



Bucks and Oxon Marriage Bonds.

IN view of their genealogical value few collections, comparatively, of Allegations for Marriage Licences or abstracts of the Bonds required on such occasions have been printed.

It may be said that the Allegations are the official entries of Marriage Licences having been granted, while the Bond is entered into by one of the contracting parties and another person—usually a near relation—in assurance that no impediment to the proposed marriage exists.

Among the testamentary records, now at Somerset House, of the ancient Courts of Probate, are preserved a few original Marriage Bonds relating to Bucks and Oxon and a List of some others which were once on file but are not now preserved in the Principal Registry. It is here proposed to print full abstracts of these Bonds and a copy of the List.

The Courts from which the Licences issued, and amongst whose records the documents referred to are now to be found, are as follows:—

The Court of the Archdeacon of Bucks.					
The Peculiar Court of Banbury co. Oxon.					
"	"	"	"	Thame	"
"	"	"	"	Bierton	"
"	"	"	"	Cropredy	"
"	"	"	"	Bierton	"
"	"	"	"	Dorchester co.	Oxon.
"	"	"	"	Monk's Risborough co.	Bucks.
"	"	"	"	Aylesbury co.	Bucks.

1617—1735.

1664—1707 [list only].

1626—1676.

1626—1735.

1726.

That many other Marriage Bonds were filed in these Courts between the dates above indicated cannot be doubted. The question is—where are they now? The number of notices of intended marriages that follow is 183; an index of the names occurring will be given at the end.

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Official endorsement of bundle :

“Marriage Bonds and Allegations, 1617—1735, relating to PEC. BANBURY, THAME, BIERTON, &c., or to parishes within those Peculiars.” [34 in number.]

1617. February 7th. EDMUND BROOKE, of Thame, yeoman, and JOANE FRANKLIN, the “n'rall daughter” of Dorathie Franklin, of Whatelie, co. Oxon.

The Bond is given by the said Edmund Brooke and Thomas Meade, of Whatlie.

(Signed) Edmund Brouke (Pec. Thame).

1621. October 4th. WILLIAM POWELL, of Thame, tayler, and ELIZABETH ATKINS.

The Bond is given by the said William Powell, John Powell, of Thame, butcher, and Philip Cowden, of the same, yeoman.

(Signed) William Poell, John Poell, Phillip Cowden.

Witnesses, Jo. Trender, Emanuell Sheppard.

(Pec. Thame).

1623. July 4th. JOHN POYNER, of Stoke, and MARTHA CLARKE, of Thame.

The Bond is given by George Poyner, of Thame, yeoman, and Richard Clarke, of Tettesworth, yeoman.

(Signed) George Poyner, Richard Clerke.

Witness, Christopher Horne.

(Pec. Thame).

1623. November 22nd. THOMAS ALNUTT, of Towersie, and MARIE GURNEWE, of the same.

The Bond is given by Thomas Alnutt, of Towersie, yeoman, and William Scoles, of Siddenham, yeoman.

(Pec. Thame.)

1633. January 22nd. HIERONEMY GREGORIE, of Little Marloe, co. Bucks, aged 30, consent of father and mother, and HANNA FRENCH, of Little Borton, wthin ye p'ishe and peculier of Cropredie, widdowe, aged 27, at her own disposeinge, to be married at Banbury or Cropredy.

The Bond is given by the said Hieronemy Gregorie and Hieronemy Gregorie, of the University of Oxford, gentleman.

(Signed) Hierom. Gregory, Jerom. Gregory.

(Pec. Banbury and Cropredy).

1663. November 10th. AUGUSTIN SLATER, of Tetesworth, co. Oxon, yeoman, widower, and URSULA GREENE, of Thame, spinster, aged 20, consent of father and mother, to be married at Thame.

The Bond is given by the said Augustin Slater.

(Signed) Augustin Slater, John Parker.

(Pec. Thame).

1719 (?). 29th December. FRANCIS (?) MEABLY (?), of Tring, co. Herts, and ELIZABETH ASHB[V], of Buc[kland, in the parish of Bierton], spinster, aged 22. [Mutilated.]

(Pec. ———).

1724. October 26th. WILLIAM HAWKINS, of Cropredy, and MARY DAVIS, of Farnborough, co. Warwick, to be married at Banbury.

The Bond is given by the said William Hawkins and Thomas Davis, of Cropredy. (Pec. of Banbury, Cropredy, Horley and Horton, co. Oxford, and Sutton Regis, co. Northampton).

1725. November 15th. WILLIAM BANKWORTH, of Bierton, co. Bucks, husbandman, widower, aged 40, and MARY WESTON, of Cublington, co. Bucks, spinster, aged 30; to be married at Bierton or Cublington.

The Bond is given by the said William Bankworth and Francis Smith, of Bierton, husbandman.

(Signed) William Banckworth, F. Smith [decayed].

(Pec. Bierton).

1726. September 26th. NICHOLAS WALLIS, of Pitchcott, co. Bucks, daryman, bachelor, aged 24, and MERCY NORCOTT, of Broughton, p. Bierton, co. Bucks, spinster, aged 22, at her own dispose, to be married at Pitchcott.

The Bond is given by the said Nicholas Wallis and William Chilton, of Aylesbury, butcher.

(Signed) Nicholas Wallis, William Chilton [decayed].

(Archd. Bucks).

[c. 1727 ?]. [THOMAS CRIPS ?] and [—— — ?], to marry in the "p. ch. of Bierton afores^d." [decayed fragment].

(Signed) Thomas Crips, John Crips.

(? Archd. Bucks).

1727. April 17th. THOMAS HATSELL, of Monks Risborough, widower, and ELIZABETH ARCHER, of Stoke Mandevill, spinster, aged 25, at her own dispose; to marry at Stoke Mandevile.

The Bond is given by the said Thomas Hatsell and William Ledbeater, of Aylesbury [decayed fragment].

(Pec. Bierton).

1727. December 30. WILLIAM SHEPHERD, of Quarrendon, labourer, bach., aged 30, and ELIZABETH PENNELL, of Achley, co. Bucks, spinster, aged 25, at her own dispose; to marry at Achley or Buckingham [allegation].

(Pec. ———).

1727. March 2nd. CHRISTOPHER REEVES, of Hogshew, co. Bucks, yeoman, bach., aged 22, and MARY MARKHAM, of Quarrenden, spinster, aged 22; to marry at Hogshew or the chappell of ———.

The Bond is given by the said Christopher Reeves and Robert Markham, junr., of Oving, grazier.

(Signed) Christopher Reeves [decayed fragments].

(Arch. Bucks).

1729. September 14th. JOHN BEGENT, of Kimble Mag., bachelor, aged 22, and SARAH HARRIS, of Stoke Mandevil, spinster, aged 28; to marry at Kimble Mag., or Stoke Mandevil [decayed fragment].

(Pec. ———).

1729. October 20th. THOMAS STEVENS, of Datchett, yeoman, a bachelor, aged 21, and MARY GEORGE, of Quarrendon, spinster, aged 27; to marry at Datchett.

Allegation sworn by the said Stevens and Ralph Ladyman.

(Pec. ———).

1729. February 9th. GEORGE THORPE, of Quarrindon, p. Bierton, gent., a bachelor, aged 22, and ANNE MARKHAM, of the same place, spinster, aged 22; to marry at Bierton.

The Bond is given by Paul Heywood, of Aylesbury, mercer, and William Croke, of the same, gent.

(Signed) Heywood, Wm. Croke [decayed].

(Pec. Bierton).

[c. 1730?]. [ROBERT GOODSPEED?] and [—— —]. The marks of Robert Goodspeed and Thomas Thorne.

[Fragment of Marriage Bond decayed]. (Pec. ———).

[c. 1730]. THOMAS GLENISTER, of ———, in the Archdeaconry of Bucks, ——— and a widower, aged 30, and MARY CROSS, of Broughton, spinster, aged 21, at her own dispose; to marry at Little Missenden.

The Bond is signed by Thos. Glenister, Joseph Bailey [decayed fragments].

(Pec. ———).

1731. October 21st. JOSEPH RAUNCE, of Stoke Mandeville, widower, and MARY KEENE, of the same parish, aged 22, single-woman; to marry at Stoke or Hitchenden.

The Bond is signed by the said Joseph Raunce and Matthew East, of Hitchenden.

(Signed) Joseph Rance [decayed].

(Arch. Bucks).

1731. January 10th. WILLIAM WATTS, of Wingrave, Bucks, labourer, a bachelor, aged 25, and MARY COLLINS, of Bierton, spinster, aged 24, at her own dispose ; to marry at Bierton.

The Bond is given by the said William Watts and John Cripps, of Bierton, labourer [decayed]. (Pec. Bierton).

1731. February 26th. HENRY WEBB, junr., of Bierton, yeoman, a bachelor, aged 22, and MARTHA BROCKLEHURST, of Bierton, spinster, aged 28 ; to marry at Bierton.

The Bond is given by the said Henry Webb, junr. and (?) Henry Webb, senr., who both sign [decayed]. (Pec. Bierton).

1732. December 15th. JOHN SHARP, junr., of Bierton, Bucks, yeoman, bachelor, aged 23, and SARAH MONK, of the same place, spinster, aged 21 ; to marry at Bierton.

The Bond is given by the said John Sharp and Richard Bawd-
rick, of Bierton, husbandman [decayed]. (Pec. Bierton).

1732. February 10th. JOSEPH BLACKWELL, of Banbury, cord-
wayner, a bach^r, aged 21, and JANE SMITH, of Banbury, spinster,
aged 34, her mother living ; to marry at Banbury.

The Bond is given by the said Joseph Blackwell and William
Smith, of Banbury, smith.

(Signed) Joseph Blackwell.
(Pec. Banbury).

1733. September 8th. WILLIAM FOWLER, of Wingrave, Bucks,
taylor, a bach^r, aged 25, and SARAH HARDING, of Bierton, spinster,
aged 24 ; to marry at Wingrave or Bierton.

The Bond is given by the said William Fowler and Thomas
Harding, of Hardwick, Bucks, labourer [decayed].

(Pec. Bierton).

[c. 1734]. JOHN RODWELL
and [— —] ; to marry at Bierton.

The Bond is given by John Rodwell and John Hicks.

(Signed) John Hicks [fragment decayed].
(Pec. Bierton).

1734. April 15th. JOHN IVES, of Great Milton, co. Oxford,
yeoman, a widdower, and MARY TURNER, of Heasley, co. Oxford,
aged 26, spinster ; to marry at Milton or Tettsworth.

The Bond is given by the said John Ives and William Hearn, of
St. Martin's, in the city of Oxford, cordwainer.

(Signed) John Ivy, Will^m Hearn.
(Pec. Thame and Milton).

1734. April 21st. WILLIAM CAUCHOTT [or Caucott], of Tring, Herts, widower, and MARY WORSTER, of Buckland, Bucks, spinster aged 30; to marry at Tring or Buckland.

The Bond is given by William Worster, of Wiggenton, co. Oxford, and Robert North, of Aston Clinton, co. Bucks, and signed by them [imperfect]. (Arch. Bucks).

1734. May 4th. HENRY HEIBOURN, of Brill, Bucks, yeoman, widower, and AMY JOURDAN, of Bierton, spinster, aged 40; to marry at Bierton.

The Bond is given by the said Henry Heibourn and Joseph Ray, of ———, co. Bucks, victualler.

(Signed) Joseph Ray [decayed].
(Pec. Bierton).

1734. January 6th. JOHN HOPKINS, of Hemmel Hempsted, co. Herts, bach^r, aged 25, and ANN WILKINSON, of Buckland p. Bierton, widow; to marry at Hempsted or Buckland.

The Bond is given by the said John Hopkins and Thomas Kiddington [decayed]. (Pec. Bierton).

1735. April 18th. JAMES DUTCHESS, of Bierton, widower, and ELIZABETH SLAUGHTER, of Bierton, spinster, aged 23; to marry at Bierton.

The Bond is given by the said James Dutchess and Robert Holafield [decayed]. (Pec. Bierton).

1735. May 7th. WILLIAM DURLY, of Ivingho, Bucks, taylor, aged 28, and MARTHA OLIVE, of Bierton, spinster, aged 31; to marry at Bierton or Ivingho.

The Bond is given by the said William Durlly and John Porter [decayed]. (Archd. Bucks).

1735. June 23rd. RICHARD JORDAN, of Bierton, Bucks, yeoman, bachelor, aged 35, and HANNAH STRATFORD, of the same place, spinster, aged 25; to marry at Bierton.

The Bond is given by the said Richard Jordan and Joseph Harding, of Bierton, cordwainer, who both sign [decayed].
(Pec. Bierton).

1735. October 5th. HENRY LAKE, of Buckland, Bucks, bachelor, aged 21, and MARY WRIGHT, of Buckland, spinster, aged 26; to marry at Buckland.

The Bond is given by Robert Nash and John Cooks, both of Aston Clinton. The Allegation is signed by Henry Lake.
(Arch. Bucks).

Official endorsement on bundle containing the List of Marriage Bonds following :—

PEC. BIERTON.

“‘Index Testorum Probat Inventariorum ext et Adconum Interposit et aliorum negorum expedit infra Peculiar Jurisd de Bierton cum membris in Com Buck deliberat venerli viro Tho Bouchier Le Dri Comrio sive Officiali de Bierton pdca sexto die mensis September A.D. 1708.’ This List of Documents handed over in 1708 to Dr. Bouchier the Off^r of Pec. Bierton embraces :—

Wills 1664—1706.

Inv.^a ” ”

Ad. Bonds 1664—1705.

Marr. Bonds 1664—1707.

Acc^{ts} 1665—1684.

and sundry other documents.”

Of the above, the List of Marriage Bonds is here printed. The original Bonds are not at Somerset House. It would be a desirable thing to know where they are.

Mrolium [Matrimonialium].

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| 1. | Caterall et Shewsbury | ... | 1664. |
| 2. | Palmer et Inward | ... | 1665. |
| 3. | Search and Cubbidge | ... | 1665. |
| 4. | Verey and Hales | ... | 1666. |
| 5. | Harwood and Warner | ... | 1666. [? Horwood.] |
| 6. | Dearing and Browne | ... | 1666. |
| 7. | Brackley et Gearing | ... | 1666. |
| 8. | King et Search | ... | 1667. |
| 9. | Stratford and Wood | ... | 1667. |
| 10. | Hains et Webb | ... | 1668. |
| 11. | Taylor et May | ... | 1668. |
| 12. | Tomkins et Cutler | ... | 1669. |
| 13. | Horwood et Clarke | ... | 1669. |
| 14. | Russell et Egliton | ... | 1670. |
| 15. | Stratfold et Lake | ... | 1670. |
| 16. | Busby et Cutberd | ... | 1670. |
| 17. | Horwood et Jenkins | ... | 1670. |
| 18. | Goddard et Anderson | ... | 1670. |
| 19. | Johnson et Breech | ... | 1670. |

(To be continued.)