



Digitising & Cataloguing Project

Widcombe History Group Digitising & Cataloguing Project



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Why Do It?



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- œ Digitising and cataloguing our archives will make them more accessible to
 - œ History Group members
 - œ the local community
 - œ the local school
 - œ The public at large
- œ and provide a valuable educational resource for all
- œ We hope to have it available on our web site and also make it accessible to visitors at open days throughout the year





Why Do It?



- ☞ It will help to preserve the documents by minimising handling
- ☞ It will provide a secure copy of our archives, one that will, for example, survive a fire
- ☞ Once digitised there is no need for us to store these documents and our intention is to pass them on to Devon Heritage Centre (previously the Devon Record Office), freeing up more space for storage of our ever increasing Archive



Some Background



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Project Background



- œ Commenced February 2011
- œ Volunteers (16+) split into four teams (now five)
- œ Organising and problem-solving: Ann & Roger
- œ Training using Widecombe School PCs
- œ Purchased equipment: scanner, laptops, hard drives etc
- œ Started by using the Church House
- œ Later moved to Dunstone House
- œ Initial target: complete the Parish Chest



Project Background



œ Funded & Supported by:

- œ Teignbridge District Council
- œ Devon County Council
- œ Widecombe Parish Council
- œ Widecombe History Group
- œ The many volunteers!



What We Are Digitising



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Phase 1: The Parish Chest



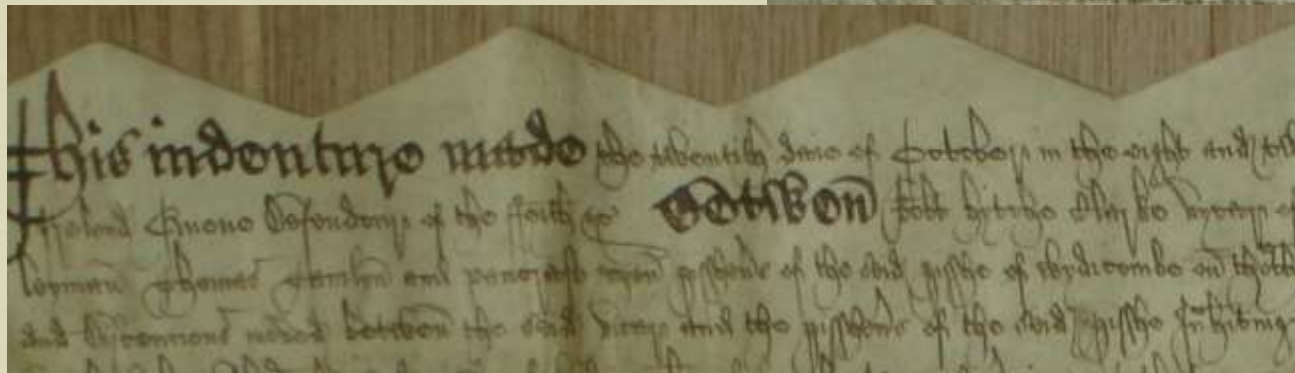
- ∞ The History Group is the custodian of the Widecombe Parish Chest
- ∞ The Chest is 'owned' by the Parish Council and contains many old and unique documents.
- ∞ Over the past fifteen years or so WHG has accumulated considerable additional artefacts, memorabilia, documents, pictures and books – some of which are in the Chest but most are elsewhere and will form a later phase of the Digitising Project



Deed of Custom, dated 1585 page 1



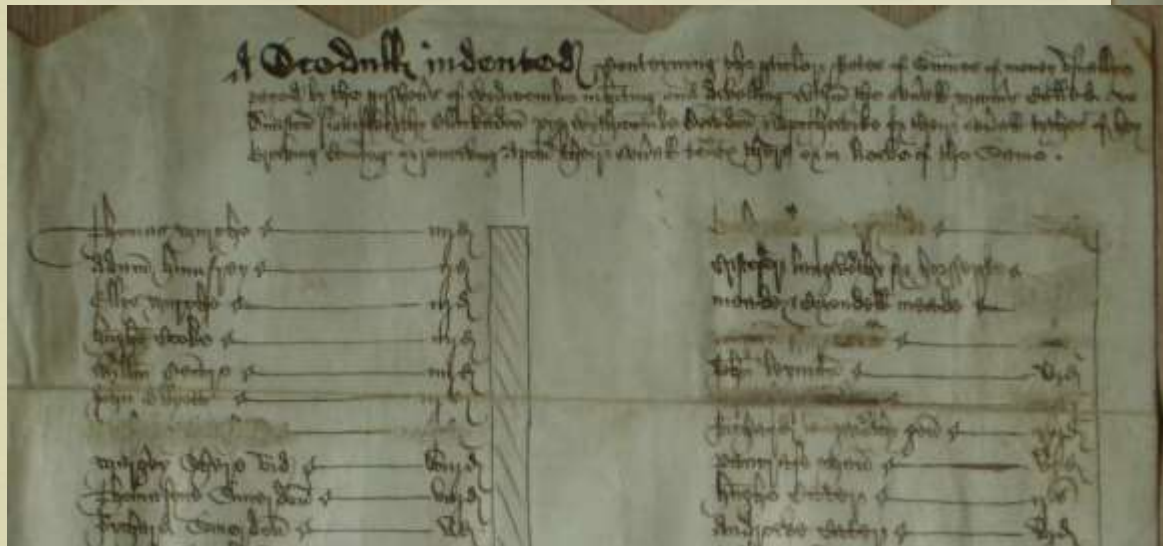
☞ This is our oldest document. It was an arrangement between the Vicar and the Parishioners as to the Tithes



Deed of Custom, dated 1585 page 2



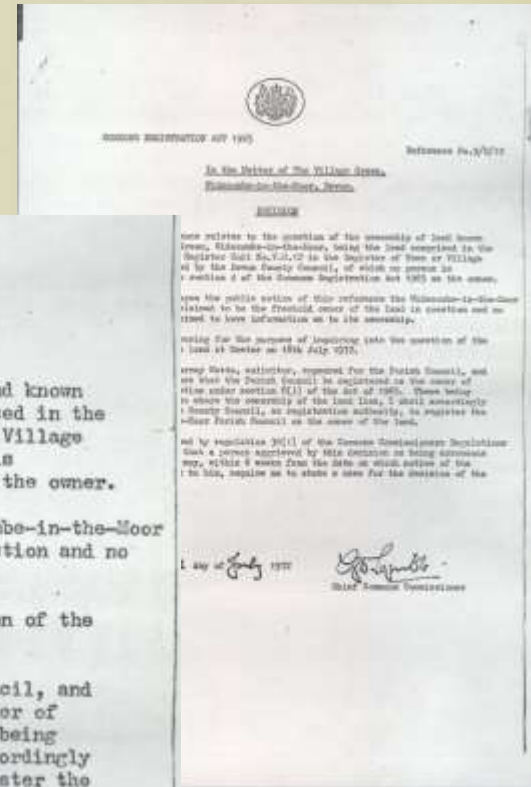
- ∞ The second page is a list of people presumably the parishioners
- ∞ Mixture of Old English and Latin



Letter relating to the ownership of Widcombe Village Green



- One of our later documents dated 1972
- Photocopy of the form regarding the decision of the freehold ownership of village green Widcombe in the Moor under the Commons Registration Act 1965



In the Matter of The Village Green,
Widcombe-in-the-Moor, Devon.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Widcombe-in-the-Moor, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.C.12 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Devon County Council, of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owner.

Following upon the public notice of this reference the Widcombe-in-the-Moor Parish Council claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no other person claimed to have information as to its ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Exeter on 18th July 1972.

Mr. H.F. Murray Watts, solicitor, appeared for the Parish Council, and asked me to direct that the Parish Council be registered as the owner of the land in question under section 8(3) of the Act of 1965. There being no evidence as to where the ownership of the land lies, I shall accordingly direct the Devon County Council, as registration authority, to register the Widcombe-in-the-Moor Parish Council as the owner of the land.

I am required by regulation 30(1) of the Commons Commissioners Regulations 1971 to explain that a person aggrieved by this decision as being erroneous in point of law may, within 6 weeks from the date on which notice of the decision is sent to him, require me to state a case for the decision of the High Court.



Photograph of Miss Louisa Warren, an Assistant Teacher at Widecombe School



1889 -1902 date on back of photo thought to be when she was at Widecombe School (then in the Church House of course)



Morris Dancers dated 1926



MORRIS DANCERS

Back Row :- Henry Pascoe, Jerry Harris, Herbert Pascoe, Jim Hines,

Raymond Warren, Andrew Harvey, Cyril Saw.

Centre Row :- Jack Prouse, Frank Lowrisk, John Ghosh, Sid Lang,

Tommy Howsorthy, Wilfred Heat.

Front Row :- Ken Avery, Ambrose Brown, Alec Walters, Billy Bray.

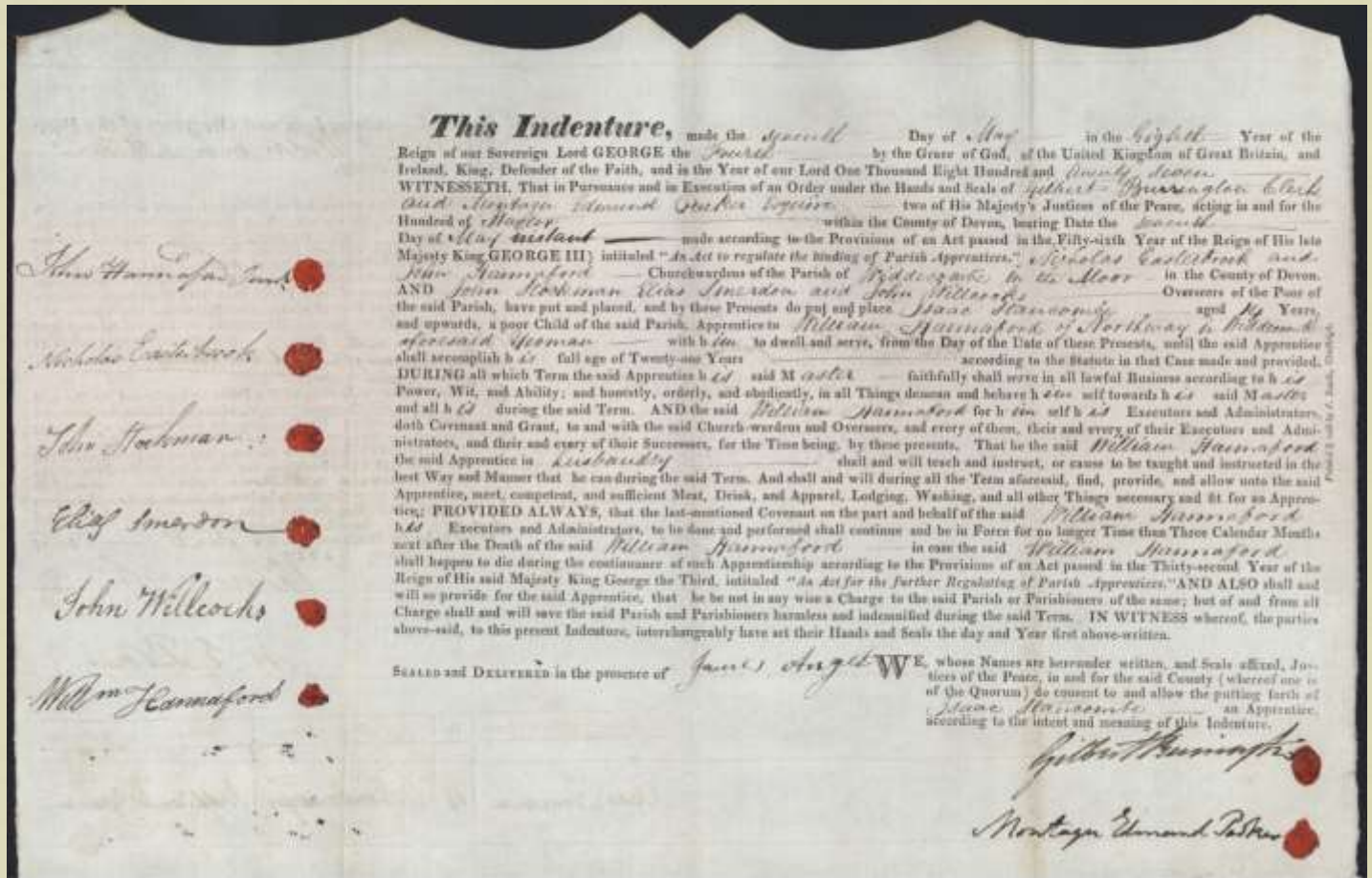
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Indenture of Isaac Stancombe to William Hannaford of Northway aforesaid yeoman



Dated the
7th May 1827
This is one of
over five
hundred
Indentures,
Examinations
and Removal
Orders we have
in the Parish
Chest

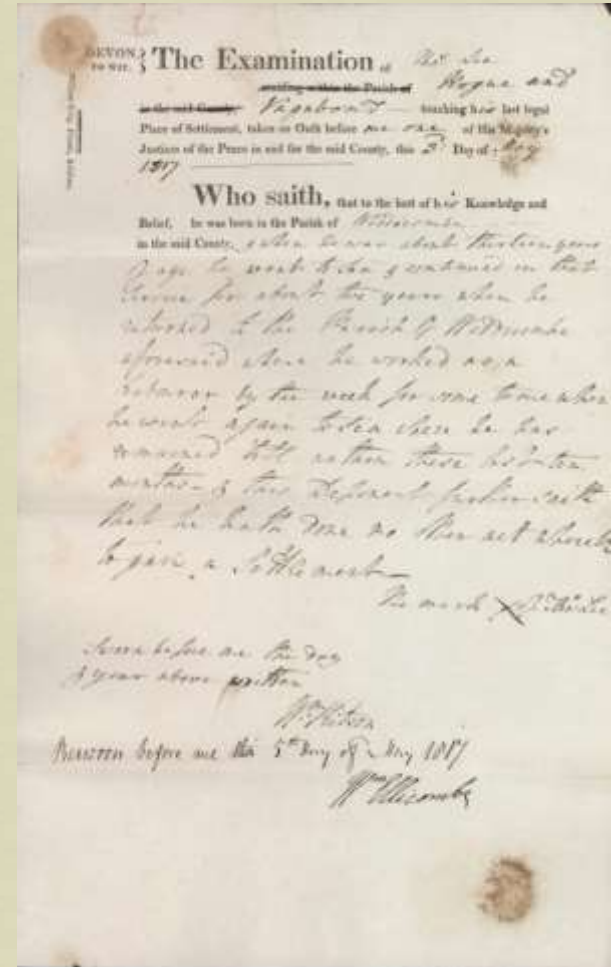


Examination



Of Thomas Lee - Rogue and Vagabond, dated 1817. Born in the Parish of Widdicombe, when he was about 13 years he went to sea for about 2 years, returned to Widdicombe where he worked as a labourer by the week. Went again to sea. Returned the last 10 months where he hath done no other work whereby to gain a settlement. Mark of X Thomas Lee

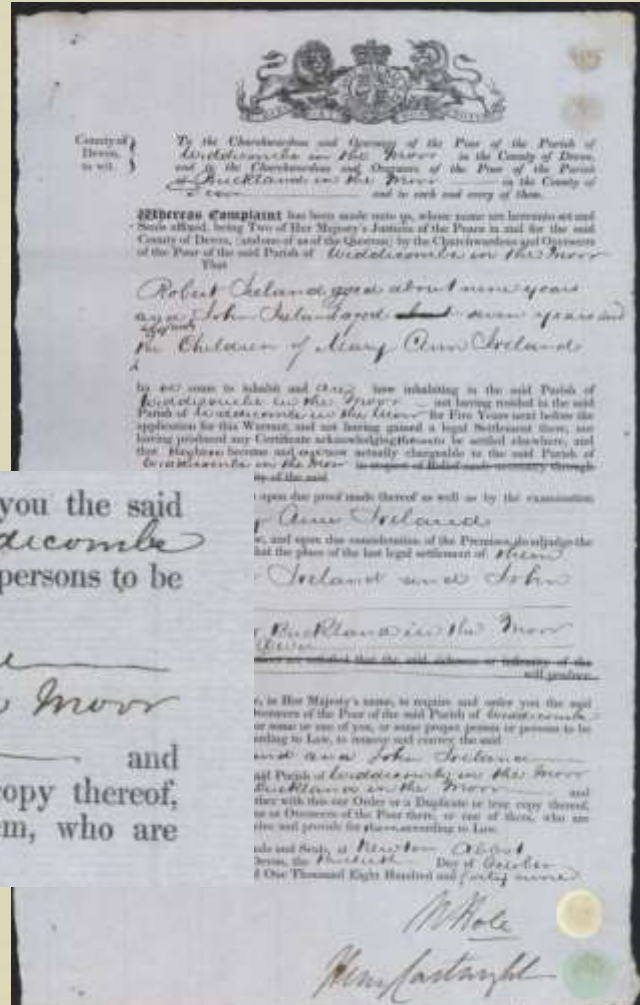
Sworn before Wm Kitson & Wm Ellicombe



Removal Order



Robert Ireland aged about 9 years and John Ireland aged 7 years and upwards, the children of Mary Ann Ireland after an examination by two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, it was decided that the place of their last legal settlement was Buckland in the Moor and that they should be removed and conveyed there.



These are therefore, in Her Majesty's name, to require and order you the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Widdicombe in the Moor* or some or one of you, or some proper person or persons to be employed by you, according to Law, to remove and convey the said *Robert Ireland and John Ireland* from and out of your said Parish of *Widdicombe in the Moor* to the said Parish of *Buckland in the Moor* and *them* deliver together with this our Order or a Duplicate or true copy thereof, unto the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor there, or one of them, who are hereby required to receive and provide for *them* according to Law.



Copy of the Widecombe Chronicle and Dartmoor Gazette, dated 1875



How We Are Doing It



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The Process



- ∞ Book items out of chest
- ∞ Allocate reference numbers
- ∞ Scan or photograph individual pages of document
- ∞ Check, crop, straighten and store into archive
- ∞ Transcribe document (in some cases)
- ∞ Catalogue item – varying detail
- ∞ Link catalogue to images to complete task
- ∞ Finally check everything
- ∞ Book items back into chest



The Teams at Work



☞ Since February 2011 about 20 History Group members have come regularly to scan, photograph and catalogue our Archives



The Teams at Work



œ Scanning - there are over 6000 scanned images



œ Audrey and Jenny are scanning the Parish Council Minute Book



The Teams at Work



∞ Over 2,000 digital photographs
have been taken



The Teams at Work



∞ Cataloguing

∞ Over 1500 items have so far been catalogued



The Teams at Work



∞ Much thought and discussion goes into what is keyed in!



The Teams at Work



∞ Extracting information from the documents so that they can be properly catalogued



Modes - Cataloguing Form



Information for each document or in some cases each page of a document has to be keyed in on this form

STRUCTURE	DATA
Object	
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NumberOfItems	
Identification	
ObjectName	simple name
Title	
BriefDescription	
Content	
SummaryText	
Person	Name Address Note
Role	
Organisation	Name Address Note
Role	
Place	SiteName Street
Event	Type Name
Item	Object name
Period	
Date	to Note
Description	
Measurement	Part document height x width
Completeness	
Condition	
Reproduction	Filename Summary
Notes	
Recorder	Name Date



The completed Modes Cataloguing form

STRUCTURE		DATA	
Object	ObjectIdentity	A030.p001-p009	Item marked?
	NumberOfItems	9	
Identification	ObjectName	single name Accounts	
	ObjectName	other name	
	Classification	System	
	Title		
	BriefDescription	Road Maintenance Accounts - particulars of day labour in spitchwick manor listing names of workers and details of work carried out and payment received	
	Classification	System	
Content	SummaryText		
	Category		
Person	Surveyor Hamlyn, James	Address Lake	
Person	Road man Hamnaford, Robert	Note	
Person	Hired out horse and cart Hamlyn, white, William	Note	
Person	Hired out horse and cart Hamlyn, James	Note	
Person	Roadman Turner, Thomas	Note	
Person	Roadman Hamlyn, Pancras	Note	
Person	Roadman Heworthly, Thomas	Note	
Person	Roadman Windeat, Joseph	Note	
Person	Roadman Stevens, James	Note	
Person	Roadman Hamnaford, John	Note	
Person	Hired out horse Hext, James	Note	
Person	Hired out horse Ford, Thomas	Note	
Person	Hired out horse and cart Warren, James	Note	
Person	Hired out horse and cart Warren, John	Note	
Person	Drawing rates and writing accounts Langdon, John	Note	
Person	Blacksmith Hamlyn, P	Note	
Person	Purchase of new rate and receipt book Header, Mr	Note	
Category	Place	SiteName	Street
		County	Country
			Name
Event	Type		
Item	Object name		
Period	1850s		
Date	5-4-1857	to 15-4-1858	Note
Description	SummaryText		
	Inscription		
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Measurement	Part mount	height x width	
Completeness	complete		
Condition	good		
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Some Interesting Items



Some things that have caught our eye



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Feoffment Rent of Church House

1636



What is a Feoffment?



- ❧ **Feoffment, (or Enfeoffment)** in English law was a transfer of land or property that gave the new holder the right to sell it as well as the right to pass it on to his heirs as an inheritance.
- ❧ It represented the total relinquishment and transfer of all rights of ownership of an estate in land from one individual to another.
- ❧ In feudal England a feoffment could only be made of a fee (or "fief"), that is to say an ownership of *rights over land*, rather than ownership of the land itself, the only true owner of which was the monarch. (From Wikipedia)



Feoffee Rent of Church House 1636



Feoffe



☞ Latin

☞ Old English



Lease of Land at Widecombe dated 1703

43 x 62 cm



Overseers Accounts



- ❧ We have eleven of these ledgers relating to the Overseers and Churchwardens Accounts dating between 1684 and 1877
- ❧ Overseers of the poor were chosen annually from the better-off male inhabitants, and inherited either a financial surplus or deficit from their predecessors.



Overseers Accounts



- Overseers' accounts include all expenditure on poor relief, including workhouse expenses and those associated with settlement, bastardy, and vagrancy examinations and appeals, and all subsequent legal activities.
- The appointment of Overseers was confirmed by the Justices of the Peace in Quarter Sessions and their accounts needed to be audited and signed off by two Justices at the end of the accounting year at Easter.



Overseers Accounts 1734 to 1756



“Widecombe Parish. The Account of John Aptor, Church Warden for his whole tenem^t in Venton and Henry White Church Warden for Late John Hannafords Tenement in Hexworthy together with John Aptor of Dunstone for his Tenement in Southaway, James Townsend the Younger of Torr for Joane Horshams Tenem^t in Langworthy Thomas Knight for ponsworthy Mills, And Andrew Horsham for Lake head Overseers of the Poor for the year Last past 1734 Given in to the parishioners This 7th Day of Aprill in the year of our Lord 1735”



Rates Paid and other Receipts



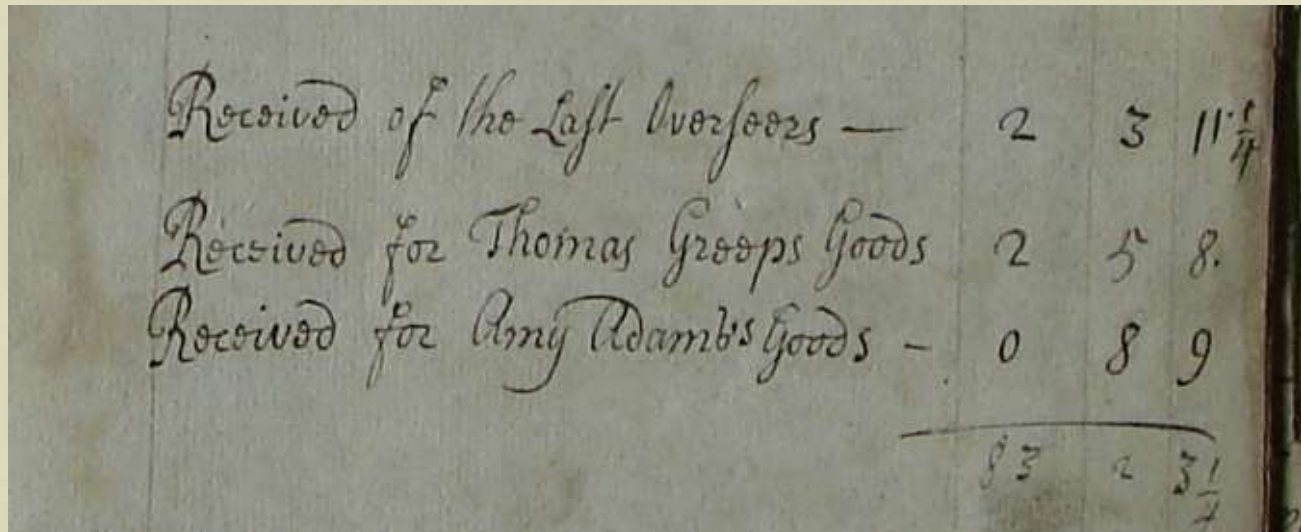
The said Accoumptants Doe Charge themselves with the Receipt of Three Rates And an half for the Reliefe of the poor (Except what hereafter Mentioned to be in Arrear) The Severall person Rated to Each Rate are as Followeth

☞	The Reverend Mr John Harris vicar	12s
☞	The farmer of the Rectory	17s
☞	Joseph Manning	3s
☞	Richd Caunter & Geo. Hanworthy	2s 6d
☞	George Hanworthy	1s 10d
☞	Mary Merdon for Natisworthy	1s 10d
☞	etc	

Rates Paid and other Receipts



⌘ Note the name Thomas Greep, this will come up later



A photograph of a handwritten receipt book page. The text is written in cursive and lists three items with their respective amounts in pounds, shillings, and pence. A horizontal line is drawn under the last two items, and the total amount is written below it.

Received of the Last Overseers —	2	5	11 ¹ / ₄
Received for Thomas Greeps Goods	2	5	8.
Received for Amy Adams's Goods —	0	8	9
	<hr/>		
	8	2	3 ¹ / ₄



Paid out to the Poor



Paid Thomas Baily who hath a Discharge
From this parish in his Need and
Sickness this year in Money as much
As amounts to

6s 6d

Paid Sarah White for necessaries for
Thomas Baily for nine Dayes time
When he was Brought home to this
Parish sick

4s 0d

Paid Thomas Knight for necessaries for
Thomas Baily and Did
for him for severall Dayes times
when he was Brought home to this
parish sick by the Overseer of Holne
and Left to the Charge of the said
Thomas Knight

2s 0d

Paid Eliz Apter for making of Thomas
Bailys shirt

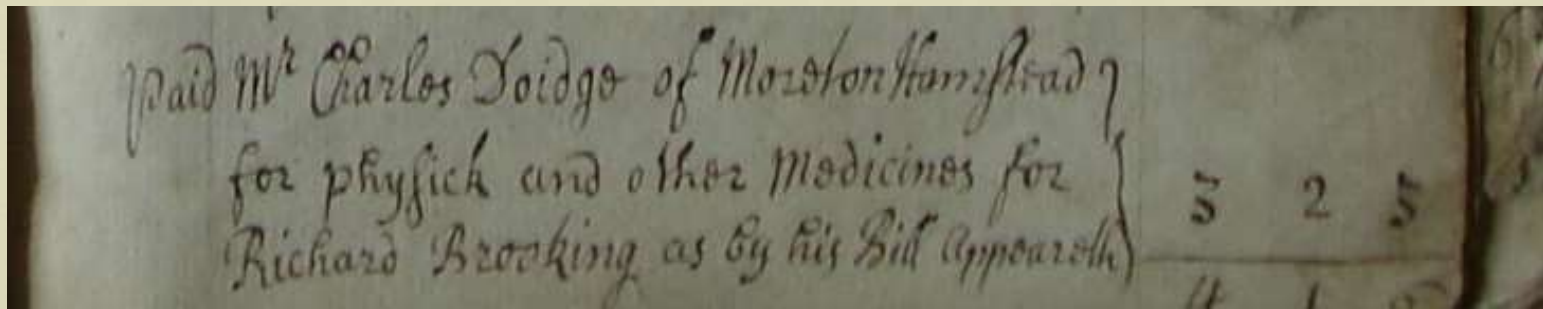
4d



Paid out to the Poor



⌘ Paid Mr Charles Doidge of Moreton Hamstead for physick and other medicines for Richard Brooking as by his Bill Appeareth £3 2s 3d



The Taylor's Bill



The Taylors Bill

	e	s	d
paid for setting up the Letters — —	0	1	0
for Making a vest & Breeches for Joseph Apter — — — — —	0	1	0
for Making a Coat for his Wife — — — — —	0	0	4
and for Making an inner waistcoat for — — — — —	0	0	3
for making a vest and Breeches for Richard Smozoon — — — — —	0	1	4
for Making a Coat for Mary Cleave — — — — —	0	0	4
for Making a Coat for Henry Merrifield — — — — —	0	0	10



Shoes and more shoes!!!



Walter Snillabers Bill for Shoes

	£	s	d
paid for a pair of shoes for Catherine Carter	0	1	10
A pair for Joseph Aptre	0	5	6
A pair for his wife	0	2	6
A pair for Amy Learman	0	2	6
A pair for Robert Hamlyn	0	3	6
A pair for John Tamlyn	0	5	6
A pair for Rest Smeddon	0	2	6
A pair for William Tamlyn	0	3	6
A pair for Ephraim Potter	0	3	6
A pair for Mary Hamlyn	0	2	6
A pair for Joane Macy	0	2	6
A pair for Elizabeth Spzy	0	2	6
A pair for Richard Torr	0	5	6
A pair for Anne Harris	0	2	6
A pair for Richard Brooking	0	3	6
A pair for John Tamlyn's wife	0	2	6
A pair for Grace Greepe	0	2	6
Total	2	8	10

The Wool Cloth Bought of Mr. ...

Elizabeth Bastours Bill for Shoes

	£	s	d
paid A pair of shoes for Joane Brooking	0	2	6
A pair for Richard Stook	0	3	6
A pair for Richard Stooks wife	0	2	6
A pair for Mary Brooking	0	2	6
A pair for Vincent Andrews	0	3	6
A pair for Mary Cleave	0	2	6
A pair for Elizabeth Morrifield	0	2	6
A pair for Allie Brooking	0	2	6
A pair for Henry Morrifield	0	3	6
A pair for Andrew Knight	0	3	6
A pair for Mary Rubis	0	2	6
Total	1	11	6



Disbursements concerning Thomas Greep

- ❧ An Account of our Disbursements concerning Thomas Greep
- ❧ For the Coroners fee
- ❧ To John Smerdon of Rowdon for Riding to Exeter to fetch the Coroner
- ❧ In Expenses at Widecombe Town when the Coroner was here
- ❧ In Expenses when Thomas Greeps Goods was sold
- ❧ For two men to watch by Tho. Greep after he was found dead for Two dayes...
- ❧ And for Three men to watch by him by Night for Two Nights...


An Account of our Disbursements Concerning Thomas Greep		
for the Coroners fee	0	13 4.
John Smerdon of Rowdon for Riding to Exeter to fetch the Coroner	0	5 0
in Expenses at Widecombe Town when the Coroner was here	0	3. 0
in Expenses when Thomas Greeps Goods was sold	0	1 0
for Two men to watch by Tho. Greep after he was found Dead for Two Dayes Each man 5 ^s a Day Comes to	0	4 0
And for Three men to watch by him by Night for Two Nights time at 3 ^s 6 ^d Each man Each night Comes to	0	9 0
Roger Hannaford for One Seam of Wood which was burnt by the watchmen	0	1 0
and for Straw Made use of by the watchmen	0	0 2




And the Overseers own expenses!



Done for Three quarters pay to the yeomanry	0	10	4 ¹ / ₂
Done for Killing of Two foxes and one bad vixen Great with young this year five Shillings each cost	0	15	0
Done for a New Book to recite our Accounts upon	0	11	6
Done to John French for Buying the Book and Bringing it home from rector	0	1	0
Done for writing of our Accounts and Entering of them into this Book	0	7	0
Expence of a parish watching this year	0	1	0
Done for a hammer and a pair of pincers for the bail	0	1	0
Done for Lenten Holy Sweets and was for hire	0	0	3 ¹ / ₂

 The Final
 Page:
 nominations
 for next year's
 overseers

 signatures of
 this year's
 overseers



Churchwardens Accounts



- œ Churchwardens' accounts include expenditure on the repair and maintenance of the church fabric, and on most other forms of parochial expenditure (excluding poor relief).
- œ At Widecombe these accounts were kept by the Churchwarden. In larger urban parishes they were kept by the Parish Clerk.
- œ The position of Churchwarden was undertaken by the wealthier male inhabitants of the parish, and changed annually, with the money in hand or in deficit being passed from one office-holder to the next at Easter each year.



Churchwardens Accounts



- ∞ Churchwardens' accounts therefore normally run from Easter to Easter, and were summed and approved at an annual vestry meeting.
- ∞ Because the penmanship and accounting practices of individual churchwardens was variable, the form of the accounts could change rapidly with changing personnel.



Excerpts from the Churchwardens Accounts 1806-7



- ⌘ 5 Gallons of wine
+ carriage
- ⌘ Mr Colander for
17 journeys for
instructing the
singing
- ⌘ new hairing the
bow of the bass
Viol

For 5 Gallons of Wine	5.	10	0
Carriage of the Same	0	5	0
Mr Colander for Seventeen Journeys Instructing the Singing	8.	18.	6.
For new Hairing the Bow of the Bass Viol	0	3	0

- ⌘ strings for the
bass Viol
- ⌘ repairing the bass
Violin
- ⌘ strings for the
Violin

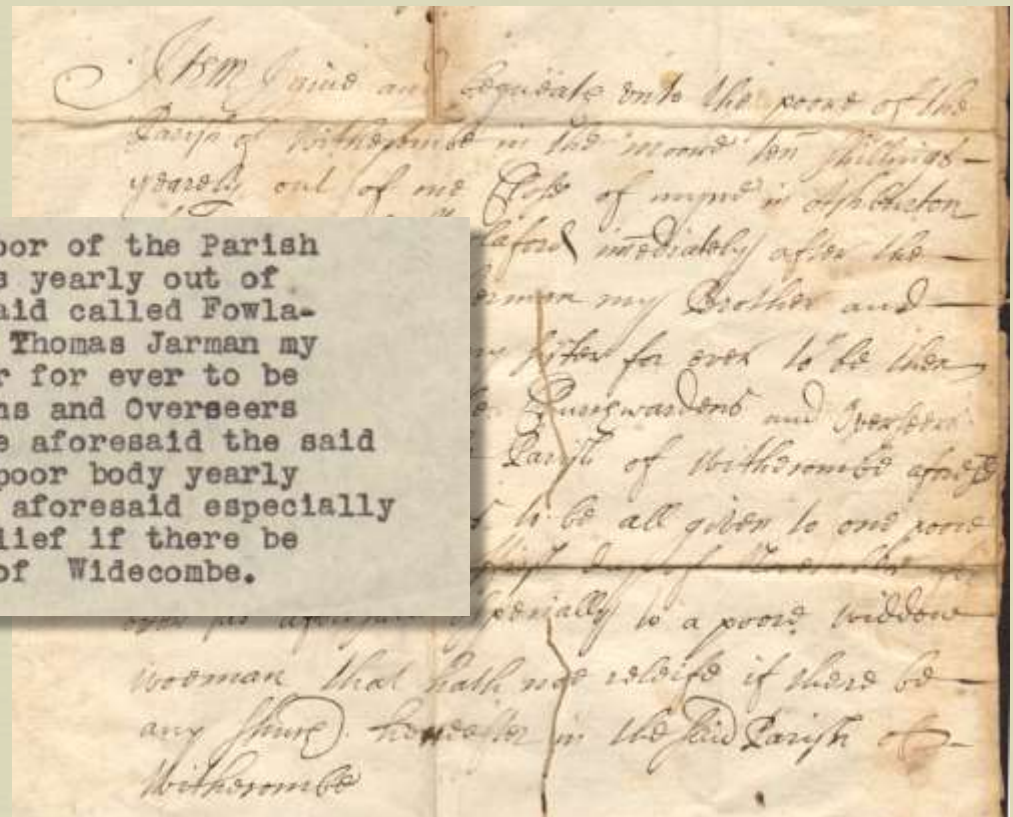
John Tremble Bill for strings for the Bass Viol	1.	7	10.
For repairing the Bass Viol	0	4.	6
Mr James Cafferton for strings for the Violin	0	5	2.



Will of Sampson Jerman of Ashburton 1669



Item. I give and bequeath unto the poor of the Parish of Widecombe in the Moor ten shillings yearly out of one Close of mine in Ashburton aforesaid called Fowlford immediatly after the decease of Thomas Jarman my Brother and Elizabeth Meager my Sister for ever to be then yearly paid unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the Parish of Widecombe aforesaid the said ten shillings to be all given to one poor body yearly the first day of November for ever as aforesaid especially to a poor widow woman that hath no relief if there be any such hereafter in the said Parish of Widecombe.



Churchwardens Accounts 1734/5



By the Last will and Testament of
Jampson Jerment Deceased there
was Ten Shillings Given yearly to the
poor of this parish particularly to
A poor widdow woman that hath noe
Reliefe and this year we have it to
Agness Tremills Widdow



Sylvia Sayer's Letter



5th November 1947

The Chairman of
the Parish Council,
Widecombe-in-the-Moor

Dear Sir,

I enclose with this a list of all the owners of Fowlaford (the "Widow's Gift" field), from Sampson Jarman to the present day, as it may perhaps be of some interest to the Parish Council to know that amongst the various owners of this historic little field were numbered a ~~some~~ worstedcomber, a schoolmaster, two clerks, a miller, a baker, a husbandman, a contractor, a builder, a baronet, a knight, four squires and an M.P. All this has been

discarded and deciphered from the very interesting and ancient deeds pertaining to Fowlaford which have been lent to me by its present owner, Mr. F. J. Badcock, & which I propose to send to you under separate cover, as we agreed, for study and confirmation of my findings. I have made a complete copy of the oldest deed (1736) which took six ~~hours~~ to do, as the writing is hard to decipher. Even harder than this was the task of getting Mr. Badcock to the point of paying the ten shillings overdue to the Widecombe Parish Council. He fully agreed his liability, but had his own ideas as to when he proposed to pay it

But by persistence and persuasion he was at last induced to write a cheque and dictate a letter, which I posted myself. I would suggest he being given very ample notice before Nov. 1st next year, with several reminders, or he is quite certain to be in arrears again! But it was extremely good of him to lend the deeds, which entirely confirm and consolidate Sampson Jarman's original bequest.

The deeds show the gradual change of the name Fowlaford to Goscepool. The field is numbered 911 in the old Ashburton Tithe Commutation map, and 99 in the modern Ordnance Survey. It contains by measurement one acre, three roods, eleven poles.

I hope these details may be of interest to the Council.

Yours faithfully
Sylvia Sayer.



Note on the value of money:



- ☞ Something costing £1 in 1750 would cost £2 by 1915 and £120 by 1998
- ☞ Something bought in 1806 would cost ten times more (approx) by 2000
- ☞ Since the 1920s, wages have gone up 4 times as much as rpi, so overall things are much more affordable (can you believe that?)



Overseers Accounts 1800-01



The Overseers Charge themselves with 16 poor Rats the Sum of which is	376	15	4
Rec ^d of Last years Overseers	5	9	6
Rec ^d of Milton Abbott which was in arrears Last year	4	6	
Rec ^d of James Hamlyn's Rec ^d	3	16	6
Rec ^d of the Overseers of manaton	2	11	
Rec ^d of John Edmons	2	11	
Rec ^d of Tho. Leaman	2	11	
Rec ^d of John Hamford	2	11	
Rec ^d of Samuel Hamford Mistake Last year	2	2	
Rec ^d of James Hamlyn the Money that was in the pocket of that man that was found Dead on Dartmoor			5
Rec ^d from Wm Ellis	0	6	9
Rec ^d in all	403	5	1
p ^d in all	385	19	2 1/2
	17	5	10 1/2



Widecombe & Leusdon School Managers Minutes (1920) - The Shell



the meeting.
A letter was read from Rev E. C. Wood stating that a 15 inch shell had been presented to the people of Widecombe by the National War Savings Committee in recognition of what was done in this parish.
Rev Wood suggested that the shell might stand outside the school under cover, & the managers approved of its being placed in the pent-house
Marion Wood.
Chairwoman. August 17th 1920.



Widecombe & Leusdon School Managers Minutes (1921) - Salaries



The County Secretary notified the consent of the Education Committee to the salary of W^o H. Cleave, caretaker of Leusdon School being increased to £13.13.0 per annum from 1st April 1921, that her share of the National Health Insurance contribution will be 3^{/-} per week from 4th April 1921. The reports of the Head Teachers of both schools were read & the corresponding was ordered to write to the County Secretary enquiring if a grant towards the cost of foot-balls; cricket-balls, skipping-ropes &c could be obtained. The County Secretary notified that the salary of W^o Bate from 1st April 1921 will be £252.6.8 less £5 house-rent, that W^o Hancock's salary will be £274 less 8^{/-}.



Widecombe & Leusdon School Managers Minutes (1920)



Mr H H Hannaford

May 29th 1920.

After the conclusion of the other business at the meeting of managers held on Feb'y 28th 1920, a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late W^r H. H. Hannaford, ~~was~~ for many years Chairman of the School managers was passed; on the motion of W^r H. French, supported by W^r W. J. Mann & Major Dankey.

It was also decided to ask the executors to place a photo of the late W^r H. H. Hannaford in both schools, & W^r J. Hannaford promised to have this done.

In moving the resolution W^r H. French said: "I am sure the thought uppermost in the mind of each one of us present is of our late Chairman, W^r H. H. Hannaford. He has fought the good fight & has finished his course, but we are left



Widecombe & Leusdon School Managers Minutes (1920)



Mr H H Hannaford
(continued)

with a deep sense of personal loss for he was truly the friend of all. He possessed a great store of knowledge & was wishal so kindly & ready to help others, that it had long been a common practice of many who knew him to seek his counsel in their cases of special difficulty, & they were always sure of kindly sympathy & sound advice.

Among his special interests, the work of the schools, the education & general welfare of the children held a very high place, & those of us who know most about his work in this respect have but a very partial knowledge of what his unflinching interest & generous service has meant to the children who during these many years past have attended the Widecombe & Leusdon schools. We are indeed grateful for such a life & example as his.



Widecombe & Leusdon School Managers Minutes (1920)



Mr H H Hannaford
(continued)

one thing that has occurred to me is that it would be most natural & appropriate if a photo of W. Hannaford could be placed in each of the schools, & it has been thought possible that the executors might be willing to help translate this idea into fact.

At any rate I feel certain that this would be very much appreciated by the children & their parents as well as by the teachers, & would help to keep green the memory of one whose life & work has meant so much to his own neighbourhood, & to pass on the story to the children of the coming years.

Marion Wood. Aug. 17. 1920.



Widecombe & Leusdon School Managers Minutes (1931)



Entertaining the Charabanc Parties!

Monday July 13th
The following letter was ^{ordered to be} sent to Mrs Mercer
head mistress of Widecombe School.
I am requested by the managers to ask you
whether there is any truth in the rumour
that the school children at Widecombe have
been singing as a school & accepting alms
from char. a. banc parties. - Vint July 23. 31
A letter was received from Mrs Harvey tender-
ing her resignation as supplementary teacher.

J. P. Stanley

July 3/31



Widecombe & Leusdon School Managers Minutes (1931)



∞ Entertaining the
Charabanc Parties!

14. 7 1931.
Widecombe School No. _____

Dear Mrs Wood.

Will you kindly ask the managers if the school children may ring "Widecombe Fair" to members of the public, who may wish to see, and contribute to the purchase of, the old Building.

In answer to your letter of the 13th inst. I wish to say that I have already done this on several occasions and we seem to have given much pleasure to our visitors, including several teachers and inspection of schools.

Yours sincerely -
Mabel Moore.
(Head Teacher.)



Widecombe & Leusdon School Managers Minutes (1920) - Behaviour



A letter from Winstone as follows was read. "There has been I believe some unpleasantness about the boys under the pentiles & I believe there are some inhabitants who think that the authority of the Head teacher extends only to the wash house, but according to the Byelaw on page 36 of the Regulations, the authority extends over all the school property at all times. There have been times when I have had to assert my authority & occasion may arise when I should have to assert it again, & if the managers could see fit to ask the County authority for a ~~copy~~ printed copy of the Byelaw & have it placed on the door, I think there

would be no further unpleasantness." On the motion of Mr W. J. Mann seconded by Mr Wood it was decided to have a copy of the Byelaw placed on the door & Mr J. Hammaford was ordered to obtain an estimate for painting same on wood.

Mr J. Hammaford mentioned that complaint had been made to him that Katepayers had been ordered out of the Pent-house by the Police, & that the Police stated that this action was taken under the instructions of the managers.

It was decided not to consider this complaint unless it was put in writing.



Current Situation



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Current Situation



- œ Almost all of the contents of the Parish Chest are now scanned, including the Indentures
- œ Cataloguing of the contents of the Parish Chest is well advanced
- œ There is still more checking to do, but again it is moving forward



What Next?



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What Next?



- œ Complete the Parish Chest
- œ The Widecombe Archive on the Internet
- œ Passing documents to Devon Heritage Centre for safe-keeping
- œ More detailed cataloguing – extracting more information from documents
- œ Transcribing documents (especially those that are older and difficult to read)
- œ Moving beyond the Parish Chest to other WHG Archive material



What next?



The screenshot shows the 'The Widecombe-in-the-Moor Website' interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: 'Village Market', 'Where To Stay', 'East at the Wayside Cafe', 'Rugby Stone Inn', 'Dartmoor Online', 'The Smiddy - Fine Pottery', 'Village Market', and 'Craft Markets'. Below this is a main menu with links: 'Home', 'History Group', 'Parish Council', 'Village Map', 'What's On', 'Contents', 'Search', and 'Contact'. The main heading is 'The Widecombe Archive Search and Display (Beta Version)'. A section titled 'Please select a file to get started' contains a welcome message and a list of file categories: 'Sample File with Images', 'Indentures', 'Parish Chest & Others', and 'Headstones', each with a radio button and a 'Select File' button. Below this is a 'Basic Search' section with a 'Show Tips' link, a search input field, and 'Search' and 'Clear Form' buttons. The 'Advanced Search' section includes a 'Text Search' area with checkboxes for 'Whole Word?' and a dropdown for 'Both', a 'Synonym Search' area with a dropdown for 'None', and a 'Date Search' area with dropdowns for 'Any' and input fields for 'Day', 'Month', and 'Year'. A 'Note' at the bottom states: 'Text, Synonym and Date searches can be combined.' There are 'Search' and 'Clear Form' buttons at the end of the advanced search section.



What next?



☞ The Internet!!

☞ Search and Display by:

☞ Name

☞ Date & Date Range

☞ Any Text

☞ Upload of low-resolution
Images with copyright

☞ Sale of high-resolution
Images



Sample File with Images Indentures Parish Chest & Others Headstones [Select File](#)

Basic Search: [Show Tips](#)

Search for: and (optionally): [Search](#) [Clear Form](#)

Advanced Search

Text Search: Enter text to search for in one or both of the following boxes. Select 'Both' from the selection list to require both items of text to be present in the result, or 'Either' to require only one of them to be present. Choose 'Whole Word' alongside an item of text to require the text to be present as a complete word.

examination Whole Word? Whole Word? Both

Synonym Search: Choose a set of surnames or place names to search for from the following list: All the names in the set will be included in the search and matching records returned.

None

Date Search: Enter a single date to search for or two dates to define a range. Choosing 'Any' for day and/or month will include all days in the month or months in the year.

First Date: Day: Any Month: Any Year: 1800 Second Date: Day: Any Month: Any Year: 1850

Note: Text, Synonym and Date searches can be combined.

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A052.067	Examination	Examination of John Harvey dated 12.3.1811	12.3.1811	2	More Details
A052.066	Examination	Examination of Ambros Nosworthy dated 6.12.1808	6.12.1808	2	More Details
A052.061	Examination	Examination of Thomas Strawbridge dated 29.4.1828	29.4.1828	2	More Details
A052.060	Examination	Examination of Henry Higman dated 26.1.1830	26.1.1830	2	More Details
A052.070	Examination	Examination of Elizabeth Buckley dated 16.7.1840	16.7.1840	2	More Details
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A052.095	Examination	Examination of Matthew Rowse (1827) dated 4.6.1827	4.6.1827	2	More Details
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Conclusion



A job without an end!!! But very worthwhile.



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