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## P R E F A C E .

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The Editors have now the pleasure of issuing the third volume of Somersetshire Marriage Registers, containing parishes in the Deaneries of Taunton, Ilchester, and Ilminster. Much interest has been taken in the proposal, and such willing support has been accorded, that they propose to continue the series in similar volumes. They will welcome help in the matter of Transcription of Registers.

Genealogists, not only in Somersetshire, but throughout the whole English world, will appreciate this systematic attempt to render available the information contained in Parish Registers, which to most students are at present almost sealed books. These printed copies will preserve the information they contain, even though the originals be lost by carelessness, theft, or fire.

Moreover, registers in the past have been sometimes tampered with for wrongful purposes, a risk which printed copies will in the future obviate. 1379233

The Editors have to acknowledge the kind help of the Incumbents of the several parishes, who have readily permitted the transcription and publication of the marriage register books in their custody. Their names are mentioned under the respective parishes. The Editors have to specially acknowledge the assistance given in transcribing by Mrs. E. B. Cely Trevilian and Miss Warren.

Every care has been exercised in the transcription of the copy, and in many cases the proofs have been collated with the original registers. Still errors may have crept in, from the difficulty of distinguishing certain letters, such as c and t, u, m, n and i, K and R, O and C, etc. It must also be borne in mind that the existing early registers are themselves but a transcript made under the order of Elizabeth, in 1597, from the original paper registers.

The following general facts in the history of Parish Registers may be usefully noted:—

Thomas Cromwell, the Vicar-General, issued the order for keeping parish registers on 29 Sept. 1538.

Cardinal Pole required the names of sponsors to be added to the register of baptisms, 1555.

The registers were directed to be transcribed anew on parchment, and minute regulations laid down for their preservation, 25 Oct. 1597.

These regulations were embodied in the 70th Canon in 1603.

The Commonwealth directed "parish registers" to be appointed 22 Sept. 1653.

Civil marriage was instituted 29 Sept. 1654.

These civil marriages were legalized by Act of 12 Car. II, c. 33, in 1660.

Duties on the registration of baptisms, marriages, and burials imposed for five years, 6 & 7 Will. III, 1694-1698.

Lord Hardwicke's Marriage Act took effect 25 March 1754.

Duty of 3*d.* on every entry in a register imposed by 23 George II, c. 71, 1783.

And repealed 34 Geo. III, c. 2, 1794.

Rose's Act, 52 George III, c. 146, took effect 1813.

Civil Registration commenced 1 July, 1837.

The entries have been reduced to a common form, and the following abbreviations adopted:—

w.—widower <i>or</i> widow.	d.—daughter of.
s.—spinster, single woman, <i>or</i> son of.	p.—of the parish of.
b.—bachelor <i>or</i> single man.	dioc.—in the diocese of.
	co.—in the county of.
	lic.—marriage licence.

It must be remembered that these printed abstracts of marriage registers are not "evidence" in the technical sense. Certified copies must still be obtained when evidence of a marriage is needed for proving a pedigree in a Court of law, or when registering it at Heralds' College. For such certificates application must be made to the clergy in charge of the original registers.

Ultimately, no doubt, the baptisms and burials will find their way into print, but it seems expedient to issue the weddings first, as the Editors are doing in the present series.

No index is issued with the volume, as the Editors believe that it is better to print as many registers as possible, and to defer index-making until the registers still in manuscript are placed beyond the risk of loss.



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## Somerset Parish Registers.

# Marriages at West Hatch,

1604 to 1812.

NOTE.—The marriages here are contained in three books, 1604 to 1812.

Volume I, is a small parchment book, 12 in. by 5 in., made up of numerous fasciculi stitched together, very dilapidated, many parts very badly written and much of it illegible.

It begins 1606 with Baptisms. The first Marriage is 1604, and they are for a few pages continuous.

Volume II is a larger book, 13 in. by 7 in., thin and parchment leaves—most of it very badly kept. It contains only eight weddings.

Volume III is a book bound in calf 15 in. by 14 in. Ruled in forms with space for Banns above that of the Marriage Register.

It is well preserved and contains entries from 1754 to 1812.

These Marriages have been extracted by Mr. Hugh P. Olivey, M.R.C.S., and are now printed under his supervision, by leave of the Rev. A. D. Reece, Vicar of West Hatch.

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