

WM. HOLLAND, ALDERMAN OF CHICHESTER,  
AND THE STEYNING GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

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THE Founder of the Steyning Grammar School and a liberal benefactor not only to the town of Steyning, but also to many other places in West Sussex, Wm. Holland deserves—if not enrolment amongst the Worthies of Sussex—some fuller recognition than he has hitherto received, and to which his many good deeds have fairly entitled him.

Born in Steyning, the third son of Thomas Holland, he was left at the death of his father in 1558 but a very moderate fortune, as will be seen from the following abstract of Thomas Holland's will :

1558. Aug. 18. (Consistory of Chichester, Book IX., fol. 114).

“Thomas Hollande of Steynyng Co: Sussex. To be buried in the Church of Steynyng. I give unto Johan my wif Twentie pounds she to have as long as she is a widdowe unto me my house that I purchased of William a Woodd. I give unto Rycharde my Sonne Tenne pounds unto William my Sonne Tenne pounds unto Thomas my Sonne Tenne pounds unto John my Sonne the younger Tenne pounds unto James my Sonne Tenne pounds and my shopp that John Red hath been accustomed to Stand in Unto Annis my daughter wif unto Ric. Parson iiiij<sup>li</sup>. To Merstlye Nowl my servant xx<sup>s</sup>. The rest to my Eldest son John—Sole Executor—he to bring up John my Sonne the younger and James my Sonne. Richard Hollande of Shepley my brother and John Gravesend of Steynyng to be overseers.

“Witnesses: John Gravesend, John Johnson, Richard Boode.

“Proved at Chichester 29 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1558.”

It will be observed that Thomas Holland had two sons living named John.

At the death of his father, William Holland—then a young man—was thrown upon his own resources; he engaged in trade at Chichester,<sup>1</sup> amassing—in the

<sup>1</sup> In what trade I have been unable to ascertain. It will be noticed that there were three generations of Hollands mercers.

prosperous times of the reign of Elizabeth, one of England's greatest sovereigns—very considerable wealth, for in 1588 he contributed the comparatively large sum of £100 to the Spanish Armada Loan. He was thrice Mayor of the City of Chichester—in 1580, 1588 and 1597 (“Dallaway's Hist. of Sussex”). At his death he left upwards of £1,500 in legacies alone, a large sum in those days and equal to some eight or ten times the amount at the present time.

From the accompanying genealogical chart it will be seen that he married into the well-known Sussex family of Michell,<sup>2</sup> of Stammerham and elsewhere. He was the friend of John Cawley, of Chichester, and godfather to William Cawley, the regicide, founder of “Cawley's Alms Houses” at Chichester, and he matched his grand-nephew in marriage with the daughter of Henry Shelley, of Warminghurst.

Sir Richard Lewknor,<sup>3</sup> Knight, was “his friend,” and presumably that able lawyer advised him in the settlement of his will and of his charitable trusts, which, so far as Steyning is concerned, have come down unimpaired to the present day. That he was of somewhat advanced ideas and that he was charitable and careful for the wants of those around him during his life is shown, I conceive, by the tenor of his will and by its provisions for the continuance of his good works after his death.

His will (see Appendix A.), which, with its quaintly worded bequests, will be found of considerable local and also, I think, of some general and literary interest, was executed June 20, 1614, and breathes kindly feelings towards many of those mentioned in it; only a few days later his long and honourable life was brought to its close, for in the register of the parish of the Sub-Deanery at Chichester is the following entry:

“M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Holland was buried 12 July 1614.”

<sup>2</sup> “S.A.C.,” Vol. XII., p. 110, note 2.

<sup>3</sup> Sir Richard Lewknor, Serjeant-at-Law, Chief Justice of Chester, M.P. and Recorder of Chichester (“Berry's Sussex Gen.,” p. 130).



No tomb now marks his resting place. His duty done on earth he passed, we may hope, in "unspeakable peace" to his eternal rest.

Some of the manors named in the Inquisitio post mortem will be found described in Elwes and Robinson's "Mansions of Western Sussex." "Dunstalls" is still the name of land in the Steyning Laines. The well-known hostelry, the "Whitehorse," still flourishes in Steyning.

12 Jas. I. Pt. 1. No. 74. A.D. 1614. "Inquisition taken at Stopham in the County of Sussex 20 Sept<sup>r</sup> 12 Jas I. before Henry Lovelace Escheater after the death of William Holland gentleman by the oath &c. who say that the said William Holland was seized of one capital messuage one Water mill and certain lands meadows pastures and hereditaments in Rudgwick called Theale alias Myll farm Coppye Crofte alias Cobbes Crofte and Marles and of and in divers lands meadows &c in Rudgwick called Southhale and Barneffolde and of and in a parcel of lande called Cosens and one messuage and five acres lying by the highway leading from Rudgewick Church to Wanford Bridge and of another messuage called the Shopp lying by the Churchyard and of one barn and fifty five acres of land in Awfold (Alfold) in the Counties of Surrey and Sussex called Southland and of certain lands containing 16 acres in Kerford (Kirdford) called Rumfold And of one barn and five closes of land containing 20 acres called Blundells and first crop of a certain meadow lying in a common field in East Wybring called Charle Meade And one messuage and garden in the parish of St Andrew in the City of Chichester now in the occupation of John Cawlye Mayor in his demesne as of fee to him and his heirs for ever and so being seized in his life time in consideration of a marriage between William Holland Junior his Kinsman and one Frances Shelley one of the daughters of Henry Shelley of Warminghurst conveyed the said capital messuage and all the premises to the said William Holland Junior for his term of life and after his decease remainder to the said Frances for her jointure and after her decease remainder to their heirs male lawfully begotten and for default of issue to the right heirs of William Holland named in writ and the said William Holland was seized of divers parcels of marsh and timbered lands containing forty five acres of marsh and six acres of timbered land in Sydlesham called Great Marsh Howe Marsh Chalder Marsh and Chalders Copps parcels of the Manor of Sydlesham and of a messuage and about 8 acres of land in Northmundham and Southmundham called Weeke house Grove croft and Weekhouse land and of a messuage and garden in the parish of St Andrew aforesaid in the occupation of Rob<sup>t</sup> Winsor and of the Manor of Testers with appurtenances and of a messuage in the borough of Stenyng called the Whithorse and other lands in Stenyng late Dunstalls and of a croft called Pages Croft alias Crockers Croft in Donyngton and of three messuages and gardens and a croft in the parish of St Martin in

Chichester in the several occupations of Thomas Byrd Henry Clarke Philip Veseye and Richard Butterfield and of a messuage with buildings and gardens in the North Palant of the City aforesaid and of two messuages with buildings &c on the Western side of the North Palant abovesaid and of a messuage in the said City in the occupation of John Hobson and of a shop there in the occupation of John Eseton and of two messuages two gardens and an orchard and two acres of land in West Aslyns and of two messuages and two gardens in Petersfield in C<sup>o</sup> Southampton and one messuage and garden in Portsmouth and the Said William died thereof seized And the said capital messuage called Theale alia Myll Farm &c &c are held and were held of John Shelley, Knt, and baronet as of his Manor of Hope by fealty and a rent of 13<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup> and worth per. annum v<sup>li</sup> and the lands called Southhale and Barneffolde were held of the lord of the Manor of Wepham by fealty and a rent of xii<sup>s</sup> and worth per. ann. v<sup>li</sup> and the parcels called Cosens of Edward Goringe Esq as of his Manor of Howycke by fealty and a rent of xviii<sup>d</sup> and worth vi<sup>s</sup> per ann. and aforesaid messuage and five acres and the messuage called the Shopp in Rudgwycke of the lord of the Manor of the Rectory of Rudgwycke by fealty and by what other services they know not and worth vi<sup>s</sup> per ann. and said Barn and lands called Southland of John Kinge as of his Manor of Jenetts by fealty &c and worth xx<sup>s</sup> per. ann. and the barn and close called Blundells with first crop of Samuel Bishop of Chichester as of his Manor of Cackham by fealty and a rent of 3<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup> and worth 6<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup> and the messuage and garden in occupation of John Cawley and the messuage in occupation of Rob<sup>t</sup> Winsor of the Dean of the Chapter of Holy Trinity Chichester as of his Manor of Cannon Gate by fealty and a rent of 2<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> and worth xii<sup>d</sup> and parcels of marsh and woodland in Sydlesham of the King in Chief by the service of a hundredth part of a Knight's fee and worth vi<sup>li</sup> and messuage and 8 acres called Weekehouse Grove crofte &c and the fields in Northmundham of Anthony Viscount Montagu as of his Manor of Lynch by fealty and a rent of 20<sup>s</sup> and worth 6<sup>s</sup> and messuage &c in West Ashelyng of Elizabeth Lady Barkley widow as of her Manor of Bosham by fealty and by a rent not known and worth xx<sup>s</sup> and the Manor of Testors of the lord of the Manor of Broadwater rent not known and worth xl<sup>s</sup> and messuage in the borough of Steynyngge called the Whithorse and lands late Dunstalls of the lords of the Manor of the Borough of Steynyngge and worth per ann. 5<sup>s</sup> and the croft called Pages &c of the lord of the Manor of Donyngton and worth vi<sup>d</sup> and of whom the remaining premises abovesaid were held jurors know nothing and worth iii<sup>li</sup> and the said William Holland died the 30 June last past and the said William Holland junior is his kinsman and next heir to wit son and heir of William Holland late of Steyning deceased son and heir of John Holland deceased elder brother of aforesaid William Holland named in writ and aforesaid William Holland is of age twenty years and more to wit Twenty-four years. In witness &c &c."<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> It is difficult to understand some of these valuations; they have, however, been carefully copied from the original.

William Holland left no children. The residuary legatee and inheritor of the bulk of his fortune was, as is shown by his will and the Inquisition, his great-nephew, Wm. Holland, eldest son of Wm. Holland, mercer, of Steyning; he married, Aug. 17, 1614, Frances, daughter of Henry Shelley, of Warminghurst, and lived not a year to enjoy the use of his property, leaving an only child, a daughter—Frances.

The untimely death of William Holland, the younger, caused trouble, for we find the following on record: P.C.C. Admon. Act Book, 1615, fo. 21. "1615 July 31. Administration of the goods of William Hollande late of West Burton co: Sussex intestate deceased was granted to Frances Hollande the relict of the said Deceased." And Register Cope, folio 69, "In the matter of the Will of W<sup>m</sup> Holland Senior late while he lived Citizen and Alderman of the City of Chichester which came before us at the relation of Frances Hollande relict and administratrix of W<sup>m</sup> Holland Junior late of Bury, Co: Sussex, also deceased (whilst he lived Executor of the last Will of the said W<sup>m</sup> Holland Senior deceased) on the one part and James Holland, Elizabeth Holland, John Holland, Mary Holland, George Taylor, Thomas Taylor, Jane Holland, Susan Holland and Margaret Holland otherwise Bartlèt next of kin of the said W<sup>m</sup> Holland sen<sup>r</sup> the Testator on the other part." A Definitive Sentence was pronounced "by John Bennett LL.D. and Knight Keeper of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted on Wednesday 26 June 1616 within the Cathedral Church of S<sup>t</sup> Paul London as by Acts of Court doth appear." The depositions with regard to the dispute cannot be found; it would seem, however, that it was not so much the will itself which was disputed, but rather that the widow of the executor should be allowed the remainder of personal estate of the Alderman left unadministered by the Exors.

The widow re-married Viscount Lumley and died in 1626. Frances Holland was therefore left an orphan of tender years. In 1629 John Ashburnham (Groom of the Chamber to Charles I.) wooed and won the fair young

heiress.<sup>5</sup> She proved a good and dutiful wife and devoted mother, and bore him eight children. The husband proceeded without delay to put his wife's affairs in order.

"10 Dec 1629. Which day there issued a commission to John Ashburnham Esquire and Frances Ashburnham als Holland his wife daughter natural and lawful of W<sup>m</sup> Holland late of West Burton Co. Sussex deceased to administer the goods &c of the said deceased Frances Holland the relict and late administratrix being now also deceased without having fully administered" (P.C.C. Admon. Act Book, 1629, fo. 134<sup>b</sup>).

And

"19 Jan 16 $\frac{31}{2}$  issued a commission to Frances Ashburnham als Holland the nearest of kin of John Holland<sup>6</sup> sometime of Steaninge deãd to administer the goods &c of the said deãd that Elizabeth Holland his relict and administratrix left unadministered" (*Ibid.* 1631, 33, fo. 76).

Methinks the friend of John Cawley and the godfather of the regicide little imagined that his wealth would save from ruin the Cavalier Ashburnham, staunch adherent to the Royal cause.<sup>7</sup> How that Frances Holland "sould her whole estate" to rescue the Ashburnham ancestral acres from alienation, and how "she lived in great reputation for pyety and discretion," is it not graven on her tomb in Ashburnham Church?<sup>8</sup>

Not the least worthy of the progenitors of that most ancient and noble family—Ashburnham of Ashburnham—is the granddaughter of the Mercer of Steyning.

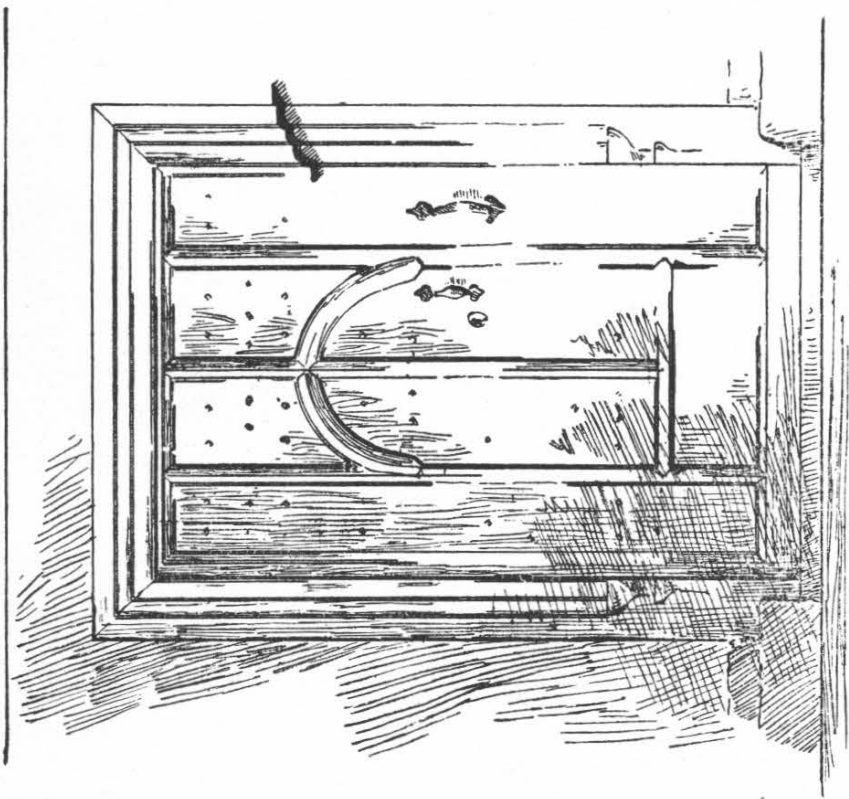
The ancient Hall of the Brotherhood of Steyning, purchased by William Holland for the Free School, which he founded, is a timber fifteenth century building and, although for the necessary privacy the front has been weather tiled and the lattice windows of the projecting first floor removed, remains much in its original condition. The carved timber gables and their windows are still seen in their pristine beauty. The Jacobean porch, showing traces of the brick label over the entrance door, was apparently added at the time of

<sup>5</sup> "S.A.C.," Vol. XXXVI., p. 164.

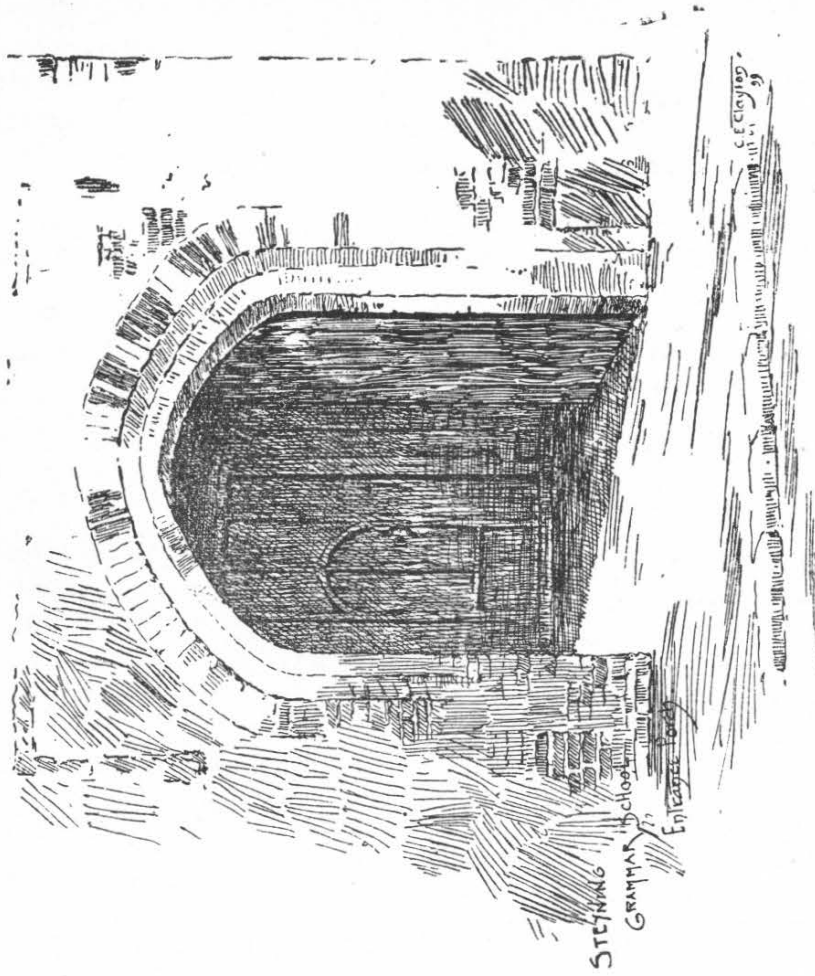
<sup>6</sup> Her great grandfather.

<sup>7</sup> "S.A.C.," Vol. XXXIII., p. 56.

<sup>8</sup> "S.A.C.," Vol. XXXII., *Report*, p. xix.



ENTRANCE DOOR





the foundation of the School. The interior woodwork of the upper floor is of excellent and interesting construction and the stout oak beams and king post are to-day as sound as ever. In the sketch very kindly made by our Member—Mr. Clayton—some of the readers of these pages may perchance recognise these old beams from which in bygone days they have, when wrestling with Greek or Latin verse, with upcast eyes, more or less successfully sought inspiration.

The School had been carried on at the expense of Wm. Holland previous to his endowment of it, for in the Steyning Registers appears the following entry :

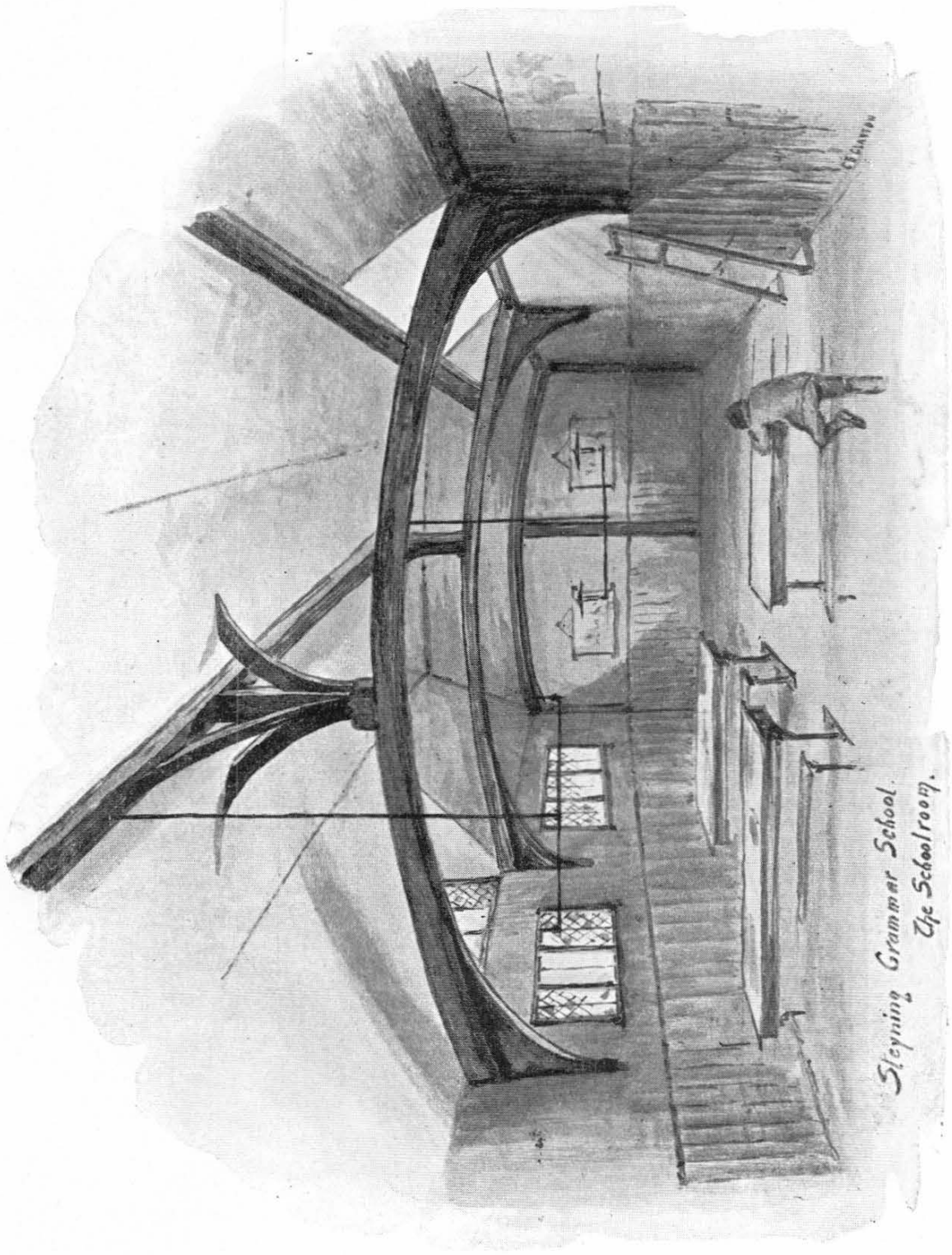
“Mr John Jeffry, Clearke, the firste School maister of the free Schoole in Stening and Dorothy Carter were married Feb 12.  $\frac{1613}{1614}$ .”

The property with which the School was endowed was purchased by Wm. Holland from Sir Edward Bellingham. The deed is of interest as showing the value of property at the period (see Appendix B.).

The deed of feoffment is dated June 16, 1614, but fourteen days before the death of the Founder—by power of attorney of even date, “to my trustie and well loved nephew John Holland of Stening Mercer”—delivery of the endowment property was made to the Feoffees (see Appendix C.).

The School property was increased by the addition of about nine acres of land at Washington. It has never been quite settled who this second benefactor was. The deeds relating to the property are as follows :

- <sup>1638.</sup>  
April 27. Henry Pannett of Slindon Taylor conveys to Robert Edsawe of Chankton in the parish of Washington gent. lands in Washington of about eight acres let to Michael Tilly at a yearly rent of £3—Consideration “Three score pounds”
- <sup>1662.</sup>  
Aug. 16. Robert Edsawe the younger of Chankton gent conveys to Robert Leeves of Washington Clerke lands in Washington —Consideration “Three score and fifteen pounds”
- <sup>1712.</sup>  
July 17. Robert Leeves of Steyning in the County of Sussex Esquire conveys to Bernard Chatfield of Steyning Gent. land at Washington —Consideration five shillings and one peppercorn on the feast day of S<sup>t</sup> Michael the Archangel



Steyning Grammar School.  
Use School room.

The list of the Feoffees locates the residences of many of our well-known Sussex families. It will be observed that by the earlier deeds the various classes of society were carefully represented and the rank of each Feoffee strictly defined, but by the beginning of the nineteenth century the middle class representation had been eliminated and the management of the School had fallen entirely into patrician hands. Under the new scheme of 1880 the Governors are now elected and co-opted.

*Earlier Feoffees of Steyning School.*

1614. Sir Thomas Caryll, of Bentons, Knight.  
 Thomas Shelley, of Warminghurst, Esquire.  
 Edward Michell, of Stammerham, Esquire.  
 Thomas Whatman, of Hurstperpound, Esquire.  
 Jonas Mitchell, Clerk, Vicar of Stening.  
 Henry Peckham, of Westhampnet, Gent.  
 John Nye, of Horsham, Gent.  
 James Colley, of Stening, Gent.  
 John Swift, of Stening, Yeoman.  
 John Parson, of Stening, Yeoman.

Some further lists of seventeenth century Feoffees will be found in Appendix D.

A correspondent in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, Sept., 1804, states: "The old house in Steyning formerly used as a Free School is now occupied by the Rev. Dr. Morgan, who enjoys the stipend and other emoluments as Master, but why the DUTY is NOT performed I am not acquainted."

From the above it will be deduced that the School has passed through troublous times, which is confirmed by the entries in the Minute Book. Thanks, however, to the indefatigable exertions in the early part of the century of Mr. Saxe Bannister, supported by his father, Mr. John Bannister, and the late Mr. Hugh Ingram (whose family in more recent times contributed so munificently to the School Funds) all difficulties were eventually surmounted; a contumacious master, who neglected to teach, held possession of the School House and refused to admit the Trustees' servants, was at length removed, although the task occupied nearly twenty years. Now at the close of this nineteenth century it can be confidently asserted

that at no time in its history has the Steyning Grammar School been in a more prosperous condition or of greater usefulness than at present.

Dr. Pell, one of the ablest mathematicians of the seventeenth century, received his early education at the Steyning Free School.<sup>9</sup> Sir Ashley Eden, many members of our county and middle class families, and past and present occupants of the Magisterial Bench have been pupils at this ancient institution.

To no one do the people of Steyning owe a deeper debt of gratitude than to their greatest benefactor—the Founder of their Grammar School—and may they never forget the name of *William Holland, Gentleman*.

My best thanks are due to the Rev. A. Pridgeon, Vicar of Steyning, for most kindly giving me free—and feeless—access to the Parish Registers.

#### APPENDIX A.

In H.M. Principal Probate Registry, Somerset House, London.

WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM HOLLAND OF CHICHESTER

Dated 20 June 1614 Proved 29 July 1614—P.C.C. 71, Lawe.

... "I William Hollande of the Cittie of Chichester in the Countie of Sussex gen<sup>l</sup> knowing that Death is most certaine to all men and yet the tyme thereof most uncertaine I have thought good while God hath given me pfect memorie (w<sup>ch</sup> I most hartelie Thanke his heavenlie ma<sup>tie</sup> I Doe nowe inioye) To settle and dispose those worldly temporall blessinge w<sup>ch</sup> God in great mercie hath bountefullie bestowed uppon me Soe that they beinge matters concerninge the world bee noe cause to w<sup>th</sup>drawe me at any time from the due Contemplacōn of the Joyes of Heaven and Heavenlie thinge But that I may w<sup>th</sup> a quiet mynde and without feare repose and settle my self in the mercies and merritte of Christ Jesus my only Savior and Redeemer and be reddie to imbrace Godē messenger whensoever my appointed houre and tyme shalbe w<sup>th</sup> patience (accordinge to Godē good pleasure) I Dayly expect" . . .

. . . To be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the Cathedrall Church of Chichester neere to the place where my late wife was buried against the Subdenerie "

To the Cathedrall Church of Chichester 40<sup>s</sup>/

To M<sup>r</sup> Wiłm Cox Clarke 40<sup>s</sup> a gowne cloath for his paines to preach at my buriall/

To the poore Inhabitantē of the parish of Steninge in the countie of Sussex 5<sup>li</sup> to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poore

<sup>9</sup> Vide "Lower's Worthies of Sussex," p. 177.

of the same parish yearely for ever out the rente & profitte of my house in Steninge beinge the Inne Called the Whithorse to be distributed everie half yeare in the Even of the feast of St Michaell Tharchangell and the Even of the feast of Thannuntiaçõn of the blessed Virgine Marie That is to say to fiftie poore p̄sons everie half yeare Twelve pence apeece for ever

And the said Churchwardens & overseers shall enter the names of everie of the said fiftie persons in a booke made for that purpose and at everie yeares end shall make A iust and true accompte of the whole yeares receipts of ffive pounde unto the Vicar and Cheefest parishioners of the foresaid parish

To the poore of the parish of ffoxfeld in the countie of Southf 40<sup>s</sup> to be distributed everie yeare at Lady Day & Michaelmas

To the poore of the parishes of North Mundham, Earnlie, West wigteringe & funtington in the countie of Sussex viz<sup>t</sup> to North Mundham 40<sup>s</sup> in two yeares and the others 20<sup>s</sup> apeece

To the Maior & Cittezens of the Cittie of Chichester for and in token of my brotherlie love and kindnes w<sup>ch</sup> I beare unto the same Cittie and to remaine to the use of the Corporaçõn of the same Cittie for ever One Bason and one Ewar of Silver and more for the pformaunce of the request of Jone my late wiffe deceassed and in remembrance of her good will towarde them One Saltseller of Silver the said Bason Ewar and Saltsellar to be worth in the hole Twentie poundes and my mynde is that the Salt Sellar beinge the gifte of my wyfe shalbe worth 5<sup>li</sup> And the Maior and Cittezins shall from tyme to tyme repaire and amend the same Bason Ewar and Saltseller

To the Maior and Cittezins of the foresaid Cittie one yearlie rent of five pounde payable at Michaelmas and Lady Day out of my house in St Martins w<sup>th</sup>in Chichester nowe in the tenure of John Hobson glou and out of my other lands in little London w<sup>th</sup>in the same cittie to continew in their handes for ever as a Stocke to binde poore Children apprentice w<sup>th</sup> honest and sufficient Tradesmen w<sup>th</sup>in the Cittie of Chichester and the liberties thereof "whereby they may gett good trades for the better mainteñace in tyme to come for the avoydinge and suppressinge of Idlenes wherewith the poore Youth of this Cittie are much inclined unto and w<sup>ch</sup> my earnest Desire is to have reformed (yf God please)" And further the Maior & Cittizins shall everie yeare yeald unto my heire or Executor a iust and true accompte howe the money or Stocke hath been employed And the Maior & Cittizins shall keepe a true entrie in a booke the name of everie apprentice which shalbe puttforth and bound apprentice.

To the poore the said Cittie 5<sup>li</sup> out of a teñt and garden in the Northe Pallant w<sup>th</sup>in the Cittie of Chichester by me Demised unto Demisse ffissher to be distributed to "six poore men or women of the same Cittie everie Saboth Daye to every of them one peece of boyled beefe worth Two pence w<sup>th</sup> one pott of pottage one loffe of Ranged bread worth two pence and hooped quart of Comã beere worth one penny" to be continued every Saboth daye for ever as I have used to distribute the same unto the said six poore people in my life tyme But if uppon some necessarie occation my said Almes cannot be so continued my heire or Executor in lewe of the said beeffe pottage

bread or beere shall geve unto every of the said six poore people upon every Saboth Day by Coorse Six pence

To my Cosen John Michell my godsonne the sonne of John Michell late of Hartinge my brother in lawe deceased the some of ffiftie Poundes.

To Suzan Holland widowe the late wyfe of my brother John Holland the younger Deceased 20<sup>li</sup> by the yeare during her life.

To Edwarde Michell, Richard Michell, Henrie Michell, Walsingame Michell, & Marie Michell the sonnes & daughters of my late brother in lawe John Michell deceased 10<sup>li</sup> each.

To Marie Holland the daughter of my said brother John Holland the younger deceased 50<sup>li</sup>

To Jane Holland one other of the daughters of my said late brother 200<sup>li</sup> payable at marriage or age of 21. "But if the said Jane Holland will not be advised ordered and Ruled by the good advice and Councill of my Executor and Overseers or by the more pte of them But careleslie and unadvisedlie shall matche her selfe in marriage" then she shall loose the benifit of her legacie & I will her 100<sup>li</sup> payable at 21 or marriage.

To my Cosen Margaret Kytson the wife of M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Kytson 100<sup>li</sup> & to the said M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Kytson 3<sup>l</sup> 6<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup> to make him a Ringe in remembraunce of me.

To James Holland & Susan Holland the sonne & daughter of James Hollande the sonne of John Holland thelder my late brother deceased 10<sup>li</sup> each.

To Thomas Holland<sup>10</sup> sonne of Thomas Hollande late of Combes co Sussex Clarke deceased 20<sup>li</sup>.

To my Cosen Thomas Holland the sonne of my Cosen Wittm Hollande late of Steninge deceased 100<sup>li</sup> payable at 24 & towardes his maintenance & preferm<sup>t</sup> in good learninge 20<sup>li</sup>

To Elizabeth Holland Jane Holland & Suzan Hollande the Daughters of my late Cozen Wittm Holland late of Steninge decd 100<sup>li</sup> apiece payable at their ages of 21 or marriage.

To my Coson James Collie of Steninge 20<sup>li</sup> & to Elizabeth Collie daughter of the said James 20<sup>li</sup> payable at 21.

To Bridget Steninge & Elizabeth Steninge the Daughters of my Sister-in lawe Bridget Steninge late of Rudgweeke co Sussex Deceased 20<sup>li</sup> apiece.

To Wittm Saunder my godsonne the sonne of John Saunder late of Birdham Deceased 5<sup>li</sup> at 21.

To Richard Jackman the sonne of Thomas Jackman late of Aufowld co Surrey 40<sup>s</sup> & to Thomas Jackeman the brother of the said Richard 10<sup>li</sup> at 21.

To my Sister Walsingham Michell of the Cittie of Chichester widow 40<sup>s</sup> to make her a Ringe

To my Cosen Edward Michell of Stammerham co Sussex Esq<sup>re</sup> & to my Cosen his nowe wife 40<sup>s</sup> apeece to make them Ringes. To the said Edward Michell of Stammerham 10<sup>li</sup> unto whome I doe repose a speciall

<sup>10</sup> Steyning Parish Registers. "M<sup>ri</sup> Thom<sup>s</sup> Holland Rector de Combes et M<sup>ra</sup> Alicia Conisby conjuncti Sunt in matrimonio 13 die Aug. 1590."

trust and confidence that in respect of the love he hath allwayes borne unto me and that I assure myself he will continewe unto Witm Hollande his nephewe my Executor.

To my Cozen Jane Michell the sister of my said Cosen Edward Michell 40<sup>s</sup> to make her a Ringe.

To Theobald Michell the eldest sonne of the said Edward Michell £5 at 21.

To everie one of the Residue of the children of the said Edward Mychell 20<sup>s</sup> apeece at 21.

To my Cosen M<sup>rs</sup> Phillip Androwes 40<sup>s</sup> to make her a Ringe.

To Edward Blaxton sonne of the said Phillip 5<sup>li</sup> at 18.

To everie other of the children of the said Phillip now livinge 20<sup>li</sup> apeece at 18.

To my Sister in Lawe the late wyfe of my brother James Holland deceased 4<sup>s</sup>

To Witm Andrues sonne of Witm Andrues of Goringe deceased 5<sup>li</sup> at 21.

To my Cosen Gawen Glasse & my cosen his nowe wyffe 40<sup>s</sup> a peece to make either of them a Ringe, To Martha Glasse their Daughter 10<sup>li</sup> at marriage or 21. To everie of the other children of my said Cosen Glasse nowe livinge 40<sup>s</sup> at 20 or marriage.

To Thomas Taylor my Cosen the graunde child of my brother in lawe Thomas Taylor late of Arronndell deceased 50<sup>li</sup>.

To Witm Cawley<sup>11</sup> & Witm Greene my godsonns 20<sup>s</sup> apeece at 21.

To Witm ffovell my godson 5<sup>s</sup>/ To Witm Booker my godsonne the sonne of Richard Boker deceased 10<sup>li</sup> at 24.

To everie other of my Godchildren 5<sup>s</sup>.

To Jane the wyffe of Richard Hale of Ichenor 5<sup>li</sup>

To Peter Cox & Henrie Chittie of Chichester my late Servant 3<sup>li</sup>. 6<sup>s</sup>. 8<sup>d</sup> apeece. To John Leche my Servant 20<sup>li</sup> To Elizabeth Benet my Servant 10<sup>li</sup> To Christopher Arnold my servant 10<sup>li</sup>

To my Cosen Joane Hollande of Steninge widowe sometyme wife of Witm Hollande of Steninge my Nephewe deceased 200<sup>li</sup>

To my cosen Nathaniell Weston of London & to my cosen his nowe wife 20<sup>s</sup> apeece to make them rings.

To the said Nathaniell 5<sup>li</sup> in remembrance of his love & kinde paines he hath showed unto me & hath beene ever redie to take for me when occation offered & I doe hartelie Desire him to continewe his like kind love towardē his cosen Witm Holland my Executor.

To everie of my cosens Westons children 20<sup>s</sup> apeece at 18.

To my Cosen John Hollande the sonne of my late Nephewe Witm Holland of Steninge deceased all that my Messuage or Tent with the landes to the same belonging neere the towne of Steninge w<sup>ch</sup> I late purchased amonge other landes of S<sup>r</sup> Edward Bellingham called the Upper Woollies to hold to him the said John Holland his heirs & assignes for ever after the Decease of my Cosen Joane Hollande his mother to whome I devise said premisses for her life/

Residue of my goods to my said Cosen Witm Hollande whome I appoint sole Exōr.

<sup>11</sup> The regicide, see "S.A.C.," Vol. XXXIV.

And my friende Sr Richard Lewknor knight, my Cosen Edward Michell of Stamerham Esquire, John Nye, John Cawley Robert Addams thelder gent<sup>l</sup> Overseers and in token of my love & goodwill towards them I give to the said Sr Richard 5<sup>li</sup> & to my other overseers 3<sup>li</sup> 6<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup> apeece.

(Signed) William Holland. 20 June 1614.

Witnesses Rob: Addams Jo: Addams. John Leech. James Pilbeame  
Proved 29 July 1614 by the oath of Wm Holland the Exör.

#### APPENDIX B.

Conveyance of the Manor of Testor &c, Land called the Upper Wolleys at Ashurst and The White Horse from Sir Edward Bellingham of Newtimber and his son and heir to William Holland Citizen and Alderman of Chichester. Jan 25. 1613.

Sciunt praesentes et futuri quod nos, Edwardus Bellingham de Newtymber in comitatu Sussexiensi, miles, et Thomas Bellingham, armiger, filius et haeres apparens ipsius Edwardi, pro et in consideratione summae septingentarum et sexaginta librarum legalis monetae Angliae, nobis per Willelmum Hollande, civem et aldermannum civitatis Cicestrensis, praemanibus bene et fideliter persolutae, unde fatemur nos plenarie esse solutos et satisfactos, eundemque Willelmum Hollande, haeredes et executores suos, inde esse exoneratos et acquietatos in perpetuum, per praesentes, dedimus, concessimus et, hac praesenti carta nostra, confirmavimus praefato Willelmo Hollande, totum illud manerium nostrum vocatum Testers, situatum, jacens et existens in parochia de Stenyngge in comitatu praedicto, una cum terris, tenementis, redditibus, servitiis regularibus, libertatibus, proficuis, commoditatibus ac omnibus et singulis aliis pertinentiis eidem manerio spectantibus et pertinentibus, vel habitis, dictis et reputatis ut pars vel parcella inde. Ac etiam totum illud messuagium sive tenementum horreum, cum terris eidem spectantibus, continens per aestimationem quinquaginta acras, una cum boscis et subboscis super inde crescentibus et renovantibus, vocatum the upper wolleys, cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinentiis, situatum, jacens et existens in parochia de Ashurst in dicto comitatu, modo in tenuta sive occupatione Johannis Stempe, Ac etiam totum illud messuagium sive tenementum nostrum in Stenyngge praedicta, vocatum Le white horse, cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinentiis, modo in tenuta sive occupatione Johannis Coulstock, Ac etiam totas illas terras et tenementa in Stenyngge praedicta quae nuper perquisitae fuerunt de Thoma Dunstall et Johanne Lydbyter, Quae omnia et singula praemissa praedicti Edwardus et Thomas nuper habuerunt et perquisiverunt, sibi et haeredibus suis, de Willelmo Farnefolde de Nashe in dicto comitatu, generoso, ut per cartam suam inter eos confectam, cujus data est tricesimo die Aprilis anno regni domini Jacobi nunc Regis Angliae, etc. nono, plenius liquet et apparet. Habenda et tenenda praedicta manerium, messuagia, terras, tenementa et alia praemissa, cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinentiis praefato Willelmo Hollande, haeredibus et assignatis suis, ad solum et proprium opus et usum ipsius Willelmi, haeredum et assignatorum suorum, in



perpetuum, de capitalibus dominis feodi illius, per servitium inde prius debitum et de jure consuetum. Et nos, praedicti Edwardus Bellingham, miles, et Thomas Bellingham et haeredes nostri praedictam manerium, messuagia, terras, tenementa et cactera praemissa, cum suis pertinentiis, praefato Willelmo Hollande, haeredibus et assignatis suis, contra nos, dictos Edwardum et Thomam et haeredes nostros warrantizabimus et in perpetuum defendemus, per praesentes. In cujus rei testimonium huic praesenti cartae nostrae sigilla nostra apposimus. Datum vicesimo quinto die Januarii anno regni domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia, Angliae, Franciae et Hiberniae Regis, fidei defensoris, etc. undecimo, et Scotiae quadragesimo septimo annoque 1613.

[Signed]

Ed. Bellingham  
Tho. Bellyngham

## APPENDIX C.

## DEED OF FEOFFMENT.

This Indenture, made 16th June, 1614, between William Holland, of the City of Chichester, in the County of Sussex, Gent., one of the Aldermen of the said City, of the one part, and Sir Thomas Carryll, of Bentons, Knt., Thomas Shelley, of Warminghurst, Edward Michell, of Stammersham, Thomas Whatman, of Hurst, P. Poun, Esqrs., Jonas Mitchell, Clerk, Vicar of Steyning, Henry Peckham, of Westhampnet, Gent., John Nye, of Horsham, in the said County, Gent., James Colley, of Steyning, Gent., and John Swift and John Parson, of Steyning, Yeomen, of the other part, Witnesseth that the said William Holland, for divers and sundry good considerations, him especially moving, and for and in consideration of 5s. of lawful money to him in hand paid by the said Sir T. Carryll, Thomas Shelley, and others, or one of them, whereof he acknowledges the receipt by these presents: and doth thereof, and of every part thereof, acquit and discharge them, the said Sir T. Carryll, Thomas Shelley, &c., their heirs, executors, and assigns, for ever by these presents. And to the intent and purpose that a free Grammar School should be kept, and for ever hereafter be maintained, in the town of Steyning aforesaid, where the said William Holland was born; and also a sufficient learned Schoolmaster should be elected, chosen, appointed, and maintained, for the advancement of learning and the instruction of youth in the town of Steyning aforesaid: Also for divers other causes, him the said William Holland thereunto moving, he, the said William Holland, hath given, granted, bargained, sold, and enfeoffed, and confirmed unto the said Sir Thomas Carryll, Thomas Shelley, and others, their heirs and assigns for ever, All that messuage or tenement, with a garden thereunto adjoining, with the appurtenants, situate and being in Steyning aforesaid, called by the name of Brotherhood Hall, now used as a School House, with all ways, waters, passages, easements, and commodities thereunto belonging, as they are now used, had, received, and taken by John Jeffery, now Schoolmaster there, or his assigns; and all the demesnes of all that his Manor of Testor, with all the rights, members, and

appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, in the parish of Steyning aforesaid; and also all messuages, houses, buildings, lands, tenements, hereditaments, meadows, pastures, feedings, woods, underwoods, rents and services whatsoever, with all and singular, their and every of their appointments whatsoever, being parcel or member of or belonging to the Manor of Testors, or usually demised, occupied, or enjoyed therewith, or had, reputed, or taken as part or parcel or member thereof; and also all and singular ways, easements, profits, commodities, advantages, emoluments, and hereditaments whatsoever to the said manor, or any part thereof belonging, (except and always reserved) unto the said William Holland, his heirs and assigns, the toft, or suit, or soil, where the Manor House, heretofore belonging to the said Manor, did sometime stand in Steyning aforesaid, and all services, free-rents, heriots, reliefs, court-barons, and perquisites of courts, to the said Manor belonging, or in anywise appertaining; which said Manor of Testors, with the appurtenants, the said William Holland lately purchased to him and his heirs, of Sir Edward Billingham, of Newtimber, in the said county of Sussex, Knt., and all charters, evidences, writings, and escripts whatsoever concerning the same; To have and to hold all and singular, the said messuages or tenements, and the demesnes of the said Manor, and all messuages, land, tenements, hereditaments, and other the premises, with the appurtenances (except as before excepted) unto the said Sir Thomas Carryll, Thomas Shelley, and others, and their heirs and assigns for ever; To the only proper use and behoof of them, the said Sir Thomas Carryll, Thomas Shelley, and others, their heirs and assigns for ever, but nevertheless Upon trust and confidence, and to the intent and purpose that they, the said Sir Thomas Carryll, Thomas Shelley, and others, their heirs and assigns, and the survivors and survivor of them, or the greater number of them, which shall be then living, shall, with the direction and consent of the said William Holland, during his natural life, and after his decease with the consent of the heirs of the said William Holland, nominate and appoint one sufficient learned man to be Schoolmaster, and keep School in the said messuage, called Brotherhood Hall aforesaid, in Steyning aforesaid, who shall inhabit and dwell in the said messuage, and shall not set or let the said messuage called Brotherhood Hall, nor any rooms thereunto belonging, nor any part or parcel thereof; and upon the trust and confidence that they, or the Survivor or Survivors of them, shall, with the profits of the said lands, or so much thereof as shall be needful, repair and maintain the said tenement called Brotherhood Hall, now intended to be a School House; and with the residue thereof pay, or cause to be paid, to the said Schoolmaster the yearly sum of £20, if the same shall amount to so much, or so much thereof, as the same shall amount unto during such time as he shall keep School and instruct Scholars in the said Tenement now intended to be ordained to be a School House, and so from time to time for ever hereafter, shall yearly pay the sum of £20<sup>12</sup> to such Schoolmaster as

<sup>12</sup> The Master of the Free School at Middleton in 1575 received £13. 6s. 8d. stipend (Townesley Nowell MSS. p. 243).

shall at any time hereafter to be by them, or the survivor or survivors of them, ordained and appointed Schoolmaster as aforesaid, to keep School and instruct Scholars in the said School, the same sum of monies to be paid every year (viz., at the Feast of, &c. &c.) by even and equal portions, that is at every of the said feasts the sum of £5 of lawful money of England, and the said Schoolmaster to continue to be Schoolmaster there, during such time as he shall perform the ordinances and orders set down in one writing, under the hand and seal of the said William Holland, bearing date the day of the date of these Presents, and ratified by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chichester; and if at any time the said Schoolmaster, or any after Schoolmaster to be appointed, shall be certified by six of the better sort of the inhabitants of the said town of Steyning, to the Bishop of the Diocese, for the time being, and shall be known and construed by the said Bishop of Chichester, for the time being, to be of lewd life, and wilfully neglecting the care of his place, or the performance of the ordinances aforesaid, that then the said Sir Thomas Carryll, Thomas Shelley, and others, or the survivors and survivor of them, or the heirs and assigns of the survivor or survivors of them, or the major part of them, within one month after notice of such lewd life, or wilful default to any of them signified by the Right Rev. Father in God, the Lord Bishop of Chichester for the time being, under his hand in writing, shall or may lawfully remove or displace such Schoolmaster, and elect another learned, honest, and fit man to be Schoolmaster there, under such and the like conditions, and under the like ordinancy, and to have the like maintenance and allowance as aforesaid, and that then they shall forbear to pay the like yearly sum, and every part thereof to any such Schoolmaster which shall be so removed, and that then and from henceforth, after such new Schoolmaster shall be elected, they and every of them shall ratify and pay unto the said Schoolmaster so newly chosen, the sum of £20 yearly, the same to be paid quarterly in manner and form aforesaid: Provided always that if the heirs of the said William Holland shall at any time refuse to join with the said Sir Thomas Carryll, Thomas Shelley, and others, their heirs and assigns in the election of such Schoolmaster, and shall not within three days after such refusal, consent to join with them in the said election, that then, upon such refusal, the Lord Bishop of Chichester aforesaid for the time being, shall or may give his consent in every such election, with the said Sir Thomas Carryll, Thomas Shelley, and others, their heirs and assigns, or the greater number of them, in lieu or place of the heir or heirs of the said William Holland; and such election or elections shall be good, although the heir or heirs of the said William Holland do not thereunto consent: And further, it is covenanted and agreed by and between the parties, and it is the special request of the said William Holland unto the said Sir T. Carryll, Thomas Shelley, and others, and his trust and confidence in them and every of them, their heirs and assigns, that if, and as often as there shall remain but three feoffees of the said Manor and Premises, or sooner if they shall so think fit, then the surviving feoffees shall make a new feoffment, or other good and effectual conveyance in the law, to the use of such survivors themselves, and of so many other persons of good fame and

ability within five miles of the said parish of Steyning in the county of Sussex, as shall make up the number of ten persons in all, which shall likewise for ever hold the Premises aforesaid, subject to the trust aforesaid. In Witness, &c.

WILLIAM HOLLAND.

Sealed and delivered in the pñce

Nath Weston.  
Ockenden Cowper.  
Will<sup>m</sup>. Holland, mino<sup>r</sup>.  
John Holland.  
John Leech.

Articles and Ordinances, indented, concerning the ordering, governing, and direction of the Schoolmaster and Scholars of the Free Grammar School, now appointed, erected, and ordained, in the Town and Parish of Steyning, in the County of Sussex, by William Holland, one of the Aldermen of the City of Chichester, by virtue of one pair of Indentures, had and made by and between the said William, of the one part, and Sir Thomas Carrill, Knight, Edward Michell, Esq., Henry Peckham, Gentleman, and others of the other part, bearing date the Day of the date hereof, and of the Stipend and Salary of the same Schoolmaster, and other things touching and concerning the same School, and the government, preservation, and disposition of the Rents and Revenues appointed for the sustentation of the same Schoolmaster, set down and agreed upon by the said William Holland, with the consent, allowance, and approbation of the Right Rev. Father in God, Samuel, Lord Bishop of Chichester, Sir Thomas Carrill, Knight, Thomas Shelley, Thomas Whatman, Edward Mitchell, Esqrs., Henry Peckham, John Nye, Jonas Mitchell, James Colley, John Swift, and John Parson.

1. First,—That the Schoolmaster of the said School, which shall be chosen from time to time, shall have no place of perpetuity, but according to his labour and diligence shall continue, and when he shall be found intollerable, negligent, or insufficient in learning, or to have committed any notorious crime, or to be of infamous life, upon evident proof thereof made before the Lord Bishop of Chichester, and upon reasonable warning given him, he shall depart, and another shall be chosen in his place.

2. Item,—That the Schoolmaster for the time being shall have and enjoy all the house, rooms, cellars and gardens, ways and easements of the same Messuage or Tenement, called Brotherhood Hall, in which he the said Schoolmaster shall keep School during so long time as he shall continue Schoolmaster there, in as large and ample manner as any that hath heretofore enjoyed the same, without paying any manner of rent for the same.

3. Item,—That the Schoolmaster shall yearly come to School in the Morning, from the 1st day of March until the 1st day of September, at or before Seven o'clock in the Morning, and continue there until Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon, except upon some urgent cause; and from the 1st day of September to the 1st day of March, he shall come

to the School at Eight of the clock in the Morning, and continue there until Eleven of the clock in the Forenoon, and shall be there again at one of the clock in the Afternoon, and continue there until Five of the clock, except as aforesaid; and nevertheless concerning this and the next precedent Article, the Schoolmaster, after nine of the clock in the Forenoon, and after Three of the clock in the Afternoon, may withdraw himself out of the School for the space of one quarter of an hour, if so he shall think good.

4. Item,—That the Schoolmaster shall not be absent from the same School above Twenty-eight School-days in one whole year, except in case of necessity, as sickness and such like, which days he shall take or may have at any one time, or at several times, so that he doth provide in some good sort for the teaching of the Scholars of the said School in the time of his absence.

5. Item,—If the Schoolmaster shall be sick of any sickness curable, yet nevertheless he shall have his wages; and in such sickness, if he be not able to teach the Scholars of the said School, that then the said Schoolmaster shall procure at his charge some learned man to help and supply his place for that time.

6. Item,—If the Schoolmaster shall happen to be sick of sickness incurable, or fall into such age that he cannot teach, and hath been a man that long and laudably hath taught in the said School, that then the said Feoffees, upon notice given by them to the Lord Bishop of Chichester, shall make choice of another sufficient Schoolmaster, and take some good regard of the necessity of the former as charity shall require.

7. Item,—If there shall be such contagious sickness in the town, that then the Scholars may not safely be kept and taught together in the said School, yet nevertheless the said Schoolmaster being ready to teach, shall have his full wages.

8. Item,—That the Schoolmaster, or Chief Teacher, in teaching shall direct all the School and Scholars therein in such sort as by his good discretion he may encourage and further the said Scholars. And that the whole number of Scholars that shall be taught in the said School by the said Schoolmaster shall not be above 50, lest he be oppressed with multitude, and thereby not able to set forward and further his said charge to his credit and profit of his Scholars: Provided always that no Child or Youth, which shall be dwelling within the liberty of the said town, and shall be found meet and able, shall be refused to be admitted and received a Scholar in the said School.

9. Item,—That none shall be admitted Scholars in the said School before he shall be brought unto the said Schoolmaster, and upon his examination shall be found to read English distinctly; and being found able, he shall be admitted.

10. Item,—That every Scholar, if he be of the town or parish, at his first admittance, shall pay unto the Schoolmaster, One Shilling for his examination; and if he be a foreigner, Two Shillings. And the Schoolmaster shall keep a Register Book, wherein shall be entered the name of every Scholar admitted into the said School, and the year and day of his admittance to the end his continuing there may be

known, and so the better judgment given of his profiting ; which book the Schoolmaster shall bring forth and shew to the said Lord Bishop wheresoever it shall be required.

11. Item,—That every Scholar of the said School shall pay 8d. yearly ; (viz.) quarterly 1d., towards the provision of Brooms and Rods, to be used in the said School, and also 4d. at the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel yearly, wherewith shall be bought clean Wax Candles, to keep light in the said School for the Schoolmaster and Scholars to study by, morning and evening in the winter time.

12. Item,—That the said Scholars shall come to the School from the 1st day of March until the 1st day of September, in the Morning at Six of the clock and continue until Eleven ; and in the Afternoon, at One of the clock and continue unto Five : and from September to March they shall come at Seven in the Morning and continue until Eleven ; and in the Afternoon, before One and continue until Five of the Clock.

13. Item,—Because God is the giver of wisdom, knowledge, and virtue, it is ordained and ordered that every School Day, all the said Scholars at the first assembling there in the Morning, the Schoolmaster being present, shall, kneeling on their knees, devoutly pray unto God in such form of prayer as by the Schoolmaster, for the time being, shall be prescribed ; and so likewise before they depart the School at Night.

14. Item,—For avoiding of divers enormities that come by absence of Scholars from School, it is ordained and ordered that if any of the Scholars of the School shall be absent, except in case of necessity, as sickness, or such like urgent cause, he or they shall be by the Schoolmaster licensed above four whole days in any one quarter of the year, that then such Scholar shall lose the benefit of his former admittance, and shall not be admitted thither again without payment of as much upon every such absence as he paid at the first ; and if any Scholar shall offend above twice, having warning by the Schoolmaster, he shall not be admitted again.

15. Item,—That the Schoolmaster shall not give leave to the said Scholars to play above once in every week, and that upon Tuesday or Thursday, except some honorable or worshipful person being present in the same School or Town shall desire farther liberty for them, which farther license shall be but once more in the week ; neither shall it be granted to them to play two days together, accounting every holiday for a play day ; neither in any Forenoon, but from One of the clock in the Afternoon until Five of the clock in the same day, at the discretion of the Schoolmaster ; and at the said hour of Five of the clock all the said Scholars shall return back to the School, and then shall pray together unto God as aforesaid.

16. Item,—That the Scholars of the four chief forms shall in all their speeches within this School, use the Latin Tongue, and none other, except the Schoolmaster shall license or appoint them to speak English.

17. Item,—If any of the said Scholars shall be a picker, stealer, or usual swearer, or blasphemer of the name of God, and cannot be

reformed by often admonitions and moderate corrections, his friends having knowledge thereof shall immediately take him from the School in peaceable manner, which, if they refuse to do, he shall be by the Schoolmaster put out of the School, never to be admitted thither again.

18. Item,—If any of the said Scholars shall refuse to be obedient to the orders of the said School, or shall, by violence or force, resist the Schoolmaster for the time being, or use any reviling or threatening speeches towards him, and do not reconcile himself immediately with submission, his friends having knowledge thereof, shall presently take him from the School in peaceable manner, as is aforesaid, or else, if they refuse, he shall be by the Schoolmaster put out of the School, and never to be admitted thither again.

19. Item,—That the seed of religion may be sown in the hearts of children, there to grow and bring forth fruits in their whole lives following, it is ordained and ordered that upon every Saturday, except in time of vacation, the said Scholars shall resort to the Schoolmaster, after dinner as aforesaid, to the School, and there by him shall be taught principles of religion; and the more learned Scholars shall learn, by heart, some Catechism in Latin, and the meaner sort shall learn, by heart, some Catechism in English, and shall continue that exercise until three of the clock in the afternoon, and from that time learn and practice writing, for the mending of their hands, until the hour of four, and then shall depart the School upon these days, and upon every half holiday, or Sts. Eve, they shall come likewise at one of the clock after dinner, and then some of them shall decline briefly in grammatical or rhetorical questions, repeat Latin phrases, or do such other scholastical exercises as shall be thought meet by the Schoolmaster then being, for the furthering of the said Scholars in good literature, and understanding of the Latin and Greek Tongue, and shall continue the said exercises until four of the clock, and then may depart for those days.

20. Item,—That all the Scholars of the said School, upon the Sabbath Days and other Holidays, shall resort in due time unto divine service and sermons, with their Psalm Books and Prayer Books, in decent order, and that every Scholar which shall be thought able by the Schoolmaster for the time being, shall, when there is a sermon take note of the same, whereby it may appear that they were diligent and attentive hearers, and that thereby the rather may be indued with virtue and piety, together with good lives.

21. Item,—That the time of vacation shall be yearly, from St. Thomas's Day, till the first Monday after Twelfth Day: also the Shrove Monday, in the afternoon, and all the Shrove Tuesday; likewise from Wednesday at night before Easter, till the morrow after Lowe Sunday; and from Thursday at night before Whitsuntide, till the morrow after Trinity Sunday.

22. Item,—That every absence from church, or like assembly, without just cause, and every irreverent behaviour at any of them shall be duly punished. Honesty and cleanness of life, gentle and decent speeches, humility, curtesy, and good manners shall be established by all good means. Pride, ribaldry, lying, picking and stealing, swearing,

and such other vice shall be sharply punished, and that the virtuous Scholars refraining to offend in any of these vices shall be commended and cherished.

23. Item,—It is ordered and ordained as aforesaid, that all and every of these ordinances shall be publicly read in the said School every quarter, once by the Schoolmaster at such times as most of the Scholars shall be present, to the end that every one of the said Scholars may take notice of them.

24. Item,—That the Schoolmaster shall not board above six Scholars in his house at one time.

#### APPENDIX D.

1630. Sir Thomas Farnefould, of Steaning, Knight.  
 Aug. 31. Henry Goring, of Washington, Esquire.  
 John Alford, of Offington, Esquire.  
 Leonard Stolman, clerke, Vicar of Steaning.  
 Walter Covert, Son and heyre apparent of John Covert, of Eberton, Gent.  
 Henry Bridger, of Ashurst, Gent.  
 John Parson,<sup>13</sup> the younger, of Steaning, Sonne and heyre apparent of John Parson, yoman.
1650. Edward Shelley, of Warminghurst, Esquire.  
 Feb. 17. Walter Covert, of Edburton, Esquire.  
 Edward Michell, of Horsham, Esquire.  
 Henry Stolman, of Steyning, Gent.  
 John Shelley, of Sullington, Gent.  
 John Bridger, of Ashurst, Gent.  
 John Backshall, of Beeding, Gent.  
 Robert Child, Clerke, of Steyninge.
1669. Sir John Fagge, of Wiston, Baronett.  
 April 12. Henry Goring, the Elder, of Highden, Esquire.  
 Charles Brett, of Stenninge, Esquire.  
 John Eversfield, of Stenninge, Esquire.  
 William Scrase, of Buttolphs, Esquire.  
 John Gratwick, of Ashurst, Esquire.  
 Timothy Shelley, of Thakeham, Gent.  
 John Backshell, of Beeding, als Seale, Gent.  
 William Smith, of Stenning, Mercer.  
 Charles Blackwell, Vicar of Stenning.

<sup>13</sup> In 1639, 1640-1641, there was terrible mortality in Steyning. The burials recorded in the Registers are: "A.D. 1639, 36 burials; 1640, 42 burials; 1641, 34 burials." The usual average is about 15. The Parson family were great sufferers: John Parson, Sen., lost his only son and "heyre apparent," and several grandchildren.

Ex. Steyning Register:

- Mary daughter of M<sup>r</sup> John Parson J<sup>r</sup> buried Jan 10. 1640  
 Dulce the widow at M<sup>r</sup> John Parsons buried July 18. 1640  
 Barnard the son of John Parson J<sup>r</sup> of Newam buried June 26. 1641  
 John Parson J<sup>r</sup> of Newham buried Aug 26. 1641  
 Elizabeth daughter of Joane Parson of "Newam" widow buried Nov 4. 1641  
 William son of Joane Parson of "Newam" widow buried Nov 20. 1641



1684. John Alford, of Offington, Esquire.  
 Jan. 1. Henry Goringe, of Wappingthorn, Esquire.  
 Robert Fagge, of Aborne, Esquire.  
 John Backshell, of Beeding, als Seale, Gent.  
 Thomas Middleton, of Muntham, Findon, Gent.  
 John Gratwick, the younger, of Eatons, Gent.  
 John Cheale, the younger, of Findon, Gent.  
 William Scras, of Annington, Gent.  
 Richard White, of Steyninge, Gent.  
 William Smith, of Steyninge, Mercer.

## APPENDIX E.

(Abstract of Will.)

1551. Dec. 30. JOHN HOLLAND of Sydlesshñ [co. Sussex] “seke of body but hole of mynd and remembrance.” I give to John my son halfe my bote, iij depe netts &c. To Willm my son halfe the same boyt &c. To Margaret my daughter iiij markes of monye &c. To Angnes my daughter iiij markes of monye &c. To Agnes Orgolls. John Gaylard. Thomſ Cordey, [sundry bequests]. The rest to Joan my wyfe, sole executric. Overseer, Peter Chapman. Thes being records John Laraunce, Robert Stowell, Robert Gravely, Robert Chapman.  
 [No note of probate.]

(Consistory of Chichester, Vol. vii., fo. 227.)

(Abstract of Will.)

1569. Jan. 18. JOHN HOLLANDE of Kyrdeforde, co. Sussex. To be buried there. I give unto Thomas Hollande my yongest sonne one crofte of lande called Pipers crofte in the parish of K., to him and his heirs for ever, he to enter upon it at the age of xij yeeres. To John Hollande my eldest sonne my greatest pewter plates and my woodknyfe. Margerye my wife shall occupy the residue of my lands tyll my sonne come to the age of xxiiij yeers. My four eldest daughters Margaret H., Alice H., Elizabethe H., and Johane H., and my two youngest daughters Agnes H., and Mary H. The residue to Margerye my wife, hole executrix. William Napper and Rycharde Kinge to be my overseers.

Wit<sup>s</sup> William Bromolde, Willm Eade, and Willm Lye.

Proved at Chichester 21 July 1570.

(Consistory of Chichester, Vol. x., fo. 380.)

(Abstract of Will.)

1599. Dec. 25. JOHN HOLLAND of Kerdford, co. Sussex, yeoman. To be buried there. I give unto Amye my wife the third part of my freland for life the other two parts to Alice my daughter and John my son when xxj years of age. All my goods, &c., to the said Amy my wife whole executrix. John Jones, clerke,

William Alderton & Thomas Jackman in the parish of Greene near Fountaynes (?) to be my overseers

Wit<sup>s</sup> John Jones, Tho. Jakman, Thomas Batcheler

Proved 8 Feb. 1599.

(Consist. of Chichester, Book xv., fo. 22.)

By William Holland, Will

Richard Jackman the son of Thomas J. left 40<sup>s</sup>

Thomas Jackman brother of above. 10<sup>z</sup> 21

Copy of the Will of WILLIAM HOLLAND (buried Nov. 1, 1610.—Stey. Reg.) dated 29 Oct 1610: proved 14 May 1612—P.C.C. 47 Fenner.

In the name of god amen I Willm Hollan [*sic*] beinge in perfect memorie though sicke in bodye doe make my last will & testament And firste I doe bequeathe my Soule into the handes of allmightye god my Maker and to Jesus Christe my Redeemer whoe hath redeemed it by his mercifull protection to whome be therefore praise and glorie for evermore amen Then I bequeathe my bodye to the earthe from whence it came and to be buried at the discretion of my executors But my desier is that it maye be buried in Steninge in the Churche neere to my ffather Then for my Worldly estate my Will and Mynde is that my debte in geñall shoulde be payde And for the Remaind<sup>r</sup> of my estate beinge more or lesse both Lande and gooder I leave to be disposed of by my lovinge faithfull wief Joane Hollan and my welbeloved and good Uncle William Hollan of Chichester desyring them to give such portions to my children severally as to there wisdomes and discessions they shall thinke fyttinge And for the better inablinge of them soe to doe I doe make them bothe my executors ioyntlye of this my last will and testament and doe hereby revoke all former wills made by me whatsoeu<sup>r</sup> William Holland [*sic*] subscribed w<sup>th</sup> my hand and sealed w<sup>th</sup> my owne sealle the twentye nynthe of October one thowsand sixe hundred & tenn in the presence of John Holland & Nath: Weston” /

Proved 14 Oct 1612 by the oath of Joane Hollan the Relict & one of the exōrs & power reserved for W<sup>m</sup> Hollan the other exōr when he shall come to seek for it/

Will & Testament of JOHN PARSON of Steyning.

(Buried April 1, 1647.—Stey. Regs.)

Dated 21 May 1646 Proved 21 May 1647—P.C.C. 98. Fines.

One of the original Feoffees of Steyning Free School.

“I John Parson of Staining in the Countie of Sussex yeaman.”

To be buried in the parishe Church of Steyning aforesaid | To the poore of the parishe of Steyning 4<sup>li</sup> | To my maidservant 5<sup>s</sup> | To the rest of my household servants 5<sup>s</sup> apeece besides their several wages | To Sarah the wife of W<sup>m</sup> Parson my brother 20<sup>s</sup> | To John Parson my godsonne & Nephew sonne of the said William Parson & Sarah 5<sup>li</sup> at the age of 23 | To all the rest of the Children of the said W<sup>m</sup> Parson 20<sup>s</sup> apeece | To the two children of Walter Parsons sonne of my said brother 5<sup>li</sup> apeece Towardes their putting fourth Apprentices to be paid at such time as they shall be soe put forth.

To Elizabeth wife of John Packett of Ashington in the said countie yeoman 20<sup>s</sup> yearely during her life. To John Packett my godsonne sonne of the said John Packett & Elizabeth 20<sup>s</sup> & to the rest of the children of the said John & Elizabeth Packett 10<sup>s</sup> apeece.

To Richard Addams of Soumptinge yeoman my kinsman 20<sup>s</sup> to be paid within 3 monthes of my decease To Elizabeth Penfolde of Steyning widdow 5<sup>s</sup> To every of my godchildren that beareth my Christian name 12<sup>d</sup> apeece

Whereas I have formerlye made some writeing or deed to & for the use of Constance my wife either for a certaine summe of mony to be paid her after my Decease or else of Certaine landes and Tenements during my life for her Joynture the certenty whereof I cannot now remember for I find noe counterparte of the same Now if my wife shall ymmediately after my Decease Cancell the same then I will make her a yearly Rent of 30<sup>li</sup>.

To John Parson & George Gawen my Grandchildren the one halfe of all my household stuffe & all my Plate equally between them.

The other halfe of my Stuffe to Constance my wife together with the biggest siluer drinking bolle one siluer wine bolle & sixe siluer spoones.

To my said Grandchild George Gawen 300<sup>li</sup> at 21.

Whereas I have sued forth & obtained the Wardshipp of the bodye and landes of the said George Gawen dureing his minoretie I devise the same to the said George Gawen.

To my executor £20 for his trouble.

To Joane the now wife of John Backshell of Beeding in the said countie yeoman 5<sup>li</sup>.

Residue of my goods to John Parson my grandchild to whom I bequeath all my Brewing vessells & utensills for brewing & all things necessarie for Maulting in my brewhouse in the occupation of Roger Caruer in Steyning aforesaid and to the said John Parson all my lands & Tenements whatsoever & my Executor & Joane his wife shall have the keepinge & governance and bringing up of my said Grandchilde John Parson during his nonage.

I appoint John Backshell of Beeding aforesaid my sonne in lawe my sole executor.

(Signed) John Parson 21 May 1646

Witnesses—Roger Carver. Richard White. John ffletcher. Henry Stalmon /

Proved 21 May 1647 by the oath of John Backshell the executor /