

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.

THE Editors express the earnest hope that a larger number of Correspondents will avail themselves of these pages, and thus help those responsible for the publication of this Journal to extend its usefulness. There are several Queries—inserted in the Journals for 1916—still remaining unanswered. It is hoped that some readers may solve them.

Notes.

WASTE PAPER AT THE MAIDENHEAD POOR LAW INSTITUTION.—A very large number of old books, papers and letters having accumulated in the waste-paper room of the Maidenhead Poor Law Institution, the Master applied to the Guardians for authority to burn or otherwise get rid of them. It occurred, however, to some of the Board that there might possibly be matter of interest in the rubbish heap, and two of the Guardians, Mr. J. W. Walker and Mr. H. E. Bannard, both well known for their interest in archæology, volunteered to conduct an investigation. Their preliminary report has now been presented, and shows that they have examined "some thousands" of documents, big and little, dating from the Commonwealth to Victoria. The vast majority are of no permanent interest or value, but a considerable number have been deemed worthy of a more detailed examination, and a full report upon them will be presented in the course of the next few months. The whole incident is suggestive and instructive, and emphasises the importance of having such so-called "waste paper" examined by those who are able to appraise its archæological value before it is consigned to destruction.

THE TITHE LANDS OF COOKHAM PARISH.—The preamble of a deed of assignment by Mary Hobby of London, widow, to James Hayes of Holyport, Bray, dated 1706, gives the following list of the tithe lands of Cookham parsonage, which William Cherry of Maidenhead, lord of the manor of Shottesbrook and White Waltham, Berks, and father-in-law of the said James Hayes, mortgaged in 1701 to the said Mary Hobby. It contains many interesting details of their extent, owners and holders at that date, and comprises :—

How Close, 32½ acres.

Farthings, 15 acres.

Sharpes Heire, 9 acres.

Hayes, 15 acres.

John's Close, 15 acres.

Upper Field, 23 acres in.

Middle Field, 5 acres in.

Ray Field, 24 acres in.

90 acres, late owner John Brite, who paid for them £10 tithe *per annum*.

82 acres 1 rood, owner Mr. Howland, tenant Edward Ryder, who paid
£8 tithe *p.a.*

14 acres arable, owner Giles Ray, sen., who paid £1 8s. tithe *p.a.*

40 acres, owner Richard Grove, tenant Thomas Binfield, who paid £4 *p.a.*

Maidenhead tithe barn, late owner Edward White.

33 acres, owner Robert Liveing.

30½ acres, called Carter's Land.

24½ acres, owner Edward White.

37 acres, owner Richard Baker.

14½ acres, called Darling's Land, owner Thomas Staples.

1 close, same owner.

18 acres, owner Richard Lyley.

3½ acres in Holman Leaze, late owner Southey.

½ acre, late owner Matthew Littleton.

2 acres, late owner Mr. Day.

1 acre, late the Weavers.

Lyon Close.

Lands owned by Goldsmith, John Beath, Widow Hatch, John Wytheford, and Widow Blackwell.

The tithe of the Maidenhead barn and all the lands thereafter were then held by Robert Fforth at £25 *p.a.*—HERBERT C. ANDREWS.

MAIDENHEAD IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY: THE RED LION INN AND CORN MARKET.—The following notes upon the Red Lion Inn and Corn Market, which considerably augment the history of Maidenhead in the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries are gathered from deeds in the possession of Col. C. Du Pre Penton Powney, and are given here with grateful acknowledgment of his kindness.

In 1658 the Red Lion Inn was owned by William Mattingley of Cookham, gent., who on June 30th of that year raised £400 by mortgage of these and other premises to John Winder of Wingfield, gent. The property comprised the Inn itself, a cottage adjoining, with one tithe brand out of In Wood in Cookham Parish, two closes of four acres called Barn Close and Picked Close alias Innyns and Toogoods, one acre in Holman Leaze, 4½ acres of meadow in Fforleaz, a cottage backing on to the Red Lion formerly tenanted by Elizabeth Speed, widow, and now by Widow Broxstone, and ten acres of meadow in Cookham, of which six lay in Lockmead common field, two in Ffowte Poole Mead and two in Westmead.

Four years later Mattingley sold to William Cherry of the Middle Temple, London, gent., for £460 the Red Lion, the two adjoining cottages, Barn Close, Picked Close, the Holman Leaze acre and six acres of meadow in Fforleaz, which more than comprised all the mortgaged property. The purchaser who was also of Maidenhead, Bray, and lord of the manor of Shottesbrook and White Waltham, was founder of Bray School in 1682. He married in 1656 Ann the only daughter of John Whitfield of Canterbury and of Ives Place, Maidenhead, and died in 1705.

About the same time William Cherry's father-in-law, John Whitfield, bought from John Crafford and Anne his wife the house in Maidenhead which John

Cherry "the elder," a brother of William, occupied, together with other lands in Cookham, partly freehold of Cookham manor and partly copyhold of Ives manor.

Thereupon the two agreed to hold all the properties except the Holman Leaze acre jointly by adjustment of the purchase money and other mutual concessions. They decided to repair and alter the Red Lion and to turn a part of the premises into a Corn Market with suitable granaries attached. They also agreed with the Warden, Bridgemen and Burgess (the predecessors of the present Mayor and Corporation) to obtain for them a renewal of the town's Charter with a transference of the Market Day from Monday to Wednesday, and in return received a lease of all the tolls of the town for the next 40 years. This arrangement was completed and the resulting charter, the third one which the town had obtained, was granted on June 15th, 1663.

But before the settlement and conveyance of the properties to Whitfield and Cherry jointly could be completed, the former died. So Cherry himself paid all the outstanding purchase money, and having completed the repairs and alterations to the Red Lion, caused William Mattingley, Samuel Winder of Henden's, Bray, gent., and John Winder aforesaid, to whom the Inn had been mortgaged, to convey it to himself and Thomas Staples, the latter having taken over the late John Whitfield's co-trusteeship until the son, another John, should attain his majority.

In 1694* William Cherry mortgaged his moiety of the Inn, granaries, etc., to Mary Hobby of London, for £2,000. The Inn had been tenanted by Edward Ponten and George Russell successively, and at this time was held by Robert Rose. The mortgaged property also included *inter alia* the half of Barn Close and of Picked Close, the Holman Leaze acre, and the $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres in Fforleaz, all of which had usually been and were then let with the Inn, half of the tithe brand and of three messuages adjoining the Inn, tenanted by William Spratley, Smith and Higgs, lately newly built.

Seven years later he also mortgaged to her for £600 *inter alia* a cottage in North Town Cookham, formerly in the possession of Matthew Saunders and then of Thomas Alloway, a barn on the ground let to Saunders, then in the possession of Thomas Binfield, and all the tithes of Cookham parsonage.

On September 14th, 1703, only a small portion of the mortgage money had been repaid, and the amount due stood at £2,500.

In 1705 William Cherry died, and his two executors, Charles Austin of St. Clements Danes, London, gent., and Matthew Holden of Shottesbrook, gent., afterwards repaid the greater portion of the outstanding money, so that by Feb. 6th, 1706, only £608 2s. remained. William Cherry bequeathed to the said Charles Austin and Matthew Holden the tithe barn at North Town, his portion of the tithes of Mrs. Rowes Tithing in Cookham, and his half portion of the properties in Cookham in their occupation, and of the Corn Market and granaries, to sell or mortgage them in order to raise the money to pay off this mortgage, and any surplus was to go to his son and heir, Francis Cherry of Shottesbrook and White Waltham (bap. 1666, d. 1713).

Accordingly on Nov. 15th, 1706, James Hayes of Holyport, Bray, son-in-law to the deceased William Cherry by marriage with his daughter Ann (d. 1709), cleared off the mortgage by paying the remaining £608 2s. to Widow Mary Hobby and took over from her the premises; and at the same time the executors confirmed all the property to him by deed.—HERBERT C. ANDREWS.

* The details hereafter are gathered from a Deed of Assignment by Mary Hobby to James Hayes, 1706.