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INTRODUCTION.

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The Parish of Doddington, more properly Doddington-Pigot, is situated in the Diocese and County of Lincoln, at the extreme north-western point of the parts of Kesteven, about six miles south-west of the City of Lincoln, and bounded by the County of Nottingham on the north and west. The ecclesiastical Parish is a Rectory, in the Deanery of Graffoe and Archdeaconry of Lincoln, and comprises the two townships of Doddington and Whisby. Of these, Doddington, containing 2,515 acres, had a population of 147, and Whisby, containing 1,634 acres, a population of 86, according to the Census of 1891.

There was already a Church and a Priest at Doddington at the time of the Domesday Survey, which states that before the Conquest the Manor had been given by Ailric, son of Mariete, its owner in Edward the Confessor's time, to the Abbot and Convent of St. Peter of Westminster. It was, doubtless, from this connection that the Church obtained that dedication to St. Peter which it still retains. Under the Abbot and Convent of Westminster the Manor was held for many generations on payment of a fee farm rent by the knightly family of Pigot, from whose long possession, lasting to the close of the fifteenth century, the Parish gained the distinctive adjunct to its name of Doddington-Pigot, which is attached to it in the Registers

and other official documents. One John Pigot claimed the Advowson of Doddington from the Abbot in 1194; another, in 1274, claimed to have his gallows at Doddington, which he said he and his ancestors had had for one hundred years past. The last Sir John Pigot of this family died *s.p.* in 1450: and on the death, in 1473, of his widow, Dame Elizabeth (the wife successively of William Vaux, Esq., and John Stanley, Esq.), the estate passed by a previous sale to Sir Thomas Burgh, K.G., created in 1487 Baron Burgh of Gainsborough. In the Burgh family it continued until 1586, when it was sold by Thomas, fifth Lord Burgh, K.G., and Lord Deputy of Ireland, to John Savile, Esq., of Howley, near Leeds, afterwards Lord Savile of Pontefract, the baptism here of whose son and heir, Thomas, afterwards Earl of Sussex, is recorded in 1591. After seven years' ownership John Savile sold Doddington to Thomas Tailor, of Lincoln, a man of great wealth, who had been Registrar to the Bishops of Lincoln. By him the present stately Elizabethan Hall was built; and his burial here, in accordance with his will, is recorded in the Register, 26 Nov., 1607. His daughter, Jane Tailor, married, as his first wife, George Anton, Esq., Recorder of Lincoln, 1587—1612, and M.P. for that City, 1588 and 1592. The Baptisms and Burials of several of his children are entered in our Register between 1594 and 1603; these, however, were by a subsequent marriage. But Elizabeth Anton, his only daughter by his first wife, became heir to her grandfather and to her uncle, a second Thomas Tailor, and by her marriage to Sir Edward Hussey, of Honington, Knt. and Bart., brought Doddington into the possession of that distinguished Lincolnshire family. On her death, in 1658, she was succeeded by her grandson, Sir Thomas Hussey, 2nd Baronet and Knt. of the Shire, the Baptisms

of four of whose children are recorded here. Many more are at Honington, near Grantham, which was the family burial place, and where his own burial is entered, 26 Dec., 1706. Of the three daughters who were his co-heiresses the ultimate survivor and sole heir was Sarah, the wife of Robert Apreece, Esq., of Washingley, co. Hunts. By her (d. 1749) Doddington was settled on her daughter, Rhoda, the wife of Francis Blake-Delaval, Esq., of Seaton-Delaval, co. Northumberland, and on their second son, John Hussey-Delaval, created a Baronet in 1761, Baron Delaval in the Irish Peerage in 1783, and in the peerage of Great Britain in 1786. The Burial in our Church of his only son, who died just before he attained his majority, is recorded in this Register in 1775. On Lord Delaval's death without male issue, in 1808, Doddington was inherited by his brother, Edward Hussey-Delaval, Esq., F.R.S., who survived until 1814. His only daughter, Sarah Hussey-Delaval, the widow of James Gunman, Esq., of Dover and Coventry, dying without issue in 1839, bequeathed it to her friend, Lt.-Col. George Ralph Payne Jarvis, whose son, George Knollis Jarvis, Esq., and grandson, George Eden Jarvis, Esq., J.P. and D.L., have been successively owners of the estate and patrons of the Rectory. This sketch of the descent of the property will serve to explain the succession of Patrons as given in the subjoined list of the Rectors, as well as many entries in the Registers.

The ownership of the township of Whisby has always been distinct from that of Doddington. Early in the seventeenth century it was owned by Robert Cracroft, Esq., an ancestor of the family now seated at Hackthorn, the baptisms of several of whose children are recorded in the Register. It is now the property of Robert C. Vyner, Esq., of Newby Hall, co. York.

The following table of the Rectors of Doddington, with the dates of their Institution, and the Patrons by whom they were presented, is compiled from the Bishop's Registers at Lincoln, which commence with the episcopate of Bishop Hugh de Wells in 1209.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Rector.</i>	<i>Patron.</i>	<i>Vacancy.</i>
1222.	Adam de St. Alban.	Hugh Pikot, Knt.	
1229.	Alexander Pikot. Stephen de Hastings.	Hugh Pikot, Knt.	
1273, Feb. 4.	Hugh Pycot.	John Pycot, Knt.	Death of Steph. de Hastings.
1315, Oct. 8.	Robert de Langton.	John, son of Bal- dewin Pygot.	Death of Hugh last Rector.
1338, June 5.	William Bangard (de Ounesly).	John Pygot, of Dodington.	Death of Robert, last Rector.
1372, Oct. 22.	John de Thorp.	John Pygot, Knt.	Res: of Wm: Bangard.
1393, Sep. 11.	Thomas Sedeyn.	K. Richard II.	
1417, Nov. 23.	Thomas Thorp.	John de Etton, Knt.	Death of Thos: Sedeyn.
1421, Oct. 7.	William Jolyf.	John Etton, Knt.	Res: of Thos: Thorp.
1429, Jul. 13.	Alan Alforth.	John Pygot.	Death of Wm: Jolyf.
1440, Jun. 4.	William Dighton.	John Pygot.	Res: of Alan Alforth.
1449, Aug. 22.	Robert Pye.	John Pygot, Knt.	Res: of Wm: Dighton.
1458, Jun. 9.	John Fawkencr.	William Vaux, Esq., and Eliza- beth his wife.	Res: of Robert Pye.

William Harneys.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Rector.</i>	<i>Patron.</i>	<i>Vacancy.</i>
1466, Aug. 10.	John Leek. John Fawkener.	John Stanley, Esq., and Eliza- beth his wife.	Res: of Wm: Harneys.
1506, Aug. 26.	John Lambert.	K. Henry VII.	Death of J. Fawkener.
1522, Aug. 22.	Humphrey Cotton.	Edward Borowe deGaynesburgh.	Death of J. Lambert.
1529, Sep. 8.	Thomas Spencer.	Thos: Brough, Knt.	Res: of Hum- phrey Cotton.
1560, Sept. 30.	Henry Toward. John Frith.	Wm: Brough, Knt. Lord Brughe.	Death of last Rector.
1580, July 18.	Edward Germin.	Wm: Burghe, Knt. Lord Burghe.	John Frith, last Rector.
1587, — —	Ralph Bethell.		
1604, Mar. 21.	Richard Pollard.	Thomas Tailor of Doddington- Figott.	Res: of Ralph Bethell.
1609, — —	Shute Jefferson.		
1618, Aug. 17.	John Crofte.	Thomas Taylor.	
1661, — —	John Joynes.	Sir Thos: Hussey, Bart.	
1662, April 8.	John Cocke.	Sir Thos: Hussey, Bart.	Cession of John Joynes.
1667, Oct. 31.	William Moore.	Sir Thos: Hussey, Bart.	Res: of John Cocke.
1692, Sep. 28.	William Carleton.	Sir Thos: Hussey, Bart.	Death of Wm: Moore.
1726, Dec. 20.	William Hammond.	Robt: Apreece and Sarah his wife.	Death of Wm: Carleton.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Rector.</i>	<i>Patron.</i>	<i>Vacancy.</i>
1738, Jan. 16.	William Singleton.	John Forster, of Gray's Inn, Esq.*	Death of Wm: Hammond.
1744, Feb. 6.	George Wilson.	Mrs. Sarah Apreete.	Death of Wm: Singleton.
1770, Mar. 10.	Robert Pregon Hurton.	Sir John Hussey-Delaval, Bart.	Death of G. Wilson.
1788, Feb. 4.	James Fenton.	Rt. Hon. John Lord Delaval.	Death of R. P. Hurton.
1837, Dec. 17.	Charles Macquarie George Jarvis.	George R. P. Jarvis, of Doddington, Esq.	Death of J. Fenton.
1861, Nov. 8.	Robert Eden George Cole.	George K. Jarvis, of Doddington, Esq.	Res: of C. M. G. Jarvis.

The Parish Registers now at Doddington commence only in 1690, but a search in the Bishop's Registry at Lincoln has furnished the Transcripts of some seventy previous years. The earliest of these are 1562, 1565, and 1569; from 1587 the series is complete, with a few exceptions, until 1632, and again, after the usual break during the time of the Commonwealth, from 1664 to 1690, when the present Registers begin. Possibly, a few more years may be discovered in the Bishop's Registry, if ever the work of arranging the Transcripts, according to their Parishes, shall be completed. At present, the Transcripts from the three adjoining Deaneries of Christianity (Lincoln), Graffoe, and Longoboby, comprising fifty Parishes, are rolled up in bundles, just as they were handed in each year at the Bishop's or Archdeacon's Visitation; so that a search for those of any particular parish is both difficult and uncertain. Our thanks are due to W. W. Smith, Esq.,

* John Forster was Trustee for Mrs. Sarah Apreete.