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The Archdeaconry of Chester
IN THE
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PREFACE

In certain cases the Marriage Licence Act Books for the period covered by this volume only give the names (and sometimes only the surnames) of the recipients of the licences. Owing to difficulties arising out of the war it has not been possible to amplify such bare entries by reference to the bundles of Marriage Licence Bonds. It is desirable to draw the attention of members to the fact that such reference will no doubt be again possible in the near future upon application to the Diocesan Registrar and payment of the customary fees.

For the convenience of readers the details are here repeated of the Marriage Licence Act Books and Bonds now remaining in the Diocesan Registry at Chester.

*Dates of the Volumes of Marriage Licence Act Books now
remaining in the Diocesan Registry at Chester.*

- Vol. I. July 18, 1606, to March 22, 1615[-6]. (Vol. 53, Rec. Soc. L. and C.)
- „ II. April 11, 1616, to May 17, 1624. (Vol. 56, Rec. Soc. L. and C.)
- „ III. May 18, 1624, to March 24, 1631[-2]. (Vol. 57, Rec. Soc. L. and C.)
- Hiatus March 25, 1632, to March 30, 1639.*
- „ IV.¹ March 30, 1639, to October 21, 1644. (Vol. 61, Rec. Soc. L. and C.)
- Hiatus October 21, 1644, to June 22, 1661.*
- „ V. June 22, 1661, to February 8, 1666[-7]. (Vol. 65, Rec. Soc. L. and C.)

¹ The entries at the end of this volume following the entry of licence (John Baxter and Dorothy Brooke) on the 27th June 1642, and extending to 21st October 1642, appear to have been irregularly entered, and probably do not include all the licences issued for this period.

Vol. VI. February 9, 1666[-7], to March 24, 1679[-80]. (Vol. 69, Rec. Soc. L. and C.)

„ VII. April 6, 1680, to December 27, 1694. (April 6, 1680-March 31, 1691, Vol. 73, Rec. Soc. L. and C.)

Hiatus December 28, 1694, to March 24, 1694[-5].

„ VIII. March 25, 1695, to August 31, 1700.

Hiatus August 31, 1700, to 1719.

From this date it became the custom to enter up the licences in the Act Books as and when the affidavits were returned into the Registry by the Surrogates. The dates therefore overlap a good deal; this is especially the case between the dates 1733 and 1772.

Vol. IX.	.	.	.	.	.	1719 to 1726
„ X.	.	.	.	.	.	1726 „ 1732
„ XI.	.	.	.	.	.	1733 „ 1772
„ XII.	.	.	.	.	.	1733 „ 1745
„ XIII.	.	.	.	.	.	1754 „ 1757
„ XIV.	.	.	.	.	.	1745 „ 1762
„ XV.	.	.	.	.	.	1788 „ 1796

Hiatus 1796 to 1838.

From January 1, 1858, to the present day the Act Books are complete.

The original Marriage Licence Bonds begin in 1661 and are filed in bundles for each year.

The documents at Chester only relate to licences affecting residents within the ancient Archdeaconry of Chester, *i.e.* all Cheshire, Lancashire south of the Ribble, and the Welsh parishes of Bangor Deanery. The licences for the Archdeaconry of Richmond are at Lancaster.

W. F. L.

Marriage Licences Granted within the Diocese of Chester

[1680]

- Apr. 6 Richard Furnifall, of Bradwell, Parish Sandbach, Gentleman, and Mary Hildich, of Namptwich, Spinster. Bondsman, Richard Lowndes, of Hassall. At Acton, Sandbach, or Namptwich.
- „ 10 James Leech, of Alvenley, and Mary Briscowe, of Spittle in Worrall, Spinster. At Bebbington, Frodsham, or Eastham.
- „ 10 Ralph Asle, of Golbornellowe [Golbourn-Bellow], Gentleman, and Sarah Prince, of Hanley, Spinster. At Waverton, Tattenhall, Harthill, or St. John's, Chester.
- „ 10 John Lewes, of the City of Chester, Skinner, and Letitia Edwards, of Rhuaburne [Ruabon], Spinster. At Pulford, or St. Mary's, Chester.
- „ 10 William Berrington, of the Inner Temple, London, and Mary Bunbury, of Stanney, Spinster. At Thornton, Christleton, St. Peter's, Chester, or Holy Trinity Church, Chester.
- „ 12 Richard Lindop, of Crew, and Margaret Taylor, of Whelocke, Spinster. Bondsman, Abraham Henry. At Barrowley, Sandbach, or Haslington.
- „ 14 Henry Stockton, of Barrowe, and Mary Smith, of Croughton. Bondsman, William Whitbye. At Barrow, St. Oswald's, Chester, or St. John's, Chester.
- „ 12 Thomas Lloyd, of Great Barrow, and Mary Gray, of same, Widow. Bondsman, John Newport, of same. At Barrow, or St. John's, Chester.
- „ 19 Augustin Contarino, Parish of Holy Trinity, Chester, and Mary Challinor, of same, Spinster. Bondsman, Samuel Dean. At Waverton, or Holy Trinity, Chester.
- „ 20 Samuel Hicocke, of the City of Chester, Inholder, and