

# THE MANOR OF CHIPSTED, *ALIAS* CHIPSTEAD

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THE following notes furnish a short abstract of Court-rolls and books in my possession. Manning & Bray's *History of Surrey* containing much information relating to the successive families who held this manor, I will only add a few further details on the subject.

Although the mansion of Upper Gatton stands in the parish of Gatton, several of its owners were interred in Chipstead Church, which is nearer to their residence than Gatton (ref. : *Parish Registry of Chipstead*, 1909). During the greater part of the 17th and 18th centuries Upper Gatton may almost be regarded as the manor-house of Chipstead.

After the death of the Rev. James Tattersall in 1784 Upper Gatton was sold off, together with portions of his estate in Chipstead. Preparations were made for disposing by auction of his remaining property in Merstham, Chaldon and Chipstead. The particulars of sale, dated 1788, describe the Manor of Chipsted as "truly desirable in a fine sporting delightful part of the country, occupying a tract of land about eight miles in circumference, abounding with game, with the yearly quit-rents, fines, heriots, courts, and royalties."

The late proprietor's name is mentioned in Mrs. Piozzi's *Thraliana*<sup>1</sup> as Rector of Streatham, and of St. Paul's, Covent Garden, preferences given to him by the Duke of Bedford, who had inherited from the Howland family a large estate at Streatham. This Rector acted as electioneering agent in Surrey for the Duke.

The intended auction in lots, however, never materialized, the whole being privately bought by William Jolliffe, M.P. for Petersfield. The Mr. Estcourt recorded as holding a Court at Chipstead, 6 May 1788, was a lawyer, acting for the principals.

A final volume, recording Courts between the years 1826 and 1884, is in my hands, but seems hardly worth abstracting.

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<sup>1</sup> *Thraliana: The Diary of Mrs. Hester Lynch Thrale (later Mrs. Piozzi)* ed. by Katharine C. Balderston, Oxford, 1942, pp. 381, 424.

## COURTS OF CHIPSTEAD MANOR.

*Court-roll.*

34-38 Henry VIII  
4 Elizabeth

Courts of John and Anne Leedys.  
Court of John Powlett, Lord St<sup>t</sup> John,  
in right of his wife, Winifrede [d.  
of Sir John Bruges, Lord Mayor  
of London. Her first husband  
was Sir Richard Sackville].

*Court-books.*

15 July 30 Elizabeth

Court Baron of Thomas Palmer, Kt.,  
in right of Lady Alicia, his wife,  
records

Copyholds named Deanes, Great  
Shabdens, Heplott, North Hill,  
Gyllams Hawe, Sopers, Whyte-  
fold, Hooks, Sowcroft, Margetts,  
Knaplehowe, Muggs hole, Black  
mare, Chipstead Mead, le Newe,  
Rapkyn, Fowlers, Ilett Hawes,  
Harrolds, Northfield, Wule-  
hawes, Longcroft, Little Shab-  
dens, Collowe Green.

Thomas Collet, steward.

Jury: Galfridus Payne, W<sup>m</sup> Hatcher,  
Joseph Colcock, Roger Hatcher,  
W<sup>m</sup> Kyrrell, Edw. Hatcher, An-  
tony Bery, W<sup>m</sup> Heathe, Laurence  
Bery, Tho<sup>s</sup> Hatcher, Nicholas  
Wood, Joseph Roffey, Francis  
Browne, Robert Mattheve, Roger  
Best, Tho<sup>s</sup> Kempshall, Francis  
Speck.

32, 33, 34 and 36 Eliz.  
37, 39 Eliz.

Courts of Sir T. Palmer, Kt.  
Courts of Sir T. and Lady Alicia  
Palmer  
record

Le Fox, Shortlands, Parsonage  
green, Thistle lands, Copthall.

- 42, 43, 44 and 45 Eliz. Courts of Sir T. and Lady A. Palmer  
 I, 2, 3 James I record  
 Starrocks, Elwyns *alias* Ellyns  
*alias* Elyotts.
- 4, 6, 7, 8 James I, and in Courts of John Pointz, Esq.  
 1611, 12, and 13
- 13 James I, 10 Apr. 1616 First Court of Sir Henry Burton, Kt.
- 14 James I, and 1619, 25, Courts of the same [1634 was the last  
 27, 28, 29, 30, 32 and 34 Court held of Sir Henry Burton,  
 K.B.]; Edward Thurland, steward.
- 21 Oct. 1635 First Court of Sir Samuel Owfield (or  
 Oldfield), Kt.
- 1646, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, Courts of the same.  
 54, 56, 57 (twice), 58
- 1659 Court of Dame Katherine Owfield ;  
 Edward Thurland, steward.
- 30 Apr. 1663, 64, 67 Courts of the same.  
 (twice), 69 and 74 [Her will proved 1664,<sup>1</sup> but more  
 probably in 1674.]
- 19 May 1681 First Court Baron of Sir John Thomp-  
 son, Kt. [afterwards created Baron  
 Haversham ; he was related to  
 the Owfields] ; Edward Thurland,  
 steward.
- 1682, 87 Courts Baron of the same.
- 1689, 93 Courts Baron of the same ; Stephen  
 Verney, steward.
- 1697, 1700 Courts Baron of Baron Haversham ;  
 Stephen Verney, steward.
- [1704 Lord Haversham sold Upper Gatton,  
 etc.]
- 7 Mar. 1708 First Court of Paul Docminique [of  
 Upper Gatton, who was a great  
 City merchant, and probably built  
 the existing mansion of Upper  
 Gatton] ; Joseph Ayliffe, steward.
- 1 Oct. 1709 Court Baron of Paul Docminique  
 record  
 death of John Shove late of  
 Merstham, customary tenant of  
 South Croft *alias* Sowercroft, Wal-  
 frid Shove of Bansted, y<sup>st</sup> uncle  
 of John, claims admittance by  
 custom of manor.

<sup>1</sup> M. & B., Vol. II, p. 245.

- 1715, 18, 20, 25, 26, 29, 34 Courts of Paul Docminique, who was buried Chipstead, 23 Mar. 1734-5, aged 96.
- 2 Feb. 1737, 1741 Courts of Charles Docminique of Upper Gatton, son of Paul, who was buried Chipstead, 26 June 1745, unmarried.
- 1 Jan. 1746 Court of Paul Humphrey, nephew of preceding, buried Chipstead, 26 Apr. 1751.
- 30 Oct. 1752 Court of the Rev. John Tattersall, husband of preceding's sister, Rachael, buried Chipstead, 19 Mar. 1763.
- 1754, 57, 62, 68 Courts of the same, who was buried Chipstead, 2 Oct. 1769.
- 27 June 1771, 1782 Courts of the Rev. James Tattersall, brother of John Tattersall, and Rector of Streatham [buried Chipstead, 19 Sept. 1784. His executors sold Upper Gatton, which was henceforward detached from the manor of Chipstead].
- 6 May 1788 Court of Edmund Estcourt, Esq.
- 3 Nov. 1790, 1792 (twice) Courts of William Jolliffe [who purchased the manor in 1788]; A. Broughton, steward.
- 6 May 1802, 1812, 16 Courts of Hylton Jolliffe, son of William Jolliffe [who succeeded to the manor on his father's death, Feb. 1802]; A. Broughton, steward.
- 21 Apr. 1826 Court of Sir W. G. H. Jolliffe, Bart. [nephew of Hylton Jolliffe, on whom the manor was settled on his marriage in 1825 by his uncle.]