



The Advowson of St. Peter's, Wallingford.

A.D. 1656-1670.

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ST. PETER'S, WALLINGFORD.

The Title of the Heirs of Mr. Rusden to the Advowson of Peter's
in Wallingford (Abstract).

1636, May 9. Indenture between John GREGORY, senior, and Anne his wife, John Gregory junr. (son and heir apparent of the said John Gregory senr.) and Margaret his wife, dau. of Edward Pottinger, and the said Edward Pottinger, whereby in consideration of a marriage then lately-had between the said John Gregory junr. and Margaret and of £2000 portion, John Gregory senr. covenants that he and his wife will levy a fine to the said Pottinger and his heirs of the manors and lordships of HOWBERRY and CROWMARSH GIFFORD, co. OXON, &c., and of a capital messuage and a pigeon-house, &c., in the tenure of John Gregory senr., situate in WALLINGFORD, and of the advowson of the rectory and parsonage of ST. PETER'S in WALLINGFORD, &c., to the use of John GREGORY junr. and Margaret his wife and their heirs male of their bodies.

[1636] Easter 12 (Charles I. Copy of Fine per cognizance de droit come ceo, &c., of one messuage, two cottages, one dovehouse, eleven gardens, six orchards, eight acres of land, eight acres of meadow, six acres of pasture, and free fishing in the river of THAMES, with the appertenances in WALLINGFORD, and of the advowson of the church of ST. PETER'S in WALLINGFORD.

1658, May 1 & 3, and Easter term. The said GREGORY junr., and Margaret his wife by lease, release, and fine, for £350 convey the premises in WALLINGFORD (only of the advowson there is no mention) to Lawrence LEWENDON and his heirs, and in 1664 they mortgage the premises to Thomas CASTELL for £318.

1665, April 24. The said GREGORY and CASTELL assign the premises to Richard SAWYER for remainder of 500 years as a security for £430 and interest.

1668, June 20. By decree in Chancery between the said SAWYER plaintiff, and the said GREGORY and LEWENDON defendants, the equity of redemption of the said mortgaged premises is foreclosed.

1669, April 27 & 28. The said John GREGORY and Richard LEWENDON son of the said Lawrence LEWENDON convey the premises to Henry CROSS and his heirs.

Note.—In these last deeds, in the fine, and in the decreetal order there is not any mention of the advowson of St. Peter's, which is some sort of evidence that the Advowson was not designed to be made part of the premises settled on young GREGORY's marriage, and so on the death of his father and mother descended to him as son and heir and not by virtue of his marriage settlement.

1669, April 27. Indenture between John GREGORY, gent., and Henry CROSS, gent., whereby GREGORY grants unto CROSS all that the advowson, donation, presentation and right of patronage of in and to the rectory and parsonage of ST. PETER'S in WALLINGFORD, and the reversion, &c., and all the estate, &c., to hold to the said CROSS his heirs and assigns for ever.

1670, March 26 & 27. Indentures of lease and release between the said Henry CROSS and John RUSDEN of Wallingford, grocer, whereby the said CROSS for £670, conveys to the said RUSDEN all the premises, &c., to hold, &c., for ever.

Memorandum.—Mary Rusden wife of John CLAYTON,

Eliz. RUSDEN wife of JONA. BROMLEY,

Hannah RUSDEN wife of JOS. BROMLEY,

are granddaughters to ye above RUSDEN and ye only surviving heirs.

