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## PREFACE.

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WHEN I had progressed some way with this book, and had issued a Prospectus about it, I felt a little uneasy as to what was expected of *The Somerset Roll of Worthies, Unworthies, and Villains*.

Several works bearing somewhat similar titles, but relating to other Counties, had previously been issued, and consisted mostly of biographies lengthened out, in many cases, by well-known stories and anecdotes, which might be met with over and over again in biographical dictionaries such as are within the reach of all. From the first I saw no reason for putting this book together on these lines, and the general reader who purchases this book expecting to find such particulars herein will be disappointed. My idea throughout has been to give, in this first trial list, as many notable names as I knew of those who have been born within the County of Somerset, with dates and skeleton outlines attached to each. In this form I believe that the book may be useful to any one who is engaged in local research, because every principal parish in the County has sent up its 'tale of men,' whether they be worthies, unworthies, villains, or, what is most likely, composite characters 'of mingled yarn—good and ill together.'

PREFACE.

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It will be noticed that my aim has been to be inclusive rather than exclusive, and, with regard to some names, I shall probably be asked what were my reasons for inserting them. I shall doubtless, also, have pointed out to me many conspicuous omissions. I say at once that any one who is so good as to take notice of this 'experimental list,' to point out errors of omission or commission, will have my best thanks. I have issued this list as 'tentative,' or 'trial,' because I wish to avail myself of the knowledge of others in any later edition of the book which may, I hope, be issued. At the moment of writing this preface, when the body of the book is printed off, I feel conscious of many improvements which I hope may be introduced at some future time—particularly the adding of bibliographical and iconographical notes to each entry.

In compiling this book I have sought out many valuable but obscure authorities, and to each I am more or less indebted; to name all such books would be impossible. To Mr. Arthur Pippett I am deeply grateful for the compilation of an *Index Locorum*, which I think requires no apology, and to Mr. D. Baxter for help throughout in revision and the verification of dates.

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## THE SOMERSET ROLL

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**ABRAHALL, JOHN CHARLES JAMES HOSKYNs** (1800-1876), Master of Bruton School. Son of Rev. John Hoskyns Abrahall, of Compton Martin. Born 1800. Died 26 April, 1876.

**ABRAHALL, THEOPHILUS BENNETT HOSKYNs** (1802?-1874). Second son of Rev. John Hoskyns Abrahall, curate of Badgworth. Barrister, 25 June, 1830. Died at Exeter, 2 August, 1874.

**ABRAHAM, ADAM** (1678-1709). Son of John Abraham, or Purtington. Born 1678. Died 12 September, 1709. Buried at Winsham.

**ABRAHAM, SAMUEL**. Born 1776. Son of Richard Abraham, of White Lackington.

**ACLAND, SIR WROTH PALMER, K.C.B.** (1770-1816), Lieutenant-General. Son of Arthur P. Acland, of Fairfield. Died in 1816.

**ACWORTH, ANDREW OSWALD, B.A.** (b. 1858) Equity draftsman and conveyancer. Fourth son of Rev. William Acworth, Vicar of South Stoke.

**ADAM DE MARISCO** (d. 1257?). A learned Franciscan; is said to have been a native of Somerset. He died either late in 1257 or early in 1258.

**ADAMS, ROBERT PATTEN** (b. 1831), Solicitor-General of Tasmania since 1867. Third son of James White Adams, of Martock. Born 4 March, 1831.



**ADDISON, WILLIAM FOUNTAINE** (b. 1818), Vicar of Ossett, Yorks. Son of Rev. William Addison Fountaine (?). Born in Walcot Parish, Bath, 1818.

**ADELARD OF BATH** (12th cent.). Writer on philosophy, flourished about the beginning of the 12th century. Travelled through Spain, Egypt, and Arabia, and brought back an Arabic translation of the *Elements* of Euclid. Native place is said to have been Bath.

**ADKINS, FRANCIS** (or **ATKINS**) (1611-1672?), Vicar of Chard, &c. Born 1611. Died 1672? Son of John Adkins, of Chard.

**ADKINS, FRANCIS** (or **ATKINS**). Born 1671. Son of Francis Adkins, of Chard.

**ADKINS, ROBERT** (or **ATKINS**) (1626-1685). Was one of the most notable of the two thousand ejected ministers of 1662. Born at Chard, 1626. Died 28 March, 1685.

**AISH, FIDELIS** (1687-1720), Vicar of Seaburrow. Son of William Aish, of Seaburrow. Born 1687. Died 1720. Brother of William Aish, of Wadham College.

**AISH, WILLIAM** (1681-1725), Vicar of Wayford. Son of William Aish of Seaburrow. Born 1681. Died 1725.

**ALANE, ANDREW** (b. 1612). Son of Henry Alane of Wells.

**ALBIN, HENRY**, of Oxford University (1624-1696.) Born at Batcombe, June 20, 1624; educated at Glastonbury. He died 25 September, 1696.

**ALEXANDER OF ASHBY** (fl. 1220), Prior of the Austin priory at Ashby, Northamptonshire. Has been variously stated to have been a native of Somersetshire and Staffordshire.

**ALFORD, CHARLES RICHARD, D.D.**, formerly Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong. Born in 1816 at West Quantoxhead.

**ALFORD, DANIEL PRING**. Born 1838 at Taunton Vicar of Tavistock since 1883.

**ALFORD, HENRY** (1782-1825). Son of Samuel Alford. Born at Curry Rivell Vicarage, 3 December, 1782. Died at Tunbridge, 22 September, 1852.

- ALFORD, MARMADUKE** (1647-1715). Son of Robert Alford, of Curry Rivell. English Vocalist and Composer. Born 1647. Died May, 1715.
- ALFORD, ROBERT** (b. 1848). Second son of Rev. Walter Alford, M.A. Born at Muchelney.
- ALFORD, SAMUEL** (1747-1770), Sub-Dean of Wadham College. Son of Thomas Alford of Weston Zoyland. Born 1747. Elected Sub-Dean in 1770.
- ALGAR, JOSEPH COX** (b. 1820?). Son of Rev. Joseph Cox Algar. Born at Frome, 1820.
- ALLEINE (or ALLEIN) RICHARD** (1611-1681). Born at Ditcheat, 1611. Commoner of St. Alban's Hall 1627. Divine. Died at Frome-Selwood, 22 December, 1681.
- ALLEINE, WILLIAM** (1614-1677), M.A. of St. Alban's Hall, Oxford. Younger brother of Richard Alleine (1611-1681). Born at Ditcheat, in 1613-4. Died at Yeovil in October, 1677.
- ALLEN, JAMES MOUNTFORD** (1809-1883), Architect. Born at Crewkerne, 14 August, 1809; died there 27 February, 1883.
- ALLEN, JEFFERYS CHARLES** (b. 1847), called to the Bar, 18 November, 1872. Only son of Rev. William Jefferys Allen, of Gatchell House near Taunton. Born 24 December 1847.
- ALLEN, JOHN** (b. 1663). Son of Thomas Allen, of Bruton.
- ALLEN, JOHN ROY** (1799-1875), Barrister. Eldest son of John Allen, of Lyngford. Born 1799. Died at Weston-super-Mare, 10 March, 1875.
- ALLEN, RALPH** (1694-1764). Birthplace uncertain but probably St. Blazey in Cornwall. Died at his estate at Prior Park, near Bath, 29 June, 1764.
- ALLEN, THOMAS** (b. 1740). Son of Simon Allen, of Hinton St. George.
- ALLIES, THOMAS WILLIAM, M.A.** (b. 1813). Graduated first class in Classics, Oxford, 1832. Formerly Examining Chaplain to Dr. Blomfield, Bishop of London; later became a Roman Catholic.

- ALWYN, HENRY** (1624-1696), ejected Minister. Born at Batcombe, 20 June, 1624. Died 25 September, 1696.
- AMESBURY, JOSEPH** (1795-1864), Surgeon. Born at Huntspill, 15 October, 1795. Died at Brighton, 27 March, 1864.
- AMHERST, WILLIAM PITT** (1773-1857), 1st Earl Amherst. Born at Bath, 14 January, 1773. Died at Sevenoaks, 13 March, 1857.
- AMORY, THOMAS, D.D.** (1701-1774), Dissenting Tutor. Born at Taunton, 28 January, 1701. Died in London, 24 June, 1774.
- ANDERDON, JOHN LAVICOUNT** (1792-1874). Born 5 April, 1792. Died 8 March, 1874. Politician and Writer.
- ANDERSON, LUCY** (1790-1878), Pianist. Daughter of John Philpot, of Bath. Born at Bath, December, 1790. Died in London, 24 December, 1878.
- ANDREWS, JOHN** (17th cent.), Poet. Anthony à Wood in his *Athenæ*, and his editor, Dr. Bliss . . . wrote of him, 'John Andrews, a Somersetshire man born, was entered a student in Trinity College, Oxford, 1601, aged 18.'
- ANDREWS, GEORGE** (fl. 1776), Barrister-at-law. Only son of George Andrews, of Wells. Was called to the Bar in 1740.
- APRICE, ILDEFONSUS, O.S.B.** (d. 1712). Probably a native of Somerset, and perhaps a descendant of William Aprice. Died in London, 18 March, 1712.
- APRICE, JOSEPH** (d. 1703), brother of the above, Chaplain to James II. Died 25 July, 1703, at St. Edmund's House, Paris.
- ASHLEY, JOSIAH (or JOHN)** (1780-1830), English Composer, Vocalist, Bassoon-player. Born at Bath, 1780. Died there 1830.
- ATHELM** (d. 923), Archbishop of Canterbury. Is said by William of Malmesbury to have been a monk of Glastonbury. In 909 he was the first Bishop of Wells. Died 8 January, 923.
- ATHERTON, JOHN** (1598-1640), Bishop of Waterford and Lismore. Is believed to have been born at Bawdrip in 1598. Hanged at Dublin, 5 December, 1640.