

# The Wolvercote journal of Thomas Gregory c1820-40

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## Introduction

Thomas Gregory (1792-1853) lived at Old Farm in Cutteslowe and during the period 1820-40 kept a journal – in fact more of a note book – that since 1977 has been the property of St Peter's Church, Wolvercote. The original journal is now lodged in the Oxfordshire History Centre together with two books of sketches by Thomas Gregory. The 289 pages in neat but crabbed handwriting are exceedingly hard to read but since January 2010 pages 2-177 have been transcribed by a team led by Margaret Russell with help from Valerie Faulkner, Julie Bunn, and others. These scripts were then keyed by Karen Keene and Michael Daniell.

Another important holding in the History Centre is a sketch map Gregory made on 28 May 1821 to show where people lived in Wolvercote; it is keyed to an accompanying list of names, also held in the Oxfordshire History Centre. [PAR 295/17/MS/2]

The pages up to page 177 contain reports on visits Thomas Gregory and his sister Mary made to houses in the village. They focus on the spiritual well-being of the inhabitants. The tables are said to be based on a template from *A manual for a parish priest by an elder brother* (1815) and rate each household for literacy, the possession of a Bible, the use or neglect of private prayer, and attendance at church, but Gregory has extended the analysis in a way that is not clear. They are intrusive records which is perhaps why he resorts to a system of shorthand for some names. Shorthand entries are denoted in the transcript by ^.

Pages 178-279 of the journal are transcriptions or summaries of sermons in St Peter's Church in the 1820s. Though the Revd Rooke seems to be the resident

curate, a number of clergy from Oxford did duty. Transcribed sermons are from such names as Buckland (dates fit with William Buckland the pioneer geologist, later Dean of Westminster, but an impoverished Oxford fellow until he obtained a Christ Church canonry in 1825), Streatfield, Jones, Jowett, Sankey, and Denison (later Bishop of Salisbury and promoter of the revival of the church's synodical powers).

Pages 280-289 of the journal contain notes made in the 1830s and include lists of electors and jurors, the Latin inscription on the Walter tomb in St Peter's Church, details of religious books owned by households in the parish, etc.

Thomas Gregory's map of Wolvercote in 1821

Total  
Houses

87

From Danbury

Little  
Cutslow

Turnpike

Cutslow

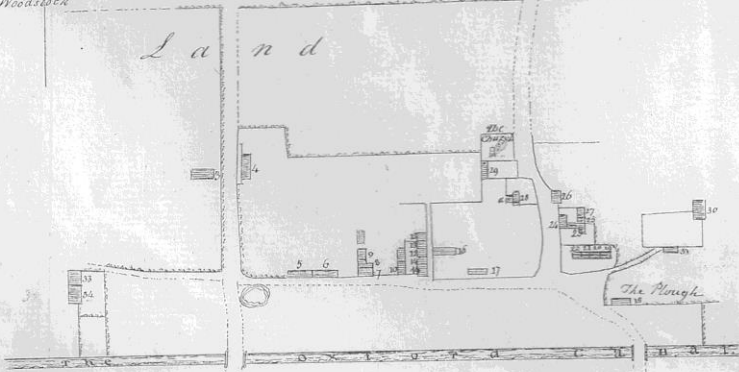
To Oxford

Common Field

From Woodstock

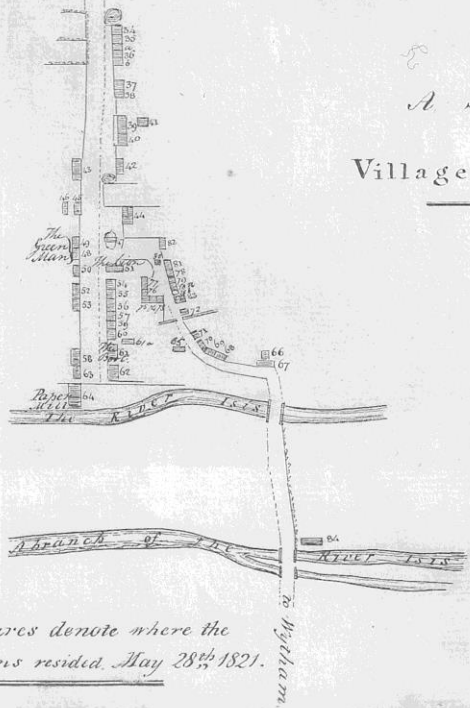
To Oxford

Land



The Rough

A Sketch  
of the  
Village of Woolvercott.



*NB The figures denote where the  
respective Persons resided May 28<sup>th</sup> 1821.*

To Wytham

*A manuscript register dated 1821 in the  
Oxfordshire Record Office*

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1 F Gregory  
2 R Middleton  
3 R Williams  
4 R Rowland  
5 Jh Faichen  
6 M<sup>rs</sup> Hester  
7 J Dee  
8 Geo Robinson (?)  
9 F Matthews  
10 M<sup>rs</sup> Hanley  
11 E Butler  
12 E Horn  
13 Wm Colcutt  
14 J Hicks  
15 James Hicks  
16 M Salmon  
17 W Ball  
18 John Ball  
19 Wm Cantwell  
20 R Tomkins  
21 Ed Basson  
22 Tho Davis (?)  
23 J Austin  
24 W Markham  
25 Mrs Shaw  
26 E Turner  
27 J Woodward  
28 F Osborn  
    J Medcraft  
29 W Cox  
30 E Lock  
31 M<sup>rs</sup> East

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32 F Eeley  
33 J Cripps  
34 W Wren  
35 W Hicks  
36 M Bath  
    Walton  
    F Silman  
37 E Holder  
38 W Gilkes  
39 Mrs Rowland  
40 J Tredwell

41 J Kirby  
42 J Rowland  
43 Th Hicks  
44 J Hicks  
45 Th Hicks  
46 J Baldin  
47 J Simmons  
48 J Collier  
49 W Eeley  
50 W Lipscomb  
51 W Saxton  
52 J Wharton  
53 J Prior]  
54 J Druit  
55 G Lambert  
56 P Beechey  
57 J Mack  
58 S Cantwell  
59 J Langro (?)  
60 W Ferris  
61 C Hamilton

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62 J Acres  
63 W Shoudly  
64 M Swarm  
65 W Harmon  
66 E Bennett  
67 J Ladson  
68 Mrs Smith  
69 J Chamber<sup>n</sup>  
70 J Smith  
71 W Holder  
72 J Richards  
73 P Steward  
74 C Gardiner  
75 J Thompson  
76 H Ball  
77 H Clements  
78 J Middleton  
79 J Roberson  
80 E Roberson  
81 W Seal  
82 J Cutland  
    W Robinson  
    R Gilder  
83 S Green  
    A Norris  
84 J Bishop



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11^ left in May 1823 ^ came in July 1823 left in September ^ 1829 from lower Wolvercote. He has been there about 6 months	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
		+		+	2	1	2	-	2	-			Apr 1823

^ Horn and Cavy– Mrs Cavy never comes to church although she is an aged woman. March 1837. I hear very little of these people. Mrs C is still living but I do not know whether she is improved. Poor Mrs C was unwell some weeks and then departed this life about the month of October 1837. I have not been informed of the state of her mind.

1840 This house is occupied by Mrs Horn's daughter.

This house is occupied by young Collett, his wife and two children Jan 1841.

23^ [Austin]	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
		±W		±VV	3.2	3.1	2	4	6	-			Died June 18 <sup>th</sup> 1833 aged 80

I called on Mr A twice during the Easter week and remained with him about an hour and a half and pressed upon him the necessity for true and hearty repentance. I asked him if he knew whether he had broken the ten commandments – he seemed to think he had not. I repeated to him the first and second and he did not know how to answer me but said he hoped not. I replied he had. I asked him if he knew the signification of these words “Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law”. He could not say. I then told him it was of no use to repeat these words if we did not require mercy from God. I called upon him the following Sunday and read the third chapter of Jonah and told him to go to Christ and cast all his sins upon him and think of true and hearty repentance and make use of the means of salvation now, for this would be the only day of salvation. He listened to me very attentively and I hear he is pleased to see me. When not present with him I offered up my prayers to a throne of grace that he may find mercy at the hand of God. June 15<sup>th</sup> Mr A still keeps his bed and gets gradually weaker, his mind may be a little awakened. I hope it is although I cannot say much in praise of him. I must commend him unto a merciful God. He is very patient under his heavy trial and is become very helpless. Mr A died June 18<sup>th</sup> aged 80 years. He did not give any evidence of the state of his mind. He knew he was dying and requested the attendant to Mrs A and told her it was hard to die. He asked the woman what he must do, who told

him to pray to God. I saw him on Sunday morning 16<sup>th</sup> and spoke to him in 14<sup>th</sup> of St John's Gospel about "In my Father's House are many mansions". Told him to think of Heaven and the terrors of Hell. There was a sort of indifference about him at all times that was by no means pleasing – he has now entered eternity. Mrs A said he paid more attention to what I said latterly and was glad to see me. I must therefore Hope. Vide page 144.



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1825 May. This house has been occupied by different families at various times. It has been let to single young women who have not been quite steady and one young woman left in the month of May 1826.

February 1829 I called here and saw Mrs M whose bible was locked up in her husband's box, there does not appear much anxiety on her part. Saw a pack of cards on the chimney shelf.

1831 I called in September upon these people. They are not much alive to spiritual concerns. The old lady never goes to church although the distance is so very short, only up the lane. Then she comes into the churchyard. 1832 Oct I thought these two people more alive to the things that are excellent (1833 March) I scarcely know what to say about them.

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1824 He has latterly attended regularly at the Sacrament and had not for some years previous to my naming it to him. I am very sorry to say his wife never comes to church. His daughter-in-law and her husband left the house during the month of October 1825. 1829 There is a great deal of unconcern in their house and also some self-righteousness. June 1830 I lent Mrs A Duncilious on Eternity and read before her part of a chapter. I do not think her husband has right views of religion, still having a lukewarm spirit. I told him after Tomkin's death he did not consider the value of his soul. 1832 I have not called upon these people for a very long time. 1833 March 18<sup>th</sup> I called upon Mr A who is very ill and is now become very weak through a looseness or dysentery which has continued in him above twelve months and he has not known to help himself and comes upon very suddenly. I did not find his mind awakened so much as I could have wished to have seen not thinking he had broken all the commandments separately. He does not know the extreme abhorrence that the Lord has to sin, he hopes to go to Heaven and one night he dreamt that heaven was a beautiful place. I could not impart much consolation and he seemed to rely on the mercy of God in a general way. His wife has like ideas and says we are all sinners yet she talks in a slight way and does not know that she is the particular person that must receive the new birth in righteousness, neither does he know this and I read part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of St John upon this point. I called on her at the beginning of April and found him in bed and conversed with him on a future state and how awful it would be to be cast off from the presence of the Lord. I tried to rouse his mind. The next time of calling I think he was more attentive yet he did not perceive the exceeding sinfulness of sin for directly after offering up a prayer he turned it off by inquiry after my relative. I told him of it, using this time the 51<sup>st</sup> Psalm. I called on the morning of Easter Day and read some portion of the Communion Service and told him he must not take the Sacrament as a charm but receive it in remembrance of Christ's dying for us and if he had not died we could not be saved.

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62 Mill Road	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1772	±	-	His FJ	3	1	1	4	2	3			Aged 64 July 14 1842

July 1842. Many years since I used frequently to call upon this poor man and about the year 1839 the top of the house fell in, and the building has since been taken down and he removed to Summer Town and in coming downstairs in the year 1841 he fell down and was taken to the Infirmary – his leg was broken and he was restored and has since resided at Wolvercote and he thought he should like to get a few mushrooms and went out very early and about 6 o'clock was found quite dead and he appeared in the act of taking a pinch of snuff. A Coroner's inquest was taken upon the poor body: he had not attended the service of the church for the space of 17 or 18 years and intended going on the following Sunday when he was carried to the grave and is gone to give up his account. The idea is awful. I had frequently warned him of his neglect.

18 The Plough	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1766	constant			4	1	-	5	3	2			

1824 His faith is not quite sound and he is seldom seen at church. His family are not steady.

1825 I have not heard that he is improved. During the Spring an aged woman dropped into the canal and the body was brought to his house. The means used to restore animation was resorted to but could not be affected. The friends of the deceased took the body to Oxford to be buried.

This ought to be a warning to the parishioners.

1829 They were pleased with my calling and listened attentively to what I said. This family are much improved since their daughter (^) is certainly well disposed and I hope she may have grace and resolution to walk in that straight and narrow path that shall finally lead to eternal life. The mother is now anxious, I cannot say much of Master of the House, he attends church pretty constantly and he has been very seriously attacked with illness latterly.

June 1830 Mrs B [Ball] is improved. I called a few times during the year 1831. Her husband is rather awkward and will not pay his poor's rate unless compelled.

1833 March. He now comes regularly to church.

1834 Mrs B was ill a considerable time and died during the summer in a very tranquil state of mind. She was visited by the clergyman of the parish, Mr Hamilton and others. Mr H buried by her daughter Ann's particular request. Mr JB was taken unwell about the month of May 1835. I have since called upon him up to December almost weekly. He advances very slowly in religious knowledge and soon turns the subject off.

1837 March Mrs JB is still alive and his health is much the same. He has some serious attacks and respecting his mind. I hope he is improved. He is very quiet but attentive therefore I must hope the best. Dec: Mr B continues much the same.

April 1838 He is constantly an unbeliever of a future punishment and wants to know how I can tell. He says we do not know what passes in the heart and cannot tell whether a man is good or bad. Does not acknowledge that by their fruits ye shall know them. He does not make the least advance towards a future state by informing one the state of the mind unless I may say it is very dark and blind. I may stop away from him for aught he cares for me. I told him I was very anxious for his soul. He did not thank me and I told him I fear he was not improved. He considered that a man should not tell the state of his mind and if I asked him a question he frequently said God Almighty \_\_\_\_\_. I said it was not right to continually appeal to him and it was breaking the fifth commandment. I told him it was attended with some trouble my calling upon him yet I could not enter his house unless he chose.

1840 Mr B still continues alive. He has had many attacks of illness for the last 41/2 years. He does not appear to advance in spiritual knowledge. I occasionally call upon him.

June 1840 He died very suddenly one morning. Mr Webb did not think it was requisite that the coroner should be called in. The family were all much shocked at his sudden change. There is only one thing to console them and that was, he was very patient under his heavy affliction in

having very bad legs that could not be cured. Whether his should is safe in the hands of Almighty God must be left to his infinite and righteous wisdom. He never received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. He was very grateful to all our family for any little attention shown to him. The Public House is now kept by two of his daughters.

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I found the mother of this poor man unwell and she is now in her 82<sup>nd</sup> year. I read the 8<sup>th</sup> Ch of Romans and explained some part by a familiar conversation and wished to ascertain her faith and whether it was founded on Christ her Saviour. I found her views somewhat clear at the same time making an allowance for her great age. I prayed by her and read part of the pocket Prayer Book. She thanked me very kindly and said she thought she should never see me again as at one time I occasionally called on her.

April 20 I went with Mr Finlow who administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the old woman, [ ], the clerk, and myself. He performed the ordinance in a very impressive manner. I implore a blessing on this aged Christian and sincerely hope our little congregation may be admitted at the right hand of that saviour whose death we commemorated.

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> I have not heard that her son has been to church through the summer.

1825 The aged woman is still alive when I called upon her in April and conversed with her on a future state. She continues calm and patient.

March 1826. My sister and I called upon her and she has been unwell but she is now rather better. My sister read some suitable address [from] the Gentleman's Visitor. About two months after this she took to her bed and continued so to near the end of August, when she died. Mr Finlow did not survive her long. He died Sept 8<sup>th</sup> quite suddenly at the time the poor woman was lying dead. There were three other corps lying dead in the village which is remarkable considering the size of the place.

1829 Sept I called at the house and saw a son of [ ] and spoke to him of his duty and keeping the Sabbath day holy. His uncle is not afraid. His father seems to be seriously impressed yet at the same time he does not mind sometimes travelling on the Sabbath Day.

1832 June I have not called for some time. This poor man was taken ill and was sent to the Infirmary at Oxford in April 1832 and did not remain there more than a week and then died aged 60 years. His eldest son died in the Feb preceding.

1834 The inmates I am fearful do not improve.

Dec 1835 The poor woman seems meek but I do not know the state of her heart. The man does not attend any place of public worship.

March 1837 I have not called for some time on this family.

1840 This house was taken down in the spring and a new is to be built for Mr Wm Beechey.

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Hse 17	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>	<i>Died or left</i>
		once		+	5	4	-	2				Buried at Wolvercott

1829. This house was entered by Mr H:R: with a family. He is an industrious man and they both strive for a living. He is a milkman and has a walk in Oxford. Their family is increased to four.

In 1840 the fifth child died in the spring a few weeks after its birth.

Jan 1841 This family go on much the same.

A man and a woman named Thomas with a family occupies a cottage at one end. They belong to Wytham. Their children are constant at school. The people are poor not having much beforehand.

Jan 1840 The family are growing up.

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[Hse 17] [*Ball*]

1823 Nov 12<sup>th</sup>. I have not heard that his sentiments in regard to the Trinity are altered either can I hear he has been to church.

Dec 1824 I believe he still continues the same.

1825 May 29<sup>th</sup> I have not yet had resolution to call upon him neither have I heard if the clergyman has been at his house lately.

May 1826. He does not attend church, he spoke to me June 12<sup>th</sup> 1826 and I promised to call.

On Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> an inquest was taken at Wolvercott by Mr Cecil, coroner on view of the body of Mr William Ball aged 66 years who died on the Saturday preceding in a fit of apoplexy. Verdict accordingly – he had been unwell a short time since, and I then considered he spoke very lightly of death.

1829 They are a steady family and regular in their attendance at church.

1830 They continue much the same but their eldest son is not so steady.

1832 Not all at home. Mr [ ... ] has some pride.

1833 Their youngest son enlisted for a soldier in the Guards.

1834 He came home in August for a short time but has since left the army and has been residing at Leamington. Their eldest son was a police man in London and left his situation about Jan 1837 in consequence I should suppose from injury he received from taking some Irishmen prisoners. He told me in February that he was going to Leamington to follow his profession. The young men have given their parents great uneasiness at various times. Mr B left his house for Witney during the summer and there is a talk he will return to the village and I rather think he is returned to a house that was his nephews near Mr Rowland. This is the case and has been sometime (Jan 1841). He has been in the army 46 years and was in Holland with the Duke of York. He was in the late American War.

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Hse 84 ^ [J.Bishop] The old woman is about 80 years of age. Her daughter-in-law married ^ Apr 1826	Born about	At Ch	P & FP	Ror n R	B & J	P	S	nS	C	nC	When RS		Died or left
	1743												

A servant of ^ fell into the river adjoining house Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1824 and was drowned. She was in the act of cleaning the parlour. The bucket fell in also and found in the course of a few days. But the body of the unfortunate young woman was not found before 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 1825 in the parish of Binsey and the body was taken to St Thomas' parish in Oxford. I have since been informed the parents of the young woman came for the corpse and took it to own parish church situated at Minster near Witney in Oxfordshire.

The body of a young woman was found near Godstow supposed to have fallen into the River Isis near Cassington and brought to Woolvercote to be buried. The coroners inquest was taken of the body and a verdict given of accidentally drowning. Buried Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1825.

Mrs Bishop died in the Autumn of the year 1825 aged 88 years unwell not more than a week previous to her death and she had walked to Oxford and back a very short while since. Mr R very ill in Nov 1831. Mr R still frequents the church. He attends the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper the following Easter and came to church a few times afterwards and attended the funeral of Mrs H in September and caught the typhus fever from the corpse it is supposed and remained ill a fortnight or three weeks and died during her illness. She was frequently engaged in prayer. Vide page 58.

Hse 86 ^ Her sister took the house for a short time. Mr Dee succeeded her. And Mr B? succeeded him in Mr D's late cottage	Born about	At Ch	P & FP	Ror n R	B & J	P	S	nS	C	nC	When RS		Died or left
	1795	-	+	+	1	1	-	2	1	1			1823 died Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup> aged 28

B is a steady man and they are both constant at church.

1829 called on ^ Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. She reads her Bible she had of Mr. ?

Mr Saxton. Just at No 7 succeeded him. He has a young family and the children go to the school. I do not call upon these people. They are very industrious.

1832 Mr F or ^ now resides at No 86.

March 18<sup>th</sup> 1833. He was married to a young woman whom he resided with for the last twelve months or more. I am quite grieved he should have acted so wickedly it is very awful that so many are continually breaking this particular law. And I am concerned to say that many of the girls who have been at the school have been unsteady.

1834 These people are much improved and quite steady. I know the man attends church constantly.

1837 I have not seen them so much as formerly. They have some difficulty in living. He follows the business of a law doctor and is rather high in his charges.

1840 He still occupies this cottage. 1841 They are still there.



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Jan 24 1823 I was informed ^ wished to see me. I did not know how to act, neither did I like to refuse. I therefore immediately consulted my Mother who particularly requested I would not go as it would not be prudent. My [ ] said if [ ] should be to be saved the Almighty can make use of various means. My mind was not easy and I felt agitated as it appeared a duty justly due to a fellow creature which I did not embrace as being an humbler Instrument of trying to administer consolation to the afflicted by not going. It appeared as if I had neglected the still small voice of Providence but if I had gone after having consulted my Mother I should have broken the fifth commandment (perusal Drucillious on Eternity) left traces and ^ as particular observations to be noticed and desired I might keep the Homily on [ ] and [ ] the unfortunate prayers of every day in the week and an homily against the fear of death. I offered up a prayer at the throne of grace, in behalf of the fold of Christ, although late. I hope might be recalled and made an heir of glory. Vain it is to put off the hour of repentance to a bed of sickness [?she] has been continually reading the books and [?she] has been truly penitent. I should like to have been a witness and I have since been refused. With my own character I informed the bearer of the books I told him I thought it would be more prudent to inform the clergyman and desired the same message to be given to the patient.

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> In the litany when the clergyman came to the sentence "all sick persons" I immediately thought of ^ in this prayer to Almighty God, judge of my surprise in the afternoon I was informed that [ ] spirit took its flight last evening if 6 had survived this day 6. Thought of receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's supper which 6 had never heretofore received. Soon after I retired upstairs and knelt down and intreated my saviour not to lay any sin to my charge at the last awful day of account, for my [ // ] neglect. Before she died she said she was quite happy and when dying requested her sisters to read to her. She departed very easy.

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> I took an opportunity of speaking to the clergyman respecting ^ conduct. A few days after I heard he had obtained a situation for her in the [ ]. I consider it exceedingly kind of him , she is only 17 years of age.

23<sup>rd</sup> She came to church this day and sincerely hope this day may be the beginning of a new life. Her attendance at the Public Worship of Almighty God might have arisen from [?? ] with a pocket New Testament and a few tracts. She did go to the [ ] and stayed a fortnight and she has not since returned to this parish.

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Hse 21

	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
Oct 1824 now occupied by a young man 1829 Jan 7 occupied by ^ who left in the summer and now occupied by Mrs Medcraft	1788	Very+	+	+	4	3	1	1	2	-	1823 Dec 25 left		

June 1830 Mrs M is a very well disposed woman and is a very kind neighbour, most of her family are grown up. I saw Mrs M in Dec 1831. She is very poor. Her husband met with a fall and hurt his foot in the harvest of 1831.

1834 This house is occupied by John Martin, although he does not lodge in it. He has since proved a sad young man and has left this part of the country in many persons debt and has the quicking in Woolvercott field at the expense of that proprietors and hear nothing of him although it is the month of March 1837.

The house is now (March 1837) occupied by young Green and his wife.

1840 Their children go to the school.

Hse 22 removed to No 20 in the summer of 1830.

A young man and his wife came here in the summer of 1830 and was taken very unwell in the Spring of 1831 and is at this time going into a decline. I have called upon him several times and spoke seriously about his past transgressions. He appears penitent and is very attentive. I have given him a small book containing the Chief Truths of Scripture. I have taken some pains with his wife whom I hope is an altered character. I lent him before I went to Brighton in September *Alleine Alarm to the Unconverted* which has been read by his wife to him. Many have been the anxious hours I have had on his account and I have called upon him every week or sometimes every other week, and have endeavoured to be faithful toward him, and pointed out the sin of adultery for he has been very wild in his times. He did not know the extent of the law. In the course of time he knew himself to be a sinner. I saw him 4 times during the last 6 days previous to his death and was enabled to address him and those about him suitably and faithfully and I have hopes of him and I hope the Lord has mercy upon [?and] account of sparing him as long upon a bed of sickness he was patient, attentive and submissive felt grateful for my attention to him and the prayers on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1832 were offered up to him. He received the Sacrament the same afternoon and was sensible to the last and died about 20 m before 4 on the 13<sup>th</sup> instant. The new birth was not very conspicuous within him yet he was willing to hear. The young woman removed to No 8 which is occupied by a young man and constantly attends Mr Bulteel's ministry.

## 11

## Hse 21

1823 This poor man is a subscriber to the Church Missionary Society and pays twopence per month.

Oct 1824 Himself and family left the village and reside near Elsfield.

1824 This young man married one of ^ daughters last year. In the Autumn of 1824 he was very ill. She was afterwards unwell and applied for relief which was not granted. They have since left the house and are residing in Lower Wolvercote.

1829 They are two young people and wanted assistance from the clergyman.

[??] against his giving a garment a poor woman not belonging to the parish.

This I heard of from several persons therefore it appears we may not give when we think proper. These young people went into a house belonging to Mr Dee's above Mr Barry's in the summer.

## Hse 22

1823 Aug 4<sup>th</sup> ^ buried a little boy about 3 ½ years old. He was seldom well and latterly it had suffered very much from a gathering in its ear. About ten days before the child died the back part of the head took to a mortification and eventually terminated in death. The officiating minister, the Revd J Jones, called upon the parents and administered some spiritual consolation. The poor woman is not able to read. The man works for Mr J Rowland and brings coals from the pit.

1829 Jan 7. She is a civil and I hope is well disposed woman. She has shown a Christian's part by washing for Mrs Tomkins during her husband's illness in the summer of 1830 and she soon after took up her abode with Mrs J and during the summer she was delivered of twins and are at present (Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1831) quite well and fine hearty children.

1833 March the children are still in health and play about to amuse themselves. ^ had an attack of the rheumatism. Mrs ^ still resides with Mrs Tomkins but does not enjoy a good state of health. She takes the charge of Mrs T's youngest girl during Mrs T's absence at work.

1834 I shall for the future notice Mrs L in Mrs T ^ or B. The poor woman comes from Great Rissington and spoke very kindly of Mr Baillie, the clergyman of the parish (she Mrs B was very ill in the Spring and not expected to live but she has since been restored to health and has worked in the fields during the summer.

1837 I have not called upon this family sometime. She had an infant in October and nothing to give the child and had only bread and sugar for her support. I hear she is not a good manager.

1840 I rather think they have left the parish. This is a mistake. Jan 1841.

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Hse 24

^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>	<i>Died or left</i>
	1786	+		+	3	3	2	1	3	-		

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1823 Mrs B's father received a serious hurt by falling from a tree and broke a rib or two. He is an aged man. It happened in the autumn. She is a subscriber to the Church Missionary Society. She is very industrious and well disposed.

1826 Dec 1<sup>st</sup> This poor man was taken ill a few days since and was obliged to take to his bed. He was in great bodily pain and continued so a week when he died. During this time I called at the house three times and saw him twice and read to him some prayers from the Sick Man's Friend. He did not say a word in my presence in regard to his salvation or what he built his hope upon. Therefore I could not have any conversation with him but spoke to him of the saviour and not trusting to ourselves during his violent pain he cried out for mercy and that God would be pleased to relieve him: during the whole time he was very patient and resigned to God's will. I considered him on the whole a peaceable quiet man but I never saw any very great anxiety in him. This is a proof that the sick bed is not the time of working out our salvation. He was upwards of 70 years of age.

Mrs B when unwell in Dec 1828 spoke of her father as a good moral character. My sister and I called upon her during her sickness several times and we inculcated the necessity of a thorough change of heart, She could not feel that inward peace and love for Christ as my sister did but hoped she should.

^ is not a pious man not anxious. We were pleased with her manner. She declined paying any thing more to the Ch Miss Soc: a short time before her illness pleading she could not afford it. Poor woman she will be obliged to pay the Apothecary for his attendance.

1829 She has lately been very ill and I hope it has been the means of awakening her mind to the sense of her duty. She enjoys more peace of mind.

Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1830.

Jan 1831 She has lost her husband quite suddenly and died on the Oxford Canal in a boat after taking a hearty supper. His body was brought to this place and buried. She thought much of his immortal soul and grieved on that account.

1832 She continues the business with her two sons. She was left with 4 sons. I called upon her in March 1833 and is quite pleased to hear those things that are excellent. I think her improved. She loses much by trusting the poor.

1834 I have not called lately. She still continues the business of selling coal and her sons are steady. Her husband died very suddenly while from home. I think it was in Jan 1832. Aged 42. I sometimes call upon Mrs B who is a little anxious for her soul and the business is continued the same.

March 1837. Dec. going on much the same.

1840 She still continues the business and did in Jan 1841. Her sons have not turned out steady.

Hse 36

^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror nR</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>	<i>Died or left</i>
	1790	?		+	1	2	1	1	2	-		Left for Cirencester in the spring of 1823. Thy lost a little boy last year

^ took this house at Michaelmas 1824 and came from Upper Wolvercote. She was thrown down in Oxford and received a serious injury to her foot and it continued weak sometime this happened in March 1826. She finds a little of it at this time. March 1830. She still pays towards the Church Missionary Society. Her nephew Albert Ward died last Dec quite in the faith. The Revd Mr Dallas visited him. Dec 834 Mrs S is still a member of the above society. Her mother-in-law is now very ill. She is a peaceable quiet woman and advanced in life. She has since recovered and is living at this time Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1835

1837 I called sometimes to try to speak a word in season to the mother-in-law and daughter-in-law. They are a little awakened I hope.

Dec. Mrs S still pays to the Ch M Society. I have hope of her and mother-in-law who is now unwell and keeps her bed. That is the latter 1840.

The family are still living in this house.

Jan 1841 Mrs B is much better. She is an aged woman. I should think she is 78. Mrs J continues hearty and well.

1825 Mrs S has taken the whole of this house. She is a very industrious woman and is a subscriber to the Ch M Society. But I am fearful she is something like "Murther" only is hard to judge – she does not understand that important doctrine the necessity of a new birth mentioned in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of St John's Gospel. Mrs S I hope is improving although not quite convinced of attending to the one thing needful.

Jan 1829 I called on her and her mother and read Mr Scott's explanation of a new birth. They neither of them understand it. The latter thought it always took place in everyone just before they died.

1832 I have not had any serious conversation with them for some time.

1833 She still continues to supply our family with meat and is of an honourable principal. She takes an interest in hearing of missionary accounts yet I am not fully certain that she has yet attained a knowledge of the true way. I believe they neither of them know truly the new birth in righteousness. Her man appears a well disposed servant although not quite wholly so for he too frequently speaks of the faults of others and I wished him to make a sacrifice to Almighty God of a piece of land adjoining the Summertown Church for I have not the least doubt he made more for the other portion which has been disposed of to the committee for the building of the church, but he said he could not afford to do so. He continues with Mrs S. 1837 and is there now.

May 1840 to 1841.

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Hse 46

^ [ <i>J.Baldin</i> ]	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1778	++	+	+notN	4	1	2	2	4	-	Easter 1823		Died May 8 <sup>th</sup> 1840 nearly 68



1824 Sept 1<sup>t</sup>. He met with a most serious accident by chopping off the ends of two of his fingers on my father's estate. The hand was not long before it was well.

May 1825 He is able to attend to his business as usual. He is rather anxious but not quite but I hope almost a Christian. Not correct in every point. He is an industrious man.

June 1830 He has left off paying to the Church Missionary Society two years, and pleads poverty.

1831 Oct and Nov. Himself and son very ill with the cholera morbidus for about six weeks.

1833 This poor man has his daughter and her four children to maintain but her parish which is at Portsmouth agreed to allow her 5 shillings per week which had not been paid for a considerable time. Her second son Charles constantly attends Mr Bulteels ministry.

1834 CB still attends the same place of worship. The father of the family is now supporting his widowed daughter and her family three or 4 children. They belong to Portsmouth and during the late poor mans life he was conveyed there, but soon returned to the parish of Woolvercott. She does not go on steadily. Her eldest son does not go to school; CB still attends Mr Bulteels ministry. JB still works as a carpenter. D 1835

1837 JB's widowed daughter is not steady. He had a long job here at Cutslow repairing the stable and cart house during the summer and his son Charles assisted him. They made 7 days in the week by working over hours.

1840 April. I have called upon him several times lately. He appears evidently sinking very fast. At first he could not apply the promises of scripture to himself and said he wished he had a change of heart and had scarcely any hope. After a little time he felt more comfortable and said he thought he could rely upon the promises. I read part of the same Psalms. I have great hope of his salvation. He has before now when in health quenched the holy spirit by getting tipsy. Three of his children are very well disposed and very kind to him during his illness. He died in the afternoon of May 8<sup>th</sup> aged 67 wanting one week of 68. He went off very comfortably and said 'He was safe' intimating that he should be saved. I since have thought of him very frequently. I entered the cottage soon after he expired and didn't stay thinking I could not impart much consolation thought it better to let grief take its course. His three daughters and son were there only two in the roof. The third looked like an outcast having bought herself into disgrace about a fortnight after I spoke very seriously to her and asked God to give her true repentance and gave her two homilies relative to her particular sins and some tracts.

Jan 1841 The widow and daughter continue to live in this cottage. Her daughter Jane came into my father's service in Oct 1846. She is a steady good girl and anxious for her soul.

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## Hse 56

^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
This man removed to NO 76 in 1830	1790	N or W	-	+	1	2	1	1	2	-			

## Hse 66

^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1769				4	3	-	5	3	2			

There is a family residing in old Ladson's house and is a son of the old man's and was very unwell during the spring of the year 1830. I lent him several books during his illness.

1834 This poor man is now very badly off and during the winter he built himself up a little place for himself upon the waste land. His wife is gone to London to live with her sister. She was at home in 1836. I have called since the first time they find a difficulty in procuring work 1837.

1840 I sometimes see the poor man and woman.

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1823

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> I was much pleased with ^^ only had one testament which had been much used. I spoke of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the church catechism and I endeavoured to explain some part of the Communion Service and promised to send her a tract on the subject and a copy of the catechism broken questions and answers which I forwarded three days after with the Chief Trustees of the Christian Religion.

Dec 1828 Her little girl is a good child at school.

1829 Jan. She has not a bible. I was sorry but I saw an Old Testament not entire. She had not attended the Lord's Table and had some scruples.

1832 Jan I have not called for a considerable time. I do not know how to call upon the people not having it in my power to give to all is the excuse I now make and time will not allow.

1838 I see the man sometimes. See page 20.

1823 Her son is not a steady young man though when he was at school he was a very good boy.

Dec 1828 He works on Turnpike Road although I should suppose he has left school seven years. He has not paid me 1/6 the remaining part for a prayer book therefore there cannot be any great change in him.

1829 His mother is now unwell. I called upon her about two times and spoke very seriously to her. She proposes to reform. The young man was married in Oct 1829 although perhaps not having sixpence of his on he lives with his mother.

1840 The young man is industrious and his son comes to the school. I do not take any notice of the prayer book.

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Hse 76

<sup>^</sup>	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
Removed to No 17 in 1828	1778	+&F		+	7	5	-	3	2	1			

This poor man lost a daughter about 16 years age in the autumn of 1832 who was with the school. He deals in faggot wood.

1837 I do not call upon this family.

1840 He is an industrious man.

Hse 88

<sup>^</sup>	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
a widow	1789												

This house is occupied by ^^ who is an aged man and is quite bound down with infirmity. His daughter has been very unsteady and gained a settlement at Debtford and is removed from thence and resides with her parents.

1834 This aged couple are still alive. I do not know whether they are improved. I never call upon them at least but seldom. Mrs R resided some time with her son in this cottage which was fitted up neatly. She died in the summer of this year 1836 of dropsy about 77 years of age.

June 1826 He has not yet been confirmed though he is very constant in his attendance at church. This house is now occupied by ^ who came there in the summer of 1828. His wife has not attended the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and had some scruples. Removed to No 42a in 1830.

1833 I have not called upon him since.

1824 She is not quite steady. Her children not quite constant at school. Her husband died in the spring of 1827. I attended on his last illness. He was taken off very suddenly. Only unwell three days. A mortification took place in his arm in consequence of a prick received in his finger by a nail that was rusty. She left the parish in May 1826 and resides at Summer Town.

1829 February she is returned to Wolvercote and resides in a house by Tomkins occupied by Cantwell. She had not a bible. I have procured her one. I have great hopes of this poor woman. She has thorough convictions of sin and is now constant at church. I have conversed with her several times. Her boy works here.

June 1830 She has since most awfully sinned in the sight of God. She has given me very great uneasiness and has caused the same to all our family. She is a most wicked woman. Her conduct was very bad in May 1831. Her son left in consequence in Dec 1831. She was married to a man in Dec 1831 having first had two children. In fact I am exceedingly grieved for I had hopes of her. She could never have been renewed.

1832 She was married to the man and left the village soon afterwards. Her son has a good place in Oxford with Mr F or ^ and has remained there now twelve months (March 1833).

Dec 1837 He has been a soldier for three years and is employed by an officer as his groom. He was here about a year since and was then looking very well and quite satisfied.

1846 This young man still continues in the army and I believe is quite steady. His mother is married to a man and resides near Bath.

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Hse 13

<sup>^</sup> [COLLETT]	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1760	-		R	2	1	-	2		1			

Hse 77

<sup>^</sup>	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1760	-	-	not	2	1	-	4	3	1			

1824 He is more attentive at church than he used to be. He is an old man with a young family. His wife has not been confirmed and she is not well informed in regard to this duty. I questioned her on the catechism in June 1826.

1829 Jan I called upon this poor woman.

1830 He eldest daughter is a good child at school.

1832 This poor woman is paying for a bible.

1833 I believe she knows the truth and endeavours to follow it. She is very industrious.

1834 Dec The poor man is still alive. He is about 76 and has rather a young family. He is constant in his church.

1837 This family was going on very well although the old man is put to his shifts at times in endeavouring to support his family.

1840 The poor man is still alive.

1840 About the beginning of December the poor man died. At times he had not sufficient support. The parish would not allow him anything and said his family must support him. One of the daughters disgraced herself about the close of the year. I spoke seriously to her about the month of October and gave her two homilies on A: and excess of apparel. She appeared sorry at the time.

1823 There is an old man lodging at her house who receives parochial relief. He is not able to attend his church. He is a constant peaceful Christian. This old man has since kept his bed for about a fortnight and died Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1824. I did not visit him during his last illness. He was exceedingly deaf. I conversed with Mrs C in the Spring of 1829.

1833 I have not been since to her house.

1834 I know nothing of this family.

1837 I do not call upon Mrs C.

1840 I do not call upon her.

Jan 1841 she was very ill during this month. Jan 28<sup>th</sup> at her request I called upon her very ignorant as for concerned her spiritual state and she intimated she had not broken all the commandments of God. She knew by heart the Lord's Prayer and Belief and could not read. Her observation was that she was no scholar. I told her of the want of not knowing her duty. She was willing to hear. I called upon her several times and the last time she said she hoped she was improved. Her disorder was of that nature that it was not pleasant to call upon her, yet I saw her about 4 or 5 days before she departed this life. She was quite sensible at times. She received the Sacrament many years sic e. She did not know the difference between the words "Lord's Prayer and Belief" and if I mistake not she did not know how long the wicked were to remain in Hell. She was 63 years of age. I could only remember her at times to the mercy of God.

## Hse 19

^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1790	+		+	2	2	-	-	2	-			

H removed to his Father's in the Spring of 1824 who resides in lower Woolvercott. His father was taken off suddenly fell into the River Isis and was drowned. Yet the Son went to Summer Town and has resided some time. Jan 1832 John Sims resides in the House. He has been a soldier and was wounded in Spain.

This is a mistake J.S. resides in No 78a



This man has a large family. The children are kept in very good order. He is very poor and had a long illness in the year 1822. He is now become more regular and occasionally attends church. I am sorry to say his good resolutions are passed away. He now obtains constant employment in his business of a butcher.

June 1826 Left the village for Summer Town in 1827. The family had the scarlet fever in Feb 1829. He lost two very nice little girls. My sister has great hopes of the eldest. She was very attentive at school. The poor mother is I believe well-disposed and was very ill about the same time. ^^ went into this house after him. I have related her character in another place. Page 20

Old Prior resides in this cottage. He died in Jan 1837. He appeared a quiet inoffensive man with very little knowledge and was very badly off and was in the parish books many years. He was constantly at church therefore I must hope the best.

This house is occupied by Mr JR. He is an industrious man and married one of Mrs Faichen's daughters, and her son comes to the school.

1841 I do not call upon the family.

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Hse 83

^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1768	+		+	2	1	1	3	1	3			

Hse 48 [*The Green Man public house*]

^ [ <i>J. Collier</i> ]	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1798				1	4	2	2	2	-			

1824 They are not by any means a steady family.

Jan 1826 The master of the house follows his employment of a bargeman and he took his wife and 2 children with him and has shut up his house.

June 1830 I know nothing more of the family. JC had removed to High Wycombe and has resided there some time.

1832 The man and woman still reside there

1833 Her sons do not like school

1834 Dec The poor man is afflicted and cannot attend church. His daughter speaks very well of him. I spoke to him in the Summer about his religious duty.

Dec 1835 I am informed the new Act of Parliament has obliged their sons to support the two old people.

1837 I sometimes see these people in the village

May 1838 The poor old man was taken suddenly ill on one of the canal bridges could not speak and deprived of the use of his side. I called on him on the 11<sup>th</sup> and addressed him as a sinner not as a saint. Spoke of Heaven and Hell. Read the account of Lazarus and the sick man. Told him to look unto his saviour and try to repent of all his past sins. Named the necessity of trying to keep all the commandments and strictly to examine himself. This poor man died about the month of January 1840. I called upon him during the months of November and December. He was seized with a paralytic stroke in the spring of 1838 and never quite recovered. At last some time previous to his departure he could not articulate many words clearly. I have since hope of him that his Saviour has taken him unto himself. The poor woman's son had his foot and ankle taken off in the spring of 1839 at the Infirmary and it never properly healed and by discharging continued to weaken him until about the month of Jan 1840 he died. He was about 18 years of age. He had not latterly been quite steady. The daughter Jane died at the house of her sister about six years ago and Mrs Lines her sister says she was quite penitent before she died and felt happy.

1827 The son of this man was corrected by me in November of last year. He took an offence and has not returned him to school.

1825 This boy and his brother again came to the school at the beginning of the year and he has been very orderly and constant. They have since been taken away. I believe it was in April 1826. The house is occupied by Mr B. This is a [ /// ] of mine not the person. I called on Mrs B in 1829-30. She has two sons at the school.

1832 I knew little of this family, d<sup>o</sup> in 1834. The Public House [*The Green Man*] is still kept open and I hope is more orderly.

Dec 1835 He rents some land of the Trustees of the Duke of Marlborough

1837 The children I do not think have been brought up piously and the boys left school so early in life. The youngest must be about 12 years of age now.

Dec 1837 I see or hear little of this family

1840 The man takes his sons for a walk to his fields in the mornings of the Sabbath day, which looks idly. Why not remain at home looking at the Scriptures. I do not think the family are much improved.

1841 I do not know how the family are going on. He has one son married.

Hse 78a

<sup>^</sup> Senr	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror nR</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>

His son and family reside with him (April 1924). At least I believe this is the case. They are since gone to Summer Town. This house is occupied by Syms who was once a soldier. He is a steady man and attends church. Saw him in April 1830.

I sometimes speak to this poor man. He is cheerful and constantly attends church.

1833

Dec 1834 My sister sometimes calls upon this poor woman and she certainly appears to know the truth and is trying to improve herself in reading. The poor man has still a sad cough. They live very happily together. He had a very serious illness in the Spring of 1835. I called upon him several times. I have some hopes of him. He was very attentive to what I said to him.

1837 Jan. He was during this month very ill. I sometimes called upon and pointed out to him the necessity of a new birth into righteousness. His mind was not quite clear upon the subject. I felt in earnest while addressing him. It was the month of March and I hear he has not been able yet to go to work. He was at the Infirmary in Oct 1837.

May 1840 I have great reason to think this poor soldier and his wife are seeking the truth. I called upon him twice during the last month. His cough has not left him and he finds the effect of a wound he received in Spain when in the army.

Jan 1841 I called upon him and I think he is growing in grace and very attentive when I converse with him on serious subjects.

<sup>^</sup>	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror nR</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1786		+	+									

See Ladson page 92

Mrs C's [Collett] eldest son married EM and she has since had a little family and was confined in 1839 and was very ill after it. I sent her [Go Flow] in Sept. This family still attends Mr B's ministry.

1840 about November I called upon the Colletts and conversed about the Church of England and the danger of Dissent. I could not convince them of the schism. Mrs C Senr can pass the church door on the Sabbath morning and the clergyman likewise and no harm. I think the family show some little spiritual pride.

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Hse 78a

1823 His daughter married ^ in April. An elder daughter married a person of the name of Petty in Nov 1823 and resided in one of Mr ^ houses but since removed to Oxford. His wife died April 26<sup>th</sup> 1823. The old man was drowned in St Thomas' parish in Jan 1826 and I am sorry to say he was tipsy at the time and a Coroner's inquest sat upon the body. He was buried up at Wolvercott. In the midst of life we are in death.

1841 I do not call at this cottage.

Hse 67

1824 The wife [?daughter] of this poor woman is very well disposed and was particularly attentive to her aged mother during her long illness and sincerely hope a blessing will always attend her.

1829 Feb 7 I called upon her and spoke of family prayer. Her father died in Jan 1830. Unwell a short time and expressed an anxiety to see me. I had called upon from time to time for many years. I have very great hopes he has gone to peace and rest. I spoke to Mrs C about the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper which she had not received and lent her Wilson on the subject in May 1830.

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1831 She was present at the sacrament. This family are industrious and the sons are growing up and some are following their father's business. The meeting of the Dissenters is held at his house which has been licensed. I am sorry now to remark (March 1833) that I am told she has lately been confined with an infant and she has not been churched and neither has her infant been baptised. Mrs C came to church in the Spring of the year 1834 during Mr Hamilton's officiating for Mr Trevelyan and her child was baptized. We have all our faults. She has rather an unhappy temper. My sister called upon her in Dec 1834 and then the whole family were very badly off. Her husband and three sons had not any work. The poor man said he could sit at home and read his book but this would not support his family. His eldest son was married in the spring and his wife is now about to have an infant. Her name was P. Woodward. My sister called upon her after her confinement and she was much pleased. Mrs Collett's second son was taken ill in the winter. Sometimes he appeared getting better and again.

I saw [ ] him through Mr Ricketts. He gradually grew worse and was taken off during the month of March and was about 21 years of age. I did not see him during his illness. He gave evidence of a [ ] and just before he died he told his mother it was all well with him. The Clergyman was with him continually and heard sometimes of getting better and put off my visit until at least I heard of his almost sudden departure. [ ] and sons have had nothing to do this winter.

1835 Mrs C had a large Testament. [ ] the month of August 1836. The family still attend Mr Bulteel's ministry. See page 28.

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Hse 25

^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1800	+	+	+	1	2	1	1	2	-			

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1823 He is a subscriber to the Church Missionary Society. His wife is also well disposed and worked on my father's estate in the summer of 1824. He left the parish in the summer of 1825. The house is now occupied by ^^ See page 12.

## Hse 29

<sup>^</sup> [W.Cox]	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1784	+	+	+	11	8	3	-	3	-			

A New School Room for the Girls was opened in August 1831 and was built by contributions from friends in Oxford and Mr Gregory contributed £5. It was built by Mr Deal [Dale] who was minus £13. See further particulars at page 167 [169].

1840 The Girls School continues much the same. The children improve. My sister endeavours to attend once in the week when her health and weather will permit. Mr Gregory gives to six children a plain frock every year, which he has done nearly from the first formation of the school.



1823 ^^ [Cox] Went to London in August to get a further insight into the National System of education and remained about a fortnight. The governors of the school paid the greater part of his expenses. His family is very well conducted. His eldest son is living with General Ashworth as a servant in the house. He went to his place in September 1824. He is very steady and well disposed.

Feb 1825 Their eldest daughter obliged to leave her place on account of ill health. May 28 She is quite restored and attended the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper last Sunday for the first time accompanied by her mother.

1829 I hope the family are improving. Mrs [ ] is an excellent schoolmistress and very clean and neat.

1830 He is a parish officer and pays the poor and receives £2 per annum for so doing.

1831 Dec The second and third daughters returned from their places. I think Mr and Mrs C [Cox] feel anxious for the school. Mrs [ ] always looks clean and neat. Everything kept in place about the house.

1833 She is too fond of dress according to her circumstances. We have all our faults. She endeavours to get out her family to places when they are old enough for service. She has four children in service at this time. Her two youngest boys go to the National School at Oxford. They are quick ready boys.

1834 Dec He had not the whole of his salary last year. His youngest boy belongs to the Grey-Coat School and is going on very well. Most of his daughters are now at home. Henry has a place that is worth to him in wages 50 guineas at Richmond in Surrey, at least that is what I was informed in the summer. Their daughters do not remain in places long excepting Emma who was in one place some years. She came away in the summer.

1837 Emma is returned to her old place. Mrs C was very ill in December.

1836 or it might be a little earlier in the year her son Henry came to see her.

1837 He has lately (March) had an appointment in the admiralty department. The family are quite delighted. It is said to be worth £150 or £200 per annum and was given to him by the late Master Lord Minto. Mr C does not get before hand. He has many expenses to draw him back. The subscription for the school only amounted to £42. 18s. 0d. i.e. that was his salary. The farmers do not pay to the school fund and there are not so many children attending school as formerly.

1859 HC [Henry Cox] and his wife paid a visit to their parents of a fortnight in the summer and he still holds his appointment. Edwin C has a place with a Military Officer at Hampton Court and there is some talk that he is going with his master to explore the River Niger in November of the year 1846.

The [ ] is returned home and has left his Master and has nothing to do and his son William is also at home and two daughters

(Jan 1841) Mr C goes continually to hear Mr Hamilton at St Peter's Church, Oxford. Mrs C was an out patient from the Infirmary. Her parish pays to the Infirmary and during last year it had not any inpatient.

I visited the school after Christmas holiday and heard the boys repeat their tasks. The first and second classes said part of the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. I spoke to the boys on their future behaviour out of school that there should not be improper conversation and if any boy was guilty of any offence the complaint should be made known to the Master and I also wished to be informed of it in order that the child should be corrected and learn some verses for his transgression. I spoke of the children's contributions in aid of the Church Missionary Society. Jan 14<sup>th</sup> I spoke to the girls in the school about the introduction of Mr Trimmers Teacher's Assistant to the Prayer Book. Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> spoke to Mr ^ relative to the settlement of the school account and the boys paying 12d per hour for their education. I addressed the girls relative to coming regularly on Sunday mornings as they are very irregular in coming. Opened the school with (the names on the list), 118 children viz 69 boys and 49 girls. Feb 25<sup>th</sup> I visited the school and heard the first and second classes read in the Prayer Book and asked questions on the same. They answered very well. My sister staid the whole day with the girls. We think the children much improved and they are very obedient and attentive to what is said to them and sincerely hope the Almighty may bestow his blessing and may grow up useful Members of Society. July 25<sup>th</sup> I addressed the children on the great importance of preparing themselves for eternity and told them they each had an immortal soul to be saved or lost. I took this hint from having lately read an invitation to Sunday Teachers.

13<sup>th</sup> I asked the boys some questions why Sunday was called the Lord's Day and also interrogated them on the fourth commandment.

Aug 25<sup>th</sup> I desired the boys to be industrious during the Harvest and wished them to come regularly on Sunday to be instructed. The Clergyman has latterly taken great pains with the boys and has given them rewards by tickets and also for their good behaviour. He wishes them to be instructed entirely on the National System and ^ Master is gone to London to the Central School or rather I expect he set off on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of August. He is to remain there till such time as he shall have gained a competent knowledge of his business.

Nov. I have frequently visited the school and I think the boys improved.

1824 I obtained a grant from the Oxford district Committee from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. I did not exactly ask the committee but I spoke to one of the Secretaries and received the sum of five pounds for the

purchase of bibles and prayer books. My sister and I still continue to visit the school. About 35 boys and 30 girls assemble on Sunday morning. Those children who have left the school do not like coming on the Sundays. The Master and Mistress are very attentive to the duties of the school. She is a most excellent manager of her family and scholars. We had not quite so many children this year and very few during the summer. I gave some of the boys a task to learn during the ensuing vacation (Dec 1824) taken from part of the 119 Psalm. The girls are going to learn part of the sixth chapter of St Luke's gospel. Some will learn part of the 86<sup>th</sup> Psalm.

1825 April. The clergyman gave the boys and girls some reward books and to the whole school each child had a piece of cake. This afforded a treat to the children.

May. Mr G[regory] gave to six girls a shift frock to each, and he has continued the same gift for the last four years.

1825 July 10<sup>th</sup>. Some boys were wading near Sparsey Bridge this afternoon and one little boy names Charles Bowerman who once came to the school. Some of the boys had left the river but Henry Savings and CB [Charles Bowerman?] staid behind. The latter was in the water and said "I must take one more douce and then I will come out". That one last intention was the cause of his death. The poor boy went beyond his depth and was drowned. We may well exclaim in the midst of life we are in death, for very soon we all may be called to give an account of the things done in the body whether they be good or evil and happy will it be for those servants who shall be found watching. The poor boy was about 11 years of age. He was very dull and I believe his faculties were weak. Mrs Lawson's Charity about £27 for the last 7 years and occupied by Mr Williams. The land was let to Mr Dale from Michaelmas 1824 and he is to give £20.5.0 per annum. Disbursements this year amounted to £7.17.8 Distributed £2.7.4

June 1826 The boys are much improved in their reading. Our first is not so good [ ... ]

Five men in the parish of Woolvercott were caught fishing on the night of 26<sup>th</sup> August in the Godstow Water. Lord Abingdon I make doubt will be very severe with them.

Mr West the officiating clergyman has taken a great deal of pains with the young people. In August the Minister received a circular from the General Post Office purporting to come from the National School Society and the questions were how many schools on the National Plan in the parish and whether any other book was used excepting those on the list of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, the number of the children in the parish coming to the school. 42 boys and 44 girls. 17 boys and 11 girls of the parish making a total of 114. We do not use any other book than those allowed from the National School.

Jan 1829 Only had at school at the commencement of the present year 102 girls and 60 boys. The girls learn very fast and get on better than the boys.

1830 The school accounts behind to the amount of £7. I am not as constant as I used to be on account of my hearing. Vide page 40.

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## Church

1823	No. persons communicated	
Easter	45	
Trinity Sunday	25	
Michaelmas	24	
Christmas	30	
1824		
Easter	-	
Whitsunday	-	
Christmas	27	A collection amounting to about a guinea
1825		
Easter	35	£1.0.0
Whitsunday	30	1.5.0
Oct 25	23	17/-
Christmas	30	9s 6d
1826		
Whit Sunday	39	1.7.5
Michaelmas	21	18/-
Christmas	31	1.6.1
1827		
Easter	20	15.0

1822 Dec 25<sup>th</sup>. 26 persons partook of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.  
 1823 March 30<sup>th</sup> Easter Day. 38 persons partook of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the two clergymen. The sum collected £1.12.9. A great many present who had not been there before. I sincerely hope they may continue to be constant and hope that we may all endeavour to lead a new life. The Lord' Supper was administered on

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## Church 29a

The census of the parish was taken May 28<sup>th</sup> 1821. There were 84 inhabited houses. 3 unoccupied. Total houses in the parish 87. 239 males 254 females. Total 493. 36 employed in Trade. 46 in Agriculture and 8 females.

36 males under 5 years of age. 48 under 10.

28 15-20 18 20-30 34 30-40 32 40-50 8 50-60 12 60-70 9 70-80 1 80-90

Whit Sunday. There were not so many persons present as at the last time. There was a collection made at the church door in consequence of some briefs for the relief of churches. The sum of [ ] was received during the month of June. A sermon was preached in the summer for the benefit of the National School in London. The sum of £3.15.0 was collected in the parish.

Obtained a grant of five pounds from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. The Revd Mr Rooke purchased some more books making the number 48. They cost nearly £7. Mr Gregory and family intend to make the parish a present of the bookcase which cost £1.15.0. Commenced issuing the books June 12<sup>th</sup> 1825.

Sept 29 Mrs [ ] paid for the Boys' School being whitewashed 8/-  
 June 11<sup>th</sup> The clergymen gave notice there would be a confirmation at Oxford Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.

Buried AB 1826 Stephen Cantwell aged 61 in January  
 S.Cooke aged 10.

Richard Berry August aged 14 weeks  
 Catherine Drewett Sept aged 17 days. Anne Thomson Sept 7 months.  
 Susanah Acres Sept 87 years.  
 William Williams Sept 1yr 2 months.  
 E J Smith Nov 3 years.

## Females

48 under 5 32 5-10 25 10-15 31 15-20 40 20-30 30 30-40 27 40-50 8 50-60 8 60-70  
4 70-80 1 80-90

Feb 1823 There are at present 88 occupied houses

33 Baptisms	<i>Since May 28<sup>th</sup></i>
23 Burials	<i>1821 to Dec 31<sup>st</sup></i>
7 Marriages	<i>1822</i>

Charlotte Medcraft buried Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1823 aged 14 years and 11 months. She had received her education at the Charity School in the Parish and left at the commencement of last year. Mackow John [*Joseph Mackell 9<sup>th</sup> Jan aged 65 from OFHS CD*] Thomas Hicks buried Jan 17 aged 34. E M Butler died in this parish~Feb 1<sup>st</sup> aged 28. July 5<sup>th</sup> Mr R said he had only buried one child although he had charge of this parish nearly six months and most of the people were in health. He considered it very remarkable among so many. William Syms buried Aug 15<sup>th</sup> aged 49. He had been unwell for the last half year. He was in deep decline. An infant of Kirby buried here April 29<sup>th</sup>

15 Baptisms	<i>From Jan 1823 to</i>
5 Burials	<i>Jan 1824</i>
8 Marriages	

23 Baptisms	<i>From Jan 1824</i>
11 Burials	<i>to Jan 1825</i>
9 Marriages	

Miss Mary Elizabeth Swann buried at Woolvercott March 27<sup>th</sup> 1824 aged 27 years. Henry Basson buried at Woolvercott June 13<sup>th</sup> 1824 aged 70 years. Elizabeth Rickards at ditto July 31<sup>st</sup> alias August 1<sup>st</sup> 1824 aged 27 years. Elizabeth Ladson aged 79 Aug 19<sup>th</sup>. John Roberson Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> aged 10. George Medcraft Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 6 months. A Berry Oct 19 12 days. Wm Cassal Oct 26 76 years. John Young Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 79 years. James Walton Dec 29. 74 years. Eliz Medcraft Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 21 years.

20 Baptisms	<i>From Jan 1825</i>
10 Burials	<i>to Jan 1826</i>
10 Marriages	

KC I believe fell into the water at Godstow about Christmas

Kasiah Cookerell found drowned aged 19. Edward Milton aged 59. Elizabeth Wakefield aged 20. Charles Cooke aged 3. Sarah Lnies 2 years of age. Will East aged 2. Mary Faichen aged 74. John Cooke aged 9. Ruth Bishop aged 88. Elizabeth East aged 2

1825 William Markham Nov 77 years *Vide page 128*

## Hse 33

	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1799	+	+	-W+-	2	1	2	1	3	-	His wife Dec 1822		

1823 I called at his house and found himself and his wife unwell. I read the first and last chapters of Job and the 11<sup>th</sup> Ch of Hebrews and occasionally made some observations on the chapters and pointed the duty of endeavouring to bear patience. Mrs [ ] said she frequently thought of the sufferings of Jesus Christ and considered his much greater.

I left a tract treating of a missionary in Barbary who underwent a most severe bastinado for having been seen out of the walls of a city and taken up with the intention of extorting money. We conversed about the Heathen. June 13<sup>th</sup> I called on ^ who was very ill and under the necessity of keeping her in bed. I read and explained the 139 Psalm. This beautiful psalm treats of this immediate presence of God and filling the universe. I applied some of the passages to herself in order that she might perceive. It was the Almighty who laid his afflicting hand on her. She appeared patient under her sufferings. A few days previous she was so unwell that her friends did not expect her recovery. June 17 I found her much better and conversed with her downstairs. I read part of the SMF on the nature of conversing with one lately recovered from sickness a paraphrase on the 116<sup>th</sup> Psalm. I enlarged on this subject. She requested me to read the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans and made a remark on those who shall be saved. She also asked my opinion whether I thought every infant was admitted into Heaven if it died at that period. I scarcely knew what answer to make but I thought there was every reason to hope they were admitted into Paradise if they died before they had actually sinned. At all events they must be born again as our beloved Saviour has so clearly said in the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of St John's gospel. I believe it is not expressly revealed to us in scripture that every child shall be made happy after death if it should die in infancy. This poor woman feels her need of a saviour and acknowledges herself as a great sinner in the sight of God. The son of ^ married to the daughter of ^ in the spring of 1823. I have not been constant at the poor man's house so much as I used to be. The mother of ^ very ill in Aug 1824. I attended her by reading part of Stonehouse's *Sick Man's Friend*.

1829 I called in January and February.

1830 Little work done at the Mill is a great loss to ^. This poor man has been very unwell at different times during the winter and last year. The trade is not much better Jan 1832 and also in 1830 and 1831 and this has been the case with the poor man who does not belong to this parish and now his income is reduced greatly in not having regular work.

1833 I believe he has some employment at this time.

March 19<sup>th</sup> 1834. Dec There is talk that Mrs C is to come into possession on or rather I should say is in expectation of £4000 in consequence of the death of a judge Hale. Hale was her maiden name. I hope it may be so. Her husband does not enjoy a good state of health. I believe they are both pious, well-disposed people.

Dec 1835 Mrs C is very unwell and has been very ill and is now better. I called upon her several times and have some hopes of her spiritual state although not quite perfect.

1837 I still make a point of calling upon this family and saw her two days previous to Mrs Eelay's [?] death and conversed upon those things relative to our everlasting state. Franci Eelly and daughter are residing together at this time Dec 1837.

The daughter married to some young man who is a tailor soon after her mother's death and they are residing in Oxford.

1841 I do not very often call upon this poor man.



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^	Born about	At Ch	P & FP	Ror n R	B & J	P	S	nS	C	nC	When RS		Died or left
	1769	+	2	+ his wife	2	1	2	1	3	-	1822 Dec 25th		

I intend for the future to use this page for the school. See page 35

112 girls have left the school and 200 boys from its commencement to Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1832 or rather I should observe did not begin to take an acct until 1822. At least this appears to be the more exact account 34 boys and 37 girls commenced Jan'y 1832. Beside a few Sunday scholars. An order arrived from the central school in London April 21<sup>st</sup> wishing to know the number of children at the school and other particulars. Girls 53 and 4 girls on Sunday. Boys 47 and 6 boys on Sunday. A Parochial lending library. Visitors 2 school rooms and master + mistress. If anything wants: any examination of the children.

William Shoudly a little boy was once at the school and I believe he was a good child while there. His parents afterwards removed to Mr Swann's mill at Sandford where he was taken ill and buried at Woolvercott Oct 14<sup>th</sup> aged 11 years. AD 1832.

The clothing fund was continued by the Revd G. Trevelyan for 1833 and Mr Ricketts who succeeded. Mr T did [ ] during the year 1834. When the account was made up in Nov the sum collected from [?] the poor was £30. The Rev Mr Ricketts was presented to Woolvercott Vicarage in the spring. The school is still going on. The funds fell short of the usual salary about 13/- for the year 1833. At the opening of the school in Jan'y 1834 had on the register 46 boys and 50 girls total 96.

In 1835 43 boys, 44 girls total 87. 226 boys and 144 girls have left the school since I first began to keep an account which appears about 2 years after the commencement. The school was first formed in Jan'y 1817 by the Revd G. Grimes. The master and mistress to have £50 p. annum and £2 for giving. Edward Lock died at Woolwiche in Jan'y 1835 under confinement. His sister last summer.

7 Baptisms	AD 1834
9 Burials	
7 Marriages	

Buried Ann Robinson 41 Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 12 John Hicks 16 months. Apl 8<sup>th</sup> Mary Ball 76. April 17<sup>th</sup> Ann Coles 3 years May 7<sup>th</sup> Alfred Howell 19 June 11<sup>th</sup> Wm Middleton 11 July 12 Amelia Swann 38 Sept 20 John Bull 73 Oct 17 E Hicks 44 Dec 12<sup>th</sup> April 15<sup>th</sup> 1835 It may be considered somewhat remarkable that so many young people should have left this world within the last twelve months who were at the village school at Woolvercott. Mary Lock died last summer. I have some well grounded hope she is gone to peace and rest. I do not know the state of mind of Mrs Middleton. E. Lock died in the spring of 1835. He had been transported for 7 years. The clergyman spoke in his favour.

4<sup>th</sup> Jany Collett was I believe brought to the truth and gone I hope to his saviour and the same I may hope for Howel Bell who died in March 6<sup>th</sup>. Charles Holder was a good steady moral character and I hope a Christian in practice and duly died Apl 14<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Ann Jilk died the same day she was taken off in a decline. My sister saw her during her illness and many asked her if she should like to be born again. She replied very earnestly that she should and she left her the story of the [...] Cottage to read. Vide 254

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5 buried at Woolvecote	<i>In the year 1831</i>
4 married	
17 Christened	

At Christmas 1831 45 person present at the Sacrament. Collected £1.9.11 Mr Wren was the last. Only 42

1829 Poor Rate not so high as 1830 from Lady Day to Michaelmas. The Poor Rate was £216.3.9 at 4/3 in the £ and the half year previous it was £128.5.2 at 2/6 in the £. From Michaelmas 1831 or rather to Michaelmas 1831 it was £174.0.6 1/2 to Lady Day 1832 it was £240.12.11 at 3/6 in the £. [...] in the £ making a difference of £70.4.6 ½ more from the previous year.

The Reverend Mr Trevelyan a fellow of Merton College succeeded Mr Carr at Michaelmas 1831. Mr T began to establish a clothing fund amongst the really poor of the parish. Each is to pay one penny per week. About Nov 1832 the clothing will be distributed to them. He receives subscriptions of 6/1 £1.1.0 Our family have subscribed £1.4.0. Mr T does not enjoy a good state of health employed the Revd Mr Leigh of Ch Ch about Jan/Feb Mr Rickards did the duty a few Sundays in the Spring and Mr T again took to it until the middle of July. Then the Revd Mr Cotton DD of Ch Ch who will officiate for 8 Sundays. He has given us some fine discourses. See page 278.

10 Baptisms	<i>AD 1832</i>
2 Marriages	
21 Burials	

Sarah Cook of S'town Jany 12<sup>th</sup> aged 2 months. Sarah Ball died Jany 29<sup>th</sup> 80. Anne Norris died Jany 29<sup>th</sup> 58. James Wright Feb 5<sup>th</sup> aged 38 of King's Weir who fell into the River Isis about Dec 25<sup>th</sup> and was drowned. Joseph Jones Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 28. Thom Thomson Feby 16. 27. J.Ferris Apl 20 4 years. Thoams Jones Apr 22. 60 Mary Thomson May 18. 30 Thomas Arrow July 21<sup>st</sup>. Age not known. He died of the ch:morbus and came from Bath. Christiana Holder Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 61. Elizabeth Rowland Sept 28. 51 of Godstow. William Stroudley of Sandford Oxon Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 11. Mary Lambert Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 36. Thomas Norns Oct 31. 43. James Norris Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 4 years. Eliz Evans Godstow Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 11. Alica Ladson Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 15 months. John Lambert Dec 1 6 weeks. William Roberson 24<sup>th</sup> 46 years. WQ Carey Rowland Dec 30 10 weeks.

13 Baptisms	<i>AD 1833</i>
10 Marriages	
13 Burials	

John Middleton St Giles Oxford Jan 6<sup>th</sup> aged 54. Robert Lines Jany 8<sup>th</sup> 70. Thomas Rickards Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 87. John Morgan Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 12. Hester Robinson March 27<sup>th</sup> 8 years Deborah Rowland April 21 35 years Jane Smith April 30<sup>th</sup> 80. Ann Morris May 29<sup>th</sup> Aged 14. John Austin June 23 aged 80. William Cantwell June 27 aged 18 years. Charles James Swann aged 35 years buried Sept 21. James Bowerwman aged 2 months 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. Daniel Phalan 34 Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

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^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>

Hse 7

^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1760	- nor F		+	2	2	2	-	2	-			Left in the Spring of 1823 and removed to No 11

Berry R (?) came in the Spring 1798

Saxton W now resides there Jan 1832. I am not in the habit of calling on this poor man. He has one son in the Bluecoat School, Oxford.

1837 My sister considers the poor woman very industrious and she looks well after her family and we think her also piously disposed. Her mother, Mrs ^, resides with her occasionally. She has very little to support her and has a son, a good steady young man who left his employment of shoemaker two years since and enabled to return. This is a trial to both. He continued to decline until June 1838 when he died at his mother's cottage in Lower W. I have great hope he is gone to peace and rest. Mr S's house underwent rebuilding in the summer of the year 1839. I called about the autumn after her daughter had lost her husband who was a milkman in Oxford.

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1824 This poor woman has two sons at the village school.

1825 I have called at her house but she was not at home.

1828 I called upon this poor man and pointed out the necessity of Public Worship which he does not attend.

1829 Feb. Spoke to his wife about family worship. Her mother is an aged woman and quite blind.

1833 I have not called up this poor man sometimes. His sons are not regular at school. The poor old woman Mrs Smith died about Jan 1834. I have not called at the house since AD 1835. Their eldest son was ill in the Spring and I saw him and spoke seriously to him on the value of the soul and that he ought to be thankful that he was so much better. He quite recovered and I saw him once since Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. He was engaged at the lock in Picksey and was in the act of drawing up the lasher when he fell back and was precipitated into the water and drowned. He was 22 years of age. Mrs C's daughter was married to one of the Ladsons and went to Deptford and I am sorry to state that he came to his end by his own hand. I believe it was in the year 1837. The young woman is returned to her parents. Their 2<sup>nd</sup> son is steady and attends Mr Bulteel's Ministry.

1840 Mrs C was very ill about the close of the year. She has since told me she is better.

1823 During this summer he has been constant. I cannot say if it has arisen from what I said to him at the commencement of the present year. Called on Mrs B in Jan 1829 and spoke of family worship. They removed to Summer Town in 1830. He has now Jan 1832 two children. I found him unwell in Dec last. This family are getting on in the world.

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Hse 54

^	Born about	At Ch	P & FP	Ror n R	B & J	P	S	nS	C	nC	When RS		Died or left
	1784	-W+			2		0	4	2	2			

This poor man lost his wife in Oct 1832 only 36 years of age and left him with 9 children. The last was an infant who only lived 6 weeks. She was an industrious woman and a good mother who died immediately after having given birth to a little boy. I hope she was prepared for her change. The infant son followed the poor mother to the grave.

1834 The man belongs to the Oxford Militia and follows the business of a shoemaker. His eldest daughter was married in the spring of 1835. Two boys daily go to the school.

1837 He meets with little business and he talks of going to London. He has a brother there who is very kind to him. Dec 9 I believe he had left the village. I find he has left the village some time and earns about three guineas a week yet he is not kind to Mrs Cripps and has sent her nothing. This is by no means right for she was very kind to his family.

1840 Mrs C informed me he was here last summer with his daughter and her husband. I believe she has two children. I have not heard a better account of him.

Hse 31

^	Born about	At Ch	P & FP	Ror n R	B & J	P	S	nS	C	nC	When RS		Died or left
	1794	+		+	1	4	-	2		2			

Vide page 45 but I could not find it. Jesus Christ wept at the grave of Lazarus. My sister and I called upon her the following day. When we were advancing the cottage we said what would Mr Richmond say to the scene if he were present. The path led through a small orchard on the farther side was a well which should remind us of the spring of water flowing up unto everlasting life which may also remind us of the conversation which passed between our blessed Saviour and the Woman of Samaria. To the right was a rich vale of common land on which the Oxford Races are to take place. This should remind us perhaps our race is nearly run out and are we prepared to meet our God. We have all a prize to contend for but unless we run with all diligence we shall lose the reward. We advanced a few steps and passed by a neat garden which had been attended by the labour of the cottager. This should remind us of the Garden of Eden, before sin entered the world, in consequence death entered the world for man's disobedience. At length we entered the cottage which contained the dead body of the child. This is an evidence of the truth of scripture that all must pass through the valley of the shadow of death before he can enter into everlasting life. We saw the poor mother who was still in grief from the loss of her child. My sister read the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of St John relating to Jesus Christ's raising Lazarus from the grave and also part of a small work addressed to mourners. This was very suitable to her case. About two days after I heard she wanted to purchase

the work because she had read or heard it three times and it had given her great comfort. The title was *Mourners Comforted under Affliction* (printed by Slatter and Munday, Oxford) Vide page 162 & 59.

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1824 This family not well managed.

1829 I called on this poor woman whose family are large. She has lately been very ill. The Minister has been very kind to her. She knows something of her duty although her family are not kept in good order. [? ... things mended up] Removed to NO 47 in 1830. She had a son who was drowned in 1831 June. The family removed to No 37 in 1830.

1823 Very well disposed with two small children. They subscribe to the Church Missionary Society.

1825 I believe this man to be very poor but I believe he and his wife are contented. Aug 7<sup>th</sup> I called at the cottage which I found clean and neat, this may sometimes be taken as a criticism that its inhabitants are industrious. I entered the cottage and went up to the poor woman who appeared in grief from having lost a fine boy about three years and a quarter old. The poor mother had not left the child more than one hour before she was called from the reaping announcing the death of her child who was smothered in the garden. The shock was so great that the poor man could not speak for a few minutes. A Coroner's Inquest was taken upon the body the same afternoon. There was not any carelessness attached to anyone. I read part of the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of St John's and told she must not mourn as one without hope. The mother of the poor man spoke with too much confidence of the child's state beyond the grave and further than scripture will allow and said "if the child is not happy where shall we be?" I replied the child when living was sinful and unless he was born again he could not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven and it must depend upon the will of God to receive us. I told the two poor women it is generally supposed in consequence of Christ calling the little children unto him and it is also the opinion of many pious men if a child dies before he has actually sinned shall be admitted into the Kingdom of Heaven although it is not exactly expressed that every child shall be happy. Also it would make many parents careless in bringing up their children. I told them it was the Almighty's will that the child should meet its death by such means. The poor mother bore the affliction in a very proper manner and I wished to have read the chapter upon the death of Lazarus. See page 44



Hse 32

<sup>^</sup> [ <i>Eeley</i> ]	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>	<i>Died or left</i>
	1780	+	+		6	4	2	1	3			His son died Jan 29 <sup>th</sup> 1822. His wife died March 3 <sup>d</sup> 1837 aged 54 years

See page 47 and thus I have been at the side of the bed of two sick persons who have departed from this world in less than a week. This young woman has been in a decline more than 12 months and consequently the Lord so had given her time to look into her own heart.

I called on the poor man the following Sunday after he had buried his wife and asked what he intended to do respecting the Missionary Society and I pointed out the necessity of thinking of others as well as ourselves and how very soon the Almighty could bring a sickness upon us if he chose. He did not say what he would do. I then left him and went into the adjoining cottage and returned to him when his daughter informed me her father would consider about it. I was much [ ] on hearing the reply. I [ ] there could not be with them much of a change of heart. The sum had never been more than 2/2d per annum and I should think he has in cash nearly £300 and a good freehold cottage and orchard. Thus we may perceive our thirst for the things of this world. My mother and sister were much hurt also. He had not been at any expence for medicine for his late partner during her last illness. JE and daughter reside together.

Dec 1837

1840 This poor man had a grand daughter about 13 years of age. A very good child and she was taken off with the tyfus fever in the Autumn or Summer of the year 1839 and departed this life. Her brother also caught the same disease and also died. The poor man now lives alone.

1841 I do not call often.

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1823 July 7<sup>th</sup> I have not visited this ^ much this year. ^ is a very honest and industrious ^ and very desirous of doing his duty. He frequently speaks of one late son. He pays to the Church Missionary Society.

1824 A legacy has lately come to this family through a distant relative of the name of Hawood who died June 1<sup>st</sup> 1824. May: my sister spoke to her respecting her daughter being too fond of dress. She has taken it exceedingly well and felt very sorry. When her daughter attended school she was very constant and desirous of improvement. He was unwell in the spring of 1826. Her eldest daughter has brought a disgrace upon herself. It is a great misfortune young people will not have more regard for themselves. We are all sinful and need constant watchfulness over the heart. No doubt it must be a great source of uneasiness to her parents. It happened during the month of October 1826. She was married previous to the birth of her infant.

1829 I called in Jan and inculcated the necessity of family prayer and a constant reading of the Scriptures.

1830 She the old woman works upon the farm. This is the second year. I spoke to the daughter about receiving the sacrament which she did for the first time at Water Eaton on the Sunday after Whit Sunday. I have great reason to hope well of her. She is convinced of what is meant by a new birth.

1832 I think they are too fond of their money and did not like to purchase Scott's Family Bible last year.

1833 They are supporting their elder daughters child who goes to school and is a very quiet child. Mrs [?] was very unwell during the spring and summer. She was induced to drink the Dorton water and has been restored.

1834 Dec She still pays 2/2d per annum towards the Missionary Society. The man is very industrious and enjoys a good state of health.

1836 I called upon Mrs Eeley about the 7<sup>th</sup> of January and some serious conversation with her and she felt herself on the whole pretty well. I afterwards was confined to the house from having influenza and did not call again until Feb 28<sup>th</sup> when I found her very ill and I addressed her very seriously from St John's Gospel 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter and made some observations upon most of the verses. She paid great attention and afterwards offered up a prayer and she appeared quite pleased and thanked me for it. I did apprehend that she was so near her end for I never saw her alive afterwards for she died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March and could not speak for some hours before she died and suffered very much from breathing. I called the next day and saw the poor body but the soul had taken her flight and I humbly trust is with the Lord in glory for Mrs E had been anxious for her soul some years and always paid her subscription with pleasure. Her daughter considered that her mother had suffered of late years more than was supposed. I will here observe that I visited Martha Wakefield March 3<sup>rd</sup> and addressed her from the 51<sup>st</sup> Psalm and endeavoured to rouse her mind and pointed out true and hearty repentance in wishing to go to Christ and how awful it would be to be cast from the presence of God for ever and ever. She was attentive to what I said to her and I did not see afterwards. I had endeavoured to point out the necessity of the new birth about a fortnight before. She died on the 6<sup>th</sup> March quite easy and resigned. See page 46.

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^ A poor man and woman with six children residing in a boat house adjoining the Oxford Canal. During the month of January I was returning from Wolvercote one morning and saw a poor boy whom I know and asked him about his parents and hearing they were much distressed I gave him a shilling to buy a loaf of bread, &c and from this inconsistency I was induced to call upon the poor woman afterwards several times. I called upon her about two or three weeks after her confinement although I found her greatly in want of the common necessaries for her comfort and support. The night of her confinement it was very cold and he told her he thought she would be cast away. No, she replied. She had prayed to God and she thought she should not want. God would send some kind person to assist her and thus she was not cast down. A few days afterwards my dear mother ordered some meat for her and my sister sent her some coal and I at another time sent her some tea and bread. I called at one time and read part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of St John's Gospel. She had some idea of the new birth unto salvation. I told Mrs Bustin I thought her one of Christ's flock one of whom she came to save. She acknowledged she had done wrong and hoped for the future to do better. I shed tears of joy thinking I had found a sheep who had gone astray from the fold of Christ yet I must wait a little longer before I could decide upon her true state. She is one instance among many of teaching the young for she informed me that when she was a child her mother always made her go to school. The next time of calling I read the thanksgiving after childbearing and the baptismal service and commented upon them as I went on none ought to be overlooked and worst should be encouraged to become better. I procured a bible from the British and Foreign Bible Society for this poor family. This was their gift not mine although it amounted almost to the same purpose for I pay a guinea and my father also for the privilege of supplying the poor with the scriptures. They were much pleased with this gift and I pointed out to them that I should wish them to commence to read the Bible by read first the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter of Genesis. And I read one chapter and have family prayers every night and I further told them that perhaps divine Providence silently directed me to call upon them for it was firstly chance the world would say but repeat it by divine Providence and told them to give Him all the praise.

## Hse 49

<sup>^</sup> [ <i>Eeley</i> ]	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1782			- hif +	1	-	-	2	2	-			

## Hse 5

## Removed to no 26 about 1828

<sup>^</sup>	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1770	+		+	3	7	1	3	3	1			

Mr <sup>^</sup> or <sup>^</sup> reside here. He came to this house in 1822. I know nothing of him. Mr Lipscomb bought these premises and came here at Michaelmas 1834. I do not know anything of him.

Mrs F mother (March 1833) knows the truth. Her son who was not of sound mind died about the year 1827 and Mrs R's son also [? Way] was in a similar state which to us appears a great blessing if any of us should be deprived of sense shows what poor creatures we are.

These premises are now (March 1837) occupied by Mr C [<sup>^</sup>] who has I believe a son and daughter arrived to the age of 21. The family are not by any means regular at church. He had been left by a brother in London in comfortable maintenance and was a poor man residing at Wytham. He lost a married daughter in November 1837.

1840 he lost his wife about the month of October of last year and a daughter early in the present year. She had been failing a considerable time.

Hse 49

1823 A man with a large family. The man not constant at church and his children not constant at school.

1824 Dec. A legacy of £200 left to this poor man by a Mr Hawood a distant relative. He has not yet received his money and I am fearful it will not be well disposed of. His house has since been repaired. He has furnished his family with new clothing.

June 1826 He keeps a cart and two horses and is industrious and is now doing pretty well.

1829 He has lost several horses at various times. I think his wife is improved.

1831 I am sorry to say he had £50 in 1829. Left him on the death of his father and I believe it is now all gone.

1833 I do not know whether this family are improving. He lost a son in India about the year 1832 who was a soldier at the time of his death. I wished the poor woman to pursue the scriptures for all her children. When she had some money excuses were made and the bibles were not bought.

1837 The family are not going on well. The man is seen very untidy. I have not called upon this family some time.

1841 I am fearful this family do not improve. In fact one of the daughters disgraced herself about Nov 1840. The child is since dead. It is very awful there were four single women in the village in the same way at the same time in 1840. They had all been in the school when young. They cause our family much uneasiness.

Hse no 5

1823 She is a widow and has a son not blessed with a sound mind. Two of her children married early in life.

829 She is careless and does not come to church. I have called upon her several times to remind her of her duty. Her son who was not of a sound mind died in August 1828. Removed to the house No 26 in the Autumn of 1830 see page 52.

Mr J now resides here. I hope he is improved. He left in April 1832 for Ensham and a Mr Shildon came to the house and sells beer which his neighbour does not like. A poor man named Thomas Arrow of Walcot Bath was taken unwell on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July and died on the 21<sup>st</sup> of inflammation in the bowels. His mind was insensible but he suffered much in body. Persons were appointed to sit up with him and an Apothecary attended him who gave him laudanum. He was buried at the expense of the parish and it expected the parish officers will not be refunded. He was without father or mother and was 42 years of age.

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Hse 26

<sup>^</sup> [ <i>Turner</i> ]	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>	<i>Died or left</i>
	1806	+		+	3	1	3	2	-	1		Left for London in Oct 1823

<sup>^ ^</sup> resided here 1824. He left in Jan 1825

<sup>^^</sup> came in Sept 1829

Mr J removed to his estate in the spring of 1832 at Ensham

Mr H Rowland now occupies this house. I am not in the habit of calling on him. He has one child. He takes milk to Oxford to dispose of and buys it of Mr Ball (who occupies Mr Lock's farm.) His eldest daughter died about Sept aged 13. A promising girl. I do not know whether she was truly pious. AD 1835

The dwelling house is occupied by a young man with his wife named Churchill (in Jan 1841). They are very attentive on their attendance at church. He attends to a little land.

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^^ has two fine children who come to the school. He is an exciseman.

June 1826 The house is occupied by an exciseman. I do not know his name. Turner I have since been told is his name. His mother does not enjoy a good state of health and not constant at church. Called on her in Feb 1829. This house is occupied by Mrs [Faichen]. I called upon in May 1830. She is now constant at church and seems to know something of the St John Gospel chapter third although perhaps not quite clearly.

1832 and 1833 I have not called for some time. Yet I hear her daughter is a very good girl and anxious for her soul. Mrs F's younger son was brought home ill in March from his apprenticeship of a shoemaker. I called upon him in April and on my first visit spoke fo the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of St John's Gospel which he does not understand. I gave him a short explanation of the Lord's Supper which he was about to partake of but he did not understand the true nature of it. During my second visit I read part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ch of Eph. About the quickening grace of God's Holy Spirit and I did the same on my third visit. He is very attentive and I hope willing to learn.

Dec 1835 The young an is much better and attends church.

1837 March He is not recovered and continues very weak. He died in 1838.

[Stephen Faichen aged 23 buried 10/6]

1840 This house is occupied by a butcher. I do not know his name. I have not called upon him. He has since left the village.



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Hse 44a

<sup>^</sup> [ <i>Hicks</i> ]	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1783	+	+	+	1	2	-	2	2	-			

This house occupied by Mr Hicks.

I see very little of Mr H. He occupies a little land in the parish.

1834 Mr H has since left the parish and it is now (March 1837) occupied by his mother and sister. I have not called upon them. Mrs H lost her younger daughter in the autumn of the year 1837. Myself and sister called upon her several times. We have great reason to hope that she is gone to peace and rest. She was I believe in her 18<sup>th</sup> year. She was taken off in a decline. She thought my sister had been a instrument in the hands of God in awakening her to a sense of duty.

1841 I have called many times on Mrs H since. She appears to be rather improving.

Hse 60

<sup>^</sup>	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1760	+			2	2	1	3	4	-			

This house is now occupied by a man named <sup>^</sup> or Cuthbert, a blacksmith. I do not know who resides in this house 1833.

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Hse 44a

1823 He is an industrious man and works at the Paper Mill and paid last year to the Church Missionary Society. He has since discontinued subscribing to the society.

June 1826 He has a large family.

1829 He has now 8 children and I called on his wife in Feb. His son is unwell.

The poor man died at the Infirmary in Oct 1830. I saw him in Sept. I hope well of him.

1833 I have not spoken to the poor woman for some time. She removed from the house before her husband's death.

Hse 60

1823 The above poor man's mother.

1828 She died in Dec and was an aged woman. I know very little of ^ or his family. There is one of his sons at school

1831 In the spring this poor man removed to London

1834 I know very little of the inmates of this row of houses. Mrs Longford resides in the one before the last.

1841 I have not called upon her for years. Her children have all left school.

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Hse 1

^ [ <i>Gregory</i> ]	Born about	At Ch	P & FP	Ror n R	B & J	P	A	nd	C	nt	When RS		Died or left
	1769	+	+	+	23	17	6	2	8	-	1822 Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> Family 1 servant		

Present at the Sacrament at Woolvercott Church at Christmas 1833 about 74  
Collection £2.3.8

Present at the Sacrament at Woolvercott Church at Easter 1834 about 78  
Collection £2.3.8 ½

The sacrament was administered at Whitsuntide Michaelmas and Christmas  
about 40 present. At Easter 33 persons present. Collection £1.2.0

*Note by Gerald Collett: This is Thomas Gregory's house. He appears to have taught at  
the school. See page 26 House 48.*

Hse 1

We have had many changes of servants in this house and I may also say the same of the labourers excepting the stable boys as they are up.

1834 I do not know what to observe of our family. We are all constant at church. MG and TG are continually in the village calling on the poor cottagers and visiting the school. MG gives away many shillings. Our family support the school, clothing fund and the fund for coal. Mrs G is very kind to the poor by sending broth and meat. Mr G is very kind to all his servants and pays them good wages. £2 was paid to the clothing fund for the year 1837. Several pairs of worstead stockings were given to the poor in November and flannel petticoats. The poor women who work on the estate had each twenty faggots taken to these cottages in November.

1840 Mr G is very kind to the poor and at various times has ordered them meat from Mr Salmon's. £3 was paid to the clothing and coal fund last year & £2 to the school.

1841 The same attention is paid to the parish by all our family. MG and TG continually calling on the poor. The parish have been badly off. More than £20 was collected for the clothing fund and the poor had coal at one shilling per hundred in the winter. £5 was given to the clergy man by Merton College for the use of the poor.

On plan No 84

Vide page 8. She desired her friend to pray for her and I believe by what I can hear that she was awakened to a sense of her duty as a sinner and said she should much like to see me. This I did not know until afterwards. Her niece who attended her caught the complaint and died aged 13 years.

A great number of persons in the village of Woolvercott had the same kind of fever although I believe no one belonging to the village caught the cholera morbus. [Yet?] there was one poor man who was a drover from [...] died with the disorder and buried in the churchyard. Mr R left his farm at Lady Day 1834 and is gone to reside at Mrs H's farm aged 44. Godstow is now occupied by a family of the name of Lipscombe and wishes to claim a right to a pew in Woolvercott Church. This is now about to be ascertained by the clergyman from Lord Abingdon. The Walter family certainly once occupied Godstow Nunnery and their family lie within a vault in a side aisle yet his Lordship will not own the monument or repair it. Mr L's servant man was drowned during the summer of 1835. He went into the water and got out of his depth and was only about 18 years of age.

1837 Mr L comes to Woolvercott Church

1840 Mr L still attends church with some of this children.

^^ 1834 Dec His mother is an aged woman and resides with him. They are a very quiet peaceable family and desire encouragement. I believe they feel some little anxiety for their souls.

Dec 1835 The old woman is still alive.

Dec 1837 The poor old lady is still alive and continues peaceable and quiet. The poor man's family increases and there has been an infant during the year. They have one very promising boy who is quick at the same time rather careless at school.

1840 I called on this family in April and found the old lady alive. She must be upward of 80 years of age. This is a well regulated family. Their eldest daughter resides with the Rev Mr Ricketts at Great Tew. She disgraced herself in Oct 1840 and left her situation in the summer. She has since been married and born an infant. Her husband is not kind to her. I called upon her at her mother's cottage and spoke seriously upon her sin and gave her two homilies.

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Hse 38

<i>^^</i>	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>

Hse 83

<i>^^</i>	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1786			-W	o	-	-	3	2	1			

This cottage became uninhabitable in 1831. The inmates are gone to No 37. The house which was called the College has since been taken down.

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1826 This poor man's wife was very ill in the Spring. I procured them a bible. Their's was not whole. Called her in January and recommended the scriptures being read. He had not paid for his bible although it is now the month of June 1830. I am fearful he does not place a proper value upon them; he has only one room and he has five children.

1833 March He has not paid for his Bible.

1823

This poor man did not receive any of the poor's money because neither himself or wife seldom come to church. He was very ill during the summer of 1824. I was pleased with the poor man when I called upon him in 1829. This man removed to No 37 in 1831/1833. I know little of him

1840 This poor man is patient and resigned and suffers much from a gathering upon his bowels. I hope he is on way to eternal life. I call upon him occasionally.

1841 They are still alive and have a very poor dwelling to reside in.



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Hse 74

<i>^</i>	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1780	+		<i>His wife+</i>	5	4	-	3	2	1-			

1826 They are quiet industrious people, their daughter married early in life.

1829 March 26<sup>th</sup> I called on Mrs ?F and spoke about her reading the scriptures and attending to family prayer. Neither her or her husband had ever received the sacrament. I instructed her to go and endeavoured to explain it according to the catechism interpretation. Her daughter at home and her husband not away.

1832 Jan. The married daughter still resides with her Father and Mother.

1833 Early in this year this man was very ill with the T Fever.

1834 I have not called upon him for some time.

1837 Jan He was very ill a short time at the commencement of the present year.

This poor man went out to work in the Spring and has continued up to the present time. Dec 1837

I have great hopes that his soul is in the way to eternal life. He appears to enjoy great peace of mind. His wife is a poor harmless inoffensive woman.

1840 I have not called for some time. Their daughter resides with him. He was put into the Oxford Castle and to be confined three years for robbing his master Messrs Towney & Co. One little boy attends school.

1841 These people are still alive. I do not call upon them. Their daughter does not reside with them. All their children have left school. Their son Henry was taken ill about the month of April 1842 and was brought home from Oxford. He was good and he appeared steady and industrious. During his illness I called upon him several times and I endeavoured to be faithful to him and pointed out to him the necessity of true repentance and seeking Christ while he may be found and requested he would call to mind all his sins. In the course of a month he died aged 31 years and is buried. I heard that a child was charged against him and was born about 3 weeks before he died. His poor Father and Mother were much hurt and knew nothing of the sin until after his death. Neither had I heard of it. I felt it very much not that I could have said this [...] and would have pointed out to him the awful state of sinners who said things. The parents thought very well of him always so obedient and kind. He had never received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

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Hse 82

<i>^</i>	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1738	Nor w		+w	2			3	2	1			

This house became uninhabitable in 1831 and soon after fell to the ground.

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Hse 82

1824 Dec 21<sup>st</sup> He will be 88 years of age if he lives to the 3<sup>rd</sup> January and is very hearty considering his great age. I think him well disposed. I gave him a large Testament in January 1822. He has since read it several times and can call to mind different parts of it. He is very grateful for the book and always treats me with the greatest respect.

June 1826 The poor old man is still alive.

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 1827 The poor man died and he was not ill long. I hope the poor woman improves. Her eldest son is very idle and will not work but goes about begging. He is said to be a sad young man. Her younger son is now working for Mr Hunt of Oxford June 1830 and is going on very well. The family removed and Mrs ?G now resides (Jan 1832) in No 12. He was very ill in Oct 1831. Her son is married to a young woman and has now a young infant. He is very poor. Mrs G [Green] is now living at No 61a.

1833 She is a most excellent nurse and I hope anxious for her soul. Her son still continues a wandering beggar and lodges at one of the farm houses. I cannot make any impression on him although I made him a handsome present in 1832 for working for a farmer about 6 weeks. The poor woman is removed to a small apartment belonging to No 85.

Dec 1837 The poor woman lives alone by Mrs James Hick's and has very little to support her. Her son makes her very uneasy and does nothing for a living except standing at one of the gates leading into Port Meadow and sleeps in some hovel belonging to Mr Williams. I sometimes call upon this poor woman. Her sister resides with her.

1841 The two sisters reside together. Mr Green's son continues the same idle life. It is astonishing how he can subsist. He sleeps in some outhouse. I pity him very much. He is quite a disgrace to the parish. We can do nothing for his improvement.

June 30<sup>th</sup> 1842. This poor man continues in the same state.



1837 Mrs C is alive and is become an aged woman. Mrs C was taken ill during the month of Oct and continued getting worse and died during the month of November. I did not go to see her neither have I been informed in what state of mind she departed.

1840 I do not call upon this cottage or inmates.

This family left about the year 1827 and the house is occupied by ^^ The family are industrious and his wife has lately commenced learning to read.

Feb 1829 The poor woman works for my father.

June 1830 Her father lives with her and is sometimes very unwell.

Feb 1831 She had a bible of me for a daughter of hers who is about 15 years of age.

1833 March. I occasionally call upon her She is a very industrious woman. She has made an attempt to learn to read but cannot get on. Mrs ...

Dec 1837 Still works on the far, Her boys are grown up and are not kept under proper control. The poor man told the clergyman that they were not worse than others. This reply shows he does not know the value of their souls.

\* and gave an explanation of the chapter very pointedly wishing to reuse the mind so that he might think of eternity. On the following day April 23<sup>rd</sup> read only the 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm with a few observations upon death and prayed for him. He told me he trusted in the saviour and thought his sins would be forgiven. He was evidently dying although not in much pain. I was much hurt on hearing the same morning that he owed Mr Ball £8 and a late son £4. Though this deceitful state of the heart. We should endeavour to repent through divine assistance for how we expect true happiness in another world. Mr L felt not quite well April 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday and formed a small boil on his leg and kept his bed. The next day walked to Oxford and showed his leg to Mr Webb and went home and it got worse. Mortification took place and it ... his body and at length carried him off. April 24<sup>th</sup> aged 66 years. Mrs L's son Edward came home the same day from his place with rheumatism settled upon his limbs and her son Richard is subjected to fits and thus makes a distressed house.

1823 I spoke to ^^ respecting the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. He acknowledged it was right to receive it, at same I did not think ^ prepared. I tried to convince her of her error and noticed the injunction of Christ himself saying " Do this in remembrance of me". And if we did not come forward to receive it, it is as much as say I do not wish to think of him. Two days after I sent her the Revd John Scott Sermons in Baptism & Confirmation. The Lords Supper &C.

1825 Jan 28<sup>th</sup> I called upon her. She spoke of a sermon on inebriety not quite suitable to the congregation. In April I lent her Willson's sermons. The above relates to the family of the ^ at page 80.

^^ is a widow with three boys and a girl. I consider her industrious. She has sometimes sold cake on a Sunday which I noticed to her and pointed out it is the breach of the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment.

June 1826 She has not been confirmed but wishes to be and intends one of her sons to go. She was confirmed in the Autumn 1826. I called on her in Jan 1829 and pointed out the necessity of reading the scriptures. Her ideas of her duty were not correct and almost considered she had not time at night and did not appear quite thankful for what she enjoyed.

May or June 1829 a poor boy named Barrett about 16 years of age received a blow from a man upon the head and it caused his death on the following day

and he died at the infirmary. The man who killed him ran away after some months. He was taken and tried before the grand jury and received sentence of transportation. His brother has since been removed to Farmer Locks. The dispute arose among some men of Oxford and some men at Wolvercott in consequence of stealing some ducks.



## Hse 14

<sup>^</sup> [ <i>Hicks</i> ]	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>	<i>Died or left</i>
	17901	+	+	- nor w	2	1	+	2	2	-	1822 Dec 25	This woman died Dec 8 18

The poor man hurt his hand very badly in Oct 1835 and was obliged to discontinue work and received parochial relief during part of this time.

1836 This poor man's son behaved very badly about the month of August and enlisted for a soldier but was bought off. It was quite a trial to the poor man.

1837 The young man is become more steady. His eldest sister is married to one of the Woodwards and resides in a cottage by Mr Tomkins [?] house cottage by Mrs Saxton.

1840 JH (Hicks) is a very industrious labourer and constant at church and I hope he is anxious for his soul.

1846 J Hicks continues much the same and works constantly for Mr Dale.

1823 He is a very civil man and very constant at church. His wife is a very industrious woman and his children are quick at school. The five orphan children are placed under this man's care. They were belonging to JH who died in January 1823. The clergyman of the parish is particularly kind to them. The eldest girl went out to field work in April 1824 and her brother William was obliged to be sent to the Infirmary in consequence of a swelling on the ankle. I should have said it is John Hick's brother James who has charge of the children. See the next page. The above girl obtained a place in the services of ... in the parish. She went in Oct 1824 June

1825 There is some talk of removing the family the Parish being desirous of taking two shillings per week off of their pay to the poor woman. The children do not enjoy a good state of health.

June 1826 This poor man is quite well and had continued so some time.

I called on this family in Feb 1829 and spoke to them upon family worship and other parts of religious knowledge. Her father was unwell towards the close to the month. He had hurt his ribs.

\* The woman continues very industrious.

June 1830 I think the family are improving. There appears more anxiety in the woman. She is very good to the poor. Hick's William had a situation with a baker in London last October. Not being the good boy, ran away in March\* This observation refers to JH see page 70.

John H lost a little boy who went to the school. He was a very good boy unwell several months died in March aged 10 years. They are very industrious steady family.

1831 She is paying for a bible. The family are improving. Her son still goes to the school on the Sabbath Day although he is about 15 years of age.

1833 This family are living very happily together and constantly attend church and are awakened to a sense of their danger as sinners and he has been anxious about his last illness in 1822. I continually called upon him. JH is a very good boy and works on this estate. His brother William is becoming more steady. His sister Elizabeth is residing with a family in Oxford and has been there two years. She is a very good girl. She was in disgrace in Oct 1836. She has acted very wickedly in the sight of God. We are all very sorry for her. A younger sister went to a place in Oxford in Oct 1834.

This page for the future will be for J Hick's family. The poor woman worked on this farm the greater part of the summer. She took a little cold in consequence of sitting up with a poor woman one night during the month of November. Nov 24<sup>th</sup> She was taken in a fit and dropped down in her own house and not feeling well for two days after she took to her bed and her disorder turned to the rheumatic fever. An apothecary waited upon and was very attentive and she still got wore and kept to her bed and died Feb 8<sup>th</sup> just one fortnight after the first seizure. The clergyman was very constant in his attendance and called upon her sometimes twice a day. My sister and I called and we found her in a most happy frame of mind. She was very thankful to all my father's family and asked that everlasting blessings might be bestowed upon us. And said if there were shores and worlds before her. She did not anything from them. She entreated her husband to bring up her children in the fear of God. She felt gratitude in knowing her Saviour. She was perfectly resigned and happy and received the sacrament the night before she died and received the bread and wine with gratitude to the astonishment o all present and felt great joy for this privilege. She was sensible to the last and said a short time before she died whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth and that she should soon be in a far better bed than she had here. Her expressions were so much to the purpose at times. She was kind to all and universally respects.

## Hse 15

<sup>^</sup> [ <i>James Hicks</i> ]	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1790	+	+	- nor w	2	1	0	3	3				This woman died Dec 8 1936

On plan No 85. Hicks James resides here and came into the house in 1833. His daughter continues to have fits occasionally and is very strong during these times. The orphan Hicks resides with him. JH can earn 4/- per week and £5 at the close of the year. His sister Mary is at Eynsham with Mr F. Removed there in Oct 1835. Not quite pleasing to her friends. WH is a Marine and occasionally writes home and expresses himself very gratefully to the poor man for all his past kindness to him while under his care. He has experienced some narrow escapes from a watery grave while at sea. JH's is very sickly, scarcely ever well, I should say his only daughter. He is very kind to one of the little Hicks and her brother still lodges with him. Ann Hicks complained a little of pain in her limbs. Feb 6<sup>th</sup> the apothecary called on her on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Her complaint was the Rheumatic Fever and continued to get worse and worse and she must have has some disease about the heart which must have taken her off and she died about ½ past 8 o'clock in the evening of the 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. She expressed great gratitude to James Hicks and his wife for all their kindness and during the Sunday the day before she died was continually engaged in prayer and said she thought Jesus Christ would forgive her and take her and she prayed to have a clean heart and a renewed spirit. She thought she would not recover. My dear sister had been very kind to her and provided her with clothing and took pains with her soul and she hopes she will be her crown of rejoicing and intends to pay the whole expence of her burial. She was about 15 ½ years of age. Before she was born I told her poor mother to pray for the child she might bear. She has been a child of many prayers, and hope she has gone to peace and rest.

1840 Wm Hicks returned from sea in April of this year and had been absent 5 years lat October. He is a Marine. I am sorry to relate I was informed while at ... he was constantly at the Public House spending his money. This young man does not appear grateful and when he left did not give Mrs H anything for all the kindnesses to him and sisters. He is since returned to his quarters at Portsmouth, at least this is my supposition. The family have not heard of his arrival.

Jan 1841 about three months since this young man received a musket ball in his thigh and kept to his bed three months in some hospital. I hope his suffering may work together for the good of his immortal salvation. Mrs H's daughter is continually unwell.

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This poor man had undertaken to take care of Thomas Hicks poor children. TH died in January of the present year. He has left 5 children. JH receives 10/- per week from the parish for taking charge of them. See further particulars of this family at page 78 and 68.

1826 I believe he is a very industrious man. He works among the gravel and occasionally finds some fossil bones. His wife and her father were both confirmed at one time. It shows the neglect of the parents of the latter. It is a sad pity it should be so little thought of. I have since called upon this family several times and spoke of this.

1829 March. I think the poor woman much improved and I hope advancing a little in spiritual knowledge. She occasionally attends church in the morning. I spoke very seriously to her and her daughter last week. They attentively listened to what I had to say. The eldest daughter of the orphan family lives with ^^ at the next door. Went there last Michaelmas. She continues steady.

June 1830 JH works for Mr R and has done so since his return from London.

1832 The orphan children still remain here. I am fearful Mrs does not yet know the real truth. About the close of the present year the family frequented the meeting house of the Revd Mr Bulteel late a clergyman of the established church. Since then they have all felt an anxiety for their souls and their only daughter has not since been in the village church although this remark was made March 1833 and the poor man has had social meetings in his house for prayers with some of his neighbours who have also heard Mr Bulteel. This gentleman during the spring of last year preached several times at a cottage occupied by a poor man of the name of Collett. His house is licensed. Last week I took an opportunity to call on JH and gave him my opinion respecting the attending of Mr B's ministry. I could not say much against it, neither could I approve of it. I told them I would not have them to leave the church or wish again to be baptized for there could be no necessity for it. There is only one Lord one faith and one baptism. I left with them a little book giving a good explanation of the church service for we can give a reason why we worship God in the manner we do and this is more than the dissenters can by their form of worship. Their only daughter has been very ill at times during the year 834 and while I am writing (Dec 9<sup>th</sup>) she still continues much the same. I believe her to be a very good pious girl and she feels an anxiety for her soul. The Revd Mr Hamilton in the summer endeavoured to give her some pious instruction and he gave her books. William Hicks the orphan went for a soldier in the month of Oct 1834. He enlisted in the M... He was a steady young man and very different to his younger brother Thomas who still works upon this estate.

John Lines resides at this house 1834 Dec. He has a young family. His wife is a very industrious woman and has commenced learning to read\*.

Dec 1835 this family are very poor and their family increased.

1840 Their eldest boy has left the school. When boys get to the age of 14 they think they know enough and leave the village school.

1841 This family do not get on in the world and find a difficulty to make two ends meet I should suppose.

\* I spoke to her in the first place about it.

## Hse 34

<sup>^</sup> [ <i>Wren</i> ]	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>	<i>Died or left</i>
	1789	+w		-	1	1	3	3	3	-		This woman died Dec 8 1936

Hse 34

Aged father resides with this poor man, his grandmother died at Woolvercott a few years since aged 103 years. This family are very poor. His father was living in June 1826. He died in April 1827. I did not call upon him during his last illness. I did not call upon anyone in the parish about this time considering myself so great in turning [?] against the divine law and I was also much engaged in my father's business and improving myself in the sciences. I called on this family in Jan 1828 and gave the poor woman some instruction and provided her with a bible as a free gift from the Oxford Bible Society. I have called upon her several times since and I am in hopes she is a little improved. Her family are kept more tidy and she has attended church.

1829 Enforced the reading of the Scriptures in her cottage regularly at night and heard her read in February 1829.

June 1830 Their windows are sadly broken. I have not called upon this family for some time. There is one daughter ill.

1833 One of his daughters has turned out very unsteady and is not conscious of her great sin in the Eye of God.

1834 I seldom call upon this family.

1835 ...

1837 I do not think this family are much improved. Their son quite a young man was married in February and I do not think they can have twenty shillings beforehand and I believe he resides under the same roof with his parents.

1840 I do not now call upon this family.

1841 The family are not going on well.

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Hse 43

$\wedge$	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1777	+	+	+	8	9	2	2	4	-			This woman died Dec 8 1836

Mr K came in 1834

Mr Hedges came in the spring of 1836

Hse 44

$\wedge$	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1780	+	+	+	9	8	1	5	4	2			

Mr R comes to church and pays 2/6d per annum to the support of the school. I am fearful he does not take any interest in the souls of others. He came in the spring of 1834. Mr  $\wedge$  I fear is still careless and I have not heard of his improvement (March 1837). His brother left him about £101 per annum for life yet he has done nothing more towards the support of the school.

1840 He gives only 2/6 per annum to the school

1841 He continues much in the same thoughtless way and I fear he is not making any advances for the good of his immortal soul. I believe he knows something of his duty.

## Hse 43

He made a failure this autumn. Some friends subscribed to his relief and he has since gone on in his business. His wife is a most industrious woman with nine children. The clergyman of the parish has lent him £100 without interest for two years which is certainly very kind. I believe he paid it off in 1828. He is going on better. He was in great distress and afterwards a collection was made for him and my Father gave him £5 and ever since that time has been exceedingly grateful to our family. I called upon him in Jan 1829.

April 1830 I spoke seriously to Mr H after my fall when I called there the first time.

Jan 1832 He still pays towards the Church Missionary Society.

1833 Mr H has a large family who are regular at church and are steady young people but too fond of dress. This family left the farm about Michaelmas 1832 and quitted the premises during the following spring and was succeeded by a Mr Price who could not pay his way and was continually distrained for a Poors Rate and left in the winter of 1833-34 and was succeeded by Mr Kimber. Mrs K does not reside there and placed a brother into the house. Mr K resides at S'town and is at this time (Dec 14 1835) very dangerously ill. He died Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1835 and is succeeded by Mr Hedges of Wytham who has placed his son and daughter into the house. They neither attend church and the young man is not steady. A younger brother died at Wytham about the month of Nov 1837. Ill only one day. This should be a warning to all. The father is not a good man. The young man married one of Mr R's daughters in the spring 1839. He does not make her a good husband and they do not live happily together.

1841 I do not see anything of this family

## Hse 44

1825 Fachen [?] the mother of ... had been unwell sometime and the apothecary had lately attended her. She retired to rest as usual and in the morning was found quite dead. Her daughter slept in the same room and no one heard her make the last motion. Therefore we may well say in the midst of life we are in death. We all ought to prepare for that sudden and last change. She was 78 years of age. She died on 17 August and was buried in the church. Mrs H does not enjoy a good state of health and her children are not strong. Her eldest daughter married since last autumn that is in year 1825. I called upon Mrs ... in Feb 1829 and spoke upon the necessity of reading the scriptures constantly in the family. She had a daughter who was married in May 1829 and died Sept 1829. Two children of her first died at the same time. The fever was in Mr H's house and she has also been very unwell not constant at church and I may say the same.

March 1830 Mrs N is going to Binsey and returned to a small cottage by her late farm house. Her son left it for Oxford and is married. Mrs H lost her eldest daughter named Chancy [?] in Oct 1835. Died in a decline.

1837 Mrs H's youngest daughter was taken ill during the spring and took to her bed about the month of April and left it very little during her illness and went off in a decline. Dec 7<sup>th</sup> and not 18 years of age. My sister was an instrument of the Lord's unknowingly of first awakening her to a sense of her duty by the gift of a copy of the Young Cottager and the Cottage Hymns. We both called upon her several times during her illness and she was pleased to see us and listened with great attention. Therefore we have the greatest reason to hope that she has gone to her eternal rest. She had been to the village school and was attentive while there. She was patient under the trial of suffering.

Cec 21<sup>st</sup> 1837 I called upon Mrs H and read the 2 ch of Ephesians and spoke very forcibly of the values of the soul and the necessity of being born again. See page 79.



Hse 45

$\wedge$	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1789	Very constant	+ -	+	5	6	1	1	2	-	Jan 10 1823		Died 14 Jan 1823 aged 34

... in April 1823. They had a little girl in November of the same year. They are very industrious and in January 1829 their little girl came to the National School. The child does the mother credit. I am hopeful the mother is improved. The man has not paid me for the Church Missionary Society for the last year. I occasionally speak to him upon his religious duty.

1830 I hope the family are improving. I scarcely know how to speak to him and this is the case in January 1832. This poor man's wife was confirmed in March or April 1832 and had nearly recovered her confinement when she was taken ill with the fever and still got worse. Every care and attention was paid to her. She requested me to call upon her; knowing it was a fever. I first spoke to my friends who did not approve of my seeing her, therefore with much reluctance gave it up until a few days previous to her departure. I visited her and offered up a suitable prayer and spoke of our interview. There is some hope of her future happiness yet the evidences are not strong. She was certainly very attentive when I read to this woman in the fields last summer. She has left 4 children and the youngest is an infant which is sent to Noke under the care of an aunt and is allowed by the parish 3/- per week. The poor man has since taken up his residence at his Father's. I hope this call may be a sanctified affliction to his family.

1833 I sometimes speak to this poor man who works on this estate but he never seconds my motive in religious subjects.

This house is now occupied by Mr Baldwin. I do not call upon this family. He continues in work and his family is coming on.

1840 Mr B has left this house.

1823 Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. I attended the school this morning and called on some persons in the village but during the time my mind was thinking of ^^ . At length I reached the cottage and when I entered saw his children in tears. I went upstairs and saw the deceased who expired about 5 minutes before, at a ¼ to o'clock at noon. It was what I had long anticipated. He had been sensible to the last and was frequently engaged in prayer and had passed a comfortable night. I found the mother of the deceased and friends standing round the bed weeping. In order to put the living into a better frame for death I knelt down and offered up a prayer (and these friends joined in silence) that this messenger from the dead might awaken us and all those who were dead in trespass and sins, and we thanked God that he was released as we have great reason to hope he has left this temporal world for one of eternal peace and glory. When I called upon him during his illness of about 16 weeks he was certainly very attentive when I read to him and was continually studying the bible. He used to say "nothing came up to that after all". Last week I asked him if W... should call upon him. He thought I meant the clergyman (as a new vicar was coming to the parish). He replied is that the gentleman. I replied I meant the apothecary. He answered in the negative and said he only wanted his spiritual Physician his Saviour. On Wednesday on Thursday previous to his death I read by his request A Preparation for death from the Pocket Prayer Book. When I came to this passage "I think what it is for a holy soul to see the glorified Redeemer and all the holy company of saints and angels." He immediately replied that part comforted me most last Tuesday morning previous to my being in great pain. I sat up in the bed and read to my Mother and Sister, my mind was at the time so calm, composed and easy and the pleasure I then felt was very great and appeared like a foretaste -- and told me if I were to live a thousand years in the world it could be nothing compared to it. He conversed on the same subject some time and told me if at any time he had any good thought it must proceed from God's Holy Spirit. During last week he sent for me, and said can you read something to soften my heart and make me cry. I then read part of the ten commandments with an explanation from the Sick Man's Friend and the prayer for a formalist. Afterwards I told him it was the duty of a Clergyman or a layman to point out to any patient whom they might visit any particular sin they might be guilty of. I accordingly spoke plain to him and told him his fault and by that means discharged a debt due from my conscience and to inform it still now. I said I should be happy if I were ill to be told of my besetting sins by

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^^ the clergyman. I told him I had prayed to Almighty God to direct him relative to ^^ which was the cause of this uneasiness. Knowing this I did not enforce his receiving the sacrament of the Lord' supper. I have since been informed the clergyman administered it on the following day to him in presence of an aged mother. He was 34 years of age and has left 5 children to lament his loss. His wife died August 29<sup>th</sup> 1822. I called upon him several times during the last fortnight and one day read the eleventh chapter of Hebrews and made some remarks on each verse. I did not generally converse with him on religious subjects but the last week he was more inclined to open his mind to me. The children of this poor man remained with his sister for three months and then removed to ^^ in Upper Woolvercott. The two boys and two girls have been sent to the National School in the village

Sept 1824 The eldest boy was under Mr Tuckwell the surgeon at Oxford 22 weeks at the Oxford Infirmary. His leg is not quite cured. The children do not enjoy a good state of health. The youngest child is much grown and begins to say a few words. The eldest daughter has been working on my Father's Estate through the Spring and summer. She is allowed 2/- per week. This little girl went to live as servant at Mr ^^ in the village at Michaelmas 1824. She is to have two pounds the first year. My sister is particularly kind in noticing these children.

Jan 1826 The little girl Mary was very ill during the month of May and she was not expected to recover. The other part of the family are quite well.

1829 March This family are all pretty well and one boy goes out to work and attends the Sunday School. I have made my observations of this family at the house they are residing at. See page 68 and page 70 since.

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From page 74 Mrs H a widow.

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Hse 61

	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1766	-	-	-			-	4	4	-			Left in 1827

I called on Mrs A in 1829.

Jan 1832 she has a little boy and girl at the school. They are very good children. This family left in 1832 and this public house is occupied by a man who came from Mr Hunt's farm. I know nothing of him.

1837 This house is occupied by several poor families.

1840 One poor woman who was advanced in life died suddenly at the beginning of this year. Allen occupied part of this house. Mrs Richards with her son resides in one room. She has only parish allowance. My dear parents and sister are very kind to this poor woman. I sometimes call upon her.

Jan 1841 I called sometime upon her. She is a quiet poor woman and has to struggle with poverty. Her son does not obtain constant work.

Hse 65

^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1780	-	+	-	5	3	-	4	2	2	-		Died 14 Jan 1823 aged 34

This house contains 2 families, viz Gilkes & Medcraft.

1834 I seldom call upon these families. Mrs M's daughter has brought herself into disgrace. It is a great grief to the aged mother. She attends Mr Bulteel's ministry. Master M was ill in April 27<sup>th</sup> 1837. I called upon him twice this week and read the first time part of 2 ch. I believe, yet not quite certain points. The commandments and this day did the same and read Jude and practically explained it.

1840 I have not been at this cottage for some time.

1841 Mrs M has no paid me for a book she had it for some time since. This does not show a good principle.

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Hse 61

This woman has taken the charge of two orphan boys. I am sorry to say they are not orderly good boys. They were removed in the spring of 1826 to ^^ and they are become more steady.

This poor woman left Wolvercote in the year 1827 and the Public House is now occupied by ^^ who is a printer. I called on ^ in January 1829. She made an excuse because she could not attend regularly the church.

Hse 65

1823

The whole family are very steady and well-disposed, and are contributors to the Church Missionary Society. Page 66

1826 She has three daughters to be confirmed this summer. One since that time has been unsteady and also moved since yet the poor mother has taken great pains with them. I called on her I Jan 1829. She does not feel much anxiety for the Church Missionary Society and said foreign parts did not much concern her. I believe she intends giving up paying to the society not affording it and not having any work at the paper mill in May.

1830 Her husband was taken unwell and remained from his work some weeks. God can soon send affliction and then the doctors bill may soon amount to more than we give away in charity.

Jan 1832 I have not called for a considerable time. This family are now removed to No 64 (March 1833). They went there in 1832. I have not spoken to him for some time. He resides at the Paper Mill.

1826 He paid 5/- to the school last year.

1836 Poor Mr Harman was at church in the morning an appeared quite well and about 9 o'clock that night he was taken ill and died in about an hour. This was during the month of June. I hope he was prepared for this sudden change. I believe he was somewhat anxious for his soul.

Dec 1837 I seldom see Mrs Harman.

1840 She attends Wolvercote Church. She has a married daughter residing at Summertown with a large family.

1841 I seldom see Mrs H.

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Hse 71^

	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1776	-	-	-	4	2	-	4	2	2			

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Hse 71

1823 The clergyman threatened this poor man that he should not give him any of the poor's money because he did not come to Church. His wife never comes although I am frequently persuading her.

June 1826 I am fearful her two daughters will not turn out steady.

1829 This has proved as I had thought and have brought disgrace upon themselves and they were married last year. Mr D's house is quite in ruins and never attends church. Although I have repeatedly spoken to her about the necessity of it and I told her we should not employ her any longer upon the farm. The family enjoy a good state of health.

1830 I have not since spoken to Mrs H about her duty. Her two daughters are now married and must be in poverty.

Dec 1831 Mrs H was at the house of her mother-in-law where her son was unwell. I tried to give her a hint upon the necessity of attending to her duty. She was taken unwell after waiting upon her married daughter in the summer of 1832 and is at this time (August 31<sup>st</sup>) very ill and it remains doubtful whether she will recover. She has been insensible and has a fever upon her. Mr Webb has been her apothecary. I have called upon her three times and find her mind very dark and she is not aware of her danger as a sinner. She has neglected her duty while in health. How can we expect to find her enlightened during sickness and yet she wants to receive Sacrament but knows nothing about the ordinance. She made some fair promises if she should ever be restored – she would live very differently and attend her church. It does not please our Heavenly Father to restore her and her sufferings for a short time previous to her actual departure were very great. She occasionally prayed. But whether she had a firm reliance upon her Saviour and threw herself at his feet for mercy I know not. It is very distressing to a sincere Christian who highly values the soul to see his neighbour so regardless of their own soul.

1834 The poor man resides alone and cannot keep himself well. He is still careless and regardless of his soul and when he has money he frequents the Public House. His son Thomas is in London in the capacity of a porter and is doing very well. He came to see his friends in the summer. CH is a poor quiet civil fellow and not strong. Some person robbed him in the summer of part of his clothes worth to him £3 10s 0d and he has not been able to discover the thief or get his clothes although he strongly suspects one of his cousins to have taken them. This poor young man was taken ill during the Spring of 1835 and was from his work about a month and departed this life April 14<sup>th</sup> aged about 30. I saw him only once during his illness not having heard of his being unwell. I went the next day and addressed him very seriously. His views not quite correct. Expecting a new birth into righteousness he died on the fourth day following about 10 o'clock in the morning. It was not convenient for me to see him so early. I went down in the afternoon and spoke seriously of death to those who were present in the house of the departed. I have hopes in his death although the evidences are not very strong.

1837 I sometimes call upon this family although not so much during the last year. The old man is still alive and must be now nearly 90 years of age. He



attends church constantly and is blind and is led about by one of his grandsons. The Clergyman very kindly procured him a small income which he receives weekly in consequence of his blindness. His son William now lodges at Mr Collins, and his house and garden is sold to young Ladson of Deptford and is pulled down.

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Hse 41^

<sup>^^</sup> [Kirby]	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1761			-	2	1	1	4	5	-			

This poor man's daughter was married to <sup>^^</sup> of Kidlington in the Spring of 1825. They are industrious. He was very unwell in the Spring of 1826 and lost the opportunity of having beans, which has since thrown him behind in his payments.

1829 The daughter was very ill in March and her intellects are impaired. It appears doubtful whether she will recover. She belongs to Kidlington parish and has a doctor from Islip. She died in childbed. At least that was not exactly the cause of her death in May 1829. She left one little boy. The young man soon forgot her and married again in Aug of the same year. The little boy came to school in the summer of 1831. CM was taken ill in Oct 31 and is now pretty well in Jan 1832. I called up during his illness and pointed out the necessity of the new birth into righteousness. I called upon her several times during her illness. Dr [ ] was the means under providence of restoring her to her usual health. <sup>^^</sup> through he for 5 weeks, a very remarkable case.

The grandson Thomas is in London and is a porter & shopman to some house in London and is doing very well.

1846 The poor old man is still alive and took to his bed in April of the present year. When he was up he could not stand. May – I called upon him and read a portion of God's Holy word. I hope he knows the way to eternal life. It is difficult to know how to address him.

1841 Jan He is at present much better and gets up regularly. The poor woman was ill during last December, at the time of my calling upon her.

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Hse 41

This poor man is married to an Irish woman. He had been once a soldier. I think him industrious. His daughter was at the school sometime and she is now gone to Benson to reside with a relative as a servant. The family have not a Bible but are desirous of having one. I named it to the woman in February 1827. In Feb 1829 she told me the same tale but had not found money to purchase one. I therefore let him have one without paying for it on condition of receiving the money during the summer. Anyone would think they place very little value on their souls.

1830 The poor man was ill in the infirmary sometime and told me he had not paid for his Bible. He has since paid for it.

Nov 1837 One evening I met this poor man in the village and enquired if he knew some poor women who had met me with wood on their heads. He replied in the negative and considered they were some poor women only returning with some wood to light their coals for what are poor wretches to do for coals are 1/6d per cwt. He did not consider the awfulness of stealing. I afterwards felt thankful that I was not put to the trial. Poor Kirby was not very ill in March 1833 but was not considered dangerous. He was taken worse about the tenth of this month and absented himself from work on the 13<sup>th</sup> and died almost suddenly on the 16<sup>th</sup>. I do not know the state of his mind. While pretty well he was constant at Church and always came in good time.

1834 I have not called upon this family for a great while.

1841 The daughter has brought self under disgrace and has a little boy at the school.

Hse 37

1823 I had an opportunity of speaking to the old man (Feb 8<sup>th</sup>) respecting a future state and the aged shepherd who never comes to church. About this time his grandson was ill and kept his bed. I called upon him and read part of the Visitation for the Sick in the Prayer-book and endeavoured to make some suitable remarks on the subject (20 inst). I called upon him and found him still in bed, part of the family engaged in the same room and downstairs. I did not read to him. He had been a very good boy when at school therefore I did not see the necessity of instructing him so much as some people, at the same time I must own I have been rather negligent. He worked on this Estate and has been very industrious. March 4<sup>th</sup> I called upon the poor boy whom I found still in bed. I read the 20 chapter of the 2 Kings relative to [?] being restored from a bed of sickness. I also enforced the necessity of prayer. I read part of a tract about a Swiss peasant in the mountain who had been taught the way of salvation. I desired the 1 Cor 15<sup>th</sup> chapter to be read to him (March 11<sup>th</sup>) I read part of Doddridges *Rise and Progress of the Soul* to the poor boy. He still continues very patient and he has been confined 4 weeks.

Apr 27<sup>th</sup> I called upon him this morning and found him still keeping his bed and I asked him if he should like the prayers of the church to be offered up for him, He consented to my request. I spoke to the clergyman and the prayers of the congregation were offered up to the throne of grace. He still continued very patient. May. He is quite recovered and goes regularly to work.

1824 The old shepherd died about the month of September and latterly kept his bed. The clergyman called upon him and pointed out to him his religious duty but could do nothing with him. What an awful state of mind to be in and so ignorant and never attended divine worship. I considered him out of his mind but those who were about him said it was not so. He was about 70 years of age and died a bachelor.

^^ Senr. A very quiet and sober Christian. He is assistant at church and at the Lord's Table. His sight begins to fail him.

1834 His wife was very ill in the summer. I found her very ignorant and had no fear of death.

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Hse 30

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<i>^^</i>	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1774	+ a family	-	-	2	5	1	3	4	-	1822 Dec 25		Aged 64 Juky 14 1842

Mr B did not behave well to us respecting a cow in Aug 1837 and propose never to come on this Estate again. He is to blame not my father. I have spoken to him since but he could not condescend to return a prized cow.

1840 He is become more civil. His son was very ill in the Spring and he kept his bed.

1841 I do not call upon this family

Hse 78

<i>^</i>	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1776	+	-	+	4	4	-	2	2	-			

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1826 His family are very constant at church and he receives the Sacrament regularly

July 1828 his wife has some ^^ and her family have been educated at the school and the boys were very conformable. But I am fearful their ^^ will be spoiled. He has been a subscriber to the Church Missionary Society a considerable time.

Dec 1828 He has constantly given £5 per annum for the benefit of the poor children at the school. This is certainly very handsome. As he has only to children who has lately derived any benefit from it. He lately fell from a rick and hurt his back very much and could not attend church for the last month or five weeks. His sons are not brought up to any trade but go out as gentleman's servants.

1829 I called upon him in February and found him not well and he has scarcely been to church since his fall. He has agreed to contribute £3 per annum towards the support of the school. I called in May 1830 after my fall. Mrs L wishes to discontinue her subscription to the Church Missionary Society.

1832 He is very short of money and has not had any settling with he school master for three years.

1833 He is obliged to leave his farm and Mrs B or G has taken to it who has agreed to give a very great price for it.

§834 Dec Mr B has not yet paid anything towards the support of the school. He is very fond of making bargains and exchanging, buying hay. He purchased of Mr G's hay this season at £5 per ton and cannot get a sale for it at this time (March 1837)

Hse 78

1823 Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. I took an opportunity of speaking to ^ respecting the sacrament of the Lord's Supper which he had not received but thought of taking it next Easter. He has several books and a commentary similar to mine. H appeared much pleased with my call and told me he made a point of reading his Bible nearly every night.

1826 His brother-in-law is not quite sound in mind.

1828 He was summoned to Worcester in the month of January to decide upon the settlement of a pauper who was brought to Woolvercott parish, it was proved that he belonged to Worcester or some other parish and not to Woolvercott. It cost our parish in law above £40.

1829 H has a brother-in-law who had an affliction upon him nine years, great weakness of mind and not sensible sometimes. ^ spoke to me about his child coming to the school.

1830 He is not any better.

1832 He is still unwell. The child was away from school sometime last year. This poor woman's brother does not get any better.

1833-34 My sister occasionally calls upon Mrs & Mr ^. She thinks well of them.

1840 The brother dies early last year. I do not see this family.

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Hse no 50

	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1770	- not at W		+	3	1	1		1				

No 59

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	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1788			+	3	1	-	2	2	-			

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Hse 50

She lost her husband in the spring of 1822. I know nothing of her – seldom call at her house.

1829 I called on her and spoke of the scriptures and had an opportunity of questioning her upon some points and she answered satisfactorily. She has a nephew residing with her.

1832/3 The boy still resides with her. I have not called for some time.

1834 The boy has left her.

1837 Feb I saw him in Oxford and he told me he had been at *The Journal* office for five years.

1839 I called upon this poor woman just before Christmas day and spoke of the Sacrament and read some portion of scripture.

Hse 59

1823 I spoke to ^^ relative to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Bibles, prayer books and being members of the established church. Her husband and herself are in the habit of attending the meeting in the village. A few days later I sent some tracts on the Prayer Book and a guide to the church and further pointed out the danger of constantly attending the Meeting of our Dissenting Brethren. This poor woman has been led into error by attending the preaching of a Mr Mulock who made some stir in Oxford during the summer of 1824. He wrote letters and had them printed and made the minds of many of the lower order uneasy.

1828 I believe she is still anxious. I called on Mrs L in Sept 1829 but could not make any impression upon her.

1831 I called in Feb but I cannot make any progress and have since been wishing but have not had the resolution.

Jan 7 1832 My sister and I called upon her. She said she could not go to church, could find no pleasure there and could not possibly receive the sacrament in the manner we did. Only approved of the Psalms and the Lord's Prayer in the prayer book and could not take her child to be baptized. Her views are self-righteous for she considers none as good as herself and thinks she shall be saved quite forgetting a remarkable sin of the birth of a child before her marriage. She will not read books that I have sent her. I want to try her once more and if she will not listen I must not persist in my anxiety.

1833 I cannot summon resolution to call again. In fact it appears quite useless, she does not attend I hear any place of public worship.

1834 She continues much the same. Her boys are not quite regular at school. Her youngest child has not been baptized.

Dec 1835 I have not called lately. Her sons do not come any better neither on Sunday mornings. If she is right in her ideas of faith and Christian duties some of us must be wrong.

1840 Their youngest boy left school. Their eldest son is a swearer and breaker of the Sabbath. I do not see anything of this family.



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Hse 55

<i>^^</i>	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1786	-W+	+	+	3	2	-	2	2	-			

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No 55

1825 This poor man's wife not so humble as I could wish and too fond of dress. She is a young woman and has six children. She has a great spirit and I am fearful a change of heart has not yet taken place in her.

1826 She is more conformable in regard to the dress of her children and continues so to this time.

Feb 1828 and attends church. She has a large family. I believe seven children and expects another and she is only as old as EH's.

The child was born in Jan 1829.

1832 All her family are at home and I believe there are nine children. It must be a trial to the poor woman. Removed to No 54 and has since removed to JT's house at No 45.

1841 I do not know ho resides here.

See page 44 – This house was taken by Mr B or G who married a daughter of CH. The young woman was very ill in 1832.

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Hse 67

	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1750	+	+	+	5	2	2	2	4	-			

Hse 67

1824 The wife of this poor man has been confined to her bed 11 weeks. This is a great trial of her patience. She is much reduced. She appears resigned to the will of her heavenly father. She is very attentive when anyone reads to her. We may still say Thy will be done. The question is whether we do the will of our heavenly father, the expression is much easier said than done. My sister has called upon her several times and I also went occasionally. She kept her bed upwards of 20 weeks and died August 16<sup>th</sup>. She went off quietly at last. Her disorder was confirmed dropsy. The old man bears his loss with pious resignation and Christian fortitude. His daughter has been truly kind to her poor mother during her long illness. She caused a great deal of washing. She has now I hope departed in peace.

1828 Feb I called upon the old man and left him a Mission Register last summer but he had not read; and the transactions of the world were nothing to him. I replied I thought it was the duty of every Christian to feel an anxiety to hear of the spread of the gospel.

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> I believe I have not called upon him since.

1829 Jan I called on the old man and recommended him to adopt a regular plan of family worship at night. His daughter showed a letter from a relation in India written piously. Her father reminds me of the Old Dairyman although not quite so anxious. The poor man died in Jan 180. See particulars under the head of Collet.

1833 I have not been to this house for some time.

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Hse 2

<i>^^ [R Middleton]</i>	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1782	+ his children but not his wife		+	4	5	1	3	2	1	Dec 25th		

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Hse 2

He is a respectable man with a large family. He is a subscriber to the Church Missionary Society. His eldest son is an usher to a school in Adderbury. He is to stay three or four years. The youth is since returned and resides in Oxford.

June 1826 He has great spirit and wishes to make himself appear great.

Feb 1828 The young man has been returned some time. The younger son was placed with a cook at Oxford and stayed a short time. The youths answered various parts of the catechism when they were questioned for confirmation in the Autumn of 1826.

Dec 1828 Mr \_\_ has ten children. The son named above is now an Attorney's Clerk in Oxford. I know nothing of Mr M's spiritual improvement. I spoke to him Feb 1829 about his paying his men on the Sabbath Day. He did not speak cross about it and I printed out Nehemiah 10ch 31.

1830 He attends church regularly but I cannot say the same for his wife. She has 9 children and they are all clothed respectably.

1832 There is an increase in the family. He has some pride.

1833 March I spoke to him last November and he still continues to pay towards the aid of the Church Missionary Society. He does not practice what he knows and that is very sad. His brother Job\* was taken off quite suddenly last January in consequence of a carriage called a fly passing over his head and died at the Oxford Infirmary and was brought to Wolvercote to be buried.

1834 Mr M last year was obliged to have some of his stock sold off. Mr Osborn his father-in-law died in Sept 1834 and was unwell some time. He was a quiet man although I am fearful not very anxious for his soul yet he was pretty constant at church. I sincerely hope he found mercy from God.

1835 Mrs M seldom comes to church. Her eldest daughter is sometimes present and was married in the summer of 1836. She must be quite young.

1840 One son has latterly come to the school. Their eldest son and his wife have taken up their residence at the farm house.

1841 Mr M took offence about public singing in church last May and has not been at church since. His sons attend church. Mrs M at no time

\* [Job Middleton of St Giles 6 Jan 1833 aged 54 from parish records]



## Hse 9

1825 I am sorry to say I cannot speak much in favour with either the man or his wife not constant at church.

Spring of 1828 I have not heard of their improvement

1829 The woman was very ill at the beginning of the year. I read to her and questioned her on the scriptures relative to the chief truths and I was quite surprised to find her so well informed considering she could not read

1831 The poor man and woman are I hope much improved

1833 The poor man now comes to church and lodges with him and constantly hears Mr Bulteel and feels an anxiety for her soul. She came to this house immediately after the death of her husband.

1834 They are getting an aged couple. Mrs M certainly improves.

Dec 1835 The man and his woman are still alive. The poor woman had a fall about two years since and caused a lameness and she is obliged to use a crutch and still she feels more anxious for her soul although rather ignorant and yet she readily listens to instruction. The poor man is careless and takes things of course. He comes to church.

1837 The old woman died in January and I sincerely hope she obtained mercy from her God. We have hope in her death. The above young widow has left this cottage 2 or three years for five friends near London and has not since been heard of.

## Hse 23

Mr M still fills the situation of a guard to one of the Worcester coaches. His boy comes to the school (1824) and is improving.

Dec 1828 The boy still comes to school. His father was very unwell in Feb 1829 and came to — for a short time I gave him a small pocket testament. I do not know whether the book has been read.

June 1830 His boy was removed from school in August 1830. I know little of him. This family have left Mrs Austin entirely.

1834 The boy is much improved was at the beginning of the year 1835 a gentleman's servant at Bath. Their eldest daughter has a heavy affliction upon her arising from the spine and obliged constantly to keep her bed. The family are residing at Hereford (Dec 1835).

1840 The young woman is still alive and continues much the same and a very happy frame of mind relying upon the blessed saviour.

1841 I have not heard any thing of her mean time.



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Hse 28a

^^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1782	+	+		2	2	1	4	5		July 1823		Aug 11 1823 aged 4-9 yrs
^^ The brother of the poor woman		+	+	+	1	1	+	-	+	-			

Martin John now occupies these premises (1834) and he does not lodge there. He engaged in quicking. This is a mistake of mine. He resides at No 21 where Mrs Madcraft came out of. This row of houses belong to Mr Williams jnr and are let very high. Two of them are very slightly built not more than a brick thick and let from 2/- per week. This house is used by Mr G for washing &co

Hse 28a

1823 Aug 11<sup>th</sup>. The brother of the poor woman died this day. He was taken off in a decline he had been in an ill state of health for the last six months. I did not consider him dangerous, whilst three weeks since he went into the Infirmary at Oxford and remained there about 14 days. During the time he received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. It was the first and I believe the last time the prayers of the Church were offered up to the throne of grace for him the day before he died. I considered him a consistent Christian and always constant to his church. He was also a kind and good brother. During the most active period of his life he had been a soldier many years. He had been a contributor through me to the Church Missionary Society for the last year and a half and appeared almost as much interested in the cause as any in his village. I am sorry to say I did not call upon him many times as I did not consider him dangerous. The clergyman of the parish lent him Stonehouse's *Sick Man's Friend* and I pointed out to him some parts suitable to his case. I have since heard he read much of it. His sister told me he was constantly engaged in prayer previous to his death. His breath at times was very short so that he was not able to attend to his religious duty. [...] 's son married a young person in the village.

1824 Her eldest son was married to a young woman of the name of about two years since. She bore him a daughter who died in the spring. Her poor woman was seldom well after her confinement and gradually fell into a decline. My sister visited her several times and pointed out to her besetting sin. She appeared penitent but was not well informed in her religious duty and said very little but was attentive when she read to her. She never received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The clergyman has been very attentive and administered both to her spiritual and bodily wants. She had been thoughtless and careless and felt some degree of sorrow yet my sister could scarcely judge the state of her mind as she seldom entered into any conversation. She died Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1824 aged 22. Her husband was kind to her and seemed to have partaken of her sufferings.

1829 I called on and conversed upon her duty she owed to God and quite pleased to perceive an evident change of heart in her. She attends her own Church in the morning and goes to Oxford on the Sunday afternoon to attend the Rev Mr Bulteel who draws a great congregation. Mr O took this house into his own hands at Michaelmas 1829 and Mrs M is gone to No 21, She removed to No 65 in 1832. I am sorry to observe she has not showed quite an honest principle not yet having paid for the Pocket Prayer Book although it is now the month of March 1833.

1834 Dec Not any notice has been taken of it yet she appears to know the truth. I reminded her of it in Nov 1835. She said she had not forgotten it and replied that she had a great deal of trouble. I told her it was no excuse and it was no way to go to hear Mr B if we did not follow what he said. She replied it was very true.

Dec 1837 She has not paid for her book.

1841 Jan 7 The same.

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Hse 17	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1760	Seldom		+	-	1	1	-	1	-			

I believe  
Mrs ^  
No 82 is  
occupied  
by  
Cutland  
and  
family

He is not well (1834) and cannot attend church. He has two sons who were not fond of coming to school they have arisen from a second marriage. I have not called upon him for a considerable time.

I took in a pair of worsted stockings and gave to the poor man (Dec 1837). He informed me his daughter Jane had been dead 5 or 6 years and was at the time very unsteady. How awful that the heart should be so desperately wicked. I had taken a great deal of pain with him in the year 1821.

1840 I have made observations of this family at another page.

## 101

Hse No  
82

1823 Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>. I heard this day that ^ was unwell in fact he was very ill and little hopes of his recovery. I did not call as I was engaged visiting ^ . I felt very much for this poor man's eternal welfare as I was fearful he was not in a prepared state to appear before his God, during the day I offered up a silent prayer on his account and on the following day called on him. I found him exceedingly ill but sensible whether from fear or what cause I did not read to him but knelt down and offered a silent prayer to the throne of grace that he would be pleased to give him true repentance and a lively interest in the death of his redeemer. I did not converse with him excepting a question or two. His attendant had been with him about three weeks. I enquired if he had read to him he replied he had not, nor did the old man wish it: this was not a very favourable symptom of his growth in grace! And after having heard this I was still backward in imparting spiritual advice, neither had the ^ been to see him during his illness. The following day being Sunday I called upon him and found worse. I knelt down with his two attendants and read from the SMFA prayer with a careless and inconsistent sinner in his sickness, at page 197 and another on giving the patient true repentance. I particularly dwelt on the latter subject as this aged man had too often neglected the warnings of a kind providence during the latter part of his life I could not, nor did I address him, as an aged Christian. I hope my prayers were heard as during my pleading at the throne of mercy I was intent on what I was engaged. I stopped once when he coughed after he had ceased he entreated me to proceed. I told him the prayer of the Church would be offered up for him, this morning he assented to it. The next day the clergyman called upon him and on Tuesday the seventh instant he departed this life.

(1828) This family has left the parish sometime.

(1829) I called on ^^ in March and she was not at home saw her two daughters they had not a bible in the house. I spoke of reading the scripture.

## 102

Hse 78 ^^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1794	+		+	1	1	-	2	2	-			

See  
page  
86

No 78 is occupied by John Syms his wife certainly knows the truth and likes Mr Hamilton's sermons, this poor man was very ill in the Spring and is now (Dec 1835) pretty well and attends his labours daily. J Syms went into the infirmary in the Autumn of 1837 on account of a bad leg. He is silent yet I hope well of his soul.

No 73 ^^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1794	Sometimes			3	-	1	1	1	1			

## D &amp; D

This poor man is removed to No 37. Yet I shall relate any little particulars here.  
1834 He was much attached to his old master. Mr J Hicks. He is a good workman and knows right from wrong.  
1837 He is residing in the parish and does not obtain constant work.

## 103

- No 78 1825 I know very little of this family I do not call upon him, but I believe him to become more steady.  
1833 They are removed to Oxford.

- No 73 1825 He is a very poor man and has a sickly wife. He is very ignorant of the chief truths of Christianity.  
1828 I have not heard of his improvement, he attends church.  
1829 March. His wife has been very ill lately she is humble and contented. I visited her several times and my sister also. I gave her the *Chief Truths of the Christian Religion* which has pleased her much, her husband is not much improved. This poor man and I believe nearly all his family had the Typhus Fever in the summer of this year.  
1832 He was ill some time and towards last was not sensible and departed this life about the month of September. I do not know how far his mind was enlightened with the good things that cometh down from heaven. I did not visit him it was not thought prudent neither did I call upon others whom it pleased our Heavenly Father to afflict. The mother of JN died in Jan 1832. My sister had called upon her in a former illness but not in her last. She was very ignorant in those things which concern our everlasting peace. Poor Mrs N continues in this house, her family are not very bright and one little goes to school.  
1834 I have not called upon her a considerable time. The Rev'd Mr Trevelyan was very kind to her heavy trial of illness amongst her family. Mrs J's health at the time was delicate.  
1835 This family are badly off her husband died about 2 years since.  
1837 She is a poor sickly woman, my sister has been very kind to this poor woman. Dec 1837.  
1840 This poor woman's second son is married and resides at Marston he must be very young and must have little before hand.

- No 73 This poor man has a knowledge he ought to worship God publicly he has the sense to come a few Sundays previous to the 'poors' money being distributed by the clergyman on Oct 16<sup>th</sup> of each year. He was placed in the Oxford County Castle in 1830. He has some gratitude but is not provident and does not save any money although he has only himself to keep. This poor man is deaf and dumb. I mentioned to him upon the necessity of calling upon God.  
1840 He is still alive and resides in Upper W.  
1841 This poor man sleeps in Mrs Bustin's loft. He is to be pitied and receives some relief from the Parish, not having any regular home with a fireplace. He is about 65 years of age.

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Hse 59 ^^	Born about	At Ch	P & EP	Ror n R	B & J	P	S	nS	C	nC	When RS		Died or left
					4	1	-	1	1	-			

No  
61a

I called upon his wife who had 4 children she could not read nor her husband they not any books. She seemed to think she could learn if she had a small book. I promised to procure her one and advised her to purchase a Testament of me for one shilling she said she would – I questioned her upon the Belief and she answered very well. A poor man married ^ lodges below who could read but doesn't to her, he is very low at times and has seen better days. He died in Dec 1829.

No  
61a

A shoemaker a young man only 27 took to this room in the summer of 1831. Sometime in Jan he went into the water in search of a young man who was drowned in the River Isis Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1831 and then took cold and caused his illness, he remained unwell a month and before his departure was quite insensible. I called upon his three times the first time he appeared sensible. I pointed out to him the neglect of his duty in \*

^^

Mr Osborn lost his father in Sept 1834 sometimes he was with him and then was very constant at church

\$ - Text missing

No  
59

**105**

1825 Her daughter was married to one of the ^ two years since and she died at her house last January.

Dec 1828 Her son lost an eye in the summer and went to the infirmary for some weeks and is now married Mrs M was very ill in 1830 and my sister called upon her several times and found her mind very dark, she recovered from the sickness and relapsed and was careless afterwards and then in the course of some months she was again ill, a neighbour a pious woman took some pains with her and she became a penitent and I hope she found forgiveness of her Heavenly Father and died Jan 25 1832.

\*not observing the Sabbath Day holy: I am sorry to say he was by no means steady and neglected his business for other employments. He knew me the second time of my calling upon him but sense soon left him and I may say the same the third time, and in this state of mind he departed on the 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 1832. His mother told me he sometimes hummed psalm tunes and I also heard he had requested the prayers of the church might be offered up for him on the 12<sup>th</sup>. The prayers were offered up for him and J Thornson on the following morning they departed this life – the latter died about ½ p4 and the former about ½ p5 o'clock each leaving a widow. J:T: did not leave any child but R:J: left four children the youngest not more than seven weeks old, and the eldest about. The young men were only 27 years of age. RJ's wife very sadly off her parish being at Portsmouth, it is a great pity that the poor should marry at so early an age and not having any property.

1825 They are industrious people but do not like to part with their money. They were once contributors to the church missionary society, but have declined it.



## 106

Hse 53 ^ ^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1762	Ch+4-W			2	2	-	2	1	1			

Prior left about the year 1834 for Upper Wolvercote

Hse 58 ^ ^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When</i>		<i>Died</i>
	1792			+	1	1	-	2	1	1			

1829 March occupied by Mr –  
Foreman to Mr ^ who left  
in 1829 or 1830 for Newbury

Left for the upper  
part of the village  
(July 1823)  
returned to No 4  
in Sept 1823 left  
for Oxford.

No  
54

Saxton Vincent resides at No 54. He is become steady and attends to his  
business with his father who is a smith.

1837 Dec. I find he has an affliction upon him a constant palpitation of the  
heart and this has continued 1½ year and cannot sleep comfortably. He has one  
nice little boy who is going on very well at the school.

1840 The boy continues to improve.

1841 I believe the young man is better.

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Hse  
53

1825 I believe the man to be industrious his wife is not by any means a good character. Her daughter married to a young man of Kidlington. She came to Wolvercote school when it first commenced. I believe she is steady.

1829 Jan + Feb. The poor man keeps his bed and is afflicted with a dropsy. I found very patient but very ignorant and he could not answer the most simple truths relative to his faith. At different times I read some portion of the word of God but more generally questioned him upon his belief. The rev's Mr D thought proper to administer the sacrament to him and his wife this was the first time of their receiving the Lord's supper.

1830 June. I called upon the poor man who is much the same, spoke seriously to his daughter who is not steady brought tear from her eyes 6 May they be tears of true repentance. She has since borne a child which died soon after birth and was sworn to her parish in 1831 which is Debtford. Mrs R or ^^ has fitted up this cottage and resides here he was I believe married in 1832 – I sometimes call upon Mrs R: Son: although not very often. Mr R has one child (1834) – 1835 Dec I have not called for some time neither do I call upon other people so much as I used to do, I cannot hear so well is one cause and also another the want of inclination.

1840 Mrs R is dead.

Hse  
58

1825 During the winter they left the village for Oxford. His wife died about the month of April or May in child bed.

1828 I am fearful he has not much regard for the word of God for he has not paid me for a bible he had previous to his wife's death, and the poor woman's natural child

\$ - Text missing

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6 ^^^^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1769	+	+	+	5	6	2	1	3				

^^ Dec 25 left  
for Ensham  
Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1823

## 109

No  
6

1823 Mrs R and Mrs J left this house at Michaelmas; they were contributors to the church missionary society but did not take much interest in it: They now reside in Ensham.

^^^ are very constant at Church and the female part of the family attend the Sacrament. The younger sister died during the month of Jan 1827. She had been unwell sometime with a cough and a gradual decline of constitution. There has been a Captain Ulm lodging at the house who was constant at church this gentleman had been in many engagements on the continent. There is also another gentleman who never goes to church. He left in the spring of 1828 and in June took a young man in who was preparing for college.

1829 They are not liberally minded not having given anything towards the support of the school for the last 2 years.

1830 The people attend church. Mr D occupies the poors plot.

1831 Mr D built the Girl's School-room and contributes £13 toward it at least this was the amount above his contract, it is finished off very nicely (1834). The two brothers still reside together and come to church but do not contribute to the school. The elder brother was married in the autumn of 1835.

1837 They are all pretty constant at church.

1840 Mr D's daughter comes to the school and is a very nice conformable child.

1841 This family continue much the same, I do not call.

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8 ^^ ^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1758	+		+	4	1	2	1	3	-			

4 ^^ ^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1788	+		+	3	5	1	3					Dec 25

AD 1833 at Michaelmas

Mr K ^^ + family came to this farm sometime during the summer and the boy comes to the school. Mr K's family are large and I hear are industrious. Mr K: is not constant at church.

1835 The other part of the family comes.

1837 I am not in the habit of calling upon this family.

## 111

1824 This poor man had a son about 11 years of age, who was subject to fits, he is supposed to have had a fit and fell into the water and was found in the Oxford Canal. Some people searched for the body nearly 2 days and they tried an experiment by placing a small loaf with quicksilver in the centre and it was set afloat and \_\_\_ some distance at last it stopped and one of the party shot off a gun twice when the body arose from the bottom.

1829 I called on Mrs R [*Rowland*] in January and spoke about family worship at night and I am since informed they read the scriptures accordingly as I directed.

1830 June they work for my father. Oct 1831 their little girl is a good child and improves very nicely.

1838 this poor man and woman have lately attended Mr Bulteel's ministry and derive great satisfaction from it they certainly appear awakened to a sense of their duty. Their eldest daughter has been in service Newbury and in March returned to her parents married but she has not been prudent.

December 1834 The poor man and woman still feel an anxiety for their souls. They have a little boy and girl at the school who are improving in their religious duty. I hope it may be abiding. Mrs R works for my father and very frequently brings her testament that I gave her into the field to read at meal time. She followed up the same good plan this year. 1835. And she did so in the year 1837. The family continue Mr Bulteel's ministry.

1840 This is a steady family . Their eldest son married one of Collett's daughters about Oct 1839. Mrs R works for my father that's G.R's wife. Her married daughter is not in health.

1841 She left her parents during last summer. I do not call very often old G Robison is still alive he grows very weak.

1825 They are both very irregular in their attendance at church: her mother has not much regard to her religious improvement and I am fearful she does not see her daughter.

June 1826 I am fearful they are not much improved.

1828 Her mother is unwell and knows nothing of her religious duty I do not know how to advise her as the family are farmers. The family increase very fast their eldest boy I am fearful will be a spoilt child.

1829 Feb I spoke to them of the necessity of reading the scriptures and found the mother so careless I was under the necessity of writing to Mr ^ and said it grieved me exceedingly and also spoke of paying on the Friday instead of Sunday morning. Mrs R was very unwell in June 1829 and went to London and remained there about 2 months.

1831 Mrs R again obliged to go to London.

1832 Jan Mr R's stock etc sold off about a fortnight since. To pay for his rent. I am quite sorry for the family, and he had been bound for an architect who could not pay the sum and therefore Mr R went to the county gaol where he remained some few months Mrs R was very ill in March 1833 and my sister called upon her. I called upon Mr R while in prison last year and supplied him with a bible and prayerbook which my dear mother gave him and I gave him a copy of the Pocket Prayer book and some tracts

1833 Mrs R departed this life April 27<sup>th</sup> and has several children behind her. I believe my sister has great hopes of her and that she is now enjoying peace and rest. Mr R is removed to Cassington occupying one of the Duke of Marlborough's farms for the trustees and part of this family are left at Wolvercote among some friends for the benefit of attending the National school in the village.

1840 I should suppose the family have all left the village.

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39 ^^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1760	+		+	2	2	1	2	2	1			

39 ^^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
		+		+	-	2	-	2	2	-			

^ she went by this name. She came to their apartments having half of the house about the summer of 1830. She had not been prudent some years since and lived with ^ ^ said to have been married by a Roman Catholic Priest while he was living not much notice was taken but after his death it causes some talk towards the close of her life. She was very uneasy and said strange things. She did not remain ill long and died in Jany 1832. I saw her while she was ill and told to rely upon her saviour and had previously called upon her and tried to awaken her to a sense of her sin but whether she attained mercy at the hands of her God I know not, she had been fond of her money and almost to the last. 14<sup>th</sup> Jany 1841 Mrs Smith and her sister resides in this house. I called on Mrs S about last November and spoke of her son's illness. They are both widows.

## 113

Her daughter died in August in a decline and was very ill some time. She married a Mr Richards an exciseman and has left behind her one little girl in arms. She was sensible she was wasting rapidly and endeavoured to prepare her mind for her change. I sent her three books to assist her against the last awful trial of passing through the vale of the shadow of death. She was only 27 years of age and has left a fine little girl.

1829 I called on Mr R in Janry 1830 called on ^ ^ after my fall and related the circumstance and spoke of the necessity of preparing for our final change. She left her farm at Michaelmas 1830 and her eldest son took to it.

1834 This house is occupied by several families I am not accustomed now to frequent the inmates in fact I may here remark I do not call upon the poor people so much as I used to do. I did at the time assist them with my pocket and have since thought I could not afford it and another cause is on account of my hearing being so indifferent. The Rev'd Mr Ricketts remarked that he had been in the village every day in the week from Sept 29 to Oct 10<sup>th</sup> he has certainly been very kind to the people by supplying them with food, medicine & clothing. And a physician has been employed to some of the poor. He had to pay Mr Simmons the apothecary £3 for attendance upon Mrs Drewitt's son who met with a serious fall from riding without leave upon his horse that he had been desired to hold for him upon necessity. Mr R thought the charge be much too high.

1835 I do not call upon Mrs D her eldest son was transported to Woolwich in the spring for breaking into a house and stealing shirts etc. I have heard that he has been sent abroad A.D.1840.

1841 I do not call upon her. Feby I spoke to ^ relative to the scriptures and found he had not a bible although he has a good Trade, at the same time acknowledged it was quite right that he should have one, he made an excuse by saying the times were not good. I promised to get him one from the Bible Society he did not quite give me a direct answer. I much pity his ignorance as he does not appear to see his spiritual danger and thinks too much of the best method of getting wealth. I have since procured him one in value 117-

1829 I called on Mrs B and spoke of reading the scriptures every night and made some observations on them.

1830 I am fearful he is of a worldly spirit Mr B is now residing at Summertown.

1832 J:C: ^^^ resided in part of this house after the decease of Mrs and remained there until the summer of 1832 and then removed to his father's and lived with him about half a year. Then a Mr M^^ took to it. I am not certain whether he has the whole of the house, he is an exciseman and appears a respectable man and I believe he is awakened to the Truth he had two of his sons at the school for some months and not making so much improvement as he could have wished he sent them to Oxford his eldest son of the two was unwell with a pain in the head which terminated in a brain fever. He was a very good boy and during his illness prayed constantly and requested his mother-in-law to pray for it: his father has great hopes he is gone to glory. I thought very well of him he was always very attentive at school whenever I heard him. His younger brother is quite a good boy. This poor lad died in Feb 1823 aged 12 years.

1834 Mr M has a nice little girl at the school. The little girl still goes to school Dec 1835. His son is rather a shy boy and not of a good disposition, left the village for Woodstock in the summer of 1837. His daughter wrote to my sister after she left to thank her for all her kindness to her while at school and the loan of a small hymnbook.

1840 I do not know who occupies this house.



## 114

Hse 40	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
This house is occupied by ^ who left it in 1828 ^ ^returned here in 1828	1786	-		+	2	2	-	2	-	-	-		Left for Godstow in April 1823 and ^to ^

^^ resides in one part of this poor man's house her views are not correct and she does not attend church regularly & has admitted sin by being married by a Roman Catholic priest although she does not acknowledge her late husband is dead. Many are so careless of their souls,  
1832 Jany I have not had resolution to call upon her sometime. I am sorry to observe that I do not practice sufficient self denial in this respect for Bishop Beveridge says we are to take up the cross daily if we would wish to be a follower of Christ. This old woman had most curious ideas about Jany 10<sup>th</sup> 1832 and at times\*

^^ is an aged man and is now (Jany 1832) about 86 and is very hearty for his time of life his sight is good for he pointed out to my sister last Christmas day a pin upon the ground. He was very ill last summer I visited him several times and was a long time before I could make him acknowledge the necessity of forgiving his son-in-law and paying proper respect to his wife. I do not say that he is now much awakened yet he is very grateful and thankful to me for the trouble and anxiety I felt on his account. I fearful he knows not the real necessity of a Redeemer. This poor man had his arm broken by falling down and did not like to have it set again. This happened in Dec 1832 he then took to his bed and did not leave it much afterwards, his old complaint again came upon him and caused him very great pain and his poor body was quite decayed before he departed. He prayed frequently and wished others I believe to pray also for him: his wife has great hopes that he is gone to peace and rest. I did not see him during his last illness his hearing and mind being so indifferent it was thought advisable that that I should not and he was frequently insensible. He died Jany 18<sup>th</sup> 1833 aged 87 years.

1834 The son of the poor woman has been anxious to lay claim to a property at Binfield or some place near to it, the chance is very slight. Mr Ricketts took the trouble to go to Dr Scommion's but could not succeed in his object.

1835 I see the poor woman sometimes she still feels anxious for her soul. The poor man and his son were obliged to leave the cottage in the spring of 1836 and she has since occupied an apartment at the back of The Boat Public House and this is let to various persons since, at present (March 1837) I have not called upon Mrs Richards some time Dec: 1837

1840 This cottage it was said after the poor woman left it was to be occupied by colliers son so whether is at this time, I do not know. I have an idea that many of the poor when you call upon them wish to receive something of you. therefore I am not so anxious in calling as I was some years since.

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1824 I wrote to the poor woman pointing out the danger of selling on the Sabbath day. She acknowledged it was wrong but did not know how to avoid it. I do not know if she has entirely discontinued the custom.

1829 I called on the poor woman in Jany and she had not discontinued the custom of selling on the Sabbath day. I hear she cannot hurt God she was removed to a house No 79. I called on Mrs J March 13<sup>th</sup> 1829 and found her very unwell and I read a chapter to her and made some observations upon it my mind greatly to enlarge during the time. I applied it to one in affliction. On my departing she thanked me kindly and said she should at all times be glad to see me this gave me great pleasure and at night I shed tears of gratitude to almighty God that he had given me favour with the people. I called March 19<sup>th</sup> I could notice ^ not being up. I called March 25<sup>th</sup> and read the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> ch of Hebrew at least most of the 11<sup>th</sup> ch and made some observations upon the chapters and spoke of the necessity of the new birth and true repentance offered up in prayer for her she said nothing in regard to her views or hope in Christ.

\*Worked herself up to such a state as made her quite frightened I saw her and told her not to despair in the goodness of Providence, she was taken ill on the 15<sup>th</sup> and I saw her on the 17<sup>th</sup> she looked to her saviour for forgiveness and told others she knew she had been a great sinner yet she hoped she should be forgiven in fact she lived with Mr..... and never married and went by his name. Whether she truly repented is a grand question I spoke of the new birth her views were not correct in this point she constantly requested her friends to pray for her and her hands were continually lifted up in the posture of prayer and almost to the last. Yet she thought of her money and felt suspicious of others. She is now gone to give up her account for she died Jany 26<sup>th</sup> and buried Jany 29<sup>th</sup> at Wolvercote on the North side of the town and Mr was buried on the South side in 1826. Money. Money is the cause of much sin.

1824 He is an aged man and I believe he is rather false.

Jany 1828 His daughter was very ill and went to the infirmary I did not assist her although her father almost asked me. I am sorry to say the old man is rather self-righteous and much wants instruction he says he does all as he can. I am fearful he knows not his danger and I ought to take pains with him and try to speak a word in reason we had some conversation together March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1829. He can repeat some passages of scripture and can apply them to his own purpose in the midst of spiritual conviction he spoke of temporal things therefore it is a convincing proof the mind is not yet drawn to God.

1829 March 2 I found the poor woman very ill. I asked her several questions from the little work on the chief Truths many things she answered correctly and appeared awakened to a sense of her duty, she could read a little in the Testament and she said she should endeavour to answer me as well as she could and felt very desirous of being informed this was my second visit.

I think the work in the chief Truths of the Christian religion are excellent to read to the sick March 26<sup>th</sup> read the 42<sup>nd</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> psalms and part of a work upon the Church of England. I called a few days on this poor family previous to my fall and read the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter of Exodus and spoke very forcibly to a young married woman who had broken the law and she had been at the village school.

1830 Read the same chapter to Mrs R: in the month of June and spoke to this young woman's sister who had also been guilty of the same sins and was now married.

1831 This poor man was very ill in the summer I called upon him several times he still feels grateful for my attention 1832.

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42 ^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1789	+		+	2	2	1	2	2	1			

1826 The man and his wife are very industrious and are doing well in the village.

1828 His daughter left school after the Christmas holydays for Sommers Town. Last year they contributed 3 shillings to aid the Ch Miss Society.

1829 I spoke in a serious manner upon death and living and constant preparation for it.

June 1830 she has stopped her subscription to the Ch: M: so: not being enabled to pay according to her own account, she cannot know the value of souls, she and her husband loose pounds in Business through the poor getting in their debt.

1832 his business is still going on and he now occupies the land once that was held by his mother under the Duke of Marlborough.

1833 I have not called since last autumn.

1834 These people continue very industrious and their younger children attend the school.

\*1835 They are getting on in the world although I should not think he had much \_\_\_ he commenced business.

1837 This family still continue to prosper as he takes care that he will not be imposed upon. The family attend to the baking business and take by turns to come to church.

1840 I am still backward in calling, their son came to the school last year on Sundays and has since been removed. Two of their daughters come to the school and are very comformable good girls.

1841 The family are still prospering and two daughters come to the school. Their son is not quick by any means and goes to a school at Adderbury.

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79 ^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1788	+		1 child +	1	-	-	2	2	-			

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1826 I cannot say much in their favour.

1828 July I found the poor woman quite ignorant of the chief truths of the Christian religion she keeps her family very clean and her children are constant in their attendance at school.

1830 Feby I found the poor man at home. I cannot say whether he is improved, he was very ill in the year 1830. His family are large and the poor man and woman look happy.

1834 I have not called upon him since February

1835 Dec. They have not paid for their children's schooling for the last year.

March 1837 I reminded the poor man about the money for his children. I am fearful they are both careless and not careful to make the best of their wages.

1840 I have not called upon this family sometime their children have all left the school.

1841 not quite a steady family.

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Hse 80 ^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>

Now occupied by ^ I called upon him March 25<sup>th</sup> 1829, found 2 bibles + prayerbook and the whole duty of man I advised him to read the scriptures previous to retiring to rest. They do not go to church regularly. This family were delivered to their parish at Portsmouth in the summer of 1831 but very soon after returned. The man is by trade a shoemaker and some say he is very idle, he did not remain many months at Portsmouth and in the spring of 1832 caught the Typhus fever and died soon afterwards at No 61a. His mother was with him. Mrs J removed to her father J: Baldwin after her husband's death. Her two little boys are sad children and I have frequently the trouble of correcting them for swearing. Mrs J: receives about 5-/- from her parish this is little towards their support. Her eldest son died I believe in the spring of the year 1838 I heard him say a part of his catechism a short time before he died, I did not call upon him during his illness therefore I do not know whether he was a redeemed child after his death. I tried to improve the event by speaking to the boys at the school to strive to become good and prepare to meet their God. I should suppose he was about 11 years of age.

1849 Mrs J: resides with her mother she has caused great uneasyness to her family by her unsteady life.

80 Green resides at this house and came into it in the spring of 1834. He was once at school and is now married and I believe he has one little girl.

1835 I do not see any thing of this family. He is removed to a cottage by Mrs Tomkins upon the hill.

1840 There is a little boy attending school.

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\*1826 No \_\_ I believe them to be industrious but they have a large family and are very poor and married young,

1829 Feby she has not a bible in the house. I procured her one a few days after for 5/- which she is to pay for during the next summer. The man does not much value the word of God, they have not paid a farthing yet although it is now the month of June 1830. It is now Jany 6<sup>th</sup> 1832 and I have not received any thing towards the bible.

No 80a E:R: lost his wife aged 42 in Feb 1834 she was ill only one week I called upon her once during this time the Rev'd Mr Hamilton did several times. We have hope that she is at peace. Her knowledge was not great she had not been constant at church although I believe her to have been a good wife & mother. She worked this farm during the summer of the year 1833 and then I frequently spoke of these things relating to her everlasting salvation. She was always very attentive to what I had to say.

1835 The family are still going on in the same way the second daughter attends to the house. The two boys are improved. The last child is dead.



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83 ^^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>

Resides in the poor house called the college. Where there are four families this house was unoccupied in Oct 1830 and wanting so much repair is left to fall.

The poor man died Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1832 I did not see him during his illness he died of the T fever. The eldest daughter of the last family died in March 1833.

1834 I do not know how this family are going on .

1835 I have not called this year.

1840 The widow lost a daughter called King in 1839 in a decline. She was visited by a clergyman several times and my sister called upon her. I did not call upon her. I believe there is some hopes in her death she had been a scholar at the school and was quite steady.

1841 I do not call upon her, in fact I believe she does not reside at the cottage it s I believe occupied by Green. I called once there last year.

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1828 I called upon the poor woman and read part of the psalms at the beginning of the year and gave her several hints in regard to the duty and economy of a family x I have since procured her a bible from the Oxford bible society and gave her some worsted for knitting stockings it has been the means of doing some good.

1829 Feby I called upon this poor woman and spoke of reading the scriptures in the family daily. She knows very little of her religious duty if you wish to make any improvement amongst the poor. They ought to be called upon frequently. I make a mistake in regard to procuring her a bible it was William H's wife - R:W. Wife I gave a bale of worsted and spoke to her child before 6 ^ ^ did not think of the sin so seriously as I could have wished I hope she may improve. This family are removed to No. 39 Jany 1832 I have not heard of them lately.

1840 I have made some remarks in the opposite page.

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16 ^^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1790	Not constant	+	+	4	2&1	-	3	2	1			

^^ a butcher

Came into this

House in Sep 1829

The Miss O's came into part of these premises in the spring of the year 1835. Miss O has been long a subscriber to the Church Missionary Society. They came from Yarnton and left the cottage in Jan'y 1836. Miss O: married Mr W\_\_ of the Frice Farm and then withdrew her subscription after her marriage. The house is now occupied by young Mr and Mrs R W's son and Mr W of the Manor House in Woolvercott. He has since left for S:town. 1841 I do not know who occupies this cottage.

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She lost her husband in the spring of 1821 and strives very hard for a living and pays very well. We sometimes have some conversation on religion she has not yet found the true way but I think she is improving. Mrs ^ removed to No 36 in 1825 I have many times called upon Mrs and spoke of a constant preparation for eternity she still pays to the church missionary although her subscription is the same,

1829 This house is occupied by Mr F ^ he bear an offence and still remember something I said to him about his children 2 years since. I called upon him and spoke about reading the scriptures.

1832 These premises are formed into three cottages I know nothing of the inmates.

1833 Mr J: ^^ resides here. I do not know anything of him.

1834 I have not called upon him. Mr J: would not contribute anything for the support of the school in 1835.

1840 this family still continues at this house.

1841 This house is occupied by young Thomas Smith who was once at our school. He is married.

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February 1827 A collection was made throughout the parish from house to house for our distressed manufacturers in the north, their sufferings have been very great and in many cases have been found families who were starving. The sum received from this parish was £9.10.3. The people in my opinion did not contribute liberally. The farmers on 2/6 each and some more, the labourers gave 6 the Rev Mr R £2 our family £4 – There has been Two hundred and seventy christenings from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1813 to Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1827, A meeting of the subscribers of the school took place May 25<sup>th</sup> 1827 to settle the accounts and if any one had any complaint to make either of the Master or Mistress no one said any thing against them. A continuation of one of our rules was requested might be put in force and that was to desire the subscribers to visit the school and notice to be sent by the master weekly. The same salary is to be continued. A subscription is raising in the village toward the support William Cantwell a butcher to enable him to set up in business. The church rate for last year was high my father's share came to £1.3.0. A new wall around part of the church yard and the wooden fence repaired.

1829 March 26<sup>th</sup> a meeting of the supporters of the school took place at the school and in consequence of the funds being in arrears of £3.12.0 it agreed each child should give their halfpence per week belonging to the village and threepence.

During the year 1827	Samuel Green Feby 18 <sup>th</sup> aged 90. Isaac Hicks April 8 <sup>th</sup>
5 marriages	Francis Norris May 16 – 69. Louisa Rupen May 20 <sup>th</sup> 30
22 Baptisms	Eliza Fisher May 25 <sup>th</sup> 21 Thomas A Rupen May 25 <sup>th</sup> 7
13 Burials	William Ball May 26 <sup>th</sup> 66 WM Coxhead Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aged
4	M A East Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> 15 Months J Drult Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> 9 weeks
	Jane Ball Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> 26 W. Howell Williams 10 months
Nov 11	Richard Haugham Nov 25 <sup>th</sup> 69.

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An estimate was made of the Poor's Rate from Michaelmas 1827 to Michaelmas 1828 The two first quarters amounted to £178.11.7 The 3<sup>rd</sup> x 4<sup>th</sup> to £114.3.7 Total £292.15.2. A sermon was preached for the benefit of the society for the rebuilding of churches and chapels throughout the Kingdom collected £5 Mr J's family gave £1.15.0 Mr West £1.3.0. At the sacrament Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1828 Thirty three collection £ Buried in 1828 Emma Middleton April 8<sup>th</sup> 8 months. Thomas Walton Apr 20 1y 9m Ch J Hemmings May 15<sup>th</sup> 4 months John Faichen Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 20 years Maria Hicks 10 months Rebecca Ferris Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 79 years Richard Jones Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 3 months Baptisms 17 Marriages 12 Burials 7

Names of persons who received blankets Jany 10<sup>th</sup> 1829 John Ladson. Mrs Bennett. Francis Norris. Thomas Prior. Thomas Norris. Eliza Roberson. Edward Roberson. Joseph Thompson. Joseph Jones. John Lines. John Hicks. Mrs Horne Rec'd flannel. Mr Hicks. Mrs S East. Jarvis Ladson. Anne Calico. Names of persons who received coats Cwt at 9p per coat WJG Robinson. 2 J Hicks. 3 J Hicks. 4 S East. 5 J Lines. 6 J Woodward. 7 J Medcraft. 8 W Hicks 9 J Thompson. 10 W Eeley 11 J Prior 12 W Ferris. 13 F Norris 14 W Roberson 15 J Roberson 16 J Richards 17 W Holder 18 E East 19 J Norris 20 W Gilkes 21 Kirby 22 J Middleton 23 J Ladson 24 R Tomkins 25 J Ball 26 J Syms 27 P Stewart 28 R Gullder 29 C Gardiner 30 J Thomson 31 W Cantwell 32 R Syms 33 Mrs Norris 34 Mrs Horne 35 Mrs Bennett 36 Mrs Clemments 37 Mrs Green Mrs Lipscombe 39 W Medcroft 40 J Silmon 41 W Lock 42 Mrs Busby

I gave W – to Mrs Robinson. L Mrs Matthews Mrs Silmson. L Mrs Culcutt S Mrs J Hicks L. Mrs Lincs J Mrs Busby. L Mrs Lincs S Mrs Eeley L Mrs E Roberson S Mrs Chamberlain L Mrs Ferris. Mrs Collett L Mrs James Hicks 2 Large F Norris W D Wheeler – 1 small, Prior 1 small

The service was performed by The Rev'd J West of about 4 Sundays at the Christmas vacation for 1828 and on M Os return he brought with him the Rev'd Mr Carr of Balliol College who preached on the Holy Spirit a fine Discourse. Mr D left in Augt 1829

X Mrs R preached once Mr West took to serve the Church for 7 Sundays in Sept & Oct Mr Denison continued it until Jany 1<sup>st</sup> 1830 and he was succeeded by the Rev'd Mr Carr of BC \*See page 168.



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36 ^^ Occupied by Mrs Smith 1825	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1792	+			2	1	-	2	1	1			

47 ^^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1784 -- w+ch	+			6	2	-	3	2	1			

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- No 76
- Feb 1828 The woman industrious and keeps her family clean. She cannot read.
- 1829 Commenced reading at the beginning of the present year.
- 1829 I presently call upon Mrs J who is very industrious and her mother-in-law and niece live with her. They attend the Sacrament. Providence has blessed her and caused her to have success in her business. She pays very regularly to the Ch Miss Soc called upon her in June 1830.
- 1832 We frequently converse upon those relating to our everlasting peace. See some other page 150).
- 1834 Mrs S mother-in-law was very ill in Dec and the Clergyman called upon her. Mrs S still pays to the Ch Miss Society. ^
- 1835 I have hopes providence is giving his blessings to her business.
- 1837 She is still carrying on the same business
- 1840 She is still carrying on in the same business, her poor mother-in-law resides with her and is around the age of 78 years dc Jany 1841.

No  
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My sister called upon his wife in August 1826 respecting her being confirmed she knew nothing her husband had been a soldier many years. He is constant in his attendance at church. The above account is not correct it relates to ^ see page 132. I spoke to Simmons boy about going to church in May 1830 and he has since been a few times and I gave him some little books which he has read. He lost his father in December 1830. I had not heard of his illness until a few days of his death and he is now gone to give up his account. I regret his death very much.

1832 I have not called upon the poor woman since but have spoken to her.

1834 Her son was married last year, he was once a boy at school.

1835 I have not called upon them.

1840 I do not call.

1841 The same I may remark

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51^^ The Red Lion	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1770				4	4	-	4	1	3			

87^^ I think it should be 61a ^^ resides at } 78 or went } there in 1828 } family in another place	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1778	-w		+	-	1	-	2	-	2			

1832 I have not conversed with the old soldier for sometime.

1834 His wife is much infirm and takes great interest in regard to her soul, and is a kind neighbour. I have said something of this family in another place.

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1824 July 14<sup>th</sup>. He received kick from a horse a short time since and has not been able to attend to his work. This house is on the whole orderly – Mrs S has too high an opinion of herself and her notions not correct upon Prayer and the Lord's Supper. Her Father not until his death-bed did not receive the Sacrament not thinking himself good enough. I had this conversation at her daughters in March 1829.

1832 Mr S still carries on the business. I know nothing more of him only now & then. I try to give him some information but he is not alive to spiritual concerns. His youngest son was married in 1830. He has not been steady I spoke to him seriously and gave him some Tracts. I believe he is now (1832) improved he had been to the school and I took much pains with him while there.

1833 The young man still continues steady and attends church and sometimes join the singers. He resides I believe at No 55. – Mrs S was very ill in Nov 1834. I hear she is rather in the dark. I hope she may improve.

1835 I do not call upon them

1840 only and then I give Mr S a Tract. He is not enabled to work in consequence of a kick from a horse he received many years since, his poor leg pains him very much at times, and has been very expensive to him.

1841 I have sometimes given him a Tract. July 21<sup>st</sup>. I have now to record the death of the Landlord at the Red Lion poor Saxton he enjoyed a very hearty dinner six days ago and was mowing his grass plot the day before he died. He died on the Sunday and was buried on the Wednesday following. He was sensible the same afternoon when taken. He was not expected to live and the Apothecary did not give any hopes of his recovery – He is now gone before his judge he was a quiet man yet I fear not over anxious for his Lord, there is hope, he once paid towards the Church Missionary Society and dropped it.

1826 He has been a soldier some years and receives a pension from Government. I am in hopes he is industrious he is very constant at church, and I spoke to him concerning Confirmation and he seems inclined to go before the bishop although he is nearly 50 years of age. I have not spoken to this man lately.

1829 Called in March spoke of reading the scriptures every night. See page 150.

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63 ^^ [ <i>Shoudly</i> ]	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1794				2	1	-	2	1	1			

No 68 ^^ [ <i>Smith</i> ]	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1760 (Smith)	+	+	+	2	5	2	-	2	-			

1833 Mr S is an industrious man and was very ill last year. I called upon him several times and lent him the stories of the Church Catechism and Doddridges *Rise and Progress of the Soul* which he was pleased with. He was willing to be instructed but had not received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. I pointed the necessity of partaking that Holy Ordinance. I had some conversation with his wife who did not know the extent of the Law and thought she had not broken all the Commandments. She was willing to hear neither had she received the Sacrament and put it off on account of her family vexing her and then she became angry.

1834 I have not called upon Mrs Smith sometime she was very ill in 1835. One boy goes to school Dec 1837. I know very little of this family. Mrs Smith senior is since dead. She was an aged woman and mother to Mrs Chamberlain and Mrs Wren.

1838 April during this month I called on Mr S who has a very distressing cough and he is declining very fast. I have spoken to him on the Sacrament for the Lord's Supper and left him Bickerseth's smaller work on AD 1832 iv ^ who came from No 65

1829 This house is occupied Mr ^ whom I called upon in Feb. Mr J afterwards removed into Mrs S's house and after residing there about 12 months left the village entirely. \*I gave him a short explanation of them. He considered he had not broken them all he afterwards on a future visit considered he had. I left him the thesis of the Church Catechism and pointed out the chapter on the New Birth. Read the 3 Ch of St John's Gospel. Lent him the work on Eternity to rouse his mind to think of a future state. Read 1 Corinthians 15Ch this last visit but two I made him read 2Ch of Ephesians Xc. During my visits he was very attentive and on my last visit I found him in bed and he spoke to me some minutes. I could not understand him. His wife afterwards told me he had much consolation and comfort from my calling upon him. He died Jan 25<sup>th</sup> aged 27 years. He has left a nice little boy behind with a young wife who was also at our school. I humbly hope he may be one of my Crowns of rejoicing. He has afforded me some pleasure.

1829 Mrs S – was very low when I called upon her in Feb and almost requires someone to take care of her. The above should have been applied to the daughter of Mrs S – who has lost her sight. This house is occupied by another family who are industrious. The man does not go to church.

\*having a desire of receiving it I read the greater part of this service and endeavoured to explain the various sentence and prayers. April 23<sup>rd</sup> and stayed with him about an hour. He appears humble and attentive and knows some-thing of the New Birth. I have hope of him, and humbly trust he may be saved. Mrs S was very attentive while I was with her husband. I called several times often up to the 17<sup>th</sup> May when I stayed an hour with him. He wants consolation and cheering therefore read and explained several promises of scripture. I spoke of the Heavenly state after this life and that we appear in the presence of God. Also, of hell, which must be our portion if we do not sin to Heaven. He sent for me this morning. He is now become very weak and I feel much for him. He died about Easter 1839.

1840 I called at the house in the month of April and the son's wife who told me Mrs Smith resides near Mr J R.

1841 John Smith resided at this cottage last year. He has been in decline for the last two years. I was informed about the month of October he was gradually sinking and I was requested to call upon him which I have since done once a week when the weather would permit. I first commenced by speaking of the Commandments (see above)\*

1824 March 23<sup>rd</sup> ^ niece to this gentleman died near London and buried in Woolvercott churchyard. She had been ill sometime and bore a most excellent character and was an annual subscriber to the school. Mr Rooke preached a funeral sermon on the following day. Mr S has had several foremen and there is a man named Fisher who resides in the house he lost his second daughter in a decline May 19<sup>th</sup> 1827. The poor young woman had been unwell sometime and only about 20 years of age this is another warning for me to prepare. On this day (May 20) a married woman aged 29 years was buried in Woolvercott churchyard and who also was taken off in a decline her infant died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and buried at the same time as \*Fisher. Mrs Rupen was the married woman's name and resided near Mrs S. I believe they were well disposed.

1832 The Mill is, I believe shut up not any work going on. It is at present occupied by Mr Harmon (March 1833) I have not called upon Mrs H for sometime. ditto 1834. I called in the spring and had a promise from Mr H that he would give something for the support of the school he has agreed to pay 5-/- this is very little for him.

1835 I have not had any conversation with Mrs H. Sometime 1840 I have spoken of her in another place.

70 ^^ See page 134 [J Smith]	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1786	+	+	+	3	2	-	2	2	-			

81 ^ 1834 Mr S is still fond of money and has built several Houses at S Town and lets them very high. He was very ill in the spring of 1837 and not expected to live, he soon recovered and his sister took the disorder and died and was buried at Woolvercott. Young Silman I believe – 1841 Mrs Silman the mason I believe resides at this house with his married daughter. I sometimes call at the cottage.

1823 ^ removed to Sommers Town about the close of the year. I believe him to be an odd character He is said to be worth £200 per annum but has never contributed any thing to the school. Walton ^ resides here but has since left for Oxford.

1829 I called upon the poor woman and spoke of a bible which she has not in the house she thought she should like to have one but she has not spoken to me since although it is now June 1830.

1834 This poor woman has a son at the school. Is not constant. The man has a cart to carry articles for the parish and the people in Oxford. I do not this time remember his name. Their boy's leg was broken about Jany 1835. Since then he has gone with his father and does not come to school.

1837 They are a poor neglected family and too many for the poor man to support, two children come to the school daily.

1840 This family named Allen now reside at what was once the Boat and continues to go on much the same the children come to the school.

1841 This is still increasing.



20 ^^ See page 134	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1788	+	+	-w+	4	5	2	1	3	-			

1830 June. He was an industrious man and his wife lived very happy with him he was too anxious for his family and at one time betrayed a covetous disposition but not so much so latterly and mentioned not a word of distrust during his illness but cast his family upon the Lord. It is now a great trial for the poor woman who is greatly in debt but she has some friends who will assist her.

1833 The family are going on very comfortably her younger son took to work in the spring of last year and works on this farm and is a very quiet industrious boy: the family do not enjoy a good state of health.

1834 This poor woman feels an anxiety for her soul and still works on the farm (1835) and is very thankful to all our family. Mrs L her husband and 3 children reside with Mrs J and they are steady and quiet and agree very well. Poor Mrs J is very grateful and works for us.

1837-1840 Her eldest daughter is subject to fits and was obliged to come from her place in Oxford.

1841 She is now much better, her son Henry continues a steady young man and works on our farm.

LP resides here

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Mr E:R resides at this house. I do not call upon him (1834). They have one child.

1835 His family are coming on. He removed to No 17 in the summer of 1837. His eldest daughter was burnt very much about her frame in December 1840. Their family come on very fast they lost an infant in the spring they have now living 4 children.

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1824 June 13<sup>th</sup> His father-in-law buried at Woolvercott and died at the infirmary at Oxford. He had been unwell sometime. I believe him to have been a peaceable honest man. The testament I gave him in the year 1820 had been much used. R.J. enjoys a very indifferent state of health and was made an outpatient at the infirmary in the spring of 1824 and continued to the spring of the present year 1825. His eldest son William is a good steady boy. Feb 1828. He is better. His boy Henry is a good child and learns his hymns well.

1830 His eldest daughter aged 15, May 12<sup>th</sup>. My sister called upon her several times during her illness, we have great hopes she is gone to peace and rest. She was very patient during her illness and spent some time in reading the scriptures and prayer and prayed a short time before she died, for my sister whose name she uttered just before she died and prayed she might have a clean heart and also her poor father + mother. She had been an altered child for the past three years and was very attentive at school. Her poor father left work on Good Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> and grew gradually worse and went off in a decline June 19<sup>th</sup>. I and my sister called upon him several times during his illness which he bore very patiently. He could not read and said scarcely anything of his views. I questioned him upon his faith and spoke of the New Birth etc etc. Explained the Lord's Prayer. Repeated promises of scripture for the Christians support. We saw him in the evening before his death and read some fine promises which he attentively listened to and he thanked me for my intention to him and told my sister to tell the man upon the farm to repent now before it be too late and I wished I had repented sooner. He spoke very little although quite sensible & said little all night. He died at 3.0 o'clock on Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>. We hope he is in glory although he has not left behind him much evidence. He was a good husband father and labourer.

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I called upon Mrs ^ who was unwell and does attend church. They have been in the village three years and left in March 1829. Not quite pleased with Mrs ^ in every respect. Mrs F occupied this house at Michaelmas 1829. I called in May 1830 I think she is improved I read part of the 3 of St John and other chapters, her family are steady.

1832 Jany She has two books of mine. My sister thinks Mrs F son knows the Truth yet she does not attend Public worship by any means constantly. Mr E:R: resides in other part of the house. Mrs F's daughter is a very good girl. Mrs F's younger son was obliged to leave his place in making shoes in the spring of 1835 but he is since better. I called upon him several times.

Dec 1837 Mrs F removed to a cottage in Lower Woolvercott and is now occupied by part of the Churchill family. Mrs C died in the spring of the year 1840. Mr C and family came to church, a daughter aged 28 died in 1840.

No	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
85^^	1778	+		-w+	3	3	-	2	2	-			

His wife went to Oxford one Monday in February 1834 took tea with her sister green at Summer Town and then returned home felt herself unwell at night and continued to get worse. Medical assistance was called in but not find any relief there was no passage through the bowels. Dr G called and could do nothing for her, but said he expected a change would take place in the course of 24 hours. This was on the Saturday and she died on the Monday only ill one week and then became a corpse. How uncertain is life, it shows the necessity of preparing for eternity. She has left seven children and a husband behind. The Rev'd Mr Hamilton was very kind to her during her illness and administered the Sacrament to her and was with her a short time before she departed. I called upon her during the Friday morning and addressed her upon the importance of preparing for eternity and how soon she might be laid down in the silent grave in Woolvercott churchyard – I cannot tell whether her mind was truly fixed upon the right and sure foundation Jesus Christ. She was at times engaged in prayer. She was 41 years old and worked on this estate last year and I noticed when I read to the poor woman she was very attentive and then appeared a fine strong hearty woman, and one would have supposed she would have lived for years. See a few particulars at page 121.

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1825 This poor man's wife is seldom well. They removed to their own house No 38 in the year 1827 and I called upon her at the latter end of March 1829 and particularly struck with her appearance and I read a chapter to her and made some observations upon it and when I departed she said she should be happy to see me at any time. I afterwards called once a week for about a month and she expressed a desire of seeing me after she had been taken worse. Apr 11 and the next day being Sunday I was desirous of calling upon a person in the village and was informed she was very ill and was desirous of seeing me last evening. I therefore went and after entering the room I knelt down to ask a blessing to attend my endeavours she was very restless and did not say much. I scarcely knew how to act. I read 53 Ch of Isaiah part of John 16 Ch and the 15<sup>th</sup> Ch of the 1<sup>st</sup> of Corinthians and made observations of each and spoke of the promises of scripture that could only be applied to the true believer. I told her to trust in Christ and she replied "in no other" – I repeated various passages of scripture upon death prayed for her and used on of Jenks Prayers and a few partitions of my own. She thanked me when I left. The clergyman called twice after. On the following morning I called and prayed for her and read some of Clarks promises and found (her) so much inclined to sleep and at times insensible thought it of no use to sleep therefore gave a short address to those who were assembled round the sick bed and departed – I have since been sorry that I did not improve the opportunity of speaking more forcibly upon death. She died the same night about 11.0 o'clock – she was patient under her affliction I cannot say much upon her state never having spoken much to her excepting on a visit on the 7<sup>th</sup> then I spoke of the necessity of a change of heart and grace. I was very desirous of speaking as if it were to be the last of ever seeing her little thinking death was so near. I then offered up a prayer for her: this is another call to me really to be in earnest and endeavour to consider the present visit as if it were to be the last. I should like to have seen her on the Saturday. My Heavenly Father I hope heard my prayer and allowed her an entrance into his Heavenly Kingdom. She is to be buried on Good Friday Apr 17 1829. See some further particulars at No 45 where she died. Mrs C and her husband reside at No 40. Jan 1832 and Mrs B in another part. I do not know much of the occupier at No 86 He is a cow doctor. \*1833 I have heard since a very indifferent ----- of Mr J the cow doctor. No 85 is occupied by ^ who has not been steady. I know little of him. These people live together more comfortably since their marriage.

1835 Mr F is going on better & they both attend church.

1840 I see him sometimes. J Gulliver died at Islip about Nov 1839 and was ill sometime at last he was taken off rather suddenly. I think I heard he was reformed.

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No 75^^	Born about	At Ch	P & FP	Ror n R	B & J	P	S	nS	C	nC	When RS		Died or left

87^ This poor man is very industrious and by saving has acquired a little property he built this house in the year 1831 but was not able to pay for it. I am not aware that it is now settled. I am fearful they are too anxious for the things of this life and not feeling so desirous for the health of their souls, their daughter is married and residing with them.

March 1833 He works on this Estate and is certainly a very good shepherd and workman. He had a most serious illness in the month of August and September it was the Typhus fever and himself that he should not live and the doctors and the Doctors had their fears not much thinking he would recover I called upon him 4 times on his taking to his bed.

\*while in church He did not know the full extent of the soul and it's state after death, He was very ignorant and could not explain the Lord's Prayer . Did not know the Commandments. nor their extent and if I know the state of his heart he would consider he had not broken all of them, I said why then say the prayer after the \*clergyman mercy x' If there was not \*any way of calling for mercy I did not \*know what to do for him. I only commenced him into the hands of his Heavenly Father. He had been a pauper and I spoke of this sin. I prayed for him and told him to pray in words create in me a clean heart and a right spirit within me. I called upon him on the Thursday morning and found him and in the verge of Eternal \*\*

Ann Thompson died Sep 14<sup>th</sup> nearly 75 had she lived until Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1841. Thomas Thompson her husband died Oct 11<sup>th</sup> aged 72 years and had he lived until Feb 1841 he would have been 73

\*\* I know not what to say and I could only commend him into the mercy of the Lord's Hands. We prayed together in offering up the Lord's Prayer and the Grace of our Lord x' He was sensible while I read to him the same invitation I read him the 23 Psalm upon traping through the vale and shadow of death and made a few observations upon it.

June when I asked him if he were disposed any longer to contribute to the Church Missionary Society, he enquired if Richard did. I replied in the negative because he was in debt. I told him I gave my Guineas to different societies and I could easily apply them to other purposes. A cup of cold water given to a disciple shall not lose its reward. He and his wife are both industrious but I do not believe any saving change has taken place in either of them, neither do I know how to speak to them on the subject They have worked for my Father sometime.

Feb 1828 He contributed to the Ch: M: S: last year. His son is far from steady and has been the means of great uneasiness to him.

Jan 1829 His son is not improved and has behaved very unkind to his parents during the past year.

1830 March the young man has behaved worse and his father was turned off the farm for one week in consequence of his son's living with him.

1832 Jany 6<sup>th</sup> I am fearful he does not make much progress yet he attends the Sacrament. He is quiet and industrious and yet I scarcely know him to converse with him upon true religion. I endeavoured to impress his mind last spring during about three weeks illness.

1833 I sometimes converse with him upon his duty. He is certainly honest and industrious. His wife is a poor harmless inoffensive woman, knows very little of her duty yet she has a conscience to guide her.

1834 They continue much the same. Their son and family reside with them and work on the farm. He is very attentive to his children and hears them offer up their prayers.

1835 I hope he is improved.

1837 JJ was very ill a short time in Jany and I called upon him twice and pointed out the necessity of a new birth unto salvation he did not understand the subject. He told me in March he thought he understood it better he is very thankful to me for calling upon him.

1840 The poor woman and her husband are still working on the farm

1841 I do not speak to him so much upon a future state. I scarcely know how to converse with him. J.J's daughter was very unwell last year and is now much better. Ann Thompson did not work at Cutslow any longer that the 18<sup>th</sup> of June and continued unwell during the summer and very ill about a fortnight. I called upon her during her illness several times. At one time I was not quite pleased with her. She could not forgive the late Mr Wren and the next time she said she had forgiven him and all the world. Her capacity was not be any means strong and knew little of her Christian profession yet I have some hope of her. J Thompson was not ill more than about 14 days. They never had any relief from the Parish. They were honest and industrious – the poor old man had not much knowledge of his religious duties yet there is still some hope that he is gone to peace and rest – I called upon him once during his illness. My dear parents paid for their coffins and I paid the burial fees. Their son and children are living in their house. His daughter is a very industrious good girl and the boys work here.

No	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
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There is a mistake I believe it should be No 45 which is now occupied by WB. I do not call upon him.													His wife died in May 1832

Vide page 2 July 10<sup>th</sup> 1833. I heard a sad account of poor Mr A's conduct when a young man he had a son before he was married. He took notice of him and placed him at school and apprenticed him to a Tailor which business he followed. This grieved me very much for during his illness. He thought he had not broken all the commandments of God and this he repeated more than once until at last I pressed him very closely. At length he said he thought he had yet whether he really felt it from his heart is doubtful. The old lady is very near and thinks of her own family and would not allow the above son to follow his Father to the grave although he came in the morning but sent him away. This might have been done from some motive, no abiding grace seems to have taken place within her.

1834 She has been attentive at Church this year.

1835 I have not called for sometime

Dec 1837 I have still put off the call

1840 I called sometime since she has a grand-daughter residing with her. I hope she may prepare for her departure, she is now advanced in life.

1841 The old lady is still alive.

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1823 March 6<sup>th</sup>. I gave him a few Tracts and told him it was necessary to consider these things. I thought If I had not given him this warning I should not discharge my conscience. They were on ^ > He was very unwell for sometime in the spring of 1825 and obliged to leave his work.

1830 His wife said he received the Sacrament. I now and then speak to them upon the duty. This family reside at No 45. See page 76. W.B took to this house AD 1832 after the decease of M:J: the young man is more steady and works at his trade of a carpenter. He has now two children his wife was very ill in the summer of 1832.

1840 This family resides at a cottage near Greens at Sommer Town.



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3 <sup>^^</sup>	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1768	A definite at church and family		+	8	8	1	5	2	4			

27 <sup>^</sup> See the next page	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1768	+		-his F+	3	1	-	4	3	1			

1840 I think him a quiet peaceable old man and I hope a firm believer in his Saviour.

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He is the most respectable man in the village and was very ill in Feb 1825. He has been constant at church.

1829 Feb. I called on ^ and spoke upon baptism and the school. Lent her 2 Scots Sermons. I spoke about the reading the scriptures and family worship and not paying the man on the Sabbath day.

1830 Three of his daughters and a son were baptised soon after April or soon after Easter. The young people thanked me for naming it to them. I lent them Dixon's catechism on the 39 Articles. I spoke of the great necessity of our trying to do our duty and how we ought to strive after the kingdom of glory.

1832 This family now regularly attend church.

1833 They still come to church.

1834 A young man aged 18 Alfred Horselas died in the summer at Mrs N's and was buried in a brick grave in Woolvercott church yard they gave the clergyman £2.2.0 as a fee and they have erected an iron fence round the grave and this was done without the clergyman's leave which has not pleased him and he will expect a further sum of £2.2.0 as his right and the Rural Dean says he ought to have it.

1837 One of his daughters was married in Jany. The whole family are now belonging to the Church of England.

1841 ^ do not visit this family. Mr W is frequently unwell.

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April 1. This poor woman as been unwell about a fortnight. I have called twice before and read part the S:M: F for a start to one who is doubtful and low in mind. I did not ask any questions. She made some remarks that she should endeavour to lead a new life. She thought at one time she should not recover.

1825 I believe she is improved her family are very quick and blessed with good intellects . The youngest boy is a very good child in the school.

1828 the whole family are improved and his daughter ^ although 16 years of age learns chapters and hymns to say to my sister and is otherwise very comformable.

1829 Jany. I called upon this family. The woman is a little self righteous and has not sufficient command over her daughters who are grown up.

1832 They regularly attend church and I believe there is some anxiety on their part.

1833 The family attend the ministry of Mr Bulteel and Sarah goes constantly and does not go to church and can pray extemporary very surprisingly so the neighbours say. I am fearful she has some remains of a self righteous spirit. Her father is quite a constant attendant at Woolvercott Church. I remember a time when neither he or his wife came until I called upon them and persisted the necessity of attending public worship.

1834 This family are improved and are constant at church. Their daughter Sarah was married to Collett's son in the spring they have nothing to support a young family. M.G called at her house and only found 2 chairs in the room with very little furniture beside. What a folly it is for young people to unite without a shilling and now (Dec) he is without any work.

1835 The poor woman was taken seriously ill in the spring and during the time I called upon her and found her in a comfortable frame of mind she soon recovered and attends her daily business of the care of her cottage. The man is steady I hope well of him and he is anxious for his soul. Their son still attends Mr B's ministry but has some odd notions respecting clergymen.

1837 JB still works for my father occasionally. The man and woman attend their parish church regularly (1837).

Dec 1837 I called upon him and cannot obtain work, he continues to teach the children to sing at church. One of his daughters and son attend Mr B's ministry and are very anxious for their eternal welfare. The above short remark is respecting J Bold.

1839 Mrs M departed this life about Nov or Dec. I have much hope that she died in the faith. She was by no means confident of her salvation and could scarcely rely upon her Saviour and apply his promises to herself. I told her she must not despair. My sister thought well of her. Mr Judge called on her. See page 146.

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34 <sup>^^</sup> [ <i>Wren</i> ]	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1786	Not constant		+	2	2	1	2	1	2			

\*This poor man received the sacrament the day before he departed at the time his frame was very weak, and he left this world without much pain and suffering. I took an opportunity of calling upon the poor widow and family about a week after his death and had some spiritual conversation with her and spoke to her eldest son in her presence of the necessity to seeking God early and every morning that he might be with him and warned of avoiding bad company and the duty he owes to his mother to be obedient and when I took my leave of them I found him in tears. I sincerely hope the affliction may be sanctified to them. The youth is only 16 years of age yet the poor mother is desirous of continuing the business for herself and five children.

1833 I have not heard to the contrary but that the young man attends to the business yet I had occasion in February to speak to him for disturbing some poor people who had assembled themselves together for social worship. They are the followers of Mr Bulteel who has certainly roused some of the people in the village.

1834 I sometimes call upon this poor woman she appears to be going on very well with her business, yet rather in darkness as regards her soul Dec 1837-1840 she is still living. Her daughter has since married one of the Robinsons a labourer.

1841 Her son Joseph is married to a young woman of Wytham he is a shoemaker.

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June 1826 I am fearful he does not see things in their true light and I am sorry to say I believe it to be the case with many in the parish. Most of them are too apt to think if they but pay their way it will be sufficient and God will forgive them for the remainder of their sins. Mr W: rents some land belonging to my father he does not keep to his terms of payment.

Febry 1828. He is not well acquainted with the divine Law of the Ten Commandments.

1823 I called upon his wife in Feby and I cannot say that she is anxious & spoke to her about reading the word of God previous to retiring to rest.

1830 Spoke to the man to try to provide Bibles for his children and read the 51<sup>st</sup> psalm and spoke quire seriously to him in the morning of poor Tomkin's death and the necessity for our preparation.

1831 I called upon him in the month of August and he informed me that he had received an injury by over-straining himself while razing a piece of wood and he had, had the advice of a surgeon who informed him he might not live a 12 month. He appears evidently in a decline I therefore thought it my duty to endeavour to prepare his mind for his final change and spoke of the necessity of true repentance and self examination. About this time I called upon him several times and spoke of the new birth and to righteousness his views were not clear upon the subject and I hinted also upon nature and necessity of receiving the sacrament and gave him some information upon the 10 Commandments which he thought he had not entirely broken. I replied if we had not broken them there would be no necessity of repenting at church after every commandment and Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this Law. After my return from Brighton in Oct, I called upon him and spoke of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper which he had never received. He listened very attentively at what I had to speak of. I advised him to study the scriptures with prayer and said I could easily lend him books but I thought the pure word of God the best book he could look into, for this is the fountain from which all other good books are written. I spoke of the necessity of his settling all his worldly concerns. Last August I lent him the work on eternity and one on prayer. I lately took him Clark's Scripture Promises. I called upon him Nov 29<sup>th</sup> and spoke very seriously to him upon the necessity of a change of heart and an entire turning to God his views upon the subject were not clear and he said his understanding upon these things were not so clear as some men's but he told me he had more anxiety for his soul than he once had and his object at one time was to get money and pay every one what was due to them on parting he most cordially thanked me and said he should like to see me every day I was in hopes of seeing him once more but did not after this time. The clergyman called upon him several times and he departed this life Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1831. I was exceedingly sorry I had not called upon his last Saturday and felt and felt as if I had neglected him not that I could have done him much good only I should have known his views and what he thought of a future state. I think he has left some evidences of his being redeemed by the blood of the Lamb although they are not strong. \*See page 148.

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36^^ from No 16	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1780	+		+	1	1	-	2	1	1			

78a^^	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1780	+	1 Bible	+	1	-	-	2	-	2			

78a FN resides at this house, he is very poor with a family. The woman is neat and cleanly and looks after her family very well. I gave her a Testament from the Bible Society in 1833 or 4.

Dec 1835. I do not see this family.

1840 This family went to the Union House last year.

1841 He is very poor and at times in distress.

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Hse 1828 This man had been a contributor to the Ch Miss Society and at the time  
36 was constant in his attendance at church he has since left for Oxford. The house  
is now occupied by ^ who has a mother-in-law and niece residing with her. She  
left her last house about 2 years since. She has dealt with Mr G some time. See  
page 150 (or 130).

Hse The man has once been a soldier and attends church constantly. His wife is not  
36 very well informed. NJ called upon her in the summer of the year 1826 relative  
to confirmation.

1829 March 14<sup>th</sup>. I called upon him and spoke of the necessity of reading the  
scriptures and to think of his wonderful preservation in battle. I spoke very  
seriously to him upon his duty and preparing for his final change. See page 132.



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52 <sup>^</sup> [ <i>Wharton</i> ]	<i>Born about</i>	<i>At Ch</i>	<i>P &amp; FP</i>	<i>Ror n R</i>	<i>B &amp; J</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>nS</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>nC</i>	<i>When RS</i>		<i>Died or left</i>
	1752	+-w	1 Bible	+-hr	3	3	1	1	2	-			

This house has since Mrs W's death been repaired and now (July 1832) occupied by Mr R and sons.

58<sup>^</sup> I cannot say that I know anything of this family and they left this village in 1824 Mr Taunt I believe resides at this cottage.

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1824 The old man was taken ill about a fortnight after Easter. His affliction was very distressing to himself and partner. He was not quite patient under this chastisement. He kept his bed nearly the whole time and sometimes under his great bodily sufferings he was impatient and broke the third commandment. The last time he received the sacrament was at Easter. I spoke of the necessity of this holy ordinance and thought it proper he should again receive it as one of the means of grace appointed by Christ. He did not seem to feel the necessity of it, during my visits I enforced it and read part of the service. I called several times during the latter part of his life and read to some chapters by Drucillious on eternity and pointed out the suffering which the wicked must endure throughout countless ages. I spoke of reward of the righteous and told him without holiness no one shall see the Lord. At one time he did not seem to know what was meant by being born again. I therefore read part of the 3 Ch: of St John's Gospel. He gave me pleasure one time and was patient and attentive, on the whole I did see that peace of mind considering he was an aged man and had been Clerk to the parish many years. I left the above work and Stonehouse's sick man's friend to be read to him by his friends. The clergymen called several times during his illness: I felt very uneasy when I heard the state of the poor man's mind and when I visited I scarcely knew how to act as he was generally under great bodily suffering. He died Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1824 aged 75. I called on Mrs W several times since but cannot prevail with her to go to church. She one day told me she would tell me the cause of her absence.

1829 Feby I advised the reading of the scriptures at night. I think she died in May 1830 I did not see her during her illness. I do not suppose she became an altered character.

This cottage is occupied by Mr F whom I called upon at the beginning of Feby 1829. He seems a well disposed man with a large family. Read part of J Matthew to him. Mr F was I believe a Mr Fisher who left the village in 1830 or 1831 and at present (March 1833) I do not know who occupies this cottage to 1834-1840. This house is occupied by a man named Taunt with a large family. There are two boys who come to the school on the Sabbath and one of them comes during the week. Mrs T did not like to send a daughter because we would not allow her to have her hair tied. I called sometime afterwards and spoke of the soul being much more valuable than the body and thought she should conform. She did afterwards and sent the child to school who was very conformable and good.

1841 Jany. I hear they are about to leave the village for good.

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1823 Feby 2<sup>nd</sup> I had an opportunity of speaking to the Rev'd George Rook respecting the school, he behaved very kind and condescending. If it should not meet his approbation I said it should be advisable that the parents of each child should pay one shilling per quarter he acceded to my proposal. He read over the Rules and Regulations of the school and made some remarks on them. Feby 24<sup>th</sup> He called on my father at Cutslow and I again spoke about the school and felt anxious for the parishioners. I spoke about the children kneeling during part of the church service and requested that they might be provided with hassocks. He wished that a regular singing duty might be formed and said he should like the boys to be taught and thought the whole congregation should stand when they sing. March 1<sup>st</sup> he spoke of some of his parishioners not attending regularly public worship and I have been informed he will insist that they shall attend some place of public worship or be fined according to law. M<sup>r</sup> said he did not like the small work called *The friendly visitor* neither did he approve of the boys learning detached texts. He requested they might be taught to say by heart The Chief Truths of the Christian religion. It was a book published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge: he appeared a very strong advocate for that society and replied that every work which came from there was good, but he did not know that these were. All the books which came from the society undergo a strict examination before they are circulated. I said they might be liable to err. It is having too great an opinion that, that society must be right and all other wrong. When I replied I had in view a small work entitled "The great importance of a Religious Life considered". This little work attracted the notice of [ ]<sup>r</sup> and said there were many parts of it very incorrect. The Author has relied too much on good works and frequently speaks of a man having a good conscience. I did not further explain myself as I thought it best to let the subject drop as he was my superior in situation of life. I called upon him four days after and gave me reason, and read to him some of the observations which I had written after an attentive perusal of the said volume during the last three days. He did not quite agree with me. He replied the doctrine of the Atonement through the merits of Christ was a most difficult point and there frequently arises a great mistake from the occasion of that one word. He still maintained that all the books which come from that society are authorised and most highly approved of by the principal Dignitaries of the Church of England. He did not approve of the Bristol Tract Society as there were many dissenters who supported it. I mentioned that the Br of g and the dcD were at the Head of the Society. He replied we do hardly acknowledge The Br of g: is one of the B.<sup>r</sup> I replied he was a good man and also said it was a pity he had been chosen if he was not approved of. He answered it was a great pity he was.

He said there was another B beside him, whose principles he did not approve. I showed him the title page of the *Friendly Visitor* and the numbers which were printed last year. He said he did not approve of the *Dairyman's Daughter* and *The young cottager* as he knew the quarter from whence they came. He did not think it right to encourage that sort of feeling which they speak of as he considered it prevented the people from attending to the active services in life. I replied as we feel more the value of our own souls, we become more anxious for others and we do eventually fall into this same way of thinking and sometimes people's opinions alter and told him his might. He replied very good naturedly they may. He should not I replied take any man's opinion in an Article of faith upon trust without first examining whether it agreed with his own belief and could be proved by scriptures. He thought differently. He would rather trust to others of high authority who were generally agreed upon the subject than to his own. I informed him if there was any proof of the approval of *The young cottager* or *The friendly visitor* by the numbers sold. Being good there certainly was a great many. He said jokingly that was no proof at all in our days for he believed Hone and Carlile especially if there was a little blasphemy mixed up with them, then they sold more than either of them that was the Bristol Tract Society and the author of *The Friendly Visitor*. Of the latter I said some clergymen approved of it as I had been informed of one clergyman who took one hundred and fifty copies monthly. He asked me why I objected to the Societies Tracts. I told him I had never seen many but I thought they too frequently treated of the necessity of Good Works. He seemed to consider wherever a book treated upon that subject, it was to be taken for granted it relied upon the Atonement of Christ for Salvation. He asked me how I took that passage of scriptures in the revelations where it is expressed that the dead should be judged for those things written therein. I replied I supposed it meant for their former actions. He said you see there the Atonement is not mentioned but it is implied. Upon the whole I found his opinion to rest too much on the necessity of good works and just before we parted he said to me the last verse in St Matthew's Gospel which runs thus: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever: I have commanded you: and I am with you always even until the end of the world." I then quoted a passage of scripture relative to the thief dying upon the cross. I said if he had lived he might have shared his faith by his works, but as he died it was by the merits of Christ only. He requested I would send him some "of the Bristol Tracts", and if he did not approve of them he would "show them to some of the Ms's of the \_\_\_ who were highly approved as esteemed scholars and who stood in the church. And if they rejected them he must also. I know you will agree with me in bringing up children in the Doctrines of the "Church of England". I sent him several and also *The young cottager* and *The Dairyman's Daughter* and wrote on a piece of paper perhaps from a general refusal of the small Tracts he might  
 ? approve of them. In the latter volume had been printed in 14 languages and mentioned the author to be Rev'd Lagh Richmond rector of Turvey and I knew he had been Chaplin to one of the Royal Dukes. We parted very good friends and he kindly shook me by the hand and desired me still to continue to do good in the village.

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Aug 10 1825 Hearing this morning a poor man had suddenly expired at Mr Rowland's farm, being engaged in the morning I walked there in the afternoon as I advanced toward the spot my mind was fully impressed with the awfulness of a soul leaving this world in an unprepared state. When I came to the last gate I saw the appearance of a human body. Fear seemed to pervade my whole frame. I went toward the cottage of its worthy inmates the door being open I entered I was much shocked at seeing one female and four other persons in the room. I immediately left it but on a second consideration I returned and (I now say it might be the will of providence so to order this circumstance) called for a Testament and went to a chair and knelt down to implore the assistance of Almighty God to address those who were present in a proper manner. I read part of the fifth chapter of the Acts relative to the man and woman who were struck dead for telling a lie and made some practical remarks as I proceeded and pointing out how awful is the case of those who are taken off in the midst of sin. I said to the young F how awful is the sin of adultery for it involved the guilt of so many others and I spoke to her of ever-lasting destruction and of the worm that shall never die and the fire that shall never be quenched and how many parts of scriptures spoke of the same subject in the like terms. I read a few verses more when she replied she had not brought others into sin. I replied don't tell me so, your looks manner and dress bespeak you. And when I first entered the room I was much hurt and trembled at seeing you here. She said no more her own conscience must accuse her. She said she could read and I advised her to read her bible and pray unto God to forgive her and if we truly repent there is mercy with God to the greatest of sinners but we must seek forgiveness else we can never be made happy after this life. From the window we could see the dead body, which ought to make a stronger impression upon our minds. The wife of the late poor man was present, and the above young woman was her cousin and her mother was present. Therefore I conceive neither of the women were steady. I spoke most earnestly and impressively on the awfulness of sudden death and happening so near to each of our homes it might be a warning to each of us. I read part of 1 Corinthians 15<sup>th</sup> chapter and commented on several of the verses relative to the rising of the body on the last day.

When the trumpet shall sound and the judgement shall commence and every one will be brought to give an account of the things done in the body whether they be good or evil. Previous to the poor man's retiring to rest he cleaned his gun and said he should go out early to shoot some woodpigeons. When Henry Savings went down in the morning he found him quite dead by the side of the pump, his nose had bled and he is supposed to have come to this spot to wash it. Three sheaves of beans were found near his person and he had a cord in his hand for the purpose it is supposed to carry them. An inquest was taken upon the body the same evening. I have not yet heard the result. Such a sudden visitation of Providence has left a strong impression upon our family and the labourers which I sincerely hope may be lasting and convince each of us that sin will surely find us out. This man kept two pigs and had undertaken scrap some beans for Mr R (his Master) and he was entitled to the sum of twenty-two shillings for his labour if he had completed the piece of land. I am sorry to say he was not a good character and is supposed to have been guilty of theft before and had separated from his wife by mutual consent. One day when he had been swearing Henry Savings reprov'd him. He made answer by saying God will be merciful to us hard working men: How very erroneous is such an idea, we must remember God is just as well as merciful therefore we should never tempt him to forsake us, lest we should be led into temptation and have no way to escape. Mrs Savings said to two of her sons who are settled "my boys remember the bean sheavers".

*Oxford Herald* Saturday Aug 13 1825. On Wednesday last an inquest was commenced at Watereaton by Mr Cecil coroner and continued by adjournment the following Day in view of the body of James West. Henry Savings, bailiff to Mr W Rowland of Watereaton deposed that between four and five on Wednesday morning he was getting up and looked out of his window, and saw four of his masters horses, three of them near to his house and the fourth horse facing a trough of water which is close to his house; this fourth horse appeared to be frightened and would not go up to the trough to drink. Witness again looked out of the window and saw a man lying down by the trough; he did not move; witness came down stairs and went up to the trough and there he found West lying on the ground quite dead. Witness then went and called Thomas Cripps, Edward Ayres, Edward Bowerman and William Bowerman and they all came. West had not been undressed nor had any one. (Vide page 162)



	Bibles and Testament	Prayer Book	Rec'd the testament	Not received the testament	Confirmed	Not Confirmed		B & T	P Books	Rec'd the S	Nor Rec'd the S	Con	Not Con		B & T	P: Books	Rec'd the S	Not Rec'd the S	Con	Not Com
Middleton W R <sup>d</sup>	4	5	1	3	2	1	East Samuel	1	4	-	2	-	2	Hicks Mr Th	8	9	2	2	4	-
Rowland Mr R <sup>d</sup>	3	5	1	4	5	1	Ball W <sub>m</sub>	5	4	-	2	-	2	Bell John	4	1	-	5	3	2
Williams Mr	8	8	1	5	2	4	Walton The Clerk	3	3	1	1	2	-	Bath W <sub>m</sub>	1	2	1	1	2	-
Symms John	-	1	-	2	-	2	Mathew Th	1	1	-	3	1	2	Roberson George	4	1	2	1	3	-
Prior Thomas	2	2	-	2	1	1	Clemments Mrs	2	1	0	4	3	1	Cripps John	2	1	2	1	3	-
Wren W <sup>m</sup>	2	2	1	2	1	2	Ferris W <sub>ws</sub>	1	2	0	2	2	-	Treadwell W <sub>m</sub>	3	3	-	2	2	-
Walton	1	1	-	2	1	1	Gardener	5	4	-	3	2	1	Culcott	2	1	-	2	1	1



James							Ch							W <sub>m</sub>						
Rowlands John	2	2	1	2	2	1	Ball Mr How	7	5	-	3	2	1	Hicks James	2	1	-	3	3	-
Hicks Mary	5	6	-	1	1	-	Norris John	3	-	1	1	1	1	Hicks John	2	2	1	2	2	1
Robinson Thos	1	-	-	2	1	1	Green Samuel	2	-	-	2	2	-	Horn Mrs	3	3	-	1	-	1
Basson R <sup>d</sup>	4	3	1	1	2	-	Guilder	-	-	-	3	2	1	Lock Mr E d	2	5	1	3	4	-
Baldwins J <sup>h</sup>	4	1	2	2	4	-	Wheeler John	-	-	1	-	1	-	Ansell	2	1	2	-	2	-
Silmon James	2	1	0	2	1	1	Robinson W <sub>m</sub>	1	-	-	2	2	-	Dee Mr	2	2	2	-	2	-
Rowland Mr Tho	2	2	-	2	2	-	Faicherritt Sefton	3	7	1	3	3	1	Coxhead	-	-	-	2	2	-
Gregory Mr F	25	17	6	2	8	-	Rowland Mrs	5	6	2	1	3	-	Smith John	3	2	-	2	2	-
Simmons	6	2	-	3	2	1	Hicks Mrs	9	8	1	5	4	2	Cutland John	2	1	1	3	1	3
Ladson & Collett	5	2	2	2	4	1	Salmon Mr	3	2	-	1	1	-	Berry Robert	-	2	-	2	2	-
Woodbridge Theo	2	2	-	2	1	1	Gulliver J	1	-	-	1	1	-	Holder W <sub>m</sub>	4	2	-	4	2	2
Cox Mr W <sub>rr</sub>	11	8	3	1	3	1	Irons John	-	1	-	1	-	1	Holder E d	2	1	1	4	5	-
Clark John	1	2	1	1	2	-	Eeley Francis	6	4	2	1	3	1	Smith Mrs	2	5	2	-	2	-
Melcraft John	2	2	1	4	5	-	Druet John	2	1	-	4	2	2	Middleton John	1	1	-	2	2	-
Bustin x Co	3	3	2	1	3	-	Petty Samual	1	1	-	2	1	1	Saxton Mr	4	4	-	4	1	3
Tomkins R <sup>d</sup>	4	5	2	1	3	-	Lipscomb Mrs	3	1	1	-	1	-	Harmon Mrs	5	3	-	4	2	2
	99	82	25	49	56	19		64	55	10	47	39	19		60	53	17	50	52	15

Population of Woolvercote May 28<sup>th</sup> 1821

Question 1 <sup>st</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Occupations			5 <sup>th</sup> Persons including children		
Inhabited House	By how many families occupied	Houses now building	Better houses uninhabited	Families chiefly employed in agriculture	Families chiefly employed in trade manufacture and handicraft	All other families not comprised in the two preceding	Males	Females	Total of Persons
84	90		3	46	36	8	238	255	493

(Vide page 159) examined him; there was some blood on his face. Witness found three beansheaves: West was employed by Mr William Rowland to reap the beanfield; witness tracked the blood from the beansheaves to the bean ground, a distance of nearly a furlong. Three sheaves of bean were missing this morning. Within 20 yards of the place they were missing there was some blood; the largest quantity of blood witness found was about half the distance from the three bean sheaves found near to James West; the ground was so dry there could not be seen any tracks of feet if any person had gone over the ground. West was a stranger to witness; he was about 46 years of age, he had been very ill for some time past. West lived at Sommer Town and was married. West used to come about 6 o'clock in the morning; he never came earlier to witnesses knowledge; he was separated from his wife; witness did not see or hear anybody before he got up, there were no footsteps to be seen on the ground this morning – Mr Stephen Wentworth, of Oxford, surgeon and apothecary deposed, that he had that morning examined the body of James West, and is decidedly of opinion that West's death was occasioned by a ruptured blood vessel of the lungs, which produced suffocation. Witness examined the body very carefully and there are no marks of violence or any other injury upon it. Verdict Died by the visitation of God.

(Vide page 44) On Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> 1825 an inquest was taken at Woolvercott, by Mr Cecil, Coroner, in view of the body of William East a little boy, aged two years and a half. It appeared that the child in the absence of the person who had the charge of him, had fallen into the privy and when taken out was quite dead, from suffocation, Verdict Accidental death.

Oxford Herald Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> 1825 It was a curious coincidence that one person should be named West and the other East, corresponding to two points of the compass. I called on ■ and told him I thought it was quite necessary he should have the clergyman of the parish to visit him and recommended his reading the 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> and various parts of St John's Gospel and spoke of the necessity of a thorough change of heart before we can be admitted into the kingdom of

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Heaven. We may be in great danger as far as it may concern the soul and not know of it. He does not at present discuss his danger neither in his own opinion does he want the assistance of a clergyman. We had a long discussion upon the subject. We parted very cordially and thanked me for my advice. The Curate of the Parish has called upon twice but was not cordially received and the last time told him if he did not call upon him again he must not consider it out of any unkindness, but any time he should wish to see him he was to inform him and he would come. The Rev'd gentleman told me there was quite an indifference and he did know his spiritual danger.

^ and I had a little conversation in consequence of his disapproval of the Children's Friend he considered there was much that might indicate wrong principles in the minds of the children and he did not approve of some of the expressions in the books and there were some things not in accordance with the doctrine of the Church of England. I told him ^ it was very unpleasant to me not to agree with the ^ / We conversed upon Baptism and in that point we did not accord. At last we parted very good friends and he said he made no doubt we should agree in the chief points. I spoke some of Mant's Tract on Baptism. I wrote to him upon the subject of a change of heart in 1828 and received his answer.

1834 We are now on friendly terms and I have called at his room. X he frequently calls here since his return to college.

A list of persons in Wolvercote who have some intention of being confirmed

1	Caroline Cox	14	19	Elizabeth Holder	19	37	Syms	
2	Mary Harmon		20	Eliza Holder	17	38	Ann Robinson	
3	Ann Harmon		21	Thomas Smith	14	39	Charles Robinson	14
4	Eliza Harmon		22	Jane Savage	16	40	William Simmons	14
5	Harriet Harmon	4	23	Isabella Ward	15	41	Simmons	17
6	Elizabeth Hicks	4	24	Charles Gardiner	15	42	W. Howell Ball	
7	Mary Coxhead	0	25	Elizabeth Ladson	19	43	Howell Ball	19
8	Mary Middleton	15	26	Martha Robinson	14	44	Martha Wood ward	17
9	Elizabeth Horn		27	Ann East	31	45	Sarah Wood ward	15
10	Richard Horn	16	28	Robert Godfrey	17	46	Frances Williams	21
11	Sophie Calcutt		29	Mary Ann Hicks	19	47	Vincent Saxton	16
12	Elizabeth Faichen	16	30	Eliza Hicks	16	48	Eliza Collett	16
13	Eliza Faichen	14	31	Emma Hicks	15	49	James Collett	14
14	W. Toms	17	32	Harriet Hicks		50	Elizabeth Tanner	30
15	W. Baldwin		33	John Hicks		51	William Woodward	20
16	Charles Baldwin		34	John Lines		52	John Lock	17
17	Sarah Baldwin		35	Mary Lines		53	Richard Lock	16
18	Sarah Prior	15	36	John Syms		54	William Lock	14
						55	Joseph Simons	40
						56	William Tomkin	14
						57	Sarah Ball	17

A list of persons who were confirmed at Oxford Sept 1 1826 from Woolvercott

Females		Age			Age	Males	
Elizabeth Faichen	16	Maria Jones	21	Henry Middleton	16	Thomas Holden	14
Mary Ann Hicks	18	Eliza Jane Faichen	14	Thomas Middleton	14	William Green	18
Eliza Hicks	16	Harriet Elstone	17	Richard Lock	15	Henry Gardner	15
Sarah Woodward	14	Sarah Ann Tyrell	16	Richard Smith	25	Robert Ball	19
Caroline Cox	14	Eliza Collett	16	William Woodward	19	A list of persons confirmed	
Mary Medcraft	21	Elizabeth Hicks	14	William Tompkins	15	From Woolvercott July 12	
Elizabeth Hicks	14	Eliza Robinson	16	Charles Baldwin	16	1828	
Maria Woodward	17	Martha Robinson	15	Thomas Smith	15	James Collett	Age 16
Mary Middleton	16	Ann Robinson	19	Charles Robinson	14	John Hicks	22
Isabella Ward	16	Ann East	30	Richard Horn	16	John Smith	15
Emma Hicks	15	Elizabeth Hom	41	William Lock	14	James Chamberlain	15
Sarah Ball	15	Sophia Calcut	37	John Medcraft	16	Confirmed in 1833 Eliza Woodward 14	
Sarah Baldwin	20	Ruth Baldwin	19	Richard Medcraft	14	Mary Cox 14	
Mary Harman	18	Sophia Cripps	29	Richard Jones	16	Sarah Robinson	16
Harriet Harman	14	Mary Simmons	19	John Norris	15	Matilda Cox	14
Eliza Harman	19	33 females		William Feley	17	Harriett Feley	16
Maris Fisher	14	21 males		John Lock	18	Mary Hicks	
Frances Ann Harman	22	54					

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AD 1825 A List of books in the Parochial Lending Library at Woolvercott

## Volume

1	Scripture, Liturgy & devotion	20	Osterwald's Arguments
2	Devotion	21	Burket's Help 3 Volumes and Hanways Well ordered family Domestic Happiness Trial
3	Church Catechism - Confirmation - Baptism	22	Littleton on St Paul of Witnesses, B Gibson's letters
4	Holy Communion	23	Gossman's Introduction to the knowledge of the Christian Religion
5	Christian Religion doctrine & practice	24	B Wilson's Essay to the Indians
6	----do-----	25	Charges to the Missionarys - Jones on the Trinity
7	----do-----	26	B Green's Do - course - Mammoth's Great importance
8	Particular Duties	27	Sellor's Abridgement Wells Historical Geography
9	----do-----	28	Duke's Lectures B Wilson's Principles
10	----do-----	29	B Andrew's devotion B Kerises Manual & Trimmers Meditation
11	Against Popery & Enthusiasm	30	Bouren's Compendium for the Prisoner's Young's Manual
12	Fales Education & Schools		
13	Christian Education & Schools		
14	Trimmer's Help to the Unlearned		
15	----do-- on the Old & New Testament		
16	----do-- on Scripture Catechism		
17	----do-- Teachers Assistant		
18	Osterwald's Arguments		
19	----do-- -----2 <sup>nd</sup> Volume		

## Volume

31	Yadley on Baptism, Pitt on Confirmation
32	B. Homes Life of Abel, Walton's Lives
33	New Manual of Devotion
34	B. Mann on the Gospels
35	Fisher's and Dixon's Spelling Improved
36	Wilson's Sermons
37	Nelson's Festivals
38	---do--- on Devotion
39	Archbishop Secker on the Catechism
40	Lewis and Wake on the Catechism
41	Travell's Lectures
42	Gastrell's Christian Institutes
43	The Whole Duty of Man
44	Selection of B. Horne on the Psalms
45	Leslie on Deism & on the Jews
46	Jones on the Church - Claims on the Church Thorold on Popery
47	The County Pious Parishioners - Peers Companion to the Aged
48	Scougal's Life of God on the Soul of Man

A list of Books recommended by the Rev'd Brickenstal Society for promoting Christian knowledge.

Gaskell's Institute	Jones on the Trinity
Will's Geography	Porteus's Summary
Andrew's devotion	Burgess's Catechisms
Horne's Psalms	Dodwell on Athanasius
Kenn's Manual	Watson's Apology
Wilson's Sacra Privata	Charges to Missionar
Beveridge on Common Prayer	Storhouses Tracts
Watt's Divine Songs	Thorold on Popery
Secker's Lectures on Catechism	Secker's Sermons aga
Bradford on Regeneration	Jones Book of Nature
Wilson on the Lord's Supper	Walton's Lives
Scougal's Life of God	Horne's Lives

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The months of Dec 1829 and Jan'y to Feby 1830. The frost was very severe a collee money for coals & wood was procured the poor felt it exceedingly. The clergyma interested themselves in procuring firing the trust was great. Colss 5/- but wood Buried in 1829

James Rowland March 19 33 years. Sarah Cantwell aged 11 years died March 23 Fredwell April 17 52 years. Rosetta Giles May 3<sup>rd</sup> 33 y E Canwell Sommers Town years. Ben Belgrave Henry Rowland. July 28 11 weeks Edwin Theo Chance St Al Oxford Sept 25 aged 18 months. Susanna Saxton Botley Oct 6 23 yrs. Ann Chance Oxford Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 10 months. Francis Feley Oct 16 74 yrs. William Ferris Nov 19 47yr Wheeler Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 80 years. Burials 13 - Marriages 4 Christenings 6 Buried in 1830

John Ladson Jan'y 17 84yrs Joanna Rowkand Ensham 73 years. Theo Hicks March Martha Milton St Giles March 19 70y Elizabeth Walton May 5 83. Eliz Tomkins 16 years. Richard Tomkins 22 June aged 48 Elizabeth Bennett July 25<sup>th</sup> aged 66 W<sup>th</sup> C Oxford Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1 week John Simmons Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Aged 75 Burials 10 Marriages 6 AD 1831

William Roberson 2 Feby 1 week Richard Bustin 4 Feby Aged 44 Andrew Draft Ju 9 years W<sup>th</sup> Wren aged 42 Dec 11 Sarah Cooke 2 months died Jan 1833 I believe M the last that was buried this year.

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Taken May 30<sup>th</sup> 1831

The parish of Woolvercott Hundred of Wootton. Inhabited houses 93. How man occupied 103. Houses now building? Not any. Other houses uninhabited 1. Fam employed in agriculture 53. Families chiefly employed in a trade, manufacturers & handicraft 39 all other families not comprised in the two preceding classes 11 pers including children of whatever age Males 258 Females 266 Total 524 Total in 1821 number of males twenty years old 120 Occupiers of land employing labourers 9. C of land not employing labourers 1. Labourers employed in agriculture. Males em manufactures or in making manufacturing machinery not any. Males employed i trade or in handicrafts as masters or workmen 48 Wholesale Merchants, Capitalis Professional persons and other educated men 2. Labourers employed by the three classes and in other labour not agricultural 3. All other males (except servants) of years old including retired tradesmen superannuated labourers and males disable disabled in body or mind 6. Female servants 8. Attestation on Oath by the Overs substantial householders in England.



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Age	Males
17	William Robinson
14	George Robinson
	Emmanuel Lock
14	Joshua Busby
15	William Hicks
15	Robert Horn
15	Thomas Wren
15	John Collier
14	Joseph Colett
15	Ellis Smith
18	David Holloway
45	James Collier
	Females
15	Louisa Rowland
17	Maria Hicks
15	Kezia Hicks
15	Farnet Hicks
14	Cox Anne
15	James Baldwin
15	Charlotte Robinson
	Sarah Robinson
15	Emma Ferris
	Elizabeth Radbourne

I am desirous of remembering those who received Tickets for Confirmation in Water Eaton Aug 1857. The young people were confirmed at Kidlington

John White 11 savings  
 R King at Mr Millers  
 John B at Mr salmons  
 Philip Bowerman  
 John Ayres  
 Rebecca salmon  
 Sarah Rose Jane walker  
 Martha Waketfield  
 Ann Justice  
 Hannah Bowerman  
 Hannah Brown  
 Persons engaged in trade above 21  
 Years of age  
 Carpenter 5  
 Cabinet maker 1  
 Wheelright 3  
 Carriers 1  
 Farrier cow doctor 1  
 Cattle doctor  
 Milkman cowkeeper 1  
 Paper maker 5  
 Poulterer 1  
 Publican 4

Bakers 2 Blacksmiths 4 shoe or Bootmakers 4 Boatbuilders  
 Brickmakers 1 Soapkeepers 2 Masons 2 Butchers 4 Tailors 2 Turner 1  
 Millrights 3

Mr Dale undertook the contract of building and sett  
 for girls for \_\_\_\_\_ 955.00  
 Expenses of conveyance to Mr Morrell 15.00  
 Purchase of land of Mr Faichen 112.00  
 Surveying the present boy's  
 school to see whether roof  
 could be raised. 4.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 1086.00

Subscribers to defray the above expenses

Merton College	100.00	Mr Saunder
Worcester d	40.00	Rev'd - Sho
Dr // John's d	50.00	Rev'd Bourr
Rev'd J; Corr	7.10.00	Rev'd Mr G
Mr Gregory	50.00	Rev'd Mr I
Rev'd Mr Martin	30.00	Rev'd Mr Bu
Rev'd J; Richards	10.00	Rev'd Mr W
R Hatrey	10.00	Rev'd Mr Ro
J; Williams	20.00	Mr Oakley
D Veine	10.00	School Socie
	297.00	Advanced v

The length within 25 feet - width 12 feet height 8 for  
 writing and a fixed form of nice stone floor; the roof  
 cupboard enclosed for the books etc 4 windows 8 ft  
 Brought toward 850.00 Expenses

Rev'd Mr Rowland	10.00	Mr Faichen
Reed - Bull	10.00	Mr Morrell
Mr J Dale	10.00	Mr Hudson
	30.00	Set

Messrs Williams, Rowland, Lock, Hicks & Ashburn kindly send their  
 share the materials the school was opened Aug 17 1851

Mrs (K) of the Turn-Pike died July 8<sup>th</sup> 1832. She had been very neglectful of her duty in not attending public worship. I had called upon her repeatedly although not so often as I might have done. I hope my Heavenly Father will not bring me into judgement for my remissness. She had indeed repeatedly given me uneasiness yet I hope I have in some measures been faithful towards her. A few weeks ago she gave me more pleasure than she had done for years. I reproved her or rather pointed out the sin of selling gingerbread on the Sabbath day. She did not do it a second time. I read to her the account of the New Birth unto righteousness named in the third chapter of St John's Gospel which she did not understand and I requested her to pray over it and entreat the Lord for the assistance of his Holy Spirit during the time she was very attentive and wished to think of her soul but how she has repented of her sins I know not. And over her death we must draw a veil it is not for us to limit the power of the Lord and the clergyman told me we must hope yet I may venture to say the work of her salvation has been short. When I have been about to enter her cottage she had been seen to go away and had made excuses for neglect of duty pleaded ill health and not enabled to walk. Her bodily sufferings had been very great for the last fortnight. I hope indeed she is now at rest although the satisfaction is not strong we cannot speak with any certainty only hope. I shed tears the same afternoon on returning from her cottage after hearing of her death and said to myself another spirit is departed and not entered eternity her state is fixed forever. I examined myself and asking myself have I been negligent toward her for I may not have done so much as I ought to have done. And entrusted the Lord's forgiveness not that I consider her salvation to have depended on me only. It was my duty to have used the means. I spoke of her death to the servants and shed a tear saying I hope I shall not neglect the care of my soul for the work of salvation requires self denial and over time devoted to the Lord.

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August 10<sup>th</sup> 1825. I called upon G + L in the field below the Oxford Canal in Woolvercote Parish and read a long address on the self righteous man x<sup>o</sup> I afterwards questioned him on the Articles of the belief I felt exceedingly sorry to find he was so ignorant and knew scarcely anything about it. Not knowing the purpose of Jesus Christ's coming into the world, nor when he rose from the grave, nor how long he remained upon earth, nor what is meant by an atonement, nor what is meant by the Rising of the dead in the belief. He did not know by what means Christ came into the world, nor that he was born of a pure virgin. He did not understand the most simple articles of faith. He said he had no one to tell him and he was no scholar. He seldom or ever went to church, and he did not think he had had twenty hot dinners on the Sabbath day for the last twenty years. He did not seem to know the sin which was attached to the neglect of this duty. I told him merely going to church would not entitle us to eternal life but it was one means which God had appointed for our spiritual good. I told him to look to the Saviour to give him true repentance he did not understand what is meant by a change of heart nor the gift of the Holy Spirit. He had never heard of the name of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper nor the nature of this solemn rite till I named it to him about five years since. I told him all these things ought to have been known before, but there was one hope for him according to the Scriptures when much is given much will be required. If every clergyman had been as faithful to the people committed to their charges, as he has been as diligent in looking after his flock, there would not be so many careless in the world, that there are at present: I sincerely hope the Almighty may be pleased to enlighten his mind to enable him to see his danger. He thought a man's own righteousness would never save him but he thought it would be better for those men who were honest and upright than one who gloried in sin. After remaining with him about two hours I left him with a parting blessing and a silent prayer for his spiritual improvement. Shortly after he was obliged to give up his business and return home sometimes he was in bed and at other times he walked about the village but was not able to go far at a time. I occasionally visited him.



During his confinement of twenty-one weeks and he departed this life on December 30<sup>th</sup> 1825. His granddaughter said he died as he lived quite ignorant of his religious duty. At times he gave me great uneasiness he did not feel any anxiety for himself therefore I could not impress him with a sense of his danger. His poor wife is similarly circumstanced and I may hope she is somewhat better. He could not explain the most simple truths of scripture. The clergyman rather wished to give him the Sacrament but did not think him quite fit he therefore left the world without receiving it. "And he also said he considered him the most ignorant man he ever met with, in regard to his religious duty and the most he could get out of him that he had never wronged or injured anyone and he had always paid every one their own". This poor man caused me many a pang by not profiting by my instruction and not having previously improved his mind.

<b>Page</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Text</b>
178	5 Jan 1823	Grimes	Matt 17:18 'Think not that I am come to destroy the law and the prophets ...'
179	19 Jan	? Mr Hind	Matt 'For as much as ye did unto one of the least of these my brethren ...'
181	26 Jan	Rooke	2 Tim 16:17 'All scripture is given by inspiration of God ...'
181	2 Feb	Rooke	Mark 11:24 'Therefore I say unto you what things so ever you desire when you pray, believe you receive them ...'
182	9 Feb	Rooke	Mark 11:24 <i>continued</i>
183	16 Feb		Matt 11:24 <i>continued</i>
186	23 Feb	Rooke	Ps 4:48 'Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.'
188	2 March	Rooke	Acts 3:19-20 'Repent ye therefore and be converted ...'
189	9 March	Rooke	Is 55:7 'Let the wicked forsake his way ...'
191	16 March	Rooke	"The same text as last Sunday and a continuation of the same discourse: my sister informed me it was a fine sermon on the interpretation of sin. I was not present I went to St Mary's Oxford to hear the Revd Dr Goddard who is appointed to preach the Bampton lecture. Mr Rooke pointed out ..."
192	23 March	Mr Streifield	?Lev 18:4 'Ye shall do my judgments ...'
194	28 March <i>Good Friday</i>	Rooke	Rom 5:8 'But God commandeth his love toward us ...'
196	30 March	Rooke	1 Cor 15:23 'But every man in his own order ...'
197	6 April	Mr Hughes	Rom 6:4 'As Christ was raised from the dead ...' "The discourse was much admired by my friends but I could not hear it."
197	13 April	Mr Streitfeild	Deut 4:40 'Thou shall keep therefore his statutes ...'
199	20 April	Mr Rooke	Mark 16
200	27 April	Mr Rooke	Heb 3:12 'Take heed, brethren, ...'
202	4 May	Mr Rooke	Phil 2:8-9 'And being found in fashion as a man ...'
	11 May	Mr Rooke	Mark 16:19 'So then after the Lord had spoken unto them ...'
203	18 May	Mr Rooke	Acts 2:4 'And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost ...'
	25 May	Mr Streatfield	Col 1:23 'If ye continue in the faith ...'
205	1 June	Revd Mr Cotton	Ps 23:1 'The Lord is my shepherd'
	8 June	Mr Cotton	Rom 12:1 'I beseech ye brethren ...'
	22 June	W.Allen	Job 22:21 'Acquaint now thyself with him ...'
	5 July	?	Luke 6:37 'Forgive and ye shall be forgiven'
	5 July	Mr Rooke	Luke 14:27 'And whosoever does not bear his cross ...'
207	13 July	W.Rooke	Ps 100:3 'Know ye that the Lord he is God ...'
208	20 July	Mr Rooke	Matt 18:7 'Woe unto the world ...'
209	27 July	Mr Rooke	Ex 20:7 'Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord they God in vain ...'
210	3 Aug	Mr Rooke	2 Peter 3:9 'The Lord is not willing that any should perish ...'
211	10 Aug	Rooke	Gal 6:10 'There is joy in heaven ...'

213	17 Aug	Rooke	2 Peter 3:10 'But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night ...'
214	24 Aug	Mr Buckland	Acts 16:30 'What must I do to be saved?'
	31 Aug	Mr Buckland	Luke 17:17 '... were there not ten cleansed?'
216	7 Sept	Mr Buckland	John 6:12 'Gather up the fragments that remain ...'
	14 Sept	Mr Buckland	Ps 8:4-5 'What is man that thou art not mindful of him?'
218	21 Sept	Mr Buckland	Matt 22:13-14 'Then said the King to the servants ...'
219	28 Sept	Mr Buckland	Ex 23:2 'Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil ...'
220	5 Oct	Mr Rooke	Luke 23:43 '... thou shalt be with me in Paradise.'
221	12 Oct	Mr Rooke	Matt 28:20
	19 Oct	Mr Rooke alias Mr Cotton of Worcester College	2 Cor 8:6
	26 Oct	Mr Rooke	
	2 Nov	Mr Rooke	John 13:17 'If ye know these things happy are ye ...'
	9 Nov	Mr Rooke	Acts 16:14 '... a seller of purple ...'
224	16 Nov	Mr Rooke	Matt 7:27 'Not every one that saith ...'
	23 Nov	Mr Rooke	John 6:12 'Miracle of five barley loaves'
225	30 Nov	Mr Rooke	Ec 7:29 'This only have I found ...'
	7 Dec	Mr Streitfield	Is 5:4 'What could have been done more to my vineyard ...'
226	14 Dec	Mr Streitfield	Rom 13 'The night is far spent ...'
227	21 Dec	Mr Streatfield	Phil 4:5 'The Lord is at hand'
229	25 Dec	Mr Streatfield	John 1:4 'The Word was made flesh ...'
231	28 Dec	Mr Streatfield	Is 9:6 'For unto us a child is born'
232	4 Jan 1824	Mr Roberts	Ps 39:4 'Lord make me know mine end' "The sermon was considered good, but I could not retain it not having any particular divisions.
233	11 Jan	Mr Rooke	Matt 5:8 'Blessed are the pure in heart'
	18 Jan	Mr Cartwright	Ps 107:8 'Oh that men would praise the Lord ...'
	25 Jan	Mr Streatfield	John 14:1 'Ye believe in God ...'
235	1 Feb	Mr Streatfield	Col 1:23 'Continue in the faith ...'
239	8 Feb	Mr Streatfield	Matt 22:37-38 '... Thou shalt love the Lord thy God ...'
240	15 Feb	Mr Streatfield	Matt 22:39 'And the second I like unto it ...'
242	22 Feb	Mr Streatfield	? :14-15 'I will pray with the spirit ...'
243	29 Feb	Mr Streatfield	Matt 7:24-25 'Therefore whomsoever heareth ...'
245	7 March	Mr Rooke	Joel 2:12-13 '... turn ye even to me ...'
246	7 March	Mr Streatfield	"The heads of a discourse preached before the University of Oxford by the Revd William Streatfield of Trinity College"
248	14 March	Mr Streatfield	Luke 15:18-19 'I will arise ...'
250	21 March	Mr Streatfield	Cor 15:57-58 'Thanks be to God ..' "I believe it will be the last time of addressing you as your Curate"
252	28 March	Mr Rooke	Cor 15:57 'Thanks be to God ...' "The discourse was preached on this occasion in consequence of Miss E.Swann who was committed to the grave on the preceding day."
253	4 April	Mr Rooke	John 8:43 'Why do ye not understand my

			speech ...'
	11 April	Mr Rooke	Matt 19 'Zacchaeus stood forth ...'
	16 April	Mr Rooke	John 3:16 'For God so loved the world ...'
	18 April	Mr Rooke	Ps 16:12 'Thou wilt not suffer ...'
	25 April	Mr Rooke	Num 16:48 'And he stood between the dead and the living ...'
"Mr Rooke did the duty constantly till the month of August when he engaged the Revd Mr Matthews for seven Sundays and Mr Rooke did the duty till the close of the year. He was sometimes absent in the Winter and Spring and was taken very ill so that he could not attend his church and employed the Revd Mr Henderson two Sundays ... Mr West preached once ... a Fellow of New College. Mr Allen preached twice. The Revd Mr Jowett did the duty once in June."			
254	1825	Revd I.Jones of Jesus College	Jude 20-21
	30 July	Mr Jones	Heb 11:24-25 'By faith, Moses ...'
255	7 Aug	Mr Jones	Heb 11:13 '... strangers and pilgrims upon the earth'
257	14 Aug	Mr Jones	Mark 2:16-17 '... publicans and sinners'
	21 Aug	Mr Jones	Luke 14:27
Mr Jones was absent three Sundays. Mr Lupton preached once. Mr Jowett twice.			
258	18 Sept	Mr Jones	2 Cor 6:1 'We then as workers together ...'
259	25 Sept	Mr Jones	James 3:5 'Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth.'
	2 Oct	Mr Jones	Rev 7:9-10 '... a great multitude which no man could number ..'
260	9 Oct	Mr Jones	Matt 9:2 '... a man sick of the palsy ...'
261	16 Oct	Mr Jones	James 1:5 'If any of you lack wisdom ...'
264 Mr Rooke returned ... Mr Thomas ... Mr Tindell ... Mr Rooke left us June 7 <sup>th</sup> 1826. Mr West of New College is to occupy his pulpit during the long vacation.			
	11 June 1826	Mr West	Ps 14:5 'The Lord is nigh ...'
265	12 Aug	Mr West	Luke 19:41
267	27 Aug	Mr West	Ecc 12:4 'Remember now thy creator ...'
270	1 Sept	Mr West	A confirmation address
271	10 Sept	Mr West	Matt 11:28-29 'Come unto me ...'
272	24 Sept	Mr West	1 Sam 7:12 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.'
273	1 Oct	Mr West	Luke 22:19 'Thus do in remembrance of me.'
275	7 Oct	Mr Rooke	Rom 2:13
The Revd Mr Girdlestone preached for Mr Rooke Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> 1826			
	22 Oct	Mr Rooke	
276	17 June 1827		"Having a desire of remembering the Revd Richard Sankey's first sermon preached at Water Eaton on the following Sunday after his ordination I shall therefore write down a part."
1827 During the Easter holidays the Revd Mr Jowett did the duty. ... Mr J did the duty during the long vacation and he officiated also at the Christmas recess of the present year.			
	23 March 1828		Heb 13:17
"The Revd Mr Denison did the duty the following Sunday. ... Mr D continued to perform the duty until 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept when he applied to Mr West to officiate in his absence. ... Mr Henderson of Christ Church did one duty ... Mr Denison returned in November ... Mr D preached on the beginning of another year ... [Page 278] Mr Lupton preached twice in January [1827]. Mr Firth ... Mr West ... Mr Carr came with Mr Denison. 1829 Mr Dennison left his church to the care of Mr West in September ... [1830] Carr of Balliol ... Mr Martin of Exeter College ... Mr Jenkins [1831] Mr Moberly ... Lee of Ch Ch ... Mr Bishop ... Mr Tawney ... Mr Trevellian of Merton was appointed to the vicarage ... Mr Trenchard ... Mr Richards ... Mr Leigh ... Mr Tindal ... Mr			

Denison, Mr Griffiths, Mr Hutchings of Christ Church ... Mr Hamilton [1834] ... Revd Mr Rickards was appointed to succeed Mr Trevelyan  
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