

THE
HISTORY AND ANTIQUITIES
OF THE
COUNTY
OF
BUCKINGHAM.

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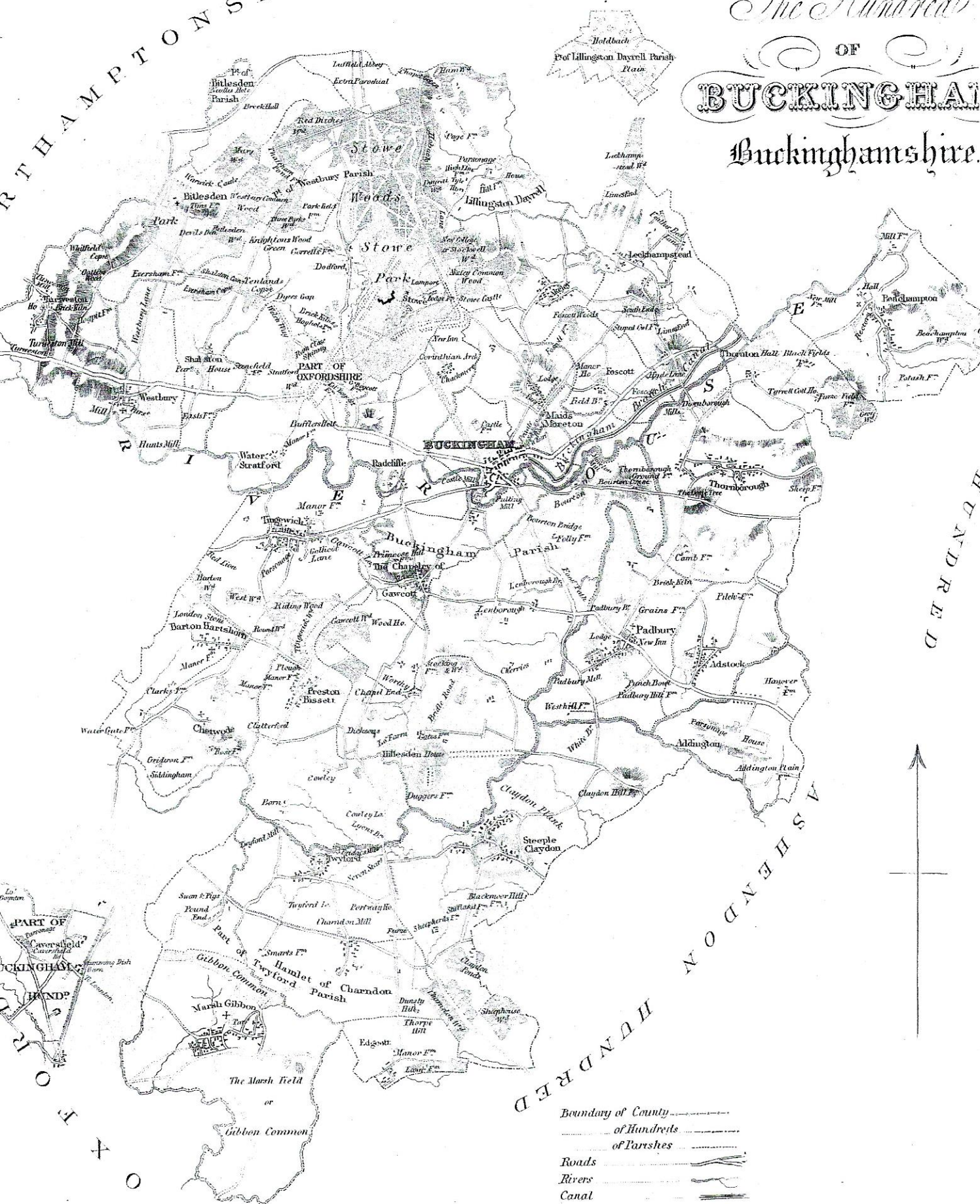
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THAMPTONSHIRE

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TWYFORD

is bounded, on the North, by the River Ouse (which separates it from Preston Bisset and Godington, Co. Oxon.); on the East, by Edgcott; on the South, by Edgcott and Marsh Gibbon; and on the West, by Stratton Audley and Godington. The parish is computed to contain three thousand acres.

THE MANOR,

before the Norman invasion, was in the possession of the Countess Goda; of whom a certain man of Earl Harold held three hides for his Manor. At the Domesday Survey, Ralph de Felgeres held Twyford (then called *Tveverde*), it being taxed at seventeen hides. The land was for eighteen ploughs; six hides in the demesne, in which there were three ploughs, to which two more might have been added. Fifteen villeins, with ten bordars, had forty carucates; and two more might have been cultivated. There were nine servants; pasture for three teams, and wood for a hundred hogs; the total value of which was 10*l.*; when Ralph first held it, 8*l.*; and in the time of King Edward, 12*l.*¹

In the reign of Hen. III. the Manor of Twyford was holden for two Knights' fees, by Ralph Fitz-Nicholas,² to whom an annual fair was granted here in 1251; and John Giffard being called upon, by a *Quo Warranto*, in 14 Edw. I. to shew his right to view of frankpledge of his tenants in Twyford, without the King's license, appeared and pleaded, that Robert Fitz-Nicholas, Lord of Twyford, gave to him two parts of the said vill in the service and Lordship, with all the rights and privileges thereto belonging; and that the Lord the King, then reigning, had confirmed the same; but that, if called upon to produce any formal ratification, he could not; besides the voluntary gift of the King: and Gilbert de Thorenton (Attorney-General); on the King's part, said, that the grant of any private person, of those regal liberties and privileges, was insufficient, and could not be pleaded against the Crown: thereupon, the aforesaid liberties were seised into the King's hands, and the said views ordered to be extended to 8*s.* per ann. After repeated hearings, the said John not having produced to the King's Justices, any other proof of his right, or farther grant, (and because Ralph Pippard, the heir of the aforesaid Robert, ought to have been called to warranty as to the said view,) and having neither gallows nor other *judicialia*, it was determined that the Lord the King recover the said view, and that the said John be *in miserecordia*. Whereupon it was commanded, that William de Bayville, Sheriff of the County, do hold in his possession, seisin for the Lord the King; and that the men and tenants of Giffard do, and ought to *attorn* to the Sheriff accordingly.

It is stated that Ralph Pippard, or Pepard (who had assumed that surname), younger son of Robert,³ was Steward of the King's Hawks, and succeeded his father in this Manor; after which, it passed, by marriage, to the family of Boteler; who, being afterwards advanced to great honour and power, were created Earls of Ormonde and Wiltshire.

¹ Terra Radvlfī de Felgeres. In Lāmva Hvnd. ∞ RADVLFS de Felgeres ten' TVEVERDE, p. xvii. hid. se defd. Tra. & xviii. car'. In dno. vi. hidæ. et ibi sunt iii. car'. et adhuc. ii. possunt. e'e'. Ibi xv. cū. x. bord. hnt. xl. cañ. et adhuc poss. ii. fieri. Ibi. ix. serui. P'tū. iii. car'. Silua c. porc'. In totis ualent' ual. x. lib. Q'do recep. viii. lib. T.R.E. xii. lib. Hoc ∞ tenuit Goda comitissa et ibi q'dā hō Heraldī comitis habuit. iii. hid. p. uno ∞. [Lib. Censual, vol. i. f. 151.]

² Rot. Cart. 30 Hen. III. m. 9; Cal. p. 61.

³ Or *Ralph*; for in different records he is so called.

James Earl of Ormond, in the beginning of the reign of Edward III. having matched with Eleanor, daughter of Humphrey de Bohun, fifth Earl of Hereford and Essex, thus became the grandson of Edw. I. and Eleanor of Castile, and obtained a large share of those lands which had reverted to the Crown by the confiscated estates of the unfortunate adherents of King Edw. II. and amongst them, the Manors of Aylesbury, and numerous others in this neighbourhood. James Butler, Earl of Ormonde, died seised of the Manors of Twyford, Aylesbury, and Great Linford, in 1338;¹ and Eleanor, Countess of Ormonde, likewise died seised in 1363.²

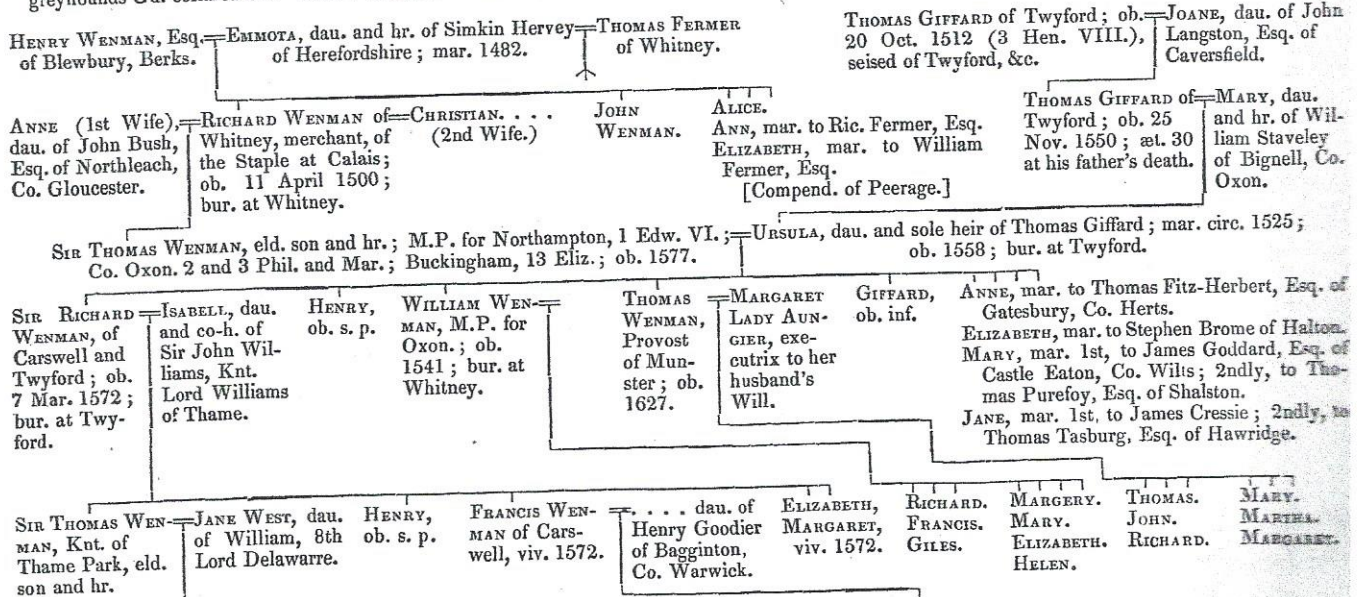
The Giffards, who were subfeudatories here, under the Botelers, were certainly established at Twyford in or about 1340.

Without presuming to determine whether this Manor reverted to the Crown, by the attainder of some of the partizans of Edw. II. or by the subsequent forfeiture of the Ormondes, it appears that the Giffards, either as mesne lords, or having acquired the fee, held this estate, until, by the marriage of Ursula, daughter and sole heir of Thomas Giffard, Esq. (the descendant, in a direct line, from Sir John Giffard, Knt. who, circ. 1340, had license to build an Oratory in his house at Twyford), son of another Thomas Giffard, by Joane, daughter of Thomas Langston, Esq. of Caversfield, it passed, after the decease of the said Thomas, 25 Nov. 1550, s. p. m. in marriage, to Thomas Wenman, Esq. afterwards Sir Thomas Wenman, Knt. son of Richard, and grandson of Henry Wenman, Esq. of Blewbury, Co. Berks, and has since descended, agreeably to the annexed Pedigree, to its present possessor :

PEDIGREE OF WENMAN, IN ALLIANCE WITH GIFFARD OF TWYFORD, &c.

From Harl. MSS.; Willis's MSS.; Heraldic Visitations; Monumental Inscriptions; Parochial Registers; and other Authorities.

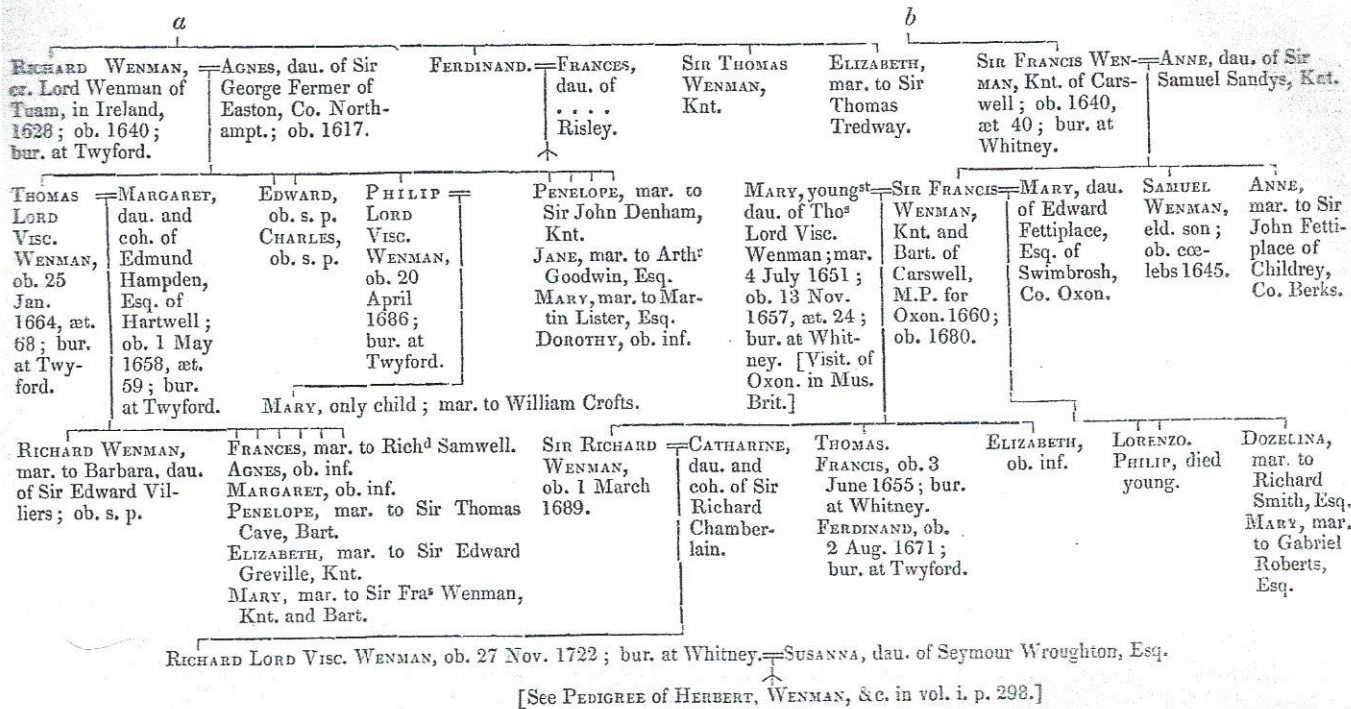
Arms: 1. Per pale Gu. and Az. a cross potence Or. 2. S. Wenman, on a fess between three anchors, three lions' heads Or. 3. Giffard. 4. Gu. a cup covered Or. Boteler. 5. Erm. on a chev. engrailed S. three quarterfoils. 6. Cheque Arg. and Gu. on a chev. Az. three roses Or. Vaux. 7. Or. in chief a chevron between three roses; in base, a dolphin hauriant. Langston. 8. On a chevron Az. three stags' heads caboché between three lozenges, Arg. 9. . . . A chevron between three eagles displayed. 10. Az. a cross potence between four martlets Arg. Crest: A cock's head erased, galoped and beaked Or. Round this, on a small escutcheon, 11. Wenman and Wenman impaling Giffard and Williams, viz. two hautboys in saltire between four crosses pattee Arg. 12. Arg. a moor's head Proper. 13. Party per chev. S. and Erm. in chief, two wolves combatant within a bordure, entoire de fleur-de-lis. 14. Arg. a heron S. 15. S. a fess in chief between three leopards' heads, in base a trefoil slipt. In the middle, 16. Quarterly, 1. Giffard; 2. Erm. a chief indented Gu.; 3 as 2; 4 as 1. 17. Stavely. 18. Arg. a lion rampant Az. over all a bend gobone. Supporters: Two greyhounds Gu. collared Or. Motto: Omnia Bona Bonis.



¹ Esc. 12 Edw. III. no. 43.

² Ibid. 37 Edw. III. no. 24.

BUCKINGHAM HUNDRED.



Thomas, last Lord Viscount Wenman, by his Will, bequeathed his Estate, at Twyford and Charndon, to Philip Thomas Wykeham, Esq. of Tythorpe House, Co. Oxon. who sold the same to pay off mortgages, reserving the Manors of Twyford and Charndon, and part of Charndon-wood.

By an Inquisition taken in Kent, it was returned, that John Giffard of Twyford was heir to Thomas de Gardiner, who held divers lands in Cogges, &c. Co. Oxon. by the service of paying yearly fifty-two shillings and sixpence, for the ward of Dover Castle.¹

The Manor House, called Twyford-Lodge, said to have been built by Lord Wenman, upon the demolition of a more ancient Mansion, has been lately inhabited by Mr. William Harper.

From Windmill-hill, in the Hamlet of Charndon, is a remarkably beautiful and extensive prospect over great part of Oxfordshire and part of Northamptonshire.

THE RECTORY AND ADVOWSON,

are said to have been, at a very early period, given, by the family of Felgers (or Fulgeres) to the Monastery of that name in Normandy.² The Abbat, in the reign of Hen. III. transferred them to the See of Lincoln, in which they continued until the time of Bishop Rotherham: who, being one of the founders of Lincoln College, Oxon. annexed the Ecclesiastical Estate here, for ever, to the Rectorship of that Society, with which, without institution or induction, it has been ever since holden.

In 1773, when, by Act of Parliament, an allotment to the Rector was assigned as a compensation for tithes, it was settled that the glebe lands, annexed to the Rectory, should be *eight hundred acres*. A good house was built on this allotment, which thereafter became a summer residence of the Rectors of Lincoln College; the *licensed Curate* residing in the ancient Parsonage near the Church.

¹ Rog. Dodsworth's MS. vol. xlvi. f. 262. Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. vol. ii. p. 1.

² See vol. i. p. 138.

RECTORS.

RALPH, Dean of Stafford, in 1207.
Thomas de Twyford was presented in 1207; and he was also made Archdeacon of Bucks.¹
Richard de Wyfry, presented in 1224, by the Convent of Felgers.
Simon de Esttoud, presented in 1235, by the same.
John de Stok, 1241; collated by the Bishop of Lincoln.
Will. de Gare. He resigned.
Ralph de Feningham, in 1265, collated by the same.
William Seggeville, in 1294.
Nicholas de Appeltree, in 1298. He resigned for Bernack Rectory.
John de Sutton, in 1299; collated by the Bishop of Lincoln, on lapse.
Thomas Burdon, in 1319; collated on exchange with Sutton, for Worsop.
John Magard, in 1344.
John Worsop, in 1355; exchanged for Loughborough, with
William Antony, in 1358.
Richard de Bonham; resigned.
Richard Cloop, in 1391; exchanged for Alderton, Suffolk, with
John Everdon, in 1399. He was also Prebendary of Dunholme, or Dunham, in Lincoln Cathedral, in 1408. He died and was buried here.²
Thomas Broun, or *Browne*, in 1419. He was afterwards successively Bishop of Rochester and Norwich; having exchanged for Maidstone Hospital, with
Thomas Astol, in 1423.
John Permonter, in 1427. He resigned for Stowe, &c. Northamptonshire.
William Moneaux, or *Moneux*, in 1432.
John Marshall, afterwards Prebendary of Aylesbury, and Bishop of Landaff.
[In 1475, the Rectory was annexed to, or consolidated with the Headship, or Rectory of Lincoln College, Oxford; and is holden by the Rectors there, without institution or induction: so that the Incumbents have been,]
George Strangwayes, in 1479.
William Bethome, in 1488.
Thomas Banke, in 1493.
Thomas Drax, in 1503.
John Cottisford, in 1518.
Hugh Weston, in 1538.
Christopher Hargreve, in 1556.
Henry Heronshaw, or *Henshaw*, in 1558.
Fra. Babington, in 1560.
John Bridgwater, in 1563.

John Tatham, in 1574.
John Underhill, in 1577.
Richard Kilbye, in 1590.
Paul Hood, in 1620.
Hon. Nathaniel Crew, in 1668. He was of Lincoln Coll. D.C.L. 2 July 1664.
Thomas Marshall, in 1672. He was of Lincoln Coll. B.D. 1 July 1661; D.D. 28 June 1669.
Fitzherbert Adams, in 1685. He was of Lincoln Coll. A.M. 4 June 1675; B.D. 23 Jan. 1682; D.D. 3 July 1685.
John Morley, in 1719. He was of Lincoln Coll. A.M. 16 June 1692; B.D. 26 June 1703; D.D. 18 April 1711.
Euseby Isham, in 1731. He was of Lincoln Coll. A.M. 22 April 1721; B. and D.D. 31 May 1733.
Rich. Hutchins, in 1755. He was of Linc. Coll. A.M. 26 Jan. 1722; B.D. 12 Dec. 1734; D.D. 4 June 1747.
Chas. Mortimer, in 1781. He was of Linc. Coll. A.M. 12 June 1751; B.D. 4 April 1759; D.D. 24 Oct. 1781.
John Horner, in 1784. He was of Merton Coll. Oxon. A.M. 7 July 1770; Lincoln Coll. B.D. 10 Dec. 1778; D.D. 9 July 1785.
Edward Tatham, D.D. in 1792. He was of Queen's Coll. Oxon. A.M. 9 July 1776, and of Lincoln Coll. B.D. 5 June 1783, D.D. 1787; Rector of that Coll. in 1792. Also Rector of Combe, Co. Oxon. and in 1801, married Cooke of Cheltenham; in 1829, Rector of Whitchurch, Co. Salop. He was the author of many tracts, some of a controversial nature, and relating to the affairs of the University and disputes with his College.
J. Radford, D.D. in 1834.

LICENCED CURATES.

Thomas Parke, in 1539.
John Pollye, in 1561.
Edward Wallis, in 1605.
John Wakelyng, in 1609.
Thomas Pool, in 1627.
Thomas Berry, in 1654; who was also Curate of Steeple Claydon.
Thomas Evans, in 1676.
Richard Adams, B.D. in 1708.
Knightley Adams, B.D. in 1735.
William Perkins, A.M. in 1775. He was also Vicar of Kingsbury, Co. Somerset; Chaplain in Ordinary to the King, and Senior Member of Lincoln College. He died in May 1820, æt. 75; leaving a widow and fourteen children; of whom, Tabitha was married in July 1821, to John Cookney, Esq. of the Island of Mauritius.
William Perkins, A.M. Son of the last Curate.

¹ Rot. Pat. 8 Joh.² See Effigy and Monu. Inscr. p. 134.

THE CHURCH,

dedicated to the Assumption of the B.V.M. stands in the north-eastern part of the village; and consists of a square tower, gradually contracted from its foundation to its battlements, and is massive without grandeur. It has a nave, with two aisles extending westward, beyond the termination of the nave, and a chancel at the east end. In the tower are five modern bells. On the south side is a gable roofed and tiled porch, with an obtuse pointed arched doorway; above which, on a pinnacle, at the extremity of the gable, is a small sun-dial. Within the porch, the door into the south aisle has a semi-circular zig-zag arch, with small round pillars, and foliated capitals.

The roof of the nave is covered with lead, and descends sloping over the aisles. On the north side is a door; and very large buttresses of brick have been erected, probably as a necessary security to the whole edifice. The windows are very irregular; some square headed, others with pointed arches; some with mullions, decayed or destroyed; others altered from their original form, without the least regard for taste or consistency. Over a plain door, at the end of the aisle, is inscribed, "Edward Tatham," and a date; which, for the credit of the designer, might be supposed to have belonged to the workmanship of a village mason in the preceding century. Between the nave and aisles are four pointed arches, supported by octagon columns, coarsely painted in imitation of veined marble.

The Font is circular, low, large, and ancient; standing under one of the arches near the south door.

Under a low flowered arch, in the south wall, is an altar tomb, supposed to have been designed for the Founder of the Church, but all the brasses have been long taken away from the slab which covers it. Between the tomb and the arch, in the back part of the niche, or recess, is a sculptured effigy of a Priest, with a chalice, or consecrated wafer, which he appears to be about to receive.

On the south side of the chancel, within the rails, is a Piscena, in the wall; and near it two stone seats, under semi-circular flowered arches. In the middle of the pavement, is the brass half-length effigy of a Priest, in his rocket; his hands devoutly pressed together, and these words:

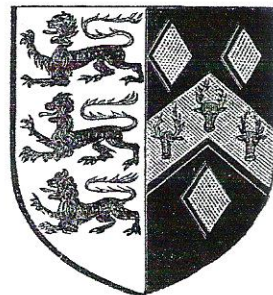
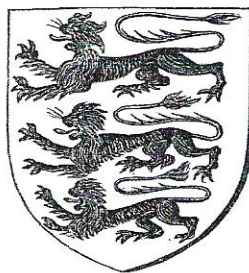


*Hic jacet dn's Johes Guerdon quonda' Rector isti Eccleie qui obiit iiii. die Septembris
Anno Dni. Mlto cccxiii. cujus aie p'prietur deus Ame'.*

Nearly parallel with this tomb, in the central part of the south aisle, is an altar tomb, about ten feet by three and a half, having compartments on its sides and ends, ornamented with sculptured arches, angels and shields, and covered with a thick slab of Purbeck marble,¹ in which are inserted four brass shields of arms; between which are the effigies of a Man in armour, with a gorget and skirt of chain-mail, plated scapularies, greaves, spurs, &c. and a greyhound at his feet, as below :



Here lyethe buried the Bodyes of Thomas Giffard of Twiffard in the Countie of Buck Esquier and Marie his Wyffe Daughter of Wylm Stabeley of Bignell Esquier. which Thomas decessyd the xxv. day of November in the yere of our lorde God mccccl. on whose Soules Jhu have mercy. Amen.



At the south east angle is deposited on the pavement, a mutilated statue of a cross-legged Knight, in complete panoply of chain-mail, with a close hawberk.

At the east end is a stately monument of the family of Wenman, having the following inscription on an oval tablet between two marble pillars :

In Memory of the Right Honourable Richard Lord Viscount Wenman, Son of Thomas Wenman, Esq. and Jane Daughter of William Lord Delawar: the said Thomas being Son of Sir Richard Wenman, and Isabel Daughter of John Lord Williams of Thame: which Richard was Son of Thomas Wenman, Esq. and Ursula Daughter and Heir of Thomas Giffard, Lord of this Manor. The said Richard Lord Viscount Wenman had to Wife Agnes, Daughter of Sir George Fermour of Easton-Neston, in the County of Northampton. He died on Good Friday, Anno Domini 1640, and the said Agnes died Anno 1617.

By the care of the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Viscount Wenman, their Son, this Monument was erected, who deceased the 25th of January, A.D. 1664, aged 68 years; who married Margaret, Daughter and

¹ Executed in the same style and with similar ornaments to the Monuments for the Quatermaynes, in Thame Church.

Heir of Edmund Hampden of Hartwell, in the County of Buckingham, Esq. who died the 1st day of May A.D. 1658, aged 59.

On another tablet :

In Memory of the Right Honourable Philip Lord Viscount Tuam of the Kingdom of Ireland, who departed this life the 29th day of April, in the year of our Lord 1686, in the 76th year of his age.

On another :

In Memory of Ferdinando Wenman, Esq. Son of Sir Francis Wenman of Carswell, in the County of Oxford, Knight and Baronet, and of Mary his wife, Daughter of Thomas Lord Wenman Viscount Tuam, who departed this life the 2nd of August 1671, in the 17th year of his age.

On another :

Here lyeth the Body of Sir Richard Wenman of Twyford, Knight, Son and Heir of Sir Thomas Wenman of Carswell, in the County of Oxford, Knight, and of Dame Ursula his wife, Daughter and sole Heir to Thomas Giffard, Esq. some time Lord of this Manor of Twyford; which Sir Richard Wenman, married Isabell, eldest Daughter and one of the Coheirs of Sir John Williams, Knight, Lord Williams of Thame, Lord Chamberlain to King Philip, and Lord President of the Council and Marches of Wales; by her had issue, Thomas Wenman, Esq. his eldest Son and Heir; Henry Wenman, second Son; Francis, third Son; Elizabeth and Margaret, all living at the day of his death, which was the seventh of March, Anno 1572. For whom the Lady Isabell caused this Monument to be made, Anno 1576.

On small stones in the pavement :

Here lyeth Dame Margaret, wife of Thomas Lord Viscount Wenman, 1658.

Here lyeth the Body of Thomas Lord Viscount Wenman. He was buried 1664.

Here lyeth the Body of Philip Lord Viscount Wenman, buried in May 1686.

Here lyeth the Body of Ferdinando Wenman, buried in August 1671.

Here lyeth the Body of Richard Lord Viscount Wenman. He was buried 1640.

On a slab within the rails, on the north side :

In Memory of the Rev. W^m. Perkins, M.A. of Lincoln Coll. Oxford; and 45 years Curate of this place. He died on the 18th of May 1820, aged 75 years.

On a small stone within the rails :

Here lie the Bodies of Mary and Ann Cleaver; Mary, died Sep. 5, 1744, aged 16 days; Ann, died Dec. 28, 1748, in the 8th year of her age.

On a black marble, affixed to the wall, are the following lines :

Here, till our Saviour comes again,
Lyes the body of Alice Payne;
Who was, while she enjoyed this life,
To Langham child, to Payne a wife;
For whom, and for her sake hereafter,
Margaret Edmund's, her dear daughter,
Set this Monument above
Her mother's bones, in Christian love.

In the Churchyard are the remains of a cross.

THE REGISTERS

are in good preservation, and have been kept with regularity and care. The first entry, under the head of "Baptisms," is Jan. 2, 1558; of "Marriages," Aug. 9, 1561; and "Burials," April 8, 1561.