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PREFACE.

The Registers of North Luffenham to the year 1812 are contained in four Volumes, as follows:—

Vol. I. of Parchment, measuring 17 in. by 6 in., and of 76 leaves, contains—

Baptisms, from 1572 (there are two Baptisms prior to 1572 entered without date) to 1747 inclusive, together with three entries of 1748.

Marriages, 1565 to 1749 inclusive. In many of these years no marriages are recorded.

Burials, 1565 to 2 Dec., 1749. The last thirteen in 1748-9 are entered in Vol. II. as well.

Vol. II. of Parchment, measuring 16 in. by 6 in., and of 30 leaves contains—

Baptisms, from 1748 to 26 Dec., 1812.

Marriages, from 1749 to 24 Dec., 1832.

Burials, from 17 May, 1748, to 26 Aug., 1812.

These two Vols. in fact record the Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials in North Luffenham between 1565 and 1812.

There are besides—

Vol. III. of Paper, paper cover, measuring 15 in. by 9 in. and of 16 leaves, having on the cover—

MARRIAGE REGISTER BOOK

OF

NORTH LUFFENHAM

with entries from 12 May, 1754, to 6 March, 1800.

It has printed forms and spaces for names, dates, &c.

The marriage is signed by the contracting parties and their witnesses and vouched by the clergyman. All these entries are also in Vol. II.,

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Vol. IV. of Parchment, bound, measuring 15 in. by 9 in. and of 40 leaves, being a continuation of Vol. III., containing Marriages from 3 Nov., 1800, to 1 June, 1812. Only the first seven pages are used, the rest are blank.

All these entries also are in Vol. II.

In Vol. I. on pages 1, 4, 28, 30, 72 and 76 are various Briefs and Memoranda. These Memoranda are not arranged in chronological order, but were entered wherever space invited. The most noteworthy of these are (1) Collections for the relief of those visited with the plague, A.D. 1665, (2) for those suffering from the Great Fire in London, A.D. 1666.

See also notices of Burial, February 21, 1642, and Aug. 24, 1645.

Communion appear to have been held on Christmas Day and the Sunday following, on Easter Day and the Sunday following, on Whit Sunday, and in the Autumn, most probably after the ingathering of the harvest. The amounts collected at Holy Communion as far as they are recorded seem to have been small. Rector Clerke plaintively records on April 4, 1675, "but two shillings whereof one shilling & sixpence by me and my two Daughters," and at the next Communion, April 11, "two shillings whereof one shilling by me and my third Daughter". Towards the end of the seventeenth century and at the beginning of the eighteenth contributions were on a more liberal scale. Easter, A.D. 1699, £3 19s. 4d.; Dec. 25th, 1699, £4 11s. 3d.; A.D. 1700, Easter, £4; Whit Sunday, £2 3s. 1d.; Sept. 29th, £2 11s. 1d.; A.D. 1701, Christmas, £3 11s. 8d.; Easter, 1702, £4 7s. 3d.

The number of Baptisms and Burials seems to have been much the same as we have at the present time, so that the diminution of the inhabitants in country villages can hardly be borne out in the case of North Luffenham.

Some noteworthy Christian names taken from the Registers—*Baptisms*, Cibile (1573), Esay (1575), Bezaliell (1578), Repent (1586), Patience (1589), Audrey (1594), Trephosa (1595), Obedience (1602), Anthrea (1614), Obediah (1629), Harborea, Gamaliell (1632), Judah (daughter of Tho. Bate) (1646), Peninnah (1702), Babolina (1717).

Marriages, Prudence (1574), Seynte (1575), ffridswith (1624), Mortify (1694).

Burials, Antick (1675).

Double Christian names commence A.D. 1686 (Bapt.), Mallory-John. There are very few in the whole Register.

There are no surnames at the present time in the village corresponding to the early names in the Register, nor do any of our present surnames go back much beyond (if at all) A.D. 1700.

We have no record of any trades being carried on other than such as would be required in a country village, *e.g.*, the carpenter, blacksmith, slater, tailor, &c.

There were two mansions in North Luffenham, one which passed through the Nevilles to the Harrington Family and then to the Noels (to Mr. Henry Noel) by purchase, and which stood in grounds at the west end of the church. There is no record of the burial of any of the Noel Family with the exception of Mr. Henry Noel, 1677; of his wife Susanna, 1640; of his daughter Susanna, 1639; and of "Elizabeth Wife of Henry Noel," 1681; nor of Baptisms after 1689.

The other mansion belonging to the Digbys, still stands at the east end of the church. The names of this family frequently recur in the Registers till we come to "buried, 23 May 1758 John Digby Esq;," and then their names appear no more. Both these properties now belong to the Earl of Ancaster.

There are entries also relating to the Barker family, ancient landowners in the parish.

The manorial history of this parish shows that the Advowson did not continue to be appendant to the Manor. It was granted by letters patent to Branthwaite and Bramley (Patent Roll, 31 Eliz., Part 7) and by them in the same year to Mr. Wm. Romney, who gave it to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, 1591.

Institutions to the Rectory of North Luffenham from A.D. 1236. The *Institutions* from that year down to A.D. 1541 (when Peterborough was made a Diocese) are transcribed from the Registers at Lincoln, the others have been copied from the Registers at Peterborough. See also p. 90, where will be found a list of the Rectors as given in the Register itself.

A.D.

1236 Robert de Esthall, subdeacon, by Richard Earl of Poitou & Cornwall. [This was Richard younger son of King John. In 1225 his brother Henry gave him the Co: of Cornwall & all Poitou, & he was thenceforth called Count of Poitou; the Earldom of Cornwall

- A.D. was confirmed by Charter 10 Aug: 1231—He was elected King of the Romans 1256 & d. 2 April 1272.]
- 1237 Magister Hugh de Hamelhamstead; by Richard Earl of Poitou & Cornwall.
- 1242 Roger "Nepos Ricardi Comitis Poict. et Cornwall".
- John de Atelburgh. [No record.]
- 1267 Robert de Kington, Subdeacon, by the King of the Romans on decease of Magister John de Attelborough.
- 1282 Magister Walter de Cornubia, (Cornwall), subdeacon, by Edmund Earl of Cornwall on decease of Michael de Northampton. [His institution is not entered.]
- 1284 Magister John de Mollesworth, presented in minor orders by Edmund Earl of Cornwall on Magr Walter de Cornubia being instituted Rector of Ambiesden.
- 1329 John de Wyke, Clericus, by Dominus Hugh de Audele on decease of Magister John de Mollesworth.
- 1347 John de Harewell, presbr, by Hugh de Audele, Earl of Gloucester on decease of John de Wyk.
- 1347 Thomas de Braddebey, presb., by the King [Edward III] in right of the lands of Hugh, late Earl of Gloucester, on resignation of John de Harewell.
- Roger de Northburgh.
- 1367 Philip de Melreth, presb., by Simon Archbp: of Canterbury, & Richard Earl of Arundel & Surrey, & John de Rampton, on resig. of Dominus Roger de Northburgh.
- 1370 Dom. John de Wynchecombe, precentor of London (St Paul's) on exchange with Dom. Philip de Melreth prebendary of Merston St Lawrence, patron Earl Humfrey aforesaid [but no mention of him].
- 1376 William Reni, rector of Cleyton, Dio. Chichester on exch: with Dom. John de Wynchecombe, Patron Joanna, Countess de Hereford &c.
- 1417 Robert Matson, Clericus, by Johanna de Bohun, Countess of Hereford, living vacant. It does not appear how the living came into possession of the Bohuns.
- 1461 William Langham, Cler., by Anne, duchess of Buckingham on decease of Robert Matteson.

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| 1471 | William Drayton, presbr, by Anne, Duchess of Buckingham on decease of William Langham. |
| 1505 | Robert Gilbert, Capellanus, by Edward, Duke of Buckingham on resignation of William Draytone—Pension 10 marks. |
| 1506 | Magister Robert Burton, M.A. by Edward, Duke of Buckingham on resignation of Magistr Robt Gilbert—Pension 10 marks. |
| 1521 | Dom. Richard Stokesley, Capells, by the King (Henry VIII), vacant. |
| 1526 | Magister John Stokesley, S.T.P. by the King, patron in right of Edward, Duke of Buckingham attainted for high treason, on decease of Dom. Richard Stokesley. |
| 1555 | 26 April. William Parker, Cler., by King Philip & Queen Mary—cause of vacancy not stated. |
| 1574 | 16 April. Robert Johnson, Cler., by the Queen [Elizabeth] on decease of last Rector—Buried here on 24 July 1625 |
| 1623 | 23 July. Jonathan Touque [Tookey], Cler., M.A. by Henry Mackworth & Isaac Johnson on decease of last Rector—he was buried here on 29 Jan 1640-41. |
| 1640-41 | 25 Febr. Richard Clerke, Cler., S.T.B. by the Master of Emanuel College, Cambridge (Richard Holdsworth) & Scholars, on decease of last Rector—He was buried here 24 June 1676. |
| 1676 | 17 June. John Kent, S.T.B. by Master Fellows & Scholars of Emanuel College on decease of last Rector—He was buried here 30 May 1681. |
| 1681 | 27 June. John Mason, Cler., by Master & Fellows of Emanuel Coll. on decease of last Rector—He was buried here on 22 Dec 1684. |
| 1684-5 | 21 Jan. John Richardson, S.T.B. by Master and Fellows of Emanuel Coll. on decease of last Rector. |
| 1690 | 1 July. Peregrine Coney, Cler., S.T.B. by Master & Fellows of Emanuel Coll. on deprivation of John Richardson—He was buried here 29 April 1714. |
| 1714 | 22 Sepr. Samuel Jeffery, Cler., M.A. by Master & Fellows of Emanuel Coll. on decease of last Rector—He was buried here 28 May 1722. |