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Pitchford Register.

THE Parish Register Abstract 1831 gives the following account of the Pitchford Registers:—Pitchford R. No. I. Bap. Bur. 1558—1779; Mar. 1558—1753. No. II. Bap. Bur. 1780—1812. Nos. III., IV. Mar. 1754—1812. The same Registers are still existing. The earliest volume is a parchment book, and is in splendid condition. The entries for the first 40 years were copied from the old paper book, at the cost of the parish, in 1598, and each page is signed by Rowland Thasker, the Rector, and by Adam Browne and Tho. Madoxe, who were evidently Churchwardens in 1598, when the copy was made. After 1615, the Churchwardens do not sign every page. The Register is well written, and the entries are very plain, and all are in English, excepting that occasionally "vid." is written for "widow." Until 1711 it is in Court hand. A few of the entries are inserted out of chronological order.

In the year 1719, an entry occurs as to the taking down of the gable end of the chancel, and the rebuilding of it, at the sole cost of Adam Ottley, Esq. Two pages, containing the entries for the years 1743 to 1746, are in a illiterate handwriting. From 1746 onwards, the entries are written by Adam Ottley, rector.

The most important items in the Register are those relating to the Ottley family, who are now represented by Colonel Cotes, of Pitchford Hall, and Lord Hawkesbury. Reference should be made to an interesting paper on the Ottley family, contributed by Lord Hawkesbury to the Shropshire Archæological Society's *Transactions*, Second Series, Vol. VIII., pp. 361—380. Other important families entered in the Register are those of Sonford (or Sandford), Mainwaringe, Corfield, Wolrich, and Blakeway.

In this printed transcript the entries for 1558 are printed in full, the rest are abbreviated. At the beginning of each year from 1558 to 1598, "Anno Dni 15 . . , 25 die Martij" is written. This has not been printed here, nor the constant repetition of "Row: Thasker, rector, Adam Browne, Tho: Madoxe, Churchwardens," which also occur on every page of the Register during those years. But the names of the later Churchwardens who sign are here printed.

The second volume, which contains Baptisms and Burials from 1780 to 1812, consists of 12 leaves of parchment, and is in excellent condition. During Mr. Walcot's Incumbency the Register was rather badly kept, several burials being altogether omitted from the Register, and a number of entries from 1803 to 1807 not showing whether the persons were baptized or buried. Mr. Corfield, at first Curate and afterwards Rector, took a pride in the Registers, and supplied several missing entries. He also gave a detailed statement of the repairs effected at Pitchford Church in 1819; but alas he tells of a "large old Saxon window at the chancel" being removed, and replaced by "the present Gothic one," the cost of which he himself defrayed.

The third volume contains 36 marriages from 1756 to 1779, also one additional Banns, and is a paper book. The fourth volume contains 28 Marriages and 20 Banns from 1780 to 1812, and is a parchment book. Four of these marriages are on scraps of paper pasted in, and were not filled up in the usual way on the ordinary printed forms. Both these volumes are in good condition.

The following is a list of the Rectors of Pitchford, whose names appear in the Registers :—

Rowland Thasker, 1572—1599. (Bur. 1 Feb., 1599).

Roger Tydder, 1603.

John Wilkes, 1668—1716.

William Roe, 1717—1741. (Bur. 17 July, 1741).

John Davies, 1741. (Bur. 2 March, 1741).

Adam Ottley, 1746—1798. (Bur. 28 July, 1798).

Charles Walcot, 1801—1811.

Richard Corfield, 1812. (Occurs Curate 1809—1812).

The present copy was made by Mr. T. R. Horton, and has been since compared with the original Registers by the Rev. W. G. D. Fletcher. It is printed by the kind permission of the Rev. J. E. C. Patterson, the present Rector of Pitchford.

Parochia de Pit-
chfordia in Comitata-
tu Salopiæ et
in Diocœsi Coven.
et Litch.
1598.

This Regester Booke of all Weddings, Christenings, and Burialls of the forsaid parishe from the beginning of the Queenes Ma{tie} Reigne unto the 17{th} day of November Anno D'ni 1598. was made and written in parchment agreeing with the old paper books at the only costs of the parishners of the forsaid parishe :— according to an Ecclesiasticall Constitution in that case provided and set furth, having this title.

De Registris in Ecclesiis saluæ custo-
diæ committendis.

Anno Dni. 1597. Annoq' 37° Regine Elizabethæ &c.

Rou. THASKER, Clerke, parson of y{e} forsaid parishe

ADAM BROWNE ⎱ Churchwardens there.
THOMAS MADOCKES ⎰

PITCHFORD.   Anno D'ni 1598.
Anno Dni. 1558.
25{to} die Martij.

Alece Wylde was buried the 9{th} of Aprill 1558.

Jane Dodde, daughter of Foulke Dodde, was baptised the 23. of Aprill 1558.

Elizabeth Hoord, the daughter of John Hoord and Katherine his wief, was baptised the 3. of Maye 1558.

Will{m} Pete and Marie Browne were married the 12. day of June 1558.

Humfrey Colton, the sonne of W{m} Colton and Marg'tt his wief, was baptised the 14 of June 1558.

Richard Dod was buried the 3. daye of Auguste 1558.

Elizabeth Ottley, daughter of Adam Ottley and Marie his wief, was baptised the 12 day of Auguste 1558.

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Jane Forrest, daughter of Rogʳ Forrest and Jane his wief, was
baptised the 20ᵗʰ day of October 1558.

Agnes Colton was buried the 27. of October 1558.

Anno. primo. Reginæ. Elizabethæ. 17ᵗʰ Novemb. 1558.

Isabell Smith was buried the 21. of December. 1558.

Tho : Taylor was buried the 19. of Januarie. 1558.

John Nesse and Margaret Edwardes were maried the 21. of
Januarie. 1558.

Mathew Leche was baptised the 23ᵗʰ of Januarie 1558.

Wᵐ Colton was buried the 15ᵗʰ day of ffebruarie 1558.

Row : Thasker, rector.   { Adam Browne }   Churchw'dens.
                          { Tho. Madoxe }

[The same Rector and Churchwardens sign at the bottom of each
page until the year 1597.]

1559,	Mar.	30.	Roger, s. of Wm. and Anne Blakeway ...	bap.
"	April	3.	Jane Mainwaring	bur.
"	April	12.	Anne, d. of Richard and Elizabeth Para-more	bap.
"	April	15.	Jane Pete	bap.
"	June	15.	Willᵐ Whood bap., and was bur. 27 Oct.	
"	Oct.	28.	Robert, s. of Richard and Jane Browne	bap.
"	Dec.	6.	Rafe Forrest	bur.
"	Jan.	24.	Willᵐ, s. of Willᵐ and Eline Taylor ...	bap.
"	Mar.	8.	Margery Forrest	bur.
"	Mar.	20.	Gilbert Dicher	bur.
1560,	April	12.	Annie, d. of Thomas Browne	bap.
"	April	14.	Francys Harnage and Anne Mainewaring	mar.
"	July	27.	Dorothie, d. of Adam and Marye Ottley	bap.
"	Nov.	3.	Anne, d. of Wm. and Jane Ottley ...	bap.
"	Nov.	23.	Thomas Shutt and Jane Prowd ...	mar.
"	Jan.	6.	Willᵐ Pete bap., and bur. the 8ᵗʰ.	
"	Feb.	1.	Alexander Brombill and Katherine Hood	mar.
1561,	April	13.	Robert Garlund	bur.
"	June	8.	Elizabeth Paramore...	bap.
"	June	28.	Wm. Hanwood and Elizabeth Shawe ...	mar.
"	July	13.	Wm. Weynewright, a bastard	bap.
"	July	25.	Ric. Peers...	bur.
"	Sept.	7.	Johane Wield, d. of John and Elizabeth Wylde	bap.
"	Nov.	3.	Wm. Weynewright	bur.