

THE CHANTRY COMMISSION OF 1547 AND SOME UNPUBLISHED CHANTRY RECORDS FOR EAST GRINSTEAD

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Among J. E. Ray's collection of all the Sussex Chantry Records he could trace, published by the Sussex Record Society (vol. 36, 1931), there is no document showing how the Commissioners appointed by the Chantries Act of 1547 (1 Ed. VI c.14) collected their information. However, among the Gage Muniments in the care of the Sussex Archaeological Trust at Barbican House is a complete return for the parish of East Grinstead, dated 19 March 1548 (G 6/63). It is of interest as showing that 19 questions were sent out, the answers to which formed the basis of Certificates 49 and 50 (parts III and IV of Ray's collection). The wording of the questions can easily be inferred from the text of this document, which is printed below in full. It consists of five sheets of paper sewn together to form a scroll six feet long, a little worn at the top, and seems to be a contemporary copy of the original. Its connection with the Gages is not clear, but they held land in East Grinstead at least as far back as 1497¹ and some of the chantry properties lay at one time in their manor of Maresfield.

The text of the Particulars for Grants of the East Grinstead chantry properties is also printed here for the first time (P.R.O. E318/1904). The two documents together provide a good deal of new information about the East Grinstead properties, made the more welcome by the unfortunate lacunae in the relevant part of the text of Certificate 49². Some other unpublished material has been used in the Commentary which follows these texts.

In transcribing the documents I have for convenience expanded contractions, substituted Arabic for Roman numerals and consistently used capital letters for proper names. In the certificate I have divided Article 3 into paragraphs and introduced parentheses at one point. I have omitted the headings 'The certyficate to the first Article', etc., numbering them in bold type instead, and reduced such formulae as 'the 6 daye of marche in the 6th yere of the Reign of our late sovereign lord kyng Henry the VIII' to '6 Marche 6 Henry VIII', adding the dominical year, new style, in square brackets. The Particulars I have translated into English. Marginal notes in the original are in square brackets, introduced by *mg.*

¹ *Calendar of Inquisitions post Mortem, Henry VII*, vol. 1, no. 1160.

² S.R.S., vol. 36, p. 44.

The following abbreviations have been used in the notes:

S.A.C. *Sussex Archaeological Collections.*

S.R.S. *Sussex Record Society's Publications.*

V.C.H. *Victoria County History of Sussex.*

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For the East Grinstead chantry records already in print and for the historical situation which produced them the reader is referred to *S.R.S.*, vol. 36 and its editor's Introduction.

THE CERTIFICATE

The certyfycate of Sir William Jonnes Curate of the parishe of Estgrinsted in the Countie of Sussex and of Edward Duffeld and Edward Hasylden Church wardens of the seid parishe and of Thomas Duffild Thomas Saxpes John Cooke and John Crips 4 of the Auncyent substancyalle men of the seid parishe of Est Grinsted onto the bill of Articles sent unto them by the kyngs majesties Commyssoners made 19 Marche 2 Edward VI [1548].

1. Ther ys not nor was within 5 yeres next before 4 November last past within the seid parishe of Estgrinsted any college Chauntry nor freechapell but that the lord Wynyngton hathe a Chapell ther within the seid parishe whiche chapell ys called Brambletye [. . .]¹ yt a chauntry within this 3 yeres and Sir Edward Stevinson clerke did serve ther by the space of 6 yeres and had payed to hym by the farmor of Brambletye 26s. 8d. yerely whiche chapell standeth a myle and a half from the seid parishe churche of Est Grynsted.

2. Item no londs tenements nor heredytaments were appointed to the fynding of any prest within the seid parishe of Estgrynsted and wherewith any prest hath byn mayntayned or founde at any time within the seid yeres.

3. No Anuall rents profyts nor emoluments at any tyme within the seid 5 years hath byn employed towards the fynding of any stypendary prest intending by any wrytyng to have contynuaunce for ever but only as hereafter ensueth.

That ys to say Rychard Lewknor about 40 yeres past having feoffies to his use willed by his last will that the revercyonn of all his londs rents and tenements by hym purchased called Boylys Harwards & Brokehurst lying in the parishe of Estgrinsted after the death of his wife shuld holly remayne & stande in the hands & possession of his feoffies thereof and of their heirs and assignes to the use and intent that of the issues and profyts thereof 10 marks shuld be expended by thadvise of his feoffies their heirs & assignes for the fynding and sustenaunce of one honest prest yerely to sing for his soulle and the soules named in the seid will in our Lady

¹ Holes in paper, three or four words missing.

Chauncell within the seid church of Estgrinsted and the resydew thereof to be expended ther in other good deeds for the welth of his soule and the church wardens of the same church for the tyme being to have the over sight thereof that yt be trewly don and executed and that new feoffies shuld be made thereof to other 12 feoffies to the soul use and intents as often as yt shuld fortune that there shuld be no more feoffies lyving but 4 (and yf ther shuld be any default in any of the seid church wardens in or of the premysses that then the seid issues and profyts to be expended for the fynding of an honest priest yerely to sing in the church of Horsted Kaynes for ever) whiche prest ys & during the seid 5 yeres hath byn founde with the rents and profyts of the seid londs and tenements and Sir Raffe Monuley clerk ys he that now serveth and by the space of 18 yeres or thereabout now last past hath served according to the seid last will.

THE RENTALL OF THE SEID LONDS RENTS AND TENEMENTS CAULLED BOYLYS HARWARDS & BROKHURST

The seid londs caulled Boylys ys a messuage and an hundred acres of lond medow pasture & wood by estymaconn and ys in the tenure of John Humffry for the yerely rent of £5.11s. to hym made by Indenture bering date 6 Marche 6 Henry VIII [1515] by Rychard Elyot juge at the commen lawe and after to have and to hold from the feast of the Annuncyaconn of our blisshed Lady St. Mary the virgyn last past for 99 yeres then next following.

The seid londs called Harwards ys 50 acres lond medow & pasture by estymaconn whereof parcell that ys to saye 5 croftes (2 be caulled Chaynyes crofts and the other 3 be caulled Grenings mede) and a litle medow plott sumtyme more adioyning to the greatest croft caulled Grening mede be in the tenure of Edward Goodwyne whiche seid parcels of lond contayne by estymaconn 21 acres for the yerely rent of 16s. by lease by indenture to hym made bering date 9 Marche 23 Henry VII [1508] by Thomas Brent & other to have & to hold from the feast of thannuncyaconn of our blisshed lady for 51 yeres then next following and an other parcell of the seid londs called Harwards contayning by estymaconn 14 acres ys in the tenure of William Kypping by lease by word for the terme of — yet enduring for the yerely rent of 14s. 9d. and the resydew of the seid londs called Harwards contayning by estymaconn 15 acres is in the tenure of John Nortone by lease by word for the terme of — yeres yet enduring for the yerely rent of 22s. 1d. whiche seid leases were graunted to the seid William Kypping and John Nortone at the feast of St Mychaell tharchaugell 27 Henry VIII [1535] by Robert Duffeld & Thomas Saxpes with other.

The londs caulled Brokhurst ys 40 acres of lond & wood by estymaconn and is in the tenure of Thomas Duffeld for the yerely rent of 38s. ½d. by Indenture to hym made bering date 22 December

22 Henry VIII [1530] by Humfrey Lewkenor & Edward Markwik to have & to hold from thannunciattonn of our lady then next ensuyng for 60 yeres then next following.

Sum..	£10	2	3½
Whereof payed yerely as followeth:			
To the seid Sir Raffe Monuley for his wage..	6	13	4
For the quit rent for the seid londs caulled Boylys to the manor of Brambletye 18s. and 4 barbed arrowes which cost yerely 16d...	19	4	
For the shere fyne for the seid londs caulled Boyles ..	4		
For Hundred sylver for the seid londs ..	4		
For quit rents for the seid londs called Harwards to the manor of Brambletye ..	8	4	
For the shere fyne of the seid londs called Harwards ..	3		
For quite rent for the londs called Brokhurst to the manor of Welldenn ..	6	8	
For quit rent for parcell of the seid londs called Brokhurst to the manor of Brambletye ..	1	2	
For the shere fyne of the seid londs called Brokhurst ..			2½
Sum..	8	9	11½
So rest declare ..	1	12	4

Also John Haullet A.D.1479 by his last will graunted and confirmed to the Fraternyte of St. Katheryn of Eastgrinsted as he then named in his seid will thre parcell of lond with their appurtenances in Estgrinsted aforeseid whereof 2 of them be joyntly and one of them was then called Northfeld and the other Barrow and the thirde parcell severed called Highams crofte to Celybrate contynually and for ever for the brothern and sustern of the seid fraternyte as he then named in his seid will But we saye that yt was never known to any that ther was any suche fraternyte of St. Katheryn or any other fraternyte in Estgrinsted aforeseid by any foundaconn but sume tyme the parisheoners had in sume yeres a masse and dyrige for the brothern and sustern of St. Katheryn as they then called yt and gave to power folks certein almesse out of the rents of the seid londs but any congregaconn or gathering together or other act donn concerning any fraternyte or brotherhed hathe not byn donn nor made in the seid parishe of Estgrynsted at any tyme within the seid 5 yeres. But Edmund Alfrye jentleman and Edward Goodwyne and dyverse other sens 20 Henry VIII [1528-9] were and yet be seased of certen londs and tenements to them and to their heiers and of their devoconn have ons in one yere within the seid 5 yeres bestowed 5 marke of the rents and profyfts of the seid londs and tenements towards the fynding of a prest in the seid parishe of Estgrinsted to sing masse and help serve in the seid church.

THE RENTALL OF THE SEID LONDS AND TENEMENTS OF THE SEID JOHN HAWLLAT

The seid londs and tenements of the seid John Hawllats be now in the tenure of Thomas Bamber for the yerely rent of 12s. by lease by Indenture to hym made bering date 18 October 29 Henry VIII

[1537] by Edmund Alfrye and other to have and to hold for 13 yeres then next following.

Whereof payed out yerely

To the manor of Waldhyll for a quit rent for parcell of the seid londs	6d.
To the manor of Canserne for a quit rent for parcell of the same londs	8
Summa	1 2
So rest declare	10 11

4. No lands tenements heredytaments profyts or other things have byn by any convayaunce appointed to the fynding of a prest for yeres yet having contynuance nor any prest hath byn founded within the seid 5 yeres with any suche londs tenements heredytaments or any other things.

5. No londs tenements nor heredytaments have byn employed holly to the fynding of any Anyversarye obbyte light lamp or other like intents or purposes for ever which hath byn kept within the seid 5 yeres.

6. No parte of any Issues of londs were appointed to the intent aforeseid for ever but only for the fynding of the seid prest as ys aforeseid in the certyficate to the 3rd Article and the greatest sume of money that was employed to the fynding of the seid prest in any one yere within the seid 5 yeres was £6.13.4d.

7. No summes of money nor profyts by any maner [of] convayaunce were appointed to have contynuance for ever by any corporaconn gild fraternyte company or fellowship of mysteris or craftes towards the fynding of any prest Anyversary light lamp or other like thing within the seid parishe of Estgrinsted.

8. No brotherhed gyld nor fraternyte ys nor was within the seid 5 yeres within the seid parishe of Estgrinsted nor no londs nor tenements nor heredytaments are belonging to any suche brotherhed gyld or fraternyte.

9. No Chantry gyld nor fraternyte hath kept any grammar scole or precher in the seid parishe of Estgrinsted sens the feast of St Mychell last past.

10. No Salary nor Stipend to any Scolemaster or precher hath byn payed sens the seid feast.

11. No College frechapell nor chantry nor any other annexed to any of them being a parishe churche ys in the seid parishe of Estgrinsted and in the seid parishe of Estgrinsted is about the number of 600 howseling people.

12. The seid Towne of Estgrinsted ys a Borrough Towne and a market Towne and the parishe ys a great cyrcuyt and breadeth and there ys no more stypendary prestes as yt appeareth in the certyficate to the 3rd Article and ther ys of howseling people about the number of 600 as ys aforesaid and no other prest ther ys but Sir William Jonnes Curate ther and the foreseid stypendary prest which

dothe help to serve the Cure at all tymes when nede ys and because the seid towne is so great and of such a multytud as is aforeseid therefore ther is necessyte of more prests than the seid too prests.

13. Ther ys no incumbents nor stypendary prests other than ys afore specyfyed and the seid Sir Raffe Monule ys of thage of 60 yeres and above and ys suffycyently lerned to do the service and is of good and honest conversation and hathe no yerely lyving in certente nor other wise over and besyde his foreseid wage of £6.13.4*d.* nor ys he not able to serve any cure and the foreseid Sir William Joones ys of thage of 60 yeres or therabout and ys suffycyently learned to serve the cure and he hath no yerely lyving in certente nor other wise but only his wages for serving of the cure.

14. No money nor other profytts hath byn paied any tyme to any power person within the seid 5 yeres out of any of the premisses otherwise than herebefore ys rehersed in the certyfycat to the third Article.

15. No londs nor tenements in the seid parishe of Est-grinsted hath byn gevin to any fraternyte brotherhed or gyld for the mayntenance of any jutts peers or Sowks against the Rage of the Sea havin or Creks.

16. No goods catalls plate jewells ornaments nor other moveables were belonging to the seid stypendary prest within the seid parishe of Estgrinsted but the seid curate sayeth that ther was a chalice at Bramblety a yere and a half agone.

17. No dette nor dew by any College within the seid parishe of Estgrinsted for ther was no College ther.

18. The summe of all the seid londs tenements and Rents and the particulers thereof and the yerely chardgs & resoluts thereof and the remaynders thereof do appere in the severall Articles beforeseid but nother the same remaynders nor any of the londs aforeseid shall come to the kyngs majesties hands as we intend the statut¹ and no copyholders nor Customarye were gavin to any of thuses or intents aforeseid.

19. No Sale gyfts of goods spoyle nor voluntary wast of any of the premisses have byn made sens 24 November 37 Henry VIII [1545] [. . .]² yt appereth ther remayneth yerely declare of revenews of the foreseid londs and tenements over and above all the foreseid yerely chardgs and payments 43*s.* 2*d.* whiche seid 43*s.* 2*d.* and more ys & hathe byn yerely expended in and uppon the Reparacons of the parishe Church of Estgrinsted.

NOTE: There must evidently have been some kind of special inquiry between the sending in of these answers and the production of Certificate 49 (on which the following Particulars are based), for full

¹ The last ten words are underlined and marked in the margin. 'Intend' is used in its sense 'understand.'

² Illegible word.

details are given in both of the Fraternity's properties glossed over in article 3 above. No records survive but the vagueness of this return and the rather defiant tone of article 18, marked by our copyist, would seem to call for further investigation.¹ Maybe the Commission which took depositions on Brambletye Chapel at about this time (mentioned at a similar commission in 1567² but otherwise unrecorded) also looked into the Fraternity.

THE PARTICULARS

COUNTY OF SUSSEX: SALARY OF A CERTAIN PRIEST WITHIN THE CHANTRY OF ESTGRINSTED

LANDS & possessions pertaining to the said Salary.	Worth in
RENT or Farm of one messuage and a hundred acres of land, meadow, pasture and wood in the tenure of John Humfrey called Boyles <i>per Annum</i>	£5 11 0
[<i>mg</i> : In chief for ——. <i>The rest marked in free socage.</i>]	
RENT or Farm of one parcel of land called Harwards containing by estimation 21 acres now or late in the tenure of Edward Goodwyn <i>per Annum</i>	16 5
RENT of one parcel of land called Harwards containing by estimation 14 acres now or late in the tenure or occupation of William Kypping <i>per Annum</i>	14 9
RENT of the rest of the land called Harwards now or late in the tenure or occupation of John Norton <i>per Annum</i>	1 2 1
RENT of certain land called Brokhurst containing 40 acres now or late in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Dulffelde <i>per Annum</i>	1 18 0½
	[Total] 10 2 3½

Reprises:

RENT resolute to the manor of Brambletye for the land called Boyles with 16 <i>d.</i> for the price of 4 barbed arrows <i>per Annum</i>	19 4
RENT resolute to the lord the King for shire fine ³ for Boyles.. .. .	4 4
RENT resolute to the lord the King for rent going out of the same called ' Hundreth Sylver ' <i>per Annum</i>	4 4
RENT resolute to the lord Windsor to the manor of Brameltie for the land called Harwards <i>per Annum</i> ⁵	8 4

¹ Perhaps that is why this Certificate was ever preserved.

² S.R.S., vol. 36, pp. 184f.

³ Comitatus fine.

⁴ These sums crossed out with illegible note.

⁵ Illegible note in margin.

RENT resolute to the lord the King for rent called 'Sherffyne'	3	1
RENT resolute to the aforesaid manor of Brameltie for the land called Brokehurst <i>per Annum</i>	1	2
RENT resolute to the manor of Welde for the same land <i>per Annum</i>	6	8
RENT resolute to the lord the King going out of Brokehurst called 'Sherfine' <i>per Annum</i>	2	$\frac{1}{2}$ ¹
[Total]	1	16 $7\frac{1}{2}$

[This sum crossed out and replaced by]

	1	15	6	²
AND IS WORTH CLEAR BY THE YEAR ..	8	5	8	
[This sum crossed out and replaced by]	8	6	9	$\frac{1}{2}$

'20 yeres purchas' 166 15 10

Executed by me Anthony Stringar.

COUNTY OF SUSSEX: FRATERNITY OF SAINT KATHERINE IN
ESTGRENESTEDE

LANDS & possessions pertaining to the said Fraternity³. Worth
in

RENT or Farm of one tenement or inn called 'the
sygne of the George' in Grenestede with divers lands
pertaining to the same now or late in the tenure or
occupation of William Partriche *per Annum* .. £4 0 0

RENT or Farm of one tenement called Myes there
with the lands pertaining to the same *per Annum* .. 3 6 8

RENT or Farm of one tenement and certain lands
called Lynes in Grenested and Hertford⁴ *per Annum*.. 1 11 8

[mg. against these three items £8 18 4

'At 20 yeres purchas' 178 6 8]

RENT or Farm of one burgage in Estgrinsted now
or late in the tenure or occupation of Edward Duffelde
per Annum 10 0 0

RENT or Farm of two cottages below the said
burgage⁵ now or late in the tenure or occupation of
John Langeridge *per Annum* 7 0 0

RENT or Farm of one messuage & garden outside
the borough of Grinsted now or late in the tenure of
Thomas Duffelde *per Annum* 2 0 0

¹ These sums crossed out with illegible note.

² i.e. discounting the fines crossed out above.

³ All marked in margin *In free socage*.

⁴ *sic (recte Hartfield)*.

⁵ *Infra dict' burgag'*. Possibly error for *Infra dict' burg'*: *Within the said Borough*.

RENT or Farm of land called Huckefelde there <i>per Annum</i>	2	0
[<i>mg. against these four items</i>	£1	1 0
At 10 yeres purchas'	10	10 0]
RENT or Farm of a tenement there called Sandhill [<i>mg. 'At 20 yeres purchas' £1]</i>	1	0
RENT Annually going out of Shepards or Skarletts now or late in the tenure of Thomas Ludede.	3	4
[<i>mg. 'At 20 yeres purchas £3 6 8]</i>		
RENT or Farm of one garden called Welches in the tenure of John Kypping <i>per Annum</i>		8
RENT or Farm of land called Daniels now or late in the tenure of Thomas Sponer <i>per Annum</i>	1	0
RENT or Farm of land called Hye Ridds now or late in the tenure of Thomas Bramber <i>per Annum</i> ..	12	0
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[<i>mg. against these three items</i>	13	8
At 20 yeres purchas'	£13	13 4]
	10	17 4

RENT resolute to — Alfreis to the manor of Nelond going out of the garden called Welches in the tenure of John Kypping *per Annum* 3½

[*mg. 'At 20 yers rated at 5 10]*
 AND IS WORTH CLEAR BY THE YEAR .. 10 17 0½
 'Memorandum that the Fermours is bound to beare all other chargs than is before reprised.'

T[. . .]¹ £206 16 8
 [. . .] 5 10
 [. . .] 206 10 10

Executed by me Anthony Stryngar.

[*What follows is in English]*

14 February 3 Edward VI
 [1549] for Richard Goderyk
 Esquier Attorney of the Court
 of Augmentations.

The clere yerelic value of the
 premisses .. £19 3 10

Which rated at the several
 rates above remembered
 Amounteth to .. 373 6 8

To be paide all in hand.

The Kinges Majesty to Dis-
 chardg the purchaser of all in-
 cumbruncs except leases and
 covenantes in the same and ex-
 cept the renttes before allowed.
 The tenure as is above per-
 ticerly expressed.

The purchaser to have this-
 sues from Michellmas last.

¹ This part torn and illegible.

The purchaser to be bounde
for the woddess.

The Leade belles and ad-
vovusions excepted.

By Sakevyle. Wa: Mildmay. Robt Keylwey.
per Thomas Wrenne.

NOTE: The sale of these properties on 15 May 1550 to Thomas Reve of London, gent., John Johnson of London, fishmonger, and Henry Herdson of London, skinner, is recorded in the *Patent Rolls: Edward VI*, vol. 3, pp. 374f., 384f. No new information is added to the above except that Boyles is to be held of the king in chief by service of 1/40 of a knight's fee; the rest are to be held of the king as of the Manor of East Greenwiche by fealty only in free socage. They passed straight to Sir Richard Sackville¹ and were all (except Boyles) included among that family's lands surveyed at the end of the century in the *Buckhurst Terrier* (published by the Sussex Record Society: vol. 39, 1933). By then, however, they were not clearly distinguished from properties acquired from other sources, as any attempt to correlate the *Terrier* with these Particulars shows.]

COMMENTARY

1. BRAMBLETYE. This Chapel, dedicated to St Mary,² dated back at least to the reign of Edward I (1272-1307)³, but according to Certificate 50⁴ it 'was desolved by the Lorde WyndSOR within this thre or foure yeres who denieth the same to be the kings'. No doubt that was also the sense of the worn part of article 1 in our certificate and Lord Windsor's anticipation of the course of events the cause of the Commission mentioned in the note above. The matter was raised again in 1561-2 when Thomas Cheyne the farmer of Brambletye was called to answer the Attorney General⁵ but he adds nothing to what we know from the published records, of which the most detailed are the depositions taken in 1567⁶, by which date the Chapel was in ruins. However, a field name Chapel Croft persisted until at least 1865⁷, south of the present farm buildings at Brambletye. The chalice mentioned in article 16 was tracked down in an official return four or more years later⁸.

¹ S.R.S., vol. 39, p. xviii.

² S.R.S., vol. 19, p. 59 (1523).

³ S.A.C., vol. 9, pp. 371ff.

⁴ S.R.S., vol. 36, p. 57.

⁵ P.R.O. Duchy of Lancaster Pleadings, DL1/44 A.8.

⁶ S.R.S., vol. 36, pp. 183-6.

⁷ Auction Particulars, Brambletye Estate, 1865.

⁸ S.R.S., vol. 36, pp. 124f.

2. LEWKNOR'S CHANTRY. Richard Lewknor's will does not survive and the relevant part of the inquest on him¹ 'is so rubbed and faded as to be almost unintelligible; but it appears that the will was found to have been tampered with, or a new one forged'. Some of its terms are mentioned in the will of his wife, Lady Katherine Gray², but not those relating to the Chantry. However, the inquest mentions Boylyas, Herwerdes and Brokeherst amongst other properties and their being granted to Thomas Brent, clerk, William Eliot, gent., and others. Thomas Brent, mentioned in the certificate as one of the feoffees in 1506 and 1508, was also one of Lady Katherine Gray's executors and must be Thomas Brent, LL.D., Dean of South Malling 1481-1515³. Nothing relevant is known of the other feoffees mentioned.

No name is given to this chantry in the certificates but in 1580 Brokherst is described in a lease as 'sometime parcel of the dissolved Chantry of St Mary in East Grinstead'⁴. An altar of St Mary is mentioned in 1416⁵ and Lady Katherine Gray willed to be buried 'afore our Lady in the chauncell of the north yle in the parisshe church', perhaps where her husband's priest celebrated.

The names of the properties survive to this day (Harwards as Harwoods). The manor of Welldenn or Welde is the same as Waldhyll mentioned in the rental of John Haullet's lands, also known as Wallhill, Weild or Ashurst Wood⁶.

The Lewknor chantry at Horsted Keynes was called Brodehurst⁷. The sense of the reference in article 3 must be that it was to be augmented with the East Grinstead bequest if the latter were maladministered.

3. THE FRATERNITY OF ST KATHERINE. John Haullet's will has not survived and he is not otherwise known, though he seems to be a member of a family which give its name to Howletts or Owletts Farm, a mile north of the fields named here, which lie on the north side of the lane from Ashurst Wood to Cansiron, just by Grove Farm. They can be identified from map XXXIX of the *Buckhurst Terrier* (in the text of which they are associated with the Priory, Hurts and Oldlands at Forest Row, an example of the inclusion of non-chantry properties noted in the note to the Particulars above⁸). The incorrect balancing of the rental, like the

¹ 10 June 1506 (*Calendar of Inquisitions post Mortem, Henry VII*, vol. 3, no. 814).

² 9 May 1505; extracts in S.R.S., vol. 42, pp. 222-32.

³ S.A.C., vol. 26, p. 81.

⁴ Muniments of the Sussex Archaeological Trust, RF 12/24.

⁵ S.R.S., vol. 42, p. 225.

⁶ *Feet of Fines* (S.R.S., vol. 19).

⁷ See S.R.S., vol. 36, pp. 8, 29, 52f., 155.

⁸ However, in 1546 the Churchwardens of East Grinstead paid 7*s.* rent for them to the Manor of Maresfield (Rental in Rev. W. Budgen's notebook F5 at Barbican House, Lewes).

differences between the documents printed here and Certificates 49 and 50, is probably to be attributed only to the vagaries of 16th century arithmetic.

The Fraternity is first mentioned in 1419, when its chaplain appears in the Clerical Subsidy¹, three years after we first hear of an altar of St Catherine in the parish church². As late as 1500 John Brether, a former Vicar of East Grinstead, by his will³ bequeathed to 22 feoffees (including Sir George Revett (? the Fraternity's chaplain), Richard Lewkenor of Brambletye and Edward Prymer the Vicar) a burgage and portland with their appurtenances which he had had by the gift and feoffment of Thomas Ryngare, the income from which was to be applied to the uses of the Fraternity from year to year. This is obviously the Ryngars of Certificate 49 and the burgage occupied by Edward Duffelde in the Particulars (the two documents evidently take the properties in the same order). Since this would be Sackville property in 1564, when a survey of the borough was made⁴, it can be readily identified as the burgage and portland still occupied by Edward Duffelde, the eastern half of the modern no. 68 High Street⁵. The messuage and garden called Attwods may perhaps be the same as the messuage and garden sold by John Atwode to Richard Cole in 1493-4⁶. Otherwise nothing is known of the earlier history of these properties, though most can be identified. Hye Ridds is John Haullet's bequest and the George the present Old Stone House⁷. Mayes, between East Grinstead and West Hoathly, Lines, on the border with Hartfield, and Scarletts, on the border with Cowden, retain their old names.

4. OMISSIONS. None of the 16th century records mentions the chantries provided for by William Helindale in 1326⁸, Thomas Leggy in 1357⁹ and John Brether in 1500¹⁰, or 'the almes house and londs therefore and for the fynding of thre poore men, specified and conteyned in my last husbandes will' mentioned by Lady Katherine Gray in her will and on her brass in the parish church.¹¹ One can

¹ S.R.S., vol. 36, p. 140.

² V.C.H., vol. 2, p. 11.

³ P.C.C. Moone f.2.

⁴ Printed and discussed in S.A.C., vol. 106, pp. 49-62.

⁵ Not as suggested in S.A.C., vol. 106, p. 62. (An example of the danger of using the *Buckhurst Terrier* as evidence for chantry properties).

⁶ *Feet of Fines* (S.R.S., vol. 23, no. 3297).

⁷ S.A.C., vol. 106, pp. 61f. For the bounds of the lands which went with it see S.A.C., vol. 24, pp. 223f.

⁸ Inquisition *ad quod damnum*, 19 Edward II, no. 116.

⁹ S.R.S., vol. 45, p. 432.

¹⁰ A burgage which he had had from William Partrich was to be sold and the money used to support a priest to pray for his soul and those of his neighbours and friends and of all the faithful departed. The Fraternity is not mentioned in this clause.

¹¹ See S.A.C., vol. 78, pp. 68-70. Cf. W. H. Hills, *History of East Grinstead* (1906), pp. 122-4.

only conclude that these benefactions either soon lapsed or never took effect at all.

5. PARISH AND PEOPLE. The ancient parish of East Grinstead (the present civil parishes of East Grinstead and Forest Row) covered some 24 square miles, so the complaints in Article 12 are understandable. The 600 communicants may be taken as the entire adult population, suggesting a total parish population of 1,000. This agrees well with the figure of about 1,150 for the decade 1571-80 which Mr P. D. Wood tells me he has tentatively calculated from the parish registers.

The lay people mentioned in these documents bear names so common locally in the 16th century that it is hardly possible to identify them confidently. Ralph Monuley and Edward Stevinson I have been unable to trace outside the published chantry material.¹ William Jones had been working in the parish as curate at least since 31 May 1542, from which date he frequently appears as a witness to wills². That he was curate in the modern sense (i.e. assistant) is proved by the fact that William Breten, admitted Vicar in 1529³, was still Vicar at the visitation in 1551⁴. The reason for his not being mentioned in the Certificate must be the licence granted in 1536 to William Breton, parson of Stower Provoste, Dorset, and Felgham, Sussex, to be non-resident in the said benefices and all others⁵, of which he held many⁶.

¹ S.R.S., vol. 36, pp. 56, 64, 145.

² S.R.S., vol. 42, p. 231.

³ Register A., Sherborne f.556 (Card Index of Sussex Clergy, Barbican House)

⁴ Card Index of Sussex Clergy.

⁵ *Calendar of State Papers, Henry VIII*, vol. 10, p. 239 (Card Index of Sussex Clergy).

⁶ *Alumni Cantabrigienses*.