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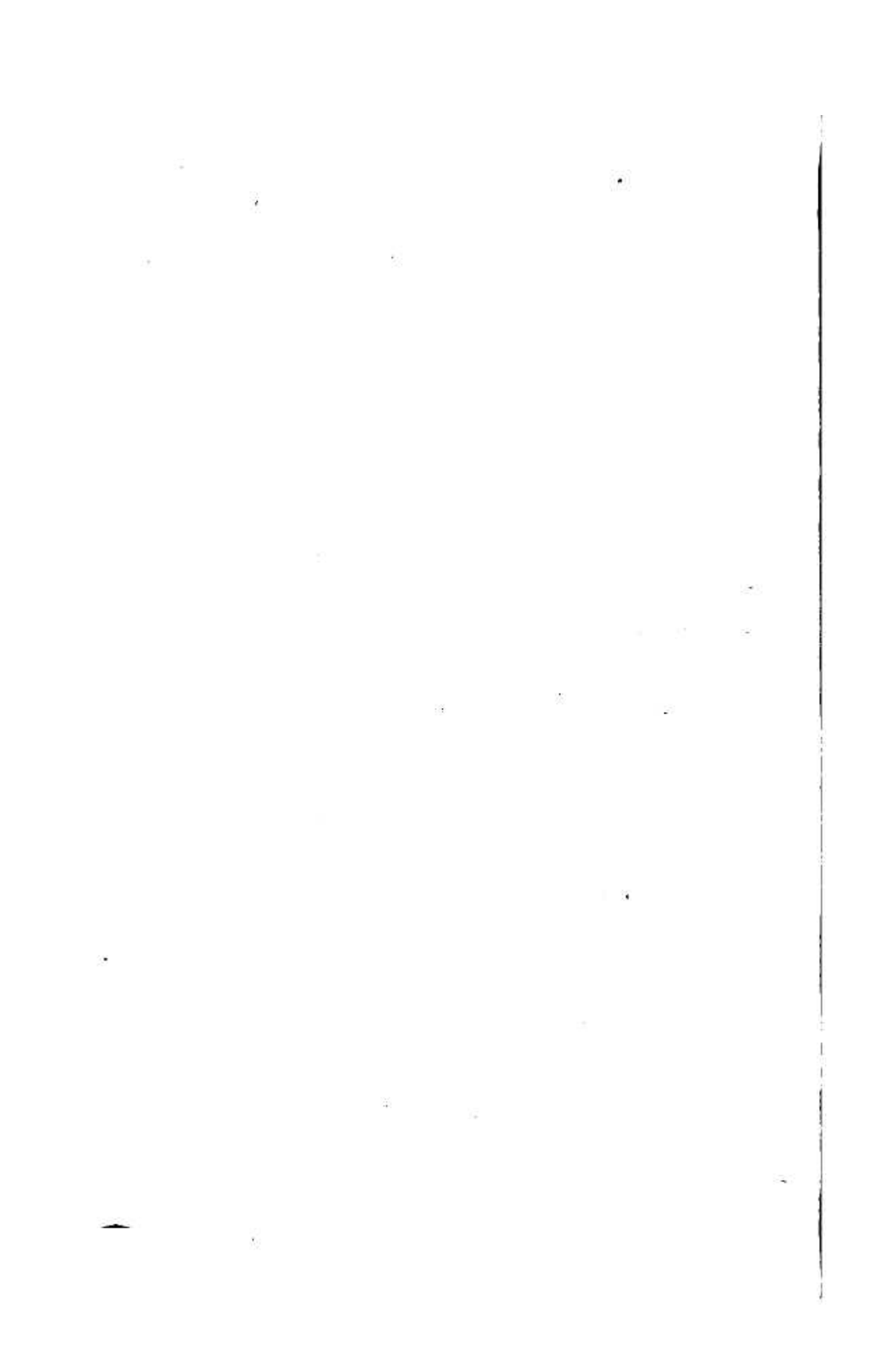
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**The Register of
Moreton Corbet.**



Moreton Corbet Registers.

MORETON CORBET is in the diocese of Lichfield, rural deanery of Wem, and hundred of North Bradford. The population in 1881 was 231, and the area 2138 acres. Sir Walter O. Corbet, Bart., of Acton-Reynald, is the sole landowner, and lord of the manor, and patron of the rectory.

The Parish Register Abstract 1831 contains the following account of the Registers:—"Moreton-Corbet R. Nos. I. II. Bap. Bur. 1580—1812; marr. 1580—1753. No. III. marr. 1754—1812."

The first volume extends from 1580 to 1706. It is a small book in a vellum cover, and contains 25 leaves of parchment, measuring 12 inches by 5½ inches. It is mostly well written, and is in a good state of preservation. In some places (e.g. in 1680-1), a few entries have been scratched out, and others written over. In 1660 is an entry by Peter Gibbons, the newly appointed rector, stating that in his predecessor Parson Gower's time the register was badly kept. In 1587 occurs the entry of the burial of a centenarian, one Humfrey Weston, who died at the advanced age of 115 1

The second volume contains 38 leaves of parchment, interleaved with paper, some of which are written on. It is in a brown leather binding, and is in excellent condition. On the outside is written "Moreton Corbet Register." It contains entries of baptisms and burials from 1706 to 1812, and of marriages to 1753. The burials from 1778 to 1812 are written at the end of this register.

The third volume is the ordinary printed form of marriage register, and contains 76 weddings from 1753 to 1812. It is in a parchment binding, on the outside of which is written "No. 3.", and on the inside "Moreton Corbet."

The principal family named in the register is of course that of the ancient family of Corbet, formerly of Shawbury Park, and now of Acton Reynald. Amongst the burials occur those of Sir Richard Corbet, K.B., in 1606, Sir Vincent Corbet, Bart., in 1656 and 1680, and Sir Andrew Corbet in 1661. Other families termed "esq." in the register are those of Thomas, Barkley, and Kynaston. The families of Bayley, Slator, and Downes, are termed "gent." or "Mr.;" whilst those of Hussey (knightly), Adeney, Kilvart, Sockett, and Wycherley are of interest.

The rectors named in the registers are:—
1580. William Axton; deposed for nonconformity.
1582—1623. Lewys Tylour; buried 18 May 1623.
1623—42. Richard Taylor.
165—, ——— Gower, an "uzerper."