

## STREAT.

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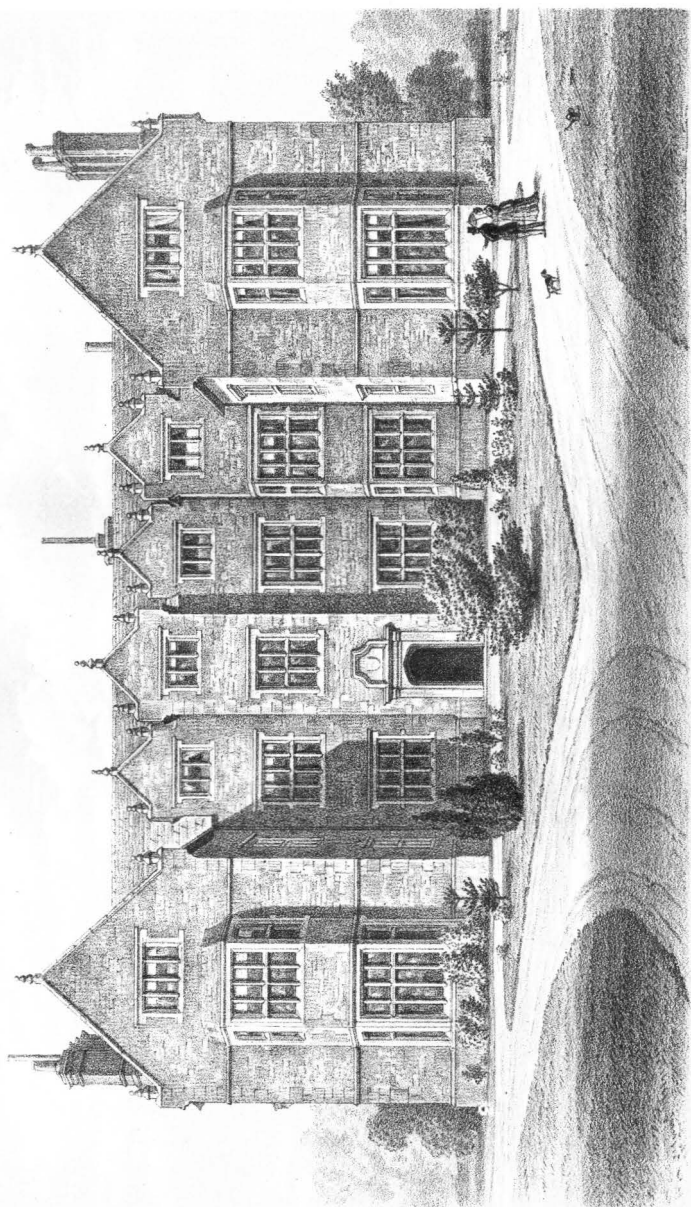
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The parish registers of Streat commence in the year 1561, and have been kept regularly down to the present time, with the exception of a few intervals which occasionally occur, but are in no case of sufficient length to make any great break in the series of names, and the registers therefore afford a good criterion of the period of time during which the various families mentioned in them have inhabited the parish. The longest interval is from 1579 to 1592 in the burials, but this does not occur either in the christenings or the marriages. The parish of Streat is of small extent, being about three miles in length and half a mile in breadth, and it has always been very thinly populated.

The Church is well placed, in the centre of the parish, and there are seven or eight houses near it, in addition to the Rectory, and School, and the old Manor House, which belonged to the Dobell Family, whose names appear in the registers from 1632 to 1796, when the estate passed by marriage into the hands of Dr. Lane. It was forsaken by the Dobells as a residence in 1734, and has since been inhabited by the tenants who have successively held the farm land surrounding it. When deserted by the owners many changes were gradually made in the interior. The hall, which occupied a large part of the centre of the house, was turned into a kitchen, the oak staircase was removed, and the sitting-rooms in the south wing were inconveniently separated from those on the other side, the only access to them being through the kitchen. The house has lately, however, been thoroughly restored and renovated as far as the ground and first floors are concerned. The hall is restored to its former dignity, and a handsome oak staircase leads from it to the bed-rooms, which have been re-arranged according to modern ideas of comfort.

The oak wainscoting, of which an account is given in a



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STONE MANTEL PIECE AT STREAT PLACE.

former volume of the Sussex Archæological Society (Vol. iv., p. 93), has been removed from a bed-room into one of the sitting-rooms. A curious old stone mantel-piece was found while the recent alterations were in progress, and has been placed in the hall. It has some quaint carving on the front, a drawing of which is here given. The stone is very coarse, but the carving is executed with spirit and precision. The engraving of the Manor House is from a photograph taken by Mr. Edwards, of Ditchling, within the last two years.

The Church possesses no features of archæological interest in the building, but it was well restored and enlarged twenty years ago by the patron of the living, H. C. Lane, Esq., with the co-operation of the rector, the Rev. Wm. FitzHugh, and the parishioners. There are two mural monuments in the north side of the nave in white and coloured marble, to the memory of some of the Dobell family, which are good specimens of the florid taste prevalent in the last century.

In the floor of the nave there are two iron tablets, which are interesting as being the productions of some of the old Sussex iron works. The letters are raised about one eighth of an inch, which renders the inscriptions remarkably clear and distinct. The smaller of the two has a moulding round it, the other is let into the floor without any border. One is to the memory of Sarah Saunders, daughter of Thomas Saunders, of Wadhurst, Gent., 1731; the other to the memory of Martha, relict of Peter Gott, Esq., and eldest daughter of Thos. Western, Esq., 1732; and of Thos. Gott, Esq., third son of Peter and Martha Gott, 1735; also of Robert, their son, 1714. "Their surviving issue are Maximilian, William, Martha, Elizabeth, Mary, and Sarah, unmarried. Elizabeth died August the 27th, aged 76."

The remaining houses in Streat are very scattered, and are chiefly occupied by cottagers, but many of them bear evidence from their appearance and internal arrangements of having been formerly farm houses in the days of small occupancies, and some were possibly the residences of gentlemen or small freeholders, as it may be gathered from the registers that in the 16th and 17th centuries, and even later, there were three or four families above the position of farmers residing in the place. Many persons now living in some of the adjacent

small parishes under the South Downs, where Streat is situated, are probably descendants of families of the same names, entries concerning whom occur frequently in the early registers, and some now living in Streat began their residence there in the beginning of the 17th century. Others seem to have left the place for a generation or two, and have now returned to it. The name of Scrase, formerly Scraes, appears as early as the year 1584, and a family of that name is now living in Streat. The first register book is of parchment, and has the following record on the outside page:—"A register of all those who have been chrystened, maryed, and buried, beginning in the third yeare of the raine of our Sovereaine Ladye Elizabeth, by the Grace of God, Queen of England, Fraunce, and Ireland, and defender of the Faith: Written out of the ould register by John Tyllinghaste, Mynister of the parish of Streat, in the yeare of our Lord 1598, being the 40th yeare of the raine of our Sovereaine Ladye the Queen." Signed by

" PICKNOLL,

" PARSON,

" Churchwardens."

On the other outside cover there is a long record, which is very much effaced, but appears to be a "Copy of a letter," containing an order "given under the great Seale of England," ordaining the more regular entering in a "parchment book" of those who are "Chrystened, Maryed, and buried." It bears the date of 1598.

The writing of these records, and of all the entries contained in this book, is in a very close German hand, and consequently the register of the various names is most difficult to decipher accurately. Mr. Tyllinghaste the elder died in 1624-5, and after an interval of a few years, during which the name of Mr. Inians appears as Rector, he was succeeded by his son, a second John Tyllinghaste. This gentleman was apparently ejected for a short time, during the Commonwealth, when the parishioners claimed the right of electing their own "Mynister," and a second Parliament book commences with a notice of that event. "Whereas the Inhabitants of Streat have elected Edward Walker to be Mynyster for ye sayde parish, these are to testify that ye sayde Edward is alowed of

by me (one of ye justices of ye peace for ye County of Sussex) to be Mynister of the sayde parish, in testimony whereof I sett my hand this 5th of July, 1654." Signed, H. Shelly.

The death of Edward Walker is recorded in 1657, and after that date the writing in the register is again in the hand of Mr. Tyllinghast the younger, who in 1662 was succeeded by the Rev. John Cittisen. He held the living till his death in 1721, when the Rev. Adam Sixsmith became Rector, and from that time the registers are more clearly written, and become less difficult to decipher. In 1768, and for three or four years after that date, the following memorandum is inserted below the record of each burial:—"Affidavit<sup>1</sup> in time." These notices cease in 1772, but for some years after that date the burial and baptismal entries are followed by either the word "nil," or the more satisfactory record of "Pd." These memoranda are not made, as might be supposed, in the cases of non-parishioners only, but at that time many of those persons who were buried and christened, and a still larger number of those married in Streat, appear to have been living in the adjoining parishes of Westmeston, Plumpton, or Chiltington. This may be accounted for by the fact that the families residing in these small parishes were often closely connected with one another, and that, at this particular time, possibly, one or more of the livings were held by the same Rector, so that the people often made use of either of the four churches which suited them best. The Rev. Jonathan Morgan, who was Rector from 1777 to 1815, left the following memoranda in the last page of one of the register books, which are of some interest as shewing the difference of prices in those days and the present:—"N.B. Wheat sold at 30 guineas the load in 1795." "Mem<sup>m</sup> in the year 1800 & 1801 Wheat at £42 per load. Barley 4 guineas the Q<sup>r</sup>. Hog pease £3: 15: 0 the Q<sup>r</sup>. Oats dear in proportion. Beef & Mutton 8<sup>d</sup> per pound. Cheese 11<sup>d</sup> per pound, and tub butter 15<sup>d</sup>." Signed

Jonathan Morgan,  
then Rector of this parish.

Mr. Morgan seems to have been fond of recording any circumstances which he thought worthy of note, but so small

<sup>1</sup> Of burial in woollen.

and retired a parish as Streat would not afford many opportunities for the indulgence of this taste. He mentions in one place the death of "Sarah Coley an old maid." In another is recorded that of "Elizabeth Hamshar a child of two years old drowned in a Whey Kettle." "James Tree of Pulborough a vagrant died in Streat Barn." This sounds rather interesting, as a family of that name had resided in Streat about 70 years previously, and, possibly, members of the family might have lived there more recently, so that James Tree hoped to find a better refuge than a barn to die in.

In the following list, which has been compiled from the registers of the names of most of the families mentioned in them, it has been thought best to arrange them in chronological order, beginning with the earliest date in the register at which the name appears, and placing opposite to such date the year after which the name disappears from the register.

The list is carried down to the year 1821, when the Rev. W. A. Fitz Hugh became Rector.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>First date.</i>	<i>Last.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>First date.</i>	<i>Last.</i>
Picknoll	1561	1700	Pakom, Peckham,		
Harris	1561	1714	Packham	1566	1789
Parish	1561	1565	ffriend	1566	1862
Alford	1561	1615	Skynner	1566	1576
Martin	1561		Hyde	1566	1629
Watkin	1562		Alye	1567	1571
Grover	1562	1568	Skott	1568	1636
Baker	1562	1642	Virgo	1568	1616
Shelley	1562	1572	Elsee	1569	1596
Butler	1562	1646	Pannett	1579	1725
Aytakers	1562	1619	Homewood	1579	1610
Paker, Packer ?	1562	1656	Bankes	1581	1596
Ashbee	1563	1710	Boakes	1582	1663
Waker, Walker ?	1563	1657	Scrass, Scrase	1584	1872
Pirkom	1564	1678	Kent	1588	
Hobbes	1564	1569	Beeth	1588	1622
Worgar	1564	1619	Parker	1592	1710
Harding	1564	1598	Collyn	1593	1615
Wimark	1564	1676	Leny, Leney	1595	1802
Cheale	1564	1759	Strong	1595	
Crawlye	1564	1658	West	1595	
Blaber	1564	1610	Payne	1596	1766
Lashmar, Lashmore,			Tyllinghast, Tilling-		
Lasshemer	1565	1627	hast	1597	1670
Lowe	1565	1602	Beadle	1598	1638
Norman	1566	1768	Jupp	1599	1817

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Pryor	1600	1640	Dennett	1633	1792
Pardon	1600	1654	Dollogg	1634	1640
Stone	1600	1612	Buzby, Bushby	1634	1694
Howell	1602	1612	Crosskyes	1634	1709
Mytton	1603	1729	Chowning	1634	1638
Parke	1603	1638	Morris	1636	1808
Osman, Hoaseman, Heasman	1603	1699	Wickerson	1637	1695
Weekes	1605	1663	Wiggons	1638	1737
Coppard	1606	1612	Soaper	1639	1716
Pytt	1606	1621	Mascall	1640	
Shawe	1609	1657	Braddle	1641	
Parson, Parsons	1610	1761	Tomsett, Townsett	1642	1802
Styddall	1612	1633	White	1642	
Wood	1612	1822	Buller	1643	
Wisdom	1612	1719	Pott	1643	1679
Huggate	1613	1620	Browne	1644	1734
Wright	1613		Plow	1646	
Pelling	1614	1641	Wardle	1647	
Harman	1614		Wallet	1648	
Towner	1615	1719	Yames	1648	
Cooper	1614	1617	Langdridge	1648	1794
Moss	1615	1657	Collvoll	1648	1657
Barndon	1615	1699	Hallett	1648	1687
Botting	1616	1696	Appleby	1655	1663
Verall	1617	1750	Farnden	1655	1668
Blackford	1618	1625	Waller	1655	1789
Waldo	1619		Vinall	1655	1706
Swane	1619	1727	Simmons	1657	1869
Snode	1621	1640	Shoulder	1659	1763
Gatland	1621	1821	Bristow	1661	1870
Byshopp	1622		Cid, Kid	1661	1663
Godly	1622	1640	Bradfor	1663	
Wakott	1622		Lavonder	1663	1828
Coxe	1623	1711	Scriven	1663	1665
Stanford	1624	1628	Page	1664	1819
Web, Webb	1624	1719	Chambers	1665	
Edwards	1627	1834	Banister	1668	1770
Sporling	1628		Heath	1670	
Burton	1629		Ouden	1670	1781
Squire, Esquire	1629	1793	Colman, Coleman	1670	1829
Ibbard, Ubbard, Obbard	1629	1639	Cooke	1670	1828
Moore	1629	1673	Waters	1672	1675
Chowne, Chune	1632	1735	Cittisen, Citizen	1674	1721
Dobell	1632	1796	Jessus		1681
foster	1632	1635	Mannings	1674	1716
Inians	1633	1636	Dobson	1674	1696
Peirce, Pierce	1633	1769	Broomfield	1678	1713
			Winton	1679	
			Mogs	1681	



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Turle	1683	1707	Green	1716	1718
Costen	1683	1745	Chappol	1716	1761
Marchant	1684	1829	Moore	1717	
Hooke	1684	1723	Cleggatt	1717	
Brooker		1872	Anscum, Anscolme,		
Beding	1685	1729	Anscomb?	1721	
Bankes	1683	1694	Constable	1721	1725
Knight	1690		Miles	1725	1824
Putland	1692	1730	Eager	1727	
Caw	1693		Hazelden	1727	
Jessup	1694		Heriot, Hyett,		
Potter	1695	1798	Herriot?	1728	1869
Logatt, Legatt	1695	1704	Sixsmith	1729	1734
Pinson	1695		Dumbrell	1730	1739
Beale	1695	1720	Chapman	1730	1805
Pritchott	1696	1735	Saunders	1731	1823
Bartholomew,			Gott	1732	1768
Bartlemore	1697	1850	Attree	1733	1778
Linfeld, Linvell,			King	1736	1863
Lindfield	1697	1732	Taylor	1736	1810
Roberts	1698	1704	Stephens	1736	1838
Coley	1698	1780	Fuller	1736	1826
Burtonshaw	1698	1713	Johnson	1737	1846
Sounden	1699	1721	Wade	1737	
Short	1700	1786	Ellis	1739	1824
Piper	1700		Gallup	1741	1761
Jenner	1701	1792	Terry	1741	1753
Holder	1701		Easton	1741	1750
Young	1702	1704	White	1741	1872
Whiteman	1704	1786	Cogger	1741	
Faulkener	1705	1798	Gear	1741	1813
Day	1705	1798	Welsh	1748	
Carter	1706	1808	Upton	1748	
Valentine	1708	1733	Hampton	1756	1777
Coltchin	1708		Atherel	1757	1807
Farncomb	1708	1745	Letman	1758	
Wickenden	1708	1720	Apps	1758	1763
Betchley	1709	1736	Brazier	1760	
fford	1710		Rowland	1761	1768
Kent	1710	1797	Randall	1762	
Savage	1710		Buckman	1764	1812
Tyler	1712		Cumber, Comber	1767	1844
Dutnell	1712	1741	Helmsley	1768	1872
Tree	1713	1787	Hawkins	1768	1786
Mitchell	1713	1783	Newnham	1769	1872
Chatfield	1714	1737	Richardson	1769	1872
Alcock	1714	1741	Morley	1772	1872
Burt	1715	1721	Souter	1773	1792
Burgess	1716	1784	Buckwell	1775	1806

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Hamshar	1776	1822	Short	1786	
Stapeley	1777	1835	Ede	1796	1799
Rule, Ruell	1777	1821	Hobden	1796	1823
Bates	1777	1824	Penfold	1798	
Cottingham, Cott	1780	1872	Denman	1799	1820
Hamper	1780	1872	Hodson	1801	1812
Morgan	1780	1822	Walder	1802	1862
Godman	1780		Nye	1803	
Stanford	1780	1783	Setford	1807	
Storer	1780		Smith	1807	
Fieldwick	1780		Boniface	1811	1864
Bignall	1781		Mathews	1811	1823
Hall	1782		Cornford	1812	1868
Hollingdale	1784		Trower	1814	1860
Gelly	1785		Nott	1815	1823
Stoneham	1785	1844	Grinsted	1821	1872
Ashdown	1785	1793	Hollamby	1821	1858

There is an old parish account book kept with the registers, which affords a record of the names of the Churchwardens during the latter part of the 17th and 18th centuries, and it is found that many who in those days held that office have now descendants among the cottagers living in Streat, most of the small farms which were then occupied by these persons being now merged in the larger properties. The following names of fields and houses are evidently derived from their former owners, who are mentioned in the registers, but these families have disappeared from the parish.

Skynner	.	.	.	.	1565.
Godly	.	.	.	.	1622.
Cid or Kidd	.	.	.	.	1661.
Pipers	.	.	.	.	1700.
Gallup	.	.	.	.	1741.
Gotts House, now pulled down	.	.	.	.	1732.

The spelling of some of the earlier names varies very much, as may be seen in the list. Worgar is perhaps the same name as Woolgar, still known in the neighbourhood.

There is a family of Obbard still living in Chiltington, and during the time that the name appears in the Streat registers it is spelt indifferently with I, U, or O, at the beginning. Squire and Esquire are spelt sometimes with or without the vowel.<sup>2</sup> Some of the Christian names are rather singular, and there is a degree of interest in observing the prevalence of a few favourite names in the earlier registers.

<sup>2</sup> Squire is the abridgement of Esquire.

The name of Joan, for instance, is met with much more frequently than any others for the first hundred years, and then disappears almost entirely. The other early favourites are Agnis, and Ane or Anne, Marjory or Margaret, Gillian, and Dorothy. Myrion occurs as a man's name, also Loury (Laurence) Griffin, and Dennis, which are now not common. There are very few Scripture names, and Pardon and Godly are the only ones which have a Puritanical sound, but the latter is an often-recurring surname in the early registers.

[The following is a correct list of the Rectors of Streat, copied kindly by Mr. S. Parsons from the List at Chichester. As the List given in Vol. iv., p. 98, is incomplete, it seems advisable to insert this List here, as it is not only more extensive, but presumably more accurate in all particulars.—There is a hiatus in the List between 1593 and 1662. An entry in the Register shows that John Tillinghast, the Elder, Rector, was buried March 16th, 1624. The name is never spelt in the Register Books with a final *e*. There is no record of a Rector between 1624 and 1632. There are records of "James Inians, Minister," from 1633 to 1636. In the beginning of the first Register Book there is a Latin entry of the Induction of John Tillinghast, son of John Tillinghast, on Sept. 29th, 1637.—EDITOR.]

DATE OF ADMISSION.	INCUMBENTS.	HOW VACANT.	PATRONS.
1439. August 6.	{ Dominus Walter. }	... ..	Sir Roger Fenys, Knt.
1441. July 29.	{ Robert Wymond. }	res. Rob. Wymond.	The same.
1478. ... ..	Peter de la Mare.	... ..	{ Sir R. Fenys, Knt. }
1481. Dec. 7.	Dns. Alexander.	... ..	{ Lord Dacre. }
1531. May 4.	William Graveson, cap.	... ..	{ Thomas Fynes. }
1555. Oct. 24.	{ John Cockerell. }	d. John Cockerell.	{ Lord Dacre. }
1560. ... ..	{ John Seigar, LL.B. }	dep. Wm. Thorlton.	Philip and Mary.
1589. Feb. 8.	{ William Thorlton. }	d. Thos. Gurner.	{ George Fines. }
1593. Dec. 18.	{ Robert Dowse, Cl. }	d. Wm. Lasshemer.	{ Lord Dacre. }
1662. Jan. 16.	{ Thomas Gurner. }	d. John Snell.	George Goryng, Esq.
1721. Dec. 1.	{ William Lasshemer }	... ..	The same.
1734. Jan. 10.	John Snell, Cler.	d. John Cittisen.	Willm. Dobell, Esq.
1735. Feb. 11.	John Tillinghaste, Cl.	d. Adam Sixsmith.	The same.
1760. August 4.	John Cittisen.	res. Edw. Wilson.	The same.
1777. Feb. 18.	Adam Sixsmith.	... Wm. Hampton.	The Bishop by lapse.
1815. April 1.	Edward Wilson, A.M.	cess. Rd. Bridger.	{ Thos. Lane and }
1821. July 18.	William Hampton, A.B.	... ..	{ Mary his wife. }
	Richard Bridger, A.M.	... ..	
	Jonathan Morgan.	... ..	
	{ William Henry }	d. J. Morgan.	Mary Lane.
	{ Campion, A.M. }	... ..	
	{ William Anthony }	d. W. H. Campion.	The same.
	{ Fitzhugh, A.B. }	... ..	

The account book contains some notices of briefs which may be interesting.

"On December 26, 1670. Collected then in the Pish of Streat one pound twelve shillings and eight pence, for the redemption of captives in Algiers."

"Decr. 29<sup>th</sup> 1672. Collected in the Pish of Streat seventy shillings and three pence for the repair of St. Pauls in London."

"July 7<sup>th</sup> 1689. Collected in the Pish of Streat two pounds two shillings and eight pence, for the relief of Irish Protestants."

"May 28<sup>th</sup> 1699. Collected in the Pish of Streat for the Briefe for the Vaudois twenty shillings."

"May 10<sup>th</sup> 1703. Collected in the pish of Streat towards *this* Briefe of Orange, eleven shillings and five pence."

It would appear from the tone of the entry and smallness of the sum that this briefe of Orange was not a popular cause with the inhabitants of Streat.

A page further on is filled by the following entry of orders for burials in woollen, after the Act of 30 Charles II., c. 3.

"A Register of all the Burials of the Pish of Streat made the first of December in the year 1678 by an order of parliament for the burying in Woollen.

"Judith Peckham, buried and brought an affidavit Nov<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1678 by Ann Jessus of Streat.

"Elizabeth Pott, buried & an affidavit brought by Edward Pott Nov. 1678."

With regard to these burials see Vol. xviii., S. A. C., p. 190.

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