to settle as inhabitants thereof, contrary to law, not having any way acquired or obtained a 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 further, upon examination of the said James LACEY taken upon his oath, adjudge that the said James LACEY and his wife and the said William, Joseph, Hannah, Sarah, James and Thomas their children were last legally settled in the said Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset aforesaid.

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 Whatley or some or one of you, forthwith to remove and convey the said James LACEY, Ann his wife and the said William, Joseph, Hannah, Sarah, James and Thomas their children from the said Parish of Whatley unto the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, and them to deliver to the Churchwardens 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 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 seventh day of May in the ninth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth, King of Great Britain and Ireland, and in the year of our Lord 1828.

J.F. DOVETON, H. SAINSBURY.

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

[*Note*: Thomas LACYx otp married Sarah HAMBLETON sojourner by banns at Farrington Gurney 17 Dec 1778.

Jas. son of Tho's & Sarah LACY bapt. at Farrington Gurney 19 Apr 1793.

James gained a settlement in High Littleton by service with John BLINMAN, farmer of Hallatrow c.1810.

He married Anne CRAY c.1815/6 and settled in Whatley soon afterwards.

William a son was born c.1816/7.

Joseph was born c.1818/9.

Hannah was born c.1820/1.

Sarah was born c.1822/3.

James was born c.1825/6.

Thomas was born in 1827.

John was born c.1829/30.

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George was born c.1831/2.

James LACEY, labourer of Frome, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1830 and 1834.

Anne LACEY, James' wife died in April 1842.

James and family were removed again from Whatley to High Littleton on 20 Apr 1842.]

34. Elizabeth PERRY was removed from Clutton to High Littleton by Order dated 24th June 1828.
Elizabeth PERRY's Examination has not been located.

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

Somerset to wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Clutton in the County of Somerset; and also to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the same County 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 Clutton in the said County of Somerset, That **Elizabeth PERRY, Single Woman pregnant with child**, hath intruded herself into the said Parish of Clutton, 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 Clutton: We the said Justices upon due proof made thereof, as well upon examination of the said Elizabeth PERRY upon Oath as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration, do adjudge the said Complaint (*sic*) and Premises to be true, and do also adjudge that the said Elizabeth PERRY was last legally settled in the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Clutton or some or one of you, forthwith to Remove and Convey the said Elizabeth PERRY from and out of your said Parish of Clutton unto the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Twenty fourth day of June in the Ninth 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 Twenty eight. T. WILLIAMS, Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-18.

[Note: No record of the birth of a bastard child has been found and presumably Elizabeth was persuaded to marry in time.

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

Thomas Dudden BATH was born 4 Apr 1801 the bastard child of Dianah BATH by Thomas DUDDEN, cordwainer of High Littleton and was baptized at High Littleton 28 Sep 1802.

Thomas and Elizabeth had a son William born c.1829.

Grace was born c.1832/3. - Grace had a bastard child baptized Julia at High Littleton 12 Aug 1860.

Harriet was born c.1835/6.

Elizabeth was born c.1836/7.

Mary Ann was born c.1839/40.

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

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

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

Thomas BATH, labourer, Cloud Hill, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1832, 1834, 1836, 1839, 1841, 1843, 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1852 and 1854.

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

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

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

The 1881 Census finds Betsy BATH, widow, aged 77, still living at West Houses, Hallatrow, in the house of her daughter Ann FORD, Ann's husband Samuel and their children.

Betty BATH, West Houses, High Littleton, aged 85, was buried at High Littleton [blank] (Nov/Dec) 1890.]

35. George CARTER and wife were removed from Stoke upon Trent to High Littleton by Order dated 6th January 1829.

George CARTER's Examination has not been located.

[Printed Form]

Order of Removal.

County of Stafford.

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Stoke upon Trent in the said County of Stafford, and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish or Township of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

UPON the complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Stoke upon Trent aforesaid, in the said County of Stafford, 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 Stafford, and one of us of the Quorum, That **George CARTER and Elizabeth his Wife** have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Stoke upon Trent not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced a certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere, and are now actually chargeable to the said Parish of Stoke upon Trent: We the said Justices, upon due proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said George CARTER 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 them the said George CARTER and Elizabeth his said Wife is in the said Parish or Township of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset. We do therefore require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Stoke upon Trent, some or one of you to convey the said George CARTER and his said Wife from and out of your said Parish of Stoke upon Trent to the said Parish or Township of High Littleton 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 a true Copy thereof, at the same time shewing to them the Original. And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish or Township of High Littleton to receive and provide for them as Inhabitants thereof.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the sixth Day of January in the Year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine. George POLLET, Fra. TWIMLOW.

[Reverse - Suspension of Order]

Staffordshire to wit.

Forasmuch as George Thomas TAYLOR, one of the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Stoke upon Trent, who applied for the within order, hath this day made oath before us the Justices within named, that **George CARTER** the pauper within named is at present unable to travel by reason of sickness and Infirmary; We the said Justices do hereby suspend the execution of the within order until the said George CARTER shall be recovered of his sickness which the said George Thomas TAYLOR is required to certify to us. Given under our hands this sixth day of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine. George POLLET, Fra. TWIMLOW.

[Below]

Staffordshire to wit.

Whereas it is now made appear unto us the Justices within and above named Upon the oath of George Thomas TAYLOR That **George CARTER** within named is so far recovered from his sickness that he is able to travel; And that the within order may now be safely executed without danger; We do therefore hereby order the same to be put in Execution accordingly. And the said George Thomas TAYLOR having proved upon oath before us that the sum of One pound one shilling and sixpence hath been incurred by reason of the suspension of the within order, We do hereby order the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish or Township of High Littleton in the County of Somerset to pay the said Sum of One pound one shilling and sixpence to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of Stoke upon Trent on Demand. Given under our hands this Seventh day of February 1829. Fra. TWIMLOW, George POLLET.

[Footnote] - Mar 15 1829. George CARTER is not in a fit state to be removed today, M. HARDING, Surgeon. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-23.

[Note: George son of John CARTER & Helenor bapt. at High Littleton 15 Jan 1769.

George CARTER of High Littleton married Elizabeth DAVIS otp by banns at Radstock 20 Jun 1790.

Eleanor dau. of George CARTER & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1795.

Ann dau. of George CARTER & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 8 Jul 1798.

Rosanna dau. of George CARTER & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 31 Aug 1800.

Sarah dau. of George CARTER & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 25 May 1806.

George CARTER received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1797, 1800, 1806 and 1813. In the latter year he was described as of Writhlington, brother of John of Mearns.

George's father John CARTER was granted a lease dated 9 Sep 1792 by Lady JONES of a cottage and garden at Mearns (64 on the map) for the lesser of 99 years or the lives of his sons John the younger, James and George. In 1815 it was noted that George was 45 years old.

Overseers Accounts record on 27 Mar 1829 a payment to the Overseers with an order with Geo. CARTER of Staffordshire. Accounts for 1833/4 record relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to George CARTER for 6 months and then 1/9 p.w. until at least 1836.

George CARTER, High Littleton, aged 69, buried at High Littleton 29 Jan 1837.]

36. Josiah CHIVERS and family were removed from Dudley to High Littleton by Order dated 28th September 1829.

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Josiah CHIVERS' Examination has not been located.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

County of Worcester

To the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Dudley, in the County of Worcester, and to the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

UPON the Complaint of the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Dudley aforesaid, in the said County of Worcester, unto us whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, acting in and for the said County of Worcester, and one of us of the Quorum, That **Josiah CHIVERS and Mary his Wife and their five Children, namely Ann aged about ten years, Maria aged about eight years, Eliza aged about Six years, Joseph aged about three years and Mary Ann aged about fifteen months**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Dudley not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere; and are become chargeable to the said Parish of Dudley. We the said Justices, upon due Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Josiah CHIVERS 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 them the said Josiah CHIVERS, Mary his Wife and their said five Children is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

We do therefore require you the said Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Dudley, or some or one of you, to convey the said Josiah CHIVERS, Mary his Wife and their said five Children from and out of your said Parish of Dudley, to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 High Littleton to receive and provide for them as Inhabitants of your said Parish.

Given under our Hands and Seals, the 28th Day of September in the Year of our Lord, 1829. *[J.G. COX?]*, T. HAWKER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-19.

[Note: Josiah son of Josiah CHIVERS & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 15 Jul 1798.

Josiah married Mary and had at least 5 children.

Ann was born c.1818/9.

Maria was born c.1820/1.

Eliza was born c.1822/3.

Joseph was born c.1825/6.

Mary Ann was born in 1828.

Overseers Accounts record on 19 Apr 1830 £4 given to Josiah CHIVERS' wife for her journey back to Dudley. On the same day was 5/- for Mr COX's expenses to Bristol with Josiah CHIVERS' wife and family.]

37. Amy WALDRON and family were removed from Lyncombe and Widcombe to High Littleton by Order dated 13th November 1829.

Amy WALDRON's Examination has not been located.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - C. HUNT, Printer, Bath.]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

To the CHURCHWARDENS and OVERSEERS of the Poor of the Parish of Lyncombe and Widcombe in the said County of Somerset, to execute and convey. And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to receive and obey.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set and subscribed, two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County of Somerset, (one of us being of the Quorum,) by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Lyncombe and Widcombe in the said County of Somerset: That **Emma [should be Amy] WALDRON, the Wife of John WALDRON and their three infant Children, namely Charlotte aged about eleven years, Caroline aged about four years and Thomas aged about Fifteen months**, lately came to inhabit in the said Parish of Lyncombe and Widcombe in the said County of Somerset, contrary to Law, not having any Ways gained a Legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere: and that the said Emma WALDRON and her said infant Children are actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Lyncombe and Widcombe: We, the said Justices, upon due examination of the said complaint and premises, and also upon examination of the said Emma WALDRON upon her Oath before us, and upon due consideration by us had in the premises, do adjudge the same complaint and premises to be true; and we do likewise adjudge that the last lawful settlement of them the said Emma WALDRON and her said infant Children is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

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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 Lyncombe and Widcombe in the said County of Somerset, or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Emma WALDRON and her said infant Children from and out of your said Parish of Lyncombe and Widcombe to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 true Copy thereof;) and we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for them the said Emma WALDRON and her said infant Children according to Law, as Inhabitants legally settled in your said Parish of High Littleton. Given under our Hands and Seals the thirteenth Day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine. John MADDISON, William CLARK.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-21.

[Note: For details of John WALDRON and family see previous removal from Temple, Bristol to High Littleton by Order dated 12 Nov 1822.

Overseers Accounts record on 9 Dec 1829 a payment of £1. 7. 6 for Mrs WALDRON from Bath with an order and on the following day 3/- for taking Mrs WALDRON home to Bath.]

38. Mary Ann SIMMONS was removed from Shepton Mallet to High Littleton by Order dated 18th November 1829.

Mary Ann SIMMONS' Examination has not been located but an Examination of her late husband, 4½ years earlier, explains the derivation of Mary Ann's settlement in High Littleton.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of **Jacob SIMMONDS the Younger**, now residing in the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the said County, Coalminer, as to his Settlement. Taken this 5th day of May 1825.

Who upon his Oath saith, that he is aged about 27 years and was born in the said Parish of Midsomer Norton in the said County, as he has heard and believes. Saith he has always worked at the Coal Mines and never gained any Settlement. Saith that Jacob SIMMONDS the Elder, his Father, now living at Midsomer Norton, always was, and is now, settled in the Parish of High Littleton, Jacob SIMMONDS, his, Examinant's, Grandfather having gained a Settlement there by hiring and Service for a year, when Single, with the late Mr Lawrence LANSDOWN. Saith that he was lawfully married by Banns, in Midsomer Norton Church, to Mary, his Wife, three years ago and has one Child living, named William, aged about one year. The Mark X of Jacob SIMMONDS the younger.

Sworn before me Wm. C. JAMES. (Copy).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-30.

[Printed Form - (Order of Removal.) Printed and Sold by J. WASON; Shepton-Mallet.]

Somerset to wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Shepton Mallet in the County of Somerset; and also to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton 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 Shepton Mallet in the said County of Somerset, That **Mary SIMONS, Widow and William her Son, now of the age of five years**, have intruded themselves into the said Parish of Shepton Mallet endeavouring there to settle as Inhabitants thereof, not having in any way acquired or obtained a legal Settlement therein, That she is now a Widow and with Child and that she and her said Son are actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Shepton Mallet: We the said Justices upon due proof made thereof, as well upon examination of the said Mary SIMONS upon Oath as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration, do adjudge the said Complaint and Premises to be true, and do also adjudge that the said Mary SIMONS and William her Son are legally settled in the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Shepton Mallet or some or one of you, forthwith to Remove and Convey the said Mary SIMONS and William her Son from and out of your said Parish of Shepton Mallet unto the said Parish of High Littleton and there to deliver them 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 them according to Law.

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GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the eighteenth day of November in the tenth 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 twenty nine. Ja's TALBOT, T.B. MORGAN.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-20.

[Note: Jacob son of Jacob & Betty SIMMONS bapt. at Midsomer Norton 13 May 1798.

Jacob SIMMONDS married Mary TRIPICK (*sic*) by banns at Midsomer Norton 25 Apr 1822.

John son of Jacob & Mary SIMMONDS, Clandown, miner, bapt. at Midsomer Norton 7 Oct 1822. - John SIMMONDS, Clandown, aged 1, buried at Midsomer Norton 9 Oct 1823.

William son of Jacob & Mary SIMMONDS, Welton, miner, bapt. at Midsomer Norton 27 Jun 1824.

Elizabeth dau. of Jacob & Mary SIMMONDS, Welton, miner, bapt. at Midsomer Norton 21 Jun 1825. - Eliz'th SIMMONDS, Welton, aged 3 months, buried at Midsomer Norton 2 Oct 1825.

Jacob SIMMONDS, Welton, aged 27, buried at Midsomer Norton 25 Jun 1825.

Overseers Accounts for 1826 record relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar for Jacob SIMMONS' child. This continued until at least 1836 and from 1830 was included in the pay to widow SYMMONS' children.

The reason for Mary's removal in 1829 was because she was pregnant. Mary gave birth to a bastard son on 25 Feb 1830 and a Bastardy Order was made against George DEW, lacemaker of Shepton Mallet. The child died in 1832.

Mary had 2 more bastard children in 1840 and 1842 and was removed three more times from Shepton Mallet to High Littleton by Orders dated 7 Feb 1843, 7 Nov 1845 and 10 Nov 1848.]

39. David BRIMBLE and family were removed from Monythusloyne to High Littleton by Order dated 22nd December 1829.

David BRIMBLE's Examination has not been located.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - S. ETHERIDGE, Printer, Newport.]

County of Monmouth. TO WIT.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Monythusloyne in the county of Monmouth, to Remove and Convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the county of Somerset to Receive and Obey.

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 Monmouth aforesaid, (One whereof being of the Quorum), by the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Monythusloyne That **David BRIMBLE, Maria his wife and their Six Children, namely Keziah aged seventeen years, James aged Fourteen years, William aged Nine years, Rachel aged Six years, Samuel aged three years and John aged one year**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Monythusloyne not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning themselves to be settled elsewhere, and that the said David BRIMBLE, Maria his wife and their Six Children are actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Monythusloyne.

WE, the said Justices, upon due proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said David BRIMBLE upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true: and do also adjudge the last place of legal Settlement of the said David BRIMBLE, Maria his wife and their Six Children above named to be in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in His Majesty's Name, to require you, the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Monythusloyne on Sight hereof, to remove and convey the said David BRIMBLE, Maria his wife and their Six Children above named from and out of your said Parish of Monythusloyne to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 hereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, this Twenty second day of December in the Year of our Lord, 1829. John H. MOGGRIDGE, Sam'l HOMFRAY.

[Reverse - Suspension of Order]

WHEREAS it appears unto us Samuel HOMFRAY and John Hodder MOGGRIDGE, Esquires, the Justices within-mentioned, that the within-named **David BRIMBLE** is at present unable to travel, by reason of sickness and infirmity of body; **WE**, the said Justices, do, therefore, in pursuance of the statute in that behalf made and provided, hereby suspend the execution of the within-written order of removal: and you, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Monythusloyne are hereby commanded to desist from conveying the within named David BRIMBLE, Maria his wife & their Six Children from and out of your said Parish of Monythusloyne until you shall make it appear unto us, the said Justices, that the said David BRIMBLE has recovered from his said illness, and may, without danger, be conveyed from the said Parish of Monythusloyne to the said Parish of High Littleton as within directed.

Given under our Hands, this Twenty second day of December 1829. John H. MOGGRIDGE, Sam'l HOMFRAY.

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[Below]

WHEREAS it duly appeareth unto us John H. MOGGRIDGE and William PHILLIPS, Esquires, the above and within-named Justices, that the above-named **David BRIMBLE** is wholly recovered from the sickness and infirmity of body under which he lately laboured; and that he may therefore now be conveyed from the within-mentioned Parish of Monythusloyne to the within-mentioned Parish of High Littleton without danger: THESE are therefore to authorize and require you, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the said Parish of Monythusloyne forthwith to convey the said David BRIMBLE from and out of your said Parish of Monythusloyne and him to deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, as you are herein directed to do.

Given under our Hands, this 23d day of July 1830. John H. MOGGRIDGE, Wm. PHILLIPS.

[Below]

WHEREAS it hath been proved on Oath, before us Justices, whose names are hereunto subscribed and set, and who signed the within-written order of removal, that the charges incurred under the suspension of the said order of removal, amount to the sum of Six Pounds ten shillings and which charges appear to us to be fair and reasonable: Now WE, the said Justices do, in Pursuance of the statute in that case made, hereby order and direct the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the county of Somerset to which the within-named Pauper is to be removed, to pay the said charges to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Monythusloyne or to such of them as shall demand the same.

WITNESS our Hands and Seals, this 23d day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and 30. Wm. PHILLIPS, John H. MOGGRIDGE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-25.

Received 16th September 1830 of the Parish Officers of High Littleton, Somerset, the Sum of Six Pounds and ten shillings amount due to the Parish Officers of Monythusloyne, Monmouthshire, upon a suspended Order of Removal of **David BRIMBLE** & family up to the 23rd July 1830.

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Edm'd LLEWELLYN, overseer of Mynyddusluyn.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-24.

[Note: David son of Samuel BRIMBLE & Jemima bapt. at High Littleton 2 Nov 1783.

David BRIMBLE x otp married Maria CHIVERS otp by banns at High Littleton 12 Oct 1807.

Mariah dau. of Sam'l CHIVERS & Rachel bapt. at High Littleton 13 Jul 1788.

George son of David BRIMBLE & Maria bapt. at High Littleton 5 Jun 1808.

Jemima dau. of David & Maria BRIMBLE bapt. at High Littleton 6 Aug 1810.

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

Overseers Accounts record on 29 Jun 1811 a payment of 5/- to David BRIMBLE's wife and family in distress, he being in Wales.

Keziah another daughter was born c.1812.

James son of David & Maria BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 31 Mar 1816.

Accounts record on 14 May 1818 and following weeks 3/- p.w. relief to David BRIMBLE's wife and 4 children, he being in prison. Vestry Minutes of 12 Jul 1818 agreed that the parish shall pay David BRIMBLE's quarter's rent to Wm. JAMES, he being in prison. On 9 Aug it was agreed to increase the relief of David BRIMBLE's wife and 4 children to 4/- p.w. from the 3/- she has had since her husband went to prison.

Wilton Gaol Register (SRO Q/AGw 15/1) records: David BRIMBLE, light brown hair, grey eyes, born High Littleton, 35 years old, height 5 ft. 6 ins., sallow complexion, Collier, Married, cut over the right eye, cut over the left eye, several small cuts on the left hand, left hand marked with a powder blast, last residence High Littleton, Committed by the Court of Quarter Sessions 13th July 1818, Grand Larceny, Sentence - 12 calendar months hard labour and fined 1 shilling.

William son of David & Maria BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1821.

Rachel dau. of David & Maria BRIMBLE (*sic*), High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 18 May 1823.

David BRIMBLE (son of Sam'l sen'r), coal miner of Whiscombe (amended to Wales later), received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1822.

Accounts record on 2 May 1825 relief to BRIMBLE's family in distress, he having left his family.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records David BRIMBLE as the occupier of a ruinous tenement in a field called Whiskham (between Langford's Lane and the river Cam), sublet from George TUCKER.

Samuel son of David & Maria BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 11 Jun 1826.

Accounts record on 18 Aug 1826 expenses for a guardsman for David BRIMBLE.

David went to prison again in 1827. The Gaol Description Book (SRO Q/AGi 15/2) records: Jan 14 1827 - David BRIMBLE, aged 42, height 5ft 5½ ins., weight 144 lb., complexion Dark, hair Brown, eyes Grey, person Stout made, born High Littleton, Coal miner, last abode Farmborough, Married, 7 children, doesn't read or write, sentence 1 month.

Accounts record on 10 Mar 1827 expenses of ROSSITER [*one of the Overseers*] and HUTTON to Newport and Wales generally, after David BRIMBLE.

John son of David & Maria BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 7 Mar 1830.

Accounts record on 3 Jun 1834 £3.18/- paid to Pontypool Overseers for relief paid to David BRIMBLE and family.

David BRIMBLE, then of Treveithin, Monmouthshire, was examined on 25 Oct 1837 in connection with the removal of his niece Eliza BRIMBLE from Trevethin to High Littleton, and referred to his own removal from Monythusloyne to High Littleton, as that was his father's legal settlement.]

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40. Catherine (Christian) PURNELL and family were removed from Farrington Gurney to High Littleton by Order made 5th January 1830 [*erroneously dated 1829*].

County of Somerset.

The Examination of Catherine PURNELL at present residing in the Parish of Farrington Gurney in the said County of Somerset, Widow, touching the Place of her last legal Settlement, taken upon Oath this fifth day of January 1830.

Who upon her Oath, Saith as follows, Viz't: About four or five years ago, I was married by Banns, in some Church in Bristol, to Mark PURNELL, my late Husband, and by him I have had three Children, born since my Marriage and in the Lifetime of my said Husband, namely, Luke aged about four years and three quarters, Lucy aged about three years and three quarters and John aged about two years and three quarters, who are now all living. My Husband, from the time of my Marriage with him, to the time of his death, rented an Estate on Hallatrow Down in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, of Richard LANGFORD Esquire, at upwards of Eighty Pounds p. year and paid the Rent for the same. My Husband died about Midsummer 1828, and I continued in the Farm till Lady Day following and paid the Rent. I have done nothing since to gain a Settlement in my own right. Before my Marriage with Mark PURNELL, I had two Bastard Children by Mr Richard YORK of Chewton Mendip, both of which were born in Chewton Mendip. My Maiden name was Catherine PLENTY. I am now with Child, which is likely to be born a Bastard and to become chargeable to the said Parish of Farrington Gurney, if born there. When the Banns were publishing in Bristol for my Marriage with Mark PURNELL, I was living with him as a Servant at Hallatrow Down aforesaid, and had done so for upwards of a twelve-month before. I never lived in Bristol nor did my Husband, to the best of my knowledge. Before my Marriage I lived as Servant with Mr Charles DUDDEN and afterwards with his son William DUDDEN for two years and a half and upwards, as a Yearly Servant. The Mark of X Catherine PURNELL.

Taken and Sworn, the day and year before written, before us G.T. SCOBELL, H.H. MOGG, Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset.

SRO D/P/far.g. 4/1/3-23.

[*Printed Form - (Order of Removal.) Printed and Sold by J. WASON, Shepton-Mallet.*]

Somerset To wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Farrington Gurney in the County of Somerset; and also to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the same 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 Farrington Gurney in the said County of Somerset, That **Catharine PURNELL, Widow (being Pregnant with Child which is likely to be born a Bastard) and Luke aged about four years and three Quarters, Lucy aged about three years and three Quarters and John aged about two years and three Quarters, her Children**, have intruded themselves into the said Parish of Farrington Gurney endeavouring there to settle as Inhabitants thereof, not having in any way acquired or obtained a legal Settlement therein, nor produced a Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere and are actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Farrington Gurney: We the said Justices upon due proof made thereof, as well upon examination of the said Catharine PURNELL upon Oath as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration, do adjudge the said Complaint (*sic*) and Premises to be true, and do also adjudge that the said Catharine PURNELL, Luke, Lucy and John her Children were last legally settled in the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Farrington Gurney or some or one of you, forthwith to Remove and Convey the said Catharine PURNELL, Luke, Lucy and John her Children from and out of your said Parish of Farrington Gurney unto the said Parish of High Littleton and there to deliver them 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 them according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the fifth day of January in the tenth 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 twenty nine [*thirty intended*]. G.T. SCOBELL, H.H. MOGG.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-22.

An A/c of Money Rec'd from the Parish of High Littleton by Catherine PURNELL, Widdow of the late Mark PURNELL.

1829 Mar 13th	Paid Mrs PURNELL	£ s d
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1830 Mar 25th	To 8 Weeks Pay at 3/- p. Wk. from Mar 12 1829	1. 4. 0
	To 44 Weeks do. 4/- do.	8.16. 0
1831 Mar 25th	To 52 Weeks do. 4/-	10. 8. 0
1832 Mar 25th	To 52 Weeks do. 4/-	10. 8. 0
	To 26 Weeks do. 4/- from 25 Mar 1832 to Oct'r 5th	<u>5. 4. 0</u>
		<u>36. 6. 0</u>

An Account of relief paid for Catharine's bastard child by William HILL followed (not reproduced here).

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-37j.

[Note: Catherine (Christian) PLENTY had 2 bastard children by Richard YORK of Chewton Mendip before marrying Mark PURNELL.

Mark PURNELL otp m Christianna PLENTY otp by banns at Temple, Bristol 30 Nov 1824.

Luke son of Mark & Christian PURNELL, High Littleton, farmer, bapt. at Paulton 10 Apr 1825. - Luke PURNELL, Paulton, aged 8 (cholera), buried at Paulton 15 Oct 1832.

Lucy dau. of Mark & Christian PURNELL, Littleton, collier [sic], bapt. at Paulton 23 Apr 1826. - Lucy PURNELL, Paulton, aged 8 (cholera), buried at Paulton 13 Oct 1832.

John son of Mark & Christian PURNELL, High Littleton, farmer, bapt. at Paulton 3 Jun 1827.

Mark PURNELL, High Littleton, aged 54, was buried at Paulton 29 Jun 1828.

Poor Rate Assessments from 1821/2 to 1825 record Mark PURNELL as occupier of 32a. 2r. of land belonging to Richard LANGFORD.

The 1825 Survey of Hallatrow records Mark PURNELL as the occupier of 33a. 0r. 25p. of land and buildings called The Down, Lower Down, Bath Way and Famish Acre, with an Annual Value of £50.12. 9, of which 1a. 2r. 17p. was owned by Tho's Day JAMES and the rest by Richard LANGFORD.

Overseers Accounts for 1829/30 record relief of 3/6 p.w. for 8 weeks and 4/- for 44 weeks to Mark PURNELL's family. This continued until mid October 1832.

The reason for Catherine (Christian)'s removal in 1830 was that she was pregnant and unmarried. She duly gave birth to Thomas on 2 May 1830 and a Bastardy Order was made against William HILL, waggoner of Langport. The child died in 1833, the same year that Christian remarried.

John HARES bach. otp married Christian PURNELL widow otp by banns at Paulton 13 Jun 1833.

John son of John & Christian HARES (sic), Paulton, collier, bapt. at Paulton 6 Jul 1834. - John HARES, Paulton, aged 16, buried at Paulton 6 May 1850.

Ann dau. of John & Christian HARES, Paulton, collier, bapt. at Paulton 12 Feb 1837.

Boas son of John & Christian HARES, Paulton, collier, bapt. at Paulton 24 Mar 1839.

The 1841 Census finds John HAIRS, aged 25, coal miner, Christian 40, John 6, Ann 4, Boaz 2 and John PURNELL 13, coal miner, living at Paulton.

The 1851 Census finds John HARES, aged 39, coal miner, wife Catherine 48 and children Ann 14 and Boaz 12, coal miner, living at New Town, Paulton; all were stated to be born in Paulton.].

41. Thomas RAPPS and family were removed from Llanhilleth to High Littleton by Order dated 24th February 1830.

Mary RAPPS' Examination has not been located

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - S. ETHERIDGE, Printer, Newport.]

County of Monmouth. TO WIT.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Llanhilleth in the county of Monmouth, to Remove and Convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the county of Somerset to Receive and Obey.

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 Monmouth aforesaid, (One whereof being of the Quorum), by the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Llanhilleth that **Thomas RAPS and Mary his wife and their five Children, namely, Elizabeth aged fifteen years, John aged eleven years, Henry aged eight years, Margaret aged five years and Jane aged two years and six months**, neither of the said Children having gained a settlement in his or her own right, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Llanhilleth not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning themselves to be settled elsewhere, and that the said Thomas RAPS and Mary his wife and their said five Children are actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Llanhilleth.

WE, the said Justices, upon due proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of Mary the wife of the said Thomas RAPS upon Oath, as other Circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true: and do also adjudge the last place of legal Settlement of the said Thomas RAPS and Mary his wife and their said five Children to be in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in His Majesty's Name, to require you, the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Llanhilleth on Sight hereof, to remove and convey the said Thomas RAPS and Mary his wife and their said five Children from and out of your said Parish of Llanhilleth to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 hereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, this 24th day of February in the Year of our Lord, 1830. Wm. PHILLIPS, Edm'd WILLIAMS.

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SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-24b.

[Reverse - Suspension of Order]

WHEREAS it appears unto us William PHILLIPS and Edmund WILLIAMS, Esquires, the Justices within-mentioned, that the within-named **Thomas RAPS** is at present unable to travel, by reason of sickness and infirmity of body; WE, the said Justices, do, therefore, in pursuance of the statute in that behalf made and provided, hereby suspend the execution of the within-written order of removal: and you, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Llanhilleth are hereby commanded to desist from conveying the within named Thomas RAPS, his wife and Children from and out of your said Parish of Llanhilleth until you shall make it appear unto us, the said Justices, that the said Thomas RAPS has recovered from his said illness, and may, without danger, be conveyed from the said Parish of Llanhilleth to the said Parish of High Littleton as within directed.

Given under our Hands, this 24th day of February 1830. Wm. PHILLIPS, Edm'd WILLIAMS.

[Below]

WHEREAS it duly appeareth unto us Edmund WILLIAMS and William PHILLIPS, Esquires, the above and within-named Justices, that the above-named **Thomas RAPS** is wholly recovered from the sickness and infirmity of body under which he lately laboured; and that he may therefore now be conveyed from the within-mentioned Parish of Llanhilleth to the within-mentioned Parish of High Littleton without danger: THESE are therefore to authorize and require you, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the said Parish of Llanhilleth forthwith to convey the said Thomas RAPS, his wife and Children from and out of your said Parish of Llanhilleth and them to deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, as you are herein directed to do.

Given under our Hands, this 21st day of April 1830. Wm. PHILLIPS, Edm'd WILLIAMS.

[Below]

WHEREAS it hath been proved on Oath, before us Justices, whose names are hereunto subscribed and set, and who signed the within-written order of removal, that the charges incurred under the suspension of the said order of removal, amount to the sum of Seventeen Pounds eighteen shillings and Six pence and which charges appear to us to be fair and reasonable: Now WE, the said Justices do, in Pursuance of the statute in that case made, hereby order and direct the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the county of Somerset to which the within-named Pauper is to be removed, to pay the said charges to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Llanhilleth or to such of them as shall demand the same.

WITNESS our Hands and Seals, this 21st day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and 30. Wm. PHILLIPS, Edm'd WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-24c.

[Distress Warrant - Printed Form]

Monmouthshire, TO WIT.

To the Constables, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, of the Parish of Llanhilleth in the said County and to each and every of them.

WHEREAS by order under the hands and seals of Edmund WILLIAMS and William PHILLIPS, Esquires, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the said county of Monmouth, bearing date the twenty fourth day of February last past, after reciting that complaint had been made unto the said Justices, by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Llanhilleth that **Thomas RAPS and Mary his wife and their five children, namely Elizabeth aged fifteen years, John aged eleven years, Henry aged eight years, Margaret aged five years and Jane aged two years and six months**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Llanhilleth not having gained a legal settlement there, and that the said Thomas RAPS and Mary his wife and their said five Children were actually chargeable to the said Parish of Llanhilleth. The said Justices upon due proof made thereof, did adjudge the same to be true, and did also adjudge the last place of legal settlement of the said Thomas RAPS and Mary his wife and their said five Children to be in the Parish of High Littleton in the county of Somerset and the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Llanhilleth were thereby required on sight thereof, to remove and convey the said Thomas RAPS and Mary his wife and their said five Children from and out of their said Parish of Llanhilleth to the said Parish of High Littleton and them deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or some or one of them, together with the said order, or a true copy thereof, who were thereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

And Whereas it appearing unto the said Justices, that the said Thomas RAPS was then unable to travel by reason of sickness and infirmity of body; the said Justices did therefore, in pursuance of the statute in such case

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made and provided, suspend the execution of the said orders; and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the said Parish of Llanhilleth were commanded to desist from conveying the said Thomas RAPS, his wife and Children from and out of their said Parish of Llanhilleth until he had recovered from the said illness, and might, without danger be conveyed from the said Parish of Llanhilleth to the said Parish of High Littleton as by the said order was directed.

And Whereas on the twenty first day of April 1830 it appearing to the said Justices that the said Thomas RAPS had wholly recovered from the sickness and infirmity of body under which he then lately laboured, and that he might therefore, then be conveyed from the said Parish of Llanhilleth to the said Parish of High Littleton without danger. The said Justices did authorize and require the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Llanhilleth forthwith to convey the said Thomas RAPS, his wife and Children from and out of their said Parish of Llanhilleth to the said Parish of High Littleton and them to deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, as they were by the said order directed to do. **And Whereas** it having been proved on oath before the said Justices, that the charges incurred by the suspension of the said order of removal amounted to the sum of £17.18. 6 and such charges appearing to them to be fair and reasonable, the said Justices did, in pursuance of the statute in that case made, thereby order and direct the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, to which the said Paupers were to be removed, to pay the said charges to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Llanhilleth or to such of them as should demand the same. **And Whereas** it hath been duly proved to us upon oath, that the said sum of £17. 18. 6 hath been duly demanded by the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Llanhilleth of the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton and that the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton have refused to pay the same, or any part thereof. These are therefore to require you, or some or one of you, forthwith to make distress upon the Goods and Chattels of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton and if within the space of four days next after such distress by you taken, the said sum of £17.18. 6 together with the reasonable charges of taking and keeping the said distress shall not be paid, that then you do sell the said goods and chattels so by you distrained, and out of the money arising by such sale, that you detain and keep the said sum of £17.18. 6 and also your reasonable charges of taking, keeping and selling the said distress, rendering to them the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton the overplus on demand.

GIVEN under our hands and seals, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said county, at Bedwellty in the said County, this nineteenth day of May in the year 1830. Sam'l HOMFRAY, Edm'd WILLIAMS.

[Handwritten below]

County of Somerset. Long Ashton, Somerset, May 24th 1830.

Execute this Warrant in the County of Somerset, Oath having been made before me of the hand writing of the above named Justices of the Peace, by David PHILLIPS, One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset. J. LEWIS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-24.

£13. 0. 0. Received 25th May 1830 of Messrs Richard COX and Joseph HARRIS, the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton, Somerset, the Sum of Thirteen Pounds in full discharge of a Sum of £17.18. 6 ordered to be paid by the annexed Order of Magistrates in respect of **Thomas RAPS and Family**, and of all costs and Expences attendant upon a warrant of Distress issued for non payment of such Sum of £17.18. 6.

David PHILLIPS, Churchwarden of Llanhilleth, John LEWIS, Overseer of Do.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-24a.

[Note: Thomas son of John RAPS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 14 Nov 1784.

Thomas married Mary and had at least 5 children.

Elizabeth was born c.1814/5.

John son of Thomas & Mary RAPS, Farmborough, coal miner, bapt. at Farmborough 28 Dec 1817.

Overseers Accounts record on 30 Mar 1818 a payment to Tho's RAPPS' wife and 2 children to convey them to her father's in Wales. On 25 Jul 1819 is recorded the postage of a letter from the Overseers of Machen, Wales about Tho's RAPPS.

Henry was born c.1821/2.

Accounts record on 30 Aug 1822 postage of a letter from Monmouth from Tho's RAPPS and on 21 Sep 1822 a letter from the Overseers of Monythusloyne concerning Tho's RAPPS. Accounts record on 13 Feb 1823 £12 to Thomas RAPS at Wales with a fractured leg.

Margaret was born c.1824/5.

Jane was born in 1827.

Accounts record on 11 Jun 1830 £2 expenses for Tho's RAPPS' wife to Wales and on 14 Jun a payment to W. LOVELL for his horse and cart to Bristol with Tho's RAPPS' family.]

42. Jane SMITH and family were removed from Llangattock to High Littleton by Order dated 14th April 1831. Jane SMITH's Examination has not been located.

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COUNTY OF **BRECON**.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Llangattock in the said County of Brecon, and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

UPON the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Llangattock aforesaid, in the said County of Brecon, unto us whose names and seals are hereunto subscribed and set, being two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the said County of Brecon, and one of us of the Quorum, that **Jane SMITH (Wife of John SMITH) and Silas their Infant Child** have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Llangattock not having gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any Certificate, owning them or either of them to be settled elsewhere, and that the said Jane SMITH and her said Infant Child are actually chargeable to the Parish of Llangattock.

WE the said Justices, upon due proof made thereof, as well upon the examination of the said Jane SMITH on 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 the said Jane SMITH and Silas her Infant Child is in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, in the said County of Somerset. WE do therefore require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Llangattock or some or one of you to convey the said Jane SMITH and Silas her Infant Child from and out of the said Parish of Llangattock to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 a true copy thereof, at the same time shewing to them the original. And WE do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for them as inhabitants of your Parish.

Given under our Hands and Seals, this fourteenth day of April in the first Year of the Reign of his Majesty King William the Fourth and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty one. Ed. Wm. SEYMOUR, Cha's VAUGHAN.

[Reverse - Suspension of Order]

WHEREAS, it doth appear unto us the undersigned being the Justices within named, that **Jane SMITH** one of the paupers 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 unto us, that the same may be safely executed without danger.

Given under our hands the fourteenth day of April 1831. Ed. Wm. SEYMOUR, Cha's VAUGHAN.

[Below]

WHEREAS, it is now made appear unto us the undersigned being three of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the County of Brecon, and we are fully satisfied that the within order of removal may be executed without danger. WE do therefore hereby order the same to be forthwith put in execution accordingly, and whereas it is duly proved to us upon oath that the sum of Two Pounds and Eight Shillings hath been necessarily incurred by the suspension of the within order of removal. WE do therefore order and direct the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the parish of High Littleton to which parish the said Paupers are ordered to be removed, to pay the sum of Two Pounds and Eight Shillings to Joseph HART upon demand, for the use of the parish of Llangattock. Given under our hands the twenty eighth day of April 1831. R'd DAVIES, Jn. HOTCHKIS, Cha's VAUGHAN.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-26.

[Note: John son of Joel SMITH & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 19 Apr 1804.

John SMITH married Jane FLOOK at Monythusloyne c.1829/30.

Silas their son was born c.1830/1.

Charlotte was born in 1833.

Ann was born c.1835/6.

Martha was born in 1839.

Another child died young.

Lydia was born c.1845/6.

Samuel was born c.1848/9.

Overseers Accounts record the payment of charges to the Overseers of Llangattock on a suspended order for John SMITH's wife and child and on 20 May expenses for apprehending John SMITH.

John SMITH and family were later removed to High Littleton from Machen by Order dated 17 Apr 1833 and Llangynider 19 Apr 1841.]

43. Harriet LACEY was removed from Wookey to High Littleton by Order dated 5th January 1833.

Harriet LACEY's Examination has not been located.

[Printed Form - Order of Removal]

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Somerset to wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Wookey in the County of Somerset; and also to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset and to each & 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 Wookey in the said County of Somerset, That **Harriet LACEY, Singlewoman**, hath intruded herself into the said Parish of Wookey endeavouring there to settle as an Inhabitant thereof, not having in any way acquired or obtained a legal Settlement therein, and being an unmarried woman with Child is actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Wookey.

WE the said Justices upon due proof made thereof, as well upon examination of the said Harriet LACEY upon Oath as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration, do adjudge the said Complaint and Premises to be true, and do also adjudge that the said Harriet LACEY is last legally settled in the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Wookey or some or one of you, forthwith to remove and convey the said Harriet LACEY from and out of your said Parish of Wookey unto the said Parish of High Littleton 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 fifth day of January in the third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord William the Fourth King of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty three. Jn. S. PHILLIPS, C.H. PULSFORD.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-33.

[Note: Harriet LACEY gained her settlement in High Littleton by being born there illegitimately c.1811-16.

The reason for her removal from Wookey was that she was pregnant and unmarried. Harriet gave birth to a bastard son George on 20 Mar 1833 and a Bastardy Order was made against Richard MILLARD, labourer of North Wootton.

After getting pregnant again Harriet LACEY was removed from Meare to High Littleton by Order dated 29 Oct 1835.]

44. Elizabeth SIMMONS and child were removed from Paulton to High Littleton by Order dated 22nd January 1833.

Elizabeth SIMMONS' Examination 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 Paulton in the County of Somerset and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton 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 Paulton That **Elizabeth SIMMONS, Wife of Simon SIMMONS and her Infant Child**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Paulton 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 SIMMONS 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 SIMMONS and her Infant to be in the Parish of High Littleton 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 Paulton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Elizabeth SIMMONS and her Infant from and out of your said Parish of Paulton to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 second Day of January in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Three. Jno. PARISH, G.T. SCOBELL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-28.

[Note: Simon son of Jacob & Elizabeth SIMMONS bapt. at Midsomer Norton 7 Jul 1811.

Simon inherited his settlement in High Littleton from his father, who in turn inherited it from his father, another Jacob SIMMONS, who served Lawrence LANSDOWN for a year in High Littleton before he was married.

Simon SIMMONS bach. otp married Elizabeth WILLIAMS spin. otp by banns at Paulton 10 Nov 1831.

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Sarah dau. of Simon & Elizabeth SIMMONS, Paulton, collier, bapt. at Paulton 20 Jan 1833.

Simon appears to have left his wife for a while. Overseers Accounts record on 2 Apr 1833 the cost of serving Simon SIMMONS with a summons. At the same time relief was paid to his wife. On 2 Jul 1833 is payment for a warrant to apprehend Simon SIMMONS and on 3 Aug 6/- paid to FIELD for taking him. On 10 Jan 1834 3/- relief was paid to Simon SIMMONS' wife and child and on 10 Mar Simon reimbursed the parish for his wife's pay.

Harriet dau. of Simon & Elizabeth SIMMONS, Paulton, collier, bapt. at Paulton 29 Oct 1837. - She died on 30 Jan 1870.

Accounts record on 26 Dec 1839 the receipt of £2. 5/- from Simon SIMMONS for cash paid to his wife & family during his absence.

Alfred (aged 3) son of Simon & Elizabeth SYMONDS, Paulton, collier, bapt. at Paulton 26 Mar 1843.

The 1841 Census finds Simon SIMMONS, aged 27, coal miner, Elizabeth 27, Sarah 7, John 4, Harriet 3 and Alfred 1, together with William WHITEHEAD 70, ag. lab. and Joseph MILLARD 50, ag. lab., living in Paulton.

Accounts recorded belatedly on 15 Mar 1842 a payment to John WARD for apprehending Simon SIMMONS, which had resulted in Simon paying the parish £1. 9/- on 12 Jan 1842.

Simon son of Simon & Elizabeth SYMONDS, Paulton, collier, bapt. at Paulton 23 Feb 1843. - Simon died on 5 Apr 1868.

Symon SIMMONS, Paulton, aged 31, was buried at Paulton 9 Jun 1842.

The 1851 Census finds Elizabeth SIMMONS, widow, aged 33 and her children John 15, coal miner, Harriet 12, Alfred 9 and Simon 7, living in Paulton, where they were all born.

The 1861 Census finds Elizabeth SIMMONS, widow, aged 50, born Paulton, son Simon 18, coal miner, born Midsomer Norton and a lodger, living at Bloomfield, Paulton.

The 1871 Census finds Elizabeth SIMMONS, widow, aged 66, needle woman, and 3 lodgers, still living in Paulton.

The 1881 Census finds Elizabeth SIMMONS, widow, aged 68, seamstress, and a lodger, living at Winterfield, Paulton.

Elizabeth died in 1884.

A stone in Paulton Churchyard records the deaths of John SIMMONS on 17 Mar 1862 aged 27, Simon SIMMONS on 5 Apr 1868 aged 23, Harriet SIMMONS on 30 Jan 1870 aged 30 and their mother Elizabeth SIMMONS on 14 Mar 1884 aged 72.]

45. Ann BRODRIBB was removed from Bedminster to High Littleton by Order dated 1st February 1833.

Ann BRODRIBB's Examination has not been located, but Richard BRODRIBB was examined in Shepton Mallet Gaol shortly after his family's removal.

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COUNTY OF **Somerset** TO WIT.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Bedminster in the said County of Somerset, to execute and convey, and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset to receive and obey.

UPON the complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Bedminster 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 **Ann BRODRIBB (Wife of Richard BRODRIBB now confined in one of his Majesty's Gaols of the said County charged with felony) and their three Children, namely Elizabeth aged about sixteen years, Ann aged about fourteen years and John aged about eleven years**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Bedminster not having gained a legal settlement there, and that the said Ann BRODRIBB and her said three children are actually chargeable to the said Parish of Bedminster.

We, the said Justices, upon due proof made thereof, as well upon examination of the said Ann BRODRIBB 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 the said Ann BRODRIBB and her said three children is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

We do therefore require you, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the said Parish of Bedminster or some or one of you, to convey the said Ann BRODRIBB and her said three children from and out of the said Parish of Bedminster to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 a Duplicate thereof, or a true Copy thereof, at the same time shewing to them the original Order. And we do also hereby require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for them as inhabitants of your Parish.

Given under our hands and seals the first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three. J. WHETHAM, J. LEWIS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-31.

Somerset (to wit).

The Examination of **Richard BRODRIBB**, lately residing in the Parish of Bedminster in the County of Somerset, Potatoo-Dealer, but now a Prisoner in the House of Correction at Shepton Mallet in the said County (touching the Place of his legal Settlement) taken on oath before me, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, the twelfth day of February 1833.

Who upon his oath deposeth as follows: I am forty two years of age or thereabouts and I was born at Hallatrow in the Parish of High Littleton, where my Parents were settled Inhabitants, as I have been informed and believe.

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When I was about eighteen years of age, I hired myself as a yearly servant to John PURNELL Esquire of Woodborough in the Parish of Camerton, at the wages of Eight Pounds a year and Board and Lodging and, under that Hiring, I lived in Mr PURNELL's service four years, and received my full Wages. I then returned to my Father's House at Hallatrow, where I staid about a Twelvemonth and I kept Bath Market during that Time, on my own Account. I then took a House of Farmer John BLINMAN, in the said Parish of High Littleton, at the Rent of Eleven Pounds a year. I occupied the House about four years and paid all my Rent except about twelve Pounds. I then went to Paulton, where I took a House of Mr Joseph HILL, at the Rent of eight Pounds a year. I occupied this House eight years. When I had been in Paulton about two years, I took an Acre of Potatoo Ground of Farmer George ADAMS, situate in the Parish of Farrington Gurney, at the Rent of six or seven Pounds a year. I took the Ground in April or May and I held possession till the Fall of the same year, when Farmer ADAMS took a Distress on the Potatoes for the Rent. It is about ten years ago that I entered this Ground. I have never done any other Act than as above stated to gain a Settlement. About twenty years ago I was married to Ann, my present Wife, in the Parish Church of Evercreech, by whom I have four Children, (namely) Henry aged nineteen years or thereabouts, Elizabeth aged seventeen years or thereabouts, Ann aged fourteen years or thereabouts and John aged eleven years or thereabouts. Richard BRODRIBB.

Taken and sworn before me, the day and year first above written, T.B. MORGAN.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-82.

[Note: Richard son of Robert BRODRIBB & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 19 Nov 1786.

Richard BRODRIBB bach. of High Littleton married Ann BACKHOUSE spin. otp by licence at Evercreech 6 Oct 1812.

Henry son of Richard & Ann BRODRIBB, Hallatrow, carrier, bapt. at High Littleton 21 Feb 1814.

Elizabeth dau. of Richard & Ann BRODRIBB, West House, butter dealer, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Aug 1816.

Ann dau. of Richard & Ann BRODERIP, Paulton, butter dealer, bapt. at Paulton 27 Dec 1818.

John son of Richard & Ann BRODRIBB, Paulton, cart driver, bapt. at Paulton 25 Dec 1821.

Richard BRODRIBB of Paulton received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1823.

Isaac born c.1823/4 may have been another child. - Isaac BRODRIBB, Hallatrow, aged 1, buried at High Littleton 6 May 1825.

The 1825 Survey of Hallatrow records Rich'd BRODRIPP as occupier of a tenement and bit of garden (85 on the map) at Woodview Cottages, sublet from Joseph MULLETT & John WEEKS. Richard's widowed mother was living in another of the cottages at Woodview.

Overseers Accounts record on 23 Feb 1833 expenses to Shepton Mallet to examine R. BRODRIBB and on 4 Mar a payment to P. LUDWELL for the carriage of R. BRODRIBB's goods from Bristol.

The Felons' Register of Ilchester Gaol (Q/AGi 14/4) records that Richard BRODRIBB, aged 42, Lab'r, who had been committed by G.T. SCOBELL Esq. on Jan 7th, was transferred from Shepton Gaol on 28 Mar 1833, when he was tried before Sir J.A. PARK and J. LITLEDAL, Knight, on a charge of stealing a cock & 3 hens etc. of James WEEKS. He was found guilty, sentenced to 1 year's hard labour and returned to Shepton Gaol.

Accounts record on 6 Aug the cost of shoes and clothes bought for Richard BRODRIBB's daughter for her to go to service. On 10 Apr 1835 3/- was paid to Richard BRODRIBB's wife to help bury his daughter.]

46. Eve BULL and family were removed from Paulton to High Littleton by Order dated 19th March 1833.

Eve BULL's Examination has not been located.

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Paulton in the County of Somerset and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton 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 Paulton That **Eve BULL, Widow and her Five Children namely, Hester Harris aged about Ten years, Martha Tucker aged about Eight years, Elizabeth Baily aged about Six years, Adam aged about two years and Abel aged about one year**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Paulton 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 Eve BULL 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 BULL and her said five Children to be in the Parish of High Littleton 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 Paulton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Eve BULL, and her said five Children from and out of your said Parish of Paulton to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Nineteenth Day of March in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty three. Jno. PARISH, T. WILLIAMS.

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SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-29.

[Note: William BULL was most likely born in High Littleton or Paulton.

William BULL otp married Eve CHIVERS otp by banns at St. James, Bristol 29 Apr 1822.

Eve dau. of James CHIVERS & Hester bapt. at High Littleton 25 Mar 1798.

Hester Harris dau. of William & Eve BULL, Paulton, carpenter, bapt. at Paulton 25 Dec 1822. - Hester BULL, Paulton, aged 17, buried at High Littleton 20 Mar 1840.

Martha Tucker was born c.1824/5.

Elizabeth Bailey (aged 2 years) dau. of William & Eve BULL, Paulton, collier, bapt. at Paulton 30 Dec 1827.

Eve dau. of William & Eve BULL, Paulton, collier, bapt. at Paulton 30 Dec 1827. - Eve BULL, Paulton, aged 5 (cholera), buried at Paulton 10 Oct 1832.

Adam son of William & Eve BULL, Paulton, collier, bapt. at Paulton 8 Oct 1830.

Abel son of William & Eve BULL, Paulton, collier, bapt. at Paulton 19 Jan 1834.

William BULL died c.1832.

Vestry Minutes approved relief in the weekly calendar from 1833 onwards to William BULL's family. In 1834 William's widow is mentioned and in 1835 the 3 children.

The 1841 Census finds Eve BULL, aged 40, shoe binder, Martha 17, shoe binder, Elizabeth 15, shoe binder, Adam 10 and Abel 9, living in Paulton.

Eve BULL of Paulton received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1839 and 1842.

The 1851 Census finds Eve BULL, widow, aged 51, shoe binder, born High Littleton and unmarried children Martha 26, shoe binder, Elizabeth 24, shoe binder, Adam 19, cordwainer and Able 17, coal miner, all born Paulton, living at New Town, Paulton.

The 1861 Census finds Eve BULL, widow, aged 60, shoe binder, unmarried daughter Martha 29 (*sic*), shoe binder and son Able 25, coal miner, living at Pithay, Paulton.]

47. John SMITH and family were removed from Machen to High Littleton by Order dated 17th April 1833.
John SMITH's Examination has not been located.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - E. NICHOLAS, Printer, Newport.]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Machen in the County of Monmouth, to remove and convey, and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset to receive and obey.

County of Monmouth 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 Monmouth aforesaid, (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Machen That **John SMITH, and Jane his wife and their two Children, namely Silas aged two years and Charlotte aged eight weeks**, lately intruded and came into the Parish of Machen aforesaid, and are actually become chargeable to the same: WE, the said Justices, upon due proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said John SMITH 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 John SMITH and Jane his wife and their said two Children to be in the Parish of High Littleton 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 Machen on Sight hereof, to remove and convey the said John SMITH and Jane his wife and their said two Children from and out of your said Parish of Machen to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 hereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, this seventeenth Day of April in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty three. Sam HOMFRAY, Edm'd WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-30.

[Note: See the removal of Jane SMITH and child from Llangattock to High Littleton, by Order dated 14 Apr 1831, for details of the family. Overseers Accounts record on 2 Jul 1833 9/- paid to John SMITH's wife to go to Wales and on 27 Sep 1/- to farmer LUDWELL for taking SMITH's wife to Bristol.

John SMITH and family were removed from Llangynider to High Littleton by Order dated 19 Apr 1841.]

48. James TUCKER the younger and family were removed from Bedminster to High Littleton by Order dated 6th December 1833.

James TUCKER's Examination has not been located.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

COUNTY OF **Somerset** TO WIT.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Bedminster in the said County of Somerset, to execute and convey, and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset to receive and obey.

UPON the complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Bedminster aforesaid, in the said County of Somerset, unto us, whose names are hereunto set and seals affixed, being two of his Majesty's

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Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, and one of us of the Quorum, that **James TUCKER (the younger) and his Wife Mary Ann and their four Children namely Ann Lintrin [Lintern intended] aged about six years and a half, Eliza aged about five years, Harriette aged about two years and Sarah aged eight months**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Bedminster not having gained a legal settlement there, and that the said James TUCKER the younger and his said Wife Mary Ann and their said four Children are actually chargeable to the said Parish of Bedminster.

We, the said Justices, upon due proof made thereof, as well upon examination of the said James TUCKER the younger 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 the said James TUCKER the younger and his said Wife and their said four Children is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

We do therefore require you, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the said Parish of Bedminster or some or one of you, to convey the said James TUCKER the younger and his said Wife and their said four Children from and out of the said Parish of Bedminster to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 a Duplicate thereof, or a true Copy thereof, at the same time shewing to them the original Order. And we do also hereby require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for them as inhabitants of your Parish.

Given under our hands and seals the sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three. Gab. GOLDNEY, Henry MIREHOUSE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-32.

[Note: James son of James & Elizabeth TUCKER was born at Bedminster c.1805/6.

James the younger derived his settlement in High Littleton from his father, who was apprenticed there as a shoemaker to his uncle Henry TUCKER.

James TUCKER bach. otp married Mary Ann LINTERN spin. otp by banns at St. Nicholas, Bristol 12 Mar 1827.

Ann a daughter was born in 1827.

Eliza was born in 1828.

Harriet was born in 1831.

Sarah was born in 1833.

Elizabeth was born in 1835.

Overseers Accounts record on 9 Dec 1833 5/- paid to James TUCKER and family from Bedminster and on 14 Dec a payment for lodging them. On 11 Jan 1834 was 2 weeks pay to James TUCKER and family from Bedminster and on 20 Jan a payment to Thomas HARRISON [Overseer] for conveying James TUCKER and family to Bedminster. Accounts record on 4 Apr 1834 the payment of 10 weeks relief at 6/- p.w. to James TUCKER's family at Bedminster and relief continued to be paid to them fortnightly until 16 May.

James TUCKER and family were removed from Bedminster to High Littleton again by Order dated 13 Feb 1837.]

49. Elizabeth THATCHER and child were removed from Timsbury to High Littleton by Order dated 20th January 1834.

Elizabeth THATCHER's Examination 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 Timsbury in the County of Somerset and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton 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 Timsbury That **Elizabeth THATCHER, Widow, and her Child named Philip, aged one year**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Timsbury 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 THATCHER 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 THATCHER to be in the Parish of High Littleton 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 Timsbury or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Elizabeth THATCHER, and her said Child from and out of your said Parish of Timsbury to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Twentieth Day of January in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty four. Wm. C. JAMES, Jno. PARISH.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-27.

[Note: James son of Samuel THATCHER & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 17 Aug 1777.

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James THATCHER, coal miner otp married Amy WIDCOMB otp by banns at Timsbury 2 Mar 1802.
James son of James & Amey THATCHER bapt. at Timsbury 29 Aug 1802. - James THATCHER was buried at Timsbury 20 Oct 1812.
William son of James & Amey THATCHER bapt. at Timsbury 4 Aug 1805.
Eleanor dau. of James & Amey THATCHER bapt. at Timsbury 5 Apr 1807.
Samuel son of James & Amey THATCHER bapt. at Timsbury 12 Feb 1809.
Sarah dau. of James & Amey THATCHER bapt. at Timsbury 21 Jul 1811.
James son of James & Amey THATCHER, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Timsbury 5 Nov 1815.
Vestry Minutes of 12 Jul 1818 agreed that 3/- be given to James THATCHER's wife and 5 children, they being in great distress.
Betty dau. of James & Amey THATCHER, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. priv. at Timsbury 4 Aug 1819. - Betty THATCHER, Timsbury, aged 8 months, buried at Timsbury 6 Apr 1820. Overseers Accounts record on 5 Apr 1820 10/- paid to James THATCHER towards the burial expenses of his infant child.
Minutes of 30 Oct 1819 agreed that James THATCHER's family should have 20/- allowed them on account of his wife's long illness, with but little work, 6 small children and in great distress.
Betty dau. of James & Amey THATCHER, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. priv. at Timsbury 8 Feb 1822. - Betsey THATCHER, Timsbury, aged 6 months, buried at Timsbury 14 Jul 1822. Accounts record on 16 Jul 1822 6/- paid to James THATCHER for his daughter's funeral.
James THATCHER, coal miner of Timsbury, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1808, 1813, 1816, 1820, 1822 and 1824.
Amey THATCHER, Timsbury, aged 45, was buried at Timsbury 5 Feb 1826. James remarried 5 years later.
James THATCHER otp married Elizabeth WALLIS otp by banns at Timsbury 8 Sep 1831.
Phillip son of James & Elizabeth THATCHER, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Timsbury 23 Sep 1832. - Philip THATCHER, High Littleton, aged 6, buried at High Littleton 25 Jul 1838.
James THATCHER, Timsbury, aged 56, buried at Timsbury 24 Nov 1833.
Accounts for 1834 record relief of 1/6p.w. in the weekly calendar to widow THATCHER's child, which continued until at least 1836.
James THATCHER and subsequently his widow received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1831, 1835 and 1839.
The 1841 Census finds Elizabeth THATCHER, aged 40, washing woman, living at High Littleton with Eliza WALLIS, aged 18.]

50. William SIMMONS and family were removed from Trevethin to High Littleton by Order dated 28th May 1834.

William SIMMONS' Examination has not been located.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - Evans, Printer, Newport.]

County of Monmouth TO WIT.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of Trevethin in the County of Monmouth, to Remove and Convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish *[of]* High Littleton in the County of Somerset to Receive and Obey.

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 Monmouth aforesaid, (One whereof being of the Quorum,) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Trevethin That **William SIMMONS, Marianne his wife and their three children, namely Rebecca aged about four years, James aged about three years and Eleanor aged about six months**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Trevethin not having gained a legal settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate, owning themselves to be settled elsewhere, and that the said William SIMMONS, his said wife and their three children are actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Trevethin.

WE, the said Justices, upon due proof made thereof, as well upon the examination of the said William SIMMONS upon Oath, as other circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true; and do also adjudge the last place of legal settlement of the said William SIMMONS to be in the said parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in His Majesty's Name, to require you, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Trevethin on sight hereof, to remove and convey the said William SIMMONS, his said wife and their three children from and out of your said Parish of Trevethin to the said parish of High Littleton 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 hereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, this twenty eighth day of May in the Year of our Lord, 1834. Fra's LEWIS, John JENKINS.

Document in High Littleton Vestry August 2000.

[Letter postmarked Pontypool (undated) and Newport, Mon. NO 10 1836.] The Overseers of the Poor, High Littleton, Somersetshire, Near Bristol.

I hereby certify that **William SIMMONS** has been ill and confined to his bed for this last three months past.

William KING for J. THOMAS, Surgeon etc. Abersychan Nov'r 8th 1836.

P. Pool, Nov. 9 1836.

REMOVALS to HIGH LITTLETON 1676-1863 & SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATE ISSUED
by HIGH LITTLETON 1764 & INDEXES

Gent'n. Above, you have a certificate stating that **Wm. SIMMONS** is very ill and confined to his bed and I am informed that he is not likely to recover. I believe it is about three years since he, his wife & family where [*were*] removed by an order and I delivered them myself to your overseer; that being the case, you must be aware that they must not become chargeable to this Parish again; at present they have not been returned but I think his wife will wait upon our board of Guardians to morrow. I write this in hopes that you will favor me with answer informing me whether you will allow necessary relief for them and also to engage to pay the funeral expences if he should die; if you comply with this request, you may rest assured that nothing more than what is really necessary shall be allowed; if this is not attended too [*to*], we shall be under the necessity of getting him put under a suspended order; hoping I shall hear from you in the course of a 4 or 5 days; I shall then know how to act, & I remain, your ob' Ser't, Wm. WOOD, Relieving Officer, Pontypool, Monmouthshire.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-30a.

[*Letter postmarked Pontypool (undated) and Newport, Mon. DE 5 1836*] The Overseers of the Poor, High Littleton, Near Bristol.

The Overseers of the Poor, High Littleton To the Parish of Trevethin, Pontypool.

To Cash advanced to Wm. SIMMONDS & family p. order board of Guardians	7. 0
To funeral expences Wm. SIMMONDS	<u>1.10. 0</u>
	<u>£1.17. 0</u>

P. Pool, Dec'b 5, 1836.

Gent'n. Above you have the account of relief given to Wm. SIMMONDS & family, also then his funeral expences; he died last week; your Mr BLINMAN's letter dated Nov'r 6 came regular to hand and from the contents of it I thought we should have heard again as he promised to write again; the Widow expects to be confined in the course of a few weeks; she has three children now, the oldest about 6¼ years old; she will be very much obliged by your taking her unfortunate case into your serious consideration and inform me what you will allow her weekly, if you think proper to let her remain here, as this Parish have been at the expence of removing them to Highlittleton. I hope you will pay the above account, as Mr BLINMAN requested we would not put you to any unnecessary expence; it will be necessary the poor widow should know what allowance you will make for her weekly. I shall be obliged by your favoring me with an answer in the course of this week, & I remain Yours V. Sin'y, Wm. WOOD.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-30.

[*Note: William son of James & Elenor SIMMONDS bapt. at Radstock 14 Apr 1805.*

James SIMMONS was examined about his settlement on 9 Feb 1807 (SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-3b.)

William SIMMONS otp married Mary Ann FRANCIS otp by licence at St. George, Glos. 4 Jun 1829.

Rebecca dau. of William & Mary Ann SIMMONDS, Radstock, coal miner, bapt. at Radstock 25 Dec 1829.

James son of William & Mary Ann SIMMONDS, [*blank*], bapt. at Radstock 8 May 1831.

Overseers Accounts record on 12 May 1834 1/- relief paid to William SIMMONS' wife from Wales, followed by 5/- to take her back to Wales. On 3 Jun was 2/- paid to Wm. SIMMONS and family, being brought from Wales by Order. On 4 Jun was recorded £1. 6. 6 paid to Wm. SIMMONS for relief and to take him back to Wales.

Eleanor was born c.Dec 1833.

Another child was due to be born c.1836/7.

William SIMMONS died at Trevethin Nov/Dec 1836.]

51. Jemima SIMMONS and child were removed from Midsomer Norton to High Littleton by Order dated 15th September 1835.

County of Somerset.

The Examination of **Jemima SIMMONS**, Single woman, at present residing in the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the said County of Somerset, touching the place of her last legal Settlement, taken upon Oath this fifteenth day of September 1835.

Who upon her Oath saith as follows, Viz't: I am about eighteen years of age and was born in the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the said County of Somerset, as I have heard and believe. My Father's name is James SIMMONS and my Mother's Ann SIMMONS. I have never lived out of the Parish of Midsomer Norton since I have been born, nor done any act whatever to gain a Settlement. I am now living with my Father and Mother in the said Parish of Midsomer Norton, who I believe have lived there about 24 years. My Father's place of Settlement is High Littleton in this County, where he has frequently been relieved, he deriving his Settlement from his Father, who was a Parishioner of High Littleton, as I have heard and believe. I have applied for relief to the Parish Officers of Midsomer Norton and have received it and am now chargeable to such Parish, together with a Female Bastard Child, of which I have been lately delivered in the said Parish of Midsomer Norton, whose Name is Catherine and aged Seven Weeks. The Mark of X Jemima SIMMONS.

REMOVALS to HIGH LITTLETON 1676-1863 & SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATE ISSUED
by HIGH LITTLETON 1764 & INDEXES

Taken and sworn the day and year first above written, before us two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset. (Signed) T. WILLIAMS, Jno. PARISH.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-35a.

[Notice of Chargeability & Removal - Printed Form - H.E. CARRINGTON, Printer, St. James's Street, Bath.]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

THE Parish of Midsomer Norton in the said County of Somerset.

In the matter of **Jemima SIMMONS** a Pauper.

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

TAKE NOTICE, that the above-named Jemima SIMMONS has, together with Catharine her Female Bastard child aged seven weeks, become chargeable to our said Parish of Midsomer Norton and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your Parish of High Littleton 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this sixteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty five. Tho's HOLLWEY, Overseers (*sic*) of the Poor of the Parish of *[Midsomer Norton]*.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-35b.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - H.E. CARRINGTON, Printer, Chronicle Office, Bath.]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the County of Somerset, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton 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 Midsomer Norton That **Jemima SIMMONS, Singlewoman, together with Catharine her Female Bastard Child aged seven weeks**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Midsomer Norton 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 Jemima SIMMONS 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 Jemima SIMMONS and Catharine her said Female Bastard Child to be in the Parish of High Littleton 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 Midsomer Norton or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Jemima SIMMONS and Catharine her said Female Bastard Child from and out of your said Parish of Midsomer Norton to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 fifteenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty five. T. WILLIAMS, Jno. PARISH.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-35.

[Note: Jemima dau. of James & Ann SIMMONDS, Clandown, miner, bapt. at Midsomer Norton 18 May 1817.

Although the child was named as Catharine in the Removal Order, Jemima seems to have changed her mind 2 weeks later:

Sarah Ann base born dau. of Jemima SIMMONDS, Clandown, single woman, bapt. at Midsomer Norton 4 Oct 1835.

No Bastardy Order has been found or any evidence of the father's name.

Overseers Accounts record the payment of 1/- p.w. relief in the weekly calendar from 1 Oct 1835 for Ann [Jemima presumably intended] SIMMONS' bastard child.

Jemima appears to have had another bastard child, born c.1838/9 and called George, before marrying William HANCOCK.

*The 1851 Census finds William HANCOCK, aged 31, coal miner, born Kilmersdon, wife Jemima 31, born Clandown and son George SIMONS (*sic*) 12, coal miner, born Clandown, living at Welton, Midsomer Norton, next door to Jemima's parents.]*

52. Harriet LACEY was removed from Meare to High Littleton by Order dated 29th October 1835.

[Printed Form]

(Copy). **County of Somerset.**

THE Examination of Harriet LACY, now residing in the Parish of Meare in the said County, Singlewoman, taken on her Oath before us the undersigned two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset this twenty ninth day of October 1835.

REMOVALS to HIGH LITTLETON 1676-1863 & SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATE ISSUED
by HIGH LITTLETON 1764 & INDEXES

WHO SAITH AS FOLLOWS: I was born illegitimate, as I have heard and believe, in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County. About the beginning of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, I being then with child, was removed by the Overseers of Wookey, under an Order of Justices, to the said Parish of High Littleton. I remained there about four Months. I then went into the Parish of Wookey aforesaid and lived there with George MILLARD, as a lodger, until Lady day one thousand eight hundred and thirty four, when I hired myself to Joseph KEEN of the Parish of Meare aforesaid, Yeoman, for a year, at the wages of Six Guineas and staid there three months. I then hired myself to James CHURCHES of Meare aforesaid, Yeoman, at the wages of Four pounds and five shillings, till the Lady day following and lived there till that time, which was Lady day last. I then hired myself to William HAYNES of the Parish of Meare aforesaid. I am now actually chargeable to the said Parish of Meare. (Signed) The Mark of X Harriet LACEY.

Taken and sworn before us at Wells in the said County, the day and year first above said, (Signed) C.H. PULSFORD, R.B. COLES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-34b.

[Notice of Chargeability & Removal - Printed Form]

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

We, the undersigned, being the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Meare in the County of Somerset, do hereby give you notice that **Harriet LACEY**, Singlewoman, hath become chargeable to the said Parish of Meare and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for her removal to your said Parish of High Littleton, a counterpart of which said Order and also a copy of the examination on which the same was made are herewith sent. And unless you appeal against the said Order, and within twenty one days from the delivery hereof, duly serve Notice of such Appeal, the said pauper will be removed to your said Parish of High Littleton.

As witness our hands this thirtieth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty five. Rob't BURNETT, Geo. KEEN, Churchwardens, James BURNETT, Edmund WILLCOX, Overseers.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-34c.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

Somerset to wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Meare in the County of Somerset; and also to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset and to each & 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 Meare in the said County of Somerset, That **Harriet LACEY, Singlewoman**, hath intruded herself into the said Parish of Meare 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 Meare.

WE the said Justices upon due proof made thereof, as well upon examination of the said Harriet LACEY upon Oath as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration, do adjudge the said Complaint and Premises to be true, and do also adjudge that the said Harriet LACEY is last legally settled in the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Meare or some or one of you, forthwith to remove and convey the said Harriet LACEY from and out of your said Parish of Meare unto the said Parish of High Littleton 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 twenty ninth day of October in the sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord William the Fourth King of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty five. C.H. PULSFORD, R.B. COLES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-34 and 34a (2nd Copy).

[Note: Harriet LACEY had previously been removed from Wookey to High Littleton by Order dated 5 Jan 1833, when she was pregnant with George.

The reason for Harriet's removal from Meare was that she had again got herself pregnant. She subsequently gave birth to a bastard son, James in 1836. Harriet had yet another bastard child c.1837/8, called Eliza. In 1841 Harriet was living in Hallatrow with her 3 bastard children.]

53. Matthew PURNELL was removed from St. Martin in the Fields to High Littleton by Order dated [*c.Jan*] 1836.

The Removal Order and Matthew PURNELL's Examination have not been located.

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[*Note:* Overseers Accounts record on 7 Feb 1836 a payment of 10/6 to the Overseers of St. Martin's in the Fields, London, on account of a suspended order for Matthew PURNELL. Vestry Minutes of 24 Mar 1836 request the Assistant Overseer to attend the Board of Guardians to seek their opinion respecting Matthew PURNELL, removed to this parish from St. Martin's in the Fields under an order from Magistrates, but who appears from his Examination to belong to Paulton.
Matthew PURNELL, High Littleton, aged 42, buried at Paulton 17 Apr 1836.]

54. James LUDWELL was removed from Llanwenarth to High Littleton by Order dated 10th February 1836.

[Printed Form]

Monmouthshire to wit.

(Copy of) The Examination of **James LUDWELL**, now residing in the Parish of Llanwenarth in the said County, touching his last place of legal Settlement, taken on Oath before me One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Monmouth, the Sixth Day of February 1836.

WHO on his Oath saith that he was born, as he hath been informed and believes, in the Parish of St. Phillip's in the City of Bristol and that, when about the Age of six years, as he has been informed, he left that Parish with his Father and resided in the Town of Bedminster, where his father followed the occupation of a Skinner, that about Thirteen years ago his father left Bedminster and took a small farm in the Parish of Hallatrow in the County of Somerset, which farm he left, from Six to Seven years ago, for another in the same Parish of Hallatrow, the Rent of which was about One hundred Pounds a year, that four years ago he left his father's House, in consequence of a disagreement with his Stepmother and that he has worked during that Period at the different Iron works on the Hills; he states that he is now Twenty two years of Age, was never hired as a farming Servant for a year and has done no Act since, to the best of his belief, whereby to gain a Settlement. **James LUDWELL**.

Taken and sworn the Day and Year above written before me Geo. Wm. GABB (*sic*), Cl'k.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-38b.

[Notice of Chargeability & Removal]

Parish of Llanwenarth in the County of Monmouth.

In the Matter of **James LUDWELL** a Pauper.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Hallatrow in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice that the above named James LUDWELL lately residing in this Parish has become Chargeable to the said Parish and that an order of Justices, Suspended on account of the illness of the said James LUDWELL, has been duly obtained for his removal to your said Parish as his last place of legal Settlement (a Copy of which order and also a Copy of the Examination on which the same was made are herewith sent). 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 Hallatrow in pursuance of the said order, as soon after the Expiration of the said twenty one days as the said James LUDWELL shall be capable of being removed and the Justices shall order and direct.

Dated the Tenth day of February One thousand Eight hundred and thirty Six. Thomas PAYTHERUS, Lewis EDWARDS, Thomas ROGERS, Walter PRITCHARD, Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Llanwenarth.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-38a.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Llanwenarth in the County of Monmouth, to remove and convey. And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Hallatrow in the County of Somerset to receive and obey.

MONMOUTHSHIRE, 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 Monmouth aforesaid, (one whereof being of the Quorum,) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Llanwenarth, That **James LUDWELL** lately intruded and came into the said Parish of Llanwenarth and is actually become chargeable to the same, We the said Justices, upon due proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said James LUDWELL upon Oath as other circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the last place of Legal Settlement of the said James LUDWELL to be in the Parish of Hallatrow 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 Llanwenarth on sight hereof to REMOVE and CONVEY the said James LUDWELL from and out of your said Parish of Llanwenarth to the said Parish of Hallatrow 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.

REMOVALS to HIGH LITTLETON 1676-1863 & SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATE ISSUED
by HIGH LITTLETON 1764 & INDEXES

Given under our Hands and Seals this tenth Day of February 1836. Wm. POWELL, Cl'k, Geo. Wm. GUBB, Cl'k.

[Reverse - Suspension of Order]

WHEREAS it appears unto us William POWELL, Clerk and George William GUBB, Clerk, the Justices within-mentioned, that the within-named **James LUDWELL** is at present unable to travel, by reason of Sickness and great Infirmary of Body. We the said Justices, do therefore, in pursuance of the Statute in that behalf made and provided, hereby SUSPEND the Execution of the within-written Order of Removal: and you, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Llanwenarth are hereby commanded to desist from conveying the within-named James LUDWELL from and out of your said Parish of Llanwenarth until you shall make it appear unto us, the said Justices, that the said James LUDWELL hath recovered from his said Illness; and may without danger be conveyed from the said Parish of Llanwenarth to the said Parish of Hallatrow as within directed.

GIVEN under our Hands, this 10th day of February 1836. W. POWELL, Cl'k, Ge. Wm. GUBB, Cl'k.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-38.

[Note: James LUDWELL was born at St. Philip & Jacob, Bristol c.1813/4, the son of Peter LUDWELL and his first wife Charlotte MATHLIN, who married at St. James, Bristol on 10 Nov 1811. Peter LUDWELL originally came from Farrington Gurney.

Charlotte died and Peter LUDWELL otp married Johanna STICKLER otp at St. James, Bristol on 30 Jul 1820. Joanna nee MAGGS born 1784, was the second wife of John STICKLER of Hallatrow, who died in 1820 and was buried (as John STRICKLAND) at High Littleton. John STICKLER's first wife died in 1809 and when Joanna married John a year later, she was some 47 years his junior.

John STICKLER rented a farm in the middle of Hallatrow from Richard LANGFORD (late Richmond HILL's). After John's death, Joanna STICKLER carried on the farm until her second husband Peter LUDWELL took over. The LUDWELLS moved to Hallatrow Down Farm c.1829, when their previous home virtually disappeared following the construction of the road in front of Woodview Cottages. Hallatrow Down Farm was rented from the same landlord (the 2 daughters of the late Richard LANGFORD) and at 74 acres was twice the size of the LUDWELL's previous farm.

James LUDWELL was 18 when he left home, following a row with his stepmother Joanna, who was nearly 7 years older than his father.

A stone in High Littleton Churchyard records the deaths of Katherine STICKLER on 3 Apr 1809 aged 73, her husband John 15 Mar 1820 aged 83, Joanna wife of Peter LUDWELL 8 Nov 1849 aged 62, Peter LUDWELL 8 Jul 1851 aged 60 and their daughter Anna Maria LUDWELL 27 Nov 1838 aged 14.]

55. William TUCKER and family were removed from Bedwellty to High Littleton by Order dated 17th April 1836.

[Notice of Chargeability & Removal]

Parish of Bedwellty in the County of Monmouth.

In the matter of **William TUCKER** a Pauper.

To the Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice that the above named William TUCKER, lately residing in this Parish has together with Almira his Wife and their four Children become chargeable to the said Parish and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your Parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal settlement (a copy of which Order and also a copy of the examination on which the same was made are herewith sent) 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 High Littleton in Pursuance of the said Order.

Dated the thirtieth day of April 1836. John WHISTANCE, Hawkins BEES, Overseers.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-37c.

Monmouthshire to wit.

The examination of Almira TUCKER, the Wife of William TUCKER of the Parish of Bedwellty in the said County, Collier, taken upon Oath before us, two of His Majesty's Justices of the peace for the said County, this 20th day of April 1836, who states that her Husband's settlement is in the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, that being his Father's settlement, that she believes her Husband never gained a settlement in his own right, that they have four children, namely, Sarah aged twelve years, George aged nine years, David aged six years and Almira aged two years. Almira TUCKER.

Taken before us Sam'l HOMFRAY, Edm'd WILLIAMS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-37b.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

COUNTY of Monmouth TO WIT.

REMOVALS to HIGH LITTLETON 1676-1863 & SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATE ISSUED
by HIGH LITTLETON 1764 & INDEXES

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Bedwellty in the County of Monmouth, to Remove and Convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the county of Somerset to Receive and Obey.

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 Monmouth, aforesaid, (One whereof being of the Quorum,) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Bedwellty, that **William TUCKER and Almira his wife and their four Children, namely Sarah aged twelve years, George aged nine years, David aged six years and Almira aged two years**, neither of the said Children having gained a settlement in their own right, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Bedwellty, not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate, owning themselves to be settled Elsewhere, and that the said William TUCKER and Almira his wife and their said four Children are actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Bedwellty.

WE, the said Justices, upon due proof made thereof, as well upon the examination of the said Almira the wife of the said William TUCKER upon Oath, as other circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true; and do also adjudge the last place of legal Settlement of the said William TUCKER and Almira his wife and their said four Children to be in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in His Majesty's Name, to require you, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Bedwellty, on sight hereof, to remove and convey the said William TUCKER and Almira his wife and their said four Children from and out of your said Parish of Bedwellty, to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 hereof, who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, this Seventeenth day of April in the Year of our Lord, 1836. Sam. HOMFRAY, Edm'd WILLIAMS.

[Reverse - Suspension of Order]

WHEREAS it appears unto us SAMUEL HOMFRAY and EDMUND WILLIAMS, Esquires, the Justices within-mentioned, that the within-named **William TUCKER** is at present unable to travel, by reason of sickness and infirmity of body; We the said Justices, do, therefore, in pursuance of the statute in that behalf made and provided, hereby suspend the execution of the within-written order of removal; and you, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Bedwellty, are hereby commanded to desist from conveying the within-named William TUCKER, his Wife and four Children from and out of your said Parish of Bedwellty, until you shall make it appear unto us, the said Justices, that the said William TUCKER has recovered from his said illness, and may, without danger, be conveyed from the said Parish of Bedwellty, to the said Parish of High Littleton as within directed.

GIVEN under our Hands, this 20th day of April 1836. Sam. HOMFRAY, Edm'd WILLIAMS.

[Below]

WHEREAS it duly appeareth unto us, SAMUEL HOMFRAY and EDMUND WILLIAMS, Esquires, the above and within-named Justices, that the above-named **William TUCKER** is wholly recovered from the sickness and infirmity of body under which he lately laboured; and that he may therefore now be conveyed from the within-mentioned Parish of Bedwellty, to the within-mentioned Parish of High Littleton without danger: THESE are therefore to authorize and require you, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the said Parish of Bedwellty, forthwith to convey the said William TUCKER, his wife and four Children from and out of your said Parish of Bedwellty and them deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, as you are herein directed to do.

GIVEN under our Hands, this 14th day of September 1836. Sam. HOMFRAY, Edm'd WILLIAMS.

[Below]

WHEREAS it hath been proved on Oath, before us Justices, whose names are hereunto subscribed and set, and who signed the within-written Order of Removal, that the charges incurred under the suspension of the said Order of Removal, amount to the sum of Eighteen Pounds and eight shillings and which charges appear to us to be fair and reasonable: Now WE, the said Justices do, in pursuance of the statute in that case made, hereby order and direct the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the county of Somerset to which the within-named Pauper is to be removed, to pay the said charges to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Bedwellty, or to such of them as shall demand the same.

WITNESS our Hands and Seals, this 14th day of September in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-six. Sam. HOMFRAY, Edm'd WILLIAMS.

[Pencil note: The Board [of Guardians of Clutton Union] think this charge very high and recommend the overseers to make the best terms they can with the applicants.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-37a and 37 (2nd Copy).

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[*Note:* Thomas TUCKER and family were removed from Midsomer Norton to High Littleton by Order dated 25 May 1786.
William son of Thomas & Jane TUCKER bapt. at Midsomer Norton 29 May 1785.
William TUCKER bach. otp married Almira PARFITT spin. otp by banns at Clutton 7 Jul 1811.
Ann dau. of William & Almira TUCKER, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 24 May 1812.
William son of William & Almira TUCKER, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 12 May 1816. - He married Matilda at Bedwelty c.1839.
Mary dau. of William & Almira TUCKER, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 18 Jun 1820.
Overseers Accounts record on 29 Jul 1823 10/- paid to Will'm TUCKER's wife in Wales, being ill.
Sarah dau. of William & Almira TUCKER, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 10 Aug 1823.
George Blacker son of William & Almira TUCKER, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 23 Sep 1827.
David a son was born c.1829/30.
Overseers Accounts record on 27 Jul 1832 2/6 paid to Wm. TUCKER from Wales.
Almira Blacker dau. of William & Almira TUCKER, Bedwelty, Mon., collier, bapt. at Clutton 18 Oct 1835.
Overseers Accounts record on 8 May 1836 payment for a letter with order of Removal of Wm. TUCKER and family from Bedwelty, Wales.
On 25 Dec 1836 was the payment of £18. 8/- to the Overseer of Bedwelty on a suspended order for Wm. TUCKER.
Wm. TUCKER, coal miner of Clutton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1816, 1820 (described as son of Tho's), 1823, 1831 and 1835.
William was still living in Bedwelty in 1845, when he was examined in connection with his daughter in law Matilda's settlement.]

56. William CANNON was removed from Temple, Bristol to High Littleton by Order dated 1st December 1836.

[Notice of Chargeability & Removal]

Parish of Temple otherwise Holy Cross in the City and County of Bristol.

In the Matter of **William CANNON** a pauper.

To the Overseers of the parish of High Littleton with Hallatrow in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice that the above named William CANNON, lately residing in Temple Street in the said parish of Temple otherwise Holy Cross, has become chargeable to the said parish and that an Order of Justices, suspended on account of the said pauper's illness, has been duly obtained for his removal to your parish of High Littleton with Hallatrow, as his last place of legal Settlement, (a Copy of which Order, and also a Copy of the Examination on which the same was made, are herewith sent). 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 High Littleton with Hallatrow in pursuance of the said order, as soon after the expiration of the said twenty one days as the said pauper shall be capable of being removed and the Justices shall order and direct.

Dated this second day of December One thousand Eight hundred and thirty six. Saul MORGAN, Deputy Governor of the Corporation, of the Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistants and Guardians of the poor of the City of Bristol, constituted by the Act of Incorporation Overseers of the several parishes of the said City and one of the Guardians of the poor of the said City, John CHILCOTT, John W. HALL, Two other of the Guardians of the poor of the said City of Bristol and Members of the said Corporation.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-36c and 36d (2nd Copy).

Copy. City and County of Bristol to wit.

The Examination of William CANNON, now in St. Peter's Hospital. Taken on his Oath this first day of December 1836.

Who saith, that he is about 40 years of age and was never married; That he is the son of George & Hannah CANNON, both deceased and was born, as he hath heard and believes, at Farrington Gurney in the County of Somerset. And this Examinant further saith, that about 20 years since, he was hired as a Yearly Servant to John BLINMAN, a farmer in the parish of High Littleton with Hallatrow in the said County of Somerset, at the Wages of Ten pounds per annum and that he served and continued in the said service for the space of twelve Months without interruption and resided during the whole of that time in his Master's House in the said parish of High Littleton with Hallatrow. And also saith, that he has never been a servant hired by the year since that time or an apprentice or ever rented any tenement of the value of Ten pounds per annum or done any other act, to his knowledge or belief, to acquire a subsequent settlement; That he lately resided in Temple Street in the parish of Temple, otherwise Holy Cross, in the said City of Bristol, to which parish he hath become chargeable, and that he is now at the Workhouse called St. Peter's Hospital in the said City of Bristol and is ill and unable to be removed. The mark of X William CANNON.

Sworn before us James GEORGE, Mayor, Geo. E. SANDERS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-36b and also 13/3/2-36e for another copy.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

City and County of Bristol, to wit.

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To the Deputy Governor of the Corporation, of the Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistants and Guardians of the Poor of the City of BRISTOL, on behalf of the said Corporation, to Remove and Convey; and to the Church or Chapel Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of High Littleton with Hallatrow in the County of Somerset 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 City and County of Bristol (whereof one is of the Quorum) by the Deputy Governor of the Corporation, of the Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistants and Guardians of the Poor of the City of Bristol, That **William CANNON** hath come to inhabit in the Parish of Temple otherwise Holy Cross within the said City and County of Bristol, not having acquired or obtained a legal settlement therein, and hath actually become and is chargeable to the same Parish; WE the said Justices, upon Examination, do adjudge the said Complaint and Premises to be true: AND we do further upon the Examination of the said William CANNON taken upon Oath as otherwise, adjudge that the last Legal Settlement of the said William CANNON was and is in the said parish of High Littleton with Hallatrow in the said County of Somerset.

These are, therefore, in His Majesty's Name, to will and require you, the Deputy Governor of the Corporation, of the Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistants and Guardians of the Poor of the said City of Bristol, to remove and convey the said William CANNON out of and from the said Parish, unto the said parish of High Littleton with Hallatrow and him to deliver unto the Church or Chapel Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the same parish or to some or one of them, together with a Duplicate of this our Order, who are hereby required to receive and provide for him according to Law. And hereof you are not to fail.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, this first Day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty six. James GEORGE, Mayor, Geo. E. SANDERS.

[Reverse - Suspension of Order]

Whereas it doth appear unto us the Justices within named that **William CANNON** 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 appear unto Us that the same may safely be executed without Danger. Given under our Hands, this first Day of December One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty six. James GEORGE, Mayor, Geo. E. SANDERS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-36 and 36a (2nd Copy).

[Note: William and Hannah son and dau. of George & Hannah CANNON bapt. at High Littleton 29 Dec 1793.]

57. Francis EVANS and family were removed from Newton St. Loe to High Littleton by Order dated 14th December 1836.

[Notice of Chargeability & Removal - Printed Form]

County OF Somerset.

The Parish of Newton Saint Loe in the said County of Somerset.

In the Matter of **Francis EVANS** a Pauper.

To the Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the above named Francis EVANS residing in this Parish, has, together with his Wife and five Children become chargeable to the said Parish of Newton Saint Loe and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your Parish of High Littleton as his last place of legal settlement (a Copy of which Order, and also a Copy of the Examination on which the same was made, are herewith sent): 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this Sixteenth day of December 1836. Abraham COLLINS, Geo. COLLINS, Thomas BALNE, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Newton Saint Loe.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-39b.

[Letter - postmarked Bath DR 19 1836] - To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of High Littleton, Somerset.

(Copy). County of Somerset.

The Examination of Francis EVANS, now residing in the parish of Newton Saint Loe in the said County, taken upon Oath, this 13 day of December 1836, before two of His Majesty's Justices of the peace of and for the said County.

Who saith, that he is now about 40 years of age and was born, as he has heard and believes, in the parish of High Littleton in the said County, where his Father Francis EVANS, a Labourer, and Sarah his Wife then lived and were legally settled, as he also believes; That Examinant's Father died about four years ago, ever since which

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time his Mother has received Relief from the said parish of High Littleton; the last two Years, Examinant's Mother has resided and now resides at the House of her Nephew, John EVANS, in the parish of Clutton in the said County. Examinant has never, to the best of his belief, done any Act whatever to gain himself a place of Settlement. That about Eighteen Years ago Examinant was lawfully married to his late Wife Martha, then Martha AYLESBURY, in the parish Church of Newton Saint Loe in the said County, by which marriage [he] has one Child named Martha, aged about Ten Years. That about ten years ago, Examinant was lawfully married to his present Wife Elizabeth, then Elizabeth JENKINS, in the parish Church of Corston in the said County, by which marriage he has four Children now living, namely, William aged about Eight Years, Ann aged about six Years, Francis aged about four Years and Samuel aged about two Years. Examinant is now actually chargeable to the said parish of Newton Saint Loe. The mark of X Francis EVANS.

Sworn before us, this 13th day of December 1836, J. WILKINSON, Chas. CROOK.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-39c.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

To the CHURCHWARDENS and OVERSEERS of the Poor of the Parish of Newton Saint Loe in the said County of Somerset, to execute and convey. And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to receive and obey.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set and subscribed, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County of Somerset, (one of us being of the Quorum) by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Newton Saint Loe in the said County of Somerset: That **Francis EVANS, Elizabeth his Wife and their five infant Children, namely Martha aged about Ten Years, William aged about Eight Years, Ann aged about six Years, Francis aged about four Years and Samuel aged about two Years**, lately came to inhabit in the said Parish of Newton Saint Loe in the said County of Somerset, contrary to Law, not having any Ways gained a Legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere: and that the said Francis EVANS, Elizabeth his Wife and their said infant Children are actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Newton Saint Loe: We the said Justices upon due examination of the said complaint and premises, and also upon examination of the said Francis EVANS upon his Oath before us and upon due consideration by us had in the premises, do adjudge the same complaint and premises to be true; and we do likewise adjudge that the last lawful settlement of the said Francis EVANS, Elizabeth his Wife and their said infant Children is in the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Newton Saint Loe in the said County of Somerset, or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Francis EVANS, Elizabeth his Wife and their said infant Children from and out of your said Parish of Newton Saint Loe to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 true copy thereof) and we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for them the said Francis EVANS, Elizabeth his Wife and their said infant Children according to Law, as Inhabitants legally settled in your said Parish of High Littleton.

Given under our Hands and Seals the fourteenth day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty Six. J. WILKINSON, Chas. CROOK.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-39 and 39a (2nd Copy).

[Letter] Mr DUDDING [*DUDDEN*], Relieving Officer for High Littleton.

I certify that **Francis EVENS** [*sic*] is ill and unable to follow his employment. T. HITCHINS [*Noted as HUTCHINGS on reverse*], Surgeon, Twerton, Nr. Bath, Sept'r 21st 1837.

The Complaint **F. EVANS** is now labouring under proceeds from a severe affection of the Head, brought on undoubtedly by an over anxiety for his Family that totally deprives of him from doing any employment for this last fifteen Months and no prospect whatever for any change for the better at present; he has had every advice possible that could be obtained for him and as been an inmate of the Bath Hospital twice and discharged incurable by the Medical Gentlemen of that i/nstitution; it takes up the whole of his Wife time in looking after and doing for him, for he is not capable of taking the least care of himself and not at all times able to feed himself with is food and is sufferings altogether his truly distressing. Mrs EVANS receives 5s. weekly safe by Samuel EVANS is Brother, and it's not sufficient for there maintainance; there are besides themselves four young children - not able to gain any thing for themselves; those children are by a second Marriage - his first Wife's children been all away from him and earns there own support except one and that his supported by his

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first Wife's relations. Elizabeth EVENS is under the necessity of applying for a more support then wat his allowed now, as five shillings per Week will not scarcely keep them from starving, as every provision is so very expensive and begs the Board of Guardians to take her unfortunate case into further consideration and allow her something more to support her unfortunate Husband and infant Family, and for further assistance she will be ever Thankfull and received with every Gratitude.

Newton St. Loe, Nr. Bath.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-31.

[Note: Francis was born at High Littleton c.1790 one of at least 12 children of Francis EVANS and his wife Sarah HOOPER. Samuel, an elder brother, was baptized at High Littleton on 7 Sep 1783. Francis EVANS senior was buried at High Littleton on 7 May 1834 aged 87 and Sarah, then of Clutton, was buried at High Littleton on 10 May 1837 aged 81.

Whilst living in High Littleton and working as a coal miner Francis EVANS, then 25, fathered a bastard child of Jane DIX, widow of William DIX. Overseers Accounts record on 5 Sep 1815 the cost of a special warrant to apprehend Francis EVANS to indemnify the parish in the lying in of Jane DIX. Francis duly paid £2, which was paid to Jane DIX for her lying in, plus 2/- reimbursement of the cost of the warrant. Jane DIX gave birth to a dead child on 5 Sep 1815.

Francis EVANS bach. otp married Martha AYLSBURY spin. otp by banns at Newton St. Loe 21 Aug 1817.

Mary dau. of Francis & Martha EVANS, Corston, labourer, bapt. at Corston 12 Mar 1820.

George son of Francis & Martha EVANS, Corston, labourer, bapt. at Corston 11 Nov 1821.

Martha a daughter was born in 1826.

Martha EVANS, Corston, aged 28, was buried at Corston 12 Mar 1826.

Francis EVANS widower otp married Elizabeth JENKINS spin. otp by banns at Corston 8 Oct 1826.

William son of Francis & Elizabeth EVANS, Corston, collier, bapt. at Corston 22 Jun 1828.

Anne dau. of Francis & Elizabeth EVANS, Corston, labourer, bapt. at Corston 7 Feb 1830.

Francis a son was born c.1831/2.

Samuel son of Francis & Elizabeth EVANS, Newton, collier, bapt. at Corston 4 May 1834.

Elizabeth dau. of Francis & Elizabeth EVANS, Corston, labourer, bapt. at Corston 13 May 1838. She married at Llanhilleth on 25 Dec 1860 Samuel Evans (Winmill) SILVERTHORNE and died in 1915.

Francis EVANS (son of Francis), laborer of Corston, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1826 and 1832. In applying in 1831 he said he had 4 children under 10 years old.

Francis EVANS, Corston, aged 50, was buried at Corston 26 Apr 1840.

Vestry Minutes of 21 Dec 1842 resolve that relief to Elizabeth EVANS should be reduced from 6/- to 4/- p.w. as she is able bodied, has 2 daughters out to service and her son earns 4/- to 6/- p.w.]

58. James TUCKER the younger and family were removed from Bedminster to High Littleton by Order dated 13th February 1837.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

(Copy) To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Bedminster in the City of Bristol and County of the same City, and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

City of BRISTOL, and County of the same City, to wit.

UPON the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Bedminster aforesaid, in the said City and County, 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 City and County, and one of us of the quorum, that **James TUCKER, Mary Anne his Wife and their five children, namely Ann aged 9 years and 6 months, Eliza aged 8 years, neither of whom have gained a settlement in their own right, Harriet aged 5 years and 6 months, Sarah aged 4 years and Elizabeth aged one year and ten months or severally thereabouts**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Bedminster not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate, owning them to be settled elsewhere, and that the said James TUCKER, Mary Anne his Wife and their five children are actually chargeable to the said Parish of Bedminster: We, the said Justices, upon due proof made thereof, as well upon the examination of the said James TUCKER 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 them the said James TUCKER, Mary Anne his Wife and their said five children was and now is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

We do therefore require you, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Bedminster or some or one of you, to convey the said James TUCKER, Mary Anne his Wife and their said five children from and out of the said Parish of Bedminster to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 a true copy thereof, at the same time showing to them the original; and we do also hereby require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for them as inhabitants of your Parish.

Given under our hands and seals, the Thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven. James GEORGE, Mayor, Rich'd ASH.

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[Reverse - Suspension of Order]

(Copy) WHEREAS, it doth appear unto us, the Justices within named, that **Mary Anne the Wife of James TUCKER** one of the Paupers within ordered to be removed is at present unable to travel, by reason of sickness and infirmity (and that it would be dangerous for her so to do), we do therefore hereby suspend the execution of the within Order of Removal until it shall be made appear unto us that the same may be safely executed without danger.

Given under our hands the day and year within written, James GEORGE, Mayor, Rich'd ASH.

[Below - Notice of Chargeability & Removal]

Parish of Bedminster in the City of Bristol and County of the same City.

To the Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice that **James TUCKER, Mary Anne his Wife and their five Children** have become chargeable to the said Parish of Bedminster and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your Parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal settlement, but the same has been suspended by reason of the sickness and infirmity of the said Mary Anne TUCKER, (a Copy of which Order, and also a Copy of the Examination on which the same was made, are herewith sent.) 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order. In case two Justices of the Peace for the said City and County shall then certify that the same may be executed without danger.

Dated this Thirteenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven. Thomas BAYNTON, Lawr. BROWN, Churchwardens. W. GOULSTONE, H. SHAW, Overseers.

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(Copy). City of Bristol and County of the same City to wit.

The Examination of James TUCKER, now residing at West Street in the Parish of Bedminster in the said City and County, Cordwainer, of and concerning his last legal settlement, taken upon Oath before us, two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said City and County, this thirteenth day of February One thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

Who upon his Oath saith, That he is 31 years of age and was born, as he hath heard and believes, in the said Parish of Bedminster; That he is legally settled in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, to which Parish he was, with his Wife and four children, removed about 3 years ago, from the said Parish of Bedminster, by order of two Justices of the Peace, for the County of Somerset, against which order there was no appeal; That Examinant was received by the Overseers of that Parish and relieved by them for about 6 weeks, when he obtained employment; That he was married at the parish Church of Saint Nicholas, Bristol, in or about the year 1827, to his Wife Mary Anne, by whom he hath 5 children, namely, Ann aged nine years and 6 months, Eliza aged 8 years, Harriet aged 5 years and 6 months, Sarah aged 4 years and Elizabeth aged 1 year and 10 months, or severally thereabouts; Who with Examinant have become chargeable to the said Parish of Bedminster, where they are now living; That Examinant's Wife is now ill and unable to be removed. The Mark of X James TUCKER.

Sworn before us James GEORGE, Mayor, Rich'd ASH.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-40a and 40b (2nd Copy).

[Note: For family details see earlier removal of James TUCKER and family from Bedminster to High Littleton by Order dated 6 Dec 1833.

James' father was removed from Bedminster to High Littleton by Order dated 18 Apr 1837.

Overseers Accounts record on 30 May 1837 a payment to Bedminster parish for the order of James TUCKER's removal and on 31 May the cost of bread and cheese for James TUCKER's family.]

59. James TUCKER the elder was removed from Bedminster to High Littleton by Order dated 18th April 1837.

[Notice of Chargeability & Removal - Printed Form]

Parish of Bedminster in the City of Bristol, and County of the same City, To the Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice that **James TUCKER** is become chargeable to the said Parish of Bedminster and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for his removal to your Parish of High Littleton as his last place of legal settlement, (a Copy of which Order, and also a Copy of the Examination on which the same was made, are herewith sent.). 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order.

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Dated this Twenty first day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven. Charles HILL, Thomas BAYNTON, Churchwardens, Rob't M. RING, George LANGRIDGE, Overseers.

[Below]

(Copy). City of Bristol and County of the same City to wit.

The Examination of James TUCKER, now resident Near the Red Cow in the Parish of Bedminster in the said City and County, Laborer, of and concerning 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 City and County, this Eighteenth day of April one thousand Eight hundred and thirty seven.

Who upon his Oath saith, That he is 70 years of Age, is the son of James and Martha TUCKER and was born, as he hath heard and believes, in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. That, when Examinant was 14 years old, he was bound apprentice to his Uncle Henry TUCKER, shoemaker, for seven years, that he served 4 years of his said Apprenticeship and lived during the whole time in the house of his Grandfather George TUCKER, at High Littleton aforesaid. That he hath never done any other Act to gain a Settlement. That he was married about 40 years ago, but his Wife is since dead. That in the month of February last, James TUCKER the younger, one of his sons by his said Wife, was, with his family, removed to the said Parish of High Littleton, by order of two Justices of the Peace for the said City of Bristol. That his said son had never gained a Settlement for himself but belonged to High Littleton in right of Examinant. That there was no appeal against the said order. That Examinant is now chargeable to the parish of Bedminster. James TUCKER.

Sworn before us John E. LUNELL, H.W. NEWMAN.

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(Copy) To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Bedminster in the City of Bristol and County of the same City, and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

City of BRISTOL, and County of the same City, to wit.

UPON the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Bedminster aforesaid, in the said City and County, 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 City and County, and one of us of the quorum, that **James TUCKER** hath come to inhabit in the said Parish of Bedminster not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate, owning them (*sic*) to be settled elsewhere, and that the said James TUCKER is actually chargeable to the said Parish of Bedminster: We, the said Justices, upon due proof made thereof, as well upon the examination of the said James TUCKER 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 James TUCKER was and now is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

We do therefore require you, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Bedminster or some or one of you, to convey the said James TUCKER from and out of the said Parish of Bedminster to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 a true copy thereof, at the same time showing to them the original; and we do also hereby require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for him as an inhabitant of your Parish.

Given under our hands and seals, the Eighteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven. John E. LUNELL, H.W. NEWMAN.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-40.

[Note: The information given in James' Examination is not quite correct. His mother was Martha TUCKER, Henry TUCKER was his uncle and George TUCKER his grandfather, but he was in fact illegitimate.

James base born child of Martha TUCKER bapt. at High Littleton 16 Oct 1768.

James TUCKER otp married Elizabeth HERNAMAN otp by banns at Temple, Bristol 15 May 1798.

They had at least 2 children including James born at Bedminster c.1806. - James married Mary Ann LINTERN at St. Nicholas, Bristol 12 Mar 1827.

Overseers Accounts record on 18 Apr 1837 4/6 paid to the Bedminster Overseers, being 3 weeks pay for James TUCKER.

Clutton Union Workhouse Register records the death of James TUCKER, High Littleton, aged 75, on 13 Apr 1840.

James TUCKER, High Littleton, aged 72, was buried at High Littleton 16 Apr 1840.]

60. Eliza BRIMBLE was removed from Trevethin to High Littleton by Order dated 25th October 1837.

[Letter postmarked Pontypool (no date) and Newport, Mon. OC 28 1837] - addressed to: The Overseers of the Poor, High Littleton, Somersetshire.

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Parish of Trevethin in the County of Monmouth.

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As to the removal of **Eliza BRIMBLE**.

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

Take Notice, that the above named Eliza BRIMBLE lately residing in this Parish has become chargeable to the said Parish of Trevethin and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for her removal to your Parish of High Littleton as her last place of legal settlement (a copy of which order, and also a copy of the examination on which the same was made are herewith sent). **And Take Notice**, That unless you appeal against the said order, and, within twenty-one days from the sending hereof, duly serve notice of such Appeal, the said pauper will be removed to your said Parish of High Littleton in pursuance of the said order.

Dated this 25th day of October One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Seven. George WATERS, John WILLIAMS, Tho's STEPHENS, Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Trevethin.

[Below - Order of Removal]

Monmouthshire to wit.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Trevethin in the County of Monmouth and to the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

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 acting in and for the said County of Monmouth (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Trevethin That **Eliza BRIMBLE** has come to inhabit in the said Parish of Trevethin not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging herself to be settled elsewhere, and now actually become chargeable to the same Parish of Trevethin: WE, the said Justices, upon Examination of the Premises, upon Oath and other circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the place of the legal Settlement of the said Eliza BRIMBLE to be in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

These are, therefore, in Her Majesty's Name, to require you the said Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Trevethin or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Eliza BRIMBLE from and out of your said Parish of Trevethin to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 the 25th day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Seven. Thomas FOTHERGILL, James HUNT.

[Reverse]

Monmouthshire to wit.

THE EXAMINATION OF **Eliza BRIMBLE** at present residing in the Parish of Trevethin in the said County, touching the Place of her legal Settlement, taken on Oath before Us, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, acting in and for the said County, this 25th day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty seven.

WHO, upon her Oath, saith, That she is about 19 years of age and was born in the Parish of Farmborough in the County of Somerset, and that she has done no act whereby to gain a settlement in her own right, and that she has often heard her Father say that his legal settlement was in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. The mark of Eliza X BRIMBLE.

Taken and sworn, the day and year above written, before us Thomas FOTHERGILL, James HUNT.

[Back] - Expences for Eliza BRIMBLE after the Order was made - 3 weeks 6s. 0d.

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Monmouthshire to wit.

The Examination of **David BRIMBLE** of the Parish of Trevethin in the said County, touching the settlement of Eliza BRIMBLE, taken and made before us, two of her Majesty's Justices of the peace in and for the said County, this 25th day of October 1837.

Who Saith, That the said Eliza BRIMBLE was born in the Parish of Farmborough in the County of Somerset and the late Joseph BRIMBLE's, the Father of the said Eliza BRIMBLE, legal settlement was in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and that the Father of the said Joseph BRIMBLE frequently received relief from the said Parish of High Littleton, and that he died about 12 Months since and for the last six years he received 1/6 a week from the said Parish of High Littleton up to the time of his death. And this Examinant, who is Brother to the late Joseph BRIMBLE, was removed from the Parish of Monnythusloine, by an order of removal, to the said Parish of High Littleton, as his Father's legal settlement and the said order was never appealed against. David BRIMBLE X his Mark.

Taken and sworn, the day and year above written, before us Thomas FOTHERGILL, James HUNT.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-41.

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[Letter postmarked Pontypool (no date) and Newport, Mon. AP 18 1837 addressed] - To the Overseers of High Littleton, Near Bristol.

I certify that **Eliza BRIMBLE** is & has been unable to work in consequence of an ulcer of the fore part of the leg and Strumous Inflammation of the Eyes. David LAWRENCE, Surgeon of the Ponty Pool Union.

Ponty Pool, April 15th 1837.

[Below]

Sir, I beg to send you above the Surgeon's Certificate relative to the Illness of **Eliza BRIMBLE** whose Settlement is at High Littleton. Be pleased to inform me whether you will refund us the Expence we shall incur with her or if you will obtain her admission to some Infirmary or we shall be compelled to obtain orders of removal and have them suspended for a time; she is in a most wretched state. Yours ob'ly C.T. EDWARDS, Clerk to the Union.

Pontypool Ap'l 17 1837.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-41a.

[Note: Eliza dau. of Joseph & Elizabeth BRIMBLE, Farmborough, coal miner, bapt. at Farmborough 3 Apr 1820.

Eliza's father died c.1835 and her mother married William ROSSITER at Llanhilleth in 1836. Examinations of Elizabeth ROSSITER and brother in law John BRIMBLE, taken on 16 Jul 1853, when an Order was made to remove Elizabeth from Westbury upon Trym to High Littleton, provide more information on the BRIMBLE family.

Clutton Union Workhouse Admission Register records the admission on 26 Aug 1842 of Eliza BRIMBLE, born 1818, High Littleton, servant, single, blind and weak intellect.

Eliza BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 27, buried at High Littleton 16 Sep 1848.]

61. Benjamin TUCKER, a lunatic of St. Giles in the Fields, was adjudged to be settled in High Littleton by Order dated 24th July 1838.

[Adjudication of settlement of lunatic - Printed Form]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton with Hollatrow (*sic*) in the County of Somerset.

Middlesex TO WIT.

WHEREAS, upon it being made known by notice from the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Giles in the Fields, in the County of Middlesex, and otherwise, to Henry Moreton DYER Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, that **Benjamin TUCKER** was a poor person chargeable to and residing in the said Parish of Saint Giles in the Fields, and that he was deemed to be insane, the said Justice, by an Order under his hand and seal, did require the Overseers of the same Parish to bring the said Benjamin TUCKER before two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County of Middlesex, at the Police Office, Great Marlborough Street, in the same County, on the nineteenth day of July One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Eight or then and there to produce due proof, to satisfy such Justices that the said Benjamin TUCKER was insane. AND WHEREAS, Henry Moreton DYER Esquire & John Edward CONANT Esquire, such Justices of the Peace, did then and there call to their assistance Mr James REED a Surgeon, at the charge of the Parish of Saint Giles in the Fields, in the County of Middlesex, and upon examination of the Premises, and from due proof on oath, were satisfied that the said poor person was insane, and thereupon did, by an Order and Warrant under their hands and seals, bearing date the Nineteenth day of July One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Eight (duly made and directed to the Overseers of the same Parish of Saint Giles in the Fields) direct and cause the same poor person to be conveyed to and placed and confined in a House called Sir Jonathan MILES's Lunatic Asylum at Hoxton in the same County, being a House duly licensed for the reception of Insane Persons, wherein the said poor person was accordingly, on the 19th day of July One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Eight so placed and confined, and hath always since been and now is therein placed and confined: Now the Premises have all and severally been duly proved before us [Henry Moreton DYER and John Edward CONANT] Esquires, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Middlesex, wherein the said Sir Jonathan MILES's Lunatic Asylum is situated. AND WHEREAS, the legal settlement of the said poor person has not before been ascertained, therefore, We, two of His [Her intended] Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Middlesex, have inquired into the last legal settlement of the said insane person, and have now obtained satisfactory evidence as to such settlement, and we do hereby adjudge that the said Benjamin TUCKER has been and is chargeable to the Parish of Saint Giles in the Fields, in the County of Middlesex. And we do also hereby adjudge that the legal settlement of the said Benjamin TUCKER was on and before the said 19th day of July One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Eight and has always since been and now is in the Parish of High Littleton with Hollatrow in the County of Somerset. NOW therefore, under and by virtue and authority of the said Act, passed in the ninth year of King George the Fourth, entitled "An Act to amend the Laws for the Erection and Regulation of County Lunatic Asylums, and more effectually to provide for the Care and Maintenance of Pauper and Criminal Lunatics in England," we do hereby Order that the Overseers of the Poor of

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the said Parish of High Littleton with Hollatrow in the County of Somerset shall and do pay to the Treasurer of the Middlesex County Lunatic Asylum, for the reasonable charges for the Maintenance, Medicine, Clothing and Care of the said insane person, such weekly sum as shall be from time to time fixed upon by the Visitors of such County Lunatic Asylum, for and during such time as the said insane person shall be detained in the said County Lunatic Asylum, unless you, the said Overseers shall be previously lawfully discharged from maintaining the said insane poor person. And until such time as the said Lunatic shall be received into the said County Lunatic Asylum and whilst he shall, pursuant to our Order, be maintained in the said Sir Jonathan MILES's Lunatic Asylum, we do hereby order that you the Overseers of High Littleton aforesaid shall and do pay to the Proprietor or Owner of Sir Jonathan MILES's Lunatic Asylum, for the reasonable charges for the Medicine, Maintenance, Clothing and Care of the said Benjamin TUCKER, such Insane Person, the Weekly Sum of Ten shillings, unless you the said Overseers of High Littleton shall be previously lawfully discharged from maintaining the said Insane Poor Person.

Given under our Hands and Seals this 24th day of July One thousand Eight Hundred and thirty Eight. J.E. CONANT, H.M. DYER.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/10/1-1.

[Letter postmarked JY 25 1838 addressed to] The Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton with Hallatrow in the County of Somerset. Bath.

[Printed Form - Printed by W. SMITH, Son and Co., 6. King Street, Seven Dials, and 8. Newgate Street.]
Middlesex to wit.

The Examination of Martha TUCKER, at present residing in the Parish of Saint Giles in the fields in the County of Middlesex, touching the Place of the last legal Settlement of her Son Benjamin TUCKER, taken on Oath before Us, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Middlesex.

Who, upon her Oath saith, That according to the best of her knowledge and belief, he the said Benjamin TUCKER is legally settled in the Parish of High Littleton with Hallatrow in the County of Somerset, by his Parents & Grandparents being there legally settled. That the said Benjamin TUCKER is her lawful Son, by her present Husband John TUCKER, to whom she was married in the Parish Church of Saint James, Clerkenwell, in the year 1803. That her said Husband, as she verily believes, was born in the said parish of High Littleton and that she and her children have been relieved by the Overseers of High Littleton as Parishioners, as well whilst dwelling in High Littleton as also whilst dwelling in London. That about twenty four years ago, she went to High Littleton to make application to the Overseers for relief, which was granted to her. That she received such relief for some time at High Littleton and then returned to London, where the Overseers of High Littleton allowed and paid her two shillings a week, which was sent to her by Mr Thomas FLOWER, the acting Overseer of High Littleton. That she received such relief for about Nine Months. That her Husband's Parents were also relieved as Parishioners by the Overseers of High Littleton. That her husband's Mother had a weekly allowance of three shillings paid to her, for about four years, by the Overseers of High Littleton, paid to her whilst dwelling in the parish of High Littleton, and for about four or five months, whilst dwelling out of that Parish, to wit at Kingsbury *[Timsbury written over the top]* in the County of Somerset. That her Son is now of unsound mind and is chargeable to the Parish of Saint Giles in the fields, in the County of Middlesex. Martha TUCKER.
Sworn, this 24th day of July 1838, before us J.E. CONANT, H.M. DYER.

[Below - Letter]

Vestry Clerk's Offices, Broad Street, St. Giles and Bloomsbury, 24 July 1838.

Gentlemen, I enclose, with this copy of Examination, an Original order adjudging **Benjamin TUCKER**, a Lunatic, to be settled in your parish & directing you to pay for his maintenance at a House Licensed for reception of Lunatics. If this man does not shortly recover, it seems likely that his family must be removed, unless you think proper to make some arrangement for relieving them here. He has a Wife & child. Please acknowledge the receipt of this Letter & the copy of Ex'n & the original Order enclosed. The family is well known to you; Martha TUCKER & her husband are living at Kingsbury *[Timsbury]*.

I am, Gentlemen, Your Most Ob't S't, William TAYLOR, Assist't Overseer.

[To] The Overseers, High Littleton.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-37.

Somerset to wit.

The Examination of John TUCKER, at present residing in the Parish of Timsbury in the County of Somerset, Tailor, touching the Place of Settlement of his Son, Benjamin TUCKER, taken on Oath, this fifteenth day of August 1838.

Who upon his Oath saith as follows, Viz't: I was married to Martha ROGERS at the Parish Church of Saint James, Clerkenwell, Middlesex, on the fourth day of July 1803. My Son Benjamin was born on the 12th June

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1804 at Shotton Ground, in the Parish of Saint Margaret's, Westminster, and was baptized at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, soon afterwards. I was then in the third regiment of Foot Guards, now called the Fusilier Guards, and quitted it in 1823. I worked at my Trade of a Tailor for the Regiment and, whilst in the Army, lived partly in Barracks and partly in Lodgings. After I left the Army (in 1823), I recollect renting a House in Garden Street, in the Parish of St. John's, Westminster, of a Mr FROST, about ten years ago, at Sixteen Pounds per year, the Landlord paying all rates and Taxes, which I occupied, I think, twelve Months and paid the rent quarterly. I paid three quarters' rent and, on account of Sickness, I was a little in arrear with my last Quarter's rent, and my Landlord and I agreed that I should leave and work it out, which I did, to the amount of about a Pound and there is now some due to him for the last Quarter. I don't remember whether we agreed for a year, but I believe I could quit any time by giving a quarter's Notice. Mr FROST left London for Plymouth, about six or seven years since. He was a Jeweller and Silversmith, but I don't know whether he is now alive. I am not certain whether I or my Wife made the agreement with Mr FROST. She is now in London. I think there was no written agreement. Before I rented of Mr FROST, I rented of Mr BLUNDELL two rooms in a House he rented, of someone whose Name I don't remember. The House consisted of four rooms under one Roof, two down Stairs, and two up. I had one down Stairs and one up. My two rooms were purposely separated from the other two, so that separate Doors from the Street, and separate Stair cases for each of us were used. It was a corner House in Chapter Street and Lower Garden Street in the Parish of St. John's, Westminster. I took it by the Week, at 3s. p. Week, I think, but I generally paid the rent quarterly. I think I lived there about six Months and went to Mr FROST's. Before I went to BLUNDELL's, I lodged in a ready furnished room in Arthur Street, Aldersgate Street, at five shillings p. Week, for about a twelvemonth, and then in St. Margaret's, Westminster in similar Lodgings some time. About three Weeks after Midsummer 1834, I rented a House of Mr CUBIT, at Milbank in the Parish of St. George, Hanover Square, London, at Sixteen Guineas p. year, and lived in it, I believe, until some short time after Midsummer 1835, I think until the 10th or 11th of July 1835. I paid some part of the rent, but can't say how much. I think it was only £7. 8. 9. I paid Poor's rates once there. Mr CUBIT is a Master Builder, but I don't know his residence. His Clerk, Mr GOOLD, let me the House, who lived at Milbank, but another Clerk named George NEAVE collected the rent. I possess two receipts, one dated October 1834, signed G. NEAVE, for £3. 4. 9 for Balance of 1 Quarter's rent to Michaelmas 1834 and the other for £4. 4. 0, dated Jan. ? 1835 for one Quarter's rent to Christmas 1834. I left Mr CUBIT's House in July 1835 for Somerset, and have not been there since. I have not rented any thing since to the amount of ten Pounds p. year. My Son Benjamin lived with me until he was about twelve years old, and I taught him my Trade of a Tailor for some time before, when he went and agreed with a Mr James or Henry TURNER, a Master Tailor living in Crown Street, King Street, St. Margaret's, Westminster, (who also had a Shop in Portsmouth road, Surrey), to work for him as a Tailor, and he did so for three years or thereabouts and received Wages by the Week, which were increased according to the time he served. I believe the Agreement was a verbal one, for some certain time, but don't know how long. I don't know whether my Wife was present at the Agreement, but I think not. My Son worked for Mr TURNER in order to improve himself in the Trade. All the time my Son worked for Mr TURNER, he lodged and boarded with me. I lived in St. Margaret's Parish, Westminster, when my Son went first to Mr TURNER and, I think, when he left. He afterwards worked as a Journeyman for Mr TURNER, and others, and lodged about until his Marriage. He was married, about Eleven years ago, to Harriett BADLEY at, I think, St. James's Church, in the Parish of Saint James, Middlesex. Upon his Marriage, he occupied a House for a short time, it might be a quarter of a Year, at Chelsea. He left Chelsea and came and took of me, one room of the House I then rented of Mr FROST, at three shillings p. Week, and staid there about a quarter of a year, when he took a House, in Regent Street, in the Parish of St. John's, Westminster, of a Sadler living in Milbank Street, at the rent of about fifteen or sixteen Pounds p. year, which he occupied for some time, it might have been a quarter or a half a year or a year, but I don't know for certain. He afterwards rented a room of Mr TAYLOR, at No. 29 in Bow Street, St. Paul's, Covent Garden, which he occupied for about two years, and left it about four years ago. I don't know the rent. I don't know what he has done since. My Wife is now in London, and also a Son named Richard Henry, a Tailor, living at No. 4 Duke Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields. I don't know where my Son Benjamin's Wife and Daughter (aged about ten years and named Harriett Martha) now live, but the last residence of my Son, that I know of, which was about a twelvemonth ago, was No. 9 Little Earl Street, Seven Dials, St. Giles's. Mr TURNER, my Son's Master, failed in Business, and left Crown Street about nine or ten years ago. I don't know where he now is, or whether he is alive. About 6 or 7 years ago, I heard that his Family was in a Workhouse and that he was gone into the country somewhere, that he failed in Surrey, and left his Family chargeable to Walworth. The Mark of X John TUCKER.

Sworn before me, the day and year aforesaid, G.T. SCOBELL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-35.

Exhibits

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No. [blank] London, Oct. 1834 - Received of Mr **Jno. TUCKER** Three Pounds four shillings and nine pence for Balance of Quarter's rent of Premises situate No. 4 Neathouse Buildings, Tha's Bank, due at Mich'as 1834 to Mr Tho's CUBITT. G. NEAVE.

Quarter's rent	4. 4. 0
Allowance for 3 Weeks	<u>0.19. 3</u>
£3. 4. 9	£3. 4. 9

London, Jan'y 1835 - Received of Mr **Jno. TUCKER** Four Pounds four shillings for a Quarter's rent of Premises situate No. 4 Neathouse Buildings due at Xmas 1834 to Mr Tho's CUBITT. G. NEAVE.

£4. 4. 0

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/8-38a.

[Note: John son of Henry TUCKER & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 29 Jul 1781. A family bible says he was born on 21 Jul 1781.

John TUCKER married Martha ROGERS at St. James, Middx. 4 Jul 1803.

Benjamin their son was born 12 Jun 1804 and baptized at St. Margaret, Westminster.

Overseers Accounts record on 25 Jul 1808 £1. 0. 6 paid for the conveyance of John TUCKER's family to London. Clearly they returned, for on 22 Jan 1810 £1.15/- was paid for carriage of John TUCKER's wife and child to London.

Richard Henry was another son.

There was another child by 1812.

Accounts record on 8 Sep 1812 expenses for carrying John TUCKER's wife and 3 children to London and paying them 2/- p.w. towards their rent from 7 Sep. On 30 Sep 2/6 was paid to John TUCKER's wife and 3 children when they first came from London, he being a private in the 3rd Reg't of Footguards. Accounts record on 1 Jul 1814 2/- p.w. relief paid for a few months to the family of John TUCKER, private in the 3rd Reg't of Footguards, in London, he on foreign service. Further relief to them in High Littleton followed before they returned once again to London. Vestry Minutes of 16 Jun 1815 agreed to pay 20/- to the wife of John TUCKER in London, for her lying in, which was paid on 2 Sep.

A child was born in 1815.

Accounts record on 13 Jun 1816 relief paid to John TUCKER's wife and 4 children from London. Minutes of 16 Jun 1816 record that John TUCKER's family had arrived from London and were to be paid as follows: the 3 youngest children 1/3 p.w. each, the eldest boy [Benjamin] (aged 12) to go to work and not to receive any relief whatever, nor any to the mother; should the eldest boy refuse to go to a place provided for him by the Vestry, then the pay to the other 3 children should be stopped. On 27 Jul £1. 5/- was advanced to convey them to London, she [John's wife] agreeing to repay the same out of the 5/- p.w. relief now allowed her. On 3 Oct 1818 2/- p.w. relief for 20 weeks was paid to John TUCKER's family in London (there were many previous such payments) and again on 17 Mar 1819 at 2/- p.w. On 9 May 1819 16/- was lent to John TUCKER to convey his wife and 4 children to London, to be repaid at 6d p.w. out of his weekly pay. Harriot Rogers dau. of John & Martha TUCKER, High Littleton, tailor, bapt. at High Littleton 9 Jan 1825.

The 1851 Census finds John TUCKER, aged 68, tailor, pensioner, born High Littleton, wife Martha 65, born Blandford, Dorset and daughter Harriett Rogers 26, dressmaker, born High Littleton, living in Back Lane, Timsbury.]

Somerset to wit.

The Examination of Martha TUCKER, Wife of John TUCKER, at present residing in the Parish of Timsbury in the said County, Tailor, touching the legal Settlement of her Son Benjamin TUCKER, taken on oath, this [blank] day of September 1838.

Who upon her Oath saith as follows, Viz't: I was not present at any Agreement between my Son Benjamin and Mr TURNER, and don't know how long he staid with him. My Son is now living in Lodgings at No. 9 Little Earl Street, Seven Dials, Saint Giles's, London. I don't think my Son occupied the House in Regent Street, St. John's, Westminster about four or five Months. Mr TURNER has died about two years since. I think Mr FROST's rent was £18 p. year, the Landlord paying Master rent and all Taxes. I did not make the Agreement. We paid £4.10. 0 p. Quarter and I think we have one or two receipts. It may be a twelvemonth we lived at Mr FROST's. I believe Mr FROST is come back to Lond. His Brother lives in Vincent Square, near Garden Street, and keeps a Boarding School. My Son was in St. Giles's Workhouse 4 days and a Week in the Asylum. I got him out on Friday the 20th, I got him out on Friday the 27th Jul 1838. [Not signed or sworn.]

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/6-36.

[Note: Benjamin TUCKER son of John TUCKER and his wife Martha ROGERS was born at St. Margaret's, Westminster on 12 Jun 1804.

Benjamin TUCKER married Harriet BADLEY at St. James, Clerkenwell, Middlesex c.1827.

Harriet Martha their daughter was born c.1828.]

Vestry Minutes of 11 Aug 1838 note that the suspended order made by the Magistrates on Benjamin TUCKER, son of John TUCKER, now in a lunatic asylum in London, was considered. It was resolved that Mr WILLIAMS go to Timsbury and take the examination of John TUCKER, Benjamin's father & report the same to a Vestry on Wednesday evening. On 15 Aug Mr WILLIAMS produced the examination of John TUCKER (who also attended the Vestry and gave further information embodied into the examination and sworn to) as to the settlement of Benjamin TUCKER, when it appeared there were grounds for considering he was not legally settled in the parish. HILL & WILLIAMS were instructed to examine the mother on her return from London.]

62. Thomas WHATLEY was removed from Farmborough to High Littleton by Order dated 2nd April 1839.

[Notice of Chargeability & Removal - Printed Form]

County OF Somerset.

The Parish of Farmborough in the said County of Somerset.

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In the Matter of **Thomas WHATLEY** a Pauper.

To the Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the above named Thomas WHATLEY residing at Farmborough has become chargeable to the said Parish of Farmborough and that an Order of Justice has been duly obtained for his removal to your Parish of High Littleton as his last place of legal settlement (a Copy of which Order, and also a Copy of the Examination on which the same was made, are herewith sent): 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this 2nd day of April 1839. James POW, John WHITING, Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Farmborough.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-42b. (2 Copies).

(Copy). Somerset To Wit.

The Examination of **Thomas WHATLEY**, now residing in the parish of Farmborough in the said County, taken on oath this 22d day of March 1839 before me, The Rev'd James PHILLOTT, Clerk, one of her Majesty's Justices of the peace in and for the said County.

Who saith, I am the Son of John WHATLEY and was born in the parish of High Littleton, as I have heard and believe. I have never gained a Settlement myself. I am now ill and receiving relief from the parish of Farmborough. The mark of X Thomas WHATLEY.

Sworn before me James PHILLOTT.

[Below]

Somerset to wit.

The Examination of **John WHATLEY** of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, taken on Oath this 2nd day of April 1839.

Who saith, that many years ago his Father John WHATLEY rented an Estate in the Parish of High Littleton at the rent of about thirty five pounds a year, that his father lived in the Estate about twenty years, that he, this Deponent, was born in the said Parish of High Littleton and that he hath lived in the said Parish all his life, that he hath done no act to acquire a settlement, that in the year 1806 he married Elizabeth BULL and that by her he had a Son Thomas, who is now residing in the Parish of Farmborough and receiving relief from that Parish, he is now very ill; that his said Son hath never done any Act to acquire a settlement. [Unsigned].

Sworn before us, James PHILLOTT, T.S. EDWARDS.

[Note: John, son of John WHATLEY and his wife Sarah WHIPPIE, was baptized at High Littleton 16 Oct 1774. John WHATLEY the elder rented an estate in High Littleton from Tho's READ (and afterwards the latter's executors) until 1789/90 and was an Overseer of the Poor in 1773/4 and 1783/4 by virtue of that estate. John the elder died in 1807 and Sarah, latterly of Farmborough, died in 1817.

When he was about 30, John WHATLEY was drawn to serve in the Substitute Militia but a substitute was found for him. At the General Quarter Sessions at Bridgwater on 9 Jul 1810, the Overseers of High Littleton were ordered to reimburse Bradford [on Avon] £17.10/- laid out in relief to the wife and child of Jeremiah RICHARDSON of Bradford, who served in the Militia for Somerset, as substitute for John WHEATLEY (sic) of High Littleton, and was called out into actual service from 26 Mar 1805 to 21 Sep 1807, during which time RICHARDSON's family became chargeable to Bradford.

John WHATLEY otp married Elizabeth BULL otp by banns at Temple, Bristol 19 May 1806.

John son of John & Elisabeth WHATLEY bapt. at High Littleton 14 Dec 1806. - John WHATLEY, an infant, buried at High Littleton 5 Jun 1807.

George son of John & Betty WHATLEY bapt. at High Littleton 20 May 1810. - George WHATLEY, Clutton Union Workhouse, aged 80, buried at High Littleton 20 Feb 1890.

The 1811 Census finds John WATLEY (sic) living in High Littleton with 2 other males and 1 female in the household.

William son of John & Elisabeth WHATLEY, High Littleton, butcher, bapt. at High Littleton 8 Jan 1815. - William married Elizabeth NORMAN at High Littleton on 24 Dec 1843.

Thomas son of John & Betsy WHATLEY, High Littleton, butcher, bapt. at High Littleton 16 Feb 1817.

Henry son of John & Betsy WHATLEY, High Littleton, butcher, bapt. at High Littleton 14 Feb 1819. - Henry WHATLEY, High Littleton, aged 18, buried at High Littleton 7 Mar 1838.

Elizabeth dau. of John & Elisabeth WHATLEY, High Littleton, butcher, bapt. at High Littleton 28 May 1822.

Elizabeth (an adult aged 24) dau. of John & Elisabeth WHATLEY, High Littleton, butcher, bapt. at High Littleton 13 Sep 1846. This second baptism may have something to do with the fact that Elizabeth was pregnant and unmarried. She had a bastard child on 19 Feb 1847, baptized Henry at High Littleton on 8 Mar, married Samuel TUCKER on 26 Sep 1847 and had Henry baptized again on 11 Feb 1849 as TUCKER.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records John WHATLEY as occupier of a tenement and garden on the north east side of High St. (210 on the map), belonging to James BUSH.

Land Tax Assessments for 1830/1 & 1831/2 list John WHATLEY & another as occupiers of a cottage and land belonging to Joseph BUSH. Elizabeth WHATLEY, Farmborough, aged 51, was buried at High Littleton 5 Jan 1835.

The Tithe Survey of 1839 records John WATLEY as occupier of houses (12 on the map) at Church Barton, belonging to Joseph HART and taxed at 1/10d.

The 1841 Census finds John WHATLEY, aged 64, butcher, living alone in High Littleton.

John WHATLEY, butcher of High Littleton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1818, 1821, 1823, 1837 and 1844. Against 1848 was marked "dead".

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John WHATLEY, High Littleton, aged 75, was buried at High Littleton 2 Jun 1848.]

[Overleaf]

Somerset to Wit.

The examination of **James BOULTER** of the parish of Farmborough in the said County, Overseer of the Poor, taken on oath this 2d day of April 1839.

Who saith, that Thomas WHATLEY is very ill in bed and not in a proper state to be removed from the parish of Farmborough. James BOULTER.

Sworn before us James PHILLOTT, T.S. EDWARDS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-42d.

[Printed Form - No. 36. (Order of Removal.) Printed and sold by Richard CRUTTWELL, St. James's-Street, Bath.]

County of Somerset.

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

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set and subscribed, two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County (one of us being of the Quorum,) by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Farmborough in the said County of Somerset: That **Thomas WHATLEY** lately came to inhabit in the said Parish of Farmborough in the said County of Somerset, contrary to Law, not having any ways gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning him to be settled elsewhere; and that the said Thomas WHATLEY is actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Farmborough: We the said Justices, upon due Examination of the said Complaint and Premises, and also upon Examination of John WHATLEY upon his Oath before us, and upon due Consideration by us had in the Premises, do adjudge the same Complaint and Premises to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the last lawful Settlement of him the said Thomas WHATLEY is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in her Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Farmborough in the said County of Somerset or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Thomas WHATLEY from and out of your said Parish of Farmborough to the said Parish of High Littleton and him 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 true Copy thereof.) And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for the said Thomas WHATLEY according to Law, as an Inhabitant legally settled in your said Parish of High Littleton.

Given under our Hands and Seals the second Day of April in the year of the Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty nine. James PHILLOTT, T.S. EDWARDS.

[Reverse - Suspension of Order]

WHEREAS it duly appeareth to us, the Justices within named, that the within-named **Thomas WHATLEY** is now so ill that it is dangerous to remove him in conformity to the within Order of Removal: We therefore, in pursuance of the late Act of Parliament in that case made and provided, do hereby suspend the Execution of the within Order of Removal, until we are satisfied that the same may be safely executed without Danger to him the said Thomas WHATLEY. Given under our Hands this second Day of April 1839. James PHILLOTT, T.S. EDWARDS.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-42 and 42a (2nd Copy).

[Slip of Paper]

The Overseers of the Parish of Littleton.

To the Overseers of the Parish of Farmborough.

1839. for 3 Weeks Pay for **Tho's WHATLEY** - 8s. 0d.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-42c.

[Note: Thomas son of John & Betsy WHATLEY, High Littleton, butcher, bapt. at High Littleton 16 Feb 1817.

Thomas appears to have cohabited with Martha, the widow of Joseph TUCKER, since 1842 and they had an illegitimate child baptized Henry in March 1843.

Thomas WHATLEYx of full age, bach., labourer, High Littleton, son of John WHATLEY, butcher, married Martha TUCKERx of full age, widow, High Littleton, dau. of George WINTER, labourer, by banns at High Littleton 6 Apr 1843.

George son of Thomas & Martha WHATLEY, High Littleton, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 16 May 1845.

Thomas WHATLEY (Jno.'s son) of High Littleton received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1844 and 1846.]

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63. Elizabeth FOSTER and family were removed from the Out parish of St. Cuthbert, Wells to High Littleton by Order dated 10th September 1840.

Henry FOSTER's Examination has not been located.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

Somerset to wit.

To the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells in the County of Somerset; and also to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset and to each & every of them.

FORASMUCH as 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, (and One of us being of the Quorum,) by you the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells in the said County of Somerset, That **Elizabeth FOSTER the Wife of Henry FOSTER, Labourer, (lately residing in the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells but now a Prisoner in the Custody of the Keeper of Her Majesty's Gaol at Ilchester in the said County) and their four Children namely, Elizabeth aged about thirteen years, James aged about nine years, John aged about seven years and Eliza aged about four years,** have intruded themselves into the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells endeavouring there to settle as Inhabitants thereof, not having in any way acquired or obtained a legal Settlement therein, and are actually become chargeable to the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells.

WE the said Justices upon due proof made thereof, as well upon examination of the said Henry FOSTER taken upon Oath before one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, pursuant to the statute in such cases made and provided, as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration, do adjudge the said Complaint and Premises to be true, and do also adjudge that the said Elizabeth FOSTER and Elizabeth, James, John and Eliza her children are last legally settled in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in Her Majesty's Name to require, order and command you the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells or some or one of you, forthwith to remove and convey the said Elizabeth FOSTER and Elizabeth, James, John and Eliza her children from and out of your said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells unto the said Parish of High Littleton and there to deliver them 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 them according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the Tenth day of September in the fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty. C.H. PULSFORD, H.W. BARNARD.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-16b.

[Note: It is not apparent how Henry FOSTER gained a settlement in High Littleton but it was probably by yearly service.

Henry FOSTER bach. otp married Elizabeth YOUNG spin. otp by banns at St. Cuthbert, Wells 4 Dec 1826.

Elizabeth a daughter was born c.1826/7.

Robert was born c.1830/1.

James was born c.1831/2.

John was born c.1832/3.

Eliza was born c.1835/6.

At Wells Midsummer Adjourned Sessions on July 6th 1840 (Wm. MILES Esq. presiding), Henry FOSTER, aged 33, Labourer, who had been committed by H.W. BARNARD, Clerk, on May 16th, was charged, together with John PORTER, with unlawfully taking Fish in certain water running through Land adjoining the dwelling house of James Somervill SOMERVILLE Esq're. They were found Not Guilty and discharged. It was noted that FOSTER had a previous conviction for an Assault. The same pair appeared again a month later: 8 Aug 1840, Wells Summer Assizes. Henry FOSTER, aged 33, charged with John PORTER, aged 21. Offence - breaking the dwelling house of Joseph ALLARD and stealing £12. 9/- in money and other articles. FOSTER found guilty and sentenced to 10 years transportation. Previous conviction - 1 month for assault, but acquitted of stealing fish from a pond. [PORTER, who had previous convictions for felony and poaching, was transported for 15 years]. 3 Sep 1840 both prisoners removed to the Stirling Castle hulk at Devonport (Ilchester Gaol Felons Register - SRO Q/AGi 14/6).

The Description Book of Ilchester Gaol (SRO Q/AGi 15/4) records: 14 August 1840. Henry FOSTER, aged 33, height 5 ft. 7¼ in. Person, stout - complexion, dark - visage, oval - hair, dark - eyes, hazel - born, Wells - marks, scar on tip of nose - trade, labourer - last abode, Wells - married with 5 (sic) children - read and write, imp. Remarks, transportation for 10 years.

Overseers Accounts record on 5 Jan 1841 £1.15/- expenses of Henry FOSTER's family paid to the Overseer of the Out parish of St. Cuthbert, Wells.

The 1841 Census finds Elizabeth FOSTER, aged 35, washerwoman, Elizabeth 14, James 9, John 6 and Eliza 4, living in Hallatrow.

Vestry Minutes of 21 Dec 1842 state that Elizabeth FOSTER's relief should be reduced from 6/- to 3/- p.w. as she earns at washing 4/- p.w. plus food and her eldest son was at service.

Elizabeth and family were later removed from the In parish of St. Cuthbert, Wells to High Littleton by Order dated 29th May 1848.]

64. Francis JAMES was removed from Radstock to High Littleton by Order dated 16th February 1841.

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[Printed Form - HEWITT, Printer, Paulton.]

EXAMINATION ORDER of Removal and Notice

(Copy). COUNTY OF SOMERSET, TO WIT.

THE EXAMINATION of **Francis JAMES**, now residing in the Clutton Union Workhouse in the County of Somerset, Coal Miner, touching the place of his last legal settlement, taken upon Oath this sixteenth day of February 1841.

Who upon his Oath, saith as follows, viz. I am about 58 years of old *[age deleted]*, and was born in the Parish of High Littleton in this County, as I have heard and believe, where my Parents, William and Susannah JAMES, were settled Inhabitants. I have never lived out at a Place of Service for a year, neither have I ever rented to the amount of ten pounds a year, nor have I ever done any thing to acquire a place of Settlement for myself, to the best of my Knowledge. I have worked as a Coal Miner ever since I was able to work, and I never was married, and I have lived at Lodgings ever since I left my Father's House. I am in an ill state of health and unable to work. Francis JAMES X his mark.

Taken and Sworn before us, Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset, T. WILLIAMS, H.H. MOGG.

[Reverse]

(Copy) Somerset to wit.

The Examination of **Henry Wolford SALMON**, touching the settlement of the above named Francis JAMES, taken upon oath this sixteenth day of February 1841.

Who, upon his Oath saith as follows, viz't: I am the Master of the Clutton Union Workhouse; said Francis JAMES has been residing in such workhouse ever since the 29th of January last, at the charge of the Parish of Radstock, which forms part of such Union. H.W. SALMON.

Taken and sworn before us, H.H. MOGG, T. WILLIAMS.

[Second Page - Notice of Chargeability & Removal]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

THE Parish of Radstock in the said County of Somerset.

In the matter of Francis JAMES, Coal Miner, a Pauper.

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

TAKE NOTICE, that the above-named Francis JAMES has become chargeable to our said Parish of Radstock and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for his removal to your Parish of High Littleton as the place of his last legal settlement, (a Counterpart 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this Twenty Second day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty one. John SMITH, Joseph STEEDS, Jno. COX, Thomas JAMES, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Radstock.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-43a.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - HEWITT, Printer, Paulton.]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Radstock in the County of Somerset, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton 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 Radstock That **Francis JAMES, Coal Miner**, has come to inhabit in the said Parish of Radstock 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 Francis JAMES 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 Francis JAMES to be in the Parish of High Littleton 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 Radstock or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Francis JAMES from and out of your said Parish of Radstock to the said Parish of High Littleton and him deliver unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or to some or one of

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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 Sixteenth Day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one. T. WILLIAMS, H.H. MOGG.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-43.

[Note: Francis was born c.1783 a son of William JAMES, coal miner of High Littleton, and his wife Susannah DANDO.

The 1811 Census finds Francis JAMES, coal miner, living in High Littleton with 2 other coal miners in the household.

Clutton Union Workhouse Admission Register records that Francis JAMES discharged himself from the workhouse on 15 May 1841. On 5 Oct 1842 Francis JAMES, High Littleton, collier, single, bad hand, was again admitted to the workhouse, left on leave of absence on 25 Jan 1843, returned the following day, again took leave of absence on 18 Mar, returned on 22 Mar and discharged himself on 8 Jun.

The 1851 Census finds Francis JAMES, aged 67, born High Littleton, living in Radstock with George COOMBS, Innkeeper, where he was employed as an hostler boy.

The 1861 Census finds Francis JAMES, unmarried, aged 81, coal miner, born High Littleton, in Clutton Union Workhouse.

Clutton Union Workhouse Register records the death of Francis JAMES, High Littleton, aged 84, on 6 Jun 1867.

Francis JAMES, Clutton, aged 84, buried at High Littleton 11 Jun 1867.]

65. John SMITH and family were removed from Llangynider to High Littleton by Order dated 19th April 1841.

[Notice of Chargeability & Removal - Printed Form - WILLIAMS, Printer, Post-Office, Crickhowell.]

To the Overseers of the Poor of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

WE, the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Llangynider in the County of Brecon, DO HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE, that **John SMITH and Jane his wife and their four children, namely Silas aged ten years or thereabouts, Charlotte aged seven years or thereabouts, Ann aged five years or thereabouts and Martha aged eighteen months or thereabouts**, have become chargeable to the said Parish of Llangynider and that an order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your said Parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal Settlement, (a Copy of which Order, and also a Copy of the Examination on which the same was made, are herewith sent:) 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order.

DATED this 22nd Day of April 1841. David SMITH, Joseph HANCOCK, Churchwardens. Edmund HOWELLS, The X Mark of John EDWARDS, Phillip PHILLIPS, Overseers.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-44d.

(Copy) Breconshire to wit.

The Examination of **John SMITH** of the Rassau in the parish of Llangynider in the County of Brecon, Miner, taken before the undersigned, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said County, who on his Oath saith, touching the place of his legal settlement:

I am now about thirty eight years of age. I was born in the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, my father was likewise born in the said parish of High Littleton and died there. I continued working with my Father at Paulton in the said County of Somerset till I was nineteen years of age. I then came over to the Iron works in Wales and procured employment at Risca for about 12 months as a Miner, afterwards at the Varleg Iron Works for about two years. I then came to Beaufort Iron Works; about Eleven years ago I was married by Banns, at the parish church of Monyddysloyne, to Jane FLOOK, by whom I have had five children, four of whom are now living, namely, Silas aged ten years or thereabouts, Charlotte aged seven years or thereabouts, Ann aged five years or thereabouts and Martha aged Eighteen Months or thereabouts. I never rented a tenement of the yearly rent of Ten pounds, nor did any act whereby to gain a Settlement; about 8 years ago myself, wife and two children were removed to the said parish of High Littleton, by the order of two Magistrates, from the parish of Bedwellty in the County of Monmouth. I am now, through Illness, unable to provide for myself and family and have become chargeable to the parish of Llangynider and have received relief from the relieving officer of the Crickhowell Union, in which the said parish of Llangynider is situate. John SMITH.

Taken and Sworn at Crickhowell in the County of Brecon, this 19th day of April 1841, Before us R.W.P. DAVIES, John ANSDELL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-44b.

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I certify that **John SMITH** is unable to follow his occupation as Miner owing to Asthma.

Frank IRWIN, Surgeon. Ebbw Vale Iron Works, May 7th.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-44a.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

COUNTY OF **BRECON**.

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Llangynider in the said County of Brecon, and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

UPON the complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Llangynider aforesaid, in the said County of Brecon, unto us whose names and seals are hereunto subscribed and set, being two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the said County of Brecon, and one of us of the Quorum, that **John SMITH and Jane his Wife and their four children, namely Silas aged ten years or thereabouts, Charlotte aged seven years or thereabouts, Ann aged five years or thereabouts and Martha aged eighteen months or thereabouts**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Llangynider not having gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any certificate, owning them or either of them to be settled elsewhere, and that the said John SMITH and Jane his wife, Silas, Charlotte, Ann and Martha are now actually chargeable to the said Parish of Llangynider.

WE the said Justices (*sic*), upon due proof made thereof, as well upon the examination of the said John SMITH on 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 the said John SMITH and Jane his wife and their four children Silas, Charlotte, Ann and Martha is in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, in the said County of Somerset. WE do therefore require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Llangynider or some or one of you to convey the said John SMITH and Jane his wife, Silas, Charlotte, Ann and Martha from and out of the said Parish of Llangynider to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 a true copy thereof, at the same time shewing to them the original. And WE do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for them as inhabitants of your Parish.

GIVEN under our hands and Seals, this 19th day of April in the fourth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty one. R.W.P. DAVIES, John ANSDELL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/2-44 and 44c (2nd Copy).

[*Note*: For family details, see their removal from Llangattock to High Littleton by Order dated 14 Apr 1831. The family were removed later from Machen to High Littleton by Order dated 17 Apr 1833.

Overseers Accounts record on 30 Jun 1841 £1.15/- paid to the Overseers of Llangynider in Wales for the expense of John SMITH and family, they having been brought home by an order. Vestry Minutes of 21 Dec 1842 describe John SMITH as an "impostor" and agreed that he should come home or payment of 3/6 p.w. relief to him, his wife and family should stop.

Clutton Union Workhouse Admission Register records the admission on 1 Feb 1843 of John SMITH, High Littleton, married, miner, asthma. He discharged himself on 3 Feb.

The 1851 Census finds John SMITH, aged 48, wife Jane 39 and children Ann 15, Martha 12, Lydia 5 and Samuel 2, living in Clutton.]

66. An Order was made for the removal of **George JAMES** from Timsbury to High Littleton in 1841. Neither George JAMES' Examination nor the Removal Order, which was suspended, have been located.

Overseers Accounts record on 29 Oct 1841 a payment to Timsbury parish for a suspended order for George JAMES, who belongs to High Littleton.

[*Note*: There were several George JAMES' living in the vicinity of High Littleton around this time. It is thought that the details below are of the correct George JAMES although it is unclear how this one came to have a legal settlement in High Littleton.

George JAMES, labourer married Sushannah MORRIS, spin. by banns at Timsbury 4 Aug 1755.

George the son of George & Shusanah JAMES was bapt. at Timsbury 1 Nov 1778.

George JAMES otp married Martha CLARK otp by banns at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 19 Sep 1802.

Eliza dau. of George & Martha JAMES bapt. at Timsbury 1 May 1803.

Rebecca dau. of George & Martha JAMES bapt. at Timsbury 20 Jan 1805.

George son of George & Martha JAMES bapt. at Timsbury 14 May 1807.

Mary dau. of George & Martha JAMES bapt. at Timsbury 4 Nov 1810. - Mary JAMES, Timsbury, aged 3, buried at Timsbury 2 Feb 1814.

Philip son of George & Martha JAMES bapt. at Timsbury 1 Nov 1812.

Mary dau. of George & Martha JAMES, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Timsbury 26 Feb 1815. - Mary JAMES, Timsbury, aged 7, buried at Timsbury 18 Jul 1822.

James son of George & Martha JAMES, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Timsbury 19 Jan 1817.

Joseph son of George & Martha JAMES, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Timsbury 24 Oct 1819. - Joseph JAMES, Timsbury, aged 1¼, buried at Timsbury 26 Nov 1820.

Isaac son of George & Martha JAMES, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Timsbury 4 Nov 1821.

John son of George & Martha JAMES, Timsbury, coal miner, bapt. at Timsbury 13 Mar 1825.

The 1841 Census finds George JAMES, aged 63, coal miner, Martha 64, James 25, coal miner, Isaac 20, coal miner and John 17, coal miner, living in Timsbury.

The 1851 Census finds George JAMES, aged 73, pauper, born Timsbury, wife Martha 70, pauper, born Farmborough, sons James 36, coal miner, John 26, coal miner, both born Timsbury and niece Rebecca HOBBS 8, scholar, born Timsbury, living in Timsbury.]

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67. An Order was made for the removal of **William TUCKER**'s family from Clutton to High Littleton in 1841. Neither Examinations nor the Removal Order have been located.

Overseers Accounts record on 29 Dec 1841 a payment to the Overseers of Clutton for 5 weeks pay for William TUCKER's family under an Order of Removal to High Littleton.

[Note: It seems likely that the William referred to in the Order is the following:

A family bible in the possession of Glynn Tucker provides many dates (see * below), which do not always tally with official records.

William (born 12 Nov 1804*) son of John TUCKER & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 18 Nov 1804.

William TUCKER otp married Martha ROGERS otp by banns at St. James, Bristol 3 Oct 1825.

Martha was born 5 Nov 1807* (?should be 1806) dau. of Josiah ROGERS & his wife Lydia (nee WALL) the widow of William ROGERS.

William son of William & Martha TUCKER, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 24 Jul 1826. - William TUCKER, Clutton, aged 8 days, buried at Clutton 2 Aug 1826.

Sarah (born 14 Jul 1827*) dau. of William & Martha TUCKER, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 5 Aug 1827. She married Maurice GOVER at Clutton on 11 Jun 1848 and they later settled in Salt Lake City, Utah. She died on 15 Feb 1817.

Emma (born 7 May 1830*) dau. of William & Martha TUCKER, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 30 May 1830. She married W'm LOCKYER on 24 Dec 1850 and died 1 May 1887.

John (born 26 Nov 1832*) son of William & Martha TUCKER, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 23 Dec 1832. He married Harriet JAMES c.1859 and died 7 Mar 1888.

William (born 24 May 1836*) son of William & Martha TUCKER, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 17 Jul 1836. He married Sophia RAWLINGS at St. Michael, Bristol 30 Nov 1857, died at Kingswood 27 Aug 1893* and was buried at Trevethin.

Joseph (born 22 Aug 1840 (sic)*) son of William & Martha TUCKER, High Littleton, bapt. at Midsomer Norton Wesleyan Methodist Church 22 Sep 1839. He married Eliza ---- had issue, died 15 Sep* and was buried at Trevethin 19 Sep 1877*.

The 1841 Census finds William TUCKER, aged 35, coal miner, Martha 30, Emma 11, John 8, William 5 and Joseph 2, living in Clutton.

William TUCKER (son of John), coal miner of Clutton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity between 1832 and 1843.

Martha Ellen (born 11 Apr 1843*) dau. of William & Martha TUCKER, Clutton, coal miner, bapt. at Midsomer Norton Wesleyan Methodist Church 21 May 1843. She married c.1864 William BUCK and died 12 Mar 1866*.

Emily dau. of William TUCKER & Martha, formerly ROGERS, Clutton, collier, born at Clutton 3 Jan 1849 (Birth Certificate, also*). She married 1 Jan 1870 at Pontypool Wesleyan Chapel Henry PRIOR and died 18 Dec 1937.

The 1851 Census finds William TUCKER, aged 40, coal miner, born Cameley, wife Martha 40 and children John 18, coal miner, William 15, coal miner, Joseph 12, coal miner, Martha 8 and Emily 2, all born Clutton, living in Turnpike Road, Clutton.

The family moved to Abersychan in 1853 and the 1861 Census finds William TUCKER, aged 56, born High Littleton, wife Martha 54 and children William 24, Martha 18 and Emily 12, all born Clutton and William jun'r's wife Sophia, born Tewstoke (sic), living in Abersychan.

William TUCKER died on 4 Feb 1869* and was buried in Trevethin Churchyard.

Martha TUCKER died at Kingswood on 18 Nov 1880* and was buried in Trevethin Churchyard.]

68. **George SALMON** and wife were removed from Babington to High Littleton by Order dated 11th Feb 1842. George SALMON's Examination has not been located.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - W. SPARKS, PRINTER, FROME]

County of SOMERSET.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the parish of Babington in the said county of Somerset, to execute and convey. And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the parish of High Littleton in the said county to receive and obey.

Whereas complaint hath been made unto us, whose hands and seals are hereunto set and subscribed, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the peace, of and for the said County of Somerset, (one of us being of the quorum) by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of Babington in the said County of Somerset, that **George SALMON and Miriam his wife** lately came to inhabit in the same parish of Babington in the said County of Somerset, contrary to Law, not having anyways gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere: and that the said George SALMON and Miriam his wife actually became chargeable to the said parish of Babington: We the said Justices upon due examination of the said complaint and premises, and also upon Examination of the said George SALMON upon his oath before us and upon due consideration by us had in the premises, do adjudge the same complaint and premises to be true, and we do likewise adjudge, that the last lawful settlement of the said George SALMON and Miriam his wife is in the said parish of High Littleton in the said county of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in Her Majesty's name, to require, order, and command you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of Babington in the said County of Somerset, or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said George SALMON and Miriam his wife from and out of your said parish of Babington to the said parish of High Littleton 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 true copy thereof). And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for them the said George SALMON and Miriam his wife according to Law, as Inhabitants legally settled in your said parish of High Littleton.

Given under our hands and seals at Kilmersdon in the said County the eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty two. Tho's R. JOLLIFFE, J.T. JOLLIFFE.

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Document in High Littleton Vestry August 2000.

[Note: George son of James SALMON & his wife Betty DURY was baptized at High Littleton 19 Jul 1789.

George SALMONx bach. otp married Miriam PITMANx spin. otp at Wells 20 Oct 1809. Miriam was born c.1780.

Overseers' Accounts record on 6 Jul 1811 a payment to George SALMON in illness and distress in Mells. A similar payment on 31 Jul describes him as ill at Mells. Vestry Minutes of 25 Mar 1816 agree that George SALMON, living at Mells, being ruptured, the parish was to pay half the price of a truss.

Accounts record on 11 Mar 1842 a payment to the Overseer of Babington for expenses of George SALMON and wife, brought home to High Littleton from Babington.

Minutes of 21 Dec 1842 recommend that the relief of 4/- p.w. paid to George SALMON and wife should be stopped and note "an imposter", should come to house (*workhouse*).

George & Miriam were later removed from Leigh upon Mendip to High Littleton by Order dated 21 Jan 1848.]

69. Richard SELLAR was removed from Camerton to High Littleton by Order dated 3rd March 1842.

[*Notice of Chargeability & Removal - Printed Form*]

PARISH of Camerton in the said County of Somerset,

IN THE MATTER of **Richard SELLAR**, a Pauper.

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

TAKE NOTICE, that the above named Richard SELLAR, now residing in this Parish, has become chargeable to the said parish of Camerton and that an order of Justices has been duly obtained for his removal to your parish of High Littleton as his last place of legal settlement, a copy of which order, and also a copy of the Examination on which the same was made, are herewith sent. And take notice that, unless, within twenty-one days from the date hereof, you duly serve notice of appeal against the said order, the said Pauper will be removed to your said parish, in pursuance of the said order, provided the said Pauper be then in a fit state to be removed. Dated this fourth day of March 1842. John JARRETT, Henry PARKER, John GREENLAND, James KEMBERY, Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of Camerton.

COUNTY OF SOMERSET TO WIT.

THE EXAMINATION of **Richard SELLAR** at present residing in the Parish of Camerton in the said County touching the place of his last legal settlement taken before one of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, the first day of March One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty two.

Who upon his oath saith as follows: I am now about seventy Years of age. That about forty five Years ago, I hired myself as a Yearly Servant to Mr Thomas BROADRIP [*BRODRIBB*] of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Coal master, and under such hiring I lived in the service of Mr BROADRIP upwards of a Year, and during that time I slept in my Master's House at High Littleton. I have never since done any Act to gain myself a Place of Settlement. About 30 Years ago I resided at Temple Cloud in the County of Somerset and having then met with an accident, I was relieved by the Overseers of High Littleton. I have several times received relief from the same Parish, when I have been unable to work. I am now actually chargeable to the said Parish of Camerton, having received Relief from James PRATTEN, relieving officer of the Clutton Union. The mark of X Richard SELLAR.

[*Below*]

John GREENLAND, Overseer of the poor of the parish of Camerton within the Clutton Union, upon his Oath saith that the said Richard SELLAR is now actually chargeable to the Parish of Camerton. John GREENLAND. Sworn before me this 1 day of March 1842, J. WILKINSON.

Reported to me in petty Sessions this 3rd day of March 1842. Geo. Edw'd ALLEN.

[*Footnote*]

March 8th 1842 - this was delivered to Mr James WEEKS, Hallatrow by John GREENLAND of Camerton.

[*Order of Removal - Printed Form*]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

To the CHURCHWARDENS and OVERSEERS of the Poor of the Parish of Camerton in the said County of Somerset, to execute and convey. And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to receive and obey.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set and subscribed, two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County of Somerset, by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Camerton in the said County of Somerset: That **Richard SELLAR aged about 70 Years** lately came to inhabit in the said Parish of Camerton in the said County of Somerset, contrary to Law, not having any Ways gained a Legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning him to be settled elsewhere: and that the said Richard SELLAR is actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Camerton: We the said Justices upon due examination of the said complaint and premises, and also upon examination of the said Richard SELLAR (a copy of which examination is herewith sent) taken upon his Oath

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before us and upon due consideration by us had in the premises, do adjudge the same complaint and premises to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the last lawful settlement of the said Richard SELLAR is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in her Majesty's name, to require, order, and command you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Camerton in the said County of Somerset, or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Richard SELLAR from and out of your said Parish of Camerton to the said Parish of High Littleton and him to deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor there, or some or one of them (together with this our Order,) and we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for him the said Richard SELLAR according to Law, as an Inhabitant legally settled in your said Parish of High Littleton

Given under our Hands and Seals the third day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two. J. WILKINSON, Geo. Edw. ALLEN.

[Reverse - Suspension of Order]

Whereas it duly appeareth to us, the Justices within named, that the within-named **Richard SELLAR** is now so ill that it is dangerous to remove him in conformity to the within Order of Removal: We, therefore, do hereby suspend the Execution of the within Order of Removal, until we are satisfied that the same may be safely executed without Danger to him the said Richard SELLAR.

Given under our Hands this third Day of March 1842. J. WILKINSON, Geo. Edw. ALLEN.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-1.

[Note : Richard SELLAR otp married Mary LEWIS otp by banns at High Littleton 8 Jun 1802.

Benjamin son of Richard & Mary SILLER, parish of Lyttelton, bapt. at Camerton 29 May 1803.

Lydia dau. of Richard SILLER, coal miner, & Mary bapt. at Cameley 24 May 1804. - Lydia, infant dau. of Richard SILLER & Mary, buried at Cameley 6 Jul 1807.

Ruth dau. of Richard SILLER & Mary bapt. at Cameley 12 Mar 1809.

Jemima dau. of Richard SILLER & Mary bapt. at Cameley 30 Sep 1810. - She married George PARFIT at Camerton 22 Sep 1832.

Sarah dau. of Richard & Mary SILLER, Temple Cloud, collier, bapt. at Cameley 30 Jun 1816. - Sarah SILLER, Temple Cloud, aged 2, buried at Cameley 11 Nov 1817.

James son of Richard & Mary SILLER, Temple Cloud, laborer, bapt. at Cameley 26 Jul 1818.

Richard SELLER of Temple received a blanket from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1810. He received similar charity in 1821 and 1824, when he was referred to as Rich'd SELLERS (son of Ruth JAMES), laborer, Camerton. This valuable clue as to Richard's origins leads one to the conclusion that he was the illegitimate son of Ruth ROSSITER, who married Robert LEWIS junior at Camerton on 1 May 1775. Robert died and Ruth LEWIS, widow, married William JAMES at Camerton on 2 Oct 1800. By 1816 Ruth was widowed again and as Ruth JAMES, widow of Camerton, she was receiving relief from High Littleton at least until autumn 1828.

Clutton Union Workhouse Register records the admission on 30 Aug 1842 of Richard SELLER, High Littleton, born 1771, widower, collier, old age. He discharged himself on 16 Sep 1842.

Richard SELLER, Camerton, aged 72, was buried at Camerton 23 May 1845.

70. James LACEY and children were removed from Whatley to High Littleton by Order dated 20th April 1842.

[Letter postmarked Frome AP 2? 1842, Bath AP 25 1842 and Bristol AP 2? 1842.] - To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the parish of High Littleton, near Old Down.

(Copy) Somerset to wit.

The examination of **James LACEY**, now residing in the parish of Whatley in the said County of Somerset, (touching his settlement), taken upon oath before us, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the peace for the said County, this twentieth day of April 1842.

This Examinant saith that he is about fifty years of age and was born in the parish of Farrington (*sic*) Gurney in the said County, as he hath heard and believes, and that his parents Thomas LACEY and Sarah his wife, now both dead, resided in Farrington Gurney when he, this Examinant, at the age of sixteen or seventeen years and unmarried, went as a servant in husbandry, by the year, at the wages of seven pounds a year, with John BRINMAN [*BLINMAN intended*], a farmer at Hallatrow in the parish of High Littleton in this County and he stayed there as an Indoor servant three years and his wages were at last raised to ten pounds a year; that about twenty six years ago he was lawfully married to Anne CRAY his late wife and soon afterwards he came to Whatley, where he resided till the month of May 1828, when he became chargeable to that parish and was legally removed by Order of Magistrates from that parish, with his said wife and six children, to the said parish of High Littleton, as the place of their last legal settlement; that they were all taken to High Littleton, under the Order, by William CAYFORD, since deceased, who was then one of the Overseers of Whatley parish and were delivered to Thomas DUDDEN, then one of the Overseers of High Littleton then acting as his Deputy and that no appeal was made to the Order; that one of the paymasters named DOWLING gave him two shillings to buy a supper that night and the next day John BRINMAN gave him thirty shillings more to get back to Whatley with his wife and family, which he did and has resided there ever since, where he has rented a house at five Guineas a year and potato land at eighteen shillings a year and hath done no other act to gain a settlement in his own right

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to his knowledge or belief; that his said wife Anne died on Monday last the eighteenth day of April and he has seven children now living, namely, William a soldier in Africa, Joseph living in Worcestershire, Hannah aged about twenty years, in service at Bath, Sarah aged about eighteen years, Thomas aged about fourteen years, John aged about twelve years and George aged about ten years, which four last named children all live with their surviving parent in Whatley as part of his family. (Signed) The mark X of James LACEY.

[Below]

William DAVIS, Gentleman, Clerk to the Magistrates of the Division of Frome, being sworn before us the said Justices, upon his oath saith, That he now produces an Order of Removal bearing date the seventh day of May 1828 under the hands and seals of John Frederick DOVETON and Henry SAINSBURY, Clerks, then being two Justices of the peace of the said Division and County of Somerset, whereby James LACEY, Ann his wife and their six children, William, Joseph, Hannah, Sarah, James and Thomas were ordered to be removed from the parish of Whatley in the County of Somerset to the parish of High Littleton in the said County, as the place of their last legal settlement, That such Order of Removal is among the other papers and Documents of his office for the year 1828 and a Copy thereof is sent herewith. Signed Wm. DAVIS.

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James NUTH, Relieving Officer of the Frome Union, being sworn before us the said Justices upon his oath saith, That the above named James LACEY and his four children Sarah, Thomas, John and George and chargeable to the parish of Whatley. (Signed) Jas. NUTH.

[Below]

Sworn by James LACEY, William DAVIS and James NUTH before us CORK, H.F. EDGELL.

[Below - Notice of Chargeability & Removal]

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 Whatley in the County of Somerset, do hereby give you notice That an Order was this day signed by Edmund Earl of CORK and Harry Falkes EDGELL, Esquire, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the peace in and for the County of Somerset, for the removal of **James LACEY aged about fifty years and his four children, Sarah aged about eighteen years, Thomas aged about fourteen years, John aged about twelve years and George aged about ten years**, poor persons from the parish of Whatley in the County of Somerset and now chargeable thereto, to the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, as the place of their last legal settlement; And that a Counterpart of such Order of Removal and a Copy of the Examination upon which such Order was made, accompany this notice. Dated this twentieth day of April 1842. Wm. SHORE, James BURGE, Churchwardens, Elizabeth HILL, John LOXTON, Overseers.

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

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - J. GARDINER, Printer.]

Somerset. TO WIT.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the parish of Whatley in the said County, to execute and convey. And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset to receive and obey.

FORASMUCH as complaint hath been made unto us, whose hands and seals are hereunto subscribed and set, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the peace, of and for the said County of Somerset (whereof one is of the Quorum) by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of Whatley in the said County of Somerset, that **James LACEY aged about fifty years, [Anne his wife aged about fifty years- deleted] and four children, Sarah aged about eighteen years, Thomas aged about fourteen years, John aged about twelve years and George aged about ten years**, lately came and intruded themselves into the parish of Whatley in the said County of Somerset, endeavouring there to settle as inhabitants thereof, contrary to law, not having any way acquired or obtained a 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 further, upon the examination of the said James LACEY and other evidence taken upon oath, adjudge that the said James LACEY and the said Sarah, Thomas, John and George his children were last legally settled in the said parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset aforesaid.

THESE are therefore in Her Majesty's name to require, order, and command you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of Whatley or some or one of you, forthwith to remove and convey the said James LACEY and the said Sarah, Thomas, John and George his children from the said parish of Whatley unto the parish of High Littleton aforesaid and them to deliver to the Churchwardens 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

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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 twentieth day of April in the fifth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, and in the year of our Lord 1842. CORK, H.F. EDGELL.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-4b.

[Note: For details of the family see their removal from Whatley to High Littleton by Order dated 7th May 1828.]

71. Elizabeth SIMMONS and family were removed from Radstock to High Littleton by Order dated 16th May 1842.

The Examination of Elizabeth SIMMONS' father in law, taken in 1807, was attached to the other documents in this case. There is nothing to suggest that an Order of Removal was ever made against James SIMMONS then. Somerset to wit.

The Examination of James SIMMONS, now residing in the Parish of Radstock in the said County, Coalminer, touching his settlement, taken upon Oath before us, two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this 9th day of February 1807.

This Examinant on his Oath saith, that he is about forty years of age and was born in the Parish of Farrington in the said County, as he hath heard and believes. And this Examinant further saith, that his Parents were legally settled in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County at the time of his birth, as he hath also heard and believes; saith that he never hired himself by the year, nor rented ten pounds per year. And this Examinant likewise saith, that he hath never done any act whereby to gain a settlement in any Parish or Place (save as aforesaid), to the best of his knowledge or belief; that he was, about eighteen years ago, lawfully married, in the Parish Church of Midsomer Norton in the said County, to Eleanor his present wife, by whom he hath five children, Katherine aged about twelve years, Judith aged about ten years, Jacob aged about eight years, Thomas aged about six years and William aged about two years. (signed) James SIMMONS.

Sworn before us, the day and year first above written, (signed) Thos. S. JOLLIFFE, Jas. TOOKER.

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

[Note: James was born in 1763, the eldest child of Jacob SIMMONS and his wife Ann STICKLER, although his mother's name was wrongly stated on his baptism.

James son of Jacob SIMMONS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 9 Oct 1763.

James SIMMONS married Eleanor BULL by banns at Midsomer Norton 18 May 1789.

Wm. son of James & Eleanor SIMMONS bapt. at Midsomer Norton 25 Dec 1789. - William died young.

Jacob son of James & Eleanor SIMMONS bapt. at Midsomer Norton 20 Aug 1791. - Jacob died young.

Katherine a daughter was born c.1794/5.

Judith dau. of James & Eleanor SIMMONS (*sic*) bapt. at Radstock 16 Apr 1797. - Judith was removed from Radstock to High Littleton by Order dated 4 Oct 1819, before having a bastard daughter Elizabeth, by Jeremiah CHIVERS in 1820.

Jacob son of James & Eleanor SIMMONS bapt. at Radstock 20 Oct 1799.

Thomas son of James & Eleanor SIMMONDS bapt. at Radstock 22 Aug 1802.

A list of inhabitants in Radstock in July 1803, contained in the Parish Register, includes James SIMMONS, aged 42, married, with 1 woman, 4 male children and 3 female children in the household.

William son of James & Eleanor SIMMONDS bapt. at Radstock 14 Apr 1805.

Sarah dau. of James & Eleanor SIMMONDS bapt. at Radstock 6 Sep 1807. - Sarah SIMMONDS, Radstock, aged 5, buried at Radstock 9 Jul 1813. Overseers Accounts record on 10 Jul 1813 10/6 paid to widow SIMMONS at Radstock towards the burial of her daughter Sarah, who died of measles.

Maria dau. of James & Eleanor SIMMONDS bapt. at Radstock 24 Jun 1810.

James SIMMONS received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1800, 1802 and 1806.

James SIMMONDS was buried at Radstock 11 May 1812.

Accounts record on 12 May 1812 5/- relief paid to James SIMMONS and family in distress at Radstock ("dead" has been added). On 19 May 1812 relief was paid to widow SIMMONS and 4 small children at Radstock. Relief continued in the weekly calendar for many years, but was paid for 2 children from 1814, 1 child from 1816 (a daughter in 1820) and ended in 1820/1. All this time the family lived in Radstock.

James SIMMONS' widow of Radstock received blankets etc. at Christmas 1813 and 1815.]

[Letter postmarked Bath MY 17 1842 and Bristol MY 18 1842] - To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton, nr. Bristol.

(Copy) County of Somerset.

The Examination of Elizabeth SIMMONS, at present residing in the Parish of Radstock in the said County, Widow, touching the place of her legal settlement, taken on Oath before us, John Twyford JOLLIFFE and William Francis KNATCHBULL, Esquires, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, the sixteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

Who saith as follows: I am aged about thirty seven years and was born in the Parish of Radstock aforesaid, as I have heard and believe. About nineteen years ago I was married in the Parish Church of Radstock aforesaid to my late husband Thomas SIMMONS, who was lately killed at Radstock aforesaid; his settlement was in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County and his Father's James SIMMONS before him; since I have been married, my husband has fetched relief for his Mother Eleanor SIMMONS from the said Parish of High Littleton; he never did any act to gain a settlement in his own right, always worked as a weekly servant at the

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Radstock Coal Works; we were acquainted with each other from our youth. I have six children by my said husband, viz. Eliza aged about fourteen years, John aged about twelve years, Judith aged about ten years, Ann aged about eight years, Elizabeth aged about six years and Maria aged about four years. I and my children are receiving relief from the said Parish of Radstock. The Mark of X Elizabeth SIMMONS.
Sworn at Kilmersdon in the said County, before us, (signed) J.T. JOLLIFFE, W.F. KNATCHBULL.

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County of Somerset.

The Parish of Radstock in the said County.

In the Matter of **Elizabeth SIMMONS** and Family, Paupers.

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

Take Notice, that the above named Elizabeth SIMMONS now residing in this Parish has, together with six children, become chargeable to the said Parish of Radstock and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your Parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal settlement, a copy of which Order and also a copy of the Examination on which the same was made, are sent herewith and Take Notice, that unless you appeal against the said Order, and within twenty one days from the receipt hereof, duly serve notice of such Appeal, the said Paupers will be removed to your said Parish of High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this seventeenth day of May 1842. John SMITH, Joseph STEEDS, Churchwardens and James TIDCOMBE, Jehu DERRICK, Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Radstock.

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

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The Parish of High Littleton To Radstock Parish

To the Maintenance of **Eliz'th SIMMONS** & family 21 Days 1. 6. 0.

Jas. PRATTEN, R. O.

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

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

To the CHURCHWARDENS and OVERSEERS of the Poor of the Parish of Radstock in the said County of Somerset, to execute and convey. And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to receive and obey.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set and subscribed, two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County of Somerset (one of us being of the Quorum) by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Radstock in the said County of Somerset. That **Elizabeth SIMMONS a widow and her six children, viz. Eliza aged about fourteen years, John aged about twelve years, Judith aged about ten years, Ann aged about eight years, Elizabeth aged about six years and Maria aged about four years**, lately came to inhabit in the said Parish of Radstock in the said County of Somerset, contrary to Law, not having any Ways gained a Legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere: and that the said Elizabeth SIMMONS and her said six children are actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Radstock: We the said Justices upon due examination of the said complaint and premises, and also upon examination of the said Elizabeth SIMMONS upon her Oath before us and upon due consideration by us had in the premises, do adjudge the same complaint and premises to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the last lawful settlement of the said Elizabeth SIMMONS and her said six children is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in her Majesty's name, to require, order, and command you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Radstock in the said County of Somerset, or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Elizabeth SIMMONS and her said six children from and out of your said Parish of Radstock to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 true copy thereof) and we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for them the said Elizabeth SIMMONS and her said six children according to Law, as Inhabitants legally settled in your said Parish of High Littleton.

Given under our Hands and Seals at Kilmersdon in the said County the sixteenth day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two. J.T. JOLLIFFE, Will'm F. KNATCHBULL.

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

[Note: Thomas son of James & Elenor SIMMONDS bapt. at Radstock 22 Aug 1802.

Thomas SIMMONDS bach. otp married Elizabeth WATTS spin. otp by banns at Radstock 21 Apr 1823.

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Judith dau. of Thomas & Elizabeth SIMMONDS, Radstock, coal miner, bapt. at Radstock 20 Jul 1823. - Judith SIMMONDS, Radstock, aged 5 y'rs 9 mo's, buried at Radstock 12 Apr 1829. Overseers Accounts record on 29 Jun 1829 5/- paid for the funeral of Tho's SYMMONS' child.

Ann dau. of Thomas & Elizabeth SIMMONDS, Radstock, coal miner, bapt. at Radstock 25 Dec 1825. - Ann SIMMONDS, Radstock, aged 2 y'rs 6 m'ths, buried at Radstock 18 May 1828.

Eliza dau. of Thomas & Elizabeth SIMMONDS, Radstock, coal miner, bapt. at Radstock 11 Nov 1827.

John son of Thomas & Elizabeth SIMMONDS, Radstock, coal miner, bapt. at Radstock 11 Apr 1830.

Judith dau. of Thomas & Elizabeth SIMMONDS, Radstock, coal miner, bapt. at Radstock 26 Feb 1832.

Ann dau. of Thomas & Elizabeth SIMMONDS, Radstock, coal miner, bapt. at Radstock 8 Jun 1834.

Elizabeth dau. of Thomas & Elizabeth SIMMONDS, Radstock, coal miner, bapt. at Radstock 26 Jun 1836.

Maria was born c.1837/8.

Mary dau. of Thomas (dec'd) & Elizabeth SIMMONDS, Radstock, late coal miner, bapt. at Radstock 16 Oct 1842.

Thomas SIMMONDS, coal miner of Clandown, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1831, 1834 and 1839. In applying in 1831 Thomas SYMMONS said he had 2 children under 10

Thomas SIMMONDS, Radstock, killed by a beam falling on him at the Middle Pit, aged 39, buried at Radstock 24 Feb 1842.

The 1851 Census finds Elizabeth SIMMONS, aged 64 [*? 46 intended*], widow, domestic, son John 21, accountant, and daughters Ann 17, dressmaker, Elizabeth 15, servant, Maria 13, scholar, and Mary 8, scholar, living at Coombend, Radstock. All were born in Radstock.

The 1861 Census finds Elizabeth SIMMONS, widow, aged 55, daughter Maria 23, needle woman, and grandson John SIMMONS 5, scholar, all born in and living in Radstock.]

72. Andrew SEYMOUR and family were removed from Radstock to High Littleton by Order dated 30th May 1842.

[Letter postmarked Bath (unreadable) and Bristol JU 1 1842] - To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton, near Bristol.

(Copy) County of Somerset.

The Examination of **Andrew SEYMOUR**, at present residing in the Parish of Radstock in the said County, Coalminer, touching the place of his legal settlement, taken on Oath before us, John Twyford JOLLIFFE and Richard STRACHEY, Esquires, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, the thirtieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

Who saith as follows: I am aged about twenty seven years and was born in the Parish of Radstock aforesaid, as I have heard and believe. I never did any act to gain a settlement in my own right. My parents, John SEYMOUR and Dinah SEYMOUR, were legally settled in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County. My Mother, the said Dinah SEYMOUR, is now receiving eighteen pence a week from the said Parish of High Littleton; she is living at Radstock. About six years ago I was married in the Parish Church of Radstock aforesaid to Jemima my wife, by whom I have one child John aged about five years. I and my Family are now chargeable to the said Parish of Radstock. The Mark of X Andrew SEYMOUR.

Sworn at Kilmersdon in the said County, before us, (signed) J.T. JOLLIFFE, R. STRACHEY.

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County of Somerset.

The Parish of Radstock in the said County.

In the Matter of **Andrew SEYMOUR** and Family, Paupers.

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

Take Notice, that the above named Andrew SEYMOUR now residing in this Parish has, together with his Wife and Child, become chargeable to the said Parish of Radstock and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your Parish of High Littleton, as their last place of legal settlement, a copy of which Order and also a copy of the Examination on which the same was made are sent herewith; and Take Notice that unless you appeal against the said Order, and within twenty one days from the receipt hereof duly serve Notice of such Appeal, the said Paupers will be removed to your said Parish of High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this thirty first day of May 1842. John SMITH, Joseph STEEDS, Churchwardens and James TIDCOMBE, Jehu DERRICK, Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Radstock.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-2b.

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The Parish of High Littleton to Radstock Parish Dr.

To the Maintenance of **Andrew SEYMOUR** & family 9s. 9d.

James PRATTEN, R. O.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-2a.

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COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

To the CHURCHWARDENS and OVERSEERS of the Poor of the Parish of Radstock in the said County of Somerset, to execute and convey: And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County to receive and obey.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set and subscribed, two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County of Somerset (one of us being of the Quorum) by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Radstock in the said County of Somerset. That **Andrew SEYMOUR and Jemima his wife and their child John, aged about five years**, lately came to inhabit in the said Parish of Radstock in the said County of Somerset, contrary to Law, not having any Ways gained a Legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere: and that the said Andrew SEYMOUR and Jemima his wife and their said Child are actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Radstock: We the said Justices upon due examination of the said complaint and premises, and also upon examination of the said Andrew SEYMOUR upon his Oath before us and upon due consideration by us had in the premises, do adjudge the same complaint and premises to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the last lawful settlement of the said Andrew SEYMOUR and Jemima his wife and their said Child is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in her Majesty's name, to require, order, and command you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Radstock in the said County of Somerset, or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Andrew SEYMOUR and Jemima his wife and their said Child from and out of your said Parish of Radstock to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 true copy thereof) and we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for them the said Andrew SEYMOUR and Jemima his wife and their said Child according to Law, as Inhabitants legally settled in your said Parish of High Littleton.

Given under our Hands and Seals at Kilmersdon in the said County the thirtieth day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two. J.T. JOLLIFFE, R. STRACHEY.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-2.

[Note: Andrew son of John SEYMOUR and his wife Dinah BIGGS, Radstock, coal miner, was baptized at Radstock on 17 Sep 1815.

Andrew SEYMOUR bach. otp married Jemima BOURNE spin. otp by banns at Radstock 1 May 1836.

John son of Andrew & Jemima SEYMOUR, Radstock, miner, bapt. at Radstock 20 Oct 1837.

Andrew SEYMOUR, Radstock, aged 27, was buried at Radstock 20 Nov 1842.

Jemima SEYMOUR, Radstock, aged 29, was buried at Radstock 20 Aug 1846.]

73. Thomas CLARE and wife were removed from Farmborough to High Littleton by Order dated 3rd June 1842.

[Notice of Chargeability & Removal - Printed Form]

County OF Somerset.

The Parish of Farmborough in the said County of Somerset.

In the Matter of **Thomas CLARE**, a Pauper.

To the Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the above named Thomas CLARE residing at Farmborough, has, together with Mary CLARE his Wife become chargeable to the said Parish of Farmborough and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your Parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal settlement (a Copy of which Order, and also a Copy of the Examination on which the same was made, are herewith sent); 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this third day of June 1842.

William NIXON, James BOULTER, Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *[Farmborough]*.

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

Somerset to wit.

The examination of **Thomas CLARE**, now residing in the parish of Farmborough in the said County, Labourer, taken on oath this 3rd day of June 1842.

Who saith, I was born in the parish of High Littleton in the said County, as I have heard and believe. When I was about 18 years old I hired myself to Farmer Henry PICKERING of Brumhall Farm in the said parish of High Littleton as a Servant for a year at the wages of 2s. 6d. per week, board, washing and lodging. I did not receive my wages weekly but as I wanted it. I lived with Farmer PICKERING in High Littleton aforesaid two years and six months and received my wages. I have received two Blankets from the Parish Officers of High

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Littleton, whilst living in Farmborough, as belonging to their Parish. I have since done no act to acquire a Settlement. About 38 years ago I married Mary COLLIER at the parish Church of High Littleton, but I have no Child. I have received relief from the parish of Farmborough. The mark of X Thomas CLARE.
Sworn before us, James PHILLOTT, John HURLE.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-5a.

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County of Somerset.

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

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set and subscribed, two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County (one of us being of the Quorum,) by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Farmborough in the said County of Somerset: That **Thomas CLARE and Mary his Wife** lately came to inhabit in the said Parish of Farmborough in the said County of Somerset contrary to Law, not having any ways gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere; and that the said Thomas CLARE and Mary his wife is actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Farmborough: We the said Justices, upon due Examination of the said Complaint and Premises, and also upon Examination of the said Thomas CLARE upon his Oath before us, and upon due Consideration by us had in the Premises, do adjudge the same Complaint and Premises to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the last lawful Settlement of them the said Thomas CLARE and Mary his Wife is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in her Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Farmborough in the said County of Somerset or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Thomas CLARE and Mary his Wife from and out of your said Parish of Farmborough to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 true Copy thereof.) And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for the said Thomas CLARE and Mary his Wife according to Law, as Inhabitants legally settled in your said Parish of High Littleton.

Given under our Hands and Seals the third Day of June, in the year of the Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty two. James PHILLOTT, John HURLE.

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

[Note: Thomas was born in 1773, one of the sons of Thomas CLARE and his wife Betty JAMES.

Thomas CLAIRx otp married Mary COLLYERx otp by banns at High Littleton 10 Jan 1803.

Thomas CLARE, coal miner of Farmborough, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1822 and 1830.

The 1841 Census finds Thomas CLARE, aged 67, labourer and Mary 66, living in Farmborough.

Vestry Minutes of 21 Dec 1842 resolved that Thomas CLARE's relief should be reduced from 2/- to 1/- p.w. as he has plenty of employ.

The 1851 Census finds Thomas CLEAR, aged 73, pauper, born High Littleton and wife Mary 78, pauper, born Farmborough, still living in Farmborough.

Tho's CLEARE, Farmborough, aged 75, was buried at Farmborough 27 Jan 1856.]

74. Ann CHIVERS and family were removed from Farmborough to High Littleton by Order dated 30th July 1842.

(Copy) County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of James CHIVERS, lately residing in the parish of Farmborough in the County of Somerset, Taylor, but now a Prisoner in Her Majesty's Gaol at Shepton Mallett in the said County, on a Charge of Felony, touching the place of his legal Settlement, taken on oath before me, John Stuckey LEAN Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said County of Somerset, this twentieth day of June 1842.

Who, upon his oath, deposeth and saith as follows: I am forty eight years of age or thereabouts and I was born in the parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, as I have heard and believe. My Father and Mother were settled Inhabitants of the said parish of High Littleton and his Father was also a settled Inhabitant of that parish, as I have been informed and believe. When I was about twelve years of age I was bound Apprentice by my Father Samuel CHIVERS to John HOLBROOK of Paulton in the said County, Taylor, by a regular Indenture of Apprenticeship, for the term of seven years. I was an outdoor Apprentice. The two first years I was to receive nothing, but the two next years I was to have three shillings a week for wages, which were to rise a shilling a week in each year during the remainder of my Time. I believe that the Indenture of Apprenticeship was signed by my Father, by my Master and by myself and I believe it was properly stamped. I understood that

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the Indenture of Apprenticeship was left with my Uncle William DRURY of High Littleton, Farmer, that he may take care of it until I was out of my time. Under this Indenture of Apprenticeship I served the said John HOLBROOK as his Apprentice in the said parish of Paulton for about eight or nine months, I am not exactly sure about the time, and I slept in the said parish of Paulton the whole time, with the exception of Sunday nights. I slept almost every Sunday night at my Father's house in the parish of High Littleton. My Master afterwards removed, with his Wife and Family and myself, to the said parish of Farmborough, in which parish I served him as his Apprentice for upwards of three years. I slept in my Master's house in the said parish of Farmborough the whole of this period, except on Sunday nights, when I slept at my Father's house in the said parish of High Littleton. I slept almost every Sunday night at my Father's house, which was nearly a mile from my Master's house. When I had been in my Master's service for nearly four years I ran away. On a Monday night my Master beat me and that night I slept in his house but the next morning I left him and went home to my Father's at High Littleton. I slept that night at my Father's and I staid at my Father's house, where I slept until the following Saturday morning, when I went into Bath and slept there that night. On the next morning (Sunday) my Master came for me (as I was informed) and I then went home again to my Father's House, but I did not see my Master in Bath. I slept at my Father's House that night and I remained with him for about a week, as I believe, and I then went back again to my Master's to work and I remained with him for five or six months longer. I slept in my Master's house the whole of this time, with the exception of Sundays, on which nights I slept in my Father's house at High Littleton. I recollect the Jubilee day, which was, I think, in the year One thousand eight hundred and nine. The night before the Jubilee day I slept in my Father's house in the said parish of High Littleton and on the Jubilee day I went into Bath, without my Master's knowledge, to see the Illuminations and while I was there I enlisted into the Marines and never went back to my Master afterwards. I staid in the Marines for about Six years, when I was discharged and I then went to work as a Journeyman Taylor and I have so continued to work ever since. I have never done any act to gain a subsequent Settlement. In the year One thousand eight hundred and sixteen I was married to Ann my present Wife in the parish Church of High Littleton and by her I have seven Children now living, namely Eliza aged about twenty four years, Jemima aged about twenty years, Maria aged about sixteen years, William aged about fourteen years, James aged about twelve years, Samuel aged about ten years and Ann aged about Seven years. James CHIVERS.

Taken and sworn before me, the day and year first above written, J.S. LEAN.

Somerset to wit.

The information of John HOLBROOK of the parish of Farmborough in the said County, Tailor, taken on oath this 25th day of July 1842.

Who saith, about thirty five years ago I was residing in the parish of Paulton; Samuel CHIVERS then apprenticed his Son **James CHIVERS** to me, an Indenture of Apprenticeship was entered into and he was bound to me for Seven years; he was to be boarded and lodged by his Father; I had no premium with him; his father lived at High Littleton in this County and he came to me from his Father's every morning and returned to sleep with him in the evening; he continued with me as an apprentice about half his time; during that time he continued to sleep at his Father's at High Littleton; during the time he was with me he was committed to Gaol by the Justices for one month, for misconduct as an Apprentice; when he left me he enlisted in the Marines; he had been previously sleeping at his Father's in High Littleton; he sometimes slept in my house when it was wet; he never slept forty nights in my house altogether. Serjeant EDWARDS, who enlisted James CHIVERS, gave me one Guinea for the Indenture of Apprenticeship and I gave it up to him and have never seen it since. I have never seen Serjeant EDWARDS since; there was only one Indenture. He enlisted about the day of the Jubilee. He did not sleep at my house the day before the Jubilee. James CHIVERS was born in High Littleton. I lived a short distance from Samuel CHIVERS and well recollect that he was born in High Littleton. John HOLBROOK.

Sworn before us, James PHILLOTT, Wm. JAMES.

Somerset to wit.

The examination of Rachel CHIVERS of the parish of Farmborough in the said County, Widow, Mother of **James CHIVERS**, taken on oath this 25th day of July 1842.

Who saith, I am the Widow of Samuel CHIVERS and Mother of James CHIVERS. I recollect my Son being apprenticed to John HOLBROOK. My Son did eat his victuals and slept at home; my husband then lived in the parish of High Littleton; my husband has been dead about thirty four years; my Son was apprenticed before his father's death; during the whole time my Son was at Taylor HOLBROOK's my Son slept at home at our house in High Littleton. HOLBROOK went from Paulton to live at Farmborough and after he was at Farmborough my Son still slept at High Littleton; my Son was an outdoor apprentice and always slept at home; I can recollect when my Son enlisted in the Marines, he then slept at home in High Littleton; my Son was discharged from the Marines after having been in service 6 years, 6 months and 21 days. Taylor HOLBROOK had the Indentures of

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Farmer DRURY; I have never seen the Indentures since he was apprenticed and I don't know where they now are. I am quite sure, during the whole time my Son was at Taylor HOLBROOK's, he slept in High Littleton; he slept in a room adjoining the room in which I slept and I made his bed for him every morning and made his breakfast for him before he went out of a morning. My Son James CHIVERS was born on the 16th May (the year I can't tell) in the parish of High Littleton; his Father belonged to High Littleton. The mark of X Rachel CHIVERS.

Sworn before us, James PHILLOTT, Wm. JAMES.

[Note: Samuel son of Samuel CHIVERS and his wife Elizabeth BAILY was baptized at Timsbury 30 Aug 1761 and again at High Littleton the following day. Samuel son of Samuel CHIVERS & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 31 Aug 1761.

Samuel CHIVERS otp married Rachel STICKLANDx otp by banns at High Littleton 10 Oct 1787.

Rachel dau. of William STICKLER (*sic*) & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 13 Nov 1763.

Mariah dau. of Sam'l CHIVERS & Rachel bapt. at High Littleton 13 Jul 1788. - She married David BRIMBLE at High Littleton 12 Oct 1807.

Jemima dau. of Samuel CHIVERS & Rachael bapt. at High Littleton 25 Jul 1790. - She married George EMBLEN at High Littleton 8 Aug 1805.

James son of Samuel CHIVERS & Rachel bapt. at High Littleton 28 May 1792.

Samuel CHIVERS junior received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1797 and 1800.

Samuel CHIVERS senior, although having no qualifications, was known as "the Doctor" and Overseers Accounts contain scores of entries for payments to him for such things as inoculating poor persons against smallpox. Rachel CHIVERS seems to have learnt some of her father in law's skills; entries in Overseers Accounts such as, paid Rachel CHIVERS on 8 Apr 1811 5/- for inoculating Ben'n JAMES' children and 20 Mar 1826 for "knockalating" Geo. JAMES' child, being typical.

Samuel CHIVERS was buried at High Littleton 7 May 1809. Family information in 1845 says he drowned in the brook.

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

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records Rachell CHIVERS as the occupier of a tenement and garden near Rosewell Farm (178 on the map) and 3 fields (143, 144 and 146 on the map) owned by Wm. Jones BURDETT.

Rachel CHIVERS, widow of High Littleton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1819, 1826 and 1833.

Accounts for 1834/5 record relief of 1/3 p.w. for 20 weeks and 2/- p.w. for 12 weeks to Rachel CHIVERS. This continued until at least 1836. Vestry Minutes of 21 Dec 1842 resolved that Rachel CHIVERS' relief of 3/- p.w. should be reduced to 2/3 p.w. as she has no rent to pay.

The 1841 Census finds Rachel CHIVERS, aged 79, living alone in Scumbrum Lane, Farmborough.

Rachel CHIVERS, Farmborough, aged 83, was buried at High Littleton 27 Feb 1845.]

We adjourn our determination on this Case to the Castle Inn, Bath on Saturday the 30th day of July instant at one o'Clock in the afternoon. James PHILLOTT, Wm. JAMES.

Somerset to wit.

The examination of John DUDDEN, Relieving Officer of Clutton Union in the County of Somerset, taken on oath this 30th day of July 1842.

Who saith, I am Relieving Officer of the Clutton Union in the County of Somerset and as such relieve the paupers belonging to the parish of Farmborough in the said County. I have paid relief for nine weeks to **Ann CHIVERS**, the wife of James CHIVERS, for his Children, Samuel aged eight years and Ann aged six years, to the amount of three shillings, three pence and three fathings a week and such relief is charged to the parish of Farmborough; her husband James CHIVERS is now in Gaol and convicted of Felony, and such relief is now going on for the said Children. John DUDDEN.

Sworn before us, James PHILLOTT, Wm. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-6. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/3-13 (Copy) - [Reverse] James CHIVERS's fam. from Farmboro' Aug't 9th 1842.

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County OF Somerset.

The Parish of Farmborough in the said County of Somerset.

In the Matter of **Ann CHIVERS**, Wife of James CHIVERS, a Pauper.

To the Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the above-named Ann CHIVERS residing at Farmborough has, together with her two Children Samuel and Ann CHIVERS become chargeable to the said Parish of Farmborough and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your Parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal settlement (a Copy of which Order, and also a Copy of the Examinations on which the same was made, are herewith sent): 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this thirtieth day of July 1842. James BOULTER, William NIXON, Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of [Farmborough].

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

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County of Somerset.

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

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set and subscribed, two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County (one of us being of the Quorum,) by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Farmborough in the said County of Somerset: That **Ann CHIVERS, the wife of James CHIVERS, now a Prisoner convicted of felony, in the Gaol at Shepton Mallet and her two children, Samuel aged about eight years and Ann aged six years**, lately came to inhabit in the said Parish of Farmborough in the said County of Somerset contrary to Law, not having any ways gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere; and that the said Ann CHIVERS and her said two children are actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Farmborough; We the said Justices, upon due Examination of the said Complaint and Premises, and also upon Examination of the said James CHIVERS upon his Oath before John Stuckey LEAN Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Somerset and upon due Consideration by us had in the Premises, do adjudge the same Complaint and Premises to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the last legal Settlement of them the said Ann CHIVERS and her said two Children is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in her Majesty's Name, to require, order, and command you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Farmborough in the said County of Somerset or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Ann CHIVERS and her said two children from and out of your said Parish of Farmborough to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 true Copy thereof.) And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for the said Ann CHIVERS and her said two children according to Law, as Inhabitants legally settled in your said Parish of High Littleton.

Given under our Hands and Seals the thirtieth Day of July, in the year of the Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty two. James PHILLOTT, Wm. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-6. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/5-14.

[Note: James CHIVERS was born at High Littleton on 16th May 1792.

James son of Samuel CHIVERS & Rachel bapt. at High Littleton 28 May 1792.

Uncle William DRURY referred to in James CHIVERS' Examination was the brother of James CHIVERS' mother's mother.

James CHIVERSx bach. otp married Ann CARTERx spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 2 Sep 1816.

Eliza a daughter was born c.1817/8. - She married Joseph EVANS at High Littleton 19 Oct 1837.

Samuel son of James & Ann CHIVERS, High Littleton, tailor, bapt. at High Littleton 19 Sep 1819. - Samuel CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 10, buried at High Littleton 27 Sep 1829. Overseers Accounts for 1829/30 record a payment to James CHIVERS for burying his son.

Jemima dau. of James & Ann CHIVERS, High Littleton, tailor, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1822. - She married Samuel BANFIELD at High Littleton 26 Dec 1842.

Maria dau. of James & Ann CHIVERS, High Littleton, tailor, bapt. at High Littleton 11 Jun 1826.

William Henry son of James & Ann CHIVERS, High Littleton, tailor, bapt. at High Littleton 15 Oct 1826. - William CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 29, buried at High Littleton 2 Jan 1855.

James Stickler son of James & Ann CHIVERS, High Littleton, tailor, bapt. at High Littleton 7 Jun 1829. - He married Harriet CARTER at High Littleton 26 Oct 1850.

Samuel Carter son of James & Ann CHIVERS, High Littleton, tailor, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1831. - He married Maria MAGGS at Paulton 16 Feb 1855.

Sarah Ann dau. of James & Ann CHIVERS, High Littleton, tailor, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1834. - Anne CHIVERS, High Littleton, aged 15, buried at High Littleton 9 May 1850.

Family information of 1845 suggested there may have been a son John but this is discounted.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records James CHIVERS (probably this one) as occupier of a tenement and garden on the north west corner of High St. and Rotcombe Lane (207 on the map), belonging to Jonathan PARSONS. The Tithe survey of 1839 records James CHIVERS as occupier of a cottage and yard in the same location (54 on the map), belonging to Thomas PARSONS.

The 1841 Census finds James CHIVERS, aged 49, taylor, Ann 51, Jemima 18, Maria 16, Wm. 14, coal miner, James 12, Samuel 9, and Ann 6, living in Scumbrum Lane, Farmborough.

James CHIVERS, taylor of High Littleton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1832, 1835, 1838, 1840 and his wife received similar charity in 1842 and 1848. In applying in 1831 James said he had 5 children under 10.

At the Wells adjourned Midsummer Sessions on 4 Jul 1842 (William MILES Esq. presiding), James CHIVERS, 48, Tailor, was brought from Shepton Gaol, where he had been committed by J. PHILLOTT, Clerk, and charged along with Abraham QUARMAN, 80, Labourer and Abraham QUARMAN the younger, 26, Labourer, of Stealing a Ewe Sheep, the property of James BO[U]LTER. The elder QUARMAN was acquitted but the younger QUARMAN and James CHIVERS were found guilty and sentenced to be transported for 10 years. They were removed to the Stirling Castle Hulk, Devonport, on August 4th 1842 (Ichester Gaol Felons Register - SRO Q/AGi 14/6). The Gaol Description Book (SRO Q/AGi 15/4) records July 11th 1842 - James CHIVERS, age - 48, height - 5ft. 5½in., Person - Stout,

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complexion - Dark, visage - Round, hair - Grey, eyes - Grey, born - High Littleton, marks - Mermaid on left arm, trade - Taylor, last abode - Farmborough, Married, 7 children, reads - Imp., writes - Imp., sentence - 10 Years Trans.

The 1851 Census finds Ann CHIVERS, married, aged 61, born Paulton and son Samuel 18, coal miner, born High Littleton, living in Hallatrow in the house of Ann's daughter Jemima, son in law Samuel BANFIELD and their family. Ann's son William CHIVERS 24, unmarried, coal miner, was a visitor in the house of David BOX 64, coal miner and family in Farmborough.

The 1861 Census finds Ann CHIVERS, widow, aged 71, almswoman, living alone in High Littleton.

Ann CHIVERS, Hallatrow, aged 75, buried at High Littleton 31 Mar 1864.]

75. Robert HAWKINS and family were removed from St. Philip & Jacob, Bristol to High Littleton by Order dated 3rd February 1843.

[Letter postmarked Clifton (no date) and Bristol FE 7 1843] To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton, Somerset.

[Notice of Chargeability & Removal - Printed Form]

Parish of Saint Philip and Jacob, late in the County of Gloucester, but now in the City and County of Bristol.

As to the removal of **Robert HAWKINS** a Pauper.

To the Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the above named Robert HAWKINS, lately residing in this Parish, has with his Wife and one child, become chargeable to the said Parish of Saint Philip and Jacob, and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your Parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal settlement (a copy of which order, and also a copy of the examination on which the same was made, are herewith sent.) 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said order.

Dated this Sixth day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty three. Edw. FILER, Churchwarden, John PARKER, James DAVIS, Geo. CLARK, Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Saint Philip and Jacob.

[Below - Order of Removal]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Philip and Jacob, late in the County of Gloucester, but now in the City and County of Bristol, and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

City & County of Bristol, to wit.

UPON the Complaint of the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Philip and Jacob aforesaid, in the said City and County, 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 City and County, and one of us of the quorum, that **Robert HAWKINS, Catherine his wife and their Child named John aged four years or thereabouts**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Saint Philip and Jacob, not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate, owning them to be settled elsewhere; and that the said Robert HAWKINS, his said Wife and said Child are actually chargeable to the said Parish of Saint Philip and Jacob. We, the said Justices upon due proof made thereof, as well upon the examination of the said Robert HAWKINS 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 them the said Robert HAWKINS, his said Wife and said Child was and now is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset; We do therefore require you the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Saint Philip and Jacob, or some or one of you, to convey the said Robert HAWKINS, his said Wife and said Child from and out of the said Parish of Saint Philip and Jacob, to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 a true copy thereof, at the same time showing to them the original; and we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for them as inhabitants of your Parish.

Given under our hands and seals, the Third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three. J.N. SANDERS, John E. LUNELL. (Copy).

[Reverse]

City & County of Bristol, to wit.

THE EXAMINATION of Robert HAWKINS, now residing in the Workhouse in the Parish of Saint Philip and Jacob, late in the County of Gloucester, but now in the said City and County of Bristol, Tanner, of and concerning the place of his last legal Settlement, taken upon oath before us, the undersigned two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said City and County, this Third day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

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WHO, upon his Oath saith, That He is about sixty four years old, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth HAWKINS deceased and was born at the parish of West Hardington in the County of Somerset, as he hath heard and believes; that examinant's father died a parishioner of Binegar in the County of Somerset, when examinant was about Eleven years old and, at his death, examinant with his mother, brother and Sister were removed, by order of two Justices, from West Hardington to Binegar, against which order there was no appeal and that his Mother was relieved and supported by the parish of Binegar, as an acknowledged parishioner thereof, for two or three years after such removal and until she came to Bristol, where she died. That Examinant, when he was about thirteen years old, was bound apprentice by the said parish of Binegar to William BATH of Hallatrow in the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Tanner, until he was twenty one and that he served seven years and an half of such apprenticeship and slept in his Master's house in the parish of High Littleton, when he ran away and never completed his apprenticeship with any other master or hath he done any subsequent act to gain a settlement elsewhere. Saith he hath a wife named Catherine, to whom he was married at Saint Philip and Jacob in Bristol about ten years ago and by her, one child named John aged four years, who with Examinant are now become chargeable to and wholly relieved and supported by the said parish of Saint Philip and Jacob. The mark of X Robert HAWKINS.

Sworn before us J.N. SANDERS, John E. LUNELL.

[Pencil notes - difficult to read] - Enlisted at ? Natn. Farr. - Diana BATH - Child now alive at H. Litt'n. - Settm. - Wales.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-9.

[Note: Robert son of Joseph & Elizabeth HAWKINS was born at West Hardington c.1776-8.

Robert's premature end to his apprenticeship with William BATH of Hallatrow may well have been influenced by him getting Dinah BATH (not known to be related) pregnant. Overseers Accounts record on 12 Oct 1798 the cost of a warrant for Robert HAWKINS, followed in 1799 by a Bastardy Order. The bastard child George BATH married Mary CLARE (nee JONES) and had a family in High Littleton.

Robert HAWKINS otp married Catharine SWENY otp by banns at St. Philip & Jacob, Bristol 11 Oct 1829.

With no HAWKINS' family apparently living in the parish, it is possible that, Robert HAWKINS, High Littleton, aged 9 months, buried at High Littleton 14 Mar 1838, was Robert and Elizabeth's child.

John their son was born in Bristol in 1839.

Vestry Minutes of 22 Feb 1843 request Mr WILLIAMS to take the examination of Robert HAWKINS, now in the workhouse of St. Philip & Jacob, Bristol, who with his wife and child are about to be removed to this parish. Overseers Accounts record on the same day expenses to Binegar to examine papers for Rob't HAWKINS' indentures.

Clutton Union Workhouse Admission Register records the admission on 2 Mar 1834 of Rob't HAWKINS, High Littleton, tanner, old age, wife Catherine and child John. Catherine and John discharged themselves on 9 Mar and Robert on 20 Mar. Robert HAWKINS, supposed to be a pensioner, and John were readmitted on 23 Mar and Catherine on 25 Mar and they discharged themselves on 11 Apr. Robert HAWKINS, out of work, was readmitted on 7 May, discharged himself on 10 May, was admitted again on 18 May and discharged himself on 26 Jun. Robert HAWKINS, born 1776, married, out of work, was once more sent to the workhouse by the Relieving Officer on 7 Jul, followed on 18 Jul by Catherine HAWKINS, servant, and John, born 1839.

The Workhouse Master's Report Journal records on 26 Jan 1844 that Robert HAWKINS, a pauper of High Littleton, refused to work on Monday last, for which I stopped his meat on Tuesday, on Wednesday his butter and tea and on Thursday his bacon; he still refuses to work and his abuse to the porter and myself was abominable. The Board of Guardians ordered him to be kept on bread and water until he works. The Workhouse Register records that Robert HAWKINS, High Littleton, aged 70, died on 14 Jun 1848.

Robert HAWKINS, High Littleton, aged 70, was buried at High Littleton 17 Jun 1848.

The 1851 Census finds Cath'n HAWKINS, widow, aged 57, servant, born Bristol, and John 12, born Bristol, in Clutton Union Workhouse,

The Workhouse Register records that Kate HAWKINS, High Littleton, aged 65, died 5 May 1857.

Kate HAWKINS, widow of Robert HAWKINS, labourer, High Littleton, aged 69, was buried at High Littleton 8 May 1857.]

76. Mary Ann SIMMONS and children were removed from Shepton Mallet to High Littleton by Order dated 7th February 1843.

[Notice of Chargeability & Removal - Printed Form]

Parish of Shepton Mallet in the County of Somerset.

In the Matter of **Mary Ann SIMMONS** a Pauper.

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

TAKE NOTICE that the above-named Mary Ann SIMMONS, Widow, residing in our said Parish of Shepton Mallet has together with Louisa SIMMONS aged two years and six months or thereabouts and Sarah SIMMONS aged eight months or thereabouts, the bastard children of the said Mary Ann SIMMONS, become chargeable to our said Parish, and that an Order under the Hands and Seals of Richard STRACHEY and John Stuckey LEAN, Esquires, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, acting in and for the said County of Somerset, has been duly obtained for their Removal to your Parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal Settlement (a Duplicate of which Order, and also a Copy of the Examinations on which the same was made, are herewith sent): 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order.

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Dated this seventh day of February 1843. Dan'l ASHFORD, Sam'l GIBLETT, Churchwardens and Jas. SHERBORNE, Jas. WELCH, Fred'k RICHMOND, George DYKE, Overseers of the said Parish of Shepton Mallet.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-11a.

[Letter postmarked Shepton Mallet FE 9 1843, Somerton (unreadable), V FE 10 1843, Bristol FE 20 1843] - To The Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton, Bristol, Somerset.

(Copy) Somersetshire (to wit).

The Examination of Mary Ann SIMMONS, now residing in the Union Workhouse in the Parish of Shepton Mallet in the said County of Somerset, Widow, touching the place of her legal Settlement, taken on oath before us, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, the seventh day of February 1843.

Who deposeth as follows: I am thirty six years of age or thereabouts and I was born in the Parish of Shepton Mallet in the said County of Somerset, as I have heard and believe. I am the Daughter of James TRIPPICK of Shepton Mallet aforesaid, Mason, and Elizabeth his Wife, who are both living in Shepton Mallet aforesaid. About Twenty years ago I was married in the Parish Church of Midsomer Norton in the said County of Somerset to Jacob SIMMONS, who was a Coal miner and who was then living at Midsomer Norton aforesaid. His Father's Name was Jacob SIMMONS. I have many times heard my Husband say that he belonged to the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset and that his said Father Jacob SIMMONS, who was also a Coal miner, also belonged to the said Parish of High Littleton. I have many times heard my Husband say that his three Brothers, whose Names are James, John and Thomas, all belonged to the said Parish of High Littleton and who are all Coal Miners and who are all, as I believe, now living in the said Parish of Midsomer Norton. My Husband died about seventeen years ago in the Parish of Midsomer Norton aforesaid and he was buried there. My Husband left me with two Children, (namely) William who was then about eleven Months old and Elizabeth who was then only five days old and who died when she was about three Months old. My said Son William is now living. About three Months after my Husband's Death I came back to Shepton Mallet aforesaid, to the House of my Father and Mother and I then went to the Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid for some relief. I went to the Vestry Room in the Parish Church of High Littleton aforesaid, where I saw Mr BLINMAN of Hallatrow, Farmer, Mr WEEKS also of Hallatrow, Farmer, and Mr MAGGS of High Littleton aforesaid, Grocer, who were then Overseers of High Littleton aforesaid and they examined me respecting my Parish and then settled to give me one Shilling and six pence a week. I then returned to my Father's House at Shepton Mallet aforesaid and I received relief from the Overseers of the said Parish of High Littleton for about Twelve years, while I resided in the Parish of Shepton Mallet aforesaid. I have lived with my said Father and Mother in Shepton Mallet aforesaid ever since my Husband was buried and I have never done any act to gain a settlement in my own right. About two years and half ago, I was delivered of a female bastard child in the Parish of Shepton Mallet aforesaid, whose name is Louisa and about eight Months ago, I was delivered of another female bastard child in the Parish of Shepton Mallet aforesaid, whose name is Sarah and I and my said two bastard children are now living in the Union Workhouse in the Parish of Shepton Mallet aforesaid, at the expence of the said Parish of Shepton Mallet and I and my said bastard children are now actually chargeable to the said Parish of Shepton Mallet. Mary Ann SIMMONS.

Taken and sworn before us, the day and year first above written, R. STRACHEY, J.S. LEAN.

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(Copy) Somersetshire (to wit).

The Examination of Jacob SIMMONS, now residing in the Union Workhouse in the Parish of Clutton in the said County of Somerset, Coal Miner, touching the place of the legal Settlement of Mary Ann SIMMONS, Widow of Jacob SIMMONS, Coal Miner, who was the Son of this Examinant, taken on oath before us, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, the seventh day of February 1843.

Who deposeth as follows: I am eighty years of age or thereabouts and I was born in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, as I have heard and believe. My Father, whose name was Jacob SIMMONS, belonged to the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid and my Father and Mother were both settled Inhabitants of the said Parish of High Littleton. I resided in the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the said County of Somerset for a great many years and about Sixty years ago I was married, in the Parish Church of Midsomer Norton aforesaid, to Elizabeth CARPENTER, who died about six years ago. She died in the Parish of Midsomer Norton aforesaid and was buried there, but her Coffin was provided at the expence of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid. I am the Father of Jacob SIMMONS. He was my Son by my said wife. I had several other children by my said wife. About Twenty years ago my said Son Jacob SIMMONS was married to Mary Ann TRIPPICK of Shepton Mallet in the Parish Church of Midsomer Norton aforesaid and she had two children by my said Son. My said Son Jacob SIMMONS died about seventeen years ago, leaving his widow and two children, one of whom is named William and the other child is since dead. My said Son Jacob SIMMONS was a Coal miner; he died in the

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Parish of Midsomer Norton and was buried there. Mary Ann SIMMONS, the Widow of my said Son Jacob SIMMONS, is now residing in the Parish of Shepton Mallet aforesaid. About three or four years ago I received relief from the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, while I was residing in the Parish of Midsomer Norton aforesaid. I was allowed eighteen pence a week by the said Parish of High Littleton for about two years, when my relief was raised to half a Crown a week from the said Parish of High Littleton, for about Twelve Months, while I was residing in the Parish of Midsomer Norton aforesaid. About a year and nine Months ago I was taken to the Clutton Union Workhouse aforesaid by Mr DUDDEN the Relieving Officer of the said Parish of High Littleton, where he resides, and I have been living ever since, at the expence of the said Parish of High Littleton, in the said Workhouse. About seventeen or eighteen years ago my Son James SIMMONS met with an accident in one of the Coal Pits within the Parish of Midsomer Norton aforesaid. He was then residing in the said Parish of Midsomer Norton and he received relief from the said Parish of High Littleton, while residing in the said Parish of Midsomer Norton, for about three Months. The Parish of High Littleton is distant about three Miles from the Parish of Midsomer Norton. The Mark X of Jacob SIMMONS.

Taken and sworn before us, the day and year first above written, R. STRACHEY, J.S. LEAN.

[Note: Jacob was the son of Jacob SIMMONS and his wife Ann STICKLER. Ann was buried at High Littleton 2 days before young Jacob was baptized and his father then married Sarah DERHAM, widow, at Cameley in 1768. Sarah died at Paulton in 1772 and Jacob married, for the third time, Martha BULL, widow, at Paulton in 1781. She died in 1788 and Jacob senior remained a widower for the next 26 years until he died at Paulton in 1814.

Jacob son of Jacob SIMMONS & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 31 Aug 1766.

Jacob SIMMONS married Elizabeth CARPENTER at Midsomer Norton 7 Oct 1787.

James a son was born c.1787/8. - James married Nancy BRIMBLE at Midsomer Norton on 10 Sep 1810.

Ann dau. of Jacob & Elizabeth SIMMONS bapt. at Midsomer Norton 25 Dec 1789.

John son of Jacob & Betty SIMMONS bapt. at Midsomer Norton 18 Jun 1792. - He married Sarah CHARD at Midsomer Norton 28 Jul 1811.

Judith dau. of Jacob & Betty SIMMONS bapt. at Midsomer Norton 15 Dec 1795.

Jacob son of Jacob & Betty SIMMONS bapt. at Midsomer Norton 13 May 1798.

Rachael dau. of Jacob & Betty SYMMONS bapt. at Midsomer Norton 25 Dec 1802. - Rachel SIMMONDS, Clandown, aged 19, buried at Midsomer Norton 23 Apr 1822. Overseers Accounts record on 17 Apr 1822 16/- paid for Rachel SYMMONS' funeral expenses.

Thomas son of Jacob & Betty SIMMONS bapt. at Midsomer Norton 21 Jul 1805. - He married Betsey.

Mary dau. of Jacob & Betty SIMMONS bapt. at Midsomer Norton 15 May 1808.

Simon son of Jacob & Elizabeth SIMMONS bapt. at Midsomer Norton 7 Jul 1811. - He married Elizabeth WILLIAMS at Paulton 10 Nov 1831.

Accounts record on 28 May 1813 the payment of Jacob SIMMONS' Club money, he having 7 children living at Welton.

Jacob SIMMONS jun'r received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1798, 1801, 1806, 1818 (of Welton or Clandown), 1823 and 1831.

Elizabeth SIMMONS, Welton, aged 67, was buried at Midsomer Norton 12 Feb 1837.

The 1841 Census finds Jacob SIMMONDS, aged 78, at Folly House, Midsomer Norton, lodging in the house of Thomas SIMMONDS 35, gamekeeper, Betsey 30, Jacob 10, John 8, Thomas 6, and Simon 3.

Clutton Union Workhouse Admission Register records the admission on 3 Aug 1841 of Jacob SIMMONS, High Littleton, born 1762, labourer, widower, partially disabled, old age. He discharged himself on 11 Sep, was readmitted on 18 Sep, discharged himself on 23 Apr 1842, was readmitted on 28 Apr, discharged himself on 1 Oct, was readmitted on 7 Oct, discharged himself again on 21 Jan 1843, was readmitted on 1 Feb, discharged himself on 24 Apr, was readmitted on 7 May, discharged himself on 5 Jun and was readmitted on 20 Jun. After 1843 the records are missing but Jacob probably continued to go in and out of the workhouse.

The Workhouse Master's Report Journal reported to the Board of Guardians for the week ending 29 Apr 1845 that "Jacob SIMMONS went to Norton Fair on Saturday without leave - 82 years old."

The 1851 Census finds Jacob SIMMONS, aged 88, labourer, born Farrington Gurney, in Clutton Union Workhouse.]

[Below]

(Copy) Somersetshire (to wit).

The Examination of James COGLE now residing in the Parish of Shepton Mallet in the said County of Somerset, taken on oath before us, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, the seventh day of February 1843, concerning the Settlement of Mary Ann SIMMONS and her two Bastard Children, now Inmates of the Union Workhouse at Shepton Mallet aforesaid,

Who deposeth as follows: I am Master of the Shepton Mallet Union Workhouse. I was appointed to that Office on the Twenty fifth day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty. The said Mary Ann SIMMONS and her said two Children are now in the said Workhouse and they were duly admitted into it on the tenth day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty two at the charge of the said Parish of Shepton Mallet. The said Parish of Shepton Mallet forms a part of the Shepton Mallet Union. The said Mary Ann SIMMONS and her said two bastard children are now maintained in the said Workhouse at the expense of the said Parish of Shepton Mallet. James COGLE.

Taken and sworn before us, the day and year first above written, R. STRACHEY, J.S. LEAN.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-11c, d and e.

[Printed Form - Order of Removal. - Printed aud (sic) Sold by J. CARY, Shepton-Mallet.]

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County of Somerset.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Shepton Mallet in the said County, and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County and to each and every of them.

UPON the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Shepton Mallet aforesaid, 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 and one of us of the Quorum, that **Mary Ann SIMMONS, Widow, aged thirty six years or thereabouts and Louisa SIMMONS aged two years and six months or thereabouts and Sarah SIMMONS aged eight Months or thereabouts, the Bastard Children of the said Mary Ann SIMMONS,** have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Shepton Mallet, not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be Settled elsewhere; and that the said Mary Ann SIMMONS and Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS her said Bastard Children are actually chargeable to the said Parish of Shepton Mallet: We, the said Justices, upon due Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examinations of the said Mary Ann SIMMONS, Jacob SIMMONS and James COGLE upon Oath, as otherwise, and likewise upon Consideration had of the Premises, do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge that the lawful Settlement of the said Mary Ann SIMMONS and Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS her said Bastard Children is in the said Parish of High Littleton.

We do therefore require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Shepton Mallet or some or one of you, to convey the said Mary Ann SIMMONS and Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS her said Bastard Children from and out of your said Parish of Shepton Mallet to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 a true Copy thereof.) And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for them the said Mary Ann SIMMONS and Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS her said Bastard Children as Inhabitants of your Parish. GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the seventh Day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty three. R. STRACHEY, J.S. LEAN.

[Reverse] - Order of Removal - Mary Ann SIMMONS - 11th March 1843 - £1.14. 0.

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[Note: For details of Mary Ann SIMMONS see Removal Order from Shepton Mallet to High Littleton dated 18 Nov 1829.

Louisa dau. of Mary SIMMONDS, Cowl Street, sempstress, born 23 Jul, bapt. at Shepton Mallet 17 Sep 1840.

Sarah dau. of Mary SIMMONS, Cowl Street, born 15 May, bapt. at Shepton Mallet 24 Aug 1842.

Overseers Accounts record on 11 Mar 1843 a payment to the Overseers of Shepton Mallet per order for Mary Ann SIMMONS & her 2 children.

Clutton Union Workhouse Admission Register records the admission on 11 Mar 1843 of Mary SIMMONS, High Littleton, born 1804, servant, widow, and her bastards Louisa born 1840 and Sarah born 1842. They discharged themselves on 13 March.

Mary Ann SIMMONS & children were removed from Shepton Mallet to High Littleton again by Orders dated 7 Nov 1845 & 10 Nov 1848.]

77. John BRODRIBB and family were removed from Cameley to High Littleton by Order dated 30th May 1843.

[Notice of Chargeability & Removal]

COUNTY of SOMERSET.

THE PARISH OF Camley in the said County of Somerset.

In the matter of **John BRODRIBB**, his Wife and children, Paupers.

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

TAKE NOTICE, that the above-named John BRODRIBB has, together with Harriet his Wife and their three children, namely William aged about six years, John aged about three years and Joseph aged about seven weeks, become chargeable to our said Parish of *[Cameley]* and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your Parish of High Littleton 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order. Dated this thirtieth day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty three. William POOL, Joseph PERRIN, Nathaniel HOWARD, John WOOKEY, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Camley.

[Below] COPY.

COUNTY OF SOMERSET, TO WIT.

THE EXAMINATION of **John BRODRIBB**, now residing in the Clutton Union Workhouse in the County of Somerset, touching the place of his last legal settlement, taken upon Oath this thirtieth day of May 1843.

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Who upon his Oath, saith as follows, viz: I am about 30 years of Age and was born in the Parish of Clutton in this County, as I have heard and believe, where my Parents Jabez and Mary BRODRIBB resided. I lived at home with my Father and Mother till I was apprenticed, which was on the 21st day of October 1828. I now produce the Indenture by which I bound myself to Joseph LANSDOWN of High Littleton in the said County, Cordwainer, from that time till the 5th of August 1833, to learn the trade of a cordwainer. I served under that Indenture and resided in the Parish of High Littleton up to the decease of my Master, which took place there about June 1832. I then left and went to live at Camley for a short time and worked at Temple Cloud for Mr John GIBBS and afterwards worked for Mr TUCKER at High Littleton, and lived there for about ten Months as a Journeyman and since then at many other places, but only at Weekly Wages. I have always considered my Indenture void immediately upon the death of the said Joseph LANSDOWN. I have never served any Office or rented to the amount of Ten pounds or done any other act to gain a Settlement, save as here stated, to the best of my belief. I was married to Harriet (HUMPHRIES) my present Wife, in the Parish Church of Saint James's, Bristol on the 19 of May 1834, by whom I have three Children, namely William aged about 6 years, John aged about 3 years and Joseph aged about Seven Weeks. My Grandfather John CURRY held the Apprenticeship Indenture between all parties, which he delivered up to me soon after my Master's death. Upon the death of my Master, John LANSDOWN Uncle of my Master wished me to serve out the residue of my Term with Mr Joseph TUCKER of High Littleton, my Master's Brother in Law. I refused and said I should be bound Apprentice no more. Mr John GIBBS also wanted me to be bound to him for a twelve month but I refused. I left Mr TUCKER's employ the latter end of June or the beginning of July 1833 and then staid at my Father's House at Temple Cloud in the Parish of Camley, until after the expiration of my Apprenticeship term. My Master's Widow, soon after his death, became chargeable to the Parish of High Littleton and never exercised any controul over me after my Master's Death. I have been in Clutton Union Workhouse, with my said Wife and three children, ever since last Friday Week, in consequence of my being out of employ. John BRODRIBB.
Taken and Sworn before us, Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset, T. WILLIAMS, Wm. C. JAMES.

[Exhibit] Indenture of Apprenticeship - (Copy) St'p £1. 0. 0

This Indenture Witnesseth that **John BRODRIBB** a Minor, Son of Jabez BRODRIBB of Clutton, of the Parish of Camley in the County of Somerset, testified by his being a party to these presents, Doth put himself Apprentice to Joseph LANSDOWN of High Littleton in the said County, Cordwainer, to learn his Art and with him, after the manner of an Apprentice, to serve from the day of the date of these presents untill the 5th day of August in the year of our Lord 1833; During which Term the said Apprentice, his said Master faithfully shall and will him serve, his Secrets keep, lawful Commandments every where gladly do, he shall do no Damage to his said Master, nor see to be done of others but to his Power shall let or forthwith give Notice to his said Master of the same; The Goods of his said Master he shall not waste nor lend them unlawfully to any; Hurt to his said Master he shall not do, cause or procure to be done, he shall neither buy nor sell without his Master's leave. Taverns, Inns or Alehouses he shall not haunt, at Cards, Dice, Tables or any other unlawful Game he shall not play nor from the service of his said Master (unlawfully) Day nor Night shall absent himself, but in all things as an honest and faithful Apprentice shall and will demean and behave himself towards his said Master and all his, during all the said term. And the said Joseph LANSDOWN, in consideration of the Sum of Twenty pounds, the receipt whereof is acknowledged on the back of this Indenture and his services shall teach the said Apprentice in the Art of a Cordwainer, which he now useth, shall teach and instruct or cause to be taught and instructed in the best way and manner he can, finding and allowing unto the said Apprentice sufficient Meat, Drink, Lodging, Shoes and Aprons during the said Term. And for the true performance of all and every the covenants and agreements aforesaid, each of the same Parties bindeth himself unto the other firmly by these Presents.

In Witness whereof the Parties above named to these Indentures interchangeably have set their hands and Seals the Twenty first day of October in the ninth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth, 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 Twenty eight. John BRODRIBB, Jabez BRODRIBB, Joseph LANSDOWN. Witness - Sealed and delivered in the presence of John CURREY.

(Indorsed) Received of Mrs Mary and Ann BRODRIBB the Sum of Twenty pounds as Noticed on this Indenture. Joseph LANSDOWN.

(Written at foot of Indenture) "30 March 1834 John BRODRIBB now agrees to serve 6 monts under John GARDNER For to learn him the heart of A Wommans (*something erased*) to owe him 2 pence."

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Somerset to wit.

The Examination of Henry Wolford SALMON touching the Place of Settlement of John BRODRIBB above named taken upon Oath this thirtieth day of May 1843.

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Who upon his Oath saith as follows Viz't: I am Master of the Clutton Union Workhouse in the County of Somerset, which Union comprises the Parish of Camley in the said County. John BRODRIBB with his Wife and three Children have been in such Work house ever since the nineteenth of May Instant at the cost of the said Parish of Camley. H.W. SALMON.

Taken and Sworn before us Justices aforesaid, T. WILLIAMS, Wm. C. JAMES.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Camley in the County of Somerset, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton 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 Camley That **John BRODRIBB and Harriet his Wife and their three Children, namely William aged about six years, John aged about three years and Joseph aged about seven weeks**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Camley 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 John BRODRIBB 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 John BRODRIBB and Harriet his Wife and their three Children, William, John and Joseph to be in the Parish of High Littleton 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 Camley or some or one of you, or any Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said John BRODRIBB and Harriet his Wife and their said three Children, William, John and Joseph from and out of your said Parish of Camley to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 thirtieth Day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three. T. WILLIAMS, Wm. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-7 and 7b. Also 7c. for 2nd Copy of Order of Removal.

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The Parish of High Littleton - To The Parish of Cameley.

1843 June 21st - To Clothing and Maintaining **John BRODRIBB**, his Wife and 3 Children 3 weeks in the Clutton Union Workhouse £1. 8. 5¼.

Correct - H.W. SALMON, Master.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-7a.

[Note: Jabez BRODRIBB otp married Mary Ann CURREY otp by banns at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 30 Oct 1811.

John son of Jabez and Mary BRODRIBB bapt. at Clutton 6 Sep 1812.

John BRODRIBB otp married Harriet HUMPHRIES otp by banns at St. James, Bristol 19 May 1834.

William a son was born c.1837/8.

John was born c.1840.

Joseph was born in 1843.

Clutton Union Workhouse Admission Register records the admission on 19 May 1843 of John BRODRIBB, aged 32, Cameley, shoemaker, married, out of work, Harriet 36, William 5, John 3 and Joseph born 1843. They discharged themselves on 8 Jun. On 21 Jun 1843 were readmitted John BRODRIBB, born 1811, High Littleton, shoe maker, married, able bodied, out of work, his wife Harriet, born 1807 and children William born 1838, John born 1840 and Joseph born 1843. Harriet and Joseph discharged themselves on 23 Jun and John and the other 2 boys discharged themselves on 28 Jun.]

78. Thomas HART and family were removed from Chew Stoke to High Littleton by Order dated 27th June 1843.

[Notice of Chargeability & Removal - Printed Form]

COUNTY of SOMERSET.

THE PARISH OF Chewstoke in the said County of Somerset.

In the matter of **Thomas HART**, Pauper.

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

TAKE NOTICE, that the above-named Thomas HART has, together with Rachael his Wife and their five children, namely Elizabeth aged about twelve years, Charles aged about ten years and a half, Richard aged about nine years, Augustus John aged about five years and David aged about six months, become chargeable to our said Parish of Chewstoke and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your Parish of

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High Littleton 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this twenty seventh day of June one thousand eight hundred and forty three, John GRAY, William KEEL, Wm. COX, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Chewstoke.

[Below]

COPY. COUNTY OF SOMERSET TO WIT.

THE EXAMINATION of **Thomas HART**, now residing in the Parish of Chewstoke in the County of Somerset, touching the place of his last legal settlement, taken upon Oath this twenty seventh day of June 1843.

Who upon his Oath, saith as follows, viz: I am about 57 years of age and was born in the parish of Camerton in this County, as I have heard and believe. My Father and Mother's names were Thomas and Betty HART. I have never lived out as a yearly Servant. I have never been apprenticed nor served any Office nor rented to the amount of Ten pounds p'r year nor done any thing to gain a Settlement in my own right. I was married at Bedminster Church in 1827 to Rachael (ROGERS) my present Wife, by whom I have seven Children, namely Jane aged about sixteen years, George aged about fourteen years and a half (a cripple), Elizabeth aged about twelve years, Charles aged about ten years and a half, Richard aged about nine years, Augustus John aged about five years and David aged about six months. I have heard my Father say he was born in High Littleton Parish. My Grandfather John HART lived and died and was buried at High Littleton. He possessed some Property in High Littleton. About forty years ago whilst my Father was living at Fry's Bottom in the Parish of Clutton in this County, he was ill and sent my sister Mary (PERRY) to Mr Lawrence LANSDOWN, the then Overseer of High Littleton, for relief, which was granted. My son George was in Clutton Union Workhouse at the cost of High Littleton for a twelve month, to learn the Tailoring Business and he left it between one and two years ago. I have had three Blankets as a Gift to the second Poor of High Littleton from Lady JONES's Charity, whilst living out of that Parish. I have been ill and unable to work. The Mark of X Thomas HART.

Taken and Sworn before us, Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset, Wm. C. JAMES, John George MOGG.

[Below]

County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of **Henry COLLINS** now residing in the Parish of Compton Martin in the County of Somerset, touching the place of the last legal settlement of Thomas HART, taken upon Oath this twenty seventh day of June 1843, who upon his oath, saith as follows, viz.

I am a duly appointed Relieving Officer of the Clutton Poor Law Union. The Parish of Chewstoke in the County of Somerset forms part of such Union and also part of the District for which I act. Thomas HART, his Wife and Family are now living at Chewstoke and have been chargeable to the said Parish of Chewstoke for the last fortnight, having been relieved by me at their cost as such officer. Henry COLLINS.

Taken and Sworn before us Justices of the Peace, Wm. C. JAMES, John George MOGG.

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Chewstoke in the County of Somerset, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton 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 Chewstoke That **Thomas HART and Rachael his Wife and their five [altered from seven] Children, namely [Jane aged about sixteen years, George aged about fourteen years and a half - deleted], Elizabeth aged about twelve years, Charles aged about ten years and a half, Richard aged about nine years, Augustus John aged about five years and David aged about six months**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Chewstoke 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 HART 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 HART and Rachael his Wife and their said five Children to be in the Parish of High Littleton 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 Chewstoke or some or one of you, or any Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Thomas HART and Rachael his Wife and their said five Children from and out of

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your said Parish of Chewstoke to the said Parish of High Littleton 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. Wm. C. JAMES, John George MOGG.

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[Note: Thomas son of Tho's HART & his wife Betty NORMAN was baptized at Camerton 11 Jun 1786.

Thomas HART bach. otp married Rachel ROGERS spin. otp by banns at Bedminster 27 Aug 1827.

Jane a daughter was born c.1827.

George son of Thomas & Rachel HART, Clutton, carpenter, bapt. at High Littleton 29 Nov 1835. George was a cripple and spent part of his early life in Clutton Union Workhouse. The Admission Register records that George HART, High Littleton, left the workhouse on 12 Mar 1841 at the instigation of his mother. George HART, Hallatrow, aged 21, buried at High Littleton 16 Dec 1848.

Elizabeth dau. of Thomas & Rachel HART, Clutton, carpenter, bapt. at High Littleton 29 Nov 1835. - Elizabeth HART, High Littleton, aged 19, buried at High Littleton 9 Mar 1850.

Charles son of Thomas & Rachel HART, Clutton, carpenter, bapt. at High Littleton 29 Nov 1835.

Richard son of Thomas & Rachel HART, Clutton, carpenter, bapt. at High Littleton 29 Nov 1835. - Richard HART, Hallatrow, aged 12, buried at High Littleton 19 Mar 1849.

Augustus John son of Thomas & Rachael HART, Farmborough, carpenter, bapt. at Farmborough 11 Nov 1838.

David another son was born c.1842/3.

The 1851 Census finds Thomas HART, aged 66, carpenter, born High Littleton, wife Rachel 46, born Clutton and sons Charles 18, carpenter, born High Littleton and Augusta (*sic*) John 13, scholar, born Farmborough, living in High Littleton.

Rachel HART, High Littleton, aged 50, was buried at High Littleton 18 Aug 1852.

Thomas HART jun'r, carpenter, Cloud Hill, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on several occasions between 1830 and 1855.

The 1861 Census finds Thomas HART, widower, aged 76, carpenter, born Camerton, living at Scumbrum, Farmborough.

Thomas ended his days in Clutton Union Workhouse, where the Register records that Thomas HART, High Littleton, aged 87, died on 24 May 1870.

Thomas HART, Clutton Union Workhouse, aged 80, was buried at High Littleton 27 May 1870.]

79. John TUCKER and family were removed from Merthyr Tydfil to High Littleton by Order dated 14th December 1843.

[Letter postmarked Merthyr Tydvil DE 18 1848 and Bristol DE 18 1848 addressed to] - The Overseers of the Poor of the parish of High Littleton, Somersetshire.

[Printed Form - H.W. WHITE, Printer, High-Street, Merthyr Tydfil.]

COUNTY OF GLAMORGAN.

THE Examination of **John TUCKER** resident in the Parish of Merthyr-Tydfil in the said county, miner, touching his Settlement, this 14 day of december 1843, who on Oath, saith, I am 38 years old, I am the son of Thomas TUCKER, collier, by Jane his wife of the parish of High Littleton in the county of Somerset; my father died in 1817 in the adjoining parish of Clutton; my mother survived him upwards of 20 years. In a few months after my father's death, my mother began to be relieved by the said parish of High Littleton at the rate of 1/- a week; it was afterwards advanced to 1/6 a week and when I married, which was in 1831, it was raised to 2/- a week, which continued until her death. Wm. MAGGS, Thomas DUDDEN and others were the overseers of High Littleton who relieved my mother as aforesaid. My mother lived, during the many years she was so relieved, in the parishes of Clutton, High Littleton & Farmborough; she died in the parish of Farmborough. I have never done any act to gain a settlement myself. I was married in 1831 to Jane DANDO in Farmborough church by banns and have 3 children, viz. Thomas aged 9, Henry 4 years and John aged 3 months, none of whom have gained a settlement. I am now ill and residing in the said parish of Merthyr. The Mark of X John TUCKER.

Taken and signed the Day and Year above-written before us, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, T.W. HILL, Charles MAYBERY.

[Below]

Roger WILLIAMS, Relieving Officer for the parish of Merthyr Tydfil, being sworn saith: The pauper **John TUCKER**, his wife and children are now actually chargeable to the said parish. I have relieved them for that parish with 4s.

Taken and Sworn before us two of Her Majesty's Justices of the peace for Glamorgan, the 14 december 1843.

Roger WILLIAMS. T.W. HILL, Charles MAYBERY.

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

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To Wm. JONES, Assistant Overseer, High Street, Merthyr Tydvil, Glamorgan Shire.

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

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Parish of Merthyr-Tydfil, in the County of Glamorgan.

In the matter of **John TUCKER** a Pauper.

To the Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice, That the above named John TUCKER, lately residing at George Town in this Parish, has together with Jane his wife, and their three children, become chargeable to the said Parish, and that an order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your Parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal settlement (a copy of which order, and also a copy of the examination on which the same was made, are herewith sent;) 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said order. Dated this fourteenth day of December 1843. J.H. DAVIES, Churchwarden, Lewis LEWIS, Henry CHARLES, Lewis LEWIS *[different signature]*, Overseers of the Parish of Merthyr.

[Below - Order of Removal]

Glamorgan, (TO WIT.)

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of MERTHYR-TYDFIL, in the County of GLAMORGAN, and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

Whereas, upon the complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Merthyr-Tydfil aforesaid, in the said County of Glamorgan, 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 Glamorgan, and one of Us of the Quorum, that **John TUCKER, Miner, and Jane his wife and their children, namely Thomas aged 9 years, Henry aged 4 years and John aged 3 months**, neither of whom has gained a settlement in his own right have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Merthyr-Tydfil, not having gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere; and that the said John TUCKER, Jane his wife and their said children are now chargeable to the said Parish of Merthyr-Tydfil: We, the said Justices upon due proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said John TUCKER and Roger WILLIAMS upon Oath, as otherwise, and likewise upon consideration had of the premises, do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge that the last lawful Settlement of them the said John TUCKER, Jane his wife and their said children is in the said parish of High Littleton in the said county of Somerset; We do therefore require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Merthyr-Tydfil, or some or one of you, to convey the said John TUCKER, Jane his wife and their said children from and out of your Parish of Merthyr-Tydfil to the said parish of High Littleton 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 a true Copy thereof: And we do also hereby require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for them as Inhabitants of your said parish.

Given under our Hands and Seals, the 14th day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty three. T.W. HILL, Charles MAYBERY.

[Reverse] - O. R. Relief £1. 1. 0.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-8 and 8a for a 2nd Copy.

[Note: John son of Thomas TUCKER & his wife Jane CHALLENGER was baptized at High Littleton 10 Jan 1806.

Thomas TUCKER and family had been removed from Midsomer Norton to High Littleton by Order dated 25 May 1786.

John TUCKER bach. otp married Jane DANDO spin. otp by banns at Farmborough 25 Dec 1831.

Thomas a son was born c.1833/4.

Henry was born c.1838/9.

John was born in 1843.

Jabez was born c.1846/7.

John TUCKER died c.1853/4.

Jane TUCKER and 2 children were later removed from Bedwellty to High Littleton by Order dated 19 Jun 1861.]

80. Matilda TUCKER and daughter were removed from Bedwellty to High Littleton by Order dated 12th February 1845.

[Printed Form]

CERTIFICATE OF CHARGEABILITY, 7 and 8 Vic. cap. 101, s. 69.

MONMOUTH COUNTY TO WIT.

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the Abergavenny Union do hereby certify, that on the 18th day of January One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Five **Matilda TUCKER**, widow, aged 24 years and her one child, namely Elizabeth, aged 4 years, became chargeable to the Parish of Bedwellty, in the said Union.

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In testimony whereof, the Common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed, at a Meeting of their Board, this 30th day of January One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Five.

(Signed) W. COURTLAND, Presiding Chairman of the said Union.

(Countersigned) Wm. H. BATT, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the Abergavenny Union.

[Letter] with 2 penny black stamps, smudged postmarks dated FE 15 1845 - Blackwood Penny Post.

[COPY.] Removal Order from Bedwellty, Monmouthshire.

For The Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor Of the Parish of Highlittleton, Somersetshire.

County of Monmouth To Wit.

The examination of Evan JONES of the Parish of Bedwellty in the said County, Vestry Clerk, Touching the place of the Legal Settlement of Matilda TUCKER, now residing in and chargeable to the said Parish of Bedwellty in the said County, Taken on oath before us, Samuel HOMFRAY and Edmund WILLIAMS, Esquires, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Monmouth, and acting therein, this 12th day of February in the year one Thousand eight Hundred and Forty Five,

Who upon his oath states as follows: The pauper Matilda TUCKER mentioned in the annexed certificate of Chargeability is the same person as is now present before the above named Justices for the purpose of being examined preparatory to making their order for her Removal from and out of the Parish of Bedwellty in the County of Monmouth to the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

Taken and sworn the Day and year first above written, Evan JONES.

Before Us, Sam'l HOMFRAY, Edm'd WILLIAMS.

[Notice of Chargeability & Removal - Printed Form]

PARISH OF BEDWELLTY, in the County of Monmouth,

As to the removal of **Matilda TUCKER**, widow, a Pauper.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High-littleton in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice, That the above-named Matilda TUCKER, lately residing in this Parish, has, together with her one child, become chargeable to the said Parish of Bedwellty, and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for their removal to your Parish of High-littleton as their last place of legal settlement, (a copy of which Order, and also a copy of the Examination on which the same was made, are herewith sent.) **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 duly removed to your Parish of High-littleton in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this 12th day of February One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Five. Hez'h JONES, William JAMES, Morgan DAVIES, David LEWIS, Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Bedwellty.

[Below - Order of Removal - a copy]

Monmouthshire TO WIT.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Bedwellty, in the County of Monmouth, and to the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High-littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

Whereas, complaint hath been made unto Us, Samuel HOMFRAY and Edmund WILLIAMS, Esquires, whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being Two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, acting in and for the said County of Monmouth, (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Bedwellty, that **Matilda TUCKER, widow (of William TUCKER the Younger) and Elizabeth her daughter aged four years**, and neither of them having gained a settlement in his or her own right, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Bedwellty, not having gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and are now actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Bedwellty,

We, the said Justices, upon Examination of the Premises, upon Oath upon Oath and other circumstances, do adjudge the same to be true, and do also adjudge the place of legal settlement of the said Matilda TUCKER and her said Daughter Elizabeth to be in the said Parish of High-littleton in the said County of Somerset.

These are, therefore, in Her Majesty's Name, to require you the said Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Bedwellty, or some one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Matilda TUCKER and her said Daughter Elizabeth from and out of your said Parish of Bedwellty, to the said Parish of High-littleton 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, the 12th day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Five. Sam'l HOMFRAY, Edm'd WILLIAMS.

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COUNTY OF MONMOUTH TO WIT.

The Examination of **Matilda TUCKER**, Widow, at present residing in the Parish of Bedwellty, in the said County, touching the place of her legal Settlement and chargeability taken on Oath before Us, two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the said County of Monmouth, acting in and for the Division of Bedwellty, in the said County, this 12th day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Five upon the complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Bedwellty, Who upon her Oath states as follows:- I am 24 years of age or thereabouts, I am the Widow of the late William TUCKER the younger, to whom I was Married 5 years ago at the Parish Church of Bedwellty in the County of Monmouth, and by whom I have one child, namely Elizabeth, aged 4 years. My said late Husband died on the 12th day of January last at Tredegar Iron Works in the Parish of Bedwellty in the County of Monmouth and was Buried there. My said late Husband never did any act whereby to gain a Settlement in his own right to the best of my knowledge; he was the son of William TUCKER the Elder by Alvira his wife, settled inhabitants of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. I (together with my said child) am now residing in and actually chargeable to the said Parish of Bedwellty; I believe my place of Settlement to be in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid. the mark of X Matilda TUCKER.

Taken and Sworn the day and year first above written, Before us, and we do hereby certify that the above examination was read over and explained to the said examinant previously to her being sworn thereto, who appeared perfectly to understand the same, Sam'l HOMFRAY, Edm'd WILLIAMS. - a copy.

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH TO WIT.

The Examination of **William TUCKER the Elder** at present residing in the Parish of Bedwellty, in the said County, touching the place of the legal Settlement of Matilda TUCKER his daughter in law, taken on Oath before Us, two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the said County of Monmouth, acting in and for the Division of Bedwellty, in the said County, this twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Five upon the complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Bedwellty,

Who upon his Oath states as follows:- I am fifty nine years of age or thereabouts. The pauper Matilda TUCKER is the widow of my late son William TUCKER the younger (who, if living would be about 29 years of age) by Alvira [*Almira*] my present wife, to whom I was Married about 34 years ago at the Parish Church of Clutton in the County of Somerset; my said son never did any (any) act whereby to gain a settlement in his own right; my place of Legal settlement is in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, which I derived from my Father (whose name was Thomas TUCKER), who was [*a*] settled inhabitant there. I have done no act whereby to gain a settlement in my own right. In the Month of April 1836, I was taken ill in the parish of Bedwellty in the County of Monmouth, and application was made to the overseers of the Poor of that Parish for Relief, which was afforded me and I was then put under an order of Justices for the Removal of myself and Family from out of the said Parish of Bedwellty, to the said Parish of High Littleton, as the place of my legal settlement, but, in consequence of my illness, the order for my Removal was suspended and in the month of September following I recovered from my said illness and was then, with my Wife and Family, removed to the said Parish of High Littleton and we were recieved and acknowledged as being settled in that Parish by the Overseers of the Poor there Relieving me with 2s./6d. in Money and ordering me to go on the following day to Mr J. DUDDON, the Relieving Officer, who relieved us untill the Following Friday, when I was taken before the Board of Guardians of the Clutton Union, of which the Parish of High Littleton forms a part, and there we were relieved with 5s./- in money. And the overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton have since paid the expence of my Maintenance and support during my said illness to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Bedwellty. I believe the place of Legal settlement of my said son William TUCKER the younger to be in the Parish of High Littleton in the county of Somerset. The mark of X William TUCKER the Elder.

Taken and Sworn before us, the day and year first above written, and we do hereby certify that the foregoing examination was read over and explained to the said examinant previously to his being sworn thereto, who appeared perfectly to understand the same, Sam'l HOMFRAY, Edm'd WILLIAMS. - a copy.

Document in High Littleton Vestry August 2000.

[*Note: For details of William the elder's family see his Removal in 1836.*

William son of William & Almira TUCKER, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 12 May 1816.

William TUCKER married Matilda ---- at Bedwellty c.1839.

Matilda was born c.1820.

Elizabeth dau. of William & Matilda TUCKER was born c.1840.

William TUCKER died on 12 Jan 1845 and was buried at Bedwellty.]

81. Mary COLLINS was removed from Farrington Gurney to High Littleton by Order dated 4th March 1845.

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COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

THE PARISH OF Farrington Gurney in the said County of Somerset.

In the matter of **Mary COLLINS**, a Pauper.

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

TAKE NOTICE, that the above-named Mary COLLINS, Widow, has become chargeable to our said Parish of Farrington Gurney and that an Order of Justices has been duly obtained for her removal to your Parish of High Littleton 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 (*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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this fourth day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty five. Rob't COLLINGS, Wm. BLINMAN, S.C. BRYANT, Tho's GILES, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Farrington Gurney aforesaid.

[Below]

COPY. COUNTY OF SOMERSET, TO WIT.

THE EXAMINATION of **Mary COLLINS**, now residing in the Parish of Farrington Gurney in the County of Somerset, Widow, touching the place of her last legal settlement, taken upon Oath this fourth day of March 1845.

Who upon her Oath, saith as follows, viz: I am 81 years of age and was born in the Parish of Paulton in the County of Somerset aforesaid, as I have heard and believe, where my Father and Mother John and Sarah CARTER were settled Inhabitants. I lived with my Father and Mother at Paulton aforesaid till I was about 17 years of age, when I hired myself to a Mr William PURNELL, a Malster residing at Hallatrow in the Parish of High Littleton in this County, at a shilling a Week. I lived there about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a year, when I went to live with a Mrs PURNELL at Hallatrow aforesaid and her Son Mr John PURNELL (late of Woodborough), who was living with her. I ba[r]gained with Mrs PURNELL for a year at the Yearly Wages of £2.17. 6 and Mr PURNELL said he would give me the other half crown if I would stop the year out, making £3 per year. I staid this year out and received my Wages of £2.17. 6 and the half crown of Mr John PURNELL and resided all the time in their House at Hallatrow aforesaid, being unmarried and without any child. I staid on in such service, under the same Agreement, for nearly two years afterwards, when I was married to my late Husband Parfitt COLLINS, by whom I had eight Children, five of whom are now living, Viz't: James aged about 55 Years, married with a Family and living near London, a Gardener, George aged about 53 Years, now living at Farrington Gurney aforesaid, a Coal Miner and Married, Dinah aged about 42 years, Married to John GAIT and living at Timsbury in this County, William aged about 40 Years and Married with a Family and living at High Littleton aforesaid, a veerer at Hayswood Coal Work in the said Parish of Timsbury and John aged about 35 Years, a Coal Miner, Married and living at High Littleton aforesaid. I have heard that my Husband Parfitt COLLINS was born in the said Parish of Farrington Gurney and that he was a settled Inhabitant there and that he apprenticed himself to John HART of the said Parish of High Littleton, a Carpenter, but he did not stay but a year and a half of his time, when he went to live at different places of Service and the last place was at Mr Stephen JORDAN's, who lived at Hallatrow and kept the Tan Yard there. He lived with Mr JORDAN for more than a Year, when he left and went to Lodging at Paulton aforesaid. I knew my Husband at the time he was living with Mr JORDAN and, about a year after he left his Service, we were married at High Littleton Church in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid and went to live in the said Parish of Farrington Gurney. I have never lived out of Farrington Gurney since. About 5 or 6 years after our Marriage my Husband, with others, were had by the Parish Officers (but I don't know whether it was the High Littleton or Farrington Gurney Officers) to Old Down in the Parish of Ston Easton, before the Magistrates there, when his Examination was taken and he was considered to belong to High Littleton Parish. My Husband never rented to the amount of £10 per Year, nor served any Office or done any Act to gain a Settlement for himself as I know of, save as here stated. My Husband died about 24 Years [ago], when I applied to Mr Thomas FLOWER of Hallatrow aforesaid, Assistant Overseer of High Littleton Parish, for relief, and I had a shilling a Week allowed me by High Littleton Parish, but it was only for a short time. I have been relieved by High Littleton Parish several times since. Once, Farmer John BLINMAN paid me my money because I was a Cripple, to save my going up to the Church where the Poor were paid. I have now got a House, situated at Paulton aforesaid, which was left me by my late Father John CARTER. I receive the rent of it. I am certain I have never lived in Paulton Parish since I had the House. The Mark of X Mary COLLINS.

Taken and Sworn before us Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset, T. WILLIAMS, Wm. C. JAMES.

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County of Somerset to wit.

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The Examination of **Charles GAIT**, now residing in the Parish of Farrington Gurney in the County of Somerset, touching the place of the last legal Settlement of Mary COLLINS, Widow, taken upon Oath, this fourth day of March 1845.

Who upon his Oath, saith as follows, viz't: I am the Assistant Overseer of the Poor of the Parish of Farrington Gurney in the County of Somerset aforesaid. The Parish of Farrington Gurney forms part of the Clutton Poor Law Union. The said Mary COLLINS is now residing in the Parish of Farrington Gurney. I now produce a Certificate of chargeability, which relates to the said Mary COLLINS and which I received from the Clutton Board of Guardians; the following is a true 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 31st day of January last **Mary COLLINS** became chargeable to the Parish of Farrington Gurney in the said Union and still continues chargeable thereto.

In Testimony whereof the Common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed, at a Meeting of their Board this 28th day of February 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.

Charles GAIT.

Taken and Sworn before us the before named Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset, T. WILLIAMS, Wm. C. JAMES.

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Farrington Gurney in the County of Somerset, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton 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 Farrington Gurney That **Mary COLLINS, Widow**, has come to inhabit in the said Parish of Farrington Gurney 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 Mary COLLINS 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 Mary COLLINS to be in the Parish of High Littleton 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 Farrington Gurney or some or one of you, or any proper Person or Persons to be employed by you, to remove and convey the said Mary COLLINS from and out of your said Parish of Farrington Gurney to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 March in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty five. T. WILLIAMS, Wm. C. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-13 and 13a.

A copy of Parfitt COLLINS' examination of 1791, referred to in his widow's examination of 1845, follows:

Somerset to Wit.

The Examination of **Parfitt COLLINS**, now residing in the Parish of Farrington Gurney in the said County, taken this 7th day of September 1791.

Who on his Oath Saith, that he was born in the Parish of Farrington Gurney, as he has heard and believes. That, when he was about Twenty Seven Years of Age, he hired himself a Servant for a year to Mr Stephen JORDAN, of Hallatrow in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, Tanner, at Seven Guineas a year Wages, that he served him accordingly and received his full Wages. Since which, he has done no Act, whereby to gain a Settlement, to the best of his Knowledge or belief. That he has a Wife, by name Mary and two Children, Viz't: Anne aged about 4 Years and James aged about 2 Years. The Mark of X Parfit COLLINS.

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

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

[Note: Parfitt COLLINSx of Farrington married Mary CARTERx otp by banns at High Littleton 10 Jul 1786.

Mary dau. of Jno. CARTER & Sarah bapt. at Paulton 2 Jun 1765.

Anne dau. of Parfit & Mary COLLINS bapt. at Farrington Gurney 15 Jun 1787.

James a son was born c.1789. - James married and lived near London.

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George son of Parfit & Mary COLLINGS bapt. at Farrington Gurney 25 Jun 1792. - He married Elizabeth PAIN at Hinton Blewett 25 Nov 1817.

Diana and Sarah daus. of Parfit & Mary COLLINS bapt. at Farrington Gurney 5 Jun 1795. - Dinah COLLINS married John GAIT of Farrington Gurney at Timsbury 2 Apr 1834.

Wm. son of Parfit & Mary COLLINS bapt. at Farrington Gurney 28 Jul 1805. - He married Eliza VATER at High Littleton 18 Sep 1828.

John son of Parfit & Mary COLLINS bapt. at Farrington Gurney 8 Apr 1810. -He married Maria HINGE at Farrington Gurney 30 Dec 1832.

Parfitt COLLINS of Farrington received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1796, 1799, 1802, 1806, 1810 and 1815. A note in the Charity book says "1818 dead".

Parfit COLLINS, Farrington Gurney, aged 64, was buried at Farrington Gurney 6 Sep 1818.

Overseers Accounts for 1819/20 record the payment of 1/6 p.w. relief in the weekly calendar to Parfitt COLLINS' widow and son at Farrington. Vestry Minutes of 30 Apr 1820 resolved that Mary COLLINS' claim of 6d. p.w. advance be refused. Relief to Mary COLLINS was paid at 1/- p.w. until 18 weeks into 1827/8 when it ended. Relief of 1/- p.w. in the weekly calendar was again granted in 1830, increased to 1/3 after 44 weeks of 1831/2 and ended after 4 weeks of 1834/5.

The 1841 Census finds Mary COLLINGS, aged 75, living in a lodging house with 7 guests in Farrington Gurney.

Mary COLLINS, Farrington Gurney, aged 88, was buried at Farrington Gurney 17 Jan 1851.]

82. Mary Ann SIMMONS and children were removed from Shepton Mallet to High Littleton by Order dated 7th November 1845.

[Complaint of Chargeability - Printed Form - Printed by W. GREEN, High Street, Bruton.]

(Copy) County of Somerset. Division of Shepton Mallet to wit.

The Complaint and Information of Richard BENNETT one of the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Shepton Mallet in the said County of Somerset, made before us John Stuckey LEAN and Robert CLERK, Esquires, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the County of Somerset, at Shepton Mallet, in the said County, this seventh day of November One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty five on behalf of himself, and the Churchwardens and other Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Shepton Mallet THAT **Mary SIMMONS, Widow of John [Jacob intended] SIMMONS deceased and Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS, the two bastard children of the said Mary SIMMONS**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Shepton Mallet in the Shepton Mallet Union, not having gained any legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere, and that the said Mary SIMMONS and Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS have become and are now actually chargeable to the said Parish of Shepton Mallet and lastly that the said Mary SIMMONS and Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS are the same persons as are mentioned in the Certificate of chargeability, marked "C", now produced before us the said Justices. And thereupon the said Richard BENNETT as such Overseer, on behalf of himself, and the Churchwardens, and other Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, applies to us the said Justices, to enquire and Examine into the legal Settlement of the said Mary SIMMONS and Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS and to make our Order for their removal from the said Parish of Shepton Mallet to the Parish in which we may adjudge them to be legally Settled.

Richard BENNETT.

Taken and sworn before us at Shepton Mallet in the said County this seventh day of November 1845. Robert CLERK, J.S. LEAN.

[Reverse]

Copy

Certificate of Chargeability.

(C)

County of Somerset. Union of Shepton Mallet.

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the Shepton Mallet Union in the County of Somerset do hereby certify that on the third day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty five **Mary SIMMONS, Widow, aged 40 years and Louisa SIMMONS aged 5 years and Sarah SIMMONS aged three years or thereabouts, her bastard children** became chargeable to the Parish of Shepton Mallet in the said Union.

In testimony whereof the common seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed at a Meeting of their Board this third day of November 1845. Signed Wm. COOPER, Presiding Chairman of the said Board. Countersigned Robert NORTON, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the Shepton Mallet Union.

[Below]

County of Somerset. Division of Shepton Mallet.

The above certificate marked C was exhibited before us John Stuckey LEAN and Robert CLERK, Esquires, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset, at Shepton Mallet in the said County, this seventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty five on an Application for an order for the removal of the above named Mary SIMMONS, Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS from the above named Parish of Shepton Mallet to the Parish of High Littleton in the said County as their place of legal Settlement.

Robert CLERK, J.S. LEAN.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-12a.

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[Notice of Chargeability & Removal - Printed Form - HILLIAR, Printer, Bruton.]

Parish of Shepton Mallet in the County of Somerset.

As to the removal of **Mary SIMMONS, widow, and Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS her two bastard children**, paupers.

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

Take Notice that the above named Mary SIMMONS residing in our said Parish of Shepton Mallet has together with Louisa SIMMONS aged about five years and Sarah SIMMONS aged about three years, her two bastard children become chargeable to our said Parish, and that an order of Justices has been duly obtained for their removal to your Parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal Settlement (a Duplicate of which order and also a Copy of the Examinations on which the same was made are herewith sent). 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said order.

Dated this seventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty five. Dan'l ASHFORD, Sam'l GIBLETT, Churchwardens and Richard BENNETT, Geo. Tho's GOODRIDGE, John MAYGER, Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Shepton Mallet.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-12f.

[Detached cover of letter postmarked Bath NO 20 1845 and Bristol No 21 1845] - To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton, nr. Bath, Somerset.

(Copy) County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of **Mary SIMMONS**, a poor Person residing in and chargeable to the Parish of Shepton Mallet in the county of Somerset and also of **James WELCH and James COOPER**, both of Shepton Mallet aforesaid, touching the legal settlement of the said Mary SIMMONS and Louisa SIMMONS aged about five years and Sarah SIMMONS aged about three years, the said Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS being the bastard children of the said Mary SIMMONS, taken on oath before us, John Stuckey LEAN and Robert CLERK, Esquires, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, this seventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

The said **Mary SIMMONS**, on her oath, saith as follows: I am the widow of Jacob SIMMONS, late of the Parish of Midsomer Norton in the County of Somerset, Coal Miner. My Maiden Name was Mary TRIPPICK and I intermarried with the said Jacob SIMMONS in the Parish Church of Midsomer Norton aforesaid about twenty four years since. My said husband died at Midsomer Norton aforesaid about twenty one years since, and soon after his death I removed to the Parish of Shepton Mallet, where I have been residing ever since, except as hereafter mentioned. In or about the Month of June one thousand eight hundred and forty I was delivered of a Female bastard child in the Parish of Shepton Mallet, who is now living and whose name is Louisa SIMMONS and in or about the month of December one thousand eight hundred and forty one I was also delivered of another Female Bastard child, whose name is Sarah SIMMONS, at Shepton Mallet aforesaid. Both my said Bastard Children are now residing with me at the Parish of Shepton Mallet aforesaid. On or about the seventh day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty three I was examined as to my legal settlement and an Order of Justices was made for the removal of myself and my said two bastard children from the Parish of Shepton Mallet to the Parish of High Littleton in the County aforesaid. Mr James WELCH of the White Lion Inn, who was the Overseer of the Poor of the parish of Shepton Mallet, shortly afterwards removed and conveyed me and my said Bastard children to the parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset and delivered me and my said Bastard children to Mr DOWLING, the then Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there was no appeal to the said Order of Justices nor was the said Order ever abandoned, quashed or Superseded. My said late husband has a father now living, who is an inmate of the Clutton Union Workhouse; his name is Jacob SIMMONS. Mary SIMMONS.

Taken and sworn before us, Robert CLERK, J.S. LEAN.

[Below]

The said **James WELCH**, upon his oath, saith as follows: I am an Innkeeper, residing in the Parish of Shepton Mallet in the County of Somerset; from the Lady Day one thousand eight hundred and forty two to Lady Day one thousand eight hundred and forty three I was one of the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Shepton Mallet aforesaid and on the seventh day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty three I took Mary SIMMONS, now present, before Richard STRACHEY and John Stuckey LEAN Esquires, two of the Justices of the peace in and for the said County, acting in and for the Division of Shepton Mallet in the said County, to be examined as to the legal settlement of herself and Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS, her bastard children, and the said Justices made an order for the removal of the said Mary SIMMONS, by the name of Mary Ann SIMMONS, and her said bastard children, from the Parish of Shepton Mallet aforesaid to the Parish of High Littleton in the said County. The Order of removal now produced, purporting to bear date the seventh day

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of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three, and to be under the hands and seals of the said Richard STRACHEY and John Stuckey LEAN, Esquires, two of her Majesty's Justices of the peace in and for the said County of Somerset, is the same order as was then made, and on the eleventh day of March next after the day of the date of the said Order, I removed and conveyed the said Mary SIMMONS and her said bastard children therein named, from the Parish of Shepton Mallet to the said Parish of High Littleton and delivered the said Mary SIMMONS and her said two bastard children, together with a duplicate of the said Order, to Mr Edward DOWLING, who was at that time the Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, and the said Edward DOWLING, as such Overseer of the poor, received the said Mary SIMMONS and the said Louisa and Sarah, her said bastard children as inhabitants legally settled in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid. The said order was never abandoned, quashed or superseded and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it was a valid and subsisting order. James WELCH.

Taken and sworn before us, Robert CLERK, J.S. LEAN.

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The said **James COOPER**, upon his oath, saith as follows: I am a Clerk to Mr Joseph HYATT, an Attorney and Solicitor, residing at Shepton Mallet aforesaid. In the Month of February one thousand eight hundred and forty three Mr HYATT was one of the clerks to the Justices of the Shepton Mallet Division. I have examined the Order of Justices now produced, purporting to be an Order for the removal of Mary Ann SIMMONS, widow, and Louisa and Sarah her bastard children, from the Parish of Shepton Mallet aforesaid to the Parish of High Littleton in the said County and bearing date the seventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three, and to be made under the hands and seals of Richard STRACHEY and John Stuckey LEAN, Esquires, two of her Majesty's Justices of the peace in and for the said County. I was present at Shepton Mallet on the said seventh day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty three, and saw both the said Justices sign and seal the said Order, and the names "R. STRACHEY and "J.S. LEAN" subscribed to the said Order as the Justices making and signing the same, are respectively the proper handwriting of the said Richard STRACHEY and John Stuckey LEAN, Esquires, two of her Majesty's Justices of the peace then acting in and for the County of Somerset. On the ninth day of February next after the said order was made, I put a duplicate of the said Order, together with a copy of the Examinations on which the same was made, with a notice from the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the parish of Shepton Mallet aforesaid to the Overseers of the poor of the parish of High Littleton aforesaid, of such order having been obtained, into the post Office at Shepton Mallet, directed "To the Overseers of the poor of the parish of High Littleton, Somerset". James COOPER.

Taken and sworn before us, Robert CLERK, J.S. LEAN.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-12c, d and g.

[Exhibit]

Order of Removal of Mary Ann SIMMONS and her two Bastard children from the Parish of Shepton Mallet to the Parish of High Littleton. Dated 7th February 1843.

[Printed Form - Printed by W. GREEN, High Street, Bruton.]

County of Somerset.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Shepton Mallet in the said County, and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County and to each and every of them.

UPON the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Shepton Mallet aforesaid, 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, and one of us of the Quorum, that **Mary Ann SIMMONS, Widow, aged thirty six years or thereabouts and Louisa SIMMONS aged two years and six Months or thereabouts and Sarah SIMMONS aged eight months or thereabouts, the Bastard Children of the said Mary Ann SIMMONS**, have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Shepton Mallet not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be Settled elsewhere; and that the said Mary Ann SIMMONS and Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS her said bastard Children are actually chargeable to the said Parish of Shepton Mallet: We the said Justices, upon due Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examinations of the said Mary Ann SIMMONS, Jacob SIMMONS and James COGLE 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 the said Mary Ann SIMMONS and Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS her said Bastard Children is in the said Parish of High Littleton. We do therefore require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Shepton Mallet or some or one of you, to convey the said Mary Ann SIMMONS and Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS her said Bastard Children from and out of your said Parish of Shepton Mallet to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 a

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true Copy thereof.) And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for them the said Mary Ann SIMMONS and Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS her said Bastard Children as Inhabitants of your Parish.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the seventh Day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty three. R. STRACHEY, J.S. LEAN.

[Reverse]

Copy. 11th March 1843. Removed the within Paupers Mary Ann SIMMONS and her two Bastard Children from the within named Parish of Shepton Mallet to the within named Parish of High Littleton and delivered them to Edward DOWLING, Overseer of the said Parish of High Littleton, and at the same time delivered a Duplicate of the within Order of removal to the said Edward DOWLING and at the same time I received of the said Edward DOWLING the sum of £1.14. 0 for the maintenance of the said Mary Ann SIMMONS and her said two Bastard Children. James WELCH, Overseer of the said Parish of Shepton Mallet.

[Below]

County of Somerset to wit.

This is the order of removal referred to in the Examinations of James WELCH of Shepton Mallet in the County of Somerset, Innkeeper, and James COOPER of the same place, Attorney's Clerk, this day sworn before us the undersigned touching the legal settlement of Mary SIMMONS, Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS the persons within named and ordered to be removed, the within order having been produced and shewn to the said James WELCH and James COOPER respectively at the time of their being sworn to the said Examinations. As witness our hands this seventh day of November 1845. Robert CLERK, J.S. LEAN.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-12b.

[Order of Removal. - Printed Form - Printed by W. GREEN, High Street, Bruton.]

(Copy) **County of Somerset.**

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Shepton Mallet in the County of Somerset, and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

UPON the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Shepton Mallet aforesaid, 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, and one of us of the Quorum, that **Mary SIMMONS, Widow of John [Jacob intended] SIMMONS deceased, aged about forty years and Louisa SIMMONS aged about five years and Sarah SIMMONS aged about three years, which said Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS are the bastard children of the said Mary SIMMONS,** have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Shepton Mallet not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be Settled elsewhere; and that the said Mary SIMMONS, Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS have become and are now actually chargeable to the said Parish of Shepton Mallet: We the said Justices, upon due Proof made thereof, as well upon Examination of the said Mary SIMMONS 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 the said Mary SIMMONS, Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS is in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. We do therefore require and order you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Shepton Mallet or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Mary SIMMONS, Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS from and out of your said Parish of Shepton Mallet to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 a true Copy thereof.) And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for the said Mary SIMMONS as a legally settled inhabitant of your said Parish of High Littleton and also to receive and provide for the said Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS respectively as such bastard children of the said Mary SIMMONS until they shall respectively attain the age of sixteen years or respectively acquire a Settlement in their own right, if the said Mary SIMMONS their Mother shall not sooner gain a Settlement elsewhere. GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the Seventh Day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty five. Robert CLERK, J.S. LEAN.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-12 and 12e (2nd Copy).

[Note: For details of the family see previous Orders of Removal of Mary Ann SIMMONS dated 18 Nov 1829 and 7 Feb 1843.

Mary Ann SIMMONS and children were removed from Shepton Mallet to High Littleton once again, by Order dated 10 Nov 1848.]

83. James PRIDDY was removed from Burnett to High Littleton by Order dated 21st December 1846.

[Letter postmarked Newton St. Loe (no date), Pensford (no date), Bath DE 22 1846, Bristol DE 23 1846, addressed to] - The Overseers of High Littleton, Near Pensford, Som'st.

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[Printed Form - Poor E. (Class 3.) Order of Removal. Information of Chargeability, Notice of Chargeability, and Examination. - London: SHAW AND SONS, Law Publishers, Fetter Lane.]

Complaint of Chargeability.

Somerset to wit.

The Complaint of Henry PARKER one of the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Burnett in the County of Somerset made on behalf of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Burnett and with their assent unto us the undersigned, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, at Keynsham, in the said County, this twenty first Day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty six, who saith: That **James PRIDDY** has lately come to inhabit and is now inhabiting in the said Parish of Burnett endeavouring to settle there contrary to Law, not having resided in the said Parish for Five Years next before this Application and Complaint, and not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging him to be settled elsewhere, and that on the twenty sixth Day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty six the said James PRIDDY became chargeable to, and from thence hitherto has been relieved by, and is now receiving Relief from the said Parish of Burnett. The said Henry PARKER therefore prays that the said James PRIDDY may be duly examined as to the place of his legal Settlement, and further dealt with according to Law. Henry PARKER, Overseer.

Exhibited before us the Day and Year first above written, James PHILLOTT, Wm. JAMES.

[Below]

Notice of Chargeability.

Parish of Burnett in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of **James PRIDDY**.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice, That the above named James PRIDDY now residing in the said parish of Burnett has become and now is chargeable to the said Parish of Burnett and is now receiving Relief from the said Parish of Burnett, and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for his Removal to your Parish of High Littleton as his last place of legal Settlement (a duplicate of which Order, and Copies of the Examinations 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this twenty first Day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty six, Henry PARKER, Benj'n PAGET Jun'r, Benj'n PAGET, Henry PARKER *[again]*, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Burnett.

[Reverse]

THE FOLLOWING ARE COPIES OF THE EXAMINATIONS UPON WHICH THE WITHIN ORDER WAS MADE.

Somerset to wit.

The Examinations of James PRIDDY at present residing in the Parish of Burnett in the County of Somerset and of **John DUDDEN** of the parish of High Littleton in the said County, touching the last Place of legal Settlement of the said James PRIDDY, taken on Oath before us, the Reverend James PHILLOTT, Clerk and William JAMES Esquire, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this twenty first Day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty six, upon a certain Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the said Parish of Burnett unto us that the said James PRIDDY has come to inhabit and is now inhabiting in the said Parish of Burnett, not having resided in the said Parish of Burnett for Five Years next before the said Application and Complaint, and not having gained a Settlement therein, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging him to be settled elsewhere, and that the said James PRIDDY is now actually chargeable to the said Parish of Burnett.

The said James PRIDDY upon his Oath, saith That I am the Son of Thomas and Elizabeth PRIDDY. My Father was a Collier. When I was about 18 years old My Father and Mother, myself, brothers and sisters were removed from the parish of Camely in the said County to the parish of High Littleton in the said County, where I lived for about fifty years. I then went to live at Houndstreet in the parish of Marksbury in the said County and lived there with William SHORE, but considering that I belonged to the parish of High Littleton I applied to them for some support and Mr TUCKER, Overseer of the poor *[TUCKER wasn't Overseer]* of the said parish of High Littleton, gave me two shillings and sixpence a week continually, whilst I was still residing in the parish of Marksbury for some months. This was about sixteen years ago. When I left Houndstreet I went to live in the parish of Compton Dando in the said County and received Two shillings and threepence a week, from Mr John DUDDEN, Relieving Officer of the said parish of High Littleton, whilst I was residing in the said parish of

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Compton Dando aforesaid. I have been resident in the said parish of Burnett three quarters of a year only and am now, from age and infirmity, likely to require relief for the residue of my life. The mark of X James PRIDDY.

Sworn before us by the said James PRIDDY, the day and year first above written, James PHILLOTT, Wm. JAMES.

[Below]

The said **John DUDDEN** upon his oath saith, I am one of the Relieving Officers of the Clutton Union in the County of Somerset. The parish of High Littleton is within that Union and my District. About eight years ago the pauper James PRIDDY required some relief and I paid him two shillings and three pence per week and charged the same to the parish of High Littleton and I have done this for several years, always charging what I paid to the said James PRIDDY to the parish of High Littleton, and appears in their accounts and was paid by that parish. John DUDDEN.

Sworn before us by the said John DUDDEN, the day and year first above written. James PHILLOTT, Wm. JAMES.

[Reverse - Order of Removal]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Burnett in the County of Somerset and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

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 Burnett That **James PRIDDY** has come to inhabit, and is now inhabiting in the said Parish of Burnett 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 the same Parish and now receiving Relief therefrom; and that the Parish of High Littleton is the place of his last legal Settlement: **We**, the said Justices, upon due Proof thereof as well by Examination of Witnesses, to wit, of the said James PRIDDY and John DUDDEN 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 James PRIDDY is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's Name, to require and Order that if within Twenty-one Days after you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Burnett shall have sent, by Post or otherwise, unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton a Notice in Writing of the said James PRIDDY being so chargeable as aforesaid, together with a Copy or Counterpart of this Order, and a Copy of the Examinations on which this Order is made, no Notice of Appeal against this Order shall be given by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, or if Notice of Appeal shall be given within the Twenty-one Days aforesaid, then forthwith after the time for prosecuting such Appeal shall have expired (if the same be not duly prosecuted), or in case the same shall be duly prosecuted, then forthwith after the final determination of the same, if this Order shall thereupon be confirmed, you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Burnett or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, do remove and convey the said James PRIDDY from and out of your said Parish of Burnett to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 required to receive and provide for him according to Law.

Given under our Hands and Seals, at Keynsham in the said County of Somerset, the twenty first Day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty six. James PHILLOTT, Wm. JAMES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-14 and 14a for 2nd Copy of Complaint & Notice of Chargeability.

[Note: James son of Thomas PRIDDY & his wife Elizabeth MAGGS was baptized at Cameley 17 Mar 1772.

Thomas PRIDDY and family were removed from Cameley to High Littleton by Order dated 13 Apr 1790.

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

James PRIDDY bach. married Elizabeth VOWLES widow, by banns at Farmborough 11 Feb 1812.

James PRIDDY of High Littleton received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1816 (James who married Betty VOWLES, wid.), 1819, 1821, 1829 and 1833. In applying in 1831 he was described as a labourer of Farmborough.

Elizabeth PRIDDY, Farmborough, aged 68, was buried at Farmborough 22 Apr 1834.

Accounts for 1834 record the payment of 2/6 p.w. relief in the weekly calendar to James PRIDDY, which was still being paid in 1836. Vestry Minutes of 21 Dec 1842 resolved that James PRIDDY's relief should be reduced from 2/6 to 2/- p.w.

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James ended his days in Clutton Union Workhouse, where the Register records that James PRIDDY, High Littleton, aged 82, died on 30 Jun 1847.

James PRIDDY, Clutton Workhouse, aged 79, was buried at High Littleton 3 Jul 1847.]

84. George SALMON and wife were removed from Leigh upon Mendip to High Littleton by Order dated 21st January 1848.

[Letter postmarked Frome FE 1 1848, addressed] - To the Churchwardens & Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton, Somerset.

[Printed Form - Poor E. (Class 3.) Order of Removal. Information of Chargeability, Notice of Chargeability, and Examination. - London: SHAW AND SONS, Law Publishers, Fetter Lane.]

Complaint of Chargeability.

Somersetshire **to wit.**

The Complaint of Joseph Allwood ASHMAN one of the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Leigh upon Mendip in the said County of Somerset made on behalf of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Leigh upon Mendip and with their assent unto us the undersigned, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this twenty first Day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight, who saith: That **George SALMON**, aged about sixty five years and Miriam his wife, aged about sixty eight years have lately come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Leigh upon Mendip endeavouring to settle there contrary to Law, not having resided in the said Parish for Five Years next before this Application and Complaint, and not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and that on the twenty eighth Day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty seven the said George SALMON and Miriam his wife became chargeable to, and from thence hitherto have been relieved by, and are now receiving Relief from the said Parish of Leigh upon Mendip. The said Joseph Allwood ASHMAN therefore prays that the said George SALMON may be duly examined as to the place of his last legal Settlement, and further dealt with according to Law. Joseph A. ASHMAN, Overseer.

Exhibited before us the Day and Year first above written, George ROUS, W.H. SHEPPARD.

[Below]

Parish of Leigh upon Mendip in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of **George SALMON and Miriam his wife.**

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice, That the above named **George SALMON**, aged about sixty five years, now residing in the parish of Leigh upon Mendip has, with Miriam his wife, aged about sixty eight years, become and now is chargeable to the said Parish of Leigh upon Mendip and is now receiving Relief from the said Parish of Leigh upon Mendip, and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for their Removal to your Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset as their last place of legal Settlement (a duplicate of which Order, and Copies of the Examinations 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 Paupers will be removed to your said Parish of High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this twenty sixth Day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight, Wm. ABRAHAMS, Joseph A. ASHMAN, Constant NICHOLAS, Majority of Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Leigh upon Mendip.

[Reverse - Order of Removal]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Leigh upon Mendip in the County of Somerset and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

Somersetshire **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 Leigh upon Mendip That **George SALMON, aged about sixty five years and Miriam his wife, aged about sixty eight years** have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Leigh upon Mendip 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 them to be settled elsewhere, and that they are now actually chargeable to the same Parish and now receiving Relief therefrom; and that the Parish of High Littleton in the

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County of Somerset 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 George SALMON and of Thomas ROBINS and William LAWES 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 George SALMON and the said Miriam his wife is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's Name, to require and Order that if within Twenty-one Days after you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Leigh upon Mendip shall have sent, by Post or otherwise, unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton a Notice in Writing of the said George SALMON and Miriam his wife being so chargeable as aforesaid, together with a Copy or Counterpart of this Order, and a Copy of the Examinations on which this Order is made, no Notice of Appeal against this Order shall be given by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, or if Notice of Appeal shall be given within the Twenty-one Days aforesaid, then forthwith after the time for prosecuting such Appeal shall have expired (if the same be not duly prosecuted), or in case the same shall be duly prosecuted, then forthwith after the final determination of the same, if this Order shall thereupon be confirmed, you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Leigh upon Mendip or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, do remove and convey the said George SALMON and Miriam his wife from and out of your said Parish of Leigh upon Mendip to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

Given under our Hands and Seals, at Frome Selwood in the said County of Somerset, the twenty first Day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight. George ROUS, W.H. SHEPPARD.

THE FOLLOWING ARE COPIES OF THE EXAMINATIONS UPON WHICH THE WITHIN ORDER WAS MADE.

Somersetshire to wit.

The Examinations of George SALMON at present residing in the Parish of Leigh upon Mendip in the said County of Somerset and of **Thomas ROBINS** of Babington in the same County, Yeoman and **William LAWES** of Kilmersdon in the said County of Somerset, Relieving Officer, touching the last Place of legal Settlement of the said George SALMON and of Miriam his wife, taken on Oath before us, George ROUS, Clerk and William Hulbert SHEPPARD Esquire, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, this twenty first Day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight at Frome in the County aforesaid, upon a certain Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Leigh upon Mendip unto us that the said George SALMON, aged about sixty five years and Miriam his wife, aged about sixty eight years have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Leigh upon Mendip, not having resided in the said Parish for Five Years next before the said Application and Complaint, and not having gained a Settlement therein, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and that the said George SALMON and Miriam his wife are now actually chargeable to the said Parish of Leigh upon Mendip.

The said George SALMON upon his Oath, saith I am about Sixty five years old, and about Forty years ago, or rather less, I was married at the Parish Church of Mells in the said county of Somerset to my present wife Miriam, then Miriam PITMAN, Singlewoman. About five years ago I and my wife were residing in the parish of Babington in the said County of Somerset and, becoming chargeable to that parish, I was taken by the parish officers of Babington to Kilmersdon, and was there examined before Two Justices as to the place of my settlement, and such Justices made an Order for conveying myself and my said wife to the parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, as the place of our last legal settlement, and about a month afterwards I and my said wife were removed in pursuance of such order by Thomas ROBINS, one of the then Overseers of the poor of the said parish of Babington, to the said parish of High Littleton, and delivered to one of the Overseers of the Poor of the said parish of High Littleton. It was afterwards arranged with the Parish Officers of High Littleton that I and my wife might return to Babington and have our Relief from the said parish of High Littleton and that Mr William DUDDEN, the Relieving Officer for the said parish of High Littleton, was to pay me Four shillings weekly in money on account of the said parish of High Littleton, for the relief of myself and my said wife, out of the Union, and it was agreed that I should go or send weekly to meet Mr James PRATTEN, who paid me for the said William DUDDEN, at Radstock, to receive such Relief. My wife and I accordingly returned the next day to Babington, and continued to reside in the said parish of Babington until Christmas One thousand eight hundred and forty five, during the whole of which time we received such Relief from the said James PRATTEN weekly at Radstock, on account of the said parish of High Littleton. At Christmas One thousand eight hundred and forty five we removed to the parish of Leigh upon Mendip, and have continued to

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reside in the said parish of Leigh upon Mendip from that period to the present time. We continued to receive our weekly Relief from the said parish of High Littleton, through the hands of the said James PRATTEN at Radstock, up to sometime in the month of October One thousand eight hundred and forty six, when the said James PRATTEN informed me that such Relief was stopped by order of the Board of Guardians in consequence of our not residing in the said parish of High Littleton. After our Relief was so stopped by the said parish of High Littleton, I applied to Mr Thomas BABY, then Relieving Officer for the parish of Leigh upon Mendip, and from that time to the present I have continued to reside in the said parish of Leigh upon Mendip, receiving regular weekly relief from the said parish of Leigh upon Mendip during the whole time. The mark of X George SALMON.

Taken and Sworn before us the said Justices at Frome in the county of Somerset, this Twenty first day of January 1848. And we hereby certify that the above Examination was read in our presence to the said George SALMON and that he seemed perfectly to understand the same, and that he set his mark thereto in our presence. George ROUS, W.H. SHEPPARD.

The said **Thomas ROBBINS**, upon his oath saith, I was Overseer of the poor of the parish of Babington in the county of Somerset for the year ending at or about Lady day One thousand eight hundred and forty two. I produce an order of Thomas Robert JOLLIFFE, Clerk and John Twyford JOLLIFFE Esquire, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the county of Somerset, dated the Eleventh day of February One thousand eight hundred and forty two, and directed to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of Babington, and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of High Littleton, whereby the said Justices ordered the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of Babington to remove and convey the said George SALMON and Miriam his wife from the said Parish of Babington to the said Parish of High Littleton and them to deliver (together with such Order or duplicate or copy thereof) to the Overseers of the poor there; and the names thereunto subscribed are the names and handwriting of the said Justices respectively. I procured the Order, now produced, from the Clerk of the said Parish of Babington. Pursuant to such order, and as such Overseer, I removed and conveyed the said George SALMON and Miriam his wife sometime in the early part of March One thousand eight hundred and forty two from the said Parish of Babington to the said parish of High Littleton, and I delivered the said George SALMON and Miriam his wife (together with a copy of such order) to Mr WICKS [*WEEKS*], a Farmer and then one of the Overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, at his house in the said Parish of High Littleton, and he paid me eighteen shillings and sixpence, the expenses incurred by the Parish of Babington for the maintenance of the said George SALMON and Miriam his wife from the time of the making of the said Order. The Pauper now present is the same person I so removed under the said Order, and I never heard that such Order was appealed against. Thos. ROBBINS.

Taken and Sworn before us the said Justices at Frome in the county of Somerset, this Twenty first day of January 1848. George ROUS, W.H. SHEPPARD.

[Exhibit referred to in Thomas ROBBINS' Examination]

[Order of Removal - Printed Form - W. SPARKS, PRINTER, FROME]

County of SOMERSET.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the parish of Babington in the said county of Somerset, to execute and convey. And to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the parish of High Littleton in the said county to receive and obey.

Whereas complaint hath been made unto us, whose hands and seals are hereunto set and subscribed, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the peace, of and for the said County of Somerset, (one of us being of the quorum) by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of Babington in the said County of Somerset, that **George SALMON and Miriam his wife** lately came to inhabit in the same parish of Babington in the said County of Somerset, contrary to Law, not having anyways gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere: and that the said George SALMON and Miriam his wife actually became chargeable to the said parish of Babington: We the said Justices upon due examination of the said complaint and premises, and also upon Examination of the said George SALMON upon his oath before us and upon due consideration by us had in the premises, do adjudge the same complaint and premises to be true, and we do likewise adjudge, that the last lawful settlement of the said George SALMON and Miriam his wife is in the said parish of High Littleton in the said county of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in Her Majesty's name, to require, order, and command you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of Babington in the said County of Somerset, or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said George SALMON and Miriam his wife from and out of your said parish of Babington to the said parish of High Littleton 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 true copy thereof). And we

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do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for them the said George SALMON and Miriam his wife according to Law, as Inhabitants legally settled in your said parish of High Littleton.

Given under our hands and seals at Kilmersdon in the said County the eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty two. Tho's R. JOLLIFFE, J.T. JOLLIFFE.

[Indorsement]

1848 January 21st. This Order of removal was produced by Thomas ROBINS before us, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset, and is referred to by Thomas ROBINS and George SALMON in their Examinations before us in the matter of the removal of George SALMON and Miriam his wife, as paupers. George ROUS, W.H. SHEPPARD.

The said **William LAWES** upon his oath saith, In the month of February last I was appointed Relieving Officer for that District of the Frome Union in which the said Parish of Leigh upon Mendip is situate, in the place of Mr Thomas BABY, who had previously been Relieving Officer of that District. I found the said George SALMON and Miriam his wife on the list of Paupers receiving Relief from the said Union, on account of the said parish of Leigh upon Mendip and, from that time to the present time, by order of the said Board of Guardians of the Frome Union, I have paid weekly relief on account of the said parish of Leigh upon Mendip to the said George SALMON, for the maintenance of himself and his said wife. The present relief amounts to Four shillings in money and two loaves of bread weekly. I produce a certificate of the Board of Guardians of the poor of the Frome Union as to the chargeability of the said George SALMON and Miriam his wife. I received the said Certificate from Lawrence HAGLEY, the Clerk to the said Board of Guardians, on the Twenty first day of this instant, January. George SALMON, the pauper now present and who has now been examined, is the same George SALMON who is named in the said Certificate, and he now resides in the said parish of Leigh upon Mendip, being one of the parishes comprized in the said Union. Wm. Lawes.

Taken and Sworn before us the said Justices at Frome in the county of Somerset, this Twenty first day of January 1848. George ROUS, W.H. SHEPPARD.

[below] - (Copy Certificate of Chargeability).

7 & 8 Victoria, cap. 101. Schedule C.

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the Frome Union do hereby certify That on the Twenty eighth day of December last **George SALMON, aged 65 and his wife Miriam SALMON, aged 68**, became chargeable to the Parish of Leigh upon Mendip in the said Union. In testimony whereof the common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed, at a meeting of their Board, this Eighteenth day of January 1848.

Signed John SINKINS, Presiding Chairman of the said Board.

Countersigned L. HAGLEY, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the Frome Union.

(Copy Indorsement)

This Certificate was exhibited to & received by us, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Somerset, on the Twenty first day of this instant, January 1848, in the matter of the removal of **George SALMON and Miriam SALMON his wife**, as paupers. George ROUS, W.H. SHEPPARD.

Documents in High Littleton Vestry August 2000.

[Note: For details of George and family see his removal and examination of 11 Feb 1842.]

85. Eliza RAPPS was removed from Kilmersdon to High Littleton by Order dated 2nd March 1848.

[Notice of Chargeability & Removal]

Parish of Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset.

As to the removal of **Eliza RAPPS**.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset. Take Notice that the above named Eliza RAPPS aged about thirteen years now residing at Charlton in this Parish has become and now is chargeable to the said Parish of Kilmersdon, and is now receiving relief from the said Parish of Kilmersdon, and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for her removal to your said Parish of High Littleton as her last place of legal settlement (a duplicate of which Order and copies of the Examinations 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight. Thomas THATCHER, William FORD, Churchwardens and Joseph HOLBROOK, Henry CANDY, Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Kilmersdon.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-17.

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[Letter postmarked Frome MR 14 1848 and Bristol MR 15 1848] To the Churchwardens & Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton, Somerset.

[Complaint of Chargeability & Application for Examination]

County of Somerset.

The Complaint of Joseph HOLBROOK one of the Overseers of the poor of the parish of Kilmersdon in the said County of Somerset made on behalf of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of Kilmersdon and with their assent unto us the undersigned Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, at Kilmersdon in the said County, this second day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty eight, who saith That **Eliza RAPPS aged about Thirteen years** has lately come to inhabit and is now inhabiting in the said parish of Kilmersdon endeavouring to settle there contrary to Law not having resided in the said parish of Kilmersdon for Five years next before this Application and Complaint and not having gained a legal settlement there nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere and that on the Twenty eighth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty seven the said Eliza RAPPS became chargeable to the said parish of Kilmersdon and from thence hitherto has been relieved by and is now receiving relief from the said parish of Kilmersdon. The said Joseph HOLBROOK therefore prays that the said Eliza RAPPS may be duly examined as to the place of her last legal Settlement, and further dealt with according to Law. Joseph HOLBROOK, Overseer.

Exhibited before us the day and year first above written. T.R. JOLIFFE, William F. KNATCHBULL.

[Below]

The following are copies of the Examinations upon which the accompanying Order was made. Somersetshire to wit.

The **Examinations of Eliza RAPPS** at present residing in the parish of Kilmersdon in the said County of Somerset, and of **Elizabeth FORD**, wife of John FORD of Kilmersdon aforesaid, Gardener, **William LAWES** of Kilmersdon, Relieving Officer and **William REES MOGG** of Temple Cloud in the said County of Somerset, Gentleman, and **James PRATTEN** of Midsomer Norton in the same County, Relieving Officer, touching the place of the last legal Settlement of the said Eliza RAPPS, taken on Oath before us, Thomas Robert JOLIFFE, Clerk and William Francis KNATCHBULL, Esquire, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said county of Somerset, this Second day of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty eight, at Kilmersdon in the county aforesaid, upon a certain complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the said parish of Kilmersdon unto us, that the said Eliza RAPPS hath come to inhabit and is now inhabiting in the said parish of Kilmersdon, not having resided in the said Parish for Five years next before the said application and complaint, and not having gained a Settlement therein, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere, and that the said Eliza RAPPS is now actually chargeable to the said Parish of Kilmersdon.

[Below]

The said **Eliza RAPPS** upon her Oath saith, I am about Thirteen years of age. I perfectly remember going into the Workhouse of the Clutton Union and being there about two years. I came out of the said Workhouse four years ago come the Twenty fourth of May next. Before coming out of the said Workhouse, I went with my Aunt Elizabeth FORD to the Board of Guardians of the Clutton Union and they agreed that I might leave the said Workhouse and go and reside with my said Aunt in the said parish of Kilmersdon and that they would allow one shilling and sixpence a week, on account of the parish of High Littleton, for my maintenance. I then went to reside with my said Aunt in the said parish of Kilmersdon, and have ever since resided with her in that parish. Eliza RAPPS.

Taken and sworn before us, the said Justices, at Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset, this second day of March 1848, T.R. JOLIFFE, William F. KNATCHBULL.

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The said **Elizabeth FORD** upon her Oath saith, I am the wife of John FORD of Kilmersdon aforesaid, Gardener. The said Eliza RAPPS is the daughter of John RAPPS and Mary RAPPS his wife; the said Mary RAPPS was my sister; the said John RAPPS and Mary his wife, then Mary PRATTEN, Singlewoman, were married at the Parish Church of Radstock in the county of Somerset, about Eighteen years ago. I was present at the Marriage. John RAPPS, the father of the said Eliza RAPPS, died about a month before she was born. Mary RAPPS the mother died about ten years ago, and then Martha PRATTEN the grandmother took charge of the said Eliza RAPPS (and another Sister) until her death, which happened about Six years ago. After the death of Martha PRATTEN, I and my husband took the two children to live with us in the said parish of Kilmersdon, and we were allowed eighteen pence weekly, for each of the said children, from the Clutton Union, on account of the

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parish of High Littleton, for about twelve months, when such Relief was stopped. The Relief had been paid to us through the hands of my Brother Thomas PRATTEN, since deceased. He resided at High Littleton, and he sent us notice that the pay was stopped and the children must go to the Workhouse. Accordingly, both the children went into the Workhouse of the said Clutton Union and remained there about Two years, when I went, with the said Two children, before the Board of Guardians of the said Clutton Union, in which the said parish of High Littleton is situate, and the said Board of Guardians agreed that my husband and I might take the said children to reside with us in the said parish of Kilmersdon, and that they would allow us eighteen pence weekly for each of the said children, on account of the said parish of High Littleton. This was sometime in the month of May One thousand eight hundred and forty four, and from that time the said Children resided with us in the said parish of Kilmersdon, we received regularly eighteen pence weekly on account of each of the said children, from the said Union, on account of the said parish of High Littleton, through the hands of Mr James PRATTEN, one of the Relieving Officers of the Clutton Union, up to some time in November One thousand eight hundred and forty six, when such Relief was stopped. I then applied to Mr BABY, Relieving Officer for the parish of Kilmersdon, in which the said Eliza RAPPS was residing, and have ever since received Relief from him whilst he continued in the Office, and afterwards from his Successor Mr JAMES, for the said Eliza RAPPS on account of the said parish of Kilmersdon. The said Eliza RAPPS hath never done any act to gain a Settlement in her own right. The said Eliza RAPPS, now present, is the same person I so brought out of the said Clutton Workhouse, and is the daughter of my sister Mary. The mark of X Elizabeth FORD.

Taken and Sworn before us the said Justices, at Kilmersdon in the county of Somerset, this second day of March 1848. And we hereby certify that the above Examination was read in our presence to the said Elizabeth FORD and that she seemed perfectly to understand the same and set her mark thereto in our presence. T.R. JOLIFFE, William F. KNATCHBULL.

[Below]

The said **William LAWES** upon his Oath saith, On the Twenty third day of February One thousand eight hundred and forty seven, I was appointed Relieving Officer for that District of the Frome Union in which the parish of Kilmersdon is situate. I found the said Eliza RAPPS on the List of Paupers receiving Relief on account of the said parish of Kilmersdon, and from that time to the present time, by order of the Board of Guardians of the said Frome Union, I have given Relief weekly to the said Eliza RAPPS to the amount of Eighteen pence, on account of the said parish of Kilmersdon. I produce a Certificate of the Board of Guardians of the poor of the Frome Union as to the chargeability of the said Eliza RAPPS. I received the said certificate from Lawrence HAGLEY, the Clerk to the said Board of Guardians, on the second day of this instant, March. The pauper now present is the same Eliza RAPPS who is named in the said Certificate and she now resides in the said parish of Kilmersdon, being one of the Parishes comprized in the said Union. W. LAWES.

Taken and Sworn before us the said Justices, at Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset, this second day of March 1848, T.R. JOLIFFE, William F. KNATCHBULL.

[Exhibit]

(Copy certificate of Chargeability). 7 & 8 Victoria cap. 101.

Schedule C.

The Board of Guardians of the poor of the Frome Union do hereby certify That on the Twenty eighth day of December last **Eliza RAPPS** aged 13, became chargeable to the parish of Kilmersdon in the said Union. In testimony whereof the Common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed at a Meeting of their Board this Twenty ninth day of February 1848. (Signed) Henry CLUTTERBUCK, Presiding Chairman of the said Board. (Countersigned) L. HAGLEY, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the Frome Union.

(Copy Indorsement) This Certificate was exhibited to and received in Evidence by us Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the peace in and for the county of Somerset on the second day of this instant March 1848, in the matter of the removal of Eliza RAPPS as a Pauper. T.R. JOLIFFE, William F. KNATCHBULL.

The said **William REES MOGG** upon his Oath saith, I am (jointly with my brother John REES MOGG) Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the Clutton Union, in which the parish of High Littleton in the county of Somerset is situate. I produce the Application and Report Book of the said parish of High Littleton for the quarter ending in June one thousand eight hundred and forty four in which is an entry applicable to the said Eliza RAPPS and Ann RAPPS as follows:

"RAPPS Ann 12) in the workhouse, none, orphans, no, dis'by, infancy, no, 3s. 0d. weekly, 10th, J.P.
RAPPS Eliza 9) The Aunt Elizabeth FORD applies for out door relief for them."

shewing that the said Ann RAPPS and Eliza RAPPS had been in the Clutton workhouse, and were then allowed on the application of their Aunt Elizabeth FORD to have Out door Relief to the amount of eighteen pence each

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weekly on account of the said Parish of High Littleton - such relief to the said Ann RAPPs was discontinued in the following quarter, the relief to the said Eliza RAPPs was continued to the eighth week of the quarter ending in December one thousand eight hundred and forty six, when it was ordered to cease. Wm. REES MOGG.
Taken and sworn before us the said Justices, at Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset, this second day of March 1848, T.R. JOLIFFE, William F. KNATCHBULL.

[Below]

The said **James PRATTEN** upon his Oath saith, I am Relieving Officer for one of the Districts of Clutton Union. John DUDDEN is Relieving Officer for the District of that Union in which the said Parish of High Littleton is situate. I reside in the parish of Midsomer Norton, which adjoins the parish of Kilmersdon. At the request of the said John DUDDEN and on account of the said parish of High Littleton I advanced Relief to the amount of Eighteen pence weekly for the maintenance of the said Eliza RAPPs whilst residing with her Aunt Elizabeth FORD in the said parish of Kilmersdon from some time in May One thousand eight hundred and forty four to the eighth week of the quarter ending in December one thousand eight hundred and forty six, which Relief was repaid to me by the said John DUDDEN on account of the said parish of High Littleton. James PRATTEN.

Taken and Sworn before us the said Justices, at Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset, this second day of March 1848, T.R. JOLIFFE, William F. KNATCHBULL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-17b, c and d.

[Printed Form] - Order of Removal.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

Somersetshire **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 Kilmersdon That **Eliza RAPPs aged about thirteen years** has come to inhabit, and is now inhabiting in the said Parish of Kilmersdon, 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 her to be settled elsewhere, and that she is now actually chargeable to the same Parish and now receiving Relief therefrom, and that the Parish of High Littleton in the said County 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 Eliza RAPPs and of Elizabeth FORD, William LAWES, William REES MOGG and James PRATTEN 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 Eliza RAPPs is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's Name, to require and Order that if within Twenty-one Days after you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Kilmersdon shall have sent, by Post or otherwise, unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton a Notice in Writing of the said Eliza RAPPs being so chargeable as aforesaid, together with a Copy or Counterpart of this Order, and a Copy of the Examinations on which this Order is made, no Notice of Appeal against this Order shall be given by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, or if Notice of Appeal shall be given within the Twenty-one Days aforesaid, then forthwith after the time for prosecuting such Appeal shall have expired (if the same be not duly prosecuted), or in case the same shall be duly prosecuted, then forthwith after the final determination of the same, if this Order shall thereupon be confirmed, you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Kilmersdon or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, do remove and convey the said Eliza RAPPs from and out of your said Parish of Kilmersdon to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Kilmersdon in the said County of Somerset, the second Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight. T.R. JOLIFFE, William F. KNATCHBULL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-17a.

[Note: John RAPPESx bach. otp married Mary PRATTENx spin. otp by banns at Radstock 16 Jan 1831 (witnesses included James PRATTENx & Elizabeth FORDx).

Ann dau. of John & Mary RAPPES, Clandown, miner, bapt. at Radstock 5 Feb 1832.

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Overseers Accounts record on 26 Oct 1833 a payment of 3/6 to John RAPPS of Clandown, injured in the coal mines and a further amount on 2 Nov. From 15 Nov to 27 Dec was 3/6 each fortnight to Jno. RAPPS' widow and child of Clandown and on 31 Dec a payment to Jno. RAPPS' widow of Clandown confined.

John RAPPS, Clandown, aged 56, was buried at Midsomer Norton 7 Nov 1833.

Accounts record on 14 Jan 1834 a payment of £1. 0.11 to Wm. MAGGS for the funeral of John RAPPS.

Eliza dau. of John RAPPS of Clandown in Midsomer Norton, Coal Miner, & Mary dau. of Joseph & Martha PRATTEN, born 20 Dec 1833, bapt. at Midsomer Norton Wesleyan Methodist Church 19 Jan 1834.

Accounts show that in Feb 1834 relief to John RAPPS' widow and child was increased to 3/- p.w. and continued thus until at least 1836.

Mary RAPPS died c.1838.

Clutton Union Workhouse Admission Register records the admission on 19 May 1841 of Ann RAPPS, born 1832, High Littleton, orphan, an idiot and Eliza RAPPS, born 1834, High Littleton, orphan.

The 1851 Census finds Eliza RAPPS, 17, servant, born Midsomer Norton, in carrier Joseph PARFITT's household at Midsomer Norton.

Henry LAWRENCE, full age, bachelor, groom, West Woodlands, son of William LAWRENCE, labourer, married Eliza RAPPS, aged 21, spinster, servant, Badcox Lane, dau. of John RAPPS, miner, by banns at Frome Selwood 12 Mar 1855 (witnesses included Henry WHEELER & Jane PRATTEN).]

86. Elizabeth FOSTER, the elder, and children were removed from St. Cuthbert, Wells to High Littleton by Order dated 29th May 1848.

Vestry Minutes of 30 Mar 1849 record that two bills for £3.11. 8 and £5. 8. 2 from HILL & WILLIAMS in relation to the settlement of Elizabeth FOSTER and three children be submitted to the Clerk of the Peace for taxation.

[Printed Form - Poor A. (Classes 1 & 5.) Complaint of Chargeability. - London: SHAW AND SONS, Law Publishers, Fetter Lane.]

Copy - City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset to wit.

The Complaint of James SNELGROVE one of the Overseers of the Poor of the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells in the said County of Somerset, made on behalf of the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert and with their assent, unto us the undersigned two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said City and Borough of Wells, at the said City and Borough in the said County of Somerset, this twenty ninth Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight, who saith: That **Elizabeth (Wife of Henry FOSTER), now aged about forty years and James aged about sixteen years, John aged about fourteen years and Eliza aged about eleven years, their Children**, have lately come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert endeavouring to settle there contrary to Law, not having resided in the said Parish for Five Years next before this Application and Complaint, and not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and that on the twenty sixth Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty seven the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said three Children, James, John and Eliza, became chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert and from thence hitherto have been relieved by, and are now receiving Relief from the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the said City and Borough of Wells. The said James SNELGROVE therefore prays that the said Elizabeth FOSTER, and her said three Children, James, John and Eliza may be duly examined as to the place of their legal Settlement, and further dealt with according to Law. Jas. SNELGROVE, Overseer of the Poor of the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells.

Exhibited before us the Day and Year first above written, Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-16d.

[Printed Form - Poor B. (Class 1.) Notice of Chargeability without Suspension. - London: SHAW AND SONS, Law Publishers, Fetter Lane.]

In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of **Elizabeth FOSTER aged about 40 years (the Wife of Henry FOSTER) and James aged about sixteen years, John aged about fourteen years and Eliza aged about eleven years, their Children**.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice, That the above-named Elizabeth FOSTER now residing in the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset has, together with her said three children, namely James, John and Eliza, become and now are chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells and are now receiving Relief from the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells, and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for their Removal to your Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, as their last place of legal Settlement (a duplicate of which Order, and also Copies of the Examinations 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 Paupers will be removed to your said Parish of High Littleton, in the said County of Somerset in pursuance of the said Order.

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Dated this twenty ninth Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight, Hen'y POWELL, Churchwarden of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells, Jas. SNELGROVE, James WILLS, Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-16d.

(Copy) City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of Elizabeth FOSTER at present residing in the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells in the said County of Somerset, (the Wife of Henry FOSTER), touching the last place of legal Settlement of the said Elizabeth FOSTER, aged about forty years, and James aged about sixteen years, John aged about fourteen years and Eliza aged about eleven years, their children, taken on Oath before us, the undersigned Henry BERNARD and Joseph GILES, Esquires, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said City and Borough of Wells, at the said City and Borough in the County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of May in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty eight, upon a certain Complaint of the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert unto us, that the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said three children, James, John and Eliza, have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, not having resided in the said In Parish for five years next before the said Application and Complaint, and not having gained a Settlement therein, nor having produced a Certificate acknowledging them to be Settled elsewhere, and that the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said three Children, James, John and Eliza, are now actually chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert.

The said Elizabeth FOSTER upon her Oath saith, That my three children, James aged about sixteen years, John aged about fourteen years and Eliza aged about eleven years, were all born in Wedlock, and are now living with me, and I and my said three Children are now residing in Southover in the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset, in the Wells Union. I have been relieved by and am now chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert. My present chargeability and the Relief I am now receiving is not occasioned by Sickness or accident. I have not been residing in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells aforesaid for five years next before this twenty ninth day of May 1848. About twenty one years ago, I was married to Henry FOSTER at the Parish Church of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells aforesaid. I have had by my said husband, since our Marriage, five children, namely Elizabeth aged twenty years, Robert aged about seventeen years, who do not reside with me and the said James, John and Eliza. At the Summer Assizes in Wells in the year 1840, my husband the said Henry FOSTER was tried for Housebreaking and sentenced to be transported for the space of Ten years and is now undergoing his Sentence. In the month of October or November 1840, whilst my said husband was under Confinement at Ilchester Gaol under Sentence as aforesaid, I was removed, with my four children Elizabeth, James, John and Eliza, by the Overseers of the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells, under an Order of the Reverend Charles Henry PULSFORD and Henry Watson BARNARD, two Justices of the Peace for the County of Somerset. I and my said four Children, Elizabeth, James, John and Eliza were delivered to Mr WEEKS at his House in the Parish of High Littleton; he was then one of the Overseers of that Parish, and Mr WEEKS took us to the Clutton Union Workhouse. High Littleton is a Parish in the Clutton Union. The said Order was not appealed against but High Littleton Parish accepted me and my said four Children, Elizabeth, James, John and Eliza, as Parishioners and we remained in the Clutton Union Workhouse about four Months. I then went before the Board of Guardians to ask for out Door Relief and I was allowed six shillings a week and then left the Workhouse with my said four Children and Rented a Small Cottage at Hallatrow and received six shillings a week out Door relief from High Littleton Parish for more than twelve months. I then left Hallatrow and took another Cottage in the Parish of Clutton in the said County of Somerset. I lived there with my Children nearly three years and after that I took another Cottage in the Parish of Farrington Gurney and lived there with my family about eight months. In the latter end of the year 1845, I believe it was in the month of November, I left Farrington Gurney and rented a small House in Southover in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells, where we have continued to live ever since to the present time. I received Relief for myself and my said four Children from High Littleton Parish all the time I lived at Clutton and Farrington Gurney and during the first three weeks after we came to live at Southover in Wells; it was four shillings a week whilst I lived at Clutton and three shillings a week whilst in Farrington Gurney and three shillings for the first three weeks after I lived in Southover in Wells, which was regularly paid me by the Parish of High Littleton. I never paid a higher Rent for any House and Premises than after the rate of Six pounds a year. I and my said three Children, James, John and Eliza, are the same persons as are mentioned in the Certificate of Chargeability marked "C" now produced, purporting to be a Certificate from the Board of Guardians of the Poor of the Wells Union, of our having become chargeable to the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells aforesaid. Elizabeth FOSTER.

Taken and Sworn before us at the Town Hall in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of May in the Year of our Lord 1848, Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.
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[Exhibit]

(Copy)

Certificate of Chargeability (C)

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the Wells Union, in the County of Somerset, do hereby Certify, that on the Twenty Sixth day of March 1847 **Elizabeth FOSTER aged about 40 years (Wife of Henry FOSTER) and their 3 children, namely James aged about 16 years, John aged about 14 years and Eliza aged about 11 years**, became Chargeable to the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells 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 Seventeenth day of May One Thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

R.B. COLES, Presiding Chairman to the said Board.

Henry BADCOCK, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the said Wells Union.

[Below]

City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset.

The above Certificate, Sealed, Signed and Countersigned was exhibited before us Henry BERNARD and Joseph GILES, Esquires, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset, at the Police Office in the Town Hall in the said City and Borough, this twenty ninth day of May One thousand eight hundred and forty eight on an application for an order of Removal of the above named Elizabeth FOSTER and her said three Children, James, John and Eliza, from the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert to their place of legal settlement. Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-16d.

(Copy) City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of Isaac COWEN at present residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Yeoman, touching the last place of legal Settlement of Elizabeth FOSTER aged about Forty years (Wife of Henry FOSTER) and James aged about sixteen years, John aged about fourteen years and Eliza aged about eleven years, their Children, taken on Oath before us Henry BERNARD and Joseph GILES, Esquires, two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the City and Borough of Wells, at the said City and Borough in the said County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight, upon a certain complaint of the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert unto us, that the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said three Children, James, John and Eliza, have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, not having resided in the said In Parish for five years next before the said Application and Complaint and not having gained a Settlement therein nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere and that the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said three Children, James, John and Eliza, are now actually chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert.

The said Isaac COWEN upon his Oath saith, that on the twenty sixth day of May instant I personally served John BEAK, one of the Churchwardens of the said Parish of High Littleton, and Thomas HARRISON and William ROBBINS, the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, and also Henry BLINMAN, the Assistant Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, each with a true Copy of the Notice hereby annexed marked **B.**; they are the Majority of the Parish Officers of the said Parish of High Littleton.

I have attended at this Special Session of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the City and Borough of Wells, now held at the Police Office, in and for the said City and Borough, at which an application has been made by the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells for the Removal of the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said three Children, James, John and Eliza, from the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells to the said Parish of High Littleton. The Churchwardens and Overseers of the said Parish of High Littleton have been called upon to appear and the said John BEAK, Thomas HARRISON, William ROBBINS and Henry BLINMAN have also been called upon to appear at this Special Session but neither of them have appeared nor produced the Order required in the said notice nor has any person appeared on their behalf. Isaac COWEN.

Taken and Sworn before us at the Town Hall in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of May in the year of our Lord 1848, Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.

(Side notes say that John BEAK is not Churchwarden but his son Wm., who resides with him, is; Henry BLINMAN was not personally served. It is believed that Notice was also left at the House of John BLINMAN, the other Churchwarden.)

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[Exhibit (Notice to produce 1840 Order as Evidence)]

(Copy)

B.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

In the matter of an Application and Complaint by the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset, that **Elizabeth FOSTER (Wife of Henry FOSTER) and James aged about 16 years, John aged about 14 years and Eliza aged about 11 years, their Children**, have become and are now actually chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert not having *[gained - in HL Parish Officers' Copies]* a legal Settlement there and that the said Elizabeth FOSTER may be examined touching the last legal Settlement of herself and her said three Children.

We hereby give you and each of you Notice to produce at the time of the hearing of the said Application and Complaint, and which will take place at the Police Office in the said City and Borough on Monday the 29th day of May 1848, *[at the hour of Ten in the forenoon, - in HL Parish Officers' Copies]* a certain Paper writing bearing date the tenth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty under the hands and Seals of "C.H. PULSFORD" and "H.W. BARNARD" two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, being or purporting to be an order of the said Justices for the removal of the said Elizabeth, the Wife of the said Henry FOSTER, and Elizabeth then aged about 13 years, James then aged about 9 years, John then aged about 7 years and Eliza then aged about 4 years, their Children, from the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells to the said Parish of High Littleton, to be used in Evidence on the hearing of the said Application and Complaint.

Dated this twenty fifth day of May 1848. Hen'y POWELL, Churchwarden of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells, Jas. SNELGROVE, James WILLS, Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells.

[In margin]

This is the Notice or paper marked **B.**, mentioned and referred to in the Examination of Isaac COWEN hereunto annexed, taken before us this 29th day of May 1848. Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-16d. Also SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-16n and o for High Littleton Parish Officers' Copies, with small differences.

(Copy) City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of George THORN at present residing in the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells in the said County of Somerset, Accountant, touching the last place of legal settlement of Elizabeth FOSTER aged about Forty years (wife of Henry FOSTER) and James aged about sixteen years, John aged about fourteen years and Eliza aged about eleven years, their Children, taken on Oath before us Henry BERNARD and Joseph GILES, Esquires, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said City and Borough of Wells, at the said City and Borough in the County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty eight, upon a certain Complaint of the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert unto us, that the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said three Children, James, John and Eliza, have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, not having resided in the said In Parish for five years next before the said Application and Complaint and not having gained a Settlement therein nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere and that the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said three Children, James, John and Eliza, are now actually chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert.

The said George THORN upon his Oath saith, That I am Assistant Overseer of the Poor of the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells in the County of Somerset. I have held that Office for upwards of Twelve years. I produce an Order dated the tenth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty under the hands and Seals of Charles Henry PULSFORD and Henry Watson BARNARD, two Justices of the Peace for the County of Somerset, purporting to be an Order for the removal of Elizabeth FOSTER, Wife of Henry FOSTER, Laborer, (then lately residing in the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells but then a Prisoner in the custody of the Keeper of Her Majesty's Gaol at Ilchester in the said County) and their four lawful Children, namely Elizabeth, James, John and Eliza, from the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells in the County of Somerset to the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset. I know the signatures "C.H. PULSFORD" and "H.W. BARNARD" to the said Order are of the respective proper handwriting of the Reverend Charles Henry PULSFORD and the Reverend Henry Watson BARNARD, whose respective handwriting the same purports to be. A true Copy of the said Order is annexed to this my Examination. In the latter part of the month of October or the beginning of November One thousand eight hundred and forty I delivered to my Brother William THORN a Duplicate of the said Order under the hands and Seals of the said Charles Henry PULSFORD and Henry Watson BARNARD, for the purpose of delivering the same to the Churchwardens and Overseers of High Littleton with the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said four Children,

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Elizabeth, James, John and Eliza, on their Removal to the said Parish of High Littleton. The said Order was not appealed against. Geo. THORN.

Taken and Sworn before us at the Town Hall in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of May in the year of our Lord 1848, Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-16d.

[Exhibit (1840 Order of Removal)]

[Printed Form]

Somerset to wit.

To the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells in the County of Somerset; and also to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset and to each & every of them.

FORASMUCH as 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, (and One of us being of the Quorum,) by you the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells in the said County of Somerset, That **Elizabeth FOSTER the Wife of Henry FOSTER, Labourer, (lately residing in the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells but now a Prisoner in the Custody of the Keeper of Her Majesty's Gaol at Ilchester in the said County) and their four Children namely, Elizabeth aged about thirteen years, James aged about nine years, John aged about seven years and Eliza aged about four years,** have intruded themselves into the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells endeavouring there to settle as Inhabitants thereof, not having in any way acquired or obtained a legal Settlement therein, and are actually become chargeable to the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells.

WE the said Justices upon due proof made thereof, as well upon examination of the said Henry FOSTER taken upon Oath before one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, pursuant to the statute in such cases made and provided, as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration, do adjudge the said Complaint and Premises to be true, and do also adjudge that the said Elizabeth FOSTER and Elizabeth, James, John and Eliza her children are last legally settled in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in Her Majesty's Name to require, order and command you the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells or some or one of you, forthwith to remove and convey the said Elizabeth FOSTER and Elizabeth, James, John and Eliza her children from and out of your said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells unto the said Parish of High Littleton and there to deliver them 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 them according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the Tenth day of September in the fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty. C.H. PULSFORD, H.W. BARNARD.

[Side note] - Henry FOSTER Examined after his Conviction.

[Written on the Order]

This is the Order or paper writing mentioned and referred to in the examination of George THORN hereunto annexed taken this 29th day of May 1848, before us, Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-16b.

(Copy) City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of William THORN at present residing in the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells in the said County of Somerset, Yeoman, touching the last place of legal Settlement of Elizabeth FOSTER aged about forty years (Wife of Henry FOSTER) and James aged about sixteen years, John aged about fourteen years and Eliza aged about eleven years, their Children, taken on Oath before us Henry BERNARD and Joseph GILES, Esquires, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said City and Borough of Wells, at the said City and Borough in the said County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty eight, upon a certain Complaint of the Churchwardens (*sic*) and Overseers of the Poor of the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the said City and Borough of Wells unto us, that the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said three Children, James, John and Eliza, have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, not having resided in the said Parish for five years next before the said Application and Complaint and not having gained a Settlement therein nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere and that the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said three Children, James, John and Eliza, are now actually chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert.

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The said William THORN upon his Oath saith, that I am the brother of George THORN, who was Assistant Overseer of the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells in the County of Somerset in the year 1840; in the month of October or November of that year he delivered to me an Order of Justices for the Removal of Elizabeth FOSTER, Wife of Henry FOSTER and their four Children, namely Elizabeth, James, John and Eliza, from the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert to the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, and in the said month of October or November 1840 I delivered the said Elizabeth and her said four Children, Elizabeth, James, John and Eliza, to Mr WEEKS, who was then Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton and, at the same time, I delivered to Mr WEEKS the said Order which I had received from my said Brother. Wm. THORN.

Taken and Sworn before us at the Town Hall in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of May in the year of our Lord 1848, Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-16d.

[Printed Form]

City and Borough of Wells IN THE County of Somerset, (TO WIT.)

The Examination of Robert THORLEY, Relieving Officer of the Wells Union, at present residing in the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells in the said County of Somerset, touching the last place of legal settlement of Elizabeth FOSTER aged about forty years (wife of Henry FOSTER) and James aged about sixteen years, John aged about fourteen years and Eliza aged about eleven years, their Children, taken on Oath before us Henry BERNARD and Joseph GILES, Esquires, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said City and Borough of Wells, at the said City and Borough in the said County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and forty eight, upon a certain Complaint of the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert unto us that the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said three Children, James, John and Eliza, have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, not having resided in the said In Parish for Five Years next before the said Application and Complaint, and not having gained a settlement therein, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and that the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said three Children, James, John and Eliza *[are]* now actually chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert.

The said Robert THORLEY upon her *[his]* Oath, saith, That Elizabeth FOSTER resided in the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in this City and Borough of Wells on the twenty sixth day of March 1847 and has continued to reside there ever since, together with her three Children, James, John and Eliza. On the said twenty sixth day of March the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said three Children, James, John and Eliza became chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert and have continued chargeable to the present time. And the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said three Children, James, John and Eliza are now actually residing in and chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert. Since the said twenty sixth day of March 1847 I have, on account of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, advanced to the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said three Children one shilling a week in money and two loaves of bread a week. Robert THORLEY.

Taken and Sworn before us at the Town Hall in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of May in the year of our Lord 1848, Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-16d.

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To the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

City and Borough of Wells in the 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 City and Borough of Wells in the said County of Somerset (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert That **Elizabeth FOSTER aged about forty years (wife of Henry FOSTER) and James aged about sixteen years, John aged about fourteen years and Eliza aged about eleven years, their Children,** have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, not having resided in the said In 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 them to be settled elsewhere, and that they are now actually chargeable to the same In Parish of Saint Cuthbert and are now receiving Relief therefrom, and that the Parish of High Littleton 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 Elizabeth FOSTER, Isaac COWEN, George THORN, William THORN and Robert THORLEY upon Oath, as otherwise, and upon due consideration of the

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Premises, do adjudge the same to be true, and that the place of the last legal Settlement of the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said three Children, James, John and Eliza is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's Name, to require and Order that if within Twenty-one Days after you, the said Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert shall have sent, by Post or otherwise, unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, a Notice in Writing of the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said three children, James, John and Eliza being so chargeable as aforesaid, together with a Copy or Counterpart of this Order, and a Copy of the Examinations on which this Order is made, no Notice of Appeal against this Order shall be given by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, or if Notice of Appeal shall be given within the Twenty-one Days aforesaid, then forthwith after the time for prosecuting such Appeal shall have expired (if the same be not duly prosecuted), or in case the same shall be duly prosecuted, then forthwith after the final determination of the same, if this Order shall thereupon be confirmed, you the said Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, do remove and convey the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said three Children, James, John and Eliza from and out of your said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 said City and Borough of Wells in the said County of Somerset, the Twenty ninth Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight, Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-16c, 16 and 16d for further copies.

[On outside of brief] 19th June 1848, Case for the Opinion of Mr PHINN. As it is wished, if necessary to enter and respite an Appeal at next Somerset Session on 27th June 1848, immediate attention is requested. HILL & WILLIAMS, Hallatrow, Som't.

Agents: BRIDGES & Co. Red Lion Square. *[Added later - 2 Gu'ns, Tho's PHINN, 20/6/48].*

[Case]

High Littleton and In-Parish of St. Cuthbert, Wells.

Mr PHINN will please to peruse the accompanying Documents on behalf of the Parish Officers of High Littleton and advise them if they have any and what grounds, technical or otherwise, for successfully appealing against the Order of the 29th May 1848 for removal of **Elizabeth FOSTER, Wife of Henry FOSTER, and James, John, and Eliza, her children** from In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, Wells, to High Littleton. No person appeared on the part of High Littleton before the Justices when they made the Order, which was transmitted p. post from Wells on 1st June instant and received on the 2d or 3rd.

A separate Order was made for the removal of Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, aged about 20, another Child of above Elizabeth FOSTER and Henry, upon similar Examinations, and transmitted at the same time as the above.

It is observable that the Order first above mentioned is to remove "Elizabeth FOSTER aged about 40 years (Wife of Henry FOSTER)" without shewing upon its face any reason for separating Man and Wife, by shewing his absence abroad or otherwise as a Convict.

It is presumed that the question is still undecided as to the removability of a Wife of a Convict under the Proviso at the end of Sect. 1 of 9th and 10th Vict. c. 66. If so, would the present Paupers be considered as Irremovable by the Somerset Justices in Quarter Session upon Appeal on that Ground?

The Order states that the Child James is "aged about 16 years", from which it would seem he was an independent Pauper. Is this a ground of Appeal?

It is presumed no grounds exist for removing the Order for quashing in the Court of Queen's Bench.

19th June 1848.

[Below - Opinion]

The examinations & order are very carefully prepared & I can see no ground on which the Parish of High Littleton can reasonably expect to succeed on appeal.

The objection suggested to the order, namely, that it does not appear on the face of it, that the wife consents to the separation from the husband, is disposed of by the case of St. Michael's, Bath v Nunney 1 Str. 544 Burn last Ed. p. 1019.

It is no ground of appeal that James is stated to be about 16. Emancipation is never presumed, at any rate under twenty one, See R. v Lilleshall 1 new Sess. cases 576. R. v Oulter 5 B & Ad. 598.

I do not think that the proviso in the 1st Section of the act referred to contemplates a case of this sort. There has been no reported decision on the point, & I strongly incline to believe that the Somerset Sessions w'd hold the proviso inapplicable to this case. I am under the impression that the point has been argued in the Queen's Bench,

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& that no judgment has been pronounced, though the inclination of the Court is I believe pretty evident. If the Parish wish to contest the point, it can enter & respite the appeal, as probably before the October Sessions, the point will be finally disposed of by the Court, in which case the Parish, if the decision be favourable to them, will probably have no future trouble in the matter.

There are no grounds for a certiorari. Tho's PHINN, June 20th 1848.

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[Slip of Paper]

The Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton To the Overseers of the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, Wells.

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	For the Maintenance of Elizabeth FOSTER and Family under an Order of Removal		15.	0
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The above Account is correct. Robert THORLEY, Relieving Officer. Wells, July 22 1848.

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[Note: For details of Elizabeth FOSTER and family see Removal Order from St. Cuthbert, Wells to High Littleton dated 10 Sep 1840.]

87. Elizabeth FOSTER, the younger, was removed from St. Cuthbert, Wells to High Littleton by Order dated 29th May 1848.

(Copy)

Certificate of Chargeability (C)

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the Wells Union, in the County of Somerset, do hereby Certify, that on the Twenty Sixth day of March 1847 **Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, aged about 20 years**, became Chargeable to the In Parish of St. Cuthbert, Wells in the said Union, and still continue[s] chargeable thereto.

In testimony whereof the Common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed, at a Meeting of their Board this Seventeenth day of May One Thousand eight hundred and forty eight. R.B. COLES, Presiding Chairman to the said Board, Henry BADCOCK, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the said Wells Union.

[Below]

City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset.

The above Certificate, Sealed, Signed and Countersigned was exhibited before us Henry BERNARD and Joseph GILES, Esquires, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset, at the Police Office in the Town Hall in the said City and Borough, this twenty ninth day of May One thousand eight hundred and forty eight on an application for an Order of Removal of the above named Elizabeth FOSTER from the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert to their place of legal settlement. Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.

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[Printed Form - Poor A. (Classes 1 & 5.) Complaint of Chargeability. - London: SHAW AND SONS, Law Publishers, Fetter Lane.]

Copy - City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset to wit.

The Complaint of James SNELGROVE one of the Overseers of the Poor of the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells in the said County of Somerset, made on behalf of the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert and with their assent, unto us the undersigned two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said City and Borough of Wells, at the said City and Borough in the said County of Somerset, this twenty ninth Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight, who saith: That **Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, now aged about twenty years**, has lately come to inhabit and is now inhabiting in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert endeavouring to settle there contrary to Law, not having resided in the said Parish for Five Years next before this Application and Complaint, and not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere, and that on the twenty sixth Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty seven the said Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, became chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert and from thence hitherto has been relieved by, and is now receiving Relief from the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the said City and Borough of Wells. The said James SNELGROVE therefore prays that the said Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, may be duly examined as to the place of her legal Settlement, and further dealt with according to Law. Jas. SNELGROVE, Overseer of the Poor of the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells.

Exhibited before us the Day and Year first above written, Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.

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[Printed Form - Poor B. (Class 1.) Notice of Chargeability without Suspension. - London: SHAW AND SONS, Law Publishers, Fetter Lane.]

In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of **Elizabeth FOSTER, Single woman, now aged about twenty years.**

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice, That the above-named Elizabeth FOSTER now residing in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the said City and Borough of Wells has become and now is chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert and is now receiving Relief from the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for her Removal to your Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset as her last place of legal Settlement (a duplicate of which Order, and also Copies of the Examinations 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 High Littleton in the said County of Somerset in pursuance of the said Order.

Dated this twenty ninth Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight, Hen'y POWELL, Churchwarden of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells, Jas. SNELGROVE, James WILLS, Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells.

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(Copy) City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset **to wit.**

The Examination of Elizabeth FOSTER at present residing in the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells in the said County of Somerset, Singlewoman aged about twenty years, touching the last Place of legal Settlement of the said Elizabeth FOSTER taken on Oath before us, Henry BERNARD and Joseph GILES, Esquires, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said City and Borough of Wells, at the said City and Borough in the said County of Somerset, this twenty ninth Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight, upon a certain Complaint of the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert unto us that the said Elizabeth FOSTER has come to inhabit and is now inhabiting in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, not having resided in the said In Parish for Five Years next before the said Application and Complaint, and not having gained a Settlement therein, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere, and that the said Elizabeth FOSTER is now actually chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert.

The said Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, upon her Oath, saith, That I am the Daughter of Henry FOSTER and Elizabeth FOSTER. I am now residing in the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset. I am twenty years of age or thereabouts and I have been relieved by and am now chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert. My present chargeability and the Relief I have received is not occasioned by sickness or accident. I have not been residing in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert for five years next before the twenty ninth day of May 1848. In the month of September One thousand eight hundred and forty I was removed by an Order of Justices, together with my mother and my two Brothers James and John and my Sister Eliza, from the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells to the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. Mr William THORN took us to High Littleton and delivered us to Mr WEEKS, who was the then Overseer of that Parish, and Mr WEEKS accepted us as Parishioners of High Littleton and took us to the Clutton Union Workhouse, where we remained about four months. A little more than a year after we were removed from the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells, my mother lived in the Parish of Clutton in the County of Somerset. Whilst my Mother was living at Clutton she was allowed Parish Pay by High Littleton Parish. I know this to be so as I often went from Clutton to High Littleton to receive it from Mr John DUDDEN the Relieving Officer. After that, my mother and I and my two Brothers and Sister went to live at Farrington Gurney in the County of Somerset, and my Mother received Parish pay from High Littleton Parish also whilst we lived at Farrington Gurney. I have never been married. I have never been out to Service, or been apprenticed to any business, nor have I, to the best of my knowledge and belief, done any Act to gain a Settlement in my own right. I applied for Relief to Mr Robert THORLEY, the Relieving Officer of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, on the twenty sixth day of March 1847 and have been relieved by him from that time till the present. I have received one shilling a week in money and one loaf of bread a week. Eliza'th FOSTER.

Taken and Sworn before us at the Town Hall in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of May 1848, Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.

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(Copy) City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset **to wit.**

The Examination of Elizabeth FOSTER at present residing in the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells in the said County of Somerset, (the Wife of Henry FOSTER), touching the last place of legal Settlement of Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman now aged about Twenty Years (Daughter of the said Henry FOSTER and Elizabeth his Wife), taken on Oath before us, Henry BERNARD and Joseph GILES, Esquires, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said City and Borough of Wells, at the said City and Borough in the County of Somerset, this twenty ninth Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight, upon a certain Complaint of the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert unto us that the said Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, has come to inhabit and is now inhabiting in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, not having resided in the said In Parish for Five Years next before the said Application and Complaint, and not having gained a Settlement therein, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere, and that the said Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, is now actually chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert.

The said Elizabeth FOSTER the Mother, upon her Oath, saith, That about twenty one years ago, I was married to Henry FOSTER at the Parish Church of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells aforesaid. I have had by my said husband, since our Marriage, five children, namely my said Daughter Elizabeth now aged twenty years and Robert, James, John and Eliza. At the Summer Assizes at Wells in the year 1840, my husband, the said Henry FOSTER, was tried for Housebreaking and sentenced to be transported for the space of Ten years and is now undergoing his Sentence. In the month of October or November 1840 whilst my said husband was under Confinement at Ilchester Gaol under Sentence as aforesaid, I was removed, with my four Children Elizabeth, James, John and Eliza, by the Overseers of the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells, under an Order of the Reverend Charles Henry PULSFORD and Henry Watson BARNARD, two Justices of the Peace for the County of Somerset. I and my said four Children, Elizabeth, James, John and Eliza were delivered to Mr WEEKS at his house in the said Parish of High Littleton; he was then one of the Overseers of that Parish, and Mr WEEKS took us to the Clutton Union Workhouse. High Littleton is a Parish in the Clutton Union. The said Order was not appealed against, but High Littleton Parish accepted me and my said four Children, Elizabeth, James, John and Eliza, as Parishioners and we remained in the Clutton Union Workhouse about four months. I then went before the Board of Guardians to ask for Out Door relief and I was allowed six shillings a week and then left the Workhouse with my said four children and rented a small cottage at Hallatrow and received six shillings a week out door relief from High Littleton Parish for more than twelve months. I then left Hallatrow and took another Cottage in the Parish of Clutton in the said County of Somerset. I lived there with my Children nearly three years and after that I took another Cottage in the Parish of Farrington Gurney and lived there with my family eight months. In the latter end of the year 1845, I believe it was in the month of November, I left Farrington Gurney and rented a small House in Southover in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells, where we have continued to live ever since to the present time. I received relief and Parish pay for myself and my said four children from High Littleton Parish all the time I lived at Clutton and Farrington Gurney and during the first three weeks after we came to live at Southover in Wells; it was four shillings a week whilst I lived at Clutton and three shillings a week whilst in Farrington Gurney and three shillings for the first three weeks after I lived in Southover in Wells, which was regularly paid to me by the Parish of High Littleton. I never paid a higher rent for any house and premises than Six pounds a year. My said Daughter Elizabeth always lived with me as part of my family, until about two years ago. Elizabeth FOSTER.

Taken and Sworn before us at the Town Hall in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of May 1848, Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.

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City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset **to wit.**

The Examination of Isaac COWEN at present residing in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, Yeoman, touching the last Place of legal Settlement of Elizabeth FOSTER, Single woman, aged about twenty years, taken on Oath before us, Henry BERNARD and Joseph GILES, Esquires, Two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said City and Borough of Wells, at the said City and Borough in the County of Somerset, this twenty ninth Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight, upon a certain Complaint of the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert unto us that the said Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, has come to inhabit and is now inhabiting in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, not having resided in the said In Parish for Five Years next before the said Application and Complaint, and not having gained a Settlement therein, nor having produced any Certificate

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acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere, and that the said Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, is now actually chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert.

The said Isaac COWEN upon his Oath, saith, That on the twenty sixth day of May instant I personally served John BEAK, one of the Churchwardens of the said Parish of High Littleton, and Thomas HARRISON and William ROBBINS, the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton and also Henry BLINMAN, the Assistant Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, each with a true Copy of the Notice hereunto annexed marked **B**. They are the Majority of the Parish Officers of the said Parish of High Littleton.

I have attended at this Special Session of Her Majesty's *[Justices]* of the Peace for the said City and Borough of Wells, now held at the Police Office, in and for the said City and Borough, at which an Application has been made by the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells for the Removal of the said Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, from the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells to the said Parish of High Littleton. The Churchwardens and Overseers of the said Parish of High Littleton have been called upon to appear and the said John BEAK, Thomas HARRISON, William ROBBINS and Henry BLINMAN have also been called upon to appear at this Special Session, but neither of them have appeared nor produced the Order required in the said notice nor has any person appeared on their behalf. Isaac COWEN.

Taken and Sworn before us at the Town Hall in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset, this Twenty ninth day of May 1848, Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.

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[Exhibit (Notice to produce 1840 Order as Evidence)]

Copy

B.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

In the matter of an Application and Complaint by the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset, that **Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, Daughter of Henry FOSTER and Elizabeth his Wife**, has become and is now actually chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, not having gained a legal Settlement there and that the said Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, may be examined touching her last legal Settlement.

We hereby give you and each of you Notice to produce at the time and hearing of the said Application and Complaint, and which will take place at the Police Office in the said City and Borough on Monday the 29th day of May 1848, at the hour of Ten in the forenoon, a certain paper writing bearing date the tenth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty under the hands and seals of "C.H. PULSFORD" and "H.W. BARNARD" two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, being or purporting to be an Order of the said Justices for the removal of the said Elizabeth, the Wife of the said Henry FOSTER, and Elizabeth then aged about 13 years, James then aged about 9 years, John then aged about 7 years and Eliza then aged about 4 years, their Children, from the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells to the said Parish of High Littleton, to be used in Evidence on the hearing of the said Application and Complaint.

Dated this twenty fifth day of May 1848. Hen'y POWELL, Churchwarden of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells, Jas. SNELGROVE, James WILLS, Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells.

[In margin]

This is the Notice or paper marked B. mentioned and referred to in the Examination of Isaac COWEN, made and taken this 29th day of May 1848 and hereunto annexed. Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.

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((Copy) City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of **George THORN** at present residing in the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells in the County of Somerset, Accountant, touching the last place of legal Settlement of Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, aged about twenty years, taken on oath before us Henry BERNARD and Joseph GILES, Esquires, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said City and Borough *[of]* Wells, at the said City and Borough in the County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty eight, upon a certain Complaint of the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert unto us, that the said Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, has come to inhabit and is now inhabiting in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, not having resided in the said In Parish for five years next before the said Application and Complaint and not having gained a settlement therein nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere and that the said Elizabeth FOSTER is now actually chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert.

The said George THORN upon his Oath saith, that I am assistant Overseer of the Poor of the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells in the County of Somerset. I have held that Office for upwards of twelve years. I produce an Order dated the tenth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty under the

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hands and Seals of Charles Henry PULSFORD and Henry Watson BARNARD, two Justices of the Peace for the County of Somerset, purporting to be an Order for the removal of Elizabeth FOSTER, the Wife of Henry FOSTER, Laborer, (then lately residing in the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells but then a Prisoner in the Custody of the Keeper of Her Majesty's Gaol at Ilchester in the said County) and their four lawful Children, namely Elizabeth, James, John and Eliza, from the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells in the County of Somerset to the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset. I know the signatures "C.H. PULSFORD" and "H.W. BARNARD" to the said Order are of the respective proper handwriting of the Reverend Charles Henry PULSFORD and the Reverend Henry Watson BARNARD, whose respective handwriting the same purport to be. A true Copy of the said Order is annexed to this my examination. In the latter part of the month of October or the beginning of November One thousand eight hundred and forty, I delivered to my Brother William THORN a Duplicate of the said Order, under the hands and Seals of the said Charles Henry PULSFORD and Henry Watson BARNARD, for the purpose of delivering the same to the Churchwardens and Overseers of High Littleton with the said Elizabeth FOSTER and her said four Children, Elizabeth, James, John and Eliza, on their Removal to the said Parish of High Littleton. The said Order was not appealed against. Geo. THORN.

Taken and Sworn before us at the Town Hall in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of May 1848, Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.

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[Exhibit (1840 Order of Removal)

[Printed Form]

(Copy) Somerset to wit.

To the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells in the County of Somerset; and also to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset and to each & every of them.

FORASMUCH as 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, (and One of us being of the Quorum,) by you the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells in the said County of Somerset, That **Elizabeth FOSTER the Wife of Henry FOSTER, Laborer, (lately residing in the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells but now a Prisoner in the Custody of [the Keeper of] Her Majesty's Gaol at Ilchester in the said County) and their four Children, namely Elizabeth aged about thirteen years, James aged about nine years, John aged about seven years and Eliza aged about four years,** have intruded themselves into the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells endeavouring there to settle as Inhabitants thereof, not having in any way acquired or obtained a legal Settlement therein, and are actually become chargeable to the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells.

WE the said Justices upon due proof made thereof, as well upon examination of the said Henry FOSTER taken upon Oath before one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, pursuant to the Statute in such case made and provided, as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration, do adjudge the said Complaint and Premises to be true, and do also adjudge that the said Elizabeth FOSTER and Elizabeth, James, John and Eliza her Children, are last legally settled in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore in Her Majesty's Name to require, order and command you the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells or some or one of you, forthwith to remove and convey the said Elizabeth FOSTER, and Elizabeth, James, John, and Eliza her Children from and out of your said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells unto the said Parish of High Littleton and there to deliver them 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 them according to Law.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the Tenth day of September in the fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty. C.H. PULSFORD, H.W. BARNARD.

[In margin]

This is the Order or paper writing referred to in the annexed examination of George THORN taken before us this 29th day of May 1848, Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.

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(Copy) City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset to wit.

The Examination of William THORN at present residing in the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells in the County of Somerset, yeoman, touching the last place of legal Settlement of Elizabeth FOSTER, Single woman, aged about Twenty years taken on Oath before us Henry BERNARD and Joseph GILES, Esquires, two of Her

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Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said City and Borough of Wells, at the said City and Borough in the county of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty eight, upon a certain Complaint of the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert unto us, that the said Elizabeth FOSTER Singlewoman, has come to inhabit and is now inhabiting in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, not having resided in the said In Parish for five years next before the said Application and Complaint and not having gained a Settlement therein nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere and that the said Elizabeth FOSTER (Singlewoman) is now actually chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert.

The said William THORN upon his Oath saith, that I am the Brother of George THORN, who was Assistant Overseer of the Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert in Wells in the County of Somerset in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty. In the month of October or November of that year he delivered to me an Order of Justices for the Removal of Elizabeth FOSTER, Wife of Henry FOSTER and their four Children, namely Elizabeth, James, John and Eliza, from the said Out Parish of Saint Cuthbert to the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, and in the said month of October or November One thousand eight hundred and forty I delivered the said Elizabeth and her said four Children, Elizabeth, James, John and Eliza, to Mr WEEKS, who was then Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton and, at the same time, I delivered to Mr WEEKS the said Order which I had received from my said Brother. Wm. THORN.

Taken and Sworn before us at the Town Hall in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of May 1848, Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.

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(Copy) City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset, to wit.

The Examination of Robert THORLEY, Relieving Officer of the Wells Union, at present residing in the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells in the said County of Somerset, touching the last place of legal Settlement of Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, now aged about twenty years, taken on Oath before us Henry BERNARD and Joseph GILES, Esquires, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said City and Borough of Wells, at the said City and Borough in the County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and forty eight, upon a certain Complaint of the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert unto us that the said Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, has come to inhabit and is now inhabiting in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, not having resided in the said In Parish for five years next before the said Application and Complaint, and not having gained a Settlement therein, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere, and that the said Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, is now actually chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert.

The said Robert THORLEY upon his Oath saith, that the said Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, resided in the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset on the twenty sixth day of March 1847 and has continued to reside there ever since. On the said twenty sixth day of March the said Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, became chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert and has continued chargeable to the present time and the said Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, is now actually residing in and chargeable to the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert. Since the said twenty sixth day of March I have, on account of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, advanced to the said Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, one shilling a week in money and one loaf of bread a week. Robert THORLEY.

Taken and Sworn before us at the Town Hall in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of May in the year of our Lord 1848, Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-16.

[Printed Form - Poor D. (Class 1 & 2.) Order of Removal. - London: SHAW AND SONS, Law Publishers, Fetter Lane.]

To the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

City and Borough of Wells in the 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 City and Borough of Wells in the said County of Somerset (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert That **Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, aged about Twenty years**, has come to inhabit, and is now inhabiting in the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, 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 her to be settled elsewhere, and that she is now actually chargeable to the same In

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Parish of Saint Cuthbert and is now receiving Relief therefrom, and that the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset 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 Elizabeth FOSTER (wife of Henry FOSTER), the said Elizabeth FOSTER (Singlewoman), Isaac COWEN, George THORN, William THORN and Robert THORLEY 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 Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's Name, to require and Order that if within Twenty-one Days after you, the said Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert shall have sent, by Post or otherwise, unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton a Notice in Writing of the said Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, being so chargeable as aforesaid, together with a Copy or Counterpart of this Order, and a Copy of the Examinations on which this Order is made, no Notice of Appeal against this Order shall be given by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, or if Notice of Appeal shall be given within the Twenty-one Days aforesaid, then forthwith after the time for prosecuting such Appeal shall have expired (if the same be not duly prosecuted), or in case the same shall be duly prosecuted, then forthwith after the final determination of the same, if this Order shall thereupon be confirmed, you the said Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, do remove and convey the said Elizabeth FOSTER, Singlewoman, from and out of your said In Parish of Saint Cuthbert to the said Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset 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 said City and Borough of Wells in the said County of Somerset, the twenty ninth Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight, Henry BERNARD, Jos. GILES.

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Notice of entering & respiting Appeal at the next Sessions at Bridgwater.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

We whose Names are hereunto subscribed, being the Majority of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, do hereby give Notice to you and every of you, that we do intend at the Next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be holden at Bridgwater, in and for the said County of Somerset, on Tuesday the twenty seventh day of June instant, to enter and respite an Appeal against a certain Order of "Henry BERNARD" and "Jos. GILES" two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said County of Somerset, bearing date on the twenty ninth day of May last, for and concerning the removal of **Elizabeth FOSTER (Single woman)**, then aged about twenty years, from the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert aforesaid to the said Parish of High Littleton.

Dated this twenty first day of June 1848. John BLINMAN, Wm. BEAK, Churchwardens of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, Wm. ROBBINS, [blank], Overseers of the said Parish of High Littleton.

[Reverse]

Served Mr James SNELGROVE one of the Overseers of the Poor of the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, Wells, Somerset, personally with a true Copy of the within Notice. Also the Servant Girl of Mr James WILLS at his Dwelling House, he being the other Overseer of the said Parish, with another true Copy. Also Mr Henry POWELL, one of the Churchwardens of the said Parish, by leaving a true Copy hereof with an Assistant in his Shop the 22nd day of June 1848. John STONE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-16f and g for another copy.

Notice of abandonment. [Drawn up by] - HILL & WILLIAMS, Hallatrow.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert in the City and Borough of Wells in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

We whose names are hereunto subscribed, being the Majority of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, do hereby give Notice to you and every of you, that we withdraw our Notice to you dated the twenty first day of June 1848 and that we do not intend at the next general Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be holden at Bridgwater, in and for the said County of Somerset, on Tuesday the twenty seventh day of June instant, to enter and respite an Appeal against a certain Order of "Henry BERNARD" and "Jos. GILES" two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said County of Somerset, bearing date on the twenty ninth day of May last, for and concerning the removal of **Elizabeth**

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FOSTER (Single Woman), then aged about twenty years, from the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert aforesaid to the said Parish of High Littleton.

Dated this twenty sixth day of June 1848. Wm. BEAK, John BLINMAN, Churchwardens of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, Thomas HARRISON, [blank], Overseers of the said Parish of High Littleton.

[Reverse]

Served Mr James SNELGROVE one of the Overseers of the Poor of the In Parish of Saint Cuthbert, Wells, Somerset, personally with a true Copy of the within Notice. Also Ann DUMMETT being a Servant Girl of Mr James WILLS at his Dwelling House, he being the other Overseer of the said Parish, with another true Copy. Also John HAND an Assistant in the Shop of Mr Henry POWELL, one of the Churchwardens of the said Parish, with another true Copy the 26th day of June 1848. J. STONE.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-16k and h for another copy.

[Note: Elizabeth daughter of Henry and Elizabeth FOSTER was born c.1827.

She was removed with her mother from St. Cuthbert, Wells to High Littleton, by Order dated 10 Sep 1840.

Vestry Minutes of 30 Mar 1849 record that a bill for £3.15. 6 from HILL & WILLIAMS in relation to the settlement of Elizabeth FOSTER (independent pauper, living with her mother, be submitted to the Clerk of the Peace for taxation.

Elizabeth ended her days in Clutton Union Workhouse following the birth of a bastard child. The Register records that Elizabeth FOSTER, High Littleton, aged 28, died 6 Aug 1855.

Elizabeth FOSTER, Union House, aged 28, was buried at High Littleton 9 Aug 1855.

The Register also records that Eliza FOSTER, High Littleton, aged 1 month, died 23 Aug 1855.

Eliza FOSTER, Union House, aged 1 month, was buried at High Littleton 25 Aug 1855.]

88. William JONES and family were removed from Stoke St. Michael to High Littleton by Order dated 22nd September 1848.

The Examinations of William JONES, Sarah JONES and John Fox CARTNER have not been located but the 1805 Examination of Benjamin JONES, William's father, indicates why William's settlement was in High Littleton.

County of Somerset.

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

Who on his Oath saith, that he is about 39 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Betthurst in the County of Cardigan in Wales, as he has heard and believes. Saith, that he rents an House in the Parish of High Littleton of James TITCOMBE [*TIDCOMBE intended*], of the yearly Rent of Nine Pounds and has occupied the same two Years last Lady Day, and that, during the same time, he has rented Potatoe Ground in Paulton of Mr RANDALL [*probably RENDALL intended*], of the yearly Rent of one Guinea. Saith, that about 8 Years ago, on the 4th of October last, he was lawfully married to Sarah, his present Wife, in the Parish Church of Kilmersdon and has five Children, Namely, John aged about 8 Years, Wm. aged about 6 Years, Mary aged about 4 Years, Joseph aged about 2½ Years and a Boy born on friday last, intended to be Christened Isaac. Benjamn = The Mark of Benjamin JONES.

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

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-44.

[Note: Benjamin JONESx bach. otp married Sarah DANDOX of Paulton by licence at Kilmersdon 4 Nov 1796.

A son John was born c.1797.

William was born c.1798/9.

Mary dau. of Benjamin & Sarah JONES bapt. at Paulton 22 Feb 1801.

Joseph son of Benjamin & Sarah JONES bapt. at Paulton 13 Apr 1803. - Overseers Accounts record on 28 Jun 1806 a payment of 10/6 to Benj. JONES to bury his child. Joseph son of Benjamin & Sarah JONES buried at Paulton 1 Jul 1806.

Isacc son of Benjamin & Sarah JONES bapt. at Paulton 1 Sep 1805.

Elizebath dau. of Benjamin & Sarah JONES bapt. at Paulton 31 Jan 1808.

Joseph son of Benjamin & [blank] JONES bapt. at Paulton 25 Mar 1810. - Accounts for 1820/1 record the cost of Ben JONES' son's funeral. Joseph JONES, Hallatrow, aged 10, buried at High Littleton 9 Feb 1821.

Hannah dau. of Benjamin & Sarah JONES, Paulton, coal miner, bapt. at Paulton 17 Oct 1813.

Maria dau. of Benjamin & Sarah JONES, Paulton, coal miner, bapt. at Paulton 3 Apr 1816.

David son of Benjamin & Sarah JONES, Paulton, coal miner, bapt. at Paulton 7 Sep 1817.

Vestry Minutes of 10 Aug 1817 agreed that in consequence of Benjamin JONES having left his wife and children unprovided for, the wife is to have 2/- p.w. and the 5 children 1/- each. On 7 Sep it was minuted that Ben. JONES' wife and family shall be paid 5/- p.w. in lieu of 7/-, having every reason to think they know where he is and that they receive money from him, and should he not return to his wife and family very shortly, the parish would advertise him. Accounts record on 16 Sep 1817 expenses at Temple Inn to answer the complaint of Ben. JONES' wife, when it was ordered by the Magistrates to pay the wife and family 7/- p.w. instead of 5/-. On 29 Sep relief was paid to Ben. Jones' family, he very ill and 3 of his children down in smallpox. Minutes of 6 Oct agreed that no more rent is to be paid for Ben. JONES. On 24 Jan 1819 it was agreed that Ben. JONES shall have a flannel shirt bought him.

Benj'n JONES (welshman), coal miner of Hallatrow, received a blanket from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1823.

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Minutes of 2 Dec 1831 agreed to give Ben. JONES and family 1 blanket and 1 garment. Accounts record that Benjamin JONES was paid 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar from mid 1832 and his wife was also paid 1/- p.w. relief from 1833. They were still receiving 3/- p.w. between them in 1836.

Benjamin JONES, High Littleton, aged 78, was buried at High Littleton 25 Feb 1838.

Minutes of 21 Dec 1842 record that Sarah JONES' relief should be reduced from 2/6 to 1/6 p.w. as she can earn at knitting 1/6 p.w. and her son David should help support her.

The 1851 Census finds Sarah JONES, widow, aged 81, pauper, born Paulton, lodging in the house of Silas BULL in Paulton.

Sarah ended her days in Clutton Union Workhouse, where the Register records that Sarah JONES, High Littleton, aged 84, died 12 Oct 1854.

Sarah JONES, Union House, aged 82, was buried at High Littleton 17 Oct 1854.]

Certificate of Chargeability

(C.)

County of Somerset. Union of Shepton Mallet.

The Board of Guardians of the poor of the Shepton Mallet Union in the County of Somerset do hereby certify, that on the eleventh day of September one thousand eight hundred and forty eight **William JONES, aged 50 years, Grace his Wife aged 26 years, and their one Child** became chargeable to the parish of Stoke Lane 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 September 1848. (signed) W.W. GALE, Presiding Chairman of the said Board.

(countersigned) Robert NORTON, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the Shepton Mallet Union.

[Below]

County of Somerset. Division of Shepton Mallet.

The above certificate marked "C" was exhibited before us Sir Edward Chetham STRODE and John Stuckey LEAN, Esquire, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the peace, in and for the County of Somerset, at Shepton Mallet, in the said County, this twenty second day of September one thousand eight hundred and forty eight on an application for an order for the removal of the above named William JONES, aged about fifty years and Grace his Wife aged about twenty six years, and their one child, namely Henry aged about one year, from the above named parish of Stoke Lane otherwise Stoke Saint Michael to the parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset as their place of legal settlement. E.C. STRODE, J.S. LEAN.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-19c.

[Printed Form - Poor A. (Classes 1 & 5.) Complaint of Chargeability. - London: SHAW AND SONS, Law Publishers, Fetter Lane.]

Somerset to wit.

The Complaint of William OSBORNE one of the Overseers of the Poor of the parish of Stoke Lane otherwise Stoke Saint Michael in the said County of Somerset, made on behalf of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said parish of Stoke Lane otherwise Stoke Saint Michael and with their assent, unto us the undersigned two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, at Shepton Mallet in the said County of Somerset, this twenty second Day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight, who saith: That **William JONES aged about fifty years and Grace his wife aged about twenty six years and their one Child, namely, Henry aged about one year**, have lately come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said parish of Stoke Lane otherwise Stoke Saint Michael endeavouring to settle there contrary to Law, not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and that on the eleventh Day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight the said William JONES, and Grace his wife and their said child became chargeable to the said parish of Stoke Lane otherwise Stoke Saint Michael In respect of relief made necessary by sickness of the said William JONES and from thence hitherto have been relieved by, and are now receiving Relief from the said parish of Stoke Lane otherwise Stoke Saint Michael, The said sickness being such as will produce permanent disability. The said William OSBORNE therefore prays that the said William JONES, and Grace his wife and their said Child may be duly examined as to the place of their legal Settlement, and further dealt with According to Law. William OSBORN, Overseer.

Exhibited before us the Day and Year first above written, E.C. STRODE, J.S. LEAN.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-19e.

[Printed Form - Poor B. (Class 1 & 2.) Notice of Chargeability and Grounds of Removal - London: SHAW AND SONS, Law Publishers, Fetter Lane.]

Parish of Stoke Lane otherwise Stoke Saint Michael in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of **William JONES**.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

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Take Notice, That the above named William JONES aged about fifty years now residing in the parish of Stoke Lane otherwise Stoke Saint Michael aforesaid, has, with Grace his wife aged about twenty six years and their one child, namely Henry aged about one year, become and now is chargeable to the said parish of Stoke Lane otherwise Stoke Saint Michael and is now receiving Relief from the said parish of Stoke Lane otherwise Stoke Saint Michael, The said relief being made necessary by sickness of the said William JONES, which sickness is such as will produce permanent disability and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for their Removal to your parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal Settlement (a duplicate of which Order is herewith sent).

And Take Notice, that the grounds of the said Removal, including the Particulars of the Settlement relied upon by us in support thereof are fully set forth in the notice hereunto annexed.

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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order, and no Appeal against such Order shall afterwards be allowed.

Given under our Hands this twelfth day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight. John L. BURNARD, Joseph BRICE, William OSBORN, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said parish of Stoke Lane otherwise Stoke Saint Michael.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-19b.

[Grounds of Removal and Particulars of Settlement]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

As to the removal of **William JONES**, a pauper.

Take Notice that the following are the Grounds of removal and particulars of the settlement, on which an Order has been obtained for the removal of the said William JONES, Grace his wife and their one child, namely Henry, from the parish of Stoke Lane, otherwise Stoke Saint Michael in the said County to your said parish of High Littleton, that is to say:

Inasmuch as the said William JONES, now aged about fifty years, hath, together with Grace his wife aged about twenty six years and their said Child, namely Henry aged about one year, come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said parish of Stoke Lane, otherwise Stoke Saint Michael, not having resided in the said parish of Stoke Lane, otherwise Stoke Saint Michael, for five years next before the application for the said Order of removal and not having gained any legal settlement in the said parish of Stoke Lane, otherwise Stoke Saint Michael, nor having produced any certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere and that the said William JONES, Grace his wife and their said Child have become and now are chargeable to the said parish of Stoke Lane, otherwise Stoke Saint Michael, and are now actually receiving relief therefrom, which relief being made necessary by the sickness of the said William JONES, which sickness is such as will produce permanent disability and that the said William JONES, Grace his wife and their said Child, for the several causes and reasons hereinafter mentioned or some or one of them, are settled in your said parish of High Littleton, that is to say:

First - Because the said William JONES (never having gained any legal settlement for himself) is the lawful son of Sarah JONES of your said parish of High Littleton by Benjamin JONES, her late Husband deceased and that the said Benjamin JONES was, up to the day of his decease, a legally settled Inhabitant of your said parish of High Littleton and imparted his settlement in your said parish of High Littleton to the said William JONES the pauper, and that the said Sarah JONES his said Widow, hath not, since her said husband's decease, done any act to gain a legal settlement for herself out of your said parish of High Littleton, but hath ever since continued and now is legally settled in your said parish of High Littleton.

Second - Because, whilst the said William JONES (who hath never gained a legal settlement for himself) was unemancipated and residing with his father (the said Benjamin JONES), to wit, from Lady Day in or about the year one thousand eight hundred and four to Lady Day in or about the year one thousand eight hundred and five, the said Benjamin JONES rented, held and occupied a tenement of Thomas *[James intended]* TIDCOMBE and Thomas RENDALL, consisting of a separate and distinct Dwelling House and Lands situate in your said parish of High Littleton, of the yearly value of ten pounds, for one whole year at a rent exceeding the sum of Ten pounds, and that the said Benjamin JONES rented, held and occupied such Tenement and lands for one whole year next after Lady Day in or about the year one thousand eight hundred and four and during the whole of such year, that is to say, from Lady Day in or about the year 1804 to Lady Day in or about the year 1805, except the first fourteen days after Lady day in or about the year one thousand eight hundred and four, in which he so rented, held and occupied the said Tenement and Lands, the said Benjamin JONES resided in your said parish of High Littleton and paid the whole of the rent of the said Tenement and Lands for such year to the amount of ten pounds and upwards.

Third - Because, whilst the said William JONES (who hath never done any act to gain a legal settlement for himself) was unemancipated and residing with Benjamin JONES his father, to wit, from Lady Day in or about

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the year one thousand eight hundred and four and Lady Day in or about the year one thousand eight hundred and five, the said Benjamin JONES was assessed to, charged with and paid the poor rates and other public Taxes and levies of your said parish of High Littleton, in respect of a tenement of the yearly value of Ten pounds and upwards, situate in your said parish of High Littleton and, at the time of his being so assessed and charged with such poor rates, Taxes and levies, he was residing in and, for forty days next after payment thereof, did reside in your said parish of High Littleton.

And take Notice that we, the undersigned Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the parish of Stoke Lane, otherwise Stoke Saint Michael, intend to rely upon all and any of the said grounds of removal and settlement in support of the said order of removal.

As witness our hands, this twelfth day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty eight, John L. BURNARD, Joseph BRICE, William OSBORN, Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of Stoke Lane otherwise Stoke Saint Michael.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-19f.

[Printed Form - Poor D. (Class 1 & 2.) Order of Removal. - London: SHAW AND SONS, Law Publishers, Fetter Lane.]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of Stoke Lane otherwise Stoke Saint Michael in the County of Somerset and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

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 Stoke Lane otherwise Stoke Saint Michael That **William JONES, aged about fifty years and Grace his Wife, aged about twenty six years and their one Child, namely Henry, aged about one year**, have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said parish of Stoke Lane otherwise Stoke Saint Michael, 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 In respect of relief made necessary by sickness of the said William JONES and are now receiving Relief therefrom, and that the said sickness is such as will produce permanent disability and that the parish of High Littleton 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 William JONES, Sarah JONES and John Fox CARTNER 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 William JONES and Grace his wife and their said Child is in the said parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset. And we the said Justices do hereby further state that we are satisfied by the evidence aforesaid, that the said sickness of the said William JONES will produce permanent disability in the said William JONES.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's Name, to require and Order you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said parish of Stoke Lane otherwise Stoke Saint Michael or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, at such time and in such manner as by Law is provided and directed in that behalf, to remove and convey the said William JONES and Grace his Wife and their said Child from and out of your said parish of Stoke Lane otherwise Stoke Saint Michael to the said parish of High Littleton 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 Shepton Mallet in the said County of Somerset, the twenty second Day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight, E.C. STRODE, J.S. LEAN.

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[Note: William son of Benjamin and Sarah JONES was born c.1798/9.

William married Grace.

Their son Henry was born at Stoke Lane c.1846/7.

William JONES, High Littleton, aged 54, was buried at High Littleton 17 May 1850.

The 1851 Census finds Grace JONES, widow, aged 27, pauper, born Stoke Lane, living in High Littleton with her son Henry 3, born Stoke Lane and 2 lodgers, George SAGE 66, Army Pensioner Chelsea, born High Littleton and Virgin TUCKER 34, born Stoke Lane and a visitor, Thomas JAMES 40, born Stoke Lane.

William's younger brother David JONES and family were removed from Aberystroth, Monmouthshire to High Littleton by Order dated 9 Apr 1862.]

89. Mary Ann SIMMONS and children were removed from Shepton Mallet to High Littleton by Order dated 10th November 1848.

[Complaint of Chargeability - Printed Form]

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COUNTY OF SOMERSET, DIVISION OF Shepton Mallet to wit.

The complaint and Information of William HOCKEY one of the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Shepton Mallet in the said County of Somerset, made before us William Hungerford COLSTON, Doctor of Divinity and John Stuckey LEAN, Esquire, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the County of Somerset, at Shepton Mallet, in the said County, this tenth day of November One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight on behalf of himself, and the Churchwardens and other Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Shepton Mallet THAT **Mary Ann SIMMONS, widow, aged about forty three years and the two bastard children of the said Mary Ann SIMMONS, namely, Louisa aged about eight years and Sarah aged about six years**, have lately come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Shepton Mallet endeavouring to settle there contrary to Law, not having resided in the said Parish Five Years next before this application and complaint and not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and that on the thirtieth day of October 1848 the said Mary Ann SIMMONS and her said two bastard children became chargeable to and from thence hitherto have been relieved by and are now receiving relief from the said Parish of Shepton Mallet.

The said William HOCKEY therefore prays that the said Mary Ann SIMMONS and her said two bastard children may be duly examined as to the place of their legal settlement and further dealt with according to Law, and lastly that the said Mary Ann SIMMONS and her said two bastard children are the same persons as are mentioned in the Certificate of chargeability, marked "C" now produced before us the said Justices. William HOCKEY, Overseer.

Exhibited before us at Shepton Mallet in the County of Somerset, this 10th day of November in the Year of our Lord 1848. W.H. COLSTON, J.S. LEAN.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-18d.

Certificate of Chargeability
(C.)

County of Somerset. Union of Shepton Mallet.

The Board of Guardians of the poor of the Shepton Mallet Union, in the County of Somerset do hereby certify, that on the thirtieth day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty eight **Mary Ann SYMONDS, Widow, aged 43 years, Louisa and Sarah SYMONDS, her children** became chargeable to the parish of Shepton Mallet 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 October 1848. (signed) Charles W.A. NAPIER, Presiding chairman of the said Board.

(countersigned) Robert NORTON, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the Shepton Mallet Union.

[Below]

County of Somerset. Division of Shepton Mallet.

The above Certificate marked "C" was exhibited before us William Hungerford COLSTON, Doctor of Divinity and John Stuckey LEAN, Esquire, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the peace in and for the County of Somerset, at Shepton Mallet, in the said County, this tenth day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty eight on an application for an order for the removal of the above named Mary Ann SIMMONS, widow, aged about forty three years and the two bastard children of the said Mary Ann SIMMONS, namely Louisa aged about eight years and Sarah aged about six years, from the above named parish of Shepton Mallet to the parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset as their place of legal settlement. W.H. COLSTON, J.S. LEAN.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-18e.

[Printed Form - Poor B. (Class 1 & 2.) Notice of Chargeability and Grounds of Removal. - London: SHAW AND SONS, Law Publishers, Fetter Lane.]

Parish of Shepton Mallet in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of **Mary Ann SIMMONS**, a pauper.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice, That the above named Mary Ann SIMMONS, aged about forty three years now residing in the parish of Shepton Mallet aforesaid, has, with her two bastard children, namely Louisa aged about eight years and Sarah aged about six years, become and now is chargeable to the said parish of Shepton Mallet and is now receiving Relief from the said parish of Shepton Mallet and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for their Removal to your parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal Settlement (a duplicate of which Order is herewith sent). **And Take Notice**, that the grounds of the said Removal, including the Particulars of the Settlement relied upon by us in support thereof are fully set forth in the Notice hereunto annexed.

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

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removed to your said parish of High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order, and no Appeal against such Order shall afterwards be allowed.

Given under our Hands this fourteenth day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight. Benjamin ELLIS, Rich. HYATT, William HOCKEY, Francis HUBBARD, Francis BERRYMAN, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said parish of Shepton Mallet.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-18b.

[Grounds of Removal and Particulars of Settlement]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

As to the removal of **Mary Ann SIMMONS**, a pauper.

Take Notice, that the following are the grounds of removal particulars of the settlements, on which an order has been obtained for the removal of the said Mary Ann SIMMONS and her two bastard children, namely Louisa and Sarah, from the parish of Shepton Mallet in the said County to your said parish of High Littleton, that is to say:

Inasmuch as the said Mary Ann SIMMONS, now aged about forty three years, hath, together with her said two bastard children, namely, Louisa aged about eight years and Sarah aged about six years, come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said parish of Shepton Mallet, not having resided in the said parish of Shepton Mallet for five years next before the application for the said order of removal and not having gained any legal settlement in the said parish of Shepton Mallet, nor having produced any certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere, and that the said Mary Ann SIMMONS and her said two bastard children have become chargeable to the said parish of Shepton Mallet and are now actually receiving relief therefrom, which relief is not occasioned by sickness or accident. And that the said Mary Ann SIMMONS and her said two bastard children, for the several causes or reasons hereinafter mentioned or some or one of them, are settled in your said parish of High Littleton.

First - Because that, the said Mary Ann SIMMONS is the lawful widow of Jacob SIMMONS deceased, having intermarried with the said Jacob SIMMONS, in the parish Church of Midsomer Norton in the said County, in or about the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty one, her maiden name being TRIPPECK, and that the said Jacob SIMMONS was a legally settled inhabitant of your said parish of High Littleton and continued so up to the time of his decease and that the said Mary Ann SIMMONS hath not since her said Husband's decease ever done any act to gain a legal settlement for herself.

Second - Because the said Mary Ann SIMMONS, on the seventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty five, was examined as to her place of legal settlement and an order, bearing date the seventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty five, under the hands and seals of Robert CLERK and John Stuckey LEAN, Esquires, then two of Her Majesty's Justices of the peace for the said County of Somerset, was made for the removal of the said Mary Ann SIMMONS and her two bastard children, namely the said Louisa and Sarah, from the said parish of Shepton Mallet to your said parish of High Littleton, that being the place of legal settlement of the said Mary Ann SIMMONS, and that on or about the eighteenth day of December one thousand eight hundred and forty five the said Mary Ann SIMMONS and her said two bastard children were removed and conveyed by virtue of the said Order from the said parish of Shepton Mallet to your said parish of High Littleton and were received and acknowledged as parishioners of your said parish of High Littleton and that the said order was never appealed to, abandoned, superseded or quashed.

And take Notice that we, the undersigned Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of Shepton Mallet intend to rely upon all and any of the said grounds of removal and settlement in support of the said order of removal.

As Witness our hands this fourteenth day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty eight. Benjamin ELLIS, Rich. HYATT, William HOCKEY, Francis HUBBARD, Francis BERRYMAN, Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of Shepton Mallet.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-18c.

Although the Examinations of Mary Ann SIMMONS, Richard BENNETT and Henry DYNE have not been located, the following Exhibit, referred to in the latter two examinations, has survived.

[Exhibit (1845 Order of Removal)]

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

COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Shepton Mallet in the County of Somerset, and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

UPON the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Shepton Mallet aforesaid, unto us whose Names are hereunto set, and Seals affixed, being two of Her Majesty's Justices of the

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Peace, in and for the said County of Somerset and one of us of the Quorum, that **Mary SIMMONS, Widow of John [Jacob intended] SIMMONS deceased, aged about forty years and Louisa SIMMONS aged about five years and Sarah SIMMONS aged about three years, which said Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS are the Bastard children of the said Mary SIMMONS,** have come to inhabit in the said Parish of Shepton Mallet not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere; and that the said Mary SIMMONS, Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS have become and are now actually chargeable to the said Parish of Shepton Mallet: We the said Justices, upon due Proof made thereof, as well upon the Examination of the said Mary SIMMONS 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 the said Mary SIMMONS, Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS is in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. We do therefore require and order you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Shepton Mallet or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Mary SIMMONS, Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS from and out of your said Parish of Shepton Mallet to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 a true Copy thereof.) And we do also hereby require you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton to receive and provide for the said Mary SIMMONS as a legally settled inhabitant of your said parish of High Littleton and also to receive and provide for the said Louisa SIMMONS and Sarah SIMMONS respectively as such bastard children of the said Mary SIMMONS until they shall respectively attain the age of sixteen years or respectively acquire a settlement in their own right, if the said Mary SIMMONS their mother shall not sooner gain a legal settlement elsewhere. GIVEN under our Hands and Seals the seventh Day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty five. Robert CLERK, J.S. LEAN.

[Reverse]

This is the order of removal referred to in the examination of Richard BENNETT and Henry DYNE sworn to by them before us two of Her Majesty's Justices of the peace in and for the County of Somerset this tenth day of November 1848. W.H. COLSTON, J.S. LEAN.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-18.

[Printed Form - Poor D. (Class 1 & 2.) Order of Removal. - London: SHAW AND SONS, Law Publishers, Fetter Lane.]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of Shepton Mallet in the County of Somerset and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

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 Shepton Mallet That **Mary Ann SIMMONS, widow, aged about forty three years and the two bastard children of the said Mary Ann SIMMONS, namely Louisa aged about eight years and Sarah aged about six years,** have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said parish of Shepton Mallet, 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 High Littleton 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 Mary Ann SIMMONS, Richard BENNETT and Henry DYNE 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 Ann SIMMONS is in the said parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset. And we do further adjudge that the place of legal settlement of the said two bastard children of the said Mary Ann SIMMONS, until they shall respectively attain the age of sixteen years, is in the said parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's Name, to require and Order you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said parish of Shepton Mallet or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, at such time and in such manner as by Law is provided and directed in that behalf, to remove and convey the said Mary Ann SIMMONS and her said two bastard children from and out of your said parish of Shepton Mallet to the said parish of High Littleton 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 Shepton Mallet in the said County of Somerset, the tenth Day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight, W.H. COLSTON, J.S. LEAN.

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[Note: For details of Mary Ann SIMMONS and family see previous Removal Orders from Shepton Mallet to High Littleton dated 18 Nov 1829, 7 Feb 1843 and 7 Nov 1845.]

90. John GREGORY and wife were removed from Paulton to High Littleton by Order dated 5th December 1848.

The Examinations of John GREGORY, Peninah GREGORY, John DUDDEN, William REES MOGG, James BROOKS and Robert Hocking BOODLE have not been located.

[Printed Form - Poor F. (Class 4.) Notice of Chargeability, Order of Removal, and Examination. - London: SHAW AND SONS, Law Publishers, Fetter Lane.]

Parish of Paulton in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of **John GREGORY and Peninah his Wife.**

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice, That the above-named John GREGORY now residing in this Parish, has with Peninah his Wife become and now is chargeable to and been relieved by the said Parish of Paulton, the said Relief being made necessary by Sickness of the said John GREGORY, which Sickness is such as will produce permanent disability and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for their Removal to your Parish of High Littleton as the *[ir]* 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 of the sending of such copy, the said Paupers will be removed to your said Parish of High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order and no appeal against such Order can afterwards be allowed.

Dated this fifth Day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight. John HILL Jn'r, Joseph HILL, John ADAMS, James BROOKS, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Paulton.

[Below] - Order of Removal.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Paulton in the County of Somerset and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

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 Paulton That **John GREGORY and Peninah his Wife** have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Paulton, not having resided in the said Parish Five Years next before the Application for this Warrant, 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 and relieved by the same Parish, the said relief being made necessary by the Sickness of the said John GREGORY and that the said Sickness is such as will produce permanent disability and that the Parish of High Littleton 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 John GREGORY, Peninah his Wife, John DUDDEN, William REES MOGG, James BROOKS and Robert Hocking BOODLE 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 John GREGORY and Peninah his Wife is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset. And we the said Justices do hereby further state that we are satisfied by the evidence aforesaid, that the said Sickness of the said John GREGORY will produce permanent disability in the said John GREGORY.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's name, to require and order that if within Twenty-one Days after you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Paulton 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 John GREGORY and Peninah his Wife from and out of your said Parish of Paulton to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Clutton in the said County of Somerset, the fifth Day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight. G.T. SCOBELL, J. Usticke SCOBELL, J. HIPPISELY.

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[Statement of Grounds of Removal and Particulars of Settlement - Printed Form]

Parish of Paulton in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of **John GREGORY** and Peninah his Wife, Paupers.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the following is a Statement of the Grounds for the removal of the before named John GREGORY and Peninah his Wife to your Parish of High Littleton 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 John GREGORY and Peninah his Wife have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in our Parish of Paulton 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 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 Paulton and are now receiving Relief therefrom; and that your said Parish of High Littleton 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 John GREGORY is the Illegitimate Child of Phoebe GREGORY, a single woman (afterwards the wife of James BROCK), but now deceased, and was born in your said Parish of High Littleton about 60 years ago.

Second, That the said John GREGORY has never gained a legal settlement for himself. Third, That the said John GREGORY and his said Wife Peninah, heretofore Peninah WATTS, Spinster, whom he married at Paulton Church about 28 years ago, have been repeatedly acknowledged and relieved by your said Parish of High Littleton as legally settled Inhabitants and Parishioners thereof, whilst residing out of your said Parish and particularly upon the occasions and at or about the times and in the manner respectively hereinafter named, (that is to say), about 23 years ago the said John GREGORY and Peninah his Wife were residing together in the said Parish of Paulton and the said John GREGORY became Insane and was then removed, as a Pauper of High Littleton, to Dr FOX's Lunatic Assylum (*sic*) at Brislington nr. Bristol and out of the said Parish of High Littleton, where he was confined about eighteen weeks and that your said Parish of High Littleton paid the expences of and attending such removal and confinement of the said John GREGORY and, during such his confinement, also afforded the said Peninah GREGORY his Wife and their Children regular Weekly Relief, she and they residing all the time in the said Parish of Paulton; in or about the year 1830, the said John GREGORY and Peninah his Wife were placed by your said Parish of High Littleton to reside in one of the Houses belonging to such Parish and used for the occupation of their settled Inhabitants and situate near Stephen's Hill in your said Parish and where they resided as such settled Inhabitants for about 4 years Rent free; in or about the Month of December 1838, the said John GREGORY and Peninah his Wife were residing together in the said Parish of Paulton and the said John GREGORY again became Insane and was removed from the said Parish of Paulton by Henry BLINMAN, the Assistant Overseer of the said Parish of High Littleton, to Dr LANGWORTHY's Assylum at Box in Wiltshire, out of the said Parish of High Littleton, where he was confined until about 3 or 4 weeks before Midsummer 1839 and that your said Parish of High Littleton paid the Expences of and attended such last mentioned Removal and Confinement of the said John GREGORY and, during such his confinement, also afforded the said Peninah GREGORY his Wife and their Children regular Weekly Relief, she and they residing all the time in the said Parish of Paulton; in the Month of December 1847 the said John GREGORY and Peninah his Wife were residing together in the said Parish of Paulton and the said John GREGORY again became Insane and was removed by Mr James BROOKS, the Overseer of Paulton, to the said Dr LANGWORTHY's Lunatic Assylum at Box aforesaid, where he was Confined until about the first of April 1848, when Mr John DUDDEN, the Relieving Officer of the said Parish of High Littleton (which forms part of the Clutton Poor Law Union), removed the said John GREGORY to the County Lunatic Assylum at Wells in the said County of Somerset, where he was confined until the middle of July 1848; and that your said Parish of High Littleton paid the expences of and attending such Removals and Confinements of the said John GREGORY to and at Box and Wells as last mentioned; and during such his last mentioned Confinements, or the greater part thereof, your said Parish also afforded the said Peninah GREGORY, his Wife, regular Weekly Relief, she residing all the time in the said Parish of Paulton and out of the said Parish of High Littleton, from the 11th week of the Midsummer Quarter 1838 up to the end of the Christmas Quarter 1838 and at various times between the 10th week of the Midsummer Quarter in the year 1839 and the 13th week of the Quarter ending Michaelmas 1847; the said John GREGORY and Peninah his Wife have been relieved by your said Parish of High Littleton with Bedding, Bread and Money of various Amounts, as Out Door Paupers of your said Parish and, during all

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the times when such relief have been so afforded them, they were residing in the said Parish of Paulton and not in your said Parish of High Littleton.

AND TAKE NOTICE, that we, the undersigned Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Paulton, 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 fifth day of December One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty eight. John HILL J^{nr}, Joseph HILL, John ADAMS, James BROOKS, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Paulton.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-20 and 20a.

[Note: John GREGORY was born on 30 Nov 1794 the bastard son of Phoebe GREGORY. A Bastardy Order was made against John BRITTEN, cordwainer of Paulton, on 3 Feb 1795, as the reputed father. Phoebe married James BROCK at High Littleton on 25 Dec 1811 and died in 1820.

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

Vestry Minutes of 28 Mar 1796 approved relief of 1/3 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Phoebe GREGORY for a child by BRITTON. This continued at varying amounts until 1805.

At the age of 12 John son of Phoebe GREGORY of High Littleton was apprenticed by the Overseers, under Indentures dated 18 May 1807, to Henry TUCKER, cordwainer of High Littleton, until he was 21. Presumably John did not serve out his time because in his Examination he said he never gained a settlement in his own right.

John GREGORY bach. otp married Peninah WATTS spin. otp by banns at Paulton 15 May 1820.

Peninah dau. of John & Grace WATTS, Paulton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 7 Sep 1834.

Although there is no mention of age, the above is believed to be a late baptism of Peninah; John WATTS and Grace ROGERS, the parents mentioned above, having married at Paulton as long ago as 3 Dec 1781. No earlier baptism of a Peninah WATTS has been discovered. John a son was born c.1821-26.

Phoebe dau. of John & Peninah GREGORY, Paulton, collier, bapt. at Paulton 12 Sep 1824.

Matilda was born c.1833/4.

Minutes of 26 May 1826 recorded that, as John GREGORY is in a state of insanity and no immediate prospect of recovery, it is ordered that he be sent as a parish pauper to Dr FOX's at Brislington. Minutes of 2 Dec 1831 agreed to give John GREGORY and family 1 blanket, 1 garment and filling for his bed. Overseers Accounts record on 30 Aug 1838 the cost of taking John GREGORY, a lunatic, to Box Asylum and a guard.

The 1841 Census finds John GREGORY, aged 45, labourer, Peninah 45, John 15, coal miner, Phoebe 10 and Matilda 7, living in Paulton.

Vestry Minutes of 21 Dec 1842 resolved that John GREGORY's relief of 1/- p.w. should be stopped, as he has constant work on the road at High Littleton and his daughter can work.

John GREGORY, coal miner of Paulton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1830, 1837 and 1840.

Wells Asylum Case Book records that John GREGORY entered the asylum on 1 Apr 1848. His history notes say that he was illegitimate, knew nothing of his parents, was married at 23, had 2 children, couldn't read or write and never attended any place of worship. His conduct was quiet. In June he was noted as having become very stout; his weight on admission was 147 lbs. He was discharged on 1 Jul 1848 in good health and spirits, leaving in the care of the parish officer (SRO D/H/Men.17/1/1, case 19, page 73).

Peninah GREGORY, Paulton, aged 60, was buried at Paulton 14 Jul 1850.

The 1851 Census finds John GREGORY, widower, aged 61, pauper, coal miner, born Paulton, lodging in the house of John SAVAGE 51, coal miner and family, at New Town, Paulton.

John ended his days in Clutton Union Workhouse, where the Register records John GREGORY, High Littleton, aged 68, died 5 Nov 1856.

John GREGORY, Union House, aged 68, was buried at High Littleton 8 Nov 1856.]

91. Emma FLOWER and children were removed from Radstock to High Littleton by Order dated 16th July 1849.

[*Complaint of Chargeability*]

(Copy) County of Somerset.

The Complaint of Thomas JAMES one of the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Radstock in the said County of Somerset, made on behalf of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Radstock and with their assent, unto us the undersigned two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, at Kilmersdon in the said County, this sixteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine, who saith: That **Emma FLOWER, a widow, aged twenty six years and her two children, Benjamin aged one year and five months and Sarah aged about eleven weeks**, have lately come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said Parish endeavouring to settle there contrary to law, not having resided in the said Parish for five years next before the said application and complaint, and not being otherwise irremovable therefrom, and not having gained a legal Settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and that on the fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine the said Emma FLOWER and her said two children became chargeable to the said Parish of Radstock, and from thence hitherto have been relieved by, and are now receiving relief from the said Parish. The said Thomas JAMES therefore prays that the said Emma FLOWER may be duly examined as to the place of her legal settlement, and further dealt with according to law. Thomas JAMES, Overseer.

Exhibited before us the day and year first above written, T.R. JOLIFFE, J.T. JOLLIFFE.

[Reverse]

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(Copy) County of Somerset to wit.

The Examinations and Depositions of Emma FLOWER at present residing in the Parish of Radstock in the said County of Somerset, Widow, and of Charles FLOWER of Englishcombe in the said County, Blacksmith and of Thomas JAMES of Radstock aforesaid, Miller, touching the place of the last legal settlement of the said Emma FLOWER and her two children Benjamin and Sarah, taken on oath before us, Thomas Robert JOLIFFE, Clerk, A.M. and John Twyford JOLLIFFE, Esquire, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this sixteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine, at Kilmersdon in the said County, upon a certain complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Radstock unto us, that the said Emma FLOWER aged twenty six years and her said two children, Benjamin aged one year and five months and Sarah aged about eleven weeks, have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Radstock, not having resided in the said Parish of Radstock for five years next before the said application and complaint and not being otherwise irremovable therefrom, and not having gained a legal settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere and that the said Emma FLOWER and her said two children are now actually chargeable to the said Parish of Radstock and that the Parish of High Littleton in the said County is the place of their last legal settlement.

[Below]

The said Emma FLOWER upon her oath saith as follows: I am now residing in the said Parish of Radstock in the County of Somerset and am aged twenty six years. I was married to Samuel FLOWER my late husband on the twenty first day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty seven at St. Mary's Church in the Parish of St. Mary le Bone in the County of Middlesex; my maiden name was COLES. I have two children by my said husband, that is to say, Benjamin aged one year and five months and Sarah aged about eleven weeks; my husband died in May last, aged about twenty seven years, and was buried at Paddington in the said County of Middlesex on the thirteenth day of May last; my said husband was a Farrier and Blacksmith by trade and worked about in several places in London where he could obtain employment. I do not believe he was ever apprenticed nor do I believe he ever gained a settlement in his own right; his father Charles FLOWER is living at Englishcombe near Dunkerton, a Blacksmith. I am now chargeable to the said Parish of Radstock by reason of my inability to maintain myself and two children and am receiving one shilling and nine pence in money and three large loaves of bread and a small one weekly, from Mr James PRATTEN the relieving officer of the said Parish of Radstock. I have done no act to gain a settlement in my own right since the death of my said husband. I have resided for the space of eight weeks next before this day in the said Parish of Radstock and no longer. Emma FLOWER.

Taken and sworn before us, the said Justices, at Kilmersdon in the said County of Somerset, this sixteenth day of July 1849, T.R. JOLIFFE, J.T. JOLLIFFE.

[Below]

The said Charles FLOWER upon his oath saith as follows: the said Samuel FLOWER was my son and was aged about twenty seven years at his death; he married the said Emma COLES and has left her a widow with two children; the said Samuel FLOWER was never apprenticed and never did any act to gain a settlement in his own right that I ever heard of; he and his widow and children follow the place of my settlement, which is in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset. I have been relieved by the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, while I was living at Radstock in the said County, about eighteen years ago. I am aged about fifty eight years and, when I was about twelve years of age, I was bound by Indenture of Apprenticeship, duly stamped, to serve James HARDING of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, Blacksmith, as his apprentice, for the term of seven years, to learn the trade of a Blacksmith. I accordingly entered his service as such apprentice and served him in the said Parish of High Littleton as such Apprentice under the said Indenture, for seven years and during the whole of the time of my said service under the said Indenture and on the last day of such service, I inhabited in the said Parish of High Littleton and resided and slept therein, in the house of the said James HARDING my master, situate in the said Parish. I have never done any act to gain a settlement since. About twenty nine years ago, I was married to Tamar CREW in the Parish Church of Publow in the said County of Somerset and the said Samuel FLOWER deceased was a child of such marriage. I now produce the said Indenture of Apprenticeship dated the eighteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and four, and the signature Charles FLOWER thereto is my handwriting, and the signatures of Charles FLOWER the elder and James HARDING thereto are the signatures of my father Charles FLOWER and of my said master James HARDING and the signature of William HARDING the witness, is the handwriting of my master's son. I saw them all sign the said Indenture. Charles FLOWER.

Taken and sworn before us, the said Justices, at Kilmersdon in the said County of Somerset, this sixteenth day of July 1849, T.R. JOLIFFE, J.T. JOLLIFFE.

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[Below - *Exhibit (Apprenticeship Indentures)*]

(Copy) This Indenture witnesseth That **Charles FLOWER** son of Charles FLOWER of the Parish of Publow in the County of Somerset, Sheriff's Officer, by and with the consent of his said Father, testified by his being made a party to and executing these presents, doth put himself Apprentice to James HARDING of High Littleton in the same County, Blacksmith, to learn his art and with him after the manner of an Apprentice, to serve from the day of the date hereof, for and during and unto the full end and term of seven years thence next ensuing and fully to be compleat and ended: During which term the said Apprentice, his said Master faithfully shall and will him serve, his secrets keep, lawful Commandments every where gladly do, he shall do no damage to his said Master, nor see to be done of others; but to his Power shall let, or forthwith give Notice to his said Master of the same. The Goods of his said Master he shall not waste, nor lend them unlawfully to any; Hurt to his said Master he shall not do, cause or procure to be done, he shall neither buy nor sell without his Master's leave. Taverns, Inns or Alehouses he shall not haunt; at Cards, Dice, Tables or any other unlawful Game he shall not play nor from the service of his said Master day nor night shall absent himself; but in all things as an honest and faithful Apprentice shall and will demean and behave himself towards his said Master and all his, during all the said Term. And the said James HARDING, in consideration of the sum of Nine Pounds of lawful money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland current in Great Britain, to him in hand paid by the said Charles FLOWER the Elder, at or before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, doth hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with the said Charles FLOWER the Elder, his Executors and Administrators, that he the said James HARDING, his Executors or Administrators, the said Apprentice, in the Art or Mystery of a Blacksmith, which he now useth, shall teach and instruct, or cause to be taught and instructed in the best way and manner he can, finding and allowing unto his said Apprentice sufficient meat, drink, washing & lodging during the said Term. And for the true performance of all and every the Covenants and Agreements aforesaid, either of the same Parties bindeth himself unto the other firmly by these Presents. In Witness whereof the Parties above said to these Indentures interchangeable have set their hands and seals the eighteenth day of January in the Forty fourth 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 four. Charles FLOWER, Charles FLOWER, James HARDING. Witness - Sealed and deliver'd in the presence of William HARDING.

No. 3 January 19th 1804. Received four shillings and six pence for His Majesties Duty of six pence in the Pound according to the Statute. J. MORRELL Jr. Ent'd J.C.

[Written below]

(Copy) Exhibited before us the sixteenth day of July 1849 at Kilmersdon in the County of Somerset. T.R. JOLIFFE, J.T. JOLIFFE, Justices of the Peace for the County of Somerset.

[Note: Charles son of Charles FLOWER was born c.1780/1.

Charles FLOWER bach. otp married Tamar CREW spin. of Radstock by licence at Publow 31 Oct 1819.

Samuel their son was born c.1821/2.]

[Below]

The said **Thomas JAMES** upon his oath saith as follows: I am one of the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Radstock in the said County of Somerset. I produce a Certificate of the Board of Guardians of the Poor of the Clutton Union in the said County, as to the chargeability of the said **Emma FLOWER** and her said two children Benjamin and Sarah. I received the said Certificate, from Messrs MOGG [*REES MOGG*], the clerks to the said Board of Guardians, on the fourteenth day of July instant. Emma FLOWER, who has now been examined as to her settlement, with her children Benjamin and Sarah the paupers now present, are the same who are named in the said Certificate, and they now reside in the said Parish of Radstock, being one of the Parishes comprised in the said Union. Thomas JAMES.

Taken and sworn before us the said Justices, at Kilmersdon in the said County of Somerset, this sixteenth day of July 1849, T.R. JOLIFFE, J.T. JOLIFFE.

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[*Exhibit (Certificate of Chargeability)*]

(Copy)

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 June 1849 **Emma FLOWER and her children, Samuel (*sic*) Benjamin aged about one year and a half and Sarah aged three months** became chargeable to the Parish of Radstock 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 13th day of July 1849. (Signed) Ab'm DANGER, Presiding Chairman of the said Board.

(Countersigned) Wm. REES MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of Clutton Union, Somerset.

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[Below]

(Copy) County of Somerset. Division of Kilmersdon.

The Certificate on the other side (*sic*) marked C. was exhibited before us Thomas Robert JOLIFFE, Clerk, A.M. and John Twyford JOLLIFFE, Esquire, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the County of Somerset, at Kilmersdon in the said County, this sixteenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty nine on an application for an order for the removal of the said Emma FLOWER and her said two children, Benjamin and Sarah from the said Parish of Radstock in the said County to the Parish of High Littleton in the said County as their place of legal settlement. T.R. JOLIFFE, J.T. JOLLIFFE.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-21f.

[Statement of Grounds of Removal and Particulars of Settlement]

Parish of Radstock in the County of Somerset.

As to the removal of **Emma FLOWER** and her two children, Benjamin and Sarah.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset. Take Notice, that the above-named Emma FLOWER aged about twenty six years, now residing at Butter Buildings in the said Parish of Radstock, has, with her two children, Benjamin aged about one year and five months and Sarah aged about eleven weeks, become and now is chargeable to the said Parish of Radstock, and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for their removal to your said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, as their last place of legal settlement (a duplicate of which Order is 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order, and no appeal against such Order can afterwards be allowed. And take Notice, that the following are the grounds of the said removal, including the particulars of the settlement relied on in support thereof, that is to say, that the said Emma FLOWER and her said two children, Benjamin and Sarah, have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in our said Parish of Radstock, endeavouring to settle there contrary to law and are now chargeable to and receiving relief from the said Parish of Radstock, not having gained a legal settlement there, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere and that they have not resided in the said Parish of Radstock for five years next before the application for the said Order of removal and not being otherwise irremovable therefrom, and that the said Parish of High Littleton is the place of their last legal settlement; and that the said Emma FLOWER and her said two children, Benjamin and Sarah, have gained a settlement in your said Parish of High Littleton by the marriage of the said Emma FLOWER with her husband Samuel FLOWER deceased, who derived a settlement in your said Parish of High Littleton from his father Charles FLOWER, now living at English Coombe in the said County of Somerset, Blacksmith, and that the said Charles FLOWER gained a settlement in your said Parish of High Littleton for that he the said Charles FLOWER, on the eighteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four, by an Indenture of Apprenticeship of that date, made between the said Charles FLOWER and his father Charles FLOWER the elder and James HARDING of High Littleton aforesaid in the said County of Somerset, Blacksmith, the said Charles FLOWER the son bound himself apprentice unto the said James HARDING, to serve him as such apprentice for the term of seven years, to learn the trade of a Blacksmith; and that the said Charles FLOWER the son accordingly entered the service of the said James HARDING, as such apprentice, on the day of the date of the said Indenture and served him in the said Parish of High Littleton as such apprentice under the said Indenture, from that time for seven years; and the said Charles FLOWER the son, during the whole of the time of his said service under the said Indenture, inhabited in the said Parish of High Littleton and resided and slept therein, in the house of the said James HARDING his master, situate in the said Parish of High Littleton. And the said Charles FLOWER the son, having so gained a settlement in your said Parish of High Littleton by apprenticeship as aforesaid, afterwards, whilst residing in the said Parish of Radstock, about eighteen years ago applied to and received relief from the Overseers of the Poor of your said Parish of High Littleton and during the time the said Charles FLOWER the son received such relief, they, the said Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, knew that he was residing in the said Parish of Radstock.

Given under our hands the nineteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine. John SMITH, Joseph STEEDS, Churchwardens and John COX, Thomas JAMES, Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Radstock.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-21b.

[Printed Form - Poor H. (Class 5 & 6,) Order of Removal with Suspension and subsequent Order to execute the same, and for costs - London: SHAW AND SONS, Law Publishers, Fetter Lane.]

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To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Radstock in the County of Somerset and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton 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 Radstock That **Emma FLOWER, a widow aged about twenty one [six written above] years and her two children, that is to say, Benjamin aged about one year and five months and Sarah aged about eleven weeks**, have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Radstock, not having resided in the said Parish for five years next before the said Application and Complaint, and not being otherwise irremovable 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 High Littleton 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 Emma FLOWER, of Charles FLOWER and of Thomas JAMES 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 FLOWER and her said two children Benjamin and Sarah is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's Name, to require and Order you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Radstock or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, at such time and in such manner as by Law is provided and directed in that behalf, to remove and convey the said Emma FLOWER and her said two children Benjamin and Sarah from and out of your said Parish of Radstock to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Kilmersdon in the said County of Somerset, the sixteenth Day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty nine. T.R. JOLIFFE, J.T. JOLLIFFE.

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[Note: Samuel FLOWER was born c.1821/2.

Samuel FLOWER married Emma COLES at St Mary's, St. Marylebone, Middx. 21 Feb 1847.

A son Benjamin was born at Paddington in 1848.

Sarah was born at Paddington in 1849.

Samuel FLOWER, aged 27, was buried at Paddington 13 May 1849.

The 1851 Census finds Benj'n COLES, aged 60, smith, born Mells, wife Ann 62, domestic, born [blank], grandchildren Benj'n FLOWER 3, scholar, born Paddington, London, Sarah FLOWER 2, scholar, born Paddington, and a lodger, living at Butter Buildings, Radstock.]

92. Elizabeth ROSSITER was removed from Westbury upon Trym to High Littleton by Order dated 16th July 1853.

Vestry Minutes of 11 Aug 1853 record that the Assistant Overseer produced a copy of the Depositions [of] Elizabeth ROSSITER, formerly BRIMBLE, who is now Chargeable to the Parish of Westbury upon Trym. It was agreed that she be accepted as a Parishioner of High Littleton (without prejudice to any future proceedings).

[Printed Form] - 7 and 8 Vict. c.101, s.69, Certificate of Chargeability.

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the Clifton Union, **Do Hereby Certify** that, on the 8th day of March One thousand eight hundred and fifty Three **Elizabeth BRIMBLE alias ROSSITER, Widow**, became chargeable to the Parish of Westbury upon Trym in the said Union.

In testimony whereof the Common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed at a meeting of their Board, this Fifteenth day of July 1853. (Signed) Thomas WHITE, Presiding Chairman of the said Board.

(Countersigned) Robert MERCER, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the said Union.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-22g.

[Notice of Chargeability, Statement of Grounds of Removal and Particulars of Settlement - Printed Form]

Parish of Westbury upon trym, part of which parish is in the County of Gloucester, the other part whereof hath been added to and now forms part of the City and County of Bristol.

As to the Removal of **Elizabeth ROSSITER**, Wife of William ROSSITER gone from her.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice, that the above-named Elizabeth ROSSITER, now residing at Salmon Street, Kingsdown in that part of the said Parish of Westbury upon Trym which is in the said City and County, has become and now is chargeable to the said parish of Westbury upon trym, and now receiving relief from the said parish, the said relief being made necessary by sickness which will produce permanent disability and that an Order of Justices

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dated 16 day of July 1853, has been obtained for her removal to your said parish of High Littleton as her last place of legal settlement (a copy of which Order is herewith sent).

And Take Notice, that the following are the grounds of the said removal, including the particulars of the settlement relied upon by us in support thereof: For that the said Elizabeth ROSSITER is now the wife of William ROSSITER gone from her, whose place of residence and settlement is unknown. That her first Husband Joel otherwise Joseph BRIMBLE deceased, to whom she was married, at the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, the 24th day of April 1815, was the son of Samuel and Jemima BRIMBLE both deceased, and born in the year 1788 in a house, the property of Mr LANSDOWN, in the said parish of High Littleton and baptised there the 18th day of September 1788 and never during his life time did any act to gain a settlement elsewhere. That the said Elizabeth ROSSITER is now suffering from illness, which will produce permanent disability, and hath not resided in the said parish of Westbury upon Trym for five years next before the 16th day of July 1853.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-22e.

[Printed Form]

(Copy) **City and County of Bristol, TO WIT.**

The Examination of Elizabeth ROSSITER now residing in Salmon Street, Kingsdown in the Parish of Westbury upon Trym, partly in the County of Gloucester and partly in the said City and County of Bristol, Wife of William ROSSITER gone from her, of and concerning the place of her last legal Settlement, taken upon Oath before us, the undersigned, Robert Gay BARROW, Esquire (Mayor) and Sir John Kerle HABERFIELD, Knight, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said City and County of Bristol, this Sixteenth day of July in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty three, Upon the application and complaint of the overseers of the poor of the said parish of Westbury upon Trym unto us, that the said Elizabeth ROSSITER hath come to inhabit and is now inhabiting in the said parish of Westbury upon Trym in the Clifton Union, not having gained a legal settlement therein, nor produced any certificate owning her to be settled elsewhere, and not having resided in the said parish of Westbury upon Trym for five years next before the said application and complaint, and that the said Elizabeth ROSSITER is now actually chargeable to the said parish of Westbury upon Trym.

Who upon her Oath saith, On the 2nd of April 1836, being then the Widow of Joel otherwise Joseph BRIMBLE, I married my present Husband William ROSSITER at Llanhilleth in Wales. I never heard him say where he was born or to what Parish he belonged; he deserted me about fourteen years ago, since which time I have not heard whether he is dead or alive. I believe he went to America. I have done no act to gain a Settlement in my own right but believe I am legally settled in High Littleton Parish in the County of Somerset, in which Parish I have heard and believe my late Husband Joel otherwise Joseph BRIMBLE was born, and in which Parish at High Littleton Church I was married to him the 24th day of April in the year 1815; he was the Son of Samuel & Jemima BRIMBLE, both dead. I am now living in and chargeable to the Parish of Westbury upon Trym in the Clifton Union, partly in the County of Gloucester and partly in the City and County of Bristol, in which Parish I have not resided for five years next before this Sixteenth day of July 1853. I am in receipt of two shillings and sixpence paid to me weekly by Mr Augustus Frederick SMITH, the Relieving Officer of the said Parish of Westbury upon Trym. The mark of X Elizabeth ROSSITER.

Sworn at the Council House in the City and County of Bristol, Before us, Rob't Gay BARROW, Mayor, Jno. Kerle HABERFIELD, Knt.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-22a.

[Printed Form - HUDSON & Co., London.]

City and County of Bristol, To WIT.

The Examination of Charles LATCHAM, of the City of Bristol, Gentleman, of and concerning the place of the last legal Settlement of Elizabeth ROSSITER of the Parish of Westbury upon Trym, partly in the County of Gloucester and partly in the said City and County of Bristol, taken upon Oath before us the undersigned Robert Gay BARROW Esquire, (Mayor) and Sir John Kerle HABERFIELD, Knight, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Gloucester [*Bristol probably intended*], this Sixteenth day of July in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty three, Upon the application and complaint of the overseers of the poor of the said parish of Westbury upon Trym unto us, that the said Elizabeth ROSSITER hath come to inhabit and is now inhabiting in the said parish of Westbury upon Trym in the Clifton Union, not having gained a legal settlement therein, nor produced any certificate owning her to be settled elsewhere, and not having resided in the said parish of Westbury upon Trym for five years next before the said application and complaint, and that the said Elizabeth ROSSITER is now actually chargeable to the said parish of Westbury upon Trym.

Who upon his Oath saith, I produce a Copy of the Register of Baptism of Joel, Son of Samuel & Jemima BRIMBLE at the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset dated the 18th September 1788. I procured

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it at the Parish Church of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. I compared it with the entry in the Register of Baptisms in that Church and it is correct. Charles LATCHAM.

Sworn at the Council House in the City and County of Bristol, before us, Rob't Gay BARROW, Mayor, Jno. Kerle HABERFIELD, Knt.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-22b.

[Printed Form]

City and County of Bristol, To WIT.

The Examination of John BRIMBLE, now residing at Kingley *[Kingwell intended]* in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Laborer, of and concerning the place of the last legal Settlement of Elizabeth ROSSITER, now residing in the Parish of Westbury upon Trym, partly in the County of Gloucester and partly in the said City and County of Bristol, taken upon Oath before us, the undersigned, Robert Gay BARROW, Esquire, Mayor and Sir John Kerle HABERFIELD, Knight, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said City and County of Bristol, this Sixteenth day of July in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty three, Upon the application and complaint of the overseers of the poor of the said parish of Westbury upon Trym unto us, that the said Elizabeth ROSSITER hath come to inhabit and is now inhabiting in the said parish of Westbury upon Trym in the Clifton Union, not having gained a legal settlement therein, nor produced any certificate owning her to be settled elsewhere, and not having resided in the said parish of Westbury upon Trym for five years next before the said application and complaint, and that the said Elizabeth ROSSITER is now actually chargeable to the said parish of Westbury upon Trym.

Who upon his Oath saith, I am sixty nine years of age, the son of Samuel & Jemima BRIMBLE, both dead. Elizabeth ROSSITER here present, was formerly the Wife of my Brother Joel otherwise Joseph BRIMBLE; he was the son of my Father and Mother Samuel & Jemima BRIMBLE and was born at a House, the property of Mr LANSDOWN, near the Church in High Littleton Parish in the County of Somerset, in or about the Month of August in the Year 1788 and is the same person described in the certificate of Baptism as Joel Son of Samuel and Jemima BRIMBLE, now produced. My Father lived in that House many years and nine or ten of us his Children were born there. The mark of X John BRIMBLE.

Sworn at the Council House in the City and County of Bristol, before us, Rob't Gay BARROW, Mayor, Jno. Kerle HABERFIELD, Knt.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-22c.

[Note: Samuel BRIMBLEx otp married Jemima VOWLESx otp by banns at High Littleton 26 May 1774.

Jemima (born 19 Jun) dau. of Will'm VOWLS & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 10 Jul 1757.

James son of Samuel BRIMBLE & Jemima bapt. at High Littleton 14 Apr 1776.

George son of Samuel BRIMBLE & Jemima bapt. at High Littleton 10 Jan 1779. - George BRIMBLE, a child, buried at High Littleton 15 Aug 1780.

George son of Sam'l BRIMBLE & Jemima bapt. at High Littleton 17 Dec 1780. - George BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 49, buried at High Littleton 27 Jun 1828.

David son of Samuel BRIMBLE & Jemima bapt. at High Littleton 2 Nov 1783. - He married Maria CHIVERS at High Littleton 12 Oct 1807.

Overseers Accounts for 1783/4 record a receipt of Samuel BRIMBLE of Militia money.

John son of Samuel BRIMBLE & Jemimah bapt. at High Littleton 11 Jun 1786.

Joel son of Samuel BRIMBLE & Jemima bapt. at High Littleton 18 Sep 1788.

Nancy dau. of Samuel BRIMBLE & Jemima bapt. at High Littleton 11 Nov 1790.

Wm. son of Sam'l BRIMBLE & Jemima bapt. at High Littleton 19 Apr 1793. - He married Sarah BENDELL at High Littleton 14 Apr 1823.

*Vestry Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 agreed that Sam'l BRIMBLE of High Littleton should have 24 lb. of flour p.w. at a *[subsidised]* price of 3/- a peck, also bacon at 6d. a lb. for the best bits and 4d. the residue.*

Sarah dau. of Samuel BRIMBLE & Jemima bapt. at High Littleton 6 Nov 1796.

Thomas son of Samuel BRIMBLE & Jemima bapt. at High Littleton 3 Mar 1799.

Jemima BRIMBLE was buried at High Littleton 16 Jan 1799.

Minutes of 25 Mar 1799 approved relief of 2/- p.w. to Samuel BRIMBLE's child. This continued at varying amounts until 1806/7.

Presumably the child was Thomas, his mother having died soon after childbirth.

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

Samuel BRIMBLE (later described as sen'r, widower of High Littleton) received blankets from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1795, 1799, 1801, 1810, 1813, 1818, 1821, 1822, 1824, 1826, 1829 and 1830. Minutes of 2 Dec 1831 agreed to give Sam'l BRIMBLE a shirt.

Accounts record that Samuel BRIMBLE was paid 1/3 p.w. in the weekly calendar from Apr 1830, which was increased to 2/- p.w. on 19 Nov and continued thus until 1836.

Samuel BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 86, was buried at High Littleton 3 Apr 1836.

Samuel's son David BRIMBLE was removed from Monythusloyne to High Littleton by Order dated 22 Dec 1829.

John BRIMBLE, who was examined above, was born in 1786.

John BRIMBLEx bach. otp married Maria HILLx spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 25 Dec 1810.

The 1851 Census finds John BRIMBLE, aged 65, Mole Catcher and wife Maria 63, Ag. Lab., both born High Littleton, living at Crossways, Farmborough with 2 lodgers.]

[Printed Form - HUDSON & Co., London.]

City and County of Bristol, To WIT.

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The Examination of Edward TRIBE, of the Parish of Westbury upon Trym, late in the County of Gloucester, Surgeon, of and concerning the place of the last legal Settlement of Elizabeth ROSSITER, now residing in the Parish of Westbury upon Trym, partly in the County of Gloucester and partly in the said City and County of Bristol, taken upon Oath before us the undersigned, Robert Gay BARROW, Esquire, (Mayor) and Sir John Kerle HABERFIELD, Knight, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said City and County of Bristol, this Sixteenth day of July in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty three, Upon the application and complaint of the overseers of the poor of the said parish of Westbury upon Trym unto us, that the said Elizabeth ROSSITER hath come to inhabit and is now inhabiting in the said parish of Westbury upon Trym in the Clifton Union, not having gained a legal settlement therein, nor produced any certificate owning her to be settled elsewhere, and not having resided in the said parish of Westbury upon Trym for five years next before the said application and complaint, and that the said Elizabeth ROSSITER is now actually chargeable to the said parish of Westbury upon Trym.

Who upon his Oath saith, I have examined Elizabeth ROSSITER here present and find that she is suffering from Chronic Bronchitis and Dropsy which will produce permanent disability. Edward TRIBE.

Sworn at the Council House, Bristol, the day and year above written, Before us, Rob't Gay BARROW, Mayor, Jno. Kerle HABERFIELD, Knt.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-22d.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Westbury upon Trym, part of which Parish is in the County of Gloucester, the other part whereof hath been added to and now forms part of the said City and County of Bristol, and to the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

City and County of Bristol, TO WIT.

Whereas Complaint hath this day been made unto us, Robert Gay BARROW, Esquire, (Mayor) and Sir John Kerle HABERFIELD, Knight, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said City and County of Bristol (one being of the Quorum), by the Overseers of the Poor of the said parish of Westbury upon Trym That **Elizabeth ROSSITER, Wife of William ROSSITER, gone from her**, hath come to inhabit in the said part of the said Parish of Westbury upon Trym which is in the said City and County not having gained a legal settlement there, and not having produced any certificate owning her to be settled elsewhere, and not having resided in the said parish of Westbury upon Trym for five years next before the application for this our Warrant, and that the said Elizabeth ROSSITER is now actually chargeable to the said parish of Westbury upon trym by reason of sickness which will produce permanent disability. WE, the said Justices, upon due proof made thereof, as well upon the Examinations of the said Elizabeth ROSSITER, Charles LATCHAM, Gentleman, John BRIMBLE and Edward TRIBE, Surgeon, 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 the last place of lawful settlement of the said Elizabeth ROSSITER to be in the said parish of High Littleton in the said county of Somerset.

These are, therefore, in Her Majesty's Name, to require you, the said Overseers of the poor of the said parish of Westbury upon Trym, or some or one of you to convey the said Elizabeth ROSSITER from and out of the said parish of Westbury upon Trym to the said parish of High Littleton and her to deliver to the Overseers of the Poor there, or to some one of them, together with this our Order or a true copy thereof, at the same time shewing to them or him the original, who are hereby required to receive and provide for, and take care of her as the Law directs.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, at the Council House, in the City and County of Bristol aforesaid, the Sixteenth day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty three. Rob't Gay BARROW, Mayor, Jno. Kerle HABERFIELD.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-22 and 22a for 2nd Copy.

[Note: Joel son of Samuel BRIMBLE & his wife Jemima VOWLES was baptized at High Littleton on 18 Sep 1788.

Joseph (sic) BRIMBLEx bach. otp married Elizabeth REDLEYx of Litton by banns at High Littleton 24 Apr 1815.

There was another Joel BRIMBLE (born 1778) and wife Elizabeth (nee CLARE) having children at Farmborough between 1814 and 1825. Helpfully the younger Joel BRIMBLE usually called himself Joseph.

Eliza dau. of Joseph & Elizabeth BRIMBLE, Farmborough, coal miner, bapt. at Farmborough 3 Apr 1820.

Temperance dau. of Joseph & Elizabeth BRIMBLE, Farmborough, coal miner, bapt. at Farmborough 23 Jun 1822. - Temprance BRIMBLE, Farmborough, aged 2, buried at High Littleton 9 Sep 1823.

Enoch son of Joseph & Elizabeth BRIMBLE, Farmborough, coal miner, bapt. at Farmborough 3 Oct 1824.

Another Temperance was born c.1826/7. - Temperance BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 1, buried at High Littleton 27 Apr 1828.

Joseph (Joel) BRIMBLE died c.1835/6.

William ROSSITER married Elizabeth BRIMBLE, widow, at Llanhilleth 2 Apr 1836.

Eliza BRIMBLE, Joseph and Elizabeth's daughter, was removed from Trevethin to High Littleton by Order dated 25 Oct 1837.]

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93. Mary SMITH and children were removed from Merthyr Tydfil to High Littleton by Order dated 10th May 1856.

Vestry Minutes of 30th May 1856 record that an Order of Removal having been received from the Churchwardens & Overseers of Merthyr Tydfil, as to Mary SMITH, Wife of Joseph SMITH who has deserted her and gone to America & her two legitimate children and her illegitimate child, it was agreed that copies of the Depositions be applied for. No documents have been located.

[Note: Joseph may be the son of Joel & Jane SMITH, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 10 Jul 1825. He married Mary and had daughters Elizabeth born c.1848/9 and Sarah Ann born c.1854/5. Mary's illegitimate child has not been identified.

Mary and children were delivered to High Littleton on 2 Jul 1856 by the Overseers of Merthyr, pursuant to the Order of Removal.

See also Removal of Elizabeth & Sarah Ann SMITH from Merthyr to High Littleton by Order dated 25 Sep 1858.]

94. Steps were initiated to remove **James SIMMONS' wife** and four children from Paulton to High Littleton in 1856.

No Order of Removal or other documents have been located and it seems likely that Paulton did not proceed with the matter.

Vestry Minutes of 30 May 1856 report that, an application having been made by the Overseer of the Parish of Paulton for this Parish to take the wife of James SIMMONS and her 4 children (her husband having deserted them), it was resolved that the Vestry will take the matter into consideration this day six months. A pencil note said "Paulton to remove if they can prove settlement."

[Note: Neither James SIMMONS nor his wife and children have been positively identified.]

95. Sarah SIMMONS and child were removed from Radstock to High Littleton by Order dated 29th Sep 1856.

[Complaint of Chargeability]

(Copy) County of Somerset to wit.

The complaint of George MILES, one of the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Radstock in the said County of Somerset, made on behalf of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Radstock and with their assent, unto us, the undersigned, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, at Kilmersdon in the said County, the twenty ninth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six, who saith that **Sarah SIMMONS** a widow and her child Louisa aged about two years, have lately come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Radstock, endeavouring to settle there contrary to law, not having resided in the said Parish of Radstock for five years next before the said application and complaint and not being otherwise irremovable therefrom, and not having gained a legal settlement there, nor having produced any certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and that on the fifteenth day of August last, the said Sarah SIMMONS and her said child Louisa became chargeable to the said Parish of Radstock and from thence hitherto have been relieved by and are now receiving relief from the said Parish of Radstock. The said George MILES therefore prays that the said Sarah SIMMONS may be duly examined as to the place of their legal settlement, and further dealt with according to law. George MILES, Overseer.

Exhibited before us, the day and year first above written, T.R. JOLIFFE, William F. KNATCHBULL.

[Below]

(Copy) County of Somerset to wit.

The examinations and depositions of **Sarah SIMMONS**, now residing in the Parish of Radstock in the said County of Somerset, widow, and of **Elizabeth SIMMONS** of Radstock aforesaid, Widow, and of **Edward HURST** of Radstock aforesaid, yeoman, touching the last place of legal settlement of the said Sarah SIMMONS and her child Louisa aged about two years, taken on oath before us Thomas Robert JOLIFFE, clerk, A.M. and William Francis KNATCHBULL, Esquire, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this twenty ninth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six, at Kilmersdon in the said County, upon a certain complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Radstock unto us, that the said Sarah SIMMONS and her said Child Louisa had come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Radstock, not having resided in the said Parish of Radstock for five years next before the said application and complaint and not being otherwise irremovable therefrom, and not having gained a legal settlement there, nor having produced any certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and that the said Sarah SIMMONS and her said child Louisa are now actually chargeable to and receiving relief from the said Parish of Radstock.

[Below]

The said **Sarah SIMMONS** upon her oath, saith as follows: I am aged about twenty seven years and am now residing with my said child Louisa in the Parish of Radstock in the said County of Somerset. My maiden name was JOHNSON. Three years ago on the eleventh of May last, I was married in the parish church of Radstock

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aforesaid to John SIMMONS, by whom I have one child, Louisa aged two years. My said husband John SIMMONS died on the twenty sixth day of August one thousand eight hundred and fifty five. My said husband never gained a settlement in his own right that I ever heard of. He belonged to the Parish of High Littleton in the said County, as I have heard and believe. I have done no act to gain a settlement in my own right since the death of my husband. I and my said child Louisa are now chargeable to the said parish of Radstock and receiving two loaves of bread and one shilling weekly as relief from the said Parish of Radstock, by the hands of Mr Richard Mogg DUDDEN, the relieving officer of the said parish of Radstock. I have not lived in the said Parish of Radstock two years, since I and my said husband lived at Frome in the said County and rented a House there. Sarah SIMMONS.

Taken and sworn before us the said Justices, at Kilmersdon in the said County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of September 1856, T.R. JOLIFFE, William F. KNATCHBULL.

[Below]

The said **Elizabeth SIMMONS** upon her oath, saith as follows: I am the mother of the said John SIMMONS, the late husband of the said Sarah SIMMONS. He was aged about twenty six years when he died. In the year one thousand eight hundred and forty two, I and my said son John SIMMONS, were removed by Mr James TIDCOMBE, one of the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Radstock to the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, by virtue of an order of removal of John Twyford JOLLIFFE, Esquire and William Francis KNATCHBULL, Esquire, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, and I afterwards received relief, for myself and the said John SIMMONS and my other five children mentioned in the said order of removal, from the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton. The said order of removal was never appealed against. I do not believe that my said son John SIMMONS ever done any act since to gain a settlement in his own right. The mark (X) of Elizabeth SIMMONS.

Taken and sworn before us the said Justices, at Kilmersdon in the said County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of September 1856, and we certify that the above Examination was read in our presence to the said Elizabeth SIMMONS, and that she seemed perfectly to understand the same, and that she made her mark thereto in our presence, T.R. JOLIFFE, William F. KNATCHBULL.

[Below]

The said **Edward HURST** upon his oath, saith as follows: I am acting as assistant overseer of the Poor of the said parish of Radstock. I produce an order of John Twyford JOLLIFFE, Esquire and William Francis KNATCHBULL, Esquire, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Somerset, dated the sixteenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty two, whereby the said Elizabeth SIMMONS and her six children were ordered to be removed from the said Parish of Radstock to the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset. I also produce a certificate of the Board of Guardians of the Poor of the Clutton Union in the said County, as to the chargeability of Sarah SIMMONS and her child Louisa. I received the said certificate from Messrs. MOGG & PERRIN, the clerks to the said Board of Guardians, on the twenty sixth day of September instant. Sarah SIMMONS, who has now been examined as to her settlement, with her said child Louisa, the paupers now present, are the same who are named in the said Certificate and they now reside in the said parish of Radstock, being one of the Parishes comprised in the said Union. Edw'd HURST.

Taken and sworn before us the said Justices, at Kilmersdon in the said County of Somerset, this twenty ninth day of September 1856, T.R. JOLIFFE, William F. KNATCHBULL.

[Below]

[Exhibit (1842 Order of Removal)]

(Copy) County of Somerset.

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

Whereas complaint hath been made unto us, whose hands and seals are hereunto set and subscribed, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County of Somerset (one of us being of the Quorum) by you the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Radstock in the said Parish of Somerset, That **Elizabeth SIMMONS, a widow and her six children viz. Eliza aged about fourteen years, John aged about twelve years, Judith aged about ten years, Ann aged about eight years, Elizabeth aged about six years and Maria aged about four years**, lately came to inhabit in the same Parish of Radstock in the said County of Somerset, contrary to law, not having any ways gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere; and that the said Elizabeth SIMMONS and her said six children are actually become chargeable to the said Parish of Radstock. We, the said Justices, upon due examination of the said complaint and premises, and also upon examination of the said Elizabeth SIMMONS, upon her oath before

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us, and upon due consideration by us had in the premises, do adjudge the same complaint and premises to be true; and we do likewise adjudge, that the last lawful settlement of the said Elizabeth SIMMONS and her said six children is in the said parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

These are therefore in her Majesty's name, to require, order and command you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Radstock in the said County of Somerset, or some or one of you, to remove and convey the said Elizabeth SIMMONS and her said six children from and out of your said Parish of Radstock to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 true copy thereof), and we do also hereby require you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, to receive and provide for them the said Elizabeth SIMMONS and her said six children according to law, as Inhabitants legally settled in your said Parish of High Littleton.

Given under our hands and seals, at Kilmersdon in the said County, the sixteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two. J.T. JOLLIFFE, William F. KNATCHBULL.

[Written below]

This order of removal was exhibited to and received in evidence by us two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset, on the twenty ninth day of September 1856, in the matter of the removal of **Sarah SIMMONS** the widow of the within named John SIMMONS and their child Louisa aged about two years. T.R. JOLIFFE, William F. KNATCHBULL.

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(Copy)

Schedule (C.)

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the Clutton Union in the County of Somerset, do hereby certify, that on the 19th day of September 1856, **Sarah SIMMONS and her child Louisa SIMMONS** were chargeable to the Parish of Radstock in the said Union.

In testimony whereof the Common Seal of the said Guardians is hereunto affixed, at a Meeting of their Board, this 19th day of September 1856. (Signed) B. SMITH, Presiding Chairman of the said Board.

(Countersigned) E.H. PERRIN, Ass't Clerk to the Board of Guardians of Clutton Union, Somerset.

[Below]

(Copy) This Certificate was exhibited to and received in evidence by us two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset, on the twenty ninth day of September 1856, in the matter of the removal of Sarah SIMMONS and her child Louisa SIMMONS. T.R. JOLIFFE, William F. KNATCHBULL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-23d.

[Printed Form - Poor H. (Class 5 & 6,) Order of Removal with Suspension and subsequent Order to execute the same, and for costs - London: SHAW AND SONS, Law Publishers, Fetter Lane.]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Radstock in the County of Somerset and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton 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 Radstock That **Sarah SIMMONS, a widow and her child Louisa aged about two years**, have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Radstock not having resided in the said *[Parish]* for five years next before the said Application and Complaint, and not being otherwise irremovable 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 High Littleton in the said County 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 SIMMONS and of Elizabeth SIMMONS of Radstock aforesaid, Widow, and of Edward HURST also of Radstock, Yeoman, 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 SIMMONS and her said child Louisa is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's Name, to require and Order you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Radstock or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, at such time and in such manner as by Law is provided and directed in that behalf, to remove and convey the said Sarah SIMMONS and her said child Louisa from and out of your said Parish of Radstock to the said Parish of High Littleton and them deliver, together with this our Order or a Duplicate or true Copy thereof, unto

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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 Kilmersdon in the said County of Somerset, the twenty ninth Day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty six. T.R. JOLIFFE, William F. KNATCHBULL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-23 and 23a for 2nd Copy. *[Although the form for a Suspended Order was used in this case, the suspension section on the reverse was left blank.]*

[Statement of Grounds of Removal and Particulars of Settlement]

Parish of Radstock in the County of Somerset.

As to the removal of **Sarah SIMMONS, a widow and her child Louisa SIMMONS.**

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset. Take Notice, that the above-named Sarah SIMMONS, a widow, now residing at Radstock in the said County, has, together with her child Louisa, aged about two years, become and now are chargeable to the said Parish of Radstock in the said County of Somerset, and that an order of Justices has been obtained for their removal to your said Parish of High Littleton in the said County, as their last place of legal settlement (a duplicate of which order of Removal is 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said order, and no appeal against such order can afterwards be allowed. And take Notice, that the following are the grounds of the said removal, including the particulars of the settlement relied on in support thereof, that is to say, that the said Sarah SIMMONS and her said child Louisa have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in our said Parish of Radstock, endeavouring to settle there contrary to law, not having resided in the said Parish of Radstock for five years next before the application for the said order of Removal, and not being otherwise irremovable therefrom, and that the said Sarah SIMMONS and her said child Louisa are now chargeable to and receiving relief from the said Parish of Radstock, not having gained a legal settlement there, nor having produced any certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere and that the said Parish of High Littleton is the place of their last legal settlement, for that she the said Sarah SIMMONS was on the eleventh day of May one thousand eight hundred and fifty three legally married, in the Parish Church of Radstock aforesaid, to John SIMMONS, who died on the twenty sixth day of August one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, by whom she had her said child Louisa, and that the said John SIMMONS was in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty two removed with his mother Elizabeth SIMMONS, a widow and her five other children, by Mr James TIDCOMBE, one of the Overseers of the Poor of our said Parish of Radstock, to your said Parish of High Littleton, by virtue of an order of removal of John Twyford JOLLIFFE and William Francis KNATCHBULL, Esquires, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Somerset, dated the sixteenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty two, and that the said order was never appealed against, and that the said John SIMMONS never did any act to gain a settlement since he was so removed as aforesaid and that the said Sarah SIMMONS has done no act to gain a settlement in her own right since the death of her said husband.

Given under our hands the first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six. Joseph STEEDS, John WILLCOX, Churchwardens and George MILES, James HILL, Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Radstock.

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[Letter postmarked Bath OC 17 1856 and Bristol OC 18 1856 with 2d Blue Stamp affixed, addressed to] - Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton, nr. Hallatrow, Bristol.

Overseers of High Littleton Dr. to Charles NAPPER.

Copy examination on removal of **Sarah SIMMONS & child.**

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Charlton, nr. Radstock, Bath. 16th Oct'r 1856.

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[Note: John son of Thomas & Elizabeth SIMMONDS, Radstock, coal miner, bapt. at Radstock 11 Apr 1830.

John SIMMONS was removed with his mother and family from Radstock to High Littleton by Order dated 16 May 1842.

In the 1851 Census, when John was living at Coombend, Radstock with his mother and family, he was aged 21 and described as an accountant.

John SIMMONDS (sgd. SIMMONS), full age, bach., coal miner, Radstock, son of Thomas SIMMONDS, coal miner, married Sarah JOHNSON, full age, spin., Radstock, dau. of Thomas JOHNSON, clerk at the pits, by banns at Radstock 11 May 1853.

Louisa their daughter was born c.1853/4.

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John SIMMONS, Radstock, aged 25, was buried at Radstock 29 Aug 1855.]

96. An Order was made for the removal of **Elizabeth CHIVERS** from St. Marylebone, Middlesex to High Littleton in 1857.

Neither the Order of Removal nor any other documents have been located.

Vestry Minutes of 26 Nov 1827 record that a Notice of an Order of Removal of Elizabeth CHIVERS from Saint Marylebone, Middlesex was read. Ordered that the Parish Officers do give notice of Appeal, and get up the grounds on the same. On 24 Dec. an Order of Removal of Elizabeth CHIVERS from the Parish of Saint Marylebone having been produced, resolved that such order be appealed against, and that Mr J. REES-MOGG be requested to conduct the appeal. On 29 Mar 1858 it was resolved that the appeal against the Removal of Elizabeth CHIVERS from the Parish of St. Marylebone be continued until its final issue.

[Note: In the absence of documentation it is difficult to identify Elizabeth. However, it is possible that she was the daughter of Sampson CHIVERS and his wife Jane CHIVERS, born c.1811-16, who was in service in London, according to Sampson's examination taken on 9 Dec 1845.]

97. Joseph STICKLAND and family were removed from Trevethin to High Littleton by Order dated 8th May 1858.

The Examinations of Joseph STICKLAND, John WILLIAMS and Henry LUCAS have not been located. Much of the other usual documentation relating to a Removal is also missing.

[Printed Form - Poor H. (Class 5 & 6,) Order of Removal with Suspension and subsequent Order to execute the same and for costs - London: SHAW AND SONS, Fetter Lane.]

(Copy) To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Trevethin in the County of Monmouth and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

Monmouthshire **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 Monmouth (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Trevethin That **Joseph STICKLAND and his wife Elizabeth and their five children, namely, Roseannal (sic) aged 14 years, Joseph aged 12 years, Elizabeth aged 10 years, Farnham aged 8 years and Austin aged 5 years**, have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Trevethin not having resided in the said Parish for five years next before the said Application and Complaint, 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 in respect of relief made necessary by sickness of the said Joseph STICKLAND and are now receiving Relief therefrom, and that the said sickness is such as will produce permanent disability, and that the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Joseph STICKLAND, John WILLIAMS and Henry LUCAS 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 Joseph STICKLAND and his said wife and their said five children is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset and we the said Justices do hereby further state that we are satisfied by the evidence aforesaid that the sickness of the said Joseph STICKLAND will produce permanent disability in the said Joseph STICKLAND.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's Name, to require and Order you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Trevethin or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, at such time and in such manner as by Law is provided and directed in that behalf, to remove and convey the said Joseph STICKLAND and his said wife and their said five children from and out of your said Parish of Trevethin to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Pontypool in the said County of Monmouth, the 8th Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty eight. Fred'k LEVICK, C.A. WILLIAMS.

[Reverse] - Suspension.

Monmouthshire **to wit.**

Whereas it appears unto us, Frederick LEVICK, Esquire, and Charles Addams WILLIAMS, Clerk, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Monmouth, the Justices making the within Order of Removal, that the therein-named Joseph STICKLAND is unable to travel by reason of Sickness and Infirmary of Body, and that it would be dangerous for him so to do;

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We the said Justices do hereby **suspend** the Execution of the said Order of Removal until we, or any Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County are satisfied that it may be safely executed without danger.

Given under our Hands and Seals at Pontypool in the said County of Monmouth the 8th Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty eight. Fred. LEVICK, C.A. WILLIAMS.

[Below] - Order to execute, and for Costs.

Monmouthshire **to wit.**

Whereas it hath been now made appear unto us, Frederick LEVICK and John JAMES Junior, Esquires, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Monmouth, that the within Order of Removal may be safely executed without danger: **We** do therefore hereby authorize and direct the Execution of the same accordingly.

And whereas it hath been duly proved upon Oath before us, the said Justices, that charges to the amount of Two Pounds five Shillings, and seven Pence half penny have been necessarily incurred by the said Parish of Trevethin by the Suspension of the said Order of Removal: **We** the said Justices do hereby **order** and **direct** the said Sum of Two Pounds five Shillings and seven Pence half penny to be paid by the Overseers of the within-mentioned Parish of High Littleton to the Overseers of the within-mentioned Parish of Trevethin.

Given under our Hands and Seals at Pontypool in the said County of Monmouth the fifth Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty eight. Fred. LEVICK, John JAMES J'r.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-25.

[Note: Joseph son of John STICKLER & his wife Sarah GREGORY was baptized at High Littleton 25 Dec 1808. Other children were baptized as STICKLAND; indeed the names STICKLER, STICKLAND and STRICKLAND were variously attributed to the same persons. Joseph STICKLAND bach. otp married Elizabeth FLOWER spin. otp by banns at Clutton 22 May 1834.

Alfred son of Joseph & Elizabeth STICKLAND, Farmborough, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1834.

James son of Joseph & Elizabeth STICKLAND, Farmborough, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1835. - James STRICKLAND married Delina CARN at Trevethin 18 Jul 1859.

David son of Joseph & Elizabeth STICKLAND, Farmborough, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1837.

Stephen son of Joseph & Elizabeth STICKLAND was born at Cwmillery on 12 Apr 1840.

Sarah Ann dau. of Joseph & Elizabeth STICKLAND, Farmborough, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 11 Jun 1843.

Rosannah dau. of Joseph & Elizabeth STICKLAM (sic), High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 20 Jul 1845.

Joseph son of Joseph & Elizabeth STICKLER, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 5 Sep 1847.

Elizabeth dau. of Joseph & Elizabeth STICKLAND, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1849.

Farnham son of Joseph & Elizabeth STICKLAND, Farmborough, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 16 Nov 1851.

Joseph STICKLAND, coal miner of High Littleton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1844, 1846, 1847, 1852 and 1855.

*The 1851 Census finds Joseph STICKLAND, aged 42, coal miner, born High Littleton, wife Elizabeth 36, born Farmborough, and children James 14, coal miner, born Farmborough, Stephen 9, born Nablin, Monmouth, Sarah A. 7, born Merthyr, Glamorgan, Rosanna 5, Joseph 3, both born High Littleton and Elizabeth 1, born Farmborough, living in Combrom [*Scumbrum*] Lane, Farmborough.*

Joseph and family were removed from Trevethin to High Littleton again, by Orders dated 7 Aug 1860 and 22 Feb 1862.

Austin another son was born c.1853.]

98. Elizabeth and Sarah Ann SMITH were removed from Merthyr Tydfil to High Littleton by Order dated 25th September 1858.

The Examination of William John JONES has not been located.

[Printed Form - Poor F. (Class 4.) Notice of Chargeability and Grounds of Removal, Order of Removal, and Examination.]

Parish of Merthyr Tydfil in the County of Glamorgan.

As to the Removal of **Elizabeth SMITH** aged 9 years and **Sarah Ann SMITH** aged 3 years.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice, That the above-named Elizabeth SMITH and Sarah Ann SMITH, now residing at the Workhouse in this Parish, have become and now are chargeable to the said Parish of Merthyr Tydfil and are now receiving Relief from the said Parish of Merthyr Tydfil, and that an Order of a Stipendiary Justice has been obtained for their Removal to your parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal Settlement (a duplicate of which Order is herewith sent). **And Take Notice**, That the following are the grounds of the said Removal, including the Particulars of the Settlement relied upon by us in support thereof:

1 - For that the said Paupers have not resided in our said Parish for five years next before the application for the said warrant or order, without receiving parish relief.

2 - The said paupers are the children of Mary SMITH and were with her removed by legal order of Justices from our parish to your's and such order was dated the 10th day of May 1856 and they were on that occasion delivered to your assistant overseer on or about the 2nd day of July 1856 and such order is still valid.

And also for that the said paupers have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said parish of Merthyr Tydfil and before and at the time of the making of the said first mentioned Order, were and still are chargeable to the said Parish of Merthyr Tydfil and receiving relief therefrom.

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And Take Notice, That unless Notice of Appeal against the said first mentioned 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said first mentioned Order, and no Appeal against such Order shall afterwards be allowed.

Given under our Hands this 25th Day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty eight. George LYNDEN, Walter SMYTH, A. MATTHEWS, John DAVIES, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Merthyr Tydfil.

[Reverse]- Order of Removal

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Merthyr Tydfil in the County of Glamorgan, and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

GLAMORGAN, To Wit.

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto me, whose Name is hereunto set and Seal affixed, being a Stipendiary Magistrate for the parish of Merthyr Tydfil in the said County and having by Law the power to do alone acts which may be done by two Justices of the peace (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Merthyr Tydfil That **Elizabeth SMITH aged 9 years and Sarah Ann SMITH aged three years**, neither of whom has Gained a Settlement in her own right, have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Merthyr Tydfil, 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 High Littleton is the place of their last legal Settlement: **I**, the said Magistrate, upon due Proof thereof as well by Examination of Witnesses, to wit, of William John JONES, 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 Elizabeth SMITH and Sarah Ann SMITH is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's name, to require and order you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Merthyr Tydfil or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, at such time and in such manner as by Law is provided and directed in that behalf, to remove and convey the said Elizabeth SMITH and Sarah Ann SMITH from and out of your said Parish of Merthyr Tydfil to the said parish of High Littleton and them deliver, together with this our Order, or a Duplicate or a 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 my Hand and Seal, at Merthyr Police Court in the said County of Glamorgan, the Eighth day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Eight. J.L. FORSTER.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-24 and 24a for 2nd Copy of Order of Removal.

[Note: The two children were also removed with their mother Mary from Merthyr Tydfil to High Littleton by Order dated 10 May 1856.]

99. An Order for the removal of **SALMON**'s children to High Littleton was made in 1859.

No Order of Removal or any other documentation has been located.

A Vestry Meeting was called for 16 Sep 1859 for the purpose of considering the necessity of appealing against a certain Order of Removal. The matter of the appeal of **SALMON**'s children was brought before the Vestry and adjourned for further consideration.

[Note: Neither the names of the children nor the parents have been identified and no further mention was made in Vestry Minutes.]

100. Joseph STICKLAND and family were removed from Trevethin to High Littleton by Order dated 7th August 1860.

The Examinations of Joseph STICKLAND, John WILLIAMS and John WAINWRIGHT have not been located.

[Printed Form - Poor B. (Class 1 & 2.) Notice of Chargeability and Grounds of Removal. - London: SHAW AND SONS, Fetter Lane.]

Parish of Trevethin in the County of Monmouth.

As to the Removal of **Joseph STRICKLAND** and his Wife Elizabeth and their five children, namely, Rosannah, Joseph, Elizabeth, Farnham and Austin.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice, That the above-named Joseph STRICKLAND now residing in the said parish of Trevethin in this County has, with his said wife and their said five children, become and now is chargeable to the said Parish of Trevethin and is now receiving Relief from the said Parish, the said relief being made necessary by sickness of the said Joseph STRICKLAND, which sickness is such as will produce permanent disability, and that an Order

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of Justices has been obtained for their Removal to your Parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal Settlement (a duplicate of which Order is herewith sent). **And Take Notice**, that the following are the grounds of the said Removal, including the Particulars of the Settlement relied upon by us in support thereof:

For that the said Joseph STRICKLAND is a legally settled Parishioner in the said parish of High Littleton.

For that the said Joseph STRICKLAND was born in the said parish of High Littleton in or about the year 1808.

For that the said Joseph STRICKLAND is the legitimate son of John STRICKLAND and Sarah STRICKLAND, the said John STRICKLAND being at the time of his death (which happened about 29 or 30 years ago), an acknowledged Parishioner in the said parish of High Littleton and legally settled therein.

For that the said Joseph STRICKLAND was during his life relieved by the said parish of High Littleton and was buried at the expense or partly at the expense of the same parish; that the said John STRICKLAND was the legitimate son of Isaac STRICKLAND, the said Isaac STRICKLAND being at the time of his death (which happened about 42 years ago in the said parish of High Littleton), a legally settled Parishioner in the said parish of High Littleton.

For that the said Isaac STRICKLAND was for several years during his life possessed (by descent) of a cottage and Shoemaker's Shop in the said parish of High Littleton of the annual value of forty Shillings and upwards and whilst he was so possessed he resided and slept in the said parish of High Littleton for forty days and upwards.

For that the said Joseph STRICKLAND (the pauper) married his said wife Elizabeth about 30 years ago, by whom he has had his said five children, all born in wedlock; that in or about the month of June 1858 the said Joseph STRICKLAND together with his said wife and five children were removed from the said parish of Trevethin to your said parish of High Littleton under an order of removal, which said orders were not appealed against or in any way superseded and that after the said Joseph STRICKLAND was so removed, he received relief from your said parish of High Littleton.

For that the said Joseph STRICKLAND has not resided in the said parish of Trevethin for five years now last past.

And also for that the said Joseph STRICKLAND with his said wife and children have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Trevethin and before and at the time of the making of the said Order were and still are chargeable to the said Parish of High Littleton [*Trevethin intended*] and receiving relief therefrom.

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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order, and no Appeal against such Order shall afterwards be allowed.

Given under our Hands this 11th Day of August in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty. William WOOD, John F. WILLIAMS, William EVANS, James [PITT?], Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Trevethin.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-29c.

[*Printed Form - Poor D. (Class 1 & 2.) Order of Removal. - London: SHAW AND SONS, Fetter Lane.*]

(Copy) To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Trevethin in the County of Monmouth and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

Monmouthshire **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 Monmouth (one whereof being of the Quorum), by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Trevethin That **Joseph STRICKLAND and his wife Elizabeth and their five children, namely, Rosanna aged 15 years, Joseph aged 13 years, Elizabeth aged 11 years, Farnham aged 9 years and Austin aged 7 years**, have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Trevethin, not having resided in the said Parish for five years next before the said Application and Complaint, 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 in respect of relief made necessary by sickness of the said Joseph STRICKLAND and are now receiving Relief therefrom, and that the said sickness is such as will produce permanent disability in the said Joseph STRICKLAND, and that the parish of High Littleton 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 Joseph STRICKLAND, John WILLIAMS and John WAINWRIGHT, 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 Joseph STRICKLAND and his said wife and their said five children is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset; and we the said Justices do hereby further state that we are satisfied by the evidence

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aforesaid, that the said sickness of the said Joseph STRICKLAND will produce permanent disability in the said Joseph STRICKLAND.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's Name, to require and Order you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Trevethin or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, at such time and in such manner as by Law is provided and directed in that behalf, to remove and convey the said Joseph STRICKLAND and his said wife and their said five children from and out of your said Parish of Trevethin to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Pontypool in the said County of Monmouth, the 7th Day of August in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty. Ch. H. WILLIAMS, [H'y?] WILLIAMS.

[Marginal Note] - Edmund Butler EDWARDS, Clerk to the Magistrates, Pontypool.

[Reverse] - Received 14 Aug't 1860.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-29 and 29b for a 2nd Copy.

[Slip of Paper]

The Overseers of the Parish of High Littleton To the Parish of Trevethin.

1858 Nov 26	To Relief to J. STRICKLAND under suspended order	2. 5. 7½
1860 Sep 18	do. do. 3 weeks under orders of Removal at 6/-	<u>18. 0</u>
		3. 3. 7½

Sir. As this is the second time this family has been removed, The Overseers of this Parish expect that you will forward the above amount within the next fortnight without fail. James BLADON, Assistant Overseer.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-29c.

[Note: For details of Joseph STRICKLAND and family see previous removal from Trevethin to High Littleton by Order dated 8 May 1858. The family were later similarly removed by Order dated 22 Feb 1862.]

101. Silvea TUCKER and children were removed from Timsbury to High Littleton by Order dated 27th March 1861.

The Examinations of Silvea TUCKER, Joseph TUCKER and William PIKE have not been located.

[Grounds of Removal and Particulars of Settlement. - Printed Form]

Parish of Timsbury in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of **Silvea TUCKER** and her three Children, Paupers.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

TAKE NOTICE, that the following is a STATEMENT OF THE GROUNDS for the removal of the before named Silvea TUCKER and her said three Children, namely, Silvea aged five years, Jessey aged about four years and Hannah aged one year, to your Parish of High Littleton 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 Silvea TUCKER and her said three children have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in our Parish of Timsbury 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 ha[ve] 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 Timsbury and are now receiving Relief therefrom; and that your said Parish of High Littleton 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 Pauper Silvea TUCKER is the Widow of the late Enoch TUCKER, a Coal Miner, to whom she was Married at the new Church at Nailsea in this County on the 7th day of August 1854 and by whom she had three Children, namely, Silvea aged about five years, Jessey aged about four years and Hannah aged one year.

That the said Enoch TUCKER died in the Month of January last and, as his Widow, the said Pauper Silvea TUCKER and her said three Children have neither of them acquired a place of Settlement for themselves since the decease of the said Enoch TUCKER as aforesaid; they all have and follow the place of Settlement that he had at the time of his decease, which was in your Parish of High Littleton, as hereinafter mentioned.

That the said Enoch TUCKER at his death was legally settled in your said Parish of High Littleton by Birth, inasmuch as he was born there at a place called Rydens, his Father's name being James TUCKER, who was a legally settled Inhabitant of your said Parish of High Littleton.

That the said James TUCKER, the Father of the said Enoch TUCKER, was also settled in your said Parish of High Littleton by Estate, for that he was possessed of two Leasehold Cottage Houses & Gardens at Rydens

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aforesaid for his life, and resided in one of such Cottages for many years and up to his death, which took place in or about the year 1855.

That, by the means and under the circumstances aforesaid, the before mentioned settlement acquired by the said Jame[s] TUCKER in your said Parish of High Littleton by Estate, have [has] been communicated to his son the said Enoch TUCKER and by the said Enoch TUCKER to the said Pauper Silvea TUCKER and her said three Children.

And that the Settlement acquired by the said Enoch TUCKER in your said Parish of High Littleton by Birth, as aforesaid, has also been communicated to the said Pauper Silvea TUCKER and her said three Children and therefore the said Pauper Silvea TUCKER and her said three Children, are now legally settled in your said Parish of High Littleton.

AND TAKE NOTICE, that we the undersigned Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Timsbury 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 seventh day of March One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty one. B. SMITH, James CRANG, John GREGORY, John MAGGS, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Timsbury.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-26b.

[Printed Form] - Notice of Chargeability.

PARISH OF Timsbury in the County of Somerset.

As to the Removal of **Silvea TUCKER and her three Children**, Paupers.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *[High Littleton]* in the County of *[Somerset]*.

Take Notice, That the above-named Silvea TUCKER now residing in this Parish of Timsbury has with her three Children, namely, Silvea aged five years, Jessey aged about four years and Hannah aged one year, become and now is chargeable to the said Parish of Timsbury and is now receiving Relief therefrom and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for their Removal to your Parish of High Littleton as the 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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order, and no Appeal against such Order can afterwards be allowed.

Dated this twenty seventh day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty one.

B. SMITH, James CRANG, John GREGORY, John MAGGS, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Timsbury.

[Reverse - Order of Removal]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Timsbury in the County of Somerset: and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton 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 Timsbury That **Silvea TUCKER, Widow, and her three Children, namely, Silvea aged five years, Jessey aged four years and Hannah aged one year**, have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Timsbury not having resided in the said Parish Five Years next before the Application for this Warrant, and not being otherwise irremovable 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 High Littleton 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 Silvea TUCKER, Joseph TUCKER and 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 Silvea TUCKER and her said three Children is in the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Timsbury 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 Silvea TUCKER and her said three Children from and out of your said Parish of Timsbury

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to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 seventh day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty one.

J. HIPPISELEY, Wm. Savage WAIT.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-26 and 26a for 2nd Copy.

[*Note:* James son of George TUCKER and his wife Grace HARVEY was baptized at High Littleton 3 Sep 1780.

He lived his early life at Rydens, which came into the TUCKER's possession through the HARVEYs. When a new lease was granted on 5 Apr 1797 by Lady JONES for the lesser of 99 years or 3 lives, the lives named were Mary HARVEY, Grace TUCKER and her son James. In the Will of Grace TUCKER, widow of High Littleton, dated 11 Apr 1821, proved at Wells by James TUCKER, labourer of High Littleton, on 7 Mar 1822, Grace left her cottage, consisting of 2 tenements with garden at Rydens, for the remainder of the lease, determinable on the death of James TUCKER her son, to James.

James TUCKER otp married Ann PERRY otp by banns at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 21 Apr 1806.

Grace dau. of James TUCKER & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 12 Aug 1807.

George son of James TUCKER & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 2 Apr 1809.

Ann TUCKER was buried at High Littleton 1 Apr 1811.

James TUCKER otp married Mary TUCKER otp by banns at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 12 Jun 1811.

Mary dau. of Robert TUCKER & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 5 Jul 1792.

Sarah dau. of James & Mary TUCKER bapt. at Farmborough 11 Oct 1812. - Sarah had a bastard child in Clutton Union Workhouse on 14 Feb 1841 called Eliza.

Joseph son of James & Mary TUCKER, Farmborough, cordwainer, bapt. at Farmborough 18 Sep 1814.

Enoch son of James & Elizabeth [*Mary intended*] TUCKER, Farmborough, cordwainer, bapt. at Farmborough 8 Sep 1816. - Enoch TUCKER, High Littleton, aged 18 weeks, buried at High Littleton 22 Dec 1816.

Ann dau. of James & Mary TUCKER, Ridings, shoe maker, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Jun 1820.

Enoch son of James & Mary TUCKER, High Littleton, shoe maker, bapt. at High Littleton 21 Apr 1822.

Elizabeth dau. of James & Mary TUCKER, High Littleton, shoe maker, bapt. at High Littleton 2 May 1824.

Caroline was born c.1827/8.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records James TUCKER as proprietor of a house in 2 tenements and garden (17 on the map) at Ridings, occupied by himself and (blank) COLLINS.

Enoch [*Enos intended*] son of James & Mary TUCKER, High Littleton, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 6 May 1832.

The Tithe Survey of 1839 records James TUCKER as owner and occupier of houses and gardens (116 on the map) at Ridings.

The 1841 Census finds James TUCKER, aged 61, coal miner, Mary 49, Ann 24, Enoch 21, coal miner, Caroline 13, Enos 9 and Elijah [*Eliza intended*] 4 months, living in High Littleton.

The 1851 Census finds James TUCKER, aged 70, coal miner, wife Mary 60, both born High Littleton, daughters Ann 31, born Farmborough, Elizabeth 26, born High Littleton and grand daughter Eliza 10, born Clutton, living at Ridings. Eliza was Sarah's bastard child.

James TUCKER, shoemaker of High Littleton (later coal miner of Ridings) received blankets from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1810, 1816, 1819, 1823, 1829, 1832, 1834, 1836, 1839, 1841, 1844, 1846, 1848, 1850, 1851, 1853 and 1855. In applying in 1831 he was described as a labourer with 4 children under 10.

James TUCKER, Ridings, aged 75, was buried at High Littleton 21 Nov 1855.

Enoch TUCKER married Silvea at Nailsea on 7 Aug 1854.

Silvia their child was born c.1855/6.

Jessey was born c.1856/7.

Hannah was born c.1859/60.

Enoch TUCKER died in Jan. 1861.

Joseph TUCKER, who was examined in connection with Silvea's removal, was presumably Enoch's brother, who also lived in Timsbury.]

102. Jane TUCKER and children were removed from Bedwellty to High Littleton by Order dated 19th June 1861.

The Examinations of Jane TUCKER and Evan JONES have not been located.

[*Printed Form - Poor B. (Class 1 & 2.) Notice of Chargeability and Grounds of Removal.*]

Parish of Bedwellty in the County of Monmouth.

As to the Removal of **Jane TUCKER**, widow and her two children, namely John and Jabez.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice, that the above-named Jane TUCKER, now residing at Ebbw Vale in this Parish, has with John and Jabez her children, become and now is chargeable to the said Parish of Bedwellty and is now receiving relief from the said Parish, and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for their Removal to your parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal Settlement (a duplicate of which Order is herewith sent). **And Take Notice**, that the following are the grounds of the said Removal, including the Particulars of the settlement relied upon by us in support thereof;

For that the pauper Jane TUCKER is the widow of John TUCKER, who died about 7 years ago, and the paupers John and Jabez are her legitimate children.

That the said late John TUCKER was the legitimate Son of Thomas TUCKER by Jane his wife, settled inhabitants of your said parish of High Littleton in the county of Somerset.

That the said late John TUCKER was born in your said parish of High Littleton in or about the year 1815.

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That, about 17 years ago, the said late John TUCKER, with the pauper Jane his wife and their 3 children, the above named John then being one, were removed, by virtue of an order of removal of two of Her Majesty's Justices of the peace for the county of Glamorgan, from and out of the parish of Merthyr Tydfil in the county of Glamorgan, to your said parish of High Littleton, and the said order was not appealed against, nor otherwise disputed. That the said paupers, after been [*being*] removed as above stated, were supported and relieved by your said parish for about 3 months.

And also for that the said Jane TUCKER, with John and Jabez her children, have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said parish of Bedwellty and before and at the time of the making of the said Order were and still are chargeable to the said Parish of Bedwellty and receiving relief therefrom.

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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order, and no Appeal against such Order shall afterwards be allowed.

Given under our Hands this twentieth Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty one. David LEWIS, Edmund HOWELLS, Jno. WILLIAMS, R. DAVIES, Churchwardens & Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Bedwellty.

(Side note - R. WATERS Esq., Solicitor, Tredegar, Mon. - Clerk to the Magistrates.)

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[*Printed Form*] - Order of Removal.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of BEDWELLYTY, in the County of Monmouth; and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

County of MONMOUTH, 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 Monmouth, (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Bedwellty, That **Jane TUCKER, Widow (of John TUCKER), and her two children, namely, John aged 17 years and Jabez aged 14 years**, have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Bedwellty, 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 High Littleton is the place of their last legal Settlement: **WE**, the said Justices, upon due Proof thereof as well by Examination of Witness/*es*/, to wit, of Jane TUCKER and Evan JONES 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 Jane TUCKER and her two children is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's name, to require and order you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Bedwellty, or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, at such time and in such manner as by Law is provided and directed in that behalf, to remove and convey the said Jane TUCKER and her said two children from and out of your said Parish of Bedwellty, to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Blackwood in the said County of Monmouth, the nineteenth Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty one. Edmund LEIGH, H. Martyn KENNARD.

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[*Note*: For details of John and Jane TUCKER and family see their removal from Merthyr Tydfil to High Littleton by Order dated 14 Dec 1843.]

103. An Order was made for the removal of **Ann CHIVERS** from Risca to High Littleton c.1861/2.

Neither the Order of Removal nor any other documentation has been located.

Vestry Minutes of 9 Jan 1862 record that, a copy of the depositions of Ann CHIVERS, a pauper now chargeable to the Parish of Risca, having been read, it was resolved that a notice of appeal be forthwith sent to the Parish Officers of Risca, the Vestry being unanimously of opinion that the pauper does not belong to High Littleton..

[*Note*: Without more details it has not been possible to identify Ann CHIVERS.]

104. David BRIMBLE and family were removed from Risca to High Littleton by Order dated 8th February 1862.

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Vestry Minutes of 3 Apr 1862 record that the vestry proceeded to take into consideration the case of David BRIMBLE now residing at Risca in Wales, where his wife and family are at present, *[and another case]*. It was resolved that the Ass't Overseer do proceed to Risca to obtain full particulars concerning them. At the next meeting (date omitted) the Ass't Overseer informed the vestry that, in compliance with instructions given at the vestry held on the 3rd instant, he had been to Risca and had ascertained that the wife of David BRIMBLE was ill and kept her bed for upwards of three years, and that he has a family of five small children and was in receipt of seven shillings per week from the Parish of Risca. Resolved that, in the case of David BRIMBLE, he be allowed 4/- per week until the further order of this vestry.

[Printed Form - Poor F. (Class 4.) Notice of Chargeability, and Grounds of Removal, Order of Removal, and Examination. - London: SHAW AND SONS, Law Publishers, Fetter Lane.]

Parish of Risca in the County of Monmouth.

As to the Removal of **David BRIMBLE and his Wife Hannah and their five Children.**

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice, That the above-named David BRIMBLE now residing in this Parish has with his Wife Hannah and their five Children become and now is chargeable to the said Parish of Risca and is now receiving Relief from the said Parish of Risca by reason of the permanent disability of the said David BRIMBLE and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for their Removal to your Parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal Settlement (a duplicate of which Order is herewith sent). **And Take Notice**, That the following are the grounds of the said Removal, including the Particulars of the Settlement relied upon by us in support thereof:

For that he the said David BRIMBLE is the legitimate Son of James BRIMBLE by Sarah his Wife and he, the said David BRIMBLE, was born in your Parish of High Littleton in or about the year 1820.

And for that the said James BRIMBLE was born in your Parish of High Littleton in or about the year 1790 at a place called "Hallowtrow".

And for that the said David BRIMBLE and James BRIMBLE have not gained any Settlement in their own right. And for that the said David BRIMBLE and James BRIMBLE are acknowledged paupers of your said Parish of High Littleton.

And also for that the said David BRIMBLE with his said Wife and Children have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Risca and before and at the time of the making of the said Order were and still are chargeable to the said Parish of Risca and receiving relief therefrom.

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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order, and no Appeal against such Order shall afterwards be allowed.

Given under our Hands this tenth Day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty two. John EVANS, John JONES, William POWELL, a majority of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Risca.

[Reverse]

Order of Removal.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Risca in the County of Monmouth and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

County of Monmouth **to wit.**

Whereas Complaint hath been made to 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 Monmouth (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Risca, That **David BRIMBLE, aged about forty two years and his Wife Hannah and their five Children, namely Ann aged about eleven years, Elizabeth aged about eight years, Hannah aged about five years, David aged about four years and John aged about one year**, have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Risca, 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 Risca, in respect of relief made necessary by accident to the said David BRIMBLE and are now receiving Relief therefrom: and that the said accident is such as will produce permanent disability and that the Parish of High Littleton 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 David BRIMBLE and William EDMUNDS 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 David

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BRIMBLE and his said Wife and their said five Children is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset. And we the said Justices do hereby further state that we are satisfied by the evidence aforesaid that the said accident to the said David BRIMBLE will produce permanent disability in him.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's name, to require and order you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Risca or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, at such time and in such manner as by Law is provided and directed in that behalf, to remove and convey the said David BRIMBLE and his said Wife and their said five Children from and out of your said Parish of Risca to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Newport in the said County of Monmouth the Eighth Day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty two. Tho. POPE, Wm. PHILLIPS R.N.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-31c and 31d for Copy of Order of Removal on SHAW Form for Poor D. (Class 1 & 2.).

[Printed Form]

Copy of THE DEPOSITIONS UPON WHICH THE ORDER WAS MADE.

County of Monmouth **to wit.**

The Examinations of David BRIMBLE at present residing in the Parish of Risca in the said County and of **William EDMUNDS**, Reliev'g Officer, touching the last Place of legal Settlement of the said David BRIMBLE, taken on Oath before us, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this eighth Day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty two, upon a certain Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the said Parish of Risca unto us that the said David BRIMBLE and his family have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said Parish, not having gained a Settlement therein, nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and that the said David BRIMBLE and his family are now actually chargeable to the said Parish in consequence of the permanent disability of the said David BRIMBLE.

The said David BRIMBLE upon his Oath, saith, I am about 42 years of age and was burnt in the Risca Explosion on the 1st of December 1860. I am disabled from working. I have a Wife named Hannah, to whom I was married in the Church of the Parish of Christ Church about seventeen years ago. I have five Children by her, namely Ann aged about 11 years, Elizabeth aged about 8 years, Hannah aged about five years, David aged about four years and John aged about one year. We are now receiving 7s. a week parish relief from Risca. I have not done anything to gain a Settlement in my own right. I have heard and believe that I was born at Chapel Barton in High Littleton Parish near Bristol. I am the son of James BRIMBLE by Sarah his Wife, who were natives of that Parish. David BRIMBLE his X mark.

Taken and sworn before us, Tho. POPE, Wm. PHILLIPS R.N.

[Below]

The said **Wm. EDMUNDS** upon his oath says: I am relieving Officer of the Newport Union. The pauper and his family are receiving relief from the Parish of Risca. I produce a Certificate of the pauper's permanent disability, which I saw Mr HAWKINS the Union Surgeon write. I have been to High Littleton to make Enquiries into this Case. I produce a Certificate of the baptism of the pauper in High Littleton parish Church on the 4th June 1820, which I saw compared with the original Entry in the Register Book. It is a true Extract. I saw James BRIMBLE, an infirm old man, the pauper's Father, who pointed out a House at Hallowtrow in which he said he was born. It is in High Littleton parish. I saw the Assistant Overseer Isaac COWEN and he told me he knew the House in which James BRIMBLE was born and believed he was a parishioner of High Littleton. Wm. EDMUNDS.

Taken and sworn Before us, Tho. POPE, Wm. PHILLIPS R.N.

[Reverse]

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Certificate of Baptism

Page 29. Baptisms solemnized in the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset in the year 1820.

When baptised Child's name Parents' Christian & Surname Abode Quality, Trade etc. By whom the Ceremony was performed.

June 4 **David son of James & Sarah BRIMBLE** High Littleton Collier REES MOGG curate

I certify that the above is an Extract from the Baptismal Register of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset. George T. HYATT, Vicar of High Littleton.

Copy

Certificate of permanent disability

This is to certify that **David BRIMBLE** is suffering from an accident which will produce permanent disability.

J. HAWKINS, M.O. Aug't 17 1861.

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[*Note*: James son of James BRIMBLE & his second wife Rebecca ASHMAN was baptized at High Littleton 2 Jun 1793.

James BRIMBLEx bach. otp married Sarah BRIMBLEx otp by banns at High Littleton 25 Dec 1815.

Sarah dau. of Samuel BRIMBLE & Jemima bapt. at High Littleton 6 Nov 1796.

Ann dau. of James & Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 11 Oct 1818.

Overseers Accounts record on 15 Nov 1819 1/6 relief paid to James BRIMBLE's wife and child, he having gone on garrison duty.

David son of James & Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 4 Jun 1820.

Joel son of James & Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 26 May 1822.

George son of James & Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 18 Apr 1824.

It is possibly this James BRIMBLE' who was recorded in the 1825 Survey of High Littleton as occupier of a tenement at Kingwell Farm House (43 on the map), sublet from John CHAVE.

James son of James & Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 16 Jul 1826.

Henry Ashman son of James & Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 9 Nov 1828. - Henry BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 2, buried at High Littleton 25 Jan 1829.

Sarah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 35, was buried at High Littleton 25 Oct 1829.

James BRIMBLEx wid'r otp married Elizabeth PLENTYx otp by banns at High Littleton 14 Feb 1831.

Elizabeth dau. of John & Ann PLENTY bapt. at Paulton 5 Jun 1799.

Caroline dau. of James & Elizabeth BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 29 Jan 1832.

Henry son of James & Elizabeth BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 19 May 1833.

Charlotte dau. of James & Elizabeth BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 19 Oct 1834.

Maria dau. of James & Elizabeth BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 31 Jan 1836.

John son of James & Elizabeth BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 1 Jul 1838.

Samuel son of James & Elizabeth BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 17 Jan 1841.

The 1841 Census finds James BRIMBLE, agricultural labourer, aged 45, Elizabeth 40, James 15, Caroline 9, Henry 8, Charlotte 6, Maria 5, John 3 and Samuel 5 months, living in High Littleton.

Albert son of James & Elizabeth BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. priv. at High Littleton 30 Jan 1847.

The 1851 Census finds James BRIMBLE, aged 58, coal miner, wife Elizabeth 50 and children Henry 18, Charlotte 17, Maria 15, John 13 and Samuel 11, living in Langford's Lane. All were said to be born in High Littleton.

The 1861 Census again finds James BRIMBLE, aged 70, coal haulier, wife Elizabeth 60 and children Maria 26 and Samuel 21, living in Langford's Lane. Elizabeth was shown as born at Paulton.

The 1871 Census finds James BRIMBLE, aged 83, coal haulier and wife Elizabeth 73, born Paulton, still in Langford's Lane.

James BRIMBLE (son of Jas.) coal miner of High Littleton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1821, 1824, 1827, 1829, 1833, 1836, 1839, 1841, 1843, 1845, 1847, 1849, 1851 and 1853. In applying in 1822 he was said to have 3 children and in 1831 he was described as of Langford's Lane with 3 children under 10. He was described as haulier of Langford's Lane when receiving similar charity in 1864, 1867 (collected by Amelia CURTIS) and 1869 (collected by Elizabeth EVANS, granddaughter).

James BRIMBLE, Langford's Lane, aged 78, was buried at High Littleton 29 Mar 1872.

Elizabeth BRIMBLE, Scumbrum, aged 75, was buried at High Littleton 7 Oct 1874.

David BRIMBLE [*born 1820*] married Hannah [*blank*] at Christ Church c.1844/5.

Ann their daughter was born 1840/1.

Elizabeth was born c.1853/4.

Hannah was born c.1856/7.

David was born c.1857/8.

John was born c.1860/1.]

105. Eliza BRIMBLE and children were removed from Risca to High Littleton by Order dated 8th February 1862.

Vestry Minutes of 3 Apr 1862 record that the vestry considered the case of Eliza BRIMBLE, the widow of the late James BRIMBLE, who was killed at Risca in December 1860. It was resolved that the Ass't Overseer do proceed to Risca to obtain full particulars. At the next meeting the Ass't Overseer reported that he had been to Risca and had ascertained that Eliza BRIMBLE, a widow with 2 children, one of which was 14 years of age and the other 11 months, was receiving 2 shillings per week in addition to 7/6 per week from the Widows and Orphans Fund, she being an able-bodied woman. In the case of Eliza BRIMBLE the vestry passed no resolution.

[Printed Form - Poor F. (Class 4.) Notice of Chargeability, and Grounds of Removal, Order of Removal, and Examination. - London: SHAW AND SONS, Law Publishers, Fetter Lane.]

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As to the Removal of **Eliza BRIMBLE** and her two Children.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice, That the above-named Eliza BRIMBLE now residing in this Parish has with her two legitimate Children become and now is chargeable to the said Parish of Risca and is now receiving Relief from the said Parish and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for their Removal to your Parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal Settlement (a duplicate of which Order is herewith sent). **And Take Notice**, That the following are the grounds of the said Removal, including the Particulars of the Settlement relied upon by us in support thereof:

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For that she the said Eliza BRIMBLE is the Widow of James BRIMBLE, who was killed in the Risca Explosion on the 1st day of December 1860 and to whom she was lawfully married in the Parish Church of Machen about fourteen years ago.

And for that the said James BRIMBLE was the son of James by Hannah BRIMBLE his Wife and he, the said James BRIMBLE, was born in your Parish of High Littleton in or about the year 1827.

And for that the said Hannah BRIMBLE now resides in the Parish of Farmbury [*Farmborough*] and receives 2s. 6d. per week Parish relief from your Parish of High Littleton and has received relief from your said Parish whilst residing out of it for many years.

And for that the said James BRIMBLE the Elder was born in your Parish of High Littleton about seventy five years ago.

And also for that the said Eliza BRIMBLE with her said two children have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Risca and before and at the time of the making of the said Order were and still are chargeable to the said Parish of Risca and receiving relief therefrom.

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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order, and no Appeal against such Order shall afterwards be allowed.

Given under our Hands this tenth Day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty two. John EVANS, John JONES, William POWELL, a majority of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Risca.

[Reverse]

Order of Removal.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Risca in the County of Monmouth and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

County of Monmouth **to wit.**

Whereas Complaint hath been made to 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 Monmouth (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Risca That **Eliza BRIMBLE (Widow) and her two children, namely Sarah Ann aged about fourteen years and Ellen aged about nine months**, have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Risca, 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 High Littleton 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 Eliza BRIMBLE and William EDMUNDS 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 Eliza BRIMBLE and her said two Children is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's name, to require and order you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Risca or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, at such time and in such manner as by Law is provided and directed in that behalf, to remove and convey the said Eliza BRIMBLE and her said two Children from and out of your said Parish of Risca to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

Given under our Hands and Seals, at Newport in the said County of Monmouth, the Eighth Day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty two. Tho. POPE, Wm. PHILLIPS R.N.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-31a.

[Printed Form]

Copy of THE DEPOSITIONS UPON WHICH THE ORDER WAS MADE.

County of Monmouth **to wit.**

The Examinations of Eliza BRIMBLE at present residing in the Parish of Risca in the said County and of **William EDMUNDS**, Relieving Officer, touching the last Place of legal Settlement of the said Eliza BRIMBLE, taken on Oath before us, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this Eighth Day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty two, upon a certain Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the said Parish of Risca unto us that the said Eliza BRIMBLE and her two Children have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said Parish, not having gained a Settlement therein,

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nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and that the said Eliza BRIMBLE and her said two Children are now actually chargeable to the said Parish.

The said Eliza BRIMBLE upon her Oath, saith, I am the Widow of James BRIMBLE, to whom I was married in the Parish Church of Machen about fourteen years ago. He was killed in the Risca Explosion on the first of December 1860. I have two Children by him living, namely Sarah Ann aged about fourteen years and Ellen aged nine months. We are getting 2s. a week Parish relief from Risca. We came from High Littleton. Eliza BRIMBLE X her mark.

Taken and sworn Before us, Tho. POPE, Wm. PHILLIPS R.N.

[Below]

The said William EDMUNDS on his oath saith: I am Relieving Officer of the Newport Union. I went to High Littleton to make Enquiries into this Case. I saw Hannah BRIMBLE, Mother of the pauper's late husband. She is bed ridden & lives in the Parish of Farmbury [*Farmborough*] and is now receiving 2s. 6d. a week Parish relief from High Littleton and has been in receipt of such relief since 1838. Her said Son was born in Scumbrum [*Scumbrum*] Lane in High Littleton. I believe her husband was also born in High Littleton. Wm. EDMUNDS. Taken and sworn Before us, Tho. POPE, Wm. PHILLIPS R.N.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-31.

[Note: James son of Joel BRIMBLE & his wife Jane EDWARDS was baptized at High Littleton 14 Sep 1786.

James BRIMBLEx bach. otp married Hannah ATWOODx spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 2 Nov 1817.

Hannah dau. of Thomas & Lucy ATWOOD bapt. at Farmborough 17 May 1795.

Mercy dau. of James & Hannah BRIMBLE, Mearns, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 13 Sep 1818.

Mary Ann dau. of James & Hannah BRIMBLE, Mearns, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 13 Aug 1820.

Rebecca dau. of James & Hannah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 5 May 1822. - Rebecca BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 2, buried at High Littleton 9 Nov 1823.

James Atwood son of James & Hannah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 18 Jul 1824.

Overseers Accounts record a payment on 8 Nov 1824 for Hannah BRIMBLE on going to Bath to have a cancer cut out of her mouth.

John son of James & Hannah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 3 Sep 1826.

Rebecca dau. of James & Hannah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 13 Jul 1828. - Rebecca BRIMBLE, Clutton, aged 6, buried at Clutton 17 Apr 1836.

James BRIMBLE of Ridens received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1823 and 1829. In applying in 1831 he was described as a coal miner of High Littleton with 1 (*sic*) child under 10. Vestry Minutes of 2 Dec 1831 agreed to give James BRIMBLE 2 blankets.

Joseph son of James & Hannah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 9 Sep 1832.

Sarah Ann dau. of James & Hannah BRIMBLE, Hallatrow, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 8 Feb 1835.

Jane dau. of James & Hannah BRIMBLE, Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 29 Oct 1837. - Jane had a bastard child George c.1858/9.

James BRIMBLE, Farmborough, aged 55, was buried at Farmborough 7 Apr 1839.

The 1841 Census finds Hannah BRIMBLE, aged 43, pauper, James 16, coal miner, John 15, coal miner, Joseph 8, Sarah 7, Jane 3 and Mary Ann 30 (*sic*), living in Scumbrum Lane, Farmborough.

Minutes of 21 Dec 1842 resolve that the relief of Hannah BRIMBLE should be reduced from 4/- p.w. to 2/6 as she can earn her own maintenance and has only 2 children unable to work.

The 1861 Census finds Hannah BRIMBLE, widow, aged 66, almswoman, born Farmborough, children Mary Ann 30 (*sic*), servant, born High Littleton, Jane 24, servant, born High Littleton and grandson Frederick 13, ag. lab., born Farmborough and George 2, son of Jane, born Farmborough, living at New Road, Farmborough.

The 1871 Census finds Hannah BRIMBLE, widow, aged 80, born Farmborough and unmarried daughters Mary Ann 50 and Jane 33, both servants born High Littleton, living in High Littleton.

Hannah BRIMBLE, widow of Chapel Barton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1866, 1868 (collected by daughter Mary Ann), 1872 and 1874.

Hannah BRIMBLE, High Littleton, aged 85, was buried at High Littleton 24 Oct 1879.

James Atwood BRIMBLE married Eliza at Machen c.1847/8.

Sarah Ann their daughter was born c.1847/8.

Ellen was born in 1861.

James Atwood BRIMBLE died on 1 Dec 1860.]

106. Joseph STICKLAND and family were removed from Trevethin to High Littleton by Order dated 22nd February 1862.

The Examinations of Joseph STICKLAND, John WILLIAMS and John Harley WAINWRIGHT have not been located.

[Printed Form - Poor B. (Class 1 & 2.) *Notice of Chargeability and Grounds of Removal*. - London: SHAW AND SONS, Fetter Lane.]

Parish of Trevethin in the County of Monmouth.

As to the Removal of **Joseph STRICKLAND** and his Wife Elizabeth and their five children, namely Rosannah, Joseph, Elizabeth, Farnham and Austin.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

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Take Notice, That the above-named Joseph STRICKLAND, now residing in the said parish of Trevethin in this County has, with his wife and their five children, become and now are chargeable to the said parish of Trevethin and are now receiving Relief from the said Parish, the said relief being made necessary by sickness of the said Joseph STRICKLAND, which sickness is such as will produce permanent disability, and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for their Removal to your parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal Settlement (a duplicate of which Order is herewith sent). **And Take Notice**, that the following are the grounds of the said Removal, including the Particulars of the Settlement relied upon by us in support thereof:

For that the said Joseph STRICKLAND is a legally settled Parishioner in the said parish of High Littleton.

For that the said Joseph STRICKLAND was born in the said parish of High Littleton in or about the year 1808.

For that the said Joseph STRICKLAND is the legitimate son of John STRICKLAND and Sarah STRICKLAND, the said John STRICKLAND being, at the time of his death (which happened about 29 or 30 years ago), an acknowledged Parishioner in the said parish of High Littleton and legally settled therein.

For that the said Joseph STRICKLAND was during his life relieved by the said parish of High Littleton and was buried at the expense of the said Parish, that the said John STRICKLAND was the legitimate son of Isaac STRICKLAND, the said Isaac STRICKLAND being at the time of his death (which happened about 42 years ago in the said parish of High Littleton), an acknowledged Parishioner in the said parish of High Littleton.

For that the said Isaac STRICKLAND was, for several years during his life, possessed of a cottage and Shoemaker's Shop in the said parish of High Littleton of the annual value of Forty shillings and upwards and, whilst he was so possessed he slept and resided in the said parish of High Littleton for forty days and upwards.

For that the said Joseph STRICKLAND (the pauper) married his said wife Elizabeth about 30 years ago in the parish Church of Clutton, by whom he has had his said five children, all born in wedlock; that in or about the month of June 1858 the said Joseph STRICKLAND, together with his said wife and five children, were removed from the said parish of Trevethin to the said parish of High Littleton under an order of removal. And also about the month of August 1860 the said Joseph STRICKLAND, together with his wife and five children, were removed from the said parish of Trevethin to the said parish of High Littleton under an order of removal, and which said orders were not appealed against or in any way superseded and that after the said Joseph STRICKLAND was so removed, he received relief from your said parish of High Littleton.

For that the said Joseph STRICKLAND has not resided in the said parish of Trevethin for five years now last past.

And also for that the said Joseph STRICKLAND with his wife and five children have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said parish of Trevethin and before and at the time of the making of the said Order were and still are chargeable to the said parish of Trevethin and receiving relief therefrom.

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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order, and no Appeal against such Order shall afterwards be allowed.

Given under our Hands this 21st Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty two. William THORN, T. WAITE, John HAMOND, W. HASKINS, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said parish of Trevethin.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-28.

[Printed Form - Poor H. Order of Removal, with Suspension and subsequent Order to execute the same, and for costs - London: SHAW AND SONS, Fetter Lane.]

(Copy) To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Trevethin in the County of Monmouth and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

Monmouthshire **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 Monmouth (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Trevethin That **Joseph STRICKLAND and his wife Elizabeth and their five children, namely, Rosanna 16 years, Joseph aged 14 years, Elizabeth aged 12 years, Farnham aged 10 years and Austin aged 8 years**, have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said parish of Trevethin not having gained a legal Settlement in the said parish nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and not having resided in the Union in which the said parish is situate for five years next before the Application for this Order; and that they are now actually chargeable to the same parish in respect of relief made necessary by sickness of the said Joseph STRICKLAND and are now receiving Relief therefrom, and that the said sickness is such as will produce permanent disability, and that the said parish of High Littleton is the place of their last legal Settlement: **We**, the

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said Justices, upon due Proof thereof as well by Examination of Witnesses, to wit, of the said Joseph STRICKLAND, John WILLIAMS and John Harley WAINWRIGHT 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 Joseph STRICKLAND and his said wife and their said five children is in the said parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset. And we the said Justices do hereby further state that we are satisfied by the evidence aforesaid that the said sickness of the said Joseph STRICKLAND will produce permanent disability in the said Joseph STRICKLAND.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's Name, to require and Order you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said parish of Trevethin or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, at such time and in such manner as by Law is provided and directed in that behalf, to remove and convey the said Joseph STRICKLAND and his said wife and their said five children from and out of your said parish of Trevethin to the said parish of High Littleton 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 Pontypool in the said County of Monmouth the 22nd Day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty two. Ch. H. WILLIAMS, John JAMES.

[Reverse]

Suspension.

(Copy) Monmouthshire to wit.

Whereas it appears unto us, Charles Henry WILLIAMS and John JAMES, Esquires, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Monmouth, the Justices making the within Order of Removal, that the therein-named Joseph STRICKLAND is unable to travel by reason of Sickness and Infirmary of Body, and that it would be dangerous for him so to do;

We the said Justices do hereby **suspend** the Execution of the said Order of Removal until we, or any Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Monmouth are satisfied that it may be safely executed without danger.

Given under our Hands and Seals at Pontypool in the said County of Monmouth the 22nd Day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty two. Ch. H. WILLIAMS, John JAMES.

[Below]

Order to execute, and for Costs.

Monmouthshire to wit.

Whereas it hath been now made appear unto us, *[Charles Henry WILLIAMS and Henry Martyn KENNARD]*, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County that the within Order of Removal may be safely executed without danger: **We** do therefore hereby authorize and direct the Execution of the same accordingly.

And whereas it hath been duly proved upon Oath before us, the said Justices, that charges to the amount of Six Pounds Four Shillings, and Nine Pence halfpenny have been necessarily incurred by the said *[Parish]* of *[Trevethin]* by the Suspension of the said Order of Removal: **We** the said Justices do hereby **order** and **direct** the said Sum of Six Pounds Four Shillings and Nine Pence halfpenny to be paid by the Overseers of the within-mentioned parish of High Littleton to the Overseers of the within-mentioned parish of Trevethin.

Given under our Hands and Seals at the Town Hall, Pontypool in the said County the 8th Day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty two. Ch. H. WILLIAMS, H. Martyn KENNARD. SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-28a and b for 2nd Copy.

[Note: For details of Joseph STICKLAND and family see earlier removals from Trevethin to High Littleton by Orders dated 8 May 1858 and 7 Aug 1860.]

107. David JONES and family were removed from Aberystroth to High Littleton by Order dated 9th April 1862.

Vestry Minutes of Apr 1862 (no date) resolved that, in the case of David JONES, the removing parish be applied to for a copy of the Depositions.

[Printed Form - Poor G. Notice of Chargeability and Grounds of Removal, under a Suspended Order. - London: SHAW AND SONS, Fetter Lane.]

Parish of ABERYSTROTH, in the County of MONMOUTH.

In the matter of **David JONES**, a Pauper.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

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Take Notice, That the above-named David JONES, now residing at Cwmcelyn in this Parish, has, together with Eliza his wife and Albert their son aged 3 years, become and now is chargeable to the said Parish of ABERYSTRUTH, and is now receiving Relief from the said Parish, The said relief being made necessary by accident to the said David JONES, which accident is such as will produce permanent disability, and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for their Removal to your Parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal Settlement, but the Execution of the same has been suspended by a further Order under the Hands and Seals of Two Justices, on account of the Sickness and Infirmary of the said David JONES, Duplicates of which said Order of Removal and Order for the Suspension thereof, are herewith sent.

And Take Notice, That the following are the grounds of the said Removal, including the Particulars of the Settlement, relied upon by us in support thereof:

First, For that the said David JONES has done no act to gain a legal settlement in his own right.

Secondly, That the said David JONES is the son of Benjamin and Sarah JONES, formerly of your said Parish of High Littleton, both deceased.

Thirdly, That the said David JONES is legally settled in your said Parish of High Littleton in right of his late father, the said Benjamin JONES, who was a settled inhabitant and an acknowledged pauper of your said Parish and received regular weekly relief from your said Parish for a period of eight years at least previous to his decease, which took place about 21 years ago in your said Parish of High Littleton.

Fourthly, That the said David JONES is legally settled in your said Parish in right of his late mother Sarah JONES, who was an acknowledged pauper of your said Parish and received regular weekly relief from your said [Parish] whilst residing in the adjoining Parish of Paulton, for several years previous to her decease, which took place about 8 years ago.

Fifthly, That the said David JONES has not resided in our said Parish of Aberystroth for three years.

And also for that the said David JONES with his said wife and child have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of ABERYSTRUTH, and before and at the time of the making of the said Order were and still are chargeable to the said Parish of ABERYSTRUTH, and receiving relief therefrom.

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, no Appeal against such Order shall afterwards be allowed, and the said Paupers will be removed to your said Parish of High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order, and the said Pauper will be removed to your said Parish of High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order, as soon as the said Order can be executed without danger to the said David JONES, and that two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace shall authorize and direct the same to be executed.

Given under our Hands this Ninth Day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty two. Elias JAMES, William GRIFFITHS, Edward JAMES, John LEWIS, Thomas MORGAN, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of ABERYSTRUTH.

Certificate of Chargeability.

County of Monmouth to wit.

The Board of Guardians of the Poor of the Bedwellty Union do hereby certify that on the 30th day of March one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two **David JONES, Eliza his wife and Albert their son aged 3 years** became chargeable to, and from thence hitherto have been relieved by, and [are] now receiving relief from the Parish of Aberystroth in the said Union; In testimony whereof the common seal of the Guardians is hereto affixed, at a meeting of their Board this 3rd day of April one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

Signed John JONES, Presiding Chairman of the said Union.

Countersigned R. WATERS, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the Bedwellty Union.

[Below]

The above Certificate was exhibited to, and received in evidence by us, the undersigned two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for [the] said County of Monmouth on the 9th day of April 1862 in the matter of the removal of David JONES, his wife and child. Fred. LEVICK, H. Martyn KENNARD.

[Below - Complaint of Chargeability]

County of Monmouth to wit.

The examination of Thomas MORGAN of the Parish of Aberystroth in the said County, Assistant Overseer, touching the place of legal Settlement of David JONES and family, now residing in, and chargeable to the Parish of Aberystroth in the said County, taken on oath before us Frederick LEVICK and Henry Martyn KENNARD, Esquires, two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Monmouth, and acting therein, on the complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Aberystroth.

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Who, upon his oath, states as follows: I am assistant overseer of Aberystroth Parish in the County of Monmouth. I now produce a certificate of the Board of Guardians of the Poor of the said Bedwellty Union, as to the chargeability of **David JONES** and Eliza his wife, and their child, namely, Albert aged 3 years. I received the said Certificate from Mr Richard WATERS, Clerk to the said Board of Guardians of the Poor, on the 9th day of April 1862; the Pauper now present, and who has been examined as to his settlement, is the same David JONES who is named in the said Certificate, and he with his wife and child now reside in the Parish of Aberystroth, being one of the Parishes comprised in the said Union. Thomas MORGAN, Assistant Overseer.

Taken and sworn before us at Blaina in the Parish of Aberystroth in the said County, this 9th day of April 1862, Fred. LEVICK, H. Martyn KENNARD.

[Below]

The Depositions upon which the order was made.

Monmouthshire to wit.

The examinations of **David JONES** at present residing in the Parish of Aberystroth in the said County of Monmouth and of **Isabell Hanker SOPER**, Surgeon, touching the last place of legal settlement of the said David JONES, Eliza his wife, and Albert their son aged three years, taken on oath before us, two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, this ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two, upon a certain Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the said Parish of Aberystroth unto us, that the said David JONES and his said wife and child have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of Aberystroth, not having resided in the Union in which the said Parish is situate, for three years next before the said Application and Complaint, and not having gained a Settlement in the said Parish nor having produced any Certificate acknowledging them to be settled elsewhere, and that the said David JONES and his said wife and child are now actually chargeable to the said Parish, in respect of relief made necessary by accident to the said David JONES, the said accident being such as will produce permanent disability.

The said **David JONES**, upon his Oath, saith, That I am 46 years of age. I married my present wife Eliza TREASURE, Spinster, at the Parish Church of Midsummer Norton, in the County of Somerset, about seven years ago, by whom I have one child, namely Albert aged three years. I have done no act to gain a legal settlement in my own right. I am the son of Benjamin and Sarah JONES, formerly of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, both deceased. My father died there about 21 years ago, and my mother died in the Clutton Poor Law Union Workhouse about 18 years ago. My late father was legally settled in, and an acknowledged pauper of, the said Parish of High Littleton and he received regular weekly relief from that Parish for about 18 years previous to his decease, and my mother also received weekly relief (from - *delete*) for several years previous to her decease, from the said Parish of High Littleton, whilst residing in the Parish of Paulton in the said County of Somerset. In my earliest recollections I resided with my parents in the said Parish of High Littleton and I verily believe that I was born in that Parish. I have only resided for about two years in the Parish of Aberystroth, to which Parish I came from Midsummer Norton in the County of Somerset. About 22 weeks ago I met with an accident at Blaina Iron Works and fractured my knee joint, and I am now, with my said wife and child, actually chargeable to the said Parish of Aberystroth and in the receipt of weekly relief therefrom.

The mark of X David JONES.

Taken and sworn before us the undersigned two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Monmouth, at Blaina in the said County of Monmouth, and we do hereby certify that this examination was read over and explained to the said examinant, that he appeared perfectly to understand the same, and put his mark thereto in our presence this 9th day of April 1862, Fred. LEVICK, H. Martyn KENNARD.

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The said **Isabell Hanker SOPER** upon his (*sic*) Oath, saith, I am a Surgeon duly qualified to practice as such. I have attended the case of David JONES, the pauper now present before the Magistrates, since he met with the accident. He suffers from a fracture into the knee joint which I am satisfied in my opinion will produce permanent disability. I. Hanker SOPER.

Taken and sworn before us the undersigned two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Monmouth, at Blaina in the said County of Monmouth this 9th day of April 1862, Fred. LEVICK, H. Martyn KENNARD.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-30 and 30c for 2nd Copy.

[Order of Removal - Printed Form]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of ABERYSTROTH, in the County of MONMOUTH; and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

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County of **Monmouth**, 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 MONMOUTH, (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of ABERYSTRUTH, That **David JONES, Eliza his wife and Albert their son aged 3 years**, have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of ABERYSTRUTH, 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 in respect of relief made necessary by accident to the said David JONES and are now receiving Relief therefrom, and that the said accident is such as will produce permanent disability, and that the said Parish of High Littleton 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 David JONES, Isabell Hanker SOPER and Thomas MORGAN 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 David JONES, Eliza his wife and Albert their son is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset. And we the said Justices do hereby further state that we are satisfied by the evidence aforesaid that the said accident to the said David JONES will produce permanent disability in the said David JONES.

These are therefore, in Her Majesty's Name, to require and Order you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of ABERYSTRUTH, or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, at such time and in such manner as by Law is provided and directed in that behalf, to remove and convey the said David JONES, Eliza his wife and Albert their son from and out of your said Parish of ABERYSTRUTH to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Blaina in the said County of MONMOUTH, the ninth Day of April in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-two. Fred. LEVICK, H. Martyn KENNARD.

[Reverse]

Suspension.

County of **Monmouth**, to wit.

Whereas it appears unto us, Frederick LEVICK and Henry Martyn KENNARD, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of MONMOUTH, the Justices making the within Order of Removal, that the therein-named **David JONES** is unable to travel by reason of Sickness and Infirmary of Body, and that it would be dangerous for him so to do; **We** the said Justices do hereby **suspend** the Execution of the said Order of Removal until we, or any Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County are satisfied that it may be safely executed without danger.

Given under our Hands and Seals at Blaina in the said County of MONMOUTH, the ninth Day of April in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty two. Fred. LEVICK, H. Martyn KENNARD.

[Below]

Order to execute, and for Costs.

County of **Monmouth**, to wit.

Whereas it hath been now made appear unto us, The Reverend Edmund LEIGH and Henry Godfrey MARSH, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, that the within Order of Removal may be safely executed without danger: **We** do therefore hereby authorize and direct the Execution of the same accordingly.

And whereas it hath been duly proved upon Oath before us, the said Justices, that charges to the amount of Six Pounds Sixteen Shillings, and two Pence have been necessarily incurred by the said Parish of ABERYSTRUTH, by the Suspension of the said Order of Removal: **We** the said Justices do hereby **order** and **direct** the said Sum of Six Pounds Sixteen Shillings and two Pence to be paid by the Overseers of the within-mentioned Parish of High Littleton to the Overseers of the within-mentioned Parish of ABERYSTRUTH.

Given under our Hands and Seals at the Blackwood in the said County of MONMOUTH, the thirteenth Day of August in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty two. Edmund LEIGH, H.G. MARSH.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-30a and 30b for 2nd Copy.

[Letter]

Blaina, near Tredegar. 18th April 1862.

Sir, Re **David JONES** & family.

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I have sent your letter for Copy of the depositions in this case to Mr Richard WATERS, Clerk to the Justices, Tredegar, Mon. and he will, I have no doubt, send them with as little delay as possible. If JONES's statement is correct there cannot be any doubt as to his settlement in High Littleton, in right of his late father Benj'n JONES, who gained a settlement there by renting a Tenement and the payment of Parochial Rates and Taxes, but there is no evidence on that point before the Magistrates, nor was *[it]* necessary inasmuch as David JONES's mother was relieved by your Parish for many years as an acknowledged pauper whilst residing with her daughter in the Parish of Paulton. If that statement is correct, of course there cannot be any doubt as to the settlement, inasmuch as the family are acknowledged paupers of your Parish. If you wish to see David JONES, I shall be glad to accompany you if you call on me. You have only to come from Bristol to Newport by Packet and take the Western Valleys Railway there to Blaina Station, about 20 miles. D. JONES lives at the five Houses, Cwmcelyn, nor *[no intended]* more than ¼ of a mile from the Station.
Yours respectfully, Thomas MORGAN, Assis't Overseer.
Mr I. COWEN, Assis't Overseer, High Littleton.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-30d.

[Letter]

Tredegar Iron Works, Monmouthshire, 22nd April 1862.
Sir, Aberystuth to High Littleton - re Removal of **David JONES** & Family.
By book post I send you Copy Depositions etc. herein as requested. My charges as under I will thank you to remit in stamps. Yours obediently Rich'd WATERS, Clerk to the Justices, per J.S.

Mr I. COWEN, Ass't Overseer, High Littleton, near Bristol.

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[Note on the Letter] - 8/7d. forwarded 29th Aug't 1862. I. COWEN.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-30f.

[Extract of Letter]

Blaina, near Tredegar. 8th August 1862.
Gentlemen, I intend to remove **David JONES** and his family to your Parish next Thursday, and I should be much obliged if you would allow me to remove William ELMS and his family at the same *[time]*, which would save some unnecessary (*sic*) expense as well as the trouble and inconvenience of two journeys to the same place. *[Information re ELMS omitted]*. Please to inform me as soon as possible if you *[will]* allow me to bring him and his family there with the other case next Thursday and oblige.
Yours respectfully, Thomas MORGAN, Assis't Overseer.
The Overseers of High Littleton, Somersetshire.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-30g.

[Extract of Letter]

Blaina near Tredegar, 12th August 1862.
Dear Sir, I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th Inst. respecting William ELMS. I intended to remove **David JONES** & family to Clutton tomorrow, but I will now delay until I shall have the answer to your Vestry respecting William ELMS. You have taken a very proper course in my opinion, in calling a Vestry and, if the Parishioners there assembled will be satisfied that the case is all right, I suppose they will grant me leave to remove ELMS the same time as JONES. *[Information re ELMS omitted]*. If you will write after your Vestry on Thursday, unless it will be held late in the Evening, I should think that I could get your letter by Friday's Post and, in that case, I would be able to commence my journey on Saturday.
Yours respectfully, Thomas MORGAN.
Mr Isaac COWEN, Overseer, High Littleton.
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-30h.

[Letter]

Blaina, near Tredegar. 26th August 1862.
Dear Sir, I delivered David JONES and his family at your Workhouse at Clutton last Wednesday. I failed to bring William ELMS & family in consequence of one of his children being very ill in fever. I will remove him some day next week.

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The Am't due under the suspended Order of **David JONES** is £6.16. 2. I left a Copy of it at the Workhouse. Will you be good enough to send me a Cheque or a Post Office Order payable at Blaina for £6.16. 2. You can charge the relief under a suspended order in the Overseers' Account. I will send you a proper receipt.

Yours respectfully, Thomas MORGAN, Assis't Overseer.

Mr I. COWEN, Overseer, High Littleton, Somerset.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-30j.

[Letter]

Blaina, near Tredegar. 10th September 1862.

Dear Sir, Please to send me by return the Expenses under the suspended order of **D. JONES** & family; the Vestry desire me to collect and *[all intended]* payments under Orders of removal before the end of this week.

I suppose D. JONES is now satisfied. He was quite the reverse when I left him at Clutton. I promised to bring his bed and some Clothes in the Trap from Bristol to Clutton, but after searching from one office to another at Bristol we found that the bed etc. had not arrived. He said at Clutton that it was my duty to look into the matter. I told him that it was no business of mine to convey the Bed etc. from Bristol to Clutton, that I had only to convey the persons named in the order and nothing else, and that I only promised to do it in kindness to him; he asserted that it was my duty, and hinted that he would bring an Action against me for £4 or £5, the value of the parcel!! That is the way he did with me, after doing him every kindness in my power. I am sorry for his wife, who seems a very quiet woman. Yours respectfully, Thomas MORGAN.

Mr I. COWEN, Overseer, High Littleton.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-30i.

[Letter]

Blaina, near Tredegar. 18th September 1862.

Dear Sir, There are some dozens of cases of relief under Orders of removal due to this Parish during the Current half year and as the a/c of the Half Year must now be closed, the Overseers have passed a resolution to summon all of them next Monday morning.

Please to send me £6.16. 2, by a Post Office Order payable at Blaina, by return of Post, to avoid any unpleasantness. If this is not done, one of our Police will start from here by the first Train on Monday morning with two summonses, which he will serve on two of your Overseers on Monday evening and they will have to attend our Petty Sessions on Wednesday next and show cause why they refuse to pay the money due under the order, and of course they will have to pay the expenses of the summonses and their service there, which will be rather sharp at such a distance, and they will not be able, I believe, to charge the expenses to High Littleton, but will have to pay them out of their own pockets, in as much as it is a neglect a *[of]* duty in not sending the money; at least, the overseers of Llangunnider summoned the overseers of this Parish in a similar case last ½ year, I charged the expenses in the Parish a/c, but the Auditor disallowed them. Please to observe that the Board of Guardians or the Relieving Officer have nothing whatever to do with the matter; the overseers of High Littleton are responsible and must pay the money and Charge same in their accounts.

If the Relieving Officer or the Board will pay before the summons is out, well and good, but they cannot be compelled to pay, consequently I hope you will see into the matter at once. If the money will not reach me by Sunday's post it will be too late. Yours respectfully, Thomas MORGAN.

Mr I. COWEN, Overseer, High Littleton.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-30k.

[Letter]

Blaina, near Tredegar. 19th September 1862.

Sir, In answer to yours of the 17th Inst. I beg to inform you that the order of removal of **D. JONES** & family was suspended on 9th April 1862 and the suspension taken off on the 13th August 1862; during that period he had relief and Clothing, by order of the Board of Guardians, amounting to £6.16. 2. The pauper, his wife and child had a suit of Clothes each, which cost, I believe, about £4. I suppose that they had also some bed Clothes, but I am not certain of the particulars, the Relieving Officer is from home. They were in a very bad state and the Clothing were absolutely necessary. However, when the Justices signed the order on your Parish to pay this Parish the expenses under the Suspended Order, the Relieving Officer was examined upon Oath and he swore that the expenses under the order were £6.16. 2. Had I the particulars I should have had no objections whatever to send them to you, although it is no part of my duty to do so, nor are you entitled to any particulars further than the Copy of the order which I left at your Workhouse. The claim is quite correct and you can see JONES and ask him what he had and satisfy yourself on that point.

Your Overseers will be summoned on Monday as stated in my letter of Yesterday's date, unless the Claim is paid tomorrow. I dare say the Relieving Officer will be at our Petty Sessions on Wednesday and he will show them

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all the particulars, but you will find that you are not entitled to any particulars when the amount under the Order is under £20. Yours respectfully, Thomas MORGAN, Assis't Overseer.

Mr COWEN, Overseer, High Littleton.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-30e.

[Note: David son of Benjamin & Sarah JONES, Paulton, labourer, bapt. at Paulton 7 Sep 1817.

David JONES's first marriage has not been located.

David JONESx, full age, widower, miner, Midsomer Norton, son of Benjamin JONES, miner, married Eliza TREASUREx, full age, servant, Midsomer Norton, dau. of Isaac TREASURE, miner, by banns at Midsomer Norton 29 May 1855.

Albert their son was born c.1858/9.

David's father Benjamin JONES was examined on 12 Aug 1805 and David's brother William JONES was removed from Stoke St. Michael to High Littleton by Order dated 22 Sep 1848.]

108. William ELMS and family were removed from Aberystwith to High Littleton by Order dated 6th August 1862.

The Examinations of William ELMS, Isabell Hanker SOPER and Thomas MORGAN have not been located.

The 1814 Examination of William's father Samuel ELMS shows why William's settlement was in High Littleton.

County of Somerset.

The Examination [of] **Samuel ELMES**, now residing in the Parish of High Littleton, Labourer. Taken this 19th April 1814.

Who on his Oath saith, that he is about 30 Years of Age and was born in the Parish of Chew Magna, as he has heard and believes, and Wm. ELMES his Father was settled in Chew Magna. Saith that he hired himself a Servant for a Year to Mr Joseph BRODRIBB at the Batch, in the Parish of High Littleton and lived with him for three Years to New Lady Day and further, at his Master's Request, untill the old Lady day following, and left his Service about 14 Years ago last Lady Day. Saith that he has not lived in any one place of Service for more than half a Year afterwards or done any other act to gain a Settlement Elsewhere. Saith that he married Mary, his Wife, in High Littleton Church, about 27th August 1809 and has two Children, Francis aged about 4 Years and Richard aged about 2 Years 1st Sept'r next. X The Mark of Sam'l ELMES.

Sworn before us (*sic*) Jn. KINGSMILL.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/7-49.

[Note: Samuel son of William ELMES & his wife Mary BLEW was baptized at Chew Magna 26 Jan 1777.

Overseers Accounts for 1799/1800 record a payment of £7.10/- (being 50 weeks at 3/- p.w.) to Frome parish for the maintenance of the wife and family of Samuel WEBB, serving as substitute in the Militia for Samuel ELMS of this parish [High Littleton]. Further such payments follow including £8.16. 3 to 31 Mar 1802.

Samuel ELMSx bach. otp married Mary FRANCISx widow otp by banns at High Littleton 27 Aug 1809.

Mary's first husband Samuel FRANCIS was buried at High Littleton on 29 Jan 1809. As Mary DERRICK she married Samuel FRANCIS at Bathwick on 9 Aug 1807. They had a son George bapt. at High Littleton 12 Jun 1808. - George FRANCIS, Hallatrow, aged 11, buried at High Littleton 28 Sep 1819.

Francis son of Samuel ELMS & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1810. - Francis NELMES (*sic*) married firstly Tabitha [*baptized Dorcas*] CHIVERS at High Littleton 28 May 1832 and secondly Ann ----. By 1851 Francis and family were living at Lower Machen, Monmouthshire.

The 1811 Census finds Samuel ELMS living in Hallatrow with 3 other males and 1 female in the household.

Richard Derrick son of Samuel ELMES & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 8 Oct 1812. - He married Eliza -----.

Overseers Accounts record on 19 Apr 1814 expenses at Temple Inn concerning Sam'l ELMS' examination about his settlement and on 3 May the cost of a summons for S. ELMS to appear at Temple on 17th inst.

Mary dau. of Samuel & Mary ELMS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 19 Feb 1815. - She married William BANFIELD at High Littleton 25 Dec 1841.

James son of Samuel & Mary NELMES (*sic*), Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 24 Nov 1816. - James ELMS, Hallatrow, aged 23, buried at High Littleton 2 Jan 1840.

William son of Samuel & Mary NELMES, Hallatrow, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 10 Oct 1819. - He married Francis WYATT at High Littleton 27 Dec 1845.

George son of Samuel & Mary NELMES, Hallatrow, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1821. - He married Mary SMITH in South Wales.

Hannah dau. of Samuel & Mary NELMES, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 8 Feb 1824.

Samuel son of Samuel & Mary NELMS, Hallatrow, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 24 Dec 1826. - He married Amelia -----.

The 1841 Census finds Samuel ELMS, aged 60, labourer, Mary 59, William 20, George 15, Hannah 15 and Samuel 10, living in Hallatrow. Samuel ELMES (sometimes written NELMES), coal miner of Hallatrow, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1815, 1819, 1821, 1823, 1826, 1830, 1833, 1836, 1839, 1841, 1844, 1846, 1848 and 1850. In applying in 1831 he was described as a founder with 3 children under 10.

The 1851 Census finds Samuel ELMS, aged 74, labourer, born Chew Magna, wife Mary 69, born Chilcompton, and unmarried sons George 30, coal miner, born Hallatrow, and Samuel 23, smith, born Hallatrow, living in Hallatrow.

Vestry Minutes of 2 Aug 1855 record that Richard ELMS applied to the Vestry to reduce the weekly payment ordered by the Magistrates on 6 Dec 1852, from two to one shilling per week, towards the support of his father. This was subsequently allowed.

An indenture of 15 Oct 1857 mentions Samuel ELMES as a former occupier of 1 of 7 cottages at Tanners, Hallatrow (428 & 429 on the Tithe Map).

The 1861 Census finds Samuel ELMS, aged 83 and wife Mary 79, both paupers, lodging in High Littleton with William COLLINS' family.

Samuel ended his days at Wells Lunatic Asylum.

Samuel ELMS, Wells Asylum, aged 84, was buried at High Littleton 22 Dec 1861.

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Mary ELMS, Clutton, aged 80, was buried at High Littleton 9 Apr 1863.]

[Printed Form - Poor B. (Class 1 & 2.) Notice of Chargeability and Grounds of Removal - LONDON: SHAW AND SONS, Fetter Lane]

Parish of ABERYSTRUTH in the County of MONMOUTH.

As to the Removal of **William ELMS**, Mary Ann his wife and his four children, namely William aged 15 years, Charles aged 12 years, Emily Ann aged 7½ years and Fanny aged 2½ years.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset.

Take Notice, That the above-named William ELMS, now residing at the Club Row, Cwm/t/illery, in this Parish, has, with his said wife and four children, become and now is chargeable to the said Parish of ABERYSTRUTH, and is now receiving Relief from the said Parish, The said relief being made necessary by accident to the said William ELMS, which accident is such as will produce permanent disability and that an Order of Justices has been obtained for their Removal to your Parish of High Littleton as their last place of legal Settlement (a duplicate of which Order is herewith sent). **And Take Notice**, that the following are the grounds of the said Removal, including the Particulars of the Settlement relied upon by us in support thereof:

1st, For that the said William ELMS has done no Act to gain a legal settlement in his own right.

2ndly, That the said William ELMS was born in your said Parish of High Littleton 39 years ago.

3rdly, That the said William ELMS is legally settled in your said Parish of High Littleton in right of his late father Samuel ELMS, who was a settled Inhabitant of your said Parish of High Littleton and received regular weekly relief from your said Parish as an acknowledged pauper during a period of 7 years at least previous to his decease, which took place in your said Parish about 12 months ago.

4thly, That the said William ELMS has not resided for three years in our said Parish of Aberystuth, nor in any other Parish in the Bedwellty Union, in which the said Parish of Aberystuth is situated.

And also for that the said William ELMS with his said wife and four children have come to inhabit and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of ABERYSTRUTH, and before and at the time of the making of the said Order were and still are chargeable to the said Parish of ABERYSTRUTH, and receiving relief therefrom.

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 High Littleton in pursuance of the said Order, and no Appeal against such Order shall afterwards be allowed.

Given under our Hands this Seventh Day of August in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty two. Elias JAMES, Edward JAMES, John LEWIS, William GRIFFITHS, Thomas MORGAN, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of ABERYSTRUTH.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-32.

[Order of Removal]

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of ABERYSTRUTH, in the County of MONMOUTH; and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

County of **Monmouth**, to wit.

Whereas Complaint hath been made to 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 MONMOUTH, (one whereof being of the Quorum) by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of ABERYSTRUTH, That **William ELMS, Mary Ann his wife, and his four children, namely William aged 15 years, Charles aged 12 years, Emily Ann aged 7½ years, and Fanny aged 2½ years**, have come to inhabit, and are now inhabiting in the said Parish of ABERYSTRUTH, 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 in respect of relief made necessary by accident to the said William ELMS and are now receiving Relief therefrom, and that the said accident is such as will produce permanent disability and that the Parish of High Littleton 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 William ELMS, Isabell Hanker SOPER and Thomas MORGAN upon Oath, as otherwise, and 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 William ELMS, Mary Ann his wife, and his said four children is in the said Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset; And we the said Justices do hereby further state that we are satisfied by the evidence aforesaid that the said accident to the said William ELMS will produce permanent disability in the said William ELMS.

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These are therefore, in Her Majesty's Name, to require and Order you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of ABERYSTRUTH, or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, at such time and in such manner as by Law is provided and directed in that behalf, to remove and convey the said William ELMS, Mary Ann his wife, and his said four children from and out of your said Parish of ABERYSTRUTH to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Tredegar in the said County of MONMOUTH, the Sixth Day of August in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-two. Edmund LEIGH, Abraham DARLEY.

[Reverse] - Rec'd Aug 8 1862.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-32a and b (2 copies).

[Letter]

Blaina, near Tredegar. 8th August 1862.

Gentlemen, I intend to remove David JONES and his family to your Parish next Thursday, and I should be much obliged if you would allow me to remove **William ELMS** and his family at the same [time], which would save some unnecessary (*sic*) expense as well as the trouble and inconvenience of two journeys to the same place. I posted the Order and Grounds of removal in the case of William ELMS to you yesterday and if you will not give us leave and consent, of course we cannot remove him for 21 days, but as the man so clearly belongs to your Parish, I cannot see what good it will do your Parish to leave him for the three weeks here. I dare say you know him well, but he [*is*] now become chargeable to this Parish in consequence of having had an accident at the Cwmtillery Coal Works on the 6th May last, whereby he had his foot amputated. He had his arm amputated more than 20 years ago, consequently it is evident that he cannot now (now) support himself and family without Parochial assistance. He hopes you will relieve him here to the amount of about 6/- weekly and leave him to do as much as he can in some other way for his living. He hopes to be able to get a Donkey and Cart and sell a little Greengrocery or something of that description, but that of course must be left to your Board of Guardians to decide. You cannot very well arrange anything without having him and all his family before your Board. Please to inform me as soon as possible if you [*will*] allow me to bring him and his family there with the other case next Thursday and oblige. Yours respectfully Thomas MORGAN, Assis't Overseer.

The Overseers of High Littleton, Somersetshire.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-30g.

[Letter]

Blaina near Tredegar, 12th August 1862.

Dear Sir, I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th Inst. respecting **William ELMS**. I intended to remove David JONES & family to Clutton tomorrow, but I will now delay until I shall have the answer to your Vestry respecting William ELMS. You have taken a very proper course in my opinion, in calling a Vestry and if the Parishioners there assembled will be satisfied that the case is all right, I suppose they will grant me leave to remove ELMS the same time as JONES. I will give all the particulars that I can respecting ELMS. I have no wish to mislead you. I will only state facts on which you can rely. I don't care whether he belongs to High Littleton or some other Parish. He stated on his Oath before the Magistrates that he married Mary Ann LOVELL, spinster, at the Superintendent Registrar's Office, Newport, Monmouthshire on the 5th December 1859, by whom he has one child living, named Fanny aged 2½ years. He has also three children by a former wife, viz: William 15, Charles 12, Emily 7½. He had his arm amputated about 20 years ago and on the 6th May last he met with an accident at the Cwmtillery Coal Works and had his leg also amputated. He came to reside in this Parish, as he states on his Oath, on the 9th January 1860. Before I applied for an Order of removal, I wrote to the Manager of the Works at Cwmtillery and asked him when ELMS came to this Parish. I enclose Mr REES's answer, that you may judge for yourself. You will please to observe that ELMS came here from Risca, which is about 15 miles or more from this place and it seems that he resided at Risca for many years before he came to this Parish. Risca Parish is in the Newport Poor Law Union and Aberysthuth, where ELMS is chargeable, is in the Bedwellty Poor Law Union, consequently you will see that ELMS has not resided for 3 years in this Parish or in the Bedwellty Union, therefore he is removable to his settlement, which no doubt, in right of his parents and by reason of his birth, is in the Parish of High Littleton. Can you let me know on Friday, whether the Vestry will accept the family or not and allow me to remove before the order is due. If you will write after your Vestry on Thursday, unless it will be held late in the Evening, I should think that I could get your letter by Friday's Post and, in that case, I would be able to commence my journey on Saturday.

Yours respectfully, Thomas MORGAN.

Mr Isaac COWEN, Overseer, High Littleton.

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[Letter attached to MORGAN's letter of 12th August.]

Cwm Tylery Works, Newport, Mon. 31 July 1862.

My dear Sir, The man **William ELMS** came here to work from Risca in January 1860 and has resided in The Club Row since that date. Yours truly L.W. REES.

P.S. I explained to Mr PHILIPS about Mrs JONES of the White Horse & she has just had a letter from her Husband who is going to send for *[her]* in course of a few weeks. L.W.R.

Mr Thos. MORGAN.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-32c.

[Extract of Letter]

Blaina, near Tredegar. 26th August 1862.

Dear Sir, I delivered David JONES and his family at your Workhouse at Clutton last Wednesday. I failed to bring **William ELMS** & family in consequence of one of his children being very ill in fever. I will remove him some day next week. *[JONES information omitted]*. Yours respectfully Thomas MORGAN, Assis't Overseer.

Mr I. COWEN, Overseer, High Littleton, Somerset.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-30j.

[Note: William son of Samuel & Mary NEMES (sic), Hallatrow, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 10 Oct 1819.

William ELMS, full age, bach., collier, Machen, Monmouthshire, son of Samuel ELMS, labourer, married Frances WYATTx, full age, spin., High Littleton, dau. of William WYATT, collier, by banns at High Littleton 27 Dec 1845.

Frances dau. of William & Ann WYATT, Hallatrow, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 11 Oct 1818.

William son of William & Frances ELMS, Hallatrow, labourer, bapt. at High Littleton 13 Jun 1847.

Charles was born c.1849/50.

Emily Ann was born in 1855.

Frances died and William married secondly Mary Ann LOVELL at Newport Registry Office on 5 Dec 1859. Mary Ann came from Warmley, Glos.

Frances a daughter was born in 1860. - She married Frank GIBSON.

Mary was born c.1862/3.

James was born c.1863/4.

Samuel was born in 1866. - He married Elizabeth MAJOR in Bristol in 1899.

Sarah was born c.1869/70.

William ELMS died on 28 March 1869. Information provided to the Coroner said that he was found helpless and insensible on the side of a mountain near Abertillery and died the following morning.

The 1871 Census finds Mary A. ELMS, widow, aged 32, and children Frances 13, Mary 8, James 7, Samuel 4 and Sarah 1, all born Tredegar [but last 2 children's birthplace altered either to or from Clutton Union], as inmates of Clutton Union Workhouse. The 1881 Census finds Mary Ann ELMS, widow, 48, charwoman, born Warmley, living at 5 Bush Street, Bristol in the house of her son in law Frank GIBSON and daughter Frances.]

109. Hester WYATT was removed from Camerton to High Littleton by Order dated 25th April 1863.

No Examinations have been located.

[Order of Removal]

County of Somerset, to wit.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Camerton in the County of Somerset, and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and to each and every of them.

Whereas Complaint hath been made to us, George William BLATHWAYT and Jerom MURCH, Esquires, 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 Camerton, That **Esther WYATT, Singlewoman aged about 24 years**, has come to inhabit, and is now inhabiting in the said Parish of Camerton, endeavouring to settle there, not having resided therein nor within the Clutton Union for three Years next before the application for this Warrant, 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 said Parish of Camerton and is now receiving Relief therefrom, such Relief being made necessary by sickness, and we certify that such sickness is likely to produce permanent disability to her and that the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset is the place of her last legal settlement;

WE, the said Justices, upon due proof thereof, as well by Examination of Witnesses, 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 Esther WYATT is in the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset.

THESE are therefore, in Her Majesty's Name, to require and order that if within Twenty One Days after you, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Camerton shall have sent, by Post or otherwise, unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton a Notice in Writing of the said Esther WYATT being so chargeable as aforesaid, together with a Copy or Counterpart of this

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Order, and a statement in writing setting forth the grounds of Removal, including the particulars of the Settlement relied upon in support thereof, no Notice of Appeal against this Order shall be given by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton or if Notice of Appeal shall be given within the Twenty-One Days aforesaid, then forthwith after the time for prosecuting such Appeal shall have expired (if the same be not duly prosecuted), or in case the same shall be duly prosecuted, then forthwith after the final determination of the same, if this Order shall thereupon be confirmed, you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Camerton or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, do remove and convey the said Esther WYATT from and out of your said Parish of Camerton to the said Parish of High Littleton 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 Court House at Weston, the twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty three. G.W. BLATHWAYT, Jerom MURCH.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/3/4-33.

[*Note:* Hester dau. of Francis WYATT & his wife Rebecca PRIDDY, Farmborough, collier, was baptized at High Littleton 3 Jun 1838.

The 1841 Census finds her, aged 3, with her parents at Hobbs Wall, Farmborough. Likewise in 1851 at High Littleton, aged 12, scholar, and in 1861 at Scumbrum, Farmborough, aged 22, servant, subject to fits.

Clutton Union Workhouse Register records that Hester WYATT, High Littleton, gave birth to an illegitimate son on 20 Nov 1865, baptized Edward on the same day. No trace has been found of the father's name.

The Workhouse Register further records that Edward WYATT, High Littleton, aged 6 weeks (*sic*), died 9 Dec 1865.

Edward WYATT of High Littleton, Union, aged 3 weeks, was buried at High Littleton 12 Dec 1865.]

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C1.

SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATE from HIGH LITTLETON to CLUTTON.

April 23 1764, we whose Names are under, do acknowledge **James WYAT (sic) & Betty WYATT, with their children Hannah, Betty, William and Mary**, to be our legal Parishioners of the Parish of High Littleton, as witness our Hands,

John JAMES, John PARSONS, Overseers. John BRODRIBB, John BUSH, Churchwardens. Simon DANDO, Rich. LANGFORD, Joseph BRODRIBB, Tho. DANDO, Corn's HARRIS.

D/P/clut. 13/3/1-24.

[*Note:* Patience (born 11 Feb) dau. of James WYATT & Elizabeth bapt. at High Littleton 13 Feb 1745/6. - Patience WYATT buried at High Littleton 14 Jan 1769.

Hannah was another child. - She married Thomas SELWAY at High Littleton 5 Dec 1765.

Betty dau. of James WYATT & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 28 Sep 1755. - She married John FLOWER at High Littleton 19 Apr 1789.

William was another child, born c.1757. - He married Sarah BISS at High Littleton 26 Feb 1781.

James was probably another child. - James WYATT an infant buried at High Littleton 24 Jul 1760.

Mary dau. of James WYATT & Mary (*sic*) bapt. at High Littleton 12 Mar 1762. She may be the Mary WYAT buried at High Littleton 12 Apr 1784.

James son of James WYATT & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 17 Jul 1768. - He married Mary CANTLE at Compton Dando 9 Jun 1794.

Vestry Minutes of 29 Sep 1766 agreed that James WYATT should have 3 bushels of wheat for the week at a (*subsidised*) price of 5/6 per bushel.

Betty WYATT was buried at High Littleton 3 May 1777.

James WYATT was buried at High Littleton 18 Apr 1781.]

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L1. An Order was initiated in June 1850 for the Removal of **Mary RAPPs** to Wells Asylum but was apparently never executed.

[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 **Mary RAPPs** to the Lunatic Asylum at Wells forthwith.

And you are hereby ordered to report in writing to the Board of Guardians, to be held on FRIDAY the 14th day of June 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 7th day of June 1850.

B. SMITH, Presiding Chairman of the said Board. Wm. REES-MOGG, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the Clutton Union.

[Printed Form]

ORDER FOR THE RECEPTION OF A PAUPER PATIENT. 8 & 9 Vic. Cap. 126. Sched. E No. 1.

SOMERSET TO WIT.

I, [blank] the undersigned having called to my assistance [blank] and having personally examined [blank] a Pauper, and being satisfied that the said [blank] is [blank] and a proper Person to be confined, hereby direct you to receive the said [blank] as a Patient into your [blank].

Subjoined is a Statement respecting the said [blank].

SIGNED, Name, [blank] a Justice of the Peace for the [blank] of [blank].

SIGNED, Name, [blank] a Justice of the Peace for the [blank] of [blank].

[Below]

ORDER FOR THE RECEPTION OF A PAUPER PATIENT.

We, [blank] and [blank] the undersigned, having called to our assistance [blank] and having personally examined Mary RAPPs a Pauper, and being satisfied that the said **Mary RAPPs** is [blank] and a proper person to be confined, hereby direct you to receive the said Mary RAPPs as a Patient into your Asylum.

SIGNED, Name [blank] an Officiating Clergyman of the Parish of [blank].

SIGNED, [blank].

[Reverse]

STATEMENT.

Name of Patient, and Christian Name at length	Mary RAPPs
Sex and Age	Female
Married, Single, or Widowed	Married
Condition of Life, and previous Occupation (if any)	
The Religious Persuasion, as far as known	
Previous Place of Abode	High Littleton
Length of Time Insane	
Whether first Attack	Yes
Age (if known) on first Attack	
Whether subject to Epilepsy	
Whether suicidal or dangerous to others	
Previous Places of Confinement (if any)	

I Certify that to the best of my knowledge the above Particulars are correctly stated.

SIGNED, [blank].

DATED, the [blank] Day of June One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty.

To the Superintendent of the Asylum for the County of Somerset.

[Below]

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE IN THE CASE OF A PAUPER PATIENT.

I, [blank] being [blank] hereby certify, That I have this Day personally examined Mary RAPPs the Person named in the Statement and Order, and that the said Mary RAPPs is [blank] and a Proper Person to be confined.

SIGNED, Name [blank].

Place of Abode [blank].

DATED, this [blank] Day of June One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty.

SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/10/1.340

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[*Note:* It appears that Mary RAPPS was in Clutton Union Workhouse with a small baby and the Guardians were seeking to have her removed to the County Lunatic Asylum in Wells. The above form for her admission to Wells Asylum was not fully completed and the Register for Wells Asylum shows that she was never actually admitted. Presumably Mary was too ill to remove, having given birth only a few weeks before and she died shortly after.

Mary was born c.1822/3 and married George RAPPS.

George son of James & Elizabeth RAPPS, Farmborough, coal miner, bapt. at Farmborough 18 Mar 1821.

After having 3 sons, Joseph (born 1817, died 1819), John (born 1818/9) & George, James RAPPS died in 1823. Overseers' Accounts record on 4 Nov 1823 a payment to farmer JAMES for fetching the coroner and expenses of a coroner's inquest taken on the body of James RAPPS. Relief of 3/- p.w. in the weekly calendar was paid to James RAPPS' 2 children until 1831, when 1/6 p.w. was paid for 1 child only until 1834. The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records Elizth RAPPS as the occupier of a tenement and garden on the north east side of the High Street (211 on the map), belonging to Andrew JAMES. James RAPPS' widow Elizabeth married secondly at Clutton in 1827 James BULL, had a daughter Joyce in 1830 and died in Jun 1834.

Accounts for 1834 record relief of 1/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to George RAPPS but after 8 weeks it ended. Accounts record on 23 Jan 1835 1/- paid to John and George RAPPS, being left by the father. On 31 Jan 4/- was paid for a bed for John and Geo. RAPPS and on 6 Mar 12/- for 3 weeks lodging for them. Accounts for 1835/6 record payments of 4/- each fortnight to John and George RAPPS, orphans, for lodging and washing. This ended on 21 Jan 1836 for John but relief of 2/- for George continued until 18 Feb 1836. There were further payments of 4/1 on 10 Apr 1835 for 7 yards of dowlas for Geo. and John and on 30 Sep 1/6 for thread, buttons and making 2 shirts for John and George RAPPS.

The 1841 Census finds George RAPPS, aged 20, living in High Littleton with John RAPPS, aged 20, coal miner, Louisa 20 and George 2. John RAPPS, George's brother, had married Louisa EVANS in 1838. George married Mary --- c.1845.

Ann dau. of George & Mary RAPPS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 24 Jan 1847. The 1851 Census finds Ann RAPPS (*who was then an orphan*), aged 5, as an inmate of Clutton Union Workhouse. The Workhouse Register records that Ann RAPPS, High Littleton, aged 8, died on 22 Jun 1855. - Ann RAPPS, Clutton Workhouse, aged 8, buried at High Littleton 23 Jun 1855.

George RAPPS (James' son), coal miner of High Littleton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1847 (no children), and 1849 (labourer, son of John (*sic*), 1 child under 10).

Mary RAPPS spent her last days in Clutton Union Workhouse, where the Register records that Mary RAPPS, High Littleton, gave birth to a legitimate child on 18 May 1850, baptized Alfred William on 20 May 1850. Perhaps she had second thoughts about the baby's name and this is the same child recorded in the Workhouse Register as James RAPPS, High Littleton, who died aged 3 months on 9 Aug 1850. - James RAPPS, Clutton Workhouse, aged 12 weeks, buried at High Littleton 12 Aug 1850.

The Workhouse Register records that Mary RAPPS, High Littleton, aged 34 (*sic*), died on 3 Jul 1850. - Mary RAPPS, Clutton Workhouse, aged 27, was buried at High Littleton 8 Jul 1850.

George RAPPS, High Littleton, aged 28, was buried at High Littleton 25 Sep 1850.]

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