

STEYNING MARRIAGES, &c., DURING THE COMMONWEALTH, 1653 TO 1658.

EXTRACTED FROM THE STEYNING PARISH REGISTERS.

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THE Little Parliament, "The Assembly for the remarkablest purpose who have ever met in the Modern World," passed an Act, which has been previously mentioned in the "S.A. Collections," as to the registering of marriages, &c. Hallam says the great number of dissenters from the established religion rendered it a very reasonable measure; anyhow the effect of it was to make Steyning a veritable marriage market, as the following copy of the Parish Registers from 1653 to 1658 will show. The entries are given as they occur in the Registers, in which they are not in strict chronological order.

Perhaps the power of the Protector was on the wane, or his death was being already anticipated, for the last entry on June 17, 1658, appears a somewhat defiant one. No further marriage entry is made until 1659, after which those entries which exist are few and undated for some time. Maybe the minister omitted to make the entries; maybe the good people of Steyning, following the Royal example of their restored King, omitted the ceremony.

Sussex: S—

These are to certifie all whome it may concern that Joseph Buckoll of Stenninge was on the 14th day of October 1653 sworne and approved of to be Register for y^e said parish before mee John Fagge, Esq^r, one of the Justices of the Peace for y^e said County. Given under my hand the day and yeare before menconed
John Fagge.

1653. Richard Searle and Elizabeth Tiler both of this Parish published 8: 15: 22 Oct^r. married 30th day.

1653. Edward Washer of this parish and Mary Tomson of New Shoram pub^d 13. 20. 27 Nov. married 27th day
Richard Whit & Mary Coxe both of this parish published 20. 27 Nov. 2 Dec^r. married 16 Dec^r.
John Woolvin of this parish & Ealce Michell of East Tarring published 9. 16. 23 of Dec^r. married 26 Dec^r.
Richard Turner of Bramber & Elizabeth Giles were published 27 Nov 9. 16. Dec^r. married 5 Jan.
1654. John Backshall & Ann Dimbelle pub^d. Feb. 12. 19. 26 married 28 Feb.
John Turner of this Parish & Mary Champion of Sounting were pub^d. 29 Jan. 5. 12. Feb. married 9 March.
John Whit of this Parish & Mary Crann of Worthing pub. 5. 12. 19 March married 27 March.
Edward Cornford of Southover & Elizabeth Pexley of this parish pub. 19. 26 March 2 April married 11th day.
Edward Post of Lancing and Elizabeth Hopkins of Sounting were published 15. 22. 29 March in Stenning Market married in Stenning 5th of April.
John Gravet & Jane French both of the parish of Finden were pub^d. 31 May 7. 14. June in this market.
John Bonat & Luce Houldin were pub^d. 9. 16. 23 April married 18 May
Richard Putock of Heanvell & Elizabeth Miller of this parish were pub^d. 25 June 2. 9. July.
Francis Bradford of Heanvell & Margaret Washer of this Parish were pub^d. 9. 16. 23 of July.

1654. Sussex. §

These are to testifie that I, John Fenwicke, Esq: one of the Justices of the Peace for the County by Vertue of an Act of Parliament bearing date the four and twentyth day of August in the yeare of o^r Lord one thousand six hundred fiftie and three Intituled an Act touching marriages and the registering thereof have marryed John Gatford & Mary Bennett both of this p^{sh} having been by Josepp Buckoll Register thereof three several Lords' days asked in the Church there as by his certificate to me delivered according to the said Act did appear. Witness my hand the nyne and twentyth day of May 1654

J: Fenwicke.

John Roberts of the parish of St. Clemans and Ann Middleton of this parish pub^d. 23. 30 July & the 6th of August.

Roger Vinall of Cuckfield and Ann Dungat of the parish of Worth pub^d. in this market 2. 9. 16 August.

William Hurl of this parish and Mary Jup of Washington published the 27 August & the 3. 10 of Sept^r.

John Hutson & Mary Plum both of this Parish published the same time.

William Giles of this parish & Mary Whitington of West Grinsted published on the 1st. 7. 14 of October.

Thomas Edaridge of Slinfould & Jane Penfould of Washington pub. three market days the 4. 11. 18 October.

1654. John Boacombe & Joanne Thoarnes both of this parish published 30th October & the 5 & 12 of November.

William Kichener & Susanna Woods both of this parish were published the 5th, 12th & 18th of November.

Edward Capon of Durington & Sarah Hopkins of this parish were pub^d. the 19th & 26th of Nov^r. & the 3rd of December.

Mr. Thomas Burrell of Cuckfield & Mrs. Joanne Nurham of Linfield were published in this market the 20 & 27 December & the 3rd of Januari.

Nicklos Cooper of this parish and Sarah Carter of Neue Shorrom were published the 10. 17. 24 December.

1655. John Judden & Elizabeth Boacombe both of this parish were published the 21. 28 Jan & 4 of Feb.

Richard Winsom and Ruth Dungat both of Facomb were published in this market 21. 28 March & 4 April.

William Morly & Timothy (*sic*) Wickhom both of Cookfield were published in this market 4th, 11th, 18th. April.

Robert Willkins & Joane Plant both of this parish were published the 6. 13. 20 May.

Abraham Pellam and Pollina Pellam of the parish of Cookfield were published in this market on 27 June 4. 11th July

Richard Patching & Mary Morle were published the 1. 8. 15 of July.

Richard Hoatten & Sarah Summers were pub. the 1. 4. 8 July.

John Booker of Horsham & Elizabeth Benbridge of this parish published 15. 22. 29 July.

John Mockford of Brighthelmston & Elizabeth Norden of Wiston were published in this market on the 22. 29 Aug & the fifth September.

Roger Carver of this parish & Elizabeth Gooring of Lewes in the parish of St. Michaels on the 26th Aug & 2 & 9 Sept^r.

Ralfe Whin of this parish & Barbary Gallup of Wiston were published the 11. 18. 25 October.

John Seale of this parish and Mary Penfull of Arondell were published the 21. 28 Oct^r. & 4 Nov^r.

Robert Carter & Ann Steargis both of this parish published 4. 11. 18 of Nov^r.

Edward Vinoll & Jane Blashat both of Cookfield pub^d. 14. 21. 28 of Nov^r.

1656. Richard Starr of Slindon & Elizabeth Bucher of Wikinholt were pub^d. the 5. 12. 19 of Feb.

Mr. Richard Killingbanke of Cookfield & Joane Wooldridge of the same parish pub^d. 12. 19. 26 Feb.

John Tishurst & Elizabeth Myles of the parish of Bolney published 14. 27 Feb & 5th March.

John Fairr of Washington & Margaret Stasall of Facome pub^d. 14. 27 Feb & the twentyth of March.

Henry Forster of Chichester & Elizabeth Holforde of Wiston pub. 12. 19. 26 March.

Edward Redley of the parish of Worth and Elizabeth Glluppe (*sic*) of Bolney published the same time.

1656. John Hurland & Mary Burtenshell both of the parish of Bolney were pub. 22 March 2. 9. April.
 Thomas Rankins of the parish of Kimer & Ann Newport of Linfield published 11. 18. 25 June.
 John Groomes of this parish & Elizabeth Whittington of the parish of Beeding were pub^d. 21. 28 May.
 Richard Pepper of the parish of Cookfield & Elizabeth Tomkins of the parish of Linfield were pub^d. 18. 25 June & the 2. July.
 Stephen Buckoll of Preston & Sarah Genner of Barcombe in Sussex were published 25 June, 2 & 9 July.
 M^r. Charles Blackwell, Minister of this parish and M^{rs}. Rebeccah Morle of the parish of Bersted both in Sussex were published the 2. 9, 16 July.
 M^r. John Benton of the parish of Kirford & M^{rs}. Ann Russell of the parish of Wiston were published the 16. 23. 30 July.
 John Lidbetter of this parish & Joane Swane of Bramber were published 23. 27. 30 July.
 Walter Lane of Preston & Joane Bridger of Lancing were pub^d. 23. 30 July & 6. August.
 John Watterman & Jane Blunden both of this parish were pub^d. 20. 27, July & 3 August.
 Richard Pockny & Jane Gravatt both of this parish were pub^d. 9 July 3 Aug & 10 August.
 William Vearall of Woodmancoat & Mary Gearing of the parish of Aburton were pub. 3. 10. 17 Sept^r.
1656. John Bushap & Susan Jonson both of the parish of Heanvell published the 10. 17. 24 September.
 John Gilbirte of the parish of Tarring & Elizabeth Tilly of Goring were pub^d. the 2. 8. 15 October.
 John Eazellgren of Aburton & Joane French of Washington were published 8. 15. 22 October.
 John Blackfan of this parish & Elizabeth Durrant of Petersfield were published the 8. 15. 22 October.
 John Pickham of Albourn & Mary Smead of Heanvell were pub^d. 22. 29 Oct^r. & 5 Nov^r.
 John Knowles & Mary Clarkson both of this parish were pub^d. 5. 12. 9 Nov^r.
 Richard Hylls of Goring & Susan ——— of this parish were published 22. 29 Oct^r. 5 of November.
 Walter Gattford of Wiston & Mary Harris of Shipley were pub^d. 12. 19. 20 Nov^r.
 Anthony Morey of Houghton & Elizabeth Chase of Tongmer published same time.
 Henry Whymark of this parish & Mary Ranalls of New Shoreham were published 12. 19. 26 Nov^r.
 Richard Tilly & Jane Pellatt both of this parish pub^d. ——— November.
 Edward Booker & Mary Winchester both of the Parish of Hove were pub^d. 31 Dec^r & 7. 14 Jan.
1657. William Boodley of Heanvell & Mary Thomas of Woodmancoat were pub. 7. 21. 28 Feb.

On a separate sheet are the following entries :

John Blackfan of Stenning & Elizabeth Durrant of Hamshear were married by Richard Knowles Justice of the Peace.

1656. Walter Gattford of Wiston & Mary Harris of Shiply were married the first day of 1656 by Edward Michell Justice of the Peace.

1656. John Knowles & Margaret Clarkson of the parish of Steaning were married the day of December by John Fagge Esq one of the Justices of the Peace of the said County in the presence of John Buckoll and Thomas Groome of the said parish of Steaning.

1657. Henry Whymark of Steaning & Mary Ranalls of New Shoram in the County of Sussex were married before John Fagge Esq : one of the Justices of the Peace in the said County with witnesses Henry Tomson & Richard Ranalls given under the hand & seale of the said Justice of the Peace the first of Jan. 1656 (1657)

1654. John Hutson of Steaning & Mary Plum of the same parish were married the 2nd day of October in the yeare 1654 by Edward Cooke one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Sussex in the presence of William Plum & Thomas Carter. Given &c &c.

1657. Richard Gatts & Margaret Durant both of this parish were married in the parish of Tarring in the County of Sussex by Edward Cooke Justice of the Peace for the said County in the presence of Edward Washer & Thomas Pratt both of the parish of Steaning on the 7th of May in the year 1657. Given under the hand & Seale of the aforesaid Justice of the Peace. published 25 March 5. 12 April.

Thomas Blunden & Ann Harvie both of this parish was married the 4th of May in the year 1657 by John Fagge Esq of Wiston in Sussex Justice of the Peace of the said County in the presence of Richard Patching & Joseph Buckoll both of the parish of Steaning given under the hand and Seale of the said Justice at Wiston.

1656. Charles Scardefield of the Parish of Poling & Mary Crach of the parish of Bersted were pub^d 25 Feb. 3 & 10 March 1656.

Thomas Blunden & Ann Harvie both of this parish were pub^d. 10. 17. 24 March 1656.

Gilbirte Addkins of the parish of Cowfold & Ann Charman of Shirmanbery pub. the same time.

1657. Richard Petters of Heanville and Susan Allen of Hove were published 1. 8. 15 April.

Thomas Terry & Margaret Snelling both of the parish of Heanvell were pub^d. 15. 22. 29 April.

Thomas Gattfell of Wiston & Elizabeth Dumbrell of ——— pub^d. 3. 10. 17 June.

Richard Pellat of this parish & Jane Compon of Wattersfield were pub^d. ——— & 5 July.

John Pellat & Ann Bearnard both of this parish were pub^d. 29 July. 5 & 12 August.

Edward Taby & Mary Coale both of the parish of Neutimber pub^d. 11. 17. 26 Aug.

1657. Thomas Annsley & Mary Horsley both of the parish of Heanvell were pub^d. 26 Aug 2. 9 Sept^r.

John Whymark of Heanvell & Ann Hydder of Woodmancoat were pub^d. 30 Sept^r. 7. 14. Oct^r.

Samuel Parson of Warnam & Mary Woolger of Horsom were pub^d. the same time.

Richard Legat & Elizabeth Newark both of this parish were pub^d. 11. 14. 21 October.

George Stoat & Joane Coxe both of this parish were pub. 14. 21. 28 October.

Richard Child of this parish & Rachell Bucher of Heanvell were pub^d. the 21. 28 Oct & 4 Nov^r.

Antony Sharlock & Mary Cafinge both of Heanvell pub. 28 Oct^r. 4. 11. Nov^r.

Antony Leech of Lancing & Elizabeth Watterman of this parish pub^d. 25 Nov^r. & 2. 9. Dec^r.

John Francis & Mary Runalls both of this parish pub^d. 9. 13. 16 Dec^r.

Henry Blackfan of Ashurst & Elizabeth Butcher of Heanvell pub 25 Nov. 2. 9. Dec^r.

Robert Bearnard & Sarah Bosell both of the parish of Chiltington pub 25 & 10. 17 Dec^r.

Henry Blackfan of Ashurst & Elizabeth Butcher of Heanvell were married by Richard Allen Minister of the parish of Ashurst given under his hand the 10th of Decembe^r 1657.

Mickall Parson of Ashurst & Tomsona Chizick of Facome (now Thakeham) were pub^d. 16. 23. 30 Dec^r.

1658. William Harris of Wiston & Elizabeth Roker of Heanvell were pub^d. the 10. 17. 24 Feb.

Thomas Jupp of Ashington & Sarah Richards of Liminster in Sussex were pub. 3. 10. 17 March.

Richard Lidbetter of this parish & Elizabeth Houard of Chichester were pub^d. 5. 12. 19 May.

John Washer & Elizabeth Tayeller both of this parish were pub. 17. 23. 30 May.

Thomas Penfould of Shiply & Ann Dufell of West Grinsted were pub^d. 26 May 3. & 9 June.

John Hooker of this parish & Izabell Standen of Kimer were pub. 17. 23. 30 May.

John Hooker of this p^{sh} & Izabell Standen of Kimer were married by Charles Blackwell Minister of Steaning in the said parish Church of Steaning on the 17th of June 1658.