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LONDON :

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PREFACE.

The Bishop's Transcripts in the Hereford Registry having recently been sorted and made available for reference, the entries for several years previous to those in the first Volume have been copied and inserted here.

The oldest Register, Volume I., is bound in leather, and contains 20 leaves of used parchment, some of which are cut, but the years run consecutively at one end. It contains entries of Baptisms, Burials and Marriages from 1680 to 1708, all mixed together. Then they are separated thus: Baptisms, 1709 to 1768; Marriages, 1711 to 1756; Burials, 1711 to 1768. Then Baptisms and Burials are mixed from 1769 to 1786, and Baptisms are continued by themselves, 1787 to 1812.

At the other end two leaves of parchment only are used, containing Burials from 1786 to 1812, consisting of 36 entries. Some leaves have been cut out at the commencement, but dates correspond with the other end.

Volume II. is the usual authorised vellum-bound Marriage Register Book, from 1756 to 1811, with strong paper leaves, ruled, containing 53 entries. Only the first entry is given in full, the rest being curtailed.

The old Church and present Tower were built in 1680. Some money was collected by a "Brief" for this purpose. The Tower contains three bells.

The present Church was rebuilt, except the Tower, by John Hopton, Esq., as a memorial to his wife, and opened in 1861, succeeding an old Queen Anne red brick building.

The Brass Lectern was presented in 1866 by the Rev. O. P. Greenstreet, Curate.

The Lych-gate was erected in 1894, "To the Glory of God, and in memory of John Hopton, ob. 1891, & Bertha Maria Baskerville," his daughter and heiress, ob. 1892, by Grace Poole, Caroline Trafford, Walter Baskerville, and Michael Hopton.

The Churchyard was enlarged at the same time by Walter Baskerville, and consecrated October 17th, 1895.

The Vicarage House was built in 1844, and given to the Living by the Rev. John Hopton.

The Canons of Llanthony Abbey were formerly Lords of the Manor, hence the name of "Canon" Frome. There is an old deed in the muniment room at the Court, granting the Manor to John Harford by the Crown, and another conveying from the Harfords to Michael Hopton, ob. 1603.

Incumbents :—

George Linacre 1666 to 1680, *see* the Bishops' Transcripts.

William Cope Hopton, Instituted Sept. 7th, 1744. Patron, the King by lapse.

William Parsons, Instituted June 24th, 1801. Patron, R. C. Hopton.

John Parsons (Hopton), Instituted Dec. 28th, 1808. Patron, R. C. Hopton.

William Buckle, Instituted Feb. 16th, 1871. Patron, John Hopton.

Michael Hopton, Instituted March 22nd, 1877. Patron, John Hopton.

The Registers are signed by :—

Henry Davis, Minister	-	1681 to 1690
David Lewis	-	1690 to 1708
Robert Symonds	-	1710 to 1711
James Poole	-	1714 to 1718
Thomas Warters	-	1758 to 1762
Philip Watkins, Curate	-	1763
Thomas Jones, Curate	-	1764 to 1769
Thomas Elias, Curate	-	1771
J. Pryce, Curate	-	1773 to 1776
W. Battell, Curate	-	1779 to 1780

G. Finch, Curate	-	-	1781 to 1782
James Williams, Curate	-	-	1790 to 1796
Thomas Cox, Curate	-	-	1801 to 1802
Thomas Lewis, Curate	-	-	1805 to 1807
Thomas Lewis, Curate	-	-	1808 to 1810
J. H. O. Lewis	-	-	1810 to 1812

Communion Plate :—

A large Pewter Dish, Flagon, Chalice and small Dish. By the arms on them they must have been given by Dame Deborah Hopton after the Civil War.

Silver Chalice with Paten forming cover, dated 1670, given by Dame Deborah Hopton whose name and arms are engraved. An older Paten, date mark indistinct, and modern Flagon.

The Great Tithes, said to be worth £19 a year, and 4 acres of land in Lower Church Field (now exchanged) were restored to the advowson in 1746 by Richard Hopton.

Charities :—

Origin unknown, but by custom were paid by the owner of Canon Frome estate, who commuted them some years ago for £25 each. The principal, £90 jointly, is now invested in the name of the "Hereford Diocesan Finance Association" in £84 15s. 9d. two-and-a-half per cent. Annuities, and divided thus :—

- I. "The Clerk's Acre," now represented by £43. The interest paid to the Parish Clerk.
- II. "Gains Hill Charity," now represented by £47. The interest for the benefit of the Poor.

Queen Anne's Bounty made a grant of £200 in 1752, invested in glebe land, to meet Richard Hopton's gift of the Great Tithes. In 1766 Sir Philip Boteler, Bart., gave £200, which was met by a grant of £200 from Queen Anne's Bounty, and the £400 laid out in the purchase of the Sough Farm in the Parish of Stoke Lacy, consisting of about 9 acres. This now consists of 23½ acres by gifts from the two John Hoptons in 1871 and 1881.

The commuted value of the tithe is £181 7s., together with the Vicarage House and 9 acres of Glebe and a Bounty Farm, The Slough, in Stoke Lacy, at present consisting of 23 acres 3 roods 22 poles.

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Canon Frome Register.

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REGISTRY.

1660-1-2-3 [*missing*].

1664.

M^r James the Sonne of S^r Edward Hopton K^t and the Lady Deborah
his wief was baptized the 19th day of July Año Domn 1664.
Sarah the Daughter of Alexander Drew and Margery his wief was
baptiz the third day of November Año 1664.
Richard the Sonne of francis Baddam and Mary his Wiefe was
baptized the 21st day of Decemb^r Ano 1664.
Sible the wiefe of Humfrey Wood was buried at Stretton the 17th
day of february Año 1664.

MATHIAS WICKES.

1665 [*missing*].

1666.

James the sonne of Michaell Brompton & Elizabeth his wiefe was
baptized ye 15th day of November 1666.
Joseph ye sonne of Joseph Moore & Sarah his wife was borne the
27th day of November & baptized ye 20th day of December
1666.

GEORGE LINEACRE.

JOHN MOORE, Churchwarden.

1667.

Mary Moore the Daughter of Umphrey More and Jane his Wife
was baptized the 10th day of Aprill.
Elizabeth the Daughter of William Sayare and Elenor his wife was
Baptized the 14th of September and buried the 16th.
Thomas Drewe was buried at Asperton December the 21th.
Mykell Bromton the sonne of Mykell Bromton and Elizabeth his
Wife and was baptized the 30th of January.

JOHN TAYLOR GOULD, Churchwarden.

1668.

Edward the sonne of Michaell Brampton and Elizabeth his wiefe was
buried at Stretton the 23rd day of October 1668.
Alexander the sonn of Alexander Drew and Margery his wife was
Baptized the first day of November 1668.
Sarah the daughter of Joseph Wood and Sarah his wiefe was
Baptized the eight day of January 1668.
Humfrey the sonne of Humfry Moore and Jane his wiefe was bap-
tized the 23rd day of March 1669.

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