

DEVON MEDICS

John ABBOT or ABBOTT (1616-1701)

Person ID: 7

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Colyton, Devon

John Abbot or Abbott of Colyton, Devon, sought a licence to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter, 29 August 1675. No local surgeons were either able or willing to provide a testimonial. Abbott may not have been a surgeon by upbringing. He was in all probability the son of Allen Abbott (d.1656) of Colyton, mercer, and was baptised at Colyton on 1 November 1616. In 1675, one John Abbott, mercer, was granted administration of the will of Nicholas Thompson, whose son and grandson practised medicine in Colyton.

Abbott served as churchwarden of Colyton in 1678-9. He married Grace Stukeley at Colyton on 30 December 1656. She was buried at Colyton, 17 May 1695. Mr John Abbott was buried at Colyton, 12 February 1700/1.

I.Mortimer, *Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783, Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.105; TNA, PROB 11/263, fos 128v-129r [will of Allen Abbott of Colyton, 1 March 1655/6, pr.27 April 1656]; Devon Heritage Centre, Mur.1, vol.33; A.J.P.Skinner (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Colyton, Devon, 1538-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, 1928), i, p.195; ii, pp.505, 685, 699, 704.

Michael ABBOTT (fl.1701)

Person ID: 14781

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Michael Abbott, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Robert Roberts** on 22 December 1701.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.208.

Mr ABRAM (fl.1665)

Person ID: 19

Occ: physician

Loc: Harberton, Devon

Mr Abram was practising medicine at Harberton, Devon, in 1665. In a diocesan survey of that year, he was described as 'well affected', though there was uncertainty as to whether he was licensed. He may be the same as the James Abraham (d.c.1678), described as 'gent' of Harberton in a property transaction dated 27 May 1652.

Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, fos 307r, 405v (for the original return of the rural dean, dated 5 September 1665, see Devon Heritage Centre, PR 362-364/33/18); Plymouth Archives, 149/81.

Arthur ACLAND (1618-c.1664)

Person ID: 24

Occ: physician

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Arthur Acland was the son of Mr John Acland and his wife Elizabeth, née Duck, and was baptised at St Olave's, Exeter, on 18 June 1618. Acland matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 12 December 1634, aged 15, and proceeded BA on 30 October 1638. He was made a fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, a year later and was created MA on 2 December 1642. Initially licensed to study civil law (in 1650), Acland subsequently turned to medical study (1653), responding to medical *quaestiones* on fevers, the nutritional quality of blood and the ability of astrologers to predict the hour and day of a man's death (which he refuted). He was granted a licence to practise medicine by the University on 9 March 1657/8.

According to John Prince, after his studies Acland returned to his native Exeter, where he set up in medical practice 'with good success'. He is almost certainly the Dr Acland who ministered to the victim of an assault in the city in 1658. Acland and his unnamed wife were living in the parish of St Stephen's in 1660. Prince described him as 'every way much a Gentleman, and of so obliging a Deportment, that he was beloved of all that knew him'. He died, 'to the great Surprize of his Friends, of an Erysipelas in the Face, in the Strength of his Age' and was buried 'without any funeral monument' at St Stephen's, Exeter. His death was recorded by his friend Dr **Frederick Loss** of Dorchester in a book of medical observations which he published in 1672. Acland probably died sometime around 1664 in which year administration of his will was granted.

Acland was the brother of the Exeter clergyman Baldwin Acland (1607-1672), who served as treasurer to Exeter Cathedral. Arthur Acland the physician is not to be confused with the Barnstaple alderman, mayor and MP of the same name.

F.T.Cosby (ed.), *The Visitation of the County of Devon in the Yeare 1620* (London, HS, vol.6, 1872), p.4; Devon Heritage Centre, 2738A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Olave's, Exeter, Devon]; Foster, i, p.3; Bodl., NEP/supra/Reg Qa, f.152r; John Prince, *Danmonii Orientales Illustres: Or, The Worthies of Devon* (Exeter & London, 1701), p.25; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.20; Frederick Loss, *Observationum Medicinalium Libri Quatuor* (London, 1672), p.71; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.220.

James ACLAND (fl.1695-1718)

Personal ID: 14785

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

James Acland, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the son of James Acland, silkweaver (by succession), 2 December 1695. In 1697, he acted as bondsman for the marriage of Henry Towse of Clysthidon, gent, and Thomasine Thomas of

Colyton Rawleigh, Devon, spinster. Acland's son James, like his father a barber, became a freeman of the city in 1718.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.193, 230; Devon Heritage Centre, Diocese of Exeter Marriage Allegations Bonds, 1640-1697, transcribed by C.A.T.Fursdon (1931).

Henry ADAMS or ADDAMS (fl.1640)

Person ID: 27712

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In October 1640 Henry Adams, barber, of St Laurence, Exeter, was accused of entertaining drinking and playing in his house. He confessed to the former (though unlicensed), but not the latter. A month later, he was prosecuted at the city's quarter sessions for selling beer without a licence and was suppressed from further such activity.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA C1/63, f.337v.

John ADAMS, (fl.1685-1691)

Person ID: 14787

Occ: barber

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Elizabeth, the wife of John Adams, barber, of Plymouth, Devon, was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth on 11 January 1684/5. In 1691, he leased a tenement in Bretonside, Plymouth, to the Plymouth merchant Samuel Carkett. Two men of this name were buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth in 1695 (5 February) and 1697 (8 February).

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; 117/2 [property conveyance and release, 26 June 1691].

Elizabeth ALFORD (fl.1650-1689)

Person ID: 123

Occ: physician/healer

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

In his will of 1691, the Somerset gentleman Thomas Axe (d.1691) made provision for the supply of a female doctor, preferably a clergyman's wife, to supply the local poor with basic medical assistance including the application of blisters, plasters and dressings as well as the administration of glisters and bloodletting for impostumes and green wounds. His exemplar was the late vicar's wife, Mrs Alford, 'who delighted in such things' and was also able to provide spiritual succour regarding the 'concernes of a future state'.

Elizabeth Channon married Melchizedeck Alford (d.1689), the son of William Alford of Lyme Regis, at Lydlinch, Dorset, on 18 December 1650. After graduating at Oxford in 1648, Alford served the cure of Culmstock and Ottery St Mary in Devon.

Shortly before his death in 1689 (he was buried at Ottery on 10 August 1689), he named his wife Elizabeth as executrix of his will. The date and place of her death are not known.

Children of Melchisedeck Alford and wife Elizabeth:

Richard, bapt.21 November 1651; buried 11 October 1652 [Sherborne, Dorset].

Richard, born 17 January 1653/4; buried 20 January 1654/5 [Talatton].

Margaret, born 20 March 1654/5 [Talatton]. Her father left her £400 in his will of 1689.

Elizabeth. Her father left her £200 in his will of 1689.

TNA, PROB 11/406, f.117r [will of Thomas Axe, gent, of Orchard, Somerset, 20 July 1691, pr.2 October 1691]; C.H.Mayo and F.G.Henley (eds), *The Registers of Lydlinch, Co. Dorset from 1559 to 1812* (London, 1899), p.32; Foster, i, p.14; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, 1908-29), ii, p.937; TNA, PROB 11/396, ff.218v-219r [will of Melchisedeck Alford, 7 August 1689, pr. 28 September 1689]; Dorset History Centre, DHC, PE/SH: RE1/1 [parish registers of Sherborne, Dorset]; Devon Heritage Centre, 4421A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Talatton, Devon].

John ALGER (fl.1689)

Person ID: 126

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

In his will of 1689, John Alger, surgeon, of Plymouth, Devon, left all his estate, wages and personal belongings to his 'loving friend' Ann Holliday of St Paul's, Shadwell, Middlesex, whom he also named as legal attorney and sole executrix.

TNA, PROB 11/399, f.305r [will of John Alger, surgeon, 26 December 1689, pr. 7 June 1690].

Jeremy or Jerome ALLEY (fl.1667-1695)

Person ID: 181

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Devon, Kent, Middlesex and Somerset

Jeremy or Jerome Alley spent much of his early career in Devon but, continually harrassed by diocesan officials, he removed to Kent where he was again frequently in trouble with the authorities. Throughout, he seems to have pursued a double career as clergyman and physician.

Alley's origins are obscure. He consistently referred to himself as 'MA', but does not appear in the records of either Oxford or Cambridge universities. The first full account of him was written by one Jasper Phillips of Penzance in Cornwall in 1675 who wrote informing Francis Cooke, the diocesan registrar, about the subversive behaviour of one Mr Alley 'that pretends to be a divine & a Physitian come lately into these Western parts'. Phillips had clearly been forewarned as he noted that the bishop

had reported him to be a ‘dangerous fellow’. Under interrogation, Alley claimed that he had been ordained in Wales by the bishop of Llandaff, and that shortly afterwards he was presented to the living of Luppitt in Devon. Removed from that post when he went missing in Wales, he briefly served as curate at Instow in Devon. Thereafter, he became an itinerant and unlicensed minister, who was ‘cryed up by some of the weaker judgements & worse principles’ as a charismatic preacher. A year earlier, bishop Sparrow suspected that he had fled into Somerset.

Thereafter, Alley’s name crops up with regular monotony across all parts of England. In 1684, he was acting as curate at Heston in Middlesex, where he married Jane Cole on 18 August 1685. Four years later, he was appointed a naval chaplain in Kent. He may then have briefly returned to the west country for in 1693, Richard Kidder, bishop of Bath and Wells, wrote to John Sharp, archbishop of York, to warn him that Alley might attempt ‘to come to you for institution’. Kidder believed he was ‘a most flagitious villain’ and that he had ‘made Somerset shire too hot for him’. It was about this time that he sought to formalise his medical practice. On 30 October 1689, Jerome Alley, MA and clerk, was licensed to practise medicine by the archbishop of Canterbury, letters testimonial being signed by the royal ophthalmologist **Thomas Clarke** and the empiric **Salvator Winter**. A year later, Alley and Winter were dual signatories on behalf of **John Jephson** of Ilfracombe in Devon, who was seeking an archiepiscopal licence to practise medicine. In 1694, Alley was appointed vicar of Alkham in Kent, and in the same year signed letters in support of **Edward Hobdey**, another candidate for a medical licence from Canterbury. As so often before, however, Alley did not stay long in his new residence. On 7 April 1695, the parish clerk of Alkham noted in the parish register that Alley had ‘run a way’. In an obscure and partly illegible entry, the writer would appear to have intimated that Alley was also a serial womaniser and that part of the reason he fled was to evade censure for such activities. No more is heard of him after this date.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.384; Moger II/PR Basket D 17/69 [Phillips to Cooke, 7 August 1675]; Bodl., Tanner MS 42, f.133; Guildhall Library, London, 9540/4 and 6; Gloucestershire Archives, D3549/6/1/B8 [Kidder to Sharp, 23 March 1692/3]; Lambeth Palace Library, VX/1A/10/256; VX/1A/10/266/1-3; VX 1A/10/283; VG1/6, f.81v; Canterbury Cathedral Archives and Library, U3/267/1/1 [parish register of Alkham, Kent].

Grace ALLWARD (fl.1675)

Person ID: 191

Occ: healer

Loc: Chulmleigh, Devon

In November 1675, one Phillip Glinn of Chulmleigh wrote to the diocesan registrar, Francis Cooke, on behalf of one Grace Allward of Chulmleigh ‘who is now exposed to trouble the seacnd time for her doeing of good in healing of some greifs for her neighbours by one Stapledon [i.e. **John Stapley**] who out of malice and envie prosecutes her and it’s likely, because shee hath cured those, which hee could not’. He entreated the recipient ‘that you would direct her in this cause and be her friend’.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub nomine* Devon, unplaced [Glinn to Cooke, 22 November 1675]; I.Mortimer, *Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and*

Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783, Transactions of the Devonshire Association, 136 (2004), p.105 [who suggests date of 22 September 1675, and implies that Allward lived, like Glinn, at Chulmleigh].

Mr ANDREW (fl.1612)

Person ID: 18771

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Mr Andrew, surgeon, was paid by the town of Barnstaple for curing a poor man's leg in 1612-13.

J.R.Chanter and T.Wainwright (eds), *Reprint of the Barnstaple Records*, 2 vols (Barnstaple, 1900), ii, p.138.

Hugh AREY or AYRE (d.1619)

Person ID: 339

Occ: clergyman/surgeon

Loc: Holbeton, Devon

Hugh Arey was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 14 June 1613.

Hugh Ayre (or Ayray) was a tabarder of Queen's College, Oxford, in 1572, proceeding BA on 11 July 1572 and MA on 6 July 1575. He served as vicar of Holbeton from 1586 until his death in 1619.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.107 [I.Mortimer, *Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783, Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.105]; Foster, i, p.49; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 21; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations Relating to the Counties of Devon and Cornwall Proved in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Exeter, 1532-1800* (Plymouth, 1914), p.3.

Richard ARGENTINE (formerly SEXTON) (c.1511-c.1568)

Person ID: 344

Occ: clergyman/schoolmaster/physician

Loc: Ipswich, Suffolk, & Exeter, Devon

Born Richard Sexton of Milton, Dorset, Argentine was made an MD at Cambridge in 1541 on the basis of a bachelor's degree in medicine from Oxford, where he had previously graduated BA and MA. He practised at Ipswich, Suffolk, and Exeter in Devon.

Argentine's career as a schoolteacher and cleric is fully recounted by John Blatchly in the *ODNB*. He was ordained deacon and priest in 1556 and subsequently held numerous livings in Ipswich and other parts of Suffolk, prospering during the reign of Queen Mary (1553-8) when he shifted religious allegiance. Earlier, he had been active as a translator of continental Protestant works, but now recanted and became active as an agent on behalf of the Marian authorities. His role in persecuting local 'heretics', published in Foxe's *Actes and Monuments*, is largely known through the informations

of a local tailor and Protestant activist Peter Moone. In 1558, Argentine again recanted, but wisely decided to leave Ipswich. After a brief sojourn in the parish of All Hallows, Lombard Street, in the city of London, when he married his first wife, he settled in the west country. There, he once again ingratiated himself with the local Protestant authorities and held various ecclesiastical benefices. However, it was not long before Argentine was again in trouble, when he was imprisoned at Exeter in 1561 for spreading seditious libels. He subsequently refused to be bound for his appearance, pleading poverty and sickness. Argentine, nonetheless, seems to have settled in the city. He was still there in 1564, when he wrote his last work on witchcraft entitled *De Praestigiis et Incantationibus Daemonum et Necromanticorum* (not published at Basle until 1568). He resigned his prebendal and other livings in 1567, and probably died in the following year.

Argentine was married at least twice. He married Elizabeth Luckocke, widow, of St Pancras, Soper Lane, London, at the latter parish on 19 October 1559. She was dead by 1556. A second wife Isabel was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 24 January 1563/4.

Publications and translations:

Certeyne Preceptes Gathered by Hulrichius Zuinglius ... Translated oute of Latine into Inglyshe by Master Richarde Argentyne Doctour in Physyck (Ipswich, 1548, i.e.1549). Dedicated to Edward Grymeston, and dated Ipswich, 28 January 1548/9.

A Ryght Notable Sermon, Made by Doctor Martyn Luther (Ipswich, 1548, i.e.1549). Translated by Argentine, and dedicated to Lord Wentworth from Ipswich, 20 January 1548/9.

Sermons of the Ryght Famous and Excellent Clerke Master Bernardine Ochine (Ipswich, 1548, i.e.1549). Dedicated by Argentine to the duke of Somerset.

De Praestigiis et Incantationibus Daemonum et Necromanticorum (Basle, 1568).

ODNB, sub Argentine, Richard, article by J.M.Blatchly; Venn, i, p.39; D.MacCulloch and J.Blatchly, 'Pastoral Provision in the Parishes of Tudor Ipswich', *Sixteenth Century Journal*, 22 (1991), p.465; *Historical Manuscripts Commission. Report on the Records of the City of Exeter* (London, 1916), p.49; W.B.Bannerman (ed.), *The Registers of St Mary Le Bowe, Cheapside, All Hallows, Honey Lane, and of St Pancras, Soper Lane, London. Part II. Marriages* (London, HS, vol.45, 1915), p.441; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

John ARNOLD (1689-1723 or 1724)

Person ID: 366

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Arnold was the son of William Arnold (d.1720), grocer, of St Petrock's, Exeter, and was baptised at St Petrock's on 22 October 1689. He briefly attended Leiden in 1708, before graduating MD at Padua on 17 January 1715 (inscribed there 16

November 1714). He served as consiliarius 1715-16. Arnold practised medicine in his native city, being made an extra-licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians in London on 13 December 1720. His name appears on an oath roll for the city in 1723. John Arnold, doctor of physick, was buried at St Petrock's, Exeter, 6 January 1723/4.

Royal College of Physicians, London, Innes Smith MSS; Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; Munk, ii, p.76; Devon Heritage Centre, Exeter oath roll [Michaelmas 1723].

Richard ARSCOTT (fl.1715-19)

Person ID: 14814

Occ: barber

Loc: Okehampton, Devon

Richard Arscott practised as a barber in the town of Okehampton in the early part of the eighteenth century.

Children of Richard Arscott:

Susanna, buried 31 May 1715 [Okehampton].
Susanna, buried 7 July 1716 [Okehampton].
Rebecca, bapt.23 April 1717 [Okehampton].
Sarah [with wife Sarah], bapt.10 May 1719 [Okehampton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 3210A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Okehampton, Devon].

Alexander ARUNDELL (fl.1677-1685)

Person ID: 389

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Alexander Arundell of Exeter, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 17 September 1681.

Alexander Arundell married Sibylla Dier at Heavitree, near Exeter, Devon, on 21 February 1676/7. The couple were living in the parish of Holy Trinity, Exeter, when two of their children were baptised in 1680 and 1683. Arundell may have been a dissenter or nonconformist sympathiser. In January 1684/5, he stood surety for one Jane Lane, a nonconformist and virulent critic of many of the leading figures in the government of the city during the Tory reaction.

Children of Alexander and Sibylla Arundell:

Jane, bapt.2 December 1680 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].
Sibylla, bapt.28 June 1683 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.141; 3004A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Heavitree, Devon]; 1718A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; Exeter QS, Book 66, fos 80r-v.

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Dartmouth, Devon

John Atkins was admitted to Leiden to study medicine on 13 August 1674, when he gave his age as 22. He graduated MD at Utrecht, after examination but without a dissertation, on 12 January 1674/5. There, he is described as originally from Somerset. He was in all probability the son of Aaron Atkins (d.1670) of Chard, Somerset, and was baptised at Chard on 7 April 1653 (he named one of his own sons Aaron). If so, then he was the younger brother of the Exeter clergyman Robert Atkins (c.1639-1685), who was ejected as rector of St John's, Exeter, in 1662.

Atkins was named as trustee in the will of the former Leiden medical student and minister **Nicholas Battersby**, vicar of Chudleigh, Devon, in 1689. He was also described as the brother-in-law of the Dartmouth merchant, John Whitrow the elder, who named him as one of the trustees of his will in 1697 (Whitrow's daughter Elizabeth married John Sikes). Atkins served as a churchwarden and feoffee of the parish of St Petrox.

Atkins married Mary Pley (1661-1692), the daughter of John Pley (d.1684 or 1685), a Cromwellian naval captain and associate of the Irish miracle healer **Valentine Greatrakes**, and his wife Rebecca (d.1682), at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 1 May 1679. The couple had five children, all baptised at St Petrox, Dartmouth, between 1680 and 1691. Mary was buried in the same parish on 6 April 1692. Dr Atkins subsequently married Sarah Sicks or Sykes (*fl.* 1695-1708) at St Petrox on 1 January 1694/5. Four further children were born to this marriage between 1697 and 1708. Atkins married as his third wife Elizabeth Hingston (at St Petrox, 16 April 1728). Mr John Atkins, presumably by now retired from medical practice, was buried at St Petrox on 12 March 1734/5.

Children with wife Mary:

Rebecca, born 23 February 1679/80; bapt. 3 March 1679/80; buried 12 September 1726 [St Petrox, Dartmouth].

Mary, born 21 September 1681, bapt. 28 September 1681 [St Petrox, Dartmouth].

Joanna, born 10 June 1683; bapt. 24 June 1683 [St Petrox, Dartmouth].

Aaron, born 23 February 1684/5; bapt. 8 March 1684/5; buried 28 November 1713 [St Petrox, Dartmouth].

Richard, born 30 April 1691; bapt. 10 May 1691 [St Petrox, Dartmouth].

Children with wife Sarah:

Samuel, bapt. 13 January 1696/7 [St Petrox, Dartmouth].

Elizabeth, bapt. 29 June 1701 [St Petrox, Dartmouth].

Sarah, born 22 September 1704 [St Petrox, Dartmouth].

Jane, born 21 July 1708 [St Petrox, Dartmouth].

Innes Smith, p.9; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHARD/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chard, Somerset, 1649-1729]; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934;

reissued 1988), p.18; TNA, PROB 11/396, ff.225v-226r [will of Nicholas Battersby, 12 April 1689, pr. 16 September 1689]; TNA, PROB 11/450, ff.159r-160r [will of John Whitrow the elder, merchant, of Dartmouth, 3 June 1697, pr.4 April 1699]; *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 59 (1927), pp.94-5; Devon Heritage Centre, 1163 F/L 16; 2537A/PR/1 and 2 [parish registers of St Pterox, Dartmouth, Devon].

Richard AVENT (d.1692)

Person ID: 501

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Richard Avent, surgeon, of Plymouth was on friendly terms with fellow surgeon **James Yonge**, who mentions him in his diary. In 1670, Yonge recalled socializing with Avent and other Plymouth surgeons while in Newfoundland. Three years later, Avent was serving as Yonge's mate in the hospital at Plymouth when he contracted a particularly severe fever or 'contagion'. He was probably a Presbyterian.

Richard Avent was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 11 February 1691/2. His wife Hannah predeceased him, being buried at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 11 July 1677.

Children (with wife Hannah or Honor):

Honor, buried 6 August 1667 [Plympton St Mary].

Richard, bapt.27 November 1672 [Plymouth Presbyterian chapel].

Richard, bapt. 28 August 1675 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721], ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), pp.132, 143; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, St Andrew's, Plymouth, and Plympton St Mary, Devon; TNA, RG4/4091 [registers of Plymouth Presbyterian church].

Alexander AVERY (fl.1683)

Person ID: 504

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Devon

Alexander Avery, surgeon, probably practised in Devon. In July 1683, he signed letters testimonial on behalf of **John Weekes**, of Great Torrington, Devon, a candidate for a Canterbury medical licence.

In all probability, he is the same as the Alexander Avery who lived in the town of Barnstaple from about 1660 until his death in 1688. He was the son of Alexander Avery of nearby Berrynarbor and married Sarah, the daughter of Richard Harris, gentleman, at Barnstaple, on 15 March 1658/9. Avery was buried at Barnstaple on 3 August 1688.

Children of Alexander Avery:

Elizabeth, born 23 January 1659/60; bapt.9 February 1659/60 [Barnstaple].
Edward, bapt.29 March 1663; buried 26 August 1668 [Barnstaple].
Charles, bapt.13 May 1665; buried 30 June 1671 [Barnstaple].
Mary, bapt.20 January 1666/7 [Barnstaple].
Sarah, bapt.23 February 1667/8; buried 30 June 1671 [Barnstaple].
Edward, bapt.28 August 1670 [Barnstaple].
Sarah, bapt.7 January 1671/2; buried 3 July 1673 [Barnstaple].
Alice, bapt.24 August 1673 [Barnstaple].
Alexander, bapt.27 February 1680/1 [Barnstaple].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/201/1-3; T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903), baptisms, pp.101, 104, 105, 107, 109, 112, 118; marriages, p.38; burials, pp.79, 81, 83, 95.

Joan AXON (d.1702)

Person ID: 18902

Occ: midwife

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

Joan Axon, midwife, was buried at Tiverton, 5 August 1702.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PR/1/3 [parish register of Tiverton, Devon].

Richard AYSHE (fl.1673)

Person ID: 14829

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard Ayshe, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of John Taylor on 17 November 1673.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.163.

William BADDIFORD (1676-1720)

Person ID: 567

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Baddiford was the son of Thomas Baddiford (d.1699), gent, of Dartmouth, and was baptised at St Clement's, Townstall, Dartmouth, on 21 March 1675/6 (as 'Bodiver'). Baddiford matriculated at Hart Hall, Oxford, on 11 February 1692/3, proceeding BA in 1696 and MA, from Gloucester Hall, in 1699. He became B Med on 29 January 1701/2, and MD (from Exeter College) in 1705. Baddiford married Sarah Foulkes of Oxford at St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, 18 September 1706.

Baddiford was in medical practice at Exeter by 1708. He claimed to have been living in the city for six years when he gave evidence in a testamentary case in 1714. His servant, George Combe (b.c.1676), also gave evidence. Baddiford was buried at St Paul's, Exeter, on 13 February 1719/20. His wife and executrix Sarah was alive in

1729, when she entered into articles of agreement with her late husband's brother Thomas Baddiford of Dartmouth.

Children of Dr William Baddiford:

Sarah. She married William Roberts, gent, of All Saints, Bristol, 23 May 1732 [Bristol Cathedral].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2993A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Clement's, Townstall, Dartmouth, Devon]; Foster, i, p.53; Oxfordshire History Centre, PAR 209/1/R1/2 [parish registers of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, Oxfordshire, 1694-1768]; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, Moger testamentary causes 435, bundle 179 (1714); W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, 1933), ii, p.463; *Devon and Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 14 (1926-7), p.337 [Exeter City Library, MS 4320]; Bristol Archives, DC/A/10/1 [registers of Bristol Cathedral, 1670-1753].

Abraham BAGSHOT or BAGWILL (fl.1598)

Person ID: 14832

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Abraham Bagshot (or Bagwill) was made a freeman of the city without fine in 1598.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.107.

Christopher BAITSON (d.1677)

Person ID: 598

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Chulmleigh, Devon

According to John Walker, after sequestration from the rectory of Chulmleigh for refusing the Covenant, Baitson, a staunch royalist, was forced to practise medicine for a living in order to support his twelve children.

Baitson was educated at Cambridge, matriculating as a pensioner at St John's College in Easter 1620. He proceeded BA in 1623/4 and MA in 1627. He was appointed rector of Chulmleigh in 1635 and was restored to his living at some time in the 1650s (he was described as rector in the burial entry for his son Christopher on 8 October 1656). He died in 1677.

Walker Revised, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1948; reissued 1988), p.107; Devon Heritage Centre, 4678A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Chulmleigh, Devon].

John BAKER (1676-1741)

Person ID: 14836

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Baker was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the son and heir of Peter Baker (by succession) on 15 December 1701. Two of his apprentices, **Thomas Bartlett and Richard Mountstephen**, were made freemen of the city in 1715.

John, the son of Peter Baker, was baptised at St Lawrence's, Exeter, on 24 December 1676. He was buried at Exeter Cathedral, 21 June 1741.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.207, 226, 227; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.Binney (ed.), *The Parish Registers of St Lawrence, Exeter*, 2 vols (1604-79; 1679-1749), vol.1, sub Baker; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.168.

John BALE (fl.1704)

Person ID: 14838

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Bale was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Edward King** on 14 February 1703/4.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.210.

Edward BALL or BULL (d.1701)

Person ID: 18357

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Edward Ball or Bull, druggist, of St Mary Major, Exeter, served as constable of the parish in 1688, when he signed an affidavit before James II's commission stating that he had never engaged in proceedings against dissenters in the execution of his public office. Two years earlier, he leased fields in the parish of St Thomas Apostle, just outside the city, from Sir John Carew of Antony, Cornwall, and Richard Carew, esquire, of London. In 1699, Ball witnessed the will of the nonconformist William Baker, fuller, of Exeter. He was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 2 April 1701.

Bodl., Rawlinson MS D 372, f.160; Kresen Kernow, CF/1/2543; TNA, PROB 11/454, fos 17v-18v [will of William Baker, fuller, of Exeter, 1 December 1699, pr.26 January 1699/1700]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/14 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

Henry BALL (fl.1702)

Person ID: 654

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Kingskerswell, Devon

Henry Ball of Kingskerswell, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter, 14 April 1702 (application dated 9 April 1702).

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.338 [I.Mortimer, *Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783, Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.105].

John BALL (c.1654-1745)

Person ID: 656

Occ: doctor of physic/clergyman

Loc: Honiton, Devon

John Ball took his MD at Utrecht, not Leiden, on 14 April 1688. His thesis entitled 'De Haemorrhoidibus' is in the British Library.

John Ball was the eldest son of William Ball, who was ejected from the living of Winsham in Somerset in 1662. Ball himself probably never practised medicine, becoming a nonconformist minister at Honiton in Devon, where he died in 1745, aged 91. He was buried at Honiton on 10 May 1745. In his will, made two months before his death, he left bequests of £100 and his South Sea Company stock to his two greanddaughters Elizabeth and Sarah Lavington, and the rest of his property to his son-in-law John Lavington. He also left £100 to a niece, Anna Maria Ball.

According to the revised article in the *ODNB* by David Heep, Ball studied under Henry Hickman and Ames Short, and fled to the Netherlands in the wake of Monmouth's Rebellion, where he acted as tutor to Colonel Henley and Colonel Trenchard. Heep alludes to his studying medicine at Utrecht, but makes no mention of his MD. On his return to England, he settled at Honiton, Devon, and was ordained as a Presbyterian in 1696. A linguist and regular attender of the Exeter Assembly, he wrote numerous controversial pamphlets, including some attacking the current fad for Socinianism.

Children of John Ball and wife Elizabeth:

Bridget, bapt.1 January 1689/90 [Honiton Independent Church meeting]. She married Mr John Lavington (d.1759) of St Leonard's, Exeter, at Harpford, Devon, on 15 March 1712/13 and was buried at Holy Trinity, Exeter, 13 December 1729.

ODNB, sub Ball, John, revised article by D.Heep; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), p.25; Innes Smith, p.14; Devon Heritage Centre, Moger will transcripts, OM 8/36 [will of John Ball, clerke, of Honiton, 5 March 1744/5, pr.16 May 1747]; TNA, RG4/2028 [registers of Honiton Independent Church]; Devon Heritage Centre, 1844A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Harpford, Devon]; 1718A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon].

Oliver BALL (d.1685)

Person ID: ????

Oliver Ball of Bideford, Devon, is identified as an apothecary in the witness statement which he provided in the case of witchcraft brought against Temperance Lloyd at Bideford in May 1679.

Ball married Mary Nichols at Bideford on 30 December 1675 and was buried in the same parish on 5 May 1685. She subsequently married John Souch at Bideford on 17 June 1689.

Children of Oliver Ball and wife Mary:

Mary, bapt.14 January 1676/7 [Bideford].

Frances, bapt.8 February 1678/9; buried 24 December 1682 [Bideford].

Elizabeth, bapt.27 November 1681 [Bideford].

Anne, bapt.4 January 1684/5 [Bideford].

North Devon RO, 1064 Q/SO1 [Liber sessions pacis, Bideford, Devon, 1659-1709], f.141r; Devon Heritage Centre, 799A/PR/1/3 and 4 [parish registers of Bideford, Devon].

Joseph BALLER, Joseph (1642-1712)

Person ID: 16506

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Joseph Baller was the son of John Baller, and was baptised at Barnstaple on 24 July 1642. He married Elizabeth Lovering, the daughter of William Venner and widow of John Lovering (below). A marriage licence and settlement survives, but no record of their wedding. Baller was buried at Barnstaple on 23 April 1712.

Baller left a long and detailed will in which he requested burial in the north aisle of the parish church of Barnstaple in a leaden coffin as near as possible to the sepulchre of Mr John Lovering, a Barnstaple merchant who died in 1686, stipulating that no one else was to be buried in that place for a further 40 years. He owned considerable properties in Barnstaple as well as Ilfracombe and Goodleigh in Devon. A large number of beneficiaries are named, including his brothers Nathaniel and Enoch, as well as numerous nephews, nieces and friends including the family of his wife's son-in-law Samuel Rolle, esquire. He also left five pieces of broad gold to the physician **Lewis Maury**, who witnessed the will. Baller's religious loyalties were clearly divided. While in his original will, he left a small bequest to Samuel Thompson (d.1734), vicar of Barnstaple, in a codicil he left an annuity to George Boucher (d.1755), minister, for the upkeep of a dissenting congregation at Cross Street in Barnstaple. In total, Baller's bequests amounted to almost £2,000. Among those who witnessed Baller's will was **Alexander Harpur**, who may have been his apprentice.

T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903), baptisms, p.86; burials, p.111; North Devon RO, 1142 B/FS7; G.J.Armytage (ed.), *Allegations for Marriage Licences Issued by the Vicar-General of the Archbishop of Canterbury, July 1687-June 1694* (London, HS, vol.31, 1890), p.41; TNA, PROB 11/527, ff.264r-266r [will of Joseph Baller, apothecary, of Barnstaple, 27 February 1711/12 and 3 March 1711/12, pr.2 July 1712].

William BARBER or BARBOR (1640-1718)

Person ID: 721

Occ: doctor of physick

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

William Barber or Barbor was the son of William Barber and his wife Frances nee Osbourne, and was baptised at Bishop's Hull, near Taunton, Somerset, on 26 December 1640. He entered Exeter College, Oxford, on 10 March 1656/7, proceeding BA in 1660. Two years later, he entered Leiden University as a medical student, but switched to Utrecht, where he graduated MD on 2 June 1663. There he presented a thesis concerned with the pox, which he dedicated to Dr **Thomas Coxe** and James Brydges, Lord Chandos (1642-1714), father of the first duke of Chandos. The traveller Philip Skippon (1641-1691), on passing through Utrecht in mid-June 1663, noted that 'Barbor an English Man was now ready to take his doctor of physick's degree, and to be created doctor by Regius the physician in the choir of the great church'. Thereafter, he set up in medical practice at Barnstaple in north Devon, where he succeeded to the medical practice of Dr **Henry Downe**, whose widow he married (below). The surgeon **James Yonge** records visiting Barber at Barnstaple in 1674. **Samuel Raymond**, also of Taunton, dedicated his Utrecht MD thesis of 1669 to Barber. Unusually, he seems to have taken on an apprentice surgeon. In 1686, **John Parnell**, of Heavitree, near Exeter, who described himself as former apprentice to Barber, was granted an ecclesiastical licence to practise throughout Cornwall.

Dr Barber married twice. His first wife Honor (1631-1694) was the daughter of John Berry of Eastleigh and Borough, esquire, and widow of **Henry Downe**. The couple had one child, Frances, who died in infancy. Honor was buried at Barnstaple on 9 April 1694. Barber subsequently married Petronell (d.1739), the daughter of John Poyntz (d.1685) of Bittadon, at Barnstaple on 29 May 1695. They had five children, including, William (1701-1767), who followed his father into medical practice at Barnstaple. Dr William Barber was buried at Barnstaple on 11 May 1718. In his will, Barber left a study of books to his son William, and bequests of £100 to each of his daughters, Frances and Petronell. His lands were to be sold for the use of his son William, any remainder to pass to Edward Barber of Taunton, the eldest son of Barber's late kinsman, Edward Barber, clothier, of the same place. Barber's widow Petronell was buried at Barnstaple on 11 May 1739. Her absence from her husband's will is probably accounted for by the fact that she inherited all her father's estate in 1718.

Children of Dr William Barber and wife Frances:

Frances, born 24 November 1672, bapt. 11 December 1672, buried 1 May 1680 [Barnstaple].

Children of Dr William Barber and wife Petronell:

Eleanor, bapt. 3 March 1696/7 [Barnstaple]. She married Roger Melhuish, esquire, of Northam, at West Buckland, 3 December 1716.

Frances, bapt. 9 October 1698 [Barnstaple]. She married Henry Bellew (d.1752), of Stockleigh, Devon, and was buried at Stockleigh, 2 September 1770.

Petronell, bapt. 18 October 1699, buried 28 October [Barnstaple].

William, bapt. 26 March 1701 [Barnstaple]. B Med and MD Cambridge, 1733, 1735; buried Barnstaple, 21 November 1767. He married Elizabeth Powell (d.1780), the daughter of George Ward Powell. Their eldest son was also a physician.

Petronell, bapt.17 October 1706 [Chittlehampton]. She married Dr John Spurway [B Med Oxford, 1726] at East Down, Devon, on 14 September 1736.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\B.HL/2/1/1 [parish registers of Bishop's Hull, Somerset, 1562-1656]; Foster, i, p.68; Innes Smith, pp.14, 190; P.Skippon, 'An Account of a Journey Made Thru' Part of the Low Countries, Germany, Italy, and France' [1663-1666] in *A Collection of Voyages and Travels ... in Six Volumes* (London, 1732), vi, p.407; *The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), p.144; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Heavitree; H.F.Reynolds, 'barbor of Fremington, Devon', *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 13 (1925), pp.139-42, 305; T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 A.D. to 1812 A.D.* (Exeter, 1903), baptisms, pp.111, 130, 131, 132, 133; marriages, p.50; burials, pp.88, 99, 102, 116; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 1935A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of West Buckland, Devon]; B472A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Chittlehampton, Devon]; 1262 M/T 428 [will of William Barbor, doctor of physick, of Fary in Chittlehampton, 19 July 1717, pr.11 July 1718].

Michael BARENCE (d.1647)

Person ID: 14845

Occ: barber

Loc: Totnes, Devon

Michael Barence, barber, was buried at Totnes, Devon on 24 July 1647.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

Matthew BARGSTADT (fl.1693)

Person ID: 19040

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Devon?

Matthew Bargstadt, a German surgeon, married Honoria Pyper at Stoke Damerel, near Plymouth, Devon, on 4 September 1693. Otherwise unidentified.

Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Stoke Damerel, Devon.

BARONS (fl.1680)

Person ID: 27678

Occ: midwife

Loc: Exeter, Devon

One Barons, a midwife, of Exeter, Devon, was licensed to practise midwifery in the city of Exeter, 30 April 1680.

I.Mortimer, *Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783, Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.105.

John BARON or BARONS (fl.1623)

Person ID: 815

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Ashburton, Devon

John Barons of Ashburton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter, 16 or 26 September 1623. Testimonials on his behalf were supplied by Master Robert Lawe, clerk, of Exeter.

One John Baron married Johanna Eaton at Ashburton, 16 November 1624. One of the same name also married Thomasine Christopher in the same parish, 19 June 1634. John Barons was buried at Ashburton, 6 January 1662/3.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.356 [I.Mortimer, *Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783, Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.105]; Devon Heritage Centre, 988A/PR/1/1-2 [parish registers of Ashburton, Devon].

John BARRON (fl.1682)

Person ID: 837

Occ: surgeon/physician

Loc: Bideford, Devon & Southwark, Surrey

On 2 February 1681/2, informations were presented before the magistrates at Bideford, Devon, concerning the actions of one John Barron, 'a pretended Doctor & Chirurgion'. He may be the same as the John Barron, physician, whose daughter Sarah (with wife Mary) was buried at Christ Church, Southwark, Surrey, on 16 April 1686.

North Devon RO, 1064 Q/SO1, f.156r [Bideford QS book, 1659-1709]; London Metropolitan Archives, P92/CTC/001 [parish registers of Christ Church, Southwark, Surrey, 1671-1697].

Thomas BARTLETT (fl.1715)

Person ID: 14865

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Bartlett, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **John Baker** on 10 January 1714/15.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.226.

Wilmot BARTLETT (fl.1688)

Person ID: 27679

Occ: midwife

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Wilmot Bartlett is mentioned as a midwife in the city's quarter sessions records in 1688.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA C1/66, f.194r.

Thomas BARTOW (1636-1690)

Person ID: 888

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Awliscombe and Crediton, Devon

Thomas Bartow was the son of Peter Bartow, and was baptised at Awliscombe on 5 September 1636. Bartow's family were of Huguenot origins, having arrived from Brittany some time after 1572. Thomas Bartow, gent, of Awliscombe, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 11 September 1668. Testimonials on his behalf were signed by fellow practitioners **John Hopf**, **Henry Jacques** and **Ellis Veryard (1601-1681)**, who claimed that Bartow had studied the 'art of chirurgery' for more than ten years. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Crediton where he set up in practice (he was there in 1671, when he signed a leasehold agreement on a property in Camelford, Cornwall). In the same year (15 September), Bartow married Mrs Grace Snell at Lapford, Devon. She was buried at Crediton on 25 January 1675/6. Bartow re-married, but his second wife's identity is unknown. He was buried at Stoke Canon, Devon, on 28 December 1690.

Children of Mr/Dr Thomas Bartow and wife Grace:

John. He was educated at Christ's College, Cambridge, and was later vicar of Pampisford, Cambridgeshire, before migrating to America, where he became minister at Westchester, New York. He died in 1726.

Anthony, bapt. 3 March 1673/4; buried 20 May 1676 [Crediton].

Mary, bapt. 8 December 1675 [Crediton].

Children of Mr Thomas Bartow (wife unknown):

Thomas, bapt. 24 April 1677; buried 12 November 1678 [Crediton].

E.P.Bartow, *Bartow Genealogy* (Baltimore, 1875); Devon Heritage Centre, 3020A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Awliscombe]; Chanter MS 44, p.435; PR 518, *sub* Awliscombe; Z1/10/407, 408; A.R.Densham (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Lapford, Devon. A.D.1567-1850* (Exeter, DCRS, 1954), p.???. Devon Heritage Centre, 2935A/PR/1/6 [parish registers of Crediton, Devon]; 2809A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Stoke Canon, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations Relating to Devon and Cornwall, Proved in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Exeter, 1532-1800* (London, BRS, vol.46, 1914), p.25.

Thomas BASKERVILLE Snr (d.1596)

Person ID: 16508

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Two of Baskerville's apprentices were made freemen of Exeter: **Henry Ellyott** (1587) and **Anthony Salter** (1595). Another servant, Thomas Browne, was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, 17 June 1577. Baskerville himself was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 17 September 1596. His widow Mary was buried in the same parish on 3 September 1609. Baskerville left a modest fortune of about £324. His debtors

included the physician **Richard Dewe**, to whom he owed £60, and various London grocers who supplied him with wares. He was the father of five children, including the royal physician **Sir Simon Baskerville** and a daughter Elizabeth, who married the puritan patriarch of Exeter, Ignatius Jourdain (1561-1640). Another son **Thomas** was an apothecary in Exeter.

Children:

Sir Simon Baskerville, born about 1573.

Elizabeth. She married (as his second wife) Ignatius Jourdain, 5 August 1593, and was buried 18 October 1649 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

Joan, buried 5 November 1573 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Richard.

Thomas Baskerville. Apothecary.

M.Rowe and G.E.Trease, 'Thomas Baskerville, Elizabethan apothecary of Exeter', *Transactions of the British Society for the History of Pharmacy*, 1 (1970), pp.3-28; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.101, 105; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), pp.231, 232; Devon Heritage Centre, Orphans' Court inventories, abstract in Moger wills, vol.1, no.209 [2 November 1596]; 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; 332A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Arches, Exeter, Devon].

Thomas BASKERVILLE Jnr (d.1624)

Person ID: 17385

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Baskerville Jnr was the son of the Exeter apothecary, **Thomas Baskerville Snr**, and brother of the royal physician **Sir Simon Baskerville**, and was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Thomas Flea** on 10 April 1609. His first wife Elizabeth was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 1 March 1609/10. He was buried in the same parish on 8 March 1623/4. In his will, made on 21 June 1621, he left the bulk of his estate to his second wife and executrix, Alice, and nominated fellow apothecary **Henry Elliott** as overseer.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.114; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; Moger will transcripts, 22 vols (1922-1941), vol.1, no.210 [21 June 1621, pr.10 April 1624].

Nicholas BASTON (fl.1682/3)

Person ID: 27680

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In May 1683, Nicholas Baston, barber, was accused at the city's quarter sessions of suffering a 'scandalous letter' to be read in his house, it being 'a Coffee house'. He claimed to have received the offending missive from **Charles Cunningham**, an Exeter apothecary.

Nicholas Baston married Susanna Rugg at All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, on 13 February 1682/3.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/66, f.21v; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, p.13.

William BASTON or BASTONE (d.1715)

Person ID: 14870

Occ: barber

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

William Baston was the son of William Baston, and married Garthered or Gertrude Warren, both of Ottery St Mary, at nearby Feniton on 2 December 1678. The couple had at least three children. Baston was buried at Ottery St Mary, 19 August 1715.

Children of William and Garthered Baston:

Anne, buried 21 October 1686 [Ottery St Mary].

William, bapt. 17 October 1686 [Ottery St Mary].

John, bapt. 8 April 1688 [Ottery St Mary].

Devon Heritage Centre, 1090A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Feniton, Devon]; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1908-29), i, pp.386, 390; ii, pp.926, 971.

Abraham BATTEN or BATTIN (1628-1666)

Person ID: 971

Occ: physician

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

Abraham Batten or Battin was described as practising medicine in the deanery of Tiverton, in the diocese of Exeter, in 1665. A diocesan survey of that year reported that Batten 'saith himself [that he] hath heretofore exhibited a Licence for his practice'. However, no evidence of a licence has been found.

Abraham Batten or Battin was the son of the clergyman Henry Batten (d.1673), and was baptised at Marldon, Devon, on 21 September 1628. Educated locally, he was admitted as a sizar to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, on 8 February 1645/6, but migrated to Oxford, where he proceeded BA from New Inn Hall in 1648 and MA in 1651. He was made a fellow of Exeter College in 1648. It is not known when he returned to Devon to practise medicine. Abraham Battin, physician, was buried at Tiverton, Devon, 14 July 1666.

Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.306v, 402r; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 362-264/33/16; 3239A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Marldon, Devon]; Venn, i, p.109; Foster, i, p.87; Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations relating to the Counties of Devon and Cornwall, Proved in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon Only, Proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.247.

Nicholas BATTERSBY (c.1627-1689)

Person ID: 969

Occ: medical student/clergyman

Loc: Dartmouth, Devon

Nicholas Battersby entered Leiden University as a medical student on 15 April 1649, giving his age as 22. On returning to England, he proceeded MA from Exeter College, Oxford, in 1653, and subsequently entered the ministry in Devon, becoming vicar of Townstall, near Dartmouth, in 1663, and of Chudleigh, in 1688. There is no evidence that he ever practised medicine.

He was probably the son of Nicholas Battersby of Harrowbear in Calstock, Cornwall, who left his young son Nicholas an annuity of £30 to pay for his future education at Cambridge. He married at least three times. Nothing is known of his first wife, Esther, who was buried at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, 6 July 1682. He was licensed, as a widower, to marry Mary Pine of Alphington in 1684. Two years later, he married Mrs Hester Venton. Battersby was buried at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 22 June 1689. His widow Hester was buried in the same parish eleven days later. In his will, he left substantial sums to his two sons Philip (£500) and James (£300), and to his two daughters Rebecca and Hester (£300 each). As trustees, he nominated fellow clergyman Benjamin Spurway (d.1705), rector of North Huish, Doctor **John Atkins**, and the Dartmouth merchant John Whitrow (d.1699).

Children of Nicholas Battersby and wife Esther:

John, buried 18 May 1663 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Rebecca, bapt. 17 May 1663 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth]. She married Mr Richard Washer, 6 September 1693 [Thurlestone].

Elizabeth, bapt.16 April 1665 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Nicholas, bapt.1 August 1669; buried 24 April 1670 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Esther, bapt.8 November 1671; buried 20 December 1671 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Joseph, twin, bapt.31 August 1672; buried 1 April 1673 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Benjamin, twin, bapt.31 August 1672; buried 8 September 1672 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Philip, bapt.21 October 1673 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

James, bapt.20 December 1674 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Nicholas, bapt.15 February 1679/80; buried 20 April 1680 [St Clement's, Townstall].
Hester [will].

Innes Smith, p.17; Foster, i, p.88; Kresen Kernow, AP/B/1243 [will of Nicholas Battersby, esquire, of Calstock, 6 December 1643, pr.18 January 1647/8]; G.J.Armytage, *Allegations for Marriage Licences, Issued by the Vicar-General of the*

Archbishop of Canterbury, July 1679–June 1687 (London, HS, vol.31, 1890), pp.168, 230; Devon Heritage Centre, 2992A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/396, ff.225v-226r [12 April 1689, pr.16 September 1689]; Devon Heritage Centre, 3037A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Thurlestone, Devon].

Aaron BAUNTON (fl.1665-1668)

Person ID: 978

Occ: physician

Loc: Okehampton, Devon

Aaron Baunton, gent, was licensed to practise medicine in the county of Devon, 27 January 1664/5. Described in a diocesan survey of 1665 as both licensed and well affected to 'his Majesties Government and the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of England'. He subsequently signed a number of testimonials on behalf of other medical men seeking ecclesiastical licences, including **Thomas Carne** and **George Staple**.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.302; Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.306v, 403v; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Devon [no parish] and Chardstock; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, D5/5/2 [loose bundle, under Staple, George].

Edward BAWDON (fl.1575-1584)

Person ID: 14877

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Edward Bawdon, barber, was made a freeman of the city on paying an entry fee of £1 on 30 May 1575. His apprentice **Hubert Griffyn** was made free in 1584.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.92, 98.

James BAYLES (fl.1706)

Person ID: 1005

Occ: physician

Loc: Bideford, Devon

James Bayles, physician, of Bideford, Devon, was made an extra licentiate of the London College of Physicians on 24 June 1706.

Munk, ii, p.14.

John BAYLY (fl.1673)

Person ID: 14879

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Bayly, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the son of Richard Bayly (by succession), on 17 November 1673.

One of this name was buried at St Petrock's, Exeter, 24 January 1692/3.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.163; Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon].

Rhys BAYLY (fl.1639)

Person ID: 14880

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Rhys Bayly, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Henry Gale**, deceased, 24 June 1639.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.134.

George BEARE (1628-1685)

Person ID: 1068

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: London and Barnstaple, Devon

George Beare may have practised briefly in London before establishing a medical practice centred on Barnstaple in north Devon. Beare graduated MD at Padua on 31 October 1652 (inscribed there, 30 December 1650), spent a brief period at Utrecht in 1655, and was incorporated MD at Oxford on 18 January 1655/6. He was subsequently admitted as a candidate for membership of the London College of Physicians on 11 September 1656. He was probably practising in north Devon by 1658, when his first son was baptised at Branton, near Barnstaple. He was certainly there in 1665, when his name was included on a list of medical practitioners active in the diocese.

George Beare was the youngest son of George Beare (d.1662), counsellor at law, and his first wife Grace Boteler (d.1628), the daughter of Balthazar Boteler of Parkham, Devon. He was baptised at Parkham on 6 June 1628, and matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, in 1647. Beare was related through his father to the Chichester family of Branton and was a kinsman of Dr **Peter Muden**. According to Anthony Wood, he was prevented from taking his degree in 1649, almost certainly because of his strong royalist affiliations. A year earlier, his father George was described as a 'notorious' delinquent in a list of papists and delinquents drawn up by the parliamentary authorities in north Devon. After returning from Padua, he settled briefly in London, where he was admitted to the Middle Temple (22 November 1655). A year later, Beare married Grizeld Spottswood (d.1700) at St Peter Paul's Wharf on 27 November 1656. The couple had four children (see below).

In his will of 1662, which contains a fiercely loyal preamble to the restored Church of England, Beare's father George left his youngest son £40 as well as a share in the rectory of Buckland Brewer and the chapels of Buckworthy and East Butford, all in Devon. In 1680, Beare was consulted in the case of the bewitchment of Dorcas Coleman of Bideford and is alleged to have confirmed that she was truly bewitched

and beyond his cure. He was buried at Fremington, near Barnstaple, where he and his family had been living since the early years of the Restoration, on 16 August 1685. In his will, made the same year, Beare left the bulk of his estate, including property at Buckland Brewer and Fremington, to 'my dear beloved wife' Grizeld, 'whose care and love to me can never be enough required'. His only surviving child, Henry, was excluded from the will, he having 'a good estate left him by his uncle'.

Children of Dr George Beare and Grizeld:

Henry, born 5 August 1658; bapt.19 August 1658 [Braunton]. Henry was still alive in 1700, when his mother left him a paltry 5s in her will, no doubt as a result of a prolonged legal dispute between the two over her husband's late estate, which Henry had mortgaged.

Richard, bapt.20 May 1667; buried 13 March 1670/1 [Fremington].

Jane, bapt.26 January 1668/9; buried 19 February 1670/1 [Fremington].

George, buried 13 March 1670/1 [Fremington].

Foster, i, p.96 [which confuses the physician with a clergyman of the same name]; Munk, i, p.274; Royal College of Physicians, London, Innes Smith MSS; Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.307r, 408r; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 362-364/33/2; Lt Col.J.L.Vivian (ed.), *The Marriage Licences of the Diocese of Exeter from the Bishops Registers [1546-1632]* (Exeter, 1889), p.44; J.Ingle Dredge (ed.), *The Registers of Parkham* (Exeter, DCRS, 1906), pp.50, 135; TNA, PROB 11/170, ff.127v-128v [will of Bartholomew Chichester, gentleman, of Braunton, Devon, 10 October 1632, pr.17 February 1635/6]; M.A.E.Green (ed.), *Calendar of the Proceedings of the Committee for Compounding ... 1643-1660*, 5 vols (London, 1889-1892), i, pp.97-98; H.A.C.Sturgess (ed.), *Register of Admissions to the Middle Temple*, 3 vols (London, 1949), p.156; W.A.Littledale (ed), *The Registers of St Bene't and St Peter, Paul's Wharf, London. Vol III. Marriages ... St Peter, 1607 to 1834* (London, HS, vol.40, 1911), p.299.

TNA, PROB 11/309, ff.342v-343r [will of George Beare, sergeant at law, 6 September 1662, pr.3 December 1662]; Anon., *A True and Impartial Relation of the Informations against Three Witches* (London, 1682), pp.2, 5; North Devon RO, 520A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Fremington, Devon]; 1677A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Braunton, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/455, ff.204r-205r [will of Griseld Beare, widow, of St James', Westminster, Middlesex, 5 February 1699/1700, pr.24 May 1700]; Devon Heritage centre, 8/36: Osmund Murray will abstracts, vol.2 [will of George Beare, doctor of physicke, of Barnstaple, Devon, 19 March 1684/5, pr.5 September 1685].

Moses BEDDLE or BEEDLE (fl.1619)

Person ID: 1106

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In June 1619, Moses Beddle or Beadle, barber surgeon, of St Sidwell's, Exeter, was accused of beating his wife, Mary, and mother-in-law, Mary Weeks, widow, allegedly calling the latter an 'old witch & Cozening hard bitche' who lived by 'Cozening of the Country'. He was also accused of frequent drunkenness.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/61 [Exeter QS Order Book, 1618-21], pp.104, 202-3.

Thomas BENDINGE (d.1607)

Person ID: 14894

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Bendinge, barber, was made a freeman of the city at Michaelmas 1599. He was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, 24 November 1607.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.109; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

John BENNETT (d.1712)

Person ID: 1214

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Aylesbeare, Devon

John Bennett was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 29 September 1696. A testimonial signed by Drs **John Osmond and Nicholas Hele** of Exeter described John Bennett, gentleman, as one with long skill in the art of physic and surgery and a 'person of sober Life and Conversation and truly Conformable to the present Government and to the doctrine and discipline of the church of England'. Bennett was buried at Aylesbeare on 17 October 1712. In his will, made in 1706, he left an estate in Stockland, Dorset, to his daughter Anne Downe, and the rest of his property and goods to his son, John, whom he also named as executor. He named his brother-in-law Mr John Edwards, and 'well beloved friends' Mr Thomas Stokes and Mr John Stokes of Aylesbeare, as joint assistants.

Children of John Bennett and wife Rebecca (d.1698):

Anne, married as Anne Downe in 1706 [will].

John, bapt.15 August 1687 [Aylesbeare].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.124 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.106]; PR 518, sub Aylesbeare; TNA, PROB 11/535, fos 11r-v [will of John Bennett, gent, of Aylesbeare, 15 May 1706. pr.13 August 1713]; Devon Heritage Centre, 3155A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Aylesbeare, Devon].

Thomas BENNETT (d.1670)

Person ID: 19302

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Bennett, barber, was buried at St Sidwell's, Exeter on 6 March 1669/70. His son Francis was buried in the same parish, 12 February 1670/1. One Thomas Bennett of St Sidwell's, Exeter, paid 12d in the poll tax of 1660.

Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of St Sidwell's, Exeter, burials, 1569-1772, *sub date*; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.27.

Daniel BENOIST or BENOIT (d.1723)

Person ID: 1237/19304

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Hatherleigh & Chudleigh, Devon

1699, Daniel Benoit, of Hatherleigh, Devon, applied for an episcopal licence to practise surgery, supported by the testimonials of four local clerics and **James Bryat**, medical practitioner, of Hatherleigh. He was licensed to practise physic and surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 23 June 1699. In 1714, Benoit took as apprentice Henry Melhuish, the son of Francis Melhuish, yeoman, of Bradninch, Devon, at a premium of £35.

Daniel Benoit of Chudleigh, surgeon, married Anne Fathers of the same parish at Teigngrace, Devon, on 22 July 1706. The couple had four children. Benoit was buried at Chudleigh on 24 May 1723.

Children of Daniel and Anne Benoit:

Jane, bapt.19 April 1708 [Chudleigh]. She married Thomas Wigginton Jnr of Exeter at St Pancras, Exeter, 29 May 1729.

Anne, bapt.1 May 1709 [Chudleigh].

John, bapt.14 August 1711 [Chudleigh].

Elizabeth, bapt.4 August 1712 [Chudleigh].

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Hatherleigh; Chanter MS 47, p.238 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.106]; TNA, IR 44, f.75; Devon Heritage Centre, 3337A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Teigngrace], Devon; 3009A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Chudleigh, Devon]; 2949A [parish registers of St Pancras, Exeter], Devon.

John BENT (fl.1683)

Person ID: 1251

Occ: physician?

Loc: Devon?

In 1683, John Bent provided a testimonial confirming the competence of **William Randall** of Great Torrington as an applicant for an episcopal licence. He is probably the same as the Mr John Bent who was buried at nearby Jacobstowe on 17 December 1685.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/199/1-4; Sancroft, f.246v [*Directory*, i, no.683]; Devon Heritage Centre, 4084A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Jacobstowe, Devon].

Francis BERRILL (d.1680 or 1681)

Person ID: 1283

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Francis Berrill, surgeon, was buried at All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, on 11 January 1680/1.

H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, p.80.

Judith BERRY (d.1694)

Person ID: 19322

Occ: midwife

Loc: Crediton, Devon

Judith Berry, midwife, was buried at Crediton, 4 February 1693/4.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2935A/PR/1/6 [parish registers of Crediton, Devon].

Mary BERRY (d.1714)

Person ID: 19325

Occ: midwife

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

Mary Berry, midwife, was buried at Tiverton, 2 April 1714.

Devon Heritage Centre 2960A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon].

William BERRY (fl.1684)

Person ID: 1293

Occ: unlicensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In January 1683/4, William Berry of Exeter was admonished to desist from practising surgery or medicine in the diocese of Exeter, where he stood excommunicate.

Devon Heritage Centre, C 757, *sub* 18 January 1683/4.

John BEURANCE (d.1660)

Person ID: 27670

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Abbotskerswell, Devon

John Beurance, apothecary, was buried at Abbotskerswell on 20 September 1660.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2954A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Abbotskerswell, Devon].

John BICKNOLL (fl.1710)

Person ID: 14914

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Bicknoll, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **John Pince** on 11 December 1710.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.223.

Humphrey BIDGOOD (d.1640 or 1641)

Person ID: 27715

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Humphrey Bidgood was apprenticed to **Bernard Pearce** and was made a freeman of Exeter on 19 November 1610. He settled in the parish of St Stephen's, Exeter, where, in 1629, Bidgood was assessed as sufficiently wealthy to pay the royal subsidy of that year (one of only 18 in the parish). There, he took among his apprentices **Nicholas Somers** (made free 1619-20) and Peter Moore. The latter, dissatisfied with his place, wished to end the apprenticeship, especially as he grew ever angrier toward his master's wife for various acts of ill treatment. Some time in late 1640, and, as he later claimed, under the instigation of the devil, Moore poisoned Bidgood's food with white mercury thus causing a slow and agonising death. In a pamphlet published in 1641, Moore laid the blame for his evil deed, which he at first repudiated, at the door of a local Catholic, Mr White, who seduced him into all manner of vices, including diabolical magic, as well as abusing God's ministers. The precise date of Bidgood's death and burial are unknown. He was probably buried in the parish of St Stephen's, Exeter, whose parish registers are no longer extant. Bidgood was the father of the Oxford-educated physician **John Bidgood**.

Bidgood was remembered in the will of the Dutch-born physician, **Peter Mudén**, who left him his collection of 'pharmaceutical' books and manuscripts. He also named Bidgood as one of his executors. Mudén's granddaughter, Elizabeth Babidge or Babbage, was living with Bidgood in 1634.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.116, 121; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, vol.2, 1957), p.8; Anon., *The Apprentices Warning-Piece. Being a Confession of Peter Moore* (London, 1641); Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/63, f.337r; TNA, PROB 11/175, ff.91r-92r [will of Peter Mudén, doctor in physic, of Butterleigh, 18 December 1633, pr.5 October 1637].

John BIDGOOD (1624-1691)

Person ID: 1343

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

After taking his bachelor's degree in medicine at Oxford in January 1647/8, and being admitted to practise medicine by the university in the following month, John Bidgood enrolled at Padua in May 1650, where he was made an MD (date unknown; incorporated at Oxford, 20 September 1660). Some time in the 1650s, he returned to Exeter where he set up in medical practice. He was there in July 1657, when he wrote to fellow physician **Samuel Bave** of Bath, requesting advice in the treatment of a patient suffering from kidney disease. Bidgood was subsequently made an honorary fellow of the College of Physicians in London in December 1664 and became a full fellow in 1686 (he gave £100 toward the erection of a new College in Warwick Lane after the Fire). Bidgood was well connected medically. He was the godson of the venerable Exeter physician **Robert Vilvain** and was on friendly terms with the Plymouth surgeon **James Yonge**, who described him in 1678 as 'our Western Apollo'. In September 1665, along with fellow Exeter loyalist Dr **Anthony Salter**, he supplied a testimonial for the Exeter surgeon **Peter Classen**.

Bidgood, the son of **Humphrey Bidgood**, an Exeter apothecary, was born in the city on the 13 March 1623/4. He was elected Petreian Fellow of Exeter College on 1 July 1642, proceeding MA on 24 March 1644/5. Bidgood was ejected as fellow by the parliamentary commissioners in 1648 but was reinstated at the Restoration. According to the biographer and clergyman John Prince (1643-1723), Bidgood was a staunch royalist, who was ejected at Oxford for refusing to submit and drinking healths to the confusion of the reformers. According to Anthony Wood, Bidgood made application to Dr Fell to have this passage removed from his forthcoming history of the university on the grounds that it might impede his practice among the 'godly party' at Exeter. As for his religion, according to Prince, 'in his younger Years, he was observed no less loose in the speculative, than the Practical part thereof, being supposed to Verge much upon Atheism'. There is some evidence to support such claims. In 1657, for example, he was prosecuted by the godly magistrates of Exeter for swearing 25 oaths in public. However, in later life, Prince claims that he became a regular churchgoer, sometimes at the Cathedral, and became a constant attender of his parish church at Rockbeare, to which parish he had retired some time before his death. Bidgood was also politically active after the Restoration, serving as a local magistrate. In the summer of 1685, following the duke of Monmouth's invasion, he played a prominent role in marshalling the loyalist troops in Exeter and supplied the Devon militia with £1,000 'by which means they were soone ready' to face the rebels.

Bidgood never married. In 1660, he was a resident of the parish of St Martin's in Exeter, but by 1671 was living in the cathedral Close. He died on 13 January 1690/1 and was buried in the Lady Chapel at Exeter Cathedral, where a monument of blue marble was erected to his memory by the chief beneficiary of his will, Humphrey Bidgood. This, and a related inscription, depicts Dr Bidgood as an honourable successor to Hippocrates and Galen, an ornament of his profession, 'who by Education, Study, and Travel, rendred himself one of the most accomplished, and beneficial Physicians of his Age'. Bidgood proved charitable in death, leaving £100

for the poor of Exeter, £600 for St John's Hospital in the city, and a further £60 to the dean and chapter of the Cathedral to provide extra lighting in the choir. Other beneficiaries included a bequest of £100 to George Snell (c.1644-1701), one of the canons of the cathedral, as well as various gifts to Anne Somers, widow. She was the mother of Nicholas and **John Somers**, who, according to Anthony Wood, was Bidgood's 'natural son' whom he 'cashier'd and disinherited'. Bidgood thus left the bulk of his estate, rumoured by Wood to consist of between £25,000 and £30,000, to a Tiverton merchant and kinsman Humphrey Bidgood (d.1691).

ODNB, sub Bidgood, John, revised article by M.Bevan; Foster, i, p.122; Venn, i, p.149; Bodl., Aubrey MS 12, f.25 [John Bidgood to Samuel Bave, 13 July 1657]; Munk, i, pp.348-50; A.Wood, *Athenae Oxonienses*, ed.P.Bliss (London, 1820), *Fasti*, iv, pt.ii, col.227; *The Life and Times of Anthony Wood, Antiquary, of Oxford, 1632-1695 Described by Himself*, ed.A.Clark, 5 vols (Oxford, OHS, 1891-1900), ii, p.186; Royal College of Physicians, London, Innes Smith MSS; TNA, PROB 11/310, ff.328r-329r [will of Robert Vilvain, 29 January 1658/9, pr.9 March 1662/3]; *The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), pp.150, 152, 204 [who mistakenly refers to visiting Bidgood in 1692, by which date Bidgood was dead]; Robert Hooke, *Lectures and Collections made by Robert Hooke of the Royal Society. Cometa ... Microscopium* (London, 1678), pp.105-112; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, sub Exeter [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.106].

J.Prince, *Danmonii Orientales Illustres: Or, The Worthies of Devon* (Exeter & London, 1701), pp.130-132; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/64, ff.62v, 363r; British Library, Add MS 6845, f.285v; R.Polwhele, *The History of Devonshire*, 3 vols (London, 1793-1806), ii, pp.21, 41; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), pp.15, 71; TNA, PROB 11/403, ff.345v-347r [will of Dr John Bidgood, 15 November 1690 and 10 January 1690/1, pr. 27 March 1691]; Plymouth Archives, 69/M/2/312 [property deed, Chudleigh, 26 April 1688]; *m.i.*, Exeter cathedral [east ambulatory].

Thomas BINNYON (fl.1623)

Person ID: 1381

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In 1623, Thomas Binnyon, barber surgeon, of Exeter gave evidence before the city's quarter sessions in a case of wounding.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/62, f.163r.

John BLACKALLER or BLACKLER (d.1677)

Person ID: 14921

Occ: barber

Loc: Totnes, Devon

John Blackaller, barber, was buried at Totnes on 3 April 1677.

Children of John Blackaller:

Richard, bapt.2 July 1655; buried 17 September 1667 [Totnes].
Agnes, bapt.26 November 1657 [Totnes].
Sarah, bapt.31 March 1660; buried 24 October 1661 [Totnes].
John, bapt.27 July 1662; buried 10 April 1667 [Totnes]. Barber.
William, bapt.23 August 1665 [Totnes].
Richard, bapt.10 February 1667/8; buried 28 November 1670 [Totnes].
Roger, bapt.18 July 1671 [Totnes].

Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

John BLACKALLER or BLACKLER (1667-1697) Person ID: 27725

Occ: barber Loc: Totnes, Devon

John Blackaller, barber, was buried at Totnes, 7 December 1697.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A, PR/1/3 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

Peter BLACKALLER (1623-1674) Person ID: 1433

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon Loc: Colyton, Devon

Peter Blackaller was the son of **Thomas Blackaller**. In a testimonial dated about 1661, and signed by two local physicians **John Hopf** and **Thomas Marwood**, Blackaller was said to have worked closely with his father, a licensed surgeon and physician, for over 20 years. Peter Blackaller, gent, was granted a licence to practise surgery and medicine in the diocese of Exeter on 3 October 1661.

Blackaller was baptised at Colyton, 27 August 1623. He married Mary Norris of Broadwindsor, Dorset, at Thorncombe, Devon (now Dorset), on 14 July 1663. The couple had just a single child, Thomas, who died in infancy. Peter Blackaller, of Stoford, gent, was buried at Colyton, on 26 April 1674.

Children of Peter Blackaller, gent, and wife Mary:

Thomas, born 28 December 1665; bapt.17 January 1665/6; buried 22 January 1671/2 [Colyton].

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Colyton; Chanter MS 44, p.142 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.106]; A.J.P.Skinner (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Colyton, Devon, 1538-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1928), i, p.115; ii, 680; J.H.Mann (ed.), *Exeter Marriage Licences 1631-1668* (DCRS, 1939), p.178; Dorset History Centre, PE/THO: RE1/1 [parish registers of Thorncombe, Devon, now in Dorset].

Thomas BLACKALLER (1604-1658)

Person ID: 1434

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Colyton, Devon

Thomas Blackaller, gentleman, of Colyton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery and medicine in the diocese of Exeter, 27 April 1636. A year later, he was licensed to practise surgery and medicine in the dioceses of Exeter, Bath and Wells, and Bristol, on 21 June 1637.

Blackaller was the eldest surviving son of Peter Blackaller (d.1613) and was baptised at Colyton on 9 December 1604. With his wife Temperance, he had 10 children. Thomas Blackaller, gent, who served as churchwarden of Colyton in 1649-50, was buried in the parish church on 1 January 1658/9. His widow Temperance was buried there, 20 August 1669. In his will, Thomas asked to be buried next to his late father in the parish church of Colyton. His eldest son Peter received lands at Colyton and Southleigh, on condition that he made bequests of more than £500 to his seven siblings (John, William, Thomas, Henry, James, Alice and Jane). It also mentions two brother-in-laws, Henry and James Marwood, which suggests that Blackaller's wife was Temperance Marwood. She was the daughter of Henry Marwood and was baptised at Colyton on 13 March 1605/6. No record of the marriage has survived.

Children of Thomas Blackaller, gent, and wife Temperance:

Peter, bapt.27 August 1623 [Colyton].

William, bapt.4 November 1625 [Colyton].

Alice, bapt.13 May 1627 [Colyton].

John, bapt.18 April 1630 [Colyton].

Jane, bapt.5 August 1633 [Colyton].

Thomas, bapt.17 August 1636 [Colyton]. He married Anne Veriard, the daughter of **Ellis Veryard Snr**, at Plymtree, 20 October 1663.

George, buried 6 April 1640 [Colyton].

Bridget, bapt.20 December 1640; buried 21 December 1640 [Colyton].

George, bapt.29 December 1641; buried 30 May 1643 [Colyton].

Temperance, buried 9 August 1644 [Colyton].

Henry, bapt.6 January 1645/6 [Seaton and Beer].

James, bapt.3 August 1649 [Colyton].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.430; 281M/Z14; Lambeth Palace Library, Laud 1, f.276v [*Directory*, i, no.87]; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Colyton; A.J.P.Skinner (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Colyton, Devon, 1538-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1928), i, pp.78, 115, 119, 123, 128, 135, 142, 151, 153, 162; ii, pp.640, 643, 646, 658, 665; Devon Heritage Centre, 3292A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Deaton & Bere, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/289, ff.350r-v [will of Thomas Blackaller of Stoford, gent, 3 November 1658, pr.22 April 1659]; Edgar Hay (ed.), *The Register of Marriages, Baptisms and Burials in the Parish of Plymtree, co. Devon, A.D.1538-1837* (Exeter, DCRS, 1940), pp.19, 65.

John BLACKMORE (fl.1673)

Person ID: 17386

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Blackmore, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter as the apprentice of **Robert Dabynett** on 3 November 1673.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.162.

William BLAY or BLEY (fl.1652)

Person ID: 1481

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

On 9 April 1652, Elizabeth, the daughter of George Squire, was apprenticed to William Blay, surgeon, and his wife Johana, of Plymouth, Devon.

Plymouth Archives, 1/90, f.48v.

Richard BLENCH or BLINCH (d.1740 or 1741)

Person ID: 16712

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bideford, Devon

Richard Blench, apothecary, of Bideford, Devon, married Elizabeth Clift at Buckland Brewer, Devon, 27 October 1690. The couple had at least 6 children. Blench was almost certainly a nonconformist. Two of his children were baptised at the Independent Chapel in Bideford. In 1725, he, with other Bideford dissenters, was engaged in a dispute over tithes. Blench's wife Elizabeth was buried in the parish church of Bideford on 4 November 1730. Mr Richard Blinch the elder was buried in the same place, 16 January 1740/1.

Children of Mr Richard Blench and wife Elizabeth:

Susanna, bapt.4 November 1692 [Bideford].

unnamed child, buried 10 May 1695 [Bideford].

Richard, bapt.22 July 1698 [Bideford]; an apothecary, he was licensed to practise surgery and medicine in the town in 1722. He died, as mayor of Bideford, and was buried at Parkham, 26 September 1767.

Philip, born 22 December 1700; bapt.9 January 1700/1 [Bideford Independent Church].

John, bapt. January 1704/5 [Bideford Independent Church]; buried 28 February 1704/5 [Bideford].

Isaac, buried 3 October 1707 [Bideford].

North Devon RO, 267A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Buckland Brewer], Devon]; Devon Heritage Centre, 3552Z-0/1 [answer of Dr John Herbert in Chancery case *re* tithe dispute in Bideford, 1725]; North Devon RO, Bideford Independent Church Birth Register, 1690-1785; 799A/PR/1/4 & 5 [parish registers of Bideford, Devon]; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/488/1-2; Wake, f.350; North Devon RO, 1892A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Parkham, Devon].

Jeremiah BLINMAN (1642-1702)

Person ID: 19459/27722

Occ: apothecary

Loc: South Molton, Devon

Jeremiah Blinman was the eldest son of the nonconformist minister **Richard Blinman** (d.1681), and brother of **Nathaniel Blinman**. He was born in New England on 20 July 1642 and was living in New London in 1663. He subsequently returned to England, where he married Elizabeth Bartlett, the daughter of William Bartlett, at Westleigh, Devon, on 27 April 1670. Both were living in Bideford at the time of their marriage. He subsequently settled in practice as an apothecary at South Molton, Devon, where numerous children were born (though none baptized). Blinman undoubtedly shared in the family's nonconformity, receiving a dispensation under the Declaration of Indulgence issued by James II in March 1687. He was named as executor and residual legatee of his father's will. Blinman was buried at South Molton on 2 September 1702. His own will, no longer extant, was proved in the court of the archdeacon of Barnstaple in 1702.

Children of Mr Jeremy Blinman:

Jeremiah, buried 27 October 1677 [South Molton].

John, born 1 July 1678 [South Molton]

Jeremy, born 12 August 1679; buried 16 November 1703 [South Molton].

William, born 27 January 1681/2 [South Molton]. He married Elizabeth Stevens of Exeter at Heavitree, Devon, 8 May 1709.

Richard, born 27 May 1683 [South Molton]

Mary, buried 4 December 1685 [South Molton].

Calamy Revised, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), p.61; Devon Heritage Centre, 1000A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Westleigh, Devon]; 3331A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of South Molton, Devon]; *CSPD, 1686-1687*, p.398; Bristol Archives, will of Richard Blinman of Bristol [13 April 1681, pr.26 July 1681]; J.J.Beckerlegge (ed.), *Index of Wills in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, 1563-1858*; Devon Heritage Centre, 3004A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Heavitree, Devon].

Nicholas BODLEY (d.1696)

Person ID: 19492

Occ: barber

Loc: Crediton, Devon

Nicholoas Bodley, barber, was buried at Crediton, Devon, on 6 May 1696. He may have been related to Thomas Bodley, minister, the son of a local mercer Nicholas Bodley (d.1700), who was buried at Crediton in 1704.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2935A/PR/1/6 [parish registers of Crediton, Devon].

Joseph BOND (c.1648-1697)

Person ID: 1578

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Chard, Somerset, & Honiton, Devon

Joseph Bond was the son of James Bond of Newbury, Berkshire, and matriculated at Magdalen College, Oxford, in 1665, aged 16, proceeding BA (from St Mary Hall) in 1669 and MA in 1672. Bond enrolled on the medical line at Leiden on 20 September 1674 and was created MD at Harderwyck on 29 December 1674 on publishing a thesis on intestinal worms. Bond settled into practice at first in Chard, Somerset, but would appear to have moved to Devon in the early 1680s. On 17 January 1681/2, Bond, described as doctor of physic of Honiton, married Mary Drake of Colyton at Farway, Devon. A few months later, on 17 August 1682, he was made an extra-licentiate of the College of Physicians in London (Munk errs in stating that he was MD of Groningen).

Bond was almost certainly a nonconformist or nonconformist sympathiser. His father was related to numerous prominent Berkshire dissenters and was on friendly terms with others, including the ejected clergyman-cum-physician **Isaac Chauncey**. In March 1688, Bond was put into the corporation of Newbury as a common councilman following James II's attempt to accommodate the dissenters. In 1694, his son Dr Joseph Bond signed letters testimonial on behalf of the Devon nonconformist and physician **Matthew Toogood**. He also penned testimonials on behalf of **Daniel Monke** of Nuneaton, Warwickshire, in 1675, and **John Skinner** of Brompton Ralph, Somerset, in 1686.

Dr Joseph Bond was buried at Musbury, near Colyton, Devon, on 6 February 1696/7.

Children of Dr Joseph Bond:

Joseph, bapt.24 October 1683; buried 4 January 1683/4 [Hawkchurch, Dorset].

Samuel, bapt.25 June 1691; buried 1 July 1691 [Musbury].

Joseph, buried 11 August 1699 [Musbury].

Foster, i, p.147; Innes Smith, p.26; Devon Heritage Centre, 551A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Farway, Devon]; Munk, i, p.422; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/77, 232/1-3 and 285; W.Money, *The History of the Ancient Town and Borough of Newbury in the County of Berks* (Oxford, 1887), p.311; Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Musbury, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.253.

Thomas BOND (fl.1710)

Person ID: 1587

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Bond, surgeon, was made a freeman of Exeter as the apprentice of Nicholas Baywill, cordwainer, on 18 September 1710.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.223.

John BOWDON (d.1640)

Person ID: 14944

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Bowdon, barber, of Southgate Street, Exeter, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Hugh Gayer or Geare** on 4 July 1631. His apprentice **John Bond** was made free in 1638. Bowdon was buried at St Sidwell's, Exeter, 9 October 1640.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.128, 133; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of St Sidwell's, Exeter, burials, 1569-1772.

Matthew BOWDON (b.1615)

Person ID: 14945

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Matthew Bowdon, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Hugh Gayer or Geare** on 17 December 1638. Bowdon was the son of Matthew Bowdon and was baptised at All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, on 27 March 1615. He may be the same as the Matthew Bowdon, who married a woman called Anne (surname blank in register) at St Paul's, Exeter, on 8 April 1645. He probably died shortly afterwards; one Nan, the daughter of Nan Bowdon, widow [but crossed through in original], was baptised at All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, on 22 January 1646/7.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.133; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, pp.26, 34; ii, p.373.

Samuel BOWDEN or BOWDON (fl.1699)

Person ID: 1731

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Devon?

Samuel Bowden or Bowdon, 'licensed physician', provided a testimonial for fellow practitioner, **Ozias Upcott**, of Axminster in Devon in 1699. Bowden may have been related to the physician and poet of the same name, from Frome in Somerset, who was active in the middle decades of the eighteenth century. One Mr Samuel Bowden was buried at Tiverton on 22 April 1709.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Axminster [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.130]; *ODNB*, *sub* Bowden, Samuel, article by A.Sherbo; Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon].

John BOWEN (fl.1710)

Person ID: 14946

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Bowen, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the son of Henry Bowen, needlemaker (by succession) on 11 September 1710.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.222.

John BOWLES (fl.1646)

Person ID: 17387

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Bowles, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on paying an entry fine of £5 on 28 December 1646.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.138.

Mr BOWYER (fl.1593)

Person ID: 19589

Occ: healer

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Mr Bowyer of Barnstaple, Devon, was paid in the town's accounts for 1592-3 for curing one Joan Ryse 'of a certain disease'.

J.R.Chanter and T.Wainwright (eds), *Reprint of the Barnstaple Records*, 2 vols (Barnstaple, 1900), ii, p.131.

James BOYES or BOYS (fl.1627)

Person ID: 1791

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

The signature of James Boyes or Boys, surgeon, of Plymouth appears on a lease agreement (property in Batter Street, Plymouth), dated 20 January 1622/3. He may be the same as the James Boyes, who married Susan Rawlinge at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 13 May 1596. Susan was buried at St Andrew's, 31 May 1626. Shortly after, Boyes married Martha Beston at St Andrew's (18 September 1626). James Bayes was buried in the same parish on 25 February 1638/9.

Plymouth Archives, 1/425/33; parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

Thomas BOYTON (fl.1575)

Person ID: 14955

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Boyton, barber, was made a freeman of the city on paying an entry fee of £1 on 22 August 1575.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.92.

William BRAGGE (1607-1680)

Person ID: 1844

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Thorncombe, Devon

William Bragge, vicar of Thorncombe, Devon (now in Dorset), was licensed to practise medicine on 21 November 1662. In his application to the diocesan authorities, submitted in October 1662, he claimed to have had 14 years experience in prescribing 'physicall medicaments' to his parishioners and others. His sponsors, who included the churchwardens of Thorncombe, declared that Bragge 'hath allwayes been reddy to be beneficiall & helpful to us, not only for the good of our Soules, but alsoe for the health of our bodyes'. As a medical licentiate, he also provided testimonials to the medical abilities of neighbouring physicians, including **Richard Stoodly** in 1677 and **Edward Pearse** in 1678, describing himself on the former occasion as 'theologiae et medicinae peritus', (i.e. 'an expert divine and physician').

Bragge was the son of John Bragge, a farrier, from Allowenshay in the parish of Kingstone, Somerset. He was baptised at Kingstone on 29 April 1607. After attending local schools, he was admitted as a sizar at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge in November 1624, proceeding BA in 1628/9 and MA in 1632. A Presbyterian, he was instituted to the vicarage of Thorncombe on 27 April 1648, and remained in post at the Restoration, serving the cure as vicar until his death in 1680. He was buried at Thorncombe on 15 June 1680. In a very brief will, he left a small bequest to the poor of Thorncombe, £20 to two grandchildren (Robert and William Merifield), and the rest of his estate, valued in total at just over £350, to his 'dear and loving wife' Elizabeth.

Little certain is known of Bragge's children, family or kin networks. His daughter Anne, who married Robert Merifield of Woolminstone, Somerset, probably witnessed his will. It is tempting to speculate that the Matthew Bragge who signed the testimonial of 1662 and witnessed Bragge's will in 1680 was a relation. His son, also Matthew, was apprenticed to the Bristol apothecary **Samuel Jacob** in 1694. Moreover, one William Bragge Jnr of Thorncombe was named as one of the executors and trustees of the will of the radical whig Thomas Dare (d.1685), who died in the aftermath of Monmouth's Rebellion. Thorncombe lay at the heart of support for the doomed uprising. Among others from the village to fall victim to Judge Jeffreys was a Matthew Bragge.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.191; PR 518, *sub* Thorncombe[I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.107]; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, D5/7/6, loose bundle, *sub* Stoodly, Richard; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/115/1-3; E.Higgs, 'Thorncombe's Commonwealth Gap Revisited', *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 41 (2012), pp.12-14; Venn, i,

p.203; Somerset Heritage Centre, parish registers of Kingstone, Somerset; London Metropolitan Archives, MS 09539A/2, fo.95v; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), p.71; TNA, PROB 11/363, fos 244v-245r [will of William Bragge, vicar of Thorncombe, 23 May 1680, pr. 2 July 1680]; PROB 4/12780 [inventory of William Bragge, vicar of Thorncombe, Devon, 2 July 1680]; PROB 11/400, ff.103v-104v [will of Thomas Dare, 2 June 1685, pr.3 July 1690]; W.M.Wigfield, *Monmouth's Rebels, 1685* (Taunton, Somerset Record Society, vol.79, 1985), p.19.

Robert BRAITHWAITE (d.1645)

Person ID: 1849

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Cullompton, Devon

Robert Braithwaite of Cullompton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 27 March 1640. He was buried at Cullompton on 3 May 1645.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.573 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.107]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2404A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Cullompton, Devon].

James BRAYNE (1690-1744)

Person ID: 17388

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

James Brayne, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Benjamin Pearce** on 11 October 1714.

James Brayne was the son of John Brayne (d.1740), vicar of Abbotskerswell, and his wife Elizabeth, and was baptised at Abbotskerswell, Devon, on 11 February 1689/90. Mr James Brayne was buried at Abbotskerswell on 2 February 1743/4. His brother Francis (1701-1768) was likewise an Exeter apothecary or druggist, who served briefly as mayor of the city in 1762.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.225; Devon Heritage Centre, 2954A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Abbotskerswell, Devon].

William BREDALL (d.1751)

Person ID: 1897

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Dartmouth & Tavistock, Devon

William Bredall was licensed to practise surgery (as of Dartmouth) in the diocese of Exeter on 26 April 1716. He settled in Tavistock, where he established something of a medical dynasty that lasted into the nineteenth century. Mr William Bredall, surgeon, was buried at Tavistock, 2 July 1751.

Mrs Elizabeth Bredall was buried at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, 18 March 1730/1.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* date; 346M/T115; Kresen Kernow, PP/416, 1, 2; Devon Heritage Centre, 482A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Tavistock, Devon]; 2992A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon].

Richard BREISE (fl.1663)

Person ID: 1905

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Richard Breise, surgeon, of Plymouth, Devon, was licensed to marry Elizabeth Starre of Plymouth, widow, on 5 October 1663.

J.H.Mann (ed.), *Diocese of Exeter Marriage Licences, 1631-1668* (DCRS, 1939), p.183.

John BREND (d.1580)

Person ID: 14967

Occ: barber

Loc: Totnes, Devon

John Brend, barber, of Totnes, Devon, married Mary Monfylde at Totnes on 23 April 1570. The couple had at least two children. Brend was buried at Totnes on 26 January 1579/80.

Children of John Brend and wife Mary:

Davy, bapt.11 July 1571 [Totnes].

Mary, bapt.13 February 1579/80 [Totnes].

Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

Anthony BRIANT or BRYANT (d.1682)

Person ID: 17389

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Anthony Bryant, apothecary, the apprentice of his father **Edward Bryant**, was made a freeman of Exeter on 17 November 1673. He was a resident of the parish of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, serving as churchwarden in 1681-2. He married Elizabeth Yeo at St Martin's, Exeter, 10 July 1673, and was buried at All Hallows Goldsmith Street on 14 December 1682. Administration of his estate was granted to Briant's widow, Elizabeth, on 31 January 1682/3.

Children of Anthony Briant and wife Elizabeth:

Elizabeth, bapt.26 September 1675; buried 5 February 1675/6 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

Edward, bapt.14 September 1677 [St Martin's, Exeter]. He married Sarah Daveys at Exeter, 12 December 1703, and died on 10 March 1719/20 [*m.i.*, All Hallows,

Goldsmith Street, since removed].
Mary, bapt.20 August 1682 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, vol.1, 1973), p.163; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, pp.37, 39, 80, 81, 574; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.F.Nesbit, transcription of the parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837; 8/36: Osmund Murray will abstracts, vol.4 [admon of will of Anthony Briant of Exeter, 31 January 1682/3].

Edward BRIANT or BRYANT (d.1671)

Person ID: 19689/27681

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Anthony Briant, the son of Edward Briant, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter in 1673. Mr Edward Briant was buried in his parish church at All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, on 10 July 1671. In his will, he named his son Anthony as residual legatee and executor. It also mentions his wife Mary, and daughters Carola, alias Mary, and Elizabeth, both not yet 20. His mother Ann was still alive (she is probably the Mrs Anne Bryant, widow, buried at St Martin's, Exeter, on 17 February 1679/80). Mary was not his first wife. In 1655, he was described as the son-in-law of Winifred Carter, widow of Robert Carter, glover (d.1637), and husband of Grace (baptised at Holy Trinity, Exeter, 30 September 1619). An inventory of Briant's goods estimated his wealth at death as consisting of about £322, of which just over £60 related to the value of his apothecary shop.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.163; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.40; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, p.81; Devon Heritage Centre, Moger will transcripts (c.1600-1800), vol.3, nos 665-666 [will of Edward Bryant, apothecary, of Exeter, 6 July 1671, pr.17 July 1671]; 8/36: Osmund Murray will abstracts, vol.4 [inventory of Edward Briant, apothecary, of Exeter, 23 July 1671]; Rev.F.Nesbit, transcription of the parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837; TNA, PROB 11/245, ff.44r-v [will of Winifred Carter, widow, of Exeter, 29 January 1654/5, pr.18 May 1655]; Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon].

Richard BRIANT or BRYANT (fl.1700-1701)

Person ID: 17390

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard Briant or Bryant, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Benjamin Pearce** on 8 December 1701. A year before, he had been left a tenement worth £30 pa in Sandford, Devon, in the will of William Wrayford of Silverton, gent.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.206; C.Worthy (ed.), *Devonshire Wills* (London & Derby, 1896), p.38.

Elias or Ellis BRICKNALL or BRICKNOLL (fl.1598-1624) Person ID: 1950

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Great Torrington & Exeter, Devon

Ellis Bricknall or Bricknoll, surgeon, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, having served as an apprentice to **Andrew Mawry**, in 1598. Bricknall was subsequently licensed to practise surgery (of Great Torrington) throughout the diocese of Exeter on 22 January 1610/11 and 7 March 1610/11. By the early 1620s, he was again living in Exeter, where he frequently appeared at the quarter sessions to give expert testimony in cases of wounding and similar offences.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.107; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, pp.29, 35 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.107]; ECA, C1/61, p.365; C1/62, fos 59v, 201r.

George BROAD (fl.1614) Person ID: 2012

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bideford, Devon

George Broad of Bideford, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 7 April 1614. He may be the same as the George Broad, who was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 26 October 1643.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.136 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.107]; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

George BROADMEDE (fl.1579) Person ID: 2019

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Okehampton, Devon

George Broadmede of Okehampton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 30 October 1579.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 41, p.94 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.107].

Achior BROCAS (d.1689) Person ID: 27682

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Achior Brocas, barber, of St George's, Exeter, married Dorothy Paumer of Heavitree at Exeter cathedral [St Peter's] on 23 December 1656. The couple were living in the parish of St Mary Major in 1660, but subsequently settled in St Lawrence's, where a son Abishai was born (the son of 'Mr Brockes the barber') and buried in 1670-1. Dorothy, the wife of Mr Achior Brockes, was buried at St Lawrence's, Exeter, on 14 December 1679. Her husband, described simply as Mr Brokes, was buried there, 24 January 1688/9. He had served as churchwarden of the parish in 1674-5.

Children of Achior Brocas and wife Dorothy:

Abishai, bapt.5 March 1669/70; buried 3 December 1671 [St Lawrence, Exeter].

W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.43; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.56; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.Binney (ed.), *The Parish Registers of St Lawrence, Exeter*, 2 vols (1910), vol.1 [1604-1679] and vol.2 [1679-1749], *sub* Brockes, Brokes.

BUT NOTE POTENTIAL CONFUSION BETWEEN THIS AND NEXT ENTRY. AB BELOW COULD HAVE LEFT EXETER AFTER BECOMING FREE. An Achior Brockasse married Abigail Mawson at St Clement Danes, Middlesex, on 24 December 1676; City of Westminster Archives, STC/PR/1/5 [parish registers of St Clement Danes, Middlesex, 1671-1700]. Alternatively, these two entries may refer to the same individual.

Achior BROCAS (fl.1673-1681)

Person ID: 14980

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Achior Brocas, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Robert Warren** on 27 October 1673. His apprentice **Christopher Cocke** was made a freeman of the city on 4 April 1681.

Achior was almost certainly related to Abisha Brocas, father and son, booksellers in Exeter. In his will of 1678, Abisha Brocas Jnr (d.1678) settled a tenement in the parish of St Paul's on Achaia Brocas, the eldest son of his brother George Brocas. The shop of Abisha Brocas Snr (d.1675) acted as an outlet for the sale of the 'golden purging pills' of the London empiric **Anthony Colly**. Achior's barber's shop may also have functioned as a coffee house as suggested by an extant token depicting a Turk's head, turban and coffee pot.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.161, 172; TNA, PROB 11/357, ff.140r-141r [will of Abisha Brocas, bookseller, of Exeter, 4 June 1678, pr.27 July 1678]; A.Colly, *Natures Champion* (London, 1670), p.40; Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery, Exeter.

Joan BROCWELL (d.1563)

Person ID: 18461

Occ: midwife

Loc: Honiton, Devon

John [i.e.Joan] Brocwell, midwife, was buried at Honiton, Devon, 26 September 1563.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon].

William BROUGHTON (fl.1681)

Person ID: 14988

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Broughton, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Richard Marsh** on 4 April 1681.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.172.

Doctor BROWNE (fl.1628-1654)

Person ID: 2091

Occ: healer

Loc: Exeter?, Devon

One Dr Browne, who lived in or near Exeter, Devon, was active as a healer and a wiseman in the mid-seventeenth century. He would appear to have specialised in cases of suspected witchcraft. In 1628, for example, it was reported that he was prepared to swear on oath to the witchcraft of three Exeter women. In 1652, he failed to cure a man (the husband of one Grace Matthew) suspected of being bewitched and recommended instead a local wisewoman at Broadclyst. A few years later, Browne was consulted by William Poe, an Exeter worstedcomber, who suspected he was bewitched. He may be the same as the Dr Browne, 'a learned physician who formerly lived in these parts', who employed astrological methods in determining the outcome of diseases, as reported in a letter of **Gilbert Sainthill** of Broadhembury to **William Lilly** in February 1651.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA C1/62, f.340r; C1/64, ff.200v, 261r; Bodl., Ashmole MS 423, ff.176-7 [Gilbert Sainthill to William Lilly, Broadhembury, 1 February 1650/1].

George BROWNE (fl.1604)

Person ID: 14992

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

George Browne, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on paying an entry fee of £1 6s, at Michaelmas 1604.

M.M.Rowe and Andrew M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.111.

John BROWNE (d.1644)

Person ID: 19809

Occ: army surgeon

Loc: Devon

John Browne, a surgeon serving under the royalist Colonel Cary, was buried at Plympton St Mary, Devon, on 15 June 1644.

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Plympton St Mary, Devon.

William BROWNE (d.1725)

Person ID: 19864

Occ: physician?

Loc: Newton St Cyres, Devon

William Browne, 'docktor', was buried at Newton St Cyres, Devon, on 17 July 1725.

Devon Heritage Centre, 807A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Newton St Cyres, Devon].

Anne BROWNING (fl.1613)

Person ID: 18462

Occ: midwife

Loc: Dunsford, Devon

Anne Browning of Dunsford was licensed to practise midwifery in the diocese of Exeter on 16 June 1613. She is probably the same as the Anne Browneinge of Collabridge, widow, who was buried at Dunsford on 9 September 1641.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.107; 4572A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Dunsford, Devon].

William BRUTON Snr (fl.1636-1642)

Person ID: 2227

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Alwington, Devon

William Bruton, of Alwington, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine throughout the diocese of Exeter on 6 October 1636. He is probably the William Bruton, gent, of Alwington, who subscribed the protestation oath in the village on 3 March 1642. One William Bruton, the son of John Bruton, was baptised at Alwington on 17 August 1607. He married Margaret Willett at Alwington, 21 January 1634/5, and was the father of **William Bruton Jnr**.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.448 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.107]; House of Lords RO, HL/PO/JO/10/1/83.

William BRUTON Jnr (d.1680)

Person ID: 2228

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Alwington, Devon

William Bruton of Yeo in the parish of Alwington, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter on 18 December 1662. In an earlier, undated testimonial, Bruton was able to call on the support of seven local ministers, as well as six medical practitioners (**Robert Bathurst, Edward Bolnest, William Burman, Isaac Playford, Peter Salmon and Robert Turner**) in his attempt to secure a licence. Given the strong iatrochemical credentials of these doctors (four were signatories to the petition to create a Society of Chemical Physicians in London in 1665), there is little doubt that Bruton was an active proponent of chemical medicine. Given their London roots, it is also highly likely that Bruton had spent time in the capital practising alongside fellow chemical physicians.

He is almost certainly the same as the Dr Bruton, who was mentioned in the will of a patient Robert Yeo, gent, of Shebbear, Devon, in 1664. In 1678, William Bruton, doctor of physick, gave 5s towards the rebuilding of St Paul's Cathedral in London.

William Bruton married Elizabeth, the daughter of William Atken (d.1662), gent, of Hartland, Devon, at Hartland on 31 October 1649. The couple had three sons, all of whom were educated at Oxford. William Bruton, gent, was buried at Alwington on 30 March 1680. His widow Elizabeth was buried there, 15 January 1693/4.

Children of Dr William Bruton and wife Elizabeth:

William, bapt.26 September 1655 [Alwington]. He matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, 3 April 1674, and was buried in the church of St Michael's, Oxford, 21 June 1675.

John, born 14 November 1657; bapt.30 December 1657 [Alwington]. He matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, 3 April 1674, and was admitted to the Inner Temple in 1676.

Thomas, bapt.30 October 1662 [Alwington]. He matriculated at Exeter College, 26 March 1680 and died in 1728.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.196; PR 518, *sub* Allington [sic] [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.106]; Moger will transcripts, 22 vols, nos 8129-33; Guildhall Library, London, MS 25565/6, f.62; North Devon RO, 266A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Alwington, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/310, fos 237v-238v [will of William Atken the elder, gent, of Hartland, 13 December 1662, pr.6 March 1662/3]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.20; Foster, i, p.201; Oxfordshire History Centre, PAR 211/1/R1/2 [parish registers of St Michael's, Oxford, Oxfordshire, 1654-1683].

James BRYATT (d.1729)

Person ID: 2229

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Hatherleigh, Devon

James Bryatt of Hatherleigh, Devon, was licensed to practise physic and surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 12 December 1696. Testimonials on his behalf were signed by **John Forward (1662-1711)**, **Samuel Richards** and **John Cross**. Bryatt himself later supplied testimonials for a number of practitioners between 1699 and 1724. **John Webber** of Okehampton, who was licensed in 1701, claimed to have served an apprenticeship under Bryatt. In 1712, Bryatt took on William Wymond, the son of William Wymond, gentleman, of Bodmin, Cornwall, as an apprentice at a premium of £60.

Bryatt's wife Mary was buried at Hatherleigh, 29 September 1707. A James Bryant married Agnes Moore at nearby Sheepwash on 4 January 1707/8. Agnes Briett, widow, was buried at Hatherleigh, 31 January 1764. Dr James Brayett was buried at Hatherleigh on 8 April 1729.

Children of Mr James Bryatt, sometimes described as surgeon in parish registers of Hatherleigh:

Mary, bapt.4 April 1694 [Hatherleigh].

Elizabeth, bapt.10 April 1695 [Hatherleigh]. She married John Pearse at Hatherleigh, 24 September 1719.

James, born 18 September 1696; bapt.30 September 1696 [Hatherleigh]. He became a surgeon and was buried at Hatherleigh, 16 February 1739/40.

Thomas, born 26 August 1698; bapt.8 September 1698 [Hatherleigh].

Robert, born 5 January 1700/1; bapt.21 January 1700/1 [Hatherleigh].

Anne, bapt.1 November 1704 [Hatherleigh].

John, bapt.10 June 1703; buried 28 March 1704/5 [Hatherleigh].

Jeremiah, bapt.10 April 1706 [Hatherleigh].

John, bapt.13 August 1707 [Hatherleigh].

John, bapt.5 May 1709; buried 22 February 1710/11 [Hatherleigh]

Benjamin, bapt.31 January 1710/11; buried 18 March 1712/13 [Hatherleigh].

Sarah, bapt.12 November 1712 [Hatherleigh].

John, bapt.5 September 1714 [Hatherleigh].

Benjamin, bapt.7 June 1716 [Hatherleigh].

Joseph, bapt.2 July 1718 [Hatherleigh].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, pp.132, 297 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), pp.107, 132]; PR 518, *sub* Hatherleigh; TNA, IR, 1, f.134; Devon Heritage Centre, 2917A/PR/1/2, 3 [parish registers of Hatherleigh, Devon]; 2940A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Sheepwash, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), pp.22, 24.

William BRYGGE (fl.1525)

Person ID: 15004

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard Chymney alias Lymbery [Limbery], the apprentice of William Brygge, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter at Michaelmas 1524.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.84.

Francis BRYNA (d.1597)

Person ID: 2235

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Described as an Italian, from Lombardy, Francis Bryna, doctor of medicine, was made a freeman of Exeter, 'by gift of the mayor and bailiffs', on 13 February 1580/1. He was almost certainly a Protestant refugee from Italy. In his will of 1597, Bryna asked to be buried 'without any funeral pompe of papistrye or Idolatrye'. He was initially resident in the parish of St George's, where he paid the subsidy of 1577, but subsequently moved to the parish of St Paul's, where with his wife Anne, he baptised two daughters, both named Elizabeth, who died in infancy. In the years before his death, Bryna was involved in two cases in the Court of Chancery. In the first, in 1595, he was implicated with Sir Ralph Horsey as defendants in the breach of a property agreement in relation to land at Halberton, Devon. A year later, he was plaintiff in a case brought against **Marcus Porter** of Taunton, apothecary, in response to the threat of a common lawsuit brought by Porter regarding board and lodging at the latter's house.

Master Francis Brina was buried at St Paul's, Exeter, on 17 August 1597. In his will, made a few days before his death, he left various bequests to servants and the poor totalling £92, and the bulk of his estate and property in Devon to his wife and executrix, Anne. He also left 'three of his best divinity books' to one Peter Durrant. He would also appear to have been owed a substantial amount of money by his apothecary **Thomas Edwards**, who was to be forgiven such debts if he paid a sum of £400 over four years to his executrix. His widow Anne married Christopher Maynwaring at St Paul's, Exeter, on 15 January 1597/8.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.96; M.M.Rowe (ed.), *Tudor Exeter. Tax Assessments 1489-1595* (Torquay, DCRS, vol.22, 1977), pp.62, 70, 73; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, p.162; pt ii, pp.353, 439, 440; TNA, C78/115/8 [5 November 1595]; C 2/Eliz/B21/22; PROB 11/90, f.120v [will of Francis Bryna, doctor of physic, of Exeter, 12 August 1597. pr.27 August 1597]; STAC 8/130/14, fo.2 ['Dr Fraunce'].

Thomas BUDD (fl.1619-1624)

Person ID: 2266

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Budd, surgeon, of Exeter was frequently called as an expert witness in cases of affray and violence at the city's quarter sessions. In 1620, he himself appeared before the court accusing one William Ryder of forcibly entering his home, ejecting his three children, and taking away the keys to his house.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA QS Order Book, 1618-21, pp.208, 472; ECA, C1/62, ff.90r, 210r.

Edward BULLEN (d.1626)

Person ID: 15014

Occ: barber

Loc: Tavistock, Devon

Edward Bullen, barber, was buried at Tavistock on 31 August 1626. In his will, he made numerous small bequests to the poor of the town, and two female servants, naming one of them (a minor) as residual legatee and executrix. It also refers to his late wife Joan.

Devon Heritage Centre, 482A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Tavistock, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/152, f.458v [will of Edward Bullen, barber, Tavistock, 19 August 1626, pr.3 November 1627].

Benjamin BURGESS (fl.1694)

Person ID: 2326

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Exeter?, Devon

Benjamin Burgess, the son of Josias Burgess, gent, of Exeter, Devon, and his wife Joan was baptised at Holy Trinity, Exeter, on 10 May 1674. He was apprenticed to John Inglis, a London barber surgeon with a shop oin London Bridge, on 2 July 1682 [sic], but was subsequently expelled and discharged from service on 14 January 1690/1. Burgess would appear to have returned to his native Devon where he was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 3 August 1694. Letters testimonial on his behalf were signed by two Exeter physicians **William Holwell** and **Thomas Waterhouse**.

Burgess' brother Samuel was educated at Cambridge and became a clergyman serving as rector of Instow in 1695 and Abbotsham in 1720.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; Chanter MS 47, p.34 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.108, which gives date in error as 10 August 1694]; Moger II/PR Basket D1/21; M.Scott (ed.), *Apprenticeship Disputes in the Lord Mayor's Court of London 1573-1723* (London, BRS, Apprenticeship Series, vol.1, Part 1, 2016), p.226; Foster, i, p.213.

William BURGOYNE (d.1623)

Person ID: 2347

Occ: physician

Loc: South Zeal, Devon

According to John Prince, William Burgoyne, m gent, of South Zeal, Devon, practised medicine among his neighbours, and died on 12 August 1623. His will makes clear his strong Roman Catholic sympathies.

J.Prince, *Danmonii Orientales Illustres: Or, The Worthies of Devon* (Exeter & London, 1701), p.92; TNA, PROB/11/143, ff.95r-98v [will of William Burgoyne of South Tawton, gent, 14 and 16 February 1621/2 and 12 August 1623, pr.16 February 1623/4].

Elias BURLEIGH or BURLY (d.1657)

Person ID: 2351

Occ: physician

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Elias Burleigh, doctor of phisick, was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 20 June 1657. In his will, made four days before his death, he left land at East Allington in Devon, and his house in Plymouth to his 'now wife' Elizabeth. His son-in-law Robert Wright was building a new house in the gardens of the latter property. He also left various bequests to his four children (Elizabeth, wife of Robert Wright; John, Philip and Susanna). Elias' widow Elizabeth married Robert Glowin at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 17 August 1658. Burleigh's first wife, also Elizabeth, was buried on the same day as their daughter, Diana, on 5 March 1643/4.

In 1641, Burleigh was involved in a bitter dispute with fellow physician, **Nicholas Davies**, and his surgeon father **John Davies**, during the course of which the two men accused Burleigh of being a witch and poisoning one of his patients.

Children of Elias Burley and wife Elizabeth:

Elizabeth [will].

John, bapt.17 October 1638 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Philip [will].

Susan, bapt.5 May 1641 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Diana, buried 5 March 1643/4 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; TNA, PROB 11/266, ff.266r-267r [will of Elias Burly, physician, of Plymouth, 16 June 1657, pr.26 August 1657]; KB27/1665; KB27/1670, mm.1416, 1421, 1429.

John BURRELL (d.c.1724)

Person ID: 18395

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Burrell, druggist, served as mayor of Exeter in 1698-9 and again in 1718-19. A delft-ware plate survives, with Burrell's arms, commemorating his first year in office as mayor. John Burrell, druggist, of St Pancras, Exeter, married Elizabeth Huett, the daughter of George Huett of St Mary Major, Exeter, at the latter parish, 28 January 1678/9. He set up in practice as an apothecary in the parish of St Pancras, where an unnamed son was buried in February 1680/1. Four of Burrell's apprentices – **Robert Eveleigh**, **Robert Lidston**, **Thomas Tripe**, and **Philip Potter** – were made freemen, but there is no record of Burrell's freedom. He also acted as bondsmen for the marriages of three Devon men, including **Richard Hughes**, apothecary, of Plymouth. In 1699, and again in 1713, Burrell leased properties in St Stephen by Saltash, Cornwall, to his former apprentice Robert Lidston. There is no surviving record of Burrell's burial, but he probably died in around 1724 when his will (also no longer extant) was proved.

Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Gallery, Exeter; Devon Heritage Centre, 2949A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), p.106; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.193, 203, 204, 218; Devon Heritage Centre, diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, transcribed by C.A.T.Fursdon (1931); Kresen Kernow, R/3323 and 3581; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.260.

Richard BURTHOGGE (1638-1705)

Person ID: 2392

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Totnes, Devon

Richard Burthogge entered Leiden University as a medical student on 11 October 1661, and proceeded MD on 27 February 1661/2. His thesis, entitled 'De Lithiasi et Calculo', a copy of which is in the British Library, was dedicated to George Hughes (d.1667) and Thomas Martin (d.1677), nonconformist ministers (and brothers-in-law) from Plymouth. It is concerned with mineral concretions in the human body, including kidney stones, and was indebted to Helmontian and other chemical approaches to the body. In the same year **Daniel Oxenbridge**, a fellow medical student at Leiden, dedicated his thesis to Burthogge. On returning to England, Burthogge set up in medical practice, though much of his time was dedicated to promoting the cause of nonconformity in his native Devon, writing numerous works in defence of the cause of Dissent. He was also an author of numerous works of a philosophical nature.

Richard Burthogge was the son of Richard Burthogge (d.1683) and his wife Honor, née Maynard, and was baptised at Plympton St Maurice, near Plymouth, on 30 January 1637/8. His father was a gunner who had served as a captain in the parliamentary garrison at Plymouth in 1643. He later profited by purchasing former crown estates at Portloe in Cornwall in 1650. Burthogge himself studied at Exeter grammar school prior to being admitted as a servitor at All Souls College, Oxford, in

1654. He graduated BA on 12 October 1658. On returning to England after receiving his MD, Burthogge settled briefly at St Winnow, near Lostwithiel, in Cornwall. Here, he married Sarah Trevill (b.1648), the daughter of Andrew Trevill (d.c.1678), puritan JP for Fowey and former sheriff of Cornwall, on 30 January 1665/6. They had one daughter, Sarah, who was still alive in 1678. Burthogge's relationship with Trevill remained close after his wife's death in about 1667-8. He dedicated two works to him in the 1670s, and was named as the administrator of his will in 1678. The two men shared a commitment to Dissent. In 1672 Trevill's house at Eath in St Winnow was licensed for nonconformist worship. Burthogge himself, in a diocesan survey of medical practitioners conducted in 1665, was described as 'wholly disaffected to the Government of the Church of England'. The authorities also claimed that he had been expelled from All Souls College, Oxford, and that he practised unlicensed.

Shortly after the death of his first wife, Burthogge moved to Bowden, near Totnes, in Devon. On 11 February 1668/9, Robert Burthogge of St Winnows, who described himself as a 'professor and Doctor of Physick', married Mary Giles (d.1693), the widow of Edward Giles (d.1666), at Halwell, a few miles south of Totnes. Here, Burthogge settled into a comfortable, married life, punctuated by occasional suffering at the hands of local persecuting magistrates. Like his father-in-law, Burthogge, too, registered his house for nonconformist worship and often offered his home as a refuge for dissenting ministers. He was presented for non-attendance at his local church in 1675, and for not receiving the sacrament at his local parish church in 1683, and again in 1684. His wife Mary was often presented for the same offences. Burthogge was also politically active. In April 1688, he was made a JP and alderman of the borough of Totnes under the remodelled charter granted by James II. Two months later he was made a JP for the county, an office he retained after the Revolution. He was also nominated as a prospective candidate for parliament by James II's agents in 1688, but he never sat for the borough or anywhere else and was overlooked after 1688, probably because of his collusion with the government of the deposed James II.

His second wife Mary died in 1693 and was buried at Totnes on 18 June 1693. Two years later, on 9 May 1695, Burthogge, now regularly described as 'esquire', married as his third wife Mrs Honor Champernown (d.1723) at Moreleigh in Devon. In 1695, he was appointed as one of the commissioners for Devon responsible for implementing an aid or tax to pay for the war with France. In 1705, shortly before his death, he wrote a testimonial for **James Rowe**, a local physician and fellow dissenter. Burthogge was buried in the parish church of Totnes on 24 July 1705. He was survived by his wife Honor, who was buried in the same place on 18 November 1723. **Will details to follow.** A number of books owned by Burthogge, including works of Hobbes, are now in the Cathedral library at Exeter.

Burthogge is perhaps best known today for the originality and scope of his published writings. Michael Ayers in the *ODNB* says of them that they 'place him squarely within the anti-dogmatic, broad-church, tolerationist tradition of such Anglican writers as William Chillingworth, Henry More, John Locke, and Joseph Glanvill ... opposed both to intolerance and to 'enthusiasm', and seeing the institutional arrangements of the church as a practical, rather than doctrinal matter'. His friendship with **John Locke** has also been widely commented upon, the two men sharing a commitment to a general theory of knowledge, which, in Burthogge's case, according to Ayers, was founded upon 'an unequivocal and comprehensive idealism, perhaps

the first to be propounded in modern Europe'. Burthogge probably first encountered Locke in 1694, when he praised him as 'one of the greatest masters of reason'. He subsequently dedicated his *Essay upon Reason and the Nature of Spirits* to Locke, which in turn prompted a mutual respect in the celebrated 'architect' of the Glorious Revolution. The two men exchanged books and in 1699 Burthogge dedicated another work, *Of the Soul of the World* to Locke, their correspondence on theological and other matters continuing until 1703. Contact was facilitated through Locke's cousins, Jerome and Peter King of Exeter, who acted as a conduit for letters between the two men.

Ayers also suggests that in his writings Burthogge may have been indebted to the error theory of the Flemish Cartesian and Calvinist, Arnold Geulincx (1623-1669), whose lectures he may have attended at Leiden. He was also on familiar terms with the republican theorist James Harrington (1611-1677), the author of *Oceana* and patient of the doctor's while imprisoned at Plymouth in 1662. It was discussion with Burthogge that prompted Harrington, according to his biographer John Toland (1670-1722), to write his last work, the neoplatonic *Mechanics of Nature*. Burthogge himself was clearly held in high esteem by many of his contemporaries. The nonconformist bookseller John Dunton, for example, described him as 'a Man of great Learning, and well skill'd in speculation, for which his Genius was naturally turn'd'. He declared his *Essay upon Reason and the Nature of Spirits*, which he published in 1694, as 'a Masterpiece of the kind'.

Children of Dr Richard Burthogge and wife Sarah:

Sarah, bapt.26 April 1667 [St Winnow, Cornwall]. She married Edward Stephens (d.1728), esquire, of Little Sodbury, Gloucestershire, at Ashprington, Devon, 22 June 1693 and died on 19 February 1737/8.

Children of Dr Richard Burthogge and wife Mary:

Ann, bapt.26 January 1670/1 [Totnes]. If widowed, she may have been the Anne Harwood of Totnes, who married John Babbage at Ashprington, 3 September 1695. Mary, bapt.21 September 1672 [Totnes]. Mary Burthogge married Philip Mayow (d.1710), gent, of Morval, Cornwall, at Totnes, 31 December 1700 and was buried at Morval, 17 June 1732.

Publications:

Divine Goodness Explicated and Vindicated from the Exceptions of the Atheist (London, 1670). Reprinted in 1671 and 1672. It was dedicated to Burthogge's father-in-law, Andrew Trevill.

Causa Dei, or An Apology for God (London, 1675). The work is dedicated to James Erisey of Erisey, Cornwall, and was dated from Bowdon, 25 August 1674. It also contains a prefatory introduction addressed to his 'much honoured and Worthy Friend Richard Burthogge, Doctor of Physick, by W.A.

Organum Vetus & Novum, or, A Discourse of Reason and Truth (London, 1678). The dedication is addressed to Burthogge's father-in-law Andrew Trevill, esquire, of Ethe, Cornwall, and dated from Bowdon, 14 August 1677.

An Argument for Infants Baptisme (London, 1684). The work is dedicated to Lady Anne Drake of Buckland Monachorum.

Vindiciae Paedo-Baptismi: Or, A Confirmation of an Argument Lately Emitted for Infants Baptism: In a Letter to a reverend Divine of the Church of England. By R.B. M.D. (London, 1685). Dated from Bowdon, 4 July 1684.

Prudential Reasons for Repealing the Penal Laws Against recusants, and for a General Toleration. Penn'd by a Protestant Person of Quality (London, 1687). Published anonymously, but attributed to Burthogge.

The Nature of Church-Government, Freely Discussed and Set Out, in Three Letters (London, [1690]). Anonymous, but attributed to Burthogge; dedication to 'noble friends' SW, YB, TR, EN, ME, and dated 8 June 1690. Reprinted in 1691.

An Essay upon Reason, and the Nature of Spirits (London, 1694). The work is dedicated to **John Locke**.

Of the Soul of the World ... in a Letter to Mr Lock, Occasioned by M.Keil's reflections upon an Essay Lately Published concerning Reason ... By the Author of That Essay (London, 1699). The work is addressed to **John Locke** and dated 13 June 1698.

Christianity A Revealed Mystery, or the Gracious Purpose of God toward the Gentiles, Set in a Clear Light, in Some Reflections on Rom.VIII.28, 29, 30 (London, 1702). 2nd edition, London 1755.

*ODNB, sub Burthogge, Richard, article by M.Ayers; Innes Smith, pp.37, 175; British Library, 1185.g.5 (20); Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Plympton St Mary; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Plympton St Maurice; TNA, E121/1/6/10; Foster, i, p.217; Kresen Kernow, parish registers of St Winnow; F.Bate, *The Declaration of Indulgence 1672* (London, 1908), Appendix VII, pp.lxi, lxiii; Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, fos 307r, 404v; Devon Heritage Centre, 2930A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Halwell, Devon]; diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, transcribed by C.A.T.Fursdon (1931), p.58; E.Windeatt, 'Early Nonconformity in Totnes', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 32 (1900), pp.414, 418-9; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter C 772, *sub* 7 December 1683; Chanter C 757, *sub* 8 April 1684; M.Goldie, 'John Locke's Circle and James II', *The Historical Journal*, 35 (1992), pp.579-84; M.Goldie, 'James II and the Dissenters' Revenge', *Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research*, 66 (1993), pp.76-7; *CSPD, 1687-1688*, p.183.*

Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon]; 2929A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Moreleigh, Devon]; J.Raithby (ed.), *Statutes of the Realm*, vol.7 [1695-1701] (London, 1820), bet.pp.8-61 **[need p.ref]**; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/393/1-3; M.P.Crighton, 'Some Medical and Scientific Books in Exeter Cathedral Library', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 79 (1947),

p.123; **will details from TDA to follow**; Locke, *Correspondence*, v, pp.50-51; vi, pp.684-6; vii, pp.709-11, 777-80; viii, p.455; John Toland, 'The Life of James Harrington', in *The Oceana of James Harrington, and His Other Works*, ed.J.Toland (London, 1700), pp.xxxvii-xxxix; John Dunton, *The Life and Errors of John Dunton Late Citizen of London* (London, 1705), p.241; Devon Heritage Centre, 2027A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Ashprington, Devon]; R.Bigland, *Historical, Monumental and Genealogical Collections, Relative to the County of Gloucester*, 2 vols (London, 1791-2), ii, *sub* Old Sodbury.

Arthur BURY (d.1725)

Person ID: 2407

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Arthur Bury Jnr was born at Puckington in Somerset in 1667, and was educated at Eton College from 1678-81, before matriculating at Exeter College, Oxford, on 25 November 1681. He subsequently graduated B Med from King's College, Cambridge in 1696, receiving his MD from the University in 1718. He was the son of Arthur Bury (1623 or 1624-1713), rector of Exeter College, Oxford, from which post he was ousted in 1648, and later chaplain to Charles II. Bury's father was a celebrated anti-trinitarian and religious controversialist, who took an interest in practical science. In 1708, he published an article on the advantages of manuring land in Devonshire with sea sand.

Little is known of Bury's medical practice or private life. He married Mary Gulson of South Petherton, Somerset, at his native parish of Puckington on 7 September 1699, when he described himself as living in Exeter. He died, possibly childless, and was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, 6 May 1725. Bury presented a large silver-gilt flagon and alms dish to the parish of South Petherton, where his father was buried. He was the younger brother of the physician **John Bury**.

ODNB, sub Bury, Arthur [father], article by J.Benedict; Venn, i, p.270; *Philosophical Transactions*, 26 (1708-9), pp.142-3; Foster, i, p.219; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/14 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; *Notes and Queries for Somerset and Dorset*, 3 (1892), p.99; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.260.

Edward BURY (fl.1709)

Person ID: 2408/19993

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Edward Bury was licensed to cure the rickets in the city of Exeter on 23 February 1708/9. Testimonials on his behalf were signed by **John Wilcox** and **Samuel Richards**. He may be the same as the Mr Edward Bury of St Mary Major, Exeter, who married Anne Bussell, widow, of St Sidwell's, Exeter, at St Mary Major, 14 September 1711.

Mortimer, Index, p.108. Devon Heritage Centre, **Need Chanter ref**; 2945A/PR/1/14 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

Samuel BURY (fl.1623)

Person ID: 2414

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

Samuel Bury of Tiverton, Devon, was granted a licence to practise medicine and surgery in the dioceses of Bath and Wells and Exeter on 18 September 1623.

Samuel, the son of Samuel Berry, was buried at Tiverton on 28 November 1615. Another of this name, the son of Samuel Berry, was baptised at Tiverton on 9 September 1621.

Lambeth Palace Library, Abbot 2, ff.203v-204; Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PR/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon].

John BUSHETON or BUSHTON (fl.1619)

Person ID: 2427

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: East Buckland, Devon

John Busheton or Bushton of East Buckland, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 10 September 1619. He may have been the John Bushton of East Buckland, whose will was proved in the archdeaconry court of Barnstaple in 1632.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.263; J.J.Beckerlegge (ed.), *Index of Wills in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, 1563-1858*.

George BUSSELL (1675-1728)

Person ID: 2430

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

George Bussell would appear to have served as a naval surgeon before settling into practice at Exeter, some time between 1703 and 1717. In the former year, Bussell petitioned Prince George of Denmark, general of the army and lord high admiral of England, recounting his service in the navy since about 1689. There, he claims to have served as the surgeon to the hospital at Nevis in the West Indies for 13 years, faithfully carrying out all his duties without a single complaint. He was currently surgeon of the royal naval ship *Nassau*, had furnished his chest with medicines, was duly examined by Surgeons' Hall and passed fit to practice but was refused permission to do so because his chests were damaged in transit *en route* for London. His superiors now believed he was unfit for employment and ought to be dismissed from the service. He concludes by stating that he has suffered much during his period of service in the royal navy, including once as a prisoner of the French aboard the *Saphire in Newfoundland*, and submitted references from satisfied former patients including one man whose leg he amputated and another from a former commander under whom he has served for 15 months. He asked to be reinstated, but a note

appended to the petition simply read 'can't be done'. It is tempting to conclude that he retired around this time to practise in his native city of Exeter.

Bussell was the son of George Bussell (d.1692), a wealthy weaver, and his wife Hester (d.1703), of St Sidwell's, Exeter. He was baptised at St Sidwell's on 5 November 1675. Bussell is mentioned in the wills of his father and mother, the latter leaving him a bequest of £100 as well as smaller sums for George's children George and Hester (born some time before 1702, probably at Nevis). His first wife died before 1717; Bussell, then living in the parish of St Olave's, married Mrs Honnor Bury of St John's, Exeter, at St George's, Exeter, on 12 July 1717. He was buried at St Sidwell's on 3 October 1728 (the register records that he was then living in the parish of St John's). In his will, he made a number of small bequests to family and friends, including his wife (unnamed, but probably Honnor), son George, daughters Hester and Mary, and son-in-law Peter Cumings. He owned several properties in St Sidwell's, as well as a tenement in the parish of All Hallows on the Wall. Most revealing are the bequests that he made to two kinsmen, which reflect on his profound interest in medicine and the new science. To Francis Bussell, he left all his 'books of surgery, physick and anatomy', while Nathaniel Matthews was to receive Bussell's 'sett of Microscopes' and copies of Robert Hooke's *Micrographia* (1665) and Henry Power's *Experimental Philosophy* (1664).

In 1718, Bussell supplied letters testimonial on behalf of **Richard Hawke Jnr** of North Petherwin, Cornwall, a candidate for a medical and surgical licence from the bishop of Exeter. He was brother and heir at law to Nathaniel Bussell, merchant, of Exeter, who owned, among other properties in the city, a building in the parish of St George's that would later become the site of a Methodist chapel. Of his surviving brothers, **Robert Bussell** was a druggist in Exeter, while Philip is described as 'esquire' in Bussell's will of 1728.

British Library, Add MS 61,298, ff.114-117; Devon Heritage Centre, C.A.J.Fursdon (ed.), *The Parish Registers of St Sidwell's, Exeter*; TNA, PROB 11/409, f.238r [will of George Bussell, serge weaver, of St Sidwell's, Exeter, 7 October 1689, pr.25 May 1692]; PROB 11/469, ff.146r-147v [will of Hester Bussell, widow, of St Sidwell's, Exeter, 19 February 1701/2, pr.20 April 1703]; Devon Heritage Centre, 4779A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St George's, Exeter, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/625, ff.248r-251v [will of George Bussell, surgeon, 6 August 1728, pr.8 November 1728]; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* North Petherwin; 61/10/1/7 [deed dated 25 December 1724].

Robert BUSSELL (d.1723)

Person ID: 16520

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Robert Bussell, druggist, was made a freeman of Exeter as the apprentice of **Joseph Mawditt** on 8 December 1701. He was the son of George Bussell (d.1692), a wealthy weaver of St Sidwell's, Exeter, and his wife Hester, who left him £50, and his son Humphrey £20, in her will of 1701. He married Mrs Ann Morgan, spinster, at St John's, Exeter, on 3 October 1698. The couple would appear to have resided in the parish of St John's, where Bussell was buried on 1 August 1723. In his will, he left

bequests totalling £1,000 to his three sons (Humphrey, Philip and Francis), as well as mourning for his daughter Ann and her husband William Reeves. He left the bulk of his estate to his 'beloved wife' Anne, naming his brother Philip and sister Esther (or Hester) Langworthy as executors in trust. He was the brother of the surgeon **George Bussell** and served as bailiff of the city in 1720.

Children of Robert Bussell and wife Anne:

Humphrey, bapt. February 1699/1700 [St Petrock's, Exeter]. A druggist, he was made a freeman by succession [i.e.patrimony] on 20 July 1724.

Philip, bapt.19 July 1702 [St Petrock's, Exeter].

Anne, twin, bapt.14 March 1703/4 [St Petrock's, Exeter]. Wife of William Reeves [will of father].

Nathaniel, twin, bapt.14 March 1703/4; burial 16 March 1703/4 [St Petrock's, Exeter].

Francis, bapt.25 August 1706 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Nathaniel, bapt.28 January 1707/8; buried 18 February 1707/8 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Esther or Hester, twin, bapt.8 January 1710/11 [St Olave's, Exeter] or 3 January 1711/12 [St John's, Exeter]; buried 16 April 1713 [St John's, Exeter].

Patience, twin, bapt.8 January 1710/11 [St Olave's, Exeter] or 3 January 1711/12 [St John's, Exeter]; buried 18 February 1711/12 [St John's, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.206, 238; TNA, PROB 11/469, ff.146r-147v [will of Hester Bussell, widow, of St Sidwell's, Exeter, 19 February 1701/2, pr.20 April 1703]; Devon Heritage Centre, 4767A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St John's, Exeter, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/593, ff.17v-18r [will of Robert Bussell, druggist, of Exeter, 1 September 1722, pr.12 September 1723]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; 2738A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Olave's, Exeter, Devon].

Sarah CALLEY (d.1670)

Person ID: 20049

Occ: midwife

Loc: Sidmouth, Devon

Sarah Calley, midwife and widow, was buried at Sidmouth on 16 February 1669/70.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1855A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Sidmouth, Devon].

John CANN (d.1685)

Person ID: 15033

Occ: barber

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

John Cann, barber, of Plymouth, Devon, married Hester Thomas at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 4 June 1661, and was living in a tenement in Old Town Street, Plymouth, in 1674. On 12 May 1681, he married Mary Ingerson at St Andrew's, and was buried in that parish on 25 October 1685.

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth; 163/1.

Thomas CARNE (fl.1668)

Person ID: 2566

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Tavistock, Devon

Thomas Carne, gentleman, of Tavistock, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine throughout the diocese of Exeter on 27 July 1668, testimonials on his behalf being signed by **Aaron Baunton** and Mansel Burforde.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.432 34 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.108]; PR 518, sub Devon, unplaced.

Margaret CARNELL (d.1657)

Person ID: 18469

Occ: midwife

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

Margaret Carnell, midwife and widow, was buried at Ottery St Mary on 4 July 1657.

H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837* 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1908-29), ii, p.858.

Thomas CARTER Snr (d.1685)

Person ID: 15041

Occ: barber

Loc: Okehampton, Devon

In 1666, Henry, the son of John Coram, butcher, deceased, was apprenticed to Thomas Carter, barber, of Okehampton. Carter, described as 'one of the principal burgesses' of the town, was buried at Okehampton on 6 February 1684/5.

Devon Heritage centre, 3210A/PO/10/9; 3210A/PR/1/28 [parish registers of Okehampton, Devon].

Thomas CARTER Jnr (d.1678)

Person ID: 15042

Occ: barber

Loc: Okehampton, Devon

Thomas Carter Jnr, barber, of Okehampton, Devon, married Debora Dodge at Okehampton on 12 October 1675. He was buried there, 1 December 1678.

Devon Heritage Centre, 3210A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Okehampton, Devon].

Philip CAREY or CARY (1637-1704 or 1705)

Person ID: 20137

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Dartmouth, Devon

Philip Carey or Cary was a prominent Baptist and religious controversialist, who engaged in a variety of disputes, both in public and the press, with Presbyterians in Devon, including the physician **Richard Burthogge**.

Cary was the son of William Cary or Carey, and was baptized at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 26 February 1636/7. It has been suggested, though not proven, that he may have been the brother of the mystical fifth monarchist Mary Cary (Cary had a sister, Mary, baptized at Dartmouth in 1622). According to one of Cary's opponents, John Flavell (d.1691), who described him as 'the principal Anabaptist in Dartmouth', Cary was the brother-in-law of the radical physician **Benjamin Worsley**. The two men's religious views were probably very close. On 9 September 1681, Cary wrote to **Richard Burthogge** describing his intention of 'Perfecting the Printing and Publishing of a Book of Dr Worsley's'. The work in question was *The Third Part of the Naked Truth*, which appeared anonymously at London that year. Worsley's authorship is confirmed by Richard Baxter. A year later, Cary became involved in a dispute with **Burthogge** that arose following a consultation over a gentleman patient. Cary published the ensuing debate, which was carried on by correspondence, in *A Disputation between a Doctor and an Apothecary* (1684). In 1690, Cary, describing himself as 'a lover of truth and peace', published a defence of infant baptism, which initiated a brief war of words with the local Presbyterian minister John Flavell. Two letters written by the Baptist preacher Robert Steed to Cary survive, the first addressed to Cary from Exeter gaol in August 1660, the second to Philip Cary, apothecary, of Dartmouth, dated 11 September 1697.

Cary was buried at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 11 January 1704/5. His wife Susanna predeceased him, being buried in the same parish on 12 April 1704. Cary's older brother John was apprenticed to the London apothecary **Samuel Leadbetter** in 1645.

Children of Philip Cary:

Sarah, born 21 July 1668; buried 10 August 1669 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

John, buried 26 September 1672 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

John, born July 1673 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Mary, born 31 July 1674 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Susan, buried 22 February 1682/3 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Publications:

A Disputation between a Doctor and an Apothecary, or, a Reply to the New Argument of Dr R. Burthogge, MD. for Infant's Baptism (London, 1684).

A Solemn Call unto All That Would Be Owned as Christ's Faithful Witnesses ... Or, A Discourse Concerning Baptism (London, 1690).

A Just Reply to Mr John Flavell's Arguments By Way of Answer to a Discourse Lately Published, Entituled, A Solemn Call (London, 1690).

Devon Heritage centre, 2992A/PR/1/1 & 2 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon]; T.Leng, *Benjamin Worsley (1618-1677): Trade, Interest and the Spirit in Revolutionary England* (Woodbridge, 2008), pp.176-83; John Flavell, *The Whole Works of the Reverend Mr. John Flavel* (London, 1701), vol.1, 'The Life of Mr John Flavel', unpaginated; R[ichard] B[urthogge], MD, *Vindiciae Paedo-Baptismi: or, A Confirmation of an Argument Lately Emittted for Infants Baptism: In a Letter to a Reverend Divine of the Church of England* (London, 1685), pp.5-6; Richard Baxter, *A Second True Defence of the Meer Nonconformists* (London, 1681), pp.11-12; *The Tract Magazine and Christian Miscellany*, 3rd ser., vol.5 (London, 1838), pp.67-72; **London apothecary database.**

Thomas CARY or CAREW (d.1706)

Person ID: 2643

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Silverton, Devon

Described as a gentleman, Thomas Cary was licensed to practise surgery in Devon on 7 June 1680. In the registers of Silverton, he appears as Thomas Carew, 'chyrurgeon', and was buried in that parish on 31 January 1705/6. He was probably the son of Mr Thomas Carew Snr who was buried at Silverton, 12 March 1692/3.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.56; 3359A/PR/1/16 [parish registers of Silverton, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.301.

John CASE (d.1688)

Person ID: 2650

Occ; Surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Case, surgeon, was made a freeman, by succession, as the son of Richard Case, on 3 November 1673. Case had been practising as a surgeon in the city from at least 1663. In that year, he treated a man for wounds following a fight in a city tavern. Thereafter, he regularly appears in the records of the corporation, where many of his patients sought payment for cures. On one such occasion, he became embroiled in a professional dispute with fellow city surgeon **Anthony Smith**, who refused to treat a patient suffering from great pains in her limbs and mouth ulcers on the grounds that the condition was incurable. In his capacity as a surgeon, he also supplied testimonials for **John Hawton** of Sandford and **Richard Taylor** of Totnes, who were seeking episcopal licences to practise as surgeons. Case was evidently on friendly terms with the Plymouth surgeon **James Yonge**, who records visiting him at Exeter in February 1679. Case's apprentice **Abraham Jennings** was made a freeman of Exeter in 1695.

In November 1688, Case was employed by the city to tend to the sick and wounded of the Dutch army of William of Orange following its disembarkment at Torbay. He died shortly after in this service and was buried in his parish church of St Mary Major on 26 December 1688.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.162, 191; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/65, f.108v; ECA, C1/66, f.137r; ECA, Petitions 3/23; 3/35; 5/30 and 31; ECA 11 [Chamber Act Book, 1663-84], pp.207, 208; PR 518, *sub* Sandford [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiate, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.108]; Lambeth Palace Library, FII/24/70a-c; *The Journal of James Yonge [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), p.152; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.80; *Historical Manuscripts Commission. Report on the Records of the City of Exeter* (London, 1916), p.223; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/14 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.297.

Robert CATFORD, Robert (b.1636)

Person ID: 16738

Occ: apothecary

Location: Exeter, Devon

Robert Catford, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter as the apprentice of **John Collins** on 15 November 1658. He was the son of Robert Catford (d.1682) and his wife Mary and was baptised at Exeter on 18 May 1636. He married Katherine Bartholomew [Batholomue] at Exeter cathedral on 5 November 1656. Two men of this name, both married (probably father and son) were listed as resident in the parishes of St Edmund and St Lawrence in the poll tax records of 1660. Catford's son, Robert, was baptised in the latter parish a year later. Catford the apothecary may be the same as the Robert Catford, of St Sidwell's, Exeter, who was presented in the vicar general's court in September 1671 for not paying a church rate. A man of the same name also appears in that year's hearth tax records for the parish. However, no trace of Catford has been found in the registers of St Sidwell's.

Children of Robert Catford:

Robert, bapt.12 April 1661 [St Lawrence, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.147; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.43; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), pp.36, 42; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.Binney (ed.), *The Parish Registers of St Lawrence, Exeter*, 2 vols (1604-79; 1679-1749), vol.1, *sub* Catford.

George CAUNTER (fl.1670)

Person ID: 2669

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

George Caunter, surgeon, of Plymouth, Devon, was described by fellow surgeon **James Yonge** in 1670 as ‘an aged practicer, that had formerly settled and been forced to go to the W. India’, but who was now living back in Plymouth.

The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721], ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), p.140.

John CAUNTER (fl.1698-1702)

Person ID: 2670

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Crediton, Devon

John Caunter of Crediton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the county of Devon on 8 April 1698. He secured the licence in part through a testimonial signed by the Exeter physician **John Osmond**. He later signed similar testimonials for fellow practitioners, **John Eastway** of Launceston, Cornwall (1695) and **Thomas Richards** of Rewe (1702). Caunter may be the same as the John Canter or Caunter, surgeon, who signed the oath roll at Bovey Tracey, Devon, in August 1723, and was buried in that parish on 31 August 1724. If so, he may have been related to Robert Caunter (d.1689), vicar of Bovey Tracey, 1681-9.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.182 [I.Mortimer, ‘Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783’, *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.108]; PR 518, *sub* Crediton, Launceston and Rewe; QS 17/2/1/3b; 2160A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Bovey Tracey, Devon].

John CAUNTER (fl.1701)

Person ID: 17391

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Caunter, apothecary, of Exeter, Devon, was made a freeman of the city as the apprentice of **William Moore** on 15 December 1701. He may have been the John Caunter of Exeter, whose will (no longer extant) was proved at Exeter in 1724.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.207; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.305.

Thomas CHAFE or CHAFFE (c.1585-1648)

Person ID: 2697

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: St Giles in the Wood, Devon

Thomas Chafe of st Giles in the Wood, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine throughout the diocese of Exeter on 9 August 1633, testimonials approving his practice being signed by **Robert Vilvain** and others. Chafe was the third son of Thomas Chafe (d.1604) of Exeter, notary public, and his wife Dorothy, née Shorte

(d.1612). He matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 23 March 1603/4, aged 16, and proceeded BA in 1607 and MA in 1610. Chafe married Margaret Burgoyne (d.1655), and was the brother of Pascha Chaffe, the wife of Tristram Risdon (c.1580-1640), author of *The Chorographical Description or Survey of the County of Devon* (1714; 1811). Nothing is known of his practice, but it is alluded to on his recently restored and magnificent tomb effigy in the church of St Giles in the Wood. There, an inscription reads 'exuvias suas exuit MEDICUS' ('The Doctor took off his robes'), a reference to his death and burial on 25 November 1648. In his will made shortly before his death, he makes reference to the religious and political upheavals of the time, as well as his own economic suffering. He left a number of small bequests, including to his wife and her two children (presumably by an earlier marriage), and named his nephew Thomas Chafe (d.1662), counsellor at law, as residual legatee and executor. His widow Margaret was buried at St Giles in the Wood, 30 March 1655. Despite her late husband's request, her dates were not entered on the memorial inscription.



Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.331 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.108]; Foster, i, p.254; *m.i.*, St Giles in the Wood, Devon; TNA, PROB 11/207, ff.191r-192r [will of Thomas Shafe, 24 September 1648, pr.18 February 1648/9]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2180A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Giles in the Wood, Devon].

Thomas CHAMBER (fl.1656)

Person ID: 20178

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bovey Tracey, Devon

Thomas Chamber, surgeon, of Bovey Tracey, Devon, married Agnes Waltham of Kenn, Devon, a spinster, at Bovey Tracey on 24 August 1656.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2160A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Bovey Tracey, Devon].

Bartholomew CHAPPELL (d.1623 or 1624)

Person ID: 2753

Physician/clergyman

Loc: London, Devon & Bristol

Bartholomew Chappell was an itinerant medical practitioner, who would appear to have travelled widely during a long career, never staying too long in one place. He is first heard of in April 1595, when he appeared before the censors of the College of Physicians in London accused of illicit practice. Fined, he was summoned again a few months later, appearing on this occasion with letters of support secured from powerful patrons and patients, including the Lord Treasurer, William Cecil, Lord Chandos, and Lord Hungerford. On 17 October 1595, he was subjected to a formal examination by the College, and found wanting. Despite claiming knowledge of the works of Galen and Hippocrates and of having studied medicine for 25 years, the censors concluded that he was deficient in orthodox medical knowledge. He was however allowed to practice if accompanied by a college fellow. He was examined again in November 1595, when he showed 'absurd ignorance' and was consequently forbidden outright to practice. Summoned again the following year, he once again claimed the support of powerful patrons, including the countess of Warwick. He was once again reprimanded and let off further fines if he agreed to desist from practice. Bailed, no more is heard of him in the College's records after October 1596.

In all probability, he was living in the parish of St Clement Danes, Middlesex, at this time. One Bartholomew Chappell had married Katherine Linche here on 12 February 1578/9, and the registers further record the burial of one Henry, the son of Bartholomew Chappell, on 20 February 1597/8. A few months later, Anne Cove, a gentlewoman 'from Bartholomew Chappells', was buried in the parish. Chappell combined medical practice with an interest in matters theological. In 1595, for example, he published *The Garden of Prudence*, which he dedicated to his patron Ann, countess of Warwick (d.1604), a miscellaneous collection of pious poems and prose works on a variety of themes, including the medical. One poem refers to the recent deaths in London of 12,000 by plague, while, in a brief section on diet, in which he invokes Galen and Hippocrates, he recommends moderation and the doctrine of contraries in the search for health.

Some time after 1596, Chappell would appear to have left for the west country. In 1603, he appeared in the borough court of Plymouth, where he brought a plaint against one Thomas Ledsam for non-payment of medical charges. Ledsam, of Hartland, in north Devon, counter-sued. Chappell was variously described as *medicus* and a doctor of physick, living in Great Torrington, Devon. In 1612, Chapell, *medicinae doctor*, was ordained deacon and priest at Silverton in Devon, but there is no record of his holding a living there or anywhere else. He was probably still practising medicine in Devon in 1620, when a Dr Chappell counter-signed the application of **William Hole** of Exeter for a licence to practice in the diocese of Exeter. By 1623, he was living in Bristol, where the corporation agreed to pay Dr Chappell £4 pa for the duration of his stay as recompense for his healing the city's sick poor. He was buried at St Philip and St Jacob, Bristol, on 13 January 1623/4.

Publication:

The Garden of Prudence; Wherein is Contained a Patheticall Discourse and Godly Meditation, Most Briefly Touching the Vanities of the World, The Calamities of Hell, and the Felicities of Heaven (London, 1595).

Margaret Pelling, database of illicit practitioners, *sub* Chappell, Bartholomew [RCPL, Annals [**need p.refs**]; City of Westminster Archives, STC/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Clement Danes, Middlesex, 1558-1638]; Plymouth Archives, 1/356/50; 1/361/19; Dewvon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, pp.80, 287; J.Latimer, *The Annals of Bristol in the Seventeenth Century* (Bristol, 1900), p.84; Bristol Archives, Inv.1623/16; P/ST.P&J/R/1/2 [parish registers of St Philip and Jacob, Bristol, 1621-1653].

John CHAPPLE (fl.1692)

Person ID: 15058

Occ: barber

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

In 1692, John Chapple, barber, of Plymouth, Devon, was granted a settlement certificate to relocate to Lostwithiel in Cornwall.

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Zachary CHAPPLE (d.1695)

Person ID: 2754

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Offwell, Devon

Zachary Chapple of Offwell, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the county of Devon on 14 October 1664. In his application, he claimed to have practised medicine for many years, during which time he had shown much charity towards the poor. Testimonials on his behalf were signed by **John Hopf**, **William Oake**, vicar of Seaton, three other ministers and several others. He had probably learned his art under **William Collins** of Offwell. In the latter's will of 1657, he mentions a servant called Zachary Chaple. He is probably the man of the same name, who had a son christened Zachary at Offwell in 1656. Zacharias Chappel was buried at Offwell on 8 October 1695.

Children of Zachary Chapple, with wife Joyce:

Zachary, bapt.4 March 1655/6 [Offwell].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.293 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.109]; PR 518, *sub* Offwell; TNA, PROB 11/273, ff.367v-368v [will of William Collins of Offwell, gent, 26 October 1657, pr.26 February 1657/8]; Devon Heritage Centre, 364A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Offwell, Devon].

Daniel CHARDAVOYNE (fl.1715)

Person ID: 2766

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Daniel Chardavoyne of Plymouth, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in Devon on 15 October 1715. His application, dated 6 September 1715, states that he served his apprenticeship with **Peter Fleurrison** of Plymouth. Other testimonials were signed by John Pike, mayor, William Hurrill, Samuel Allen and William Cock, JPs, and **John Pearce** and **Elias Pilet**, surgeons.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* 15 October 1715 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.109]; PR 518, *sub* Plymouth.

Robert CHATTEY Jnr (d.1678)

Person ID: 2789

Occ: licensed physician/mercier

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

Robert Chattey Jnr of Tiverton, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Exeter and Salisbury on 31 March 1668. Fragments of letters testimonial survive, but unfortunately contain no signatures. Chattey was the son of Humphrey Chattey (d.1702) of Butterleigh, where Robert was probably born. He married Elizabeth Land at Tiverton on 21 May 1668. No children of the marriage were alive at the time of Chattey's death in 1678. He was buried at Tiverton on 14 November 1678. In his will, made shortly before his death, he mentions a son Robert, now dead, and left numerous bequests, totalling £200, to his father Humphrey, brother Humphrey, and sister Anne. He named his wife Elizabeth as residual legatee and executrix. Chattey and his family were evidently puritanically inclined. In his own will, he left to his brother Humphrey an edition of the celebrated collection of puritan lives by Samuel Clark (1599-1683). His uncle Robert Chattey Snr (d.1679) was the brother-in-law of the ejected minister Theophilus Polwhele (d.1689).

Children of Robert Chatty Jnr and wife Elizabeth:

Robert, bapt.6 October 1671 [Tiverton].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/15; VG 1/1, f.203v; Sheldon, f.222v [*Directory*, i, no.155]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/359, f.116v [will of Robert Chattey Jnr, mercier, of Tiverton, 5 November 1678, pr.13 February 1678/9]; PROB 11/360, ff.129r-130v [will of Robert Chattey, mercier, of Tiverton, 17 June 1679, pr.14 July 1679].

John CHEEKE (d.1695)

Person ID: 2801

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Cheeke was the son of Joseph Cheeke, brewer, of Exeter, Devon. In 1689, he was apprenticed to the London barber surgeon, **Charles Barnard**, but was discharged prior to completing his time on 11 December 1693. He subsequently returned to his native city where he was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 19 August 1694. He married Mrs Kezia Beard, widow and daughter of John Lome (c.1653-1713), rector of Holy Trinity, Exeter, at Heavitree on 13 December 1694 (the service conducted by his father-in-law). He died four months later, on 15 April 1695, and was buried by Lome at Holy Trinity on 18 April 1695. In his will, made two days before his death, he left his wife Keziah £800 and a silver watch. She was pregnant at the time, and Cheeke bequeathed his unborn child a legacy of all his property and estate. Cheeke named his wife Keziah and mother-in-law Rebecca Lome as joint executrices, requesting that his father-in-law John Lome, uncle John Eveleigh and Mr Charles Hieron act as assistants.

Cheeke was the brother of Joseph Cheeke whose marriage to Frances, the daughter of **Thomas Waterhouse**, doctor of physic of Exeter, he alleged in 1693 (he was then described as a gentleman living in the London parish of St Sepulchre).

M.Scott (ed.), *Apprenticeship Disputes in the Lord Mayor's Court of London 1573-1723* (London, BRS, Apprenticeship Series, vol.1, Part 1, 2016), p.261; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.35 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.109]; 3004A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Heavitree, Devon]; 1718A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/431, ff.143v-144r [will of John Cheeke, surgeon, of Exeter, 13 April 1695, pr.23 May 1696]; J.Foster (ed.), *London Marriage Licences, 1521-1869* (London, 1887), p.270.

Charles CHERITON (fl.1580-1628)

Person ID: 2807

Occ: physician

Loc: Churchstanton, Devon

Charles Cheriton of Churchstanton, Devon [now in Somerset] is described as a physician in a quitclaim for a property at Burnworthy in Churchstanton in 1628. He was born in Devon around 1580, matriculating at Gloucester Hall, Oxford, on 13 October 1598, aged 18. He graduated BA from Corpus Christi College on 28 June 1604, and MA from Gloucester Hall on 27 June 1607. Described as a parishioner of Churchstanton, he married Mary Bagbeare of the same parish at Upottery, Devon, on 11 December 1613. His date of death is unknown, as the registers of Churchstanton are no longer extant for this period. He may have died childless; the will of his brother **Clement Cheriton**, proved in 1630, makes no mention of children. He did however leave Charles all his books, clothes and a legacy of £10.

Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\MT/20/5/5; Foster, i, p.266; Lt Col.J.L.Vivian (ed.), *The Marriage Licences of the Diocese of Exeter from the Bishops Registers* [1546-1632] (Exeter, 1889), p.37; Devon Heritage Centre, 1231A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Upottery, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/157, f.185r [will of Clement Cheriton, undated, pr.24 March 1629/30].

Clement CHERITON (d.1630)

Person ID: 2808

Occ: physician

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Clement Cheriton was the younger brother of **Charles Cheriton**, and was probably born at Churchstanton in Devon. He subscribed at Oxford University on 23 April 1613, proceeding BA from Gloucester Hall on 24 November 1615 and MA on 10 June 1618. Some time thereafter, he set up in medical practice at Exeter, where he was a resident of the parish of St Stephen's. In December 1628, Clement Cheriton, 'professor of medicine' of Exeter, was licensed to marry Sarah Lant (b.1601) of the same city in the diocese of Exeter (place of marriage not found). She was the daughter of John Lant (d.1614), a former mayor of Exeter. The marriage was short-lived. Cheriton was buried in Exeter cathedral on the evening of 16 February 1629/30. In his brief and undated will, he left small bequests to his brothers Charles and Christopher, sister Margaret Weale, and brother-in-law Thomas Bowridge, leaving the bulk of his estate to his wife and executrix, Sarah. She married Mr William Griffith at Exeter cathedral on 3 May 1632.

Foster, i, p.266; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.8; Lt Col.J.L.Vivian (ed.), *The Marriage Licences of the Diocese of Exeter from the Bishops Registers* (Exeter, 1889), p.104 [Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.115]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), pp.61, 23; TNA, PROB 11/157, f.185r [will of Clement Cheriton, undated, pr.24 March 1629/30].

Ames CHICHESTER (1652-c.1708)

Person ID: 2832

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Shirwell, Devon

Ames Chichester was the son of Henry Chichester, gent, of Barnstaple, and was baptised at Marwood, Devon, on 3 February 1651/2. Chichester was admitted to Caius College, Cambridge, on 9 May 1669, graduating BA in 1672/3, MA in 1676 and MD in 1687. He was also a fellow of Caius from 1679 until 1695. Shortly before his death, Chichester married Mrs Anne Ward at Shirwell, 16 September 1708 [**will details to follow**]. He was the brother of Henry Chichester (d.1714), rector of Berrynarbor, and uncle of **Henry Chichester**, who may have inherited his practice.

Devon Heritage Centre, 3398A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Marwood, Devon]; Venn, i, p.322; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Devon, unplaced; **British Library, Add MS 34,548, f.78 [abstract of will]**; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Shirwell; **Somerset Heritage Centre, Rev.Frederick Brown Collection of wills, vol.31, pt C [abstract of administration of estate of Ames Chichester]**.

Henry CHICHESTER (b.1684)

Person: 2833

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Henry Chichester was the son of Henry Chichester (d.1714), rector of Berrynarbor, Devon, and was born in that parish on 1 December 1684 (baptized 9 December 1684). He was admitted pensioner at Caius College, Cambridge, on 26 February 1701/2, and was granted his B Med in 1708. He practised medicine in Barnstaple. Venn suggests that he probably died in Somerset, though no record of his burial has been discovered. Chichester is mentioned in the will of his father, Henry, who left him the contents of two properties in Devon, as well as sheep and woodland in Marwood and a share of an estate in Chittlehampton. He was the nephew of the physician **Ames Chichester**.

Devon Heritage Centre, 3921A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Berrynarbor, Devon]; Venn, i, p.332; TNA, PROB 11/545, ff.42r-43r [will of Henry Chichester, clerk and rector of Berrynarbor, 20 March 1713/14, pr.4 March 1714/15].

Lewis CHICHESTER (c.1590-1655 or 1656)

Person ID: 2834/20252

Occ: doctor of phyic

Loc: Arlington, Devon

Lewis Chichester was the son of Henry Chichester and his wife Mary, the daughter of John Burgoyne of Zeal. There is no evidence that Chichester attended university in England. He probably received his MD at Padua, where he was inscribed in September 1618. He served as consiliarius at Padua from 1617 until 1628. At some point thereafter, he returned to England, practising medicine in and around Barnstaple, north Devon. Fellow practitioner **Peter Muden** left him 'all my Italian books in Phisick' in his will of 1633. Some time after the Restoration, one **Anthony Norris** claimed that he had served a three-year apprenticeship as a surgeon under Chichester. Lewes Chichester, doctor of physicke, was buried at Arlington on 20 January 1655/6. In a brief will, written in May 1655, Chichester left all his estate, including property at Dant, Brampton and Loxford Park, to 'little' Henry Chichester, the son of his nephew Robert Chichester.

F.T.Cosby (ed.), *The Visitation of the County of Devon in the Yeare 1620* (London, HS, vol.6, 1872), pp.54-5; Royal College of Physicians, London, Innes Smith MSS; TNA, PROB 11/175, ff.91r-92r [will of Peter Muden, doctor in physic, of Butterleigh, Devon, 18 December 1633, pr.5 October 1637]; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Alrington [sic]; W.H.Rogers (ed.), *Transcript of the Parish Registers of Arlington*; TNA, PROB 11/253, ff.194v-195r [will of Lewis Chichester, doctor of physic, of Arlington, Devon, 5 May 1655, pr.19 February 1655/6].

Richard CHILCOTT (d.1719)

Person ID: 2837/20255

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Richard Chilcott, of Plymouth, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol and Exeter on 9 May 1702. He had formerly served as master surgeon of *HMS Litchfield*, appointed 8 January 1695, and had served honourably according to his commanding officer, Lord Archibald Hamilton.

Further letters in support of Chilcott's application for a licence were supplied by two London physicians, **John Harborough** and **William Palmer**. He may have been related to Joseph Chilcott (d.1747), clerk, who was noted in the commission. Chilcott, in turn, signed testimonials on behalf of **Nathaniel Taunton** (1703) **William Williams** (1709) and [**Fowey, 1718; check Mortimer, Index, p.109**].

Richard Chilcott, then serving aboard the *Litchfield*, was licensed to marry Eleanor Lashley (b.1678), the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Lashley of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 29 September 1698 (no record of marriage survives). Mr Richard Chilcott was buried in the parish of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 21 January 1718/19.

Children of Richard Chilcott and wife Eleanor:

Elizabeth, bapt.10 August 1699; buried 2 February 1699/1700 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

Lashley [son], bapt.22 September 1709 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, where his father is described as 'Dr Richard Chilcott'].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/354/1-5; Tenison 1, f.133 [*Directory*, i, no.157]; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Liskeard, Modbury, and Fowey, Cornwall [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.109]; Chanter MS 47, p.199; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, Devon.

Robert CHILCOTT (fl.1683-1688)

Person ID: 18396

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Robert Chilcott, druggist, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Joseph Mawditt** on 3 September 1683. In July 1688, a witness before the borough quarter sessions testified that Robert Chilcott, druggist, during political disturbances in the city, had laid hands on one of the constables, declaring that 'here is nothing but a parcel of pitifull Taylors'. He may have been related to the moderate clergyman and nonconformist sympathiser Robert Chilcott (d.1690), rector of St Mary Major, Exeter, who had links with the city's apothecaries. In 1681, he attested to the medical competency of **Charles Cunningham**, apothecary, who was seeking an episcopal licence to practise medicine.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.175; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/66, f.205v*; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/163/1.

Hugh CHING (d.c.1713)

Person ID: 2843

Occ: unlicensed surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In January 1684, Hugh Ching of Exeter appeared in the vicar-general's court and was admonished to discontinue practising surgery until properly licensed and authorised. It is not clear whether he sought a licence, but he did continue to practise. In October 1698, he petitioned the chamber in Exeter for payment for a cure performed, as agreed with the city. He probably died in about 1713, when his will (no longer extant), was proved.

Devon Heritage Centre, C 757, *sub* 18 January 1683/4; ECA, Petitions 6/54; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.303.

John CHISHULL (1665-1717)

Person ID: 2847

Occ: physician

Loc: Bideford & Tiverton, Devon

John Chishull was the son of the nonconformist minister John Chishull (d.1672), who was ejected from the living of Tiverton in 1660. Chishull was born at Enfield, Middlesex, where he was baptised on 25 April 1665. His father was then teaching school there. Chishull settled into medical practice at Bideford, where he attended the local congregational chapel. On 30 December 1696, he married Anne Calwoodleigh (b.1662), the daughter of James Calwoodleigh (d.1681), gent, of Uplowman, in that parish. The couple had three daughters, the youngest of whom was baptised at Tiverton in 1707. Chishull was said then to be living still at Bideford, but probably retired to Tiverton some time before his death in 1717. He was buried there on 28 November 1717. Calamy cites Chishull as the principal defender of his father's posthumous reputation.

Children of John Chishull, doctor or doctor of physick, and wife Anne:

Margaret, bapt.2 October 1699 [Bideford Independent Church].

Margaret, bapt.8 February 1704/5 [Bideford].

Joan, born 16 December 1706; bapt.5 January 1706/7 [Tiverton].

Calamy Revised, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), p.115; London Metropolitan Archives, GB 0074 DRO/004 [parish registers of Enfield, Middlesex, 1639-1666]; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.133; 829A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Uplowman, Devon]; North Devon RO, register of Bideford Independent Church, births, 1690-1785; Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PE/1/3 and 4 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon]; Edmund Calamy, *A Continuation of the Account of the Ministers ... who were Ejected and Silenced after the Restoration in 1660*, 2 vols (London, 1727), ii, p.264; J.Cobley (ed.), *James Davidson's East Devon Church Notes* (Woodbridge, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, 64, 2022), p.384; Devon Heritage Centre, 799A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Bideford, Devon].

Frederick CHRISTIAN (d.1632)

Person ID: 2855

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Of Flemish origin (his father Frederick, a surgeon, who was buried at Plymouth, where he had briefly lived, in 1619, made his will at Flushing in 1613), Christian (or possibly his father) was practising in Plymouth from at least 1600 onwards. In 1601, for example, he was paid by the corporation for 'ripping' a townsman. Seven years later, he fulfilled an obligation as an executor by paying 40s to Wilmot, the daughter of Daniel Bohun, late of Plymouth, in order to have her put out apprentice. In 1614-15, he contributed 8s as a free gift to the King, and in 1619 he inherited the bulk of his father's estate, including a set of surgical instruments and books. By 1627, he was sufficiently important in the town for the mayor to petition the Privy Council seeking an exemption for Christian and fellow surgeon **John Davies** from being pressed into military service in France. The petitioner claimed that the city was suffering much from a want of surgeons in the aftermath of the Cadiz expedition and the late plague. It was also claimed that 'fear of being pressed' was deterring able surgeons from settling in the town. Christian and Davies, if exempted, were promised employment in the town's hospital.

Christian died in November 1632, though it is not known where he died or where he was buried. In his will, made in that month, he left bequests to the poor of Plymouth, Southampton and the Dutch church in London. He was clearly a wealthy man. In addition to properties in Plymouth, he made bequests of more than £1,270 to various family members, which was exclusive of the settlement made to his wife, Adrian, as residual legatee and executrix. No children, however, are mentioned in the will, nor are any mentioned in the parish registers of Plymouth.

TNA, PROB 11/135, fos 217v-218r [will of Frederick Christians of Plymouth, 28 September 1613, trans.1619, pr.22 March 1619/20]; R.N.Worth (ed.), *Calendar of the Plymouth Municipal Records* (Plymouth, 1893), pp.142, 148; Plymouth Archives, 1/90, f.3v; *Acts of the Privy Council of England, January-August 1627*, p.235; TNA, PROB 11/162, ff.419v-420r [will of Frederick Christian, surgeon, of Plymouth, 5 November 1632, pr.19 November 1632].

Thomas CHUDLEIGH (1622-c.1668)

Person ID: 2863

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Chudleigh of Exeter, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery by the University of Oxford on 30 July 1658. He was the son of Sir George Chudleigh (1582-1658), and was baptised at Ashton, Devon, on 19 May 1622. Chudleigh married Agnes Vaughan, the couple having one son, Thomas (b.c.1650), who became a diplomat under Charles II. Thomas, it was said, grew up in the house built by his father in Castle Close, Exeter, which was seized by the crown for debt after his father's death in 1668. This is presumably the house in the precinct of Bradninch in the parish of St Paul's, where Thomas Chudleigh, gent, and his wife were living in 1660. Thomas's first wife Agnes must have died before 1656. On 7 April 1656, Thomas Chudleigh, gent, of 'Little Bradnidg', Exeter, married Mrs Melior Ashford of

Ayshford, near Burlescombe, Devon, at Exeter cathedral. However, no record of Chudleigh's death or burial seems to have survived, and nothing is known regarding his occupation as a surgeon. A treasury warrant, dated 16 March 1668/9, stipulated that Chudleigh's goods were to be seized in order to pay arrears of rent owed to the crown as well as a part payment towards over £700 which he owed as receiver of the benevolence money for Devon following the Restoration.

Foster, i, p.276; Devon Heritage Centre, 2016A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Ashton, Devon]; *ODNB*, sub Chudleigh, Thomas, article by R.Clayton; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.46; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.39; *Calendar of Treasury Books*, vol.3 [1669-1672] (London, HMSO, 1908), p.198.

Francis CHUTE (fl.1706-25)

Person ID: 27683

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon, & Bridgwater, Somerset

Francis Chute witnessed the will of the Exeter apothecary **Samuel Sampson Snr**, probably as his apprentice, in 1706. In 1715, Chute, with **Samuel Sampson Jr**, received £10 in the will of a thankful patient, Penelope Rowland. Some time after 1715, Chute set up as an apothecary at Bridgwater in Somerset, possibly his hometown. He is described as living in the town on his marriage to Rebecca Osmond of Exeter at Exeter Cathedral on 27 June 1723. He was left an annuity of £20 pa by his wife, Rebecca, in her will of 1725. She was buried at Chard, Somerset, 30 November 1727.

TNA, PROB 11/496, ff.91r-94r [will of Samuel Sampson, apothecary, of Exeter, 2 December 1706, pr.2 July 1707]; PROB 11/549, ff.272r-275r [will of Penelope Rowland, widow, of Exeter, 27 February, 1 and 3 November 1715, pr.12 December 1715]; PROB 11/623, ff.284r-285v [will of Rebecca Chute of Bridgwater, Somerset, 11 July 1725, pr.5 August 1728]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D/P\CHARD/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chard, Somerset, 1649-1729].

Richard CHYMNEY alias LYMBERY (fl.1525)

Person ID: 15749

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

As an apprentice of **William Brygge**, Richard Cymney alias Lymbery was made a freeman of the city of Exeter at Michaelmas 1524. His own apprentice **Philip Mounes** was made free in 1563-4.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.70, 86.

John CLACE (fl.1722)

Person ID: 15064

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Ford, the apprentice of John Clace, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter on 26 February 1721/2.

One John Clace was living in the parish of St Mary Major, Exeter, in 1699. He may be the same as the John Clace, of Exeter, whose will was proved in 1728.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.235; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.106; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.306.

William CLACE (fl.1708)

Person ID: 15065

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Clace, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **John Pince** on 1 March 1707/8.

One of this name was buried at Exeter Cathedral on 20 July 1740 (will proved 1741).

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.216; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.168; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.310.

Culpeper CLAPHAM (c.1578-1641)

Person ID: 27671

Culpeper Clapham was the son of Thomas Clapham, of Kyme, Lincolnshire, where he was born about 1578. He married Mary Coplande at Barnstaple on 14 October 1606, and was buried there on 28 July 1641. Clapham was mentioned in the will of the Dutch-born physician **Peter Muden** of Butterleigh, Devon. He owed Muden £36, but was also named as one of Muden's executors, the latter leaving a small bequest of 20s to Clapham's son, Culpeper. Culpeper Clapham was the brother of **Raleigh Clapham**, who named him as one of the overseers of his will of 1636.

Children of Culpeper Clapham and wife Mary:

Culpeper, bapt.11 February 1607/8 [Barnstaple].

Peter, bapt.6 June 1610; buried 31 January 1611/12 [Barnstaple].

John, bapt.4 April 1612; buried 27 August 1614 [Barnstaple].

Peter, bapt.30 January 1613/14; buried 5 May 1622 [Barnstaple].

Sarah, bapt.21 February 1615/16; buried 1 November 1618 [Barnstaple].
Rebecca, bapt.12 June 1617 [Barnstaple].
Mary, bapt.1 July 1620; buried 8 July 1622 [Barnstaple].
Arthur, bapt.26 September 1621 [Barnstaple].
William, bapt.14 December 1623; buried 27 January 1624/5 [Barnstaple].

T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903), baptisms, pp.50, 52, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65; marriages, p.15; burials, pp.38, 39, 41, 43, 44, 47, 61; TNA, PROB 11/175, ff.91r-93r [will of Peter Muden, doctor of physic, of Butterleigh, 18 December 1633, pr.5 October 1637]; PROB 11/172, ff.189v-190v [will of Raligh Clapham, apothecary, of Barnstaple, 9 August 1636, pr.26 November 1636].

Raleigh CLAPHAM (c.1587-1636)

Person ID: 17009

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Raleigh Clapham, apothecary, was buried at Barnstaple on 3 September 1636. At the time of his death, he was living near the high cross in the town. He owned a large number of properties in Barnstaple as well as in nearby Bishop's Tawton. In his will, he left £850 in addition to property to his five surviving children (John, Raleigh, Joseph, Elizabeth and Mary) and wife Mary. He named his brother **Culpeper** as joint overseer and also left small bequests for Martin Blake (1593-1673) and William Crompton (d.1642), vicar and lecturer respectively in the town. The gifts were to prove ironic. After Blake preached Clapham's funeral sermon, Crompton, more radical in his puritanism, accused Blake of preaching Arminian heresies. Thereafter, the town was divided and peace not restored until Crompton's removal the following year.

His widow Mary was responsible for erecting an elaborate mural monument to the memory of Clapham, which survives today. The inscription states that Clapham was the younger son of Thomas Clapham of Lincolnshire and that he died on 31 August 1636, aged 49. Raleigh Clapham married Mary Mungin alias Daniell at Barnstaple on 17 July 1614. She died sometime between June 1646 and July 1647. Her will makes clear that she continued to run her husband's business, leaving 'all my chests, boxes and shelfes in my shop, and all my weights, balance and scales, great and smale' to her son Raleigh. He was also gifted all her latin books and an English bible, which had previously belonged to his father. Another son John, from whom she purchased at great expense various properties in Bishop's Tawton and Barnstaple for her daughters' legacies, received a Spanish bible.

Children of Raleigh Clapham and wife Mary:

John, bapt.20 May 1618 [Barnstaple].
Joseph, bapt.18 July 1619 [Barnstaple]. He married Elizabeth Hartnoll at Barnstaple, 14 January 1640/1, and died some time between October 1644 and June 1646.
Mary, bapt.14 February 1620/1; buried 15 March 1622/3 [Barnstaple].
Martha, bapt.19 March 1622/3; buried 13 April 1629 [Barnstaple].
Elizabeth, bapt.9 January 1624/5 [Barnstaple]. She married Hugh Mercer at

Barnstaple, 9 December 1647.
Margaret, bapt.3 June 1627 [Barnstaple].
Raleigh, bapt.5 July 1629 [Barnstaple]. A goldsmith, he never married and was buried at Barnstaple, 24 August 1676.
Richard, bapt.10 July 1631 [Barnstaple].

T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903), baptisms, pp.59, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 71, 73; marriages, pp.17, 26, 27; burials, pp.45, 50, 56, 85; TNA, PROB 11/172, ff.189v-190v [will of Raligh Clapham, apothecary, of Barnstaple, 9 August 1636, pr.26 November 1636]; J.F.Chanter, *The Life and Times of Martin Blake B.D. (1593-1673)* (London, 1910), pp.61-2; *m.i.*, St Peter's, Barnstaple; TNA, PROB 11/201, ff.158v-159r [will of Marie Clapham, widow, of Barnstaple, 28 June 1646, pr.15 July 1647]; PROB 11/199, ff.296v-297v [will of Joseph Clapham, merchant, of Barnstaple, 29 October 1644, pr.10 February 1646/7].

Anne CLARKE (fl.1709) Person ID: 18473

Occ: midwife Loc: Tiverton, Devon

Anne Clarke of Tiverton, Devon, was licensed to practise midwifery in the diocese of Exeter on 9 September 1709.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* 9 December 1709.

Jane CLARKE (d.1611) Person ID: 18475

Occ: midwife Loc: Exeter, Devon

Jane Clarke, midwife, was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 18 September 1611.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

John CLARKE (fl.1670) Person ID: 15070

Occ: barber Loc: Exeter, Devon

Charles, the son of John Clarke, barber, was buried at St Kerrian's, Exeter, 22 August 1670. Otherwise unidentified.

Devon Heritage Centre, 4780A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Kerrian's, Exeter, Devon].

Thomas CLARKE Snr (fl.1670) Person ID: 27718

Occ: physician Loc: Okehampton, Devon

Thomas Clarke Snr, physician, signed a testimonial on behalf of **Thomas Clarke Jnr** in 1670. He, or the latter, also signed a similar testimonial on behalf of **Francis Hann** in the same year.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/23 and 26 [*Directory*, i, nos 163 and 381].

Thomas CLARKE Jnr (fl.1670-1709)

Person ID: 2953

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Okehampton, Devon

Thomas Clarke Jnr was licensed to practise surgery and medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Exeter and Salisbury on 13 September 1670. Letters testimonial on his behalf were signed by **Henry Glisson**, **Edmund Gray**, **Thomas Clarke Snr** and one J.Brooke, 'medic[us]'. He is almost certainly the same as the Thomas Clarke, 'MD', who signed testimonials on behalf of various practitioners from Plymouth, Penzance and Modbury between about 1676 and 1709.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/23; VG 1/1, fo.220v; Sheldon, fo.231 [*Directory*, i, no.163]; VX 1A/10/26; I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.109.

Philip CLASH or CLESH (fl.1638)

Person ID: 3016

Occ: licensed physician

Occ: Bradninch, Devon?

Philip Clash or Clesh probably lived at Bradninch. In 1657, Clesh, described as 'med.professorum licentiat', signed a testimonial on behalf of **William Miller** of Bradninch in November 1638. He may have been the man of the same name, who died leaving a nuncupative will at Longford in Cullompton in 1657. There, he named William Wright of Bradninch as his executor.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter 43, p.527; TNA, PROB 11/269, f.161r [nuncupative will of Philip Clash, 12 May 1657, pr.24 November 1657].

John CLASSEN (fl.1672)

Person ID: 2976

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In March 1672, John Classen, surgeon, attended an assault victim in the city of Exeter. He was almost certainly related to **Peter Classen**. One John Claessen was granted a pass by Lord Arlington to go to Holland in June 1667.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/65, f.391r; *CSPD, 1667*, p.211.

Peter CLASSEN (d.1678)

Person ID: 2977

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

On 8 September 1665, Peter Classen of Exeter applied for an episcopal licence to practise surgery. He claimed to have long experience in the 'art of Chirurgerie' and described himself as 'a man of very sober life and conversation, of good principles, and very well affected to the present Government'. His application was counter-signed by two prominent local physicians and staunch royalists, **Anthony Salter** and **John Bidgood**. The grant for his licence does not appear in the Act Book, but the application was endorsed *fiat licentia* and signed by the Chancellor. Within a month, Classen, along with **George Moreto**, was recommending fellow surgeon **Abraham Harward** of Exeter for a licence. He did the same for **John Hawton** of Sandford at some point between 1667 and 1676.

Classen had been practising in Exeter since at least 1654. He appears regularly as a bail guarantor after that date. He was almost certainly Dutch by birth. In 1661, for example, he stood surety at the city quarter sessions for a Dutchwoman called Anna Maria Themett, who was accused of striking an Exeter woman and calling her 'whore and witch'. Peter Classen, surgeon, was buried at Ottery St Mary, Devon, on 27 April 1678.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Exeter [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.109] and Sandford; ECA, C1/64, ff.269v, 454r; ECA, C1/65, f.33r; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1908-29), ii, p.890.

John CLEFFORDE or CLIFFORD (fl.1588)

Person ID: 15079

Occ: barber

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

John Clefforde or Clifford is described as a barber in the baptismal record of his son Arthur at Barnstaple in 1588. John was buried at Barnstaple on 25 August 1606.

Children of John Clefforde or Clifford:

Magdaline, bapt.2 December 1574 [Barnstaple].

Joan, bapt.9 November 1577 [Barnstaple].

Elizabeth, died of plague and buried 13 November 1580 [Barnstaple].

William, bapt.5 August 1581 [Barnstaple].

William, bapt.25 May 1583 [Barnstaple].

Joshua, bapt.1 April 1585 [Barnstaple].

Dorcas, bapt.17 March 1585/6 [Barnstaple].

Arthur, bapt.30 August 1588 [Barnstaple].

Roger, bapt.2 June 1591; buried 2 June 1591 [Barnstaple].

unnamed child, buried 3 October 1589 [Barnstaple].

unnamed child, buried 17 August 1595 [Barnstaple].

T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 A.D. to 1812 A.D.* (Exeter, 1913), baptisms, pp.20, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 34; burials, pp.17, 22, 23, 35.

John CLIFF or CLIFT (fl.1686)

Person ID: 15082

Occ: barber

Loc: Totnes, Devon

Emlyn Clift, daughter of John Clift, barber, was buried at Totnes, 24 April 1686. There are numerous further references in the parish registers of Totnes to the baptisms and burials of members of the Clift family (though no further reference to their occupation as barbers). It is not possible, however, to disentangle the various references to John Clift Snr (who was buried on 27 March 1700) and John Clift Jnr (who probably predeceased his father and was buried on 13 March 1695/6). One John Cliffe had married Elizabeth Beard at Totnes on 22 September 1667.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

Robert COBLAND (fl.1555)

Person ID: 27709

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Andrew Mawrye, the apprentice of Robert Cobland, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter on 9 September 1555.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.81.

Christopher COCK or COCKE (fl.1681)

Person ID: 27684

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Christopher Cock or Cocke, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Achior Brocas (fl.1673-1681)** on 4 April 1681.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.172.

John COCK or COCKE (b.1652)

Person ID: 3077/3085

Occ: physician

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

John Cock or Cocke described himself as 'doctor of physick', of Tiverton, in a lease agreement on a property in Broadhembury, Devon, in 1690. In the same year, Dr John Cock of Tiverton produced a sacrament certificate. One John Cock, 'MD' wrote letters testimonial on behalf of **Henry Dobyns**, a St Albans apothecary, in 1680.

John Cock was the son of Roger Cock, clothier, of Tiverton, and was baptised at Tiverton on 25 July 1652. He was admitted sizar at Sydney Sussex College, Cambridge, on 25 June 1672, proceeding BA in 1675/6 and MA in 1679. He does not appear, however, to have gained any medical degree.

He may be the same as the 'Dr Cocker', who investigated the bewitchment of a young maid at Honiton in Devon some time after the Restoration. He would appear to have confirmed that the fits from which the girl suffered were preternatural. He also claimed to have experienced strange dreams at the time of the investigation.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1324A-1/PF1; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/145/1-2; Venn, i, p.362 [where he is confused with John Cock, vicar of Newport Pagnell]; British Library, Add MS 4460, ff.77v-78v.

George COCKERAM or COCKRAM (fl.1635)

Person ID: 3095

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Cullompton, Devon?

The signature of George Cockeram, licensed physician, appears on the application of **George Gaydon** of Cullompton for a medical licence in 1635. He may be the same as the George Cockram, who was named as one of the overseers of the will of **Richard Gay**, surgeon, of Cullompton. One George Cockram the elder, gent, of Cullompton, died sometime between 1643 and 1646 (there is no record of his burial in the registers). His will, however, betrays no evidence of medical interests.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.383 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.109]; TNA, PROB 11/156, ff.259v-260r [will of Richard Gay, chirurgion, of Cullompton, 28 September 1629, pr.14 November 1629].

George COCKERAM or COCKRAM (1665-1710)

Person ID: 3097

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

George Cockram was the son of Mr George Cockram and was baptised at Cullompton on 9 July 1665. He matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, 25 November 1681, proceeding BA (from Hart Hall) in 1684 and MA in 1687. He graduated B Med in 1692. Cockram, then living in Cullompton, married Dorothy Foote, the daughter of Samuel Foote (d.1691), esquire, of Tiverton, at Uplowman on 20 August 1696. Thereafter, the couple settled in Tiverton, where Cockram practised medicine until his death in 1710. In 1707, he was appointed to a board of commissioners 'to enquire into the improved yearly value of every benefice in the deanery of Tiverton not exceeding £50'. He died on 17 December 1710 and was buried in the church at Tiverton seven days later. His wife, Dorothy, predeceased him, being buried at Tiverton on 23 May 1708.

In a long will made a few weeks before his death, it is clear that Cockram had inherited large estates in Cornwall, Devon and Somerset through his wife and father-in-law. These, along with property in Cullompton inherited through his father George, he left, with the rest of his estate, to his only surviving child Mary. In the event of her death, Cockram estate was to be divided between his two surviving sisters, Rebecca Berry and Sarah Trosse. Cockram also made a number of minor bequests, including mourning rings to his friend Dr **John Osmond** and wife, an ornate ivory cane to Richard Ledgingham (d.1716), rector of Butterleigh, and an edition of Columella's history of Roman agriculture, *De Re Rustica*, to William Reyner (d.1730), rector of Tiverton. The latter was also named as one of five executors in trust, who were to take care of his estate during his daughter's minority. Finally, he requested that his daughter, as executrix, be entrusted to maintain the old market cross in Cullompton in good repair, it having been erected 'by one of my Ancestors'.

Children of George Cockram and wife Dorothy:

George, bapt.24 March 1697/8; buried 25 February 1698/9 [Tiverton].

Mary, born 19 August 1700; bapt.1 September 1700 [Tiverton]. She married William Rayner (d.1732), the son of the clergyman and schoolmaster William Rayner (above) at Tiverton on 3 November 1725. She was buried at Tiverton, 12 July 1731.

Elizabeth, born 10 November 1702; bapt.19 November 1702; buried 7 October 1703 [Tiverton].

Rebecca, born 31 August 1704; bapt.1 September 1704; buried 2 September 1704 [Tiverton].

George, born and bapt. 1 July 1707; buried 3 July 1707 [Tiverton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2402A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Cullompton, Devon]; Foster, i, p.296; Devon Heritage Centre, 829A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Uplowman, Devon]; 1782M/E13; 2960A/PR/1/3 and 4 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/520, ff.26v-28v [will of George Cockram, gentleman, of Tiverton, 6 December 1710, pr.13 March 1710/11]; J.Cobley (ed.), *James Davidson's East Devon Church Notes* (Woodbridge, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, 64, 2022), p.388.

George COCKING (fl.1681)

Person ID: 3092/20432

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Ashburton, Devon

In about 1681, the premises of Mr Cocking, barber surgeon, were listed as an outlet for a scurvy grass remedy of **Robert Bateman**. There were two men by the name of George Cocking living in Ashburton at this time. One was buried in the parish on 10 October 1686. He was probably the same as the George Cockinge, the servant of Sampson German of Ashburton, who married Susan Cruite, the daughter of John Cruite the elder, at Ashburton on 5 October 1657. The registers also record the baptisms and burials of several children of George Cockings from 1685 to 1708 (one Thomas was described as a seventh son, possibly an allusion to a belief in magical powers?), as well as the burial of an Elizabeth Cognins, widow, in 1708, and burial of one George Cockings Snr in 1723.

[Robert Bateman], *Eminent Cures Lately Perform'd in Several Diseases* (London?, 1681?), p.2; Devon Heritage Centre, 2141A/PR/1/27 [parish registers of Ashburton, Devon].

Michael CODNER or CODNOR (fl.1669-1678)

Person ID: 3103

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

Michael Codnor of Tiverton, Devon, was licensed to practice surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 26 February 1668/9. He was probably a naval surgeon. His will, made in 1678, was dated from the naval port of Rochester in Kent. In it, he asked for a funeral sermon, on Psalms 41:4, to be preached in his native town of Cullompton. No record of his baptism survives. The rest of the will consists of a number of small legacies to relatives and friends. It makes no mention of a wife or children. Codnor may have been a widower. One Judith, the wife of Michael Codnor, was buried at Tiverton on 16 August 1676. Given the absence of a burial record for Codnor, it is tempting to speculate that he died at sea. Administration of his will passed to his sister Eleanor Codnor, who may be the same as Eleanor, the daughter of Humphrey Codnor (d.c.1675), baptized at Cullompton in 1644.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Tiverton [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.109]; TNA, PROB 11/376, ff.171v-172r [will of Micheal Codnor of Tiverton, 27 February 1677/8, pr.21 June 1684]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon].

Samuel CODNER or CODNER (fl.1638-1659)

Person ID: 3104

Occ: physician

Loc: Ipplepen, Devon

Samuel Codner or Codnor was the son of Mr Bartholomew Codnor, gent, and was baptised at Ipplepen on 4 January 1623/4. He attended Oxford University, matriculating at St Alban Hall on 23 November 1638. There is no evidence he graduated. In 1647, he signed a petition of the Devon Grand Jury to the House of Lords complaining of various abuses in the county including violent and disorderly soldiers and unlicensed alehouses. It also requested immunity for parliamentary supporters in Devon. Codnor's support for Parliament probably accounts for his appointment to the county commission in 1657. Samuel Codnor, doctor of physick and his wife Sarah were signatories to an indenture for the purchase of land at Ipplepen in 1659.

His date of death is uncertain. He may have still been alive in 1684, when one Samuel Coelsore [sic] signed letters testimonial on behalf of **Philip Ruport alias Utting** of nearby Totnes.

Children of Samuel Codner:

Samuel. He married Katherine Furse of Staverton at Ipplepen, 2 June 1678. He is probably the Samuel Codnor who was buried at Ipplepen, 18 September 1694.

Devon Heritage Centre, 608A/PR/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Ipplepen, Devon]; Foster, i, p.297; *Journals of the House of Lords*, vol.9 (1802), p.??? [1 May 1647]; S.K.Roberts, *Recovery and Restoration in an English County: Devon Local Administration 1640-1670* (Exeter, 1985), p.54; *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 13 (1925), pp.265-6; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/214/1-2.

Ambrose COLE, COLES (d.1665)

Person ID: 20452

Occ: physician

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Ambrose Coloe or Coles is variously described as doctor or doctor of physic in the parish registers of St Thomas Apostle, Exeter, in the early 1660s. He was almost certainly a recent arrival in Exeter. In 1655, when his son Ambrose was baptized in the poor but populous parish of St Sidwell's, he was described as a 'stranger'. Three years later, he was living in St Thomas Apostle when he, along with his wife Joan, appeared before the city of Exeter's magistrates accused of being 'a conjurer or witch'. Among those who witnessed against Coles was the Exeter apothecary **Francis Pengelly**. Mr Ambrose Colls, 'dockter of physick', was buried at St Thomas Apostle, near Exeter, on 19 December 1665.

Cole may have been the same as the Ambrose Cole, who married Joan Spearman at Portsmouth in 1654. One of this name, described as a warrener from Poole in Dorset, was imprisoned at Exeter in March 1654/5 for his involvement in Penruddock's rising.

Children of Ambrose Coles and wife Joan:

Ambrose, bapt.25 December 1655 [St Sidwell's, Exeter].

Joan, bapt.3 December 1660; buried 8 July 1661 [St Thomas Apostle, Exeter].

Joan, bapt.8 January 1662/3; buried 29 August 1663 [St Thomas Apostle, Exeter].

Devon Heritage Centre, 4781A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Thomas Apostle, Exeter]; parish registers of St Sidwell's, Exeter; ECA, C1/64, ff.411r-v; Portsmouth History Centre, CHU 2/1/A/1 [parish registers of St Thomas', Portsmouth, Hampshire, 1653-1667]; Thomas Birch (ed.), *A Collection of State Papers of John Thurloe, Esq*, 7 vols (London, 1742), iii, p.307.

Hugh COLEMAN (fl.1677)

Person ID: 3162

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Cullompton, Devon

Hugh Coleman of Cullompton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 26 September 1677. Otherwise unidentified.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 45, p.486.

Samuel COLEPRESSE (d.1670)

Person ID: 3166

Occ: medical student

Loc: Plympton St Mary, Devon

Between 1667 and 1669, Samuel Colepresse of Plympton St Mary, Devon, was engaged in a lengthy correspondence with Henry Oldenburg, secretary of the Royal Society, supplying him with a range of information relating to the natural history of Devon. Much of this correspondence was marked by a keen interest in medical matters, including accounts of healing by touch, monstrous births, witchcraft and the role of men in nursing. In the spring of 1668, Colepresse travelled to Leiden in Holland, probably with the intention of studying medicine. In October 1667, he had signalled his intentions in a letter to Oldenburg in which he stated his particular desire to study at the Dutch university, where he hoped to become 'particularly acquainted with the Cartesian way in Chymistry'. He listed fellow medical student **Henry Sampson** as his 'honoured friend'. There is no evidence, however, that he took a degree there.

Colepresse was probably the son of Thomas Colepresse, a clergyman, who served as curate of Plympton St Mary from 1663 until his death in 1675. He was a protégé of Sir William Strode (1614-1676), son of Sir Richard Strode (d.1669), who both demonstrated a keen interest in the new science. Sir Richard, for example, was described by Samuel Hartlib (d.1662) as 'a Metallical and Chymicall Schollar' as well as an 'undertaker for the perfect curing of the stone'. He and another son Robert (1638-1707) corresponded with the eminent natural philosopher Robert Boyle (1629-1691) on a variety of subjects, including mining (Sir Richard was a tin mine owner). Boyle subsequently encouraged Colepresse to travel to Leiden to study medicine. Ensnared at Leiden and grateful for Boyle's support, he presented his new patron with a copy of a Leiden thesis on optics in 1669. It has been widely assumed that Colepresse never returned to England, dying in Holland in the same year. However, the registers of Plympton St Mary record the burial of Mr Samuel Collepresse on 16 February 1669/70.

Publication:

'An Account of Some Observations Made by Mr Samuel Colepresse at Nigh Plymouth, An.1667.by way of Answer to Some of the Quaeries, Concerning Tides', *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, 3 (1668), pp.632-4.

A.R. and M.B.Hall (eds), *The Correspondence of Henry Oldenburg*, 13 vols (Madison, Milwaukee, London & Philadelphia 1965-86), iii, pp 308-10, 393-4, 542-3; iv, pp 105-7, 151-2, 197-8, 294-8, 572-5 [v, p.90? need later refs]; Sheffield University Library, HP 29/8/9B; Royal Society Library, RB/1/21 [Boyle work diary], fos 349-51, 415; 1/23, fos 38-40, 45; British Library, 537.f.27 (23); Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Plympton St Mary, Devon.

Richard COLLEY or COLLY (d.1684)

Person ID: 20488

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Crediton, Devon

Richard Colley or Colly, surgeon, and his wife Joan were living in the town of Crediton, Devon, from at least 1655. She died in 1671 and was buried at Crediton on 7 March 1670/1. Richard Colly, 'sergent', was buried there on 9 March 1683/4.

Children of Richard Colley (variously described as 'chirurgion, chiruchan, chirurgin or chirurgion and barber') and his wife Joan:

Jane, born 3 November 1655; bapt.8 November 1655; buried 11 November 1655 [Crediton].

Prudence, bapt.29 October 1657; buried 8 May 1685 [Crediton].

Elizabeth, bapt.6 April 1664; buried 14 July 1680 [Crediton].

An unnamed child, buried 8 May 1667 [Crediton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 807A/PR/1/6, 7 and 8 [parish registers of Crediton, Devon].

Thomas COLLIBER Snr (fl.1667-1683)

Person ID: 15094

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Colliber Snr was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Richard Reynolds** on 4 March 1666/7. His apprentice **Thomas Ford** was made free of the city in 1675. Colliber's whig sympathies are evident in the claim of two servants of the Exeter barber **John Mason** that Colliber, enquiring in their master's house in 1683 for any news of the last, dying speech of Lord Russell, said that 'he had soe much charity for him, that he believed he dyed innocently, and that he was not guilty of [treason]'.

Children of Thomas Colliber:

Thomas [freeman, Exeter, 1688]. Barber.

Elizabeth, buried 26 March 1671/2 [St Sidwell's, Exeter].

John, buried 3 July 1676 [St Sidwell's].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.154, 167; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/66, f.28r; parish registers of St Sidwell's, Exeter, Devon.

Thomas COLLIBER Jnr (fl.1688)

Person ID: 15093

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Colliber Jnr, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the son of **Thomas Colliber Snr** on 27 August 1688. He may be the same as the Thomas Colliber who married Sarah Clapp at St Sidwell's, Exeter, on 5 December 1698 (one of this name was listed in the poor rate for the parish in 1699). His son Joseph was made a freeman, as a barber, on 31 July 1727.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.178, 241; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of St Sidwell's, Exeter; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.113.

Edward COLLINS (d.1715)

Person ID: 3200

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Edward Collins was the son of Thomas Collins (d.1665), rector of Sampford Peverell, Devon, and his wife Margaret (d.1655), the granddaughter of Thomas Cotton, bishop of Exeter. Edward Collins later supplied John Walker with details of his father's life and sufferings at the hands of Parliament which he later published in his *Sufferings of the Clergy*.

Edward Collins was made a freeman of Exeter as the apprentice of **John Collins** on 3 February 1678/9. He married Mrs Jane Kirton at Moretonhampstead, Devon, on 3 October 1680. Three of his apprentices – **John Withers** (1695), **Thomas Collins** (1705) and **Nicholas Gare** (1713) – were made freemen of the city. In 1706, he became embroiled in a family dispute over the will of Philip Shapcote of Knowstone, Devon. Collins, who lived in the parish of St Stephen's in Exeter, served as mayor of the city in 1709-10. He was buried at St Leonard's, Exeter, on 27 January 1714/15.

In all probability, he is the same as the Edward Collins, of Tiverton, who was licensed to practise medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol and Exeter on 10 February 1682/3. Testimonials on his behalf were subscribed by **William Levermore** (of Honiton) and **William Jones**, as well as the rector, curate and mayor of Tiverton. As Tiverton was close to the place of his birth, Sampford Peverell, and because there is no other record of an Edward Collins in the register of Tiverton, it seems reasonable to suppose that Collins the apothecary briefly lived at Tiverton in the 1680s.

Children of Edward Collins:

Edmund, bapt.20 December 1683 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Edward, bapt.22 March 1684/5 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Bodl., J.Walker C.3, f.18; *Walker Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1948; reissued 1988), p.110; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.169, 197, 210, 225; Devon Heritage Centre, 2916A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Moretonhampstead, Devon]; TNA, C6/372/19; Devon Heritage Centre, 1862A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Leonard's, Exeter, Devon]; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/177/1-2; VG, 1/3, f.108v; Sancroft, f.246 [*Directory*, i, no.181]; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.F.Nesbit, transcription of the parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837.

Gilbert COLLINS (d.1641)

Person ID: 17392

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Gilbert Collins was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on the payment of an entry fine of £1 (subsequently remitted) on 28 October 1639. Gilbert died soon after, being buried at St Martin's in the city on 21 December 1641. His will, in which he left a small bequest for the repair of his local parish church, was proved in the archdeaconry court of Exeter on 14 January 1641/2. Collins would appear to have been unmarried. He left small sums of money to various brothers (Thomas, Henry and Philip), nephews, nieces and cousins, the total value of his estate being valued at about £434. Collins was also engaged in an unspecified adventure with the physician Dr **Robert Vilvain**. His royalist and Anglican sympathies are strongly suggested by bequests of rings to three Exeter ministers (Timothy Shute, William Slater and Robert Parsons, Collins' brother-in-law and rector of St Martin's), all of whom suffered sequestration at the hands of the parliamentarians in the 1640s, as well as the choice of his cousin Thomas Collins, the ejected minister of Sampford Peverell, as joint residual legatee and executor along with his brother-in-law John Hooper.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.134; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.F.Nesbit, transcription of the parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837; 8/36: Osmund Murray will abstracts, vol.7 [archdeaconry of Exeter, will of Gilbert Collins, apothecary, of Exeter, 13 October 1641, pr.14 January 1641/2]; *Walker Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1948; reissued 1988), pp.111, 120, 123-4.

James COLLINS (d.1639)

Person ID: 3205/17393

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

James Collins, apothecary, of Exeter, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol, Exeter, Salisbury and Winchester on 30 June 1637. He married Grace Edwards, the daughter of the Exeter physician **Thomas Edwards**, at St Paul's, Exeter, on 6 September 1603. She was buried at St Martin's, Exeter, on 30 September 1615. Collins' eldest son James was a student at Oxford, where he graduated BA in 1624 and MA in 1627. Another son **John** was made a freeman of Exeter as the apprentice of his father in 1646. A third son Thomas Collins (d.1665) was educated at Oxford and served as rector of Sampford Peverell (from which he was ejected by the parliamentarians) and vicar of Colyton, where he was buried in 1665. James Collins, apothecary, was buried at Exeter cathedral on 30 April 1639.

Lambeth Palace Library, Laud 1, f.277 [*Directory*, i, no.182]; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of St Paul's, Exeter; Rev.F.Nesbit, transcription of the parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837; Foster, i, p.308; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.13; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.64; *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 13 (1925), p.239.

Joan COLLINS (d.1588)

Person ID: 20501

Occ: midwife

Loc: Dartmouth, Devon

Joan Collins, midwife, was buried at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 18 March 1587/8.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2992/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon].

John COLLINS Snr (fl.1627-1630)

Person ID: 3212

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

In February 1626/7, the daughter of a Plymouth cordwainer was apprenticed to John Collyn, surgeon, of Plymouth, and his wife Dorothy. Three years later, he leased a house in Stillman Street in Plymouth from the borough at an annual rent of £10. He was probably the father of **John Collins Jnr**. He may also have been the John Collins Snr, who was buried, with his wife Elizabeth, at St Budeaux near Plymouth in April 1645 during the time of the royalist siege of the town.

Plymouth Archives, 1/90, fo.26v; 1/425/11 a and b; parish registers of St Budeaux, Devon.

John COLLINS Jnr (fl.1649-1656)

Person ID: 3213

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

In an undated petition probably written around 1649, John Collins, surgeon, certified the death of a soldier in the town. He is mentioned as the brother of **John Collinn**, barber surgeon, of London, in the latter's will of 1656. It also mentions a sister, Christian, the wife of a Plymouth carpenter, who was baptised at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 29 June 1634.

Transactions of the Devonshire Association, 33 (1901), p.145; TNA, PROB 11/301, ff.253v-254r [will of John Collinn, citizen and barber chirurgion of London, 13 June 1656, pr.7 September 1660]; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

John COLLINS (d.1681)

Person ID: 17394

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Collins, the son and apprentice of **James Collins**, was made a freeman of Exeter on 1 June 1646. Four of his own apprentices were made freemen of the city: **Nicholas Hooper** (1657), **Robert Catford** (1658), **Edward Collins** (1679) and **William Palmer** (1682).

Collins was elected a member of the common council of Exeter on 6 February 1665/6. He later served as sheriff in 1673-4 and as mayor of the city in 1679-80, in which

capacity he wrote to the magistrates in Lyme Regis, Dorset, in response to their request for information regarding a young man from Exeter accused of claiming that the duke of Monmouth was the legitimate heir to the throne. In 1672, he owned a share in a newly built house on the High Street owned by John King, a merchant. Four years later, he rented a garden in Southernhay from John Webbe. He was buried at Holy Trinity, Exeter, on 23 February 1680/1.

M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.138, 145, 147, 169, 174; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, Act Book 11, pp.81, 83; Bodl., Rawlinson MS A 176, fos 174, 176, 178; TNA, PROB 11/346, ff.189r-191v [will of John King, merchant, of Exeter, 4 June 1672 and 9 September 1673, pr.4 November 1674]; PROB 11/352, ff.59r-64r [will of John Webbe, gent, of Exeter, 3 April 1676, pr.30 June 1676]; Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon].

Thomas COLLINS (d.1643)

Person ID: 3223

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Thomas Collins, surgeon, was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth on 18 July 1643. He may be the same as the Thomas Collins, whose son Thomas (with wife Mary) was baptised at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 14 June 1635.

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

Thomas COLLINS (fl.1705-1724)

Person ID: 17395

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Collins, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Edward Collins** on 15 January 1704/5. He was alive in 1723, when he and his wife Elizabeth signed the oath roll for the city. A year later, he entered into articles of agreement relating to the marriage of his daughter Elizabeth with Trevill Cross of Exeter. The couple were married at Exeter on 14 October 1724.

He is probably the Thomas Collyn, apothecary, of Exeter, who subscribed to the publication of John Walker's *Sufferings of the Clergy* in 1714.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.210.

William COLLINS (d.1655)

Person ID: 3228

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Woodbury & Topsham, Devon

William Collins of Woodbury, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Exeter, Llandaff, St David's and Salisbury on 18 February 1625. Collins later moved to Topsham, where he was buried on 8 March

1654/5. In his will, where he describes himself as a surgeon, he mentions two sons, William and Leonard, two married daughters (Elizabeth Markes and Anne Parker), and wife Pentecost. He made a number of small bequests as well as a property at Woodbury.

His son William Collins may have followed his father into medical practice. One William Collins (d.1657) of Offwell, near Honiton, who described himself as a gentleman in his will of 1657, mentions a 'servant' **Zachary Chapple**. He named the Honiton physician **William Marwood** as overseer.

Children of William Collins:

William, bapt.9 December 1621 [Woodbury].
Leonard, bapt.25 February 1623/4 [Woodbury].
Anne, bapt. 4 December 1628 [Woodbury].
Elizabeth [will].

Lambeth Palace Library, Abbot 2, f.208v [*Directory*, i, no.184]; Devon Heritage Centre, 1417A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Topsham, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/253, ff.240r-v [will of William Collins, surgeon, of Topsham, 22 January 1654/5, pr.28 February 1655/6]; PROB 11/273, ff.367v-368v [will of William Collins, gent, of Offwell, 26 October 1657, pr.26 February 1657/8]; Devon Heritage Centre, 4344A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Woodbury, Devon].

Andrew COLWELL Snr (1651-1690)

Person ID: 3257

Occ: physician

Loc: Dean Prior, Devon

Andrew Colwell was the son of **Robert Colwell**, physician, and was baptised at Denbury in Devon on 19 August 1651. He matriculated at Balliol College, Oxford, on 29 March 1667, graduating BA in 1670. Andrew Colwell, gent and BA, of Dean Prior, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter on 23 September 1673. Three days later, he was licensed to marry Elizabeth Hine of Abbotskerswell in Devon (no record of the marriage survives). He probably re-married. On 11 December 1684, Andrew Colwell, gentleman and son of Robert Colwell Snr of Dean Prior, gentleman, married Alice Gildon, the daughter of Robert Gildon, yeoman, of Abbotskerswell, at Marldon, Devon. Colwell signed a testimonial on behalf of **Elias** or **Elizeus Scobel**, an applicant for a medical licence from the bishop of Exeter, in 1687. He was the father of the Oxford-educated physician **Andrew Colwell Jnr**. Andrew Colwell Snr was buried at Dean Prior on 15 December 1690.

Children of Andrew Colwell:

Andrew, bapt.27 August 1674 [Abbotskerswell]. Physician.
John, bapt.30 December 1675 [Abbotskerswell].
Elizabeth, bapt.3 August 1677; buried 15 December 1681 [Abbotskerswell].
Robert, bapt.14 December 1679 [Abbotskerswell].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2396A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Denbury, Devon]; Foster, i, p.313; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 45, pp.274, 275 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.109]; 3239A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Marldon]; PR 518, *sub* Devon, unplaced; 6231A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Dean Prior, Devon]; 2958/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Abbotskerswell, Devon].

Andrew COLWELL Jnr (1674-1721)

Person ID: 3258

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Totnes, Devon

Andrew Colwell was the eldest son of the physician **Andrew Colwell Snr**, and was baptised at Abbotskerswell, Devon, on 27 August 1674. He matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, on 8 April 1693, proceeding BA in 1696, MA in 1699 and B Med in 1702. He married Mrs Elizabeth Parr of Kenn at Ashcombe, Devon, on 4 March 1703/4. She was the daughter of George Geere of Kenn and widow of Stephen Parr of the same parish. Doctor Andrew Collwill was buried at Kenn on 4 September 1721. His widow Elizabeth was buried in the same parish on 19 February 1721/2.

In his will, made a few days before his death, Colwell asked that all his manuscripts were to be burned 'and not communicated unless to a particular friend'. He left all his medical and religious books, as well as other personal items including a cane, sword and watch to his son John. His four daughters received £50 in addition to the provisions already made for them in his marriage settlement. He also remembered the city of Oxford, leaving 2s 6d each to eight people living on the street leading from Wadham College to Magdalen College (presumably Holywell Street). Colwell left the residue of his estate to his wife Elizabeth, naming his brother-in-law Stephen Parr and

cousin Mr Thomas Bickford of Ilsington as executors with the power to mortgage and sell his estates in Totnes and elsewhere for the education of his son John.

Children of Mr Andrew Colwell and wife Elizabeth:

Andrew, bapt.19 December 1704; buried 4 June 1705 [Totnes].

John, bapt.9 February 1708/9 [Totnes].

Susanna, bapt.20 March 1711/12 [Totnes].

Mary, bapt.1 June 1714 [Totnes].

Joanna, bapt.18 December 1716 [Totnes].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2958/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Abbotskerswell, Devon]; Foster, i, p.312; Devon Heritage Centre, 462A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Ashcombe, Devon]; 2668A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Kenn, Devon]; 1863A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon]; Moger will transcript, 8/36, will of Andrew Colwell, phisition, of Totnes, 25 August 1721, pr.5 June 1722].

John COLWELL (fl.1653-1661)

Person ID: 3260

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Harberton, Devon

John Colwell, gent, of Harberton, was licensed to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter on 16 January 1660/1. In his application, he claimed to have 'professed the practice and calling of a physician' for eight years.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.111 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.110].

Robert COLWELL (fl.1635-1643)

Person ID: 27728

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Upottery, Devon

Robert Colwell of Upottery, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 19 May 1635. A son Robert was born at Upottery in 1643.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.390; 1231A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Upottery, Devon].

Robert COLWELL (d.1686)

Person ID: 3261

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Harberton & Denbury, Devon

Robert Colwell was living at Harberton in the 1640s but had moved to Denbury by the early 1660s. In a diocesan survey of 1665, Mr Colwell, of Totnes, was described as licensed and long experienced in medicine, and one who was 'well affected to the Government of his Majesty and the Doctrine of the Church of England'. Around the same time, he signed a testimonial on behalf of a kinsman **Robert Colwell**. His son,

Andrew Colwell, practised at Dean Prior, Devon, where Robert probably came to live after retiring from practice. Robert Colwell, physician, was buried at Dean Prior on 2 August 1686. His wife Rebecca predeceased him, being buried at Harberton in June 1673.

Children of Robert Colwell, physician, and wife Rebecca:

Rebecca, buried 19 May 1641 [Harberton].
William, bapt.30 June 1645 [Harberton].
Mary, bapt.31 January 1646/7, buried 17 May 1663 [Denbury].
Rebecca, bapt.14 November 1648; buried 18 May 1663 [Denbury].
Andrew Colwell (1651-1690). Physician.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.390 111 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.110]; Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.307r, 405v; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 362-364/33/18; PR 518, *sub* Denbury; 333A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Harberton, Devon]; 2396A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Denbury, Devon]; 6231A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Dean Prior, Devon].

Robert COLWELL (d.1678)

Person ID: 3262

Occ: licensed physician and surgeon/clergyman

Loc: Denbury, Devon

Robert Colwell was licensed to practise medicine throughout Devon on 4 October 1666. In his submission for a licence, he described himself as 'having for divers years last past beene a practitioner of physick, and for the space of fower or five yeares together a student in the University of Oxford'. He was moreover adjudged to have been successful in his practice, charitable to the poor, and a man of 'sober life and Conversation and of loyall and orthodox judgement in his practice & principles of Religion'. Among those who supported his application were several local clergymen as well as his kinsman **Robert Colwell (d.1686)**.

Colwell matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 26 July 1659, but there is no record of his graduation. He may have been the son of the surgeon **Robert Colwell**, of Upottery, born there in 1643. Colwell was made vicar of Dean Prior in 1674. He died and was buried there on 29 October 1678.

Children of Mr Robert Colwell and wife Joan:

Susanna, bapt.11 April 1667; buried 25 June 1670 [Denbury].
Robert Colwell, bapt.4 May [probably an error for March] 1669/70 [Denbury].
Licensed surgeon and physician.
Andrew, bapt.26 July 1670 [Denbury]; BA Oxford 1690.
Joan, bapt.15 August 1671; buried 12 May 1672 [Denbury].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.371 111 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-

1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.110]; PR 518, *sub* Denbury; Foster, i, p.313; 6231A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Dean Prior, Devon]; 2396A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Denbury, Devon].

Robert COLWELL (b.1670)

Person ID: 3263

Occ: licensed physician & surgeon/clergyman?

Loc: Devon

Robert Colwell, who described himself as a gentleman and BA of Oxford, was licensed to practise surgery and medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Exeter, Oxford and Salisbury on 6 October 1693. He obtained letters in support of his application from various Oxford scholars, as well as three Devon clergymen (from Dean Prior, Egg Buckland and Shaugh). Other local witnesses attested that Colwell had for several years been 'proficient in physick' and that 'by his long experience he hath ... cured and recovered several sick & languishing people'. Colwell was the son of **Robert Colwell**. He was baptised at Dean Prior in 1670 and matriculated at St Alban Hall, Oxford, on 15 June 1686. He graduated BA from St Mary Hall in 1690. In all probability, Colwell later entered the church, serving as curate of Slapton in Devon from 1718 until his death in 1723. He was buried at Slapton on 7 October 1723.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/276/1-4; Tillotson, ff.127r-v [*Directory*, i, no.187]; Foster, i, p.313; Devon Heritage Centre, 6231/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Dean Prior, Devon]; 3040A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Slapton, Devon].

William COLWELL (fl.1631)

Person ID: 3264

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Devon

William Colwell of Devon was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 22 August 1631.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.224 111 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.110].

Philip COMAN (fl.1655)

Person ID: 3266

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Northiam, Devon

Philip Coman, barber surgeon, of Northiam, Devon, served as a witness in an assize trial in the summer of 1655. He may be the same as the Philip Cowman of Appledore who was buried at Northam on 26 February 1668/9.

TNA, ASSI 24/1; North Devon RO, 1843A/PR/1/5 [parish registers of Northam, Devon].

John CONTEE or COUNTY (d.1703)

Person ID: 3322

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Lamerton, Devon

John Contee or County, of Lamerton, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in Cornwall, Devon and Somerset on 27 January 1664/5. His application was supported by **Peter Contee**, **Edward Tremayne** and a number of local clergymen. In 1689, he supported the application of **Benjamin Bond** of Calstock, Cornwall, for a licence. He practised in and around Tavistock, and lived in the nearby village of Lamerton, where he was buried on 19 May 1703. His widow Mary was buried there, 29 October 1710.

Lambeth Palace Library, FII/5/27; F1/C, f.167v [*Directory*, ii, no.975]; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 362-364/33/15; PR 518, *sub* Calstock; QS/21/1696/15 [sacrament certificate, 1696]; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Lamerton, Devon.

Peter CONTEE or COUNTY Snr (d.1674)

Person ID: 3323

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Tavistock, Devon

Peter Contee of Tavistock, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 16 March 1635/6. He was buried at Tavistock on 16 February 1673/4. In his will, made in 1670, he left a property in West Street, Tavistock to his son **Peter Contee Jnr**, as well as numerous small bequests to his son John, daughter Elizabeth, and various grandchildren. Contee named his wife Thomasine as residual legatee and executrix.

Children of Peter Contee:

Elizabeth, bapt.17 September 1636 [Tavistock]. She married Stephen Rundell, the son of Stephen Rundell, at Tavistock, 27 February 1653/4.

Alexander, bapt.12 October 1644; buried 24 April 1661 [Tavistock].

Phillippa, bapt.1 September 1646; buried 26 September 1646 [Tavistock].

John [will].

Peter Contee Jnr [will]. Apothecary.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.422; 482A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Tavistock, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/346, f.155r [will of Peter Contee the elder, surgeon, of Tavistock, 14 May 1670, pr.28 November 1674].

Peter CONTEE or COUNTY Jnr (d.1696)

Person ID: 3324

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Tavistock, Devon

Peter Contee was the son of **Peter Contee Snr**, a surgeon, of Tavistock. Peter Contee Jnr, who described himself as gentleman, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 14 January 1662/3. In 1664, he provided a testimonial for his

kinsman **John Contee**. A year later, he and John, both of Tavistock, were listed as practitioners in surgery and medicine. He was licensed to practise medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol and Exeter on 14 February 1667. In May 1683, he signed letters testimonial for his former apprentice **Richard Taylor** (apprentice, 1674-1681), where he described himself as ‘practitioner in physick and chirurgery’.

Contee was probably a nonconformist. In the early 1670s, the Cornish physician **John Blight** reported that Dr Contee ‘was not in favour with the Bishop [Anthony Sparrow]’. He married Grace Russell (1640 or 1641-1716), the daughter of John Russell, at Tavistock on 8 September 1663. The couple had ten children, including **Peter**, who followed his father into medical practice. Dr Peter County was buried at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 14 May 1696. His widow Grace was buried there, 7 November 1716.

Children of Peter Contee or County and wife Grace:

Thomasine, bapt.28 June 1664; buried 20 September 1666 [Tavistock].

John, bapt.8 August 1665; buried 31 August 1666 [Tavistock].

Peter, bapt.20 March 1666/7 [Tavistock]. Surgeon.

Elizabeth, bapt.24 April 1669 [Tavistock].

Grace, bapt.20 June 1671 [Tavistock]; buried 12 April 1690 [Charles, Plymouth].

Mary, bapt.10 November 1673; buried 5 November 1683 [Tavistock].

John, bapt.21 December 1675 [Tavistock]. He emigrated to Maryland, where he served as a member of the council of state (1707) and commissary general (1708). He died in 1708.

Agnes, bapt.17 October 1677 [Tavistock]. She married Joseph Berry at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, 25 June 1706.

Samuel, twin, bapt.2 October 1679 [Tavistock].

Azarell or Azraell, twin, bapt.2 October 1679; buried 11 March 1679/80 [Tavistock].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.201 111 [I.Mortimer, ‘Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783’, *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.110]; Lambeth Palace Library, FII/5/27; F1/C, f.167v [*Directory*, ii, no.975]; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 362-364/33/15; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/124; Sheldon, f.217v [*Directory*, i, no.194]; FII/24/70a-c; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Bodmin, Cornwall; 482A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Tavistock, Devon]; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, Devon.

Peter CONTEE the younger (1667-1714)

Person ID: 3325

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Peter Contee was the son of **Peter Contee**, apothecary, and his wife Grace, and was baptised at Tavistock on 20 March 1666/7. He was settled in practise at Barnstaple with his first wife Catherine by 1691. The couple had three children. She died in 1695 and was buried at Tavistock on 29 May 1695. With his second wife Frances, the widow of Captain William Hopkins, he had a further four children. Mr Peter Conte,

surgeon, was buried at Barnstaple on 1 March 1713/14. His widow Frances was buried there, 24 October 1734.

Children of Peter Contee and wife Catherine:

John, bapt.2 May 1691 [Barnstaple].

Alexander, bapt.22 April 1693 [Barnstaple]. He emigrated to Maryland, where he worked for his uncle John Contee, the son of **Peter Contee Jnr**. He died in 1740.

Catherine, bapt.31 May 1695 [Barnstaple].

Children of Peter Contee and wife Frances:

Elizabeth, bapt.24 February 1698/9 [Barnstaple].

Frances, bapt.26 November 1700; buried 5 January 1700/1 [Barnstaple].

Peter, bapt.28 October 1701 [Barnstaple].

Elizabeth, bapt.16 December 1702 [Barnstaple].

Devon Heritage Centre, 482A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Tavistock, Devon];

T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 A.D. to 1812 A.D.* (Exeter, 1903), baptisms, pp.126, 127, 129, 132, 133, 134; burials, pp.99, 103, 112, 128;

J.J.Beckerlegge (ed.), *Index of Wills in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, 1563-1858.*

Benjamin CONWAY (fl.1693-1723)

Person ID: 17373

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Benjamin Conway was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on payment of a fine of £30 and by order of the mayor and council on 23 January 1692/3. He was living in the parish of St Mary Arches in 1699, and was alive in 1723, when he signed the Exeter oath roll. One Mr Benjamin Conway was buried at St Mary Arches, Exeter, on 4 December 1752.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.189; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.110; Devon Heritage Centre, Exeter oath roll, 1723; 332A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Arches, Exeter, Devon].

Nicholas COOKE Snr (d.1695)

Person ID: 17010

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Nicholas Cooke, apothecary, married Mary Terry, both of Barnstaple, at Goodleigh, Devon, on 29 December 1668. Seven children were born in the town. Cooke was buried at Barnstaple on 27 January 1694/5. An inventory of Cooke's estate, which included one picture and the coat of arms of an apothecary, estimated his wealth at £81 2s 5d.

Children of Nicholas Cooke Snr, apothecary:

Nicholas, bapt.21 November 1669 [Barnstaple]. Apothecary.
John, bapt.24 September 1671; buried 26 November 1675 [Barnstaple].
Mary, bapt.14 January 1673/4 [Barnstaple].
Peter, bapt.5 January 1675/6 [Barnstaple].
Rebecca, bapt.23 December 1677; buried 1 November 1680 [Barnstaple].
Grace, bapt.14 March 1679/80 [Barnstaple].
Culpeper, bapt.29 June 1683; buried 25 June 1689 [Barnstaple].

Devon Heritage Centre, 1742A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Goodleigh, Devon];
T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903),
baptisms, pp.109, 110, 112, 114, 115, 117, 121; burials, pp.84, 89, 95, 99; M.Cash,
Devon Inventories of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries (Exeter, DCRS, vol.11,
1966), pp.167-8 [4 February 1694/5; exhibited 6 January 1695/6].

Nicholas COOKE Jnr (b.1669)

Person ID: 17011

Nicholas Cooke was the son of **Nicholas Cooke Snr** and his wife Mary and was baptised at Barnstaple on 21 November 1669. He married Mary Jenkins at Barnstaple on 15 December 1710.

Children of Nicholas Cooke Jnr, apothecary:

Nicholas, bapt.6 March 1712; buried 5 March 1712/13 [Barnstaple].
Mary, bapt.4 November 1713 [Barnstaple].
Grace, bapt.18 April 1715 [Barnstaple].
Martha, bapt.20 October 1717 [Barnstaple].
Peter, bapt.23 December 1719 [Barnstaple].

T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903),
baptisms, pp.141, 143, 145, 146, 148; marriages, p.57; burials, p.112.

John COOMAN (fl.1639)

Person ID: 15109

Occ: barber

Loc: Crediton, Devon

William, the son of John Cooman, barber, of 'Kirton' [i.e.Crediton], Devon, was apprenticed to **Louis Vaughan**, surgeon, of Bristol, on 27 July 1639.

Bristol Archives, apprenticeship registers.

Henry CORAM (fl.1666-1690)

Person ID: 15117

Occ: barber

Loc: Okehampton, Devon

Henry, the son of John Coram, butcher, deceased, was apprenticed to **Thomas Carter Snr** of Okehampton, barber, in 1666. The registers of Okehampton record the burial of a John Coram, 'sargent' [surgeon?], at Okehampton, on 10 October 1665.

Children of Henry Coram, barber:

Richard, bapt.26 December 1682 [Okehampton].

John, bapt.15 February 1684/5 [Okehampton].

Henry, bapt.28 August 1690; buried 6 September 1690 [Okehampton].

Modesty, buried 13 August 1710 [Okehampton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 3210A/PO 10/9; 3210A/PR/1/28 [parish registers of Okehampton, Devon].

John CORNELLUS (fl.1590)

Person ID: 3465

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Totnes, Devon

Thomas Payne, the servant of John Cornelius, surgeon, who died of plague, was buried at Totnes, Devon, on 12 July 1590.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

Charles CORNWALL (d.1690)

Person ID: 3470

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Marwood, Devon

Charles Cornwall of Marwood, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 20 March 1684. Charles Cornwall, of Middle Marwood, was buried at Marwood on 28 May 1690.

I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.110; Devon Heritage Centre, 3398A/PR/1/1 and 13 [parish registers of Marwood, Devon]; J.J.Beckerlegge (ed.), *Index of Wills in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, 1563-1858*.

Simon CORNWALL (d.1712)

Person ID: 3473

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Marwood, Devon

Simon Cornwall of Marwood, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 16 May 1684. He had previously been practising without a licence but was cited before the vicar-general's court on 18 April 1684, where his excommunication is cancelled. A note states, however, that he has since been licenced. Cornwall married Ann Avery at Marwood on 24 December 1678. The registers record the burial of a daughter in 1686. Simon Cornwall was buried at Marwood on 9 July 1712.

Children of Simon Cornwall:

Susanna, buried 30 January 1685/6 [Marwood].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.311; C 757, *sub* 18 April 1684; 3398A/PR/1 and 13 [parish registers of Marwood, Devon]; J.J.Beckerlegge (ed.), *Index of Wills in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, 1563-1858*.

James CORY (1667-1691)

Person ID: 3479

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Rattery, Devon

James Cory was the son of Samuel Cory (d.1711), vicar of Rattery, Devon, and was baptized there on 7 August 1667. He matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 13 May 1684. He subsequently matriculated from Trinity Hall, Cambridge, at Michaelmas 1688, and was awarded his B Med at Cambridge in 1689. Mr James Cory was buried at Rattery on 21 August 1691.

Dervon Heritage Centre, 3132A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Rattery, Devon]; Venn, i, p.400.

Abraham COSSARET alias MOURTES (fl.1692-1705)

Person ID: 15119

Occ: barber

Loc: Bideford, Devon

Originally from a family of Huguenot immigrants, Abraham Cossaret (also known by the surname Mourtes) settled at Bideford with his wife Hester, where he practised as a barber. Five children were baptised in the town between 1692 and 1705.

Children of Abraham Cossaret alias Mourtes and his wife Hester:

Abraham, bapt.4 January 1692/3 [Bideford].

Elizabeth, bapt.24 October 1693 [Bideford].

Hester, bapt.25 December 1697 [Bideford].

John [James], bapt.24 January 1699/1700 [Bideford]. James was educated at Oxford [BA 1725; MA 1728; BD 1739; DD 1750], where he became a clergyman. He died in 1760.

Peter, bapt.19 July 1705 [Bideford Independent church].

North Devon RO, 799A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Bideford, Devon]; Foster, ii, p.301; North Devon RO, registers of Bideford Independent Church, births, 1690-1785.

Thomas COUNCELL or COUNSELL (d.1626)

Person ID: 3518

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Thomas Councell or Coundell, surgeon, married Margery Seawell at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 12 September 1614. On 23 June 1625, Jane, the daughter of Paskew Barnbrook, late of Plymouth, was apprenticed to Thomas Councell, surgeon, of Plymouth, and his wife Margery. Councell was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 3 June 1626. He may have been related to the **Thomas Councell**, of Liskeard, Cornwall, who was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in 1582.

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; 1/90, f.24v; Lambeth Palace Library, Grindal, f.265v [*Directory*, i, no.202].

Thomas COURTEYS (fl.1501)

Person ID: 15124

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Courteys, barber, was made a freeman of the city on paying an entry fee of £1 at Michaelmas 1501.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.63.

William COWAN (fl.1704)

Person ID: 3535

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Moretonhampstead, Devon

William Cowan of Moretonhampstead, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 23 June 1704. His application, dated three days earlier, states that he had 'practised for some years'. He also signed a similar application on behalf of **Henry Ruttleigh** of Sheepwash on 3 June 1704. He may be the same as the William Cowne, son of the Plymouth apothecary **Robert Cowne**, who was baptised at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 26 March 1686.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.418; PR 518, *sub* Sheepwash; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

Robert COWNE (d.1711)

Person ID: 18413

Occ: druggist

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Robert Cowne, druggist, married Susanna Blackbourne (d.1688) at Stoke Damerel, near Plymouth, on 25 March 1684. Following her death, he married again, first to Mary and finally to Elizabeth (d.1730), but no record of the marriages has survived. He played a prominent role in the civic life of the town, being named as a common councilman under the new charter of 1697, and finally serving, briefly, as mayor in 1711. Cowne died in office and was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 4 November 1711.

Children of Robert Cowne and wife Susanna:

William, bapt.26 March 1686 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. He was still alive in 1741, when he was left a bequest in the will of his sister Elizabeth. He is there described as a gentleman of London.

Children of Mr Robert Cowne and wife Mary:

Stephen, bapt.28 June 1693, buried 18 July 1693 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Thomas, bapt.10 September 1694 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. He became a druggist and was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 31 January 1729/30.

Children of Mr Robert Cowne and wife Elizabeth:

Elizabeth, bapt.29 July 1696 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. She was described as a spinster and named as joint executor in the will of her brother Thomas in 1729. She was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 4 March 1745/6.

Mary, bapt.2 April 1698; buried 15 May 1699 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Susanna, bapt.5 December 1699 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Judith, bapt.18 January 1700/1 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Samuel, bapt.19 September 1703 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. He became a surgeon in London and was named as joint executor in the will of his brother Thomas in 1729.

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Stoke Damerel, Devon; parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; L.F.W.Jewitt, *A History of Plymouth* (London, 1873), pp.301, 312, 319-20; Plymouth Archives, 1/51, f.57r; 1/28; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.42; TNA, PROB 11/641, ff.146v-147r [will of Thomas Cowne, druggist, of Plymouth, 29 December 1729, pr.5 December 1730]; PROB 11/759, ff.327v-330v [will of Elizabeth Cowne, spinster, of Plymouth, 25 November 1741, pr.12 February 1746/7].

Elizabeth CRIDLY (d.1678)

Person ID: 20757

Occ: midwife

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

Elizabeth Cridly, midwife, was buried at Tiverton, 24 April 1678.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon].

Lewis or Louis CRISPIN (1640-1698)

Person ID: 3633

Occ: apothecary

Loc: South Molton, Devon

Lewis Crispin was the son of Christopher Crispin of South Molton and married Elizabeth Andrews of Marwood at Barnstaple, Devon, on 30 July 1658. In his burial entry in the parish register of South Molton, dated 3 August 1698, he is described as Lewis Crispin, 'a Frenchman'. In his will, made shortly before his death, Crispin described himself as 'student in physicke' and left money to one Mr Evely (or

Eveleigh), minister or teacher of the nonconformist congregation in South Molton. He also acquitted from their debts 'any of the town, especially those of the meeting who owe him money for physic or services and seem to the executors to be poor and not well able to pay'.

T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903), marriages, p.37; North Devon RO, 2309B/T49/160 [property agreement between Arthur Sharland and Lewis Crispin, apothecary, of South Molton, 1695]; Devon Heritage Centre, 3331A.PR/1/2 [parish registers of South Molton, Devon]; Moger wills, vol.6, nos 1733-4 [will of Lewis Crispin, student in physicke., 26 July 1698, pr.2 September 1698].

Thomas CRITCHLEY or CRUTCHLEY (fl.1648-1653)

Person ID: 3714

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon, and Southwark, Surrey

Thomas Critchley was admitted a freeman of the city of Exeter, by order of the mayor, on 11 April 1653. He was probably the same as the Thomas Crutchley, who was recommended by Oliver Cromwell as surgeon to St Thomas's Hospital in London on 23 March 1648. Cromwell said of him that he had 'for a long time served in my former regiment'. He was not, however, appointed to the post. In May 1650 he was acting as surgeon to Disborough's regiment of horse. Crutchley's connections with the city of Exeter remain obscure.

He would appear to have resided in the parish of St Olave's, Southwark, between 1647 and 1656, when four children were baptised in that parish. If he subsequently resided in Exeter, he was probably a resident of St Stephen's, Exeter, whose parish registers are no longer extant. Thomas Crutchley and wife were assessed at 2s 6d in the poll tax of 1660.

Hugh Mitchell, the son of John Mitchell, gent, of Truro, Cornwall, was apprenticed to Thomas Crutchley, citizen and barber surgeon, of London, on 22 August 1653 and discharged six years later.

Children of Thomas Critchley or Crutchley:

Thomas, bapt.28 May 1647 [St Olave's, Southwark].

William, bapt.16 February 1648/9 [St Olave's, Southwark].

Elizabeth, bapt.2 September 1651 [St Olave's, Southwark].

John, born 2 November 1656; bapt.18 November 1656 [St Olave's, Southwark].

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA 10 [chamber act book, 1652-1663], f.22r; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.144; F.G.Parsons, *The History of St Thomas's Hospital*, 2 vols (London, 1934), ii, p.68; TNA, SP 28/67/III, sub 2 May 1650; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.20; London Metropolitan Archives, P71/OLA/010 [parish registers of St Olave's, Southwark, Surrey, 1639-1665]; M.Scott (ed.), *Apprenticeship Disputes in*

the Lord Mayor's Court of London 1573-1723 (London, BRS, Apprenticeship Series, vol.1, Part 1, 2016), p.683.

Nicholas CROCKER or CROKER (d.1731)

Person ID: 3651

Occ: physician

Loc: Totnes, Devon

Nicholas Crocker or Croker of Totnes, Devon, was licensed to practise physic throughout the diocese of Exeter, 23 May 1699. Crocker claimed to have practised with good success for several years. Six townsmen also certified that he possessed a good knowledge of 'the nature of herbs, roots and other simples'.

Crocker married Philippa Savery at Ugborough on 1 January 1694/5. She died in 1716 and was buried at Totnes on 17 February 1715/16. Mr Nicholas Crocker was buried there, 11 August 1731.

Children of Nicholas Crocker and wife Philippa:

Ann, bapt.8 September 1698, buried 12 January 1700/1 [Totnes].

John, bapt.27 October 1702 [Totnes].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.218 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.110]; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Ugborough, Devon; PR 518, *sub* Totnes; 2028A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

John CROCKFORD (fl.1662)

Person ID: 3638

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Cullompton, Devon

Described as a gentleman, John Crockford of Cullompton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the county of Devon on 21 November 1662. His application, which suggested that Crockford had only been practising for a few years, was supported by numerous parishioners as well as the physician **Daniel Harford**.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.191 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.111]; PR 518, *sub* Cullompton.

Thomas CROOTE (fl.1620-1631)

Person ID: 3666

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: North Tawton, Devon

Thomas Croote of North Tawton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery and medicine throughout the diocese of Exeter on 22 April 1631. His son **William Croote** was educated at Oxford, where he was awarded his B Med in 1642.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.210 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.111, sub Crook]; Foster, i, p.355.

John CROSS or CROSSE (fl.1661-1696)

Person ID: 3687

Occ: physician

Loc: Totnes, Devon

John Cross or Crosse of Totnes, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Exeter, Lincoln, London, Oxford, Salisbury and Winchester on 31 January 1674. Letters testimonial certified that Cross had studied and practised medicine for 13 years. These were signed by seven local clergymen, as well as the mayor of Totnes and others. He also supported the applications of a number of fellow, local practitioners, including **George Sellwood** of Chard (1678) and **James Bryatt** of Hatherleigh (1696).

Cross married Rebecca Marker (b.1646) at Totnes on 5 October 1670 (oddly, the registers of St Martin's, Exeter, record the same marriage under date 4 April 1669). She was the daughter of the Totnes physician, **Anthony Marker**, who died the same year. Cross's kinsman through marriage, Frederick Marker (d.1738), vicar of Stokenham, was among those who testified to his medical credentials in 1674. Cross served as mayor of Totnes in 1687. He was still alive in 1696, but no record of his burial has been found.

Children of Mr/Dr John Cross or Crosse:

Mary, bapt.19 May 1674 [Totnes].

Elizabeth, bapt.23 September 1675 [Totnes].

Bridget, bapt.6 December 1676 [Totnes].

John, bapt.22 April 1678; buried 6 January 1678/9 [Totnes].

Dorothy, bapt.12 August 1681 [Totnes].

John, bapt.1 April 1685 [Totnes].

Rebecca, bapt.19 September 1687; buried 26 November 1687 [Totnes].

William, bapt.14 February 1688/9; buried 9 May 1691 [Totnes].

Thomas, bapt.23 September 1691; buried 16 August 1694 [Totnes].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/56/1-3; Sheldon, f.249v [*Directory*, i, no.211]; VX 1A/10/117/1-3; I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.110; Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon]; Rev.F.Nesbit, transcription of the parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837; E.Windeatt, 'Totnes: Its Mayors and Mayoralities. Part III', *TDA*, 34 (1902), p.325.

John CROSS or CROSSE (fl.1709)

Person ID: 3688

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Topsham, Devon

John Cross or Crosse of Topsham, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the province of Canterbury on 7 November 1709. Certified copies of miscellaneous cures performed by Cross in Topsham and the surrounding neighbourhood were countersigned by **Samuel Richards** in the presence of John Bishop, clerk, of Topsham. Some of these are quite detailed and include reference to a pill devised by Cross that was deemed useful in the cure of gout and stoppages. He may have been the John Cross, who was buried at Topsham on 30 April 1719.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/435/1-3; Tenison 2, f.276 [*Directory*, i, no.212]; Devon Heritage Centre, 1417A/PR/1/5 [parish registers of Topsham, Devon].

Margaret CRUSTE (fl.1575)

Person ID: 3713

Occ: healer

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Margaret Cruste was paid by the corporation of Plymouth, Devon, in 1575 for healing a towns person.

R.N.Worth (ed.), *Calendar of the Plymouth Municipal Records* (Plymouth, 1893), p.122.

Charles CUNNINGHAM (d.1686)

Person ID: 3741

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Charles Cunningham, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter as the apprentice of **Charles Eveleigh** on 20 September 1669. He was licensed to practise medicine in the province of Canterbury on 30 August 1681. Letters testimonial certified that for the past seven years Cunningham had applied himself to the study of physic and had acquired much skill therein, and 'hath practised the same with good successe for the space of twelve yeares last past'. They were signed, among others, by men like William Glyde and the moderate clergyman Robert Chilcott, who, despite (or because of) their strong whig and dissenting sympathies, certified that Cunningham was 'a loyal subject and true son of the Church of England'.

Charles Cunningham was the son of Thomas Cunningham (d.1685), a clothier, and his wife Dorothy née Whithead. As a young man, like his close friend William Glyde, he actively opposed attempts by radical nonconformists to subvert the Restoration settlement. In 1663, Cunningham, along with fourteen others, including **Richard Morris**, subscribed to an advert in the London newsletter *Mercurius Publicus* in order to refute a scandalous attack on an Exeter loyalist. In particular, Cunningham and his associates were eager to counter a story that had appeared in the second book of *Mirabilis Annus Secundus* (1663) in which it was alleged that the son of the royalist

Sir Nicholas Martin of Devon had been attacked by ravens and had subsequently fallen sick and died. This, it was asserted, was nothing less than ‘a most horrid untruth, proceeding merely from the poison of some detracting tongue’. By the time of the Exclusion Crisis, however, there is little doubt that Cunningham was active in the whig cause in the city. In 1683, he appeared before the city’s magistrates accused of disseminating a ‘scandalous letter’ in the city’s coffee houses.

Cunningham was buried in his parish church of St Mary Major, Exeter, on 13 March 1685/6. He would appear never to have married. In his will, made ten days before his death, he left almost £1,000 in bequests to his brother Richard, sisters Dorothy and Margaret, and their children. In addition, he left property in the city to his nephew and residual legatee Richard Cunningham, naming his ‘trusty and well beloved friends’ William Glyde (d.1710) and Thomas Jefford (d.1703 or 1704) as executors in trust. It also alludes to his ‘former apprentice’ **James Strange** (made free in 1695) and current apprentice Thomas Prideaux. Perhaps the most striking feature of the will, however, is Cunningham’s evident pride in the parish of his residence (and probably birth) and the place of the church within that community. He was clearly not a dissenter despite his whig associations. In addition to leaving an annuity for the parish’s poor, he bequeathed to the church of St Mary Major ‘my great large Bible of the new Oxford print which I will & ordaine to be clasped with large silver clasps and on each claspe my coat of Armes to be engraven and that the same be covered with good purple Velvett and on one side thereof to be my Coate of Armes and on the other side thereof the date of the yeare of our Saviour Christ and to be wrought and made in Needleworke of Gold’.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.157, 199; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/163/1-3; Sancroft, f.240 [*Directory*, i, no.215]; TNA, **need ref to admon of will of father TC, 1685**; *Mercurius Publicus*, 2-9 July 1663; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA 1/66, f.21v; 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/382, ff.304r-v [will of Charles Cunningham, apothecary, of Exeter, 3 March 1685/6, pr.30 April 1686].

Richard CURSON (fl.1695-1703)

Person ID: 15149

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard Curson, barber, was probably the son of Nicholas Curson or Cursons and his wife Elizabeth who was baptised at St Olave’s, Exeter, on 24 December 1671. Richard Curson married Mary Rocket at Holy Trinity, Exeter, on 18 September 1695. The baptisms and burials of his children are noted in the parish registers of St Petrock’s and St Mary Arches, Exeter, but no record of his own burial has been found.

Children of Richard Curson:

Susanna, bapt.2 February 1697/8; buried 21 May 1699 [St Petrock’s, Exeter].

Richard, bapt.16 September 1699 [St Petrock’s, Exeter].

Nicholas, bapt.18 May 1701 [St Petrock’s, Exeter].

John, bapt.9 April 1702; buried 31 March 1703 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

Sarah, bapt.30 September 1703 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2738A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Olave's, Exeter, Devon]; 1718A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; 332A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Arches, Exeter, Devon].

John CUTTER (fl.1599-1601)

Person ID: 3775

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

John Cutter, surgeon, of Plymouth, Devon, was dead by October 1610, when his daughter Johane was apprenticed through the mayor's orphan fund to Eleanor Beddell, widow, of Plymouth.

John Cutter married Ellen Trigger at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 2 August 1599. Their daughter Joan was baptised in the same parish on 11 February 1600/1. She is probably the same as the Joan Cutter, servant, who was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 11 July 1626.

Plymouth Archives, 1/90, f.9v; parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

Robert DABYNETT or DABYNOTT Snr (d.1643)

Person ID: 17397

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Robert Dabynett, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Thomas Flay** at Michaelmas 1619. He subsequently settled in the parish of St Mary Major, where he was a tenant of his old master Thomas Flay. Dabynett witnessed Flay's will in 1634, and was left £10 by his former master. Dabynett's own apprentice **John Hipplesly** was made a freeman of the city in 1637.

Dabynett was licensed to marry Frances Wyatt in the diocese of Exeter in 1628. A son **Robert Dabynett Jnr** was born the same year, and baptised at St Mary Major on 22 October 1628. Dabynett Snr died in 1643 and was buried at St Mary Major on 31 October 1643. He was serving as churchwarden of the parish at the time of his death. He may have been a royalist, as the city had recently surrendered to the King. In December 1640, he stood bail for a man accused of drinking on the fast day ordered by Parliament. Three years later, he named his 'loving friend' John Maddocke, haberdasher and staunch royalist, as one of the overseers of his will.

In his will made a week before his death he settled his estate, including property at Ottery St Mary, on his wife Frances and only son **Robert** (who was to receive £1,000 at the age of 21). He also left small bequests to the city parishes of St Mary Major, St Mary Steps and Holy Trinity as well as £300 to his brother Henry. Dabynett's widow Frances probably died in 1658. In her will, she left £30 to St John's Hospital in the city.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.121, 132; TNA, PROB 11/166, ff.56r-58r [will of Thomas Flay, alderman, of Exeter, 26 and 28 June 1634, pr.12 August 1634]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; ECA C1/63, f.339v; TNA, PROB 11/200, ff.238v-239r [will of Robert Dabynett, apothecary, of Exeter, 25 October 1643, pr.29 May 1647]; R.Izacke, *An Alphabetical Register of Divers Persons who ... have given ... towards the Relief of the Poor of the County of Devon, and City and County of Exon* (London, 1736), p.57.

Robert DABYNETT or DABYNOTT Jnr (1628-1715)

Person ID: 17398

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Robert Dabynett, apothecary, became a freeman of the city of Exeter as the son of **Robert Dabynett Snr** on 25 September 1665. Dabynett was baptised at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 22 October 1628. He seems to have settled initially in the parish of St Olave, Exeter, where two of his children were born and baptised. By 1660, however, he was living in the parish of St Mary Major, where he served as churchwarden in 1670. His first wife Agnes was buried there on 10 September 1688. Dabynett subsequently remarried. On 29 August 1692, he wed Mrs Dorothy Willes at Exeter cathedral. She was buried at Holy Trinity, Exeter, on 24 May 1699. Robert Dabynett, esquire, was buried in the cathedral on 22 November 1715. Unfortunately, no will appears to have survived.

Dabynett supplemented his income as an apothecary (his servant **John Blackmore** was made free in the trade in 1673) with extensive interests as a merchant, specialising in the import of tobacco and other goods from America, Spain, the Netherlands and Norway. He also exported cloth and tobacco to the continent as well as trading in wares with the colonies. At the same time, Dabynett was heavily involved in the everyday affairs of the governance of the city, serving as bailiff in 1666-7, and mayor in 1685-6 and 1694-5. In these various roles, he proved to be a loyal son of the Anglican Church and supporter of the Tories. In 1686, for example, he, with five other loyal members of the corporation, informed earl Middleton of the treasonous activities of the whig Thomas Jeffard, later Sir Thomas, whom the King had recommended to be admitted as an alderman of the city. Five years earlier, Dabynett, along with other Exeter loyalists, was made a freeman of the city of Salisbury, a move that was almost certainly designed as an act of solidarity on the part of the city's Tories amidst the political upheavals engendered by the Exclusion Crisis. It might also be understood to represent a favour to Seth Ward, bishop of Salisbury, who had previously occupied the see of Exeter.

Children of Robert Dabynett and wife Agnes:

Sarah, buried 29 July 1652 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Frances, bapt.23 October 1653; buried 9 March 1653/4 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Robert, buried 26 March 1662 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.153, 162; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/2 and 14 [parish registers of St

Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; 2738A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Olave's, Exeter, Devon]; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.56; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), pp.124, 160; Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; W.B.Stephens, *The Seventeenth-Century's Customs Service Surveyed: William Culliford's Investigation of the Western Ports, 1682-1684* (Aldershot, 2012), pp.118-19; British Library, Add MS 41,804, ff.109v-110r; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, G23/1/4, f.247r [Salisbury Borough Ledger Book, 1640-1723].

Grace DADGE (fl.1709)

Person ID: 18481

Occ: midwife

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

Grace dadge, midwife, was licensed to practise midwifery in the diocese of Exeter on 9 September 1709.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* date.

John DARRACOTT (d.c.1685)

Person ID: 3848

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

John Darracott, surgeon, resided in the parish of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, where five children were baptised between 1653 and 1666. Another son, Charles, was baptised at St Andrew's, Plymouth, in 1662. In the latter year, his wife is named as Elizabeth. She died in 1679 and was buried at Charles parish church on 12 February 1678/9, where she is described as the wife of 'Dr John Derricott'. Darracott died some time around 1685, when his will was proved. In 1663, he was party to the purchase of a tenement in Plymouth. He is also referred to obliquely in the diary of **James Yonge** in 1678 and 1681, when the two men would appear to have been in competition for place at Plymouth.

Children of Mr John Darracott:

Thomas, bapt.13 March 1652/3 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

Thomasine, bapt.15 March 1656/7 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

William, bapt.21 August 1659; buried 24 July 1662 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

Joan, bapt.1 September 1661 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

Charles, bapt.8 March 1662/3 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Sofferino or Foscarinus, bapt.28 July 1666 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth]. An apothecary in Chepstow, Monmouthshire, he was buried at Stepney, 24 December 1719.

Kresen Kernow, AS/158/20; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth; Society of Genealogists, Holworthy Collection of wills, box 2; *The*

Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721], ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), pp.155, 167; London Metropolitan Archives, P93/DUN/130 [parish registers of St Dunstan's, Stepney, Middlesex, 1716-1734].

John DARRACOTT (d.1693)

Person ID: 27719

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

John Darracott, apothecary, was made a freeman of the borough of Plymouth on 11 September 1684. He married Mrs Ursula Blake at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 4 May 1682. Darracott was buried in the same parish on 13 August 1693. His widow Ursula married Mr Thomas Wood at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 19 November 1695.

Plymouth Archives, 1/51, fo.54v; parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; parish registers of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, Devon.

Lewis DARRACOTT (fl.1654-1656)

Person ID: 15162

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Lewis Darracott, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Henry Gale**, deceased, on 19 November 1655. In the same year, John Weekes, an Exeter scrivener, claimed to have received an anti-government pamphlet in the house of one Mr Darracott. A year later, he witnessed the will of Peter Savage, watchmaker, of St Stephen's, Exeter. Darracott was probably resident in the same parish. On 11 April 1654, John, the son of Lewes Daracott, was baptised at St Stephen's (register no longer extant) according to the cathedral registers. Mary Darracott, widow, was listed as a resident of St Stephen's in 1660.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.143; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA C1/64, f.281r; TNA, PROB 11/264, ff.88r-89v [will of Peter Savage, watch maker, of St Stephen's, Exeter, 3 and 8 November 1656. pr.27 May 1657]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.18; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.20.

William DARRACOTT (d.1650)

Person ID: 3849

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Great Torrington, Devon

William Darracott, surgeon, was buried at Great Torrington (as William Darouet) on 24 May 1650. His will, made a few months before his death, mentions four children (William, John, Richard and Honour), various relatives and wife Honour, whom he named as residual legatee and executrix. He left an interest in a property at Landkey, Devon, to his eldest son William.

Children of William Darracott and wife Honour:

William, bapt.16 March 1644/5; buried 4 May 1668 [Great Torrington].

John, bapt.8 June 1646; buried 12 July 1672 [Great Torrington].

Richard [will].

Honour [will].

Devon Heritage Centre, 4014A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Great Torrington, Devon]; QS 1/8, *sub* Easter 1644 [Devon quarter sessions order book, 1640-51]; TNA, PROB 11/215, ff.143r-v [will of William Dorrocott, chirurgion, of Great Torrington, 24 March 1649/50, pr.20 February 1650/1].

Edmund DAVIE, DAVIES or DAVY (1631-1693)

Person ID: 3869

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Edmund, the son of Mr Robert Davies, was baptised at Christow, Devon, on 22 March 1630/1. He matriculated (as Davis) at Exeter College, Oxford, on 9 April 1647, and was made a fellow by the parliamentary visitors in 1648. Davy (as he was later more widely known) graduated BA on 15 June 1650 and MA on 25 April 1653. He received his B Med and MD on the same day, 28 June 1665. Thereafter, he practised medicine at Exeter until his death in 1693.

The Devon biographer John Prince, who claimed to know Davy well, provides much detail on his life at Exeter. Arriving in the city in about 1667, Davy at first resided with a kinsman, Robert Davie, a goldsmith, before settling in a cathedral-owned property in the Close. Prince says of him that he was ‘of excellent Natural Parts, of a quick Fancy, a ready Wit, and a sound Judgment ... an eminent Scholar ... Well Read; not only in Books relating to his particular Profession, but in all the polite and curious Parts of Learning’. He adds that he prescribed to the poor gratis, and often took only small sums from clergymen, especially if they were not wealthy. The clergyman cum physician John Ward also claimed that Davy sought out medicinal wells in the west of England, ‘w[hi]ch discover stones yt are wonderful in operation’. In addition to his medical prowess, Prince claimed that Davy was ‘greatly addicted to the Interest of the established Church of England, whose Cause he would, on occasion, no less Zealously than Judiciously defend, whereby he did contribute, not a little, to the Credit and Reputation thereof, in the City, where he lived’. He was moreover loyal to the Crown, ‘yet an Asserter also of the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, as became a true English-man, and a Lover of his Country’.

According to Prince, Davy died, unmarried and childless, of the gout at the Chantry in Exeter on 22 January 1692/3. He was buried in the north aisle of Lady Mary’s chapel in Exeter cathedral on 27 January, where a wall monument to his memory was erected. In his will, Davy left over £1,000 in legacies to various nephews, nieces, a godson and servant. The bulk of his estate, however, was reserved for the use of Joseph Davie or Davis, the eldest son of Davy’s cousin Robert, who had first assisted in the doctor’s settlement in the city. Not yet of age, the estate was placed in the hands of Davy’s ‘dearly beloved friends’ George Saffin, **John Walrond** and Giles Inglett, who were to manage the same on Joseph’s behalf. In addition, Davy named his

nephew Thomas Gibbon as residual legatee and sole executor. Saffin, Inglett and Gibbon were all prominent and active members of the Tory party in Exeter who almost certainly shared Davy's deep attachment to the Anglican Church (Walrond, as the son of an ejected minister, is the odd one out here, though he probably conformed). Davy's devotion to the Church is evident in his wish, in the event of the death of his chief beneficiary, that £300 should be gifted to the cathedral 'toward the adorning of St Peters Quire in Exon to be layd out either in flooreing or the same with Marble or erecting new Stalls in the same or otherwise as the Dean and Chapter with the consent of my Lord the Bishop shall think fittest'. He was also well connected with prominent figures in the Church. His godson was the son of the high church clergyman, George Hooper (1640-1727), then dean of Canterbury.

Little is known of his actual practice. He was well known to the Plymouth surgeon and *virtuoso* **James Yonge**, and occasionally attached his name to aspirant medics seeking licences. In June 1681, for example, he signed letters testimonial on behalf of **Claudio Delespanche**. He also assisted others seeking episcopal approval to teach. In 1667, along with the celebrated clergyman Joseph Glanvill (1636-1680) and others, he supported the application of John Goodenough, who was seeking a licence to practise as an English master in Salisbury. There is little doubt, however, that he was highly esteemed in loyal, high church circles. Prince, perhaps, should have the last word. According to the Anglican hagiographer, Davy was an exemplary figure, 'the great Aesculapius of his time, in the western parts', adding that 'he was like a taper, whose rays enlighten others, but about itself casteth a modest shadow'.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2015A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Christow, Devon]; Foster, i, p.378; J.Prince, *Danmonii Orientales Illustres: Or, The Worthies of Devon* (Exeter & London, 1701), pp.274-5; Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington DC, V.a.287, f.52v; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I.The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.151; *m.i.*, Exeter Cathedral; TNA, PROB 11/474, ff.61v-62v [will of Edmund Davy or Davyes, doctor of physick, of St Peter's, Exeter, 20 January 1691/2, pr.28 January 1703/4]; *The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), pp.150, 152, 204; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.125 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.111]; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, D5/5/2 [deanery of Salisbury, loose papers, 1577-1804], unpaginated, *sub* 14 June 1669.

George DAVIES or DAVIS (fl.1668)

Person ID: 3901

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Bideford, Devon

One George Davis, barber surgeon, of Bideford, Devon, issued a token in 1668 inscribed with the Barber Surgeons' arms.

H.S.Gill, 'Devonshire Tokens Issued in the Seventeenth Century', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 5 (1872), p.227.

John DAVIES or DAVIS (d.1648 or 1649)

Person ID: 3884

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

John Davies or Davis is variously described in the records as surgeon, doctor, physician and, in his will of 1648, 'practitioner of physic and surgery'. He was licensed to practise medicine throughout the diocese of Exeter on 6 June 1621, with testimonials from William Parker (c.1560-1631), archdeacon of Cornwall, and Richard Billing, on 6 June 1621. In 1614-15, he contributed 10s as a 'free gift' to the King. Twelve years later, the mayor of Plymouth petitioned the Privy Council requesting that Davies and fellow surgeon **Frederick Christian** be exempted from military service on the grounds of their vital work as surgeons in the town of Plymouth.

Davies married Agnes Bennett at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 5 February 1600/1. Two of Davies' children entered the medical profession. His eldest son **Nicholas Davies** was a Leiden MD who practised for much of his career at Plymouth before settling in London where he died during the plague of 1665. **Philip Davies**, who died young, was briefly a surgeon. Agnes, the wife of John Davies, physician, was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 8 July 1643. Davies himself was probably buried at Shaugh Prior, just outside the town. In his will, which contains a very godly preamble, he mentions ownership of a property at Shaugh as well as 'my great house and herbe garden' in Plymouth, both of which he left to his grandson Nicholas, the son of **Nicholas Davies**. Davies made numerous further bequests totalling over £500 to various grandchildren, naming his son-in-law William Pyke (1618-1692), the sequestered vicar of Stoke Climsland in Cornwall, as one of the trustees and overseers of his will. The will itself became the subject of a legal dispute in 1654.

Children of John Davies and wife Agnes:

Philip, bapt.5 September 1606; buried 10 November 1641 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. Surgeon.

Arthur, twin, bapt.18 May 1607 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. He married Elizabeth Hornabrooke at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 10 October 1626. Date of death unknown.

Elizabeth, twin, bapt.18 May 1607 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. She married William Pyke at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 18 May 1607, and was buried at Stoke Climsland, Cornwall, on 2 December 1664.

Nicholas, bapt.1 March 1614/15 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. Doctor of physic.

Francis, bapt.31 January 1618/19 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

William, bapt.20 June 1620; buried 1 November 1622 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.298 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.111]; R.N.Worth (ed.), *Calendar of the Plymouth Municipal Records* (Plymouth, 1893), p.149; *CSPD, 1627-1628*, p.143; *Acts of the Privy Council of England, January-August 1627*, p.235; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; TNA, PROB 11/207, ff.256v-257v [will of John Davies, practitioner of physic and surgery, of Shaugh, Devon, 8 November 1648, pr.19 March 1648/9]; TNA, C6/125/1/41 [1654].

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Plymouth, Devon, and London

Nicholas Davies or Davis was the son of the Plymouth surgeon, **John Davies**, and was baptised at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 1 March 1614/15. He was briefly a student at Exeter College, Oxford, in 1631 before opting to study medicine at Leiden in Holland. Davies entered Leiden on 11 April 1637 and graduated MD one year later (13 April 1638). No copy of his thesis has been found. Davies' MD was twice incorporated at Oxford, in 1642 and 1660. On returning to England, he settled into practise alongside his father at Plymouth. There, in 1641-2, Davies became involved in a bitter conflict with fellow physician, **Elias Burleigh or Burley**, during the course of which the two men resorted to the Court of King's Bench in order to resolve their differences. It is clear from the legal record that Davies held a low opinion of Burleigh's medical credentials claiming at some point, alongside his father John, that Burleigh was a witch and that he had poisoned one of his patients. The outcome of the quarrel is not known.

It is not known when or why Davies opted to move to Austin Friars in London. He was still in Plymouth in the 1650s, where two of his former 'servants', including the apothecary **Andrew Matthews**, were married in 1654) and probably did not remove to the capital until the early years of the Restoration. In December 1664, he was made an honorary fellow of the College of Physicians in London and the following year was nominated by the College as one of the few doctors authorised to administer to plague victims. In a single sheet broadside dated 2 August 1665, Davies and fellow College appointee **Edward Dawtrey** painted a graphic picture of the hopeless state of the medical situation in the city as plague began to take hold. He is almost certainly the same as the Dr Davies who was buried the same day at St Peter le Poer, London.

Children of Nicholas Davies:

John. Alive in 1648 [grandfather's will].

Nicholas. He was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 3 November 1653.

Thomas. Alive in 1648 [grandfather's, will].

Margaret. Alive in 1648 [grandfather's will].

Publications:

[with Edward Dawntry]. *The Resolution of those Physitians presented by the Colledge to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of this City of London, for the Prevention and Cure of the Plague* (London, 1665).

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; Foster, i, p.382; Innes Smith, p.64; Bodl., Rawlinson MS D 1485, f.6; TNA, KB27/1665; 1670, mm.1416, 1421, 1429; Munk, i, p.348; London Metropolitan Archives, P69/PET2/A/001/MS04093/001 [parish registers of St Peter le Poer, London, 1561-1723]; TNA, PROB 11/207, ff.256v-257v [will of John Davies, practitioner of physic and surgery, of Shaugh, Devon, 8 November 1648, pr.19 March 1648/9].

Philip DAVIES or DAVIS (1606-1641)

Person ID: 3890

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Philip Davies or Davis was the eldest son of the Plymouth surgeon **John Davies**, and his wife Agnes, and was baptised at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 5 September 1606. In June 1633, Joan, the daughter of Thomas Carveth, was apprenticed to Philip Davies, surgeon, of Plymouth, and his wife Frances. Philip Davies, 'chirurgion', was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 10 November 1641. His widow Frances married Dennis Peake at St Andrew's on 15 July 1645. In his will of 1648, Frances' father-in-law, **John Davies**, left his granddaughter Catherine, the only surviving child of Philip and Frances, £200.

Children of Philip and Frances Davies:

Catherine, bapt.27 January 1631/2 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; 1/90, f.33r; TNA, PROB 11/207, ff.256v-257v [will of John Davies, practitioner of physic and surgery, of Shaugh, Devon, 8 November 1648, pr.19 March 1648/9].

William DAVIES or DAVIS (d.1625)

Person ID: 3894

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

William Davies, surgeon, was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 11 November 1625. His son William was baptised in the same parish on 18 September 1625.

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth.

William DAVIES or DAVIS (d.1665)

Person ID: 20956

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Offwell, Devon

William Davis, 'chirurgien', married Mary Ribbington of Colyton, widow, at Offwell, on 25 June 1639. In 1642, he was defendant in a trial for debt at the Court of King's Bench. Davies was buried at Offwell (as 'chirurgus') on 18 December 1665.

Devon Heritage Centre, 364A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Offwell, Devon]; TNA, KB27/1676, m.744d.

William DAVY (d.1733)

Person ID: 18397

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Davy was the son of William Davy and his wife Elizabeth, the daughter of John Martin of Sandford, Devon. Davy was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on payment of a fine of £1 1s 6d on 4 September 1710. His apprentice William Moore

was made free, 21 June 1725. Davy was a resident of the parish of St George's, Exeter, where he was buried on 7 April 1733. His wife Margaret Gyst, whom he married at St George's on 11 February 1706/7, predeceased Davy and was buried in the same parish on 19 March 1721/2. In Davy's will, he named his 'good friends' Richard Vivian, merchant, John Score, fuller, and Henry Gandy, gent, all of Exeter, as executors in trust. They were specifically tasked with the oversight of a legacy of £1,200 on behalf of Davy's daughters, Rebecca and Elizabeth, the benefit of which was to be annulled if either married the testator's former apprentice John Ford. He left a further £3,500 to his son Charles and daughters Margaret and Ann, while naming his eldest son William as principal and residual legatee as well as executor (on reaching the age of 21).

William Davy is frequently mentioned in the diary of Thomas Naish or Naish, clergyman and sub-dean of Salisbury, who was married to Davy's aunt, Sarah, nee Martin. In 1710, he described Davy as 'mighty thriving' in contrast to his brother John who was 'broke'. Davy's cousin Dorothy was married to **James Kingwell the younger**, druggist, whom Nash also sought to cultivate.

Davy's son William followed in his father's footsteps as a druggist, being made a freeman of the city by succession on 13 August 1733.

Children of Mr William Davy and wife Margaret:

Rebecca, bapt.8 December 1707 [St George's, Exeter].
Margaret, bapt.25 March 1712 [St George's, Exeter].
William, bapt.18 October 1713 [St George's, Exeter].
Ann, bapt.27 February 1717/18 [St George's, Exeter].
Charles, bapt.5 May 1720 [St Mary Major, Exeter].
Elizabeth [will].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.220, 238, 244; Devon Heritage Centre, 4779A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St George's, Exeter, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/658, ff.168v-170r [will of William Davy, druggist, of Exeter, 27 August 1730, pr.28 April 1733]; D.Slatter (ed.), *The Diary of Thomas Naish* (Devizes, Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Soc., vol.20, 1964), pp.67, 68, 69.

Francis DAWTON (fl.1709)

Person ID: 15174/15207

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Francis Dawton Jnr, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on 17 October 1709. He had previously served an apprenticeship with a freeman's widow, being admitted on paying a fine of 5s. Francis Dawton of St Sidwell's, Exeter, married Mary Combe at Tiverton on 26 September 1709. They were resident in the parish of St David's, Exeter and were still alive in 1723.

Children of Francis Dawton and wife Mary:

Francis, bapt.25 January 1712/13 [St David's, Exeter].
Mary, bapt.2 February 1714/15; buried 29 September 1718 [St David's, Exeter].
James, bapt.20 February 1716/17 [St David's, Exeter].
Joseph, bapt.28 April 1719; buried 3 December 1719 [St David's, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.219; Devon Heritage Centre, 2931A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St David's, Exeter, Devon]; Exeter City Oath Roll, 1723.

Thomas DAY (d.1671)

Person ID: 3964

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Day, surgeon, of Exeter appears frequently in the quarter sessions records of the city in the early years of the Restoration, more often than not facing prosecution for a variety of offences. These included, most seriously, in 1662, when he was committed to prison in Exeter upon suspicion of bigamy. Day claimed that one Honour Pollard was his true wife, but the statement was contested by Dorothy Fitzwilliams. Three years later, he was accused of fathering a bastard child with one Mary Corham. In 1668, the case of Day's two marriages was revisited in the Court of Arches, where his wife Dorothy sought restitution of conjugal rights.

Day would appear to have settled in Exeter after the Restoration. He is first mentioned in the registers of St Lawrence's, Exeter, in 1660, when Elizabeth, the daughter of Dr Day, was baptised there. In the same year, he and his wife paid 6s 6d in the poll tax for St Lawrence. 'Doctor Day' was buried in the same parish on 13 April 1671. Thereafter, confusion continued to reign over Day's affairs. Prior to his death, Day made two nuncupative wills, one nominating his youngest daughter Elizabeth as chief beneficiary, the other seemingly leaving his estate to his wife Dorothy.

It is possible that Thomas Day may have been the man of the same name, a surgeon from Dover, who married the famous impostor Mary Carleton at some unspecified date. The couple were indicted for bigamy but the case was dropped when Carleton claimed that she believed, erroneously, that her first husband was dead. She was later executed in 1673. There were at least two surgeons of this name living at Dover in the mid-seventeenth century, though the most likely candidate was recorded as buried there in 1679.

Children of Doctor Day:

Elizabeth, bapt.22 February 1660 [St Lawrence's, Exeter].

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/65, ff.74v, 137r, 198r, 216r, 254r; J.Houston (ed.), *Index of Cases in the Records of the Court of Arches ... 1660-1913* (London & Chichester, BRS, 1972), pp.113-4; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.Binney (ed.), *The Parish Registers of St Lawrence, Exeter*, 2 vols (1604-79; 1679-1749), vol.1, sub Day; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.42; TNA, PROB

11/346 [sentence in court of probate *re* Thomas Day of Exeter, 26 March 1674];
ODNB, *sub* Carleton, Mary, article by J.Todd.

William DAY (fl.1663)

Person ID: 20992

Occ: barber

Loc: Crediton, Devon

Hannah, the daughter of William Day, barber, was baptized at Crediton, Devon, in June 1663.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2935A/PR/1/6 [parish registers of Crediton, Devon].

Hugh DEEM (1665 or 1666-1713)

Person ID: 17516

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Honiton, Devon

Hugh Deem was the son of John Deem and his wife Susanna, and was baptised at Combe Raleigh, Devon, on 9 January 1665/6. Mr Hugh Deem, apothecary, was buried at Honiton on 8 July 1713. His son Hugh succeeded his father as an apothecary in Honiton and was buried there on 11 January 1738/9.

Children of Mr Hugh Deem and wife Gertrude:

Hugh, buried 4 January 1690/1 [Honiton].

Anne, born 3 May 1695; bapt.30 May 1695; buried 27 November 1693 [Honiton].

Gertrude, bapt.2 December 1697 [Honiton]. She married Mr Abraham Matthew at Honiton, 20 April 1724.

Hugh, born 8 November 1698; bapt.1 December 1698. He married Margaret Call of Honiton at Combe Raleigh, 6 February 1732/3, and was buried at Honiton, 11 January 1738/9.

Mary, bapt.29 January 1700/1 [Honiton].

John, bapt. 31 December 1702; buried 7 February 1702/3 [Honiton].

Susanna, buried 6 May 1713 [Honiton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 567A/PR/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Combe Raleigh, Devon]; 1639A/PR/1/7-38 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon].

George DENNIS or DINNIS (d.1718)

Person ID: 21044/27685

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

George Dennis, barber, married Anne Tanner at St John's Chapel, Exeter, on 31 December 1698. The couple lived in the parish of Holy Trinity, where they baptized four children between 1700 and 1705. Anne may have died, as one George Dennis married Mary Harber at St Petrock's, Exeter, on 15 October 1706. Mr George Dennis was buried at Exeter cathedral on 30 November 1718. Dennis' widow married Mr Andrew Rogers at the cathedral on 5 July 1721.

Children of Mr George Dennis and wife Anne:

Margaret, bapt.4 April 1700 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.30 December 1701 [Holy Trinity, Exeter]; buried 1704/5 [Exeter cathedral].

Hugh, bapt.4 April 1703 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

George, bapt.10 June 1705 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I.The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.161.

Hugh DENNIS or DINNIS (d.1721)

Person ID: 21045

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Mary, the wife of Hugh Dennis, barber, was buried at Holy Trinity, Exeter, on 10 September 1702. He probably remarried shortly after her death. Hugh Dennis married Rebecca Pearse at Exeter cathedral on 1 December 1702. Mr Hugh Dinnis was buried at the cathedral on 13 September 1721.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I.The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), pp.129, 162.

William DERBY (d.1682)

Person ID: 16545

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Honiton, Devon

William Derby was the son of William Derby (d.1677) of Burton Bradstock, Dorset and was buried at Honiton on 2 August 1682. In his will, he left legacies totalling £350 to his son William and daughters Susanna and Margaret, as well as an interest in the tithes of a property at Lower Stirthill in the parish of Burton Bradstock. He named his wife Susanna as residual legatee and executrix.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/38 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/371, ff.50v-51r [will of William Derby, apothecary, of Honiton, Devon, 8 May 1682, pr.12 October 1682].

Stephen DE SAHURS or DESOWES, alias DEMOIN (d.1639)

Person ID: 4096

Occ: physician

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Stephen de Sahurs was licensed to practise medicine and surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 20 October 1620. Mr Stephen Desowes, physician, was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 8 February 1638/9.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.286 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.111, which errs in dating licence to 1610]; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

Richard DEWE (d.1603)

Person ID: 4117

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard Dewe was a student of Christ Church, Oxford, in 1561, where he proceeded BA on 1 July 1560 and MA on 10 May 1563. He was later awarded his B Med and licensed to practise by the university on 10 July 1570. He subsequently sued for his MD. On 22 December 1582, he was examined and approved for a licence by the College of Physicians in London, but there is no evidence that he took up the offer. At some time toward the end of the sixteenth century, he set up practice at Exeter. Dewe was certainly there in 1596, when he was listed as a debtor of the apothecary **Thomas Baskerville**. In the subsidy lists of 1602, Richard Dewe, gent, of St Stephen's, Exeter, was assessed to pay £3. Dewe died in the city in 1603 and was buried in the lady chapel of the cathedral on 1 November 1603. His will, no longer extant, was proved shortly after. It is not known whether Dewe married, though one Mary, the daughter of Richard Dewe, was baptised at the cathedral on 29 June 1598.

Foster, i, p.399; Munk, i, p.85; Devon Heritage Centre, Moger will transcripts, 22 vols (1921-41), vol.1, no.209 [inventory of Thomas Baskerville, apothecary, of Exeter, 2 November 1596]; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.3; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I.The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), pp.1, 57; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.50.

Charles DIGGES (d.1762)

Person ID: 4147

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Chagford, Devon

Charles Digges of Chagford, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery and medicine throughout Devon on 21 October 1715. He would appear to have been living at Bovey Tracey at the time he applied for his licence, but he relocated to Chagford shortly afterwards. On 13 January 1715/16, Charles Digges of Chagford married Debora Coniam at St Petrock's, Exeter.

Digges would appear to have supplemented his income, leastwise in his early years, by acting as a gauger and excise officer at Chagford. He also had property interests, probably through his wife, in Bovey Tracey. Mrs Debora Digges was buried at Chagford in December 1758. Her husband Charles was buried in the same parish on 29 June 1762. The couple appear to have been childless.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* date [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.111]; 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; QS 17/1/13A/7b and 12; 1695 M/L 3, 4, 16, 19, 70-73; 1429A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Chagford, Devon].

Robert DODGE (1688-1752)

Person ID: 15201

Occ: barber/periwigmaker

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Robert Dodge was the son of Robert Dodge (d.1724), innholder, and was baptised at St Pancras, Exeter, on 18 November 1688. Dodge was made a freeman of Exeter as the apprentice of **Robert Lane** on 4 September 1710. Four of his apprentices (John Tozer, 1722; Simon Chamberlayn, 1727; John Pope, 1730; Philip Wilcocks, 1734) were also made freemen of the city. Dodge was a resident of the parish of St Pancras in Exeter, where he married Susanna Tilly on 28 February 1717/18. She was buried there on 15 March 1729/30. He married as his second wife Willmott Wayett of Exeter at St Leonard's, Exeter, on 22 July 1733. Dodge himself became a respected member of the corporation and was mayor of the city in 1752, when he died and was buried at St Pancras, 10 December 1752.

Children of Robert Dodge:

Thomas, bapt.11 October 1719 [St Pancras, Exeter].

Robert, bapt.20 May 1722 [St Martin's, Exeter].

William, bapt.21 March 1725/6; buried 18 May 1726 [St Pancras, Exeter].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2949A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Pancras, Exeter, Devon]; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.220, 232, 234, 241, 248; Devon Heritage Centre, 1862A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Leonard's, Exeter, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.57; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.F.Nesbit, transcription of the parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837.

Samuel DOIDGE (1689-1751 or 1752)

Person ID: 4225

Occ: apothecary/surgeon

Loc: Tavistock, Devon

Samuel Doidge of Tavistock, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 14 August 1716. Samuel was the son of John Doidge, gent, of Milton Abbot, and was baptised in the latter parish on 30 April 1689. In a list of freeholders compiled in 1741, Doidge was described as a surgeon and apothecary. Two years earlier, he had subscribed to the publication of the sermons of the Exeter preacher John Warren (d.1736). Mr Samuel Doidge was buried at Tavistock on 5 January 1752.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* date; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Milton Abbot, Devon; Devon Heritage Centre, QS7/20; John Warren, *Sermons upon Several Subjects, Preached in ... the Cathedral Church of St Peter, Exeter*, 2 vols (London, 1739), list of subscribers; Devon Heritage Centre, 482A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Tavistock, Devon].

Michael DOLLING (fl.1662)

Person ID: 4229

Occ: licensed physician/clergyman

Loc: Doddiscombsleigh, Devon

Michael Dolling of Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter on 6 October 1662. In his application to the bishop, he claimed to have 'for a long time practised and beene conversant in the Mistery and knowledge of a Phisitian'. Testimonials on his behalf were signed, among others, by **Robert Vilvain**.

It is impossible to say with certainty whether Dolling the physician was the resident incumbent of the parish of that name, or his son, also called Michael, who later succeeded his father as rector in 1674. On balance, it seems more likely that the physician was the son, as he is not referred to in his application or grant as a clergyman. His father, moreover, would have been aged over 60 by 1662. The absence of parish registers for Doddiscombsleigh before 1678 further compounds the problem of identification.

Michael Dolling Jnr was born in about 1631. According to Walker, Dolling's father was often plundered and sometimes imprisoned during the 1640s and 1650s, but was never sequestered, thanks largely to the intervention of his wife's relative, Colonel Blackmore. Dolling Jnr matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 21 May 1647 and was appointed a scholar by the parliamentary visitors in 1649. There is no evidence that he graduated. Dolling married Mrs Catherine Willoughby at North Cadbury, Somerset, on 15 September 1650. He became rector of Doddiscombsleigh in 1674 and was buried in the parish on 5 June 1694. His son Willoughby (d.1685) was a student at Exeter College, Oxford, in 1681.

Children of Michael Dolling:

Michael, bapt.25 September 1651 [North Cadbury].

Willoughby. He matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, 21 February 1680/1, aged 18 and was buried at Doddiscombsleigh, 7 May 1685.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.182 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.111]; PR 518, *sub*

Doddiscombsleigh; *Walker Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1948; reissued 1988), p.112; Foster, i, p.413; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CAD.N/2/1/1 [parish registers of North Cadbury, Somerset, 1558-1734]; Devon Heritage Centre, 538A/PR/1/7 [parish registers of Doddiscombsleigh, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.54.

Maurice or Moresh DONAT (fl.1542-1545)

Person ID: 4239

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In about 1545, Maurice Donat, doctor of physic, of Exeter, was plaintiff in the Court of Chancery in a case against John Northbrooke of Exeter regarding an alleged assault of which the defendant was acquitted. Donat subsequently claimed that he was acquitted on false evidence at Exeter assizes in 1542-3. He is almost certainly the same man as the Moresh Donatt, doctor of physic, of London, who was engaged in an action in the Court of Requests some time in the early sixteenth century. Donatt would appear to have been seeking payment of the arrears of an annuity out of the estate of Sir George Saintlege from his widow Lady Anne, now married to James Coffyn.

TNA, C 1/1115/63 [1544-47]; REQ 2/9/21 [undated; early sixteenth century].

Henry DOWNE (c.1613-1665)

Person ID: 4288

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Henry Downe was the son of John Downe (d.1631), rector of Instow, Devon. He briefly attended his father's college, Emmanuel, at Cambridge, before matriculating at Exeter College, Oxford, on 21 June 1633, aged 20. Downe graduated BA on 25 February 1634/5 and MA on 24 October 1637. He entered Leiden to study medicine on 21 June 1646 (where he gave his age as 26), but migrated to Caen in France, where he gained his MD in 1647/8. It was subsequently incorporated at Oxford on 17 January 1647/8.

Downe married Honora (1631-1694), the daughter of John Berry, esquire, of Eastleigh, at Northam, Devon. By 1652, Downe was practising medicine in Barnstaple. Seven children were baptised here between 1654 and 1662. The 'worshipful doctor' Henry Downe was buried at Barnstaple on 18 May 1665. His widow Honora subsequently married **William Barber or Barbor**, who inherited Downe's practice in the town.

Children of Henry Downe and wife Honora:

Elizabeth, born 8 February 1653/4 [Barnstaple].

John, born 21 January 1654/5; bap.8 February 1654/5 [Barnstaple]. He married Anne Chichester, the daughter of Sir John Chichester of Shirwell at Barnstaple, 8 October

1679.

Henry, born 5 October 1657; bapt.8 October 1657 [Barnstaple].

Mary, born 7 January 1658/9; bapt.27 January 1658/9; buried 17 July 1661 [Barnstaple].

Honoriam, born 16 January 1659/60; bapt.18 February 1659/60 [Barnstaple].

William, born 30 July 1661; bapt.18 August 1661 [Barnstaple].

Richard, born 24 October 1662; bapt.9 November 1662; buried 10 December 1662 [Barnstaple].

Venn, ii, p.60; Foster, i, p.419; Innes Smith, p.71; North Devon RO, B1/207; J.R.Chanter and T.Wainwright (eds), *Reprint of the Barnstaple Records*, 2 vols (Barnstaple, 1900), i, p.32; T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 A.D. to 1812 A.D.* (Exeter, 1903), baptisms, pp.94, 95, 98, 99, 101, 102, 103; marriages, p.46; burials, pp.73, 74, 76.

Johanna DOWNMAN (fl.1624)

Person ID: 21206

Occ: healer

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Johanna Downman was paid by the town of Barnstaple, Devon, for healing the head of one Chilcot's maid, *circa* 1624-5. She is probably the same as the Joan Downman of Barnstaple, whose will was proved in the court of the archdeacon of Barnstaple in 1644.

J.R.Chanter and T.Wainwright (eds), *Reprint of the Barnstaple Records*, 2 vols (Barnstaple, 1900), ii, p.135; J.J.Beckerlegge (ed.), *Index of Wills in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, 1563-1858*.

John DOWNTON (fl.1709-1720)

Person ID: 4302

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Downton, surgeon, of Exeter, Devon, provided testimonials on behalf of **Noah Mahun** of Endellion, Cornwall, in 1711 and **John Piercey** of Cullompton in 1711.

Children of Doctor/Mr John Downton:

Henry, bapt.19 March 1701/2; buried 27 August 1720 [St Lawrence, Exeter].

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Endellion, Cornwall, and Cullompton, Devon [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), pp.111, 122]; Rev.Binney (ed.), *The Parish Registers of St Lawrence, Exeter*, 2 vols (1604-79; 1679-1749), vol.2, *sub* Downton.

Thomas DOWNTON (c.1672-1713)

Person ID: 4304

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

According to his gravestone located in the south tower of Exeter cathedral, Thomas Downton, surgeon, aged 41, died on 18 November 1713. He was buried in the cathedral on 23 November 1713. In his will, he left £800 to each of his two sons, John and Thomas (both not yet 21), and the rest of his estate to his wife Anne, naming his 'worthy friends' John Reynolds, Francis Oliver and James Bond, gentlemen, of Exeter as trustees.

He was probably related to the **John Downton**, surgeon, of Exeter, who signed testimonials for practitioners in Cornwall and Devon between 1709 and 1711.

Children of Thomas Downton:

John [will].

Thomas [will].

R.Polwhele, *The History of Devonshire*, 3 vols (London, 1793-1806), ii, p.32; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.160; TNA, PROB 11/563, ff.397v-398r [will of Thomas Downton, surgeon, of Exeter, 1 November 1713, pr.27 May 1718].

Roger DROMANT (c.1572-1623)

Person ID: 4333

Occ: physician

Loc: Great Torrington, Devon

Roger Dromant was probably the son of William Dromant (d.c.1595), merchant, of Great Torrington, Devon. He matriculated at Broadgates Hall, Oxford, on 4 January 1586/7, aged 15, and was licensed to practise medicine by the university on 3 June 1590, after 11 years study. Mr Roger Dromant was buried at Great Torrington on 9 May 1623. His will was proved in the court of the archdeacon of Barnstaple in the same year. Roger was probably the father of the medical student, **William Dromant**.

Foster, i, p.425; Devon Heritage Centre, 4014A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Great Torrington, Devon]; J.J.Beckerlegge (ed.), *Index of Wills in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, 1563-1858*.

William DROMANT (c.1603-1629)

Person ID: 27716

Occ: medical student

Loc: Great Torrington, Devon

Described as a gentleman, Dromant matriculated at Broadgates Hall, Oxford, on 2 November 1621, aged 18. He was probably the son of **Roger Dromant**, who attended the same college. William Dromant migrated to Pembroke College, Oxford, in order to study medicine. **Thomas** Clayton, regius professor of medicine at Oxford, confirmed that Dromant was a 'student in phisicke' of Pembroke College, was of 'good understanding and sufficiency in the faculty of Phisicke, well grounded in Logicke, philosophye and other good learning, dispositive unto phisicke, a due

frequenter of Anatomy and other phisicke Lectures', and was 'very fitt for the degree of Bacchelor in Phisicke and licence to practice phisicke, his sufficiency being very well known unto mee by divers private conferences and his publique exercise for degree in Phisicke very commendably performed'. He was granted his grace for the degree of bachelor of medicine on 27 April 1626. Mr William Dromant was buried at Great Torrington on 21 July 1629.

Foster, i, p.425; Bodl., Oxford University Archives, NEP/supra/Reg O, f.148r; Devon Heritage Centre, 4014A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Great Torrington, Devon].

John DUMBAR or DUNBAR (d.1626)

Person ID: 4366

Occ: physician

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

John Dunbar described himself as 'doctor of philosophy and medicine' when signing a testimonial on behalf of **Richard Leigh** of Bigbury, Devon, in April 1621.

He appears frequently in the parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, where he is consistently referred to as Dr John Dumbar. He married Elizabeth Wallis in the same parish on 1 November 1614, and was buried there, as Dr John Dumbar, on 21 July 1626.

Children of Dr/Mr John Dumbar:

John, buried 20 January 1620/1 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
Abraham, bapt.20 January 1620/1 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
Mary, buried 29 September 1622 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
Carye, bapt.26 January 1622/3 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
John, bapt.15 September 1624 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
Mary, bapt.18 December 1625 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.295 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.111]; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

Thomas DUNMAN (fl.early 17th century)

Person ID: ????

Thomas, the son of Thomas Dunman, surgeon, deceased, of Ilfracombe, Devon, was apprenticed to Thomas Cole, mariner, of Bristol on 27 October 1620. Otherwise unidentified.

Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

William DURSTON (1622-1692 or 1693)

Person ID: 4416

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

William Durston was the son of John Durston and was baptised at Upton on Severn, Worcestershire, on 23 June 1622. Durston matriculated at Magdalen College, Oxford, on 25 May 1639, and proceeded BA on 10 November 1642. He was subsequently expelled by the parliamentary visitors in 1648 on account of his service for the King in the Oxford garrison. Durston was awarded his MD by the university, presumably on account of his loyalty, on 2 August 1660.

Initially, Durston would appear to have settled in Exeter, where he married Elizabeth, the daughter of **Anthony Salter Jnr**, sometime before 1653. The two men were seemingly close. In 1661-2, they were accused of attempting to defraud a patient. At his death in 1668, Salter left his son-in-law £400. Around 1662 (and perhaps as a result of the Chancery case of that year), Durston established a medical practice at Plymouth, where he remained for the rest of his life. Here, he played an active role in medical circles, providing testimonials for many local practitioners (**John Lyne**, 1662; **John Fleming**, 1666; **Gray Holland**, 1666; **Cornelius Mugford**, 1668; **Thomas Hunt**, 1669 or 1670; **Elizeus or Elias Scobel**, 1687). In addition, he was a regular correspondent with the newly founded Royal Society. In 1669, he wrote with details of a case of a woman with excessively swollen breasts, and a year later followed up with an account of the birth of Siamese twins in Plymouth.

Between 1680 and 1682, Durston became embroiled in a heated dispute with the Plymouth surgeon **James Yonge** that had been ignited by the latter's claim to have healed a four-year old boy suffering from 'two great fractures of the skull and the loss of part of the brain. Durston argued that it was impossible to heal such wounds, they being 'absolutely mortal', and, according to Yonge, began to spread ill rumours among the local gentry regarding Yonge and his accomplice **Thomas Spencer**. There is little doubt that some of the animosity in this case derived from Yonge's status as a mere surgeon, Durston standing accused of ridiculing his pretensions to learning. The dispute rumbled on for two years and became increasingly vitriolic. Yonge ultimately challenged Durston to an intellectual debate, to be held in a Plymouth coffee house, where he 'undertook to prove by at least 60 authors (half of which he never heard of) that *wounds of the brain were curable*'. The dispute even spilled over into print, where Yonge went as far as to suggest that Durston was essentially an anti-intellectual, who disparaged medical books and learning and claimed that he was 'done with books' seeing as 'things were common-plac'd in your Head'.

Durston was clearly adept at making enemies, his practice coming under frequent scrutiny for its perceived failings. His most famous patient was probably the celebrated political philosopher James Harrington (1611-1677), whom Durston treated while a prisoner at Plymouth in 1662. According to Harrington's biographer John Toland (1670-1722), the freethinker, Durston was responsible for poisoning his patient by prescribing guaiacum taken in coffee for the scurvy. Harrington was subsequently removed from Durston's care and placed in the hands of London physicians, including **Francis Prujean**, who were scathing in their assessment of Durston's practice. So deplorable was his treatment that Harrington's sisters even mooted the possibility that Durston was part of a plot to silence the outspoken radical.

Durston, probably on account of his staunch support for Church and King, was made a freeman of Plymouth on 11 September 1684. He was buried in the parish of Charles

the Martyr, Plymouth, where he had been resident since 1663, on 10 January 1692/3. His widow Elizabeth was buried at Berry Pomeroy, Devon, on 15 September 1701.

Children of Dr William Durston [or Dunston] and wife Elizabeth:

William, bapt. 20 December 1653 [St Peter's, Exeter]; buried 13 March 1664/5 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].
John, bapt. 29 April 1660 [St Peter's, Exeter].
Anthony, bapt. 18 June 1663; buried 4 October 1667 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].
William, bapt. 28 December 1664; buried 13 March 1664/5 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].
William, bapt. 2 August 1666; buried 30 March 1686 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

Apprentices:

John Whiffin, son of Richard Whiffin, deceased, 20 April 1672.

Publications:

'Letter of Dr William Durston, physician, at Plymouth, to Lord Viscount Brouncker ... concerning a very sudden and excessive swelling of a woman's breast', *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, 4 (1669), p.1047.

'An Extract of a Letter written to the Publisher from Plymouth Novem.2.1669. by William Durston Doctor of Physick, concerning the Death of the Bigg-breasted Woman', *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, 4 (1669), pp.1068-9.

'A Narrative of a Monstrous Birth in Plymouth, Octob.22.1670, together with the Anatomical Observations, taken thereupon by William Durston Doctor in Physick', *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, 5 (1670), pp.2096-7.

Worcestershire RO, parish registers of Upton on Severn, Worcestershire; Foster, i, p.435; *Walker Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1948; reissued 1988), p.29; *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 35 (1903), pp.361-425; TNA, PROB 11/327, ff.400v-401v [will of Anthony Salter, doctor in physick, of Exeter, 20 February 1666/7, pr.20 August 1668]; Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.306v, 404v; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* parishes [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.111].

James Yonge, *Wounds of the Brain Proved Curable* (London, 1682); *The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), pp.186-7; John Toland, *The Oceana of James Harrington, and His Other Works ... with an Exact Account of His Life Prefix'd by John Toland* (London, 1700), pp.xxxvi-xxxvii; Plymouth Archives, 1/51, f.54v; parish registers of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, Devon; Devon Heritage Centre, 3046A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Berry Pomeroy, Devon]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), pp.16, 21; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47,

p.319 [admon of will of Elizabeth Salter, granted to son Anthony, 13 October 1701]; Plymouth Archives, 1/90, f.57r.

John DYER (fl.1667)

Person ID: 21279

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Dyer, apothecary, of Exeter, Devon, was licensed to marry Margery Lathropp (b.1650), the daughter of William Lathropp and Joan, of Ottery St Mary, Devon, on 8 April 1667. No record of the marriage has been found.

G.J.Armytage (ed.), *Allegations for Marriage Licences Issued by the Vicar-General of the Archbishop of Canterbury 1660 to 1668* (London, HS, vol.33, 1892), p.205.

Nathaniel DYMOND (fl.1699)

Person ID: 4439

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Devon

Nathaniel Dymond described himself as licensed, when he signed a testimonial on behalf of fellow surgeon **John Rowe** of Bradninch in July 1699. He may be the same as the Nathaniel Dymond who married Elizabeth Yolland at Dunsford on 21 January 1682/3. He later married Elizabeth, the daughter of Thomas Bawden, rector of Ashton, Devon, at the latter parish, on 7 June 1696.

Two men of this name, presumably father and son, were buried at Dunsford on 25 December 1714 and 1 August 1716. The registers of Dunsford record the baptisms of five daughters to a Nathaniel Dymond between 1686 and 1705.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub Bradninch* [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.111]; 4572A/PR/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Dunsford, Devon]; 2016A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Ashton, Devon].

Mr EDWARD (fl.1592)

Person ID: 4512

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Mr Edward, surgeon, of Plymouth, Devon, was paid by the town for dressing a prisoner in 1591-2. He may be the same as the Thomas Edwards, who was paid in 1596-7 for carrying 'a woman distracted of her wits' to Plymstocke.

R.N.Worth (ed.), *Calendar of the Plymouth Municipal Records* (Plymouth, 1893), p.133.

Thomas EDWARDS (d.1624)

Person ID: 4544

Occ: apothecary/physician

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Edwards was the son of Richard Edwards of Taunton, Somerset, and his wife Joan, the daughter of Richard Tedbury of the same town. Thomas Edwards, apothecary, the apprentice of alderman **William Trevett**, deceased, was made a freeman of Exeter on 14 September 1579. Three of his apprentices – **Bernard Pearce** (1594), **Thomas Fley** (1599) and **James Parsons** (1602) – were also made freemen of the city. He married Joan Champneys, the daughter of John Champneys of Uffculme, Devon, and his wife Mary, at around the same time he was made free. His eldest daughter Grace was baptised at Uffculme, but nine others were baptised at St Mary Major, Exeter, where Edwards became established as an apothecary and later as a physician.

In 1604, Edwards became embroiled in a bitter conflict with a fellow Exeter practitioner **John Woolton**, in which the issue of Edwards's lack of medical experience and qualifications undoubtedly bore a part. At some point in the dispute, Woolton began to disperse a defamatory libel in and around Exeter that was designed to stoke up animosity against Edwards as well as to drum up support in Woolton's campaign against the 'upstart' apothecary. The case eventually ended up in the Court of Star Chamber, where Woolton was found guilty and ordered to pay a large fine of £500, including £200 in charges to the defendant Edwards. Woolton was also ordered to appear in a public place at the next assizes in Exeter, where he was to wear around his neck the four yards of interrogatories that he had collected from neighbouring parts in his hate campaign against Edwards.

Edwards was both defensive of his social status and could also claim to be well connected with wider medical circles in the capital. At one point, he claimed to have the backing of the College of Physicians, who had examined him and found him fit to practise. He was also on good terms with the celebrated herbalist John Gerard (c.1545-1612), whom he supplied (through a 'servant') with the first yucca (cassava) plant to be grown in England. As a visitor to London, he may be the same as the Thomas Edwards, gent, of Exeter, who was accused of abusing Thomas Chatfield, constable, in the execution of his office at the Middlesex quarter sessions in 1616. Meanwhile, in Devon, he supplied medical testimonials on behalf of **George Newman** (1621) and **William Preda** (1622), who were both seeking licences to practise medicine from the bishop. Thomas Edwards was buried at Exeter cathedral on 12 July 1624. No will has survived.

Children of Mr Thomas Edwards:

John. He was described as Edwards' first son and aged 42 in 1620 [*Visitation, 1620*]. Grace, bapt.25 May 1580 [Uffculme]. She married **James Collins**, apothecary, at St Paul's, Exeter, on 6 September 1603.

Elizabeth, bapt.16 September 1581 [St Mary Major, Exeter]. She was married to one Trethowe [*Visitation, 1620*].

Joan, bapt.26 December 1582 [St Mary Major, Exeter]. She married John Hassard at St Martin's, Exeter, 7 October 1610.

Jane, bapt.4 May 1585 [St Mary Major, Exeter]. She was married to Richard

Langham [*Visitation, 1620*].
 Thomas, bapt.22 January 1586/7 [St Mary Major, Exeter].
 Agnes, bapt.19 May 1588 [St Mary Major, Exeter]. She was married to one Dinham in 1620 [*Visitation, 1620*].
 Chidleigh, bapt.12 June 1589 [St Mary Major, Exeter].
 Susanna, bapt.15 May 1591 [St Mary Major, Exeter]; buried (out of Thomas Walden's house) 4 August 1591 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].
 Thomas, bapt.9 November 1592 [St Mary Major, Exeter].
 Gregory. He was described as Edwards' fourth son and aged 26 in 1620 [*Visitation, 1620*].
 Frances, bapt.7 June 1596 [St Mary Major, Exeter]. She married James Kittoe of North Cadbury, Somerset, at Exeter cathedral, 13 January 1622/3 [where, in the marriage licence, Edwards is described as a surgeon].

F.T.Colby (ed.), *The Visitation of the County of Devon in the Year 1620* (London, 1872), pp.52, 104; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.95, 105, 108, 110; Devon Heritage Centre, 1920A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Uffculme, Devon]; M.M.Rowe (ed.), *Tudor Exeter. Tax Assessments 1489-1595* (Torquay, DCRS, vol.22, 1977), p.68; Dwevon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; TNA, STAC 8/130/12; **Gerard ref**; W.le Hardy (ed.), *County of Middlesex. Calendar to the Sessions Records. Volume 3, 1615-1616* (London, 1937), **bet pp.194-239**; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, pp.294, 331; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.59; Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; Lt Col.J.L.Vivian (ed.), *The Marriage Licences of the Diocese of Exeter from the Bishops Registers* (Exeter, 1889), p.79.

William EDWARDS (d.1677)

Person ID: 4551

Occ: physician?

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

William Edwards, 'doctor', was buried at Ottery St Mary, Devon, 25 April 1677.

H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1908-29), ii, p.889.

John EGEIOCKE (fl.1564)

Person ID: 4562

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

John Egeiocke, surgeon, was made a freeman of Plymouth, Devon, during the mayoralty of Nicholas Slannyng in 1564-5.

Plymouth Archives, 1/46, f.298v.

Anthony ELLERY (c.1656-1712)

Person ID: 17765

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

A bachelor aged about 24, Anthony Ellery, apothecary, married Elizabeth Cartwright, the same age and both of Plymouth, at Plympton St Maurice, Devon, on 24 June 1680. Mr Anthony Elery was buried at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 28 December 1712. He was probably related to John Ellery, a Plymouth apothecary, who died in 1750.

Children of Anthony Ellery:

Anthony, bapt.20 January 1681/2; buried 23 February 1682/3 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Plympton St Maurice, Devon; G.J.Armytage (ed.), *Allegations for Marriage Licences Issued by the Vicar-General of the Archbishop of Canterbury, July 1679 to June 1687* (London, HS, vol.30, 1890), p.21; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, Devon; parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth; TNA, PROB 11/783, ff.242v-245v [will of John Ellery, apothecary, of Plymouth, 16 March 1744/5 and 5 September 1750, pr.19 November 1750].

Henry ELLIOTT or ELLYOTT (d.1625)

Person ID: 17399

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Henry Elliott or Ellyott, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Thomas Baskerville Snr** on 13 November 1587. Two of his apprentices – **Walter Kelland** and **Benjamin Pince** – were made free of the city in 1606 and 1621 respectively. He occasionally appears in the records of the city. In 1610, Elliott, a friend of the Exeter physician **John Norris**, was named as his executor and witnessed his will. In 1619, Elliott provided surety for one William Elliott, probably a kinsman, accused of playing shuffleboard and abusing the puritan mayor of the city. Two years later he was appointed overseer of the will of his old master's son **Thomas Baskerville Jnr**. Finally, he witnessed the will of the Exeter merchant Christopher Langdon in 1624.

Ellyott lived in the parish of St Mary Major, Exeter. He married Agnes Richards at St Petrock's, Exeter, on 19 January 1604/5. She was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 22 March 1624/5. Her husband Henry was buried there on 24 September 1625.

Children of Henry Elliott and Agnes:

Henry, bapt.22 February 1606/7; buried 30 July 1620 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Anne, bapt. February 1608/9 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Richard, bapt.17 October 1613 [St Mary major, Exeter].

Grace, bapt.3 March 1615/16 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Orlando, bapt.15 December 1618; buried 23 February 1624/5 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.101, 112, 121; TNA, PROB 11/120, ff.3r-v [will of John Norris the elder, doctor of phisicke, of Exeter, 27 October 1610, pr.18 July 1612]; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA C/61, p.238; Moger will transcripts, 22 vols (1922-1941), vol.1, no.210 [will of Thomas Baskerville, apothecary, of Exeter, 21 June 1621, pr.10 April 1624]; TNA, PROB 11/145, ff.11v-12r [will of Christopher Langdon, merchant, of Exeter, 6 October 1624, pr.14 January 1624/5]; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.4; Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

Mark or Markes ELLIOTT (d.c.1681)

Person ID: 4581/17766

Occ: apothecary/surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

In 1666, the corporation leased an old property located on Kinterbury Street to Mark Elliott, apothecary, for which he received permission to rebuild in April 1681. Eight months later, the corporation allowed water to be piped to the house. He lived with his wife Honour in the parish of Charles the Martyr and was made a freeman of the borough of Plymouth on 12 January 1679/80. He is, in all probability, the Mark Elliott, 'chir[urgen]', who signed a testimonial on behalf of fellow Plymouth apothecary **Jonas Lavington**. In his will, made on 23 August 1681, Elliott left substantial land holdings in various Cornish parishes (Trencreek, St Gennys, Week St Mary, Poundstock and Jacobstow), including the manor or lordship of Trencreek, to a group of executors in trust that included his wife Honour, brother **John Elliott**, surgeon, brother-in-law Thomas Martin of Treley, Cornwall, and 'good friend' Abel French of Otterham, Cornwall. They were required to manage the testator's estate on behalf of his only surviving child, Nicholas. Elliott also bequeathed an annuity of £10 to his mother Alice.

Elliott was probably a nonconformist or occasional conformist; his son Nicholas was baptised by the Presbyterian minister Nicholas Sherwill at Plymouth in 1672. If so, then his brother-in-law Thomas Martin may have been related to the Plymouth dissenting minister, Thomas Martyn (d.1677).

Children of Mark or Markes Elliott and Honor:

Sarah, bapt.2 January 1665/6; buried 16 July 1668 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

Martin, bapt.11 December 1668; buried 12 April 1669 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

Mark or Markes, bapt.6 May 1670; buried 4 February 1671/2 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

Nicholas, bapt.12 November 1672 [Plymouth Presbyterian church].

Plymouth Archives, 1/720/83, 84 and 123; 1/51, f.40r; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Plymouth; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, Devon; 1/51, f.29v; Kresen Kernow, BRA 833/394 [will of Markes Elliott,

apothecary, of Plymouth, 23 August 1681]; TNA, RG 4/4091 [registers of baptisms, Plymouth Presbyterian Church]; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), p.342.

John ELLIS (d.c.1724)

Person ID: 4601

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Bradninch, Devon

John Ellis of Bradninch, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 7 December 1714. Testimonials on his behalf were signed by Dr **John Osmond** and **John Pearce**, surgeon. His will was proved in the court of the archdeacon of Exeter in 1724.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* date [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.112]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.344.

John ELMERSTONE or ELMESTON (1665 or 1666-1724)

Person ID: 4619

Occ: clergyman/licensed surgeon

Loc: Ilfracombe, Devon

John Elmerstone or Elmeston was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 25 March 1712/13. He was the son of James Elmeston (d.1694), rector of Harford, Devon, and was baptised at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 11 January 1665/6. Elmeston matriculated at St Alban Hall, Oxford, on 23 March 1682/3, and graduated BA (from Magdalen Hall) in 1686. He served as vicar of Ilfracombe from 1692 until his death in 1724. John Elmeston, vicar, was buried at Ilfracombe on 23 June 1724. His wife Dorothy predeceased him, being buried there on 3 May 1716.

Children of John Elmestone and wife Dorothy:

Henry, bapt.15 September 1692 [Ilfracombe].

Anne, bapt.18 December 1694 [Ilfracombe].

John, bapt.20 October 1699 [Ilfracombe].

Honour, bapt.21 March 1707/8; buried 31 January 1709/10 [Ilfracombe].

Dorothy, bapt.22 August 1709; buried 10 November 1709 [Ilfracombe].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* date [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.112]; 2992A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon]; Foster, ii, p.460; Devon Heritage Centre, 3253A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Ilfracombe, Devon].

John EMMETT (1676-1719)

Person ID: 15254

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Emmett was the son of Nathaniel Emmett, and was baptised at St Paul's, Exeter, on 21 May 1676. A barber, he was made a freeman of the city of Exeter by order of the mayor and council on 15 March 1707/8. He was to be admitted on payment of one guinea and as underwarden of the corporation of barbers because the latter lacked sufficient freemen for the performance of its offices. Emmet's father had served an apprenticeship with **Robert Warren**, barber and freeman. Emmett's apprentice **John Came** was made free in 1722.

John Emmett married Elizabeth May at St Paul's, Exeter, on 19 July 1703. He was buried in that parish on 9 April 1719.

Children of John Emmett and Elizabeth:

Edward, bapt.12 March 1704/5 [St Paul's, Exeter].

Nathaniel, bapt.6 March 1719/20 [St Paul's, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.217 [citing mayor's act book, 1684-1731, p.425], 236; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), i, pp.193, 206, 211; ii, pp.380, 462.

John ENDERBY (fl.1506)

Person ID: 15255

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Enderby, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on paying an entry fee of £1, Michaelmas 1505-6. A surgeon of this name gave evidence into the inquest following the death of the suspected Lollard heretic and London merchant Richard Hunne in 1514.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.65; *The Enquirie and Verdite of the Quest Panneld of the Death of Richard Hune wich was founde hanged in Lolars Tower (c.1536)*, 'deposition of John Enderbie barber'.

William ERLE (fl.1555)

Person ID: 27710

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Erle, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter as the apprentice of **Thomas Lambert** in 1555.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.81.

Benjamin EVANS (fl.1706)

Person ID: 4680

Occ: unlicensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Modbury, Devon

On 5 April 1706, Benjamin Ecvans of Modbury, Devon, was cited in the vicar general's court for practising the 'arts of phisick and chirurgery without Licence' (case subsequently crossed through).

Devon Heritage Centre, C 757, *sub* date.

John EVANS (fl.1645-1661)

Person ID: 4687

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Kingsbridge, Devon

John Evans of Kingsbridge, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 12 October 1661. He claimed to have practised the art of surgery for the previous 16 years under his father, 'a professed and licenced Chirurgion'.

He is in all probability the same as the John Evans, surgeon, who appeared before the magistrates at Exeter in 1656 accused of bigamy. There, he is said to have been 'sometime of London', where he had a wife, Sarah, living in St Martin's Lane. He had recently married Susanna Toope of Totnes, and was now living at Dodbroke, near that town. Sarah Varney subsequently denied being married to Evans, and he was presumably released.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter 44, p.144 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.112]; PR 518, *sub* Kingsbridge; QS 1/9 [Devon quarter sessions order book, 1652-1661], *sub* 9 January 1655/6; ECA, C1/64, ff.329r-v, 340v. 341r.

Orlando EVANS (d.1684)

Person ID: 17719

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

Orlando Evans, apothecary, was buried at Ottery St Mary, Devon, on 1 December 1684. Administration of his will was granted to his widow, Elizabeth, on 29 January 1684/5 (with bond of Orlando's brother, **Richard Evans**, barber). They were the sons of Orlando Evans (d.1680), innholder of Exeter. Richard Evans, who described himself as an inn keeper in his own will written in 1690, left a legacy of £20 to his cousin Anne, the daughter of his brother Orlando, deceased.

Children of Orlando Evans:

Anne, bapt.11 May 1682 [Ottery St Mary]. Alive in 1690.

Elizabeth, bapt.2 March 1683/4; buried 3 March 1683/4 [Ottery St Mary].

H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837* 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1908-29), i, pp.373, 378; ii, p.912; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.341; C.Worthy (ed.), *Devonshire Wills* (London, 1896), pp.29 [will of Orlando Evans, innholder, of Exeter, 10 August 1680, pr.21 January 1680/1], 30, 34.

Richard EVANS (d.1690)

Person ID: 15260

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Francis Walrond, the apprentice of Richard Evans, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter in 1695. Richard Evans was the son of Orlando Evans, innholder, of Exeter, and brother of **Orlando Evans**, apothecary, of Ottery St Mary. A resident of the parish of St Stephen's in Exeter, he was buried at St Sidwell's in the city on 17 November 1690. In his will, where he described himself as an innkeeper, he left £20 to his brother Orlando's only daughter Anne, and £5 to his sister Sarah Tucker, a widow. Evans left the rest of his estate to his wife and executrix Rebecca.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.197; Devon Heritage Centre, C.A.J.Fursdon (ed.), *The Parish Registers of St Sidwell's, Exeter*, vol.4 [burials 1569-1772], *sub date*; C.Worthy (ed.), *Devonshire Wills* (London, 1896), pp.29, 30, 34 [will of Richard Evans, innkeeper, 6 November 1690, pr.17 April 1691].

Richard EVANS (d.1686)

Person ID: 4695

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Cotleigh, Devon

Richard Evans was described as a doctor of physic following his capture in the aftermath of Monmouth's rebellion in 1685. Tried at Wells in Somerset, he was ordered to be hanged at Redcliffe Hill in Bristol. Evans escaped from the cloisters at Wells but was subsequently recaptured in Devon in 1686. Described in a newsletter as 'a dangerous rebel engaged in the late rebellion', he was returned to Somerset, where he was hanged. On 17 July 1688, his lands at Cotleigh were granted to Lt.Col.Hope of Westminster and others. Wigfield, however, claims that Evans was a nonconformist minister and that a bounty was paid for his arrest to a sergeant in Lord Cornbury's regiment.

British Library, Add MS 90,337, ff.34, 516; *Calendar of State Papers, Treasury Books*, vol.8, pt.iv, pp.2002-6; *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queris*, 13 (1925), p.333; W.McD.Wigfield, *The Monmouth Rebels* (Gloucester, 1985), p.57.

Charles EVELEIGH (d.1662)

Person ID: 17374

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Charles Eveleigh, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Bernard Pearce** on 19 October 1635. Three of his apprentices were also made free – **Francis Pengelly** (1658), **Leonard Treslowe or Truslowe** (1667) and **Charles Cunningham** (1669). He was a resident of the parish of St Mary Major, Exeter, where his first wife, Elizabeth, was buried on 21 February 1647/8. In 1657, Eveleigh rented land from the corporation. Eveleigh died in 1662 and was buried at St Mary Major on 3 March 1661/2. His widow Jane was buried there on 13 April 1663. An inventory of Eveleigh's goods and wealth calculated the value of his estate at just over £1,000.

Children of Charles Eveleigh:

Isett. An orphan, she married John Birdall or Burdall at Exeter, 18 October 1663 [Burdall was fined £30 for marrying without the permission of the mayor and common council]. She was buried at St Thomas Apostle, Exeter, 4 May 1680 [St Thomas Apostle, Exeter].

Thomas, bapt.2 February 1650/1 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Charles, bapt.9 November 1656; buried 6 February 1661/2 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Susanna, bapt.24 January 1657/8 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Sarah, bapt.23 June 1661 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Elizabeth, buried 17 May 1662 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Mary, buried 2 May 1667 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.131, 146, 155, 157; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA 10, f.100v; 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; ECA 11, p.16; 4781A/PR/1/53 [parish registers of St Thomas Apostle, near Exeter, Devon]; Oswyn Murray collection of wills and administrations, vol.11, *sub* Eveleigh, Charles.

John EVELEIGH alias EDWARDS (d.1726)

Person ID: 4707

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Clyst St Lawrence, Devon

John Eveleigh alias Edwards of Clyst St Lawrence, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon, 10 April 1714. He is probably the same as the Mr John Eveleigh, gent, whose son John was baptised at Clyst St Lawrence on 7 April 1712. Mr John Eveleigh was buried at Clyst Hydon on 28 December 1726.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* date [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.112]; 5039A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Clyst St Lawrence, Devon]; 4021A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Clyst St Hydon, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.344.

Robert EVELEIGH (d.1714)

Person ID: 18420

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Robert Eveleigh, druggist, was made a freeman of Exeter as the apprentice of **John Burrell** on 2 December 1696. His apprentices, **William Wilcocks or Wilcox** and **Robert Taylor**, were made freemen in 1706 and 1713 respectively. Eveleigh married Hannah Knight of Exeter at Heavitree, Devon, on 14 June 1696. He died in 1714, and was buried at St Kerrian's on 7 October 1714.

Children of Robert Eveleigh:

Robert, bapt.17 August 1697; buried 28 February 1697/8 [St Kerrian's, Exeter].

Hannah, bapt.22 January 1698/9 [St Kerrian's, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.17 October 1703 [St Kerrian's, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.193; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.111; 3004A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Heavitree, Devon]; 4780A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Kerrian's, Exeter, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.62.

William EVELEIGH Snr (c.1646-1660)

Person ID: 4708

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Kentisbeare, Devon

William Eveleigh was the father of **William Eveleigh Jnr**, who claimed to have studied and worked under his father, 'a professed and licensed surgeon', for 16 years. He was probably the William Eveleigh, yeoman, of Kentisbeare, who died in 1660 leaving land and £50 to his son William. Unfortunately, the parish registers for the village do not survive for this period.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter 44, p.187; TNA, PROB 11/302, ff.39v-40v [will of William Eveleigh, yeoman, of Kentisbeare, 20 August 1660, pr.22 December 1660].

William EVELEIGH Jnr (d.c.1671)

Person ID: 4709

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Kentisbeare, Devon

William Eveleigh was the son of **William Eveleigh Snr**, under whom he claimed to have served and learned the art of medicine for 16 years. Eveleigh was licensed to practise medicine throughout Devon on 31 October 1662. He later signed undated testimonials for **Cornelius Mugford** and **Edward Mills**, both surgeons of Cullompton. He died sometime around 1671, when an inventory was taken of his estate, valued at £289 4s 6d.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter 44, p.187 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783',

Transactions of the Devonshire Association, 136 (2004), p.112]; PR 518, *sub* Cullompton and Kentisbeare; Oswyn Murray collection of wills, vol.11, *sub* Eveleigh, William.

George FACEY or FURSEY (d.1640)

Person ID: 4782

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

George Facey or Fursey, of Tiverton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 17 September 1619. He married Richard Odam at Tiverton on 20 May 1609. She was buried at Tiverton on 9 February 1624/5. George Fursey was buried at Tiverton on 17 October 1640.

Children of George Fursey:

Christian, bapt.12 April 1610; buried 17 June 1610 [Tiverton].

Joan?, bapt.14 July 1611 [Tiverton].

Christian, bapt.11 April 1613 [Tiverton]. She married Richard Rounsevall or Rounsefull at Tiverton, 23 January 1641/2.

William, bapt.10 December 1615; buried 13 January 1615/16 [Tiverton].

Agnes?, bapt.13 March 1618/19; buried 31 March 1620 [Tiverton].

William, bapt.,? July 1621 [Tiverton].

Anne, bapt.29 December 1622; buried 27 February 1622/3 [Tiverton].

Thomas, buried 8 February 1622/3 [Tiverton].

John, bapt.10 January 1626/7 [Tiverton].

George, bapt.1 July 1629; buried 13 September 1631 [Tiverton].

Arthur, bapt.16 February 1630/1 [Tiverton].

Margaret, bapt.23 December 1632 [Tiverton].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.263 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.112]; 2960A/PR/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Tiverton].

John FACEY (fl.1679-1698)

Person ID: 4760

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

John Facey of Tiverton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 14 March 1697/8. Testimonials on his behalf were signed by the physician, **Malachi Thruston**, and **John Pasmere**, a local surgeon. He might be the same as the Facy, a teacher of shorthand and a Roman Catholic, who was examined at Dover in 1679 in the aftermath of the Popish Plot. There, he claimed to be a surgeon from Churchstanton in Devon (now Somerset), not far from Tiverton. One John Facey was buried at Tiverton on 8 December 1725. He was probably the father of John Facey, who was born and baptised at Tiverton in the summer of 1700.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.179 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.112]; British Library, Add MS 2115, ff.239r-238r [volume reversed]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon].

John FACEY or FACY (d.1701)

Person ID: 15268

Occ: barber

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

John Facey or Facy was probably the son of John Facy and was baptised at Barnstaple on 31 May 1676. He married Abigail Humphry at Barnstaple on 1 October 1699. Facy was buried at Barnstaple on 5 August 1701. His widow Abigail was buried in the same town on 31 January 1702/3.

Children of John Facy and his wife Abigail:

Elizabeth, bapt.3 November 1701; buried 5 November 1701 [Barnstaple].

Rose, bapt.1 August 1700 [Barnstaple].

T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 A.D. to 1812 A.D.* (Exeter, 1913), marriages, p.51; baptisms, p.133; burials, pp.103, 104.

John FAIRCHILD or VERCHILD (fl.1617-1636)

Person ID: 13487

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

On 19 May 1625, John Fairchild or Verchild was examined regarding his fitness to receive a licence to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter. There, he supplied examples of his cures and referred to various textbooks at his disposal, including surgical works by the Italian Giovanni da Vigo (1450-1525), Peter Lowe's *A Discourse of the Whole Art of Chyrurgerie* (London, 1612) and *The Englishman's Treasure* by **Thomas Vicary** (1st ed., London, 1586). Fairchild was subsequently licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese on 9 June 1625.

In the parish registers of Barnstaple, he is variously described as Verchild or Fairchild. He married Grace Wheeler at Barnstaple on 3 March 1616/17. No record of his burial has been found, but he was probably still alive in 1636, when one John Fairechild was named as one of the overseers of the will of the Barnstaple apothecary **Raleigh Clapham**.

Children of John Fairchild or Verchild:

unnamed child, buried 25 September 1619 [Barnstaple].

unnamed daughter, buried 3 July 1620 [Barnstaple].

Richard, bapt.30 May 1621 [Barnstaple].

Emme, bapt.11 January 1621/2 [Barnstaple].

Anne, buried 26 July 1623 [Barnstaple].

Grace, bapt.1 October 1623 [Barnstaple].
Lewis, bapt.7 November 1624 [Barnstaple].
Roger, bapt.27 January 1627/8 [Barnstaple].
Charity, bapt.25 January 1628/9 [Barnstaple].
Phillippey, bapt.12 December 1630 [Barnstaple].
Elizabeth, twin, bapt.25 August 1633; buried 22 October 1635 [Barnstaple].
Joan, twin, bapt.25 August 1633 [Barnstaple].
Katherine, buried 18 April 1638 [Barnstaple].

Devon Heritage Centre, Moger III/CC 181/2; Chanter MS 42, p.380 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.131]; T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 A.D. to 1812 A.D.* (Exeter, 1903), baptisms, pp.62, 63, 65, 66, 69, 70, 72, 76; marriages, p.18; burials, pp.42, 46, 55, 58; TNA, PROB 11/172, ff.189v-190v [will of Raleigh Clapham, apothecary, of Barnstaple, 9 August 1636, pr.26 November 1636].

John FAIRCHILD or VERCHILD (d.1694)

Person ID: 13488

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Marwood, Devon

John Fairchild, gentleman, of Marwood, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the county of Devon on 5 March 1679/80. He was buried at Marwood on 15 May 1694.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.41 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.112, in error as 'Fanchild']; 3398A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Marwood, Devon]; J.J.Beckerlegge (ed.), *Index of Wills in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, 1563-1858*.

John FARRER (d.1734)

Person ID: 4807

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Luppitt, Devon

John Farrer of Luppitt, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 15 December 1708. Mr John Farrer was buried at Luppitt on 29 January 1733/4.

Children of Mr John Farrer:

John, buried 27 August 1713 [Luppitt].
William, buried 15 October 1713 [Luppitt].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* date [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.112]; 1302/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Luppitt, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter*,

1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799 (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.358.

John FELL (d.1608)

Person ID: 4839

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Totnes, Devon

John Fell of Totnes, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter, 28 February 1580/1. He married Barbara Every at Totnes on 5 February 1582/3. She was buried in the same parish on 7 December 1589. Mr John Fell was buried at Totnes on 26 December 1608. In his will, made a fortnight before his death, Fell left a number of small bequests to the town of Totnes, as well as extensive interests in property in Totnes and surrounding villages to his two sons John and William, and daughter Frideswide, who was married to Philip Holditch. He named his eldest son William as residual legatee and executor.

Children of John Fell and wife Barbara:

William, bapt.8 October 1584 [Totnes].

John, bapt.1 September 1586; buried 17 April 1649 [Totnes].

Frideswide [Fryet], bapt.7 October 1587 [Totnes]. She married Philip Holditch at Totnes, 22 September 1606.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 41, p.197 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.112]; 1863A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/113, ff.342v-343v [will of John Fell, surgeon, of Totnes, 22 November 1608, pr.23 May 1609].

Henry FENNELL (fl.1700)

Person ID: 21543

Occ: mountebank

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Henry, the son of Henry Fennell, mountebank, was buried at St Sidwell's, Exeter, Devon, in March 1699/1700.

Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of St Sidwell's, Exeter, Devon.

Thomas FIDO or FIDOE (d.1670 or 1671)

Person ID: 4880

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

Thomas Fido or Fidoe, surgeon, was employed by the Devon Quarter Sessions to examine the claims of maimed soldiers from Colyton and Axminster in 1666. He would appear to have lived in the village of Ottery St Mary since at least 1661, when he and his wife Agnes christened a son Thomas in the parish church. Thomas Fido was buried at Ottery St Mary on 10 January 1670/1.

One Thomas Fidoe was apprenticed to **Samuel Jackson**, barber, of London in 1651.

Children of Thomas Fido and wife Agnes:

Thomas, born 11 July 1661; bapt.5 August 1661; buried 20 September 1663 [Ottery St Mary].

Archibald-Thomas, bapt.7 January 1666/7 [Ottery St Mary].

Devon Heritage Centre, QS/128/144/3 [1666]; 180A/PR/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Ottery St Mary, Devon]; Guildhall Library, MS 5255/1 [Barber Surgeons Company, Wardens' Accounts and Audit Books, 1603-1659].

Francis FILDEW or VILDEW (d.1728)

Person ID: 16328/21570

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Francis Fildew, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter (as Vildue) on payment of a fine of £1 1s 6d on 26 December 1709. An apprentice, Sampson Hele, was made a freeman of the city on 26 February 1721/2.

Fildew married Elizabeth Seager in the parish of St Olave's, Exeter, on 17 February 1703/4. She was buried in the same parish just eight months later on 31 October 1704. Fildew subsequently married Joan Gould of Dorchester at Stinsford, Dorset, on 13 September 1705. A resident of the parish of St Olave's, Exeter, where several children were baptised, there is no record of his burial in the parish. He is almost certainly the same as the Francis Fildew, who was buried at Bridport in Dorset on 10 December 1728. His widow Joan was buried there on 7 April 1739.

Children of Francis Fildew and wife Joan:

Elizabeth, bapt.5 September 1708; buried 9 September 1708 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Robert, bapt.23 April 1710; buried 24 February 1713/14 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Francis, bapt.9 December 1713; buried 26 November 1714 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Elizabeth, bapt.29 January 1715/16 [St Olave's, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.219, 235; Devon Heritage Centre, 2738A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Olave's, Exeter, Devon]; Dorset History Centre, PE/STF: RE1/1 [parish registers of Stinsford, Dorset]; PE/BT: RE3 [parish registers of Bridport, Dorset].

Roger FLASHMAN (d.1627)

Person ID: 4965

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Roger Flashman, surgeon, of Plymouth, Devon, was buried at St Dunstan's, Stepney, Middlesex, on 17 October 1627. Two of his children were later apprenticed in Plymouth. Richard was apprenticed to John Gilbert, tailor, of Plymouth in January

1629, while his daughter Mary was apprenticed to Joan Macke of Plymouth, widow, on 28 February 1630/1.

Children of Roger Flashman:

Richard, apprenticed January 1629.

Mary, bapt.27 October 1622 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]; apprenticed 28 February 1630/1.

John, bapt.1 August 1625 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

James, buried 22 December 1627 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

London Metropolitan Archives, P93/DUN/277 [parish registers of St Dunstan's, Stepney, Middlesex, burials, 1622-1666]; Plymouth Archives, 1/90, ff.28v, 31r; parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

Thomas FLAY, FLEA or FLEY (d.1634)

Person ID: 4974

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Flay, apothecary, of Exeter, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Exeter and Salisbury on 9 October 1628. He started his career as the apprentice of **Thomas Edwards**, who also combined the trade of an apothecary with the practice of medicine and was made a freeman of Exeter at Michaelmas 1598. Among his own apprentices who went on to become freemen of Exeter were **Thomas Baskerville Jnr**, **Robert Dabynett Snr** and **Edward Salter**. Flay was a resident of the parish of St Mary Major, Exeter.

Thomas Flay married Elizabeth Spicer (1587-1673) at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 8 April 1605. She was the daughter of Christopher Spicer, an Exeter merchant, and sister of the London physician **Richard Spicer** (d.1640), who named her as overseer of his will with oversight of £1,000 for her to invest on behalf of her dead brother's four children. Flay served as mayor of Exeter in 1630-1. He died on 2 July 1634, and was buried at Exeter cathedral six days later. His widow Elizabeth outlived him by almost 40 years, dying on 20 November 1673, aged 86. She was buried in Exeter cathedral on 24 November 1673.

Flay was clearly a wealthy man at the time of his death. In his will made a few days before his death, he left various legacies to Exeter and Devon parishes, including provision for the establishment of almshouses in the parish of St Paul's, as well as £270 in bequests to family and friends, including his old apprentice **Robert Dabynett Snr**. He owned numerous properties and land scattered across various Exeter parishes, as well as a stake in the manor of Alphington and numerous other properties in various villages and towns in Devon including Cullompton, Bradninch and Honiton. In the absence of children, the major beneficiaries of Flea's will were his brother Robert and wife Elizabeth, who was named as residual legatee and sole executrix.

Lambeth Palace Library, Abbot 2, f.233v [*Directory*, i, no.295]; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.108,

114, 121, 124; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), pp.4, 11; F.T.Cosby (ed.), *The Visitation of the County of Devon in the Yeare 1620* (London, HS, vol.6, 1872), p.343; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/183, ff.7r-8r [will of Richard Spicer, MD, of London, 25 April 1640, pr.23 May 1640]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I.The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), pp.62, 149; R.Polwhele, *The History of Devonshire*, 3 vols (London, 1793-1806), ii, p.27; TNA, PROB 11/166, ff.56r-58r [will of Thomas Fley, esquire, alderman of Exeter, 26 and 28 June 1634, pr.12 August 1634].

John FLEMING (fl.1666)

Person ID: 4984

Occ: surgeon/licensed physician

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

John Fleming, of Plymouth, gent, was licensed to practise physic throughout the diocese of Exeter on 27 September 1666. His application was countersigned by two Plymouth physicians, **William Durston** and **Gray Holland**.

He may be the same as the John Flemming, whose son John was baptised at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 14 June 1656.

I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.113; PR 518, *sub* name, Devon, unplacedPlymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

Nathaniel FLETCHER (fl.1610)

Person ID: 4997

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Newton Abbot, Devon

Nathaniel Fletcher of Newton Abbot, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 22 August 1610.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.13 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.113].

Peter FLEURRISON

Person ID: 5005

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Daniel Chardavoyne, the apprentice of Peter Fleurrisson, surgeon, of Plymouth, sought an episcopal licence to practise surgery in September 1715.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Plymouth [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.109].

Edward FORD or FORDE (1655-1717)

Person ID: 5055

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Honiton, Devon

Edward Ford or Forde was the son of Edward Forde (d.1686), gent, and his wife Dorothy, and was born on 13 March 1654/5. Forde was baptised at Ottery St Mary, Devon, on 29 March 1655. He matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, on 19 July 1673, proceeding BA in 1677 and MA on 29 January 1679/80. He graduated as bachelor of medicine at Oxford in 1683.

Ford married, though probably not as his first wife, Bridget Marwood (1668-1747), the great granddaughter of the celebrated physician **Thomas Marwood** of Honiton and sister of **James Marwood**. The couple were married at St Dunstan's, Stepney, Middlesex, on 13 May 1704. Dr Edward Ford died on 15 November 1717 and was buried at Ottery St Mary on 6 December 1717. Bridget lived on for almost another thirty years, dying on 3 March 1746. She was buried at Honiton on 10 March 1746/7, where a monument to her memory was erected over the porch to the parish church.

In his initial will, made in 1708, Ford left almost all his estate, including £2,000 payable out of lands held in Ottery St Mary, to his 'now wife' Bridget. Nine years later, he added a codicil in which he left his study of books to his cousin and godson Thomas Haydon as well as almost £200 in bequests to family, friends and the poor of Honiton and Ottery St Mary. His wife Bridget was nonetheless confirmed as residual legatee and sole executrix in the absence of any children.

Foster, ii, p.514; London Metropolitan Archives, P93/DUN/269 [parish registers of St Dunstan's, Stepney, Middlesex, marriages, 1686-1719]; W.Munk, 'Marvodtia', *Genealogist*, 2 (1885), pp.21-22; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837* 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1908-29), ii, pp.923, 976; Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/38 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon]; *Gentleman's Magazine* (1793), p.114; TNA, PROB 11/561, ff.127v-128v [will of Edward Ford, doctor of physic, of Honiton, Devon, 16 November 1708 and 18 September 1717, pr.24 December 1717].

Jacob FORD (fl.1619)

Person ID: 5057

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Burrington, Devon

Jacob Ford of Burrington, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 10 December 1619.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.268.

John FORD (d.1726)

Person ID: 5058/5063

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Burrington, Devon

In about 1724, John Tossell of Burrington applied for a licence to practise physic and surgery in the diocese of Exeter. In his application, he stated that he had served a seven-year apprenticeship under his grandfather, Mr John Ford of Burrington. In his will, Ford described himself as a surgeon, though in local parish registers he was referred to variously as doctor or surgeon.

John Ford, 'curengen', married Charity Webber at Burrington on 19 February 1704/5. She was buried, as the wife of 'Doctor Ford', at neighbouring Chulmleigh on 30 December 1712. John Ford, 'doctor of this parish', was buried at Burrington on 15 October 1726.

I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.113; Devon Heritage Centre, 3457A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Burrington, Devon]; 4678A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Chulmleigh, Devon]; North Devon RO, 2309 B/T71/4 [will of John Ford, surgeon, of Burrington].

Thomas FORD (fl.1675)

Person ID: 15307

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Ford, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Thomas Colliber Snr**, on 8 November 1675.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.167.

William FORD (fl.1681)

Person ID: 15308

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Ford, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Warren**, on 28 March 1681. His own apprentice **Philip Hooper** was made a freeman of the city in 1695.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.172, 192.

William FOREST (fl.1503)

Person ID: 5080

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Forset, surgeon, was made a freeman of the city, on payment of an entry fine of £1 6s 8d, on 9 October 1503. Two of his apprentices – **Thomas Lambard** and **John Hayward** – were made freemen of the city in 1532 and 1557 respectively.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.64, 72, 82.

John FORWARD (d.1657)

Person ID: 5100

Occ: physician

Loc: Sowton, Devon

Mr John Forward, doctor, was buried at Sowton on 24 December 1657. A gravestone on the floor of the church at Sowton records his own death and that of his wife, Joyce Lee (bapt.1605), who died on 16 June 1675 and was buried at Sowton three days later. She was granted administration of her husband's will. Forward was almost certainly the father of the physician **John Forward (c.1633-1699)**.

Devon Heritage Centre, 780A/16/1/1 [parish registers of Sowton, Devon];
A.J.P.Skinner, 'Forward Family', *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 14 (1926-7), p.17.

John FORWARD (c.1633-1699)

Person ID: 5101

Occ: physician

Loc: Sowton, Devon

In a diocesan survey conducted in 1665, Forward of Sowton, Devon, was described as one 'well experienced' in medical matters, who had practised 'with very good success for divers yeares ... is very conformable to the present Government, but is not licensed'. He seems to have acted on the report. On 13 November 1665, he applied for a licence to practise medicine throughout Devon, which was granted the following day. There, he described himself as a bachelor of medicine, though no evidence of such a grant survives. He also described himself as a 'student of physick' who had practised publicly with good success for eight years 'as both city and Country can sufficiently testify', testimonials being supplied by **Samuel Sainthill** and **Arthur Newton**, as well as the minister of Sowton.

Some time before 1688, Dr John Forward served as churchwarden for the parish of Sowton. In that year, he signed an affidavit before the ecclesiastical commission set up by James II stating that he had never levied fines on dissenters. Forward was buried in the church at Sowton on 9 November 1699. His widow Agnes was buried there on 18 October 1710. In his will, large parts of which were copied into the parish register of Sowton, he left money to the poor of the parish payable out of the rents and profits of land in Sowton. He left the bulk of his estate, including land at Whimple and Broadclyst, to his son and executor **Nicholas Forward**. He also left £100 to the latter's son Nicholas, in order to facilitate his becoming a minister or divine, 'if capable'.

Children of Dr John Forward and wife Agnes:

Agnes, bapt.28 July 1659 [Sowton]. She married Ricard Evans or Ewens of Broadclyst at Sowton, 20 February 1682/3.

Joyce, bapt.5 August 1660 [Sowton].

John, bapt.13 February 1661/2; buried 17 September 1711 [Sowton]. Doctor of physic

Elizabeth, bapt.10 September 1663 [Sowton].

Mary, bapt.20 July 1665; buried 8 May 1684 [Sowton].

Nicholas, bapt.28 July 1667; buried 4 July 1705 [Sowton]. Doctor of physic.

Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.306v, 398v; PR 362-364/33/1; PR 518, *sub* Sowton; Chanter MS 44, p.341 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.113]; Bodl., Rawlinson MS D 372, f.77; *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 13 (1925), p.334; A.J.P.Skinner, 'Forward Family', *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 14 (1926-7), p.17 [which gives Forward's date of death from a gravestone in the parish church, incorrectly, as 1690]; Devon Heritage Centre, 780A/16/1/1 [parish registers of Sowton, Devon]; Oswyn Murray wills [will of John Forward, physitian, of Sowton, 14 October 1699, pr.17 November 1699]; J.Cobley (ed.), *James Davidson's East Devon Church Notes* (Woodbridge, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, 64, 2022), p.231.

John FORWARD (1662-1711)

Person ID: 5102

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Sowton, Devon

John Forward was the son of **John Forward (c.1633-1699)** and his wife Agnes, and was baptised at Sowton on 13 February 1661/2. Forward was admitted pensioner at Pembroke College, Cambridge, on 5 July 1681, and was made a bachelor of medicine in 1686. In the same year, he signed a testimonial on behalf of **John Parnell**, a surgeon from Heavitree in Devon. Ten years later, he did the same for **James Bryatt** of Hatherleigh. Mr John Forward was buried at Sowton on 17 September 1711.

Devon Heritage Centre, 780A/16/1/1 [parish registers of Sowton, Devon]; Venn, ii, p.160; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Heavitree and Hatherleigh; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.356.

Nicholas FORWARD (1667-1705)

Person ID: 5103

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Sowton, Devon

Nicholas Forward was the son of **John Forward (c.1633-1699)** and his wife Agnes and was baptised at Sowton on 28 July 1667. He was admitted sizar at Pembroke

College, Cambridge, on 11 June 1685, but did not graduate. On 29 October 1688, he entered Leiden University as a medical student, but again there is no evidence that he took a medical degree. Forward nonetheless described himself as a doctor of physic, as, for example, in 1697, when one William Titkey was apprenticed to Forward.

Forward married Ellery Long (b.1669), the daughter of David Long and his wife Ellery, of Kenn, Devon (place and date of marriage unknown). He inherited most of his father's estate, including land and property at Whimple and Broadclyst in Devon. Forward was buried at Sowton on 4 July 1705. His own will does not survive.

Children of Dr Nicholas Forward and wife Ellery:

Ellery, bapt.8 June 1697 [Sowton].

Nicholas, bapt.13 April 1699; buried 19 October 1701 [Sowton].

Agnes, bapt.8 May 1701 [Sowton]. She married Sydenham Williams of Herringstone, Dorset, at Exeter Cathedral, 9 November 1724.

Devon Heritage Centre, 780A/16/1/1 [parish registers of Sowton, Devon]; Venn, ii, p.160; Innes Smith, p.87; Devon Heritage Centre, 3594 A-99/PO50/66; 1668A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Kenn, Devon]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H. Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.222; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.???

William FORWARD (1674-1724)

Person ID: 5104

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Sowton, Devon

William Forward of Sowton, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the province of Canterbury on 13 August 1701. Letters in support of Forward's application were signed by John Nosworthy, minister of Sowton, John Conybeare, vicar of Pinhoe, and others, both male and female, who testified to his medical skills and cures 'on their own bodys'. Medical testimonials were supplied by two London-based practitioners, **James Le Moyne** and **John Harborough**.

He was probably the son of Joshua Forward (d.1680) and his wife Hannah (d.1707) and was baptised at Sowton on 20 August 1674. He described himself as 'doctor of physick' on signing the loyalty oath in 1723. William Forward, practitioner of physic, died on 24 October 1724 and was buried in the church at Sowton, as Mr William Forward, three days later. His wife Mary predeceased him, being buried at Sowton on 12 November 1707.

Children of William Forward and wife Mary:

Mary, bapt.13 October 1704 [Sowton].

Elizabeth, bapt.21 August 1707 [Sowton].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/344/1-4; Tenison 1, f.131v [*Directory*, i, no.303]; Devon Heritage Centre, 780A/16/1/1 [parish registers of Sowton, Devon]; QS 17/2/1/1 [7 August 1723].

Mr FOWLER (fl.c.1592)

Person ID: 21689

Occ: surgeon

Loc: East Budleigh, Devon

According to an unpublished manuscript account, written by the early Devon historian John Prince (1643-1723), Fowler, along with **Thomas Marwood** of Honiton, was responsible for curing the diseased feet of the royal favourite Robert Devereux, earl of Essex (1565-1601), sometime around 1592-3. As a reward, he was reputed to have asked for the Queen to grant a local Devon woman a dispensation to sell ale.

He may be the same as the Edmund Fowler, who was buried at East Budleigh on 10 May 1593. He was almost certainly related to the surgeon **Roger Fowler** of the same town.

W.Munk, 'Marvodia', *Genealogist*, 1 (1884), pp.228-40; Devon Heritage Centre, 1180A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of East Budleigh, Devon].

Roger FOWLER (d.1666)

Person ID: 5160

Occ: physician/surgeon

Loc: East Budleigh, Devon

Roger Fowler of East Budleigh, Devon, was discharged from jury service in the early 1650s on account of the fact that he was 'both a physitian and a chirurgeon'. His first wife Thomasine was buried at East Budleigh on 9 October 1662. He married Mrs Mary Harling or Harowyn of Sidmouth at Aylesbeare, Devon, on 30 July 1663. Roger Fowler, gent, was buried at East Budleigh on 15 September 1666.

S.K.Roberts, 'Initiative and Control: the Devon Quarter Sessions Grand Jury, 1649-70', *Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research*, 67 (1984), p.168 [citing Devon Heritage Centre, Devon QS Order Book, Epiphany 1650-Michaelmas 1652]; Devon Heritage Centre, 1180/PR/1/2 [parish registers of East Budleigh, Devon]; diocese of Exeter marriage bonds, 1640-1697, ed.C.A.Fursdon (1931), p.21; 3155A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Aylesbeare, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.352.

William FOWLER (fl.1704)

Person ID: 5163

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

The signature of William Fowler, surgeon, of Exeter, Devon, is appended to an application for a diocesan licence on behalf of **Henry Ruttleigh** of Sheepwash, dated 3 June 1704.

He may be the same as the William Fowler, gent, who was buried at St Mary Arches, Exeter, on 5 December 1733.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Sheepwash [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.113]; 332A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Arches, Exeter, Devon].

John FOX (d.1679)

Person ID: 5171

Occ: physician

Loc: Topsham, Devon

In a letter written by Richard Lee of Winslade, Hampshire, to the diocesan official Francis Cooke at Exeter, dated 8 May 1677, Fox was reported to be practising medicine without a licence. It refers to his being cited to appear at an imminent visitation. Lee attempted to intervene on Fox's behalf, stating that although he had no licence to practise in the diocese, he did hold one in the diocese of Winchester upon letters testimonial signed by the eminent London physicians **Thomas Sydenham** and **Charles Goodall**. Lee also claimed that he was expecting to receive a licence from the archbishop of Canterbury to practise throughout the province 'which he is yet unfurnisht of by the occasion of Dr Sydenham's sickness'. Lee, who was married to Sydenham's niece Mary (1632-1701), offered to stand as a guarantor of Fox's good standing, agreeing to get a new licence from London if the Winchester licence was unacceptable. Lee adds that Fox was 'seven years a servant to Dr Sydenham' in London, 'and his dayly employment was to visit abundance of Patients ... in which he did acquite himself with much diligence and care so that few are like him upon that account'. He was also noted as one charitable to the poor. He subsequently received a licence to practise medicine throughout the diocese of Exeter on 6 June 1677.

Mr John Fox, 'a physition', was buried at Topsham on 20 November 1679.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Topsham; Chanter MS 45, p.468 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.113]; *ODNB*, *sub* Chudleigh, Mary, article by M.J.M.Ezell; Devon Heritage Centre, 1417A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Topsham, Devon].

John FREKE (fl.1691)

Person ID: 15321

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Freke, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Richard Reynolds**, on 7 September 1691.

He was probably the son of Richard Freke (d.1682), a prosperous grocer, of St Stephen's, Exeter. In the latter's will of 1682, he bequeathed property in the parish of St David's to a son John, as well as £1,000 on attaining the age of 24. The will was

witnessed, among others, by Richard Renell, who was in all likelihood the same as John Freke's master, **Richard Reynolds**.

John Freke was almost certainly dead by 1699, when in the poor rate assessments for the parish of St David's, the occupier of 'John Freke's estate' was assessed for 3½d.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.185; TNA, PROB 11/370, ff.14v-16v [will of Richard Freke, grocer, of Exeter, 18 April 1682, pr.24 May 1682]; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.102.

Thomas FRENCH (fl.1705-1716)

Person ID: 17400/21787

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas French, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **James Kingwell**, on 19 April 1708. French was an inhabitant of the parish of Holy Trinity Exeter. He was licensed to marry Sarah Kingwell of Exeter on 22 July 1702 [no record of the marriage survives]. She was buried on 23 October 1716. No record of French's burial has been found.

French was probably the son of Thomas French (d.c.1709), the rector of Southleigh, Devon. He owned the advowson of the church and named Thomas French Jnr, apothecary, of Exeter as his successor.

Children of Mr Thomas French [apothecary] and wife Sarah:

Sarah, bapt.1 April 1705 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

James, bapt.19 April 1707; buried 26 April 1707 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Ann, bapt.2 October 1709; buried 2 January 1709/10 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Grace, bapt.4 February 1710/11 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.6 November 1712; buried 17 December 1716 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

John, bapt.11 November 1714 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.218; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.348; 1718A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; J.Cobley (ed.), *James Davidson's East Devon Church Notes* (Woodbridge, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, 64, 2022), p.121.

William FRENCH (d.1621)

Person ID: 5285

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Totnes, Devon

William French, surgeon, was buried at Totnes on 13 May 1621. His wife Agnes predeceased him, being buried at Totnes on 23 January 1617/18. There were

seemingly two men of this name living in Totnes at this time, possibly father and son. Only Agnes is positively identified as the offspring of William and Agnes French.

Children of William French:

William, bapt.25 May 1607 [Totnes]*

William, bapt.9 July 1609 [Totnes]*

Agnes, bapt.29 December 1611 [Totnes].

Dorothy, bapt.5 February 1614/15; buried 1 July 1623 [Totnes].

* William, the son of William French the elder, was buried at Totnes, 13 May 1611.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

Thomas FULFORD (d.1643)

Person ID: 15327

Occ: barber

Loc: Crediton, Devon

Thomas Fulford, barber, was buried at Crediton on 18 May 1643. He was probably the same as Thomas Fulford, the son of Thomas Fulford, who was baptised at Crediton on 30 January 1622/3. He married Julian Marshall at Crediton on 27 April 1640.

Children of Thomas Fulford and his wife Julian:

Francis, bapt.27 April 1641 [Crediton].

Thomas, bapt.16 April 1643 [Crediton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2935A/PR/1/3, 4 and 5 [parish registers of Crediton, Devon].

Jonathan FURLONG (fl.1704-1705)

Person ID: 5350

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

In 1704, Jonathan Furlong, surgeon, sought a commission in the army. In testimonials attached to his application, he was described as the former apprentice of **William Wyatt**, currently surgeon to the hospital at Plymouth, and as one who had for some time served as surgeon to the royal dockyard in the Devon town as well as surgeon to a regiment of marines commanded by Major-General Seymour. Furlong's credentials were attested by two physicians, **John Haviland** of Plymouth and **William Musgrave** of Exeter, as well as three surgeons (**James Jenkinson**, **James Yonge** and **William Withers**). Described as 'fit, able and well-affected to the present government' and 'a good and able surgeon', Furlong was thus recommended to serve as a master surgeon in the army to one of the new regiments. On 25 March 1705, he received a commission to serve as surgeon to the foot regiment of Colonel Nicholas Lepell.

British Library, Add MS 61,298, ff.120-123b [Charles Churchill to Adam Cardonell, secretary of the navy, 12 January 1704/5]; *CSPD, 1704-1705*, p.220 [TNA, SP 44/171, p.332].

William FURSDON (fl.1701)

Person ID: 15333

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Fursdon, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Nicholas Salter**, on 22 December 1701.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.207.

Henry GALE (d.1634)

Person ID: 15335

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Rhys Bayly and **Lewis Darracott**, both apprentices of Henry Gale, barber, of Exeter, Devon, were made freemen of the city in 1639 and 1655 respectively. Gale was described as dead in June 1639.

Henry Gale was buried at St Petrock's, Exeter, on 24 April 1634.

Children of Henry Gale and wife Anne:

Anne, buried 19 December 1633 [St Petrock's, Exeter].

Elizabeth, bapt.10 March 1632/3 [St Petrock's, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.134, 143; Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon].

Vincent GALLANT or GALLYN (fl.1583)

Person ID: 5387

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Vincent Gallant or Gallyn, surgeon, was made a freeman of Exeter, on payment of a fine on £1, on 5 August 1583. Just over two months later, on 27 October 1583, he was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 41, p.336 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.113]; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.97.

Peter GALY or GELY (d.1721)

Person ID: 5392

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Lympstone, Devon

Peter Galy or Gely of Lympstone, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 9 September 1709. He was buried at Lympstone on 11 August 1721.

Children of Peter Galy or Gely:

Withall [son], bapt.7 April 1711; buried 30 November 1720 [Lympstone].

Margaret, bapt.27 June 1713 [Lympstone].

Henry, bapt.26 October 1715 [Lympstone].

Philip, bapt.31 January 1720/1 [Lympstone].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* date [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.113]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.375.

Richard GARDENER or GARDINER (d.1702)

Person ID: 5413

Occ: physician

Loc: Holcombe Rogus, Devon

Between 1667 and 1668, Richard Gardener or Gardiner of Holcombe Rogus, Devon, applied for a licence to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter. He was supported by six local clergymen and two Wiltshire practitoners, **Henry Whatman** and **Henry Denny**. No record of the grant of a licence has been found. In 1680, however, Gardener described himself as 'm.l.' or medical licentiate when signing letters testimonial on behalf of **Matthew Henville** of Wellington, Somerset. He did the same for **Edward Mills**, a surgeon, of Cullompton, Devon, at an unspecified date in the late seventeenth century.

Mr Richard Gardener was buried at Holcombe Rogus on 24 June 1702. His wife Susanna predeceased him, being buried at Holcombe on 21 September 1683. In his will, Gardener made several bequests to the poor of Holcombe Rogus, as well as various kinsmen and grandchildren. His two daughters, Joan and Mary, received ten guineas each. The principal beneficiaries were Gardener's two sons in law, Peter Kerslake and Edward Chamberlayne, who were named as joint residual legatees and executors. The former also received Gardener's 'syder press and engine' as well as a furnace and malt mill.

Children of Richard Gardener:

Joan, born 1 July 1662 [Holcombe Rogus]. She married Edward Chamberlayne and was alive at the time of her father's death in 1702.

Mary, bapt.31 July 1664 [Holcombe Rogus]. She married Peter Kerslake and was alive at the time of her father's death in 1702.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Holcombe Rogus [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.113] and Cullompton; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/150/1-2; Devon Heritage Centre, 3082A/PR/1 and 2 [parish registers of Holcombe Rogus, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/467, ff.218v-219r [will of Richard Gardiner, gent, of Holcombe Rogus, Devon, 6 June 1702, pr.11 December 1702].

Nicholas GARE (fl.1713)

Person ID: 17401

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Nicholoas Gare, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Edward Collins**, on 17 August 1713.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.225.

Francis GAY (1601-1644)

Person ID: ????

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Cullompton, Devon

Francis Gay is identified as a surgeon in a King's Bench action in 1641. Gay was the son of **Richard Gay**, surgeon, of Cullompton, Devon, and was baptised there on 1 September 1601. He was licensed to marry Elizabeth Battyn of Netherexe, Devon, on 8 March 1625/6. She was buried at Cullompton on 16 November 1630. Mr Francis Gay was buried there on 12 December 1644.

TNA, KB27/1665; Devon Heritage Centre, 2404A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Cullompton, Devon]; Lt.Col.J.L.Vivian (ed.), *The Marriage Licences of the Diocese of Exeter* (Exeter, 1887), p.90.

Joseph GAY (1671-1704)

Person ID: 18398

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Joseph Gay, druggist, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the son of Anthony Gay (by succession), on 6 February 1698/9.

Joseph Gay was the son of Anthony Gay and was baptised in the parish church of St David's, Exeter, on 10 September 1671. Mr Joseph Gay was buried at St George's, Exeter, on 21 March 1703/4. He served as overseer of the parish of St George's in 1699, as well as acting as bondsman for the marriage of **Samuel Spurway**, surgeon, of Newton Abbot in 1695.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.203; Devon Heritage Centre, 2931A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St

David's, Exeter, Devon]; 4779A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St George's, Exeter, Devon]; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.91; Devon Heritage Centre, diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, transcribed by C.A.T.Fursdon (1931), *sub* 10 September 1695.

Richard GAY (d.1629)

Person ID: 5465

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Cullompton, Devon

Richard Gay, surgeon, was buried at Cullompton on 12 October 1629. In his will, made a fortnight before his death, Gay requested burial in the parish churchyard between the belfry and the north door. He made bequests amounting to more than £350 to his wife Joan, and various children, married and unmarried, as well as grandchildren. He named his son **Richard Gay** as residual legatee and sole executor of his estate. He also named **George Cockeram (fl.1635)** as one of the overseers of his will.

Children of Mr Richard Gay:

Humphrey [will]. He was educated at Oxford [subscribed 1614; BA 1617] and was appointed rector of Gidleigh in 1631. He died in 1682.

Edith [will]. She married Simon Cockram at Cullompton on 16 January 1626/7.

Francis, bapt.1 September 1601 [Cullompton]. A surgeon, he practised at Cullompton and was buried there, 12 December 1644.

Margaret, bapt.3 December 1603 [Cullompton]. She married Humphrey Blackmore at Cullompton on 24 October 1627.

Richard, bapt.23 March 1607/8 [Cullompton]. A surgeon, he practised at Cullompton where he died sometime between 1666 and 1672.

Anne, bapt.22 December 1611 [Cullompton]. She married Thomas Manning at St Sidwell's, Exeter, in 1635.

Mary. She is named as Mary Borough in the will of her brother Richard in January 1666.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2404A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Cullompton, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/156, ff.259v-260r [will of Richard Gay, chirurgeon, of Cullompton, 28 September 1629, pr.14 November 1629]; *Walker Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1948; reissued 1988), p.112; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of St Sidwell's, Exeter, Devon; TNA, PROB 11/339, ff.150r-151r [will of Richard Gaye, surgeon, of Cullompton, 27 January 1665/6, pr.22 June 1672].

Richard GAY (b.1608)

Person ID: 5466

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Cullompton, Devon

Richard Gay was the son of **Richard Gay**, surgeon, and was baptised at Cullompton on 23 March 1607/8. He made his will in January 1666, but it was not proved until June 1672. The date of his death is thus uncertain, as the parish registers for these

years are no longer extant. His will mentions his wife Alice, almost certainly dead, and two daughters Susanna and Philippa. The bulk of his estate, however, including various properties in Cullompton, were left to his nephew Richard Manning, sisters Anne Manning and Mary Borough, and brother Humphrey Gay (d.1682), rector of Gidleigh, the latter also acting as executor.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2402A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Cullompton, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/339, ff.150r-151r [will of Richard Gaye, surgeon, of Cullompton, 27 January 1665/6, pr.22 June 1672].

Alexander GAYDON (fl.1644)

Person ID: ????

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Alexander Gaydon, apothecary, is mentioned in the will of the German-born physician, **Godschalk Harman**, of Barnstaple, who left Alexander's son George a small sum of money in his will of 1644. George subsequently married Grace, the daughter of John Gregory of Meath in Ireland at Barnstaple on 27 June 1666. Alexander was probably the son of John Gaydon, minister, at Witheridge, Devon, where he was baptised on 29 April 1609. If so, he was the brother of the Cullompton physician, **George Gaydon**.

TNA, PROB 11/192, f.271r [will of Godschalck Hartman of Barnstaple, 4 August 1644, pr.21 February 1644/5]; T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903), marriages, p.41; Devon Heritage Centre, 1629A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Witheridge, Devon].

George GAYDON (1597-1641)

Person ID: 5469

Occ: physician

Loc: Cullompton, Devon

George Gaydon of Cullompton, Devon, was described as a former student of Oxford University, when licensed to practise medicine throughout the diocese of Exeter on 18 March 1634/5. Testimonials on his behalf were supplied by **Robert Vilvain** and **George Cockeram**.

George Gaydon of Devon was the son of John Gaydon (d.1620), vicar of Witheridge, Devon, and was baptised at Witheridge on 21 July 1597. He matriculated at Oriel College, Oxford, on 7 June 1617. There is no record of his graduation. He may be the same as the George Gaydon, who was serving as usher at Exeter grammar school in 1622 when he was involved in a violent dispute between the school ushers and city boys, occasioned by an archery contest. Gaydon was buried at Barnstaple on 14 March 1640/1.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.383 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.113]; 1629A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Witheridge, Devon]; Foster, ii, p.554; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/62, f.82r; T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812*

AD (Exeter, 1903), p.60; J.J.Beckerlegge (ed.), *Index of Wills in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, 1563-1858*.

Hugh GAYER or GEARE (d.c.1637)

Person ID: 5479

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Hugh Gayer or Geare, barber surgeon, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, on paying an entry fine of £1 6s 8d, on 5 February 1620/1. In August 1624, he gave evidence before the borough court in a case of wounding. Two of his apprentices, **John Bowdon** and **Matthew Bowdon Jnr**, both barbers, were subsequently made freemen of the city in 1631 and 1638 respectively.

Gayer was a resident of the parish of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, where numerous children were baptised and buried. The precise date of Gayer's death is unknown, but his will was proved in 1637. His widow, Elizabeth, married Henry Fletcher at All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, on 2 August 1638.

Children of Hugh Gayer or Geare:

Elizabeth, bapt.13 August 1622 [Exeter cathedral].

Grace, bapt.23 May 1624 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

Moddisty, bapt.12 June 1626 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

Hugh, bapt.22 April 1628 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

Francis, bapt.11 May 1630; buried 12 August 1635 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

Peter, bapt.7 August 1632 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter]; buried 16 February 1644/5 [Exeter cathedral].

Dorothy, bapt.22 March 1634/5 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.121, 128, 133; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA C1/62, f.207r; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, pp.11, 29, 30, 31, 75, 77; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), pp.6, 68; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.367.

William GAYER (1667-1723)

Person ID: 27677

Occ: physician

Loc: Dowland, Devon

In various documents dated 1708 and 1710, William Gayer styled himself as 'doctor' and 'batchelor of physick', though there is no surviving evidence that he ever graduated with a medical degree. He was probably rector of Dowland in Devon.

Gayer was the son of Roger Gayer (1637-1716), rector of North Tawton, and his wife Elizabeth, the daughter of Mark Cottly of the same parish, and was baptised at North Tawton on 12 March 1666/7. He was admitted sizar at St John's College, Cambridge, on 6 May 1686, proceeding MA in 1691. No evidence survives of a marriage, though a son William was apprenticed to the Topsham surgeon, **Nicholas Peters**, in 1722.

William Gayer, 'A.B.de phisick', died on 29 January 1722/3 and was buried (probably at Dowland) on 4 February 1722/3. His will was proved at Exeter the same year.

Kresen Kernow, Truro, T/805 [Gayer, batchelor of physick, party to marriage settlement of Lewis Tremayne and Mary Clotworthy, 29 May 1708]; North Devon RO, 2309 B/T16/9 [lease agreement between Dr William Gayer of Dowland and John Puddicombe Snr, or Burrington, yeoman, 1710]; Venn, ii, p.203; J.J.Howard (ed.), *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica* (London, 2nd series, vol.4, 1886), p.126.

Joseph GAYLARD (1657-c.1707)

Person ID: 5470

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Joseph Gaylard was the son of the puritan minister Robert Gaylard (d.1697). Gaylard was born at Ide, Devon, on 12 March 1656/7, and was baptised in Exeter cathedral (St Peter's) on 22 March 1656/7. He entered the physic line at Leiden on 23 April 1683, graduating MD there on 28 June 1688 (incorporated at Cambridge on 5 July 1693). His thesis, entitled 'De Convulsione et Motibus Consulvivi' (a copy of which is in the British Library), was dedicated to his father, then a nonconformist minister in Devon. He became a candidate for membership of the Royal College of Physicians in London on 2 April 1694 and was appointed physician to the armed forces in West Indies in 1702. He was still alive in March 1703, when he supplied letters testimonial on behalf of **Nathaniel Taunton** of Liskeard, Cornwall.

Gaylard undoubtedly shared his father's dissenting sympathies. In 1685, he acted as surgeon to the duke of Monmouth and was subsequently arrested in the aftermath of the battle of Sedgemoor. Described as 'late of Exeter' and 'engaged in the late rebellion', he was excepted from the terms of a general pardon but was pardoned nonetheless on 31 May 1687. No record of his death or will has survived, but his library was sold at auction in London on 28 January 1707/8.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1857A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Ide, Devon]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I.The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.16; Innes Smith, p.92; Venn, ii, p.203; Munk, i, p.504; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), pp.218-9; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Liskeard [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.113]; W.McD.Wigfield, *The Monmouth Rebels 1685* (Gloucester, 1985), p.67; *CSPD, 1686-1687*, p.440; A N L Munby and L Coral, *British Book Sale Catalogues, 1676-1800* (London, 1977).

Peter GAYLARD (d.1680)

Person ID: 5471

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Totnes, Devon

Peter Gaylard, barber surgeon, of Totnes, Devon, married Elizabeth Osburne at Totnes on 31 August 1654, and was buried there on 15 June 1680. In his will, made a few days before his death, he divided his estate, including livestock and 'other quick stuff without doores', between his wife Elizabeth and son Henry.

Children of Peter Gaylard and wife Elizabeth:

Ann, bapt.1 May 1657; buried 14 July 1671 [Totnes].

Elizabeth, bapt.6 August 1659; buried 12 June 1660 [Totnes].

[blank: Mary?], bapt. between 22 and 29 September 1660; buried 4 September 1666 [Totnes].

Peter, bapt.3 November 1661 [Totnes].

Elizabeth, bapt.20 January 1662/3; buried 14 February 1668/9 [Totnes].

Hanna, bapt.5 July 1664; buried 25 April 1669 [Totnes].

Sarah, bapt.27 November 1666; buried 7 December 1677 [Totnes].

Amy, bapt.15 January 1667/8; buried 22 December 1671 [Totnes].

Elizabeth, bapt. 11? November 1669 [Totnes].

Henry, bapt.18 November 1673; buried 1 March 1680/1 [Totnes].

Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/372/98 [will of Peter Gaylard, barber chirurgion, of Totnes, 9 June 1680, pr.20 January 1682/3].

Richard GENT or JENT (fl.1691-1708)

Person ID: 7574

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Dunster, Somerset, & Exeter, Devon

Richard Gent or Jent was licensed to practice surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 16 May 1690. He applied with the support of Doctor **Thomas Waterhouse**. Gent is variously referred to as 'doctor' or Mr Gent, surgeon, in the city's records. He was almost certainly resident in the parish of St John's, Exeter, where he was listed as a resident in the poor rate assessments of 1699 ('Mr Gent, the chirurgion'). He was also described as 'Doctor Gent', of St John's, Exeter, in the burial record of his servant Thomas Portbury at St Petrock's, Exeter, in 1700. In the following year, a daughter Lucy was baptized in St John's. However, a number of his children were buried in the parish of St Sidwell's, Exeter, where he owned a property (listed in the poor rate returns for 1699). The absence of any records of baptism (the birth of a daughter Lucy in 1701 was marked with an asterisk in the register) suggests that Gent was probably a nonconformist. He was still alive in July 1708, when he signed an application for a medical licence on behalf of **Samuel Sainthill** of Aylesbeare.

Richard Jent, surgeon, married Elizabeth Clapp, of Exeter at St James', Taunton, Somerset, on 21 August 1688. The marriage licence describes him as a surgeon, living in Dunster, Somerset. In all likelihood, he had been practising at Dunster for some

time as overseers' accounts for the parish describe a payment to a Mr Richard Gent in 1679 for the cure of a parishioner's thigh. He presumably moved to Exeter following his marriage to Elizabeth Clapp. Given his Somerset roots, he may have been the same as the Richard Jent, son of Thomas Jent, who was baptized at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 19 October 1656.

Children of Richard Gent or Jent:

Peter, buried 27 April 1691 [St Sidwell's, Exeter].

Richard, buried 24 September 1698 [St Sidwell's, Exeter].

Gathered or Gertrude, buried 9 March 1698/9 [St Sidwell's, Exeter].

Lucy, born 7 July 1701 [St John's, Exeter].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.682; PR 518, *sub nominum*; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), pp.90, 111; Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; 4767A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St John's, Exeter, Devon]; parish registers of St Sidwell's, Exeter, ed.C.A.J.Fursdon, 8 vols (DCRS), iv, burials, *sub date*; I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.127; Somerset Heritage Centre, diocese of Bath and Wells marriage licences; F.Hancock, *Dunster Church and Priory* (Taunton, 1905), p.142; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696].

Henry GERVIS (d.1686)

Person ID: 5515

Occ: physician

Loc: Hemyock, Devon & Taunton, Somerset

On 9 February 1662/3, Henry Gervis was presented in the consistory court of the diocese of Exeter for 'practising Phisicke not being licensed'. He moved quickly to rectify the omission. He was licensed to practise medicine, with the testimonials of the London physician **Samuel Argall** and royal surgeon **Richard Pyle**, throughout the diocese of Exeter on 12 March 1662/3. He was variously described as BA, MA and (at his death) bachelor of medicine, but no evidence of any such degrees has been discovered. In December 1675, he supplied testimonials on behalf of the chemical physician **William Bacon** of Somerset. He may have left Devon by this date. Gervis was buried at St Mary Magdalen, Taunton, on 7 September 1686. In his will, made two months before his death, he asked to be buried in the chancel of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, where his son William (died 9 August 1684, aged 18) was buried. He left the bulk of his estate to a kinsman, William Gervis the younger of Hemyock, Devon, on condition that his wife Anne was allowed to receive the rents on properties in Hemyock and Taunton for the duration of her life. She was also to receive the rents from a meadow at Chard, Somerset. Gervis named his 'loving and faithful friends' John Gervis of Hemyock and William Manly of Buckland, Somerset (the testator's brother-in-law) as executors in trust. His will was witnessed, among others, by the Taunton apothecary **Elisha Peck**.

Gervis' wife Anne may have been the daughter of the Somerset physician **Samuel Raymond Snr**. The latter's daughter Gertrude left her 'sister in law' Anne Gervis a ring in her nuncupative will of August 1677.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 765, *sub* 9 February 1662/3; Chanter MS 44, pp.25, 227 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.113]; PR 518, *sub* Hemyock; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/69; TNA, PROB 11/388, ff.114v-115v [will of Henry Gervis, gent, of Taunton, 20 July 1686, pr.19 August 1687]; J.Toulmin, *The History of Taunton, in the County of Somerset* (Taunton, 1822), p.150; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\PTAU.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696]; TNA, PROB 4/8341 [inventory of Henry Gervis of Taunton Magdalen, Somerset, batchelor in physic, 21 April 1688]; TNA, PROB 11/356, ff.404v-405r [will of Gartrud Raymond, spinster, of Oake, Somerset, *c.*29 August 1677, pr.11 May 1678].

Christopher GIBBON or GIBON (fl.1710)

Person ID: 15345

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Christopher Gibbon or Gibon, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Hamley**, on 7 August 1710. He may be the Crhsitopher Gibbons of St John's, Exeter, who married Sarah Jacob of St Olave's, Exeter, at St john's, on 18 April 1715.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.219; Devon Heritage Centre, 4767A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St John's, Exeter, Devon].

Adrian GILBERT (c.1541-1628)

Person ID: 5565

Occ: physician

Loc: Stoke Gabriel, Devon, & Wilton, Wiltshire

Adrian Gilbert, esquire, of Sandridge, Stoke Gabriel, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the province of Canterbury on 13 December 1608. Gilbert is better known as the brother of Sir Humphrey Gilbert (1537-1583) and half brother of Sir Walter Raleigh (1554-1618) with whom he worked closely on various overseas enterprises, including an attempt to discover a route through the northwest passage. He was elected MP for Bridport, Dorset, in 1597.

Gilbert was the third son of Otto Gilbert of Compton and his wife Katherine, the daughter of Sir Philip Champernown. He was educated at the Middle Temple in London between 1562 and 1566, and married Eleanor Fulford, née Markham, the widow of Sir John Fulford, at Stoke Gabriel, Devon, on 28 May 1573. She was buried there on 6 August 1598. Gilbert's estate at Sandridge belonged to his wife and was held in trust by his close friend, fellow explorer, and business partner John Davis (c.1550-1605), and others, until 1584, when it was conveyed to Gilbert. He also invested in a silver mine at Combe Martin, Devon, that was originally owned by the

magus John Dee (1527-1609). Gilbert was probably a student of Dee, the two men sharing many interests, including magic and exploration. They first met in 1579, and Gilbert attended Dee's angelic conversations or seances in 1583.

According to John Aubrey, Gilbert was 'a great chymist [and] man of great parts, but the greatest buffoon in England'. He also records that some time around 1610, he became 'laborator' or chemical assistant to Mary, countess of Pembroke, at Wilton in Pembrokeshire. There, he did 'admirable cures with his Chymicall Medicines', as well as creating an elaborate garden for the countess. John Taylor, the 'water poet' described how in old age, Gilbert, 'a true Adamist', spent his last years 'toying and tilling' at Wilton. While little evidence of Gilbert's medical interests survive, one of his receipts, a 'sovereign cordial water' composed of 42 fruits and plants, was included in a collection of recipes published in 1659. Gilbert died at Wilton in 1628 and was probably buried there (the parish registers no longer survive). He was greatly in debt at the time of his death. His paltry estate, valued at £36 13s 8d, included various items such as viols, glasses, and scales that were probably connected with his chymical interests.

Lambeth Palace Library, Bancroft, ff.157v-158r [*Directory*, i, no.335]; P.H.Hasler (ed.), *The History of Parliament: The House of Commons, 1558-1603*, 3 vols (Woodbridge, 1981), **vol and p.ref?**; Devon Heritage Centre, 1981A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Stoke Gabriel, Devon]; C.Malcolmson, 'William Herbert's Gardener: Adrian Gilbert', in C.Hodgkins (ed.), *George Herbert's Pastoral: New Essays on the Poet and Priest of Bemerton* (Newark, NJ, 2010), pp.113-33; John Aubrey's *Brief Lives*, ed.A.Clark, 2 vols (Oxford, 1898), i, p.162; J.Taylor, *A New Discovery by Sea* (London, 1623), sigs C2v-C3r; W.M., *The Queens Closet Opened* (London, 1655), pp.11-13; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, P1/G/102 [administration bond, account and inventory of Adrian Gilbert of Wilton, Wiltshire, 1628].

Benjamin GILBERT (d.1728 or 1729)

Person ID: 15346

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Benjamni Gilbert, barber, and his wife Sarah were listed on the oath roll for the city in 1723. Gilbert was a resident of the parish of St Mary Steps, Exeter. He was buried there on 3 January 1728/9. His wife Sarah was buried in the same parish on 21 May 1740.

Children of Benjamin Gilbert:

Richard, bapt.24 March 1705/6 [St Petrock's, Exeter].

Samuel, buried 5 January 1709/10 [St Mary Steps, Exeter].

Benjamin, bapt.21 February 1710/11 [St Mary Steps, Exeter].

Joseph, bapt.15 July 1716 [St Mary Steps, Exeter].

Sarah, bapt.3 September 1719 [St Mary Steps, Exeter].

Devon Heritage Centre, Exeter city oath roll, Michaelmas 1723; 4768A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Steps, Exeter, Devon]; PR 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations*

... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799 (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.375.

Henry GILL or GYLL (d.1590)

Person ID: 15347

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Henry Gill or Gyll, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on paying an entry fee of £1 at Michaelmas 1558. Henry Gill married Margaret Herringe at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 16 January 1562/3. He was buried in the same parish on 7 March 1589/90.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.82; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

John GILL (fl.1708)

Person ID: 15348

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John, the son of John Gill, barber, was baptised at St Petrock's, Exeter, on 20 June 1708. He is not to be confused with Jonathan Gill, tailor, of the same parish.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon].

Richard GILL (d.1710 or 1711)

Person ID: 5606

Occ: naval surgeon

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

In his will, Richard Gill described himself as first surgeon's mate aboard HM 'Sunderland' and late of Tiverton, Devon. He left all his estate to his kinsman William Smith, linen draper, of St Catherine Cree Church, London, whom he also named as executor.

He may have been either Richard, the son of Jeffrey Gill, who was baptised at Tiverton on 4 May 1688, or Richard, the son of John Gill Snr, who was baptised there on 27 October 1676.

TNA, PROB 11/524, ff.84r-v [will of Richard Gill, late of Tiverton, Devon, 2 December 1710, pr.7 November 1711]; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 2960A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon].

Richard GILL (d.1742)

Person ID: 17517

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Honiton, Devon

Richard Gill, apothecary, died on 7 October 1742, reputedly aged 88, and was buried at Honiton, Devon, on 13 October 1742. He was predeceased by his wife Rachel, who was buried at Honiton on 26 September 1721. There is a floor slab to her memory in the parish church.

Children of Mr Richard Gill, apothecary, and wife Rachel:

Richard, bapt.4 May 1698 [Honiton].

Susanna, bapt.6 March 1699/1700; buried 19 July 1700 [Honiton].

Elizabeth, bapt.20 June 1701; buried 9 November 1725 [Honiton].

Christopher, bapt.1 September 1702; buried 31 July 1703 [Honiton].

Rachel, bapt.29 March 1704 [Honiton]. She was licensed to marry Henry Blagdon on 31 October 1729. She may be the same as the Rachel Gill of Honiton, who married John Northcott at Offwell, Devon, on 19 October 1724.

Rose, bapt.22 October 1705; buried 25 October 1706 [Honiton].

Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries, 10 (1918-19), p.22; 14 (1926-7), pp.361, 362; Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/6, 7 and 38 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon]; *m.i.*, Honiton.

John GLANVILL (fl.1708)

Person ID: 15351

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Glanvill, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter, on payment of a fine of £1 1s 6d, on 26 January 1707/8. His apprentice, John Adams, was made a freeman of the city in 1734.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.213.

Martin GLASBROOKE (d.1659)

Person ID: 5637

Occ: physician

Loc: Great Torrington, Devon

Martin Glasbrooke, physician, was buried at Great Torrington, Devon, on 21 September 1659. One of the same name, the son of Mr Peter Glasbrooke Jnr, was baptised at Urchfont, Wiltshire, on 8 June 1634.

Devon Heritage Centre, 4014/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Great Torrington, Devon]; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, BT/URCH/BDL1 [bishops' transcript of the parish registers of Urchfont, Wiltshire, 1622-1692].

Charles GLYDE (c.1665-1690)

Person ID: 5654

Occ: medical student

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Charles Glyde entered Leiden University as a medical student with fellow Exonian **Andrew Jeffery** on 19 April 1686. Glyde had previously been a student at Christ Church Oxford, from which he proceeded BA in 1685. He died on 28 May 1690, aged 26.

Charles Glyde was the son of the Exeter brewer William Glyde (d.1710), a leading spokesman for the city's dissenters, mayor in 1676-7 and MP for Exeter in the first two exclusion parliaments. No evidence of his own baptism, or that of his siblings, has been discovered, suggesting that he was probably brought up as nonconformist. Glyde's father William was a close friend of the Exeter apothecary **Charles Cunningham**. In 1681, he signed his application for a medical licence, and was later named as one of the joint executors of Cunningham's will in 1686.

Innes Smith, p.96; Foster, ii, p.572; Leiden University Archives, ASF 12, p.293; R.Polwhele, *The History of Devonshire*, 3 vols (London, 1793-1806), ii, p.27; B.Henning (ed.), *The History of Parliament: The House of Commons, 1660-1690*, 3 vols (London, 1983), ii, pp.398-9; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/163/1-3; TNA, PROB 11/382, ff.304r-v [will of Charles Cunningham, apothecary, of Exeter, Devon, 3 March 1685/6, pr.30 April 1686].

Richard GORTLEY or GORTLY (d.1741)

Person ID: 5793

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Richard Gortley, surgeon, of Plymouth, Devon, was licensed to practice medicine in the diocese of Exeter on 20 August 1717. Three fellow practitioners, Dr **Thomas Pyne**, **John Whiston**, surgeon at Plymouth hospital, and a J.Allam or Allan, MD, attested to his being 'well skilled in the art of physick'.

He married Elizabeth Miller at St Andrew's, Plymouth on 29 September 1715. Mr Richard Gortley was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth on 1 December 1741. In his will, made in 1737, he left substantial holdings in land and property in Buckfastleigh and Plymouth, purchased in his own lifetime, to his wife Elizabeth, who was also named as executrix. The couple had no surviving children. In the event of his wife's death, the estate was to pass to the nephews and nieces of Gortley's sister Agnes, the wife of Thomas May.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* 20 August 1717; PR 518, *sub* Plymouth; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth; TNA, PROB 11/714, ff.130v-131v [will of Richard Gortley, chirurgeon, of Plymouth, 1 October 1737, pr.24 December 1741].

John GOSWELL or GUSWELL (fl.1637-1655)

Person ID: 15411

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Goswell or Guswell, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on paying an entry fine of £1 on 8 May 1637, and was a resident of the parish of St Martin's. Two of his apprentices, **Richard Reynolds** and **Robert Warren**, were made free on the same day, 19 November 1655. Goswell's son, Thomas, was also made free by succession on 9 April 1660.

In 1642, Goswell invested £50 in the Irish adventure. Eleven years later, he assigned his lot of lands in county Down to William Hawkins, esquire, of London.

Children of John Goswell:

Thomas, bapt.20 March 1637/8 [St Martin's, Exeter]. A merchant, he married Mrs Elizabeth Copplestone of Exeter at Broadclyst, 18 December 1660.

Susanna, bapt.3 December 1639 [St Martin's, Exeter].

John, bapt.18 October 1640; buried 27 April 1643 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Hester, bapt.14 March 1643/4 [St Martin's, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.132, 143, 149; *CSPD, Ireland. Adventurers for Land, 1642-1659* (London, 1903), p.185; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.F.Nesbit, transcription of the parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837; 3594A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Broadclyst, Devon].

John GOSWELL or GUSWELL (d.1696)

Person ID: 15412

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Goswell or Guswell, barber,, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on 27 August 1688. John Goswell Snr was buried at St Paul's, Exeter, 12 September 1696.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.178; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, Devon & Cornwall Rec.Soc., 1933), pt ii, p.456.

John GOVE (fl.1673)

Person ID: 17402

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Gove, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **John Somers**, 27 October 1673. As an apprentice in July 1671, Gove was prosecuted for assaulting the Exeter merchant Abraham Trowte, claiming that he had been in arms against the King. When challenged by an on-looker as to what he would about the warrant brought against him by Trowte, Gove is alleged to have said that 'hee did not care a fart for him or his war[rant]'

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.160; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/65, ff.365r-v.

Jane GOWEN (d.1661)

Person ID: 18503

Occ: midwife

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Described as a widow, Jane Gowen, midwife, was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 9 April 1661.

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon

Francis GREENE (d.1695)

Person ID: 5893

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Uffculme, Devon

Francis Greene, surgeon, of Uffculme, Devon, was imprisoned in the Devon workhouse in the aftermath of Monmouth's Rebellion but was subsequently pardoned and dismissed in March 1686. He was buried at Uffculme on 13 July 1695.

Children of Francis Greene and wife Mary:

Hannah, buried 4 March 1676/7 [Uffculme].

William, bapt.25 April 1673; buried 29 March 1685 [Uffculme].

W.McD.Wigfield, *The Monmouth Rebels* (Gloucester, 1985), p.72 [citing Churchill College, Cambridge, Erle MS 4/2]; Devon Heritage Centre, 1920A/PR/1/2, 3 and 4 [parish registers of Uffculme, Devon].

John GREENFIELD (fl.1701)

Person ID: 15381

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Greenfield, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the son and heir of Robert Greenfield (by succession) on 29 December 1701.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.208.

John GREENSLADE (d.1695)

Person ID: 5933

Occ: unlicensed physician

Loc: Honiton, Devon

On 22 June 1663, John Greenslade of Honiton, Devon, was presented in the consistory court 'for practising Phisicke & not coming to church'. The case was later dismissed.

One John Greenslade, the son of George Greenslade, was baptised at Honiton on 4 October 1618. John Greenslade was buried at Honiton on 14 August 1695. His wife Rebecca predeceased him, being buried there on 17 June 1667.

Children of John Greenslade and wife Rebecca:

John, bapt.25 March 1655; buried [as John Greenslade the younger], 19 February 1692/3 [Honiton].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 765, *sub* 22 June 1663; 1639A/PR/1/38 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon].

James GREENWAY (fl.1695)

Person ID: 5938

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

James Greenway, barber surgeon, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Robert Thomas**, barber surgeon, on 18 February 1694/5.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.190.

Humphrey GRENVILLE (fl.1582)

Person ID: 5956

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: North Petherwin, Devon now Cornwall]

Described as a gentleman, Humphrey Grenville of North Petherwin, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 31 March 1582.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 41, p.257 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.114].

William GRESTOCK Snr (d.1685)

Person ID: 15389

Occ: barber

Loc: Honiton, Devon

William Grestock Snr, barber, was buried at Honiton on 18 May 1685. He married Temperance Martyn at Honiton on 29 July 1663.

Children of William Grestock Snr and wife Temperance:

William, bapt.13 August 1671; buried 24 July 1691 [Honiton].

Temperance, bapt.25 November 1673; buried 18 November 1680 [Honiton].

Unnamed son, 'dead-born', buried 25 August 1678 [Honiton].

Infant, 'dead-born', buried 24 October 1680 [Honiton].

Elizabeth, buried 19 January 1681/2 [Honiton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/5 and 38 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon].

William GRESTOCK Jnr (1671-1691)

Person ID: 15390

Occ: barber

Loc: Honiton, Devon

William Grestock was the son of **William Grestock Snr**, barber, and his wife Temperance, and was baptised at Honiton on 13 August 1671. William Grestock Jnr, barber, was buried in the same parish on 24 July 1691.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/5 and 38 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon].

Hubert GRIFFIN (d.c.1623)

Person ID: 15391

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Hubert Griffin, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Edward Bawdon** on 18 May 1584. His will was proved in 1623.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.98; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.365.

Hubert GRIFFIN (d.1683)

Person ID: 27711

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In 1642, Hubert Griffin, barber, pf Exeter, Devon, was prosecuted for selling beer without a licence. Griffin was living in the parish of All Hallows on the Wall, Exeter, during the civil war, when he would appear to have supported the royalist cause in the city. By the 1650s, he was resident in the parish of St Edmund's, where a daughter Mary was born and buried. He also served as churchwarden (1663) and sidesman (1665) of the parish. Griffin's royalist and Anglican sympathies are further evident from the fact that in 1664, he informed the city's magistrates of the whereabouts of the ejected minister Thomas Voysey (d.1668). One of Griffin's apprentices, **William Morgan**, was made a freeman of Exeter in 1679.

Griffin's first wife Mary was buried at St Edmund's, Exeter, on 4 November 1677. Mr Hubert Grifinge was buried in the same parish on 25 March 1683. He may have re-married. On 16 November 1679, Hubert Grifing married Agnes Callender, a widow, at St Edmund's.

Children of Hubert Griffin and wife Mary:

Mary, bapt.7 June 1651; buried 7 March 1652/3 [St Edmund's, Exeter].

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/64, f.17r; M.Stoyle, 'Divisions within the Devonshire "County Community", 1600-46' (Oxford D.Phil.thesis, 1992), appendix 4, p.380; Devon Heritage Centre, churchwardens' presentments, Box 13/2; 3006A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Edmund's, Exeter, Devon]; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.37; *CSPD, 1663-1664*, p.497; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.169; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.370.

Jonas GRIFFIN (fl.1670-1691)

Person ID: 5975

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Dartmouth, Devon

In August 1670, Jonas Griffin, surgeon, of Dartmouth, Devon, applied for an episcopal licence to practise medicine. In testimonials signed by two prominent townsmen, Thomas Jago and Edward Spurway, he is described as 'a Civill person lately come to live amongst us here', who in that short time had 'done very many strange & desperate Cures'. He had been resident in the town for only four months. No evidence survives of the grant of a licence.

It is not known, how long, if at all, Griffin resided at Dartmouth. In all probability, he is the same as Jonas Griffin, a naval surgeon, of St George the Martyr, Southwark, Surrey, who made his will in November 1691 and was dead by May 1694. He left all his estate to his sister Joanna Hookes of St Margaret's, Westminster, Middlesex. At the time of his death, he was probably surgeon to the 'Jefferies' of London, commanded by Captain Arnoll.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Dartmouth [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.114]; TNA, PROB 11/420, ff.78v-79r [will of Jonas Griffin, surgeon, of St George the Martyr, Southwark, Surrey, 7 November 1691, pr.12 May 1694].

Thomas GROVE (d.1697)

Person ID: 15402

Occ: barber

Loc: Honiton, Devon

Thomas Grove, barber, was buried at Honiton on 12 August 1697. Given the absence in the registers of any marriage or baptisms of children relating to Thomas Grove, he may be the same as the Thomas Grove, the son of Richard and Jane Grove, who was baptised at Honiton on 3 January 1676/7.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/5 and 38 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon].

Joseph GUARETUS (fl.1619)

Person ID: 6037

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Axminster, Devon

Joseph Guaretus of Axminster, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 16 July 1619.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.260 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.114].

John HAINES (fl.1592)

Person ID: 15415/27689

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Haines, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on paying an entry fine of £1, 13 November 1592.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.103.

William HAINES (fl.1695)

Person ID: 15418

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In January 1694/5, William Haines, barber, of Exeter, Devon, acted as bondsman for the marriage of Matthew Beard of Exeter and Catherine Shilson of Durnford. He may be the Exeter man of the same name whose will was proved in 1695.

Devon Heritage Centre, diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, trans. C.A.T.Fursdon (1931); E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.402.

Andrew HALL (d.1686)

Person ID: 6117

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Tavistock, Devon

Andrew Hall of Tavistock, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol and Exeter on 3 April 1683. Letters testimonial, signed by **Thomas Spencer** and **James Yonge**, certified that Hall had served an apprenticeship with an able practitioner in physick and surgery. He was also supported by the Plymouth physician **Thomas Hunt**. Mr Andrew Hall was buried at Tavistock on 21 July 1686.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/181/1-4; Sancroft, f.246v [*Directory*, i, no.372]; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 482A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Tavistock, Devon].

Caleb HALL (1637-c.1678)

Person ID: 6122

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Caleb Hall was the son of John and Priscilla Hall, and was baptised at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 22 October 1637. He married Susanna Balhatchett at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 7 October 1663. He is twice mentioned in the diary of the Plymouth surgeon **James Yonge**. In 1670, Yonge records his presence, alongside other Plymouth men, at Newfoundland. Eight years later, Yonge lamented Hall's death (or possibly capture by the Turks) and the fact that Hall owed him more than £30. No record of Hall's death has been found. His widow Susanna was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 29 April 1683.

Children of Caleb Hall and Susanna:

Susanna, bapt.2 January 1665/6 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Caleb, bapt.30 October 1667; buried 20 September 1668 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Richard, bapt.1 December 1669; buried 4 July 1675 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Priscilla, bapt.6 March 1671/2; buried 27 September 1706 [St Andrew's, Plymouth; where mother's name is given in error as Priscilla].

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, and St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; *The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), pp.132, 160.

Elizabeth HALL (d.1690)

Person ID: 18507

Occ: midwife

Loc: Okehampton, Devon

Elizabeth Hall, widow and midwife, was buried at Okehampton, Devon, on 30 March 1690.

Devon Heritage Centre, 3210A/PR/1/28 [parish registers of Okehampton, Devon].

Joseph HALLETT (1656-1722)

Person ID: 6185

Occ: medical student/clergyman

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Joseph Hallett became a Presbyterian minister and master of a nonconformist academy in his native Exeter where he died in 1722. There is no evidence that he ever practised medicine.

Hallett was the son of the Exeter Presbyterian clergyman Joseph Hallett (d.1689). He entered Leiden University as a medical student on 13 July 1685, having fled England in the wake of the failed Monmouth rebellion (his father had been arrested at Exeter).

His son William (d.1754) was later a medical student at Leiden, proceeding MD there in 1714 (he wrote a thesis entitled 'de viribus Argenti vivi'). He was made an extra licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians in London in 1716 and practised at Exeter, where, in 1741, he was one of five doctors who was employed in the new Devon and Exeter Hospital. Another son, John (d.1758), became a surgeon in Exeter after serving an apprenticeship under the Topsham surgeon and apothecary **Nicholas Peters**.

ODNB, sub Hallett II, Joseph, article by D.L.Wykes; Innes Smith, p.105; Leiden University Archives, ASF 12, p.275; Munk, ii, p.57.

Edmund HALS or HALSE (c.1642-1679)

Person ID: 6193

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Edmund Hals or Halse was the son of Matthew Hals (d.1656) of Efford, near Egg Buckland, Devon, and his wife Sabina, née Clifford (1614-1665). He matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 14 December 1660. He does not appear to have graduated. Hals was licensed to practise medicine in the province of Canterbury on 30 March 1672. In a petition addressed to archbishop Sheldon in support of his application, Hals claimed to have spent eleven years at Exeter College, during which time he 'employed himself for the most part in the study of physick' and 'attained to a competent knowledge in the study of the said science'.

Edmund Hals, gent, was a freeman of Plymouth in 1666, when he was listed as qualified to vote in the mayoral election of that year. He married Sarah, the daughter of George Courthope of London, in 1672 (licensed 24 August 1672). According to his friend, the Plymouth surgeon **James Yonge**, he was made physician to the western district in 1672. He died on 17 March 1678/9, and was buried four days later in the parish church of Egg Buckland in accordance with his last wishes (his burial is also recorded in the registers of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, where he probably lived). **Yonge**, who recorded the date of Hals' death in his diary, suggests that the doctor 'grew melancholy' following the death of one of his patients, Captain Philip Piper, son of the Plymouth governor Sir Hugh Piper. Hals had prescribed *mercurius dulcis*, which, being ill-prepared (Yonge blamed a Mr T.K., almost certainly the Plymouth apothecary **Thomas Knotsford**), caused excessive salivation and dysentery. Hals subsequently fell into a 'jaundice, under which he pined in despite of all means ... till he died'. **Yonge** subsequently performed an autopsy on Hals 'and found some notable things, as there are recorded in his case'.

In his will, Hals left his old friend **James Yonge** a two-volume edition of the *Medical Observations* of the Dutch physician Petrus Forestus (1521-1597). He left the rest of his library to his nephew Matthew Tindall (1657-1733), then a Roman Catholic inclined student at Oxford about to take up a fellowship at All Souls' College, who later became a celebrated deist and freethinker. The main beneficiaries of Hals' will were his wife Sarah and daughters Sarah and Elizabeth, who were to receive property at North Huish in Devon following the death of their mother. He also left his wife Sarah a copy of Richard Allestree's *Whole Duty of Man* (first edition published in 1658), as well as 'Hales works', in all probability an edition of the *Works* of Joseph

Hall, bishop of Exeter, first published in 1625. Hals named his two daughters as joint executrices, his will being witnessed, among others, by two Plymouth physicians, **John Sprague** and **Charles Vinson**. His wife Sarah, 'loving friend' John Sparke, esquire, of Plymouth, brother in law Charles Sams and sister Amy Stare were named as overseers. A monument to Hals' memory was erected at Egg Buckland.

Children of Dr Edmund Hals and wife Sarah:

Anne, bapt.12 August 1673 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

Elizabeth, bapt.10 September 1678 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

Sarah, buried 19 May 1679 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth and Egg Buckland].

Foster, ii, p.636; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/42; VG 1/1, f.235; Sheldon, fo.238 [*Directory*, i, no.377]; Plymouth Archives, 1/73A; *The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), pp.143, 147, 150, 160-1, 178; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Egg Buckland and Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, Devon; TNA, PROB 11/363, ff.159v-160r [will of Edmund Hals, doctor of physick, of Plymouth, Devon, 29 November 1678, pr.10 June 1680]; *ODNB*, sub Tindal, Matthew., article by B.W.Young.

John HALSON (fl.1681)

Person ID: 6198

Occ: physician

Loc: Colyton, Devon

John Halson of Colyton, Devon, was made an extra licentiate of the College of Physicians in London on 27 October 1681. There is no evidence that he attended university. He may have been a nonconformist. One John Halson, probably father of the physician, was named as the executor of the will of John Wilkins (d.1667), who had been ejected as vicar of Colyton at the Restoration.

It is tempting to speculate that he was the John Halson, son of John Halson the younger (d.1677), who was baptised at Colyton on 20 February 1652/3. No record of his burial has been discovered, nor any further evidence of his practice in the vicinity of Colyton.

Munk, i, p.421; TNA, PROB 11/326, ff.77v-78v [will of John Wilkins, vicar of Colyton, 1 October 1667, pr.6 January 1667/8]; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), p.530; Devon Heritage Centre, 3483A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Colyton, Devon].

John HAMBLEY, HAMLEY or HAMLYN (fl.1685-1706)

Person ID: 15433

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Hambley or Hamlyn, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on 3 September 1688. He is probably the man of the same name, made free as the apprentice of **Richard Jones**, barber, on 9 March 1690/1. Four of his apprentices – **William Laskey** (1696), **Richard Stone** (1699), **Stephen Maynard** (1706) and

Christopher Gibbon (1710) – were subsequently made freemen of the city, the former paying a small fine as Hambley was not a freeman at the time Laskie was bound.

Hambley may have been related to the John Hamblin, who was apprenticed to the Plymouth surgeon **John Russell** in 1650. He was a nonconformist. In June 1685, he was accused of being ‘a fellow that frequents unlawfull Assemblies & Conventicles and a common disperser of news’. Three years later he deposed that, amid major disturbances in the city, about 100 men tried to break the windows of his shop. He may have been a Quaker sympathizer. In 1692 Hambley, along with his apprentice **William Laskie**, witnessed the will of the prominent Exeter Quaker Humphrey Bawdon. In 1706, he was described as a surgeon when he was left a small bequest of money in the will of John Cornish. He also witnessed several wills, including that of the nonconformist Suzanna Tozer. One John Hamlyn was living in the parish of Holy Trinity, Exeter, in 1699. If the same, he may have moved to the parish of St John’s in Exeter, where the registers record the baptisms of two daughters to one John Hamly, the entries being marked with an asterisk to denote nonconformity.

Children of John Hambley or Hamley:

Mary, bapt.4 August 1704 [St John’s, Exeter].
Elizabeth, bapt.4 December 1705 [St John’s, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.180, 199, 203, 211, 219; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/66, ff.98r, 205r*; TNA, PROB 11/458, ff.14v-18v [will of Humphrey Bawden, esquire, of Exeter, Devon, 20 April 1692, pr.6 November 1700]; 11/489, ff.86v-87r [will of John Cornish, grocer, of Exeter, Devon, 27 June 1706, pr.30 July 1706]; 11/450, ff.154v-155r [will of Susanna Tozer, widow, of Exeter, Devon, 29 January 1697/8, pr.28 April 1699]; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.100; Devon Heritage Centre, 4767A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St John’s, Exeter, Devon].

John HAMLYN (fl.1708-1723)

Person ID: 15434

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Hamlyn, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Robert Skinner** on 1 March 1707/8. His apprentice Charles Eveleigh was made a freeman of the city in 1734. Hamlyn married Margery Conant of Exeter at the cathedral on 26 October 1716, and settled in the parish of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street.

Children of John Hamlyn and wife Margery:

Elizabeth, bapt.1 November 1720 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].
Robert Pascow, bapt.29 April 1723 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.216, 248; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H. Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), pp.136, 137; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, Devon & Cornwall Rec.Soc., 1933), i, p.47.

Nicholas HAMLYN (f.1714)

Person ID: 15435

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Nicholas Hamlyn, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Pince**, on 27 December 1714. His apprentice, Thomas Bedruggar, was made a freeman of the city in 1716.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.225, 229.

Richard HAMLYN (fl.1625-1642)

Person ID: 22359/27686

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard Hamlyn, barber, lived in the parish of Holy Trinity, Exeter, where he was repeatedly prosecuted in the borough court for selling ale without a licence. He was finally sent to the house of correction in 1641. In the following year, a former servant, Grace Woodland, claimed that she was 'unlawfully begotten with child' in the house of her master, Hamlyn.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/62, fos 230r, 294r; C1/63, fos 49r, 112r, 234r, 321v, 337v, 348v; C1/64, fo.1r.

John HANDFORD (d.1691 or 1692)

Person ID: 6266

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Langtree, Devon

Some time during the episcopate of Thomas Lamplugh, Handford, an experienced surgeon, applied for a licence to practise in the diocese of Exeter. He was supported by the minister and churchwardens of the parish. No record of any such grant survives. However, at his burial in the parish, on 5 January 1691/2, the entry in the parish register describes him as 'licentiate in physicke'.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Langtree; 2971A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Langtree, Devon]; J.J.Beckerlegge (ed.), *Index of Wills in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, 1563-1858*.

Francis HANN (d.1691)

Person ID: 6274

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Loxbeare, Devon

Francis Hann, BA, of Loxbeare, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Exeter and Salisbury, on 13 September 1670. Hann obtained letters testimonial from Dr Glisson (probably **Henry Glisson**, brother of the celebrated **Francis Glisson**, who practised medicine in the west country), **Thomas Clarke Snr** (who practised medicine at Okehampton, and supplied a testimonial, along with Glisson, for his son **Thomas Clarke Jnr** who was licensed on the same day as Hann) and **John Archer** (probably the London-based chemical physician of that name). He described himself in his application as BA, though no record of his graduation at either Oxford or Cambridge survives.

Hann had been a minister at Leicester then at Durston in Somerset in the 1650s, before being appointed to serve the cure of Loxbeare, near Tiverton, in 1663. Daniel Cudmore, patron of the living, was a nonconformist, and there is little doubt that Hann shared his sympathies. As rector of Loxbeare, Hann was a constant thorn in the side of the ecclesiastical authorities in Devon. Bishop Lamplugh described him in 1680 as 'a taylor by trade, a preacher under Cromwell, and one who scarce understands common sense'. He was frequently accused of drunkenness and debauchery, as well as being responsible for conducting clandestine marriages. He was finally excommunicated in 1680, but he continued to preach, partly through the support of Michael Ogilby, the rector of Bideford. He was formally inhibited from preaching on 28 July 1682.

Hann's suspension coincided with the prosecution in Bideford of a group of witches, three of whom were to acquire the dubious distinction of being the last known people to be executed for the crime in England. Hann and his son, Robert, would appear to have played a prominent role in the affair. According to several pamphlet accounts, Hann was both the intended victim of the witches' *maleficium* as well as one of their chief opponents and prosecutors. He would also appear to have brought his medical knowledge to bear on the case. According to one published account, Hann, 'knowing something more than those *Countray* Physicians, had a strong presumption' that the fits of one of the witch's victims 'must be the effects of Sorcery'. While he is absent from some accounts, others portray Hann as a prominent figure in the subsequent trial and execution of the three women at Exeter in 1682 (among other things, he was said to have visited them in gaol and sought their confessions). His clerical son, who was also the object of the witches' ire, was Robert Hann, who was ordained in the diocese in 1677 and was subsequently licensed to preach at Fremington, near Bideford, in December 1681 (in subscribing in 1677, he claimed to be MA, of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, though no such record survives in the university records).

Francis Hann died in 1691. It is tempting to speculate that he may have been related to the Quaker **Francis Hann** of Shepton Mallet, Somerset, who was licensed to practise surgery there in 1695.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/26; VG 1/1, f.220; Sheldon, fo231 [*Directory*, i, no.381]; J.Barry, 'The Trial of the Bideford Witches', in *idem*, *Witchcraft and Demonology in South-West England, 1640-1789* (Houndmills, Basingstoke, 2012),

pp.99-102; Bodl., Tanner MS 37, ff.73, 83; Devon Heritage Centre, PR D/6/84-85; North Devon RO, Q/SO1, f.154r; Anon., *A True and Impartial Relation of the Informations against Three Witches* (London, 1683), pp.7-9; Anon., *The Tryal, Condemnation, and Execution of Three Witches* (London, 1683), p.3; Anon., *The Life and Conversation of Temperance Floyd, Mary Lloyd, and Susanna Edwards Three Eminent Witches* (London, 1687), pp.4-7; British Library, Egerton MS 2632, ff.188r, 270v; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.158.

Francis HARDING (fl.1587)

Person ID: 15448

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Francis Harding, barber, was made a freeman of the city, as the apprentice of **Francis Walter**, in Michaelmas 1586-7.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.99.

Daniel HARFORD (fl.1662)

Person ID: 6316

Occ: physician

Loc: Devon & Middlesex

In October 1662, one Daniel Harford, describing himself as 'MD', signed a testimonial on behalf of **John Crockford** of Cullompton, who was seeking a licence to practice surgery in the diocese of Devon.

Identification of Harford remains uncertain. He may be the same as the Daniel Harford, who was elected as a fellow of All Souls' College, Oxford, in 1648 (BA 1648; MA 1650). He is not, however, to be confused with the son of the Dartmouth minister Anthony Harford (d.1655), who was baptized at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 22 September 1633. Daniel was mentioned in his father's will of 1655, receiving his Irish lands and a share of his books, and subsequently married Mrs Bridget Cary at Heavitree, near Exeter, on 7 April 1660. He was evidently intended for the ministry and was thus, almost certainly, the scholar of the same name who was a fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, from 1656 to 1662 and subsequently rector of Crudwell in Wiltshire from 1670 to 1679.

Daniel, the son of Daniel Harford, doctor of medicine, of St James Clerkenwell, Middlesex, was apprenticed to Christopher Tillard of the Vintners' Company, London, on 4 October 1670. Daniel Harford Snr hanged himself 'distracted' and was buried at St James Clerkenwell, 6 June 1667. His widow Elizabeth was buried in the same parish on 8 October 1668.

He may also have been related to **Daniel Harford** of the Isle of Wight, Hampshire, a naval surgeon who made his will aboard the 'St George' off the coast of Guinea, Africa, in 1717.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Cullompton; Foster, ii, p.650; Devon Heritage Centre, 2992A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/253, ff.299r-v [will of Daniel Harford, clerk, of Dartmouth, 18 August 1655, pr.5 March 1655/6]; Devon Heritage Centre, 3004A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Heavitree, Devon]; London Apprenticeship Abstracts, 1442-1850 [accessed via Findmypast]; R.Hovenden (ed.), *A True Register of All the Christenings, Mariages, and Burialles in the Parishes of St James, Clarkenwell ... Vol.V. Burials, 1666 to 1719* (London, HS, vol.19, 1893), pp.5, 12; TNA, PROB 11/565, ff.174r-175r [will of Daniel Harford, surgeon, of the Isle of Wight, 23 November 1717, pr.22 September 1718].

Walter HARLOWIN (1633-c.1690)

Person ID: 6326

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Sidmouth, Devon

Walter Harlowin, gent, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 30 July 1673. In testimonials supporting his application, he is said to have applied himself to the study of surgery for some years and to have made 'good progress therein'. These are signed by numerous former patients (most of whom were illiterate), the local vicar and various others including **John Stayte**, 'medical licentiate', and **Ellis Veryard (1601-1681)**, 'practitioner in phisic and surgery'.

Walter Harlowin, the son of John Harlowin, gentleman, was baptised at Sidmouth on 5 June 1633. He married Mrs Dorothy Pine, the daughter of Edward Pine, esquire, of Eastdown, the banns being read at Sidmouth on 21 and 28 March 1657/8 and 4 April 1658. Administration of his will was granted in 1690.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 45, p.265 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.115]; PR 518, *sub* Sidmouth; 1855A/PR/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Sidmouth, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.401.

Godschalk HARMAN or HARTMANN (d.1644 or 1645)

Person ID: 6330

Occ: physician

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Godschalk Harman, a German, was licensed to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter on 15 September 1636. Testimonials on his behalf were supplied by Drs **Edward Alston** of London and **Hugh Scrivener** of Dorchester, Dorset. He would appear to have arrived in England in about 1632, when he was recommended to the Dutch Church in London by the German theologian Henry Alting (1583-1644), then professor at Groningen University and a refugee from the Palatinate. Alting praised Harman's learning and alluded to his medical studies at the university of Leiden. Harman would appear to have settled in Barnstaple, where he died some time between August 1644 and February 1645.

In his will, Harman left small bequests to the sons of three local men, a merchant, and two apothecaries, **Alexander Gaydon** and **Peter Terry**. He also bequeathed various sums of money, then held in Emden, Germany, to his his three brothers, David, Martin and John, and a sister, Anna Catharina, the wife of Engelhard Breule, but only on condition that they made no claim to the same in the lifetime of one Mrs Grace Crosse of Barnstaple, who was also named as residual legatee and sole executrix.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.445; J.H.Hessels (ed.), *Ecclesiae Londino-Batavae Archivum. Vol.3 Part 2. Epistulae et Tractatus* (Cambridge, 1897), pp.1561-1562; TNA, PROB 11/192, f.271r [will of Godschalk Hartman of Barnstaple, 4 August 1644, pr.21 February 1644/5].

Richard HARNESS (fl.1711)

Person ID: 6336

Occ: surgeon/oculist

Loc: Devon & Truro, Cornwall

In May 1711, Richard Harness advertised his skills as a ‘chyrurgeon, oculist and manual operator’ in a local newspaper, the *Exeter Post Boy*. There, he claimed that after 30 years of travelling around the country, he could now be consulted with at his chambers in various Devon towns, including Ottery St Mary (at the Lamb on Tuesdays), Newton Abbot (at the Three Tuns on Wednesdays), Crediton (at the Swan in Crediton) and Exeter (at the Three Tuns by the guildhall, every Monday, Thursday and Sunday). He also advertised his pills, which were to be sold by Mrs Elizabeth May at the shop of the bookseller Philip Bishop, ‘over against the Guild-hall’.

Little else is known of Harness. He may be the man of the same name who married Mary Foote at Rewe, near Exeter, on 17 August 1694. He was almost certainly widely travelled. In January 1718, Thomas Marchant of Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, recorded in his diary that Dr Richard Harness, ‘mountebank’, came to town. He was still there a month later. In all probability, he is the Mr Richard Harness, gent, who was buried at Truro, Cornwall, on 7 May 1736. The eighteenth-century physician and satirist, John Wolcot (1738-1819) of Truro refers to a quack doctor called harness in one of his reminiscences.

The Protestant Mercury: Or, the Exeter Post Boy, no.211 (4 May 1711); Devon Heritage Centre, 1255A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Rewe, Devon]; *Diary of Thomas Marchant* (Hurst History Study Group, 2005), p.122; Kresen Kernow, FP 236 1/3 [parish registers of Truro, Cornwall]; **AP/H/4658 [will of Richard Harness, gent, of Truro, Cornwall, proved 1736]**; Rev.R.Polwhele, *Reminiscences in Prose and Verse*, 3 vols (London, 1836), i, p.33.

Alexander HARPUR (1692-1726)

Person ID: 17012

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Alexander Harpur was the son of Edward Harpur, gent, and his wife Mary, and was baptised at Ilfracombe, Devon, on 28 July 1692. He married Mary Gingar at Barnstaple on 8 June 1720 and was buried at Ilfracombe on 30 April 1726. In his will,

he left money to the poor of Ilfracombe as well as the charity school in Barnstaple. It also mentions his father Edward, who received his house, as well as a sister Mary, godson Nicholas Silke, and wife Mary, who was named as residual legatee and executrix.

In 1712, Harpur witnessed the will of fellow Barnstaple apothecary **Joseph Baller**, who may have been his master.

Devon Heritage Centre, 3253A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Ilfracombe, Devon]; T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903), marriages, p.61; TNA, PROB 11/622, ff.107r-v [will of Alexander Harpur, apothecary, of Barnstaple, 3 March 1725/6, pr.4 May 1728]; PROB 11/527, ff.264r-266r [will of Joseph Baller, apothecary, of Barnstaple, 27 February 1711/12, pr.2 July 1712].

Henry HARRIS (fl.1580)

Person ID: 6356

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Kenton, Devon

Henry Harris of Kenton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 4 November 1580.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 41, p.180 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.115].

John HARRIS (fl.1640)

Person ID: 6362/22464

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Ashburton, Devon

John Harris of Ashburton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 1 April 1640. One of this name was buried at Ashburton on 18 January 1641/2.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.575 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.115];

John HARRIS (d.1690)

Person ID: 15458

Occ: barber

Loc: Honiton, Devon

John Harris, barber, was buried at Honiton on 2 March 1689/90. His son Daniel was also buried there, 3 July 1682. Further identification is impossible, as there were at least two men of this name, both married in the same year, 1676, resident in Honiton at this time.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/5 and 6 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon].

Philip HARRIS (fl.1657-1658)

Person ID: 6370

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Philip Harris, surgeon, married Hanna Tapson, widow, at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 14 July 1657. A son John was baptized in the same parish on 26 May 1658.

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

Christopher HARRISON (fl.1699)

Person ID: 6386

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Moretonhampstead, Devon

Christopher Harrison of Moretonhampstead, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 18 August 1699. He had wide support among the local clergy, who confirmed that Harrison was 'Orthodox in his Judgement, unblameable in Conversation, & of competent knowledge in Physick & Chyrurgery & Conformable to the Doctrine discipline & worship of the Church of England'. His application also lists various cures performed by Harrison.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.226 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.115].

William HART (fl.1631)

Person ID: 6430

Occ: physician

Loc: Devon

William Hart, a Scottish-born physician, of Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the province of Canterbury on 18 November 1631.

There are no obvious candidates in the records of the English universities. He may have studied in Scotland but is almost certainly not to be confused with William Hart (c.1579-c.1636), MD (university unknown), who served as principal of the academy at La Rochelle in France in the early seventeenth century. He had earlier graduated MD at Edinburgh in 1597. Another possibility is the William Hart who was questioned by the College of Physicians in London in January 1614/15. He confessed to practising astrology and was subsequently ordered to refrain from medical practice in the capital. Hart the astrologer married Alice Dixon at St Stephen's, Coleman Street, London, on 20 February 1611/12. The couple baptised a daughter Philis from their house near the church of St Andrew, Holborn, on 21 October 1619.

Lambeth Palace Library, Abbot 3, f.120 [*Directory*, i, no.386]; Innes Smith, p.109; RCPL, *Annals*, p.???; London Metropolitan Archives, P69/STE1/A/002/MS04449/001 [parish registers of St Stephen's, Coleman Street,

London, 1598-1636]; P82/AND/A/001/MS06667/001 [parish registers of St Andrew Holborn, London/Middlesex, 1558-1623].

Abraham HARWARD (b.1628)

Person ID: 6470

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Abraham Harward, gentleman, of Exeter, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 11 October 1665. Among those who supplied testimonials for Harward were fellow practitioners, **Peter Classen** and **George Moreto**. In an earlier application, dated 9 June 1659, Harward was said to reside in the parish of Morwenstow in Cornwall, where he studied under his father, **Abraham Harward** (d.1673).

Abraham Harward was the son of Abraham Harward and his wife Thomasine, nee Cholwill, and was baptised at Morwenstow on 10 November 1628. He married Margaret Warminton at Morwenstow in November 1646. The couple were living in the parish of St David's, Exeter, in 1660, when Harward was assessed at 4s 6d in the poll tax of that year. Shortly after the death of his father, Abraham, along with his brother Walter, an Exeter worstedcomber, leased lands at West Youlston, near Morwenstow, to a local farmer. In October 1683, he gave evidence in the borough court in a case of bigamy. Three years later, stolen goods were found in his house. His date of death is unknown.

It was presumably his apprentice **Abraham Harward Snr** who was made a freeman of Exeter in 1683. He may have been Harward's son. If so, he was baptised at Morwenstow on 27 August 1648. His own son, **Abraham Harward Jnr** was made a freeman in 1686.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.338 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.115]; PR 518, *sub* Exeter and Morwenstow, Cornwall; Kresen Kernow, parish registers of Morwenstow, Cornwall; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.48; Kresen Kernow, AP/H/1754/1 [will of Abraham Harward, gent, of Morwenstow, 1 May 1672, pr.19 June 1673]; Devon Heritage Centre, Z16/2/8/49 [10 April 1674]; ECA, C1/66, ff.43v, 135v.

Abraham HARWARD Snr (fl.1683)

Person ID: 27687

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Abraham Harward Snr, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter as the apprentice of **Abraham Harward (b.1628)**, barber, on 16 April 1683.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.175.

Abraham HARWARD Jnr (fl.1686)

Person ID: 27688

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Abraham Harward Jnr, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter, without fine, on 13 September 1686.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.176.

John HARWOOD (fl.1665)

Person ID: 6478

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Sowton, Devon

John Harwood, gent, of Sowton, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter on 14 November 1665.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.341.

Thomas HATHERLY (fl.1701)

Person ID: 15466

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Hatherly, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Richard Marsh**, on 15 December 1701.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.207.

John HAVILAND Jnr (c.1653-1711)

Person ID: 6522

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

John Haviland was the son of **John Haviland Snr**, surgeon, and his wife Elizabeth, née Dight, of Charlinch, Somerset. Haviland matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, on 2 April 1669, proceeding BA from Hart Hall in 1672 and MA in 1675. He graduated as bachelor in medicine in 1678. Little is known of his medical practice, though he was probably employed as physician to the military hospital at Plymouth. In 1704, he signed a testimonial on behalf of **Jonathan Furlong**, a surgeon, who was seeking a naval place.

Haviland's first wife Anne, the daughter of John Payne, esquire, died in childbirth in 1683. She was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 10 November 1683. In a will made a month after the death of her daughter, Haviland's grateful mother-in-law Millicent Payne, of Bridgwater, Somerset, who was being cared for in her last illness by Haviland, left various bequests to him, his family and household. Haviland

subsequently married Mrs Lucretia Toller (c.1665-1752), the daughter of Peter Toller, merchant, and his wife Lucretia, of Fowey, Cornwall, at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 21 May 1685. Dr John Haviland was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth on 20 July 1711. His widow Lucretia lived for a further 40 years, being buried in the same parish on 27 May 1752.

In his will, Dr Haviland asked to be buried privately, and at night, in the south aisle of the church of St Andrew's, Plymouth, 'near the lowest pillar where my first wife was interred'. He left bequests to his eldest son, John, a fellow at Exeter College, Oxford (including £160 and various items containing his and his mother's coat of arms), son Peter (the derisory sum of one shilling) and daughters Lucretia and Mary (£600 each). The bulk of his estate, including his house and gardens at Plymouth, were reserved for his wife Lucretia, who was also named as executrix. Among those who witnessed the will was the Plymouth surgeon, **John Vallack**, and his son John.

Children of Dr John Haviland and wife Anne:

John, bapt.28 August 1680 [Bridgwater, Somerset]. A clergyman, he was fellow of Exeter College, Oxford, 1700-24, holding numerous west country benefices. He died in 1762.

Anne, bapt.8 November 1683; buried 17 November 1683 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Children of Dr John Haviland and wife Lucretia:

Matthew, bapt.18 April 1686; buried 4 October 1687 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Peter, bapt.29 March 1688 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. He became a captain in the royal navy, and died in 1775.

Lucretia, bapt.3 January 1691/2 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. She married William Cock or Cook at East Stonehouse, Devon, on 14 July 1712.

Mary, bapt.27 January 1692/3 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. She married William Elford, gent, at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 3 September 1713.

Children of Dr John Haviland (wife unknown):

William, buried 30 December 1689 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

John, buried 20 July 1690 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Foster, ii, p.674; British Library, Add MS 61,298, f.122; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth; TNA, PROB 11/381, ff.41v-42v [will of Millicent Payne, widow, of Bridgwater, 5 December 1683, pr.21 August 1685]; PROB 11/522, ff.201r-202r [will of John Haviland, physician, of Plymouth, 10 March 1709/10 and 14 November 1710, pr.13 August 1711]; Somerset Heritage Centre, DVP\BW.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1653-1681]; Kresen Kernow, CY/1162 [conveyance of mills at St Jeep, Cornwall, 1709].

John HAWKINS (d.1682)

Person ID: 15471

Occ: barber

Loc: Totnes, Devon

John Hawkins, barber, was buried at Totnes, Devon, on 28 August 1682.

Children of John Hawkins:

Margaret, bapt.21 March 1647/8; buried 6 April 1655 [Totnes].

Agnes, bapt.15 August 1650 [Totnes].

Son Jarvy, bapt.25 October 1651 [Totnes].

Margaret, bapt.6 May 1657; buried 6 May 1660 [Totnes].

Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

John HAWTON (fl.1662-1673)

Person ID: 6560

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Sandford, Devon

John Hawton, gentleman, of Sandford, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 27 September 1673. His application stated that he 'hath been bred a Scholler, and hath practised Chirurgery as divers of the Countrey so knowe by experience'. Testimonials were signed, among others, by the Exeter surgeons **Peter Classen** and **John Case**.

John Hawton married Mary Drew at Exeter cathedral on 2 July 1661.

Children of John Hawton and wife Mary:

John, bapt.22 April 1662 [Sandford].

Evon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 45, p.275 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.116]; PR 518, *sub* Sandford; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.109; Devon Heritage Centre, 1238A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Sandford, Devon].

Nicholas HAYDEN (1651-1677)

Person ID: 6567

Occ: medical student

Loc: Woodbury, Devon

Nicholas Hayden was the son of Nicholas Hayden (d.1680), gent, and his wife Anne, the daughter of Henry Trosse (d.1653) of Exeter, and was baptised at Ottery St Mary on 6 August 1651. After studying at Trinity College, Oxford, where he graduated BA in 1671 and MA in 1674, he entered Leiden University as a medical student on 31 July 1675. While at Leiden, he wrote a carmen in praise of fellow Devonian **Charles Vinson**. There is no evidence that Hayden practised medicine.

Hayden married Mrs Mary Martin at Woodbury on 8 December 1673. He was buried in the same parish on 30 January 1676/7. His widow Mary subsequently married John

Hale, esquire, at Woodbury on 26 November 1678. Hayden's will, proved in the Peculiar Court of the Vicars Choral of Exeter Cathedral, no longer survives.

Innes Smith, p.111; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1908-29), i, p.280; Foster, ii, p.680; Devon Heritage Centre, 4344A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Woodbury, Devon].

John HAYWARD (fl.1557)

Person ID: 27690

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Johnn Hayward, surgeon, was made a freeman of Exeter as the apprentice of **William Forest** in 1557.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.82.

Richard HEDDON (d.1580)

Person ID: 15483

Occ: barber

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Richard Heddton, barber, was buried at Barnstaple, Devon, on 16 May 1580.

T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 A.D. to 1812 A.D.* (Exeter, 1913), burials, p.17.

John HELE or HEALLE (d.1584)

Person ID: 16575

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Healle, apothecary, was buried at St Kerrian's, Exeter, on 9 November 1584. He may be the same as the John Hele, who married Alice Clapp at St Petrock's, Exeter, on 12 November 1560.

Children of John Healle or Hele:

Narcissus, bapt.25 January 1566/7 [St Kerrian's, Exeter].

Richard, bapt.26 August 1569 [St Kerrian's, Exeter].

John, bapt.21 August 1572 [St Kerrian's, Exeter].

Katherine, napt.14 July 1574 [St Kerrian's, Exeter].

Devon Hertitage Centre, 4780A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Kerrian's, Exeter, Devon]; 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon].

Nicholas HELE (d.1696)

Person ID: 6659

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Nicholas Hele was the youngest son of Sampson Hele, esquire, and his wife Joan, née Glanville, of Halwell House, South Pool, Devon, where he was probably baptised some time in the late 1630s (the registers are no longer extant). Hele matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 24 June 1653, proceeding BA on 5 March 1656/7 and MA (from St Mary Hall) on 24 June 1659. He subsequently studied medicine, graduating B Med from Exeter College on 18 December 1665 (when he was also granted a university licence to practise medicine) and MD on 7 July 1669. On the latter occasion, Hele defended *quaestiones* concerned with the physiological process of chylification and the role of the spleen as the source of black jaundice and scurvy (replying in the negative to the last two). In 1692, he signed a testimonial on behalf of the clergyman **John Wills**, rector of Rackenford, Devon, who was seeking a licence to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter. He did the same for **John Bennett** of Aylesbeare in 1696.

Hele's first wife Anne, the daughter of James Penn, manciple of St John's College, Oxford, was buried in the chancel of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, where a monument to her memory was erected. She died in childbed on 6 November 1664, aged 25, and was buried two days later in St Mary's. The couple's son Peter was the godson of the Oxford physician **Peter Elliott** (d.1682), who left him an estate worth nearly £200 in his will of 1682. Hele himself probably removed to Devon some time in the early 1670s. He was briefly resident at Totnes, when, on 1 February 1671/2, he married Mrs Joan or Johanna Neal, the daughter of John Neal, deceased, and his wife Mary, at East Portlemouth, Devon. The couple had a daughter, Johanna, who was baptised at St Mary Major, Exeter, in 1676. Hele was then living in Bedford House (he asked for special dispensation to baptise his daughter in St Mary Major), an extra-parochial precinct in the city and a haven for nonconformists (part of the house was licensed for dissenting worship in 1672).

The date of the death of Hele's second wife is unknown, though she may be the same as the Joana Hele who was buried at Ide, just outside Exeter, on 6 June 1679. On 7 April 1681, Hele married as his third wife Mrs Elizabeth Budgell, the daughter of Eustace Budgell (d.1680) of St Thomas Apostle, at the latter parish, close to the centre of Exeter. Again, nonconformist sympathies are suggested by the fact that Hele's new wife was the sister of Gertrude Hopping, who was married to the ejected minister John Hopping (d.1705).

Hele was also involved in the commercial and political life of the city. In the early 1690s, he helped to finance the construction of a glass factory at Countess Wear, near Exeter. Shortly before his death, he was also appointed a commissioner for the city entrusted with implementing the Act for Granting an Aid to support the war against France. Hele died in 1696 and was buried in the parish church of St Mary Major, Exeter, on 9 December 1696. In his will, made just a few weeks before his death, Hele left bequests to the poor of St Kerrian's in Exeter, where he had property interests, as well as to the poor of South Pool and North Huish in south Devon. He left the bulk of his estate, including £1,800 and property in Exeter, to his wife and executrix Elizabeth. Other beneficiaries included his brother Arthur's two daughters (£200 each), nephew Francis Hele (property in Norton Gifford and Chivelstone, Devon) and nephew Walter Hele (property at North Huish).

Hele's widow Elizabeth was buried in the same parish on 14 December 1721. In her will, she asked to be buried in the same grave as her late husband, 'and to have my name and time of my decease to be inserted in the table in the middle of my Husband's Monument'. Neither will mentions any children.

Children of Dr Nicholas Hele and wife Anne:

Peter [godson of **Peter Elliott**, above]. He was baptised at St Peter's in the East, Oxford, 28 October 1664. Hele matriculated at Queen's College, Oxford, 18 March 1679/80, aged 15; BA 1683; MA 1686. He died on 3 October 1686, and was buried at St Peter's in the East, Oxford, 7 October 1686.

Children of Dr Nicholas Hele and wife Joanna:

Joanna, born 17 June 1676; bapt.5 July 1676 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

TNA, PROB 11/246, ff.136v-138v [will of Sampson Hele, esquire, of Hallwell, Devon, 10 October 1653, pr.4 December 1655]; Foster, ii, p.690; Bodl., University of Oxford Archives, NEP/supra/Reg Qb [Register of Congregation, 1659-1669], ff.153r, 177v; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Rackenford and Aylesbeare; *The Life and Times of Anthony Wood, Antiquary, of Oxford, 1632-1695 Described by Himself*, ed.A.Clark, 5 vols (Oxford, OHS, 1891-1900), iii, p.8; A.Clark (ed.), *Survey of the Antiquities of the City of Oxford, Composed in 1661-6 by Anthony Wood. Vol.III Addenda and Index* (Oxford, Oxfordshire Historical Society, 1899), pp.110, 247 [citing Bodl., Wood F 29A]; Oxfordshire History Centre, parish registers of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, 1599-1694.

Devon Heritage Centre, 3383A/PR/1/2b [parish registers of East Portlemouth, Devon]; 2945A/PR/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; F.Bate, *The Declaration of Indulgence 1672* (London, 1908), Appendix VII, p.lxiv; *CSPD, 1671-1672*, p.555; Devon Heritage Centre, 1857A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Ide, Devon]; parish registers of St Thomas Apostle, near Exeter; *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 13 (1925), p.342; Devon Heritage Centre, 62/10/2/1 [deed, St Olave's, Exeter, 1684]; J.Raithby (ed.), *Statutes of the Realm*, vol.7 (1695-1701), **bet.pp.8-61?**; TNA, PROB 11/442, ff.136r-137v [will of Nicholas Hele, doctor in physic, of Exeter, 20 November 1696, pr.18 December 1697]; PROB 11/583, ff.50r-v [will of Elizabeth Hele, widow, 4 August 1720, pr.3 January 1721/2]; Oxfordshire History Centre, PAR 213/1/R1/2 [parish registers of St Peter's in the East, Oxford, Oxfordshire, 1600-1673].

William HELE (fl.1632)

Person ID: 6660

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Ashreigney, Devon

William Hele of Riddlecombe, Ashreigney, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 31 May 1632. He may be the same as the William Hele Snr, described in his will as a yeoman, that was buried at Ashreigney on 2 February 1654/5. It mentions a son Roger and wife Avis.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.255 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.116]; 2990A/PR/1/1 [parish register of Ashreigney, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/244, f.62v [will of William Hele, yeoman, of Ashreigney, Devon, 1 February 1654/5, pr.6 July 1655].

William HELLYER

Person ID: 22622

Occ: physician?

Loc: Dartmouth, Devon

William Hellyer, doctor, was buried at St Clement's, Townstall, Dartmouth, Devon, on 16 February 1665/6.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2993A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Clement's, Townstall, Devon].

John HENSLEY (fl.1707-1718)

Person ID: 15488

Occ: barber

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

John Hensley, barber, of Barnstaple, Devon, married Grace Penhellick at Bideford on 9 September 1707.

Children of John Hensley and wife Grace:

William, bapt.10 June 1713 [Barnstaple].
Anne, bapt.11 March 1714/15 [Barnstaple].
Richard, bapt.27 January 1716/17 [Barnstaple].
Butler, bapt.7 December 1718 [Barnstaple].

Devon Heritage Centre, 799A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Bideford, Devon]; T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 A.D. to 1812 A.D.* (Exeter, 1913), baptisms, pp.142, 144, 145, 147.

Thomas HEWES (fl.1579)

Person ID: 17403

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Hewes, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, on paying an entry fine of £2, on 26 January 1578/9.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.94.

Tobias HEWETT or HEWITT (d.1702)

Person ID: 6750

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Totnes, Devon

Tobias Hewett or Hewitt, of Totnes, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 12 May 1686. He signed letters testimonial on behalf of **Richard Taylor** of Totnes and **Abraham Rhodes** of Modbury in 1683 and 1698 respectively. Tobias Hewett was buried at Totnes on 4 May 1702.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.417; Lambeth Palace Library, FII/24/70a-c; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Modbury; Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

William HEWETT (d.1690)

Person ID: 18207

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

William Hewett, apothecary, was serving as mayor in 1670, when one John Roberts, alias Cotte, allegedly beat him for injuries previously inflicted on Roberts by Hewett. Hewett was almost certainly a nonconformist. One of his sons was baptised at the age of five at Tiverton in 1673. In 1682, he and other former mayors, all of whom had undertaken corporate office without taking the test requisite oaths or attending the sacrament, were pardoned by Charles II.

William Hewett married Mary Brewer at Tiverton on 3 October 1661. She died, date and place unknown. Hewett subsequently married a woman named Dorothy, who was buried at Tiverton on 5 April 1678. Mr William Hewett was buried at Tiverton on 18 April 1690. By his will of 1689, he left £70 to be invested in land for the use of the poor of the town of Tiverton.

Children of Mr William Hewett:

George, bapt.aged 5 years old May last, 20 May 1673 [Tiverton]. Mr George Hewett was buried at Tiverton, 5 September 1688.

Richard, bapt.20 May 1673 [Tiverton]. Mr Richard Hewett was buried at Tiverton, 23 March 1686/7.

Thomas, bapt.1 January 1677/8; buried 13 November 1678 [Tiverton].

Devon Heritage Centre, QS1/10 [Devon Quarter Sessions Order Book, 1661-1670], ff.356v-357r; 2960A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon]; Lt.Col.W.Harding, *The History of Tiverton*, 2 vols (Tiverton, 1845), i, pp.80-1.

Thomas HIERN (d.1727)

Person ID: 6786

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Okehampton, Devon

Thomas Hiern, surgeon, served as mayor of Okehampton in 1718-9 and 1721-2, and was buried at Okehampton on 15 November 1727. In his will, Hiern left the manor of

Clive in nearby Hatherleigh to his son William, on condition that he pay the testator's daughters Loveday, Mary and Avice £200 each at marriage or on attaining the age of 21. He also left shares in property in Devon to his four sons John, Thomas, James and Charles. Hiern named his wife Priscilla, brother-in-law Charles Cutcliffe of Bideford, cousin Samuel Langford of Luffincott and brother William Hiern of Barnstaple as joint executors.

Children of Thomas Hiern and wife Priscilla:

Thomas, buried 15 February 1714/15 [Okehampton].

James, bapt.28 December 1717 [Okehampton].

Charles, bapt.27 April 1720 [Okehampton].

Avice, bapt.2 January 1723/4; buried 12 January 1725/6 [Okehampton].

Avice, bapt.2 May 1726 [Okehampton]. She married Rev.John Silke at Okehampton on 28 June 1747.

Other children of Thomas Hiern (mother unknown):

William [will].

Loveday [will; not 21 in 1727].

Mary [will; not 21 in 1727].

John [will].

Thomas [will].

Devon Heritage Centre, QS 17/1/17/2i and 9d; QS/21/1722/5 [sacrament certificate, 1722]; Moger transcript, vol.11, nos 3558-3560 [will of Thomas Hiern, surgeon, of Okehampton, 28 October 1727, pr.14 July 1748]; 189M, box 3, bundle 7 [copy of will in Wollocombe papers]; 3210A/PR/1 and 2 [parish registers of Okehampton, Devon].

John HILL (fl.1684)

Person ID: 6832

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Cullompton, Devon

John Hill of Cullompton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 19 January 1683/4.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.291.

Mr HINGSTON (fl.1670)

Person ID: 27720

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

In April 1670, fellow surgeon **James Yonge** described socialising with various Plymouth-based surgeons, including one Mr Hingston, while staying in Newfoundland. Otherwise unidentified.

The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721], ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), p.132.

William HINGSTON (d.1695)

Person ID: 6887

Occ: unlicensed physician/merchant Loc: West Alvington & Kingsbridge, Devon

William Hingston, physician, was an early convert to Quakerism. In 1658, he, along with Anthony Tucker of Ugborough, was arrested in Exeter as a vagrant and sent away with a pass. A third Quaker, Thomas Harvey, was imprisoned on suspicion of witchcraft. Eight years later, Hingston was noted in the episcopal returns as an unlicensed medical practitioner and 'notorious Quaker', who frequently held 'unlawful meetings and Conventicles in his house' at West Alvington. Elsewhere, he is described as a merchant from nearby Kingsbridge. Frequent arrests seem to have reduced him to penury. He was buried in the Friends' burial ground at Kingsbridge on 11 November 1695. His wife Sarah, the daughter of Nicholas Tripe, whom he married at the Kingsbridge meeting on 26 July 1666, was buried there on 12 April 1704. She, too, had been accused of witchcraft in 1659, when she was examined by the mayor of Dartmouth at the instigation of a local minister.

J.Besse, *A Collection of the Sufferings of the People Called Quakers*, 2 vols (London, 1753), i, p.151; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/64, fo.429; Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.307r, 405r; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 362-364/33/20; P.W.Jackson, 'Nonconformists and Society in Devon, 1660-1689', unpub. PhD, Exeter University, 1986, p.304n; Devon Heritage Centre, QS 74/42/4, 6; QS 74/25/2; QS 74/428; TNA, RG6/1596 [register of marriages and burials, Quaker monthly meeting, west division, Kingsbridge, Devon]; Devon Heritage Centre, 874D/S10, *sub* 18 January 1682/3 [eighth minute].

John HIPPESLY or HIPPISELY (fl.1637)

Person ID: 17404

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Hipplesly or Hippisley, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Robert Dabynett Snr** and **Bernard Pearce**, on 24 April 1637. In all probability, he is the same as John Hippisley, the son of John Hippisley, gentleman, of East Pennard, Somerset, who was apprenticed to the London apothecary **William Compton** (d.1627) on 13 July 1626. If so, he probably completed his apprenticeship at Exeter.

John Hipsley, the son of John Hipsley, was baptised at East Pennard, Somerset, on 22 April 1610. He is probably the same as the John Hipsley, who informed against one Edward Cockle for swearing ten oaths and being drunk in the parish of St Lawrence's, Exeter, in 1637.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.132; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/63, f.239r; **London apothecary database**; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\PE.PEN/2/1/1 [parish registers of East Pennard, Somerset, 1608-1747].

George HODGE (d.1733)

Person ID: 15518

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

George Hodge, barber, married Mary Bowls, widow, both of St Pancras, Exeter, at St Petrock's, Exeter, on 15 May 1709. Hodge was buried at St Pancras, 28 January 1732/3.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; 2949A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Pancras, Exeter, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.410.

John HODGSON or HODSON (1585-1620)

Person ID: 6952

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Hodgson, surgeon, gave evidence at the Exeter borough sessions in June 1618 against the scold and evildoer, Ann Tribett or Trivett. He appears regularly in the minutes of the court at this time, usually as a witness in cases of wounding.

He was probably the son of the Exeter barber **Thomas Hodgson**, who was baptised at Holy Trinity, Exeter, on 24 May 1585. John Hodgson was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 31 July 1620.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/61, pp.2, 92, 93, and *passim*; 1718A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

Thomas HODGSON alias PARKINS (d.1624)

Person ID: 15521/27691

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Hodgson alias Parkins, barber, was made a freeman of the city, on paying an entry fine of £1, on 17 June 1594. His wife Joan was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 24 April 1620. Hodgson was buried at St David's, Exeter, on 25 November 1624.

Children of Thomas Hodgson (alias Parkins):

John, bapt.24 May 1585 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Robert, bapt.10 April 1587 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

daughter John [sic; probably Joan], bapt.24 June 1589 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Nicholas, bapt.8 December 1590; buried 14 April 1591 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Jane, bapt.19 July 1596 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.105; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St

Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; 2931A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St David's, Exeter, Devon]; 1718A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.388.

William HOLE (fl.1620)

Person ID: 6995

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Hole of Exeter, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 14 November 1620. Testimonials on his behalf were signed by **Bartholomew Chappell** and **John Nicholls**.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.287 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.116].

Gray HOLLAND (d.1683)

Person ID: 7002

Occ: physician

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Gray Holland was practising medicine at Plymouth in 1665 when, in a diocesan survey, he was described as 'MA' and 'well affected to the present government'. Holland applied for a licence to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter on 11 December 1666. There, he described himself as a former student of Cambridge, though no record survives of his attendance at either university. Holland was examined and approved for practice by **Anthony Salter** and **William Durston**. He subsequently described himself as 'B Med' and 'MD' when signing testimonials on behalf of various fellow practitioners (**John Fleming**, surgeon, **Cornelius Mugford** of Cullompton, undated; **Thomas Hunt**, 1669 or 1670).

Gray Holland, doctor of physic, was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 14 February 1682/3.

Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.307r, 404v; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Cullompton and Devon, unplaced under surnames [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.116]; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

Andrew HOLWELL or HOLWILL (fl.1708)

Person ID: 15534

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Andrew Holwell or Holwill was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the son of **Zephaniah Holwell** (by succession) on 26 January 1707/8.

Holwell was baptised at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 2 February 1685/6.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.213; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

William HOLWELL or HOLWILL (1662-1707)

Person ID: 7052

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Holwell was the son of Edward Holwell (d.1675), gent, and was baptised at Woodbury, Devon, on 2 November 1662. Holwell matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 1 April 1679, proceeding BA in 1682, MA in 1685m B Med in 1688 and MD in 1691. He signed medical testimonials on behalf of **Benjamin Burges** (1694) and **Joseph Palmer** (1700/1), surgeon, of Okehampton.

William Holwell, doctor of physick, married Elizabeth Bidgood at Exeter cathedral on 16 December 1691. She was buried at St Martin's, Exeter, on 20 February 1704/5. Her husband, William, was buried in the same parish on 24 June 1707. In his will, made six weeks before his death, Holwell requested burial 'without pomp in the Night in some Christian Dormitory according to the present constitution of the Church of England'. He left £50 for the education of children of the parish of his birth, Woodbury. He was survived by a son William, who was to inherit the bulk of his estate including property at Hington, and a daughter Mary, who was to receive £1,500 when she came of age or married. Holwell named his brother Edward Holwell, 'son-in-law' John Bidgood, Mr Hugh Searle of Hale and Mr Roger Prowse of Exeter as joint trustees, executors and guardians of his two children. The authenticity of the will, which was unsigned, was guaranteed, among others, by two Exeter apothecaries, **Christopher Hunt** and **John Touse**. A small baroque monument to Holwell and his family survives in the church of St Martin's in the cathedral close.

Children of Dr William Holwell and wife Elizabeth:

William, bapt.23 October 1692 [Exeter cathedral]. He married Anne Blackall, the daughter of Offspring Blackall, bishop of Exeter, 1708-16. Mr William Holwell was buried in the chancel of St Martin's, Exeter, 7 May 1737.

Margaret, born 12 July 1697, bapt.20 July 1697 [Exeter cathedral]; buried 2 June 1701 [St Martin's, Exeter].

William, bapt.7 May 1699 [Exeter cathedral].

Devon Heritage Centre, 4344A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Woodbury, Devon]; Foster, ii, p.738 [who confuses Holwell with a Lincolnshire clergyman of the same name]; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Okehampton; Moger II/PR Basket D1/21; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.119; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I.The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), pp.79, 80, 81, 123, 156, 157; TNA, PROB 11/497, ff.28r-29v [will of William Holwell, doctor of physic, of Exeter, 3 May 1707, pr.7 October 1707]; *m.i.*, St Martin's, Exeter.

Zephaniah HOLWELL or HOLWILL (d.1701)

Person ID: 7053

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Zephaniah Holwell, barber surgeon, was made a freeman of Exeter, on paying a fine of £1 2s (because he served an apprenticeship with a master who was not free when he was first bound), on 1 March 1696/7. Holwell married Jane Reynolds at Heavitree, near Exeter, on 30 October 1683. Their son, **Andrew Holwill**, was made a freeman by succession on 26 January 1707/8. Zephaniah Holwill, barber, was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 12 May 1701.

Children of Zephaniah Holwell and wife Jane:

Andrew, bapt.2 February 1685/6 [St Mary Major, Exeter]. Barber.

John, bapt.19 April 1688 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Jane, bapt.11 April 1689 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Richard [twin], bapt.13 October 1699; buried 15 October 1699 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Mary [twin], bapt.13 October 1699; buried 15 October 1699 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.200 [citing Devon Heritage Centre, mayor's act book, 1684-1731, p.204], 213; Devon Heritage Centre, 3004A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Heavitree, Devon]; 2945A/PR/1 and 3 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

Benjamin HOOPER (d.1715)

Person ID: 15539

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Benjamin Hooper, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, on payment of a fine of 5 guineas, on 11 March 1706/7. Benjamin Hooper, of St Pancras, Exeter, barber, married Mary Bennet at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 6 October 1698. He was buried at St Petrock's, Exeter, on 3 May 1715.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.212; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon].

John HOOPER (d.1705)

Person ID: 15540

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Hooper, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the son of Richard Hooper (by succession) on 17 October 1698. He was buried at St Edmund's, Exeter, on 4 March 1704/5.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.202; Devon Heritage Centre, 3006A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Edmund's, Exeter, Devon].

Nicholas HOOPER (d.c.1666)

Person ID: 17405

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Nicholas Hooper, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Collins (d.1681)**, on 23 November 1657. His own apprentices, **Edmund Thomas** and **George Tuck** were made freemen of the city in 1658 and 1669 respectively. He was a resident of the parish of St Martin's, Exeter. In 1654, his shop in St Martin's Lane, Exeter, is described as a place where one might receive a free copy of a work by the Exeter physician, **Robert Vilvain**, entitled *Enchiridion Epigrammatum Latino-Anglicum*. He was probably a member of the godly in interregnum Exeter. In 1659, the puritan upholsterer John Holmes named him as executor of his will and left him a gown and taffeta cloak.

His will was proved at Exeter in 1666. He may have had a son, Nicholas (possibly confused with father above), who was an apothecary. In 1715, the wealthy Exeter merchant Philip Hooper stipulated in his will that if his cousins, Sarah and Grace Hooper, the daughter of Nicholas Hooper, apothecary, deceased, were to pay his executors £100 within one year of his death, then they were to be allowed to reclaim the mortgage of the manor of Salcombe.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.145, 146, 157; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.13; Robert Vilvain, *Enchiridion Epigrammatum Latino-Anglicum* (London, 1654), preface; TNA, PROB 11/295, ff.38v-39r [will of John Holmes, upholsterer, of Exeter, 29 March 1659, pr.6 September 1659]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.395; TNA, PROB 11/552, ff.364r-366r [will of Philip Hooper, merchant, of Exeter, 26 July 1715 and 8 December 1715, pr.2 May 1716].

Philip HOOPER (d.1692)

Person ID: 17406

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Philip Hooper, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Samuel Seaward**, deceased, 28 June 1658. In the latter's will of 1648, Seaward left Hooper his shop, as well as all his wares, tools, manuscripts, books and other possessions. Hooper's own apprentice, **Samuel Sampson**, who married his daughter Grace, was made a freeman in 1703/4.

Hooper was a resident of the parish of St Martin's, Exeter. He is probably the same as the Philip Hooper, who witnessed the wills of the ejected clergyman Robert Snow (1609-1668) and merchant Simon Trobridge (d.1685 or 1686). He was also appointed overseer of the will of the Exeter merchant Philip Beard in 1683, as well as described as the 'beloved friend' of the Exeter barber **Robert Warren** (as well as overseer of his will in 1676). Mr Philip Hooper was buried in the church of St Martin's, Exeter, on 12 December 1692. His widow Jane was buried in the same place on 20 July 1693.

In his will, made a month before his death, Hooper mentions the families of three of his daughters, including his son-in-law and former apprentice **Samuel Sampson**. Hooper's daughter Elizabeth married the clergyman Richard Eastway (d.1726), while another daughter Margaret was married to the Exeter bookseller, Charles Yeo (d.1707). Hooper also had a son, Philip, who died an extremely rich man in 1715, leaving bequests totalling almost £8,000 as well as substantial property holdings in Devon. He also stipulated that if his cousins Sarah and Grace Hooper, the daughters of **Nicholas Hooper**, apothecary, deceased, were to pay his executors £100, they would be able to redeem the mortgage on Salcombe manor.

Children of Philip Hooper:

Philip. A merchant, who died in 1715 or 1716 [will of Philip Hooper, 1715], he married Alice Sealy at St Paul's, Exeter, 30 April 1695.

Grace. She married **Samuel Sampson**, apothecary, at St Martin's, Exeter, 17 July 1677.

Margaret. She married Charles Yeo, bookseller, at St Martin's, Exeter, 15 November 1681.

Elizabeth, bapt.30 January 1664/5 [St Martin's, Exeter]. She married Richard Eastway, rector of Sutcombe, Devon, at St George Clyst, near Exeter, 30 April 1689.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.145, 210; TNA, PROB 11/206, ff.210v-211v [will of Samuel Seward, apothecary, of Exeter, 28 June 1648, pr.28 December 1648]; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.85 [hearth tax, 1671]; TNA, PROB 11/327, ff.404r-v [will of Robert Snow, clerk, of Exeter, 11 June 1668, pr.20 August 1668]; 11/383, ff.310v-311r [will of Simon Trobridge, merchant, of Exeter, 17 November 1685, pr.28 June 1686]; PROB 11/377, ff.6r-7r [will of Philip Beard, merchant, of Exeter, 30 April 1683, pr.23 August 1684]; PROB 11/369, ff.387v-388r [will of Robert Warren, barber, of Exeter, 28 October 1676, pr.26 April 1682]; *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 10 (1918-1919), p.31 [abstract of will of Philip Hooper, apothecary, of Exeter, 22 November 1692, pr.17 February 1692/3]; TNA, PROB 11/552, ff.364r-366r [will of Philip Hooper, merchant, of Exeter, 26 July 1715 and 8 December 1715, pr.2 May 1716]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2968A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Sutcombe, Devon]; Rev.F.Nesbit, transcription of the parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837.

Philip HOOPER (d.1700)

Person ID: 15541

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Philip Hooper, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **William Ford**, on 2 December 1695. Philip Hooper, barber, was buried at St Sidwell's, Exeter, on 31 December 1700.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.192; Devon Heritage Centre, C.A.J.Fursdon (ed.), *Parish Registers of St Sidwell's, Exeter*, 8 vols (DCRS), burials, *sub date*.

Philip HOOPER (fl.1709-1713)

Person ID: 7073

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Northlew, Devon

Philip Hooper of Northlew, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine throughout Devon on 9 September 1709. His application stated that he had practised 'for some years'. On 7 May 1713, he signed a testimonial on behalf of fellow surgeon **George Oliver** of South Molton, Devon.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub dates* [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.116].

Johannes or John HOPF (d.1671)

Person ID: 7081

Occ: physician

Loc: Colyton, Devon

Johannes or John was probably the son of Doctor **Caspar or Jasper Hopf**, a refugee from the Palatinate who practised medicine at Dorchester in Dorset. Unlike his father, he does not appear to have possessed formal qualifications to practise medicine. Nonetheless, he authorised the practice of others. Among those whom he accredited for medical practice in Devon were **Peter Blackaller** (1661), **Zachary Chapple** (1664) and **Thomas Bartow** (1668).

John Hoph, doctor, was buried at Colyton on 21 November 1671. The parish registers also record the burial of a Catherine Hophe, widow, who was probably John's mother. She may have been living at Colyton since 1639 when a servant of one Mrs Hophe was also buried in the parish.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub Colyton, Offwell and Awliscombe* [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.116]; A.J.P.Skinner (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Colyton, Devon, 1538-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1928), ii, pp.638, 677, 686.

Christopher HORE (d.c.1641)

Person ID: 7093

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Buckland Brewer, Devon

Christopher Hore of Buckland Brewer, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 27 July 1631. He probably died in about 1641, when the will of one Christopher Hore was proved in the court of the archdeacon of Barnstaple.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.220 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.116]; J.J.Beckerlegge (ed.), *Index of Wills in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, 1563-1858*.

Thomas HORNABROOKE (d.1713)

Person ID: 7098

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Tavistock, Devon

Thomas Hornabrooke of Tavistock, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the county of Devon on 27 October 1680.

Hornabrooke would appear to have been an occasional conformist as well as a member of his local Presbyterian congregation. Two of his children were baptised in the local Presbyterian chapel. Hornabrooke was buried at Tavistock on 26 August 1713. His widow Patience was buried in the same parish, 18 March 1734/5.

Children of Thomas Hornabrooke and wife Patience:

Patience, buried Tavistock, 19 August 1691 [Tavistock].

John, born 21 November 1691; buried 23 November 1696 [Tavistock].

Jane, bapt.1 January 1695/6 [Tavistock Presbyterian meeting].

Mary, buried 31 May 1696 [Tavistock].

Joseph, born 11 July 1697, bapt.30 July 1697 [Tavistock and Tavistock Presbyterian meeting].

Joseph, bapt.10 October 1700; buried 19 March 1701/2 [Tavistock].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.85 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.115, as Hannabrooke]; Devon Heritage Centre, 482A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Tavistock, Devon]; TNA, RG4/2030 [registers of the Presbyterian meeting, Tavistock, Devon].

Ivy HORWOOD (d.1656)

Person ID: 7137

Occ: physician

Loc: Great Torrington, Devon

Ivy Horwood, the son of a Wiltshire clergyman, was apprenticed to the physician **Thomas Elton** at Bristol on 23 April 1614. Elton, who also practised at Bath, left his 'servant' Horwood various bequests in his will of 1618, including a black cloak with lace, 50s 'at the end of his time', and 'some books which I shall have cause to be laid out for him by Inventorie'.

Horwood subsequently set up in medical practice in Devon. He married Alice Harewoode or Horwood at South Molton on 25 September 1627, and finally settled in Great Torrington. In 1643, he was named as one of the overseers of the will of the local surgeon **Robert Smith**. He did the same for the widow Joan Colwill of Great

Torrington in 1646 who also left him a small bequest. Ivy Horwood, gent, died on 12 June 1656 and was buried at Great Torrington the following day.

Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; TNA, PROB 11/132, f.470v [will of Thomas Elton, doctor of physic, of Bath, 31 July 1618, pr.9 December 1618]; Devon Heritage Centre, 3331A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of South Molton, Devon]; Moger will transcripts, vol.19, no.6703 [will of Robert Smith, barber surgeon, of Great Torrington, 13 November 1643, pr.6 November 1646]; *ibid.*, vol.5, no.1443 [will of Joan Colwill, widow, of Great Torrington, 1646]; 4014A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Great Torrington, Devon].

Richard HORWOOD (fl.1701-1724)

Person ID: 15551

Occ: barber

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Richard Horwood, barber, married Rose Facy at Barnstaple on 23 April 1701. She was buried at Barnstaple on 13 February 1723/4. Richard Horwood (possibly the son) was buried in the same parish, 8 March 1730/1.

Children of Richard Horwood and wife Rose:

John, bapt.20 May 1702 [Barnstaple].

Richard, bapt.26 May 1706; buried 2 September 1706 [Barnstaple].

Sacheverell, bapt.5 April 1710 [Barnstaple].

Henry, bapt.4 March 1712/13 [Barnstaple].

Thomas, bapt.6 April 1715 [Barnstaple].

Richard, bapt.27 September 1719 [Barnstaple].

T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 A.D. to 1812 A.D.* (Exeter, 1913), baptisms, pp.134, 137, 140, 142, 144, 148; marriages, p.53; burials, pp.107, 119, 124.

William HOW or HOWE (fl.1599-1625)

Person ID: 7154/15555

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William How or Howe, barber surgeon, was made a freeman (as a barber) of the city of Exeter in 1599. In 1625, he gave evidence before the borough court in a case of wounding. His son William was apprenticed to a Bristol mariner in 1635.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.109; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/62, f.232r; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

Thomas HOWELL (fl.1708)

Person ID: 7168

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Crediton, Devon

Thomas Howell of Crediton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 25 March 1708.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* date [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.117].

Richard HUGHES (fl.1691-1696)

Person ID: 17767

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Richard Hughes, apothecary, of Plymouth, Devon, was licensed to marry Mary Oliver, spinster, on 13 April 1691 (no record of the whereabouts of the marriage has been found). Hughes was a Presbyterian. Two of his children were baptised at the Presbyterian chapel in Plymouth. He may be the same as the Richard Hughes, who was buried at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 24 April 1736.

Children of Richard Hughes, apothecary, and wife Mary:

Anthony, bapt.21 July 1693 [Presbyterian chapel, Plymouth].

Mary, bapt.14 February 1694/5 [Presbyterian chapel, Plymouth].

Richard, bapt.14 June 1696 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Devon Heritage Centre, C.A.T.Fursdon (ed.), 'Diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697' (1931), *sub* date; TNA, RG4/4091 [registers of Presbyterian/Unitarian church, Plymouth]; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's and Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, Devon.

Vivian HUMPHRY (d.1673)

Person ID: 18519

Occ: midwife

Loc: Honiton, Devon

Vivian Humphry, the wife of Christopher Humphry, a midwife, and was buried at Honiton on 26 March 1673.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/5 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon].

Christopher HUNT (d.1733)

Person ID: 17376

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Christopher Hunt, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Oliver Mustian**, on 11 July 1698. Two of his apprentices – Francis Sweeting and his son Christopher – were made freemen of the city in 1720 and 1734 respectively. He was seemingly well connected to medical circles in Exeter, witnessing the wills of three city physicians, **William Holwell**, **John Osmund** and **William Williams**, as well as the barber **Thomas Somerton**. Hunt was a resident of

the parish of St Martin's, Exeter. He was buried at Exeter cathedral on 12 March 1732/3. His will was proved at Exeter in 1733.

Children of Christopher Hunt, apothecary, and wife Elizabeth:

Anne, born 19 March 1699/1700; bapt.24 March 1699/1700 [Exeter cathedral/St Martin's, Exeter].

Christopher, born 12 March 1701/2; bapt.22 March 1701/2 [Exeter cathedral/St Martin's, Exeter, which gives date of baptism as 23 March 1701/2]. He was apprenticed to William Gataker, apothecary, of London, 6 May 1718.

Edmund, born 1 March 1704/5; bapt.(by Richard Maunder, clerk, of St Martin's) 18 March 1704/5 [Exeter cathedral/St Martin's, Exeter, which gives date of baptism as 13 March 1704/5].

Elizabeth, born 4 October 1707; bapt.(by Mr John Collins, rector of St Petrock's, at St Martin's) 16 October 1707 [Exeter cathedral/St Martin's, Exeter].

Ann, bapt.30 June 1709 [Exeter cathedral].

William, bapt.4 April 1711 [Exeter cathedral].

Mary, bapt.9 August 1713 [Exeter cathedral].

Margaret, bapt.5 August 1716 [Exeter cathedral].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.202, 231, 245; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.119; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H. Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), pp.81, 82, 83, 85, 87, 88, 89, 166; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.F.Nesbit, transcription of the parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837; **London apothecary database.**

Francis HUNT (1546-1595)

Person ID: 15572

Occ: barber

Loc: Colyton, Devon

Francis Hunt was the son of Steven Hunt and his wife Alice, and was baptised at Colyton on 12 September 1546. Hunt married Alice, the daughter of William Moore of 'Martycke' [Martock, Somerset?], Dorset, at Colyton on 25 June 1575. He was buried at Colyton on 29 September 1595.

A.J.P.Skinner (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Colyton, Devon, 1538-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1928), i, p.7; ii, p.468, 601.

Philip HUNT (d.1624)

Person ID: 15576

Occ: barber

Loc: Crediton, Devon

Philip Hunt, barber, was buried at Crediton on 3 June 1624. He might be the same as the Philip Hunt, who was baptised at Crediton on 19 July 1565. One of this name married Elinor Kinge at Tiverton on 25 July 1592.

Children of Philip Hunt:

John, bapt.7 September 1597 [Crediton].

Mary, bapt.10 June 1605 [Crediton].

Benjamin, bapt.1 February 1606/7 [Crediton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2935A/PR/1/1, 2 and 3 [parish registers of Crediton, Devon];
2960A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon].

Thomas HUNT (fl.1669-1697)

Person ID: 7306

Occ: physician

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Thomas Hunt of Plymouth, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine throughout the diocese of Exeter on 16 June 1669 (with testimonials supplied by the Plymouth physicians **Gray Holland** and **William Durston**). He is almost certainly the man of the same name who just a few days later, and describing himself as of Kingswear (near Dartmouth), was granted a similar licence. He later described himself as a medical licentiate when supplying testimonials on behalf of **Andrew Hall** of Tavistock in 1681 and **Jonas Lavington** of Plymouth in 1689.

Hunt would appear to have removed to Cornwall some time in the 1680s. Thomas Hunt, surgeon, of Callington, received a reversionary lease from Sir John Coryton on a property at Quethiock in 1684. In 1697, describing himself as a doctor of physic, of Liskeard, Cornwall, he was party to a mortgage and leaes of lands owned by John Carveth, father and son, at nearby Menheniot. He may thus be the Thomas Hunt of Liskeard, whose will was proved in the principal registry of the bishop of Exeter in 1704.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 45, pp.30, 31 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.117]; PR 518, *sub* Devon, unplaced; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/181/1-4; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Plymouth; Kresen Kernow, Cy/3232 [lease, 16 June 1684]; BRA 991/163 [mortgage and lease, 11 June 1697]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.90.

John HUSSEY (d.1725)

Person ID: 23027/27692

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Hussey, apothecary, was buried in the parish of St John's, Exeter, on 11 April 1725. He was the nephew of Edward Cornish (d.1716), vicar of Okehampton, Devon, who left him a gold ring in his will of 1715.

Devon Heritage Centre, 4767A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St John's, Exeter, Devon]; T.Cann Hughes, 'Notes on Vicars of Okehampton', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 57 (1925), pp.242-5; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.408.

Ursula HUTCHINGS (fl.1662)

Person ID: 27723

Occ: midwife

Loc: Thorncombe, Devon [now Dorset]

Ursula Hutchins of Thorncombe, Devon, was licensed to practise midwifery in the diocese of Exeter in 1662.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44.

Richard INGLETT (1632-1673)

Person ID: 7382

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Richard Inglett was the son of Giles Inglett (d.1682) and Helen, née Kingwell, of Lamerton, Devon, and was baptised at Chudleigh on 30 August 1632. He matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 12 November 1650, proceeding BA on 21 January 1653/4 and MA on 20 June 1656. Inglett was made a fellow of Exeter College in 1652, but was ejected at the Restoration. On 22 February 1660/1, he was made an extra licentiate of the College of Physicians following examination by **Edward Alston, Francis Prujean, Baldwin Hamey Jnr** and **George Ent**.

In 1665, he was practising medicine at Plymouth, where he was described in a diocesan survey as 'well affected' to the present government. Inglett was almost certainly the author of a 'curious manuscript' entitled *Album Aureum*, which contained more than 250 medical receipts, written in latin and English, as well as a 'perpetual Almanac with Index', dated *circa* 1670. The whereabouts of the manuscript volumes is unknown today. Mr Richard Inglett was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 2 November 1673. According to Calamy, he died after breaking a blood vessel while riding to visit a patient in the country. In his will, made shortly before his death, Inglett left all his books, excluding small bibles and concordance, as well as a watch, gold and an amethyst ring, to his only child Theodore. He also bequeathed numerous mourning rings to members of his immediate family, including his mother and father, brother Giles, and various sisters and brothers in law. Inglett named his wife Sarah as residual legatee and executrix. An inventory of his goods, taken in 1673, valued his estate at a mere £62 (including books worth £10).

Children of Richard Inglett:

Theodore, buried 14 April 1674 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Calamy Revised, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), p.289; Devon Heritage Centre, 3009A/PR/1/1 and 3 [parish registers of Chudleigh, Devon]; Lt

Col.J.L.Vivian (ed.), *The Marriage Licences of the Diocese of Exeter from the Bishops Registers* (Exeter, 1889), p.89; Foster, ii, p.787; Munk, i, p.298; Royal College of Physicians, London, Annals, iv, fo.77a; Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.307r, 404v; *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 14 (1926-1927), p.45; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; E.Calamy, *The Nonconformists' Memorial*, ed. S.Palmer, 2 vols (London, 1775-8), i, pp.228-9; Devon Heritage Centre, Moger transcripts, vol.12, no.3901 [will of Richard Inglett, dated 24 October 1673, pr.27 November 1673].

Richard IRISH (d.1677)

Person ID: 7402

Occ: army/navy surgeon

Loc: Dartmouth, Devon

Richard Irish served as surgeon to the royal garrison at Dartmouth in 1643-4. He was later surgeon to the naval hospital at Dartmouth, in which capacity he signed testimonials for numerous candidates for episcopal licences, including **Rice Marrow**, **Edward Manning** and **John Stanley**.

Richard Irish married Christian Burges at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 20 August 1632. Irish, described as 'chyrurgeon', was buried in the same parish on 3 March 1676/7.

Devon Heritage Centre, Seymour MSS 1392 M/L 1643/8, 27, 38, 41, 67; I.Palfrey, 'The Royalist War Effort Revisited: Edward Seymour and the Royalist Garrison at Dartmouth, 1643-44', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 123 (1991), pp.41-55; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Dartmouth, Kingsbridge and Devon, unplaced [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiate, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), pp.117, 120]; 2992A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon].

Robert IRISH (d.1703)

Person ID: 15597/23078

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Robert Irish, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on 2 March 1701/2. He was buried at Holy Trinity, Exeter, on 29 December 1703.

Children of Robert Irish, barber:

Ann, buried 15 March 1701/2 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.209; Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon].

Samuel ISAAC or IZACKE (1637-1693)

Person ID: 7419

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Samuel Isaac or Izacke was the son of Samuel Isaac (d.1682), the royalist town clerk of Exeter, and was baptised at St Martin's, Exeter, on 16 July 1637. He matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 28 March 1655, proceeding BA on 4 November 1658 and MA (from Lincoln College) in 1661. Isaac was made B Med and MD on 6 July 1675. In 1685, he signed letters testimonial on behalf of the Exeter apothecary **Francis Pengelly**, a family friend, who was nominated as executor of the will of Isaac's mother, Elizabeth, in 1698.

Samuel Isaac, 'medicinae doctor', married Mary Duke, the daughter of Robert Duke, of Ottery St Mary, at Venn Ottery, on 30 October 1677. He owned property in Ottery St Mary, but lived in the parish of St Martin's, Exeter, being buried in the chancel of that church on 25 November 1693. Isaac's will, proved in 1694, no longer survives. His widow Mary married Marshal Ayres, gent, at Venn Ottery, Devon, on 12 June 1704.

Children of Samuel Isaac and wife Mary:

Mary, bapt.28 January 1678/9 [St Martin's, Exeter]. She was alive in 1698 [will of grandmother, Elizabeth Isaac].

Robert, bapt.23 September 1680 [St Martin's, Exeter]. Student at Oxford, 1702.

Samuel, bapt.3 August 1682 [Ottery St Mary]. Student at Oxford, 1702.

Elizabeth, bapt.30 October 1684 [Ottery St Mary].

Elizabeth, bapt.25 May 1686 [Ottery St Mary]. She may have been the unnamed daughter buried in the chancel of St Martin's, Exeter, 8 April 1693 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Susanna, buried 1 June 1687 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Margaret, bapt.17 May 1690 [Ottery St Mary]. She was alive in 1698 [will of grandmother, Elizabeth Isaac].

Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.F.Nesbit, transcription of the parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837; Foster, ii, p.792; *Historical Manuscripts Collection. Calendar of the Manuscripts of the Marquess of Ormonde, K.P., Preserved at Kilkenny Castle, vol.IV* (London, 1906), p.601; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/224/1-3; A.J.P.Skinner, 'Nicholas Isacke, Mayor of Exeter', *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 9 (1917), pp.8-11; Devon Heritage Centre, 1844A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Harpford, Devon]; 2780B/T/116; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.101; Devon Heritage Centre, 2428A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Venn Ottery, Devon]; 180A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Ottery St Mary, Devon].

Richard ISTED or ISTEED (d.1622 or 1623)

Person ID: 7409

Occ: physician

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Richard Isted may have been practising in London around 1601, when a son, **Thomas Isted**, was baptised in the parish of St Michael Bassishaw, London. Some time shortly after, he removed to Plymouth where he set up in medical practice. In 1611, he was named as the sole beneficiary and executor of the will of his brother, John Isted, gent, of Plymouth. Ten years later, Richard Isted, 'physition', was described as tutor of the orphans in Plymouth and was paid for providing diet and upkeep for four orphans. He was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 5 January 1622/3. He was living in the military hospital at Plymouth at the time of his death.

In his will, made shortly before his death, Isted requested that the vast bulk of his estate be appraised and sold, the profits to be invested for the benefit of his wife [Grace] and four children, Thomas, Mary, John and Margaret. He left his library of books (excepting some English and divinity books) to his son **Thomas Isted**, and named his 'beloved friends' Robert Trelaine, Thomas Sherwill, Thomas Fownes and Nicholas Sherwill, merchants of Plymouth, as joint executors. He further nominated Mr Mathias Nicholls (d.1631), BD and preacher at Plymouth, and Mr John Vincent, gent, of Northill, Cornwall, as overseers. Mrs Grace Istede, wife of Mr Richard Istede, was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 28 May 1623.

Children of Richard Isted, physician:

Thomas Isted, bapt.31 May 1601 [St Michael Bassishaw, London]. He was a student at Oxford in 1621, proceeding B Med there in 1630. He was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 30 September 1631.

Mary [will].

unbaptized child, buried 4 May 1609 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

John, bapt.1 July 1610 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Susan, bapt.11 October 1612 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Margaret, bapt.1 October 1615 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

A.W.Hughes Clarke (ed.), *The Registers of St Mary Magdalen Milk Street 1558-1666 and St Michael Bassishaw 1538-1625. Part I* (London, HS, vol.72, 1942), p.92; Devon Heritage Centre, Moger transcripts, vol.12, no.3903 [will of John Isted, gent, of Plymouth, 6 July 1611, pr.2 July 1619]; R.N.Worth (ed.), *Calendar of the Plymouth Municipal Records* (Plymouth, 1893), p.259; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; TNA, PROB 11/141, ff.356v-357r [will of Richard Isted, physician, of Plymouth, 17 December 1622, pr.23 May 1623] [another copy: Plymouth Archives, 745/83]; Foster, ii, p.791.

Thomas ISTED or ISTEED (1601-1631)

Person ID: 7410

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Thomas Isted was the son of **Richard Isted**, and was baptised at St Michael Bassishaw, London, on 31 May 1601. Thomas Isted matriculated at Magdalen Hall, Oxford, on 23 June 1621. He was awarded his B Med on 14 April 1630, but probably never practised as he was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 30 September 1631.

A.W.Hughes Clarke (ed.), *The Registers of St Mary Magdalen Milk Street 1558-1666 and St Michael Bassishaw 1538-1625. Part I* (London, HS, vol.72, 1942), p.92; Foster, ii, p.791; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

Thomas IZACK (fl.1708)

Person ID: 17407

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Izack, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Benjamin Pearce**, on 19 April 1708.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.217.

James JACOB (fl.1698)

Person ID: 7462

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Totnes, Devon

James Jacob of Totnes, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 6 September 1698.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.197 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.117].

John JACOB, (1640-1707)

Person ID: 7466

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bovey Tracey, Devon

John Jacob was the son of John Jacob and was baptised at Bovey Tracey on 26 January 1639/40. Jacob was licensed to practise surgery in the county of Devon on 30 December 1662. He was later licensed to practise the art of medicine in Devon, 7 September 1675. In support of Jacob's initial licence, the clergyman James Forbes (d.1670), who had recently been re-appointed as vicar of Bovey Tracey, wrote to his old friend Francis Moore singing the praises of Jacob as a surgeon. Forbes claimed that Jacob had cured him on numerous occasions, including most recently when he feared that he might otherwise be prevented from attending church. He also cured the poor at the charge of the parish. In fact, Forbes was so impressed by Jacob's skill that he claimed that he would pay for his licence, if required. Jacob later signed testimonials on behalf of a number of local practitioners, including **Samuel Langman** of North Bovey (1691) and **William Sprague** of Silverton (1702).

John Jacob was buried at Bovey Tracey on 6 December 1707.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2160A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Bovey Tracey, Devon]; Chanter MS 44, p.198; Chanter MS 45, p.381; PR 518, *sub* Bovey Tracey and North

Bovey [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.117]; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/353/1-5.

Nathaniel JACOB (fl.1674)

Person ID: 7468

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Bovey Tracey, Devon

Nathaniel Jacob, gentleman, of Bovey Tracey, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery throughout Devon on 5 October 1674. He may have been the brother of **John Jacob**. One Nathaniel Jacob, the son of John Jacob, was baptised at Bovey Tracey on 25 April 1630. He married Alice Condam at Bovey Tracey on 3 August 1672, a son Nathaniel being buried in the same parish on 14 July 1674.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 45, p.330 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.117]; 2160A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Bovey Tracey, Devon].

William JACOB (fl.1663-1691)

Person ID: 7477

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Christow, Devon

William Jacob of Christow, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 1 September 1683. In 1691, he signed a testimonial on behalf of **Samuel Langman** of North Bovey.

William Jacob married Alice Weekes at Christow on 23 November 1663. She was buried in the same parish on 19 July 1703. He may have remarried, as one William Jacob of Christow married Grace Tarrin at nearby Doddiscombsleigh on 10 July 1705. No evidence of Jacob's burial has been discovered.

Children of William Jacob and wife Alice:

John, bapt.21 March 1666/7; buried 23 February 1667/8 [Christow].

William, bapt.17 December 1668 [Christow].

Joseph, bapt.7 May 1671; buried 8 March 1686/7 [Christow].

Elizabeth, bapt.22 November 1675 [Christow].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.271; PR 518, *sub* Bovey, North; 2015A/PR/1/2 and 13 [parish registers of Christow, Devon]; 538A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Doddiscombsleigh, Devon].

Bartholomew JACQUINTO or JAQUINTO (d.1644)

Person ID: 7480

Occ: physician

Loc: Exeter, Devon and London

Bartholomew Jacquinto, physician, was an Italian Catholic, who claimed to be a native of Naples. His career, both in Exeter and London, was mired in controversy. It is not known when he first came to England, but he seems to have been established in medical practice in the west country by 1607. In that year, he was accused in the court of the bishop of Exeter of incompetence, papistry and using sorcery. One of his victims was said to be Philip Holditch, mayor of Totnes and MP for the borough in 1601. A year later, on 8 December 1608, Jacquinto, described as of the diocese of Salisbury, was licensed to practise medicine throughout the province of Canterbury. His award suggests that he had previously been licensed by Henry Cotton, bishop of Salisbury between 1598 and 1608.

Between 1612 and 1618, Jacquinto was a resident of the parish of Holy Trinity, Exeter. By 1619, however, he had removed to London, where his unorthodox and illicit practice led to frequent clashes with the censors of the College of Physicians. He was accused of false practice by fellow Italian **John Bonscio**, an oculist from Ferrara in 1619, and was again in trouble in 1626 when his name appeared on a College list of suspected Catholic doctors. In that year, Jacquinto claimed before the College that he was originally from Naples and that his medical diploma was in the hands of his son-in-law. He subsequently confessed to having practised in the city for three years and was fined 40s. Two years later, he was again in trouble for malpractice on a woman who miscarried. On this occasion, he was fined £5 and imprisoned, though whether the penalty was imposed is unclear. Jacquinto had powerful supporters in high places, including the earl of Manchester who wrote to the College requesting that they remit the fine. The college refused to submit, and Jacquinto continued to be a thorn in their flesh. In 1629, he was accused of behaving insolently while practising outside the Venetian ambassador's house. A year later, the Bedlam physician **Helkiah Crooke** attempted to expose him as a fraud. Again, the College failed. Jacquinto was now receiving protection from inside the Venetian embassy. He continued to be active throughout the 1630s, and was last heard of in June 1640, when a case that he had brought before the Court of Requests was dropped for reasons unstated.

He seems to have remained a firm Catholic. John Gee mentions him in his catalogue of papist physicians in 1624, while his name appears on a list of recusants living in London in 1628. At the time, he may have been living in the parish of St Botolph without Aldgate, where he buried a daughter in 1625. Four years later, and described as an 'aged physician', Jacquinto was granted denization. Now living in the London parish of St Sepulchre, he married Elizabeth Wright, a widow, at St Bartholomew the Great, London, on 3 September 1627. Eight years later, he was still living in the parish in High Holborn, when he was described as a married man, aged about 60. Bartholomew Jackquinto, doctor of phisicke, was buried at St Bride's, London, 18 February 1643/4. His widow Elizabeth was buried at St Benet, Paul's Wharf, London, on 27 October 1646.

Children of Bartholomew Jacquinto:

Arthur, bapt.28 May 1612; buried 23 July 1613 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Arthur, bapt.30 July 1614 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Bartholomew, bapt.11 February 1615/16; buried 29 June 1616 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.28 March 1618; buried 4 October 1618 [Holy Trinity].

Elizabeth, buried 14 July 1625 [St Botolph Aldgate, London].
James? A James Jaquinto, who was taken vagrant in Exeter in 1640, claimed that he had been born in the parish of Holy Trinity.

J.Roberts, 'A Jacobean Physician', *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 34 (1978-1981), pp.80-1; Lambeth Palace Library, Bancroft, f.157v [*Directory*, i, no.455]; Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; Royal College of Physicians, London, Annals, iii, pp.need pp refs; TNA, REQ1/36B/214 [Jaquinto v. Thomas Courteen, 25 June 1640]; John Gee, *The Foor out of the Snare* (London, 1624), sig.Xv; *CSPD, 1628-1629*, p.409; W.A Shaw (ed.), *Letters of Denization and Acts of Naturalization for Aliens in England and Ireland, 1603-1700* (Lymington, Publications of the Huguenot Society, vol.18, 1911), p.44; I.Scouloudi (ed.), *Returns of Strangers in the Metropolis, 1593, 1627, 1635, 1639: A Study of an Active Minority* (London, Huguenot Society of London, vol.57, 1985), p.299; *CSPD, 1635*, p.283; London Metropolitan Archives, P69/BOT2/A/019/MS09234/008 [parish registers of St Botolph Aldgate, London, 1558-1625]; P69/BAT3/A/001/MS06777/001 [parish registers of St Bartholomew the Great, London, 1616-1647]; P69/BRI/A/004/MS06538 [parish registers of St Bride's, Fleet Street, London, 1595-1654]; W.A.Littledale (ed.), *The Registers of St Bene't and St Peter, Paul's Wharf, London. Vol.IV Burials, St Bene't, 1619-1837* (London, HS, vol.41, 1912), p.34; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA C1/63, f.334v.

Francis JARMAN (d.1661)

Person ID: 23143

Occ: barber

Loc: Crediton, Devon

Francis Jarman, barber, married Agnes Wythecomb at Crediton on 8 December 1646. Jarman was buried at Crediton on 24 October 1661. His wife predeceased him, being buried in the same place on 2 February 1659/60.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2935A/PR/1/5 and 8 [parish registers of Crediton, Devon].

Andrew JEFFERY (b.1669)

Person ID: 7517

Occ: medical student

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Andrew Jeffery was the son of Andrew Jeffery (d.1713), a prosperous merchant of Exeter, and was baptised at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 17 December 1669. Jeffrey entered Leiden University as a philosophy student on 19 April 1686. There, he lodged with Conrad van Zaert on Bell Alley and became a close friend of fellow student Herman Boerhaave (1668-1738), one of the leading lights of Dutch medicine in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. Jeffrey's philosophical studies and friendship with Boerhaave may have encouraged him to pursue medical interests. On 31 March 1688, Jeffrey submitted a thesis *exercitii gratia* (but not for graduation) entitled 'De Pulmonum ac viventium in vacuo fenomenis et causis', which was dedicated to his father and contained a Carmen by Boerhaave.

Jeffery may have died abroad. He was almost certainly dead before August 1691, when his father christened another son Andrew at the Presbyterian chapel in Exeter. There is no record of his returning to Exeter, and there is an intriguing entry in his father's will that stipulates that he did not wish any of his younger children (via a second marriage) to study abroad 'if the same can or may be reasonably prevented'. Jeffrey would appear to have formed part of that diaspora of the disaffected that fled England for the safety of Holland during the reign of James II. His own father was a diehard nonconformist (he was prosecuted in 1670 for holding a conventicle in his house) and made numerous bequests to dissenting ministers and causes in his will of 1708.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; Innes Smith, p.127; Leiden University Archives, ASF 12, p.293; TNA, RG4/965 [register of baptisms, Exeter (Bow) Presbyterian meeting]; TNA, PROB 11/542, ff.183r-185r [will of Andrew Jeffrey, merchant, of Ottery St Mary, 10 November 1708, pr.21 October 1714]; Devon Heritage centre, ECA, C1/65, f.356r.

Roger JEFFERY (d.1684)

Person ID: 17013

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Mr Roger Jeffrey, apothecary, was buried at Barnstaple on 6 November 1684. In his will, dated 19 December 1681, and proved in the archdeaconry court of Barnstaple in 1685, Jeffrey made a charitable gift out of lands owned in Fremington to the poor of the town of Barnstaple. It also refers to his son-in-law Richard Matthews, and names Joseph Fraine as executor. A tablet in the parish church recorded the gift, which was to be paid annually on 25 January, Jeffrey's birthday.

One Mr Roger Jeffary married Mrs Eleanor Galhampton, widow, at Barnstaple on 13 October 1656. The parish registers record that Jeffrey was sworn in as mayor of the town on the same day. Eleanor Jeffrey must have died soon after the marriage. On 15 July 1658, Roger Jeffrey, apothecary, of Barnstaple, entered into a marriage settlement with Sarah Bisse of the same place, spinster. No record of the marriage has been found.

T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903), marriages, p.33; burials, p.92; *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 14 (1926-1927), p.47; J.B.Gribble, *Memorials of Barnstaple* (Barnstaple, 1830), pp.116-17.

John JENKE (d.1619)

Person ID: 7539

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Colyton, Devon

John Jenke, gentleman, was buried at Colyton on 2 January 1619/20. In his will, made a month before his death, Jenke, a surgeon, mentions a wife Elizabeth and young son John, not yet 21, to whom he left the vast bulk of his estate, including an undertenancy (held of his uncle George Blanchflower, who was to act as tutor and guardian to John). He also alludes to his father-in-law Robert Lawson, and left 20s to the poor of Colyton.

His widow, Elizabeth, married Robert Burgess of London at Colyton on 18 April 1620.

A.J.P.Skinner (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Colyton, Devon, 1538-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, 1928), ii, pp.492, 619; TNA, PROB 11/135, ff.244r-v [will of John Jencke, chirurgeon, of Colyton, 6 December 1619, pr.15 April 1620].

Emlin JENKINS (d.1709)

Person ID: 27693

Occ: midwife

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Emlyn Jenkins, midwife, is mentioned in the borough court records of Exeter, Devon, in 1688. Emlin Jenkins, widow, was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 13 October 1709.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/66, f.194r; 2945A/PR/1/14 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

James JENKINSON (fl.1661-1723)

Person ID: 7545

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth and Exeter, Devon

James Jenkinson's origins are unknown. He is first mentioned by fellow apprentice, **James Yonge**, in 1661, when the latter recorded that Jenkinson was summoned to London from Portsmouth by their master **Silvester Richmond** in order to accompany him aboard the 'Great Charity' to Jamaica. He was later employed as a naval surgeon in the second Anglo-Dutch War, when, in 1665, he was examined about the capture of a Genose ship. On 5 August 1669, Jenkinson married Rebecca, the daughter of Anthony Williamson (d.1677), of Liskeard, Cornwall. He later, with **Yonge**, removed a bullet from his dead father-in-law's windpipe, an account of which was published by Robert Hooke in 1678. By 1671, Jenkinson had resolved to set up in practice at

Plymouth, where he ‘confederated’ to join together with his old friend **James Yonge**. However, the two men subsequently fell out with each other in the late 1670s in a priority dispute over the origins of a new cure to stanch bleeding using oil of turpentine. In a work published in 1679, Yonge categorically denied Jenkinson’s claim that ‘he was not only the first that applied Oil of Turpentine to restrain the haemorrhages of wounds, but that all the observations I had there written were communicated from himself to me’. He was unwilling, however, to prolong the dispute out of respect for his profession and ‘him that educated us both therein’ (i.e. the eminent Liverpool surgeon-physician **Silvester Richmond**). On 6 October 1704, with **Yonge** and other Devon medical men, he signed a testimonial no behalf of the Plymouth-trained surgeon **Jonathan Furlong**, who was seeking an appointment in the armed forces.

Jenkinson would appear to have moved to Exeter by 1688. In December of that year, he was working as one of the surgeons at Exeter hospital tending to the sick and wounded soldiers of the army of William of Orange following their landing at Torbay. **Yonge** reported visiting a Mr Jenkinson at Exeter in 1702, and a James Jenkinson, surgeon, appears on the Exeter oath roll in 1723. His date of death and place of burial is unknown, though he might be the same as the James Jenkinson, gentleman, who was buried at Combeinteignhead, Devon, on 9 December 1729. Jenkinson’s wife Rebecca was buried at Plympton St Mary on 17 November 1682.

Children of James Jenkinson and wife Rebecca:

Thomas, bapt.20 May 1669 [St Andrew’s, Plymouth].
James, buried 20 July 1674 [St Andrew’s, Plymouth].
James, bapt.28 April 1675 [St Andrew’s, Plymouth].
Rebecca, bapt.27 June 1676 [St Andrew’s, Plymouth].
Thomas, bapt.22 September 1677 [St Andrew’s, Plymouth].
Elizabeth, bapt.12 March 1679/80 [Plymstock].

The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721], ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), pp.39, 140, 150, 225; British Library, Sloane MS 1952, f.84; Kresen Kernow, parish registers of Liskeard, Cornwall; Robert Hooke, *Lectures and Collections made by Robert Hooke of the Royal Society. Cometa ... Microscopium* (London, 1678), pp.105-112; James Yonge, *Currus Triumphalis* (London, 1679), sig.A5r; British Library, Add MS 61,298, f.122; *Historical Manuscripts Commission. Report on the Records of the City of Exeter* (London, 1916), p.223; Devon Heritage centre, Exeter oath roll, 1723; 3419A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Combeinteignhead, Devon]; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Plympton St Mary, St Andrew’s, Plymouth and Plymstock, Devon.

Thomas JENKINSON (fl.1701-1702)

Person ID: 7550

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bideford, Devon

Thomas Jenkinson of Bideford, Devon, was licensed to practise physic in the diocese of Exeter on 19 September 1701. His son John was baptised at the Independent church at Bideford on 12 April 1702 (where Thomas is described as a ‘courgen’).

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.314 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.118]; North Devon RO, register of births at Independent church, Bideford, Devon, 1690-1785.

Abraham JENNINGS (d.1673)

Person ID: 7557

Occ: physician

Loc: Devon

The Plymouth surgeon **James Yonge** described Abraham Jennings as physician to the western district. He contracted a virulent and contagious fever on visiting the military hospital at Plymouth and died soon after while visiting a patient at the Grange, home of the Drew family, in 1673. Abraham Jennings, 'doctor of phisicke' was buried at Broadhembury, Devon, on 24 February 1672/3.

He is probably the student of that name who matriculated as sizar at Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1639. Nothing is known of his whereabouts in the 1650s, but as a pronounced royalist, he may have avoided public office. On 17 May 1664, he was licensed to practise medicine throughout the province of Canterbury. In the same year, he was the author of two books. In the first, *Digitus Dei*, he describes how as a physician and foreman of the coroner's inquest into the death of one Ruth Anton of Heavitree, near Exeter, he was able to bring to bear medical learning in order to prove that Anton was murdered by one Richard Rogers. Jennings used various deceptions, including posing as a 'water-witch', in order to infer through inspection of Anton's urine that she was pregnant. He also carried out an autopsy on the woman, and cited evidence from Hippocrates, Galen and more recent cases, including that of the hanged woman Anne Greene of Oxford, in order to prove her death was unnatural. He even gives a rare account of cruentation, wherein it was widely believed that corpses bled in the presence of a suspected murderer. His second work, *Miraculum Basilicon*, in which he signed himself 'Eirenophilalethes', was ostensibly an account of the miraculous escape and preservation of Charles II after the battle of Worcester. There is little doubting the author's commitment to the royalist cause. Dedicated to Florence Rolle (1631-1705), the wife of Sir John Rolle (1626-1706), he praises Sir John (now MP for Devon in the Cavalier Parliament) for his role in attempting to save the life of the royalist rebel Sir John Penruddock, who was executed at Exeter in 1656. Jennings' main aim, however, was to explode 'fanatic' tales of so-called prodigious providences. In doing so, he demonstrates a wide medical knowledge, alluding, among other things, to the views of ancients and moderns on a variety of medical topics, including anatomy, concoction, the role of the stomach and ventricle of the heart. He was no inveterate traditionalist, claiming Aristotle was excellent, 'yet not thought to be infallible'. He praised the work of men like Galileo and alluded, admittedly obliquely, to the work of 'pyrotechnists' like van Helmont and those philosophers 'of no small Authority who affirm that there is no such thing as Contrariety, *per se*, in Nature'.

He is probably the Dr Jennings, whose 'excellent powder for a feaver or ye Small P[o]x & to drive away any thing from ye heart', was recorded in the recipe book of the Exeter surgeon **Caleb Lowdham Jnr**.

Publications:

Digitus Dei, or, An Horrid Murther Strangely Detected Declaring the Suspicion, Arraignment, Tryal, Confession, and Execution of Richard Rogers ... for Murthering ... Ruth Anton (London, 1664).

Miraculum Basilicon: or the Royal Miracle (London, 1664).

The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721], ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), p.143; Devon Heritage Centre, 1324A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Broadhembury, Devon]; Venn, ii, p.470; Lambeth Palace Library, Sheldon, f.201 [*Directory*, i, no.460]; Wellcome Library, London, MS 7073, f.27r.

Abraham JENNINGS Snr (fl.1686-1723)

Person ID: 7558

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Abraham Jennings, surgeon, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Case**, on 2 December 1695. He was active as a surgeon in the city as early as 1686, when he attended a man who had been beaten by a soldier. Two years later, he became embroiled in anti-Catholic disturbances in the city when he was accused of impeding the work of firefighters as they sought to bring bonfires under control. He signed numerous applications for medical licences in the early eighteenth century.

Jennings married Ann Guswill at Heavitree, near Exeter, on 25 May 1687. He may initially have settled in the parish of St Mary Major, where numerous children were baptised. By 1699, however, the poor rate lists him as a resident of Holy Trinity, Exeter, where a son John was baptised in 1701. Jennings eldest son, Abraham, a surgeon, was made a freeman of Exeter, by patrimony, on 17 January 1714/15. Abraham Jennings Snr was still alive in 1723, when he appears on the city's oath roll. Jennings Snr may have remarried. One Elizabeth, the wife of Abraham Jennings, surgeon, was buried at Barnstaple on 6 January 1714/15.

Abraham Jennings, the apprentice of **John Case**, surgeon, was admitted to the freedom of the Barber Surgeons Company in London in 1687.

Children of Mr Abraham Jennings:

Abraham, bapt.22 May 1688 [St George's, Exeter]. Surgeon and freeman of Exeter, 1715.

Elizabeth, bapt.29 September 1692 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Ann, bapt.11 December 1694 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

William, bapt.17 June 1697 [St Mary Major, Exeter]. He may be the same as the William Jenings, surgeon, buried at Barnstaple, 4 October 1724.

John, bapt.6 April 1701 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.191, 228; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/66, ff.137r, 199v

[mispaginated; should read fo.205v] [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiate, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.118]; 3004A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Heavitree, Devon]; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.101; Devon Heritage Centre, Exeter city oath roll, 1723; T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 A.D. to 1812 A.D.* (Exeter, 1903), burials, pp.113, 120; Devon Heritage Centre, 4779A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St George's, Exeter, Devon]; 2945A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; 3004A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; Guildhall Library, London, Register of Freedom Admissions.

John JEPHSON (fl.1690)

Person ID: 7576

Occ: licensedphysician

Loc: Ilfracombe, Devon

In 1690, John Jephson of Ilfracombe, Devon, was seeking a Canterbury medical licence. In March of that year, **Salvator Winter Jnr** and **Jerome Alley**, medical licentiates, signed letters testimonial on his behalf. The commission was executed and returned, with oaths and subscription, by William Reade, vicar of Ilfracombe, but there is no record of a licence being registered.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/266/1-3 [*Directory*, i, no.462].

Thomas JERMAN (d.1696)

Person ID: 7578

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Cullompton, Devon

Thomas Jerman of Cullompton, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the province of Canterbury on 12 September 1683. Letters testimonial were signed by **John Perkins**, **Edward Pearse** and **George Sellwood**, medical practitioners, as well as Samuel Dickes, the vicar, and the churchwardens of Cullompton.

Thomas Jerman was buried at Cullompton on 16 September 1696.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/194/1-4; Sancroft, f.248 [*Directory*, i, no.463]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2402A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Cullompton, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.424.

Thomas JEWELL (fl.1685)

Person ID: 7593

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In September 1685, Thomas Jewell, surgeon, testified before the Exeter bench in a case of assault.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/66, f.117v.

Rice or Richard JONES (fl.1666-1673)

Person ID: 15629

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard Jones, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of one **Stone** on 17 November 1673. His apprentice **John Hamley** was made a freeman in 1691. He is probably the same as the Rice Jones, barber, who stood surety for Richard Worth, accused of witchcraft in the borough court, in 1666.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.164, 181; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/65, f.215r.

William JORDAN or JURDAINE (d.1670)

Person ID: 17408

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Jordan or Jurdaine, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Anthony Salter Snr**, on 21 October 1639. In August 1641, he stood bail for Simon Bridgeman, gent, who was accused of speaking scandalously of the puritan minister Henry Painter and his doctrines.

Mr William Jordan was buried at St Edmund's, Exeter, on 26 April 1670. His will was proved at Exeter the following year. It was probably his son, William, 'a poor student' of Exeter, who matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 19 July 1662, aged 16.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.134; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/63, f.373v; 3006A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Edmund's, Exeter, Devon]; Foster, ii, p.834.

Mrs JOYE (fl.1630s)

Person ID: 23308

Occ: healer

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

One Joye was paid by the town to cure a poor woman's leg, some time in the 1630s. She may have been Elizabeth Downe, who married Peter Joye at Barnstaple on 3 October 1630.

J.R.Chanter and T.Wainwright (eds), *Reprint of the Barnstaple Records*, 2 vols (Barnstaple, 1900), ii, p.139; T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903), marriages, p.23.

Nathaniel JUICE or JUYCE (d.1710)

Person ID: 7781

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Kingsbridge, Devon

Nathaniel Juice or Juyce, surgeon, was buried at South Milton, near Kingsbridge, on 11 July 1710. In his will, made shortly before his death, he made a number of small bequests to family, naming his brother Samuel Juice, and cousins Jacob Philipps of Batson and **Daniel Philipps** (1664-1748) of London, as residual legatees and joint executors. Jacob and Daniel were Quakers from nearby West Alvington, the latter having practised medicine briefly in Devon before graduating MD at Leiden in 1696. He subsequently settled in London.

Devon Heritage Centre, 3036A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of South Milton, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/518, ff.133r-v [will of Nathaniel Juyce, surgeon, of Kingsbridge, 6 July 1710, pr.20 November 1710].

John KELLAND (d.1712)

Person ID: 15640

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Kelland, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Pince**, on 1 March 1707/8. Kelland was a resident of the parish of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter. He married Mary Cussens at All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, on 31 March 1703, and was buried in the same parish on 19 October 1712.

Children of John Kelland and wife Mary:

John, bapt.14 August 1706 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

John, bapt.1 January 1707/8. [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter]. He was made a freeman of Exeter, by succession, on 10 July 1727.

Katherine, bapt.24 August 1710 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.28 June 1713; buried 21 August 1716 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.214, 239; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, pp.16, 45, 46, 86, 87.

John KELLAND (d.1712)

Person ID: 18208

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

John Kelland, apothecary, of Tiverton, Devon, was probably the son of John Kelland, who was baptised at Tiverton on 25 May 1670. He married Elizabeth Hewet of Tiverton, at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 6 October 1698. Mr John Kelland was buried at Tiverton on 3 August 1712. His widow Elizabeth was buried in the same parish on 26 October 1724.

Children of Mr John Kelland and wife Elizabeth:

Elizabeth, born 31 August 1699; bapt.22 September 1699 [Tiverton].

Mary, born 6 April 1701; bapt.22 April 1701; buried 7 November 1702 [Tiverton].

Thomas, born 30 August 1703; bapt.23 September 1703; buried 11 October 1705 [Tiverton].

John, born 17 May 1705; bapt.29 May 1705; buried 26 May 1707 [Tiverton].

Mary, born 14 May 1707; bapt.26 May 1707 [Tiverton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; 2960A/PR/1/3 and 4 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.106.

Robert KELLAND (d.1725)

Person ID: 7803

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Rackenford, Devon

Robert Kelland Jnr of Rackenford, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 6 June 1713. His application, dated 8 November 1712, contained the support of Edward Blackmore, vicar, as well as the churchwardens and overseers of the parish. Medical testimonials were supplied by **Thomas Carslake** and **John Salter**, surgeon. It also included certificates from patients who had been successfully cured by Kelland.

Robert Kellan was buried at Rackenford on 17 July 1725.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter 48, *sub* 6 June 1713; PR 518, *sub* Rackenford [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.118]; 2984A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Rackenford, Devon].

Walter KELLAND (d.1622)

Person ID: 17409

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Walter Kelland, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Henry Elliott**, in 1605 or 1606. Kelland was a resident of the parish of St Mary Major, Exeter. His first wife Elizabeth was buried there on 3 October 1610. He subsequently married Sarah Furse of Exeter (licence dated 1 July 1611). She was buried at St Mary Major on 11 April 1622. Her husband was buried in the same parish two days later, on 13 April 1622. Kelland's will was proved in the Court of Orphans, Exeter, in 1622.

Children of Walter Kelland:

Elizabeth, bapt.1 May 1608 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

William, bapt.4 May 1610 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.112; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; Lt Col.J.L.Vivian (ed.), *The Marriage Licences of the Diocese of Exeter from the Bishops Registers* (Exeter, 1889), p.23.

Francis KELLAWAY or KELWAY (fl.1613-1623)

Person ID: 7819

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Cullompton, Devon

Francis Kellaway or Kelway of Cullompton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 11 August 1613. Francis was the son of **Simon Kelway**, a medical practitioner who briefly served as MP for Totnes in 1589. He was probably born in Cullompton (the parish registers no longer survive before 1601), where his grandfather, also Simon, was a prosperous merchant. In his will of 1623, Kelway's father left him half of his surgical instruments, drugs and medicaments. He also received all his father's 'French bookes of phisicke and Chirurgery' as well as a number of individual works including an edition of the works of Giovanni da Vigo (1450-1525) [probably *The Moste Excellent Workes of Chirurgerye* (London, 1543)], *Certaine Workes of Chirurgerie* (London, 1563) by **Thomas Gale**, a volume of the works of the Spanish physician Francesco Arceus (1494-1575) [probably *A Most Excellent and Compendious Method of Curing Woundes in the Head* (London, 1565)], an unspecified volume by **William Clowes** and *The Methode of Phisicke* (1st ed., London, 1583) by **Philip Barrough**.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.113 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.118]; TNA, PROB 11/141, ff.508v-509v [will of Simon Kelway, gent, of Dawlish, 25 February 1622/3, pr.14 June 1623].

Simon KELLAWAY or KELWAY (d.1623)

Person ID: 7820

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Cullompton & Dawlish, Devon

Simon Kellaway or Kelway was the eldest son of Simon Kelway, merchant, of Cullompton and his wife Joan. Kellaway was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 1 April 1580. In 1589, he served as MP for Totnes. Kellaway inherited the rectory and parsonage of Cullompton from his father, which he sold in 1586 for £1,000 (while remaining as patron of the living until 1601). In 1597, he was named as the guardian of Henry Gregory, the son of John Gregory, yeoman, of Uffculme, Devon, as well as the overseer of the latter's will where he is referred to as the testator's 'welbeloved freend and master'. In 1603/4, he was an adventurer on a voyage to the West Indies.

In 1593, Kellaway, who described himself as a gentleman, was the author of a work on the plague that included one of the earliest accounts of smallpox written in

English. The work was dedicated to the Queen's favourite, Robert Devereux, earl of Essex (1565-1601), and included a commendatory preface by the royal surgeon **George Baker** (one of whose preparations was lauded by Kellaway). It was aimed primarily at the popular market and contained a distillation of ancient and modern approaches to the plague as well as various remedies and preservatives with detailed recipes that might enable the reader to concoct their own medicines. A self-help manual, it also contained some original sections including a list of instructions for the urban magistrate in the management of plague.

Kellaway married on three occasions. Nothing is known of his first wife, the mother of **Francis Kellaway**. On 6 December 1598, he was licensed to marry Edith Anthony, née Bastaple, the widow of John Anthony (d.1598) of St Petrock's, Exeter. At the time of his death in 1623, Kellaway mentions a third wife, Mary. In his will, made in the year of his death, Kellaway asked to be buried in the north aisle of the parish church of Dawlish, 'where I usually sit'. His request was probably performed (he was not buried at his native Cullompton, though the registers for Dawlish do not survive for the period). The chief beneficiary of Kellaway's will was William Every (d.1652), esquire, of Cothay, Somerset, who inherited the leasehold of a house and eight acres of land in Cullompton and was named as residual legatee and executor. Kellaway's connections with powerful local elites are also suggested by his bequest of horseman's armour, a case of pistols and a Spanish pike to his 'honoured good friend' Sir William Courtenay (1553-1630). His medical collection of books, which included French books of physic and surgery, as well as volumes by Giovanni da Vigo (1450-1525), Francesco Arceus (1494-1575), **William Gale**, **Thomas Clowes** and **Philip Barrough**, were divided between his former servant **John Thomas** and son **Francis Kellaway**. He also gifted 'my book of Juells and Harding' (a compilation of the religious controversy between John Jewell and Thomas Harding) to Richard Carpenter (1575-1627), vicar of Cullompton, and left 40s to John Marker (d.1627), vicar of Dawlish, to buy 'some good books of religion'. In addition, the preacher of his funeral sermon was to receive a copy of Plutarch's *Morals*. Kellaway also left £10 to **Anthony Salter Snr**, the Exeter apothecary, who was probably related to the testator through his second wife, Edith (whose children by her first husband were also remembered in the will).

Publications:

A Defensative against the Plague ... Whereunto is Annexed a Short Treatise of the Small Poxe (London, 1593), preface dated from 'my house at Kingsmill' [Cullompton], 8 April 1593. The dedication to Robert Devereux, earl of Essex, is dated 25 March 1592/3.

P.W.Hasler (ed.), *The History of Parliament: The House of Commons, 1558-1603*, 3 vols (London, 1981), **need vol & p.ref**; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 41, p.148 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.125, as 'Rayleway']; TNA, PROB 11/89, f.141r [will of John Gregory, yeoman, of Uffculme, 23 February 1596/7, pr.19 March 1596/7]; Dorset History Centre, Dorchester, D1/10937, 10939 [deed of adventure, 1604]; *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 10 (1918-1919), p.32; TNA, PROB 11/141,

ff.508v-509v [will of Francis Kelway, gent, of Dawlish, 25 February 1622/3, pr.14 June 1623].

Roger KEMBLE (d.1689)

Person ID: 7823

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Modbury, Devon

Roger Kemble, from Durston in Somerset, graduated MD at Utrecht on 23 June 1680. He wrote a dissertation on pleurisy. Shortly after he seems to have settled at Modbury in Devon where he married Elizabeth Avent on 24 December 1686. The following year, he signed a testimonial on behalf of **Elizum or Elias Scobel**, an applicant for an episcopal licence to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter. Dr Roger Kemble was buried at Modbury on 5 June 1689.

Children of Dr Roger Kemble and wife Elizabeth:

Roger, bapt.25 October 1687; buried 4 January 1689/90 [Modbury].

Walter, bapt.12 May 1689 [Modbury].

Innes Smith, p.131; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Modbury, Devon; PR 518, *sub* Devon [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.118].

James KENDALL (fl.1699-1702)

Person ID: 15644

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

James Kendall, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Thomas Somerton**, on 29 December 1701. His apprentice James Kendall Jnr was made a freeman of Exeter on 6 May 1734.

James Kendall married Jane Hall at St Sidwell's, Exeter, in October 1699.

Children of James Kendall:

Mary, bapt.12 September 1700 [Exeter cathedral].

James, born 29 October 1702; bapt.8 November 1702 [Exeter cathedral].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.208, 249; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of St Sidwell's, Exeter; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.82.

Edward KING Snr (fl.1691)

Person ID: 15657

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Edward King was the son of Edward King, musician, and was dead before January 1701/2, when his son **Edward King Jnr** was made a freeman of the city. Two of King's apprentices – **Joseph Pottle** (1691) and **John Bale** (1704) – were made freemen of Exeter.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.185, 209, 210.

Edward KING Jnr (fl.1702)

Person ID: 15658

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Edward King Jnr, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter by succession, as the son of **Edward King Snr**, on 5 January 1701/2.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.209.

John KING (fl.1696)

Person ID: 15659

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Samuel Lanyon, the apprentice of John King, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter in 1696.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.200.

William KINGFORD (1652-1739)

Person ID: 7950

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Parkham, Devon

William Kingford was the son of Robert Kingford and his wife Agnes, and was baptised at Morwenstow, Cornwall, on 6 September 1652. He matriculated at St Alban Hall, Oxford, on 28 March 1679, proceeding BA (from St Mary Hall) in 1682 and MA in 1686. He was appointed rector of Parkham in north Devon in 1703, and served until his death in 1739. Kingford described himself as MA and 'student in physic' in applying for a licence to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter in March 1695. Testimonials on his behalf were signed by **John Nicholson** and **Henry Eden**. In March 1718, he signed a similar certificate on behalf of a practitioner from nearby North Petherwin (where he described himself as 'practitioner in physick'. Kingford was buried at Parkham on 24 July 1739.

Kresen Kernow, parish registers of Morwenstow, Cornwall; Foster, ii, p.855; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Parkham and North Petherwin [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.118];

J.I.Dredge (ed.), *The Registers of Parkham* (Exeter, DCRS, 1906), p.162; Devon Heritage Centre, 1142B/FW 106-7 [will of William Kingford, **details to follow**].

John KINGMAN (fl.1614)

Person ID: 7954

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Totnes, Devon

John Kingman of Totnes, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 22 January 1613/14.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.127 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.118].

Benjamin KINGWELL (1688-1728)

Person ID: 18399

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Benjamin Kingwell was the son of **James Kingwell Snr** and his wife Mary, and was baptised at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 7 October 1688. He was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, on payment of a fine of £1 1s 6d, on 15 June 1713. Kingwell, a resident of the parish of St Mary Major, Exeter, married Grace French of Holy Trinity, Exeter, at the former parish on 31 December 1712. He was buried at Holy Trinity, Exeter, as 'a prisoner in Southgate', on 1 September 1728.

Children of Benjamin Kingwell and wife Grace:

Anna, bapt.25 November 1713 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Grace, bapt.14 November 1714; buried 13 August 1716 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/3 and 13 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.224; Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon].

James KINGWELL Snr (d.1722)

Person ID: 17410

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Many of Kingwell's the apprentices of James Kingwell Snr were made freemen of Exeter, including **Thomas French** (1708), **Malachi Mercer** (1708), **John Reed** (1715) and Henry Ratcliff alias Coomb (1722). James' son and apprentice **James Kingwell Jnr** was also made a freeman in 1708.

James Kingwell married Mary Cheeke at St Sidwell's, Exeter, on 23 July 1677. He was a resident of the parish of St Mary Major, Exeter, and was buried in that parish on 3 November 1722. His wife Mary predeceased him, being buried in the same parish on 7 August 1695.

Children of James Kingwell Jnr and wife Mary:

Mary, bapt. 4 May 1679 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Sarah, bapt. 19 April 1681 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

Ann, bapt. 23 August 1682 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

James, bapt. 9 December 1683 [St Mary Major, Exeter]. Druggist

Joseph, bapt. 8 May 1687 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Benjamin, bapt. 7 October 1688 [St Mary Major, Exeter; mother mistakenly identified as Elizabeth]. Druggist.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.214, 218, 229, 236; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.104; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of St Sidwell's, Exeter; 2954A/PR/1/1, 3 and 14 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, pp.38, 39; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.F.Nesbit, transcription of the parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837.

James KINGWELL Jnr (1683-1718 or 1719)

Person ID: 17410

Oc: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

James Kingwell Jnr, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of his father **James Kingwell Snr**, on 1 March 1707/8.

Kingwell was the son of **James Kingwell Snr** and his wife Mary, and was baptised at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 9 December 1683. He married Dorothy Davy, the daughter of Gilbert Davy and his wife Rebecca, the daughter of John Martin of Sandford, Devon and resided in the parish of his birth. He is frequently mentioned in the dairy of the clergyman and sub-dean of Salisbury Thomas Naish or Nash who visited him in Exeter in 1710. Nash was married to Sarah Martin the sister of Kingwell's wife's mother and was clearly hoping to cultivate Kingwell for his Exeter connections. In addition to lending him money and sending gifts, Nash lodged with Kingwell in May 1710 when he described him as his father's eldest son 'and rich'. James Kingwell the younger was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 6 January 1718/19.

Children of James Kingwell Jnr and wife Dorothy:

Mary, bapt. 23 November 1707; buried 16 January 1710/11 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

James, bapt. 24 April 1709; buried 16 May 1709 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Dorothy, bapt. 1 February 1710/11 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Mary, bapt. 27 June 1714 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Sarah, bapt. 25 May 1716 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.214; D.Slatter (ed.), *The Diary of Thomas Naish* (Devizes, Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Soc., vol.20, 1964), pp.62, 67, 68.

Anthony KIRKHAM (b.c.1594)

Person ID: 7976

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Devon?

Anthony Kirkham, MA, was licensed to practise medicine throughout the diocese of Exeter on 9 September 1623. Anthony Kirkham of Devon matriculated at Gloucester Hall, Oxford, on 18 June 1610, aged 16. He proceeded to graduate BA on 10 February 1612/13 and supplicated for his MA on 22 November 1617.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MA 42, p.346 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.118, who gives date as 1627]; Foster, ii, p.858.

Henry KITLEY (fl.1625)

Person ID: 7986

Occ: healer

Loc: Broadclyst, Devon

In 1625, Henry Kitley of Broadclyst, Devon, prescribed a medicine for an Exeter man who was thought to have been bewitched.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/62, f.250v.

Thomas KNOTSFORD (d.1699)

Person ID: 16595

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Thomas Knotsford, apothecary, of Plymouth, Devon was named as a capital burgess for the town under the new chanter granted in 1697. Four years earlier, the corporation leased a stable and cellar in Plymouth to Knotsford. He was buried in the parish of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 20 July 1699. In his will of that year, he left all his estate to his two surviving daughters Lucretia and Johanna Knotsford, whom he also named as joint executrices. Knotsford married at least three times. Nothing is known of his first wife. He married Ulalia Toller at Fowey, Cornwall, on 24 November 1664. She was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 4 February 1678/9. His third wife Margaret was buried in the same parish on 29 January 1684/5.

He is probably the same as the Thomas Knottsford who was apprenticed to the London apothecary **Ralph Harrison** on 11 September 1650.

Children of Thomas Knotsford:

unnamed child, buried 14 April 1660 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
Elizabeth, bapt.25 March 1661/2 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Lucretia, bapt.3 November 1665 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
William, bapt.1 March 1666/7 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
Jane, bapt.7 July 1672 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]; buried 13 January 1677/8 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].
Joanna, bapt.3 July 1677 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth]. She married Mr John James Bennard at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 5 June 1701.

Plymouth Archives, 1/28; 1/720/146; parish registers of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, Devon; TNA, PROB 11/452, ff.50v-51r [will of Thomas Knotesford, apothecary, of Plymouth, 17 February 1698/9, pr.30 August 1699]; W.P.W.Phillimore, T.Taylor & J.H.Glencross (eds), *Cornwall Parish Registers, Vol.8* (London, 1905), p.23; **London apothecary database**.

Samuel KNOTT (1609-1687)

Person ID: 8009

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Combe Raleigh, Devon

Samuel Knott was the son of Thomas Knott (d.1634), the rector of Bridport, Dorset, and was baptised there on 4 June 1609. Knott subscribed at Trinity College, Oxford, on 27 April 1632, proceeding BA on 16 May 1632. He subsequently became vicar of Broadhembury, Devon, in 1634, and rector of Combe Raleigh in the same county in the following year. In the latter capacity, Knott was frequently in trouble with the ecclesiastical authorities, both Anglican and puritan. Some time around 1640, Knott was the subject of a multi-faceted complaint that he held irregular services, wore unsuitable clothes and was 'dispensing physic in [an] unlicensed alehouse' during service time. He had earlier been accused, in 1639, of exhibiting general immorality. Ejected from the living in 1647, Knott was again in trouble with the authorities in 1655, when a warrant was issued at quarter sessions for his good behaviour. Restored in 1660, he was finally inhibited from preaching in 1664. Two further complaints – in 1666 and 1672 – were brought against Knott in the Court of Arches. According to John Walker, Knott was then living 'a sort of Retired and melancholy Life [and] was lookt upon by the Generality of the Common People, as a Conjuror [who] Practised Physick'. While he was undoubtedly an 'Excellent Scholar', Walker concluded that he was 'altogether unfit for any Ecclesiastical Cure'.

Samuel Knot, minister, was buried at Combe Raleigh on 6 September 1687.

Dorset History Centre, PE/BT: RE1 [parish registers of Bridport, Dorset]; Foster, ii, p.865; *Walker Revised*, ed. A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1948; reissued 1988), p.107; Devon Heritage Centre, Moger III/CC 178, *sub* Combe Raleigh and Broadhembury; QS 1/9 [Devon QS order book, 1652-1661], *sub* 10 July 1655; J.Houston (ed.), *Index of Cases in the Records of the Court of Arches ... 1660-1913* (London & Chichester, 1972), pp.78, 189 [nos 1820 and 4473]; Devon Heritage Centre, 567A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Combe Raleigh, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations Relating to the Counties of Devon and Cornwall Proved in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Exeter, 1532-1800* (Plymouth, BRS, vol.46, 1914), p.119.

Arthur LAKE (d.1686)

Person ID: 17720

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

Arthur lake, apothecary, was buried at Ottery St Mary on 22 February 1685/6.

H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837* 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1908-29), ii, p.923;
E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.447.

Thomas LAMBERT (fl.1532)

Person ID: 17412/27694

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Lambert, surgeon, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **William Forest**, in 1531-2. His own apprentice **William Erle** was made a freeman in 1555.

The will of one of this name was proved in the Orphan's Court at Exeter in 1555. Another of the same name was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 28 May 1562.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.72; Devon Heritage Centre, Orphans' Court wills; 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

Agnes LANE (d.1707)

Person ID: 18535

Occ: midwife

Loc: Chulmleigh, Devon

Agnes Lane of Chulmleigh, Devon, was licensed to practise midwifery in the diocese of Exeter on 21 August 1703. Agnes, the wife of Francis Lane, was buried at Chulmleigh on 8 May 1707.

She may be the same as the Agnes Baker of St Mary Major, Exeter, who married Francis Lane of St Thomas', Exeter, at the latter parish, 7 February 1679/80.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter 47, p.386; 4678A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Chulmleigh, Devon]; 4781A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Thomas', Exeter, Devon].

Clement or Clemond LANE (fl.1716)

Person ID: ????

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Elizabeth, the daughter of Clemond Lane, surgeon, and his wife Mary, of St Sidwell's, Exeter, was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, on 28 October 1716.

Somerset History Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1682-1760].

Robert LANE (fl.1701)

Person ID: 8103/15682

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Robert Lane, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Robert Skinner**, on 15 December 1701. His own apprentice **Robert Dodge** was made a freeman in 1710.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.207, 220.

Goldstone LANGALLER (d.1704)

Person ID: 17768

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

In 1702 and 1703, the corporation leased two properties in Whimble Street, Plymouth, to Goldstone Langaller, apothecary. Gouldstone Langler was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 12 September 1704.

Plymouth Archives, 1/720/169 [19 October 1702] and 174 [4 October 1703]; parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

Samuel LANGMAN (1649-1725)

Person ID: 8131/23536

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: North Bovey, Devon

Samuel Langman of North Bovey, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 25 February 1690/1. His certificate to practise was countersigned by the Exeter apothecary **Francis Pengelly** and the surgeons **John Jacobs** and **William Jacobs**.

Samuel was the son of William Langman and was baptised at North Bovey on 27 July 1649. He is probably the same as the Samuel Langmond, who was buried at Bovey Tracey on 9 March 1724/5.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.721; PR 518, *sub* Bovey, North; 1542A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of North Bovey]; 2160A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Bovey Tracey, Devon].

Samuel LANYON (fl.1696)

Person ID: 15686

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Samuel Lanyon, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John King** on 24 February 1695/6.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.200.

Andrew LAPP (d.1686)

Person ID: 15688

Occ: barber

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Andrew Lapp, barber, was admitted a freeman of Plymouth on 12 January 1679/80, and again by the mayor on 11 September 1684.

Andrew Lapp married Esther or Hester Hull at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 20 July 1676. Lapp was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 2 March 1685/6. His widow, Esther, was buried in the same parish on 8 April 1686.

Children of Andrew Lapp and wife Esther:

Ulalia, bapt.27 March 1682; buried 27 December 1683 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]
Sarah, bapt.27 January 1684/5; buried 8 July 1686 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Plymouth Archives, 1/51, fos 29v, 54v; parish registers of Charles the Martyr and St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

Richard LASKEY (fl.1715)

Person ID: 15690

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard Laskey, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **William Laskey** on 17 January 1714/15.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.228.

William LASKEY (d.1739)

Person ID: 15691

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Laskey, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Hambley**, on 20 January 1695/6. He paid a 5s entry fine because his master was not a freeman at the time Laskey was bound. In a long career, six of his apprentices were made freemen of Exeter: **Samuel Marsh** (1706), **James Reed** (1710), **Richard Laskey** (1715), Joseph Bretland (1734), John Pasmore (1734) and William Hawkins (1734).

He was living in the parish of Holy Trinity, Exeter, in 1699. William Laskey, barber, and his wife Elizabeth signed the Exeter oath roll in 1723. Mr William Laskey was buried at Holy Trinity, Exeter, on 6 August 1739.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.199, 212, 220,228, 246, 248; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.100; Devon Heritage Centre, Exeter oath roll, Michaelmas 1723; 1718A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon].

Jonah LAVINGTON (d.1709)

Person ID: 8178

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Jonah Lavington, apothecary, was licensed to practise medicine throughout the diocese of Exeter on 30 August 1689. His undated application states that he was for many years an apothecary 'and hath acquired a Competent Skill in Physick and Chyrurgery sufficient ... to quallifie him for a Licence to practice ye same'. Testimonials were provided by **Thomas Cloke**, **Thomas Hunt** and **Mark Elliott**. Lavington himself signed similar testimonials in support of the Plymouth surgeon **William Wyatt**.

Lavington married Katherine Martyn of Plymouth at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 31 August 1682. He was made a freeman of Plymouth on 11 September 1684, and was serving as an alderman at the time of his death in 1709. He had previously served as mayor of the town in 1705. Lavington, as requested in his will, was buried at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 24 February 1708/9. He left small sums of money to the poor of both parishes of Plymouth, as well as two guineas for Mr Thomas Martin, vicar of Charles, to preach his funeral sermon. Katherine, his wife, received lands at Ermington, Devon for life, plus £100 and various items of furniture, gold, and other household items. His son John received all his other property and was named as residual legatee and executor. Other children mentioned in the will included Abigail, who was married to the Cornish physician **John Hunkyn**, and Susanna Lavington (£500, when of age or married). There were also bequests of rings and other small sums of money for the testator's brother Jonathan Lavington of Exeter, the children of his dead brother John Lavington, and his 'very good friends' Thomas Arthur and Andrew Phillips, gentlemen, of Plymouth.

Children of Jonah Lavington and wife Katherine:

Katherine, bapt.12 August 1683; buried 16 August 1683 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

Abigail, bapt.19 July 1685 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth]. She married Dr **John Hunkyn** at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 18 June 1706.

John, bapt.30 March 1687 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

Judith, bapt.27 August 1689; buried 18 February 1696/7 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

Katherine, bapt.20 June 1694; buried 28 February 1697/8 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

Susanna, bapt.17 April 1697 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.640; PR 518, *sub* Plymouth; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, Devon; 1/51, f.54v; R.N.Worth (ed.), *Calendar of the Plymouth Municipal Records* (Plymouth, 1893), p.25; TNA, PROB 11/507, ff.133v-135v [will of Jonah Lavington, apothecary, of Plymouth, Devon, 31 May 1707, pr.29 March 1709].

Robert LAW or LAWE (1615-1685 or 1686)

Person ID: 8180

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Hennock, Abbotskerswell & Northlew, Devon

Robrt Law was the son of Robert Law (d.1625) of Ashburton and Exeter, gent, and was baptised at Ashburton on 28 October 1615. He was the grandson of Robert Law (d.1629), treasurer of Exeter cathedral, who named him as one of the chief beneficiaries of his will. Law matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, on 29 April 1636, proceeding BA on 5 July 1636 and MA (from Hart Hall) on 4 May 1639. He married Susan Newton at St Martin's, Exeter on 30 April 1641, and was presented to the vicarage of Hennock by the mayor and corporation of Exeter in 1648. He was deprived of his living in the 'great ejection' of 1662.

Prior to his removal, in October 1661, he applied for an episcopal licence to practise medicine, he having 'for divers years last past addicted himself to the study and practice of physicke'. Two local ministers, Joshua Bowden and Robert Wolcombe, supported his application, and he was duly licensed to practise medicine throughout the diocese of Exeter on 2 January 1661/2. In 1665, he was said to be practising medicine in the village of Abbotskerswell. In February 1666, he took the Oxford oath and subsequently renounced his nonconformity. He was appointed rector of Northlew on 2 August 1670, but resigned the living in 1681, allowing his son Robert to succeed him. He died about January 1686, when his will was proved in the principal registry of the bishop of Exeter.

Children of Robert Law and wife Susanna:

Robert. He matriculated at Oxford, 23 March 1665/6, aged 17; BA 1669.

Mark, born 3 February 1649/50; bapt.17 February 1649/50; buried 4 April 1651 [Hennock].

Grace, born 17 February 1650/1; bapt.2 March 1650/1 [Hennock].

Mabel, buried 13 April 1652 [Hennock].

Elizabeth, bapt.3 April 1653; bapt.28 April 1653 [Hennock].

Jane, born 11 May 1654; bapt.28 May 1654 [Hennock].

Martha, born 19 January 1656/7; bapt.25 January 1656/7 [Hennock].

John, born 25 February 1658/9; bapt.13 March 1658/9 [Hennock].

Susanna, buried 7 February 1659/60 [Hennock].

Hannah, born 19 June 1661; bapt.30 June 1661 [Hennock].

Thomas, bapt.5 December 1664 [Abbotskerswell].

Sarah, bapt.31 October 1667 [Abbotskerswell].

Mary, bapt.27 October 1662 [Abbotskerswell].

Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Ashburton, Devon; TNA, PROB 11/156, f.84r [will of Robert Lawe, treasurer of cathedral church of Exeter, 20 March 1628/9, pr.20 July 1629]; Foster, iii, p.886; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), p.317; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter; PR 518, *sub* Hennock [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.119]; Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.307r, 406r; Devon Heritage Centre, QS 1/10 [Devon QS order book, 1661-1671], *sub* 25 February 1665/6; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.113; Devon Heritage Centre, 2922A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Hennock, Devon]; parish registers of Abbotskerswell, Devon.

Robert LAW or LAWE (d.1745)

Person ID: 18440

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Robert Law or Lawe was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Philip Peare**, on 28 February 1703/4. Law married Elizabeth Ball at St David's, Exeter, on 12 September 1703. He settled in the parish of St Petrock's, where Elizabeth was buried on 8 June 1712. He subsequently married Priscilla Pidgley of St Mary Major, Exeter, at the latter parish, in January 1712/13 (Dr **John Osmond** acted as bondsman). Robert Law, druggist, was buried at St Petrock's, Exeter, on 20 December 1745. His second wife, Priscilla, was buried in the same parish on 25 March 1757.

In his will, made in 1741, Law left property in St Paul's and All Hallows, Exeter, Exeter, to his son Robert, who was the major beneficiary of his will. He also placed £300 in trust for the use of his daughter Mary, the wife of John Wood, hosier, of Exeter, and a further £100 for his grandson Edward Rudd. He named his wife Priscilla as residual legatee and executrix, nominating Robert Holman Snr and Jnr, yeomen, of Silverton, to act as fellow trustees with his wife.

Children of Robert Law and wife Elizabeth:

Mary, bapt.16 February 1706/7 [St Petrock's, Exeter]. Mary Rudd, née Law, married as her second husband John Wood at St Martin's, Exeter, 1 November 1739.
Robert, bapt.20 November 1709; buried 19 July 1747 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
Elizabeth, bapt.12 July 1711; buried 3 July 1712 [St Petrock's, Exeter].

Children of Robert Law and wife Priscilla:

John, bapt.17 October 1714; buried 7 May 1715 [St Petrock's, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.210; Devon Heritage centre, 2931A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St David's, Exeter, Devon]; 2945A/PR/1/14 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; 53/6, Box 92 [marriage settlement of Robert Lawe, druggist, 1712/13];

2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/744, ff.149r-150r [will of Robert Lawe, druggist, of Exeter, 20 April 1741, pr.21 January 1745/6].

John LEE (fl.1701)

Person ID: 17413

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Lee, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Francis Pengelly**, on 8 December 1701.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.206.

Richard LEE or LEIGH (fl.1621)

Person ID: 8296

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Bigbury, Devon

Richard Lee or Leigh of Bigbury, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine throughout the diocese of Exeter on 17 April 1621. Letters testimonial on his behalf were signed by **John Dunbar** and **John Nicholls**. He may be the same as the Richard Leigh of Devon, who matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 14 October 1608, aged 18.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.295 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.119]; Foster, iii, p.898.

Richard LEE or LEIGH (d.1678)

Person ID: 15706

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

During the 1650s, Richard Lee or Leigh, barber, was on the major-general's list of suspected royalists in the city of Exeter. Lee was the son-in-law of Robert Palmer the elder (d.1659) of St Thomas Apostle, near Exeter, who left a small legacy to his daughter Jane, and the couple's three (unnamed) children in his will of 1658. Lee later acted as bondsman for the marriage of his brother-in-law Robert Palmer Jnr in 1661, as well as for Joseph Penny of Crediton in the same year.

Richard Leigh, barber, was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 10 July 1678.

M.Stoyle, 'Divisions within the Devonshire "County Community", 1600-46' (Oxford D.Phil.thesis, 1992), appx 4, p.380; TNA, PROB 11/292, ff.337r-338r [will of Robert Palmer Snr, innholder, of St Thomas Apostle, Devon, 22 January 1657/8 and 14 May 1659, pr.15 June 1659]; Devon Heritage Centre, diocese of Exeter marriage allegation

bonds, 1640-1697, ed.C.A.T.Fursdon (1931), pp.4, 6; 2945A/PR/1/14 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

William LEE (1636-1679)

Person ID: ????

Occ: physician

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

William Lee was described as a physician on his tombstone in the church of Tiverton, Devon. He was the son of William Lee, esquire, of Winslade, and was baptised at Clyst St George, Devon, on 26 October 1636. He would appear to have practised medicine in the town of Tiverton where he was buried in the parish church on 5 May 1679.

J.Cobley (ed.), *James Davidson's East Devon Church Notes* (Woodbridge, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, 64, 2022), p.381; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Clyst St George, Devon; 2960A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon].

John LEGASSICKE (c.1633-1674)

Person ID: 8284

Occ: physician

Loc: Kingsbridge & Totnes, Devon

John Legassicke was the son of Henry Legassicke (d.1663) and his wife Jane, the daughter of one Bartlett of Brixton, Devon, and was probably born about 1633. In 1652, he was apprenticed to the London barber surgeon **Thomas Bowden**. John Legassicke, gent, of Kingsbridge, was subsequently licensed to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter on 22 March 1660/1 (regranted in the chancel of Ipplepen church on 27 May 1673). Testimonials signed by William Bastard and Francis Fullwood (d.1693), DD, the archdeacon of Totnes, affirmed that Legassicke was a man 'of a pious & inblameable life' who had proved himself a capable physician for over a year in Kingsbridge, there being 'no other physitian within severall Miles of the town'. He was still there in 1665, when he claimed a right to practise by virtue of his membership of the Barber Surgeons' Company of London. John Le Gassick, 'MD', was elected a fellow of the Royal Society on 11 December 1673 (he had been living in London in early 1669). He was proposed by William Petty (1623-1687), though it is highly likely that his chief sponsor was Francis Fullwood, FRS, who had earlier supported his medical career. He was never active as he died shortly after, being buried at Ipplepen in Devon on 22 May 1674. His widow Elizabeth (probably the daughter of William Bogan of Littlehempston) was buried in the same parish on 25 December 1674.

In 1666 and again in 1671, Legassicke appeared as a plaintiff in the Court of Chancery. Both cases involved the repayment of moneys loaned for business ventures.

Children of John Legassicke and wife Elizabeth:

Elizabeth, born 5 April 1661 [Kingsbridge]; buried 23 December 1666 [Totnes].

Jane, born 6 October 1664 [Kingsbridge].

John, bapt.21 February 1666/7 [Totnes]. He matriculated at Hart Hall, Oxford, in

1686, and later became rector of Littlehempston, Devon. He was buried at St Martin's, Exeter, on 26 February 1714/15.
Henry, bapt.22 January 1668/9; buried 7 February 1668/9 [St Botolph Aldersgate, London].

Richard G.Grylls, www.essaydocs.org/legassicke-filling-the-gaps.html [accessed 26 July 2016]; Guildhall Library, London, MS5255/1 [Barber Surgeons Company, Wardens' Accounts and Audit Books, 1603-1659]; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.124 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.119]; PR 518, *sub* Kingsbridge; Chanter MS 45, p.258; Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.307r, 405r; Devon Heritage Centre, PR-362-364/33/20; M.Hunter, *The Royal Society and Its Fellows* (2nd ed., Oxford, 1994), pp.73, 192; *Correspondence of Henry Oldenburg*, eds.A.R. and M.B.Hall (eds), 13 vols (Madison, WI, Milwaukee, WI, London, and Philadelphia, PA, 1965-86), xi, p.117.

Devon Heritage Centre, 608A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Ipplepen, Devon]; 3077A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Kingsbridge, Devon]; 1863A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon]; Foster, iii, p.896; London Metropolitan Archives, P69/BOT1/A/001/MS03854/001 [parish registers of St Botolph Aldersgate, London, 1640-1697]; TNA, C10/489/108; C10/163/39.

James LENDON (d.1644)

Person ID: 15707

Occ: barber

Loc: Crediton, Devon

James Lendon, barber, of Crediton, Devon, married Margaret Hole at Crediton on 2 November 1635. He was buried at Crediton on 18 June 1644.

Children of James Lendon and wife Margaret:

Margaret, bapt.16 December 1635 [Crediton].
Judith, bapt.20 December 1637 [Crediton].
William, bapt.26 December 1639 [Crediton].
James, bapt.3 April 1642 [Crediton].
Samuel, bapt.3 March 1643/4 [Crediton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2935A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Crediton, Devon].

Henry LESTER (fl.1684)

Person ID: 8328

Occ: unlicensed physician

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In January 1683/4, Henry Lester of Exeter, Devon, was admonished for practising medicine without a licence (excommunication subsequently crossed through) in the court of the vicar general of the bishop of Exeter.

Devon Heritage Centre, C 757, *sub* 18 January 1683/4.

Henry LEVERMORE (d.1659)

Person ID: 8342

Occ: physician

Loc: Honiton, Devon

Henry Levermore of Honiton, Devon, was described as a ‘*medicus*’ in the records of the Devon quarter sessions in 1651. Doctor Henry Levermore was buried at Honiton on 26 April 1659.

Children of Dr Henry Levermore and wife Johan:

unnamed infant, buried 20 April 1651 [Honiton].

Johan, bapt.2 November 1654; buried 30 August 1655 [Honiton].

unnamed son, dead born, buried 16 June 1656 [Honiton].

Joseph, twin son, bapt.12 August 1657; buried 28 August 1657 [Honiton].

Aaron, twin son, bapt.12 August 1657; buried 28 August 1657 [Honiton].

Philip, bapt.6 September 1659 [Honiton].

Devon Heritage Centre, QS1/8 [Devon quarter sessions order book, 1640-1651], *sub* January 1650/1; 1639A/PR/1/5 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon].

William LEVERMORE (d.1694)

Person ID: 8344

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Honiton, Devon

William Levermore of Honiton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 11 March 1675/6. A year later, on 21 April 1677, he received a licence to extend his practise in surgery and medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol, Exeter, Salisbury and Winchester. His application was supported by a Dr A. Wilson, MD [unidentified] and Dr **Edmund Gray** of London. Levermore subsequently wrote testimonials for three local practitioners – **Elias Salter** (1680), **Edward Collins** (1683) and **Mark Perkins** (1685). He was left £10 in the will of fellow Honiton physician, **John Marwood (1623-1685)**, in 1685. In June 1687, the Plymouth surgeon **James Yonge** recorded meeting Mr Livermore, ‘a very ingenious apothecary’, at Honiton.

William Levermore, apothecary, died on 6 October 1694 and was buried at Honiton on 12 October 1694.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 45, p.412 [I.Mortimer, ‘Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783’, *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.119]; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/103/1-3; Sheldon, f.265v [*Directory*, i, no.507]; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/156; VX 1A/10/177/1-2; FII/26/52a-b; TNA, PROB 11/381, ff.352v-353v [will of John Marwood of Honiton, gent, 20 August 1685; pr.29 December 1685]; *The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), p.198; Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/38

[parish registers of Honiton, Devon]; J.Cobley (ed.), *James Davidson's East Devon Church Notes* (Woodbridge, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, 64, 2022), p.85.

Gershom LEVERTON (1646-1665)

Person ID: 8346

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Gershom Leverton was the son of Nicholas Leverton, a minister, and his wife Cubitt née Rener, and was baptized at Heveningham, Suffolk, on 12 July 1646. His father was ejected as rector of St Tudy, Cornwall, in 1660. Gershom Leverton died of a fever contracted while attending Dutch prisoners of war, and was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 16 May 1665.

East Suffolk RO, Ipswich, parish registers of Heveningham, Suffolk; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), p.324; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

John LEWES (fl.1581)

Person ID: 8362

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

John Lewes, surgeon, was made a freeman of Plymouth, 'by the whole consent of the mayor', in the mayoral year, 1581-2. One of this name was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 4 October 1589.

Plymouth Archives, 1/46, f.301v; parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

Isaac LEYES or LEYOSS (fl.1699-1700)

Person ID: 8379

Occ: physician

Loc: Bideford, Devon

Described as a 'French doctor', Isaac Leyes and his wife Catherine baptised two children at the Independent church at Bideford in 1699 and 1700. Leyes was almost certainly a Huguenot and may have been the Mr Isaac Legorce who was buried in Bideford parish church on 6 June 1721.

Children of Isaac Leyes or Leyoss and wife Catherine:

unnamed son, bapt.August 1699 [Independent church, Bideford].

Marian, bapt.29 November 1700 [Independent church, Bideford].

North Devon RO, register of births, Independent church, Bideford, 1690-1785; Devon Heritage Centre, 799A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Bideford, Devon].

Robert LIDSTON or LYDSTON (d.1730)

Person ID: 18421

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Robert Lidston or Lydston, druggist, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Burrell**, on 22 May 1699. His own apprentice, **Israel Watts**, was made a freeman in 1710. In 1695, he acted as bondsman for the marriage of **Thomas Money**, surgeon, of Totnes. He also remained close to his old master, **John Burrell**, leasing property at St Stephen's near Saltash, Cornwall, from him in 1699 and 1713. In 1725, he added to his property portfolio, when he leased two tenements in St Kerrian's from his brother Francis Lydston.

Mr Robert Lydston married Elizabeth Cheeke at St Sidwell's, Exeter, on 8 May 1689. The couple lived in the parish of St Kerrian's, Exeter, but continued to baptise and bury members of the family in their native parish of St Sidwell's. There is some confusion surrounding the date of death of Lydston's wife, Elizabeth. The registers of St Kerrian state that she was buried there on 14 September 1699. However, those for St Sidwell's suggest that she was buried in the chancel of that church on 3 September 1698. Mr Robert Lydston, alderman [and esquire], was buried at St Kerrian's, Exeter, on 3 February 1729/30. Letters of administration were issued in 1729/30.

Children of Mr Robert Lydston and wife Elizabeth:

son and twin, by mistake baptised Mary, buried 2 September 1691 [chancel, St Sidwell's, Exeter].

twin Margaret, buried 2 September 1691 [chancel, St Sidwell's, Exeter].

Margaret, buried 22 September 1694 [St Sidwell's, Exeter].

John, buried 20 October 1696 [chancel, St Sidwell's, Exeter].

Robert, bapt. 7 August 1698 [St Kerrian's, Exeter]; buried 26 September 1698 [chancel, St Sidwell's, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.203, 221; Devon Heritage Centre, diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, ed. C.A.T.Fursdon (1931); Kresen Kernow, R/3323 and 3581; Plymouth Archives, 69/M/2/394 and 395; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of St Sidwell's, Exeter; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.116; Devon Heritage Centre, 4780A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Kerrian's, Exeter, Devon]; Plymouth Archives, 69/M/3/116 [letters of administration of will of Robert Lydston, 1729/30].

John LILLINGTON (d.1672)

Person ID: 27713

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Lillington, barber, was a resident of the parish of St Mary Steps, Exeter. In 1661, Mary, the wife of John Lillington, barber, deposed before the borough quarter sessions that on the same day that Charles II was proclaimed King in the city, she heard one Edward Virgil of the parish of St Mary Steps utter 'the devil take the king and thee too'.

John Lillington was buried at St Mary Steps, Exeter, on 9 May 1672.

Children of John Lillington:

Mary, bapt.18 June 1657; buried 1 March 1658/9 [St Mary Steps, Exeter].

Sarah, bapt.20 November 1659 [St Mary Steps, Exeter].

William, bapt.28 February 1663/4; buried 4 June 1674 [St Mary Steps, Exeter].

George, bapt.9 June 1667 [St Mary Steps, Exeter].

Devon Heritage Centre, C1/65, f.42v; 4768A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Steps, Exeter, Devon].

Christopher LIMBER or LYMBER (d.1718)

Person ID: 15720

Occ: barber

Loc: Okehampton, Devon

In 1690, Anna Rooke, the daughter of Thomas Rooke, deceased, was apprenticed in housewifery to Christopher Limber of Okehampton, barber. Hannah, the wife of Christopher LyMBER, barber, was buried at Okehampton on 18 May 1709. LyMBER was buried in the same parish on 17 February 1717/18. He is not to be confused with the man of the same name, an innkeeper, who was buried at Okehampton in 1702.

Devon Heritage centre, 3210A/PO 10/62; 3210A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Cullompton, Devon].

John LINDSEY (fl.1684)

Person ID: 8405

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Bradninch, Devon

John Lindsey of Bradninch, Devon, was licensed to practise the art of medicine in the diocese of Exeter on 21 March 1683/4.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.302.

John LISSANT (d.1713)

Person ID: ????

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

John Lissant, apothecary, was living in Ottery St Mary with his wife Mary when his daughter Mary was born on 12 December 1698 and subsequently baptised in the parish church on 30 December 1698. He was living in the parish in August 1708, when he witnessed the will of Marshall Ayre, gent, of Venn Ottery, Devon. John Lissant, apothecary, of Ottery St Mary was buried from John Capon's house in Fore Street at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 16 August 1713.

Devon Heritage Centre, 180A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1608-1747]; A.J.P.Skinner, 'Abstract of the Will of Marshall Ayre, of Venottery, Co.Devon, gent (1708)', *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 9 (1916), p.42

[archdeaconry court of Exeter will, 2 August 1708, pr.4 February 1708/9]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1682-1760].

William LOADER (d.1709)

Person ID: 15729

Occ: barber

Loc: Honiton, Devon

William, the son of William Loader, barber, was buried at Honiton, Devon, on 8 July 1685. There are numerous references in the Honiton registers to men of this name, including a lacemaker, making identification of the barber uncertain. If, however, the child William (above) was the same as the unnamed child of William and Joan Loader, buried at Honiton on 26 April 1685, then our barber was probably the same as the William Loader, who married Joan Arnell at Honiton on 18 October 1680. He was buried at Honiton on 4 May 1709. His widow, Joan, was buried there, 22 July 1711.

Children of William and Joan Loader:

Elizabeth, bapt.29 May 1683 [Honiton].

William?, bapt.26 April 1685; buried 8 July 1685 [Honiton].

John, bapt.18 July 1686 [Honiton].

Robert, bapt.10 September 1688 [Honiton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/5, 6 and 38 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon].

Henry LOCKE (d.1592)

Person ID: 8484

Occ: physician

Loc: Colyton, Devon

Henry Locke, physician and 'stranger', was buried at Colyton, Devon, on 24 October 1592.

A.J.P.Skinner (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Colyton, Devon, 1538-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1928), ii, p.598.

Thomas LOKER alias RICHARDSON (fl.1538)

Person ID: 27695

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Loker alias Richardson, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Nicholas Lymett**, in 1538. He is probably the same as the Thomas Richardson, cousin of Nicholas's son **Edward Lymett**, who was named as the overseer of the latter's will in 1564.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.74; TNA, PROB 11/53, ff.189r-190r [will of Edward Lymett, merchant, of Exeter, Devon, 7 July and 30 August 1564, pr.25 May 1571].

John LOUS (fl.1583)

Person ID: 8554

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

John Lous of Plymouth, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 24 August 1583.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 41, p.370 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.120].

Caleb LOWDHAM Snr (1646-1717)

Person ID: 8575

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Caleb Lowdham was the son of Stephen Lowdham, and was baptised at Romford, Essex, on 4 October 1646. Lowdham was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 17 July 1671. The Plymouth surgeon **James Yonge** described him as one of his 'honoured friends' on paying a visit to Exeter in February 1679. Yonge subsequently claimed in a letter to the celebrated London surgeon, **Thomas Hobbs**, that it was Lowdham, 'a very ingenious Brother of ours', who first introduced him to the novel method of amputation that involved placing a flap of skin over the severed wound. Further evidence of Lowdham's technical proficiency is suggested by the fact that in 1699 it was reported that he had agreed to cut a five-year old child for the stone in Exeter. Lowdham, it would appear, specialised in operating upon small children. In a recipe collection compiled by Lowdham's son, Caleb, two cases of remarkable cures performed on infants by Lowdham Snr are discussed. In 1693, he successfully removed a tumour 'as big as a Turkey egg' that was growing on the crown of the head of a newborn child. Three years later, assisted by his son, he excised corrupt matter from the body of a four-year old Topsham girl who was afflicted with smallpox. In 1692, he provided letters testimonial on behalf of the Okehampton surgeon, **Nicholas Pope Jnr**.

Lowdham was almost certainly a nonconformist or leastwise sympathetic to the dissenting cause. In 1699, the former Exeter surgeon **Anthony Smith**, who was a leading figure in dissenting circles in late seventeenth-century London, left Lowdham and his wife mourning rings in his will. He also refers to a 'sister Lowdham' of Clapham, suggesting the two men were related through marriage. In Lowdham's own will, made in 1703, he bequeathed mourning rings to four prominent dissenting ministers in Exeter. Lowdham was also named as one of the overseers of the will of his friend and fellow dissenter Joseph Pince (d.1692), an Exeter clothier, in 1689.

Lowdham was a resident of the parish of Holy Trinity, Exeter. He married twice. Firstly, he married Elizabeth Matthew at St Sidwell's, Exeter, on 19 September 1668. She was buried at Holy Trinity, Exeter, on 8 February 1698/9. Secondly, he married Sarah Horne at Exeter cathedral, by virtue of a licence obtained by Mr John Lome, rector of Holy Trinity, on 23 January 1699/1700. Lowdham was buried at Holy

Trinity on 25 February 1716/17. In his will, he left numerous bequests totalling over £750, mentioning, amongst others, two brothers, John and Stephen, as well as leaving £50 to the ‘corporators’ of the poor for the newly erected workhouse in Exeter. He left the bulk of his estate to the three children of his son **Caleb Lowdham Jnr**, including a house in Rock Lane (St Mary Major), and named his wife Sarah as residual legatee and sole executrix. Caleb himself received his father’s books.

Children of Caleb Lowdham, surgeon, and wife Elizabeth:

Caleb, bapt.22 August 1669, buried 7 March 1669/70 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].
Caleb Lowdham Jnr, bapt.5 March 1670/1 [Holy Trinity, Exeter]. Surgeon.
Matthew, bapt.29 March 1678; buried 14 April 1682; [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Essex RO, D/P 346/1/2 [parish registers of Romford, 1610-1732]; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter 45, p.138 [I.Mortimer, ‘Index of Medical Licentiate, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783’, *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.120]; *The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), p.152; James Yonge, *Currus Triumphalis, è Terebinthô. Or An Account of the Many Admirable Vertues of Oleum Terebinthinae* (London, 1679), p.110; Devon Heritage centre, ECA, Petitions 6/49; Wellcome Lib., London, MS 7073, ff.54r-55r, 58r-59r; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/273/1-3.

TNA, PROB 11/451, ff.280v-284v [will of Anthony Smith, citizen and surgon, of London, 10 February 1698/9, pr.11 July 1699]; PROB 11/409, ff.183v-185v [will of Joseph Pince, clothier, of St Edmund’s, Exeter, 24 July 1689, pr.9 April 1692]; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.100; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of St Sidwell’s, Exeter, Devon; 1718A/PR/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/557, ff.296v-297v [will of Caleb Lowdham, surgeon, of Exeter, 9 September 1703, pr.1 April 1717].

Caleb LOWDHAM Jnr (1671-1731)

Person ID: 8576

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Caleb Lowdham was the son of **Caleb Lowdham Snr**, and his wife Elizabeth, née Matthew, and was baptised at Holy Trinity, Exeter, on 5 March 1670/1. Like his father, Lowdham Jnr was a resident of the parish of Holy Trinity, Exeter. He married Mary Pratt of Cullompton, Devon, at Exeter cathedral on 24 January 1698/9.

Lowdham, with his daughter Jane, compiled a miscellaneous collection of medical, culinary and veterinary receipts, which also contained some interesting case histories of his own practice and that of his father, whom he worked alongside. It is evident from the recipes for a range of ailments, including toothache, skin conditions, tumours and the plague, that Lowdham Jnr made his own medicines and had a good knowledge of chemistry. He was also extremely well read, particularly in modern medical and natural philosophical authors, citing, among others, John Ray, Francis Willoughby, **Walter Harris**, **Thomas Willis** and Robert Boyle. The volume also

contains a large section of receipts taken from the latter's *Usefulness of Experimental Philosophy* (1663), as well as extracts from **Nehemiah Grew**'s published catalogue of the 'natural and artificial rarities' collected by the Royal Society (commonly known as the *Rarities* and published in 1681). Perhaps the most notable feature of the volume is the willingness of Lowdham Snr and Jnr to operate on very young children. At his death in 1731, a newspaper report also described him as an 'eminent ... Man-midwife'.

Lowdham's interest extended beyond medicine and natural history (in 1721, he sponsored the botanist Richard Bradley's *A Philosophical Account of the Works of Nature*). He and his father built up an impressive collection of books devoted to theological debate and speculation, which ended up in the library of the Courtenays of Powderham Castle (see below). These almost certainly reflected the Lowdham's deep-seated attachment to the dissenting cause. In his will, Caleb Jnr left to 'those two Presbyterian ministers at whose congregation I do constantly attend and hear' £5 to preach his funeral sermon. He was also something of an antiquarian, communicating with **Sir Hans Sloane** on the subject of ancient shields, and leaving a 'whole collection of Coins and Medalls in Gold, Silver, etc together with my museum of Rarities and Manuscripts' to his patroness, Lady Anne Courtenay, the wife of Sir William Courtenay (1675-1735).

Lowdham died on 7 April 1731, and was buried at Holy Trinity, Exeter, on 20 April 1731. According to a newspaper report in a London newspaper, his funeral caused quite a stir on account of the fact that it was widely known that Lowdham had neglected his only surviving daughter, Jane, at the expense of the family of his patron, Sir William Courtney and his wife Anne. He was thus 'attended to his grave by a numerous crowd of people who loudly expressed their dislike of his unnatural treatment of his daughter, who is esteemed a very deserving young woman'. Lowdham had indeed largely ignored the interests of his wife (probably dead by 1731) and only daughter, leaving them with just the lands that Mary Pratt had brought to the marriage in 1699. Instead, Lowdham left the bulk of his considerable estate, scattered across Devon, to the four youngest children of Sir William and Anne Courtenay. The will was subsequently subject to legal challenge, but the fact that Lowdham's library ended up at Powderham Castle suggests that the challenge was unsuccessful.

Children of Caleb Lowdham Jnr and wife Mary:

Elizabeth, bapt.23 November 1699; buried 3 May 1710 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Jane, bapt.25 November 1701 [Holy Trinity, Exeter]. Alive in 1731.

Caleb, bapt.20 June 1703; buried 22 February 1703/4 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Anna, bapt.8 May 1705; buried 13 August 1705 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.15 November 1711; buried 14 May 1712 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Sarah, buried 3 March 1719/20 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Elizabeth, buried 4 September 1720 [Holy Trinity].

Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/1, 2 and 3 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I.The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.128; Wellcome Library, London, MS 7073;

Maggs catalogue, *Books and Readers in Early Modern Britain V. A Selection of Books, Manuscripts and Bindings. Catalogue 1471* (London, 2013), no.64 [pp.161-76], originally sold at auction at Sotheby's, 14 July 2009; British Library, Sloane MS 4051, ff.136-7 [Lowdham to Sloane, 25 November 1730], 197-8 [same to same, 17 February 1730/1]; TNA, PROB 11/642, ff.370r-371v [will of Caleb Lowdham, surgeon, of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon, 11 October 1727, pr.12 June 1731]; *Grub Street Journal*, no.69, 29 April 1731.

LUGGER (fl.1622)

Person ID: 23816

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

In 1622-3, one Luggier the 'chirurgion' was paid by the corporation of Barnstaple for curing the daughter of a townsperson.

J.R.Chanter and T.Wainwright (eds), *Reprint of the Barnstaple Records*, 2 vols (Barnstaple, 1900), ii, p.135.

Richard LUMLEY Snr (d.1637)

Person ID: 8629

Richard Lumley, barber surgeon, married his first wife Lucy Reeve at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 13 June 1603. He was buried in the same parish on 16 November 1637. In his will, made ten days before his death, Lumley bequeathed a property at Stoke Fleming to his wife Sarah, as well as various bequests totalling more than £650 to his children Sarah, Thomas and John. His eldest son **Richard Lumley Jnr** received an annuity of £15 pa, while another son Zachary was to inherit the property at Stoke Fleming on the death of his mother. Among a number of other smaller bequests, Lumley left 40s to 'our painfull and carefull minister Anthony Harford (d.1656) 'in testimony of my love unto him', as well as a small sum to his married daughter Honor Hawkins. Finally, left his wife Sarah a house and property in Dartmouth, naming her as his sole residual legatee and executrix.

Children of Richard Lumley:

Lucy, bapt.20 June 1604 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Edward, bapt.12 November 1606 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Richard, bapt.15 September 1611 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth]. Surgeon.

Nicholas, bapt.25 July 1613 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Honor [Honor Hawkins, 1637; will].

Zachary, bapt.13 December 1629 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Thomas, buried 30 July 1639 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

John [under 21 in 1637; will].

Sarah [under 21 in 1637; will].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2992A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/175, ff.333r-v [will of Richard Lumley, barber surgeon, of Dartmouth, Devon, 6 November 1637, pr.9 December 1637].

Richard LUMLEY Jnr (1611-1675)

Person ID: 8630

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Dartmouth, Devon

Richard Lumley was the son of **Richard Lumley Snr** and his wife Lucy, née Reeve, and was baptized at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 15 September 1611. He married Mary Fursman at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 12 January 1638/9, and was buried in the same parish on 31 October 1675.

In 1641, Lumley appeared as defendant in a trial for debt before the Court of King's Bench. In April 1664, he stood surety for John Fortt of Dartmouth, glover, accused at the local sessions of abusing the town constable.

Children of Richard Lumley Jnr:

Thomas, bapt.29 February 1635/6 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Richard, bapt.27 November 1640 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

John, bapt.9 July 1643 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Edward, buried 19 October 1646 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Lucy, bapt.21 August 1648 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Simon, bapt.2 May 1653 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2992A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon]; TNA, KB27/1665; Devon Heritage Centre, DD 63412.

George LYDE (fl.1619)

Person ID: 8647

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Atherington, Devon

George Lyde of Atherington, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 29 July 1619. One of this name was buried at Atherington on 26 February 1638/9.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.261 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.120]; 1562A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Atherington, Devon].

George LYDE (d.1715)

Person ID: 8648

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Staverton, Devon

George Lyde, surgeon, of Staverton, Devon, married twice. Firstly, he married Dorothy Laphorne at Staverton on 23 May 1670. Secondly, he married Mary Webb of Totnes at Staverton on 14 December 1704. Mr George Lyde was buried at Staverton on 7 June 1715. In his will, made in 1710, he left token bequests to his sons Thomas and James, and named his wife Mary as residual legatee and executrix. An inventory of his goods assessed his estate at just over £30.

Devon Heritage Centre, 872A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Staverton, Devon]; Moger transcripts, vol.13, no.4377 [will of George Lyde, surgeon, of Staverton, 6 December 1710, pr.15 June 1715].

Richard LYMBERY alias CHYMNEY (fl.1524-1561)

Person ID: 15749

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard Lymbery alias Chimney, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **William Brygge**, in 1524-5. One of his apprentices, **Philip Mounes**, was made free in 1563-4. Lymbery's son **Zacharias Lymbery** was also made free, by succession, in 1570-1. He was a resident of the parish of St Petrock's, Exeter.

Children of Richard Lymbery:

Zachary [freeman, as son of Richard Lymbery]. Barber.
William, bapt.20 November 1552 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
Johane, bapt.20 May 1554 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
Alice, bapt.17 May 1556 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
Gilbert, bapt.13 July 1557 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
Susanna, bapt.11 May 1560 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
Roger, bapt.30 October 1561 [St Petrock's, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.70, 86, 90; Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon].

Zachary LYMBERY (fl.1570)

Person ID: 15750

Zachary Lymbery, barber, was made a freeman of the city as the son of **Richard Lymbery** ('by succession'), in 1570-1.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.90.

Edward LYMETT (fl.1545-1564)

Person ID: 17414

Occ: apothecary/merchant

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Edward Lymett, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the son of **Nicholas Lymett**, on 5 October 1545. His own son, John, was made free by succession on 6 July 1579.

Edward Lymett married Elizabeth Maynard at St Mary Arches, Exeter, on 11 October 1545. In his will, made in 1564, Lymett described himself as a merchant, and referred to the hoped-for success of two 'adventures' or investments in ships bound for Bordeaux and the Canaries. He asked to be buried in the same grave as his father

Nicholas, and mother Grace, in the chancel of St Martin's, Exeter. His will mentions seven children, four of whom (John, Robert, William and Grace) were to receive in full moneys and other items left to them by the testator's mother, Grace. Three others (Lettice, Peter and Joan) were left £100 in total, with a further £20 for the child that his wife was then carrying. He named his wife Elizabeth as residual legatee and executrix (she received, among other things, a property in St Martin's Lane). Edward Hensloe, parson of Kenn, near Exeter, and a cousin, Thomas Richardson, were nominated as overseers. The latter was in all probability the same as the **Thomas Loker alias Richardson**, who had been apprenticed to Edward's father.

Children of Edward Lymett and wife Elizabeth:

John, bapt.17 June 1549 [St Mary Arches, Exeter]. Freeman of Exeter, 1579.

Robert, bapt.22 October 1551 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

Elizabeth, buried 16 July 1568 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Lettice [will].

Peter [will].

Joan [will].

William [will].

Grace [will].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.76, 94; Devon Heritage Centre, 332A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Arches, Exeter, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/53, ff.189r-190r [will of Edward Lymett, merchant, of Exeter, 7 July 1564 and 30 August 1654, pr.25 May 1571]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

Nicholas LYMETT (fl.1512-1545)

Person ID: 17415

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Nicholas Lymett, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, on paying an entry fine of £1, on 6 September 1512. His apprentice **Thomas Loker alias Richardson** was made a freeman in 1538, as was his son, **Edward Lymett** (by succession) in 1545. He was buried (date unknown) with his wife Grace in the chancel of the parish church of St Martin's, Exeter.

In 1545, Lymett accused a number of local men, including three clergymen, of practising medicine without a licence. His aim was probably to profit from the fines levied on such miscreants, if found guilty.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.66, 74, 76; TNA, PROB 11/53, ff.189r-190r [will of Edward Lymett, merchant, of Exeter, 7 July 1564 and 30 August 1564, pr.25 May 1571]; R.S.Roberts, 'The Personnel and Practice of Medicine in Tudor and Stuart England. Part 1 The Provinces', *Medical History*, 6 (1962), p.368.

William MACHIM alias DEVEREUX (fl.1625)

Person ID: 8674

Occ: unlicensed physician

Loc: Devon

In 1625, the Devon justices dealt with the case of one William Machim who had recently escaped from Honiton gaol and had taken the name of Devereux, claiming to be the heir of Walter Devereux. He subsequently practised physic 'to the great hurt and danger of the health and lives of divers of his majesty's subjects', and allured one of the daughters of Mr Steavings of Broad Clyst, promising to make her a countess, 'by means of whose deceitful promises she as is supposed grown to be a lunatic'.

R.L.Taverner, 'The Administrative Work of the Devon Justices', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 100 (1968), p.68.

John MACY (fl.1701)

Person ID: 15756

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Wheadon, the apprentice of John Macy, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter, having served a seven-year apprenticeship, on 15 December 1701.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.206.

Samuel MADDOCK (fl.1661-1667)

Person ID: 17377

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Samuel Maddock, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on payment of £5 only (because he served **George Sainthill**, deceased, for 6 years, with £1 remitted), on 4 March 1666/7. He probably died shortly afterwards. The will of a Samuel Maddocke of Exeter was proved there in 1667.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.154; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.469.

Edward MANNING (fl.1662)

Person ID: 8748

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Dartmouth, Devon

Some time around 1662, Edward Manning, surgeon, of Dartmouth, Devon, sought an episcopal licence to practise surgery. He had previously served a seven-year apprenticeship with **Theodorus Stoultenborough**, surgeon, at London (who subsequently moved to Dartmouth). Manning's testimonial was signed by several

townsmen, including the surgeon **Richard Irish**. No record of a licence has been discovered.

It is impossible to say with certainty which of the two men named Edward, father and son, was the surgeon seeking a licence in the 1660s (a problem compounded by a break in the registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth between 1653 and 1662). In all probability, however, given the reference to **Stoultenborough**, the surgeon was Edward Manning Jnr, who was baptised at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 23 August 1626. The registers record three marriages of Edward Manning: Elizabeth Blackaller (6 April 1646; buried 29 October 1651); Anne Heale (22 November 1652); Ann Danell (5 August 1666). Edward Manning Snr was buried at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 24 April 1668. Edward Manning Jnr was buried in the same parish on 23 March 1685/6.

Children of Edward Manning (sometimes described as Edward Manning Jnr):

John, bapt.27 November 1662; buried 4 July 1665 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].
Samuel, bapt.16 April 1666; buried 3 February 1666/7 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].
Sarah, bapt.26 December 1667 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].
Joseph, bapt.23 March 1670/1 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth]. He married Mary Rider, widow, of Stepney, Middlesex, 10 June 1701 [All Hallows Barking, London].
Edward, buried 17 January 1679/80 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* unplaced, Manninge, Edward [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.120]; 2992A/PR/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon]; LMA, P69/ALH1/A/01/003 [parish registers of All Hallows, Barking, by the Tower of London, 1676-1752].

George MANNING (d.1706)

Person ID: 23901

Occ: barber

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

George Manning, barber, of Tiverton, Devon, married Sarah Somers at Tiverton on 20 September 1705. He was buried in the same parish a year later on 17 October 1706.

Children of George Manning and wife Sarah:

George, born 25 September 1706; bapt.3 October 1706 [Tiverton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon].

William MANOURY or MANOWRY (fl.1618-1640)

Person ID: 8756

Occ: physician/surgeon

Loc: Plymouth & Exeter, Devon

On being licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 18 October 1619, Manoury described himself as a Frenchman, originally from the diocese of Rouen. He was later licensed to practise surgery by the university of Oxford on 12 July 1625 (and re-admitted 25 May 1631). **Thomas Clayton**, regius professor of medicine at Oxford, reported on examining Manoury that he had lived in England for about ten years and that he found him 'fitt and sufficient for the practise of Chirurgie throughout the realm of England'.

Manoury would appear to have dabbled in chemistry (he christened one of his sons, Theophrastus, possibly in recognition of the great alchemist Paracelsus), a pastime that may have brought him into the orbit of Sir Walter Raleigh's circles in Devon at this time. In 1618, he accompanied Raleigh to the Tower of London as his physician, in which role he may also have acted as a government spy. Shortly afterwards, the borough records of Plymouth record that he was indicted for high treason 'for clipping and wasting of gold'. Godfrey Goodman, reporting on the case, claimed that the alchemist now blamed his plight upon a judgement of God for having made false accusations against Raleigh at the behest of the latter's gaoler, Sir Lewis Stuckley (d.1620). Ten years later, Manoury was again in trouble with the authorities, when he was accused of stealing £160 from Matthew Sutcliffe (d.1629), dean of Exeter.

While Manoury would appear to have settled first at Plymouth (he later described himself as 'professor of medicine' in that town in 1625), he was largely resident in the city of Exeter for much of the 1620s and early 1630s, where he was a resident of the parish of Holy Trinity. Manoury married on three occasions. His first wife Anne was buried at Exeter cathedral on 26 October 1624. He subsequently married Johanna Harte at Newton St Cyres, just outside Exeter, on 20 November 1625. By 1634, he was married to a woman named Rebecca. She may have been the 'Mrs Mannowaye' of Exeter, whose husband was a doctor of physic, consulted by an Exeter woman some time in the early 1640s 'for some Phisicall remedies' for her bewitched child. No record of Manoury's death has survived, though he may have retired to live in the town of Dartmouth, where his son William later settled. In 1642, one William Minowiry signed a petition of townsmen complaining about disruptions to the Newfoundland fishing fleets.

Children of William Manoury:

John, 5 February 1620/1 [Exeter cathedral].

Dorothy, bapt.14 December 1622 [Exeter cathedral].

Margaret, bapt.22 February 1626/7 [Exeter cathedral].

William, bapt.15 September 1633 [Holy Trinity, Exeter]. He was buried at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 27 May 1706.

Theophrastus, bapt.16 November 1634 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, pp.165, 385 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.120]; Foster, iii, p.966; Bodl., OUA, NEP/supra/Reg O, f.249r; NEP/supra/Reg P, f.270r; T.N.Brushfield, 'Raleghana. Part VII. Three State Documents Relating to the Arrest and Execution of Sir Walter Raleigh in 1618', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 37 (1905), pp.284-324; P.Hyland, *Raleigh's Last Journey: A Tale of*

Madness, Vanity and Treachery (London, 2003); R.N.Worth (ed.), *Calendar of the Plymouth Municipal Records* (Plymouth, 1893), p.151; G.Goodman, *The Court of King James I*, 2 vols (London, 1839), ii, p.181; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/62, ff.334v-335r; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.9 [subsidy of 1629]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), pp.5, 6, 7, 59; Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; 807A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Newton St Cyres, Devon]; ECA, C1/64, f.261v; House of Lords RO, London, HL/PO/JO/10/1/114; Devon Heritage Centre, 2992A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/509, ff.137v-139r [will of William Mannowry of Dartmouth, Devon, 10 August 1705, pr.20 June 1709].

Richard MARCH or MARSH Snr (fl.1660-1686)

Person ID: 15766

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard March or Marsh, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Taylor**, on 1 May 1665. Three of his apprentices – **William Broughton** (1681), **John Pince** (1693) and his son **Richard March Jnr** (1693) – were made freemen of Exeter.

March was a resident of the parish of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter. He married Joan Raddon at Heavitree, just outside Exeter, on 5 December 1660.

Children of Richard March and wife Joan:

John, bapt.1663 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

Richard, bapt.1665 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter]. Barber.

Andrew, bapt.1667 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.153, 172, 189; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.84; Devon Heritage Centre, 3004A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Heavitree, Devon]; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, p.36.

Richard MARCH or MARSH Jnr (b.1665)

Person ID: 15767

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard March or Marsh was the son of **Richard March Snr** and his wife Joan, née Raddon, and was baptised at All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, in 1665. March Jnr was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of his father, on 6 March 1692/3. Six of his apprentices were later made freemen of Exeter: **Thomas**

Hatherly (1701), Jasper Uglow (1705), Richard Talbot (1709), Thomas Pearse (1710), William Mountstephen (1710) and Thomas Townsend.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.189, 207, 211, 219, 221, 236.

Anthony MARKER (d.1670)

Person ID: 8790

Occ: physician

Loc: Totnes, Devon

In a diocesan survey of medical practitioners conducted in 1665, Marker was described as 'well affected to the Government of his majesty and the Doctrine of the Church of England'. In November 1653, one George Lawdey wrote from marker's house in Totnes to William Lilly, providing details of the time of birth and 'some accidents' relating to the life of General George Monck. Marker may have served under Monck during the civil wars (and hence was a source for Lawdey's enquiries).

Dr Anthony Marker was buried at Totnes on 1 September 1670. A memorial to his memory was set up in the parish church of Totnes.

Children of Doctor Marker:

Anthony, buried 18 February 1643/4 [Totnes].

Rebecca, bapt.3 December 1646 [Totnes]. She married the physician **John Cross** at Totnes on 5 October 1670.

Oliver Anthony, bapt.10 August 1654 [Totnes].

Mary, bapt.12 January 1655/6; buried 5 February 1655/6 [Totnes].

Eleanor, bapt.27 April 1657; buried 9 June 1657 [Totnes].

Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.307r, 405v; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 362-364/33/18; Bodl., Ashmole MS 423, f.196 [George Lawdey to William Lilley, from the house of Anthony Marker, doctor of phisicke, Totnes, 23 November 1653]; Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

Rice MARROW or MORROW (d.1681)

Person ID: 8890/9334

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Dartmouth, Devon

Rice Marrow or Morrow applied for a licence to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter some time after the Restoration (no grant has been found). His application was supported by fellow surgeon, **Richard Irish**, who served the hospital at Dartmouth, where it was stated that Marrow had been in practice for over 20 years.

Rice Marrow married Jane Martin at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 11 August 1646. She was buried at St Petrox, Dartmouth, 11 March 1666/7. Rice Marrow, described as 'doctor', died on 31 January 1680/1, and was buried at St Petrox on 2 February 1680/1.

Children of Rice Marrow and wife Jane:

Eleanor, bapt.17 July 1648 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

John, bapt.14 April 1651 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Jane, bapt.21 February 1652/3 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Jane, bapt.26 April 1655 [St Petrox, Dartmouth]; died 14 August 1654 [St Petrox, Dartmouth].

Hannah, bapt.11 January 1657/8 [St Petrox, Dartmouth].

Nathaniel, born 16 December 1659; bapt.26 December 1659 [St Petrox, Dartmouth].

Rice, born 9 July 1662; bapt.13 July 1662 [St Petrox, Dartmouth]; buried 2 August 1693 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Mary, bapt.11 June 1664 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth]; buried 31 July 1664 [St Petrox, Dartmouth].

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Dartmouth [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.121]; 2992A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon]; 2537A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrox, Dartmouth, Devon].

Samuel MARSH (fl.1706-1723)

Person ID: 15768

Occ: barber/periwigmaker

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Samuel Marsh, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **William Laskey**, on 18 November 1706. Several of his apprentices were made freemen, including Thomas Collins (1722), John Tow (1722), James Browne (1734) and Josias Hinkston (1734). Marsh's son, Samuel, was also made free by succession in 1734.

Marsh married Rebecca Trosse at St David's, Exeter, on 18 August 1719. They are listed on the Exeter oath roll in 1723.

Children of Samuel Marsh and wife Rebecca:

Samuel [freeman by succession, 1734].

George, buried Holy Trinity, Exeter, 30 April 1722 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.212, 234, 235, 246, 247, 248; Devon Heritage Centre, 2931A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St David's, Exeter, Devon]; 1718A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; Exeter oath roll, Michaelmas 1723.

Gilbert MARSHALL (d.1611)

Person ID: 15769

Occ: barber

Loc: Crediton, Devon

Gilbert Marshall, barber, was buried at Crediton on 19 June 1611. He married Alice Garton at Crediton on 14 May 1599.

Children of Gilbert Marshall:

Robert, bapt.6 July 1606 [Crediton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2935A/PR/1/2 and 30 [parish registers of Crediton, Devon].

John MARSHALL (fl.1704-6)

Person ID: 23959

Occ: barber

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

John Marshall is described as a barber in the baptismal entries for two of his sons at Tiverton in 1704 and 1706. The existence of other parishioners of the same name makes more precise identification impossible.

Children of John Marshall, barber:

Richard, born 13 June 1704; bapt.29 June 1704 [Tiverton].

Samuel, bapt.11 June 1706; bapt.23 June 1706 [Tiverton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon].

Gregory MARTIN or MARTYN (d.1705)

Person ID: 17770

Occ: apothecary/druggist

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Gregory Martin, apothecary, married Catherine Edgcumbe of Sheviock, Cornwall, at Sheviock, on 31 March 1670. He subsequently married Elizabeth Roch at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 28 January 1672/3. Gregory Martin, druggist, was made a common councilman under the new charter for Plymouth in 1697. He had earlier served as a grand juror in the borough. Martin was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 29 July 1705.

In all probability, his first marriage took place in the 1650s. Various children of a Gregory Martin were baptised in Plymouth between 1656 and 1661. Elizabeth, the wife of Mr Gregory Martyn, was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 2 November 1665.

Children of Mr Gregory Martin and first wife Elizabeth:

Charles, buried 9 September 1656 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Sarah, bapt.2 December 1657; buried 28 February 1657/8 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Martha, bapt.10 August 1659; buried 16 June 1661 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Gregory, bapt.8 February 1660/1 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth]; buried 6 August 1670 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Kresen Kernow, parish registers of Sheviock, Cornwall; Plymouth Archives, 1/28; 1/51, f.74r; parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

John MARTIN or MARTYN (fl.1630-1636)

Person ID: 8848

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Totnes, Devon

John Martin or Martyn is identified as a surgeon in the baptismal entries for two of his children at Totnes in 1630 and 1636. Further identification is not possible.

Children of John Martin, surgeon:

Judith, bapt.13 March 1629/30 [Totnes].

John, bapt.29 May 1636 [Totnes].

Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

Joseph MARTIN or MARTYN (1598-1676)

Person ID: 8856

Occ: lawyer/physician/surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Joseph Martin, a staunch royalist, would appear to have practised as a surgeon and physician during the civil wars. He was described (perhaps disparagingly) as a surgeon in 1646, when he compounded for delinquency and was deprived of all his offices. He is almost certainly the same as the Dr Martin, to whom Lady Elizabeth Hopton (1591-1646), the wife of the royalist general Ralph Hopton (1596-1652), wrote to in November 1645 concerning her health and that of her grandchild. It is highly probable that Martin's practice ceased at the end of the wars. He is probably the man of the same name, who witnessed the will of the Exeter apothecary and fellow royalist **Nicholas Somers** in 1654.

Joseph Martin was the son of William Martin, an alderman and mayor of Exeter, who sat as MP for the city in 1599. He was baptised at St Kerrian's, Exeter, on 18 July 1598. Martin matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford. On 9 November 1621, proceeding BA in 1625, MA in 1627, and BCL and DCL in 1633. At the time of his compounding in 1646, Martin held several commissions from the King, including the post of vice admiral for Devon and Cornwall and the chancellorship of the diocese of Exeter. In June 1660, he petitioned Charles II for reinstatement to the latter position.

Nothing is known of his first wife, whom he must have married before 1637. Joseph Martin, doctor of laws, married Mrs Anne Williams, widow, at Exeter cathedral on 24 January 1641/2. She was buried at St Kerrian's, Exeter, on 10 January 1656/7. Joseph Martin, 'doctor of the spirituall law, was buried at Alphington, near Exeter, on 22 March 1676/7. The preamble to his will, made in 1668, was notably pious. Martin refers to having been 'lately delivered from a sharpe and wasting Sickness', being now 'restored to a reasonable state and condition of health, memorie and understanding, notwithstanding my deafness'. Conscious of the divine mercy, he promised now to 'take off my thoughts from the world, and to draw mee to a nearer affiance and adherence in aid to him'. The chief beneficiaries of his estate were his two surviving children, Richard and Mary. Each were to receive a bible and book of common prayers, the former also being gifted a French Geneva bible as well as 'all

my history, philosophy and humanity books'. He requested that all his divinity and law books were to be sold to pay off his debts (there is no mention of any medical works). Other beneficiaries included the poor of Exeter (£3), his sister Susan Wicks, and two of the children of his deceased brother, John. A floor memorial was erected to Martin's memory in Alphington church.

Children of Dr Joseph Martin:

Dorothy, buried 7 March 1638/9 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.10 August 1637 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

Joseph, bapt.6 December 1642 [Exeter cathedral].

Richard, bapt. 23 November 1644 [Kenn]. He matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, 22 March 1658/9.

M.A.E.Green (ed.), *Calendar of the Proceedings of the Committee for Compounding, &c, 1643-1650*, 5 vols (London, 1889-92), ii, p.1387; *Historical Manuscripts Commission. Thirteenth Report, Appendix, Part 1. MSS of the Duke of Portland, vol.1* (London, 1891), p.323 [Captain Robert Moulton to William Lenthall, 12 December 1645]; TNA, PROB 11/233, ff.108r-v [will of Nicholas Sommer, apothecary, of Exeter, 8 June 1654, pr.14 July 1654]; Devon Heritage Centre, 4780A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Kerrian's, Exeter, Devon]; Foster, iii, p.979; *CSPD, 1660-1661*, p.84.

W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I.The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), pp.14, 24; Devon Heritage Centre, 1481A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Alphington, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/354, ff.273r-v [will of Joseph Martyn, doctor of laws, of Exeter, 11 July 1668, pr.4 July 1677]; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, pp.32, 75; Devon Heritage Centre, 2668A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Kenn, Devon]; *m.i.*, Alphington, Devon.

Richard MARTIN or MARTYN (fl.1665)

Person ID: 18211

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Totnes, Devon

Wilmot, the daughter of Richard Martin or Martyn, apothecary, was baptised at Totnes on 12 December 1665. Numerous men of this name are recorded in the parish registers of Totnes at this time, making it impossible to determine further biographical details of the apothecary.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

James MARWOOD (b.1606)

Person ID: 8884

Occ: physician

Loc: Colyton, Devon

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James Marwood was the son of **John Marwood**, physician, of Colyton and was baptised there on 27 February 1605/6. He matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 2 December 1631 and graduated B Med on 23 January 1633/4. He was still alive in 1642, but no record of his burial has been found.

Foster, iii, p 981; A.J.P.Skinner (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Colyton, Devon, 1538-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, 1928), i, p.80; TNA, PROB 11/197, ff.307r-308r [will of Bridget Marwood, widow, 31 [gap] 1642, pr.7 October 1646].

James MARWOOD (c.1659-1722)

Person ID: 8885

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Widworthy, Devon

James Marwood was the son of John Marwood (d.1671) and Frances, née Bernard (d.1700), of Colyton, gent, and matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 30 March 1677. No baptismal record for Marwood, however, has been found at Colyton. He graduated BA in 1680 and MA in 1683 and is said to have received an MD from abroad (*m.i.*, Widworthy). Marwood died on 27 October 1722 and was buried at Widworthy on 3 November 1722. In his will, made in 1714, he left £1,000 to two nieces, the daughters of a stepbrother John, deceased, as well as considerable property, including the barton and advowson of Widworthy and land at Colyton and Northleigh, to two brothers, Benedict and Thomas (residual legatee and executor) and others.

Marwood was named as the residual legatee and executor of the will of his mother Frances Marwood, who was buried at Northleigh, Devon, on 12 April 1700. She and her children, including James, were mentioned in the will of **John Marwood** (1623-1685), where she is described as the testator's aunt.

W.Munk, 'Marvodia', *Genealogist*, 2 (1885), p.19; Foster, iii, p.981; Devon Heritage Centre, 365A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Widworthy, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/588, ff.280v-281v [will of James Marwood, gent, of Sutton in Widworthy, Devon, 1 May 1714, pr.6 December 1722]; PROB 11/455, ff.276r-277v [will of Frances Marwood, widow, of Blamphayne, Colyton, Devon, 30 December 1697, pr.18 May 1700]; Devon Heritage Centre, 368A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Northleigh, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/381, ff.352v-353v [will of John Marwood, gent, of Honiton, Devon, 20 August 1685, pr.29 December 1685]; J.Cobley (ed.), *James Davidson's East Devon Church Notes* (Woodbridge, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, 64, 2022), p.126 [gives date of death as 22 October 1722, aged 66].

John MARWOOD (d.1626)

Person ID: 8886

Occ: physician

Loc: Colyton, Devon

John Marwood was the second son of **Thomas Marwood (d.1617)**. In 1610, he was described as 'a very skillful physician' living at Colyton, just five miles from Chardstock, where he was called to assist in the cure of the young (eight-year old)

Simonds D'Ewes (1602-1650). The child had suffered a 'violent and prolonged fever', and Marwood had told D'Ewes' grandfather to prepare for the worst. He nonetheless recovered, no doubt enhancing yet further Marwood's reputation as a doctor.

Marwood married Bridget, the daughter of Richard Sampson (d.1606) of Membury and his wife Bridget, the daughter of Anthony Culme. In 1619, he acted as overseer of the will of his brother-in-law John Sampson (d.1619), who left him and his son Thomas a number of small legacies and gifts. Marwood was buried at Colyton on 26 April 1626. In his will, where he described himself as a gentleman, Marwood left a small bequest to the poor of Colyton. He left annuities, various silver items and property to his sons John, James and Thomas, as well as £750 to his three daughters Temperance, Grace and Joan. He was survived by his wife Bridget, who was named as residual legatee and executrix. In addition, he nominated his sons John and Thomas, and son-in-law John Newberry as joint overseers. Bridget Marwood died some time between 1642 and 1646. In her will of 1642, she left bequests to all of her six children.

Children of John Marwood and wife Bridget:

John [will of father and mother].

Peter, buried 15 February 1602/3 [Colyton].

James, bapt. 16 February 1605/6 [Colyton]. Alive in 1642.

Thomas [will of father and mother]. Physician.

Ellen [will of mother]. She married John Newberry (d.1643), and was buried at Widworthy, 10 October 1644.

Temperance [will of father and mother]. She married Roger Thomas of Widworthy, gent, at Colyton, 6 January 1635/6.

Johan [will of father and mother].

Grace, buried 16 January 1629/30 [Colyton].

Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries, 3 (1904), pp.450-1; 10 (1918-1919), p.43; 14 (1926-1927), pp.138-9; J.O.Halliwell-Phillipps (ed.), *The Autobiography and Correspondence of Sir Simonds D'Ewes, Bart., During the Reigns of James I and Charles I*, 2 vols (1845), i, p.30; J.P.Skinner (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Colyton, Devon, 1538-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1928), i, p.80; ii, pp.498, 625; TNA, PROB 11/134, ff.1r-3v [will of John Sampson, gent, of Membury, Devon, 6 January 1618/19, pr.8 February 1618/19]; PROB 11/150, fos 76v-77r [will of John Marwood, gent, of Colyton, Devon, 21 April 1626, pr.24 November 1626]; PROB 11/197, ff.307r-308r [will of Bridget Marwood, widow, 31 [gap] 1642, pr.7 October 1646]; Devon Heritage Centre, 365A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Widworthy, Devon].

John MARWOOD (1623-1685)

Person ID: 8887

Occ: physician

Loc: Honiton, Devon

John Marwood was the son of **Thomas Marwood (1586-1667)**, and was baptized at Honiton on 6 November 1623. Marwood matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 1

April 1642, but left without graduating. He spent a brief period as a philosophy student at Leiden (admitted 12 March 1644). No record of an MD has been discovered, though John Prince suggests that he obtained his medical degree at Leiden. John Marwood, gent, was buried at Honiton on 18 September 1685. In his will, made a month before his death, he left almost £1,200 in bequests to various cousins and their children. In addition, he left a manor in Tiverton and lands in Honiton to a cousin John Marwood, the brother of **James Marwood** (who received 40s), as well as £10 to the Honiton apothecary **William Levermore**. He named his cousin Mary Goldsworthy, the wife of Samuel Goldsworthy (d.1686), mercer, of Honiton, as executrix.

The Devon historian John Prince (1643-1723), writing a few years after Marwood's death, claimed that Marwood was 'of a melancholy disposition', who lived very privately (he died a bachelor) and 'made but little use of his faculty unless sometimes he was perswaded thereunto either out of charity or friendship'.

Foster, iii, p.981; Innes Smith, p.153; Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/2 and 6 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/381, ff.352v-353v [will of John Marwood, gent, of Honiton, Devon, 20 August 1685, pr.29 December 1685]; W.Munk, 'Marvodia', *Genealogist*, 2 (1885), p.26.

Thomas MARWOOD (d.1617)

Person ID: 8888

Occ: physician/surgeon

Loc: Honiton, Devon

Shortly before his death in 1617, Thomas Marwood claimed to have practiced medicine for almost 75 years. The black marble tomb to his memory, erected in the parish church of Honiton, went on to claim that he was 105 years old at the time of his death, and that he had served as physician to Queen Elizabeth I. It is impossible to verify these claims. He may have graduated MD at Padua. According to a manuscript account (never published) by the Devon historian John Prince (1643-1723), Marwood acquired the admiration of the queen when he, and a fellow Devon surgeon **Mr Fowler** of East Budleigh, successfully treated her favourite, Robert Devereux, earl of Essex, of a foot complaint in about 1593. Marwood may have been given a portrait of Sir Philip Sidney (1554-1586) as a reward from the earl's wife, the daughter of Sir Philip. He was, however, the founder of a remarkable medical dynasty in east Devon. He died on 18 September 1617, and was buried at Honiton on 22 September 1617. Nothing is known of his first marriage. Thomas Marwodde, physician, married Dorothy Searle, widow, at Honiton on 16 April 1599. She must have died soon after. On 6 February 1605/6, Marwood married Temperance Thatcher at Honiton.

In his will, Marwood requested burial in the parish church of Honiton, 'a little within the porche with a decent Tombe of a convenient height upon my grave' with detailed instructions as to an inscription. He left a number of bequests for the poor of Honiton (alms to be received with the singing of psalms), and endowed a house and land for the creation of an almshouse for eight poor people with strict rules relating to behavior. He was survived by four children (Thomas, John, Henry and Joan), who received a number of small bequests, the remainder of his estate to be inherited by his wife and executrix, Temperance Marwood (d.1644).

Children of Thomas Marwood:

Thomas. He died in 1619.

John. Physician.

Henry; buried 19 May 1627 [Colyton]. He married 1. Alice; 2. Bridget (d.1619), daughter of John Strood and widow of Peter Blackaller
Joan [will].

W.Munk, 'Marvodía', *Genealogist*, 1 (1884), pp.228-40; *m.i.*, Honiton, Devon; Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/130, ff.415v-416v [will of Thomas Marwood, physician and surgeon, of Honiton, Devon, 14 September 1617, pr.25 November 1617].

Thomas MARWOOD (c.1585-1667)

Person ID: 8889

Occ: physician

Loc: Honiton, Devon

Known as 'the loyal physician', Thomas Marwood was the second son of **John Marwood (d.1626)** and grandson of **Thomas Marwood (d.1617)**. He matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 8 February 1604/5, aged 19, proceeding BA on 7 November 1607. Marwood's reputation for loyalty to the Stuarts probably stems from the fact that Charles I stayed with Dr Marwood at Honiton on the evening of 25 July 1644. He has also been credited with being the author of a manuscript account of one of only two post-mortem descriptions of the death of King James I (a manuscript long held by the Marwood family), though William Munk effectively discredited the attribution to Thomas Marwood in the late nineteenth century. After the Restoration, Marwood signed the testimonials of two local medical practitioners, **Peter Blackaller** (1661) and **William Eveleigh** (1662).

Thomas Marwood married Mary Thatcher at Honiton on 25 November 1622. He served as churchwarden of the parish in 1627-8 and 1663-4, and was buried at Honiton on 4 April 1667. In his will of 1664, he left a small bequest to the poor of Honiton. Only two sons are mentioned in the will. Henry received £300, while John, the eldest son, received the bulk of his property and other estate on the death of his mother Mary, who was named as residual legatee and executrix. The total value of his estate was about £1,500, £40 of which related to 'books, physical drugs, a press, glasses, mortars and pestles, boxes, distillatories' and related materials.

Children of Mr Thomas Marwood:

John, bapt.6 November 1623 [Honiton]. Physician.

Thomas, bapt.11 September 1625 [Honiton].

Henry, bapt.21 October 1627 [Honiton]. He was bound apprentice to Robert Lawson, merchant tailor, of London, in 1647 and made a freeman in 1654. He died in the parish of St Gregory's, London 1675. In his will, made that year, he left £1,000 to his brother **John**, as well as a gold mourning ring to **John Lawson**, the son of his old master and future president of the Royal College of Physicians.

Foster, iii, p.981; 'Iter Carolinum', in J.Gutch (ed.), *Collectanea Curiosa; or Miscellaneous Tracts*, 2 vols (Oxford, 1781), ii, p.434; W.Munk, 'Marvodia', *Genealogist*, 1 (1884), pp.228-40 [which includes a copy of the original, entitled *Relatio brevis morbi et mortis ... Jacobi*]; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, sub Colyton and Kentisbeare [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.120]; 1639A/1/2 and 5 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon]; W.Munk, 'Marvodia', *Genealogist*, 2 (1885), pp.23, 128 [copy of will of Thomas Marwood, gent, of Honiton, 10 July 1664, proved in the archdeaconry court of Exeter, 11 September 1667]; TNA, PROB 11/349, ff.64v-66r [will of Henry Marwood, merchant tailor, of St Gregory's, London, 16 November 1675, pr.18 November 1675].

George MASON (b.c.1668)

Person ID: 17416

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

George Mason, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on 14 September 1691. Aged about 23, he was licensed to marry Margaret Duck at Heavitree on 17 December 1691. However, there is no record of a marriage in the registers of that parish. He may be the same as the George Mason, who was living in the parish of St George's, Exeter, in 1699. If so, he was possibly the son of **John Mason**, barber. A son of John Mason was baptised at St Mary Major, Exeter, in October 1668. He may be the George Mason of Exeter, whose will (no longer extant) was proved at Exeter in 1729.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.186; G.J.Armytage (ed.), *Allegations for Marriage Licences Issued by the Vicar-General of the Archbishop of Canterbury, July 1687 to June 1694* (London, HS, vol.31, 1890), p.204; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.92; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.480.

John MASON (d.1705)

Person ID: 8904/24010

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In July 1683, Susanna Osmond and Rebecca Johnson, servants of John Mason, barber, of Exeter, Devon, testified against **Thomas Colliber Snr**, whom they accused of speaking in defence of William, Lord Russell, recently executed for treason. Mason was a resident of the parish of St George's, Exeter, where he also served as constable in 1684. Four years later, he swore before the ecclesiastical commission set up to investigate hostile acts againsts the city's dissenters that he had never exacted fines on any accused of nonconformity in the execution of his office.

Mr John Mason was buried at St George's, Exeter, on 5 July 1705.

Children of Mr John Mason:

Alice, buried 13 January 1686/7 [St George's, Exeter].

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/66, f.28r; Bodl., Rawlinson MS D 372, f.59; Devon Heritage Centre, 4779A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St George's, Exeter, Devon].

Andrew MATTHEWS (d.1691)

Person ID: 17771

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Andrew Matthews, apothecary, of Plymouth, Devon, is almost certainly the same as Andrew Matthews, the servant of the physician **Nicholas Davies**, who practised in Plymouth before settling as a doctor in London. Matthews married Mary Michael, the daughter of John Michael of Saltash, at St Stephen's by Saltash in October 1654 (banns read at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 14 October 1654). He subsequently married Mrs Philippa Hicke at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 9 October 1677. Matthews frequently appeared as a member of the Plymouth grand jury in the 1680s. He was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth on 16 November 1691.

Children of Mr Andrew Matthews:

Joseph, bapt.31 December 1661 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; Kresen Kernow, parish registers of St Stephen's by Saltash, Cornwall; Plymouth Archives, 1/51, *passim*; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.124.

Joseph MAUDITT or MAWDITT Snr (fl.1655-1700)

Person ID: 16612

Occ: apothecary/druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Joseph Mauditt or Mawditt was the son of Isaac Mawditt (d.1664) and his wife Deborah (d.1666), the eldest daughter of Richard Wood, and was baptised at St Petrock's, Exeter, on 24 March 1628/9. In his father's will of 1664, he received a tenement in Castle Lane, Exeter, called the 'Spread Eagle', as well as £50 and the cancellation of a debt of £100. Mauditt's apprentice **Robert Chilcott** was made a freeman of the city in 1683. Five years later Mauditt was made an alderman under the new charter issued by James II in March 1688. His son, **Joseph Mauditt Jr**, who served an apprenticeship under his father, was made a freeman in 1691.

Mauditt married Mary Glyde of St Mary Major, Exeter, at St Peter's [Exeter cathedral] on 6 February 1654/5. The couple lived in the parish of St Mary Arches in the city. Mary was buried there on 26 February 1699/1700. The date and place of burial of Joseph Maudit remains unknown.

Children of Joseph Mauditt Snr and his wife Mary:

Mary, bapt.11 November 1655 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

Debora, bapt.9 August 1657 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

Joseph, bapt.4 May 1669 [St Mary Arches, Exeter]. Apothecary/druggist.

William, bapt.3 November 1672 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

T.C.Wales and C.P.Hartley (eds), *The Visitation of London begun in 1687*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 16 & 17, 2004), i, p.76; Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/314, ff.368r-369r [will of Isaac Mauditt the elder, merchant, of Exeter, 7 May 1664, pr.22 August 1664]; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.175, 184; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.32; Devon Heritage Centre, 332A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Arches, Exeter, Devon].

Joseph MAUDITT or MAWDITT Jnr (1669-1696)

Person ID: 16613

Occ: apothecary/druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Joseph Mauditt or Mawditt was the son of **Joseph Mauditt Snr** and his wife Mary, née Glyde, and was baptised at St Mary Arches, Exeter, on 4 May 1669. He was made a freeman, as the apprentice of his father **Joseph Mauditt Snr**, on 31 August 1691. His own apprentice **Robert Bussell** was made free in 1701. Mr Joseph Mauditt Jnr was buried at St Mary Arches, Exeter, on 15 September 1696.

Devon Heritage Centre, 332A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Arches, Exeter, Devon]; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.184, 206.

Lewis MAURY or MAUZY (d.1726 or 1727)

Person ID: 8979

Occ: physician

Loc: Barnstaple & Exeter, Devon

Lewis Maury (sometimes Mauzy) graduated B Med from Trinity College, Dublin, in 1699. He had previously matriculated at Balliol College, Oxford, in 1693, but does not appear to have gained a degree. Maury was the son of the Huguenot minister Lewis Maury or Mauzy and his wife Elizabeth Sannager, and was probably born in France, the family migrating to England some time after the issue of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. They would appear to have settled in Ireland, where Lewis Maury married Anne Hutchinson, the daughter of Edward Hutchinson (1632-1699) and his wife Anne, née Batty, of Knocklofty, Clonmel, in county Tipperary, in 1705.

Maury was resident in Barnstaple from at least 1710 until 1720. Two daughters were baptised in the town in 1711 and 1712, and in the latter year Dr Maury was left five pieces of gold in the will of the Barnstaple apothecary **Joseph Baller** (which he also witnessed). The Huguenot traveller John Fontaine recorded meeting Dr Mosey or

Mauzy on several occasions at his house in Barnstaple in February 1714/15. By 1723, Maury was living in the parish of St Kerrian's in Exeter, where he buried a daughter. Maury himself was buried in the same parish on 7 January 1726/7. In his will, made a few months before his death, he asked for a plain and simple funeral. His two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary received bequests of £400 and £350 respectively, while his only son Lewis was granted an annuity of £20 pa out of his wife's jointure valued at £1,500. As they were all minors, Maury nominated his three brothers in law, Richard Hutchinson (1668-1757) and James Massiott, both of Ireland, and Andrew Majendie (d.1739), minister of the French church in Exeter, to act as executors in trust. He also left small bequests for his three sisters, Magdalen Massiott, Susanna Majendie, and Elizabeth, who had remained in France.

Children of Dr Lewis Maury or Mauzy and wife Anne:

Anne, bapt.17 January 1710/11 [Barnstaple]; buried 30 January 1722/3 [St Kerrian's, Exeter].

Jane, bapt.22 July 1712; buried 11 May 1720 [Barnstaple].

Elizabeth [will]. She married Edward Long of Ireland and died in 1799.

Mary, bapt.30 November 1718 [Barnstaple].

Lewis [will].

G.D.Burtchaell and T.U.Sadler (eds), *Alumni Dublinienses* (London, 1924), p.566; Foster, iii, p.992; T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 A.D. to 1812 A.D.* (Exeter, 1903), baptisms, pp.140, 142; burials, p.118; TNA, PROB 11/527, ff.264r [will of Joseph Baller, apothecary, of Barnstaple, Devon, 27 February 1711/12, pr.2 July 1712]; E.P.Alexander (ed.), *The Journal of John Fontaine: An Irish Huguenot Son in Spain and Virginia 1710-1719* (Williamsburg, VA, 1972), pp.61, 62; Devon Heritage Centre, 4780A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Kerrian's, Exeter, Devon]; Exeter oath roll, Michaelmas 1723; TNA, PROB 11/618, ff.141r-142v [will of Lewis Mauzy, bachelor of medicine, of Exeter, 8 October 1726, pr.4 November 1727].

Andrew MAWRY (fl.1555)

Person ID: 15780

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Andrew Mawry, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Robert Cobland**, on 9 September 1555. Two of his apprentices, **William Mickes** and **Ellis Bicknoll**, were made free in 1596-7 and 1598 respectively.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.81, 106, 107.

Gregory MAWRY (d.1617)

Person ID: 15781

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Gregory Mawry, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on paying an entry fine of £1 10s on 13 September 1602. Mawry was a resident of the parish of All

Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, and was serving as churchwarden of the parish when he died and was buried at All Hallows on 17 May 1617.

Mawry married three times. Firstly, he married Joyce Singleton at All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, on 3 June 1602. She was buried in the parish on 8 May 1664. Secondly, he married Dorothy Milford on 10 September 1604 (buried at All Hallows, 19 July 1605). Finally, he married a woman called Joan (place unknown), who was alive at the time of his death. In his nuncupative will, Mawry gave two-thirds of his estate to his wife Joan, the other third to be shared among his three, unnamed, children.

Children of Gregory Mawry:

Margaret, bapt.20 January 1603/4 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

Agnes or Alice, bapt.8 July 1605 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

John, bapt.30 August 1609 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.110; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, pp.23, 24, 25, 68, 69, 71; TNA, PROB 11/130, ff.114v-115r [nuncupative will of Gregory Mawrie, barber, of Exeter, 11 May 1617, pr.8 August 1617].

MAYE (d.1668)

Person ID: 24054

Occ: midwife

Loc: Wolborough, Devon

One Maye, a midwife, was buried at Wolborough, Devon, 20 July 1668.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2518A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Wolborough, Devon].

John MAYER (fl.1687)

Person ID: 8997

Occ: unlicensed physician

Loc: Crediton, Devon

John Mayer was presented in the vicar general's court for the diocese of Exeter for practising physic without a licence, 7 February 1686/7. Speculatively, he may have been the man of the same name who entered Leiden University to study medicine on 29 September 1685. There, he gave his age as 20. One John Mare, the son of Edward Mare, was baptised at Crediton on 2 September 1666. A man of the same name was buried at Crediton on 14 May 1717.

Devon Heritage Centre, C 757, *sub* 7 February 1686/7; Innes Smith, p.155; Devon Heritage Centre, 2935A/PR/1/6 and 8 [parish registers of Crediton, Devon].

Stephen MAYNARD (fl.1706)

Person ID: 15786

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Stephen Maynard, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Hamley**, on 14 January 1705/6. It was probably his son Stephen was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 8 August 1710.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.211.

Gabriel MAYNE (1663-1714)

Person ID: 17417

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Gabriel Mayne, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **William Moore** on 31 August 1691. A number of Mayne's apprentices were made free, including **Ozias Upcott** (1697), **William Rowe** (1701) and **John Spiller** (1708).

Mayne came from a strong puritan and nonconformist background. His grandfather John Mayne (d.1680), an Exeter merchant, was a committed puritan, while Gabriel's father Zachary (1631-1694) had experimented with a variety of radical strains of religious thought, including Socinianism, in his youth. He subsequently became a schoolmaster. Gabriel was the eldest son of Zachary Mayne and his wife Catherine, the daughter of Gabriel Barnes, merchant, of Honiton, and was baptised at Honiton on 20 July 1663. Judging from his grandfather's will, Gabriel was originally thought to be scholarly material, £50 pa being set aside in John Mayne's will to fund his grandson's university studies in 'the Art faculty or science of phisicke'. However, Gabriel's father, Zachary, diverted the money to his younger son Joel, and Gabriel set out instead to train as an apothecary in Exeter.

Gabriel Mayne married Margaret Hele, the daughter of Walter Hele, gent, at Stokenham, Devon, on 4 November 1690. He was buried in the parish church of St Martin's, Exeter, 11 August 1714.

Children of Gabriel Mayne:

Zachary, bapt.21 September 1693 [St Martin's, Exeter]. An apothecary, he was made a freeman of Exeter, 4 April 1726.

Margaret, bapt.3 April 1695 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Katherine, bapt.17 December 1699; buried 29 January 1699/1700 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Walter, bapt.15 December 1700 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Susanna, bapt.22 November 1702 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Elizabeth, bapt.20 September 1704; buried 1 August 1705 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Joanna, bapt.13 March 1705/6 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Sarah, bapt.29 October 1707 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Catherine, bapt.12 March 1708/9; buried 3 April 1710 [St Martin's, Exeter].

John, bapt.11 November 1710 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Samuel, bapt.3 June 1712 [St Martin's, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.184, 201, 208, 214, 239; *ODNB*, sub Mayne, Zachary, revised article by H.J.McLachlan; Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/5 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/363, ff.184r-186v [will of John Mayne, merchant, of Exeter, 30 May 1680, pr.29 June 1680]; TNA, PROB 11/426, ff.272r-273r [will of Zachary Mayne, gent, of Exeter, 5 November 1692, pr.24 July 1695]; Devon Heritage Centre, 3031A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Stokenham, Devon]; Rev.F.Nesbit, transcript of parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837.

James MAYNE (d.1699)

Person ID: 18213

James Mayne, apothecary, of Totnes, Devon, acted as bondsman for the marriage of Arthur Rook of Littlehempston, Devon, and Katherine Glubb of Huish, on 1 June 1697. He may be the same as James Mayne, the son of Nathaniel Mayne, who was baptised at Totnes on 15 October 1650. He married a woman named Agnes, who was buried at Totnes on 2 June 1681. James Mayne was buried at Totnes on 24 April 1699.

Children of James Mayne and wife Agnes:

Grace, bapt.23 May 1673 [Totnes].

Agnes, bapt.21 July 1675 [Totnes].

James, bapt.2 May 1677 [Totnes].

Devon Heritage Centre, diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, transcribed by C.A.T.Fursdon (1931); QS/21/1690/56; Plymouth Archives, 1296/19 [mortgage of property to James Mayne, 1689]; Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

Arthur MAYOR (fl.1623)

Person ID: 9009

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Arthur Mayor, barber surgeon, of Exeter, Devon, is mentioned in the borough quarter sessions records in 1623. He may in fact be the same as the Arthur Mayes, 'servant' of the Exeter barber surgeon **John Purchase**, who claimed in October 1626 that Mayes tried to murder him and his wife. One Arthur Mayes married Charity Searle at St Paul's, Exeter, on 7 February 1631/2.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA C1/62, ff.152r, 292r; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt ii, p.364.

Thomas MAYOW (c.1646-1680)

Person ID: 9011

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Mayow was the son of Philip Mayow (d.1679), gentleman, of Brae in the parish of Morval, Cornwall. Mayow matriculated at Christ Church, Oxford, on 22 July 1663, aged 17, proceeding BA in 1667, MA in 1669/70, B Med, on 23 March 1669/70 and MD in 1678. Shortly after completing his medical studies, he set up in practice at Exeter. He died there on 10 March 1679/80 and was buried in the cathedral on 12 March 1679/80. In his brief will, he left all his estate to his wife Elizabeth. She is probably Elizabeth Short, who married Thomas Mayow at Liskeard, Cornwall (near the latter's birthplace at Morval) on 9 June 1672. She subsequently married Nathaniel Lacey at St James, Duke's Place, London, on 31 August 1681, but died within weeks of the probate of her late husband's will (administration being granted to her new husband). It is possible he was the same as **Nathaniel Lacey**, a fellow physician and former student of Mayow's alma mater, Christ Church. Indeed, Mayow's original will may have been written in Oxford. It was witnessed by one **Basil Wood** and his wife Jane, the former a leading surgeon in the city.

Thomas Mayow was the brother of the celebrated physiologist and chemist **John Mayow**, who named him as executor of his will in 1679.

Foster, iii, p.997; R.Polwhele, *The History of Devonshire*, 3 vols (London, 1793-1806), ii, p.25; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I.The Registers of the Cathedral (Exeter,1910)*, p.150 ['Dr Mewod']; TNA, PROB 11/369, ff.276r-v [will of Thomas Mayow, 2 March 1679/80, pr.2 March 1681/2; admin.granted to Nathan Lacy, 20 April 1682]; London Metropolitan Archives, P69/JS1/A/MS07894/001 [parish registers of St James, Duke's Place, London, 1664-1692]; TNA, PROB 11/363, f.191v [will of John Mayow, doctor of the common law, 24 May 1679, pr.19 June 1680].

Andrew MEADEN (d.1652)

Person ID: 9025

Occ: physician

Loc: Exeter, Devon & Bruton, Somerset

Following examination by **John Norris** and others, Andrew Meaden of Exeter, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine throughout the diocese of Exeter on 31 August 1610. Andrew Meaten, doctor of phisicke, was buried at Bruton, Somerset, on 4 May 1652.

He is probably the same as the Andrew Meaden who was described as the 'beloved' brother-in-law and named as overseer in the will of **John Baily** or Bayly, yeoman and physician, of Horningsham, Wiltshire, in 1619.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.14 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.121]; Rev.D.L.Hayward (ed), *The Registers of Bruton, Co. Somerset. Vol.I 1554-1680 (Exeter)*, p.205; Wiltshire and Swindon Archives, P5/10Reg/64A and P5/1619/11 [will of John Bayly, yeoman, of Horningsham, Wiltshire, 6 October 1619, pr.20 October 1619].

Nicholas MEDLAND (fl.1714-1723)

Person ID: 18392

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Nicholas Medland, druggist, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Samuel Symons**, on 11 January 1713/14. His own apprentice Abraham Gilbert was made free in 1726.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.225, 239; Devon Heritage Centre, Exeter oath roll, Michaelmas 1723.

Richard MELHUISH (d.1712)

Person ID: 17014

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Richard Melhuish was the son of Lewis Melhuish, gent, of Witheridge, Devon. Melhuish married Cecilia French at Northam, Devon, on 2 September 1697. She died in 1711 and was buried at Barnstaple on 29 September 1711. Mr Richard Melhuish, apothecary, was buried at Barnstaple on 8 February 1711/12. His will was proved in 1715.

Children of Mr Richard Melhuish and wife Cecilia:

Thomas, bapt.20 October 1698; buried 21 December 1698 [Barnstaple].

Joseph, bapt.13 December 1699; buried 7 October 1701 [Barnstaple].

Joan, bapt.27 July 1701 [Barnstaple].

Richard, bapt.11 February 1702/3 [Barnstaple]. He was apprenticed to John Gwatkin, soapmaker, of Bristol, 19 June 1719.

Cecilia, bapt.23 July 1704; buried 21 July 1710 [Barnstaple].

Dorcas, bapt.8 August 1705 [Barnstaple].

Patience, bapt.28 August 1706; buried 17 December 1706 [Barnstaple].

Ann, bapt.30 December 1707 [Barnstaple].

Honour, bapt.30 June 1709; buried 2 April 1712 [Barnstaple].

Lucy, bapt.19 September 1711 [Barnstaple].

T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903), baptisms, pp.131, 132, 133, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 141; burials, pp.102, 103, 107, 110, 111; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

Malachi MERCER (1684-1712)

Person ID: 17419

Occ: apothecary/mercier

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Malachi Mercer, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **James Kingwell Snr**, on 19 April 1708. He was the son of John Mercer (1659-1719) and his wife Mary (d.1701), the daughter of Richard Conant (d.1688), vicar of East Budleigh in Devon from 1672 to 1688. Mercer was baptised at Ottery St Mary on 24 September 1684. He married Susanna Winde at St Pancras, Exeter, on 28

June 1710 (where he he is described as a mercer). Mr Malachi Mercer was buried at St Mary Steps, Exeter, on 20 March 1711/12. In his will, he mentioned a brother John and sister Jael, and left his one-third interest in his father's property at Ottery St Mary to his father for 50 years, the same to descend thereafter to his wife and heirs. Melhuish named his wife Susan as residual legatee and executrix.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.218; *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 9 (1916-1917), pp.167, 170 [abstract of archdeaconry court of Exeter will of Malachi Mercer, apothecary, of Exeter, 4 January 1711/12, pr.9 April 1712]; Devon Heritage Centre, 180A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Ottery St Mary, Devon]; 2929A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Pancras, Exeter, Devon]; 4768A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Steps, Exeter, Devon].

Ambrose MESSENGER (fl.1616)

Person ID: 9089

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

In February 1615/16, Ambrose Messenger, surgeon, of Barnstaple, Devon, was discharged by the Middlesex magistrates, having been 'taken late at two in the night in Sharpe's Alley' by the constable. No record of Messenger has been found at Barnstaple. One Ambrose Messenger married Alice Pearce at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 9 September 1599.

W.le Hardy (ed.), *County of Middlesex. Calendar to the Sessions Records. Volume 3, 1615-1616* (1937), p.171; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

John MICHELL (fl.1641)

Person ID: 15795

Occ: barber

Loc: Colyton, Devon

Joan, the daughter of John Michell, barber, was baptised at Colyton, 18 February 1640/1. Michel probably died before the summer of 1646. On 28 July 1646. Joan, the daughter of Margaret Michell, widow, was buried at Colyton.

A.J.P.Skinner (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Colyton, Devon, 1538-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1928), i, p.151.

Robert MICHELL (fl.1617)

Person ID: 24136

Occ: barber

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

On 13 October 1617, the borough court of Barnstaple, Devon, ordered that Thomas Kynnick, the apprentice of Robert Michell, barber, 'for his master's ill usage of him, be freely and absolutely freedde [and] discharged out of his master's service and apprenticeship'.

He may be the same as the Robert Michell, who was buried at Barnstaple on 4 May 1628.

J.R.Chanter and T.Wainwright (eds), *Reprint of the Barnstaple Records*, 2 vols (Barnstaple, 1900), i, p.49; T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903), burials, p.49.

William MICKES (fl.1596)

Person ID: 15796

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Mickes, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Andrew Mawry**, some time between November 1596 and January 1596/7.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.106.

William MILLER (fl.1638)

Person ID: 9157

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Bradninch, Devon

William Miller, of Bradninch, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 29 November 1638. A testimonial was supplied by **Philip Clash**, 'licensed professor of medicine'.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.527 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.121].

Edward MILLS (d.1681)

Person ID: 9170

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Cullompton, Devon

Edward Mills of Cullompton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 13 June 1668. His application was supported by John Gilbert, vicar of Cullompton and various parishioners, as well as **Richard Gardiner** and **William Eveleigh**. Edward Mills was buried at Cullompton on 7 October 1681.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.428 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.121]; PR 518, sub Cullompton; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Cullompton, Devon; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.471.

Cornelius MOGFORD or MUGFORD (d.1693)

Person ID: 9464

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Cullompton & Exeter, Devon

Cornelius Mogford or Mugford of Cullompton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 3 March 1667/8. Among those who signed testimonials on his behalf were **Anthony Salter Jnr, William Durston, Gray Holland, William Eveleigh, Ellis Veryard (1601-1681)** and John Gilbert, the vicar of Cullompton. Mogford later provided a testimonial for **John Parnell** of Heavitree.

Mogford was living in Cullompton in 1657, when his son John was baptised there. He probably left Cullompton for Exeter in about 1680, at the time of his marriage to Mary Cornish at Heavitree on 19 October of that year. He probably settled in the populous parish of St Sidwell's. In January 1683/4, he with many others was asked to appear and show his licence to practise in the vicar-general's court. He subsequently exhibited his licence to practise in Devon, but was nonetheless warned to desist from practising in the city. Mogford was buried at St Sidwell's, Exeter, on 9 April 1693.

Children of Cornelius Mogford:

Cornelius, bapt.11 January 1656/7 [Cullompton].

Mary, bapt.1 June 1662 [Cullompton].

John, bapt.19 January 1663/4 [Cullompton].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.418; PR 518, *sub* Cullompton and Heavitree; registers of Cullompton, Devon; Chanter MS 46, p.82 [marriage licence of Cornelius Mugford and Mary Cornish, 18 October 1680]; 3004A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Heavitree, Devon, where refers to Cornelius in error as 'Josias']; C 757, *sub* 18 January 1683/4; parish registers of St Sidwell's, Exeter; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, Proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.473.

Mary MOGFORD (fl.1709)

Person ID: 18544

Occ: midwifery

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

Mary Mogford of Tiverton, Devon, was licensed to practise midwifery in the diocese of Exeter on 9 September 1709.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* date.**David MOLE (c.1605-c.1668)**

Person ID: 9233

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: South Brent & Dean Prior, Devon

In a diocesan survey of 1666, Mole was said to be practising medicine at South Brent. Described as 'well affected', there was nonetheless uncertainty as to whether or not he possessed a licence to practice.

Mole was the son of John Mole, clergyman, of Chudleigh, Devon. He matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, on 3 November 1626, aged 21, proceeding BA in 1628 and MA in 1634. He served as curate of South Brent in support of the rector, Robert Herrick (1591-1674), the celebrated poet, from 1634 until about 1668. His son **Timothy Mole** practised medicine at South Brent.

Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.307r, 405v; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 362-364/33/18; Chanter MS 151, f.41; Foster, iii, p.1019; *ODNB*, *sub* Herrick, Robert, article by T.Cain; Devon Heritage Centre, 123M/L 159 [lease, 1659].

Timothy MOLE (d.1690)

Person ID: 27721

Occ: physician

Loc: South Brent, Devon

Timothy Mole was the son of **David Mole**, curate of South Brent. He was described as 'doctor of physic' in various legal documents involving his second wife and widow Martha in 1691.

Mole married twice. Firstly, he married Mistress Hakings at Slapton on 30 November 1670. And secondly, he married Martha Foster at South Brent on 16 October 1679. Mr Timothy Mole was buried at South Brent on 25 October 1690.

Devon Heritage Centre, 123M/L220, 221, 245, 285-7, 290, 304 [leases, 1690]; 3040A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Slapton, Devon]; 3250A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of South Brent, Devon].

Thomas MONEY (d.1700)

Person ID: 9255

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Taunton, Somerset, & Totnes, Devon

Thomas Money of Taunton, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells in 1676. He signed letters testimonial in support of **George Cockeram**, apothecary, of Wellington, Somerset, in 1683 and was still living in Taunton in 1686. Sometime thereafter, he removed to Totnes in Devon, where his first wife Anna was buried on 8 March 1691/2. He was licensed to marry Elizabeth Ann of Plymouth, widow, on 7 May 1695. Thomas Money was buried at Totnes on 29 February 1699/1700.

Children of Dr [Thomas] Money:

Anne, bapt.30 October 1682 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, Taunton, D\D/bs/42, *sub* 14 April 1676; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/176/1-3 and 189/1-3; Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon]; diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, transcribed C.A.T.Fursdon (1931), *sub* date; *The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), p.197; Somerset

Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696].

William MOORE or MORE (d.1712)

Person ID: 16617

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Moore or More, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Richard Pidsley**, on 22 March 1673/4. Three of his own apprentices were also made freemen – **Nathaniel Strong** (1691), **Gabriel Mayne** (1691) and **John Caunter** (1701). He was described as the ‘well beloved friend’ of John Whitrow the elder, merchant, of Dartmouth, in the latter’s will of 1697. Whitrow named him as one of the executors in trust for his younger children.

Moore lived in the parish of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter. All of his family, William included, were buried in St Kerrian’s, Exeter. His wife Mary was buried there on 9 August 1708. Moore was buried in the same parish on 24 September 1712.

Children of Mr William Moore and wife Mary:

Susanna, buried 18 March 1675/6 [St Kerrian’s, Exeter].

Sara, buried 4 March 1677/8 [St Kerrian’s, Exeter].

Samuel, buried 1 April 1682 [St Kerrian’s, Exeter].

Mary, buried 23 November 1682 [St Kerrian’s, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.166, 181, 184, 207; TNA, PROB 11/450, ff.159r-160r [will of John Whitrow the elder, merchant, of Dartmouth, 3 June 1697, pr.4 April 1699]; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.88; Decon Heritage Centre, 4780A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Kerrian’s, Exeter, Devon].

William MORGAN (d.1690)

Person ID: 15810

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Morgan, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Hubert Griffin**, on 17 February 1678/9. His apprentice **Joseph Reynolds** was made a freeman in 1701.

Mr William Morgan was buried in St Edmund’s, Exeter, on 15 November 1703.

Children of Mr William Morgan:

Elizabeth, bapt.2 February 1683/4 [St Edmund’s, Exeter].

Charles, bapt.30 August 1685 [St Edmund’s, Exeter].

Sarah, bapt.2 October 1687 [St Edmund’s, Exeter].

John, bapt.9 April 1693 [St Edmund’s, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.169, 207; Devon Heritage Centre, 3006A/PR/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of St Edmund's, Exeter, Devon].

William MORGAN (d.1724)

Person ID: 24279

Occ: barber

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

William Morgan practised as a barber in the town of Tiverton from at least 1708 until his death in 1724. He was buried at Tiverton on 1 April 1724 and may have been the child of the same name, the son of William Morgan, who was baptised there on 9 April 1679.

Children of William Morgan, barber:

Robert, born 29 August 1708; bapt.3 September 1708 [Tiverton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PR/1/3 and 4 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon].

Richard MORRIS (d.1672)

Person ID: 9360/9375

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Frequently described as MD, no evidence has been found that Richard Morris received any form of university education. He is first noted practising in Exeter in the late 1650s, when he was often in trouble with the puritan authorities in the city. In 1657, for example, in company with Dr **John Bidgood**, he was accused by the apothecary **Richard Pidsley** of swearing 25 oaths. A year later, he was again accused of engaging in further bouts of swearing, as well as beating his wife, of whom he was said to have remarked that 'hee would marke her for a whore and a bitch and would leave her for dead'. His woes were compounded in the same year, when the chamber ordered that the street before his house should be repaired and Morris' goods distrained in order to pay for the cost of the same. At the time, he would appear to have been living in the parish of St Paul's. He and his wife paid the large sum of £10 0s 6d in the poll tax of 1660. By 1671, however, he was living in the Close.

In all probability, Morris was a staunch royalist. In addition to his friendship with **John Bidgood**, Morris' name was appended with fourteen others in 1663 to an advert in *Mercurius Publicus* refuting a story found in one of the *Mirabilis Annus* tracts, where it was alleged that a Devon squire had suffered a horrible, providential end after being mysteriously attacked by ravens. The apologists averred that this was 'a most horrid untruth, proceeding merely from the poison of some detracting tongue', a reference no doubt to the activity of nonconformist opponents to the Restoration. The victim, Sir Nicholas Martin, may have been Morris' patient. Little else is known of his practice. In 1667, **John Sprague** dedicated his Leiden MD thesis to Dr Morris and **Thomas Waterhouse** of Exeter. A receipt of his 'to keep the body sollible' was made by the Exeter apothecary, **Francis Pengelly**.

Dr Morris was buried in the church of St Martin's, Exeter, on 16 January 1671/2. His will, which has not survived, was proved in the peculiar court of the dean of Exeter in 1671/2. Morris' widow, Mary, was buried in the nave of Exeter cathedral on 4 February 1683/4.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/64, ff.362v, 363r, 401v; ECA 10, f.105v; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), pp.45, 71; *Mercurius Publicus*, 2-9 July 1663; Innes Smith, p.220; *Notes and Gleanings: A Monthly Magazine Devoted Chiefly to Subjects Connected with the Counties of Devon and Cornwall*, 2 (1889), p.62; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.F.Nesbit, transcript of parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837; R.Polwhele, *The History of Devonshire*, 3 vols (London, 1793-1806), ii, p.25.

Charles MOSELEY (fl.1665)

Person ID: 9404

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Charles Moseley of Exeter, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery and medicine in Devon and Cornwall on 14 March 1664/5. Testimonials on his behalf were supplied by two Roman Catholic physicians, **John Fryer** and **Thomas Lenthall**, both of London, who affirmed that Moseley was 'a person of whose integrity wee are so persuaded that he will undertake nothing in the point of cure but what he by rationall experience and with safety may apply and that as wee believe him able in divers secrets and experiments, so wee testify it for the use of others'. No trace of Moseley has been found in Exeter records.

Lambeth Palace Library, FII4/110a-b; F1/C, f.151v [*Directory*, ii, no.1022].

Boyle MOSS (fl.1702-1711)

Person ID: 24313

Occ: apothecary/physician

Loc: Holborn, London/Middlesex & Plymouth, Devon

Boyle Moss was living and practising as an apothecary in Shoe Lane in the London suburb of St Andrew Holborn between 1702 and 1705, but would appear to have moved with his wife Mary to Plymouth shortly after the death of his son Boyle in 1705. There, three more children were born and baptised between 1707 and 1712, but nothing further is heard of him after this date.

Moss was almost certainly related to Michael Moss of Cork in Ireland who married the daughter of the Reverend Thomas Boyle, rector of Timoleague, county Cork, the first cousin of Richard Boyle, first earl of Cork (1566-1643). He may also have been related to the Cork physician **Jeremiah Moss**.

Children of Boyle Moss, apothecary, and his wife Mary:

Boyle, bapt.19 October 1702; buried 12 October 1705 [St Andrew Holborn, London/Middlesex].

Jane, bapt.9 July 1705 [St Andrew Holborn, London/Middlesex].
Boyle, bapt.16 May 1707 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
Michael, bapt.30 January 1708/9; buried 29 October 1711 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].
Alice, bapt.26 March 1712 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

London Metropolitan Archives, P82/AND/A/001/MS06667/007 [parish registers of St Andrew Holborn, London/Middlesex, 1703-1717]; P69/AND2/A/010/MS06673/007 [parish registers of St Andrew Holborn, London/Middlesex, 1698-1715]; Plymouth Archives, 167/3 [parish registers of Charles the Martyr Plymouth, Devon].

Philip MOUNES (fl.1563)

Person ID: 27696

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Philip Mounes, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Richard Lymbery alias Chymney**, in 1563-4.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.86.

Richard MOUNTSTEPHEN (d.1738)

Person ID: 15823

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard Mountstephen, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Baker**, on 10 January 1714/15. His own apprentice, Joseph Hooker, was made a freeman in 1727.

Mountstephen married Mary Morris, both of St John's, Exeter, at the latter parish on 23 December 1715. He was buried at St John's, 20 July 1738.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.227, 242; Devon Heritage Centre, 4767A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St John's, Exeter, Devon].

William MOUNTSTEPHEN (fl.1710)

Person ID: 15824

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Mountstephen, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Richard Marsh**, on 4 September 1710.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.221.

Peter MUDEN (d.1637)

Person ID: 9461

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Butterleigh, Devon

According to a monument erected in the parish church of Butterleigh, probably composed by his friend **Robert Vilvain** (see below), Muden was born at The Hague in Holland and was awarded his MD from the university of Padua in 1597. Shortly thereafter, he seems to have settled in Devon where, on 25 September 1600, he married Elizabeth Courtenay (d.1624), the daughter of Philip Courtenay (1547-1611), esquire, of Molland, and his wife Joan Boyes (d.1586). He later erected a monument to her memory in the parish church of Butterleigh, which he helped to rebuild in the early seventeenth century. An alabaster statue of an early seventeenth-century figure in the church is widely assumed to be Dr Muden, who died and was buried at Butterleigh in 1637. Shortly before his death, Muden provided a medical testimonial on behalf of **William Snelling** of Plympton St Mary.

Much of what we know of Muden and his medical interests is taken from his full and detailed will of 1633, in which he made a number of bequests to local physicians and apothecaries. He was clearly on close terms with Dr **Robert Vilvain** of Exeter, to whom he left 'all my latin books of physick as well theorick as practick', as well as latin books of surgery and *Speculum Matricis*. Dr **Lewis Chichester** received 'all my Italian books in Phisick', while Dr **Frederick Wanchope** of Totnes was the recipient of 'all my French books of medicine and surgery'. He also remembered two Devon apothecaries, **Culpeper Clapham** of Barnstaple and **Humphrey Bidgood** of Exeter, the latter to receive 'all my phramaceutical books as well printed as written'. Clapham and Bidgood, alongside Dr Vilvain, were named as executors of the will. Vilvain was also asked to write an epitaph on Muden's gravestone.

Muden was survived by a sole daughter, Anne Babbage, who received an annuity of £10 pa. Her four children were the principal beneficiaries, receiving £600 and various possessions of the testator located in Barnstaple and Taunton. His two grandsons also received all his English and Dutch books. Finally, Muden made a number of small bequests to various servants and the poor of Butterleigh, as well as remembering his sister, Gertrude van Mayden, then living at The Hague, and a son of the deceased theologian, Dr Richard Carpenter (1575-1627). A dispute over property at Butterleigh, hinted at in the will, lingered on into the 1650s.

J.Cobley (ed.), *James Davidson's East Devon Church Notes* (Woodbridge, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, 64, 2022), pp.309-10; J.H.Raach, 'Five Early Seventeenth Century English Country Physicians', *Journal of the History of Medicine*, 20 (1965), pp.223-5; Devon Heritage Centre, B415A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Molland, Devon]; *m.i.*, Butterleigh, Devon; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.465; TNA, PROB 11/175, ff.91r-92r [will of Peter Muden, doctor in phisicke, of Butterleigh, Devon, 18 December 1633, pr.5 October 1637]; J.S.Cockburn (ed.), *Western Circuit Assize Orders 1629-1648: A Calendar* (Camden Soc., 4th ser., vol.17; London, 1976), p.158; TNA, C8/98/6.

John MUDGE (d.1703)

Person ID: 9462

Occ surgeon

Loc: Totnes, Devon

John Mudge, surgeon, of Totnes, Devon, married Mary Ruport, widow of fellow Totnes surgeon **Philip Ruport**, at Berry Pomeroy on 12 November 1701. Mudge was buried at Totnes (as 'Doctor' Mudge) on 5 April 1703. His widow Mary was buried there, 1 November 1704.

Devon Heritage Centre, 3046A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Berry Pomeroy, Devon]; 1863A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

Robert MUDGE (d.1746)

Person ID: 18393

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Robert Mudge, druggist, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Philip Peare**, on 11 July 1698. He had previously married Joan Braddon of Kentisbeare at St Martin's, Exeter on 20 May 1697. Two of his apprentices, **William Turner** (1705) and William Buckland (1734) were made freemen. Mudge and his wife Joan were still alive in 1723, when they appear on the oath roll.

Robert Mudge was buried at St Martin's, Exeter, 10 November 1746.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.202, 211, 246; Devon Heritage Centre, diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, transcribed by C.A.T.Fursdon (1931), *sub* 19 May 1697; Rev.F.Nesbit, transcript of parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837; Exeter oath roll, Michaelmas 1723.

Richard MUNYON (1643-1687)

Person ID: 9494

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

The Plymouth surgeon **James Yonge** referred to Richard Munyon, a fellow surgeon from Plymouth, frequently in his autobiography. In 1670, he spent some time in Munyon's company while the two served the fishing fleets in Newfoundland. Shortly after returning home to Plymouth, Yonge and others, included Munyon, expressed a desire to settle in the town as a surgeon. The two men would appear to have worked together on occasions. In 1678, Yonge described Munyon's assistance in treating a young man who had attempted to cut off his testicles.

Richard Munyon was the son of John and Elizabeth Munyon, and was baptised at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 22 November 1643. He is almost certainly the Richard Munyon, 'servant' of the naval surgeon **Thomas Rooke** of Deptford, Kent, and recipient of 'many of the worser sorte of my instruments as will fit same to sea' in the latter's will of 1662. Munyon married twice. Firstly, on 31 October 1671, he married Sarah Weekes at St Andrew's, Plymouth. She died in 1682 and was buried in the same parish. He subsequently married a woman named Hannah. No record of their marriage has been found. Richard Munnion, chirurgion of Plymouth, was buried at St John the Evangelist, Dublin, 25 April 1687.

Children of Mr Richard Munyon and wife Sarah:

Richard, bapt.29 December 1673, buried 13 January 1673/4 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Sarah, bapt.5 February 1674/5 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

William, bapt.6 June 1677 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Sarah, bapt.19 June 1678 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Dorothy, bapt.20 June 1680; buried 4 August 1681 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Children of Mr Richard Munyon and wife Hannah:

Hannah, bapt.9 November 1684 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Charles, bapt.26 July 1686; buried 6 August 1686 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721], ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), pp.132, 135, 139, 140; James Yonge, *Currus Triumphalis* (London, 1679), pp.76-77; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; TNA, PROB 11/308, ff.15r-v [will of Thomas Rooke, surgeon, of Deptford, Kent, 7 April 1662, pr.29 April 1662]; J.Mills (ed.), *The Registers of St John the Evangelist, Dublin, 1619 to 1699* (Dublin, 1906), p.208.

Richard MUSGRAVE (1689-1739)

Person ID: 9509

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Washfield, Devon

Richard Musgrave was the son of George Musgrave and his wife Julian, and was baptised at Nettlecombe, Somerset, on 16 May 1689. Musgrave was admitted pensioner at Jesus College, Cambridge, on 16 May 1711, having previously matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, on 27 March 1707. He graduated B Med from Cambridge in 1712. He may have practised briefly at Barnstaple before settling at Washfield. One Mr Richard Musgrave married Mrs Mary Harris at Barnstaple on 2 July 1715. Musgrave subsequently married Elizabeth Burges at Abbotsham, Devon, on 1 September 1724. He was buried at Barnstaple on 6 October 1739. Administration of his will was granted to his widow, Elizabeth, in January 1739/40. Musgrave's son Samuel (1732-1780) was a physician and an eminent classical scholar.

Children of Mr Richard Musgrave and wife Elizabeth:

Harris Burges, bapt.29 December 1727 [Washfield].

Julian Mary Elizabeth, bapt.30 July 1729 [Washfield].

Samuel, bapt.1 November 1732 [Washfield].

Foster, iii, p.1047; Venn, iii, p.230; T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903), marriages, p.58; burials, p.132 Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Abbotsham, Devon; 1146A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Washfield, Devon]; TNA, PROB 6/116; *ODNB*, sub Musgrave, Richard, article by A.Cameron.

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Musgrave was the third son of Richard Musgrave (d.1686) of Nettlecombe, Somerset, and Mary (1629-1683), the daughter of George Bond. He was born on 4 November 1655 and was baptised at Nettlecombe on 26 November 1655. After studying at Winchester College (scholarship 1669), he matriculated at New College, Oxford, on 17 July 1675, graduating BCL on 14 June 1682. He had earlier signalled his intent to follow a medical career, when in March 1680 he had entered Leiden as a medical student. He was awarded his B Med at Oxford on 8 December 1685 and became MD in 1689. He was also elected a fellow of the Royal Society in 1683/4 (proposed by Francis Aston), acting as secretary for a year before resigning, and became a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in London on 30 September 1692. He briefly practised in Oxford, where he helped form the Oxford Philosophical Society. In 1704, he provided a testimonial for **Jonathan Furlong**, who was seeking a medical appointment in the military.

Musgrave married Philippa Speke (1660-1715), the daughter of William Speke of Jordans, at Ashill, Somerset, on 30 September 1691. He now settled into medical practice in Exeter, where he owned a house in Trinity Lane (later re-named Musgrave Alley in recognition of his role in restoring the chapel of Holy Trinity) in the parish of St Lawrence. In 1694, he purchased a part of the manor of Sheafhayne in the parish of Honiton for £1,000. Musgrave was a keen naturalist, who corresponded with many of the leading scientific and medical thinkers of his age. He was also deeply interested in antiquarianism demonstrating a particular liking for the early history of Britain under the Romans. Much of this research led to publications. He was a frequent contributor to the *Philosophical Transactions* of the Royal Society, communicating articles on digestion, palsy and respiration (citing his Exeter colleague **Malachi Thruston**), and published numerous books on arthritis. He was also politically active. In 1696, he was appointed a commissioner for the city of Exeter entrusted with implementing the Act for Granting an Aid of 4s in the pound for the war against France. Musgrave died in his house on Trinity Lane on 16 December 1721 and was buried alongside his wife in the churchyard of St Lawrence on 23 December 1721. The elaborate tomb fell into disrepair and was rescued from a builder's yard in the early twentieth century, ending its life as a garden ornament. Musgrave's will was brief. He left a recently purchased farm at Cullompton, worth about £1,500, to his daughter Philippa, and bequeathed the rest of his estate to his only son William, who was also named as executor. William followed his father into medicine (B Med, Oxford, 1718), but died soon afterwards, being buried in his father's vault on 24 November 1724.

There is a portrait of Dr Musgrave, with one of his works on arthritis, attributed to Thomas Hawker, in the Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter. The collection also contains a portrait of his daughter Philippa, painted in 1720 by William Gandy (d.1729).

Children of Dr William Musgrave and wife Philippa:

William, bapt.23 June 1696; buried 24 November 1724 [St Lawrence, Exeter]. He married Temperance Braddon at St Lawrence, 1 April 1723.

Philippa, bapt.30 June 1697 [St Lawrence, Exeter]. She married Thomas Browne (d.1728) of Silverton at Exeter cathedral, 25 October 1720.

Publications:

‘An Abstract of a Journal of the Philosophical Society of Oxford, being an Account of Some Experiments relating to Digestion Read before that society, and of a Large Bed of Glands Observ’d in the Stomack of a Jack’, *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, 14 (1684), pp.699-701.

‘A Letter from Mr William Musgrave ... to the Learned Dr Martin Lister, wherein He endeavors to prove that the Lacteals frequently convey Liquors that are not White’, *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, 14 (1684), pp.812-19.

‘Part of a Letter from Dr William Musgrave ... to Dr Sloane, Concerning the cause of Necessity of Breathing’, *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, 20 (1698), pp.178-81 [dated from Exeter, 9 May 1698].

‘An Account of what happened on Syringing warm water into the Thorax of a Bitch. By Dr William Musgrave’, *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, 20 (1698), pp.181-3. An account of a series of experiments conducted in the summer of 1683.

‘A Letter from Dr William Musgrave ... to Dr Sloane, concerning a Periodical Palsy’, *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, 20 (1698), pp.257-61 [dated from Exeter, 4 June 1698].

Musgrave relates the account of a young woman of Stow in the Wold, Gloucestershire, beset by occasional fits, concluding they are neither the cause of bewitchment or counterfeit, as some have judged, but rather open to natural explanation. In conclusion, he rejects both the ‘credulity’ and ‘scepticism’ fashionable at the time.

‘A Letter from Dr William Musgrave ... to Dr Sloane, being an Argument for the More Frequent Use of Laryngotomy, Urg’d from a Remarkable Cure in Chirurgery; Perform’d by Mr John Keen of Roch in Cornwall’, *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, 21 (1699), pp.398-405 [dated from Exeter, 28 December 1699]. In which Musgrave laments the common opposition to, and prejudice against, new and effective medicines and treatments, instancing Jesuit’s bark and opiates as well as operations such as laryngotomies. Here, he cites a letter from a Cornish surgeon, **John Keene**, recounting a successful operation on a man whose throat had been slit by robbers.

‘A Letter from Dr William Musgrave F.R.S. to the Publisher, Concerning a Very Extraordinary Periodical Haemorrhage’, *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, 22 (1700-1), pp.864-6.

Here, Musgrave describes the case of a Somerset servant who had suffered from a bloody haemorrhage from the thumb for over 20 years. Originally treated by ‘old Dr Duke of Somersetshire’ [i.e. **Thomas Dyke**], Musgrave concludes by venturing this as another instance of the male counterpart of the female menses.

‘A Letter from Dr William Musgrave ... to Dr Hans Sloane ... concerning the Jaundice, Occasioned by a Stone Obstructing the Ductus Communis Bilarius, which was afterwards Voided by Stool’, *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, 25 (1706-7), pp.2233-6 [dated from Exeter, 23 February 1705/6].
Musgrave presents the case of Mr Harvey of Clifton, Dorset, a nephew of the celebrated physician Dr **William Harvey**.

De Arthritide Symptomatica Dissertatio (Exeter, 1703); another ed., Geneva, 1736.

De Arthritide Anomala, sive Interna, Dissertatio (Exeter, 1707); another ed., Amsterdam, 1710.

Antiquitates Britanno-Belgicae, 3 vols (Exeter and London, 1711-20).

Iulii Vitalis Epitaphium cum Notis Criticis Explicationeq: V.C.Hen.Dodwell et Commentari Guil.Musgrave (Exeter, 1711).

Dissertatio de Geta Britannico (London, 1714); another ed., Exeter, 1715.

Dissertatio de Dea Salute (Oxford, 1716).

Oedipus Britannicus: sive, Celeberrimae Inscriptionis Ænigmaticae in Italia, Ælia, Lælia, Crispis, &c. Interpretatio (Exeter, 1717).

De Penatibus in belgo Britannico nuper Effosis, Epistola (Exeter, 1717).

ODNB, *sub* Musgrave, William, article by A.Cameron; A.Cameron, ‘A West Country Polymath: William Musgrave, MD, FRS, FRCP, of Exeter (1655-1721)’, *Journal of Medical Biography*, 8 (1998), pp.166-70; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\NET/2/1/3 [parish registers of Nettlecombe, Somerset, 1653-1685]; Foster, iii, p.1047; Innes Smith, p.168; M.Hunter, *The Royal Society and Its Fellows* (2nd ed., Oxford, 1994), p.210; Munk, i, p.486; British Library, Add MS 61,298, f.122; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\ASHL/2/1/3 [parish registers of Ashill, Somerset, 1670-1747]; Devon Heritage Centre, 346M/T 1112-13, 1120; J.Raithby (ed.), *Statutes of the Realm*, vol.7 (1695-1701), **bet.pp.8-61**; TNA, PROB 11/583, ff.241r-v [will of William Musgrave, doctor in physic, of Exeter, 9 February 1718/19, pr.10 February 1721/2]; H.Wilson Holman, ‘William Musgrave, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S.’, *Dorset Notes and Queries*, 12 (1923), pp.193-7, 264-5, 300 [which contains details from St Lawrence parish register, now lost].

Oliver MUSTION (d.1704)

Person ID: 9518

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Oliver Mustion, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Francis Pengelly**, on 28 March 1681. A number of his own apprentices were made free, including **George Mason** (1691), **John Parsons** (1695), **Christopher Hunt** (1698) and **John Toose** (1702). In November 1688, he was charged by William of

Orange with taking care of the sick soldiers left behind at Exeter after his visit to the city following his landing at Torbay.

Mustion, who was a resident of the cathedral close, was buried at St Pancras, Exeter, on 12 June 1704.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.171, 186, 192, 202, 209; *Historical Manuscripts Commission. Report on the Records of the City of Exeter* (London, 1916), p.223; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.155; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.125.

Thomas MYEFFLYN (fl.1591)

Person ID: 9523

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Myeffelyn of Exeter, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the counties of Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire, on 19 January 1590/1.

Lambeth Palace Library, Whitgift 1, f.171 [*Directory*, i, no.582].

James NEILE (fl.1661)

Person ID: 9581

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

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In 1661, James Neile, surgeon, and his mother Grace Neile, widow, of Plymouth, Devon, were plaintiffs in the borough court in a debt case brought against one William Lelmes of Plymouth, sailor.

Plymouth Archives, 1/356/261.

Arthur NEWTON (b.1630)

Person ID: 9648

Occ: physician

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

In a diocesan survey of 1665, Newton was described as 'no graduate' and 'orthodox and conformable' who practised with a licence granted by the College of Physicians in London. No evidence of such a licence has survived. Describing himself as 'medicus', he signed letters testimonial on behalf of **John Forwood (c.1633-1699)** of Sowton in November 1665.

Arthur Newton, the son of John Newton, esquire, of Swell, Somerset, was baptised at Swell on 7 April 1630. Described as a gentleman, he married Joanna Seyward, the

daughter of Mrs Christian Seyward, widow, in the parish church of Venn Ottery, Devon, on 9 September 1658.

Children of Arthur Newton, gent, and wife Joanna:

Edmund, bapt.13 June 1664 [Ottery St Mary]. He was apprenticed to **John**

Hemingway, apothecary, of London, 4 November 1679. Physician.

John, bapt.15 February 1666/7 [Ottery St Mary].

Arthur, bapt.3 November 1669 [Ottery St Mary].

Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.306v, 398v; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 362-364/33/1; PR 518, *sub* Sowton; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837* 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1908-29), i, pp.29, 332, 339, 346; ii, p.1155; **London apothecary database**.

Edmund NEWTON (1664-1715)

Person ID: 9649

Edmund Newton was the son of **Arthur Newton** and was baptised at Ottery St Mary on 13 June 1664. Newton was apprenticed to **John Hemingway**, apothecary, of London on 4 November 1679. He subsequently returned to Ottery where he practised medicine until his death in 1715. Newton signed testimonials on behalf of **Thomas Patch** (1705) and **Peter Galy** (1709). Edmund Newton was buried at Ottery St Mary on 28 May 1715.

I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.121; Devon Heritage Centre, 180A/PR/1/32 [parish registers of Ottery St Mary, Devon]; **London apothecary database**.

John NEWTON (d.1646)

Person ID: 9655

Occ: physician/surgeon

Loc: Colyton, Devon

John Newton of Colyton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 17 July 1628. Newton was buried at Colyton on 20 August 1646. The register entry of his burial, in a period of great sickness in the town, describes him as a 'physician'. Newton made his will in April 1646. It mentions a wife Alice (who was to receive his house in Colyton), and three children, Mary, Anthony and Joan, the latter now living in New England.

Children of John Newton:

Mary [will].

Anthony [will].

Joan [will].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.99 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.121]; A.J.P.Skinner (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Colyton, Devon, 1538-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1928), ii, p.653; TNA, PROB 11/200, ff.56r-v [will of John Newton, surgeon, of Colyton, 3 April 1646, pr.24 April 1647].

John NICHOLLS or NICHOLS (d.1626)

Person ID: 9685

Occ: physician

Loc: East Stonehouse, Devon

John Nicholls or Nichols, physician, of East Stonehouse, near Plymouth, Devon, countersigned the applications of **William Hole** (1620) and **Richard Leigh** (1621), who were seeking licences to practise medicine and surgery in the diocese of Exeter. There, he described himself as 'medecine back. et profess.', but no evidence of a medical degree has been found.

Doctor John Nicholas of Stonehouse was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 26 July 1626. In his will, made a year before his death, Nicholas bequeathed several properties in and around Plymouth to a son William, daughter Elizabeth and various grandchildren. He named his wife Priscilla, Barnaby Gooch (d.1626), chancellor of the diocese of Exeter, and Mathias Nichols (d.1631), lecturer of Plymouth, as overseers of the will. An inventory of Nichols' goods valued his estate at about £350. He owned almost 600 books, which were to be divided among his grandchildren.

Children of John Nichols and wife Priscilla:

William [will].

Elizabeth [will].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, pp.287, 295; Moger transcripts of wills, vol.14, no.4971 [will of John Nichols, physician and gent, of East Stonehouse, Devon, 10 September 1625, pr.23 October 1634]; Plymouth Achives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

Robert NICHOLLS or NICHOLS (d.1587)

Person ID: 9694/15859

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Robert Nicholls or Nichols of Exeter, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the city of Exeter on 25 January 1579/80. His apprentices **Humphrey Roche** and **Thomas Wallis** was made a freeman of Exeter in 1579 and 1589 respectively.

Nichols married Joan Gyll at All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, on 31 August 1567. He was buried in the same parish on 17 July 1587, his will being proved at Exeter later the same year.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 41, f.123 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.121]; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1), p.101; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt ii, pp.1, 65; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.487.

Joan NICKOLL (d.1659)

Person ID: 18553

Occ: midwife

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Described as a widow, Joan Nickoll, midwife, was buried at Barnstaple on 18 April 1659.

T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903), burials, p.71.

Anthony NORRIS (fl.late 17th century)

Person ID: 9749

Occ: physician/surgeon

Loc: Inwardleigh, Devon

In the early 1660s, Anthony Norris of Inwardleigh, Devon, who described himself as a gentleman, applied for a licence to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter. He had previously served as an apprentice surgeon for three years under Dr **Lewis Chichester** as well as four years under **John Honiborne**, surgeon, of London. Norris' application was countersigned by various local inhabitants, including the mayor of Okehampton. Norris was licensed on 4 December 1662. He may have been in London in the early 1670s. In August 1671, one Anthony Norris petitioned the Council of State begging pardon for having practised surgery without a licence. He claimed to be a near kinsman of Madam Nurse, the widow of Dr **Thomas Nurse**, late physician at Bethlem and Bridewell.

He may be the same as the Anthony Norish who was buried at Inwardleigh on 8 November 1703.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Devon, unplaced; Chanter MS 44, p.194; *CSPD, 1671*, p.453; Devon Heritage Centre, 3211A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Inwardleigh, Devon].

John NORRIS (d.1611 or 1612)

Person ID: 9754

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Norris, who was probably a native of Dorset, graduated BA of St Alban Hall, Oxford, on 21 February 1570/1. Thereafter, he became a fellow of Merton College (1572-86). He was licensed to practise medicine on 1 July 1587, and supplicated for his B Med in July 1587. Norris settled in the parish of St Lawrence, Exeter, where he practised medicine until his death in about 1612. In 1610, he signed an application for a medical licence on behalf of **Andrew Meaden** and **Thomas Pillaton**.

Norris made his will in 1610. He asked to be buried in the parish church of St Lawrence's, Exeter. Norris left bequests of £100 each to his four younger children, William, Henry, Elizabeth and Julyan (Grace was born after he made his will). His eldest son John received his father's bible. The bulk of his estate, including a property in Lyme Regis, Dorset, was granted to his wife Mary, who was also named as residual legatee and executrix. Norris named his brother Richard Norris, a merchant of Lyme Regis, brother-in-law John Kirredge, merchant of the same town, and 'loving friend' Charles Croke, gent, John Hore, clerk, and **Henry Elliott**, apothecary, as overseers.

Children of John Norris:

John [will].

William [will].

Henry [will].

Mary, buried 16 January 1607/8 [St Lawrence's, Exeter].

Elizabeth [will].

Daughter Julyan [will].

Grace, bap.t.10 April 1611 [St Lawrence's, Exeter].

Foster, iii, p.1076; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, pp.14, 28; TNA, PROB 11/120, ff.3r-v [will of John Norris the elder, doctor of phisicke, of Exeter, 27 October 1610, pr.18 July 1612]; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.Binney (ed.), *The Parish Registers of St Lawrence, Exeter*, 2 vols (1604-79; 1679-1749), vol.2, *sub* Norryes/Norish.

Henry NORRISH (d.1605)

Person ID: 24505

Occ: barber

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

Henry Norrish, barber, was buried at Tiverton, Devon, on 20 June 1605. One Henry Norrish married Margaret Ford at Tiverton on 11 May 1603.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.131.

John NORRISH (d.1601)

Person ID: 9757

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

John Norrish, surgeon, was buried at Ottery St Mary on 13 December 1601.

H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1908-29), ii, p.796.

Sir Henry NORTHCOTE (c.1666-1730)

Person ID: 9760

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Tawstock, Devon

Henry Northcote was the son of Sir Arthur Northcote (1628-1688) of King's Nympton, Devon, and his wife Elizabeth, née Godolphin (d.1707). No record of his birth or baptism has been found, but it must have been about 1666, according to his matriculation record at Exeter and mural monument in the church of Tawstock, near Barnstaple. He was educated at Eton and then Oxford, where he matriculated (of Exeter College) on 7 March 1686/7. He became a fellow of Exeter College (1689-1704), proceeding BA in 1693, MA in 1695, B Med in 1697 and MD in 1701.

Henry Northcote, doctor of physick, married Penelope Lovett (1676-1731), the daughter of Edward Lovett (1627-1700) and heiress of the estate of Corfe in Tawstock, at Tawstock on 18 July 1703. Northcote succeeded to the baronetcy in 1709 and died at Corfe on 5 February 1729/30. He was buried at Tawstock on 8 February 1729/30. His widow Penelope was buried there on 8 October 1731. A lavish funeral monument to Northcote's memory was commissioned and erected by Henry's son and heir, Henry, in Tawstock parish church. In his will, made in 1724 and 1730, Northcote left £7,000 as portions to his two daughters Elizabeth and Joanna, but failed to mention his son Henry. He left small bequests of rings and other gifts to various godchildren (including a 'gilded and lettered' copy of Richard Allestree's *Whole Duty of Man*), and named his wife Penelope as executrix. In addition, six local gentlemen, including Chichester Wrey (d.1756), the rector of Tawstock, were nominated as executors in trust.

Children of Dr Henry Northcote and wife Penelope:

Elizabeth, bapt. 17 February 1707/8 [Tawstock].

Henry, bapt. 14 October 1711 [Tawstock]. MP for Exeter. He married Bridget Stafford, the only daughter of Hugh Stafford, of Upton Pyne, at Uffculme, 16 August 1732. He was buried at Newton St Cyres, 28 May 1743.

Joanna [will].

Foster, iii, p.1077; Devon Heritage Centre, 2288A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Tawstock, Devon]; *m.i.*, Tawstock, Devon; Devon Heritage Centre, 1920A/PR/1/5 [parish registers of Uffculme, Devon]; 807A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Newton St Cyres, Devon].

John NORTHLEIGH (c.1657-1705)

Person ID: 9761

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Northleigh was the eldest surviving son of John Northleigh of Exminster, a Hamburg merchant who died in that city in 1669. He matriculated at Exeter College on 23 March 1674/5, aged 18, proceeding BCL in 1681 (incorporated at Magdalene College, Cambridge, the following year). In 1682, he moved to Cambridge to study medicine, graduating MD from King's College in 1687. Shortly after, he seems to have settled in Exeter where he practised medicine. Northleigh signed letters testimonial on behalf of **Nicholas Pope** and **Thomas Venner** in 1692 and 1697 respectively. Northleigh is best known today as a political propagandist and author, acting as an inveterate defender of divine right monarchy and King James II and his government. In some of these works, it is possible to discern a traditional attitude to medicine and natural philosophy. In 1682, for example, he depicted the disloyal whig as a species of 'Protestant Virtuoso [who] views the slips of government in a Microscope; and so magnifies the biting of a Flea, to the pinching of a Lobster [and] for his transubstantiating of Metals, and Chymical Knacks, exceeds the Dutch van Helmont, or our English Boyle' (*The Parallel*, p.31).

Northleigh's earliest political works were published posthumously. In 1685, however, he put his name to what is probably his best-known work, *The Triumph of our Monarchy*, an expansive celebration of the victory of James II in the wake of the defeat of Monmouth's Rebellion. In a verse preface, Northleigh's friend John Dryden (1631-1700) lauded his previous anonymous publications. Unlike many of his Tory supporters, Northleigh continued to publish in support of James II throughout his reign, even after the King embarked on his tolerationist policies. Rebuttals and further replies followed. Not surprisingly, he withdrew from the public sphere after the Glorious Revolution, though he was appointed as a commissioner in 1698, entrusted with disbanding the army in Exeter. The poor rate of 1699 lists Dr Northleigh as possessing a property in the parish of St Lawrence. Northleigh may have retired by this time to Cadeleigh, near Tiverton, where three children were baptised in the early years of the eighteenth century. In 1702, he again ventured into print, this time as a travel writer. However, his aspiration to publish a three-volume travel guide to Europe never materialised. Only volume one, concerned with the Netherlands, France, Savoy and Piedmont, appeared in print. The travels themselves provide no clue as to when they were undertaken.

Northleigh's travels through Italy and Germany are, however, alluded to in his correspondence with Dr **Hans Sloane** in 1696. These attest to Northleigh's presence in Germany in 1690, suggesting that he may have wisely chosen to leave England in the wake of the Glorious Revolution. His travels also seem to have awakened in Northleigh a burgeoning interest in medical and scientific innovation which are at odds with his earlier expressions of disdain for the virtuosi. In 1696, Northleigh was keen to exploit former acquaintances in Sloane's circle at the Royal Society in order to publish translations of Italian works of natural philosophy, including a work by the Italian naval physician Giovanni Cosimo Bonomo (1663-1696) on the origin of scabies. The work owed much to Bonomo's microscopical observations of animalacula on the skin, a field of enquiry that clearly echoed Northleigh's own interest in microscopical research. In a later letter to Sloane, he begged the latter's favour in securing for him in London a new and improved microscope to replace the smaller ones that he possessed and which no longer suited his short-sightedness. Nothing would appear to have come of his Italian translations (an abbreviated version of Bonomo's work did appear, however, in the *Philosophical Translations* in 1703

under the hand of Dr **Richard Mead**). He nonetheless remained keen to appear in print. In his last letter to Sloane, for example, dated November 1696, Northleigh suggested another translation – this time an English edition of the work of the Berlin midwife Justine Siegemund (1636-1705) entitled *The Court Midwife* (1690). Northleigh's motives are uncertain but he was clear that the work's publication would supersede the work of the Frenchman, Francois Mauriceau (1637-1709), translated by **Peter Chamberlen** in 1672, and that the 'men midwives' would not like it 'because it will give greater light to women who I think are the fittest operators in those Chambers of Darkness'.

Dr John Northleigh died on 17 January 1704/5 and was buried in Exeter cathedral on 24 January 1704/5. In his will, he requested that a monumental tablet to his memory be erected in the cathedral. Northleigh left property at Cadeleigh and Bishop's Nympton to his wife Frances, and after her death, the same to descend to his brother Henry. He left all his books to his son John. An inventory of goods, including pictures, books, plate and medals (£30), valued his personal estate at £234 6s. Northleigh's wife Frances died on 18 April 1715, and was buried eight days later in the cathedral alongside her husband, where both were commemorated with a plaque.

Children of Dr Northleigh and wife Frances:

John, bapt.2 February 1699/1700 [Cadeleigh]. John Northleigh, esquire, was buried at Exeter cathedral, 8 October 1726.

Frances, bapt.17 February 1701/2 [Cadeleigh].

Elizabeth, bapt.14 November 1704 [Cadeleigh].

Publications:

Exercitationes Philologicae Tres (Oxford, 1661).

A Genteel Reflection on the Modest Account, and a Vindication of the Loyal Abhorrrers from the Calumnies of a Factious Pen (London, 1682).

The Parallel, or the New Specious Association an Old Rebellious Covenant (London, 1682).

The Triumph of Our Monarchy over the Plots and Principles of Our Rebels and Republicans, Being Remarks on Their Most Eminent Libels (London, 1685).

Parliamentum Pacificum, or the Happy Union og King and People in a Healing Parliament (London, 1688).

Topographical Descriptions, with Historico-Political and Medico-Physical Observations made in Two Several Voyages through Most Parts of Europe (London, 1702).

ODNB, sub Northleigh, John, article by A.Coleby; TNA, PROB 11/330, ff.331r-332r [will of John Northleigh, merchant, of Hamburg, 27 April 1669, pr.17 August 1669]; Foster, iii, p.1078; Venn, iii, p.267; Bodl., Rawlinson MS D 912, f.229; *CSPD, 1686-1687*, p.352; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/273/1-3; VX/1A/10/361; J.Raithby

(ed.), *Statutes of the Realm*, vol.7 [1695-1701] (London, 1820), **need p.ref**;
W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.108; Devon Heritage Centre, 148A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Cadeleigh, Devon]; British Library, Sloane MS 4036, ff.231, 233-4, 257, 274 [Northleigh to Sloane and others, 17 and 30 March, 23 August and 13 November 1696]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I.The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), pp.155, 160, 164; Devon Heritage Centre, Oswyn Murray, collection of will abstracts, 8/36 [will of John Northleigh, doctor in phisicke, of Cadeleigh, 1704, pr.1705]; R.Polwhele, *The History of Devonshire*, 3 vols (London, 1793-1806), ii, p.41.

Richard NOTT (fl.1610)

Person ID: 9774

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: North Molton, Devon

Richard Nott of North Molton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery, with the testimonial of Mr Sergeant, curate of North Molton, throughout the diocese of Exeter on 26 September 1610. His father **Thomas Nott** was licensed the same day.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.16 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.122].

Thomas NOTT (fl.1610)

Person ID: 9775

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: North Molton, Devon

Thomas Nott of North Molton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 26 September 1610. His son **Richard Nott** was licensed the same day.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.16.

William OAKE (fl.1648-1664)

Person ID: 9809

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Seaton, Devon

William Oake was licensed to practise medicine in the province of Canterbury on 19 August 1663. He subsequently counter-signed the application of **Zachary Chapple** of Offwell in 1664 (where he described himself as 'medical licentiate').

He was probably the son of Walter Oake, stationer, and his wife Catherine, and was baptised at St Antholin's, London, on 26 October 1632. Oake, of London, was admitted pensioner at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, on 8 April 1648. He matriculated in 1650, proceeding BA in 1651/2 and MA in 1655. He was acting as minister at Ilminster in Somerset by 1656. He probably resigned about 1663 and was

appointed vicar of Seaton the following year. Calamy originally believed he was a nonconformist, but subsequently changed his mind.

Lambeth Palace Library, VG 1/1, f.169v [*Directory*, i, no.600]; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Offwell [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.122, which has Oake of 'Kenton', Devon]; London Metropolitan Archives, P69/ANL/A/001/MS09016 [parish registers of St Antholin, Budge Row, London, 1538-1741]; Venn, iii, p.273; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), p.370.

Elisha OATWAY (d.c.1692)

Person ID: 9818

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Tiverton & Ottery St Mary, Devon

Elisha Oatway, of Tiverton, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the province of Canterbury on 9 May 1676. Letters testimonial on his behalf were signed by **John Wilson** (who claimed to be a former fellow of Hart Hall, Oxford, but who does not appear in the records of the university) and **John Powell**, surgeon.

Two men of this name, both described as the sons of Michael Oatway, were baptised at Tiverton in 1630 and 1650. He is probably the latter, baptised there on 18 September 1650. Oatway married Agnes Cundy at Willand, near Tiverton, on 30 May 1672. She was buried at Ottery St Mary (as 'Anne') on 8 March 1685/6. Oatway, described as a widower, then married Elizabeth Evans, widow, both of Ottery St Mary, at Gittisham, Devon, on 15 October 1691. Oatway probably died shortly afterwards; his will was proved at Exeter in 1692. His widow Elizabeth was buried at Ottery St Mary on 21 January 1696/7.

Children of Elisha Oatway:

Elisha, bapt.13 February 1672/3 [Tiverton].

James, bapt.11 July 1677 [Tiverton].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/93; VG 1/1, f.282; Sheldon, f.262v [*Directory*, i, no.601]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PR/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon]; 2962A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Willand, Devon]; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837* 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1908-29), iii, p.923, 959; Devon Heritage Centre, 2350A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Gittisham, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.497.

George OLIVER (fl.1713)

Person ID: 9874

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: South Molton, Devon

George Oliver of South Molton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 14 May 1713. Testimonials signed by an impressive collection of local medical men, magistrates and clergymen confirmed that Oliver had served an apprenticeship and was now 'very usefull in this Towne and the adjacent places both in Curing green wounds and rectifying broken and Dislocated bones'. Among those who supported Oliver's application were **Philip Hooper, John Webber** and **James Parker**.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* 14 May 1713 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.122].

Nicholas OLIVER (fl.1683)

Person ID: 18212

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Totnes, Devon

Nicholas Oliver, apothecary, of Totnes, Devon, was a signatory to a land settlement, dated c.1683-4, involving the stepdaughter of **Richard Burthogge**. A Mr Nicholas Oliver (father?) was buried at Totnes, 26 March 1678/9. Another of this name was buried in the same parish, 13 April 1686. In the same year, one Samuel Windeatt, 'a base child' of Nicholas Oliver, the 'reputed father', was buried at Totnes (21 March 1685/6).

Kresen Kernow, WM/403; Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

Richard OLIVER (fl.1694)

Person ID: 15867

Occ: barber

Loc: South Molton, Devon

In 1694, Richard Oliver, barber, of South Molton, Devon, acted as bondsman for the marriage of Hugh Blackmore and Anne Radford of South Molton on 24 May 1694.

Devon Heritage Centre, diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, transcribed by C.A.T.Fursdon (1931), *sub* date.

James ORCHARD (fl.1692)

Person ID: 9889

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Belstone, Devon

In 1692, James Orchard, surgeon, of Belstone, Devon, applied for an episcopal licence to practise surgery. His former master, **Peter Pridham**, surgeon, of Ashburton, and three others affirmed that Orchard, after completing his apprenticeship, had travelled overseas to gain further experience. He was described as 'a true son of the Church of England as is established'. Orchard was licensed to practise surgery on 19 March 1691/2.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Ashburton; Chanter MS 46, p.776.

Alexander OSBORNE (d.1580 or 1581)

Person ID: 9902

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Axminster, Devon

In his will, made in 1580, Alexander Osborne, surgeon, of Axminster, Devon, asked to be buried in the churchyard of Axminster. The chief beneficiary was Alexander's son, William, who was to receive all Osborne's property, including the George Inn at Axminster, out of which he was to pay various bequests to his siblings totalling £100. Osborne also stipulated that his wife Alice should benefit from the profits of the estate for two years. In addition to various minor bequests to godchildren and other relatives, he named his wife Alice as executrix and his 'trusty and well beloved friends' William Bellamie, William Turner and Richard Gyll (to whom Osborne owed 25s for outstanding tithes) as overseers.

Children of Alexander Osborne:

William [will].

Agnes, the wife of John Goddard [will].

Ebbett [will].

Richard [not yet 21; will].

Elizabeth [not yet 21; will].

TNA, PROB 11/63, ff.202r-203r [will of Alexander Osborne, surgeon, of Axminster, Devon, 21 October 1580, pr.15 June 1581].

John OSBORNE or OSBOURNE (d.1700)

Person ID: 24574

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Cullompton, Devon

John Osborne or Osbourne, apothecary, of Cullompton, Devon, forfeited a surety of £150 on behalf of one William Osborne of Great Marlow, Buckinghamshire, surgeon, at the Michaelmas quarter sessions for Buckinghamshire in 1689. John Osborne was buried at Cullompton on 15 April 1700. His wife Anne was buried there, 21 September 1698.

W.Le Hardy (ed.), *Buckinghamshire Sessions Records. Vol.1 1678 to 1694* (Aylesbury, 1933), p.307; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Cullompton, Devon.

William OSBORNE or OSBOURNE (d.1658 or 1659)

Person ID: 15871

Occ: barber

Loc: Axminster, Devon

In his will, made in 1658, William Osborne or Osbourne, barber, of Axminster, Devon, asked to be buried in the churchyard of Axminster. The chief beneficiary was

Osborne's wife Fortune and their four children, who inherited a leasehold estate held from William, Lord Petre. He named Francis Harvey, gent, of Henton Park, Somerset, and John Lucas of Axminster as overseers.

Children of William Osborne:

Edward [will].
Walter [will].
William [will]
Mary [will].

TNA, PROB 11/294, ff.329r-v [will of William Osborne, barber, of Axminster, Devon, 6 October 1658, pr.12 August 1659].

John OSMOND (fl.1687)

Person ID: 17721

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

John, the son of John Osmond, apothecary, was buried at Ottery St Mary on 30 July 1687. He was probably the same as the child John, son of John and Mary, baptised in the same parish on 9 August 1686.

One John Osmond married Mary Harris at Bratton Fleming, Devon, on 29 October 1685.

H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837* 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1908-29), ii, p.928; Devon Heritage Centre, 180A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Ottery St Mary, Devon]; parish registers of Bratton Fleming, Devon.

John OSMOND (1656-1716)

Person ID: 9912

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Osmond was the son of Thomas Osmond, merchant, and his wife Damaris, of Ottery St Mary, where he was born on 14 January 1655/6. Osmond was baptised in the parish of Ottery on 7 February 1655/6. He matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, on 22 March 1671/2, proceeding BA (from Corpus Christi College) on 26 October 1675 and MA on 22 February 1678/9. Following a further period of study as a medical student, he graduated B Med on 21 February 1683/4 and MD on 3 July 1689. Between 1689 and 1714, Osmond would appear to have acted, officially or unofficially, as a prolific examiner and assessor of local physicians seeking ecclesiastical licences. Among others, he supplied testimonials for **John Symes** (of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1689), **Nicholas Pope** (1692), **John Bennett** (1696), **John Caunter** (1698), **Thomas Venner** (1699), **Thomas Richards** (1702), **Thomas Howell** (1708), **Samuel Sainthill** (1708) and **John Ellis** (1714). Little evidence of Osmond's practice has survived. In 1696, he was, however, consulted in the case of a four-year old girl from Topsham suffering from smallpox.

Dr Osmond was highly active on behalf of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge in Exeter, acting as its lay correspondent there. He also raised money for the nascent society among local supporters. In 1707 and 1712, for example, the Exeter merchant Nathaniel Rowland (d.1713) and his widow Penelope (d.1715) left substantial sums to the care of Osmond for the use of the Society. Osmond was a resident of the cathedral close, where he lived with his wife Honor (b.1660), the daughter of John Champneys (d.1681) of Yarnscombe. He died on 3 April 1716, and was buried in Bishop Oldham's chapel in the cathedral three days later. A long Latin inscription on his gravestone recorded, among other things, his debt to Corpus Christi College, Oxford. In his will, Osmond made careful arrangement for his interment in the cathedral, stipulating that £100 should be spent in total and that he should be buried there, privately, and at night. He made relatively few bequests, totalling just £310, about half of which he left to his wife Honora. She also received rings, jewels, a gold box and gold watch, pearl necklace and the testator's books (which were sold at his house on 16 July 1716). Osmond also left a small legacy for his wife's brother, Arthur Champneys (c.1658-1724), who sat as the Tory MP for Barnstaple between 1690 and 1705. Finally, he named his sister Rebecca Osmond as residual legatee and executrix.

Foster, iii, p.1095; I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.122; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Aylesbeare, Crediton and Rewe; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/262/1-3; VX 1A/10/273/1-3; VX 1A/10/361; Wellcome Library, London, MS 7073, ff.58r-59r; Cambridge University Library, SPCK MS D2/2, f.267 [Dr John Osmond to John Chamberlayne, 24 March 1700/1]; TNA, PROB 11/535, ff.95v-96v [will of Nathaniel Rowland, merchant, of Exeter, 15 April 1712, pr.15 August 1713]; TNA, PROB 11/549, ff.272r-275r [will of Penelope Rowland, widow, of Exeter, 27 February 1714/15, pr.12 December 1715]; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.118; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I.The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.161; R.Polwhele, *The History of Devonshire*, 3 vols (London, 1793-1806), ii, p.42; C.Worthy (ed.), *Devonshire Wills* (London & Derby, 1896), p.136 [will of John Osmond, MD, of Exeter, 4 January 1712/13, pr.29 March 1719].

Anthony OVERMARS (d.1708)

Person ID: 9930

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Colyton, Devon

Anthony Overmars of Colyton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 2 July 1697. He received the support of several parishioners and two local clergymen and claimed to have resided and practised in the village for several years.

He is described in the parish registers of Colyton as a 'Dutchman', who presumably came over to England with William of Orange in 1688. He was buried at Colyton on 1

February 1707/8. His wife Elizabeth died in childbirth, giving birth to twins, and was buried in the same parish on 9 April 1706.

Children of Anthony Overmars:

Anna, bapt.15 May 1695 [Colyton].

Mary, bapt.6 January 1696/7 [Colyton].

Elizabeth, bapt.22 August 1699 [Colyton].

Anthony, bapt.20 November 1700; buried 8 June 1701 [Colyton].

John, bapt.28 July 1702 [Colyton].

Anthony, twin, bapt.9 April 1706; buried 1 February 1707/8 [Colyton].

Temperance, twin, bapt.9 April 1706; buried 22 July 1707 [Colyton].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.152 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.122]; PR 518, *sub* Colyton; A.J.P.Skinner (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Colyton, Devon, 1538-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1928), i, pp.211, 212, 215, 216, 218, 222; ii, pp.704, 707, 708.

Hugh PAINE or PAYNE (c.1619-1660)

Person ID: 9996

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Great Torrington, Devon

According to a witness statement that Hugh Paine, barber surgeon, of Great Torrington, Devon, provided before the Court of Chivalry in 1638, he was aged about 19 and born at Stratton in Cornwall. At the time, he was serving an apprenticeship under **Robert Smith** of Great Torrington. At the conclusion of his time, Paine set up in practice in Great Torrington, where he was buried on 24 June 1660.

In his will, made a month before his death, he left £30 in total to his three surviving children, as well as 'all my shoppe clothes [and] all other instruments belonging to barber surgery' to his only son, Anthony. Paine named his wife Gertrude as residual legatee and executrix and nominated his 'very good friends' Francis Craddock and Thomas Ashweake as assistants to his executrix. Paine's wife Gertrude subsequently married William Hall at Monkleigh, Devon, on 15 April 1661.

Children of Hugh Paine and wife Gertrude:

Gartred [Gertrude], bapt.28 May 1643; buried 10 September 1643 [Great Torrington].

Susanna, bapt.16 February 1644/5 [Great Torrington].

Bridget, bapt.21 June 1647 [Great Torrington].

Anthony, bapt.28 June 1648 [Great Torrington].

Gartred [Gertrude], bapt.17 June 1651; buried 26 January 1653/4 [Great Torrington].

Mary, bapt.10 January 1653/4; buried 9 February 1653/4 [Great Torrington].

www.court-of-chivalry.bham.ac.uk [case no.14]; Devon Heritage Centre 4014A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Great Torrington, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/301, f.335r [will of Hugh Paine, barber surgeon, of Great Torrington, 17 May 1660, pr.18

September 1660]; Devon Heritage Centre, 3445A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Monkleigh, Devon].

William PAINE or PAYNE (fl.1632)

Person ID: 10013

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Buckerell, Devon

William Paine or Payne of Buckerell, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Devon on 1 August 1632. He may have been the man of the asame name and village whose will was proved at Exeter in 1643 (unfortunately the parish registers for the period are no longer extant).

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.261 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.123]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.142.

Simon PAINTER (d.1659)

Person ID: 10021

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Simon Painter, surgeon, was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 30 July 1659. In his will, made in February 1659/60, he made numerous small bequests to family, naming his wife Agnes as residual legatee and executrix. No children are mentioned.

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; TNA, PROB 11/298, f.288r [will of Simon Paynter, chirurgion, of Plymouth, 19 February 1658/9, pr.1 May 1660].

Jacob PALMER (d.1729)

Person ID: 10043/24649

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Stokenham, Devon

Jacob Palmer, surgeon, was resident in the village of Stokenham from as early as 1690 (when his first child was born) until 1729, being buried there on 22 April of that year. He married on at least three occasions. His first wife Mary was buried at Stokenham, along with two of his daughters, on 9 November 1695. Nothing is known of his second wife, Ibbet. On 21 October 1702, Palmer married Judith Sharpam at Stokenham. He was buried there on 28 April 1729.

Children of Jacob Palmer:

Mary, bapt.11 March 1689/90 [Stokenham].

Jacob, bapt.12 May 1691 [Stokenham].

John, bapt.11 October 1692 [Stokenham].

Margaret, bapt.15 May 1694; buried 9 November 1695 [Stokenham].
Elizabeth, bapt.27 August 1695; buried 9 November 1695 [Stokenham].
Thomas, born 15 December 1698; bapt.27 December 1698 [Stokenham].
Jacob, born 11 December 1699; buried 24 November 1722 [Stokenham].

Devon Heritage Centre, 3031A/PR/1/2 and 18 [parish registers of Stokenham, Devon].

Joseph PALMER (d.1744)

Person ID: 10049

Joseph Palmer of South Molton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery (living at Okehampton) in the diocese of Exeter on 6 March 1700/1. His application for a licence was supported by Dr **William Holwell** and **Richard Pope**, surgeon. Palmer probably moved to South Molton shortly after receiving his licence and marrying Elizabeth Gayer, the daughter of Richard Gayer, rector of North Tawton, and widow of Edward Heywood, gent, in 1702 (licence dated February 1701/2). There he set up in practice, prospered, and served as mayor of the town in 1720-1 and 1732-3. Mr Joseph Palmer was buried at South Molton on 3 June 1744.

Children of Mr Joseph Palmer:

Sarah, bapt.9 July 1704 [South Molton].

Elizabeth, bapt.3 May 1705; buried 16 October 1713 [South Molton].

Joseph, bapt.10 April 1707; buried 3 February 1795 [South Molton]. He married Elizabeth Bawden at South Molton on 9 April 1755.

John, bapt.12 January 1708/9 [South Molton]. He married Mary (1716-1794), the daughter of Samuel Reynolds (d.1794), clerk, and sister of the artist Sir Joshua Reynolds (1723-1792) at Little Torrington, 18 July 1748. He was buried there, 17 September 1799. Mary was the author of *A Devonshire Dialogue*, published posthumously in 1839 [ODNB].

Nicholas, bapt.7 November 1711 [South Molton]. He died unmarried and was buried at South Molton on 26 November 1785.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.295; PR 518, *sub* Okehampton; F.T.Colby, *Pedigree of the Palmer Family, Formerly of South Molton and Great Torrington, Devon* (Exeter, 1892); North Devon RO, 2309 B/T62/3 [mortgage, 1732]; 2309-3/52/7 [signatory to marriage settlement, 1723]; Devon Heritage Centre, 331A/PR/1/2 and 4 [parish registers of South Molton, Devon]; 4015A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Little Torrington, Devon].

William PALMER (fl.1682)

Person ID: 17420

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Palmer, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Collins**, on 9 October 1682.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.174.

John PARE (d.1733)

Person ID: 15885/24666

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Pare, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Pince**, on 1 March 1707/8. Pare lived in the parish of Holy Trinity, Exeter, where he was buried on 14 December 1733. He was probably the same as the John Pare, the son of John Pare, who was baptised at Exeter cathedral on 24 July 1670.

Children of John Pare:

Catherine, bapt.5 September 1698 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Elizabeth, bapt.9 February 1700/1 [with wife Mary; Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Anndorothy, bapt.19 February 1706/7 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Sarah, bapt.14 May 1713 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Judith, bapt.6 May 1715 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.216; Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon].

James PARKER (fl.1713-1724)

Person ID: 10098

Occ: physician/surgeon

Loc: Devon?

James Parker, surgeon and 'practitioner in physick', signed a testimonial on behalf of **George Oliver**, surgeon, of South Molton, on 7 May 1713. He signed another testimonial in 1724.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* South Molton.

Stephen PARKER (d.1578)

Person ID: 15889

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

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Stephen Parker, barber, who lived in the parish of St Petrock's, Exeter, married twice. Firstly, on 1 September 1555, he married Joan Martyn at St Petrock's. She died in 1560 and was buried at St Petrock's on 25 February 1559/60. Secondly, he married Joan Settall at St Kerrian's, Exeter, on 4 May 1560. Stephen Parker, barber, was buried at St Petrock's, Exeter, on 18 May 1578. His widow Joan was buried in the same parish on 29 September 1599.

Children of Stephen Parker and wife Joan, née Settall:

Ame, bapt.25 February 1560/1 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
Elizabeth, bapt.18 April 1562; buried 10 March 1565/6 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
John, buried 12 March 1565/6 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
Elizabeth, bapt.14 August 1567; buried 4 November 1590 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
Daughter Synnett, bapt.24 January 1569/70; buried 2 February 1569/70 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
Mary, bapt.4 January 1570/1; buried 22 October 1590 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
Margaret, bapt.1 February 1573/4; buried 7 October 1590 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
Margery, bapt.3 July 1578 [St Petrock's, Exeter].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; 4780A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Kerrian's, Exeter, Devon].

William PARKHOUSE (d.1540 or 1541)

Person ID: 10120

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Parkhouse supplicated for his B Med at Oxford on 6 February 1505/6. He held various ecclesiastical posts, including canon of Exeter cathedral. Parkhouse would appear to have combined the practice of medicine with his other clerical duties. Because he did not like his patients to know he charged them, he passed on the cost to the apothecary, writing on prescriptions 'accipe pro te et me' ('charge him for thee and me'). Parkhouse died in Exeter in either 1540 or 1541. There is a fine carved cadaver monument to Parkhouse's memory in the cathedral.

Foster, iii, p.1117; Decon Heritage Centre, ECA, Bk 51, f.346r, cited in N.Orme, *Exeter Cathedral: The First Thousand Years, 400-1550* (Exeter, 2009), p.190; effigy, St Peter's, Exeter [Exeter cathedral].

John PARNELL (fl.1686-1712)

Person ID: 10136

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Heavitree, Devon

John Parnell of Heavitree, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Cornwall (probably an error for Devon) on 15 November 1686. In his application, he described himself as late apprentice to Dr **William Barbor** of Barnstaple. His practice was approved by two Devon practitioners, **John Forward (1662-1711)** and **Cornelius Mogford**. In 1712, he supported the application of **Faithful Pavey** of Monkton, near Upton. One Mr John Parnel was buried at Upton on 30 April 1728.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.454; PR 518, *sub* Heavitree [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.122]; 1231A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Upton, Devon].

Charles PARSONS (d.1628 or 1629)

Person ID: 10161

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Dartmouth, Devon

Charles Parsons of Dartmouth, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter, with the approval of **Ralph May** of St Austell, Cornwall, on 2 June 1613. He was buried at St Saviour's, Dartmouth (as 'Charles Persons'), on 5 January 1628/9.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.106 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.122]; 2992A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon].

George PARSONS (d.1639)

Person ID: 15897

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Taylor, the apprentice of George Parsons, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter on 19 November 1655 (his master described as deceased). He is probably the George Parsons, who was buried at Exeter cathedral on 24 June 1639. He was a resident of the parish of St Mary Major, Exeter.

Children of George Parsons:

Sarah, bapt.17 July 1625 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Richard, bapt.6 January 1632/3 [with wife Bridget; St Mary Major, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.143; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of St Peter's, Exeter, Devon [cathedral]; 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

James PARSONS (fl.1602)

Person ID: 17421

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

James Parsons, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city, as the apprentice of **Thomas Edwards**, on 11 October 1602.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.110.

John PARSONS (fl.1695-1723)

Person ID: 17379

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Parsons, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Oliver Mustion**, on 2 December 1695. His apprentice, **Abraham Reeve**, was

made a freeman in 1710. In 1699, Parsons was a resident of the parish of St Stephen's, Exeter. He also owned properties in the parish of St Mary Major in the city. In 1700, Parsons was named as one of the trustees of the will of John Beckett, an Exeter vintner. Parsons' name appears on the oath roll in 1723.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.192, 220; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), pp.87, 105; TNA, PROB 11/455, ff.57v-58r [will of John Beckett, vintner, of Exeter, 1 February 1699/1700, pr.17 April 1700]; Devon Heritage Centre, Exeter oath roll, Michaelmas 1723.

Thomas PARSONS (d.1622)

Person ID: 10166

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Dartmouth, Devon

Thomas Parsons, of Dartmouth, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter, 18 January 1610/11. He was buried at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 18 December 1622.

Children of Thomas Parsons:

Owen, bapt.4 September 1608 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Jane, bapt.16 May 1613 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Charles, bapt.14 January 1615/16 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.28 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.122]; 2992A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon].

John PASMERE or PASMORE (d.1706)

Person ID: 10176

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

John Pasmere or Pasmore, surgeon, of Tiverton, Devon, signed an application on behalf of fellow surgeon **John Facey** of Tiverton in 1698.

John Pasmere married Joan Davey at Tiverton on 8 May 1699. He was buried at Tiverton on 10 October 1706.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Tiverton [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.123]; 2960A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Tiverton]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.522.

Thomas PATCH (fl.1706)

Person ID: 10179

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Coffinswell, Devon

Thomas Patch of Coffinswell, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter, 14 May 1706.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* 14 May 1706 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.123].

Zachary PATCH (fl.1704)

Person ID: 10181

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Talaton, Devon

Zachary Patch of Talaton, Devon, described himself in his application to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter as 'a person well skilled in the art of Chirurgery'. Testimonials on his behalf were signed by sixteen men, including four local clergymen, on 27 May 1704.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Talaton [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.123].

Faithful PAVEY Snr (fl.1712)

Person ID: 10209

Occ: bonesetter

Loc: Monkton, Devon

Faithful Pavey Snr of Monkton, Devon, was licensed to practise as a bonesetter throughout the diocese of Devon on 7 May 1712. Testimonials on his behalf were supplied by fellow practitioners **John Parnell** of Heavitree and **John Torr** of Lyme Regis.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* 7 May 1712 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.123].

Hugh PAWLIN or PAWLYN (d.1637)

Person ID: 10213

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Landkey, Devon

Hugh Pawlin or Pawlyn of Landkey, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 16 March 1620/1. Testimonials on his behalf were supplied by Exeter physicians, **Robert Vilvain** and **Clement Westcombe**.

Hugh Pawlin married Philippa Miller at All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, on 9 June 1618. Pawlin was buried at Landkey on 27 May 1637.

Children of Hugh Pawlin and wife Philippa:

John, bapt.6 May 1621 [Landkey].
Mary, bapt.28 September 1623 [Landkey].
Hugh, bapt.24 September 1626 [Landkey].
Philippa, bapt.6 November 1629 [Landkey].
William, bapt.20 November 1636 [Landkey].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.294 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.123]; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), i, p.6; Devon Heritage Centre, 1951A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Landkey, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations Relating to the Counties of Devon and Cornwall Proved in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Exeter, 1532-1800* (Plymouth, 1914), p.162.

Thomas PAWLYN (fl.1576)

Person ID: 15908

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Pawlyn, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on paying an entry fine of £1 on 6 August 1576.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.93.

John PEACHER (fl.1596-1601)

Person ID: 17772

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

John Peacher, apothecary, of Plymouth, Devon, married Agnes Michelson, née Butler, at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 7 July 1596. He died some time between 1601 and 1608 (no record of a burial at Plymouth has been discovered). In his will, made in April 1660, Peacher left small bequests for the poor of Plymouth and Okehampton (possibly the place of his birth) as well as £50 to his daughter Anne and the children of his first wife's marriage. In addition to various other bequests of money and gifts to family and friends, he left £6 to his 'very good friend' **Joshua Smarfit**, a local physician. He named his wife Agnes as residual legatee and executrix, nominating his 'loving friends' Thomas Halls, gent, and Thomas Marshe as assistants.

Children of John Peacher and wife Agnes:

Margery, bapt. January 1597/8 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
Anne [will].
Agnes, buried 29 May 1601 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

TNA, PROB 11/111, f.57r [will of John Peacher, apothecary, of Plymouth, 23 April 1600, pr.14 January 1607/8]; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

Benjamin PEAR or PEARE (d.1736)

Person ID: 18400

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Benjamin Peare or Peare was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the son of **Philip Peare**, esquire and common councilman, on 27 July 1713. Mr Benjamin Peare was buried at St Martin's, Exeter, in December 1736.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.224; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.F.Nesbit, transcription of the parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837.

Philip PEAR or PEARE (d.1718)

Person ID: 18401

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Four of the apprentices of Philip Pear or Peare, druggist, were made freemen of the city of Exeter: **Robert Mudge** (1698), **Samuel Symonds** (1698), **Robert Law** (1704) and Thomas Henwood (1718). A fifth, Samuel Pulman, was buried at St Martin's, Exeter, 30 May 1689. Philip's son **Benjamin Pear** was also made free, by patrimony, on 27 July 1713. There, Philip Peare is described as 'esquire' and a common councilman. He later served as mayor of the city in 1717-18.

Mr Philip Peare or Pear married Dorothy Fowler at Cullompton on 18 November 1684. He was a resident of the parish of St Martin's, Exeter, where he was buried on 20 October 1718. In his will, made in 1718, Peare made numerous bequests of property in the city of Exeter to his many children and wife, Dorothy, as well as bequests of money totalling £200 divided between two grandsons, two sons and a married daughter. Peare's wife Dorothy was also named as residual legatee and sole executrix. She was buried at St Martin's, Exeter, 21 November 1731. There is a portrait of two of Peare's children, Matthew and Philip, by William Gandy (d.1729) in the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter.

Children of Philip Peare and wife Dorothy:

Dorothy, bapt.25 October 1685 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Philip, bapt.22 May 1687 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Benjamin, bapt.15 September 1689 [St Martin's, Exeter]. Freeman, 1713. Druggist.

Mary, bapt.9 November 1690; buried 14 February 1690/1 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Elizabeth, bapt.5 June 1692 [St Martins', Exeter]. She married William Knolles at St Martin's, Exeter, on 11 September 1715. Alive in 1718.

Mary, bapt.10 December 1693 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Matthew, bapt.1 February 1694/5 [St Martin's, Exeter]. Alive in 1718.

Philip, born 13 June 1696; bapt.28 June 1696 [St Martin's, Exeter]. Alive in 1718.

William, born 31 October 1697; bapt.14 November 1697 [St Martin's, Exeter]. Alive in 1718.

John, bapt.27 December 1698 [St Martin's, Exeter]. Alive in 1718.

Ralph, bapt.21 April 1700 [St Martin's, Exeter]. He became a druggist and appeared on the Exeter oath roll in 1723.

Joseph, bapt.19 October 1701; buried 5 December 1701 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Sarah, bapt.27 December 1702 [St Martin's, Exeter]. Alive in 1718.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.202, 224, 210, 230; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Cullompton, Devon; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), pp.98, 120; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.F.Nesbit, transcript of parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837; TNA, PROB 11/567, ff.255v-256v [will of Philip Pear, druggist, of Exeter, 17 October 1718, pr.16 February 1718/19].

Alice PEARCE (fl.1665-1671)

Person ID: 24755

Occ: midwife

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In 1665, Alice Pearce of Exeter, Devon, described as a midwife and widow, was responsible for searching a pregnant woman on behalf of the city's magistrates. Six years later, in 1671, widow Pearce, a midwife, was presented by the churchwardens of the parish of St John's, for 'not being sworn of the parish'.

Devon Heritage Centre, Exeter QS C1/65, f.173v; churchwardens' presentments, Box 13/5.

Benjamin PEARCE or PEARS (d.1724)

Person ID: 17380

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Benjamin Pearce or Pears, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on payment of a fine of £5 in 1693. Three of his apprentices – **Richard Briant** (1701), **Thomas Izack** (1708) and **James Brayne** (1714) – were made freemen.

Pearce was a resident of the parish of St Mary Arches, Exeter. He married Sarah Cheeke at St Sidwell's, Exeter, on 22 May 1700. Pearce or Pears was buried at St Sidwell's on 31 December 1724. His wife Sarah was buried there just a few days earlier, on 18 December 1724.

Children of Mr Benjamin Pearce, apothecary, and wife Sarah:

Mary, bapt.16 November 1701 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

Benjamin, bapt.1 August 1703 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

Sarah, bapt.28 April 1706 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.10 July 1709 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

Benjamin, bapt.31 January 1711/12 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.189; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), pp.110, 121; Devon Heritage Centre, 332A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Arches, Exeter, Devon]; parish registers of St Sidwell's, Exeter, Devon.

Bernard PEARCE or PEARSE (d.1643)

Person ID: 17422

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Bernard Pearce or Pearse, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Thomas Edwards**, on 26 August 1594. Three of his own apprentices – **Humphrey Bidgood** (1610), **Charles Eveleigh** (1635) and **John Hipplesly** (1637; also apprenticed to **Robert Dabynett Snr**) – were made freemen.

Pearce married twice. Firstly, he wed Agnes Boddy at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 20 October 1594. She died in 1610 and was buried at St Mary Major on 16 August of that year. Secondly, Pearce married Mary Eveleigh at Clyst Hydon, Devon, on 22 December 1611. Mr Bernard Pearce was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 4 May 1643. His will (no longer extant) was proved at Exeter in 1644.

Children of Mr Bernard Pearce:

Walter, bapt.29 November 1595; buried 2 March 1622/3 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Agnes, bapt.24 February 1596/7 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Elizabeth, bapt.2 February 1612/13 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Bernard, bapt.4 December 1614 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.14 September 1616 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

John, bapt.30 November 1617 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.11 June 1620 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Dorothy, bapt.31 August 1622 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Prudence, bapt.24 December 1624 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Bernard, bapt.10 May 1629 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.105, 116, 128, 132; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; 4021A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Clyst Hydon, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.511.

Edward PEARCE or PEARSE (1653-1729)

Person ID: 10230

Occ: physician

Loc: Membury, Devon

Edward Pearce or Pearse was the son of Edward Pearce (d.1653), yeoman, and his wife Margaret, and was baptised at Membury on 14 June 1653. He matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, on 22 March 1671/2. There is no record of Pearce's graduation, though he would appear to have studied medicine while at the university. On 1 July 1678, he was licensed (as of Membury) to practise medicine and surgery in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol, Exeter and Salisbury. Letters testimonial, signed by several local practitioners (**Robert Smith**, **William Bragge** and **Richard Stoodly**) as well as the minister and churchwardens of Membury, certified that Pearce, 'a student in physick', late of Wadham College, was well skilled and had attained a competent knowledge in the practice of medicine. He subsequently signed letters testimonial on behalf of **George Sellwood** of Chard (1678), **Benoni Hill** of Berrow, Somerset (1680) and **Thomas Jerman** of Cullompton (1680). No record of Pearce's death or burial has been discovered.

Edward Pearse, doctor of physick, of Greenway died on 31 December 1729 and was buried at Luppitt, Devon, on 9 January 1729/30. His widow Mary was buried in the same parish on 12 January 1754.

Foster, iii, p.1136; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/115/1-3; Sancroft, f.211 [*Directory*, i, no.628]; VX 1A/10/117/1-3; 1A/10/151/1-3; 1A/10/194/1-4; J.Cobley (ed.), *James Davidson's East Devon Church Notes* (Woodbridge, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, 64, 2022), p.93; Devon Heritage Centre, 1302A/PR/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Luppitt, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.???

John PEARCE or PEARSE (d.1707)

Person ID: 24763

Occ: barber

Loc: Great Torrington, Devon

John Pearce or Pearse, barber, was buried at Great Torrington, Devon, on 25 August 1707. Mary, the daughter of John Pearse, barber, and his wife Sarah, was baptised at Great Torrington on 17 November 1706.

Devon Heritage Centre, 4014A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Great Torrington, Devon].

John PEARCE or PEARSE (d.1717)

Person ID: 24762

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Holsworthy and Exeter, Devon

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John Pearce or Pearse, of Holsworthy, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Devon on 15 September 1708. He probably moved to Exeter (if this is the same man) shortly afterwards. He married Elizabeth Atkins at Exeter cathedral on 30 December 1708. His name appears as a signatory attached to numerous applications for licences from Devon and Cornwall between 1708 and 1715 (including **Noah Mahun** of Endellion, Cornwall, **John Ellis** of Bradninch and **Daniel Chardavoyne**

of Plymouth). He was a resident of the parish of St Olave's, Exeter, where he was buried on 16 March 1716/17.

Children of John Pearce:

Elizabeth, bapt.1 January 1713/14 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* 15 September 1708; PR 518, *sub* Endellion and Plymouth [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.123]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I.The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.133; Devon Heritage Centre, 2738A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Olave's, Exeter, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.147.

Sarah PEARCE or PEARSE (d.1704)

Person ID: 18562

Occ: midwife

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Sarah Pearce, midwife, was buried at Barnstaple, Devon, on 11 August 1704.

T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903), burials, p.105.

Thomas PEARCE or PEARSE (fl.1710)

Person ID: 15913

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Pearce or Pearse, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Richard Marsh**, on 14 August 1710.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.219.

Elias PELLETT or PILET (fl.1712-1722)

Person ID: 10466

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Elias Pellett or Pilet of Exeter, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 1 October 1712. He was a signatory in support of the application of Daniel Chardavoyne of Plymouth on 6 September 1715. Pellett or Pilet made his will in June 1722. Very brief, he left virtually the whole of his estate to his wife and executrix Philippa. Pellett or Pilet was almost certainly a Huguenot refugee.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* 1 October 1712 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.123]; PR 518, *sub* Plymouth; TNA, PROB 11/601, ff.372r-v [will of Elias Pilet, chirurgion, of Exeter, 25 June 1722, pr.8 February 1724/5].

Moses PELLETT or PILET (d.1748)

Person ID: 10291

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Chulmleigh, Devon

Moses Pellett or Pilet of Chulmleigh, Devon, was licensed to practise physic and surgery throughout Devon on 22 November 1705. He signed an application for a licence from Ashreigney, Devon, in 1724.

Mr Moses Pilet was buried at Chulmleigh on 21 July 1748. It may have been his son John, a surgeon, who married Mary Jennings, of St Stephen's, Exeter, on 1 July 1725.

Children of Mr Moses Pellett:

John, bapt.10 January 1702/3; buried 7 March 1736/7 [Chulmleigh].

Moses, bapt.22 October 1704 [Chulmleigh]. One Moses Pellett was buried in the church of St Martin's, Exeter, 14 December 1735.

Katherine, bapt.30 March 1707; buried 22 June 1752 [Chulmleigh].

Elizabeth, bapt.5 December 1708 [Chulmleigh].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* 22 November 1705 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.123]; 4678A/PR/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Chulmleigh, Devon]; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt ii, p.383.

Francis PENGELLY (d.1701)

Person ID: 10303

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

He was probably the Francis Pengelly, son of Roger Pengelly, who was baptised at Huxham, near Exeter, on 6 January 1630/1. Pengelly was apprenticed to **Charles Eveleigh** and was made a freeman of Exeter on 5 July 1658. In the same year, he was bailed to give evidence against Joan Cole of Exeter, who was accused of witchcraft. Francis Pengelly, apothecary, was licensed to practise medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol, Exeter and Salisbury, on 11 June 1685. Letters testimonial supporting his applications were signed by the curate and churchwardens of the parish of St George's, Exeter (where Pengelly was resident), as well as Dr **Samuel Isaac or Izacke**. Pengelly later acted as overseer of the will of Issac's mother, Elizabeth. Four of Pengelly's apprentices – **William Spiller** (1678), **Oliver Mustion** (1681), **John Phillips** (1698) and **John Lee** (1701) – were made freemen of the city.

Occasional glimpses of his practice are evident in Exeter records. He would appear to have acted as apothecary to **Dr Richard Morris**, compounding a medicine of his to 'keep the body sollible'. A grateful patient, the wealthy nonconformist merchant John Mayne (d.1680), left Pengelly a token mourning ring in his will. Pengelly was buried at St George's, Exeter, on 28 April 1701. His widow Joan was buried in the same parish on 4 December 1706. In his will, proved at Exeter in 1701, he left a small bequest for the poor debtors in Exeter prison, to be paid out of the profits of an inn called 'The Dolphin' in St Mary Major, Exeter.

Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Huxham, Devon; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.146, 169, 171, 202, 206; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/64, f.411r; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/224/1-3; Sancroft, ff.257r-v [*Directory*, i, no.640]; A.J.P.Skinner, 'Nicholas Isacke, Mayor of Exeter', *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 9 (1917), p.11; *Notes and Gleanings: A Monthly Magazine Devoted Chiefly to subjects Connected with the Counties of Devon and Cornwall*, 2 (1889), p.62; TNA, PROB 11/363, ff.184r-186v [will of John Mayne, merchant, of Exeter, 30 May 1680, pr.29 June 1680]; Devon Heritage Centre, 4779A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St George's, Exeter, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.147; *Gentleman's Magazine*, 78 (1808), p.503.

Jacob PENGELLY (d.1726)

Person ID: 10304

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Peter Tavy, Devon

Jacob Pengelly was the son of John Pengelly of Peter Tavy, and matriculated at Balliol College, Oxford, on 9 March 1690/1. Pengelly proceeded BA in 1694, MA in 1697 (incorporated at Cambridge, 1698), and B Med in 1700.

Pengelly died in 1726. His will was brief and confused (he left one small bequest of £20 to a sister, the rest to his brother and executor, Henry, rector of Mary Tavy), and because it was not witnessed, it became the subject of dispute. Four sisters, a nephew and a niece challenged the will, but the sentence of the court upheld the original wish of the testator.

Foster, iii, p.1141; Venn, iii, p.340; TNA, PROB 11/609, ff.303r-v [will of Jacob Pengelly, B Med, of Sortridge in Peter Tavy, Devon, 17 January 1725/6, pr.9 June 1726]; PROB 11/612, ff.339r-340r [sentence].

David PENNY (1687-1717)

Person ID: 24828

Occ: sea surgeon

Loc: Tavistock, Devon

David Penny was the son of Richard Penny and was baptised at Tavistock, Devon, on 26 January 1686/7. He died at the Black Lion in Lewes, Sussex, and was described in the register of the parish of All Saints as a sea surgeon from Tavistock, Devon, who was buried on 11 May 1717.

Devon Heritage Centre, 482A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Tavistock, Devon]; East Sussex RO, PAR 410/1/1/4 [parish registers of All Saints, Lewes, Sussex, 1694-1746].

John PERIAM or PERYAM (d.1637 or 1638)

Person ID: 10324

Occ: physician

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

In his will of October 1637, John Periam or Peryam, physician, left a large collection of books totalling more than 200, including physic books, as well as 'three tables of anotomie', to his eldest son Richard. His younger son John received various silver items and a 'great pan' that formerly belonged to the testator's grandfather. Periam also mentions a daughter Elizabeth (not yet 18), and sister Alice Hale. He made his wife Hester residual legatee and executrix, nominating, among others, his father-in-law Richard Matticott as one of the overseers. Periam's goods and estate were valued at £170 (including £30 worth of books, and £20 of wares in Periam's shop).

Devon Heritage Centre, Moger will transcripts, vol.15, no.5237 [will of John Periam, physician, 24 October 1637, pr.31 August 1638].

John PERKINS (d.1702)

Person ID: 10327

Occ: physician

Loc: Colyton, Devon

Between 1678 and 1683, John Perkins of Colyton, Devon, who described himself as a physician, provided letters testimonial for several practitioners on the Somerset-Devon border, including **George Sellwood**, **Abraham Bullpen** and **Thomas Jerman**. He was described as one of the 'trusty and well beloved friends' of the mercer John Chapman Snr of Chard, Somerset, who nominated him as one of the overseers of his will (it was witnessed by **George Sellwood**) in 1679.

Perkins married Elizabeth Hill at Musbury, near Colyton, on 2 February 1671/2. The couple baptised two children in the same parish. Mr John Perkins was buried at Colyton on 29 June 1702.

Children of Mr John Perkins:

William. He was apprenticed to **Henry Rowe**, apothecary, of London, 2 January 1682/3.

John, bapt.6 January 1672/3 [Musbury].

Elizabeth, bapt.11 January 1675/6 [Musbury].

Susanna, bapt.23 April 1678 [Colyton].

Lambeth Palace Libary, VX 1A/10/117/1-3; VX 1A/10/144/1-3; VX 1A/10/194/1-4; TNA, PROB 11/363, ff.269v-270r [will of John Chapman the elder, mercer, of Chard, 14 July 1679, pr.7 July 1680]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Musbury, Devon]; **London apothecary database**; A.J.P.Skinner (ed.), *The*

Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Colyton, Devon, 1538-1837, 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1928), i, p.194; ii, p.705.

Mark PERKINS (fl.1685)

Person ID: 10328

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Topsham, Devon

Mark Perkins of Topsham, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in Devon, Dorset and Somerset, on 15 June 1685. Letters testimonial, signed by **Nicholas Thompson Snr** and **William Levermore**, certified that Perkins was fit to be licensed. Other signatories included the vicar and churchwardens of Topsham. Perkins attached a certificate dated 7 June 1685, stating that while residing at St Peter Cornhill, London, Mark Perkins, gentleman, had received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on 7 June 1685 (endorsed by the rector William Beveridge). No further trace of Perkins can be found in local records. He may have been Mark Perkins, the son of Mark Perkins of Sidbury, Devon, who matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, in 1682 (aged 18).

Lambeth Palace Library, FII/26/51a-b [*Directory*, ii, no.1026]; Foster, iii, p.1147.

Nicholas PETERS (d.1746)

Person ID: 10364

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Topsham, Devon

Nicholas Peters of Topsham, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 25 May 1710. William Gayer, the son of **William Gayer**, rector of Dowland, Devon, was apprenticed to the dissenter Peters in 1722.

Nicholas Peters married Mary Gibbs, both of Topsham, at Exeter cathedral on 15 March 1719/20. He was buried at Topsham on 13 September 1746.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* 25 May 1710 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.123]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.183; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.149.

Joan PHILIPPS (fl.1697)

Person ID: 27697

Occ: healer

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In May 1697, Joan Philipps of St Mary Major, Exeter, petitioned the corporation of the city for payment 'that whereas your worships was pleased to Imploy mee for the

Curing of three scur heads which is perfectly done ... I would desire that I may be satisfied for the same’.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, Petitions 2/38, *sub* date.

John PHILIPPS (d.1737)

Person ID: 17424

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Philipps, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Francis Pengelly**, on 14 November 1698. Three of his apprentices – **William Randall** (1703), Edward Mortimore (1716) and Caleb Cam (1722) – were made freemen.

Philipps was probably a nonconformist. He was the cousin of the wealthy dissenter and merchant, Abraham Trowte, who left him £500 and various properties in the parish of St Paul’s in Exeter in his will of 1708. He was also named as residual legatee and executor. Four years later, he witnessed the will of Dame Hanna Seaward (d.1712). Philipps served as mayor in 1721-2. He was buried at St Paul’s, Exeter, on 29 November 1737.

Children of John Philipps and wife Honor:

Jane, buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, 31 May 1710 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.202, 209, 229, 237; TNA, PROB 11/508, ff.92v-95r [will of Abraham Trowte, merchant, of Exeter, 25 May 1708, pr.3 March 1708/9]; PROB 11/528, ff.321v-323v [will of Dame Hannah Seaward, 22 March 1711/12, pr.16 September 1712]; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, p.466; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\PTAU.M/2/1/32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1682-1760].

Sydwell PHILPE (d.1590)

Person ID: 24896

Occ: midwife

Loc: Dartmouth, Devon

Sydwell Philpe, midwife, was buried at St Saviour’s, Dartmouth, on 27 December 1590.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2992A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Saviour’s, Dartmouth, Devon].

Richard PIDSLEY (fl.1654-1671)

Person ID: 17423

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard Pidsley, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Anthony Salter Snr**, on 28 June 1658. Salter, Pidsley's cousin, later left him £20 in his will of 1657. Pidsley's own apprentice, **William Moore**, was made a freeman in 1674.

Richard Pidsley married Priscilla Penny of St Martin's, Exeter, at St Peter's (Exeter Cathedral) on 6 November 1654. He was a resident of the parish of St Mary Major, serving as churchwarden in 1670-1. In February 1656/7, Pidsley gave evidence before the city magistrates regarding the immoral behavior of two local physicians, **John Bidgood** and **Richard Morris**, whom, he accused of swearing in public.

Children on Richard Pidsley:

Richard, bapt.19 October 1665 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.145, 166; TNA, PROB 11/292, ff.377r-378v [will of Anthony Salter, apothecary, of Exeter, 9 September 1657 and 7 April 1658, pr.3 June 1659]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.30; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.80 [hearth tax, 1671]; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, Petitions 1/17; ECA, C1/64, ff.362v, 363r.

John PIERCEY (fl.1711)

Person ID: 10023/27675

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Cullompton, Devon

John Piercey of Cullompton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 25 September 1711.

I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.122.

William PIKE (fl.1684)

Person ID: 17773

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

William Pike, apothecary, was made a freeman of Plymouth on 11 September 1684.

Plymouth Archives, 1/51, f.54v.

Thomas PILLATON (d.1616)

Person ID: 10465

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Dartmouth, Devon

Following examination by Dr **John Norris**, Thomas Pillaton of Dartmouth, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 9 January 1610/11. He married Jane Collyns at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 6 June 1603, and was buried in the same parish (as 'Pelliton') on 27 September 1616.

Children of Thomas Pillaton:

James, bapt.30 May 1605 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].
unbaptized son, buried 7 January 1606/7 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].
Johane, bapt.16 April 1608 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].
Walter, bapt.18 May 1609; buried 19 May 1609 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].
unbaptized son, buried 20 November 1612 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.28 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.123]; 2992A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon].

John PINCE (fl.1693)

Person ID: 15956

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Pince, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Richard Marsh**, on 6 March 1692/3. Five of his apprentices – **John Kelland** (1708), **William Clace** (1708), **John Pare** (1708), **John Bicknoll** (1710) and **Nicholas Hamlyn** (1714) – were made freemen.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.189, 214, 216, 223, 225.

William PINCE (d.1643)

Person ID: 17774

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

William Pince, apothecary, was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 11 December 1643. He was probably the son of William Pince (d.1626) of Pinhoe, near Exeter, Devon. In his will made three days before his death, Pince, left various small bequests to family (including a brother Robert, of Pinhoe) as well as a property in Pinhoe to his wife Bridget, whom he also named as residual legatee and executrix. He would appear to have died childless.

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; TNA, PROB 11/192, ff.411r-v [will of William Pynce, apothecary, of Plymouth, Devon, 8 December 1643, pr.24 March 1644/5].

John PINCOMBE (d.1693 or 1694)

Person ID: 10474

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Bishop's Nympton, Devon

John Pincombe of Bishop's Nympton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 24 July 1693. He was probably John Pincombe, the son of John Pincombe and wife Elizabeth, who was baptised at Bishop's Nympton on 16 March 1650/1. John Pincombe, gentleman, was buried at Bishop's Nympton on 17 January 1693/4. His will, no longer extant, was proved at Exeter in 1694.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.848; 596A/PR/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Bishop's Nympton, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations Relating to the Counties of Devon and Cornwall Proved in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Exeter, 1532-1800* (Plymouth, 1914), p.166.

John PINNEY (d.1693 or 1694)

Person ID: 17008

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Axminster, Devon

In 1688, John Pinney, apothecary, of Axminster, Devon, was paid by the town for 'searching the wounds' of the wife of one Endicott, who subsequently died. The chief beneficiaries of Pinney's will, made in 1693, were his son John, who was to receive £150 on coming of age, and wife Mary. Pinney had interests in property in Axminster, Shute and Uplyme, Dorset. He named his wife Mary as residuary legatee and executrix and stipulated that in the event of the deaths of Mary and son John, the bulk of his estate should pass to Pinney's cousin, John New, the son of Jonathan New of Bristol (with the exception of property at Shute which was reserved for the testator's 'brother' John Shire). Nicholas Marder and John Brewer of Axminster were chosen as overseers.

R.Cornish, 'Axminster Churchwardens' Accounts', *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 16 (1931), p.331; TNA, PROB 11/418, ff.309r-v [will of John Pinney, apothecary, of Axminster, 29 November 1693, pr.1 February 1693/4].

William PITFIELD (1668-1728)

Person ID: 18295

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Pitfield was the son of William Pitfield and was baptised at East Budleigh, Devon, on 19 March 1667/8. Pitfield, an apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Benjamin Row**, on 29 June 1691. His own apprentice, **Walter Ralph**, was made free in 1698. Ralph remained on close terms with the family. In his will of 1718, he left £50 to Pitfield's daughter, Signata, and designated his old master as joint residuary legatee and executor. Pitfield witnessed the wills of two Exeter physicians, **Edmund Davie** and **John Osmond** in 1692 and 1713 respectively.

Pitfield was a resident of the wealthy parish of St Petrock's, Exeter. He married Agnes Tickell, the daughter of John Tickell (d.1694), a nonconformist minister in the city, and his wife Susanna, at St Thomas Apostle, near Exeter, on 15 December 1690. He was buried there on 8 September 1728. His will, no longer extant, was proved at Exeter the same year. His widow Agnes was buried at St Petrock's on 7 April 1740.

Children of Mr William Pitfield [apothecary]:

Agnes, bapt.10 January 1691/2 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].
William, bapt.15 March 1692/3 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].
Susanna, bapt.22 July 1694 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
Elizabeth, bapt.10 April 1698 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
Jane, bapt.18 March 1699/1700 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
Foederata, bapt.20 April 1701 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
Signata, bapt.1 August 1703 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
Mary, bapt.30 September 1705 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
William, bapt.11 May 1707 [St Petrock's, Exeter]. William, an apothecary, never married and was buried at St Kerrian's, Exeter, 15 February 1794.
Frances, bapt.20 January 1708/9 [St Petrock's, Exeter].

Dorset Heritage Centre, 1180A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of East Budleigh, Devon]; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.182, 202; TNA, PROB 11/568, ff.48v-49v [will of Walter Rolfe, apothecary, of Exeter, 3 December 1718, pr.4 March 1718/19]; PROB 11/474, ff.61v-62v [will of Edmund Davy or Davyes, doctor of physick, of St Peter's, Exeter, 20 January 1691/2, pr.28 January 1703/4]; C.Worthy (ed.), *Devonshire Wills* (London & Derby, 1896), p.136 [will of John Osmond, MD, of Exeter, 4 January 1712/13, pr.29 March 1719]; Devon Heritage Centre, 4781A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Thomas Apostle, Exeter, Devon].

W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), pp.116, 118; Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.526; TNA, C9/469/119 [William Pitfield, apothecary, of Exeter, Devon, v.Henry Hayman, 1709]; Devon Heritage Centre, 332A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Arches, Exeter, Devon]; 4780A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Kerrian's, Exeter, Devon].

Walter POLE (fl.1620)

Person ID: 10546

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Walter Pole, barber surgeon, is mentioned in the borough quarter sessions records of Exeter in 1620.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA C1/61, p.368.

Nicholas POPE (d.1704)

Person ID: 10579

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Sandford, Devon

In 1692, Nicholas Pope, surgeon, of Sandford, Devon, signed letters testimonial on behalf of **Nicholas Pope (d.1722 or 1723)**. The relation of the two men is uncertain. Pope was buried at Sandford, near Crediton, on 22 January 1703/4.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/273/1-3; Tillotson, f.121v [*Directory*, i, no.658]; Devon Heritage Centre, QS/21/1693/6 [sacrament certificate, 1693]; 1238A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Sandford, Devon].

Nicholas POPE (d.1722 or 1723)

Person ID: 10580

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Okehampton & Crediton, Devon

Nicholas Pope of Okehampton, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the province of Canterbury on 12 November 1692. Testimonials on his behalf were signed by seven local clergymen, including the ministers of Okehampton and Sandford (where he was probably born), as well as the churchwardens and many parishioners of Okehampton and elsewhere in Devon. Medical affidavits were supplied by two Exeter physicians, **John Northleigh** and **John Osmond**, and two surgeons, **Caleb Lowdham Snr** and **Nicholas Pope (d.1704)**. In seeking a licence, Pope was almost certainly responding to the fact that he had only a month before been censured before the vicar general's court for practising without a licence, an offence that he readily accepted.

Pope subsequently set up in practice at Crediton, where he was buried on 3 January 1722/3.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/273/1-3; Tillotson, f.121v [*Directory*, i, no.658]; Devon Heritage Centre, Moger II/PR Basket D1/22; C 757, *sub* 14 October 1692; 2935A/PR/1/10 [parish registers of Crediton, Devon].

John PORTER (fl.1657)

Person ID: 10600

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

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Mary, the daughter of John Porter, surgeon, was baptised at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 13 August 1657. Thirteen days later, one John, the son of John Porter, was baptised in the same parish. Porter may have been the man of that name who married Lydia Jennings at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 18 October 1655.

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

Philip POTTER Snr (d.1688)

Person ID: 10618

Occ: physician

Loc: Great Torrington, Devon

Philip Potter of Great Torrington, Devon, was described as 'MD' in the matriculation entry of his son Humphrey at Oxford in 1677, and as physician in his will. There is no evidence that he possessed a medical degree. Potter's first wife, Mary, was buried at Great Torrington on 30 September 1656. Nothing is known of his second wife, also Mary. She may be the same as the Mary Potter, widow and mercer, who was buried at Great Torrington on 24 August 1702. Mr Philip Potter Snr was buried at Great Torrington on 4 June 1688. His son **Philip Potter Jnr** would appear to have followed in his father's medical footsteps.

Children of Philip Potter and wife Mary:

Mary, bapt.8 March 1652/3; buried 2 April 1669 [Great Torrington].

Prudence, bapt.28 November 1655 [Great Torrington].

John, born 1 June 1658; bapt.23 June 1658; buried 19 September 1678 [Great Torrington].

Humphrey, bapt.25 December 1659. Humphrey graduated BA at Oxford in 1680, and became rector of Nymet Rowland, Devon, in 1683. He was the maternal grandfather of the artist Sir Joshua Reynolds (1723-1792).

Elijah, bapt.4 May 1662 [Great Torrington].

Philip, bapt.30 December 1663 [Great Torrington]. Surgeon.

Thomas, bapt.17 November 1665 [Great Torrington].

Elizabeth, bapt.18 April 1675; buried 1 March 1675/6 [Great Torrington: the baptism entry, added at a later date, and probably incorrectly, under 1676].

Foster, iii, p.1186; Devon Heritage Centre, 4014A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Great Torrington, Devon]; J.J.Beckerlegge (ed.), *Index of Wills in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, 1563-1858* [administration of will of Philip Potter, physician, 1688].

Philip POTTER Jnr (b.1663)

Person ID: 27727

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Great Torrington, Devon

Philip Potter was the son of **Philip Potter Snr** and his wife Mary and was baptised at Great Torrington on 30 December 1663. Around 1685, Potter Jnr applied for a licence to practise surgery from the bishop of Exeter. Testimonials signed by the mayor and minister of Great Torrington described him as 'loyal [and] conformable' and 'a Lover and due frequenter of his Church'. No grant of a licence has been found. In 1695, he signed the application of **John Eastway** of Launceston, Cornwall. The families may have been closely linked. On 6 September 1721, one Philip Potter (probably not the physician) of Torrington married Elizabeth Eastway of Sutcombe at the latter parish.

Devon Heritage Centre, 4014A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Great Torrington, Devon]; PR 518, *sub* Great Torrington and Launceston [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-

1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.124];
2968A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Sutcombe, Devon].

Philip POTTER (fl.1708)

Person ID: 17425

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Philip Potter, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Burrell**, on 19 April 1708.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.218.

Prudence POTTER (1612-1690)

Person ID: 10619

Occ: midwife/physician/surgeon

Loc: Newton St Petrock, Devon

Prudence Potter was the daughter of Thomas Abbot of Luffincott and was baptised at Hartland, Devon, on 3 May 1612. She married twice: firstly Edward Reede at St Budeaux, near Plymouth, 15 January 1633/4; secondly Richard Potter, rector of Newton St Petrock. At her death in 1690, she was described on her tombstone in the churchyard of Newton as one who had spent her life 'in the Industrious, Charitable, and successful Practices of Physick, Chirurgery and Midwifery'. She was buried at Newton St Petrock on 20 January 1689/90.

R.Perse Chope, 'A Lady Doctor in the 17th Century', *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 13 (1925), p.246; F.T.Cosby (ed.), *The Visitation of the County of Devon in the Yeare 1620* (London, HS, vol.6, 1872), p.2; Devon Heritage Centre, 1201A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Hartland, Devon]; Foster, iii, p.1186; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Budeaux, Devon; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Newton St Petrock, Devon.

Joseph POTTLE (d.1736)

Person ID: 15969

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Joseph Pottle, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Edward King**, on 7 September 1691. His own apprentice **Peter Stanway** was made free in 1708. Pottle was buried at All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, on 4 June 1736. His will, no longer extant, was proved at Exeter in the same year.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.185, 215; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, p.88; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.528.

Francis PRAMPERGO (fl.1566)

Person ID: 10673

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

A Spaniard by birth, Francis Prampergo, doctor of medicine, was made a freeman of Exeter on paying an entry fine of £1 6s 8d on 8 July 1566. The apothecary **Thomas Edwards** claimed to have learnt the practice of medicine from Dr Prampergo, accompanying him on visits and prescribing drugs to his patients. Prampergo apparently considered him 'a sufficient scholar to be employed in the practice of physic'.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.87; TNA, STAC 8/130/14, f.2.

Lawrence PRICHARD (d.1593)

Person ID: 10730

Occ: clergyman/physician?

Loc: Tavistock, Devon

Lawrence Prichard supplicated for BA from Hart Hall, Oxford, in October 1573, and MA on 28 June 1578. He transferred to Queen's College to supplicate for his B Med on 8 July 1581. Prichard was appointed vicar of Tavistock in 1586 and served until his death in 1593. There is no evidence that he combined clerical duties with the practice of medicine.

Foster, iii, p.1210.

Delaun or Delawn PRIDHAM (1694-c.1722)

Person ID: 10738

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Ashburton, Devon

Delaun or Delawn Pridham was the son of Mr **Peter Pridham**, of Ashburton, and was baptised there on 7 February 1693/4. He married Elizabeth Woodford of Ashburton at Exeter cathedral on 1 April 1719. Pridham made his will in November 1721 as he was about to undertake a voyage to the East Indies. He left all his estate to his 'dear and loving wife' Elizabeth for the use of his (unnamed) children. His widow Elizabeth was buried at Ashburton on 14 February 1723/4.

Children of Delawn Pridham and wife Elizabeth:

Elizabeth, bapt.30 August 1719 [Ashburton].

Ursula, bapt.14 Aeptember 1721; buried 3 November 1723 [Ashburton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2141A/PR/1/3 and 27 [parish registers of Ashburton, Devon]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.176; TNA, PROB 11/592, f.292v [will of Delaun Pridham, surgeon, of Ashburton, 29 November 1721, pr.29 August 1723].

Edward PRIDHAM (d.1687)

Person ID: 10739

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Morchard Bishop, Devon

Edward Pridham was consulted in the case of the supposedly bewitched boy, Zacheus Crab of Exeter, some time around 1680. According to Richard Baxter (1615-1691), Pridham, on being asked whether or not he could provide medical assistance to the sick boy, replied 'he did not question but he could, but being a Minister he feared he should lose his benefice by Peoples saying he was a White-Witch'.

Edward Pridham was the son of John and Amy Pridham and was baptised at Newton St Cyres on 26 May 1638. He matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 18 March 1657/8, proceeding BA in 1661 and MA (of Trinity College, Cambridge) in 1665. He was appointed rector of Morchard Bishop in 1663, succeeding the ejected minister Robert Snow (d.1668) to whom, according to Calamy, Pridham showed 'great respect' and allowed him to board with him for a brief period. Pridham died at Morchard Bishop on 25 November 1687 and was buried in the parish church two days later. In his will, made a month before his death, Pridham left £20 to clothe the poor of Morchard Bishop. Pridham possessed land in Sandford, Crediton and Newton St Cyres, which he left to his son Edward (on condition he paid his sister Anna £500 on inheriting the same) and nephew John, the son of his deceased brother Roger. The rest of his estate was to be divided between his wife and executrix Dorothy, and two children Edward and Anna, his son to receive all his books and manuscripts.

There survives a wall tablet to Pridham's memory in the church of Morchard Bishop, as well as an inscription commemorating the burial of his one-year-old daughter Dorothy. His widow Dorothy was buried at Morchard Bishop on 9 August 1703.

Children of Edward Pridham and wife Dorothy:

Dorothy, bapt.3 October 1669; died 18 September 1670; buried 20 September 1670
[*m.i.* and parish register, Morchard Bishop].

Edward, bapt.15 March 1667/8 [Morchard Bishop]. BA Oxford 1687; MA
Cambridge 1691.

Anna, bapt.30 January 1670/1; buried 22 August 1695 [Morchard Bishop].

R.Baxter, *The Certainty of the Worlds of Spirits* (London, 1691), pp.47-52; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Newton St Cyres and Morchard Bishop, Devon; Foster, iii, p.1213; Venn, iii, p.398; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), p.451; TNA, PROB 11/391, ff.171r-172r [will of Edward Pridham, clerk, of Morchard Bishop, 27 October 1687, pr.23 May 1688]; *m.i.*, Morchard Bishop, Devon.

Gabriel PRIDHAM (fl.1665)

Person ID: 10740

Occ: unlicensed physician

Loc: Littlehempston, Devon

Gabriel Pridham of Littlehempston, Devon, was described in the episcopal visitation of 1665-6 as unlicensed to practise medicine 'but ... conformable in frequenting prayers'.

Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.307r, 406r.

Peter PRIDHAM (d.1711)

Person ID: 10741

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Ashburton, Devon

In about 1692, Peter Pridham, surgeon, of Ashburton, Devon, subscribed a testimonial on behalf of his former apprentice, **James Orchard**, who was seeking an episcopal licence to practise. Pridham was the father of the naval surgeon, **Delaun Pridham**. Mr Peter Pridham Snr was buried at Ashburton on 19 December 1711.

Children of Mr Peter Pridham:

Anne, bapt.8 May 1677 [Ashburton].

Peter, bapt.10 December 1678; buried 22 November 1714 [Ashburton].

John, bapt.21 February 1682/3 [Ashburton].

Richard, bapt.11 June 1686 [Ashburton].

Delaun, bapt.1 January 1688/9 [Ashburton].

Susanna, buried 10 May 1691 [Ashburton].

Delaun, bapt.7 February 1693/4 [Ashburton]. Surgeon.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Ashburton; 2141A/PR/1/3 and 27 [parish registers of Ashburton, Devon].

William PRIDHAM (fl.1580)

Person ID: 10688

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Devon?

William Pridda [Pridham] was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 2 July 1580. He was probably the father of **William Pridham (fl.1622)** of Chivelstone.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 41, p.147 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.124]. He appears as Pridda in the Act Book. However, parish register evidence from the village suggests Pridham.

William PRIDHAM (fl.1622)

Person ID: 10689

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Chivelstone, Devon

William Pridham may have been the son of **William Pridham (fl.1580)**. Pridham was licensed to practise medicine throughout the diocese of Exeter on 2 October 1622. A

testimonial on his behalf was signed by **Thomas Edwards**. He may be the same as the William Pridham of Chivelstone, administration of whose will was granted in 1629.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.124]. He appears as Preda or Pridda in the Act book. However, parish register evidence from the village suggests Pridham.

William PRIDHAM (fl.1654)

Person ID: 25098

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Harcombe, Devon

William Pridham, surgeon, of Harcombe, Devon, married Elizabeth Pridham of Littlehempston, Devon, at Wolborough, on 29 June 1654.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2518A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Wolborough, Devon].

John PRINCE (d.1716)

Person ID: 15988

Occ: barber

Loc: Honiton, Devon

John Prince, barber, of Honiton, Devon, married on three occasions. Firstly, he married Sarah Gray at Honiton on 19 April 1680. She died in 1684 and was buried at Honiton on 1 July 1684. His second wife Elizabeth was buried at Honiton on 24 January 1695/6. He married his third wife Sarah Burbidge, widow, at Honiton, on 8 September 1696. John Prince was buried at Honiton on 29 April 1716.

Children of John Prince:

John, 'a child', buried 24 September 1686 [Honiton].

Elizabeth, bapt.1 September 1690 [Honiton].

Charles, born 18 October 1698; bapt.28 October 1698 [Honiton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/6, 7 and 38 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon].

William PRITCHETT (d.1731)

Person ID: 10759

Occ: licensed surgeon Loc: Werrington, Devon [now Cornwall] & Boyton, Cornwall

William Pritchett of Werrington, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 5 October 1714. Pritchett's application was supported by fellow surgeon **William Wood**. He is almost certainly the same as the Doctor William Pritchett of Boyton, Cornwall (near Werrington), who made his will in May 1731. It mentions a wife Anne, three daughters (Elizabeth Dane of Lifton, Jane and Sarah), and sons John and Thomas, the latter being named as residual legatee and executor. The total value

of Pritchett's estate was just over £109. It included livestock (suggesting Pritchett engaged in farming), 'physick druggs', mortars, a pestle and surgical instruments.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS, *sub* 5 October 1714 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.124]; Kresen Kernow, AP/P/2775/1 [will of William Pritchett, doctor, of Boyton, Cornwall, 27 May 1731, pr.14 July 1731]; AP/P/2775/2 [inventory, 17 June 1731].

Francis PROUSE or PROWZE (1649-1696)

Person ID: 10765

Occ: physician

Loc: Crediton, Devon

Francis Prouse or Prowze was the son of Joseph Prouse (d.1681) of Crediton and his wife Mary, and was baptized at Holy Trinity, Exeter, on 28 November 1649. Prouse matriculated at New College, Oxford, on 12 August 1669 and graduated BCL in 1676. Prouse, of Fordton, near Crediton, was licensed to practice medicine in the province of Canterbury on 14 February 1684/5. Letters testimonial, confirming that Prouse was a former law student at New College, Oxford, were signed by Dr **Phineas Ellwood** of Corpus Christi College, and Dr **William Gibbons** of St John's College.

Francis Prowse, gent, of Fordton, married Constantia Elves of East Lockinge, Berkshire, at Fawley, Berkshire, on 16 October 1682. In 1689, Prouse and his mother Frances were left £100 in the will of his cousin, John Atfield of Hampshire, a kinsman of the London physician **John Atfield**. Prouse was buried at Crediton on 9 October 1696. His will was proved the same year, administration being granted to his widow Constantia. She was buried at Crediton on 16 July 1741.

Children of Dr Francis Prouse, gent:

Elizabeth, bapt.11 February 1684/5 [Crediton].

Francis, bapt.26 September 1686; buried 19 March 1716/17 [Crediton]. He matriculated at Balliol College, Oxford, in 1706, but does not appear to have graduated.

Hungerford, bapt.26 August 1688 [Crediton].

Constantia, bapt.26 September 1690 [Crediton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; Foster, iii, p.1216; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/213/1-3; Sancroft, ff.254r-v [*Directory*, i, no.670]; Berkshire RO, parish registers of Fawley, Berkshire; TNA, PROB 11/417, ff.6v-8r [will of John Atfield, gent, of Kingsclere, Hampshire, 29 April 1689, pr.4 November 1693]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2935A/PR/1/6 and 12 [parish registers of Crediton, Devon]; TNA, PROB 4/6694 [administration of estate of Francis Prowse].

John PRYN (d.1647)

Person ID: ????

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plympton St Maurice, Devon

John Pryn, barber, was buried at Plympton St Maurice, Devon, on 21 April 1647. His daughter Anne was buried in the same parish, 23 January 1647/8.

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Plympton St Maurice, Devon.

John PULSER (d.1660)

Person ID: 15994

Occ: barber

Loc: Okehampton, Devon

John Pulser, barber, was buried at Okehampton, Devon, on 16 May 1660.

Children of John Pulser:

Bartholomew, bapt.3 December 1640 [Okehampton].

John, bapt.12 November 1650 [Okehampton].

Tertullian, bapt.9 August 1652 [Okehampton].

John, born 28 February 1654/5 [with wife Elizabeth; Okehampton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 3210A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Okehampton, Devon].

John PURCHASE (d.1645)

Person ID: 10795

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Purchase was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 3 August 1616. Between 1618 and 1639, he appears frequently in the records of the borough court, both as an expert medical witness as well as defendant and plaintiff. In October 1626, for example, Purchase claimed that his servant Arthur Mayes had threatened to kill him and his wife. A year later, he appeared before the court accused of abusing a constable who was seeking to billet a soldier in his house. He was also happy to use the courts to enforce payment of his fees. In 1641, he was pursuing a case in the Court of King's Bench against one Richard Adams for the cure of a head wound to one Edward Bovy.

In his early career, Purchase was a resident of the parish of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, though he later moved to Holy Trinity (where the registers refer to his wife Blanche). He was buried at All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, on 15 May 1645.

Children of John Purchase:

Ann, bapt.5 October 1615 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

Steven, bapt.25 March 1618 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.6 June 1620 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.6 March 1632/3; buried 6 November 1633 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

John, bapt.29 September 1634 [Holy Trinity, Exeter]. He married Mary Parker of Holy Trinity at Exeter cathedral (St Peter's), 7 August 1655.

Leonard, bapt.23 October 1636 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].
Mary, bapt.26 December 1638 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].
Nicholas, bapt.10 July 1641 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].
Rose, bapt.26 January 1644/5 [Holy Trinity, Exeter].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.207 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.124]; ECA, C1/61, pp.35, 81, 93, 207, 288, 336, 456, 563, 565; ECA, C1/62, ff.292r, 329v, 347r, 350r; ECA, C1/63, ff.19v, 77v, 279v; TNA, KB27/1669, m.931; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, pp.26, 27, 77; Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.35.

Thomas PYNE (c.1660-1741)

Person ID: 10821/25140

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Tamerton Foliot, Devon

Thomas Pyne was the son of Thomas Pyne of Tamerton Foliot, gent, and was probably baptised there about 1660 (registers no longer extant). Pyne matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 30 March 1677, aged 16, proceeding BA in 1680, MA in 1683, B Med in 1686 and finally MD in 1691. In 1712, he signed letters testimonial on behalf of **John Woolcombe**. He did the same for Sampson Ryder of St Martin by Looe, Cornwall (1715), Richard Gortley of Plymouth (1717), Benjamin Berry, chymist, of Liskeard, Cornwall (1723) and Alexander Wills of Kingsbridge (1724).

In 1695, one Richard Hayman Jnr was apprenticed to Pyne (in what capacity unknown). Pyne was made a freeman of the borough of Plymouth in December 1697. A year earlier, he was appointed a commissioner for Devon empowered to implement the Act for Granting an Aid of 4s in the pound for the war with France. He later served as a justice of the peace for the county. Pyne married Elizabeth Quick, the daughter of John Quick (d.1703) and his wife Elizabeth, née Southcote (1655-1706), at Newton St Cyres, Devon, on 1 June 1693. A son John was baptised and buried there in 1698. For much of the rest of their lives, the couple were resident at Pyne's family home at Dunsbear in Tamerton Foliot, near Plymouth. Pyne, described as esquire, was buried at Rattery, Devon, on 1 July 1741. His widow Elizabeth was buried in the same parish on 14 July 1745.

Children of Thomas Pyne and wife Elizabeth:

Arthur. He matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, in June 1713, aged 17 [Foster].
John, bapt.6 February 1697/8, buried 7 April 1698 [Newton St Cyres].

Foster, iii, pp.1223, 1224; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/453/1-3; I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.124;

Devon Heritage Centre, 3020A/PO23/29; Plymouth Archives, 1/28; J.Raithby (ed.), *Statutes of the Realm*, vol.7 (1695-1701), **bet.pp.8-61?**; Devon Heritage Centre, QS/21/1706/21; QS/21/1714/8 [sacrament certificates]; QS 17/2/2/1b [oath roll, Devon, sworn before Thomas Pyne, MD and JP, 1723]; 807A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Newton St Cyres, Devon]; 3132A/PR/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Rattery, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.149.

Abraham QUICK (c.1663-1732)

Person ID: 10837

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

Abraham Quick of Tiverton, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter on 6 September 1689. In his application, he claimed to have served for a 'considerable while' under one **Joseph Tilley**, 'doctor in physique' (but probably an itinerant physician), whereby he 'acquired much skill in discerning and finding out dropsyes ffistulas Cancers Imposttumes ulcers & other such like dangerous diseases'. He also professed to be skilled in curing any green wounds. Quick's impressive list of supporters included the mayor, minister and town clerk of Tiverton.

Quick married Anne Huckley or Hukeley of Tiverton at Bickleigh, Devon, on 17 February 1688/9. He died on 20 August 1732, aged 69, and was buried in the church at Bradninch, Devon.

Children of Abraham Quick and wife Anne:

Hukeley, bapt.19 June 1689; buried 3 February 1689/90 [Tiverton].
Kesura, buried 13 May 1692 [Tiverton].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.630; PR 518, *sub* Tiverton; 2167A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Bickleigh, Devon]; 2960A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon]; J.Cobley (ed.), *James Davidson's East Devon Church Notes* (Woodbridge, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, 64, 2022), p.295; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.???

Richard RADFORD (fl.1697)

Person ID: 16000

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard Radford, barber, of Exeter, Devon, acted as bondsman for the marriage of John Pitfield of Venn Ottery, yeoman, and Joan Jerman of Bradninch, Devon.

Devon Heritage Centre, diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, transcribed by C.A.T.Fursdon (1931), *sub* 4 June 1697.

Isaac RADMAN (1620-1689)

Person ID: 16001

Occ: barber

Loc: Honiton, Devon

Isaac Radman was the son of George Radman (or Rodman) and was baptised at Honiton on 13 February 1619/20. He was buried at Honiton on 21 August 1689. His wife Joan was buried in the same parish on 3 April 1690.

Children of Isaac Radman and wife Joan:

Thomasine/Tamsin, bapt.8 September 1650 [Honiton].

Faith, bapt.28 February 1663/4 [Honiton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/2, 4, 5 and 38 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon].

Walter RALPH or ROLPH (d.1718)

Person ID: 17431

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Walter Ralph or Rolph, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **William Pitfield**, on 14 November 1698. His own apprentice, Stephen Moorhouse, was made free in 1729.

Walter Ralph was a resident of the parish of St Mary Arches, Exeter, where he was buried on 15 December 1718. He does not appear to have married. In his will, made a few days before his death, he left a large legacy of £200 to fund various charity schools in the city of Exeter. He also owned various properties in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, which he left to his mother Elizabeth. Other beneficiaries included Signata Pitfield, the daughter of his former master **William Pitfield**, and his apprentice Stephen Moorhouse, who both received £50 each. Ralph named **William Pitfield** and Richard Vivian of Exeter as joint residual legatees and executors. Six days later, Ralph added a codicil in which he made further bequests, including mourning rings, to various friends and associates, including Robert Wolcombe, esquire (who owed the testator £400), and his old friend and tenant Thomas Field of Wheathampstead (suggesting his own origins may have been in Hertfordshire). The total value of bequests was over £800.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.202, 243; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), pp.110, 121; Devon Heritage Centre, 332A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Arches, Exeter, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/568, ff.48v-49v [will of Walter Rolfe, apothecary, of Exeter, 3 and 9 December 1718, pr.4 March 1718/19].

William RAMESEY or RAMSEY (1627-c.1676)

Person ID: 10865

Occ: astrological physician

Loc: London & Plymouth, Devon

William Ramesay or Ramsey was the son of **David Ramsey**, who may himself have practised medicine briefly before becoming groom of the royal bedchamber and keeper of the king's clocks to James I and Charles I. William's mother was Frances, the daughter of the celebrated empiric turned royal physician, **Leonard Poe**, who left his young grandson William £100 in his will of 1631. Two of her sisters, Susanna and Judith, had also married well-connected physicians, **John Bastwick** and **Thomas Grent** respectively. William Ramesay was born on 13 March 1626/7 and baptised at St Margaret's, Westminster, on 21 March 1626/7. In an account of his early life published in 1653, Ramesay claimed that his father's family were of Egyptian descent (hence the odd spelling of his surname), refers to his royal posts but makes no reference to his medical interests. As for William, he was educated at St Albans, Bushey, Westminster and Mile End Green, but was prevented from going to Oxford by the 'late differences'. Ramesay seems to have spent the early years of the civil war at St Andrews in Scotland, not returning to London until April 1645. Here, he claimed to have studied all aspects of nature, practising nothing but medicine and living the life of a virtual recluse. In his many publications dating from this period, he routinely describes himself as a 'student in physic and astrology'.

Ramesay first went into print in 1650, when he defended the practice of astrological medicine from the criticisms of the physician (and future Quaker) **John Raunce**. A year later, he produced a similar defence, this time in response to the cavils of the puritan minister Nathaniel Homes (1599-1678), which in turn prompted a rejoinder from **William Rowland**. In 1652, he also published a work on the forthcoming lunar eclipse of that year which he dedicated to his father David (it was signed from the author's study in Holborn). In the following year, a further defence of astrology and astrological medicine appeared in the shape of *Astrologia Restaurata*, which was dedicated to James Stuart, duke of Richmond and Lennox (1612-1655). Two themes of all Ramesay's later works are manifest here. In the first place, Ramesay, like his father, was a committed royalist and defender of the Stuart cause. And secondly, and perhaps less predictably, Ramesay emerges as something of a puritan in respect of his views on social and public mores. In *Astrologia Restaurata*, for example, he laments the 'constant changes and faddes of dress & attire' in men and women's fashion, as well as the general topsy-turviness of religious and political life.

In 1661, Ramesay published two very different works. In the first, a treatise on poisons (written in 1656), dedicated to the recently restored Charles II, he expatiates on a subject dear to his heart – the dangers posed by medical empirics, quacks and other encroachers upon physic who, he claims, are 'the Ruine of more of your Majesty's Loyall and faithfull subjects then either the Sword or Plague' (sig.A5r). Ramesay emerges here as a thorough traditionalist who believed that the normal accoutrements of a physician must consist in an understanding of languages (especially Greek and Latin), philosophy, logic, astronomy, astrology, chemistry and botany. Announcing an intention to publish further on the subject in due course (in a pamphlet entitled *Flagellum Empiricorum*, which does not appear to have seen the light of day), Ramesay concluded his preface with a plea to the King to put into execution the existing laws against medical intruders 'that so everyone may abide in the Calling wherein he is called; The Divine not Intrenching on the Physicians, nor the Laymen on either, nor the Chirurgeon on the Apothecaries, nor the Apothecary of

the Chyrurgion's ... as they too frequently take the liberty and boldnesse, now, to do, even in the City of London, in the face of the Colledge of Physicians to their great shame' (sig.a4r).

Secondly, in 1661, Ramesey produced a very different work, which, against his own strictures, may have been seen as encroaching perhaps upon the expertise of the churchmen. In *Man's Dignity and Perfection Vindicated*, Ramesey entered the debate concerned with the 'traduction of the soul' or the manner in which newborn children acquired their souls. Dedicated to his friend Edmund Wilde (1618-1695), Ramesay concluded, in response to a query from his friend Ferdinando Gorges (1630-1718), that the soul was infused through the blood of one's parents rather than created *ab initio* by God at the point of birth. Gorges, who was also the dedicatee of *De Venenis*, was the grandson and heir of the colonial soldier Sir Ferdinando Gorges (d.1647), who had commanded Plymouth fort in the early seventeenth century.

Ramesey was made an extra licentiate of the London College of Physicians on 31 July 1661. A year later, on 14 August 1662, Charles II rewarded him for his family's loyalty, by making him physician in extraordinary (he was later made physician in ordinary supernumerary on 27 May 1668). Further honours followed in 1668, when the King used his royal mandate to grant Ramesey a Cambridge MD (he was already said to have acquired an MD from Montpellier in 1652). It is not known precisely when or why Ramesey moved to Plymouth. He was certainly living in Devon by 1665, when a diocesan survey reported that Ramesey was 'well affected' and living at Leydon [sic]. Two years later he was living in Plymouth, when he dedicated his learned work on worms to his friend and kinsman Sir Roger Burgoyne (1618-1677) of Sutton, Bedfordshire. Many of the familiar themes of Ramesey's earlier works are once again evident here. He laments, for example, the fact that medical empirics and illiterate practitioners continue to thrive, a state of affairs he blames on some 'persons of quality' who have become 'as great admirers of Schismaticks, and Enthusiasts in Physick, as lately they were of the same in Divinity (p.3). Moreover, Ramesey's puritanical streak is again evident where, for example, he inveighs against drunken excess, citing, among others, the case of a 'mad fellow' in the late civil wars who drank a health to the devil at Salisbury and promptly disappeared (pp.225-6, 229). Elsewhere in this work, Ramesey demonstrated a commendable interest in, and understanding of, the new philosophy and its potential application to medicine. He refers, for instance, to examining worms under a microscope (p.10) and cites recent theories of fermentation, including the recently published work of **Thomas Willis** and van Helmont (p.363). At the same time, and not untypically for the period, he continued to uphold belief in witches and witchcraft (pp.52-80) – a theme that he had first discussed in *De Venenis* (1661), where he argued that the Devil, through witches and demons, was able to perpetrate a whole host of extraordinary feats upon the bodies of men and women (p.15). In the same work, he also assented to demonic shape-shifting or lycanthropy (pp.146-9).

Ramesey's last published work, *The Gentlemans Companion* (1672), was dedicated to a 'near kinsman and Allye', William, earl of Dalhousie (d.1672). In it, he returned to the theme of what constituted true gentility, recommending, amongst other things, the writings of the scientific 'moderns' such as Francis Bacon, **Sir Kenelm Digby**, Henry More, **Sir Thomas Browne**, **William Harvey**, **Thomas Willis**, Robert Hooke, Joseph Glanvill, **Francis Glisson** and above all 'the Great Boyl' or Robert Boyle

(pp.131-3). Ramesay was also the author of a manuscript treatise entitled 'De Divinis Mysteriis et naturae Operibus' (Sloane MS 1046).

Little is known of Ramesey's personal life. A wife, Judith, was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 10 November 1669. There is no record, however, of Ramesey's own death or burial. According to **Francis Bernard** he died in gaol, probably as a debtor, in 1676, but no conclusive evidence has been discovered relating to his fate. Bernard's source, in all probability, was the Plymouth surgeon **James Yonge**, who claimed to have been personally acquainted with Dr Ramesey and that he 'died poor in a Gaol, after he had Marry'd such a Wife as provoked him to write that satyr against matrimony, called *Conjugium Conjurgium*'. The work in question was originally published as a thinly disguised anagram of Ramesey's surname.

Publications:

A Reply to a Scandalous Pamphlet ... by the Quondam ... Practitioner Mr. John Raunce (London, 1650).

Lux Veritatis or, Christian Judicial Astrology Vindicated ... in Answer to Nath.Homes, D.D. ... Whereunto is Annexed, a Short Discourse of That Great Eclipse of the Sun (London, 1651).

Vox Stellarum or, the Voice of the Starres (London, 1651).

Astrologia Restaurata; or, Astrologie Restored ... in Four Books (London, 1653).

De Venenis. Or, A Discourse of Poysons (London, 1661). Reprinted 1663 and in 1665 as *Lifes Security*. It was dedicated to Charles II.

ΟΑΝΘΡΩΠΙΟΣ ΚΑΤΕΕΟΧΗ Or, Mans Dignity and Perfection Vindicated. Being Some Serious Thoughts on that Commonly Received Errour Touching the Infusion of the Soule of Man ... Wherein it is Rationally, Philosophically, and Theologically Demonstrated, that the Soule of Man is Ex Traduce and Begotten by Parents (London, Samuel Brooks, 1661).

HAMINΘΟΛΟΓΙΑ. Or, Some Physical Considerations of the Matter, Origination, and Several Species of Wormes (London, 1668). The frontispiece contains an effigy of the author, aged 42. The work is dated from Plymouth, 1 December 1667.

The Gentlemans Companion, or, A Character of True Nobility and Gentility (London, 1672). Another edition, London, 1676. Preface dated 15 June 1669.

William Seymar, i.e. Ramsey, *Conjugium Conjurgium, or, Some Serious Considerations on Marriage wherein (by way of Caution and Advice to a Friend) its Nature, Ends, Events, Concomitant Accidents &c are Examined* (London, 1673). Reprinted 1674, 1675, 1684, 1694.

ODNB, sub Ramesey, William, article by P.Curry; TNA, PROB 11/159, ff.281r-282v [will of Leonard Poe, doctor of physic and physician in ordinary to the royal household, of Christ Church, London, 18 February 1630/1, pr.25 March 1631];

London Metropolitan Archives, MA/01/01/004 [parish registers of St Margaret's, Westminster, Middlesex, 1612-1631]; Munk, i, pp.303-4; TNA, LC3/26, ff.141, 143; Venn, iii, p.417; *CSPD, 1667-1668*, p.407; Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.306v, 404v; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; British Library, Sloane MS 1683, f.39.

William RANDALL (d.1691)

Person ID: 10889

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Great Torrington, Devon

William Randall, apothecary, of Great Torrington, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the province of Canterbury on 28 April 1683. Letters testimonial on his behalf were signed by James Watson, vicar of Northam, John Coward, rector of Great Torrington, and 'by those having tried his experience therin in our bodyes', including a local attorney Samuel Porter. Medical testimonials were supplied by **James Veale** and **John Bent**.

Mr William Randall, apothecary, was buried at Great Torrington on 16 February 1690/1.

Children of Mr William Randall and wife Elizabeth:

Philip, bapt.12 October 1677 [Great Torrington].

William, bapt.18 April 1680 [Great Torrington].

Arthur, bapt.22 June 1682; buried 2 May 1683 [Great Torrington].

Elizabeth, buried 14 March 1685/6 [Great Torrington].

Anna, bapt.23 April 1686; buried 29 May 1686 [Great Torrington].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/199/1-4; Sancroft, f.246v [*Directory*, i, no.683]; Devon Heritage Centre, 4014A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Great Torrington, Devon]; J.J.Beckerlegge (ed.), *Index of Wills in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, 1563-1858*.

William RANDALL (fl.1703)

Person ID: 17426

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Randall, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Philipps**, on 13 December 1703. He may be the same as the William Randal, surgeon, of Topsham, who signed the oath roll in 1723.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.209; Devon Heritage Centre, QS 17/2/1/1.

Walter RATCLIFFE (d.1662)

Person ID: 17427

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Walter Ratcliffe, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the son of Hannibal Ratcliffe, by succession on 16 April 1660. He was buried at Exeter cathedral on 28 October 1662.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.149; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.148; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.546.

Robert RATTENBURY (d.1716)

Person ID: 10912

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Okehampton, Devon

Robert Rattenbury, apothecary, of Okehampton, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine throughout Devon on 7 December 1676, and in Cornwall on 19 January 1682/3 (where he described himself as gent). He was probably related to Robert Rattenbury (d.1677), who served as mayor of Okehampton in 1665-6. Robert Rattenbury, gent, married Agnes Rattenbury at Okehampton on 28 July 1678. Mr Robert Rattenbury was buried there on 2 November 1716.

He is probably the man of the same name who is mentioned in the will of his friend, Edward Cornish (d.1716), vicar of Okehampton. In his will, Cornish left Rattenbury a copy of Dean George Stanhope's *Paraphrase and Comment on the Epistles and Gospels* (4 vols; London, 1705-8) as well as one or both volumes of George Hickes' *Collections of Controversial Letters* (1705 and 1710).

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 45, p.445; Chanter MS 46, p.225; 3210A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Okehampton, Devon]; T.Cann Hughes, 'Notes on Vicars of Okehampton', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 57 (1925), pp.242-5.

Henry RAVENING Snr (d.1662 or 1663)

Person ID: 10918

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bideford, Devon

Henry Ravening of Bideford, Devon, is best remembered today for the fact that three of his children, victims of the plague, were buried in the graveyard of Bideford church on the same day in June 1646. No entry of their burials was recorded in the parish registers. Ravening's son, **Henry Ravening Jnr**, practised as a surgeon in Barnstaple, where Henry Snr was buried on 18 January 1662/3. The latter's will was proved in the archdeaconry court of Barnstaple in 1662/3.

Children of Henry Ravening:

Elizabeth, bapt.9 October 1639 [Bideford].

John, bapt.30 July 1645 [Bideford]. He died of the plague, 21 June 1646, and was

buried in the churchyard [*m.i.*].
Henry. He died of the plague, 21 June 1646, and was buried in the churchyard [*m.i.*].
Christopher. He died of the plague, 21 June 1646, and was buried in the churchyard [*m.i.*].
Rebecca, bapt.23 June 1647 [Barnstaple].
Henry. Surgeon.

J.Watkins, *An Essay Towards a History of Bideford in the County of Devon* (Exeter, 1792), pp.88-9; T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903), burials, p.74; Devon Heritage Centre, 799A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Bideford, Devon]; J.J.Beckerlegge (ed.), *Index of Wills in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, 1563-1858*.

Henry RAVENING Jnr (d.1690)

Person ID: 27672

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Henry Ravening was the son of **Henry Ravening Snr**, surgeon, of Bideford. Henry Ravening Jnr married Frances, the daughter of Mr John Westcott of Ottery St Mary, Devon, at Berrynarbor, Devon, on 22 January 1656/7. The marriage is also recorded in the registers of Barnstaple. In July 1683, Ravening signed letters testimonial on behalf of **John Weekes** of Great Torrington, a candidate for an episcopal licence. He was on friendly terms with **James Yonge** of Plymouth. Ravening served as mayor of Barnstaple in 1687-8, when he acted as an agent for promoting James II's tolerationist policies in the town. He was buried at Barnstaple on 12 February 1689/90. His will was proved the same year in the court of the archdeacon of Barnstaple. Ravening's widow Frances was buried six months later at Barnstaple on 24 May 1690.

Devon Heritage Centre, 3921A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Berrynarbor, Devon]; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/201/1-3; *The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), p.144; J.R.Chanter and T.Wainwright (eds), *Reprint of the Barnstaple Records*, 2 vols (Barnstaple, 1900), i, pp.76-7; North Devon RO, B/1/3984, pp.48, 60-70, 77-8; B/1/615; T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903), marriages, p.34; burials, p.96; J.J.Beckerlegge (ed.), *Index of Wills in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, 1563-1858*.

Isaac READ or REED (d.1712)

Person ID: 10949

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Dunterton, Devon

Isaac Read or Reed of Dunterton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 3 October 1689. His supporters confirmed that Read had practised surgery for several years and was 'a very loyal man, & very conformable to the Church of England'. His testimonial was signed by five local clergymen.

Isaac Read was buried at Dunterton on 3 March 1711/12.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.637; PR 518, *sub* Dunterton; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Dunterton, Devon.

James READ or REED (fl.1710)

Person ID: 16010

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

James Read or Reed, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **William Laskey**, on 28 August 1710.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.220.

John READ or REED (fl.1715)

Person ID: 17428

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Read or Reed, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **James Kingwell Snr**, on 4 April 1715.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.229.

Nicholas REDWOOD (c.1646-1688)

Person ID: 10985

Occ: clergyman/medical student

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Nicholas Redwood was the son of Nicholas Redwood, ironmonger, of Exeter, and entered Leiden University as a medical student on 12 May 1668, aged 22. He had previously matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, in 1664, proceeding BA in 1670 and MA in 1671. Redwood served as rector of St Leonard's, Exeter, from 1675 until his death in 1688. There is no evidence that he ever practised medicine.

According to Anthony Wood, Redwood was hindered by his 'fanatically inclined' parents from taking the oaths requisite to obtaining his degrees at Oxford and was instead forced to study at Leiden from 1667-70.

Innes Smith, p.191; Foster, iii, p.1243; *The Life and Times of Anthony Wood, Antiquary, of Oxford, 1632-1695 Described by Himself*, ed.A.Clark, 5 vols (Oxford, OHS, 1891-1900), ii, pp.217-8.

Philip REEPE (fl.1669-1682)

Person ID: 10988

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Philip Reepe, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the son of William Reepe (by succession) on 20 September 1669. In his will, made in September

1682, Reepe named his wife Susanna as principal beneficiary and executrix. It also mentions a son Philip, daughters Elizabeth and Susanna, mother Elizabeth, and mother-in-law Elizabeth Foster. Reepe nominated his good friends Humphrey Leigh, ironmonger, Thomas Jefford (d.1703 or 1704), dyer [radical whig and prominent nonconformist in Exeter], and John Terrill, worstedcomber, to act as overseers. It was proved in May 1685. Reepe was a resident of the parish of St Pancras, Exeter, whose parish registers for this period are very patchy and uneven.

Children of Philip Reepe:

Philip, bapt.17 May 1674 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Philip, twin, born 12 November 1678 [St Pancras, Exeter].

Susanna, twin, born 12 November 1678 [St Pancras, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.7 December 1681; buried 17 May 1682 [St Pancras, Exeter].

Elizabeth [will].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.157; TNA, PROB 11/380, f.98r [will of Philip Reepe, apothecary, of Exeter, 29 September 1682, pr.6 May 1685]; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.F.Nesbit, transcription of the parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, Devon, 1572-1837; 2949A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Pancras, Exeter, devon].

Abraham REEVE (fl.1710)

Person ID: 17430

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Abraham Reeve, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Parsons**, on 28 August 1710.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.220.

Jasper REYNARD (fl.early 16th century)

Person ID: 11027

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In the early sixteenth century, Jasper Reynard, doctor of physic, of Exeter, Devon, brought a case as plaintiff in the court of Chancery against the corporation of Exeter in an action for debts owed by one Thomlynson for the price of 'drogreez' [drugs?].

TNA, C 1/350/47 and 1/353/26 [1504-1515].

Caleb REYNOLDS (d.1695 or 1696)

Person ID: 11036

Occ: apothecary/surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon, and Barbados?

Caleb Reynolds was the son of Joshua Reynolds and was baptized at St Olave's, Exeter, on 30 June 1650. Reynolds was licensed to practise medicine in the dioceses

of Bath and Wells, Bristol and Exeter on 12 April 1681. Reynolds' sponsors included **John Waad**, **Giles Wood**, and the rector and churchwardens of the parish of St Mary Major, Exeter, where he was a parishioner.

Reynolds married Elizabeth Brooking of St John's, Exeter, at St Thomas Apostle, Exeter, on 1 May 1676 (the marriage had been alleged by **Martin West**, drugster, of St Mary Abchurch, London, who may have been Reynolds' former master). He was the brother of John Reynolds (d.1692), vicar of St Thomas Apostle, where Elizabeth, described as a 'young woman' and the daughter of Caleb Reynolds, physician, was buried on 17 May 1692. No evidence of Reynolds' death or burial has been discovered. However, he may be the same as the Caleb Reynolds, surgeon, of Exeter, who made his will in November 1695, shortly before going to sea as a surgeon aboard the 'Mary' of Colchester. There, he named his 'trusty friend' **John Partridge**, a Wapping apothecary, as his attorney and executor, leaving all his estate to his cousin Nathaniel Philipps. He died in Barbados.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2738A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Olave's, Exeter, Devon]; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/167/1-4; Sancroft, f.236v [*Directory*, i, no.692]; Devon Heritage Centre, 4781A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Thomas Apostle, Exeter, Devon]; G.J.Armytage (ed.), *Allegations for Marriage Licences Issued by the Vicar-General for the Archbishop of Canterbury 1669 to 1679* (London, HS, vol.34, 1892), p.167; TNA, PROB 11/435, f.84r [will of Caleb Reynolds, chirurgion, of Exeter, 27 November 1695, pr.12 November 1696].

John REYNOLDS (fl.1696-1717)

Person ID: 25273

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Bideford, Devon

John Reynolds was the son of John Reynolds, gentleman, of Great Torrington, Devon, and matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 14 May 1696, aged 18. He graduated BA on 1 February 1699/1700. Reynolds' degree was incorporated at Cambridge, where he proceeded B Med in 1706. Thereafter, he seems to have settled into medical practice at Bideford, where he was living in March 1717, when Dame Ann Berry named Reynolds, her cousin, as one of the executors of her will.

Foster, iii, p.1248; Venn, iii, p.445; Devon Heritage Centre, Oswyn Murray will abstracts, will of Dame Anne Berry [proved 15 March 1716/17].

Joseph REYNOLDS (fl.1701)

Person ID: 16018

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Joseph Reynolds, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **William Morgan**, on 15 December 1701. He may be the same as the Mr Joseph Reynald buried at St Thomas Apostle, Exeter, on 24 January 1727/8.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.207; Devon Heritage Centre, 4781A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Thomas Apostle, Exeter, Devon].

Richard REYNOLDS (fl.1648-1655)

Person ID: 16019

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard Reynolds, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Goswell**, on 19 November 1655. Two of his apprentices, **Thomas Colliber Snr** and **John Freke**, were made freemen in 1667 and 1691 respectively.

In 1648, Reynolds, described as a barber (apprentice?) informed the city's magistrates that one John Griffyn had sworn 20 oaths and said that he was one of the 'New London Cavaliers'. Reynolds further reported Griffyn as saying that he had previously served Parliament, but would now be their enemy 'and cut their throats'.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.143, 154, 185; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/64, f.137r.

Ambrose RHODES Snr (1640-1689)

Person ID: 25277

Occ: physician

Loc: Modbury, Devon

According to family legend, Ambrose Rhodes was the son of Ambrose Rhodes or Rhodius (1605-1697), a native of Kemberg, Saxony, and a medical student at Wittenberg and Copenhagen. There, he received his MD in 1635 after presenting a thesis on scurvy to his teacher, the celebrated physician, Ole Worm (1588-1654). In 1662, Rhodes, an astrologer and Paracelsian, was imprisoned at Christiania (Oslo) in Norway, where he taught natural philosophy and practised medicine. He and his wife, Anna, were subsequently exiled to Finnmark, in the far north of Norway, where in 1663 Rhodius' wife was to play a crucial role in fomenting a series of witch accusations that led to mass trials. Ambrose Rhodes Jnr is said to have left Norway at about this time, and to have returned to Devon, where he took possession of a small patrimonial property at Modbury and practised medicine.

Irrespective of the truth of Rhodes' origins, he did settle at Modbury where he married firstly Elizabeth Baker (d.1664) and secondly Juliana Evans, the daughter of Thomas Prestwood, esquire, at Aveton Gifford on 26 September 1665. Rhodes was buried at Modbury on 28 November 1689.

Children of Ambrose and Juliana Rhodes:

Julian or Juliana, bapt.7 May 1667 [Modbury]. She married Henry Collings of Modbury at Holbeton, 16 October 1691.

Alice, bapt.18 April 1673 [Modbury].

Ambrose, bapt.29 October 1675 [Modbury]. Physician/surgeon.

J.Burke, *A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Commoners of Great Britain and Ireland*, 4 vols (London, 1836), iii, pp.566-70; A.Rhodius, *Theses Medicae de Scorbuto* (Copenhagen, 1635); O.Garstein, 'A Reappraisal of Anna Rhodius: Religious Enthusiasm and Social Unrest in Seventeenth-Century Norway',

Scandinavian Studies, 65 (1993), pp.349-89; L.H. Willumsen, *Witches of the North. Scotland and Finnmark* (Leiden, 2013), pp.279-83; Devon Heritage Centre, 328A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Aveton Gifford, Devon]; parish registers of Modbury and Holbeton, Devon.

Ambrose RHODES Jnr (1675-1739)

Person ID: 11053

Occ: physican/surgeon

Loc: Modbury, Devon

Ambrose Rhodes was the son of **Ambrose Rhodes Snr** and his wife Juliana, and was baptised at Modbury on 29 October 1675. He appears in error as Abraham Rhodes in the episcopal records, where it states that he was licensed to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter on 25 August 1698. His application was supported by three fellow practitioners, **John Row**, **Philip Rupert** and **Tobias Hewett**, as well as Nicholas Hunt (d.1709), vicar of Holne and several other local clergymen. In deeds dated 1712-13, he is referred to as a surgeon.

Rhodes Jnr married Elizabeth Prestwood, the daughter of George Prestwood esquire (sheriff of Devon in 1692) at North Huish on 20 January 1703/4. He died in 1739. In his will, made two years earlier, he left his wife Elizabeth a legacy of £50, an annuity of £25, as well as the leasehold on a close of land in Modbury and all his books of divinity. His youngest son George received all his 'books in phisick and surgery'. There were also bequests for son and heir Ambrose (£100 for mourning for family), and daughters Leonora (£5 for mourning) and Prestwood (£733 6s 8d). Rhodes named George Treby (d.1742), esquire and MP for Dartmouth, and Reverend George Baker (1687-1772), vicar of Modbury, as executors in trust, and nominated his son George as residual legatee and executor.

Children of Ambrose Rhodes Jnr and wife Elizabeth:

Ambrose, bapt.28 February 1704/5 [Modbury]. He married Sarah Andrew, the daughter of Solomon Andrew, esquire, of Lyme Regis, Dorset, at Harford on 1 August 1726. He was buried at Heavitree, 5 March 1777.

George, bapt.9 August 1706 [Modbury]. He married Elizabeth, the daughter of George Baker, archdeacon of Totnes, at Exeter cathedral, 18 August 1740. He was thus the brother-in-law of Sir George Baker (1722-1809), physician to George III. Leonora [will].

Prestwood, bapt.2 August 1717 [Modbury].

Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Modbury; Chanter MS 47, p.196; PR 518, *sub* Modbury; Plymouth Archives, 567/88/11 and 13; Devon Heritage Centre, 3094/PR/1/1 [parish registers of North Huish, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/696, ff.177r-179r [will of Ambrose Rhodes of Modbury, Devon, 15 September 1737, pr.22 May 1739].

Daniel RICHARDS (1655-1710)

Person ID: 11065

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Honiton, Devon

Daniel Richards was the son of John Richards (d.1673) and his wife Mary and was baptised at Honiton on 20 December 1655. Richards matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 23 February 1684/5, but did not graduate. He was awarded his MD from Utrecht in 1694, writing a thesis entitled 'De Apoplexia' (copy in British Library). Richards' background was nonconformist. His cousin Samuel Hieron (1633-1685 or 1686), who had been ejected as rector of Feniton in Devon in 1660, left Daniel his 'striking watch' and all his physic books in his will of 1685. The gift may well have encouraged Richards to seek a medical career. The Richards family's dissenting affiliations are also apparent from the will of Daniel's father, John, which was witnessed by Samuel Hieron's mother, Joan, and Francis Sourton (c.1622-1689), the former rector of Honiton, who taught school in the town after his expulsion. Daniel himself received lands in Awliscombe and Farway, Devon, in his father's will, plus a house in Honiton. He received a further £300 and other minor legacies following the death of his mother in 1692. Dr Richards died on 7 March 1709/10 and was buried in the church at Honiton on 13 March 1709/10.

He may be the same as the Dr 'John' Richards who provided a testimonial for **John Rowe alias Rose**, surgeon, of Bradninch in 1699.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/5 and 38 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon]; Foster, iii, p.1251; Innes Smith, p.193; TNA, PROB 11/382, ff.26r-27v [will of Samuel Hieron, clerk, of Honiton, Devon, 21 December 1685, pr.26 March 1685/6]; PROB 11/343, ff.94v-95v [will of John Richards, merchant, of Honiton, Devon, 29 April 1673, pr.25 October 1673]; PROB 11/410, ff.291v-292r [will of Mary Richards, widow, of Honiton, Devon, 3 April 1690, pr.16 July 1692]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.551; J.Cobley (ed.), *James Davidson's East Devon Church Notes* (Woodbridge, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, 64, 2022), p.83; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Bradninch.

Samuel RICHARDS (d.1715 or 1716)

Person ID: 11072

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Topsham, Devon

Samuel Richards was admitted pensioner at St Catharine's College, Cambridge, in 1675, and matriculating at Easter 1677, he was awarded his B Med in 1684. Two years prior to graduating, Richards, described as a gentleman of Topsham, was licensed to practise medicine throughout Devon on 13 June 1682. He was re-issued with a licence on 21 May 1694. Richards himself signed testimonials on behalf of various local practitioners between 1696 and 1709, including certifying the practice of **Nathaniel Strong** of Newton Abbot and **John Cross** of Topsham. His role in attempting the cure of a four-year old girl from Topsham, suffering from smallpox, in 1696 is recounted by **Caleb Lowdham Snr**.

Richards was named as one of the overseers of the will of Agnes Burch (d.1684), widow of Isaac Burch (d.1683), maltster, of Exeter in 1684. He was buried at Topsham on 3 January 1715/16. Mrs Mary Richards, 'the doctor's wife', was buried there on 20 August 1715.

Children of Mr Samuel Richards and his wife Mary:

Elizabeth, bapt.17 November 1687; buried 9 April 1688 [Topsham].
Mary, bapt.3 January 1688/9; buried 6 January 1695/6 [Topsham].
Amey, bapt.19 October 1690; buried 19 February 1690/1 [Topsham].
Ann, bapt.15 October 1691 [Topsham].
Anna, bapt.5 July 1694 [Topsham].
Sarah, bapt.10 June 1697 [Topsham].
Samuel, bapt.12 October 1699 [Topsham].
Elizabeth, bapt.25 June 1702 [Topsham].

Venn, iii, p.450; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.197; Chanter MS 47, p.25; PR 518, *sub* Kingsbridge (1696), Hatherleigh (undated), Newton Abbot (1699), Exeter (1708), and Topsham (1709); Wellcome Library, London, MS 7073, ff.58r-59r; Devon Heritage Centre, Moger will transcripts, 22 vols (1922-1941), vol.3, no.753 (1684); 1417A/PR/1/4 and 5 [parish registers of Topsham, Devon].

Thomas RICHARDS (d.1726)

Person ID: 11075

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Rewe, Devon

Thomas Richards, surgeon, of Rewe, Devon, applied for a licence to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 11 September 1702. Testimonials on his behalf were signed by **John Osmond** and **John Caunter**.

Thomas Richards married Mary Burd of Bovey Tracey at Rewe on 2 December 1692. He was buried at Rewe on 8 May 1726.

Children of Thomas Richards and his wife Mary:

Edward, born 29 April 1696 [Rewe].
Mary, born 28 October 1698 [Rewe].
William, born February 1700/1 [Rewe].
Elizabeth, born 7 August 1703 [Rewe].
Susanna, born 9 April 1706 [Rewe].

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Rewe [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.125]; 1255A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Rewe, Devon].

William RICHARDS (d.1694)

Person ID: 11079

Occ: physician

Loc: Awliscombe & Honiton, Devon

William Richards of Honiton, Devon, gent was licensed to practice medicine throughout the county of Devon on 20 November 1662. Richards would appear to

have specialized in healing the mentally ill. In submitting an application for a licence, he provided numerous examples of cures performed on men and women from east Devon suffering from frenzy, madness and melancholic distempers (all performed between 1659 and 1662). Further testimonials were supplied by five local clergymen and various individuals, including **Richard Knight**, doctor of physic, who had been dead for over ten years.

In July 1667, Richards, described as a 'professor of physic' and 'MD' from Awliscombe, near Honiton, was reprieved by the assize judges of a guilty verdict of rape. In his pardon, he is said to have been 'maliciously indicted ... and convicted on the single evidence of the prosecutor'. William Richards of Honiton was buried at Offwell on 25 September 1694. His will was proved at Exeter the same year.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.190; PR 518, *sub* Honiton [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.125]; *CSPD. 1667*, pp.335, 414, 437; Devon Heritage Centre, 364A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Offwell, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.549.

John RICKFORD (d.1700)

Person ID: 11113

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

John Rickford, surgeon, was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 24 February 1699/1700.

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

John RIDGE Jnr (1678-1716)

Person ID: 11128

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Winkleigh, Devon

John Ridge Jnr of Winkleigh, Devon, was licensed to practise physic throughout Devon on 19 March 1705/6. Testimonials on his behalf were signed by 34 men, including the vicar and churchwardens, many local gentry and various parish officers. They refer to his wide knowledge of herbs and roots and the fact that he has 'been att a considerable Charge in Buying Severall Books of Botani & Anatomy written by severall Learned Authors'. In addition, he served the poor, was of 'unquestionable good life and conversation', and 'derived from good Parents of an Auntient family, his Parents still living having a good Estate and helpful to such as are in Necessity'.

John Ridge was the son of John Ridge (d.1726) of Winkleigh and was baptised in that parish on 14 March 1677/8. He married Elizabeth Pyle at Coleridge, Devon, 8 November 1706, and was buried at Winkleigh on 13 February 1715/16.

Children of John Ridge Jnr:

John, bapt.13 January 1707/8 [Winkleigh].

Joan, bapt.4 August 1710 [Winkleigh].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* 19 March 1705/6; PR 518, *sub* Winkleigh; 2989A/PR/1/2, 3 and 4 [parish registers of Winkleigh, Devon]; parish registers of Coleridge, Devon.

Samuel RISDON (1670-1736)

Person ID: 16029

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Samuel Risdon was the son of Samuel Risdon and was baptised at Exeter cathedral on 17 April 1670. Risdon was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **William Taylor**, on 29 December 1701. An inhabitant of the parish of St Olave's, Exeter, he married Mary Bonne at St Lawrence's, Exeter, on 29 November 1694. Risdon was buried at St Olave's, Exeter, on 16 November 1736.

Children of Samuel Risdon:

Peter, bapt.13 September 1695 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Elizabeth, bapt.3 May 1698 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Priscilla, bapt.22 September 1700 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Samuel, bapt.13 October 1702; buried 18 November 1703 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Thomas, bapt.14 September 1704; buried 13 March 1708/9 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.8 January 1706/7 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Joan, bapt.6 April 1709; buried 2 December 1709 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Samuel, bapt.1 November 1710 [St Olave's, Exeter].

W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.75; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.208; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of St Lawrence's, Exeter, Devon; 2738A/PR/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of St Olave's, Exeter, Devon].

Walter ROADES or RODES (1600-1682)

Person ID: 11158

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Dover, Kent & Dartmouth, Devon

Walter Rodes or Rodes was the son of Henry Rodes, and was baptized at St Clement's, Sandwich, Kent, on 26 October 1600. Rodes was described as living in the parish of St Mary's, Dover, when he married Jane Penfall or Penfold of Dover, the daughter of an Elham butcher, at St Mary's, Dover, on 9 June 1623. Following the birth of a stillborn child (buried at St James', Dover, on 19 February 1623/4) and the death of Walter's wife Joan (buried at St James', Dover, 1 July 1628), Walter moved

to Dartmouth in Devon. There, he married Penelope Street, widow, at St Petrox, Dartmouth, on 27 April 1629.

Walter Roads, 'chururgeon, and aged almsman', was buried at St Petrox, Dartmouth, in 1682 (date and month obscured by a tear in the register).

Canterbury Cathedral Archives and Library, U3/17/1/1 [parish registers of St Clement's, Sandwich, Kent]; J.M.Cowper (ed.), *Canterbury Marriage Licences, 1619-1660* (Canterbury, 1894), p.828; Canterbury Cathedral Archives and Library, U3/30/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary's, Dover, Kent]; U3/26/1/1; Devon Heritage Centre, 2537A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrox, Dartmouth, Devon].

ROBERT (d.1571)

Person ID: 25349

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Robert, a surgeon, was paid by the town of Barnstaple for undertaking a journey to Exeter in 1537-8. He is presumably the same as Robert 'ye surgeon', who was buried at Hartland, Devon, on 16 December 1571.

J.R.Chanter and T.Wainwright (eds), *Reprint of the Barnstaple Records*, 2 vols (Barnstaple, 1900), ii, p.126; Devon Heritage Centre, 1201A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Hartland, Devon].

Robert ROBERTS (fl.1695)

Person ID: 16035

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Robert Roberts, barber, of Exeter, Devon, was licensed to marry Mary Searle of Exeter on 29 April 1695. No record of the marriage has been found. He was presumably a freeman of Exeter. His apprentice **Michael Abbott** was made a freeman of the city in 1701.

Devon Heritage Centre, diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, transcribed by C.A.T.Fursdon (1931), *sub* 29 April 1695; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.208.

Edward ROBINS (fl.1699-1716)

Person ID: 16037

Occ: barber

Loc: Okehampton, Devon

Edward Robins, barber, appears as both Edmund and Edward Robins in the parish registers of Okehampton (and is not to be confused with one Edmund Robins, weaver, of the same town). He is probably the same as the Edward Robins, who married Sarah Limbury at nearby Sampford Courtenay, Devon, on 27 June 1699.

Children of Edward Robins:

Francis, bapt.27 October 1703 [Okehampton].
Christopher, bapt.18 March 1706/7 [Okehampton]. He married Mary Cudmoore at
Okehampton, 4 August 1728.
Edward, bapt.19 October 1708; buried 3 December 1710 [Okehampton].
Anna, bapt.27 November 1716 [Okehampton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 1232A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Sampford Courtenay,
Devon]; 3210A/PR/1/2 and 28 [parish registers of Okehampton, Devon].

Humphrey ROCHE (fl.1579-1592)

Person ID: 16046

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Humphrey Roche, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Robert Nicholls**, on 14 September 1579. Jane, the wife of one Humphrey Roche, was buried at St Petrock's, Exeter, 4 October 1590. A year later, he married Jane Bromscombe in the same parish (11 April 1591). The couple had one son, Richard, baptised at St Petrock's on 7 May 1592.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.95; Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon].

Caleb ROCKET or ROCKETT (d.1731)

Person ID: 11234

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Dartmouth, Devon

Caleb Rocket of Dartmouth, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine throughout Devon on 19 March 1689/90. His application is very revealing of the political shenanigans that frequently accompanied the work of medical men at this time. According to two of his sponsors, Rocket had for several years 'proved very successful in the cure of many sick persons and is in all things conformable to the orders of the Church of England'. They believed he ought to be afforded special favour partly for the manner in which, as bailiff of the town, he had executed the precept for the election of two burgesses and kept out others, so enraging the local dissenters who now sought revenge. They were convinced that because he exceeded the bounds of his usual occupation by practising among the poor unlicensed, his enemies among the dissenters would soon seek 'that way to ensnare him'.

Rocket was clearly a politically divisive figure. In 1700, he was elected mayor, but the returning officer intruded another into his place, and when he died shortly afterwards, refused to accept Rocket's candidacy. He did eventually serve as mayor in 1714-15. Throughout this period, Rocket was active as an agent for the navy in the town, providing medical and other services. He was also a business partner and confidante of the celebrated engineer and Baptist preacher, Thomas Newcomen (1664-1729). In 1714, Rocket called for a new survey of the fishing grounds of Newfoundland.

Rocket married Mrs Ebbett Reynolds at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 4 April 1687. She was buried there on 23 April 1721. Mr Caleb Rocket was buried at Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 8 August 1731.

Children of Mr Caleb Rocket and his wife Ebbett:

Caleb, bapt.7 April 1688 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Joshua, bapt.19 November 1689 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth]. He practiced surgery at Honiton.

Mary, twin, bapt.29 December 1691 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Martha, twin, bapt.29 December 1691 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Ebbet or Ibbet, bapt.14 April 1694 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Anne, born 19 September 1696; bapt.20 September 1696 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Elizabeth, bapt.5 March 1698/9 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Nathaniel, bapt.2 June 1701; buried 1 September 1701 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

John, bapt.5 October 1702; buried 6 April 1708 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Jerome, bapt.22 February 1705/6; buried 30 September 1706 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Christian, bapt.6 March 1708/9 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.671; PR 518, *sub* Dartmouth; QS/21/1690/60 and 61 [sacrament certificate, 1690]; *Commons' Journal*, vol.9, p.203; *Calendar of Treasury Books*, vol.25 [1711] (London, 1952), **bet.pp.ccxiii-ccliii**; Devon Heritage Centre, 2992A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon].

Joshua ROCKET (1689-1772)

Person ID: 11235

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Honiton, Devon

Joshua Rocket was the son of **Caleb Rocket** and was baptised at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 19 November 1689. Rocket was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 7 May 1715. In his application, he claimed that he had been educated in physic, surgery and pharmacy, presumably by his father.

He is probably the same as the Joshua Rocket of Honiton, who married Leah Hewes at Exeter cathedral on 3 December 1730. She was buried at Honiton on 26 July 1748. Mr Joshua Rocket was buried there on 24 April 1772.

Children of Joshua Rocket and his wife Leah:

Joshua, bapt.17 March 1730/1; buried 2 April 1731 [Honiton].

Francis, bapt.22 October 1732 [Honiton].

Devon Heritage centre, 2992A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon]; Chanter MS 48, *sub* 7 May 1715 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.125]; 1639A/PR/1/6 and 38 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon].

Samuel ROUNSEVALL (d.1679)

Person ID: 11341

Occ: physician

Loc: Honiton, Devon

Samuel Rounsevall, physician, was buried at Honiton, Devon, on 4 March 1678/9. He was probably the same as the Samuel Rounsevall, the son of Silvester Rounsevall and his wife Thomasine, who was baptised at Clyst Hydon, about seven miles west of Honiton, on 9 January 1639/40.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/38 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon];
4021A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Clyst Hydon, Devon].

Benjamin ROW or ROWE (d.1692)

Person ID: 17432

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Benjamin Row or Rowe was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Tarleton**, on 1 March 1679/80. His apprentice **William Pitfield** was made free in 1691.

Mr Benjamin Rowe was buried at St Mary Arches, Exeter, on 6 September 1692. His will was proved the same year. Rowe's widow, Rebecca, was buried in the same parish on 29 July 1709.

Children of Mr Benjamin Row:

Benjamin, bapt.10 September 1682 [St Martin's, Exeter]; buried 3 February 1685/6 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

Elizabeth, bapt.14 August 1687; buried 14 February 1687/8 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

Benjamin, twin, bapt.28 May 1688; buried 31 May 1688 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

Joseph, twin, bapt.28 May 1688; buried 23 June 1688 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.170, 182; Devon Heritage Centre, 332A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Arches, Exeter, Devon]; Rev.F.Nesbit, transcription of the parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837, Devon; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.549.

James ROWE (d.1745)

Person ID: 11351

Occ: physician

Loc: Totnes, Devon

James Rowe, physician, of Totnes, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the province of Canterbury on 31 January 1704/5. His sponsors included **Richard Burthogge**, **John Row** and **William Rivers Comrie**, as well as various local

clergymen and others. He was probably a nonconformist. One of his sons was baptized at the dissenters' meeting house in Totnes attended by **Burthogge**. Mr James Rowe was buried at Totnes on 8 September 1745. The registers of Totnes also record the burials of an unnamed wife of a James Rowe (30 March 1687/8) as well as that of Mary, the wife of James Rowe, gent (2 March 1711/12).

Children of Mr James Rowe, gent:

Henry, bapt.29 September 1690; buried 25 March 1690/1 [Totnes].

John, buried 18 May 1695 [Totnes].

John, buried 10 January 1695/6 [Totnes].

James, bapt.22 January 1695/6 [Totnes; baptized at meeting house, Totnes, as recorded in parish register].

Elizabeth, buried 2 February 1701/2 [Totnes].

Sarah, bapt.29 April 1700 [Totnes].

Edward, buried 15 October 1712 [Totnes].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/393/1-3 [*Directory*, i, no.714]; Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

John ROW or ROWE (1656-1707)

Person ID: 11353

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Staverton, Devon

John Row or Rowe was the son of George Rowe (d.1691), esquire, of Staverton and was born there on 27 January 1655/6. Row was inscribed at Padua in July 1681, and was awarded his MD on 19 September 1682, serving as consiliarius, 1681-3. On returning to England, he settled at his native Staverton, from where he signed letters testimonial on behalf of **Ambrose Rhodes** (1698) and **James Row** (1705).

Row's destination as a medical student (Padua) and subsequent marriage to Ursula Chichester, daughter of John Chichester of Arlington, north Devon (the couple were married there, 25 November 1697), suggests recusant inclinations or sympathies. Rowe was left a small bequest of one guinea by his aunt, Prudence Poyntz, in 1691. He died in 1707 and was buried at Staverton (as John Rowe, esquire) on 19 July 1707. Administration of his will was granted to his widow, Ursula, in the same year. She was buried at Staverton on 26 December 1711.

Children of John Row, gent [of Kingston, Staverton]:

John, born 20 September 1698; buried 9 November 1700 [Staverton].

Ursula, born 15 November 1699; buried 19 January 1699/1700 [Staverton].

Prudence, born 25 October 1700 [Staverton].

George, born 17 January 1701/2 [Staverton].

Ursula, 'youngest of this name', born 14 July 1703 [Staverton].

John, 'second of this name', born 12 October 1704 [Staverton].

William, born 12 October 1706 [Staverton].

Dorothy, born 12 January 1707/8 [Staverton].

Royal College of Physicians, London, Innes Smith MSS; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Modbury; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/393/1-3; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Arlington, Devon; 872A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Staverton, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/407, ff.51v-53r [will of Prudence Poyntz, widow, of Old Cleeve, Somerset, 23 September 1691, pr,18 November 1691]; **will to follow**.

John ROW or ROWE alias ROSE (fl.1699)

Person ID: 11352

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Bradninch, Devon

John Row or Rowe alias Rose of Bradninch, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 17 September 1699. A few months earlier, **Nathaniel Dymond**, surgeon, Walter Veale, rector of Monk Okehampton and John Richards [Daniel Richards?] and **James Lee**, doctors of physic attested to Row's skill in surgery and that 'he hath done several wonderfull cures of late in the County of Devon'.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.230 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.126].

William ROW or ROWE (fl.1701-1711)

Person ID: 17433

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter & Great Torrington, Devon

William Row or Rowe, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Gabriel Mayne**, on 22 December 1701. Rowe married Grace Nash at Great Torrington, on 8 April 1705.

Children of William Row, apothecary, and wife Grace:

William, bapt.17 November 1706 [Great Torrington].

John, bapt.21 August 1708 [Great Torrington].

James, bapt.18 April 1711 [Great Torrington].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.208; Devon Heritage Centre, 4014A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Great Torrington, Devon].

Agnes ROWDEN (d.1661)

Person ID: 25458

Occ: midwife

Loc: Chulmleigh, Devon

Agnes Rowden, midwife, was buried at Chulmleigh, Devon, on 14 June 1661.

Devon Heritage Centre, 4678A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Chulmleigh, Devon].

John RUMBELOW (fl.1652-1654)

Person ID: ????

Occ: physician

Loc: Stonehouse, Devon

John Rumbelow was the son of John Rumbelow (d.c.1651), rector, of Bigbury, Devon, and was born about 1625. He briefly attended Oxford, matriculating at Exeter College on 4 June 1641, aged 16, but does not appear to have graduated. Nothing is known of his medical practice, but he is described as 'doctor of phisick' in the baptismal entry for his son Thomas at Plymouth in 1652. A daughter Elizabeth was also baptized at Plymouth two years later, but nothing more is known of Dr Rumbelow after this date. He was the brother-in-law of John Tutchin, puritan minister at Stonehouse during the interregnum who was subsequently ejected at the Restoration.

Children of Mr/Dr John Rumbelow:

Thomas, bapt.c.25 February 1651/2 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Elizabeth, born 8 September 1654 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Foster, iii, p.1289; Plymouth Archives, 358/3 [parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon, 1653-1674]; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), p.498.

William RUMBELOW (fl.1642-1672)

Person ID: 11395

Occ: physician

Loc: Totnes, Devon

Some time between 1662 and 1667, William Rumbelow of Totnes, Devon, applied for a licence to practise medicine, and to 'administer as much Inferiour and harmless medicaments without molestation or contempt to the Law', in the diocese of Exeter. In his application, he stressed his loyalty to church and King, stating that he had lived in Totnes for some 25 years. In that time, he had 'given some Plaisters and ointments for wounds and aches and some Liquor and powder for the paines of the body' which had cured 'may sick and impotent people'. Interestingly, he added that his 'Ancestors and kindred were licensed and Experienced Physitians'. No grant of a licence has been discovered.

William Rumbelow was parish clerk of Totnes in 1672. He may also have served in the same role in 1654, when he witnessed the marriage of Peter Bayly and Cassandra Dinham at Totnes (12 June 1654). No record of his burial has been found, but a Joan Rumbelow, widow, was buried at Totnes on 16 May 1673.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Totnes [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.126]; 1863A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

Philip RUPERT or RUPORT alias UTTING (d.1701)

Person ID: 11405

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: London & Totnes, Devon

Philip Rupert or Ruport alias Utting of Totnes, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the province of Canterbury on 21 July 1684. He would appear to have been living at the time in the parish of St Peter Cornhill, London, where he received the testimonials of various London practitioners including **Gabriel Hubbard**, **Samuel Coelsore**, **Nicholas Ogden** and **William Everard**. A week before being licensed, he took communion and received a sacrament certificate from William Beveridge (1637-1708), minister of St Peter Cornhill. In all probability, Rupert was related to John Utting, innholder and alderman of the same parish.

Rupert was probably resident in Devon at the time he received his licence. In September 1683, he was present in Exeter. His first child was baptised at Totnes in February 1683/4. In 1698, Rupert signed a testimonial on behalf of **Ambrose Rhodes** of Modbury.

Rupert's first wife Elizabeth was buried at Totnes on 5 September 1696. Just two months later, he married Mary Pince at Totnes (4 November 1696). Doctor Philip Ruport was buried there on 26 June 1701. His widow Mary subsequently married fellow practitioner **John Mudge** at Berry Pomeroy on 12 November 1701.

Children of Dr Philip Rupert or Ruport and wife Elizabeth:

Sarah or Sarall, bapt.20 February 1683/4 [Totnes].

Edward, bapt.8 July 1693 [Totnes].

Elizabeth, bapt.31 December 1694; buried 6 January 1694/5 [Totnes].

Daughter Adrian, bapt.3 September 1696; buried 10 September 1696 [Totnes].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/214/1-2; VG 1/3, f.87; Sancroft, f.51 [*Directory*, i, no.721]; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/66, f.35r; PR 518, *sub* Modbury; 1863A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon]; 3046A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Berry Pomeroy, Devon].

John RUSSELL (fl.1650)

Person ID: 11418

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

On 20 July 1650, John Russell, surgeon, and his wife Anne took on John Hamblin (possibly the same as the Exeter barber **John Hambley**) as apprentice in the borough of Plymouth.

Plymouth Archives, 1/90, f.44r.

Henry RUTLEY (fl.1625)

Person ID: 25501

Occ: healer

Loc: Broadclyst, Devon

Henry Rutley of Broadclyst, Devon, was consulted by, and helped to cure, one Richard Paty of Exeter in 1625, who claimed to have been bewitched. He was said to be so ill that he was 'like to die for the space of 18 dayes' until Rutley intervened.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/62, ff.250-250v.

Henry RUTTLEIGH or RUTTLEY (d.1714)

Person ID: 11441

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Sheepwash, Devon

Henry Ruttleigh or Ruttley of Sheepwash, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 5 April 1705; In June 1704, his sponsors claimed that Ruttleigh had been practising for some years with success. He was supported in his application by three fellow surgeons, **Roger Stuckley** of Chumleigh, **William Fowler** of Exeter and **William Cowan** of Moretonhampstead.

Henry Rowtleigh married Elizabeth Bound at Sheepwash on 30 April 1689. He was buried there ('Henry Rowtelley') on 13 June 1714.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* 5 April 1705; PR 518, *sub* Sheepwash [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.127]; 2940A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Sheepwash, Devon].

George SAINTHILL (1628-1666)

Person ID: 11467

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

George Sainthill was the son of Walter Sainthill (1597-1645) and his wife Elizabeth, née Jordan or Jurdaine, and was baptised at Exeter cathedral on 17 February 1627/8. Sainthill's father was procurator general of the consistory court of the diocese of Exeter and registrar of the admiralty court of Devon. Sainthill was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Nicholas Somers**, on 12 September 1659. His own apprentice **Samuel Maddock** was made free in 1667 (he was charged a reduced fine of £5 on account that he had only served six years of his apprenticeship with Sainthill, now dead). On 14 December 1664, Sainthill, described as a gentleman, was licensed to practise medicine in Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset. Letters testimonial on his behalf were secured from two eminent London practitioners, **Charles Scarborough** and **Humphrey Brooke**. He is frequently mentioned in the accounts of his cousin Samuel Sainthill (d.1708), where he was paid for ministering physic to various members of his family at Bradninch.

Sainthill was a resident of the parish of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter. He died on 18 May 1666 and was buried next to his father in Exeter cathedral three days later. His will, no longer extant, was proved by his mother and executrix, Elizabeth, on 29 August 1666. He died unmarried.

W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), pp.7, 149; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.147, 154; Lambeth Palace Library, FII/5/108a-c; F1/C, f.167v [*Directory*, ii, no.1038]; F.B.Troup, 'A Cavalier's Notebook: Continued by His Son', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 21 (1889), pp.409-12; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.39; R.Polwhele, *The History of Devonshire*, 3 vols (London, 1793-1806), ii, p.39; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.366.

Gilbert SAINTHILL (fl.1637-1651)

Person ID: 11468

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Broadhembury, Devon

Gilbert Sainthill of Broadhembury, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol and Exeter, 15 August 1637. In 1651, he wrote to the famous astrologer **William Lilly**, requesting advice regarding how best to judge diseases using astrological methods. He cites the cases of two local practitioners, Humphrey Clash, 'whose study of books was broken up by the cavaliers after his death', and **Dr Browne**, 'a learned physician who formerly lived in these parts'.

Children of Mr Gilbert Sainthill:

Richard, bapt.19 March 1642/3 [Broadhembury].

Lambeth Palace Library, Laud 1, f.279 [*Directory*, i, no.728]; Bodl., Ashmole MS 423, ff.176-7 [Sainthill to Lilly, Broadhembury, 1 February 1650/1]; Devon Heritage Centre, 1324A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Broadhembury, Devon].

Samuel SAINTHILL (fl.1665)

Person ID: 11470

Occ: physician?

Loc: Devon

Samuel Sainthill was described as 'MD' in November 1665, when he signed letters testimonial on behalf of **John Forwood** of Sowton, Devon. I have found no further references to one of this name active as a physician in Devon at this time.

In all probability, the physician Samuel Sainthill was the same as Samuel, the eldest surviving son of Peter Sainthill (1593-1648), an old cavalier, of Bradninch, who died in 1708. In accounts dated 1657-60 in Samuel's handwriting, there are various references to the purchase of medical books, including Riverius' *Observations* and the alchemist Basil Valentine's *Triumphant Chariot of Antimony*. He may have practised as an amateur physician. In 1664, however, he utilised the expertise of his cousin **George Sainthill** in the last illness of his brother Robert. He also corresponded with the Norwich physician and polymath **Sir Thomas Browne** in 1661 regarding the customs and language of the Basque peoples, the two men sharing a mutual interest in ethnology, culture and linguistic divisions in the world.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Sowton; F.B.Troup, 'A Cavalier's Notebook: Continued by His Son', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 21 (1889), pp.405-6, 409-12; British Library, Sloane MS 4062, f.154 [Samuel Sainthill to Sir Thomas Browne, March 1660/1].

Samuel SAINTHILL (1677-1730)

Person ID: 11471

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Aylesbeare, Devon

Samuel Sainthill of Aylesbeare, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 22 July 1708. In applying for a licence, he claimed to have spent four years living and working with 'an experienced surgeon' and was supported by Dr **John Osmond**. In 1702, he, or another of the same name and occupation, certified the practice of **William Sprague** of Silverton.

Samuel Sainthill was the son of Humphrey Sainthill (d.1700), vicar of Buckfastleigh, where Samuel was baptised on 5 March 1676/7. He married Mrs Prudence Rowe at nearby Otterton on 30 December 1713. Mr Samuel Sainthill was buried at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 12 February 1729/30.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* 22 July 1708 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.127]; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/353/1-5; *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 14 (1926-7), p.235; Devon Heritage Centre, 3639A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Buckfastleigh, Devon]; 2423A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Otterton, Devon]; 2992A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon].

Thomas SALE (fl.1711)

Person ID: 11477

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Devon?

Thomas Sale, surgeon, married Mary Searle at St Pancras, Exeter, on 28 April 1711.

H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, p.113.

SALISBURY (fl.1577-1578)

Person ID: 11479/27676

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Devon?

One Salisbury, a surgeon, witnessed the wills of Agnes Budd and John Budd, both of Swimbridge, Devon, in 1577 and 1578 respectively. He may have been related to the healer, **Johanna Salisbury**, of nearby Barnstaple.

Devon Heritage Centre, Moger will extracts, 22 vols (1921-41), vol.3, nos 680-681.

Joanna SALISBURY (fl.1587)

Person ID: 25516

Occ: healer

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Joanna Salisbury was paid by the town of Barnstaple, Devon, for 'curing one Rowclyff of his disease', 1587-8.

J.R.Chanter and T.Wainwright (eds), *Reprint of the Barnstaple Records*, 2 vols (Barnstaple, 1900), ii, p.130.

William SALISBURY (fl.1632-1642)

Person ID: 11480

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

William Salisbury of Barnstaple, Devon, was licensed to practice surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 23 May 1632. He is almost certainly the same as the surgeon Salisbury, who was paid by the town of Barnstaple for 'curing our soldiers hurted at Torrington' in 1642-3.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.254 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.127]; J.R.Chanter and T.Wainwright (eds), *Reprint of the Barnstaple Records*, 2 vols (Barnstaple, 1900), ii, p.109.

Anthony SALTER Snr (d.1658 or 1659)

Person ID: 11492

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Anthony Salter, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Thomas Baskerville Snr**, on 17 February 1594/5. Four of his apprentices were subsequently made free – **John Vinicombe** (1618-19), **Michael Salter** (1629), **William Jordan** (1639) and **Richard Pidsley** (1658). Salter was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter, 9 September 1622.

Salter initially settled in the parish of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter. He married Anne Lucas at St Olave's, Exeter, on 25 May 1595. She was buried at All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, where four of her children were also interred, on 14 July 1606. Salter subsequently married Rebecca Symons, the daughter of William Symons (d.1634 or 1635), gent, of Exeter, at All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, on 10 November 1606. Salter owed his father-in-law £300 at the latter's death in 1634 or 1635 (he was buried at Exeter cathedral on 8 January 1634/5).

Salter was appointed as one of the four bailiffs of the city in 1612. He was left £10 in the will of **Simon Kellaway** in 1623. In the same year, he was called to give evidence in the borough court. By 1629, Salter was living in the parish of St Martin's. During the civil war, Salter was a diehard royalist. Forced to compound in August 1646, he described himself as having lived in the city for almost 60 years and was now 'aged

and weak'. He had resided in the town throughout the time of the parliamentary siege. Six years later, under further questioning, he claimed to have never been in arms for the King, despite the fact that he was widely suspected of adhering to the Stuart cause. His case rumbled on for another three years until February 1655, when the sequestration of his estates, which included lands in Dorset used as a royalist garrison during the wars, was finally settled. Not surprisingly, Salter's name appeared on the major-general's list of suspected royalists compiled about this time.

Salter died sometime between April 1658 and June 1659. He was probably buried at St Martin's, Exeter. In his will, Salter made bequests totalling over £2,000. He also owned extensive properties in the city that included former dean and chapter lands, plus estates at Whitchurch, Dorset, and Axminster, Devon. He was survived by his wife Rebecca (d.c.1662), son **Anthony Salter Jnr**, a physician in the city, and daughter Jane, the wife of Allan Penny, a diehard royalist like his father-in-law, who was mayor at the time of his death in 1665. Salter left bequests to numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as to his former apprentices and cousins **Michael Salter** and **Richard Pidsley**. He named his son Anthony as principal legatee and executor and made provision to end a long-running dispute between him and his brother-in-law Alan Penny by granting financial inducements to the latter's wife in a codicil added to the first will.

Children of Mr Anthony Salter Snr:

Richard, bapt.3 February 1595/6; buried 8 February 1595/6 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Elizabeth, bapt.16 September 1597 [St Martin's, Exeter].

Edward, bapt.15 January 1598/9; buried 19 January 1598/9 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

Anthony, bapt.9 December 1599 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter]. Doctor of physic.

Simon, bapt.27 October 1602; buried 23 September 1605 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

Jane, bapt.25 May 1605 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter]. She married Allan Penny (d.1665) and died about 1668.

William, bapt.14 November 1607; buried 19 November 1607 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), pp.105, 120, 127, 134, 145; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.330 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.127, where father and son are confused]; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), pp.5, 8; Devon Heritage Centre, 2738A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Olave's, Exeter, Devon]; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, pp.3, 22, 23, 24, 68, 69, 576, 582, 610; TNA, PROB 11/167, ff.123v-124r [will of William Symons, gent, of Exeter, 20 February 1633/4, pr.20 February 1634/5]; M.Stoyle, 'Divisions within the Devonshire "County Community", 1600-46' (Oxford D.Phil.thesis, 1992), appendix 4, p.381.

TNA, PROB 11/141, ff.508v-509v [will of Francis Kelway, gent, of Dawlish, 25 February 1622/3, pr.14 June 1623]; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/62, f.163r; M.A.E.Green (ed), *Calendar of the Proceedings of the Committee for Compounding, 1643-1660*, 5 vols (London, 1889-92), ii, **bet.pp.1373-1423**; TNA, PROB 11/292, ff.377r-378v [will of Anthony Salter, apothecary, of Exeter, 9 September 1657 and 7 April 1658, pr.3 June 1659]; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.F.Nesbit, transcript of parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837.

Anthony SALTER Jnr (1599-1667 or 1668)

Person ID: 11493

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Anthony Salter was the son of **Anthony Salter Snr**, apothecary, of Exeter, and his wife Anne, and was baptized at All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, on 9 December 1599. Salter matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 24 October 1617, graduating BA in 1621 and MA in 1624 (incorporated at Cambridge in 1626). He received his B Med, MD and a licence to practise medicine from Oxford on 21 June 1633. At the time of his graduation, Salter answered various *questiones* focused on aspects of contemporary therapeutics, including the effects of drugs and purging medicines on health. He subsequently set up in practice at Exeter, where he would appear to have attracted patients from among the city's elite. In 1639, for example, he provided a certificate on behalf of the puritan patriarch Ignatius Jourdain (1561-1640) stating that he was too old and sick to travel to London to appear before the Privy Council. After the Restoration, Salter frequently supported the applications of other medical practitioners seeking episcopal licences, including **John Lyne, Peter Classen, Gray Holland** and **Cornelius Mogford**. In 1664, he was called upon by the corporation of Exeter, of which he was a member, to 'view such persons as are sent unto hym by the Maior & Justices that are wounded or diseased, & to directe the easiest way for their curing'. Typical was the case he dealt with in January 1665, when he was asked to report on the case of a poor woman in the city who was suffering from the king's evil. He concluded that despite her age, her condition was 'not without great danger curable ... but it may be eased by meanes'.

Salter was, like his father, a staunch royalist. Unlike his father, he may have spent time outside the city during the civil wars. In January 1643, a parliamentary order stipulated that Salter, recently arrived in the city, should either be arrested or ejected forthwith. There is little doubt that Salter welcomed the return of Charles II, and that the change in the political fortunes of the city spurred him to seek civil office. He was first appointed an alderman of Exeter in the wake of expulsions under the Corporation Act in August 1662. He was a regular attender of council meetings thereafter, culminating in his election as mayor in April 1665 following the death of the previous incumbent (and Salter's brother-in-law) Alan Penny in office. He served until fresh elections were held in the autumn. Salter's promotion was timely as he became responsible for initiating a series of wide-ranging measures in relation to the plague that had broken out in the city that summer. Salter had earlier been elected as receiver of Exeter in August 1664, but he refused the post on the grounds that 'his speciall & urgent occations [denied] him the opportunitie of attending of the duties of that Office'. Like others in his position, he also sought to benefit materially from his

office. In 1664, he was leasing a stable in the bridewell from the corporation as well as a property in the parish of St David's. He also attempted to use his new-found influence in the chamber in order to extract compensatory payments for his lands at Exminster where a new haven had been constructed.

Anthony Salter married Gertrude Acland (b.1610), the daughter of John Acland, at St Olave's, Exeter, on 20 January 1629/30. He served as churchwarden of the parish, during the parliamentary siege, in 1644-5. Following the death of his father, he moved to St Martin's, where his son-in-law **William Durston** was also living in 1660. Salter died some time between February 1667 and August 1668 and was probably buried in the parish of St Martin's, Exeter. The main beneficiary of his will was his eldest son Anthony, who received considerable lands at Cullompton, including grist, tucking and paper mills and a 'mansion house', as well as £50 pa for his subsistence, 20 of his father's 'best books' and a desk and cabinet with 'all my manuscripts'. Others to benefit were a younger son John (annuity of £20), daughter Elizabeth, the wife of Dr **William Durston** (£400) and three daughters Gertrude, Jane and Alice, who were to receive £500 each as marriage portions following the sale of Salter's property portfolio in Exeter. He also gave £40 to the poor of Exeter, naming his wife Gertrude as executrix. She was buried in the parish church of St Olave's, Exeter, on 15 January 1683/4.

Children of Dr Anthony Salter and wife Gertrude:

Elizabeth, bapt.5 March 1632/3 [St Olave's, Exeter]. She married the physician **William Durston**.

Anne, bapt.25 December 1634 [St Petrock's, Exeter].

Anthony [will]. He was born about 1637, according to a deposition he gave before the consistory court in 1662. He was made a freeman of Exeter on 19 July 1680, and was buried at Cullompton, 9 October 1717.

Richard, buried 21 May 1641 ['born in some other parish'; St Olave's Exeter].

John, bapt.23 January 1641/2 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Gertrude, bapt.18 February 1643/4 [St Olave's, Exeter]. She was licensed to marry John Prince, the clergyman and author, at St Mary Steps, 6 September 1684. There is no record of the marriage in the registers of that parish. She died in 1725.

Jane, bapt.1 May 1645 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Alice [will].

H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, p.22; Foster, iv, p.1303; Venn, iv, p.9; Bodl., Oxford University Archives, NEP/supra/Reg P, f.277v; *CSPD, 1639*, p.53; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* St Cleer, Cornwall; Exeter; unplaced; Cullompton; ECA 11 [Exeter Chamber Act Book, 1663-1684], p.38; ECA, petitions for relief, file 1/6.

Devon Heritage Centre, DD 36995B; ECA 10 [Exeter Chamber Act Book, 1652-1663], f.166v; ECA 11 [Exeter Chamber Act Book, 1663-1684], pp.24, 32, 34, 37, 56, 60, 62, 63, 64, 66, 79, 191; 2738A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Olave's, Exeter, Devon]; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.14; TNA, PROB 11/327, ff.400v-402r [will of Anthony Salter, doctor in phisicke, of Exeter, 20

February 1666/7, pr.20 August 1668]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; Chanter MS 868, *sub* 1662; G.J.Armytage, *Allegations for Marriage Licences Issued by the Vicar-General for the Archbishop of Canterbury, July 1679-June 1687* (London, HS, vol.30, 1890), p.175.

Edward SALTER (fl.1626)

Person ID: 17434

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Edward Salter, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Thomas Flaye**, merchant and apothecary, on 1 May 1626. He may be the same as the Edward Salter, who was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 25 January 1628/9. Various children of one Edward Salter were born and buried in the parish of St Mary Arches, Exeter, between 1619 and 1629.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.124; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; 332A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Arches, Exeter, Devon].

Elias SALTER Snr (d.1701)

Person ID: 11495

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Crediton, Devon

Elias Salter Snr, apothecary, was buried at Crediton, Devon, on 31 March 1700/1. His son Michael was baptized at Crediton on 20 February 1675/6.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2935A/PR/1/6 [parish registers of Crediton, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations Relating to the Counties of Devon and Cornwall Proved in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Exeter, 1532-1800* (Plymouth, 1914), p.198.

Elias SALTER Jnr (d.1721)

Person ID: 25525

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Crediton, Devon

Elias Salter, apothecary, was buried at Crediton, Devon, on 5 April 1721. He is probably the same as the Elias Salter Jnr of Crediton, who was licensed to marry Margaret Lane of the same town on 7 June 1698. No record of the marriage has been found. A daughter Hannah was baptized at Crediton on 23 July 1717.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2935A/PR/1/6 [parish registers of Crediton, Devon]; Chanter MS 47, p.189; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations Relating to the Counties of Devon and Cornwall Proved in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Exeter, 1532-1800* (Plymouth, 1914), p.200.

George SALTER (d.1682)

Person ID: 25526

Occ: barber

Loc: Cullompton, Devon

George Salter, barber, was buried at Cullompton, Devon, on 4 October 1682.

Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Cullompton, Devon; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.579.

John SALTER (d.1729)

Person ID: 11497

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Broadclyst, Devon

John Salter of Broadclyst, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 26 September 1704. He signed the application of **Robert Kelland Jnr** of Rackenford on 8 November 1712. He was described as a 'practiser of physick' in the entry for the burial of his wife Elizabeth at Clyst St Lawrence on 12 October 1715. John Salter of Broadclyst was buried at Broadclyst on 14 April 1729.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.428; PR 518, *sub* Rackenford; 5039A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Clyst St Lawrence, Devon].

Michael SALTER (fl.1629-1660)

Person ID: 16647

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Michael Salter, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of his cousin **Anthony Salter Snr**, on 1 June 1629. Salter was licensed to marry Anne Gale of Exeter on 6 April 1629. No record of the marriage has been discovered. Jane, the daughter of Michael Salter, apothecary, was buried at St Petrock's, Exeter, on 14 June 1660. He was remembered in the will of his former master **Anthony Salter Snr** in 1657.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.127; Lt.Col.J.L.Vivian (ed.), *The Marriage Licences of the Diocese of Exeter from the Bishops Registers* (Exeter, 1889), p.105; Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/292, ff.377r-378v [will of Anthony Salter, apothecary, of Exeter, 9 September 1657 and 7 April 1658, pr.3 June 1659].

Nicholas SALTER (fl.1693-1701)

Person ID: 16071

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Fursdon, the apprentice of Nicholas Salter, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter on 22 December 1701. One of this name was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 14 July 1705. He married Mary Johnson in the same parish on 15 January 1692/3.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.207; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/14 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

Robert SALTER (d.1661 or 1662) Person ID: 16648

Occ: apothecary Loc: Exeter, Devon

Robert Salter, apothecary, was buried at St Petrock's, Exeter, on 9 January 1661/2.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon].

Wilmot SALTER (d.1619) Person ID: 18588

Occ: midwife Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

Wilmot Salter, widow and midwife of Combe, Ottery, Devon, was buried at Ottery St Mary, on 23 July 1619. Her son George was buried there, 17 August 1619.

H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837* 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1908-29), ii, p.810.

Alexander SAMPSON (fl.1686) Person ID: 16073

Occ: barber Loc: Exeter, Devon

Alexander Sampson, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on payment of a fine of £5 (£4 remitted) on 25 October 1686.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.176.

Samuel SAMPSON Snr (1648-1706) Person ID: 17435/25539

Occ: apothecary Loc: Exeter, Devon

Samuel Sampson was the son of Nicholas Sampson of Colyton, Devon, and was baptised there on 3 October 1648. Sampson was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Philip Hooper**, on 28 February 1703/4.

He married Grace, the daughter of his master **Philip Hooper** at St Martin's, Exeter, on 17 July 1677. The couple subsequently resided in the parish of St Martin's, where

Hooper was buried (in the chancel) on 11 December 1706. In his will, he left a great deal of property in Exeter and Devon to his wife Grace and only son **Samuel Sampson Jnr**. This included a tenement in St Martin's, held by lease from the dean and chapter of Exeter, two tenements in St Mary Major and another in St Mary Steps. In addition, he possessed an interest in three acres of land in his native Colyton. All, excepting his house in St Martin's, were to be placed in trust, and if necessary sold, for the benefit of his wife and son. A further £1,500 was placed at the disposal of his executors in trust, two thirds of which was to be used in the purchase of a property in fee simple for his son Samuel and daughter-in-law Elizabeth, the rest to be invested for the benefit of his son. The will makes few mentions of Sampson's three daughters, who were all married and had received their portions. With a few minor bequests to family and friends, he left the rest of his not inconsiderable estate to his wife and executrix Grace.

Sampson was well connected within Exeter to many prominent families, including that of the former mayor Sir Edward Seaward (d.1704), who left Samuel, his wife Grace, and four children, £100 each in his will. Sir Edward's widow, Hannah (d.1712), later left £10 to Samuel's widow, Grace. Sampson also witnessed a number of Exeter wills, including that of the physician **John Bidgood**. Sampson's wife Grace was buried at St Martin's [date?]. In her own will, in which she named her son Samuel and son-in-law Henry Gandy as residual legatees and joint executors, Grace left numerous bequests to her surviving children (Samuel, Grace and Elizabeth) and many grandchildren, including two pictures of her self and late husband.

Children of Samuel Sampson and wife Grace:

Samuel Sampson Jnr. Apothecary/physician.

Anne. She married William Slade at St Martin's, Exeter, 4 February 1704/5.

Grace. She married Henry Gandy at St Martin's, Exeter, 17 October 1705.

Elizabeth. She married Abraham Gandy at St Martin's, Exeter, 12 November 1706.

Devon Heritage Centre, 3483A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Colyton, Devon]; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra ser., vol.1, 1973), p.210; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.F.Nesbit, transcript of parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, 1572-1837; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.98; TNA, PROB 11/496, ff.91r-94r [will of Samuel Sampson, apothecary, of Exeter, 2 December 1706, pr.2 July 1707]; PROB 11/476, ff.38r-39r [will of Sir Edward Seaward of Exeter, 21 October 1703; pr.8 April 1704]; PROB 11/528, ff.321v-322v [will of Dame Hannah Seaward of Exeter, 22 March 1711/12, pr.16 September 1712]; PROB 11/403, ff.345v-347r [will of Dr John Bidgood, 15 November 1690 and 10 January 1690/1, pr. 27 March 1691]; PROB 11/670, ff.138r-139v [will of Grace Sampson, widow, of Exeter, 26 July 1716, 28 February 1716/17, 22 October 1731 and 17 January 1731/2, pr.8 March 1734/5].

Samuel SAMPSON Jnr (fl.1703-1734)

Person ID: 27698

Occ: apothecary/physician

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Samuel Sampson was the son of **Samuel Sampson Snr** and his wife Grace, née Hooper. He probably served an apprenticeship under his father. Sampson Jnr married Elizabeth Burrington, of Exminster, at St John's, Exeter, on 14 November 1706. He practiced medicine in and around Exeter. In 1734, he and a colleague John Ballyman addressed a letter to **Sir Hans Sloane** from the city concerning the health of one of their patients, Lady Bampfield, in which he described himself as 'MD'.

Sampson Jnr was left £800 and property at Heavitree in the will of his maternal uncle Philip Hooper in 1715. Two years later, he witnessed the will of the wealthy Exeter merchant and whig MP Sir John Elwill (d.1717). He would appear to have been childless. His mother's will, proved in 1735, makes no mention of children. There, he was named as joint residual legatee and executor (alongside his brother-in-law Henry Gandy), inheriting, among other things, two portraits of his father and mother.

Devon Heritage Centre, 4767A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St John's, Exeter, Devon]; British Library, Sloane MS 4077, ff.69, 109 [John Ballyman and Samuel Sampson to Hans Sloane, 9 February and 12 March 1733/4]; TNA, PROB 11/552, ff.364r-366r [will of Philip Hooper, merchant, of Exeter, 26 July and 8 December 1715, pr.2 May 1716]; PROB 11/558, ff.50v-53v [will of Sir John Elwill, 2 May 1717, pr.17 May 1717]; PROB 11/670, ff.138r-139v [will of Grace Sampson, widow, of Exeter, 26 July 1716, 28 February 1716/17, 22 October 1731 and 17 January 1731/2, pr.8 March 1734/5].

John SANDERS or SAUNDERS (d.1637)

Person ID: 16897

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Crediton, Devon

John Sanders or Saunders, apothecary, was buried at Crediton, Devon, on 5 April 1637.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2935A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Crediton, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations Relating to the Counties of Devon and Cornwall Proved in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Exeter, 1532-1800* (Plymouth, 1914), p.193.

SANDERS or SAUNDERS, John (d.1638)

Person ID: 16895

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Honiton, Devon

John Sanders or Saunders, apothecary, was buried at Honiton, Devon, on 2 February 1637/8. Shortly before his death, it was reported at quarter sessions that Mr John Saunders of Honiton, apothecary, 'is of late taken lunaticke'.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon]; Quarter Sessions Order Book, 1633-40, *sub* Epiphany 1638.

Joseph SANDERS or SAUNDERS (fl.1680)

Person ID: 16081

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Joseph Sanders or Saunders, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter as the apprentice of alderman Thomas Walker on 31 May 1680.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.170.

Thomas SANDERS or SAUNDERS (d.1659)

Person ID: 17518

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Honiton, Devon

Thomas Sanders or Saunders, apothecary, was buried at Honiton, Devon, on 6 May 1659. Administration of his will was granted at Exeter the same year. Saunders' widow Anne was buried at Honiton, 30 May 1662.

Children of Thomas Sanders [apothecary] and wife Anne:

John, bapt.5 January 1641/2 [Honiton].

Thomas, bapt.5 April 1642; buried 19 August 1656 [Honiton].

Anna, bapt.17 September 1643 [Honiton].

Mary, bapt.14 October 1647 [Honiton].

Daniel, bapt.7 February 1649/50; buried 12 December 1654 [Honiton].

Joshua, bapt.31 December 1653 [Honiton].

Daniel, bapt.12 December 1654 [Honiton].

Thomas, bapt.25 May 1657 [Honiton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/4 and 5 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon].

James SAULE (d.1607)

Person ID: 11553/11554

Occ: physician

Loc: London and Dartmouth, Devon

James Saule was the son of the Dutch-born surgeon, James Saule (d.1585), a resident of the parish of St Helen's, Bishopsgate, London, and first came to the notice of the College of Physicians in 1591, when he was accused of illicit practice. In his defence, Saule claimed to have only practised among his friends, agreed to desist from practice, and promptly left London. He resurfaced at Dartmouth, in Devon, where at some point in the 1590s, Dr Saule accused Thomas Fortescue (d.1602), the literary translator, of making a wax effigy of one Richard Sharpham with which he killed him by warming it in front of a fire. He also accused Fortescue of plotting to do the same to Sharpham's son, Edward, and of having caused the death of Mary Hext's second husband, Alexander Hext. In other documents relating to this case, other witnesses, including Prothesa Sparry, the sister of Sir Thomas Bodley (1545-1613), testified that Fortescue was 'the strongest witch that ever was'. In Fortescue's will, made in 1595, he refers to a property on the new quay at Dartmouth that Fortescue held by lease from the corporation of the town, which he sub-let to Dr Saule.

He may have removed from Dartmouth to Sherborne in Dorset. In 1614, the Salisbury physician **Richard Securis** recounted how he had spent time at Sherborne where he assisted one Dr Saule. At some point he returned to London. He was there in 1599, when further complaints were made about his medical activities, and five years later the College once again intervened in an attempt to subvert Saul's attempt to ingratiate himself with the Queen and court. The College protested loudly, sending a letter of complaint to Lord Sidney, in which it was alleged that Saule was an unlearned fraud. In 1591, he had been found ignorant of Greek and Latin. Now, the College refused to accept that he possessed a Leiden MD. If he had acquired new learning, the College's censors sarcastically noted, then it must have come by 'infusion ... or els by some extraordinary means'. The College planned to complain to Dr Heurnius at Leiden, but nothing more is heard of the case after this date. James Saule, doctor of physic, was buried in the church of St Helen's Bishopsgate, London, on 1 July 1607. John Barnes, servant to a Dr Saull, was buried in the parish of St James, Clerkenwell, Middlesex, in January 1598.

Royal College of Physicians, London, Annals [need p.ref]; M.Eccles, 'Brief Lives: Tudor and Stuart Authors', *Studies in Philology*, 79 (1982), pp.119-21 [based on depositions in TNA, STAC 5]; *ODNB*, sub Fortescue, Thomas, article by M.Steggle; TNA, PROB 11/100, ff.19v-20v [will of Thomas Fortescue of Dartmouth, Devon, 10 November 1595, pr.21 June 1602]; Wiltshire and Swindon Archives, D1/39/2/7, f.77v [18 July 1614]; W.B.Bannerman (ed.), *The Parish Registers of St Helen's Bishopsgate, London* (London, HS, vol.31, 1904), p.271; R.Hovenden (ed.), *The Registers of Burials ... St James Clerkenwell, 1551 to 1665* (London, HS, vol.17, 1891), p.62.

Elizum or Elias SCOBEL (fl.1683-1687)

Person ID: 11619

Occ: unlicensed physician

Loc: Ashburton, Devon?

In August 1687, In August 1687, numerous witnesses testified to the wide-ranging skills in physic, surgery, pharmacy, anatomy, botany and chemistry of Elizum Scobell, when he sought an episcopal licence to practise in the diocese of Exeter. Signatories included the Plymouth physician **William Durston**, Dr **Roger Kemble** of Modbury, Devon, Dr **Andrew Colwell Snr**, and six ministers located across Devon.

He is almost certainly the same as the Ellize Scobell, who matriculated at Balliol College, Oxford, on 6 July 1683. If so, then he is also probably the same as the Ellize Scobell, the son of Ellize Scobell, gent, of Ashburton, Devon, who was baptized at the latter parish on 12 July 1666. A Mr Ellize Scobell was buried at Ashburton on 14 November 1726.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Devon, unplaced [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.127]; Foster, iv, p.1324; Devon Heritage centre, parish registers of Ashburton, Devon.

William SEAMER (d.1678)

Person ID: 16109

Occ: barber

Loc: Okehampton, Devon

William Seamer, barber, was buried at Okehampton, Devon, on 4 September 1678.

Devon Heritage Centre, 3210A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Okehampton, Devon].

Arthur SEARCHWELL or SHARCHWELL (d.1702 or 1703) Person ID: 16121

Occ: barber

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

He may be the same as the Arthur Sachwell, the son of William Sachwell, who was baptised at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 17 August 1645. In 1679, Arthur Searchwell, barber, was leasing a property near Gaskin's drawbridge in Plymouth from John Harris, esquire, of Manaton.

Searchwell married on three occasions. On 26 October 1674, he married Catherine Rimes at St Andrew's, Plymouth. Secondly, he married Ruth Greene at the same parish on 14 February 1676/7. She was buried there, 23 May 1680. Finally, on 26 May 1682, he married Elizabeth Davis at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth. Arthur Searchwell was buried at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 3 January 1702/3.

Children of Arthur Searchwell:

Ruth, bapt.15 June 1679; buried 19 December 1680 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].
Thomas, bapt.5 August 1683 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Charles the Martyr and St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; 34/4.

Samuel SEAWARD or SEWARD (d.1648)

Person ID: 17436

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Philip Hooper, the apprentice of Samuel Seaward or Seward, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter in 1658. Seaward had died in 1648. In his will, made that year, there are few clues as to his origins, though he was probably still a young man as he was unmarried and his father and mother were still alive. His estate amounted to about £200, the majority of which was bequeathed to his six siblings (Daniel, John, Edward, Jane, Grace and Margery). Seaward would appear to have been on close terms with Dr **Robert Vilvain**. He asked that his 'good friend' act as a debt collector on his behalf and stipulated that he was to have the use of various legacies for one year for the benefit of his three sisters. In addition, he left 20s to William Hall, 'Dr Vilvain's man'. In return for paying his sister £45, Seaward also left his shop, wares, manuscripts and books to his apprentice **Philip Hooper**. In a long list of debts owed to the testator, there is one of £5 from Dr **John Hinton**, who had acted as accoucheur to Queen Henrietta Maria in Exeter in 1644. In a detailed will, Seward left various personal belongings and small bequests to friends and kinsmen, including a silver watch and swords. He named his sister Jane as residual legatee and executrix.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.145; TNA, PROB 11/206, ff.210v-211v [will of Samuel Seward, apothecary, of Exeter, 28 June 1648, pr.28 December 1648].

Thomas SEWELL (fl.1684)

Person ID: 11730

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Sewell, surgeon, attended on a child run over by a horse in Exeter in 1684.

Devon Heritage centre, ECA, C1/66, f.57v.

John SEYMOUR (d.1741)

Person ID: 11735

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Oxford, Oxfordshire, and Plymouth, Devon

John Seymour was the son of John Seymour (1649-1709), gentleman, of London, who later became governor of Maryland (1704-9). John Seymour matriculated at Trinity College, Oxford, on 23 April 1695. He proceeded BA in March 1699/1700, MA in 1701, B Med in 1704 and MD in 1708. After graduating MD, Seymour settled in Plymouth, Devon, where he signed a medical testimonial for a practitioner from Fowey in Cornwall in 1718. He was made a freeman of Plymouth in 1719-20.

Seymour's wife Elizabeth was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 31 March 1738/9. Dr John Seymour was buried in the same parish on 1 September 1741. In his will, made a fortnight before his death, he left to his three daughters, Jane Maria, Hester and Margaret, the wife of Peregrine Osborn Bradshaw, his estate and plantations in Maryland, bequeathed to him by his late aunt Anne Lynes (d.1711). He made no

mention of his surviving sons, instead leaving the rest of his estate to his daughter Jane Maria, whom he also named as executrix.

Children of Dr John Seymour, MD, and wife Elizabeth:

John, bapt.7 March 1699/1700 [St Giles, Oxford].

Jane Maria, bapt.6 July 1702 [St Giles, Oxford]. She was alive, unmarried, in 1762.

Margaret. She married Peregrine Bradshaw at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 22 December 1739. Bradshaw, a naval lieutenant, died, probably at sea, some time between 1744-6 [will]. His widow Margaret was still alive in 1770.

Bowles, bapt.21 October 1707 [St Giles, Oxford].

Berkeley, bapt.2 June 1709 [St Giles, Oxford]. He was still alive in 1770.

Lucretia, bapt.9 December 1711; buried 28 November 1715 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Henry, bapt.21 April 1713; buried 11 September 1713 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Elizabeth, bapt.30 May 1714 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Henrietta, bapt.18 February 1715/16; buried 22 April 1716 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Esther, bapt.4 June 1717 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. She was still alive in 1770, but was then 'lunatic'. She was named as principal legatee and executrix of the will of her aunt Jane Seymour of Woodford, Essex, in 1762.

Edward, bapt.23 October 1718 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

Phineas, bapt.1 January 1719/20 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth]. He was still alive in 1770, when his aunt gifted him a picture of his father.

Harry, bapt.21 July 1723; buried 19 January 1744/5 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Foster, iv, p.1336; Plymouth Archives, W52; I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.127; TNA, PROB 11/712, ff.75v-76r [will of John Seymour, doctor in physick, of Plymouth, Devon, 17 August 1741, pr.19 September 1741]; Oxfordshire History Centre, parish registers of St Giles, Oxford, Oxfordshire; TNA, PROB 11/746, ff.111r-v [will of Peregrine Bradshaw, first lieutenant aboard HM Cornwall, 3 February 1743/4, pr.29 April 1746]; PROB 11/959, f.175r [will of Jane Seymour of Woodford, Essex, 20 September 1762, pr.4 July 1770].

Charles SHEARES (fl.1712)

Person ID: 16126

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Charles Shearesw, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter by order of the mayor and council on 27 October 1712.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.224.

John SHEPHEARD or SHEPHERD (d.1670)

Person ID: 25738

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Membury, Devon

John Shephard or Shepherd, surgeon, was buried at Membury, Devon, on 15 July 1670.

Children of Mr John Shephard, chyrurgion:

Elizabeth, bapt.27 November 1664 [with wife Margaret, Membury].

Mary, bapt.6 December 1668 [Membury].

Mathias, bapt.30 January 1669/70; buried 6 August 1670 [Membury].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2845A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Membury, Devon].

Nicholas SHERWILL (1674-1714)

Person ID: 11824

Occ: medical student

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Nicholas Sherwill was the son of Nicholas Sherwill (d.1696), a dissenting minister at Plymouth, and was baptised in the Presbyterian church which met at Norley Street on 11 March 1673/4. Sherwill matriculated at Pembroke College, Oxford, in 1689, but did not graduate. He subsequently entered Leiden as a medical student on 23 June 1699 and 17 June 1701. Again, he does not appear to have graduated, and there is no evidence that he practised medicine. He was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 28 February 1713/14.

Calamy Revised, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), p.439; TNA, RG 4/4091 [register of births, Plymouth Presbyterian church]; Foster, iv, p.1349; Innes Smith, p.210; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrews, Plymouth, Devon.

Richard SHUTE (fl.1618)

Person ID: 16132

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard Shute, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, on paying an entry fine of £2, at Michaelmas 1618-19. A Richard Shute or Shutt is mentioned in the registers of various Exeter parishes. One Richard Shutt was buried at St Mary Arches, Exeter, on 21 December 1645.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.120; Devon Heritage Centre, 332A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Arches, Exeter, Devon].

Owen SINGLETON (d.1602)

Person ID: 16144

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Owen Singleton, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on paying an entry fine of £1 on 9 April 1593. Singleton was a resident of the parish of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, where a number of his children were baptised and buried. Owen Singleton was buried here on 10 April 1662.

Children of Owen Singleton:

Thomas, bapt. 21 January 1592/3 [St Mary Major, Exeter]. He is probably the Thomas Singleton, barber, mentioned in the borough quarter sessions in 1627.
Pascow, bapt. 22 November 1595 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].
Edward, bapt. 17 May 1598; buried 25 October 1598 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].
Margaret, bapt. 6 September 1599; buried 7 November 1600 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.103; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, p.22, 67, 68; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; ECA, C1/62, f.299v].

Avys SKINNER (fl.1598)

Person ID: 25862

Occ: healer

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Avys Skinner of Barnstaple, Devon, was paid in the town's accounts for 1598-9 for curing one Richard the Britton 'that was burnt with fire'.

J.R.Chanter and T.Wainwright (eds), *Reprint of the Barnstaple Records*, 2 vols (Barnstaple, 1900), ii, p.131.

John SKINNER (fl.1707)

Person ID: 16146

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

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John Skinner, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Thomas Somerton**, on 1 September 1707.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.213.

Robert SKINNER (fl.1678)

Person ID: 16147

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

DEV 0792

Robert Skinner, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Robert Warren**, deceased, on 11 February 1677/8. Four of his own apprentices – **Robert Lane** (1701), **John Hamlyn** (1708), Thomas Skelton (1722) and Christopher Hamlyn (1723) – were also made freemen of the city.

He is not to be confused with the grocer of the same name, who died in 1697 and was buried at St Stephen's, Exeter. He may have been the Robert Skinner living in the parish of St Lawrence's, Exeter, in 1699.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), pp.169, 207, 216, 233, 237; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.109.

Henry SKIRRETT (fl.1683)

Person ID: 16149

Occ: barber

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Henry Skirrett, barber, was admitted as a freeman of Plymouth, 1 October 1683 and 11 September 1684. One Henry Skirret was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 27 August 1732.

Plymouth Archives, 1/51, ff.50r, 54v; 358/4 [parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon].

Joshua SMARFETT or SMARFITT (d.1611)

Person ID: 12010

Occ: physician

Loc: Plymouth, Devon, & Shoreham & Tenterden, Kent

Joshua Smarfett twice appears in Plymouth wills at the turn of the sixteenth century, where he is described as a 'physician' on both occasions. In the first instance, he was left £10 in the will of Plymouth merchant Anthony Goddard (d.1600) in 1599. A year later, **John Peacher**, a Plymouth apothecary left his 'very good friend' Josua Smarfitt a legacy of £6.

In all probability, Smarfett was either a visitor or short-term resident in Plymouth. He was almost certainly the physician of the same name, of Shoreham and Tenterden, Kent, who was awarded a licence to practise medicine in the diocese of Canterbury in 1606. Josua Smarfett married Jane Caustin at Shoreham, Kent, on 2 July 1582. Two children were subsequently baptised at Shoreham in 1583 and 1587. Mr Josua Smarfet, a 'much respected phisitian', was buried at Tenterden, 28 July 1611. His son **Arthur** settled as a physician in the same town.

Children of Joshua/Josuaua Smarfett:

Elizabeth, bapt.3 November 1583 [Shoreham, Kent].

Arthur, bapt.15 October 1587 [Shoreham, Kent]. Physician.

TNA, PROB 11/96, ff.176v-178v [will of Anthony Goddard, merchant, of Plymouth, 28 December 1599 and 22 February 1599/1600, pr.10 October 1600]; PROB 11/111, f.57r [will of John Peacher, apothecary, of Plymouth, 23 April 1600, pr.14 January

1607/8]; I.Mortimer, 'A Directory of Medical Personnel Qualified and Practising in the Diocese of Canterbury, c.1560-1730', *Archaeologia Cantiana*, 126 (2006), p.171; Kent History and Library Centre, P 335/1/A/1 [parish registers of Shoreham, Kent, 1558-1728]; P 364/1/A/1 [parish registers of Tenterden, Kent, 1544-1710].

Mr SMITH, Mr

Person ID: 12033

Occ: physician

Loc: Wolborough, Devon

During the episcopal visitation of 1665-6, one Mr Smith of Wolborough, 'sometymes of Wadham Colledge & afterwards of Hart Hall, BA', was said to be practising physic unlicensed in the village. No one fits this precise description in the records of Oxford University.

Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.307r, 406r.

Anthony SMITH (d.1699)

Person ID: 12038

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Oxford, Oxfordshire, Exeter, Devon, & Kingston upon Thames, Surrey

Anthony Smith was resident at Exeter, practising surgery, for much of the 1660s and early 1670s, moving to Kingston-upon-Thames in about 1678. Little is known of his antecedents, but in all probability he is the same as the Anthony Smith, barber surgeon, who having been resident in Oxford for more than a year, was made a freeman of the city on 6 December 1650. He was subsequently licensed to practise surgery by Oxford University on 22 June 1653. The register states that Smith was granted his licence after seven years in the study and practice of surgery, having performed the necessary two anatomies and having served the poor gratis. He was still at Oxford in 1657, when one of the cadavers anatomised and preserved, with skin, was presented to the museum of the anatomy school at Oxford. He may be the same as the Mr Smith, chyrurgion, of Oxford whose original method of suturing a 'flux of blood' was described by the former Oxford student, clergyman and physician, John Ward, sometime in the 1660s.

He is first noted as present in Exeter in 1661, when the chamber agreed to reimburse Smith for his pains in 'curing of the poore people of this citie, and for which he hath very little satisfaction. In the same year, he was called out of church to attend upon a woman who was the subject of a beating from her husband. By 1663, he would appear to have acquired a semi-official role as 'the Citties Chirurgeon', being asked to examine the cases of those individuals appearing before the bench requesting relief as maimed soldiers. In addition, in 1667, he was paid for attending upon the sick prisoners in the city's prison. At roughly the same time, he became embroiled in a professional dispute with fellow surgeon **John Case**, who claimed that Smith had refused to take on the cure of a patient on the grounds that her condition was incurable.

In February 1667/8, Smith wrote to the celebrated natural philosopher Robert Boyle (1627-1691), expressing his admiration for his published writings and giving details of a gentlewoman from Woodbury in Devon, whom he had been treating for breast cancer. He requested a medicine from Boyle, having previously found much success with his medicines. It is conceivable that Boyle introduced Smith to the eminent Presbyterian Richard Baxter (1615-1691). In November 1681, and now living at Kingston in Surrey, Smith wrote to Baxter with details of the case of a Honiton woman, who, it was widely believed, had been bewitched for refusing a woman a pin. She was subsequently operated upon by Smith, who removed a pin from her body. Most of those involved in this case were, like Smith, dissenters. Further evidence of Smith's practice in Devon is evident in the claim made in an unpublished manuscript composed by the Plymouth surgeon **James Yonge** that Smith had discovered the innovative method of flap amputation seven years before he himself had developed the technique (Elsewhere, however, Yonge attributed the development to Smith's cousin and fellow Exeter surgeon **Caleb Lowdham Snr**; as close associates, the two men may have jointly pioneered the process).

Smith's dissenting sympathies and connections are evident as early as 1667, when he witnessed, alongside the ejected minister Thomas Trescott (d.1684), the will of the Exeter goldsmith and nonconformist Edward Anthony (d.1667). Five years later, his house in the parish of Holy Trinity, Exeter was licensed for Presbyterian worship. Smith's commitment to the dissenting cause continued after his removal to Kingston in Surrey. He appeared before the county's magistrates in 1683 and 1684, on the latter occasion, where he was described as a 'professor of medicine, for failure to attend his parish church. At the same time, he retained links with his former religious colleagues in Devon. In 1692, for example, he was the recipient of a letter from the Presbyterian minister Isaac Gilling (1663-1725) in which it is evident that the two men were engaged in a dispute over various issues affecting the dissenting community at this time. The profound nature of Smith's commitment to the cause is particularly evident in his very long and detailed will, drawn up in February 1699/9 shortly before his death. Among those who benefited from his largesse were four ejected ministers and the widows of two others. He also remembered his own congregation in Crutched Friars London, leaving the property in which the clerk of the same lived to descend, after the death of his cousin and heir, Edmund Jobson, to the Presbyterian meeting overseen by pastor William Harris (and formerly Timothy Cruso). Smith, moreover, gave the communion plate used by the congregation to his son-in-law and executor Thomas Tanner. In addition, he left £5 to the poor of Kingston, the money to be paid to Mr John Goffe or any other who 'shall teach or preach to the Congregation of decenters there at the time of my decease'.

Smith's will also reveals further aspects of his medical life and connections. He was related for example to the Lowdham family, leaving numerous small bequests to the family of his cousin **Caleb Lowdham Snr**, surgeon, of Exeter, as well as his 'sister' Lowdham of Clapham, Surrey. He left a collection of surgical equipment, including lancets and a plaster box, to his cousin Edmund Jobson (son of the testator's sister). The rest of his surgical equipment, including 'distilling vessels and dyett drinks, potts and cuppes for infusion and all my Morters and Pestells and ... pans and Utensills for making of Pills' and all other medicines and equipment for the making of the same was reserved for the London surgeon and Smith's cousin **Thomas Pratt**. He also received all Smith's surgical and physic books, including a copy of Gerard's *Herbal*.

Unfortunately for such a detailed will, there is little reference to Smith's immediate family. He was married at least twice but was survived by only three daughters, Joanna Ferribee, Mary Franklyn, the wife of the ejected Suffolk minister and London preacher Robert Franklyn (d.1703), and Elizabeth Tanner, the wife of Thomas Tanner, who was made executor of Smith's will. Smith clearly felt a huge debt of thanks to Tanner. In the will, he explicitly thanks him for the 'very great assistance, promotion and encouragement' that he received from him and his family, by whose 'meanes and procurement (next to Gods good Providence) I chiefly attribute my obtaining that comfortable Competency of estate which now through mercy I enjoy'. In testimony of his gratitude, he left his daughter an estate at Kingston, near the bridge, then in the possession of the surgeon **Doughty Wormal**.

In addition to the bequests of property (above), Smith left almost £1,500 in monetary bequests as well as stock in the Royal African Company. He died in 1699. Smith was buried on 5 July 1699 in the parish of St Michael, Crooked Lane, London, where he was probably living with his son in law Thomas Tanner (d.1710).

Children of Mr Anthony Smith:

Elizabeth Tanner, wife of Thomas Tanner [will].

Joanna Ferribee [will].

Mary Franklyn, wife of Robert Franklyn. According to Matthew, the couple were married in 1669. She died in 1713.

Foster, iv, p.1369; M.G.Hobson and H.E.Salter (ed.), *Oxford Council Acts 1626-1665* (Oxford, Oxford Historical Society, vol.95, 1933), p.180; Bodl., University of Oxford Archives, NEP/supra/Reg Qa, f.76r [Register of Congregation, 1647-1659]; Folger Shakespeare Library, V.a.287, f.54v; Bodl., Rawlinson MS C 865, no.179; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/65, ff.39v; Devon Heritage Centre, QS 1/10 [Quarter Sessions Order Book, Devon, 1661-70], *sub* Baptist 1663, Easter 1667; ECA 10, ff.148v, 154v, 163v, 164v, 170r; ECA, Petitions 5/30 and 31; *The Correspondence of Robert Boyle*, eds M.Hunter, A.Clericuzio and L.Principe, 6 vols (London, 2001), iv, pp.37-9 [Smith to Boyle, February 1668]; Richard Baxter, *The Certainty of the Worlds of Spirits* (London, 1691), pp.65-9; James Yonge, 'An account of many secrets in art and nature', unpublished manuscript in private hands cited by O.H.Wangensteen and S.D.Wangensteen, *The Rise of Surgery* (Folkestone, 1978), p.591.

TNA, PROB 11/324, ff.336v-337r [will of Edward Anthony, goldsmith, of Exeter, Devon, 30 January 1666/7, pr.13 August 1667]; F.Bate, *The Declaration of Indulgence, 1672* (London, 1908), appendix vii, p.lxiv; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.65; Kingston History Centre, Kingston upon Thames, KC/1/1/327 [lease of messuage near bridge in Kingston, Thomas Martin of Middle Temple, London, gent, to Anthony Smith, chirurgian, of London, 28 January 1677/8]; Surrey History Centre, Woking, QR 2/5/Midsummer 1683, m.167 and Michaelmas 1684, m.173; A.Brockett (ed.), *The Exeter Assembly: The Minutes of the United Brethren of Devon and Cornwall, 1691-1717, as Transcribed by the Reverend Isaac Gilling* (Torquay, DCRS, vol.6, 1963), pp.124-5 [Gilling to Smith, 7 December 1692]; TNA,

PROB 11/451, ff.280v-284v [will of Anthony Smith, citizen and surgeon, of London, 10 February 1698/9, pr.11 July 1699]; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), pp.212-3; London Metropolitan Archives, P69/MIC3/A/001/MS11367 [parish registers of St Michael Crooked Lane, London, 1538-1723].

Christopher SMITH (fl.1611)

Person ID: 12045

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Christopher Smith of Plymouth, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 24 December 1611.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.58.

Henry SMITH or SMYTH (fl.1696-1711)

Person ID: 16911

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Totnes, Devon

Henry Smith or Smyth practised as an apothecary in the town of Totnes, Devon, from at least 1696 until 1711.

Children of Henry Smith:

Thomas, buried 26 August 1696 [Totnes].

Daughter [sic] Henry , buried 11 November 1699 [Totnes].

Mary, bapt.23 May 1707 [Totnes].

Elizabeth, bapt.30 January 1710/11; buried 18 October 1711 [Totnes].

Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A, PR/1/3 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

John SMITH or SMYTH (fl.1634)

Person ID: 12086

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Membury, Devon

John Smith or Smyth of Membury, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 10 February 1633/4.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.356 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.128].

John SMITH or SMYTH (d.1684 or 1685)

Person ID: 16173

Occ: barber

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

John Smith or Smyth, barber, was buried at Ottery St Mary, Devon, on 5 January 1684/5. **John**, the son of John Smyth, barber, and his wife Frances, was baptised at Ottery St Mary on 19 July 1649. He probably followed his father into practice as a surgeon.

H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837* 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1908-29), i, p.275; ii, p.917.

John SMITH or SMYTH (fl.1681-1697)

Person ID: 12098

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

John Smith or Smyth of Otter St Mary, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 7 December 1681. He signed a medical testimonial on behalf of **John Vernon** of Ottery St Mary on 23 December 1697.

He was probably the son of **John Smyth**, barber, and his wife Frances who was baptised at Ottery St Mary on 19 July 1649.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.154; PR 518, *sub* Ottery St Mary; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837* 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1908-29), i, p.275.

John SMITH or SMYTH (d.1697)

Person ID: 16174

Occ: barber

Loc: Honiton, Devon

John Smith or Smyth, barber, was buried at Honiton, Devon, on 26 March 1697.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/7 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon].

Joshua SMITH (d.1672)

Person ID: 12113

Occ: physician/surgeon

Loc: Moretonhampstead, Devon

Joshua Smith of Moretonhampstead, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine throughout Devon on 29 August 1662. In applying for a licence in May 1662, he supplied numerous signatories to his skills, none medical. In a diocesan survey of 1665, he was described as 'a Licenced Chirurgeon [who] prescribes Phisick'. Joshua Smith, 'chyrurgion' was buried at Moretonhampstead on 3 July 1672. He was the father of **Joshua Smith (fl.1700)**.

Children of Joshua Smith:

Joshua, bapt.12 June 1666 [Moretonhampstead]. Surgeon.

Moses, bapt.24 March 1667/8 [Moretonhampstead]. He became a member of the Presbyterian congregation that met at Moretonhampstead. A son Joshua was

baptised there in 1695.
Susanna, bapt.22 February 1669/70 [Moretonhampstead].
Aaron, bapt.27 November 1672 [Moretonhampstead].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.174 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.128]; PR 518, *sub* Moretonhampstead; Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.307r, 406r; Devon Heritage Centre, 2916A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Moretonhampstead, Devon]; TNA, RG/4/444 [registers of baptisms of Presbyterian meeting at Moretonhampstead, Devon].

Joshua SMITH (b.1666)

Person ID: 12114

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Moretonhampstead, Devon

Joshua Smith was the son of **Joshua Smith** (d.1672), and was baptised at Moretonhampstead on 12 June 1666. Smith was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 4 August 1700.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.276 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.128].

Nathaniel SMITH or SMYTH (fl.1687)

Person ID: 16177

Occ: barber

Loc: Honiton, Devon

Nathaniel, the son of Nathaniel Smith, barber, was buried at Honiton, Devon, 21 October 1687. He may be the same as the Nathaniel Smith, who married Hester Owssey at Honiton on 4 September 1678. One Nathaniel Smyth was buried at Honiton on 28 October 1702.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/5 and 38 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon].

Peter SMITH or SMYTH (d.1573)

Person ID: 12122

Occ: physician

Loc: Great Torrington, Devon

Peter Smyth, 'fesysyon' of 'Toryton', was buried at Barnstaple, Devon, on 23 June 1573.

T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 A.D. to 1812 A.D.* (Exeter, 1903), burials, p.14.

Richard SMITH (fl.1713)

Person ID: 12134

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Richard Smith of Plymouth, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Devon on 29 May 1713. His application was supported with testimonials written by two fellow surgeons, **Thomas Smith** and **William Wood**.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* 29 May 1713; PR 518, *sub* Plymouth.

Robert SMITH or SMYTH (1602-1643)

Person ID: 12141

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Great Torrington, Devon

Robert Smith or Smyth of Great Torrington, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 2 May 1639.

Smith was the son of Henry Smith and was baptised at South Molton, Devon, on 21 September 1602. The register entry confirms the details that Smith gave in a Court of Chivalry case dating from the late 1630s. There, he described himself as a barber, aged about 35, and born at South Molton. The dispute between two local gentlemen took place at Christmas 1636 in Smith's house at Great Torrington, which had been a 'common inn or alehouse ... tyme out of mind'. The case also contains the deposition of Smith's apprentice, **Hugh Paine**, originally from Stratton in Cornwall, who had by the time of these events served five years under his master.

Smith married Wilmot Sherland at South Molton on 14 June 1625. She was buried at Great Torrington on 9 August 1640. Her husband was buried at Great Torrington on 15 November 1643. In his will, made two days before his burial, he named his son William as principal heir and executor, leaving £20 to each of his other children. The total value of his estate was estimated at around £265. Among those whom he nominated to act as overseers was the surgeon **Ivy Horwood**.

Children of Robert Smith or Smyth and wife Wilmot:

William, bapt.21 March 1626/7 [Great Torrington].

Mary, bapt.28 December 1628 [Great Torrington].

Else or Alice, bapt.6 October 1630 [Great Torrington].

Robert, bapt.13 May 1632; buried 15 December 1633 [Great Torrington].

Robert, bapt.23 February 1633/4 [Great Torrington].

Jane, bapt.17 January 1635/6 [Great Torrington].

Sarah, bapt.17 September 1637 [Great Torrington].

John, bapt.7 November 1638 [Great Torrington].

Elizabeth, bapt.5 July 1640 [Great Torrington].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.543; 3331A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of South Molton, Devon]; www.court-of-chivalry.bham.ac.uk, case no.14; Devon Heritage Centre, 4014A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Great Torrington, Devon]; Moger will transcripts, vol.19, no.6703 and Somerset Heritage Centre, DD/SAS RF 3/4/4 [will of Robert Smith of Great Torrington, Devon,13 November 1643, pr.6 November

1646] [reprinted in A.J.Monday and M.Siraut (eds), *Somerset Wills* (Taunton, Somerset Record Society, vol.89, 2003), pp.209-10.

Thomas SMITH or SMYTH (d.1657)

Person ID: 16180

Occ: barber

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

Thomas Smyth, barber, married Margaret Stevens at Ottery St Mary on 1 July 1605. She was buried at Ottery St Mary, 30 November 1626. Her husband was buried in the same parish, where the register describes him as an 'old almsman', on 19 August 1657.

Children of Thomas Smith:

Frances, bapt.22 June 1606 [Ottery St Mary].
Margaret, bapt.13 January 1607/8 [Ottery St Mary].
Judith, bapt.9 November 1609 [Ottery St Mary].
Elizabeth, bapt.17 February 1617/18 [Ottery St Mary].
William, bapt.29 May 1620 [Ottery St Mary].
Bridget, bapt.31 March 1621/2 [Ottery St Mary].

H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837* 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1908-29), i, pp.3, 186, 188, 192, 207, 211, 215; ii, p.859.

Thomas SMITH (fl.1667)

Person ID: 12162

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: East Allington, Devon

Thomas Smith, gentleman, of East Allington, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Devon on 15 March 1666/7. In applying for a licence, he claimed to possess a special skill in the curing of gout and dropsy. Testimonials on his behalf were signed by the royal physician **Sir John Hinton** and one John Jones.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.384 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.128, which errs in describing the licence as for medicine and surgery, and dated 1666]; PR 518, *sub* East Allington.

Thomas SMITH or SMYTH (d.1715)

Person ID: 16182

Occ: barber

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

Thomas Smith or Smyth, barber, with his wife Jane and daughter Hannah, were buried in a single coffin on 11 September 1715, the three having perished in a fire at Ottery two days earlier.

H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837* 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1908-29), ii, p.971.

Thomas SMITH (fl.1713-1723)

Person ID: 12176

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Smith, surgeon, of Exeter, Devon, and his wife Sarah appear on an oath roll of Exeter, dated Michaelmas 1723. He may be the same as the Thomas Smith who signed a testimonial on behalf of the Plymouth surgeon, **Richard Smith**, in 1713.

Devon Heritage Centre, Exeter oath roll, Michaelmas 1723; PR 518, *sub* Plymouth.

William SMITH or SMYTH (fl.1647)

Person ID: 27699

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In 1647, William Smith, barber, of Exeter, Devon was prosecuted at the city's quarter sessions for using ill speeches of the Judges of the Assizes and the power recently vested in them'.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/64, f.111v.

William SMITH or SMYTH (d.1655)

Person ID: 16185

Occ: barber

Loc: Honiton, Devon

William Smith or Smyth, barber, of Honiton, Devon, married Christian Humfrey at Honiton on 1 December 1605. Smith was buried at Honiton on 23 January 1654/5. In his will, made very shortly before his death, he left a tenement in Honiton to his wife Christian and son Silvanus. He also made numerous smaller bequests to his sons Nathaniel and William, as well as to the children of a son William and daughter Alice (who were probably dead). He nominated his 'truly and well beloved friends' Samuel Searle and Master Joshua Northcott of Honiton as overseers and his wife Christian as executrix. His widow Christian was buried at Honiton on 18 May 1659.

Children of William Smith and his wife Christian:

Alice. She married Richard Skinner at Honiton, 29 April 1629.

John, bapt.26 December 1619 [Honiton]

Elizabeth, bapt. March 1621/2; buried 1 December 1622 [Honiton].

Margaret, bapt.9 February 1622/3 [Honiton].

Samuel, bapt.29 August 1624; buried 20 February 1624/5 [Honiton].

Joseph. He was apprenticed to Richard Jones of the Clothworkers' Company in

London, 10 March 1640/1.

Silvanus, bapt.9 July 1626 [Honiton].

William, bapt.16 December 1627 [Honiton].

Nathaniel, bapt.23 April 1630 [Honiton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/2, 3 and 5 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/266, ff.116v-117v [will of William Smith, barber, of Honiton, Devon]; Londonroll.org [Records of London Livery Companies Online: Apprentices and freemen, 1400-1900].

William SMITH or SMYTH (fl.1654)

Person ID: 16186

Occ: barber

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

Hannah, the daughter of William Smith or Smyth, barber, was buried at Ottery St Mary on 10 May 1654. He may have been the son of **William Smith (d.1657)**, who was baptised at Ottery St Mary on 29 May 1620.

H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837* 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1908-29), ii, p.853.

William SNELLING (d.1674)

Person ID: 12229

Occ: physician

Loc: Massachusetts, New England, and Plympton St Mary, Devon

William Snelling, gentleman, of Plympton St Mary, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 14 March 1636/7. Testimonials on his behalf were signed by Drs **Robert Vilvain** and **Peter Muden**. Snelling was the son of Thomas Snelling of Chaddlewood, Plympton St Mary, esquire, and his wife Joan, the daughter of Thomas Elford, esquire, of Bridge House. A classical scholar and physician, he emigrated to New England in 1647, settling at Newbury, Massachusetts. In 1654, he moved to Boston, where he took up the position of town physician.

Snelling married Margaret (c.1621-1667), the eldest daughter of Giles Stagge, gent, and his wife Anne, at Boston, Massachusetts, on 5 July 1648. She died on 18 June 1667, aged 46. The couple were survived by a son William (1649-1678), who also became a physician, and a daughter Anne (b.1654). William Snelling died at Boston in November 1674.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.465 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.128]; F.T.Colby (ed.), *The Visitation of the County of Devon in the Year 1620* (London, HS, vol.6, 1872), p.266; Rev.S.Snelling, 'An Account of Dr William Snelling', *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 52 (1898), pp.342-4.

John SOLLER (fl.1604)

Person ID: 16191

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Soller, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on paying an entry fine of £1 at Michaelmas 1604-5. He may be the same as the John Soller, who married Katherine Strange at Holy Trinity, Exeter, on 18 September 1609.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DRCS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.111; Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon].

John SOMERS or SOMMERS (c.1623-1674)

Person ID: 12243

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Somers was the son of **Nicholas Somers**, under whom he served his apprenticeship. He later inherited his father's apothecary shop and was made a freeman of Exeter on 30 May 1659. Two of his own apprentices – **Samuel Strode** (1669) and **John Gove** (1673) were made free of the city. Gove, while serving his apprenticeship under Somers, appeared before the city's magistrates in 1671 accused of assaulting a merchant and castigating him for formerly being in arms against the King. In doing so, he probably reflected Somers' loyalist politics. His own father Nicholas had been a committed defender of the Stuart cause, and John was placed on the list of suspected royalists drawn up by Major-General Disbrowe.

Somers was a resident of the parish of St Pancras, Exeter. He died on 12 May 1674 and was buried in Exeter cathedral where an inscribed flagstone to his memory was erected in the south aisle of the nave. His 'son' **John Somers** was described by Anthony Wood as the 'natural' son of the Exeter physician **John Bidgood**. He was disinherited by Bidgood, who nonetheless left several small legacies to his mother Anne Somers, widow, in his will of 1690. She was buried at St Pancras, Exeter, in 1700.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra ser., vol.1, 1973), pp.147, 157, 160; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/65, ff.365r-v; M.Stoyle, 'Divisions within the Devonshire "County Community", 1600-46' (Oxford D.Phil.thesis, 1992), appendix 4, p.381; R.Polwhele, *The History of Devonshire*, 3 vols (London, 1793-1806), ii, p.28; TNA, PROB 11/403, ff.345v-347r [will of Dr John Bidgood, 15 November 1690 and 10 January 1690/1, pr. 27 March 1691; Devon Heritage Centre, 2949A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Pancras, Exeter, Devon].

John SOMERS or SOMMERS (fl.1675-1699)

Person ID: 27714

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Somers or Sommers was the 'natural' son of Doctor **John Bidgood** and Mrs Anne Somers, the widow of the Exeter apothecary **John Somers (d.1674)**. One of this name, the son of Mr John Summers, was baptised at St Pancras, Exeter, on 6 April 1654. Somers matriculated at Trinity College, Oxford (as the son of John Somers) on 20 March 1674/5, aged 15, proceeding BA in 1678 and MA in 1681. A year later, on 29 July 1682, aged 24, he entered Leiden University as a medical student. There is no evidence that he graduated MD. He nonetheless set up in medical practice in his

native Exeter. In August 1688, described as ‘doctor in phisick’, he was imprisoned for assaulting a gentleman Walter Shapcott in what was almost certainly a politically motivated attack. Three years later, in November 1691, Anthony Wood reported that Somers had been bound over at King’s Bench for assaulting a countryman with a sword who refused to drink a health to ‘the sham Prince of Wales’. At the same time, he is alleged to have wrecked an inn that had pictures of King William and Queen Mary on display.

In his will of 1690, his ‘father’ Doctor **John Bidgood** disinherited Somers, but left a number of small bequests to his mother Anne. According to Anthony Wood, Somers is said to have told his father shortly before his death ‘Sir, you begot me a bastard, bred me a gentleman, and now leave me a beggar – and so the devil take you’. He was still alive in 1699, when he wrote a letter from Madrid to the celebrated oculist and physician Doctor **William Briggs** of London. There, Somers was said to have cured the king of Spain of a long and dangerous distemper. He may be the John Somers buried at St Petrock’s, Exeter, on 16 August 1713.

Foster, iv, p.1389; Innes Smith, p.218; Wood, *Fasti*, ed.P.Bliss (London, 1820), iv, pt.ii, col.227; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.18; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C/1/66, f.206v [mispaginated; should read f.212v]; *The Life and Times of Anthony Wood, Antiquary, of Oxford, 1632-1695 Described by Himself*, ed.A.Clark, 5 vols (Oxford, OHS, 1891-1900), iii, p.375.

TNA, PROB 11/403, ff.345v-347r [will of Dr John Bidgood, 15 November 1690 and 10 January 1690/1, pr. 27 March 1691]; Rawlinson MS D 371, f.81 [John Sommers, MD, to William Briggs, 15 March 1699]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock’s, Exeter, Devon].

Nicholas SOMERS or SOMMERS (d.1654)

Person ID: 12244

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Nicholas Somers was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Humphrey Bidgood** at Michaelmas 1619-20. His two sons, **Robert** (by patrimony, 1653) and **John** (1659), who served as his apprentice, were also made free, as was another of his apprentices, **George Sainthill** (1659). Somers was a staunch royalist and defender of the Anglican Church, who attended regularly on the Princess Elizabeth (1635-1650), daughter of King Charles I, during her sojourn at Exeter in 1644. On 14 July 1646, he compounded as a royalist delinquent on the Exeter Articles, and was subsequently fined, for assisting in the defence of the garrison during the parliamentary siege.

Mr Nicholas Somers was a resident of the parish of St Pancras, Exeter, where he was buried on 18 June 1654. In his will, made about a week before his death, Somers made clear his allegiance to Anglicanism, asking to be buried ‘according to the forme and Litturgie of the Church of England before these unhappy times’. His estate was shared between his two sons, Robert and John, who were to inherit properties in the

parishes of St Petrock's and St Pancras, and two unmarried daughters (who were each to receive £100). There were also small bequests to grandchildren, the poor of Exeter and Lyme Regis, and the testator's cousin William Banks (d.1697), vicar of Heavitree, who faced the constant threat of sequestration in the 1650s. Somers named his wife Philip or Philippa as residual legatee and executrix.

Children of Nicholas Somers:

Robert [will]. Apothecary.

John [will]. Apothecary.

Dorothy [will; unmarried 1654]. She died on 10 August 1659.

Elizabeth [will; unmarried 1654].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), pp.121, 144; *CSPD, 1645-1647*, p.389; M.A.E.Green (ed), *Calendar of the Proceedings of the Committee for Compounding, 1643-1660*, 5 vols (London, 1889-92), ii, p.1393; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.10; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.71; TNA, PROB 11/233, ff.108r-v [will of Nicholas Somers, apothecary, of Exeter, 8 June 1654, pr.14 July 1654]; *Walker Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1948; reissued 1988), p.108; R.Polwhele, *The History of Devonshire*, 3 vols (London, 1793-1806), ii, p.28.

Robert SOMERS or SOMMERS (fl.1643-1657)

Person ID: 17437

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Robert Somers was the son of the apothecary **Nicholas Somers**, and was made a freeman of Exeter by patrimony in 1653. Somers clearly shared his father's allegiance to the Stuart cause. As a young man in 1643, he was prosecuted by the puritan authorities in Exeter for uttering scandalous words against Parliament. Over a decade later, he, like his brother, appeared on a list of suspected royalists in the city drawn up by Major-General Disbrowe.

Somers married twice. His first wife Julian was buried at St Mary Arches, Exeter, on 10 September 1653. He subsequently married Anne Tucker of St Petrock's, Exeter on 7 November 1654 (the cathedral registers do not record where the marriage took place in the city). In the same year, Somers inherited a property in St Petrock's, Exeter. He was dead by May 1669, when his apprentice **John Tarleton** was made a freeman of Exeter.

Children of Mr Robert Somers:

Thomas, died 20 or 29 December 1647 [*m.i.*, grave slab, chancel, St Pancras, Exeter].

Daughter Philip or Philippa, bapt.24 December 1648 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

Elizabeth [will of grandfather, **Nicholas Somers (d.1654)**].

Martyn, died 3 April 1655 [*m.i.* grave slab, chancel, St Pancras, Exeter and will of

grandfather **Nicholas Somers (d.1654)**.
Robert, bapt.26 August 1655 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].
George, bapt.27 December 1657 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), pp.144, 157; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/64, f.29v; M.Stoyle, 'Divisions within the Devonshire "County Community", 1600-46' (Oxford D.Phil.thesis, 1992), appendix 4, p.381; Devoin Heritage Centre, 332A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Arches, Exeter, Devon]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.30; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, pp.582, 617; TNA, PROB 11/233, ff.108r-v [will of Nicholas Sommer, apothecary, of Exeter, 8 June 1654, pr.14 July 1654].

Thomas SOMERTON (d.1720)

Person ID: 16193/28917

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Somerton, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of George Saffin (d.1694), a Tory draper and esquire, on 21 March 1697/8. Five of Somerton's own apprentices were made freemen of the city: **James Kendall** (1701); **John Skinner** (1707); **John Verman** (1708); Walsingham Turner (1715) and Hugh Martin (1727). Somerton was a resident of the parish of St Martin's, where he rented a house from the druggist **Philip Pear**. There, his first wife was buried on 2 July 1718. Shortly before his death, he married his second wife Catherine Store of All Hallows, Exeter, at St Martin's, on 20 August 1719.

Somerton made his will in December 1719, requesting burial in the parish of St Martin's, Exeter. He left over £700 in bequests, including £300 to his second wife Catherine, and a further £300 to three step-daughters, the children of his first wife by an earlier marriage. In addition, he left £100 to a niece and small annuities to his two mothers in law, naming his 'dear wife' Catherine as residual legatee and executrix.

Mr Thomas Somerton was buried at St Martin's, Exeter, 2 May 1720.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), pp.201, 208, 213, 225, 241; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, Devon; TNA, PROB 11/567, ff.255v-256v [will of Philip Pear, druggist, of Exeter, 17 October 1718, pr.16 February 1718/19]; PROB 11/574, ff.174r-v [will of Thomas Somerton, barber, of Exeter, 19 December 1719; pr.17 May 1720]; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.F.Nesbit, transcript of parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, Devon, 1572-1837.

Fitzwilliam SOUTHCOTE (1663-1704 or 1705)

Person ID: 12268

Occ: medical student

Loc: Powderham, Devon

Fitzwilliam Southcote was the son of Fitzwilliam Southcote of Powderham and was baptised at Powderham on 9 July 1663. Southcote matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 23 March 1682/3, graduating BA in 1686. He entered Leiden University as a medical student on 21 August 1687. There is no evidence that he either graduated or practised medicine. Southcote was buried at Powderham on 13 January 1704/5.

Foster, iv, p.1392; Innes Smith, p.218; Devon Heritage Centre, 3677A/PR/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Powderham, Devon]; Mur 1, vol.31 [abstract of will of Fitzwilliam Southcote, gent, of Powderham, Devon, pr.1704/5].

Henry SOUTHCOTE or SOUTHCOTT (c.1657-1706)

Person ID: 12269

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Offwell, Devon

Henry Southcote or Southcott was the son of Thomas Southcott, gentleman, of Kilminster, Devon, and matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 7 May 1675, aged 18. He proceeded BA in 1678, MA in 1681 and B Med in 1684. In August 1699, he provided a testimonial on behalf of the surgeon **Josias Upcott** of Axminster. Southcott married Dorothy or Dorothea Collyns (1653-1694), the daughter of William Collins, gentleman, and his wife Anna, of Offwell, at the latter parish on 3 July 1694. She was buried at Offwell on 22 September 1698. The couple were childless.

Southcott, described as 'generosus' or gentleman, was buried at Offwell, Devon, on 26 April 1706. In his will, made a few weeks before his death, he asked to be buried in an enlarged vault at Offwell next to his late wife. He left £20 to the poor of Offwell, the profits and interest to be dispensed annually on Christmas Day, as well as numerous bequests totalling £380, much of which was intended for the family of his sister Mary Saffin. Henry Southcott was thus the brother-in-law of the ultra Tory former mayor of Exeter, George Saffin. There were, among other gifts, rings intended for the Catholic peer, Thomas, Lord Petre (1633-1706), his wife and two children. The rest of his estate, including his right to fairs and markets in Axminster, were bequeathed to the testator's brother Thomas Southcott, who was also named as executor.

Foster, iv, p.1392; *Historical Manuscripts Commission. Calendar of the Manuscripts of the Marquess of Ormonde, K.P., Preserved at Kilkenny Castle, vol.IV* (London, 1906), p.635; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Axminster [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.128]; 364A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Offwell, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/491, ff.140r-v [will of Henry Southcott, gent, of Offwell, Devon, 1 April 1706, pr.8 November 1706].

John SOUTHCOTE or SOUTHCOTT, John (b.1620)

Person ID: 12270

Occ: physician

Loc: Shillingford St George, Devon

John Southcote was the son of John Southcote and was baptised at Shillingford St George on 4 February 1619/20. He was admitted pensioner at Christ's College, Cambridge, on 21 March 1637/8, but did not graduate. On 6 August 1649, he enrolled as a medical student at Leiden University. Again, he does not appear to have taken any degree. He was, however, admitted to practise as an extra-licentiate of the London College of Physicians on 14 January 1658/9. It is not known where he practised, or when and where he died.

Venn, iv, p.124; Innes Smith, p.218; Munk, i, p.292.

Thomas SPARKE (fl.1685-1694)

Person ID: 26090

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Stonehouse, Devon

Thomas Sparke, surgeon, of Stonehouse, Devon, married Sarah Phillips at Stoke Damerel, Devon, on 21 January 1684/5. She was buried at Stoke Damerel on 27 December 1694.

Children of Mr Thomas Sparke and wife Sarah:

Margaret, buried 29 August 1692 [Stoke Damerel].

Sarah, buried 27 January 1694/5 [Stoke Damerel].

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Stoke Damerel, Devon.

James SPEED (fl.1693)

Person ID: 12294

Occ: quack doctor

Loc: Axminster, Devon

James Speed, 'quack doctor' of Axminster, Devon, was licensed to marry Rose Watts of Sherborne, Dorset, spinster, on 31 July 1693. **William Sampson** or Samson of Sherborne, Dorset, apothecary, but likewise described as a 'quack doctor' on his marriage licence, acted as bondsman.

Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, D5/34 [marriage licence bonds and allegations, deanery of Salisbury, 1681-1700].

Thomas SPENCER (d.1688)

Person ID: 12312

Occ: surgeon/doctor of physic

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Thomas Spencer first came to prominence in 1665, when an episcopal survey noted that one Thomas Spencer, ‘a person notoriously disaffected to the Government of His Majestie & ye discipline of the Church of England’ was observed to sometimes practise physic. He was in fact surgeon to the military hospital at Plymouth, a post he had held since the 1650s. Fellow Plymouth surgeon **James Yonge** frequently refers to Spencer. His older brother **John Yonge** was apprenticed to Spencer in about 1658. In 1670, following his return to Plymouth, Yonge refers dismissively in his diary to the fact that Spencer, ‘who had the most business and interest’ in Plymouth, had recently gone to Cambridge ‘to be doctor, which I supposed would spoil his plaster box’ [i.e. cost him an arm and a leg]. On 2 July 1670, the King wrote to the Vice Chancellor and Senate of Cambridge requesting that Spencer be admitted to the degree of MD, ‘we having received good testimony of [his] learning’ and his ‘constant attendance on the sick’. The university acceded, and Spencer was made MD by royal mandate in 1671.

Despite Yonge’s earlier sneer and the two men’s political differences, they would appear to have been on good terms. In 1679, Yonge cites Spencer as one of the sources for his discovery of the use of turpentine to staunch wounds. A year later, he and Spencer operated on a four-year old boy suffering from brain damage. In 1682, Yonge publicly defended their actions in this case in the face of hostility from another local practitioner, Dr **William Durston**. Accordingly, Yonge challenged Durston to a meeting in a coffee house in Plymouth, where he hoped to show, from ‘at least 60 authors’, that their opponent’s opinion that wounds of the brain were incurable was untenable. Durston’s failure to appear probably provoked Yonge to defend himself and Spencer in print later that year. On numerous occasions, Spencer used his new-won medical authority to support the aspirations of fellow practitioners. In 1677, for example, he, along with his Plymouth colleague Dr **John Sprague**, supported **Michael Langdon**, surgeon-physician, of Launceston, Cornwall, when he successfully sought a licence from the College of Physicians in London. He did the same for his former apprentice and brother-in-law, **Samuel Bowditch** of Taunton in 1679, when he applied for an archiepiscopal licence, as well as on behalf of **Andrew Hall** of Tavistock in 1683. In the latter year, he also witnessed the will of Millicent Payne, the mother-in-law of the Plymouth physician **John Haviland Jnr**.

Thomas Spencer married Sarah Bowditch, the daughter of Henry Bowditch (d.1687) of Chardstock, Dorset, at St Andrew’s, Plymouth, on 8 December 1657. The couple lived in the latter parish, where Spencer was buried on 19 August 1688.

Children of Mr/Dr Thomas Spencer and wife Sarah:

Sarah, born 31 October 1658; bapt.24 November 1658; buried 22 April 1664 [St Andrew’s, Plymouth].

Thomas, born 14 May 1660; bapt.13 June 1660 [St Andrew’s, Plymouth].

John, born 29 April 1662; bapt.14 May 1662; buried 12 march 1662/3 [St Andrew’s, Plymouth].

Bridget, born 15 April 1663; bapt.29 April 1663 [St Andrew’s, Plymouth].

Penelope, born 2 March 1663/4; bapt.1 April 1664 [St Andrew’s, Plymouth].

Bridget, born 20 May 1665; bapt.29 May 1665 [St Andrew’s, Plymouth].

Thomas, born 24 June 1666; bapt.2 July 1666; buried 8 December 1666 [St Andrew’s, Plymouth].

Henry, bapt.30 September 1667; buried 12 February 1668/9 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
Rachel, born 9 November 1668; bapt.19 November 1668 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
Thomas, bapt.21 April 1671; buried 24 April 1682 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
Anne, bapt.6 September 1672 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
Samuel, bapt.7 November 1673 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
Jane, bapt.6 May 1675 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
Henry, born 14 August 1676; bapt.25 August 1676 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
Ulalia, bapt.13 January 1677/8 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
Henry, buried 1 April 1679 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
John, bapt.23 February 1681/2 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.307r, 404v; *The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), pp.27, 140, 150, 155, 185-6; *CSPD, 1670, with Addenda 1660-1670*, p.314; Venn, iv, p.134; James Yonge, *Currus Triumphalis* (London, 1679), sig.A5r; James Yonge, *Wounds of the Brain Proved Curable* (London, 1682); Royal College of Physicians, London, Annals, iv, fo.124a [letters testimonial dated 7 September 1677]; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/122/1-4; VX/10/181/1-4; TNA, PROB 11/381, ff.41v-42v [will of Millicent Payne, widow, of Bridgwater, Somerset, 5 December 1683, pr.21 August 1685]; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; D.Squibb (ed.), *The Visitation of Dorset 1677* (London, HS, vol.117, 1977), p.5.

John SPILLER (d.1737)

Person ID: 17438

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Spiller, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Gabriel Mayne**, on 1 March 1707/8. He signed the oath at Michaelmas 1723. Mr John Spiller was buried at Holy Trinity, Exeter, on 21 May 1737.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra ser., vol.1, 1973), p.214; Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.594.

William SPILLER (fl.1678)

Person ID: 17439

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Willaim Spiller, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Francis Pengelly**, on 11 November 1678. Two others of this name, both described as apothecaries, were enrolled as freemen, the first without fine, on 13 September 1686 and 27 August 1688. Given the political volatility of this period, it is difficult to determine whether these are one and the same person.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra ser., vol.1, 1973), pp.169, 176, 179.

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Born at Exeter, John Sprage or Sprague was probably the son of Robert and Elizabeth Spragg who was baptised at St Petrock's, Exeter, on 23 April 1643. His father Robert may have been the constable and butcher of that name who played a very prominent role in enforcing the moral crusade of the puritan Ignatius Jurdain (1561-1640) in Exeter in the period prior to the civil war. John Sprague himself is unlikely to have been the same as the Cambridge graduate John Spragg (BA 1666 & MA 1669) who was briefly a fellow of Trinity College. On 6 June 1667, aged 23, Sprage entered Leiden University where he graduated MD on 25 October 1667. His thesis, entitled 'Illustres aliquot positions ex Universa Medicina' (copy in British Library, London), was dedicated to two Exeter physicians, **Thomas Waterhouse** and **Richard Morris**, as well as the Leiden professor and anatomist Johannes van Horne (1621-1670).

Sprage may have settled briefly at Saltash in Cornwall (where his son Wadham was born in about 1672) before moving to Plymouth. There, the Plymouth surgeon **James Yonge** refers to Sprage as one of those who collaborated with him in the development of the use of turpentine for staunching wounds. Sprage wrote testimonials for various fellow practitioners, including **Samuel Bowditch** (1678) and **William Wyatt** (c.1689-94), applicants for episcopal licences, as well as **Michael Langdon** of Launceston, who was seeking a licence from the College of Physicians in London in 1677. Sprage's integration with medical networks in Plymouth is also suggested by the fact that he witnessed the will of Doctor **Edmund Hals** in 1678 as well as that of Millicent Payne, the mother-in-law of **John Haviland Jnr** in 1683.

Sprage was made a freeman of Plymouth under the new charter of December 1697. A year earlier, he had served as a commissioner for the town responsible for implementing the Act for Granting an Aid of 4s in the pound for the war against France. He was buried in the parish of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 2 January 1699/1700. In his will, made a few months before his death, Sprage gave small monetary legacies to his four oldest children – Wadham, John, Elizabeth and Amy – leaving the rest of his estate to his wife Elizabeth for the care and maintenance of his younger family. He also gave a small gift to the poor of the parish of Charles the Martyr, where he was living at the time of his death.

Children of Dr John Sprage and wife Elizabeth:

Wadham. He matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, on 10 July 1688, aged 16.

Nicholas, buried 19 February 1674/5 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Robert, buried 30 November 1676 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Elizabeth, bapt. 11 October 1676 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Thomas, bapt. 18 April 1678; buried 27 April 1680 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Amy, born 9 July 1680; bapt. 19 July 1680 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

John, born 9 July 1680; bapt. 19 July 1678 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Gertrude, bapt. 10 May 1683; buried 24 May 1684 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Mary, b. 20 January 1684/5; bapt. 10 February 1684/5 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Dorothea, bapt. 31 August 1686 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]; buried 21 September 1709

[Egg Buckland].
George, bapt.31 August 1688 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]; buried 19 December 1738
[Eggbuckland].
Judith, bapt.18 February 1690/1 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Devon];
Venn, iv, p.137; Foster, iv, p.1400; Innes Smith, p.220; *The Journal of James Yonge
Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), pp.143, 147, 150,
186-7, 207; James Yonge, *Currus Triumphalis* (London, 1679), sig.A5r, p.97;
Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/122/1-4; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub*
Plymouth; Royal College of Physicians, London, Annals, iv, fo.124a [letters
testimonial dated 7 September 1677]; TNA, PROB 11/363, ff.159v-160r [will of
Edmund Hals, doctor of physick, of Plymouth, Devon, 29 November 1678, pr.10 June
1680]; PROB 11/381, ff.41v-42v [will of Millicent Payne, widow, of Bridgwater,
Somerset, 5 December 1683, pr.21 August 1685]; Plymouth Archives, 1/28; J.Raithby
(ed.), *Statutes of the Realm*, vol.7 (1695-1701), **bet.pp.8-61**; Plymouth Archives,
parish registers of Charles the Martyr and St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; TNA,
PROB 11/458, ff.173r-v [will of John Sprage, doctor of physic, of Plymouth, Devon,
9 October 1699, pr.10 December 1700]; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of
Eggbuckland, Devon.

William SPRAGE or SPRAGUE (1670-1729)

Person ID: 12336

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Silverton, Devon

William Sprage of Silverton, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the dioceses of Bath and Wells and Exeter on 7 January 1703. His application was supported by the churchwardens and numerous parishioners of the village of Silverton who testified that Sprage had practised successfully for some years among them, especially among the poor. Medical support was proffered by three local surgeons, **John Jacob**, **Jacob Palmer** and **Samuel Sainthill**, the latter providing s relation of Sprage's cure of a man from Bradninch suffering from the king's evil.

William Sprage or Sprague was the son of Michael Sprage and was baptised at Silverton on 22 August 1670. He married Elizabeth Page in the village church on 18 November 1686. Sprage was buried at Silverton on 24 November 1729.

Children of William Sprage/Sprague and Elizabeth:

William, bapt.11 September 1687 [Silverton].
Joan, bapt.16 January 1688/9; buried 18 February 1693/4 [Silverton].
Elizabeth, bapt.3 December 1690 [Silverton].
Agnes, bapt.8 March 1692/3 [Silverton].
Catherine [twin], born & bapt.9 September 1695 [Silverton].
Mary [twin], born & bapt.9 September 1695; buried 12 December 1695 [Silverton].
Mary, born 17 February 1697/8; bapt.14 March 1697/8; buried 10 March 1724/5
[Silverton].
Joan, born 22 June 1699; bapt.23 June 1699; buried 3 January 1700/1 [Silverton].
Martha, born 24 September 1700; bapt.6 October 1700 [Silverton].

Joan, born 10 January 1701/2; bapt.26 January 1701/2 [Silverton].
William [twin], born 1 April 1706; bapt. 22 April 1706 [Silverton].
Ann [twin], born 1 April 1706; bapt.22 April 1706 [Silverton].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/353/1-5; Tenison 1, f.137 [*Directory*, i, no.774];
Devon Heritage Centre, 3359A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Silverton, Devon].

Robert SPRY (fl.1648-1664)

Person ID: 12356

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Robert Spry of Plymouth, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol, Exeter and Gloucester on 17 November 1664. Letters testimonial, signed by the royal physician **Edward Warner** and Dr **William Currer**, certified that Spry was skilled in Greek and Latin and had studied medicine for sixteen years, having cured many in that time. As both Warner and Currer had signed the petition to create a Society of Chemical Physicians in London in 1665, it can probably be safely assumed that Spry was equally enamoured of chemical medicines.

No other evidence of Spry's practice survives, but it is tempting to suggest, on the basis of his knowledge of Greek and Latin, that he was the Plymouth lawyer of that name who was responsible in the 1650s for publishing a defence of the commonwealth intended to convince people of the lawfulness of signing the Engagement. In doing so, he cited William Lilly's work on the subject as well as that of John Dury (1596-1680) wherein, he claimed, Dury 'in my apprehension ... removeth all the stumbling blocks and answereth all the objections that can be made against the taking of it, which may satisfie all such as shut not their eyes against the light' (*Council of States-Policy*, unpaginated postscript). Spry had previously acted in the late 1640s as solicitor for the parliamentary government in north Devon, where, under the patronage of Sir John Maynard (1604-1690), he oversaw the process of compounding. Maynard, who promoted the Restoration, later sat as MP for Plymouth in 1656-8, 1660 and 1679-81.

Spry the lawyer was the son of Robert Spry of Millbrook in Maker, Cornwall, just across the Tamar estuary from Plymouth. He is probably the same as the gentleman Robert Spry, who was made a freeman of the borough of Plymouth on 17 September 1666. One of this name was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 9 November 1687.

Lambeth Palace Library, FII/5/116; FI/C, f.167 [*Directory*, ii, no.1048]; Robert Spry, *Council of States-Policy or the Rule of Government Set Forth* (London, 1650), reprinted as *Rules of Civil Government. Drawn from the Best Examples of Forraign Nations, and Common-wealths* (London, 1653); S.K.Roberts, *Recovery and Restoration in an English County: Devon Local Administration 1646-1670* (Exeter, 1986), pp.16, 39, 41; Plymouth Archives, 1/73A; parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

Henry SPURWAY (d.1699)

Person ID: ????

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

Henry Spurway of Tiverton, Devon, is identified as a surgeon in the apprenticeship record of his son Humphrey in 1719. Spurway married Martha Wood at Tiverton on 21 July 1692. He was buried at Tiverton on 25 May 1699.

Children of Mr Henry Spurway:

Humphrey, born 2 March 1692/3; bapt.22 February 1694/5 [Tiverton]. He was apprenticed to Joseph Tantum, draper, of London, 7 October 1719.

Richard, born 29 March 1697; bapt.6 April 1697 [Tiverton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon]; Londonroll.org [Records of London Livery Companies Online: Apprentices and freemen, 1400-1900; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.???.

Samuel SPURWAY (fl.1695)

Person ID: 12358

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Newton Abbot, Devon

Samuel Spurway of Newton Abbot, Devon, was licensed to marry Elizabeth Reynell of the same place, spinster, on 10 September 1695. **Joseph Gay**, druggist, of Exeter served as bondsman for the marriage.

He may have been the same as the Samuel Spurway, son of Samuel Spurway of Dartmouth, Devon, who was apprenticed to **James Gover**, apothecary, of St Dunstan's in the West, London, on 5 July 1687.

Devon Heritage Centre, diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, transcribed by C.A.T.Fursdon (1931), *sub* 10 September 1695; **London apothecary database**.

Samuel STADDON or STODDON (c.1636-1714)

Person ID: 12561

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Sidbury, Devon

Samuel Staddon or Stoddon matriculated at Lincoln College, Oxford, on 25 July 1655. There is no evidence that he graduated. He was subsequently appointed curate of West Buckland, Somerset, from which living he was ejected after the Restoration. He was licensed to preach at Woodbury, Devon, in 1672.

Staddon appears to have combined ministerial duties as a nonconformist minister with practising medicine. In the preface to his *Gemitus Sanctorum* (1702), he described himself as 'Medico-Theologus' and elsewhere in that work refers to his role as a minister to the 'bodily health' of the inhabitants of Sidbury and neighbouring parts. According to Calamy, he was especially successful in the cure and treatment of

distracted persons. In one well-documented case dating from about 1680, Staddon, along with his Anglican colleague **Edward Pridham**, attempted the cure of an Exeter apprentice named Zacheus Crab who was widely believed to be bewitched. In January 1685/6, he signed a testimonial on behalf of **John Skinner** of Brompton Ralph, Somerset.

He is probably the Mr Samuel Staddon who was buried at Bovey Tracey on 15 August 1714. In 1676, Staddon and his wife were painted in oils, his age there being given as 40. The portrait was in the possession of a descendant, William Pring of Mold, Flintshire, in 1895, but its current whereabouts are unknown. Staddon, a committed Presbyterian, was the author of numerous works of both religious consolation and controversy.

Publications:

The Voice of the Rod, or God's Controversie Pleaded with Man. Being a Plain and Brief Discourse on Micah 6.9 (London, 1668).

A Call to Back-sliders, or A Supplement unto the Voice of the Rod (London, 1680).

An Essay on a Question Relating to Divine Worship (London, 1682).

Ποιμνὴ φυλακῶν. The Pastor's Charge and the People's Duty [sermon, Exeter, 7 June 1693] (London, 1694). Dated from Sidbury, Devon, 15 August 1693.

A Letter to Mr Robert Burscough, in Answer to his Discourse of Schism (London, 1700).

Dissenters No Schismatics. A Second Letter to Mr Robert Burscough in Vindication of the First (London, 1702).

Gemitus Sanctorum. The Saints Groans for a Perfect Deliverance from the Body of Sin and Death: Being the Sum of Several Sermons [on Romans, 7: 24-25] (London, 1702).

Foster, iv, p.1426; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), pp.464-5; F.Bate, *The Declaration of Indulgence 1672* (London, 1908), appendix vii, p.xxiv; Richard Baxter, *The Certainty of the Worlds of Spirits* (London, 1691), p.51; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/232/1-3; Devon Heritage Centre, 2160A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Bovey Tracey, Devon]; G.M.Doe, 'Samuel Staddon', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 27 (1895), pp.222-227 [reproduction of portrait on p.225].

Richard STANBURY (fl.1692-1713)

Person ID: 12395

Occ: bonesetter/surgeon

Loc: Instow, Devon

On 2 September 1692, Richard Stanbury of Instow, Devon, applied for an episcopal licence, having long practised the art of surgery with special success in setting bones.

His testimonial was counter-signed by two local clergymen. In January 1713, he signed a similar application on behalf of **John Elmerstone**.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Instow [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.128].

John STANLEY (fl.1667)

Person ID: 12420

Occ: naval surgeon/surgeon

Loc: Kingsbridge, Devon

In March 1667/8, John Stanley, surgeon, of Kingsbridge, Devon, applied for a licence to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter. There, he described himself as a surgeon with ten to twelve years experience who had recently exercised the same skills in the service of the crown 'in ye late engagements'. Testimonials were supplied by fellow surgeon **Richard Irish** and George Rowe. Given the reference to 'late engagements' he may well be the same as the John Stanley, surgeon of the 'Unity', who was captured by the Dutch following the attack on the Medway in 1667.

One John Stanley of St Martin in the Fields, Middlesex, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of London on 20 August 1683. If so, he was probably the same as the John Stanley, surgeon, of St Anne's, Westminster, who was accused by his apprentice Thomas Ashman in 1696 of failing to instruct him as per his indentures and of taking him to sea as a cabin boy. The latter was currently languishing 'in the Straights, beyond the seas'.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Kingsbridge, Devon; *CSPD, 1667*, p.499; J.H.Bloom and R.R.James, *Medical Practitioners in the Diocese of London, Licensed under the Act of 3 Henry VIII, c.11: An Annotated List, 1529-1725* (Cambridge, 1935), p.33 [London Metropolitan Archives, MS 09540/1, f.70r; DL/C/345, f.236v]; W.J.Hardy (ed.), *Middlesex County Records. Calendar of Sessions Books, 1689-1709* (1905), **bet.pp.143-62**.

Peter STANWAY (fl.1708-1709)

Person ID: 16207

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Peter Stanway, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Joseph Pottle**, on 1 March 1707/8. He married Margaret More at St David's, Exeter, on 16 June 1709.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.215; Devon Heritage Centre, 2931A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St David's, Exeter, Devon].

Gideon STAPLE (d.1703)

Person ID: 12438

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

Gideon Staple was the son of the physician **John Staple**, who left him leasehold lands in Chardstock, Dorset (now Devon), as well as the majority of his books and other household items. Staple was made MD at Utrecht on 20 January 1701/2, submitting a thesis entitled 'De Rheumatismo' (copy at Leiden University and Royal College of Surgeons, London). In the previous year, he penned a Latin *carmen* for fellow medical student **James Durant**. He died soon after graduating MD in the summer of 1703. No record of either his birth or burial has been discovered. In his father's will, made in February 1682/3, he is described as not yet 12. In his own brief will, made in May 1703, he left all his estate to his 'dear and loving mother' Elizabeth, whom he also named as executrix.

Innes Smith, p.221; TNA, PROB 11/380, ff.90r-91v [will of John Staple, physician, of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 28 February 1682/3, pr.5 May 1685]; PROB 11/471, f.178v [will of Gideon Staple, doctor of physic, of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 6 May 1703, pr.17 August 1703].

John STAPLE (1633-1683)

Person ID: 12439

Occ: physician

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

John Staple was the son of John and Dorothy Staple, and was baptised at Chardstock, Dorset (now Devon), on 12 May 1633. Described as a gentleman, he was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the county of Devon on 23 January 1662/3. He was nonetheless reported to be unlicensed and 'no graduate' in a diocesan survey of 1665-6, where the compiler added that 'as I am informed his iudgement is not very excellent concerning the present Government'. Staple may have been inclined towards the dissenters. Among his patients was the Presbyterian MD Sir John Yonge (1603-1663), who left Staple £10 in his will of 1661 'in full recompence for his care of my health'.

John Staple married Elizabeth Vincent at Whimble, Devon, on 13 April 1665. He died on 28 August 1683 and was buried at Ottery St Mary on 3 September 1683. His will, drafted in February 1682/3, was notably pious and Calvinistic in tone. In it, he stipulated that two funeral sermons on Hebrews 10: 35-37 should be preached on the day of his burial at Ottery and the following day at Chardstock. He also gifted his brother and fellow physician **George Staple** an edition of William Perkins' *A Salve for a Sicke Man* (1st ed., Cambridge, 1595) and to his sister Mary Michel, a copy of Charles Broxholme's *The Good Old Way: Or Perkins Improved* (London, 1653; another ed., 1657). Staple's medicines, ointments, plasters, syrups and distilled waters were divided between his two brothers **George** and **William Staple**, who both practised at Chardstock. Staple was survived by his son **Gideon Staple**, who received leasehold lands in Chardstock as well as the rest of his father's library (excepting three volumes of divinity, to be chosen by the testator's wife), a desk and half of his household goods. He also made numerous small bequests to kinsmen and relatives, including his mother-in-law Elizabeth Vincent and brother-in-law John Baron. Staple

did not name an executor (executors in trust are signified simply by their initials), and there were no witnesses to the will. Administration and probate was finally granted to his widow, Elizabeth, in May 1685. She was still alive in 1703, when her son Gideon named her as sole legatee and executrix of his will.

Children of John Staple and wife Elizabeth:

Elizabeth, bapt.15 October 1670; buried 8 February 1672/3 [Ottery St Mary].

Gideon Staple (d.1703). Doctor of physic.

Dorset History Centre, parish registers of Chardstock, Dorset; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter 44, p.203; Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.306v, 398v; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 362-364/33/1; TNA, PROB 11/312 [will of Sir John Yonge of Colyton, Devon, 2 May 1661, pr.17 September 1663]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2203A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Whimble, Devon]; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1601-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1908-29), ii, p.909; TNA, PROB 11/380, ff.90r-91v [will of John Staple, physitian, of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 28 February 1682/3, pr.5 May 1685]; 11/471, f.178v [will of Gideon Staple, doctor of physic, of Ottery St Mary, Devon, 6 May 1703, pr.17 August 1703].

John STAPLEY (d.1686)

Person ID: 12444

Occ: physician

Loc: Chulmleigh, Devon

Doctor John Stapley was buried at Chulmleigh on 24 June 1686. He is presumably to be identified with the man called Stapledon, who was reported to have informed against the unlicensed healing activities of **Grace Allward** of Chulmleigh. The informant went on to claim that Stapledon had prosecuted Allward 'out of malice ... because shee hath cured those, which he could not'.

Devon Heritage Centre, 4678A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Chulmleigh, Devon]; PR 518, *sub*, unplaced [Philip Glynn to Francis Cooke, 22 November 1675].

John STAVELEY (fl.1667)

Person ID: 12460

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Kingsbridge, Devon

John Staveley of Kingsbridge, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 15 March 1666/7. In his application, he claimed to possess between ten to twelve years experience, having practised in the late wars.

One of this name, probably a naval surgeon, signed a post-mortem report at Bombay on 12 November 1680.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter 44, p.384 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.129]; Lieutenant-Colonel

D.G.Crawford, *Roll of the Indian Medical Service 1615-1930*, 2 vols (London, W.Thacker & Co, 1930), p.493.

John STAYTE (fl.1667)

Person ID: 12464

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Devon?

Some time between 1667 and 1676, John Stayte, 'licensed physician', signed a testimonial on behalf of **Walter Harlowin** of Sidmouth, an applicant for a medical licence.

Devon Heritage centre, PR 518, *sub* Sidmouth [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.129, who calls him 'Stayle'].

Robert STEED (fl.1684)

Person ID: ????

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Devon?

Robert Steed was licensed to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter, 25 April 1684. One Robert Steed, the son of Henry Steed and his wife Jane, was baptised at East Portlemouth, Devon, on 6 September 1657. He may have been the same as the Mr Robert Steed who was buried at Bovey Tracey, Devon, on 2 March 1696/7.

I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.129; Devon Heritage Centre, 3383A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of East Portlemouth, Devon]; 2160A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Bovey Tracey, Devon].

Jonas STILES or STYLES (1585-1663)

Person ID: 12550

Occ: clergyman/doctor of physic

Loc: Stokenham, Devon

Jonas Stiles or Styles was admitted as a sizar at Christ's College, Cambridge, at Michaelmas 1614, proceeding BA in 1617/18 and MA in 1621. He was ordained deacon at Peterborough in 1621 and appointed rector of Wyham, Lincolnshire, in 1629. On 1632, he became vicar of Stokenham with Chivelstone in Devon, from which living he was sequestrated in 1647. He was subsequently imprisoned and fled overseas, becoming MD at Padua (admitted 2 May 1648). Stiles was restored to his living at Stokenham in 1660 and was buried there on 19 June 1663.

Venn, iv, p.182; *Walker Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1948; reissued 1988), p.124; H.R.F.Brown, *Inglese e Scozzesi all' Università di Padova* (Venice, 1921), p.155; Devon Heritage Centre, 3031A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Stokenham, Devon].

Christopher STOCKDALE (d.1659)

Person ID: 16222

Occ: barber

Loc: Honiton, Devon

Christopher Stockdale, barber, was buried at Honiton, Devon, on 10 April 1659.
Mary, the daughter of Christopher Stockdale, was baptised at Honiton on 13 February 1641/2.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/4 and 5 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon].

STONE (d.1599)

Person ID: 26251

Occ: midwife

Loc: Dartmouth, Devon

'Old mother' Stone, a midwife, was buried at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon, on 29 November 1599.

Devon Herotage Centre, 2992A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon].

STONE (fl.1673)

Person ID: 16225

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard Jones, the apprentice of one Stone, a barber, was made a freeman of Exeter in 1673. He may be the same as **Jacob Stone** or **John Stone**.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.164.

Jacob STONE (fl.1659)

Person ID: 27700

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In April 1659, Jacob Stone, barber, and his wife were accused of attending a private, Anglican communion in the house of one John Blackmore in Holy Trinity, Exeter. He may be the same as the Jacob Stone, whose son Jacob, with wife Anne, was baptized at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 6 August 1646.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/64, ff.438v, 440r; 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

James STONE (d.1687)

Person ID: 26252

Occ: barber

Loc: Crediton, Devon

James Stone, barber, was buried at Crediton on 17 November 1687.

Children of James Stone, barber:

Mary, bapt.21 March 1674/5 [Crediton].

James, bapt.2 October 1676; buried 13 March 1678/9 [Crediton].

Elizabeth, bapt.16 August 1678 [Crediton]

Ann, bapt.17 August 1679 [Crediton].

Isaac, bapt.21 July 1681; buried 16 October 1681 [Crediton].

Sarah, bapt.11 November 1683; buried 12 March 1683/4 [Crediton].

Abraham, bapt.8 April 1685 [Crediton].

Joanna, bapt.22 November 1686 [Crediton].

Emlin, bapt.27 December 1687 [Crediton].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2935A/PR/1/6 [parish registers of Crediton, Devon].

John STONE (fl.1641-1642)

Person ID: 27701

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In 1641, John Stone, barber, was witness to an altercation between Nicholas Hooper, the rector of St Edmund's, Exeter (removed by the puritans in 1642) and one Thomas Maunder in which the latter alleged that Hooper had thrown a candlestick and jug at him. The two men were discussing politics at the time. Stone confirmed that the two men had been verbally sparring and that an object was thrown, but as to whether this was by intent or not, he could not say. Stone's sympathies, however, were almost certainly with Hooper against whom he was reluctant to provide incriminating evidence. A year later, Stone stood bail for one John Gollop, a Dorset musician, who was accused by the puritan magistrates of disseminating and singing anti-parliamentarian songs in various inns in the city. He may be the John Stone, whose will was proved at Exeter in 1643.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/63, ff.345v, 346r; C1/64, f.12v; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.572.

Richard STONE (fl.1699)

Person ID: 16226

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard Stone, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Hambley**, on 17 July 1699.

One Richard Stone, 'a prisoner to the sheriff', was buried at St Thomas Apostle, Exeter, on 3 March 1723/4.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.203; Devon Heritage Centre, 4781A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Thomas Apostle, Exeter, Devon].

Theodore STOULTENBOROUGH (d.1651)

Person ID: 12604

Occ: surgeon/physician

Loc: Winchester, Hampshire, Dartmouth, Devon and Wapping Middlesex.

Theodore Stoultenborough is first noted at Winchester, Hampshire, where he was licensed to practice surgery in the province of Canterbury on 20 July 1624. Twelve years later, on 14 April 1636, he was licensed to practice surgery and medicine throughout the dioceses of Chichester, Salisbury and Winchester. A year later, however, he had moved to Devon. On 5 April 1637, he was granted a licence to practice surgery in the diocese of Exeter. He subsequently settled in Dartmouth, where he was living in the early 1640s. By 1645, however, Stoultenborough had moved to London and was living at Gun Alley, Wapping, where he described himself as a physician. On 11 April 1645, he buried a daughter Hannah and wife Thomasine at St Dunstan's, Stepney. Stoultenborough ('Tiderus Stootombuck, an out landish doctor') of Tower Hill was buried at St Botolph Aldgate, London, 31 May 1651. A decade later, **Edward Manning** of Dartmouth claimed to have once served as an apprentice under Stoultenborough at London.

Children of Theodore Stoultenborough:

Theodorus, bapt.8 April 1638 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Edward, bapt.29 March 1640 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth]. He was apprenticed to Walter Salmon of the Pewterers' Company in London, 5 May 1657, and subsequently married Elizabeth Gornard, widow, at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 4 May 1669.

Judith, bapt.2 October 1642 [St Saviour's, Dartmouth].

Hanna, bapt.23 February 1644/5 [St John's, Wapping, Middlesex]; buried 11 April 1645 [St Dunstan's, Stepney, Middlesex].

Lambeth Palace Library, Abbot 2, f.206v; Laud 1, f.242v [*Directory*, i, no.794]; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.468 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.129]; 2992A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon]; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; London Metropolitan Archives, P93/JN2/002 [parish registers of St John's, Wapping, Middlesex, 1617-1665]; P93/DUN/278 [parish registers of St Dunstan's, Stepney, Middlesex, 1622-1666]; P69/BOT2/A/015/MS09222/002 [parish registers of St Botolph Aldgate, London, 1625-1665]; London Apprenticeship Abstracts, 1442-1850.

Humphrey STOWFORDE (fl.1579-1580)

Person ID: 17440

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Humphrey Stowforde, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **William Trevett**, on 28 September 1579. He married Mersela Trevett (probably the daughter of Stowforde's former master) at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 22 August 1579. Their daughter Mary was baptized in the same parish on 4 August 1580.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.95; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

James STRANG or STRANGE Snr (d.1702)

Person ID: 17441

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

James Strang or Strange, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter on 27 August 1688. If disenfranchised, he may be the same as the James Strang who was made a freeman as the apprentice of **Charles Cunningham** on 23 December 1695. Strang was an inhabitant of the parish of St Mary Major, Exeter, where he was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 20 November 1702.

Children of Mr James Strang or Strange, apothecary, and wife Elizabeth:

James, bapt.22 May 1681 [St Mary Major, Exeter]. Apothecary.

Elizabeth, bapt.16 April 1682 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Johanna, bapt.5 August 1683 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra ser., vol.1, 1973), p.178, 199; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.104; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/3 and 4 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

James STRANG or STRANGE Jnr (fl.1705)

Person ID: 16920

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

James Strang or Strange, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the son of **James Strang**, apothecary (by succession), on 5 February 1704/5.

One James Strang of St Olave's, Exeter, married Elizabeth Jennings at St David's, Exeter, on 9 September 1705.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra ser., vol.1, 1973), p.211; Devon Heritage Centre, 2931A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St David's, Exeter, Devon].

Adam STRIALIO A PAMNAUSS or STRYALL (fl.1632-1652) Person ID: 12620

Occ: physician

Loc: Kingsbridge, Devon

Adam Strialio a Pamnauss (or Stryall) was licensed to practise medicine throughout the diocese of Exeter on 12 April 1632. Stryall was a refugee from Bohemia and was probably related to the Bohemian schoolteacher and town scribe Jan Strialius a Pomnouse (1535-1582). During the civil wars, he served as a physician to the New Model Army under Sir Thomas Fairfax. He had earlier served under Robert Devereux, 3rd earl of Essex (1591-1646), who described him as 'a Bohemian having been divers times employed by me in the great and weighty affairs of the King and Parliament & Kingdom'. He was discharged at Tiverton in December 1645 in order to attend 'urgent business which calls him away'.

On 12 June 1652, the Council of State ordered payment of £30 to Dr Adam Stryall 'for travelling expenses of himself and family to Ireland, to reside as physician'. No more is heard of him after this date. It is possible, however, that he is the same as the Doctor Stroyall who was buried at Mansfield in Nottinghamshire on 17 October 1664.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.249 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.129]; TNA, SP 28/29/I, ff.9, 40; 28/29/II, f.451; 28/30/I, f.108; 28/30/II, f.163; 28/30/V, ff.439, 475; 28/30/VI, f.568; 28/31/I, f.48; 28/31/II, f.182; 28/31/III, f.229; 28/33/V, ff.573, 574; 28/36/V, ff.596, 597, 598, 599, 601, 602, 603; TNA, SP 28/143, f.77 and *passim*; House of Lords RO, HL/PO/JO/10/1/176, *sub* 26 November 1644; *CSPD, 1651-1652*, p.605; Nottinghamshire Archives, PR 14780 [parish registers of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, 1653-1715].

Samuel STRODE (fl.1669)

Person ID: 17383

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Samuel Strode, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Somers**, on 6 September 1669. He may have been the Samuel Strowde living in the parish of St Martin's, Exeter, in 1660. His will was proved at Exeter in 1692.

A son Samuel matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, on 7 April 1688, aged 15. He graduated BA in 1691.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra ser., vol.1, 1973), p.157; Foster, iv, p.1437.

Nathaniel STRONG (fl.1691-1723)

Person ID: 12630

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter and Newton Abbot, Devon

Nataniel Strong, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter as the apprentice of **William Moore** on 4 May 1691. Eight years later, and now living at Newton Abbot in Devon, Strong, 'late of the city of Exeter', was licensed to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter on 13 December 1699. His medical sponsors included Doctors **Thomas Waterhouse** and **Samuel Richards**.

Strong married Martha Combe of Exeter at Pinhoe in 1693. He was then living in the parish of St Stephen's, Exeter. His daughter Martha was born at Exeter on 19 September 1694 and baptised by the nonconformist minister Joseph Hallett on 31 September 1694. He may have returned to Exeter in later life, or moved between the city and Newton Abbot. In 1723, his name appears on the Exeter city oath list.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.181; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, pp.4, 251 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.129]; PR 518, *sub* Newton Abbot; parish registers of Pinhoe, Devon; TNA, RG/4/965 [registers of the Presbyterian meeting, Bow, Exeter]; Devon Heritage Centre, Exeter oath roll, Michaelmas 1723.

Roger STUCKLEY (d.1717)

Person ID: 12649

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Chulmleigh, Devon

Roger Stuckley, surgeon, of Chulmleigh, Devon, signed letters testimonial on behalf of fellow surgeon **Henry Ruttleigh**, of Sheepwash, on 3 June 1704. In the parish registers of Chulmleigh, he is variously referred to as 'Mr', 'gent' or 'doctor'.

Mr Roger Stucley, gentleman, married Dorothy, the daughter of John Bailson, gentleman, of Culmleigh at Meshaw, Devon, on 12 September 1687. He was buried at Chulmleigh on 28 December 1717 (will, no longer extant, proved at Exeter in 1718). His widow Dorothy was buried in the same parish on 11 August 1727.

Children of Mr Roger Stuckley, gent:

John, bapt.22 November 1688 [Chulmleigh].

Roger, buried 5 April 1690 [Chulmleigh].

Grace, bapt.1 June 1692 [Chulmleigh].

Roger, bapt.8 May 1697; buried 26 November 1699 [Chulmleigh].

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Sheepwash; 1794A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Meshaw, Devon]; 4678A/PR/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Chulmleigh, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.176.

James STYLE (fl.1695)

Person ID: 16234

Occ: barber

Loc: Bampton, Devon

In April 1695, James Style, barber, of Bampton, Devon, acted as bondsman for the marriage of John Fishe of Bampton, mercer, and Mary Glass of the same place.

Devon Heritage Centre, diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, transcribed by C.A.T.Fursdon (1931), *sub* 12 April 1695.

John SWAINE or SWAYNE (d.1720)

Person ID: 17015

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

John Swaine or Swayne, apothecary, married Mrs Rachel Marshall at Barnstaple, Devon, on 9 November 1698. She was buried at Barnstaple on 12 August 1719. Her husband was buried in the same parish on 22 July 1720. His will, no longer extant, was proved at Barnstaple the same year.

Children of Mr John Swaine and wife Rachel:

Rachel, bapt.2 March 1700/1 [Barnstaple].

John, bapt.9 March 1704/5 [Barnstaple].

Marshall, bapt.10 January 1706/7 [Barnstaple].

T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903), baptisms, pp.133, 136, 137; marriages, p.51; burials, pp.116, 117; J.J.Beckerlegge (ed.), *Index of Wills in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, 1563-1858*.

John SYMONDS or SYMONS (fl.1665)

Person ID: 12744

Occ: unlicensed physician

Loc: Farringdon, Devon

According to a diocesan survey of medical practitioners conducted in 1665-6, John Symonds of Farringdon, Devon, was 'a person of no note or Learning, an Anabaptist, and one that keeps Conventicles, he is neither Licenced nor conformable'. He was reputed to hold Baptist meetings at Ottery St Mary. He may be the same as the John Simmins who was buried at Farringdon on 13 February 1672/3.

Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.306v, 398v; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 362-364/33/1; E.A.O.Whiteman, 'The Episcopate of Dr Seth Ward, Bishop of Exeter (1662 to 1667) and Salisbury (1667 to 1688/9)', (Oxford D.Phil. thesis, 1951), pp.142-143; Devon Heritage Centre, 3167A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Farringdon, Devon].

Mary SYMONS (fl.1618)

Person ID: 26373

Occ: healer

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Mary Symons of Barnstaple, Devon, was paid 5s by the corporation of Barnstaple in 1618-19 for healing a poor boy's leg.

J.R.Chanter and T.Wainwright (eds), *Reprint of the Barnstaple Records*, 2 vols (Barnstaple, 1900), ii, p.135.

Samuel SYMONS (d.c.1718)

Person ID: 16654

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Nicholas Medland, the apprentice of Samuel Symons, druggist, was made a freeman of Exeter in 1714. Symons was a resident of the parish of St Petrock's, Exeter, and probably died there in about 1718.

Children of Samuel Symons:

Robert, bapt.25 February 1699/1700 [St Petrock's, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.24 January 1701/2; buried 29 January 1701/2 [St Petrock's, Exeter].

John, bapt.19 January 1703/4; buried 16 April 1716 [St Petrock's, Exeter].

Samuel, bapt.13 August 1707 [St Petrock's, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.30 November 1709 [St Petrock's, Exeter].

Edward, bapt.23 June 1714 [St Petrock's, Exeter].

Elizabeth, bapt.8 June 1716 [St Petrock's, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.225; Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; DHC-A, 1926 B/BC/F/1/9.

Richard TALBOT (fl.1709)

Person ID: 16245

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard Talbot, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Richard March Jnr**, on 6 July 1709.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.219.

Richard TAMLYN (fl.1680-1684)

Person ID: 12767

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Newton St Cyres, Devon

Richard Tamlyn of Newton St Cyres, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 5 March 1679/80. In January 1683/4, he appeared at the vicar-general's court where he showed his licence to practise.

Richard Tamling married Mary Sely at Newton St Cyres on 23 February 1679/80.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.41; C 757, *sub* 18 January 1683/4; 807A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Newton St Cyres, Devon].

Richard TAPSELL (fl.1683)

Person ID: 12786

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Plympton St Mary, Devon

Richard Tapsell of Plympton St Mary, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine throughout the diocese of Exeter on 25 May 1683.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.248.

John TARLETON or TARLTON (d.1683)

Person ID: 17443

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Tarleton or Tarlton, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Robert Somers**, on 24 May 1669. His own apprentice **Benjamin Row** was made free in 1680. Tarleton was a resident of the parish of St Mary Arches, Exeter, where he served as churchwarden in 1667-8. He was buried there on 9 September 1683. His will, no longer extant, was proved at Exeter the same year.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra ser., vol.1, 1973), pp.157, 170; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.75; Devon Heritage Centre, Box 14/1 [churchwardens' presentments, *sub* St Mary Arches, Exeter, Devon]; 332A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Arches, Exeter, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.617.

Richard TAUNTON (fl.1684)

Person ID: 12802

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Richard Taunton of Exeter, Devon, was cited to appear in the consistory court at Exeter in 1684 for practising medicine and surgery without a licence. On showing his licence, he was dismissed.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter 757, *sub* 18 January 1683/4.

John TAWTON (d.1668)

Person ID: 26399

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Great Torrington, Devon

John Tawton, apothecary, was buried at Great Torrington, Devon, on 29 September 1668.

Devon Heritage Centre, 4014A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Great Torrington, Devon].

John TAYLOR (fl.1655)

Person ID: 16252

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Taylor, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **George Parsons**, on 19 November 1655. Four of his own apprentices – **Richard March** (1665), son **William Taylor** (1673), **Richard Ayshe** (1673) and **Robert Thomas** (1679) – were made freemen.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), pp.143, 153, 163, 170.

Richard TAYLOR (d.1708)

Person ID: 12835

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Tavistock, Kingsbridge & Totnes, Devon

Richard Taylor of Totnes, Devon (formerly of Tavistock and Kingsbridge) was licensed to practise medicine and surgery throughout the province of Canterbury on 25 June 1683. Testimonials affirmed that Taylor had served a seven-year apprenticeship with **Peter Contee Jnr**, and afterwards had served as a surgeon on a ship bound from Plymouth to the Straits. Taylor's sponsors included his former master Peter Contee, and three surgeons, **John Case**, **Tobias Hewett** and **Richard Leigh**. Further letters certified that Taylor had been a regular attender of church at both Tavistock and Kingsbridge.

Mr Richard Taylor was buried at Totnes on 23 October 1708. His death is noted by the Plymouth surgeon **James Yonge**, who described Taylor as 'an old true friend of mine'. His wife Dorothy predeceased him, being buried there on 3 October 1701.

Lambeth Palace Library, FII/24/70a-c [*Directory*, ii, no.1053]; Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon]; *The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), p.229.

Robert TAYLOR alias TANNER (fl.1678)

Person ID: 12837

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: East Worlington, Devon

Robert Taylor alias Tanner of East Worlington, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the province of Canterbury on 21 August 1678. Letters testimonial on his behalf were signed by Doctors **John Smith** and **Nicholas Darell**. Taylor alias Tanner also provided a certificate showing he had received the sacrament of the Lord's

Supper, signed by Francis Elston, the rector, churchwardens and parish clerk of East Worlington.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/118/1-4; Sancroft, f.212 [*Directory*, i, no.810].

Robert TAYLOR (d.1747)

Person ID: 18402

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Robert Taylor, druggist, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Robert Eveleigh**, on 17 August 1713. Taylor's own apprentice James Bickford was made free in 1727. He and his wife Grace appear on the city's oath roll in 1723. Taylor's burial on 13 December 1747 is recorded in the registers of both St Mary Arches and St Olave's, Exeter.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra ser., vol.1, 1973), pp.225, 240; Devon Heritage Centre, Exeter oath roll, Michaelmas 1723; 332A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Arches, Exeter, Devon]; 2738A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of St Olave's, Exeter, Devon].

William TAYLOR (fl.1662-1665)

Person ID: 12857

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Dartmouth, Devon

William Taylor, apothecary, of Dartmouth, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in and around the town of Dartmouth on 10 December 1662. Taylor's sponsors, who included several leading townsmen, described Taylor as 'a very honest charitable loyall & skillfull man in his profession'. Three years later, in September 1665, Taylor claimed that he should not form part of a survey into medical practice in the diocese 'because hee is only an Apothecary'. The dean's informant also confirmed, on the evidence of the mayor, that Taylor had a licence to practise as he had helped to procure it for him.

He may have been the father of the William Taylor, of Dartmouth, who died aboard HMS 'Royal Charles' in November 1665. In a nuncupative will, he specifically excluded all members of his family from his will, leaving all instead to a shipboard comrade.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.195 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.129]; PR 518, *sub* Dartmouth; PR 362-364/33/18; TNA, PROB 11/319, f.121v [will of William Taylor, c.November 1665, pr.8 January 1665/6].

William TAYLOR (fl.1673-1697)

Person ID: 16261

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Taylor, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter as the son of **John Taylor**, barber (by succession), on 17 November 1673. His own apprentice, **Samuel Risdon**, was made free in 1701. In 1697, Taylor acted as bondsman for the marriage of John Campion of Dartmouth, sailor, and Elizabeth Roach of Exeter, widow.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), pp.163, 208; Devon Heritage Centre, diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, transcribed by C.A.T.Fursdon (1931), *sub* 10 May 1697.

Edward TERRELL (fl.1693)

Person ID: 26466

Occ: healer/white witch

Loc: Devon?

In 1693, Edward Terrell provided information before Henry Fry, esq, JP, of Devon, in a case of suspected witchcraft at Luppitt in Devon. Terrell deposed that Jane Ham Snr of Luppitt, 'being very weake in a strange condition', came to him for advice 'and upon viewing of her person, and by trying of some lawful meanes, and alsoe by some other Art which he used saith upon his oath, that he doeth verily believe that some evil person hath the power over her and that she is bewitched'.

Devon Heritage Centre, QSBb 1693 [loose bundle].

William THEOBALD (fl.1663)

Person ID: 12898

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Exeter, Devon

On 7 February 1663, William Theobald, formerly of Exeter, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in Essex, Kent, Surrey and Sussex. Letters testimonial signed by two London physicians, **Thomas Coxe** and **John Castle**, certified that Theobald had practised medicine successfully for many years and was well qualified for a licence in 'such countyes as hee shall thinke fit to take his residence in'. Theobald's loyalty and religious conformity was confirmed by Alexander Cheeke, notary public, and Roger Braden, King's Waiter in the port of London.

Theobald may have been related to Dr **John Castle** who married one Grysagon Theobald in 1620.

Lambeth Palace Library, FII/3/260; F1/C, f.121v [*Directory*, ii, no.1055].

Abraham THOMAS (1652-1721)

Person ID: 16270

Occ: barber

Loc: Honiton, Devon

Abraham Thomas, barber, was reported to be complicit in Monmouth's Rebellion in 1685. He was the son of John Thomas and his wife Joan and was born at Honiton, Devon, on 15 September 1652. He was baptised there, 'aged 8', on 2 February 1663/4 and was buried at Honiton on 25 August 1721.

W.McD.Wigfield, *The Monmouth Rebels* (Gloucester, 1985), p.170; Devon Heritage Centre, 1639A/PR/1/4, 5 and 38 [parish registers of Honiton, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.???

Edmund THOMAS Jnr (fl.1658-1659)

Person ID: 17444

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Edmund Thomas Jnr, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the son of Edmund Thomas (by succession) and the apprentice of **Nicholas Hooper**, on 5 July 1658. His father may be the same as the Edmund Thomas, innkeeper, who was convicted before the mayor in 1642 of keeping ill rule and tippling in his house in the parish of St Paul's, Exeter.

One Edmund Thomas, apothecary, and his mother Lucy, was mentioned in the will of the Exeter physician **Robert Vilvain**, who left a number of small bequests to the couple.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.146; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/63, f.146; TNA, PROB 11/310, ff.328r-329r [will of Robert Vilvain, doctor of physic, of Exeter, Devon, 29 January 1658/9, pr.9 March 1662/3].

Jeffrey THOMAS (fl.1486)

Person ID: 16271

Occ: barber

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

There is a reference to one of the men of Jeffrey Thomas, barber, in the Receivers Book of the borough of Plymouth, dated 1486.

R.N.Worth (ed.), *Calendar of the Plymouth Municipal Records* (Plymouth, 1893), p.90.

John THOMAS (fl.1618-1623)

Person ID: 12916

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Northam, Devon

John Thomas of Northam, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter, on the commendation of his former master **Simon Kellaway**, on 4 August 1618. In his will of 1623, Kellaway left his former apprentice various medical and surgical books, instruments and drugs, as well as a lease on lands at Cullompton. Thomas also witnessed the will. He may be the same as the John Thomas, who was buried at Northam in 1626.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.243 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.129, which has 'John Thoa, licensed dated 4 August 1618]; TNA, PROB 11/141, ff.508v-509v [will of Francis Kelway, gent, of Dawlish, Devon, 25 February 1622/3, pr.14 June 1623]; Devon Heritage Centre, 1843A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Northam, Devon].

John THOMAS (d.1683)

Person ID: 16273

Occ: barber

Loc: Colyton, Devon

John Thomas, barber, was buried at Colyton, Devon, on 4 February 1682/3.

Children of John Thomas:

William, bapt.23 May 1676 [Colyton].

John, bapt.8 November 1677 [Colyton].

Peter, bapt.7 March 1678/9 [Colyton].

Isaac, bapt.28 May 1683 [Colyton].

A.J.P.Skinner (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Colyton, Devon, 1538-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1928), i, pp.192, 194, 195, 200; ii, p.688.

John THOMAS (fl.1686-1695)

Person ID: 16274

Occ: barber

Loc: Cullompton, Devon

Anne, the daughter of John Thomas, barber, was buried at Cullompton on 20 June 1686. In 1695, Thomas acted as a bondsman for the marriage of John Moses alias Stephens and Elizabeth Mauditt, both of Cullompton. He may be the same as the John Thomas who was buried at Cullompton on 14 December 1696. His will, no longer extant, was proved at Exeter the following year.

Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Cullompton, Devon; diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, transcribed by C.A.T.Fursdon (1931), *sub* 20 June 1686; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.619.

Robert THOMAS (fl.1679)

Person ID: 12922

Occ: barber/barber surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Robert Thomas, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Taylor**, on 18 August 1679. His own apprentice **James Greenway** was made

free in 1695. He may be the same as the **Robert Thomas (d.1696)**, who was buried at Tiverton in 1696.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), pp.170, 190.

Robert THOMAS (d.1696)

Person ID: 26496

Occ: barber

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

Robert Thomas, barber, was buried at Tiverton on 3 February 1695/6. He may be the Exeter barber and freeman, **Robert Thomas (fl.1679)**.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon].

Thomas THOMASIUS (d.1638)

Person ID: 12930/26500

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Ermington, Devon

Thomas Thomasius of Ermington, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 8 June 1613. Thomasius was buried at Ermington on 25 January 1637/8. His wife Grace predeceased him, being buried at Ermington on 31 March 1635.

He was practising at Ermington in 1611, when he gave evidence in a Star Chamber case involving a twelve-year old boy forced into marriage. In all probability, he is also the Thomas Thomasius, who made marginal notes on a medieval surgical treatise by the English surgeon John Bradmore, now in the Sloane collection of the British Library.

John Thomasius, gent, probably Thomas' son, was licensed to marry Joan Atwood, widow, of Lewes, Sussex, at St Mary Westout, Lewes, 21 July 1631. He was buried at Berry Pomeroy, Devon, on 10 March 1651/2.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.106 243 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.129]; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Ermington, Devon; J.H.Raach, *A Directory of English Country Physicians, 1603-1643* (London, 1962), p.86; R.T.Grylls, 'Legassicke v.Betty. Who Told the Truth?', www.legassick.net; British Library, Sloane MS 2272 [as discussed in S.J.Lang, 'The 'Philomena' of John Bradmore and Its Middle English Derivative: A Perspective on Surgery in Late Medieval England' (St Andrews Ph.D.thesis, 1998), pp.22-3]; E.H.W.Dunkin (ed.), *Calendar of Sussex Marriage Licences Recorded in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Chichester for the Archdeaconry of Lewes. August 1586-March 1642-3* (Lewes, Sussex Record Society, volume 1, 1902), p.191; Devon Heritage Centre, 3046A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Berry Pomeroy, Devon].

David THOMPSON or THOMSON (d.1628)

Person ID: 12939

Occ: apothecary/physician

Loc: Plymouth, Devon & New England

David Thompson or Thomson of Plymouth, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine throughout the diocese of Exeter on 27 January 1617/18.

Thompson was almost certainly the same as the David Thompson, who is today renowned as the first European to settle New Hampshire in America. He did so as part of a consortium of Plymouth investors led by his mentor, Ferdinando Gorges (1565-1647). Thompson first came under the wing of Gorges, when he and his mother settled in Plymouth in the early sixteenth century. He was reputed to be of Scottish origin. There, he became 'apprenticed' to one Richard Vines (c.1598-1651), reputedly apothecary to Gorges at Plymouth Fort. However, this seems unlikely given Vines' suggested date of birth. It is more likely that the two men shared duties, including medical ones, on behalf of the Gorges' household. What is beyond doubt is that both took part in numerous early voyages to New England, where both men eventually settled.

Thompson established his headquarters on the Piscataqua River in 1623, moving to Boston two years later. He subsequently acted as governor of the Plymouth Bay Colony in the absence of Gorges but died in 1628.

Thompson married Amyes Colle at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 18 July 1613.

Children of David Thompson and wife Amyes:

Ann, bapt.1 October 1651; buried 26 November 1620 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Priscilla, bapt.23 October 1616 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

John, bapt.5 January 1618/19 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.234 243 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.129]; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; R.E.Thompson and M.R.Thompson, *David Thomson, 1592-1628. First Yankee* (Porstmouth, NH, 1997); *ODNB*, sub Vines, Richard, article by L.Gragg [which says disappointly little about his life at Plymouth, Devon].

Nicholas THOMPSON or THOMSON Snr (c.1653-1700)

Person ID: 12951

Occ: physician/surgeon

Loc: Colyton, Devon

Nicholas Thompson or Thomson of Colyton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 11 September 1675 and medicine on 4 January 1682. In 1685, he signed letters testimonial on behalf of **Mark Perkins** of Topsham.

Thompson was the son of Nicholas Thompson (d.1674) of Colyton, and was baptised in that parish on 23 January 1652/3. In the baptismal entries of a number of his children, he is referred to as Dr Thompson. He was buried at Colyton on 26 June 1700. In his will, made that year, he described himself as a physician. His son Nicholas Thompson Jnr would appear to have inherited his practice.

Children of Dr Nicholas Thompson:

Nicholas, bapt.26 April 1678; buried 21 September 1678 [Colyton].

Jane, bapt.11 February 1679/80 [Colyton].

Nicholas, bapt.16 March 1681/2 [Colyton]. Physician.

Benjamin, bapt.9 December 1688 [Colyton].

Mary, buried 21 March 1697/8 [Colyton].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 45, p.381; Chanter MS 46, p.160; Lambeth Palace Library, FII/26/52a-b; A.J.P.Skinner (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Colyton, Devon, 1538-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1928), i, pp.194, 196, 198, 205; ii, p.680, 684, 702, 703; Devon Heritage Centre, Oswyn Murray collection of wills, vol.33, *sub* Thompson, Nicholas, will, 1700.

Nicholas THOMPSON or THOMSON Jnr (1682-1722)

Person ID: 27673

Occ: physician

Loc: Colyton, Devon

Nicholas Thompson was the son of **Nicholas Thompson Snr**, and was baptised at Colyton on 16 March 1681/2. Thompson inherited his father's practice and was buried at Colyton on 17 November 1722. He described himself as a physician in the inventory of his will, made in 1723.

Children of Nicholas Thompson Jnr:

Anna Maria, buried 10 March 1707/8 [Colyton].

A.J.P.Skinner (ed.), *The Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of Colyton, Devon, 1538-1837*, 2 vols (Exeter, DCRS, 1928), i, p.198; ii, p.708, 718; Devon Heritage Centre, Oswyn Murray collection of wills, vol.33, *sub* Thomson, Nicholas, inventory, 1723.

Alexander THROGMORTON (fl.1684)

Person ID: 16283

Occ: barber

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Alexander Throgmorton, barber, was made a freeman of Plymouth, Devon, on 11 September 1684.

Plymouth Archives, 1/51, f.54v.

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Malachi Thruston was the second son of Edward Thruston of West Buckland, Somerset, and his wife Thomasine, née Prowse, of Hemyock, Devon. Thruston was born at West Buckland in 1628. Educated at Tiverton, he was admitted pensioner at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, on 10 November 1645, aged 17, proceeding BA in 1649/50 and MA in 1653. He received his MD by royal mandate from Cambridge in 1665. Thruston was a long-serving fellow of Caius College, Cambridge, from 1655 until his death in 1701. He also served as fellow of his *alma mater*, Sidney Sussex College, from 1651 to 1655. Thruston was a gifted linguist, being appointed Hebrew Lecturer in 1655 and 1662, as well as Greek Lecturer in 1664. He was appointed registrar of the University in 1659.

Thruston was almost certainly originally intended for a career in the church. This much is clear from the correspondence between Lady Anne Conway, her husband and Henry More in 1662-3, where Thruston's suitability as a candidate for various Irish benefices was the subject of much discussion and debate. After much correspondence, it became apparent that Thruston was widely thought at Cambridge to be unsuited for a clerical living. The main obstacle would appear to have been Thruston's deep-seated propensity to depression. At the end of January 1662/3, the Cambridge scholar Henry More wrote to Lady Conway declaring that Thruston was now 'free from that Tyrannical seizure of Melancholy that had so much overmastered him'. Nothing more is heard of Thruston's clerical ambitions, and it is tempting to speculate that his mental problems at this time may have been exacerbated by an unsettled conscience regarding the rights and wrongs of subscribing to the restored Church and its liturgy. Whatever the case, Thruston's mental tribulations did not cease. He is widely noted to have died insane in 1701.

Following his failure to pursue a clerical career, Thurston turned his attention to medicine and natural philosophy. In the same year he was made MD (1665), he also became a fellow of the Royal Society in London. Largely inactive as a fellow, Thurston nonetheless engaged in original medical research, publishing a major work on respiration in 1670 that was frequently reissued thereafter. The work itself, based on Thurston's doctoral thesis, was broadly in line with contemporary speculation as to the role of the air, especially its nitrous components, in providing essential elements such as fluidity and heat to the blood. It nonetheless attracted critics, most notably the eminent London physician **Sir George Ent**. Supporters included **Walter Needham**, who supplied a brief preface, and **Sir Thomas Browne**, who, in alluding to the dispute between Ent and Thurston, described the latter as 'very full of paradoxes in physick, and a witty man also'.

It is not known when or why Thruston decided to set up in medical practice at Exeter. Devon connections are suggested by the dedication of his work on respiration to Sir William Morice (1602-1676), a Devon Presbyterian and MP who had played a key role in paving the way for the Restoration in the west country. He was certainly living in Exeter by 1667, when the Presbyterian surgeon **Anthony Smith** referred to his assistance in the case of a gentlewoman from Woodbury in Devon who was suffering

from breast cancer. A resident of the parish of St Lawrence's, he was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on 28 October 1673. In 1698, he signed letters testimonial on behalf of the Tiverton surgeon **John Facey**. Shortly after this date, his mind having 'failed', he seems to have retired to his native Somerset where he was cared for by relatives and tended to by his Exeter colleague **William Musgrave**. Thruston died, unmarried, on 3 June 1701 and was buried at West Buckland, Somerset, where a monumental slab on the floor of the chancel recorded his generosity to the poor and kindness to patients and the sick. Administration of his will was performed the following year.

Publications:

De Respirationis Usu Primario, Diatriba (London, 1670). Later editions: 1679, 1682, 1685, 1708.

Venn, iv, p.240; G.D.Squibb (ed.), *The Visitation of Somerset and the City of Bristol 1672* (London, HS, vol.11, 1992), p.121; *Conway Letters*, ed M.H.Nicolson (New Haven & London, 1930), pp.209 [Lady Conway to More, 5 December 1662], 211-12 [Lady Conway to Lord Conway, 30 January 1662/3], 212-13 [Henry More to Lady Conway, 31 January 1662/3]; M.Hunter, *The Royal Society and Its Fellows* (2nd ed., Oxford, 1994), p.174; Sir George Ent, *ANHALATPIBH. Sive Animadversions in Malachiae Thrustoni, M.D. Diatribam De Resorptionis Usu Primario* (London, 1679); Sir Thomas Browne, *Works, Including His Life and Correspondence*, 4 vols, ed.S.Wilkin (London & Norwich, 1835-6), i, p.277 [Sir Thomas Browne to his son Edward Browne, 19 January 1679/80]; *The Correspondence of Robert Boyle*, eds M.Hunter, A.Clericuzio and L.Principe, 6 vols (London, 2001), iv, p.38; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.83 [hearth tax, 1671]; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra ser., vol.1, 1973), p.161; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Tiverton; Rev.J.Collinson, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Somerset*, 3 vols (Bath, 1791), ii, p.486; *ODNB*, *sub* Musgrave, William, article by A.Cameron; TNA, PROB 4/22819; 5/5696; 5/690 [documents of administration relating to the will of Malachi Thruston, doctor of physic, of Nynhead, Somerset, 1701-2].

Jarman TILLEY (d.1678)

Person ID: 16931

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Jarman Tilley, apothecary, married Elizabeth Carse at Holy Trinity, Exeter, on 14 December 1652. In January 1656, he fell foul of the puritan authorities when he was presented at the Exeter quarter sessions for playing billiards on a Saturday evening at the house of one Mr Nosworthy. In 1671, he was a resident of the parish of Holy Trinity, Exeter. Ten years later he signed letters testimonial on behalf of fellow apothecary, **Charles Cunningham**, who was seeking an episcopal licence to practise medicine.

Mr Jarman Tilley, apothecary, was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 21 August 1678.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; ECA, C1/64, f.311r; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.65 [hearth tax, 1671]; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/163/1; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/14 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

Robert TITHERLEY (b.1677)

Person ID: 13082

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Milton Damerel, Devon

Robert Titherley of Milton Damerel, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 17 November 1716.

He was the son of Robert and Hannah Titherley and was baptised at Milton Damerel on 11 March 1676/7. Titherley married Joan Kinsman at Milton Damerel in 1700.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* 17 November 1716 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.130].

Matthew TOOGOOD or TOWGOOD (c.1646-1715)

Person ID: 13127

Occ: physician

Loc: Lyme Regis, Dorset and Axminster, Devon

Matthew Toogood or Twogood was the youngest son of the clergyman Matthew Toogood (1620-1670), and was probably born at Bedchester, Dorset, in 1646. Toogood's father was ejected as rector of Hilperton, Wiltshire, in 1660. Little is known of Toogood's early life or career. He did, however, along with his brother Stephen (d.1722), follow his father into nonconformity, the latter being ordained a minister of the Congregational church at Axminster, Devon, in 1679. Matthew would appear to have settled initially in Lyme Regis, where he practised medicine. There, on 14 February 1693/4, he married Mary Davie or Davy, the daughter of John Davie, a merchant in the town. Shortly afterwards, he settled at Axminster from where in October 1694 he secured letters testimonial from the vicar and churchwardens of the parish as well as a local physician, **Joseph Bond**, as part of an application for an episcopal licence. No licence, however, was registered. In all probability, Toogood's recent status as an extra-licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians in London, granted on 29 November 1694, made the need for an ecclesiastical licence less pressing. Following his removal to Axminster, Matthew joined his brother Stephen as a ruling elder of the Congregational church there.

Toogood was buried at the Axminster meeting's burial ground on 29 September 1715. His will was proved at Exeter the following year. There, he gave all his medical books to his son John Davie, who followed his father into medicine and settled in practice at Tiverton in Devon. His younger son Michajjah (1700-1792), who became a Presbyterian minister and frequently appeared in print as a religious controversialist, inherited his father's books of history and divinity. His will also mentions a daughter

Hannah and wife Mary, who was named as residual legatee and executrix. Mary was buried at Axminster on 26 May 1726.

Children of Matthew Toogood and wife Mary:

John Davie. MD Leiden 1718 [thesis dedicated to **John Ball**, MD, of Honiton].

Hannah [will].

Michaijah.

Agariah

Calamy Revised, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), p.489; Dorset History Centre, PE/LR: RE1/1 [parish registers of Lyme Regis, Dorset]; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, D5/34 [marriage licence bonds and allegations, deanery of Salisbury, 1681-1700], *sub* 12 February 1693/4; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/285 [*Directory*, i, no.829]; Munk, i, pp.511-12; Devon Heritage Centre, Oswyn Murray will abstracts [will of Matthew Towgood, physician, of Axminster, Devon, 19 September 1715, pr.17 April 1716]; Innes Smith, p.234; *ODNB*, *sub* Towgood, Michaijah, article by D.L.Wykes.

Robert TOOKER (d.1715)

Person ID: 17776

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

In his will, Robert Tooker, apothecary, of Plymouth, Devon, left a small annuity for the use of the Presbyterian meeting house at Pomeroy's Conduit in Batter Street, Plymouth. Tooker also gave a small sum to his cousin John Enty (d.1743), who was the presiding minister of the congregation, as well as his assistant and future successor Peter Baron (d.1758). Tooker was probably a resident of the parish of St Andrew's in Plymouth, leaving 20s for its poor. Otherwise, Tooker mentions a brother Francis, brother-in-law John Pearse of Plymouth, a mariner, various cousins and a wife Priscilla, whom he named as residual legatee and executrix.

TNA, PROB 11/548, ff.224r-v [will of Robert Tooker, apothecary, of Plymouth, 12 August 1715, pr.1 October 1715].

John TOOSE or TOWSE (fl.1702)

Person ID: 17445

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Toose or Towse, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Oliver Mustion**, on 15 June 1702. In the same year (17 February), Toose married Margaret Reade at St Mary Major, Exeter, where both are described as living in the cathedral close.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra ser., vol.1, 1973), p.209; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/14 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

Henry TORKINGTON (d.1740)

Person ID: 13145

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Modbury and Totnes, Devon

Henry Torkington was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 7 March 1694/5. At the time, Torkington was living in the Devon village of Modbury, but by 1700 he had moved to Totnes, where he was buried on 16 July 1740. In his will, made in 1726, he left nominal legacies to his four sons, Henry, Francis, Richard and Hugh. The vast bulk of his estate, including various leasehold properties in Totnes, was reserved for his wife Elizabeth, whom he also named as sole executrix. By the time of his death, however, Torkington was deeply in debt so that administration of the will, his wife having renounced the same, was granted to one of his creditors, Thomas Wellings. Torkington's widow Elizabeth, who he may have married at Gwinear, Cornwall, on 31 October 1691, was buried at Totnes on 8 April 1745.

Children of Hugh Torkington and wife Elizabeth:

Tryphena, bapt.31 July 1692; buried 6 January 1692/3 [Modbury].

Henry, bapt.11 December 1694 [Modbury].

Francis, bapt.16 September 1696 [Modbury].

Elizabeth, bapt.30 December 1698 [Modbury].

Richard, bapt.10 April 1700 [Totnes].

Hugh, bapt.1 September 1703 [Totnes].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.56; TNA, PROB 11/715, ff.272r-v [will of Henry Torkington, surgeon, of Totnes, 14 November 1726, pr.16 January 1740/1]; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Modbury, Devon; 1863A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon].

Ambrose TORRES (fl.1560-1577)

Person ID: 13150

Occ: physician

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Ambrose Torres, born in Spain, was granted denization by letters patent on 13 July 1560. In the same year, he was made a freeman of the city of Exeter in Devon. Torres was living in the parish of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, in 1577, when he was assessed for the subsidy of that year. He was dead by 1586, when his widow Agnes, of the same parish, was assessed in that year's subsidy. In 1603, one of his four sons, Nicholas Mychell, described his father as the son of Augustine of Tores, the former physician to Philip II, king of Spain. He was seeking a warrant to travel to Spain to visit relatives.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.84; M.M.Rowe (ed.), *Tudor Exeter. Tax Assessments 1489-1595* (Torquay, DCRS, vol.22, 1977), pp.62, 69; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter 733/12.

Alexander TRAVERS (d.1644)

Person ID: 13191/26655

Occ: clergyman/schoolmaster/physician

Loc: Bideford, Devon

A master at the grammar school in Bideford, Devon, Alexander Travers was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol and Exeter, on 18 June 1634.

Travers was probably born in the parish of Bishop's Tawton. One of his name, the son of Bryan Travers, esquire, was baptised there on 10 March 1570/1. Travers himself was licensed to teach school at North Tawton in 1625. He was subsequently ordained deacon in 1633 and priest in 1638. In 1640, Travers was appointed rector of Landcross, near Bideford, and was buried in the latter parish on 9 April 1644.

He married twice. Firstly, on 2 February 1627/8, he married Mary Crout at North Tawton. She was buried at Bideford on 3 November 1642. And secondly, on 13 March 1642/3, he married Mrs Ruth Johns at Newton Tracey, Devon. She was subsequently buried at Bideford on 11 February 1649/50. Originally proved at Exeter in 1644, administration of Travers' will was granted to his son Christopher in 1658.

Children of Mr Alexander Travers:

Christopher, bapt.1 May 1631 [Bishop's Tawton].

Gertrude, bapt.2 February 1643/4 [Bideford].

Lambeth Palace Library, Laud 1, f.202v [*Directory*, i, no.831]; Devon Heritage Centre, 1469A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Bishop's Tawton, Devon]; 2914A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of North Tawton, Devon]; 2978A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Newton Tracey, Devon]; 799A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Bideford, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.186.

Samuel TRELAWNY (c.1685-1711)

Person ID: 26662

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Samuel Trelawny was the son of John Trelawny, gentleman, of Plymouth, and matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 4 March 1701/2, aged 17. He served as a fellow of Exeter College from 1704 to 1711, graduating BA in 1707, MA in 1710 and B Med in 1711. He married Elizabeth Edgecombe (d.1733), the daughter of Thomas Edgecombe of Plymouth, in 1710. The couple had one child, Samuel, who was baptised at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 9 October 1711. Doctor Samuel Trelawny had died a few months earlier and was buried in the same parish on 2 August 1711.

Trelawny's son Samuel may have followed his father into medical practice. The administration of the will of one Samuel Trelawny, bachelor of physic, was granted to his widow Mary in 1741. However, no record of a second man of this name holding a bachelor's degree in medicine has been found.

Foster, iv, p.1506; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth; TNA, **need will admon details.**

William TREVETHECK (1643-1716)

Person ID: 13209

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Horwood, Devon

William Trevetheck of Horwood, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol, Exeter and Winchester, on 24 June 1681. Letters testimonial on his behalf were signed by the churchwardens and parishioners of Horwood, as well as by two physicians, **George Demountfryart** of Bodmin, Cornwall, and one **Jo.Tregenna**.

Trevetheck was the son of William Trevetheck (d.1693), a puritan minister, and was baptised at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 14 May 1643. His father was subsequently ejected as rector of Petrockstowe, Devon, in 1662, retiring to his native St Eval in Cornwall, where he died in 1693. William Jnr matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 10 April 1663, graduating BA in 1666. He was appointed rector of Horwood in 1673, serving until his death there in 1716. He was buried at Horwood on 29 November 1716.

Trevetheck married twice. His first wife Mary was buried at Horwood on 22 May 1675. His second wife Alice, who bore him three children, was buried at Horwood on 9 February 1713/14.

Children of William Trevetheck and his wife Alice:

William, born 27 December 1680; bapt.11 January 1680/1 [Horwood].

Samuel, born 4 February 1682/3; bapt.20 February 1682/3 [Horwood].

Thomas, born 29 August 1685; bapt.9 September 1685 [Horwood].

Thomasine, bapt.22 February 1687/8 [Horwood]. She married James Davy of Bideford at Horwood on 22 May 1712.

John, bapt.31 April 1691 [Horwood].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/158/1-3; Sancroft, f.237v [*Directory*, i, no.833]; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), pp.492-3; Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon, where the clerk mistakenly refers to William's father as Thomas]; Foster, iv, p.1508; Devon Heritage Centre, 2977A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Horwood, Devon].

William TREVETT or TREVITT (fl.1573-1579)

Person ID: 17446

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Trevett, apothecary, served as mayor of Exeter in 1573. In 1579, two of his apprentices, **Thomas Edwards** and **Humphrey Stowforde**, were made freemen of the city. Trevett died in about 1579 at St Dunstan in the West, London. Administration of his will was performed on 17 May 1579.

He was probably the same as the William Trevett, who married Alice Randall at St Petrock's, Exeter, on 22 April 1548. One of the same name married Joan Robinson, widow, at St Martin's, Exeter, 20 June 1575.

Richard Izacke, *Remarkable Antiquities of the City of Exeter* (London, 1681), p.134; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.95; Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; Rev.F.Nesbit, transcription of the parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, Devon, 1572-1837.

John TRIGGS (fl.1701)

Person ID: 16305

Occ: barber

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Abraham, the son of John Triggs, barber, was baptised at Barnstaple, Devon, on 15 October 1701.

T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 A.D. to 1812 A.D.* (Exeter, 1913), baptisms, p.133.

Thomas TRIPE (fl.1677-1700)

Person ID: 18403

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Tripe, druggist, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **John Burrell**, on 23 December 1700.

Tripe was the son of the wealthy and well-connected Exeter goldsmith, Nicholas Tripe (d.1685). He was born on 22 January 1676/7 and baptised at St Martin's, Exeter, on 8 February 1676/7. In his will of 1685, which also mentions a brother-in-law **John Burrell**, Nicholas Tripe left his son Thomas £500 (on reaching the age of 21) and an annuity of £20 pa in the interim.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra ser., vol.1, 1973), p.204; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.F.Nesbit, transcript of parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, Devon, 1572-1837; TNA, PROB 11/381, ff.145r-146r [will of Nicholas Tripe, goldsmith, of Exeter, 6 August 1685 and 22 September 1685, pr.15 October 1685].

John TROTTLER (d.1667)

Person ID: 13240

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Thorncombe, Devon [now in Dorset]

Nothing is known of Trotter's origins. He is probably the John Trotter of New Inn Hall, Oxford, who was ordained as a deacon by the bishop of Oxford on 27 February 1631. Just over a year later he was ordained as a priest by the bishop of Salisbury and was soon after appointed rector of Minterne Magna in Dorset. Trotter was cited before

the Court of High Commission in 1635 for withholding the keys of the church and holding no services. He would appear to have been dismissed. By the end of the civil war, he was serving the cure of Spettisbury in Dorset as well as lecturing in other parts of the county. He was appointed assistant to the Dorset Commission in 1654 and was probably the Captain John Throttle who was given a warrant by the Council of State in August 1659 to raise a troop of well affected volunteers. Not surprisingly, he was ejected from the living at Spettisbury at the Restoration.

After 1660, Trottle would appear to have lived with his daughter and son-in-law Baldwin Deacon at Thorncombe in Devon (now in Dorset). In 1665, he was described as practising medicine in the village. He was buried at Hawkchurch in Devon on 13 December 1667. In his will, where he described himself as of 'Fanchurch' in Dorset, Trottle left property at Minterne, Dorchester and Wimborne to his two sons Samuel and Stephen, as well as various moneys due from former military colleagues to Samuel and his two daughters Rachel and Ruth. He also advised that his ownership of the advowson of Spettisbury be sold and the moneys used for the benefit of the family of her daughter Joan and son-in-law Baldwin Deacon. The latter was also to receive all Trottle's physic books and other manuscripts 'excepting the tract concerning the sabboth'. Trottle left the rest of his estate to his wife Charity (otherwise unidentified) whom he also named as executrix. She was buried at Hawkchurch on 13 May 1692.

Children of John Trottle:

Samuel (with wife Charity), bapt.8 August 1641 [Maiden Newton].

Stephen [will].

Joan [will]. She married Baldwin Deacon who was ejected as vicar of Wimborne Minster in 1661.

Rachel [will].

Ruth [will]. She married James Bradford at Whitechurch Canonorum, Dorset, 10 October 1669.

Oxfordshire History Centre, Oxford Diocesan Papers e.13 [subscription book]; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), pp.161, 494; *CSPD, 1635-1636*, pp.92, 101, 109, 116, 125; *CSPD, 1659-1660*, p.565; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 362-364/33/9; 4326A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Hawkchurch, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/326, ff.198r-v [will of John Trottle, clerk, of Fanchurch, Dorset, 20 November 1667, pr.6 February 1667/8]; Dorset History Centre, D-FRY/728 and 735; PE/MAD: RE1/2 [parish registers of Maiden Newton, Dorset]; PE/WCC: RE1/1 [parish registers of Whitechurch Canonorum, Dorset].

Leonard TRUSLOW or TRUSLOWE (1637-1672)

Person ID: 17447

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Leonard Truslow, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Charles Eveleigh**, on 22 April 1667. Truslow was the son of Leonard Truslow (d.1657), an Exeter distiller, and his wife Mary née Prust, and was baptised at St Olave's, Exeter, on 17 December 1637. His father Leonard was a parliamentarian and puritan, who left legacies to all the city's preaching ministers in

his will of 1657. He also left £50 (on marriage or first setting up as an apothecary), a silver bowl and property in Exeter to Leonard Jnr.

Truslow was licensed to marry Jane, the daughter of his former master **Charles Eveleigh**, on 16 July 1661. He settled in the parish of St Pancras and was buried in the church of St Olave's, Exeter, on 2 September 1672.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra ser., vol.1, 1973), p.155; Devon Heritage Centre, 2738A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Olave's, Exeter, Devon]; TNA, SP 23/184, f.746; PROB 11/264, ff.27v-28v [will of Leonard Treslowe Snr, distiller, of Exeter, 23 January 1656/7, pr.21 May 1657]; Devon Heritage Centre, diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, transcribed by C.A.T.Fursdon (1931), p.7; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.86.

George TUCK (fl.1669)

Person ID: 17448

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

George Tuck, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Nicholas Hooper**, on 5 July 1669.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra ser., vol.1, 1973), p.157.

Edmund TUCKER (fl.1691)

Person ID: 26694

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Edmund, the son of Edmund Tucker, apothecary, was privately baptized at the Presbyterian church in Plymouth on 27 January 1690/1. Edmund Tucker, apothecary, may be the same as the Edmund Tucker, who was buried at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 23 June 1715.

TNA, RG4/4091 [registers of Plymouth Presbyterian church]; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, Devon.

Thomas TUCKER (d.c.1646)

Person ID: 18209

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

In his will, made in 1644, Thomas Tucker, apothecary, of Tiverton, Devon, makes no mention of a wife or children, leaving the majority of his estate to his brother and executor, Henry, and the latter's children. He also left 20s for the minister of Tiverton to preach a funeral sermon. Tucker was dead by 17 July 1646; administration was granted to Henry Tucker on 2 February 1648/9.

Children of Thomas Tucker:

Thomas, buried 30 September 1640 [Tiverton].

Ann, buried 27 September 1643 [Tiverton].

Margaret, buried 26 October 1643 [Tiverton].

C.Worthy (ed.), *Devonshire Wills* (London & Derby, 1896), p.188 [will of Thomas Tucker, apothecary, of Tiverton, Devon, 3 September 1644, pr.2 February 1648/9]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon].

TUCKET (d.1670)

Person ID: 26699

Occ: midwife

Loc: Crediton, Devon

Described as 'old' and a widow, one Tucket, a midwife, was buried at Crediton, Devon, on 18 March 1669/70.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2935A/PR/1/6 [parish registers of Crediton, Devon].

William TUCKFIELD (fl.1564)

Person ID: 13266

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Newton Abbot, Devon

In 1564, he was the vendor of land situated outside the east gate of the city of Exeter in Devon.

Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries, 14 (1926), p.246 [citing J.C.Tingey, *Calendar of Exeter Castle Manuscripts*, f.216].

Abraham TURNER (fl.1700)

Person ID: 13282

Occ: physician/surgeon

Loc: Devon?

In 1700, Abraham Turner described himself as a 'practising physician and surgeon' on signing an application for an episcopal licence on behalf of **John Webber** of Monkokehampston. He may be the same as the Mr Abraham Turner who was buried at South Molton on 29 October 1703.

I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.130; Devon Heritage Centre, 3331A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of South Molton, Devon]; J.J.Beckerlegge (ed.), *Index of Wills in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, 1563-1858*.

David TURNER (fl.1685)

Person ID: 16314

Occ: barber

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

On 17 January 1684/5, David Turner, barber, of Plymouth, Devon and his wife Elizabeth, the executor of her late husband William Sowden, mariner, assigned a lease of property at Duloe, Cornwall, to John Arundell, esquire, of Tremadart.

Kresen Kernow, BW/6/8.

Humphrey TURNER (d.1643)

Person ID: 13292

Occ: physician

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Humphrey Turner was probably the same as the Humphrey Turner, pleb, who matriculated on entering Exeter College, Oxford, on 29 October 1585, aged 10 [sic]. One Humphrey Turner married Agnes Peacher at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 22 October 1608. He is mentioned in undated papers relating to a lease of property near Friary Green, Plymouth, in the Court of Chancery.

Humphrey Turner, gent, was licensed to practise physic in the diocese of Exeter on 13 February 1631/2. In 1641, he signed an application for an episcopal licence on behalf of **Theophilus Wodenote**, vicar of Linkinhorne in Cornwall. Humphrey Turner, physician, was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 28 March 1643.

Foster, iv, p.1520; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; 1/642/21 and 31; J.Broadway, R.Cust and S.K.Roberts (ed.), *A Calendar of the Docquets of Lord Keeper Coventry 1625-1640. Part 1* (List & Index Soc., vol.4, 2004), p.166; I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.130.

Walsingham TURNER (fl.1715)

Person ID: 16317

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Walsingham Turner, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Thomas Somerton**, on 3 January 1714/15. Turner married Mary Tucker at St Leonard's, Exeter, on 1 March 1714/15.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.225; Devon Heritage Centre, 1862A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Leonard's, Exeter, Devon].

William TURNER (fl.1705)

Person ID: 18404

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Turner, druggist, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Robert Mudge**, on 22 October 1705.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.211.

Philip TURPEN or TURPIN (1629-1670)

Person ID: 13326

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Philip Turpen or Turpin was the son of Richard Turpen (d.1682) and his wife Grace, and was baptised at Plympton St Mary on 26 December 1629. He probably served an apprenticeship as a naval surgeon in Plymouth. In November 1658, he was appointed surgeon to the 'Oxford' following the dismissal of the previous incumbent, **Bartholomew Harvey**. Shortly after, on 25 January 1658/9, he married Mary Caunter at St Andrew's, Plymouth. The couple had five children. Mary died in 1669, and was buried in the parish of St Andrew's on 29 October of that year. Turpen subsequently married Eleanor Caunter, presumably a relation of his dead wife. He was buried at St Andrew's on 3 May 1670, his recent death being noted by fellow surgeon **James Yonge**.

In his will, Turpen left sizeable marriage portions for his two daughters Mary and Hannah (£200 each), as well as property in Plymouth and elsewhere in Devon (still held by father) to his two sons Philip and Richard. There were rings for his father and mother, brothers and sisters, 'father and mother' Caunter, as well as other relations. He also left a small bequest of £15 to his new wife Eleanor, and cancelled a debt of £180, the outstanding part of his second wife's dowry. Turpen nominated Peter Mark and Roger Ashford, merchants, of Plymouth as overseers, alongside one Thomas Caunter, gentleman, of Stonehouse (possibly the testator's father-in-law). He named his son Philip as executor and also bequeathed a 'small case of lances' to his 'servant' Thomas.

Children of Mr Philip Turpen or Turpin and wife Mary:

Mary, bapt.18 March 1660/1 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
Hannah, bapt.26 July 1662 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
Philip, bapt.22 June 1664 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
Richard, bapt.12 May 1666 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].
unnamed son, buried 8 November 1668 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Plympton St Mary, Devon; *CSPD, 1658-1659*, p.465; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; *The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), p.140; TNA, PROB 11/334, ff.428v-429r [will of Philip Turpin, surgeon, of Plymouth, Devon, 14 April 1670, pr.19 December 1670].

Christopher TYACKE (d.1691)

Person ID: 13353

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Christopher Tyacke served as town surgeon in Plymouth from the mid-1640s until his death in 1691. In 1646-7, for example, he was paid by the town for visiting ships 'whose company were diseased and came from the West Indies'. By 1652-3, he was receiving an annual fee of £6. Tyacke was listed as a freeman in a register of all qualified to vote in the mayoral elections of 1666. Four years later, in 1670, the Plymouth surgeon **James Yonge** reported him as 'newly gone' – presumably on a voyage overseas. He later provided a testimonial for Yonge, who was seeking a place in the naval establishment at Plymouth, in 1681.

Tyacke married at least twice. His first wife Grace was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 10 December 1660. In June 1663, he was licensed to marry Jane Billing of Landkey, Devon. Mr Christopher Tyack was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 11 August 1691. His widow, Jane, was buried there on 14 April 1696.

Children of Mr Christopher Tyacke:

Grace. She married John Hitchins, rector of Sydenham Damerell, Devon, at Lifton, Devon, 10 April 1662.

Elizabeth. She married Nicholas Edgecombe at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 8 October 1668.

R.N.Worth (ed.), *Calendar of the Plymouth Municipal Records* (Plymouth, 1893), pp.162, 164; Plymouth Archives, 1/73A; *The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), pp.140, 167; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; Devon Heritage Centre, 3422A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Lifton, Devon]; diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, transcribed by C.A.T.Fursdon (1931), p.21; **details of will in Society of Genealogists to follow.**

Jasper UGLOW (fl.1705)

Person ID: 16320

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Jasper Uglow, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Richard March**, on 26 February 1704/5.

He was probably the same as the Jasper Uglow, the son of Lazarus and Margaret Uglow, who was baptised at Holsworthy, Devon, on 11 June 1682. He was married to a woman called Elizabeth by 1704, their son Lazarus being baptised at Holsworthy on 24 February 1704/5. A daughter Margaret was baptised at Exeter on 12 December 1708. Uglow may have returned to Holsworthy. In 1723, a lease agreement refers to one Jasper Uglow, now deceased, as the former owner of a property there.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.211; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Holsworthy, Devon; Z16/1/16/3 [leasehold agreement, 20 May 1723].

Francis UPCOTT (d.c.1668)

Person ID: 13394

Occ: physician/surgeon

Loc: Heanton Punchardon, Devon

In a diocesan survey of 1665, Francis Upcott of Heanton Punchardon, Devon, was described as a 'practisour of Chirurgery, who occasionally may administer Phisick lest his successe in Chirurgery should fail'. His will and inventory are dated 1668.

He may be the same as the Francis Upcott who married Honour Card at Berrynarbor on 9 August 1660.

Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.307r, 408r; **will details to follow**; Devon Heritage Centre, 3921A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Berrynarbor, Devon].

James UPCOTT (d.1691)

Person ID: 27717

Occ: physician

Loc: Moretonhampstead, Devon

James Upcott was described as a physician in the baptismal entries of his two children in the registers of Moretonhampstead.

He may be the same as the James Upcott, who married Joan Rumbelow of South Molton at George Nympton, Devon, on 30 November 1671. James Upcott was buried at Moretonhampstead on 30 May 1691.

Children of James Upcott, physician:

Judith, bapt.21 January 1674/5 [Moretonhampstead].

Rowland, bapt.10 January 1676/7 [Moretonhampstead].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2916A/PR/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Moretonhampstead, Devon]; 3731A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of George Nympton, Devon].

Ozias or Uzzias UPCOTT (fl.1696-1705)

Person ID: 17449

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter and Axminster, Devon

Ozias or Uzzias Upcott, apothecary, was made a freeman of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Gabriel Mayne**, on paying a fine of 5s, on 23 August 1697 (he was fined because his master was not a freeman when he was first bound). He would appear to have settled shortly thereafter in Axminster, where he was licensed to practise the art of medicine throughout the diocese of Exeter on 9 August 1699. **Henry Southcote** and **Samuel Bowden** both testified to the fact that Upcott had for many years practised successfully as a surgeon, and that he was conformable to the Church of England.

Upcott was the son of Ozias Upcott (d.1699), rector of Honiton, Devon. He married firstly Sarah, the only child of Rev.Mathias Swallow, rector of Hawkchurch, Dorset (marriage licence dated 29 December 1696). She died on 1 May 1705, and was interred in the parish church of Axbridge, where a small memorial was erected in her

honour. Upcott subsequently married Susan Hele of Stokenham at the latter parish on 24 December 1705 (where Upcott is described as ‘apothecary, of Axminster’). Shortly after, he would appear to have returned to the parish of St Martin’s in Exeter, where he baptised four children between 1708 and 1711.

Children of Mr Ozias Upcott:

Ozias, bapt.17 February 1707/8; buried 21 July 1717 [St Martin’s, Exeter].

Matthew, bapt.27 April 1709 [St Martin’s, Exeter].

Anne, bapt.21 March 1709/10 [St Martin’s, Exeter].

William bapt.12 May 1711 [St Martin’s, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra ser., vol.1, 1973), p.201; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, pp.133, 226; PR 518, *sub* Axminster [I.Mortimer, ‘Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783’, *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.130]; *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 10 (1918-19), p.56; Devon Heritage Centre, 3031A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Stokenham, Devon]; Rev.F.Nesbit, transcription of the parish registers of St Martin’s, Exeter, 1572-1837.

John VAGETT (fl.1665)

Person ID: 13410

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Kenton, Devon

John Vagett, gentleman, of Kenton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 11 July 1665.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.324 [I.Mortimer, ‘Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783’, *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.130].

John VALLACK (d.1719)

Person ID: 13413

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

John Vallack, apothecary, of Plymouth, Devon, does not appear to have practiced medicine, but he did sign the application of the Plymouth surgeon **William Wyatt** for an episcopal licence in the early 1690s. He also witnessed, alongside his son John, the will of the Plymouth physician **John Haviland Jnr** in 1710. John Vallack Jnr (d.1749) followed in his father’s footsteps, setting up as an apothecary in the town of Plymouth. In his will of 1749, he bequeathed to his nephew and sole heir Richard Doidge a garden, ‘together with the cold bath therein’, which his father had purchased from a Mr Skerret. According to the artist Sir Joshua Reynolds, William Gandy painted the portrait of a Mr John Vallack, apothecary, of Plymouth, whom he claimed had made ‘a large fortune in the town’. Among other properties possessed by Vallack, he leased one in Kinterbury Street, formerly occupied by the fellow apothecary **Mark Elliott**, from the corporation. In the early 1670s, he was a member of the Presbyterian church in Plymouth where two of his sons were baptized. In December 1697, Vallack

was made a freeman of the town under the new charter. He was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 27 January 1718/19.

Children of John Vallack and wife Elizabeth:

Sampson, bapt.5 July 1672 [Plymouth Presbyterian Church]. He was educated at Oxford, becoming B Med in 1701. He was buried at St Gluvias, Penryn, Cornwall, on 20 March 1708/9.

John, bapt.19 November 1673 [Plymouth Presbyterian church].

Nathaniel, buried 9 July 1677 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Nathaniel, buried 19 August 1681 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Mary, buried 4 August 1682 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Nathaniel, bapt.30 January 1684/5; buried 5 October 1685 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Elizabeth, buried 4 May 1688 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Elizabeth. She married Mr Amos Doidge at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 12 December 1712.

Joseph. He married Elizabeth, the daughter of Joseph Penley, at Maker, Cornwall, 9 February 1718/18.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Plymouth [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.130]; TNA, PROB 11/522, ff.201r-202r [will of John Haviland, physician, of Plymouth, Devon, 10 March 1709/10 and 14 November 1710, pr.13 August 1711]; PROB 11/771, ff.157r-v [will of John Vallack, apothecary, of Plymouth, Devon, 29 March 1749, pr.14 June 1749]; *Memoirs of Sir Joshua Reynolds*, ed.J.Northcote (Philadelphia, 1817), p.329; Plymouth Archives, 1/51, f.102r; Foster, iv, p.1533; TNA, RG 4/4091 [registers of baptisms, Plymouth Presbyterian Church]; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; TNA, PROB 6/95, administration of will of John Vallack, 1719].

Sampson VALLACK (1672-1709)

Person ID: 13414

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Sampson Vallack was the son of John Vallack, a nonconformist, and was baptized at the Presbyterian chapel in Plymouth on 5 July 1672. He matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, on 3 November 1685, proceeding BA in 1689, MA in 1692 and B Med in 1701. In 1692, he was accused of getting a young maid at Wadham pregnant. She subsequently committed suicide. According to Anthony Wood, Vallack had returned in the meantime to his native Plymouth. Mr Sampson Vallack was buried at St Gluvias in Penryn, Cornwall, on 20 March 1708/9.

TNA, RG 4/4091 [registers of baptisms, Plymouth Presbyterian Church]; Foster, iv, p.1533; *The Life and Times of Anthony Wood, Antiquary, of Oxford, 1632-1695 Described by Himself*, ed.A.Clark, 5 vols (Oxford, Oxford Hist.Soc., 1891-1900), iii, p.399; Kresen Kernow, parish registers of St Gluvias, Penryn, Cornwall.

James VEALE (1624-1700)

Person ID: 13470

Occ: physician

Loc: Hatherleigh, Devon

James Veale was practising medicine at Hatherleigh in 1665. In a diocesan survey conducted that year, he was described as 'well affected to his Majesties Government and ye Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of England'. In April 1683, he signed letters testimonial on behalf of fellow practitioner **William Randall** of Great Torrington.

Veale was the son of Walter Veale (d.1643), rector of Iddesleigh, Devon. He was baptised at Iddesleigh on 20 June 1624. James' brother Walter (d.1689) succeeded his father at Iddesleigh, where he was harassed but not sequestered. James Veale, gent, of Hatherleigh was buried at Iddesleigh on 14 May 1700.

Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.306v, 403v; VX 1A/10/199/1-4; Devon Heritage Centre, 4014A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Iddesleigh, Devon]; *Walker Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1948; reissued 1988), p.125; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.197.

John VEESEY or VESEY (fl.1696)

Person ID: 16324

Occ: barber

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

On 19 January 1695/6, the corporation of Plymouth leased a house in Southside Street, Plymouth, to John Veeseey, barber, and his wife Armanell, and others (19 January 1696).

He may be the same as the Mr John Voysey, who was buried at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 19 August 1711.

Plymouth Archives, 1/720/156; parish registers of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, Devon.

Robert VENICOMBE (fl.1635)

Person ID: 13479

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Blackawton, Devon

Robert Venicombe of Blackawton, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the province of Canterbury on 5 November 1635.

Lambeth Palace Library, Laud 1, f.232 [*Directory*, i, no.850].

Thomas VENNER (fl.1695-1714)

Person ID: 13482

Occ: physician

Loc: Hatherleigh, Devon

In August 1699, the Exeter physicians **John Osmond** and **John Northleigh** signed testimonials on behalf of Thomas Venner of Hatherleigh, Devon, who was an applicant for a diocesan licence. These were annotated with the fiat of William Clements, surrogate, on 4 April 1702, but no licence was registered. In 1709, Venner signed similar letters on behalf of **George Hooper** of Northlew. In 1714, he subscribed to the publication of John Walker's *Sufferings of the Clergy*. One of this name signed the oath roll at Hatherleigh on 10 September 1723.

He may be the same as the Thomas Venner, who married Mrs Anne Yeo at Hatherleigh on 8 August 1719. They both died in 1744, Anne on 3 August and Thomas on 3 September.

Children of Doctor Thomas Venner:

John, bapt.26 April 1695 [Hatherleigh].

Katherine, born 3 July 1698; bapt.14 July 1698 [Hatherleigh].

Thomas, born and bapt.24 March 1699/1700; buried 4 September 1700 [Hatherleigh].

Richard, buried 15 May 1716 [Hatherleigh].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/361 [*Directory*, i, no.851]; I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.131; *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 14 (1926-7), p.247; Devon Heritage Centre, QS 17/2/2/5b; 2917A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Hatherleigh, Devon].

John VERMAN (fl.1708)

Person ID: 16326

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Verman, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Thomas Somerton**, on 1 March 1707/8.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.213.

Samuel VERMAN (fl.1681-1696)

Person ID: 16327

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Samuel Verman, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Richard Warren**, on 31 August 1691.

Children of Samuel Verman:

John, bapt.28 March 1681 [St Stephen's, Exeter].

Elizabeth, bapt.8 March 1684/5 [St Stephen's, Exeter].

Elizabeth, bapt.18 February 1685/6 [St Stephen's, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.24 April 1687; buried 26 July 1692 [St Stephen's, Exeter].
Samuel, bapt.16 June 1689; buried 27 November 1698 [St Stephen's, Exeter].
James, bapt.31 January 1691; buried 20 January 1698 [St Stephen's, Exeter].
Anne, bapt.21 June 1694; buried 13 September 1695 [St Stephen's, Exeter].
Josiah, bapt.11 October 1696; buried 10 April 1699 [St Stephen's, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.184; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of St Stephen's, Exeter, Devon.

John VERNON (fl.1697)

Person ID: 13500

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

John Vernon of Ottery St Mary, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 29 December 1697. Testimonials, signed among others by the vicar and churchwardens of Ottery and one **John Smith**, surgeon, described Vernon as 'very successful in most or all Chirurgical operations'.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Ottery St Mary; Chanter MS 47, p.171
[I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.131].

Ellis VERYARD (1601-1681)

Person ID: 13505

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymtree, Devon

Ellis Veryard of Olymtree, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 3 August 1636. He was re-licensed after the Restoration, on 13 January 1662/3. He later signed applications on behalf of **Cornelius Mogford** (1668), **Thomas Bartow** (1668) and **Walter Harlowin** (1673). He was also employed by the Devon quarter sessions to examine the claims of maimed and wounded soldiers. In signing the application of Harlowin, Veryard described himself as 'practitioner in physick and Chyrurgery'.

Ellis Veryard was the son of Ellis Veryard of Plymtree and was baptised in that parish on 26 April 1601. Veryard's father, who was buried at Plymtree on 22 January 1639/40, was in all probability a surgeon. One of this name was examining episcopal claimants in the 1620s. Veryard Jnr would appear to have married twice (though no record of either marriage survives). On 16 September 1624, he was licensed to marry Ann Salter of Plymtree. Six years later, on 22 May 1630, he was licensed to marry Sara Minifrey of Awliscombe. She was buried at Plymtree on 17 January 1659/60. Dr Ellis Veryard the elder, physician, was buried there on 10 February 1680/1.

In his will, made a year before his death, Veryard, who again described himself as a physician, shared his estate (including two orchards) between his son Andrew, daughter Catherine (the wife of John Richards) and their respective children. He

named his 'trusty and well beloved' brother-in-law John Carpenter, yeoman, of Broadhembury, and Robert Salter Snr of Plymtree as overseers, and his granddaughter Anne Richards as residual legatee and executrix.

Children of Ellis Veryard:

Mary, bapt.19 February 1626/7; buried 26 November 1632 [Plymtree].

Anne, bapt.4 December 1631; buried 11 December 1631 [Plymtree].

Ellis, bapt.7 April 1633; buried 8 October 1673 [Plymtree]. He married Joan Deninge at Plymtree on 23 November 1654 and was the father of **Ellis Veryard (1657-1714)**.

Sarah, bapt.15 March 1634/5; buried 11 August 1653 [Plymtree].

Edna or Edny, bapt.15 January 1636/7; buried 23 January 1641/2 [Plymtree].

Rebecca, buried 8 July 1639 [Plymtree].

Catherine, buried 10 January 1639/40 [Plymtree].

Andrew, bapt.19 April 1640 [Plymtree]. After studying at Oxford, he served as vicar of St Decuman's [Watchet], Somerset, from 1663 until his death in 1713. He was the father of Andrew and Ellis, both mentioned in their grandfather's will, who, like their father, studied at Oxford.

Richard, buried 25 May 1641 [Plymtree].

Rebecca, bapt.8 August 1649 [Plymtree].

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 43, p.442 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.131]; Chanter MS 44, p.200; PR 518, *sub* Cullompton, Awliscombe and Sidmouth; Maimed Soldiers' file 144/2 [cited in S.K.Roberts, *Recovery and Restoration in an English County: Devon Local Administration, 1646-1670* (Exeter, 1985), p.136n]; CC 181/2; E.Hay (ed.), *The Register of Marriages, Baptisms and Burials of the Parish of Plymtree, co.Devon, A.D.1538 to 1837* (Exeter, DCRS, 1940), pp.18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 45, 47, 48, 50, 67, 69, 108, 110; Lt Col.J.L.Vivian (ed.), *The Marriage Licences of the Diocese of Exeter from the Bishops Registers [1546-1632]* (Exeter, 1889), pp.85, 112; TNA, PROB 11/366, f.52 [will of Ellis Veryard, physician, of Plymtree, Devon, 5 February 1679/80, pr.24 March 1680/1].

Ellis VERYARD (1657-1714)

Person ID: 13506

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Plymtree and Cullompton, Devon

Ellis Veryard was the grandson of **Ellis Veryard (1601-1681)**, and was baptised at Plymtree, the son of Ellis Veryard (1633-1673), on 14 July 1657. Veryard was admitted as a scholar at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, on 21 July 1676. Two years later, on 9 July 1678, he entered Utrecht University as a medical student, graduating MD on 13 May 1679. A copy of his thesis, entitled 'Disputatio medica inauguralis de Fluxu Hepatico', is in the British Library.

In 1682, Veryard began a long period of travel across Europe and the Near East that lasted for almost thirteen years, the details of which appeared in print in 1701 as *An Account of Divers Choice Remarks ... Taken in a Journey Through the Low Countries*

(London & Exeter, 1701). Veryard was partly motivated by a natural curiosity, spurred on by the recent advances in natural philosophy and learning. In a preface to the work, he writes as a 'modern', condemning the reliance of the ancients on book learning and received wisdom and praising the 'societies of virtuosi' that had sprung up over Europe in recent years. Among other observations, he provides an interesting account of the anatomical theatre at Leiden (p.8) as well as expressing considerable scepticism with regard to belief in witchcraft following his observation of a trial of an old woman at Mechlen (p.37). He also provides a lengthy account of the practices of Islam.

On returning to England Veryard married Grace Skinner of Plymtree at St Thomas Apostle, Exeter, on 14 November 1694. He then settled into medical practice, firstly at Plymtree and then at Cullompton. In 1710, he provided a testimonial for **John Hancock** of Penzance in 1710. Ellis Veryard, doctor of physick, of Cullompton, was buried at Plymtree on 15 November 1714. His widow Grace was buried there in November 1717. At the time of her death, she was living at Uffculme. In her will, she requested that her 'trusty friend' William Palmer, rector of Combe Raleigh, act as trustee on behalf of her daughter Sarah, the wife of Robert Mills, and named her son Ellis (who was left an annuity of £12 pa by his father) as executor. He was currently a student at Cambridge, and later followed in his father's footsteps, proceeding B Med at Cambridge in 1722 and practising medicine at Colyton.

Children of Mr/Dr Ellis Veryard, physician:

Sarah, twin, bapt.6 February 1695/6; buried 8 February 1695/6 [Plymtree].

Mary, twin, bapt.6 February 1695/6 [Plymtree].

Ellis, bapt.25 September 1698 [Plymtree]. He became B Med Cambridge in 1722, and practised medicine at Colyton, where he was buried on 10 March 1746/7. He married Elizabeth Tarrant, the widow of Humphrey Tarrant, gent, at Exeter cathedral, 24 August 1637.

Mary, bapt.21 April 1700 [Plymtree].

Grace, bapt.25 May 1702 [Plymtree].

Thomas, buried November 1717 [Plymtree].

John [will of mother].

Publications:

An Account of Divers Choice Remarks, as well Geographical, As Historical, Political, Mathematical, Physical, and Moral; Taken in a Journey Through the Low-Countries, France, Italy, and Part of Spain; with the Isles of Sicily and Malta. As also a Voyage to the Levant (London and Exeter, 1701). The work was dedicated to Thomas Drew (c.1635-1707), esquire, of Broadhembury, Devon, a Tory squire who had served as sheriff of Devon under James II in 1688 and was elected as MP for the county in 1699-1700. His failure to contest the seat at the 1701 election is alluded to by Veryard in the preface.

F.B.Troup, 'Ellis Veryard of Plymtree, Physician and Author', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 24 (1892), pp.458-69; Venn, iv, p.300; Innes Smith, p.239; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub Penzance* [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-

1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.131]; E.Hay (ed.), *The Register of Marriages, Baptisms and Burials of the Parish of Plymtree, co.Devon, A.D.1538 to 1837* (Exeter, DCRS, 1940), pp.83, 84, 85, 115, 117, 119, 121, 122; Devon Heritage Centre, diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, transcribed by C.A.T.Fursdon (1931), *sub* 2 November 1694 [Chanter MS 47, p.43]; 4781A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Thomas Apostle, Exeter, Devon, which describes Veryard's wife in error as 'Sarah']; TNA, PROB 11/564, ff.142v-143r [will of Grace Veryard of Uffculme, 24 October 1717, pr.10 June 1718]; Devon Heritage Centre, 3483A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Colyton, Devon] TNA, E134/6 Anne/Mich 25 and E134/7 Anne/Trin 13 [dispute over will of Thomas Skinner, gent, of Plymtree, 1707].

John VERYARD (fl.1630-1657)

Person ID: 13507

Occ: physician

Loc: Sidmouth, Devon

One Thomasine Veryard, the daughter of John Veryard, 'doctor', was buried at Sidmouth on 27 January 1656/7. He is probably the same as the John Veryard, 'medicus', of 'Pregney' [Tregony?], Cornwall, whose son William matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, in 1647, aged 17.

Unfortunately, the parish registers of Sidmouth, often in poor condition, do not distinguish between various men of this name. He may, however, be the same as the John Vereyed, who was buried there on 22 September 1670. His will was proved at Exeter in the same year.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1855A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Sidmouth, Devon]; Foster, iv, p.1544; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.632.

Walter VERYARD (fl.1672)

Person ID: 13508

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Devon?

Walter Veryard was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 27 May 1672. In all probability, he was related to **John Veryard** of Sidmouth. There are various references to a Walter Veryard in the parish registers of Sidmouth, including two marriages in 1652 (Ann Lee; buried 12 November 1665) and 1667 (Florence Evance of Salcombe). Walter's daughter Anne was also buried here on 1 October 1669.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter 45, p.198 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.131]; 1855A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Sidmouth, Devon].

Margaret VILE (fl.1574)

Person ID: 13521

Occ: healer

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

In the Barnstaple town accounts for 1574-5, there is a payment of 14s 4d made to Margaret Vile for healing one Mary Notte.

R.N.Worth (ed.), *Calendar of the Plymouth Municipal Records* (Plymouth, 1893), p.122.

Robert VILVAIN or VILVAINE (1576-1663)

Person ID: 13524

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Robert Vilvain was the son of Peter Vilvain (d.1602), a former steward of Exeter, and his wife Anne (d.1616), and was baptised at All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, on 17 March 1575/6. Vilvain matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 22 February 1593/4, proceeding BA on 9 May 1597 and MA on 11 July 1600 (incorporated at Cambridge in 1608). In 1606, as a young fellow and medical student at Exeter College, he gave evidence on behalf of one Brian Gunter of North Moreton, Berkshire, who was accused in the court of Star Chamber of perpetrating a fraud in fabricating the witchcraft fits of his daughter, Anne. Vilvain was created B Med and MD on 20 June 1611 (incorporated at Cambridge in 1612) and initially practised medicine in Oxford. He was there in 1630 when he was entangled in a dispute over a friend's debts which ended up in Chancery. Vilvain probably moved to Exeter sometime in the 1630s where he resided until his death in 1663.

He frequently appears in the records of the city, being made a freeman (by succession) on 9 March 1639/40. In the same year, he was named as one of the city's commissioners entrusted to implement the Act for Further Relief of His Majesties Army and the Northern parts of the Kingdom. Vilvain would later act as a major benefactor, providing money for new buildings and an endowment for the city's hospital, St John's, as well as creating a new library in the cathedral of St Peter's in 1657. He also gave money for the creation of a common brewhouse in Exeter. Thomas Fuller (1608-1661), who struck up an intimate friendship with Vilvain while serving as chaplain to the Princess Henrietta in Exeter in 1644-5, recorded the doctor's interest in rare manuscripts as well as his possession of numerous curiosities, including the skull of a baby 'no bigger than a bean' that was said to belong to one of 365 children born to a Dutch countess. Anthony Wood later confirmed Vilvain's precocious talents and wide-ranging interests, remarking that 'in his younger days [he] was esteemed a very good poet, orator, and disputant, and in his elder, as eminent for divinity as his proper faculty'. He had little time for his various writings, however, which he dismissed as 'nothing but scraps, whimseys, and dotages of old age'.

Vilvain was well connected to the medical establishment of Devon and Exeter. In 1637, for example, he was named as one of the executors of the will of the physician **Peter Muden**, who left him all his Latin medical and surgical books as well as his *spectrum matricis*, an instrument used in childbirth. Muden also requested that Vilvain pen a suitable epitaph. As executor, he subsequently became entangled in a dispute over Muden's lands at Butterleigh. Vilvain was also on good terms with

another of Muden's executors, the Exeter apothecary **Humphrey Bidgood**. In his own will, Vilvain left his godson **John Bidgood**, son of the apothecary, a mourning ring. He was also friendly with another Exeter apothecary, **Samuel Seaward**, who requested in his will of 1648 that his 'good friend' Dr Vilvain act as trustee and debt collector for the estate of one of his relatives. Finally, Vilvain was frequently called upon to provide references for fellow medical practitioners. These included **Hugh Pawlin** (1621), **Thomas Chafe** (1633), **George Gaydon** (1635), **William Snelling** (1637) and the clergyman **Michael Dolling** (1662).

In retirement during the 1650s, Vilvain published on a variety of subjects, probably as a distraction from the religious and political upheavals of the times. In *Theoremata Theologica: Theological Treatises* (London, 1654), dedicated to 'my dearest of Friends' John Maynard (1604-1690), Vilvain professed himself a moderate who had suffered greatly at the hands of the radicals then in power and one who had 'unjustly took from me a Mannor bought of the Dean and Chapter of Exceter, worth twelve thousand pounds'. He went on to boldly declare that monarchy was 'the best form of civil Government, and Episcopacy of Ecclesiastic' and concluded by stating a preference for 'Antiquity ratified by our Church, to phantastic fanatic novities of modern devisers in al Adiaphorals' (pp.219a-b, 239a-b). The work itself was largely a compilation from eight other authors in which he added some thoughts of his own on the sanctity of Christmas as well as opposing various tenents of Thomas Hobbes, including his denial of the reality of witchcraft.

In the same year – 1654 – Vilvain published two further works, a collection of epigrams and a plea for a reform of the Julian calendar, which he hoped might be achieved through a parliamentary act forbidding leap years for 44 years. Two years later he produced a single sheet broadside summarising the aims of the earlier pamphlet. The former was clearly intended as a gift to friends, copies to be made available freely at the shop of the Exeter apothecary **Nicholas Hooper**. Many, however, remained unsold at the time of his death. In his will, he bequeathed the remainders to a relation Michael Hide (d.1697), an Exeter bookseller.

Despite Vilvain's professed attachment to the old ways in religion and the sufferings he experienced at the hands of the Cromwellians, he seems to have encountered a fair degree of hostility from those restored to office after the Restoration in 1660. In September 1662, for example, the King wrote to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter confirming their wish that the doctor's lease of Staverton manor should not be renewed, as he 'deserves to forfeit for ill carriage during the late distractions'. Vilvain's crime in the eyes of his detractors almost certainly lay in his willingness to engage with more moderate, and in some cases radical, elements among the king's opponents. Among his patients was the Anabaptist Colonel Robert Bennet whom he was treating in 1649. Other associates included John Maynard (above) as well as his nephew Simon Snow (1600-1668), a puritan who figured prominently in the government of the corporation and was later named as the principal beneficiary and executor of Vilvain's will. By the time that Vilvain made his will in January 1659, there is little doubt that his earlier fortune, dissipated through charitable works and learned interests, had been much expended (*Enchiridium Epigrammatum*, preface). He had no immediate family living. Vilvain had married Eleanor (b.1581), the daughter of Thomas Hinson (d.1614) of Tawstock and his wife Anne, the daughter of Sir William Spring of Norfolk, at Whitminster in Gloucestershire on 15 October 1618.

She was buried at Exeter cathedral, on 7 December 1622. Vilvain's only surviving son, Thomas (baptised at All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, on 2 March 1619/20), an Oxford graduate and law student, had died in 1651.

Vilvain died on 21 February 1662/3. He was buried in the north aisle of the choir of the cathedral, where a memorial inscription to his memory was placed above the door of his library in the Lady Chapel as well as on the north side of the entrance to the chapel. In his will, Vilvain provided a detailed list of instructions to be followed for his funeral, some of which throw light on contemporary practices and ill behaviour. He was particularly insistent that 'no mourning weeds' or 'blacks' should be worn, nor ribbons handed out as he considered these best suited for soldiers and swordsmen. Finally, he asked that his coffin be covered in a black cloth, with no escutcheons 'nor papers of verses' as these often 'caused Rudenes and tumults'. The vast bulk of Vilvain's estate, which included a house in the parish of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, as well as other properties in the city and at Clyst Honiton, was inherited by his nephew Simon Snow (the son of his sister Grace). He also bequeathed a number of small annuities to various members of his immediate family, mainly nephews and nieces and their children, as well as legacies for the apothecary **Edmund Thomas** and his mother Lucy. Vilvain also requested that his executor carry out various 'pious uses' as instructed, thus continuing his long history as a benefactor to both the city and his old *alma mater*, Exeter College. In 1624, for example, he gave £20 towards the cost of new building work in the College, as well as providing regular bursaries, worth £32 pa, for four exhibition scholarships designed for the children of Exeter's 'poor'.

Publications:

A Compend of Chronography: Containing Four Thousand Thirty Yeers Compleat, from Mans Creation to Christs Birth (London, 1654).

Enchiridium Epigrammatum Latino-Anglicanum. An Epitome of Essaies Englished out of Latin: Without Elucidate Explications (London, 1654).

Theoremata Theologica: Theological Treatises (London, R Hodgkinsonne, 1654). Another edition, London, 1663.

A Short Survey of Our Julian English Yeare (1656).

ODNB, *sub* Vilvain, Robert, original article by W.P.Courtney, revised by M.Bevan; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, pp.19, 28, 68, 71, 72; Foster, iv, p.1546; Venn, iv, p.303; TNA, C78/451/1 [22 November 1630]; STAC 8/4/10, m.173 [8 May 1606]; T.N.Brushfield, 'The Financial Diary of a Citizen of Exeter, 1631-43', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 33 (1901), p.229; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/61, p.674; C1/62, ff.48v, 49r, 185r; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.314; *Statutes of the Realm*, vol.5 (1628-1680) (1819), **bet pp 79-101**; Devon Heritage Centre, ECA 10, ff.116v, 139, 139v, 172r; ECA 11, pp.148, 177, 181, 209; Rev.A.T.Russell, *Memorials of the Life and Works of Thomas Fuller, D.D.*(London, 1844), pp.153-4;

T.Fuller, *The History of the University of Cambridge*, ed.J.Nichols (London, 1840), p.44; Wood, *Athenae Oxonienses*, ed.P.Bliss (London, 1820), iii, cols 631-3.

TNA, PROB 11/175, ff.91r-92r [will of Peter Muden, doctor in phisicke, of Butterleigh, Devon, 18 December 1633, pr.5 October 1637]; J.S.Cockburn, *Western Circuit Assize Orders 1629-1648: A Calendar* (London, Camden Soc., 4th series, vol.17, 1976), p.158; TNA, PROB 11/206, ff.210v-211v [will of Samuel Seward, apothecary, of Exeter, 28 June 1648; pr.28 December 1648]; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Doddiscombsleigh; Chanter MS 42, pp.294, 331, 383, 465.

CSPD, 1661-1662, pp 495, 496; Folger Shaekespeare Library, Washington DC, X.d.483 (155); W.Ryley and H.Dethick (eds), *The Visitation of Middlesex begun in the Year 1663* (London, 1820), p.30; Gloucestershire Archives, P362 IN/1/1 [parish registers of Whitminster, Gloucestershire, 1538-1667]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I.The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.59; R.Polwhele, *The History of Devonshire*, 3 vols (London, 1793-1806), ii, pp.17, 32; TNA, C78/500/6 [Chancery decree *re* mortgaged land at Crediton, Devon, 17 October 1654]; TNA, PROB 11/310, ff.328r-329r [will of Robert Vilvain, of Exeter, 29 January 1658/9, pr.9 March 1662/3]; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), pp.10, 39.

Walter VINCENT (fl.1579)

Person ID: 13533

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Ottery St Mary, Devon

Walter Vincent of Ottery St Mary, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 30 October 1579.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 41, p.94 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.131].

John VINICOMBE (fl.1618-1634)

Person ID: 17450

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Vinicombe, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Anthony Salter Snr**, during Michaelmas 1618-19. Vinicombe married Agnes Tucker at St Paul's, Exeter, on 31 July 1619. He was a resident of the parish of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, where he served as churchwarden in 1633-4.

Children of John Vinicombe:

Jannie, bapt 2 June 1622 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.12 December 1633 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.120; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, pp.28, 31; p.357; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.10 [subsidy, 1629].

Charles VINSON (1651-1710)

Person ID: 13535

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

Charles Vinson was the son of Richard Vinson (d.1683), merchant of Plymouth and his wife Joan, and was baptized at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 25 June 1651. Nothing is known of Vinson's early education. He entered Leiden University as a medical student on 25 August 1671, and again on 22 May 1674, graduating MD on 25 September 1675. He wrote a thesis on childbirth entitled 'De Partu Difficili', a copy of which is in the British Library. At the end, it contains carmina addressed to Vinson by fellow medical students **Matthew Poole**, **Nicholas Hayden**, **Henry Williamson** as well as one by Aaron Stone of Stafford, a theology student. Two manuscript extracts written by Vinson survive, one of which concerns notes taken from the celebrated Leiden anatomist Charles Drelincourt (1633-1697) on the subject of kidney stones. Vinson's links with Leiden also account for his friendship with the Truro physician and Leiden MD **Thomas Cloke**, to whom he left £10 in his will of 1709. The two men's period of study at Leiden overlapped almost precisely. Vinson may also have been on good terms with Dr **Edmund Hals**, whose will he witnessed in 1678.

In 1682, Vinson was named as the chief legatee and sole executor of the will of his father, Richard. Just over a year later, he married Mrs Mary Savery, the daughter of Servington Savery of Modbury and his wife Catherine, at Ugborough, Devon, on 3 January 1683/4. She was the brother of the Oxford-educated physician **Servington Savery**, who practiced medicine at Marlborough in Wiltshire. Mary died in childbirth in 1684. She was buried at Ugborough on 2 September 1684; her unbaptized child was buried alongside her two days later. Vinson's second wife Hannah (1658-1724) was the youngest daughter of the radical Cromwellian Colonel Robert Bennett (1605-1683) of Lawhitton, near Launceston, Cornwall. In 1696, Vinson was named as one of the commissioners for the town of Plymouth appointed to implement the Act for raising funds for the war with France.

Dr Charles Vinson was buried at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 22 February 1709/10. Vinson's will pays a remarkable tribute to his commitment to the dissenting cause, both in his native town of Plymouth, as well as elsewhere in Devon and Cornwall. Ten nonconformist ministers received a total of £100, and a further £100 was set aside to assist any poor Presbyterian ministers or others from Cornwall or Devon, his widow to receive the advice of the general assembly of Presbyterian ministers that met twice yearly at Exeter in disposing of the same. Even more remarkable was the fact that Vinson made a similar provision for the 'ministers of the Baptist persuasion', bequeathing £100 to those preaching in Plymouth or the whole sum to be awarded to one Caleb Jope in the event that he chose to become pastor there. In addition to supporting the ministry, Vinson also gave generously to various

projects aimed at building new meeting houses at Launceston and Bodmin in Cornwall. In a codicil written just a week before his death, Vinson promised yet more support to the dissenting cause in the west country, apportioning the future profits from lottery tickets to a variety of causes that included the purchase of a house for the minister John Enty (d.1743) ‘provided the Toleration for Liberty of Conscience do continue’ as well as financial support for other congregations, pastors and trainee ministers. Vinson, moreover, provided generously to various members of his own and wife’s family, naming his wife Hannah, ‘the dearest comfort of my life’, as residual legatee and executrix. She inherited Vinson’s house in Foxhole Street, Plymouth, as well as £600, other properties and her husband’s personal possessions.

Hannah Vinson followed her husband’s late instructions to the letter. In 1711, the minister John Enty informed the Exeter assembly that Mrs Vinson of Plymouth desired their advice about the distribution of moneys left by her husband to support poor ministers in Devon and Cornwall. A committee was subsequently established to dispense the bequest. Hannah Vinson was buried in the burial ground of the Presbyterians at Plymouth on 10 December 1724. In her own will, made shortly before her death, she continued the work of her late husband in making a number of generous bequests to local Presbyterian ministers and other dissenting causes.

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew’s and Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, and Ugborough, Devon; Innes Smith, p.239; British Library, Sloane MS 1292, ff.39-41b, 44-62b; TNA, PROB 11/363, ff.159v-160r [will of Edmund Hals, doctor of physick, of Plymouth, Devon, 29 November 1678, pr.10 June 1680]; PROB 11/376, ff.15r-v [will of Richard Vinson, merchant, of Plymouth, Devon, 11 August 1682, pr.5 April 1684]; J.Raithby (ed.), *Statutes of the Realm*, vol.7 (1695-1701), **bet.pp.8-61** [in error as ‘George’ Vinson, doctor in physic]; TNA, PROB 11/515, ff.20r-22v [will of Charles Vinson, doctor in physic, of Plymouth, Devon, 27 May 1708 and 15 February 1709/10, pr.14 March 1709/10]; A.Brockett (ed.), *The Exeter Assembly: The Minutes of the Assembly of the United Brethren of Devon and Cornwall, 1691-1717, as Transcribed by the Reverend Isaac Gilling* (Torquay, DCRS, vol.6, 1963), p.82; TNA, RG 4/4091 [burial registers of the Presbyterian meeting, Plymouth, Devon]; PROB 11/601, ff.168v-169v [will of Hannah Vinson, widow, of Plymouth, Devon, 12 November 1723, pr.8 January 1724/5].

John or Jonathan WAAD or WADE (d.1685)

Person ID: 13562

Occ: physician

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John or Jonathan Waad or Wade is described variously as doctor, doctor in phisicke, or Mr John Wade in the parish registers of St Olave’s and Mary Arches, Exeter. Little is known of his practice. In April 1681, he signed letters testimonial on behalf of the Exeter apothecary **Caleb Reynolds**, who was seeking a licence to practice medicine.

Doctor John Waad was buried in the church of St Olave’s, Exeter, on 4 June 1685. In his will, made two years earlier, he left properties in Topsham to a son Samuel and daughter Anne, and his house in Exeter to another daughter, Mary. Waad left the rest of his estate to his wife and executrix, Anne.

Children of Dr/Mr John Waad:

John, bapt.14 August 1666 [St Mary Arches, Exeter]; buried 30 September 1668 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Susanna, buried 18 November 1668 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Elizabeth, buried 8 May 1669 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Elizabeth, bapt.5 April 1670 [St Mary Arches, Exeter]; buried 14 November 1670 [St Olave's, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.20 July 1671 [St Mary Arches, Exeter]. Katherine, bapt.25 October 1674 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

Samuel [will].

Anne [will].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/167/1-4; Devon Heritage Centre, 2738A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Olave's, Exeter, Devon]; 332A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Arches, Exeter, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/383, ff.173r-v [will of John Waad, gent, of Exeter, 21 April 1683, pr.3 May 1686].

Richard WADE (fl.1702)

Person ID: 16330

Occ: barber

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

On 2 November 1702, the corporation of Plymouth leased a property at Bretonside, Plymouth, to Richard Wade, a barber of the town. He may be the same as the Richard Wade, who married Sarah Getsham at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 22 April 1701. One Richard Wade Snr was buried in the same parish on 25 March 1713.

Plymouth Archives, 1/720/171; parish registers of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, Devon.

Francis WALDRON or WALROND (d.1724)

Person ID: 16348

Occ: barber/merchant

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Francis Waldron or Walrond, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Richard Evans**, on 9 December 1695. In 1697, he acted as bondsman for the marriages of two Topsham men. Waldron probably did not practise as a barber. On marrying Mrs Elizabeth Ware of Sidbury at St Thomas Apostle, Exeter, on 24 October 1699, he described himself as a merchant. His son Martin (d.1729), who was also made a freeman as a barber, was likewise a merchant. Mr Francis Walrond was buried in Exeter cathedral, 13 October 1724.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), pp.197, 24; Devon Heritage Centre, diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, transcribed by C.A.T.Fursdon (1931), *sub* 27 May 1697; 4781A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Thomas Apostle, Exeter, Devon]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials*

of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.163.

John WALDRON or WALROND (c.1655-1702)

Person ID: 13684

Person ID: physician

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Walrond or Waldron was the son of Thomas Walrond of Woolfardisworthy, near Crediton, Devon, a minister, who was ejected from the living of Woolfardisworthy in 1662. Walrond matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 22 March 1672/3, aged 17, proceeding BA on 6 February 1676/7 and MA in 1680. He was a fellow of All Souls' College, serving a proctor of the university in 1686. A year later, a poem of Walrond's entitled 'On Death' was published in a collection of verse edited by the recently deceased clergyman John Rawlet (1642-1686). Despite lacking a medical degree, Walrond set up in practice in Exeter, where he lived until 1702. In that year, he was proposed as the new head or warden of his *alma mater*, 'but by the journey, he contracted such an Indisposition, as occasion'd his Death in a few Days'. He was subsequently buried in the outer chapel of All Souls' College. Further poems by Walrond were published in 1708. There also survives a poem addressed to Walrond by Anne Finch, Countess of Winchelsea (1661-1720) in response to a letter she had received from the doctor in which he is said to have regretted his mistake in leaving All Souls to practise medicine.

Walrond would appear to have deserted the cause of nonconformity preferred by his father. He became particularly attached to the household of the Davie family at Canonteign, near Christow, Devon, who were all arch Tories and Anglicans. In making his will in 1692, for example, the Exeter physician **Edmund Davie** described Walrond, a neighbour living in the cathedral Close, as his 'dearly beloved friend' and requested he might act as trustee on behalf of the testator's nephew, Robert Davie. Just over three years later, Walrond was named as the sole beneficiary of the will of Edmund Davie's niece, Dame Martha Cary (d.1695), inheriting large estates in Devon and Cornwall that included a stake in a tin mine and various parsonages with associated tithes. Dame Martha herself was, like the rest of her family, a committed Anglican and Tory, who named Edward Drew, archdeacon of Cornwall, as one of her executors in trust and distributed various tokens of allegiance including a portrait of the recently dethroned King James II. Unmarried and without children, Walrond in turn disposed of his interest in the Cary estate to his nephew John Carwithen, an Exeter gentleman, in his will of 1696.

Calamy Revised, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), p.508; Foster, iv, p.1563; John Rawlet, *Poetic Miscellanies* (London, 1687), pp.30-8; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.119; Giles Jacob, *An Historical Account of the Lives and Writing of Our Most Considerable English Poets* (London, 1720), p.219; E.Fenton (ed.), *Oxford and Cambridge Miscellany Poems* (London, 1708); J.Keith and C.T.Kairoff (eds), *Cambridge Edition of the Works of Anne Finch, Countess of Winchelsea. Vol.1* (Cambridge, 2019), pp.673-4.

TNA, PROB 11/474, ff.61v-62v [will of Edmund Davy or Davyes, doctor of physick, of St Peter's, Exeter, 20 January 1691/2, pr.28 January 1703/4]; PROB 11/447, ff.243r-244v [will of Dame Martha Cary, widow, of Cannonting, i.e.Canonteign, Devon, 20 July 1695, pr.29 July 1698]; PROB 11/472, ff.124v-125r [will of John Walrond, physician, of Exeter, 27 May 1696, pr.25 October 1703].

Roger WALLIS (d.1716)

Person ID: 26896

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Lamerton, Devon

Roger Wallis of Lamerton, Devon, was licensed to practice surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 6 September 1700. He may be the same as the Roger Wallis, the son of John Wallis (d.1685), gent, who was baptized at Lamerton on 29 August 1650. Mr Roger Wallis was buried at neighbouring Tavistock on 12 April 1716. His will was proved at Exeter the same year.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.278; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of Lamerton, Devon; 482A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Tavistock, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.207.

Thomas WALLIS (fl.1589-1594)

Person ID: 16345

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Wallis, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Robert Nichols**, barber [surgeon], deceased, and his wife Joan, on 15 September 1589. Wallis was a resident of the parish of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, where his first wife, Elizabeth, was buried on 15 May 1591. No record of Wallis' death or burial has been found. He may, however, be the same as the Thomas Wallis, who was buried at Dunsford, near Exeter, on 6 September 1597.

Children of Thomas Wallis:

Elizabeth, bapt.14 February 1591/2; buried 1 June 1592 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

Luce, bapt.12 April 1593 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

Joan, bapt.25 June 1594 [All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.101; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, pp.21, 66; Devon Heritage Centre, 4572A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Dunsford, Devon].

Francis WALTER (fl.1587)

Person ID: 27702

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Francis Harding, the apprentice of Francis Walter, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter at Michaelmas 1586-7.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.99.

Frederick WANCHOPE (d.1643)

Person ID: 13709

Occ: physician

Loc: Totnes, Devon

Frederick Wanchope was probably of French origin and may have possessed an overseas medical degree. In various sources, he is described as 'doctor in phisick' and 'doctor of medicine'. Wanchope was settled in Totnes by 1624, when on 4 July of that year he married Rebecca Lee. In 1637, fellow practitioner **Peter Muden** left him all his French books of physic and surgery. Three years later, he supplied a medical certificate on behalf of a patient, John Lane, merchant of Dartmouth, who was seeking excusal from appearing before the Privy Council. In 1641-2, he was involved in two cases in the Court of Chancery. One involved a dispute with Philip Howditch, gent, over a disputed bill for goods. In the other, he appeared as plaintiff in a case brought against one John Bickford who was accused of falsely pretending to own a half share in a ship called the 'Susan' of Dartmouth which he sold on to Wanchope. He also appeared as a defendant in a debt case in the Court of King's Bench in 1642.

Mr Frederick Wanchop was buried at Totnes on 23 November 1643. His widow Rebecca was buried there on 9 May 1675.

Children of Dr/Mr Frederick Wanchope and wife Rebecca:

Rebecca, bapt.8 May 1625 [Totnes].

Rebecca, bapt.14 December 1626; buried 16 June 1643 [Totnes].

Elinor, bapt.31 August 1628 [Totnes].

Frederick, bapt.18 December 1630; buried 18 May 1631 [Totnes].

Frederick, bapt.21 November 1632; buried 18 May 1693 [Totnes].

George, bapt.19 April 1635 [Totnes].

John, bapt.21 August 1636 [Totnes].

John, bapt.1 September 1639 [Totnes]. A student at Oxford (BA 1658, MA 1662), he served as rector of Bratton Fleming, Devon, from 1662 until his death in 1705.

Devon Heritage Centre, 1863A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Totnes, Devon]; Lt Col.J.L.Vivian (ed.), *The Marriage Licences of the Diocese of Exeter from the Bishops Registers* (Exeter, 1889), p.84. TNA, PROB 11/175, ff.91r-92r [will of Peter Muden, doctor in phisicke, of Butterleigh, Devon, 18 December 1633, pr.5 October 1637]; TNA, PC 2/51, f.130v; C33/182, ff.106r, 245r, 413r, 551v; KB27/1677, m.1508; Foster, iv, p.1586 [as Wauchope].

Elizabeth WARREN (fl.1680)

Person ID: 27703

Occ: midwife

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Elizabeth Warren of Exeter, Devon, was licensed to practise midwifery in the city of Exeter on 7 June 1680.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.54.

John WARREN (fl.1670s)

Person ID: 16360

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Ford, the apprentice of John Warren, barber, was made a freeman of Exeter in March 1681.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.172.

Robert WARREN (fl.1645-1676)

Person ID: 16361

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Robert Warren, barber, the apprentice of **John Goswell**, was made a freeman of Exeter on 19 November 1655. Four of his own apprentices – **Achior Brocas (fl.1673-1681)** (1673), **Robert Skinner** (1678), **Richard Evans** (1681) and **Samuel Verman** – were made freemen.

Robert Warren married Frances King at St Martin's, Exeter, on 18 February 1644/5. In 1647, he accused Henry Fisher, an Exeter skinner, of propounding antinomianism. Ten years later, he was accused of putting his name to a seditious petition. Warren was a resident of the parish of St Martin's, Exeter, and died sometime between 1676 and 1682. In his will, made in the former year, he mentions five daughters, two of whom were married, and a son John, who had recently graduated BA from Cambridge. Bequests totalled £150 and included a property at Chipstable, Somerset. He named his wife Frances as residual legatee and executrix, and nominated his 'beloved friends' **Philip Hooper**, apothecary, and Robert Eveleigh, bookseller, both of Exeter, as overseers. Both men were nonconformists or nonconformist sympathisers.

Children of Robert Warren and wife Frances:

Sarah, wife of Robert Bonney (d.1684), rector of Willand [will].

Elizabeth Matthew [will].

John, admitted pensioner at Christ's College, Cambridge, 7 June 1670, aged 16; BA 1673/4 [will].

Mary [will].

Dorothy [will].

Susan [will].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), pp.143, 161, 169, 172, 184; Devon Heritage Centre, Rev.F.Nesbit, transcript of parish registers of St Martin's, Exeter, Devon, 1572-1837; ECA, C1/64, ff.118v, 376r; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.85 [eleven hearths, 1671]; TNA, PROB 11/369, ff.387v-388r [will of Robert Warren, barber, of Exeter, 28 October 1676, pr.26 April 1682]; Venn, iv, p.341.

Francis WASHWHITE (fl.1687-1721)

Person ID: 13798

Occ: physician

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In December 1707, Francis Washwhite of Exeter, Devon, obtained testimonials from three medical practitioners, Dr **William Vaughan**, Robert Girling (who described himself as a 'medical licentiate') and **John Dobyns**, surgeon, who certified that he had practiced medicine and surgery for the past twenty years and during that period had performed 'diverse great cures'. Given that two of these men were residents of London, it seems safe to assume that Washwhite had learned his trade there. He subsequently took away his licence to practice medicine and surgery, but failed to pay for the same. Consequently, no licence was registered.

Little else is known of Washwhite's practice, but he was still presumably resident in Exeter in 1721, when his wife Elizabeth was buried at the parish of St Sidwell's (8 March 1720/1).

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/421; VG 1/6, f.230v [*Directory*, i, no.875]; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of St Sidwell's, Exeter, Devon.

Thomas WATERHOUSE (c.1625-1706)

Person ID: 13804/13809

Thomas Waterhouse was the son of Thomas Waterhouse and was baptized at St Mary le Bow, London, on 16 January 1624/5. Waterhouse does not appear to have attended an English university. Instead, he entered Leiden as a student on 17 February 1653, aged 18, and graduated MD on 3 August 1655. A copy of his 'Theses medicae miscellanae', dedicated to his father Thomas, of London, can be found at Leiden University. The British Library also possesses Waterhouse's 'thesis exercitii gratia' entitled 'De Monstris', which he dedicated to his Leiden professors, Albert Kyper (d.1655), Johannes van Horne (c.1621-1670) and Adam Stuart (1591-1654). His MD was incorporated at Oxford in 1669, and in the same year (22 December) he was made an honorary fellow of the London College of Physicians. Waterhouse, as a physician practising in Exeter from the late 1650s onwards, would appear to have encouraged others to travel to Leiden to study medicine. Both **Nathaniel Slade** and **John Sprage** of Exeter as well as the Cornishman **John Hunkyn** dedicated their Leiden MDs to Waterhouse. In his later years, he was also highly active in providing testimonials for local practitioners seeking ecclesiastical licences. Among those he assisted in this way were **Richard Gent** (1690), **John Wills** (1692), **Benjamin Burges** (1694), **Nathaniel Strange** (1699), **Abraham Turner** (1700), **John Webber** (1700) and **Moses Pellett** (1705). In addition, in 1679, he recommended an Exeter

youth, **William Wyatt**, as a suitable candidate for an apprenticeship with his friend **James Yonge**, surgeon, of Plymouth.

Waterhouse married Elizabeth Crossing, the daughter of the wealthy Exeter merchant Richard Crossing (d.1683), who had been a prominent support of Parliament during the civil wars. In his father-in-law's will of 1682, Waterhouse and his wife received a share of the profits of the parsonage of Ilfracombe as well as a tenement in the prosperous Exeter parish of St Petrock's. In addition, Crossing gave his son-in-law £240 and a further £500 to each of his two daughters, Frances and Rebecca. Two years later, Waterhouse was named as the executor of the will of his mother-in-law Mary Crossing. He and his wife Elizabeth are also mentioned in the will of his equally wealthy brother-in-law John Banckes, an Exeter merchant, in 1699. In 1695, Waterhouse was appointed a commissioner for the city empowered to implement the Act granting further aid for the war with France. A resident of the parish of St Mary Major, Exeter, he died in 1706 and was buried at Holy Trinity, Exeter, on 2 October 1706. His wife Elizabeth predeceased him, being buried in her native parish of St Mary Arches on 23 December 1701.

Children of Dr Thomas Waterhouse and wife Elizabeth:

Elizabeth, bapt.15 September 1659 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

Thomas, bapt.12 August 1660; buried between January 1660/1 and February 1661/2 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.30 July 1661 [St Mary Arches, Exeter]; buried 3 June 1677 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

Richard, bapt.12 June 1663 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

Sarah, bapt.30 May 1665; buried 25 February 1670/1 [St Mary Arches, Exeter].

Frances, bapt.10 May 1668 [St Mary Arches, Exeter]. She was licensed to marry Joseph Cheeke of Exeter on 14 March 1692/3.

Rebecca, bapt.28 January 1671/2 [St Mary Major, Exeter].

W.B.Bannerman (ed), *The Registers of St Mary le Bow, Cheapside ... London* (London, HS, vol.44, 1914), p.22; Innes Smith, pp.123, 215, 220, 242; Foster, iv, p.1579; Munk, i, p.359; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Exeter, Rackenford, Newton Abbot, Monkokehampton and Chulmleigh; Moger II/PR Basket D1/21; *The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), pp.152, 161; TNA, PROB 11/373, ff.241r-242v [will of Richard Crossing, merchant, of Exeter, 17 October 1682; pr.2 July 1683]; Devon Heritage Centre, Oswyn Murray will abstracts [will of Mary Crossing, widow, of Exeter, 6 October 1684, pr.18 October 1684]; TNA, PROB 11/458, ff.9v-11v [will of John Banckes, merchant, of Exeter, 15 May 1699; proved 4 November 1700]; J.Raithby (ed.), *Statutes of the Realm*, vol.7 (1695-1701), **bet.pp.8-61**; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), pp.80, 104 [hearth tax, 1671 and poor rate 1669]; Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/3 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; 332A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Arches, Exeter, Devon]; 2945A/PR/1/14 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

Christopher WATERMAN (fl.1613)

Person ID: 13811

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Washford Pyne, Devon

Christopher Waterman of Washford Pyne, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 24 September 1613.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.117 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.132, date in error].

Israel WATTS (d.1732 or 1733)

Person ID: 18405

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Israel Watts, druggist, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter, as the apprentice of **Robert Lidston or Lydston**, on 4 September 1710.

One Isaac Watts married Elizabeth Upward, both of St Mary Steps, Exeter, at the latter parish, 11 December 1727. Mr Isaac Watts was buried at St Mary Steps, Exeter, on 19 January 1732/3. His will was proved at Exeter in 1733.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra ser., vol.1, 1973), p.221; Devon Heritage Centre, 4768A/PR/1/2 and 14 [parish registers of St Mary Steps, Exeter, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.662.

John WAY (fl.1699)

Person ID: 13891/27060

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Hartland, Devon

John Way of Hartland, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter (at the episcopal visitation held at Great Torrington) on 23 June 1699. In his application, he claimed to have several years experience.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.238 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.132]; PR 518, *sub* Hartland.

John WEBBER (fl.1701-1713)

Person ID: 13920

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Monkokehampton, Devon

John Webber of Monkokehampton, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 2 April 1701. In his application, Webber stated that he had served an apprenticeship under **James Bryatt** of Hatherleigh, Devon. Among those who signed testimonials on his behalf was **Abraham Turner** and Dr

Thomas Waterhouse. He later signed similar testimonials for **George Oliver** of South Molton in 1713.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.297 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.132]; PR 518, *sub* South Molton.

Charles WEEKES (fl.1695)

Person ID: 17451

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

On 2 August 1695, Charles Weekes, apothecary, of Exeter, Devon, acted as bondsman for the marriage of Gilbert Ratcliffe of Broadclyst, Devon, and Elizabeth Dennis of Huxham.

Devon Heritage Centre, diocese of Exeter marriage allegation bonds, 1640-1697, transcribed by C.A.T.Fursdon (1931), *sub* 2 August 1695.

James WEEKES or WEEKS (fl.1704)

Person ID: 13930

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Dartmouth, Devon

In January 1703/4, James Weekes, surgeon, of Dartmouth, Devon, advertised in the newspaper, the *Exeter Postman*, claiming to 'hath had much experience in the Cure of Melancholy and Madness; several persons afflicted with which Distempers he hath, through God's Blessing, restor'd to perfect Health'. He then gave notice that he was ready to 'receive into his House any that Labour under those Diseases, and to undertake their Cure upon reasonable terms'.

He may be the same as the James Weeks, who married Mary Steer at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 2 December 1700. One of this name was buried at St Clement's, Townstall, Dartmouth, on 25 June 1741.

Exeter Postman, 15-18 January 1704 [cited in *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 14 (1926-7), p.331]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2992A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon]; 2993A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Clement's, Townstall, Dartmouth, Devon].

John WEEKES Snr (fl.1652-1683)

Person ID: 13932

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Great Torrington, Devon

Anne, the wife of John Weekes, chyrurgion, died and was buried on the same day at Great Torrington, Devon, 26 April 1657. In 1683, he provided a testimonial for his son **John Weekes Jnr**.

Children of Mr John Weekes Snr and wife Anne:

Balthazar, bapt.19 February 1651/2 [Great Torrington].

Daniel, buried 17 August 1654 [Great Torrington].

John, born 24 January 1654/5; bapt.6 February 1654/5 [Great Torrington]. Licensed Physician and surgeon.

Devon Heritage Centre, 4014A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Great Torrington, Devon]; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/201/1-3; Sancroft, f.247v [*Directory*, i, no.882].

John WEEKES Jnr (b.1655)

Person ID: 13933

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Great Torrington, Devon

John Weekes Jnr of Great Torrington, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol, Exeter and Gloucester on 11 July 1683. Letters testimonial on his behalf were signed by Robert Wiseheart, the minister, and churchwardens of Great Torrington, as well as by **John Weekes Snr**, surgeon, Dr **Henry Ravening**, and **Alexander Avery**, surgeon, on 9 July 1683.

He was the son of **John Weekes Snr** and his wife Anne and was born on 24 January 1654/5. He was baptised at Great Torrington on 6 February 1654/5.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/201/1-3; Sancroft, f.247v [*Directory*, i, no.882]; Devon Heritage Centre, 4014A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Great Torrington, Devon].

John WEEKES or WEEKS (fl.1684)

Person ID: 27674

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Cruwys Morchard, Devon

John Weekes of Cruwys Morchard, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 29 November 1684.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.345.

John WENMOTH or WENMOUTH (d.1658 or 1659)

Person ID: 13984

Occ: naval surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

John Wemoth or Wenmouth was serving aboard the 'Blessing' frigate, under Captain Edward Langdon, when he made his will in July 1658. There, he describes himself as then a resident of Plymouth. He designated his wife Joan as executrix, and cited prior arrangements made with Mr Lambert Leeds and Mr Anthony Greene, both of Plymouth, in order to dispose of his estate on behalf of his wife in the best way possible.

TNA, PROB 11/290, f.80r [will of John Wenmouth, surgeon, of Plymouth, Devon, 18 July 1658, pr.15 April 1659].

John WESCOT or WESTCOT (d.1688)

Person ID: 16952

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Wescot or Westcot, apothecary, was buried at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 27 December 1688.

Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/14 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon].

Richard WESTAWAY (d.1729)

Person ID: 14000

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: South Tawton, Devon

Richard Westaway of South Tawton, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery throughout the province of Canterbury on 21 April 1696. Letters testimonial certifying that Westaway had attained a competent skill in physic and surgery and had 'very good successe uppon such patients as have had occasion to make use of him', was signed by Dr **Thomas Alvey**, MD, **Robert Cording**, Edward Seddon, rector of Throwleigh, George Drake, rector of Belstone, John Webber, rector of Broadwood Kelly, Devon, and two others (unnamed), on 1 January 1695/6.

Mr Richard Westaway was buried at South Tawton on 19 April 1729. In his will, proved at Exeter in 1729, he described himself as 'doctor of physick'.

Lambeth Palace Library, FII/37/52a-c; F1/E, f.76v [*Directory*, ii, no.1061]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2915A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of South Tawton, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.661.

Clement WESTCOMBE (1574-1652)

Person ID: 14003

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Clement Westcombe was the son of Jacob Westcombe (d.1593) and was baptized at Barnstaple, Devon, on 14 November 1574. Westcombe matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 19 November 1596, and proceeded BA (from New College) on 14 April 1601, MA on 12 April 1605, and B Med, MD and with a licence to practice medicine on 3 July 1615. He was already settled in Exeter by 1605, when he married Elizabeth Martin, the daughter of William Martin of Exeter, at St Petrock's, Exeter (4 August 1605). He nonetheless signed himself as 'of Barnstaple' in March 1621 when he provided a testimonial for **Hugh Pawlin** of Landkey.

Mr Clement Wesecum 'dockter' was buried at St Paul's, Exeter, where he had resided for over 40 years, on 7 August 1652. In his will, made two years before his death, he penned an original and godly preamble that may indicate puritanism. Two of his daughters, Katherine and Susanna, were married to Exeter men who featured

prominently in godly circles in the city. Westcombe owned a great deal of property scattered across the city of Exeter and elsewhere in Devon, Somerset and Cornwall. This he bequeathed to his sons Richard, Gregory, William and Nicholas (who received his home in St Paul's, Exeter), giving the last two a further £100 each. The rest of his estate was left to Westcombe's 'deare wife' Elizabeth, who was to receive all the profits of her husband's various estates for her life and was named as sole executrix.

Children of Dr Clement Westcombe and wife Elizabeth:

Mary, bapt.13 April 1608 [St Petrock's, Exeter]. She married Peter Trosse, gent, at St Paul's, Exeter, 26 March 1632.

Jacob, bapt.5 July 1609 [St Petrock's, Exeter]; buried 20 November 1626 [St Paul's, Exeter].

Katherine, bapt.11 December 1610 [St Paul's, Exeter]. She married James Gould, merchant, at St Paul's, Exeter, 13 September 1638.

Richard, bapt.1 April 1612 [St Paul's, Exeter].

Susan, bapt.16 January 1613/14 [St Paul's, Exeter]. She married Mr John Pinn [i.e.Pym] at St Paul's, Exeter, 6 April 1647.

Thomas, bapt.27 August 1615; buried 30 July 1618 [St Paul's, Exeter].

John, bapt.24 December 1616 [St Paul's, Exeter]; buried 2 January 1616/17 [St Sidwell's, Exeter].

Elizabeth, buried 19 September 1620 [St Paul's, Exeter].

Gregory, bapt.23 January 1619/20 [St Paul's, Exeter].

William, bapt.27 March 1622 [St Paul's, Exeter].

Elizabeth, bapt.1 August 1624 [St Paul's, Exeter]. She married Mr William Fell of St David's, Exeter, at the latter parish, 24 February 1640/1.

Clement, bapt.5 April 1627 [St Paul's, Exeter].

Nicholas, bapt.5 November 1628 [St Paul's, Exeter].

T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903), baptisms, p.20; Foster, iv, p.1599; Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; Chanter MS 42, p.294; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.11; TNA, KB27/1677, m.973, 973d; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, pp.167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173; ii, pp.364, 368, 375, 444, 447, 454; TNA, PROB 11/222, ff.132r-v [will of Clement Westcombe, doctor of physic, of Exeter, 18 June 1650, pr.31 August 1652]; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of St Sidwell's, Exeter, Devon; 2931A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St David's, Exeter, Devon].

Geoffrey WESTLEY, Geoffrey (fl.1617-1619)

Person ID: 14009

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Axminster, Devon

Geoffrey Westley of Axminster, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the diocese of Exeter on 20 February 1618/19. In 1617, he was described as a physician and the son-in-law of one Edmund Langdon alias Hopkins, who was

indicted at the Devizes quarter sessions for practising witchcraft in order to find lost goods.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.253 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.132]; B.H.Cunnington (ed.), *Records of the County of Wilts being Extracts from the Quarter Sessions Great Rolls of the Seventeenth Century* (Devizes, 1932), p.61.

Thomas WEYMOUTH (fl.1684)

Person ID: 14030

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Kingsbridge, Devon

Thomas Weymouth of Kingsbridge, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter on 30 July 1684.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.323.

Thomas WHEADON (b.c.1668)

Person ID: 16408

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Wheadon, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on paying a fine of £1 1s 6d (having served seven years apprenticeship with **John Macy**, barber), on 15 December 1701.

Wheadon, aged 27, married Elizabeth Harding of Exeter at Exeter cathedral on 28 May 1695.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.206 [citing mayor's act book, 1684-1731, p.311]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), p.126.

Mr WHITEHORN or WHITEHORNE (fl.1665)

Person ID: 14122

Occ: physician

Loc: Great Torrington, Devon

In a diocesan survey conducted in 1665, one Mr Whitehorn of Great Torrington, Devon, described as a master of arts practising medicine in the town 'appears no otherwise then well affected to ye present Government'.

In all probability, the physician was one of the two sons of Thomas Whitehorn, rector of Upton Hellions, near Crediton, Devon. Thomas, the elder, was MA and a fellow of Corpus Christi, Oxford, who acted as executor of his father's will. If ejected, he may be the same as the Thomas Whitehorne, whose house at Woolfardisworthy, near

Crediton, was licensed for Presbyterian worship in 1672. He died sometime around 1701. Nathaniel, the younger son, was made BA and MA at Oxford (of Christ Church) 1653 and 1656 respectively. He is probably the same as the Mr Nathaniel Whitehorne who was buried at Bideford on 26 October 1696.

Lambeth Palace Library, MS 639, ff.307r, 409r; Foster, iv, pp.1619, 1620; TNA, PROB 11/297, ff.144v-145r [will of Thomas Whitehorne, rector of Upton Hellions, Devon, 20 June 1655, pr.14 March 1659/60]; F.Bate, *The Declaration of Indulgence, 1672* (Liverpool, 1908), appendix 7, p.xxiv; Devon Heritage Centre, 799A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Bideford, Devon].

John WILCOCKS or WILCOX (c.1665-1719)

Person ID: 14190

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Morchard Bishop, Devon

John Wilcox, MA, was licensed to practise medicine throughout the province of Canterbury on 21 April 1696. Letters testimonial on his behalf were signed by Dr **Thomas Alvey, Gregory Bruen, Giles Steadman** of Gloucestershire and four local clergymen. He later signed an episcopal licence application on behalf of **Edward Bury** of Exeter in 1709.

There is some confusion as to which of the three potential Oxford-educated clergymen physicians best fits the above description. While his licence does not identify his place of abode, it does stipulate that he possessed an MA. The fact that he was resident at Morchard Bishop, from where he also practised medicine, is evident from the various depositions made following his death in 1719. Robert Morrish, for example, claimed that he had known Wilcocks for about 30 years, ever since he became rector of the parish (i.e.1688), and that he was ‘a man of very good sense ... accounted a good physician and had practice’. Consequently, his death was sadly lamented by ‘many persons who had found benefit by him as a physician’. He died after falling from his horse whilst riding from Chulmleigh ‘a month or so before Christmas’. Morrish also confirmed that Wilcocks’ son, John, ‘had cost him a lot of money’.

In all probability, therefore, John Wilcocks the clergyman-physician, was the son of Devon clergyman John Wilcocks (who did not possess an MA), who was buried at South Brent (as vicar) on 1 January 1715/16. John Wilcocks Jnr was born about 1665 and matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 11 November 1681, proceeding BA in 1685 and MA in 1688. He was buried at Morchard Bishop on 23 February 1718/19.

LPL, FII/37/54a-c; F1/E, f.76v [*Directory*, ii, no.1065]; I.Mortimer, ‘Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783’, *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.132; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Exeter; Foster, iv, p.1630; Devon Heritage Centre, Moger depositions, bundle 197, testamentary bundles, 1710-19; TNA, PROB 11/552, ff.183v-184r [will of John Wilcocks, clerke, of South Brent, 26 April 1713, pr.3 May 1716]; Devon Heritage centre, parish registers of Morchard Bishop, Devon; North Devon RO, 2309 B/W289 [will of John Wilcox of Morchard Bishop, Devon, 1719] [to see].

William WILCOCKS or WILCOX (fl.1706)

Person ID: 18406

Occ: druggist

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Willcocks or Wilcox, druggist, was made a freeman of Exeter as the apprentice of **Robert Eveleigh** on 1 July 1706.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra ser., vol.1, 1973), p.212.

Francis WILLIAMS (fl.1658)

Person ID: 14248

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In 1658, Francis Williams, surgeon, of Exeter, Devon, testified at the borough quarter sessions in Exeter that the wounds suffered by one William Chapph, bailiff, were not life threatening.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/64, f.428v.

Osmund WILLIAMS (fl.1559)

Person ID: 16455

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Osmund Williams, barber, was made a freeman of the city on paying an entry fee of £1, at Michaelmas 1559-60.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.83.

William WILLIAMS (c.1681-1740)

Person ID: 14290

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

William Williams was the son of William Williams of Bodinnick, near Fowey, Cornwall, and matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 26 November 1697, aged 16. Williams served as a fellow of the college from 1700 to 1719, proceeding BA in 1703, MA in 1706, and B Med and MD in 1711, He was also proctor of the university in 1710. Williams was living in Exeter by 1718, when, on 25 November 1718, he married Elizabeth Oliver, the daughter of Joseph Oliver of Exwick, esquire, at Exeter cathedral.

William Williams died on 5 May 1740 and was buried at St Thomas Apostle, Exeter, on 22 May 1740. In his will, made and revised on numerous occasions between March 1733 and March 1740, Williams bequeathed almost £6,000 in legacies. The chief beneficiaries were his son William (£2,000), unmarried daughters Elizabeth and

Bridget (£1,500 each), wife Elizabeth (who received £200 pa in annuities, as well as the use of the house and gardens at Exwick where her father once lived) and son John Oliver, who was named as residual legatee, heir to all properties and executor. Williams also left £40 for the poor (including £10 to the poor of the parish of Lanteglos near Fowey, where he was probably baptised) and requested that £200 be expended on his funeral. Finally, he named William Pyne of Alphington, esquire, Rev. George Sandford and his wife Elizabeth as trustees. Williams' widow Elizabeth, who was living at Exwick at the time of her death on 25 June 1776, was buried in the family vault at St Thomas Apostle, Exeter, two days later. A monumental bust was erected in the church to the memory of William Williams, MD, and his wife Elizabeth, by their daughter in 1781.

Children of Dr William Williams and wife Elizabeth:

John Oliver, bapt. 18 October 1719 [Exeter cathedral].

William, bapt. 17 September 1721 [Exeter cathedral].

Ann, bapt. 12 October 1722 [Exeter cathedral]. She married Rev. Samuel Newte at Exeter, 21 July 1743.

Elizabeth, bapt. 15 April 1725 [Exeter cathedral].

William, bapt. 2 October 1728 [Exeter cathedral].

Benjamin, bapt. 25 June 1730 [Exeter cathedral].

Bridget. She married Daniel Hamilton, esq, at St Thomas Apostle, on 4 December 1757.

Foster, iv, p.1647; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I. The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), pp.90, 91, 92, 93, 145; Devon Heritage Centre, 4781A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Thomas Apostle, Exeter, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/707, ff.103r-104v [will of William Williams, doctor in physick, of Exeter, 16 March 1732/3, 14 September 1738, 28 August 1739 and 29 March 1740, pr.12 November 1740]; A.Jenkins, *The History and Description of the City of Exeter and Its Environs, Ancient and Modern, Civil and Ecclesiastical* (Exeter, 1806), p.433.

William WILLIAMS (fl.1709-1731)

Person ID: 14291

Occ: licensed physican/surgeon

Loc: Modbury, Devon

William Williams of Modbury, Devon, applied for a licence to practise physic and surgery in the diocese of Exeter, 3 September 1709. His signature appears on an application for a medical licence from Okehampton in 1731.

I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiate, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.132.

Peter WILLIS (fl.1554-1565)

Person ID: 27726

Occ: apothecary/merchant

Loc: Totnes, Devon

20 March 1553/4, Peter Willis, apothecary, of Totnes, Devon, appeared before the Privy Council, charged with a debt of £50 to the Queen, a fine levied for Willis' role in the Protestant Western Rising. Willis refused to pay, going into exile in Geneva, where he lived for much of the rest of Queen Mary's reign. On returning to England, he became a wine merchant.

C.H.Garrett, *The Marian Exiles: A Study in the Origins of English Puritanism* (Cambridge, 1938), p.337 [citing *Acts of the Privy Council, 1552-4*, p.410; *CSPD, Addenda, 1547-1565*, p.562].

James WILLS (d.1703)

Person ID: 14330

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Kingsbridge, Devon

James Wills of Kingsbridge, Devon, was licensed to practice surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 12 February 1696/7. In his application, he claimed to have several years of experience both in physic and surgery.

He was buried at Kingsbridge on 15 June 1703.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 47, p.136 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.132]; PR 518, *sub* Kingsbridge; 3077A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of Kingsbridge, Devon].

John WILLS (c.1651-1701)

Person ID: 14331

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Rackenford, Devon

On 2 August 1692, John Wills, rector of Rackenford, Devon, applied for a licence to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter, claiming he had 'for several yeares last past studied the Art of Physick and with good success practised and Exercised the same'. Testimonials in support of his applications were signed by two Exeter physicians, **Thomas Waterhouse** and **Nicholas Hele**.

Wills was the son of William Wills (d.c.1684) of Poltimore, Devon. He matriculated at Oriel College, Oxford, on 16 October 1668, aged 17, proceeding BA in 1672. He was appointed rector of Rackenford the following year until his death in 1701.

Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Rackenford [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiatees, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.132]; Foster, iv, p.1652.

John WILLS (fl.1712)

Person ID: 16459

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Wills, barber, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on payment of a fine of £2 3s on 22 December 1712.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.224.

Alice WILSON (fl.1680)

Person ID: 27704

Occ: midwife

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Alice Wilson, of Exeter, Devon, was licensed to practise midwifery in the city of Exeter and throughout Devon on 30 April 1680. She may be the woman of the same name, whose will was proved at Exeter in 1705.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 46, p.47; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.657.

John WILTON (d.1626)

Person ID: 27407/27705

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Wilton, apothecary, of Exeter, Devon, claimed to have been bewitched by Elizabeth Crosse of St Sidwell's, Exeter, in 1625. After falling under her spell, Wilton said that he was unable to carry out his responsibilities as an apprentice apothecary, concocting syrups and letting blood. According to Mark Stoyle, he died of the plague in 1626.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA C1/62, ff.250-250v [deposition of John Willton, apothecary, 7 June 1625]; M.Stoyle, 'Witchcraft in Exeter: the Cases of John and Elizabeth Crosse', *Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries*, 41 (2015), p.199.

John WINELL or WYNELL (1606-1670)

Person ID: 14398

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Winell or Wynell would appear to have received his medical training at the university of Leiden, where he is described in the *Acta* as proceeding MD on 7 July 1638. His doctoral thesis has not been found. During the civil wars, he served as physician-general to the royalist armies in the west and was later physician to the earl of Radnor.

Winell was the son of Thomas Winell or Whinnell (c.1560-1638), rector of Askerswell, Dorset. He was born on 9 November 1606 and was baptized by his father at Askerswell on 17 November 1606. Winell matriculated at Brasenose College, Oxford, on 6 December 1620, proceeding BA in 1625/6. In 1631, he was installed as curate of St John's, Exeter, and five years later became rector of St Leonard's in

Exeter. Winell was married to Anne, the daughter of John More (d.1639) of Tenby, Pembrokeshire. In the latter's will, he refers to his son-in-law as John Wynell, doctor of physick, of Exeter. Winell himself was ejected from his Exeter livings for refusing parliamentary oaths in early 1643, and only returned to the city following its recapture by the royalists later the same year. The clergyman John Walker (1674-1747) obtained a detailed, though perhaps one-sided, account of Dr Winell's sufferings at this time from his widow Anne, then living in London in 1704. She makes it clear that he was widely condemned by his political enemies as 'a limb of the Anti-Christ'. At the time, Winell lived in a house opposite the church in St John's parish, as well as owning another property, leased to tenants, in St Leonard's. His wife Anne, who was pregnant, comes across as a fiery character, who did her utmost to argue her husband's cause.

Winell was probably living in Exeter in 1650, living a hand-to-mouth existence, when his nephew John Morrice, a brewer, named him as residual legatee and executor of his will and left Winell's children £40. Three years later, Winell's wife Anne and their children were the recipients of several small bequests from one Mary Loners of Sheepwash, Devon. In the same year, Winell was accused at the borough quarter sessions of clipping coins. In his defence, he claimed to possess certain goldsmith's tools that had been bequeathed to him by his recently deceased brother, which he used to ascertain the properties of silver. The prosecution seems to have been initiated by one Edward Lake, an Exeter goldsmith. Winell's own son Thomas also gave evidence that was not entirely favourable to his father. Further depositions were taken later in the year, but the case seems to have fizzled out. By 1655, Winell was installed as vicar of Bodmin in Cornwall, but once again he fell foul of the puritan authorities and was removed two years later. Reinstalled at the Restoration, he resigned in 1662, when he may have briefly served the cure of his father's old parish at Askerswell, Dorset. In 1660, one John Whynnell, minister of the gospel at Askerswell, published a sermon welcoming the restoration of Charles II. In the same year, John Wynell, M.D., was the author of a small treatise on syphilis that was dedicated to his 'deservedly honoured friend' James Bovey (1622-1696) of Chelsea. Bovey, an ardent royalist, who had served Charles II as financier in exile, was himself a keen proponent of self-help manuals of which Winell's treatise on the treatment of venereal disease might be considered an example. He was also an enthusiastic theorist of mercantile and financial innovation, as well as an occultist, who may have encouraged Winell's experiments with silver and foray into clipping.

Winell was appointed vicar of St Gluvias, Cornwall, in 1663, and served the living until his death in 1670. He remained throughout an indomitable opponent of the king's enemies. In 1667, for example, he wrote to the bishop of Exeter complaining that 'we have of late been so troubled with Conventicles and Bastardy that I think it my necessary duty to prevent their growth and mischief to the Church and entreat you to set process to issue forth against them'.

Children of John Wynell:

Thomas, bapt.27 April 1635 [St Paul's, Exeter].

Anna, bapt.7 October 1638 [St Lawrence's, Exeter].

Mary, bapt.12 April 1640 [St Lawrence's, Exeter].

John, bapt.12 August 1641 [St Lawrence's, Exeter]. He was apprenticed to Andrew

Cane of London, goldsmith and part-time actor, 17 March 1653/4.
Sarah, bapt.3 November 1644 [St Petrock's, Exeter].
Philip. He matriculated at Brasenose College, Oxford, 20 November 1663; BA 1667.
He married Frances Mayow at Landrake, Cornwall, 4 May 1671.
James, bapt.11 March 1648/9 [St Kerrian's, Exeter].

Publications:

Englands Sorrows Turned into Joy. A Sermon [28 June 1660] (London, 1660).

Lues Venerea. Or a Perfect Cure of the French Pox (London, 1660).

Innes Smith, p.254; *Walker Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1948; reissued 1988), p.127; Bodl., Walker MSS C2, f.252v; Foster, iv, pp.1610, 1693; TNA, PROB 11/181, ff.513v-514r [will of John More of Tenby, Pembrokeshire, 28 March 1639; proved 2 December 1639]; Bodl., J.Walker MSS. C2, ff.252-252r [reprinted in M.Stoyle, *From Deliverance to Destruction: Rebellion and Civil War in an English City* (Exeter, 1996), pp.192-194]; TNA, PROB 11/214, f.187r [will of John Morrice, brewer, of Exeter, 2 November 1650, pr.22 November 1650]; PROB 11/239, ff.54r-v [will of Mary Loners of Sheepwash, 12 April 1653, pr.18 February 1653/4]; Devon Heritage Centre, C1/64, ff.216v-217r, 225r, 226v; *ODNB*, sub Bovey, James, article by M.H.Porter; L.A.Fereday, *The Story of Falmouth Baptists*; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations ... in the Court of the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799, and of Devon only, proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Exeter, 1540-1799* (London, BRS, vol.35, 1908), p.204; H.Tapley-Soper (ed.), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the City of Exeter. Volume II. The Parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St Pancras, St Paul* (Exeter, DCRS, 1933), pt i, p.176; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of St Lawrence, Exeter, Devon; 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; 4780A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Kerrian's, Exeter, Devon].

Thomas WINWARDE (fl.1579)

Person ID: 14425

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Winwarde of Exeter, Devon, was licensed to practise the art of surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 29 September 1579.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 41, p.85 [need erroneous Mortimer, Index, ref under Milwarde].

Tobias WISEMAN (fl.1700)

Person ID: 17777

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

In 1700, Tobias Wiseman, apothecary, of Plymouth, Devon, occupied three properties, part of a parcel of corporation lands (a former palace), between the street

leading to the new quay and the broad street leading to the south quay. In that year, the land was leased to **James Yonge**, gent, of Plymouth (26 July 1700).

He may be the same as the Tobias Wiseman, the son of Tobias and Elizabeth Wiseman, who was baptised at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 21 July 1663.

Plymouth Archives, 1/720/165; parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon.

John WITHERS Jnr (fl.1695)

Person ID: 27706

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Withers Jnr was made a freeman of the city of Exeter as the apprentice of **Edward Collins** in 1695. He was probably the son of John Withers (d.1708), minister of St Sidwell's, Exeter, where he was born on 3 July and baptised by his father on 10 July 1670. One of this name was resident in the parish of St Stephen's, Exeter, in 1699.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, vol.1, 1973), p.197; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of St Sidwell's, Exeter, Devon; W.G.Hoskins (ed.), *Exeter in the Seventeenth Century: Tax and Rate Assessments 1602-1699* (Torquay, DCRS, n.s., vol.2, 1957), p.87 [poor rate, 1699].

William WITHERS (d.c.1720)

Person ID: 14444

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

In 1704, William Withers, surgeon, of Exeter, Devon, signed a medical testimonial on behalf of the surgeon **Jonathan Furlong**, who was seeking a post in the navy. Nine years later, he signed letters testimonial on behalf of **Henry Halstead**, a London apothecary, who later set up as a physician in Burnley, Lancashire. Withers' will was proved at Exeter in 1720.

British Library, Add MS 61,298, f.122; Lambeth Palace Library, FII/54/23; Society of Genealogists [details of will to follow].

Giles WOOD (1639-1715)

Person ID: 14482

Occ: apothecary/physician

Loc: Exeter & Moretonhampstead, Devon

Giles Wood was the son of Christopher Wood, tailor, of Exeter, and was baptised at St Mary Major, Exeter, on 2 July 1639. Giles Wood, apothecary, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter by succession on 27 July 1668. In 1681, describing himself as a 'medical licentiate', he signed letters testimonial on behalf of **Caleb Reynolds**, an Exeter apothecary seeking a licence to practise medicine in the diocese of Exeter.

Wood was licensed to marry Marsella Kemp of Exeter on 27 April 1663. The couple were living at Moretonhampstead by 1674, when their first child, Margery, was

baptised there (as the son of Giles Wood, ‘physitian’). Wood’s wife, Marsella, was buried at Moretonhampstead on 7 April 1711. Gyles Wood, ‘physitian’, was buried there on 3 December 1715. His will was proved at Exeter the same month.

Children of Giles Wood and wife Marsella:

Margery, bapt.19 September 1674 [Moretonhampstead].
Christopher, bapt.25 February 1676/7 [Moretonhampstead].
Mercilla [Marsella], bapt.23 March 1679/80 [Moretonhampstead].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2945A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Major, Exeter, Devon]; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra ser., vol.1, 1973), p.155; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/167/1-4; J.H.Mann (ed.), *Diocese of Exeter Marriage Licences, 1631-1668* (DCRS, 1939), p.176; Devon Heritage Centre, 2916A/PR/1 and 2 [parish registers of Moretonhampstead, Devon]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations Relating to the Counties of Devon and Cornwall Proved in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Exeter, 1532-1800* (Plymouth, 1914), p.235.

Margaret WOOD (fl.1635-1639)

Person ID: 27707

Occ: midwife

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Margaret Wood, midwife, was the daughter of Jonathan Wood and was left 40s in the will of Joan Trosse of St Lawrence’s, Exeter, in 1639.

Devon Heritage Centre, ECA, C1/63, f.167r; TNA, PROB 11/182, ff.40v-41r [will of Joan Trosse, spinster, of St Lawrence’s, Exeter, 25 November 1639, pr.11 January 1639/40].

Roger WOOD (1697-1721)

Person ID: 27724

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Tiverton, Devon

Roger Wood is identified as a surgeon in a gravestone formerly identified in the church of Tiverton. Wood was the son of Mr William Wood (d.1713), a merchant and member of the corporation of the town and his wife Susanna and was baptized at Tiverton in November 1697. Mr Roger Wood died on 4 November 1721, aged 24, and was buried at Tiverton on 23 November 1721.

Though very young, it is tempting to speculate that he was the Mr Wood, surgeon, of Tiverton who attended on, and subsequently anatomized, a woman who died giving birth to a foetus that was reputedly three years old.

J.Cobley (ed.), *James Davidson’s East Devon Church Notes* (Woodbridge, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, 64, 2022), p.384; Devon Heritage Centre, 2960A/PR/1/3 and 4 [parish registers of Tiverton, Devon]; Thomas Henley, *An Account of a Male Child Fourteen Inches Long, Taken after the Mother’s death out of the Left Fallopien*

Tube, in Tiverton, November 1714, after having been there near Three Years, with a Copper Cut Exactly Describing the Figure of the Child (Exeter, 1715).

William WOOD (fl.1603-1606)

Person ID: 14519/14520

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Katherine, the wife of William Wood, surgeon, of Barnstaple, Devon, was buried at Barnstaple on 26 April 1606. He may be the same as the Mr William Wood, widower, buried in the town on 5 February 1662/3.

In 1625, one William Wood, the father of William Wood, naval surgeon, petitioned the King regarding his son, who had twice been captured and enslaved by pirates.

Children of William Wood, surgeon:

Elizabeth, bapt.2 September 1602 or 1603; buried 21 November 1606 [Barnstaple].

Margaret, buried 24 June 1606 [Barnstaple].

Richard, bapt.21 October 1615 [Barnstaple].

T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 A.D. to 1812 A.D.*(Exeter, 1913), baptisms, pp.44, 45, 47, 57; burials, pp.34, 35, 74; *CSPD, 1625-1626*, p.210.

William WOOD (fl.early 18th century)

Person ID: ????

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

William Wood, surgeon, of Plymouth, Devon, was described as dead when his son William was apprenticed to Samuel Mayor, housecarpenter, of Bristol on 30 March 1714/15. He was subsequently transferred to James Tucker (no trade stated) for the remainder of his term, 18 June 1718.

Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

William WOOD (fl.1713-1718)

Person ID: 14526

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Bideford, Devon

William Wood of Bideford, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 11 February 1712/13. He later signed testimonials on behalf of **Richard Smith** (1713), **William Pritchett** (1714) and **Richard Hawke Jnr** of North Petherwin, Cornwall (1718).

One Mr William Wood married Mrs Elizabeth Colley at Bideford on 11 September 1713.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 48, *sub* 11 February 1712/13 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter,

1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.133]; PR 518, *sub* Plymouth, Werrington and North Petherwin]; 799A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Bideford, Devon].

George WOODWARD (c.1664-1723)

Person ID: 14574

Occ: physician

Loc: Plympton and Yealmpton, Devon

George Woodward was the son of Thomas Woodward of Oxford, and was born, according to his widow, in Bedfordshire. Woodward matriculated at Queen's College, Oxford, on 6 February 1679/80, aged 16, proceeding BA (from Exeter College) on 16 October 1683. He was made a licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, London, on 27 April 1691, when he was practising at Plympton in Devon. In July 1712, he signed letter testimonial on behalf of **John Woolcombe** of Plympton St Mary, a candidate for an archiepiscopal licence. Two years later, Adam White, the son of Robert White of Dodbrook, cordwainer, was apprenticed to Woodward at a premium of £60.

Woodward was married by 1695, when his first child with his wife Mary was baptised at Yealmpton. He was probably resident here from this date until his death in 1723.

George Woodward, gentleman, was buried at Yealmpton on 28 June 1723.

Immediately following his death, his widow Mary erected a monument in Yealmpton church in which she described her late husband as 'of more than humble birth, born in the county of Bedford, a learned, skilled, and celebrated Doctor, a most faithful Husband, a very good Father, distinguished for his piety towards God, parents and country, for integrity of manners, for a lovable disposition, for unbroken patience in carrying out labours, who after various wanderings at length reached the term of nature: who was born in the year 1657 [sic], and died 1723'.

Children of George Woodward, gentleman, and wife Mary:

Mary, bapt.28 August 1695 [Yealmpton].

Mary, bapt.31 December 1698 [Yealmpton].

Grace, bapt.3 December 1700; buried 31 October 1731 [Yealmpton].

Agnes, bapt.4 February 1701/2 [Yealmpton].

George, bapt.18 May 1704; buried 17 April 1739 [Yealmpton].

Henry, bapt.15 December 1705; buried 4 May 1731 [Yealmpton].

Elizabeth, bapt.3 February 1707/8 [Yealmpton].

Michael, bapt.1 August 1710 [Yealmpton].

Judith, bapt.28 June 1713 [Yealmpton].

Foster, iv, p.1677; Munk, i, p.484; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/453/1-3; TNA, IR 43, f.157; Rev.H.J.Warner, *A History of Yealmpton* (Plymouth, 1907), p.54; Plymouth Archives, 731/2 [parish registers of Yealmpton, Devon].

Andrew WOOLCOTT (d.1658)

Person ID: 14584

Occ: surgeon

Loc: South Molton, Devon

Andrew Woolcott of South Molton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Exeter on 26 January 1612/13. He was buried at South Molton on 5 May 1658. In his will, Woolcott, described as a surgeon, requested that the will of his father, also Andrew, of which he was executor, be observed and performed. In all probability, this was the same as the Andrew Woolcott, who was buried at South Molton on 20 March 1652/3. If so, he is probably the surgeon licensed in 1613. Woolcott left his estate, including a house in Barnstaple, to his son Andrew and daughter Margaret Quantock, naming his father-in-law John Blackmore as residual legatee and executor. His wife was presumably dead.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 42, p.93; 3331A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of South Molton, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/282, ff.317r-v [will of Andrew Woolcott, chirurgeon, of South Molton, Devon, 15 March 1657/8, pr.2 October 1658].

John WOOLLCOMBE (fl.1712)

Person ID: 14591

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon Loc: Plympton St Mary & Stoke Damerel, Devon

John Woolcombe of Plympton St Mary, Devon, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the province of Canterbury on 10 September 1712. Following examination, letters testimonial on his behalf were signed by two local physicians, **Thomas Pyne** and **George Woodward**, as well as **William Walcot**, surgeon, and three local clergymen, who all claimed to have known Woolcombe for many years. The medical testimonials were counter-signed by **Richard Blackmore**, a fellow of the College of Physicians in London.

He is probably the same as the Mr John Woolcombe of Stoke [Damerel], who was buried at Plympton St Mary on 3 April 1757. Woolcombe's daughter Anne married the Plymouth surgeon, Vivian Cole, at Stoke Damerel on 27 June 1737. In his will of 1757, Woolcombe, of Stoke Damerel, described himself as a practitioner in physick.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/453/1-5; Tenison 2, f.296v [*Directory*, i, no.932]; Plymouth Archives, 166/4 [parish registers of Stoke Damerel, Devon]; 710/278 [will of John Woolcombe, practitioner in physick, of Stoke Damerel, Devon, 29 April 1752, pr.1757].

John WOOLTON (c.1564-1614)

Person ID: 14598

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Woolton was the son of the clergyman John Woolton (c.1537-1594), who later became bishop of Exeter from 1579 until his death in 1594. Born about 1564, John Woolton Jnr was educated at All Souls College, Oxford, where he proceeded BA on 16 February 1584/5 and MA on 19 January 1587/8. Woolton was licensed to practise medicine by the university on 13 July 1593, supplicating for his B Med and MD on 16 July 1599.

Woolton sat as MP for Truro in 1589. He probably owed his seat to his father, who, as bishop, was in possession of the liberty adjoining the borough. By 1592, he was living in Exeter, where, on 3 February of that year, he married Elizabeth Livermore (b.1573), the daughter of John Levermore, in the parish church of St Petrock's. Little more is heard of Woolton until late 1603, when he was accused of writing and dispersing a vicious libel aimed at a fellow practitioner in the city, **Thomas Edwards**. Edwards responded by bringing a suit against Woolton in the Court of Star Chamber in May 1604. The cause of the conflict between the two men was complex, but largely centred on what might be termed a boundary dispute relating to what Woolton perceived as Edwards' lack of credentials and proper training (he was an apothecary by background) to perform work normally undertaken by educated physicians. Woolton's libel was laced with spiteful innuendo and scurrilous language (at one stage, he addressed Edwards as 'Master Docturdo and Fartado'), to which the trial judge, Lord Coke, took great exception. Woolton was severely censured, fined £500 and ordered to stand in the pillory on market days to expiate his guilt. Edwards was also awarded £200 in damages. Clearly stung by the outcome, Woolton plotted his revenge. Four years later, using his position on the local High Commission, Edwards who had publicly boasted of his victory over the doctor, was now himself prosecuted for libel.

By this stage, it would appear that Woolton had retired to Pilton, near Barnstaple, where he lived on his father's former estate, purchased from a local landowner, Robert Chichester. In 1607, for example, he baptised a son in the parish church at Pilton. Woolton himself was buried at Pilton on 29 October 1614. In his will, dated just days before his death, he made numerous bequests to his wife Elizabeth and six children, including one of £50 for the child of his then pregnant wife (he was subsequently baptised as Benjamin). He also mentions a brother Matthew (d.1615), sisters Margaret Barrett and Alice Sharpe, and 'well beloved' brothers in law William Sharpe and John Levermore (who were named as overseers). Woolton's widow Elizabeth, who was named as executrix, married Mr Achilles or Archilleus Gifford of Instow, gentleman, at Pilton on 10 November 1618.

A collection of medical writings by Woolton survives in the Sloane manuscripts in the British Library. These include a medieval gynaecological text, with annotations by Woolton, which was published in a modern edition in 2005.

Children of Doctor John Woolton and wife Elizabeth:

Margaret, bapt.14 March 1595/6 [Holy Trinity, Exeter]; buried 26 September 1605 [Exeter cathedral].

Elizabeth, bapt.3 November 1597 [Exeter cathedral].

John, bapt.5 March 1599/1600 [Exeter cathedral].

Anthony, bapt.29 May 1601 [Exeter cathedral]. He married Joanna Morrice of Berrynarbor at the same parish, 25 June 1629.

Alice, bapt.23 October 1602 [Exeter cathedral].

Mary, bapt.15 July 1605 [Exeter cathedral].

John, bapt.20 September 1606 [Exeter cathedral].

James, bapt.5 November 1607 [Pilton].

Benjamin, bapt.5 December 1614 [Pilton].

ODNB, sub Woolton, John, article by K.Carleton; Foster, iv, p.1669; P.W.Hasler (ed.), *The History of Parliament: The House of Commons 1558-1603*, 3 vols (London, 1981), **need vol & p.**; Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; TNA, STAC 8/130/12 [Edwards v.Woolton, 1604]; D.C.Chan, *Sir Edward Coke and the Reformation of the Laws: Religion, Politics and Jurisprudence, 1578-1616* (Cambridge, 2014), p.205; TNA, C 142/663/172; Devon Heritage Centre, 3071A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Pilton, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/125, ff.155r-v [will of John Woolton, doctor of physic, of Pilton, Devon, 25 October 1614, pr.23 February 1614/15]; British Library, Sloane MS 249, ff.1-178, 206-169b ['Collectiones medicinales']; A.Rodríguez-Alvarez and M.V.Domínguez-Rodríguez, 'A Middle English Text Revised by a Renaissance Reader: John Wotton's Annotations to British Library MS Sloane 249 (ff.180v-205v)', *International Journal of English Studies*, 5 (2005), pp.45-70; Devon Heritage Centre, 1718A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Devon]; W.U.Reynell-Upham and H.Tapley Soper (eds), *The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the City of Exeter. Vol.I.The Registers of the Cathedral* (Exeter, DCRS, 1910), pp.1, 2, 3, 57, 58.

Richard WORTH (d.1673)

Person ID: 27547

Occ: physician?

Loc: Exeter, Devon

One 'Dockter' Richard Worth was buried at St Edmund's, Exeter, on 23 November 1673. He may be the same as the Richard Worth, a worstedcomber, who was prosecuted at the Exeter quarter sessions in 1666 for practising white witchcraft.

Devon Heritage Centre, 3006A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Edmund's, Exeter, Devon]; ECA, C1/65, f.215r.

Thomas WRIGHT (d.1690)

Person ID: 27592

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Thomas Wright, barber, was buried at St Thomas Apostle, Exeter, on 11 March 1689/90.

Devon Heritage Centre, 4781A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Thomas Apostle, Exeter, Devon].

William WYATT (d.1715)

Person ID: 14694

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

William Wyatt was the son of Christopher Wyatt (d.1691) of Exeter, and was apprenticed to **James Yonge**, on the recommendation of Doctor **Thomas Waterhouse**, on 24 April 1679. As part of his apprenticeship, in October 1683, Wyatt was furnished with a surgeon's chest and wages of £3 a month to serve aboard the 'Expedition', bound for the Straits of Gibraltar. Some time between 1689 and 1694,

Wyatt applied for an episcopal licence to practise medicine and surgery. There, he referred to his service at sea, as well as in a capacity as a surgeon to a regiment of foot and the royal hospital at Plymouth 'in which stations he hath had the care of a great number of sick and wounded seamen and Souldiers'. Medical testimonials on his behalf were signed by a Mr Dickman, Dr **John Sprage**, Dr **James Mauclere**, **John Vrooghte**, surgeon, two Plymouth apothecaries, **Jonah Lavington** and **John Vallack** and **Abraham Jennings Snr**, surgeon, of Exeter. In about 1703, he was proposed by his former master for the post of surgeon to the military hospital at Plymouth. In that capacity, in 1714 he signed the application of **George Trewicke** of Roche, Cornwall, who had served his apprenticeship under Wyatt, master surgeon of Plymouth hospital. Another of his apprentices, **Jonathan Furlong**, cited similar experiences in applying for naval and military posts in 1704-5.

Wyatt married Jane Tyack at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 2 March 1686/7. She was buried in the same parish on 3 November 1711. Mr William Wyatt was buried at Lamerton, near Tavistock, in March 1714/15. His son William (1704-1744) followed in his father's footsteps as a surgeon. He was buried at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, on 9 April 1744. In his will, he left annuities to his three surviving sisters, Jenny, Joanna and Judith, as well as seven volumes of the Royal Society's *Philosophical Transactions* to the Plymouth clergyman John Bedford.

Children of Mr/Doctor William Wyatt and wife Jane:

Jenny, bapt.9 October 1688 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Joanna, bapt.7 September 1690 [Charles the Martyr, Plymouth]; buried 5 January 1691/2 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Elizabeth, bapt.30 April 1693 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Judith, bapt.6 April 1697; buried 19 June 1697 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Joanna, bapt.6 November 1698 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Judith, bapt.6 June 1700 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

William, bapt.9 February 1702/3 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. A surgeon, he married Agnes Alford at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 5 November 1735. He was buried at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, 9 April 1744.

Sarah, bapt.12 December 1705; buried 26 February 1706/7 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721], ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), pp.161, 184, 188, 206, 226; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518, *sub* Plymouth [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.133]; PR 518, *sub* Roche, Cornwall [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.130]; British Library, Add MS 61,298, f.122; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, and Lamerton, Devon; TNA, PROB 11/735, ff.48r-50r [will of William Wyatt, surgeon, of Devon, 14 April 1743, pr.2 August 1744].

Roger YARD (d.1582)

Person ID: 27625

Occ: healer

Loc: Barnstaple, Devon

Roger Yard was paid by the town of Barnstaple in 1573-4 to cure one Bond's daughter and Helen Soumer of unspecified diseases. Yard was buried at Barnstaple on 8 April 1582. His widow may also have practised healing in the town. In 1585-6, one widow Yard was paid for healing a poor maid's leg, and five years later a widow 'Yane' was reimbursed for curing the head of one Martin, the shoemaker.

J.R.Chanter and T.Wainwright (eds), *Reprint of the Barnstaple Records*, 2 vols (Barnstaple, 1900), ii, p.127, 129, 131; T.Wainwright (ed.), *Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 AD to 1812 AD* (Exeter, 1903), baptisms, p.18.

Samuel YARD (fl.1663)

Person ID: 14723

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Cullompton, Devon

Samuel Yard, gent, of Cullompton, Devon, was licensed to practise surgery throughout Devon on 28 March 1663.

Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter 44, p.229 [I.Mortimer, 'Index of Medical Licentiates, Applicants, Referees and Examiners in the Diocese of Exeter, 1586-1783', *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 136 (2004), p.133; gives date in error as 1662];

James YONGE (1647-1721)

Person ID: 14747

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

James Yonge was the son of **John Yonge**, surgeon, and his wife Joanna (1618-1700), the daughter of Nicholas Blackaller of Sharpham, Devon, and his wife Rosamund née Bale, of Alphington. Yonge was born at Plymouth on 27 February 1646/7, and was baptised at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 11 March 1646/7. At the age of nine, he was sent to the Latin school, where he was educated under Mr Andrew Horsman (d.1660). On 14 February 1657/8, he was apprenticed to **Silvester Raymond**, surgeon of the 'Constant Warwick'. Two years later, he was serving as surgeon's mate aboard the 'Montague' and was a witness to the bombardment of Algiers. On returning to England, he briefly served as an assistant to a Wapping apothecary. When his master moved to Liverpool, Yonge was briefly bound to his father before travelling to Newfoundland for the cod fisheries aboard the 'Reformation'. In February 1663/4, he joined the 'Bonaventure' as surgeon and visited the coast of west Africa as well as travelling through the Mediterranean. On his second voyage aboard the same ship, he was captured by the Dutch in December 1665 and was briefly held as a prisoner of war in Amsterdam until his release in September 1666. On his return to Plymouth, he took one more trip to Newfoundland before retiring to permanent residence in his native town.

Yonge married Jane (d.1708), the daughter of Thomas Cramphorn and his wife Katherine (d.1676), at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 28 March 1671. Together, they raised a family in the parish, where Yonge built a thriving medical practice among the

townspeople, as well as through his naval contacts. In addition to serving as surgeon to the navy hospital, Yonge was appointed to the lucrative post of deputy surgeon-general to the navy in 1674. In the same year, he was licensed to practise surgery and medicine in the diocese of Exeter (9 June 1674). Not surprisingly, Yonge was throughout his career in demand as a sponsor of ecclesiastical licences. He provided testimonials for, among others, **Andrew Hall** (1683), **Jonathan Furlong** (1704), **Stephen Williams** (1709) and **George Trewicke** (1714).

Yonge was keenly interested in various aspects of natural philosophy and medical research, which he was eager to share with other like-minded men. He consequently published several papers in the *Philosophical Transactions* of the Royal Society on a range of medical issues and was able to meet many of the most celebrated natural philosophers of the day on a visit to London in 1678. Numerous publications followed. In 1679 appeared *Currus Triumphalis*, dedicated to sergeant surgeon **John Knight**, a work concerned to demonstrate the efficacy of turpentine as a method to staunch haemorrhaging. In many ways, it typified Yonge's approach to medicine and surgery – respectful of ancient authorities, while at the same time appreciative of more recent developments in medical learning. Yonge was above all a favourer of the experimental method, citing in particular the work of modern natural philosophers such as Robert Boyle and **Francis Glisson** at the expense of the empirics, among whom he included van Helmont 'and all the little Chymists that pretend to be his followers' (*Currus Triumphalis*, sig.A7r). It is also clear from his published works that Yonge engaged in original research. His use of the microscope, for example, in analysing blood enabled him to promote a 'mechanical account' of its operation in the body. At the same time, there was a keen practical edge to Yonge's work. Among various surgical advances developed by Yonge was the flap method in amputation, which he was keen to point out was first discovered by his Exeter colleagues, **Caleb Lowdham Snr** and **Anthony Smith**.

Three years later, in 1682, Yonge published an account of his dispute with **William Durston**, a fellow practitioner in Plymouth, in which he claimed that the cure of head wounds and brain damage was amenable to the art of the surgeon. In the process, Yonge hoped to redeem not only his own reputation but also that of a colleague and ally, **Thomas Spencer**, who had assisted him in 1680 in operating successfully on a child suffering from a blow to the brain. There is little doubt that Yonge was particularly aggrieved at Durston's slighting of his profession, claiming that he had done his level best to defame Yonge publicly among the gentry of Plymouth as well as vilifying 'all the Chirurgeons of this place, calling us, A Company of Ignoramus's fit for nothing but to cut Corns' (*Wounds of the Brain Proved Curable*, unpaginated 'To the Reader'). Typically, he again advanced the cause of the medical moderns over their ancient forbears, warning his readers, albeit reluctantly, that they should take care to avoid giving 'implicit credence, and receiving for Oracles the *Dixits* of men, who ... dyed before the most considerable and advantageous things in Anatomy, Medicine and Chirurgery were born' (*ibid.*, p.51). Optimistic about the future, he intimated that it would not be long before further advances in science and medicine would follow, including the discovery of perpetual motion, the quadrature of the circle, the philosopher's stone, universal remedies in physic, the longitude at sea, as well as the identity of Antichrist (*ibid.*, p.115).

Yonge's apologetic tone in discussing the shortcomings of the ancients was almost certainly linked to his inveterate religious and political conservatism and defence of the old order in state and church. Above all, he was fearful of undermining the status quo through excessive veneration of medical novelty, which he believed, had led some to espouse religious and political subversion. This was evident throughout his later writings. In 1685, for example, in a work ostensibly concerned with denigrating the plagiarism of fellow surgeon **John Browne (1642-1702)**, Yonge launched into a bitter attack on a whole variety of medical empirics, including quacks and chemists, whom he felt were dragging the reputation of the healing profession through the mire. Among those to receive a tongue-lashing were the 'scurrilous Conclavist [i.e. **Theophilus Garencières**], the nonsensical Galenopale [i.e. **George Thomson**], the verbose Polyrhizos [i.e. **Everard Maynwaring**], the silly Hilminthologer [i.e. **William Ramesey**], the no-bone fashion Aladmodeman [i.e. **Richard Griffiths**], the snarling Glow-worm, the churlish Topographer of B, and other clamorous Witlings' (*Medicaster Medicatus*, p.3). Others, such as the astrological physicians and medical translators **Nicholas Culpeper** and **William Sermon** (whose shortcomings featured in a later book by Yonge, published in 1699), were dismissed as 'Phanaticks in Physick' who were 'as unintelligible in Physick, [and] enthusiasticall in Philosophy, as Jacob Behem, or the Rosi-crucians' (*ibid.*, p.4). He concluded with a general condemnation of the contemporary scene, which he characterised as 'an Age of Monsters [and] Prodigees and deformities in all kinds of writing', which had produced traitors, heretics and schismatics in abundance. A passionate Tory, he especially lambasted those who abused the scriptures to defend murder and rebellion, a theme to which he would return in some of his non-medical writings.

In addition to Yonge's published writings, much of his correspondence with Hans Sloane and others is preserved in the papers of the latter at the British Library. The Wellcome Library also contains a paper by Yonge on the uses of terebinth as well as reflections on other aspects of his service as a military surgeon in Plymouth. Yonge's wide reading in medicine and natural philosophy, is evident throughout his published works. He almost certainly accumulated a large library that included works bequeathed to him by family and colleagues. In 1670, for example, his brother **John Yonge Jnr**, left him 'half of those books I left at home' as well as a large latin folio edition of the *Works* of Galen, a volume of Gabriel Fallopius (1523-1562), a quarto edition of *De Febribus* by Daniel Sennertus (1572-1637), and part of the works of Arnoldus de Villanova. Eight years later, the Plymouth physician **Edmund Hals** left Yonge a two-volume edition of the *Observations* of Petrus Forestus (1521-1597).

Alongside his intellectual and professional interests, Yonge was intimately engaged with the religious and political life of the borough of Plymouth. Chosen a member of the common council in 1679, he served as churchwarden of St Andrew's in 1682, and was elected alderman on 9 July 1694. Within months, he was serving as mayor (1694-5), in which capacity he sought to revive the old town charter. Yonge was a diehard royalist and Anglican, who spent much of his later years defending the idea that Charles I, not John Gauden (d.1662), was the true author of *Eikon Basilike*. In 1708, he was thanked by the Anglican clergyman John Agate of Exeter for providing him with details of events in Plymouth under puritan rule in the 1650s, information that Agate intended to use in a long-drawn-out dispute with the city's dissenters. Yonge also devoted a great deal of time and energy in support of his friend John Walker (to whom he left a small legacy in his will), who was engaged in a project to write a

history of the sufferings of the Anglican clergy between 1640 and 1660. In the process, Yonge collaborated closely with the eminent London physician **Charles Goodall**, who was keen to promote Walker's revisionist aims. Yonge also supplied a preface to the published edition of John Gilbert's loyalist sermon, preached on the anniversary of Charles I's execution, in 1699.

In 1692, Yonge made a second journey to London after his appointment as surgeon to the new dock of Hamoaze (modern-day Devonport). There he was made a member of the College of Surgeons and witnessed the eminent anatomist **Edward Tyson** at work. Ten years later, in 1702, he was made an extra-licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians in London, as well as a fellow of the Royal Society (3 November 1702). He retired from practice the following year. Yonge's wife Jane was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 28 November 1708. Yonge himself died on 25 July 1721 and was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, two days later ('Mr James Yong, Dr'). There, where he was described as a physician, a monument was erected to his memory. In his will, made a fortnight before his death, Yonge, an extremely wealthy man, left substantial bequests to his three surviving daughters, Joanna Harris (£1,200 and a property on the quayside at Plymouth), Jane (£400, an annuity of £40 pa and house in Plymouth leased from the corporation) and Catharine (£1,000). There were also substantial sums of money and gifts of property and other valuables left for Yonge's various granddaughters (£800), nieces and nephews. A portrait of Yonge has descended through the family and is today to be found at Puslinch House, Plymouth.

Children of James Yonge and wife Jane:

John, bapt.26 January 1671/2 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. He married Dorcas, the daughter of Captain Matthew of Stonehouse, 1693. He died of a dropsy on 31 July 1697, and was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 4 August 1697.

Jane, bapt.11 August 1674 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. She died on 28 June 1679 (smallpox), and was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, the same day.

Elizabeth, born 28 March 1676; bapt.25 April 1676 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. She died on 26 August 1694 (of a 'lethargy') and was buried at St Andrew's on 27 August 1694.

James, bapt.30 September 1677 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. He married Penelope (d.1708), the daughter of canon Nicholas Kendall at Lanlivery, Cornwall, 9 March 1702/3.

Joanna. She married Mr Samuel Harris at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 27 December 1694.

Jane, born 7 January 1680/1; bapt.8 February 1680/1 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Catherine, born 3 August 1684; bapt.22 August 1684; died 12 February 1685/6 (spotted fever); buried 14 February 1685/6 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Thomas, baptised and buried the same day, 19 November 1686 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Catherine, bapt.27 July 1688 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Publications:

Some Considerations Touching the Present debate Between Owners &c And Fishermen, relating to the New-Found-Land Trade (Oxford, 1671). Published anonymously but included in a list of works compiled by Yonge.

'An Account of Mr Williamson's Dissection who died of a Bullet Swallowed into the Lungs', in R.Hooke, *Lectures and Collections made by Robert Hooke of the Royal Society. Cometa ... Microscopium* (London, 1678), pp.105-112.

'Observation and Opinion concerning Natural Fountains and Springs', in Robert Hooke, *Lectures De Potentia Restitutiva, or of Spring Explaining the Power of Springing Bodies* (London, 1678), pp.28-35 [letter dated from Plymouth, 5 May 1678].

Currus Triumphalis, è Terebinthô ... Or an Account of the Many Admirable Vertues of Oleum Terebinthinae ... In Two Letters ... to ... James Pearse Esq; Chirurgeon to ... the Duke of York, and Chirurgeon General to his Majestie's Navy Royal, The Other to Mr Thomas Hobbs, Chirurgeon in London (London, 1679) [dedicated to **John Knight**, sergeant surgeon, 5 July 1678].

Wounds of the Brain Proved Curable (London, 1682) [dedicated to Sir Hugh Piper, Lt Governor of Plymouth, dated 26 April 1682].

Medicaster Medicatus, or a Remedy for the Itch of Scribling. The First Part (London, 1685).

Observations in Chyrurgery and Anatomy. With a Refutation of Divers Mistakes and Vulgar Errors in Chyrurgery and Anatomy (London, 1692).

Preface to John Gilbert, *A Sermon Preached at St Andrews Plymouth, January 30th 1698/9 ... With a Preface Defending King Charles the Martyr* (London, 1699).

Sidrophel Vapulans, or, The Quack-Astrologer Toss'd in a Blanket by the Author of Medicaster Medicatus; in an Epistle to W---m S---n [i.e. William Salmon] (London, 1699). Dedicated to the Royal College of Physicians and College of Surgeons, London.

'Part of a Letter from Mr James Yonge to Mr John Haughton [i.e. Houghton], F.R.S. Concerning the Internal Use of Cantharides', *Philosophical Transactions*, 23 (1702-3), pp.1210-12 [letter dated from Plymouth, 17 July 1702].

'A Letter from Mr James Young, F.R.S. to Dr Edward Tyson, F.R.S. concerning a Ball, Extracted from a Person, who had suffered by it 30 Years, in which was a Plumb-Stone', *Philosophical Transactions*, 23 (1702-3), pp.1279-83 [letter dated from Plymouth, 6 September 1702].

Several Evidences which have not yet Appeared in the Controversy Concerning the Author of Eikon Basilike ... Produced in a Letter to the Reverend Mr Wagstaffe (London, 1703).

'An Account of Balls of Hair Taken from the Uterus and Ovaria of Several Women: By Mr James Yonge, F.R.S. Communicated to Dr Hans Sloane, R.S.Secr.', *Philosophical Transactions*, 25 (1706-7), pp.2387-92.

‘A Letter from Mr James Yonge F.R.S. to Dr Hans Sloane, S.R.Sec. Concerning a Bunch of Hair Voided by Urine’, *Philosophical Transactions*, 26 (1708-9), pp.414-15 [letter dated from Plymouth, 28 September 1707].

‘A Letter from Mr James Yonge, F.R.S. to Dr Hans Sloane, R.S. Secr. Concerning several Solid Bodies Voided by Urine’, *Philosophical Transactions*, 26 (1708-9), pp.420-3, 432 [letters dated from Plymouth, 9 March 1707 and 1 November 1709].

‘A Relation of an Hydropical Case, in which the Gall Bladder was Distended to an Unusual Bigness’, *Philosophical Transactions*, 27 (1710-11), pp.426-9.

‘A Letter from Mr James Younge, F.R.S. to Dr Hans Sloane, R.S.Secr. Containing the Case of a Woman who had her Menses Regularly to 70 Years of Age’, *Philosophical Transactions*, 28 (1712-13), pp.236-7.

‘An account of many secrets in art and nature’. An undated manuscript in private hands; see J.R.Kirkup, *A History of Limb Amputation* (London, 2007), p.67, n.47 [citing personal communication of G.E.Larks to O.H.Wangensteen and S.D.Wangensteen, and printed in the latter’s *The Rise of Surgery* (Folkestone, 1978), p.591, n.61].

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John YONGE (fl.1571)

Person ID: 14748

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Exeter, Devon

John Yonge, surgeon, was made a freeman of Exeter, on payment of a fine of £1, at Michaelmas 1571-2.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, DCRS, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.90.

John YONGE or YOUNG (d.1679)

Person ID: 14749

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

John Yonge or Young, surgeon, of Plymouth, Devon, married Joanna Blackaller, the daughter of Nicholas Blackaller and his wife Rosamund, née Bale, at St Saviour's, Dartmouth, on 21 September 1640. Yonge practised surgery at Plymouth, where he died in 1679. He was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 16 October 1679. His son and fellow surgeon, **James Yonge**, gives a pitiful account of his father's last year and death when the two became estranged over what many saw as the father's unfair treatment and indulgence of a younger son, Nathaniel. Another son, **John**, became a surgeon. He died before his father, who was named as residual legatee and executor of his son's will. Joanna Yonge, widow of John Yonge Snr, was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 25 June 1700.

Children of John Yonge or Young and wife Joanna:

John, bapt.27 June 1641 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. Surgeon.

Anne, bapt.18 August 1644 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. She married 1.Christopher Crymes (d.1668) at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 25 April 1665; 2.Richard Walter, 'a gent. of good estate, but a covetious sneak', February 1668/9 [Yonge, *Journal*].

James, born 27 February 1646/7; bapt.11 March 1646/7 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. Surgeon.

Samuel, bapt.16 February 1648/9 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. He matriculated at Lincoln College, Oxford, 15 March 1667/8.

Nathaniel, bapt.19 April 1653 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. He married Joan, the daughter of Mr William Toller, merchant, at Fowey, 23 December 1678. A merchant and a whig, he was died of a scorbutic asthma, and was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 11 March 1698/9.

Joanna, bapt.6 June 1655 [St Andrew's, Plymouth]. She married 1.George Toller (d.1690), the son of Mr William Toller, merchant, of Fowey, at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 3 November 1680; 2.Mr Henry Burton, purser of the 'Monk', at St Andrew's, Plymouth, 27 January 1691/2.

Elizabeth, bapt.29 October 1656; buried 19 July 1657 [St Andrew's, Plymouth].

Devon Heritage Centre, 2992A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon]; Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; *The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), p.161; TNA, PROB 11/336, ff.350r-351r [will of John Young the younger, chirurgeon, 3 November 1670, pr.25 July 1671].

John YONGE or YOUNG the younger (1641-1670)

Person ID: 27643

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

John Yonge or Young was the son of **John Yonge or Young (d.1679)** and his wife Joanna, the daughter of Nicholas Blackaller, and was baptized at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 27 June 1641. He was apprenticed in about 1658 to **Thomas Spencer**, then surgeon of the hospital at Plymouth. According to his brother **James Yonge**, John married Mrs Ann Edgecomb, 'the daughter of a widow' and a 'handsome woman, of a good disposition, but not very wise nor bred to husswifry' with a dowry of just £150. She died of consumption in June 1668. A year later, Yonge determined to sell up and travel to the East Indies, an event in part 'occasioned by a quarrel between him and mother, in which neither were to be excused'. On 10 June 1671, James received a letter from his brother's apprentice, John Todd, stating that his John had died of a consumption at Balasore on the Gulf of Bengal on 14 December 1670. He died on shore, where he was buried, though he was serving at the time as surgeon of the 'Zant' frigate under Captain Andrew Parrick or Puricke.

Yonge had made his will just over a month before his death. His estate was relatively modest. He left a number of small bequests to his brothers and sisters (£100 in total) and other family members, including his mother and father. Yonge also left numerous medical tomes to his brother **James**. His surgical instruments and books aboard the 'Zant' were left to his apprentice John Todd. He also remembered a former apprentice **Michael Langdon**, who subsequently established a successful medical practice at Launceston in Cornwall.

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; *The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), pp.27, 53, 109, 111, 123, 141; TNA, PROB 11/336, ff.350r-351r [will of John Young the younger, chirurgeon, of Plymouth, Devon, 3 November 1670, pr.25 July 1671].

John YONGE or YOUNG (1672-1697)

Person ID: 14767

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Plymouth, Devon

John Yonge was the eldest son of **James Yonge** and his wife, the daughter of Thomas Cramphorn, and was baptised at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 26 January 1671/2. His troubled early few months as a baby are described by his father in his journal. Yonge was sent to school at Tavistock under the tutelage of Mr Thomas Rundle, 'an ingenious and learned young man' in 1680. Six years later, at Michaelmas 1686, he was bound apprentice to his father. In 1692, he visited London with his father, who intended to place him 'for a year or two' with the eminent surgeon **George Horsnel**. However, no deal was struck as Yonge found that 'there was not like to be that advantage I expected, and that the price would be too high'. In 1693, Yonge's father claimed that he was about to send John to Leiden in Holland to travel and study, when his son fell in love and married one Dorcas Matthew, the daughter of Captain George Matthew of Stonehouse. The couple married at Tamerton Foliot, his father being absent with a patient in the country. When he discovered the marriage about a fortnight later, James Yonge 'stopt his voyage to Holland and put them to live at the dock, furnisht his shop, [and] gave him some money and all the profits of the place, which was a good £100, beside practice'. Four years later Yonge was dead. His final months and lingering death on 31 July 1697 were described at length by his father. Mr John Younge was buried at St Andrew's, Plymouth, on 4 August 1697.

Plymouth Archives, parish registers of St Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon; *The Journal of James Yonge Plymouth Surgeon [1647-1721]*, ed.F.N.L.Poynter (London, 1963), pp.141, 197, 204, 205, 207; G.J.Armytage (ed.), *Allegations for Marriage Licences Issued by the Vicar-General for the Archbishop of Canterbury July 1687 to June 1694* (London, HS, vol.31, 1890), p.253.

Walter YONGE (fl.1524)

Person ID: 27708

Occ: barber

Loc: Exeter, Devon

Walter Yonge, barber, was living in the parish of Holy Trinity, Exeter, in 1524/5 when he appears in the subsidy returns for that year.

M.M.Rowe (ed.), *Tudor Exeter. Tax Assessments 1489-1595* (Torquay, DCRS, vol.22, 1977), p.44.

