



Notes and Queries

RELATING TO BERKS, BUCKS AND OXON.

Communications are invited upon all subjects of Antiquarian or Architectural interest relating to the three counties. Correspondents are requested to write as plainly as possible, on one side of the paper only, with REPLIES, QUERIES and NOTES on SEPARATE SHEETS, and the name of the writer appended to each communication.

Notes.

WILLIAM, LORD VISCOUNT SAYE AND SELE.—The following deeds are of great interest, showing the appointment of the Lord Saye and Sele, distinguished in the annals of the XVII. century, to the offices of High Steward of the Boroughs of Newbury and Banbury :—

“Appointment of William, Lord Viscount Say and Seale to be High Steward of the Borough of Newbury.

(Ex. orig.)

20. Sept. 1. Car. 1. 1625.

To all xpian people to whome theis presentes shall come Whereas the Maior, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Newbery, in the Countie of Berks, by the Charter of incorporac'on to them granted by the late Queen Elizabeth of famous memorie, have power gyven unto them That they or the greater parte of them in the feast of Sainet Mathew th'appostle maye choose a High Steward of the sayd Borough, and that he which shal'be soe, as aforesaid chosen may exercise that office by himselfe or by his sufficient deputie or deputies for one yeare then next followinge, and from thenceforth untill an other High Steward bee chosen And whereas the Right Honorable Charles Earle of Nottingham last High Steward of the sayd Borough is latlie deceased Now at the Guildhall of the said Borough uppon the Feast of Saint Mathew th'appostle in the first yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne Lord Kinge Charles, The right Honorable William Lord Viscount Say and Seale is by the greater part of the Maior, Aldermen and Burgesses of the said Borough, then and there present, chosen to bee and contynue High Steward of the sayd Borough for one year next after the said feast, and from thenceforth untill an other High Steward of the sayd Borough unto the same office shal'bee elected and preferred In Witness whereof wee the said Maior, Aldermen and Burgesses of the sayd Borough of Newbery have to this present writinge sett our Comon seale, the one and twentieth daye of September, in the First year of the Raigne of our soveraigne Lord Charles by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland Kinge, Defender of the fayth, &c. Anno d'm. 1625.”

The original seal remains.

"Election of William, Lord Viscount Saye and Seale to be High

Steward of Banbury. 25. June. 8. Car. 1. 1632.

(Ex. orig.) To the right Ho'ble. William Lord Viscount Saye and Seale.

May it please yo'r good Lor'p. after notice of us taken of the death of the right honorable William late Earle of Banbury, the late Highe Steward of our Boroughe, wee have mett in common Counsell, and by our unanimous consent made choyce of yo'r Lor'p. to be Highe Steward in hys place p'suming of yo'r honorable acceptance Wherein as alreadie for manye former favo'rs wee acknowledge ourselves in all dutye much obliged to yo'r Lor'p. Soe shall wee account it a further favo'r that our Towne maye be honno'rd by soe worthie a p'son to be our Patron : and in testimonye of this our choyce we have subscribed our names and affixed our common Seale of our said Borough. Dated the five and twentieth daye of June in the eight yeare of the raigne of our Sovereigne Lord King Charles over England, &c. Annoy. Dm. 1632.

George Robins, *Maior.*

Thomas Whateley,

Thomas Webb,

Thomas Halked,

} *Justic.*

Robert Russell,

Richard Vivers,

John Awsten,

Epiphen Hill,

Will'm. Allen,

Francis Andrews,

John Turton,

} *Aldr.*

Nathaniell Wheatlye,

Nathaniell Hill,

Andrew Annesley,

Orga'n. Sulholls,

John Weble,

} *Cap Burg."*

BERKSHIRE PARISH REGISTERS.—An important proposal for printing the Registers of Berkshire has recently been made by Mr. W. P. W. Phillimore, who is now printing the Registers of Gloucestershire and several other counties. The marriages will be first dealt with, as in this way a far larger number of parishes can be included than is otherwise possible. Miss Thoyts has consented to join in editing the first volume, and for this she has already transcribed the weddings of over a dozen parishes. The "copy" will be placed in the printer's hands as soon as fifty subscribers have been obtained. Those who have experienced the difficulty of completing the marriages in a pedigree will welcome this comprehensive scheme, which has the advantage of preserving the contents of the registers from risk of destruction. There should be no difficulty in obtaining the requisite number of subscribers, and, indeed, as the number to be printed (150) is so limited, the volumes will become very scarce. Names of subscribers may be sent to Mr. Phillimore, 124, Chancery Lane, or to Miss Thoyts, Sulhampstead Park, Reading.

WOKINGHAM TOKEN.—A friend a few days ago gave me an old Wokingham tradesman's token, tracings of which are enclosed. It bears the date 1664, and was issued by Thomas Grape. It was dug up at Reading some few years since. Who Thomas Grape was I cannot ascertain, as the surname is unknown in this locality. It is evidently a genuine token, and that year is about the time when a paper was printed and published here, the office being in Rose Street, though no copies appear to be extant.—J. J. EVANS.

BERKSHIRE DOCTORS.—Until recently, I was under the impression that our ancestors doctored themselves until recent times, and that the Parochial Doctor was an invention of this century. Like many other fallacies, reading disproved it, and I was surprised to find the "Parish Doctor" was in existence certainly as early as 1698, for in Sulhamstead Overseers' Accounts are some payments made then for medical attendance. The doctor's position was the same as now, he was styled "gent" in the Parish Registers, a few entries from Parish Registers may be of interest, especially if some one with access to a wider field of enquiry will supplement this paper by telling us how far back Medical Degrees are preserved, and where further information can be obtained. In 1649 there died in Reading Nicolas Bowden, gent, Master of Chirurgions, aged 73. This looks as if there was some sort of training college or Medical Guild in Reading. In 1698 Dr. Hocker was Parish Doctor at Mortimer, and practised all round Sulhamstead. The Hockers were a Reading family, evidently well off. John Hocker in 1671 bought some land in Sulhamstead. From an old deed of our's dated 1760, and from various sources, I have put together this imperfect pedigree :—

D. Hocker
D. 1709. of Mortimer.

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John Hocker, gent,
Watch-maker of Reading,
owned Woodley and leased it to his son, 1746.

= Sarah

John	Joseph	Elizabeth	3
Maio ^r of Reading 1751.		Died 1705.	other
Died 1756.			daurs.

Member of the Aldermaston Bowling Club.
= 1732 at Yattendon Resbury Heley widow; she died in Reading 1782.

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John	Thos.	John, alive 1760, sold his property in Sulhamstead.
d. age 4½	B. & D. 1737.	Apothecary.

Between 1750-1760, there was a Doctor Addington in Reading—Lord Sidmouth the representative of that family, still owns Earley Court. At Shaw, near Newbury, two doctors died. In 1707, Dr. Stephen Flavell; and in 1710, Dr. Lewis Dolman. The Dolmans of Shaw, now one of the extinct families of Berks, were great people in their day.—E. E. THOYTS.

CURIOUS CHRISTIAN NAMES.—There is not great originality as a rule in Christian names, but here and there one finds some treasures. Among various Registers of Berkshire country parishes I have found the following *Women* :—Tryphena, Cherry-truth, Weltham, Fettiplace, Bassilia, Parthenia, Sherlock, Shunamite, Temperance, Grecian, Amariah, Palaccia, Resbury or Rasbury, Vihannah, Antonino, George-anne, Massey, Aminadab, Druscilla, Prisis, Dorunda, Savale, Benedict, Cardilla. *Men's* :—Vernall, Avery, Burian or Berry, Sharlick, Floris, Ginter, Epheldrum, Hanson, Manders, Alborne. Some of these are obvious Surnames, and I could extend the list of men's names if I were to include all who bore Surnames in baptism. None of the above were provided with second Christian names; the interesting part is that names are hereditary in families, and the discovery of a curious Christian name is a great advantage to the genealogist.—E. E. THOYTS.

At recent meetings of the Society of Antiquaries a number of animal bones, flint implements, and an early mediæval sword-blade from the Thames at Windsor and at Boveney Lock, were exhibited by T. Tress Barry, Esq., M.P., F.S.A.; and also some painted stones discovered at Keiss Castle, which date back to prehistoric times, and were probably used as charms. Mr. Barry is the first discoverer of such stones in Great Britain, and we hope to publish a more detailed account of this important find.

Queries.

SHERBORN FAMILY.—Can you tell me whether any transcripts exist of the gravestones in Windsor (Holy Trinity) and the old Churchyard, both destroyed under a Faculty in 1857 or thereabouts? I should be much obliged to you for any information you can give me. The name I want is *Sherborn*.—DAVIES SHERBORN.

BUCKERIDGE FAMILY.—The Berkshire family of Buckeridge is said to have come to England the 7th year of William the Conqueror, on the authority of Berry and writers of the eighteenth and seventeenth centuries. Any information of this family before John Buckeridge, of Basildon, who died in 1525, would be gratefully accepted. In a pedigree in Sir Thomas Phillipp's collection of the Pangbourne branch, a George Buckeridge is stated to have been Vicar of Walham Green, London, and was, according to the pedigree, son of Thomas Buckeridge, of Pangbourne, and brother to Richard, of the same place, who died in 1835. I have failed to find any record of a Buckeridge being Vicar at Walham Green Church, or even the name in the register there. Can anyone help me?—ARTHUR SHEPHERD, 3, Blomfield Street, London, W.

The Rev. R. Bruce Dickson, Vicar of Stewkley, sends us the following queries relating to his Churchwardens' Books:—

1751.—Book of strings, 4s. 2d. Was this for the musicians in Church? Pd. for Headland Money, 5s. What is Headland Money of 1761 and 1781?

1755.—Pd. for beer at ye Church, 4s. What would this be for?

1761.—Pd. at Easter Visitation for prayers, citations, and headland money, 10s. 6d.

1762.—Pd. for 3 dozen of Basses, 10s. 6d. What were Basses of 1764; were they kneeling mats?

1764.—Pd. for making fennyford damill, 1s. What is a damill? Pd. for Bell loft matt and 3 doz. Basses, £1 11s. 6d.

1772.—For eating and drinking for young persons to be confirmed at the Bishop's Visitation, £1 1s. 8d. Did the confirmations usually take place at the Visitation?

1774.—For yelming and thatching at the Church House. What is yelming?

1777.—Pd. John Gresham, part of his bill for work at the Church, £4 10s. 6d. Pd. John Gresham, half his bill for writing at the Church, £4 14s. 6d. We have some Royal Arms of George III., with Arms of Hanover in the centre, about 6½ ft. square. When was it ordered that they should be set up in Church, and would these payments (by the two Churchwardens) be for the Arms from 1760 to 1820? I can find no other entry which would seem to be for the Arms.

1781.—Parroter his fees and Headlon Money, 7s. Does Parroter mean Apparitor?

1794 or 95.—Pd. for the ringing at the taking Valencenes, 2s. 6d. What was this?

JOHN DODD.—Who was John Dodd, gent, of Reading, who died 1699?—E. E. THOYTS.