

## SOMERSET MEDICS

**John ADAMS (fl.1665)**

Person ID: 14786

Occ: barber

Location: Somerton, Somerset

John Adams, barber, of Somerton, aged 52, was licensed to marry Mary Stanshall of the same parish, a spinster aged 30, at either Somerton or East Lydford, Somerset, on 19 January 1664/5. No record of the marriage has been found (the registers for both parishes are no longer extant for this period).

Somerset Heritage Centre, Colonel H.R.Phipps, 'Abstracts of Bath and Wells Diocesan Records, vol.3. Marriage Licences, 1636-1676'.

**Blase or Blaze ALLEN (1621-1703)**

Person ID: 137

Occ: doctor of physic/physician

Location: Somerset/London

Blaze Allen of Somerset was licensed to practise medicine by the authority of the archbishop of Canterbury on 27 August 1663. Letters testimonial signed on his behalf by two prominent London physicians, **John Fryer** and **Walter Charleton**, certified that Allen had 'for several years studied physic and chirurgery' and had provided good testimony of his practice, standing and 'civil deportment' in the area where he lived. Elsewhere, he is consistently referred to as a doctor of physic, though he does not appear to have held any formal medical degree. Allen's early practice was centred on the large village of Beckington, Somerset, close to the Wiltshire border. Sometime before 1673, he moved to London where between 1674 and 1682 he signed letters testimonial on behalf of Christopher Packe of London (1674), Samuel Lockier of North Nibley, Gloucestershire (1676), George Hammond (formerly a London apothecary, now of Taunton, Somerset, 1679) and Samuel Dale (apothecary, of Braintree, Essex, 1682). Though nothing is known of the nature of Allen's practice, it can probably be assumed from his close friendship with Christopher Packe (who countersigned two of the above testimonials) that he was a devotee of chemical medicines and iatrochemistry.

Blaize Allen, the son of Nicholas Allen (d.1649 or 1650) and his wife Margery, nee Ayleing, was baptised at St James Clerkenwell, Middlesex, on 10 June 1621. He married Mary Daintry at the same parish, on 4 May 1645. At about the same time, he probably set up as a cutler in London. In April 1646, John Warfield was apprenticed to one Blaze Allen of the Cutlers' Company. Allen subsequently moved to the west country. In 1656, he signed a confession on behalf of a Baptist congregation meeting at Wincanton in Somerset. A year later, he was living at Beckington, where a son Blaze was born in 1657 and buried in 1659. It was here that he became involved in radical protest against the Restoration. In 1661, he was reported to have taken part in a large gathering of dissidents and was reported to have warned a local JP that 'he need not be so harsh, it might be their turn soon'. Shortly after, he was arrested and imprisoned in Wiltshire, where he was charged with being a person 'eminent to promote faction & sedition', all this despite swearing an oath of allegiance to the

crown at the Somerset quarter sessions. It seems highly likely that he continued to move in radical circles after moving to London sometime between 1661 and 1673. His friend and fellow physician, **Christopher Packe**, and acquaintance **Samuel Dale**, were both active in radical Whig circles in London, the latter being arrested in 1683 for his alleged involvement in the Rye House Plot.

Initially, Allen seems to have been a resident of the London parish of St Katherine Cree, but at the time of his death in 1703 he was living in St Botolph Aldgate. Allen was buried there on 13 June 1703. In his will, proved the same month, he mentions a son Benjamin, daughters Lydia Martyr and Sarah Parker, and wife Anne who was named as residual legatee and sole executrix. His son **Benjamin Allen**, who proceeded B Med at Cambridge in 1688, practised medicine at Braintree, Essex, and was the brother-in-law of his father's friend and colleague, Samuel Dale (above).

Children of Blase or Blaze Allen:

Mary: licensed to marry John Wells, skinner, of St Giles Cripplegate, London, at Gray's Inn Chapel, 29 March 1673. She was described as aged about 20.

Blaze, bapt. 14 January 1656/7; buried 24 May 1659 [Beckington, Somerset].

Benjamin [will].

Lydia Martyr [will].

Sarah, wife of John Parker of Lambeth [will of father and brother Benjamin].

Lambeth Palace Library, FII/4/1; F1/C, f.133 [*Directory*, ii, no.948]; VX 1A/10/66; VX 1A/10/ 93/1-3; VX 1A/10/129/1-2; VX 1A/10/178/1-2; London Metropolitan Archives, P76/JS1/004 [parish registers of St James Clerkenwell, Middlesex, baptisms, 1561-1625]; R.Hovenden, (ed), *Parish Registers ... Marriages ... St James Clerkenwell, 1551 to 1754* (London, HS, vol.13, 1887), p.77; C.Webb, 'London Apprenticeship Abstracts, 1442-1850'; *A Confession of the Faith of Several Congregations of Christ, in the County of Somerset, and Some Churches in the Counties neer Adjacent* (London, 1656), unpaginated epistle dedicatory; Somerset Heritage Centre, BEC 2/1/2 [parish registers of Beckington, Somerset, 1653-1741]; *CSPD, 1661-1662*, p.212; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, A1/110, Michaelmas 1661, no.169; Somerset Heritage Centre, Q/SR/99/34; Lambeth Palace Library, VM 1/8, sub 29 March 1673; London Metropolitan Archives, P69/BOT2/A/006/MS 09226 [parish registers of St Botolph Aldgate, London, 1695-1711]; C.Webb (ed.), *An Index of Wills Proved in the Archdeaconry Court of London, 1700-1807* (London, 1996), p.2; London Metropolitan Archives, MS 9052/33/133 [will of Blaze Allen, doctor of physic, of St Botolph Aldgate, 2 March 1702/3; proved 11 June 1703].

**John ALLEN (1673-1741)**

Person ID: 155/156

Occ: doctor of physic/physician

Location: Bridgwater, Somerset

There is some confusion as to the nature and date of John Allen's medical qualifications. Most biographies simply state that Allen was made an extra licentiate of the College of Physicians in London on 13 September 1692, and that no other evidence survives regarding his formal, medical education. However, it seems most likely that he is the same as the John Allen, described as the son of John Allen,

farmer, of Dunwear, Somerset, who was admitted a pensioner at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, in 1692 and proceeded B Med in 1697 and MD in 1702. Dr Allen was known to have owned the manor of Dunwear on the outskirts of Bridgwater at his death which he bequeathed to his son Benjamin. Allen himself was the son of John Allen and his wife Elizabeth and was baptised at Bridgwater on 13 August 1673.

In 1719, Allen was the author of *Synopsis Universae Medicinae Practicae*, a popular compendium of diseases, which provided an easy-to-use guide to their symptoms and cure. Originally published in Latin, it was subsequently translated into English, French and German. Allen was well connected, both in medical and natural philosophical circles. He corresponded with Sir Hans Sloane in 1720-1, as well as with the celebrated midwife Sarah Stone, who published one of his letters (dated 25 December 1736) in her *Compleat Practice of Midwifery* published in 1737. Allen's most prolific correspondence, however, was with the London physician and natural philosopher, Dr **John Woodward**, which spanned almost thirty years. During the course of that time, Allen forwarded details of notable and difficult cases which he encountered in his daily practice (including the case of a six year-old girl suffering with perpetual menses and a case of hereditary venereal disease), some of which he intended to prepare for publication in the *Philosophical Transactions*. The two men also discussed medical and natural developments, swapped books and, in Allen's case, lamented the current state of medicine agreeing with Woodward that far too many physicians and surgeons 'spend their time more in Luxury and Pleasure and Courting the Apothecarys, than in Improving their Art'.

Towards the end of the correspondence in the 1720s, two matters preoccupied Allen. Firstly, for a number of years Allen had taken on the role of mentor and benefactor to his nephew Anthony Taylor (1702-1767), the son of his sister Patience (1669-1703) and her husband Anthony (d.1739) and had subsequently placed him under the care and tutelage of his friend Woodward in London. Anthony undoubtedly benefited from Woodward's support, graduating B Med and MD at his uncle's alma mater in Cambridge in 1726 and 1728 respectively. In all probability, he inherited Allen's practice in the town, where he died in 1767. And secondly, Allen confided in his friend that recurring illness (he seems to have been a life-long sufferer from a condition which he described as 'habitual or Nervous Colick') had convinced him to give up his practice. In the last surviving letter between the two men, in April 1726, Allen stated his intention of carrying on for one more summer and then quitting in the autumn. Whether he carried through with this plan is not known, though in all probability he did, thus affording him more time to engage in a broad range of non-medical interests.

Allen was made a fellow of the Royal Society in 1730 (admitted 26 October 1732), though his connections with the Society precede this date by a number of years. He corresponded with the Society on a large variety of subjects covering, among other things, astronomy, gunnery, geometry and physiology. Allen was also involved in a number of pioneering projects in the field of engineering and its application to navigational problems. His research in this field finally bore fruit with the publication of *Specimina Ichnographica* in 1730.

Allen lived and practised throughout his life in the Somerset town of Bridgwater. Nothing is known of his early life or parentage. He married Frances Gilbert (c.1676-1729), the only daughter of John Gilbert, mayor and later MP for Bridgwater in the parish church of St Mary's, on 10 October 1698 (the marriage licence described Allen as a merchant). Dr Allen undoubtedly shared his father-in-law's Whiggish and nonconformist sympathies. He was also on friendly terms with the Whig pamphleteer and propagandist, John Oldmixon (d.1742), who was appointed collector of customs in the town in 1716. Two years later, both men were questioned by the Tory mayor with regard to rioting in the town.

Allen's wife Frances died on 29 December 1729, and was buried at St Mary's, Bridgwater, on 7 January 1729/30. Dr John Allen died on 16 September 1741 and was buried alongside his wife thirteen days later. He was survived by at least one son, Benjamin (1732-1791), who after studying at Cambridge settled in Bridgwater, becoming the town's MP between 1768 and 1781. A portrait of Dr John Allen, bewigged, wearing red robes, and surrounded by medical works, was sold at auction to a private vendor in March 2018.

Children of Dr John Allen:

Benjamin, bapt.28 April 1723 [St Michael's, Bath].  
unnamed child, buried 3 April 1734 [Bridgwater].

Publications:

*Synopsis Universae Medicinae Practicae, sive, Doctissimorum Virorum de Morbis Eorumque Causis ac Remediis Judicia* (London, 1719).

*Specimina Ichnographica, or, a Brief Narrative of several New Inventions, and Experiments* (London, 1730).

*ODNB*, sub Allen, John, article by J.F.Payne, rev. by A.McConnell; Munk, i, p.485; Venn, i, p.18; iv, p.203; A.P.Woolrich, 'Mr Newcomen's Friend: Dr John Allen (1660-1741) of Bridgwater', *Somerset Archaeology and Natural History*, 142 (1998), pp.261-70; British Library, Sloane MS 4076, ff.324, 326; Cambridge University Library, Add MS 7647/1-7, 9-25 [correspondence of Dr John Allen and Dr John Woodward, 1698-1726]; J.Milner, 'An Observation of the Same Eclipse of the Sun, by Mr. John Milner, at Yeovil in Somersetshire, communicated in a Letter to Dr John Allen, M.D.F.R.S', *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, 38 (1733-4), p.116; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.7; Somerset Heritage Centre, D/P/BWM/2/1/2, 3, 4 and 5 [parish registers of St Mary's, Bridgwater, 1653-1681; 1682-1714, 1715-1744; 1745-1799]; **A.J.Munday and M.Siraut (eds), *Somerset Wills* (Taunton, Somerset Record Society, vol.89, 2003), p.11 [will of John Allen, 1 September 1740; proved 1741].**

**Aurelius AMBROSE (fl.1655-1680)**

Person ID: 210/18218

Occ: apothecary

Location: Truro, Cornwall & Stanton Drew, Somerset

Ambrose, of Stanton Drew, Somerset, described himself as a gentleman, when he was licensed to practise physic and surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells in 1666. He had previously practiced as an apothecary in the town of Truro in Cornwall where, with his wife Sarah, he leased property in 1655. He subsequently settled at Stanton Drew, Somerset, where his wife Sarah was buried on 14 January 1679/80. No record of Ambrose's death or burial has been found.

Children of Aurelius Ambrose and wife Sarah:

Jane, bapt.8 February 1652/3; buried 14 February 1652/3 [Truro].

Charles, born 29 June 1654; buried 27 July 1654 [Truro].

Sarah, born 20 August 1658 [Truro].

Katherine, born 10 August 1667 [Stanton Drew].

William, bapt.15 July 1669; buried 5 March 1673/4 [Stanton Drew].

Anne, bapt.10 April 1673 [Stanton Drew].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 1666; Kresen Kernow, AR/4/1029;  
Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\STA.D/2/1/1 [parish registers of Stanton Drew,  
Somerset, 1607-1796]; Kresen Kernow, parish registers of St Mary's, Truro,  
Cornwall.

### **Christopher ANDERSON (fl.1712)**

Person ID: 228

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Ashcott, Somerset

Christopher Anderson, surgeon, of Ashcott, Somerset, was licensed to marry Melliar Difford, widow, at Bridgwater, 24 May 1712. No record of the marriage survives in the Bridgwater registers. Those for Ashcott do not survive for this period.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.10.

### **John ANDREWES or ANDREWS (d.1689)**

Person ID: 254

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

John Andrewes of Bridgwater was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells, 4 May 1681. Five years later, on 5 June 1686, he received an archiepiscopal licence to practise medicine throughout the west country. Testimonials in his favour were signed by two local physicians, Timothy Lockett and David Bayley, as well as by the vicar and churchwardens of the town of Bridgwater. Andrewes was buried at Bridgwater on 6 September 1689.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 4 May 1681; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/227/1-31 Sancroft, p.262 [*Directory*, i, no.16]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D/P/BWM/2/1/3 [parish registers of St Mary's, Bridgwater, 1682-1714].

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Winchester, Hampshire &amp; Bath, Somerset

John Arney served as surgeon to Bellott's Hospital in Bath from 1690 until his death in 1708. Prior to moving to Bath, Arney practised as a surgeon in the city of Winchester where he was licensed on 7 November 1685. Testimonials certifying his fitness to practise were signed by **Thomas Pistell**, apothecary and surgeon of Winchester, and **William Cropp**, surgeon, of Southampton. He may have been a native of the city as he had married his first wife, Mary Flexon, at Winchester Cathedral on 11 December 1677. She was buried in the parish of St Maurice, Winchester, on 28 February 1683/4. Following her death, Arney may briefly have lived in the Wiltshire town of Devizes, where in 1688 he was licensed, as a widower, to marry Margaret Street, the daughter of James Street, of St Martin's, Salisbury.

Arney was buried in the Abbey church at Bath on 24 March 1707/8. In his will, made a month before he died, Arney left an estate in the nearby villages of Norton St Philip and Charterhouse Hinton to his wife Margaret and son Street, requesting that his brother-in-law William Street, clerk [BA and MA, Oxford, 1682 and 1685], and John Hayward, cordwainer, both of Bath, act as executors in trust for the same. In addition, he left £250 in bequests to his sons Street and Edmund, as well as a small annuity to his son John, and £100 to be shared among the children of the latter. He named his wife Margaret as residual legatee and sole executrix. She is probably the Mrs Arney, who was buried at the Abbey on 15 September 1720.

Children of John Arney:

Mary, bapt.25 December 1678; buried 30 December 1678 [St Maurice, Winchester, Hampshire].

Edmund, bapt.20 January 1680/1 [St Maurice, Winchester, Hampshire]. Alive in 1708 [will].

John, bapt.4 October 1682 [St Maurice, Winchester, Hampshire]. Alive in 1708 [will]. Street, bapt.10 October 1690 [Bath Abbey].

Margaret, bapt.7 June 1693 [St James', Bath]; buried 6 December 1693 [Bath Abbey].

Eleanor, bapt.10 February 1696/7 [St James', Bath]; buried 4 May 1697 [Bath Abbey].

[www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath](http://www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath) [accessed 26 July 2012]; Lambeth Palace Library, FII/26/1a-b [Directory, ii, no.949]; W.P.W.Phillimore and H.Chitty (eds), *Hampshire Parish Registers. Winchester Cathedral.Vol.4* (London, 1902), p.46; Hampshire Archives & Local Studies, 82001/1/3 [parish registers of St Maurice's, Winchester, Hampshire, 1653-1702]; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, D1/62 [marriage licence bonds and allegations, diocese of Salisbury, 1681-90]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, p.68; ii, pp.392, 395, 402, 412; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BA.JA/2/1/2 [parish registers of St James', Bath, Somerset, 1686-1719]; TNA, PROB 11/501, ff.299v-300v [will of John Arney, surgeon, of Bath, Somerset, 26 February 1707/8, pr.8 July 1708].

**Thomas ASHMAN (b.1629)**

Person ID: 34474

Occ: physician

Loc: Pilton, Somerset

Thomas Ashman was described as a physician of Pilton, Somerset, in the apprenticeship record of his son Thomas at Bristol in 1679. He was the son of Francis Aishman or Ashman and was baptized at Pilton on 29 November 1629. He married Elizabeth Redwood of Ditchheat on 22 January 1655/6. No record of his death or burial has been found.

Children of Thomas Ashman:

Margaret, born 13 April 1658 [Pilton].

Francis, born 10 May 1660 [Pilton].

Elizabeth, bapt.16 July 1662 [Pilton].

Thomas, bapt.5 December 1664 [Pilton]. He was apprenticed to John Tether, baker, of Bristol, 6 February 1678/9.

James, bapt.27 March 1667 [Pilton].

Mary, bapt.20 January 1669/70 [Pilton].

Eleanor, bapt.1 February 1671/2 [Pilton].

Ann, bapt.13 February 1674/5 [Pilton].

Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; Somerset Heritage Centre, D/P\PILT/2/1/1 [parish registers of Pilton, Somerset, 1558-1692]; D/P\DIT/2/1/2 [parish registers of Ditchheat, Somerset, 1653-1704].

**Matthew AVERY (fl.1628)**

Person ID: 34475

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Somerset

William Avery, the son of Matthew Avery, surgeon, of Sandford [sic], Somerset, was apprenticed to Nicholas Cother, shearman, of Bristol, 24 May 1628. Avery may have lived in the parish of Sampford Brett or Sampford Arundelin Somerset (the registers for both do not exist for this period).

Bristol Archives, Bristol apprentice registers.

**William BACON (1633-1690)**

Person ID: 561

Occ: physician

Loc: London and North Petherton, Somerset

William Bacon, of Maunsel in the parish of North Petherton, Somerset, was awarded an archiepiscopal license to practise medicine on 21 December 1675. Letters testimonial on his behalf were signed by Drs **Edmund Dickinson**, **Sherington Sheldon** and **Henry Gervis**. He probably moved to London shortly thereafter. In 1680, he was supplying 'Phisicall preparations' to the navy for use at Tangier. Two years later, he published a defence of Helmontian chemical medicine under the title *A*

*Key to Helmont*, in which he described himself as living in Winchester Street in London. In the same work, he claimed that his ‘birth was generous, my education liberal, [and] my dependances competent’, and though ‘bred by my father’s command towards the Civil Law ... my natural inclination was towards Physiology’. He nonetheless became dissatisfied with conventional medicine and encouraged by the success of mentors such as Dr Edmund Dickinson (above), he turned to chemistry. In particular, he was indebted to the encouragement he received from two central figures in the English iatrochemical movement, **George Starkey** and **George Thomson**, ‘by whose assistance, and Gods blessing on my endeavours, I am what I am’. Bacon’s work was answered by the astrologer **John Case** in his *The Key to Helmont Proved Unfit for the Lock* (1692) in which Case attempted to integrate the advances of chemistry into a more traditional Aristotelian framework. Bacon’s passion for Helmontianism extended to a broader interest in the occult sciences as suggested by numerous manuscript remains in his hand.

William Bacon was the son of William Bacon (d.1663), gentleman, of Maunsell in the parish of North Petherton, and his wife Joan (d.1670), the daughter of John Grobham of Broomfield, Somerset. He was baptized at Broomfield on 2 October 1633. Bacon matriculated at Oriel College, Oxford, on 12 November 1651, proceeding BA on 15 June 1655. A year later, on 7 June 1656, Bacon, then of St Mary’s, Oxford, married Elizabeth Dudson, the only daughter and heir of Edward Dudson (d.1677) of Cumnor, Berkshire, and his wife Mary, the daughter of Edmund Gregory of Cookham, Berkshire. The couple then settled at North Petherton, where eight children were baptized between 1658 and 1670. He may have been encouraged to take up the practice of medicine through familial connections in Somerset. In 1658, for example, he was nominated as overseer of the will of his cousin **William Kinglake** (d.1660), physician at nearby West Monkton. In the same year, the clergyman-cum-physician and son in law of Kinglake, **Timothy Lockett** (d.1688), baptized Bacon’s eldest son, William.

Sometime after 1670 Bacon moved to London. In 1674, he was living in the parish of All Hallows on the Wall, and was still there in 1682, when he gave his address as Winchester Street. Bacon had retired to North Petherton by 1688, when he made his will, dying there on 28 April 1690. There is, however, no record of his burial in the registers. In his will, made in 1688, Bacon, who described himself as a gentleman, placed all his property, freehold and leasehold (place unspecified) as well as all his personal estate in the hands of trustees, out of which they were to pay annuities and various lump sums totaling more than £1,600 to the testator’s sons William, Thomas, John, George and Charles. Bacon’s wife would appear to have predeceased him. A wall mural dedicated to Bacon and his family, originally in the church of St Michael Church, Somerset, no longer survives. Bacon was probably buried here; unfortunately the registers are also no longer extant.

Children of William Bacon and Elizabeth:

William, born 21 January 1657/8; baptized 17 February 1657/8; died 16 April 1689 [North Petherton]. He matriculated at Oxford, 26 November 1675.

Mary, bapt.24 March 1660/1 [North Petherton].

Dudson, bapt.22 May 1662 [North Petherton].

Edward, bapt.9 September 1663 [North Petherton].



Thomas, bapt.20 December 1664 [North Petherton]. He married Grace, the daughter of Nicholas Hardy, of Woolcombe Matravers, Dorset, and was buried at St Michael Church, Somerset, in 1722.

Mary and Elizabeth, bapt.24 March 1667/8; [North Petherton]; died 28 March 1668 [m.i.].

George, bapt.30 December 1670 [North Petherton].

Charles, born 3 April 1674; bapt.14 April 1674 [All Hallows the Less, London].

Elizabeth, born 7 August 1677; bapt.21 August 1677 [All Hallows the Less, London].

John [will].

#### Publications:

*A Key to Helmont, or, a Short Introduction to the Better Understanding of the Theory and Method of the Most Profound Chymical Physicians* (London, J.Starkey, 1682).

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/69; VG 1/1, f.279; Sheldon, f.259 [*Directory*, i, no.28]; TNA, PC 2/69, f.40v; Bacon, *Key to Helmont*, pp.31-2; British Library, Sloane MSS 3846, ff.93b-98 ['Experimenta Magica']; 3851, ff.109-111 ['The Roman Secret touching the Spirit called Sathan by which the Romans did understand of things present, past and to come']; D.Rankine (ed.), *The Grimoire of Arthur Gauntlet* (London, 2011); Bodl., e Mus 173, f.37v ['The Experiment of W.Bacon to destroy witches'].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BRO/2/1/1 [parish registers of Broomfield, Somerset, 1630-1812]; G.D.Squibb (ed.), *The Visitation of Somerset and the City of Bristol 1672* (London, HS, n.s., vol.11, 1992), pp.88-9; W.C.Metcalf (ed.), *The Visitation of Berkshire, 1664-6* (Exeter, 1882), p.28; Foster, i, p.53; Oxfordshire History Centre, PAR 211/1/R1/2 [parish registers of St Michael's, Oxford, 1654-1683]; TNA, PROB 11/354, ff.28v-30r [will of Edward Dudson, gentleman, of Cumnor, Berkshire, 1 May 1676, pr.22 May 1677]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\PET.N/2/1/1 [parish registers of North Petherton, Somerset, 1558-1692]; TNA, PROB 11/300, ff.219v-220r [will of William Kinglake, physician, of West Monkton, Somerset, 20 May 1658, pr.19 October 1660].

London Metropolitan Archives, P69/ALH8/A/001/MS05160/002 [parish registers of All Hallows the Less, London, 1655-1812]; TNA, PROB 11/400, ff.69v-71v [will of William Bacon, gentleman, of North Petherton, Somerset, 10 January 1687/8, pr.1 July 1690]; Somerset Heritage Centre, DD/BTL 29 [manuscript of R.G.Bertelot, c.1890], reprinted in *Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, vol.3 (1893), pp.16, 52-3.

**David BAILY or BAYLEY (fl.1686-1695)**

Person ID: 1013

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

David Bayley, of Bridgwater, was licensed to practise medicine in the province of Canterbury on 21 February 1695. Nine years earlier, in May 1686, he had signed a testimonial (as 'medic[us]') on behalf of John Andrewes, apothecary, of Bridgwater, who was seeking a licence to practise medicine.

He may be the Presbyterian of the same name, whose house was licensed for worship in 1672.

Lambeth Palace Library, Tenison 1, f.102 [*Directory*, i, no.60]; VX 1A/10/227/2; F.Bate, *The declaration of Indulgence 1672* (Liverpool, 1908), appendix VII, p.lxxvii.

### **Hugh BAILY or BAYLEY (d.1615)**

Person ID: 1021

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Mr Hugh Baily or Bayly, surgeon, was buried in Bath Abbey on 1 November 1615 (he requested burial close to his pew seat). He was predeceased by his wife Katherine, who was buried in the abbey on 14 March 1613/14. In his will, made shortly before his death, he left numerous bequests to cousins and other family members totaling more than £150, these to be paid from the sale of two houses in Bath. He also left small bequests to the poor of Bath, as well as giving his books and release of indenture to his apprentice Henry Freame. Baily named John Bilby of Walcot, Somerset, as executor.

He may be the same as the Hugh Bayley of Bath, bonesetter, who is said to have paid for the repair and beautifying of the arched vault work in the south aisle of the abbey.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, pp.344, 345; TNA, PROB 11/126, ff.280r-v [will of Hugh Bayly, surgeon, of Bath, Somerset, 10 September 1615, pr.17 November 1615]; Rev.R. Warner, *A History of Bath* (Bath, 1801), appendix, p.70.

### **Ralph BAILY or BAYLEY (1568-1645)**

Person ID: 587

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Ralph Baily or Bayley was baptized at Marnhull, Dorset, on 3 June 1568. He matriculated at New College, Oxford, on 24 November 1581, proceeding BA in 1594 and MA in 1597/8. He was licensed to practise medicine by the university on 11 July 1617 and was granted his B Med and MD five days later. Baily had been practising at Bath since at least 1612. In June of that year, he certified the practice of the surgeon, **William Priest**. The Bath physician **Thomas Guidott** later provided an account of Baily's life that probably owed much to the latter's son Walter, who lived in Bath and was a close friend of Guidott. He claimed that Baily was born in Berkshire, not Dorset, and was educated at Winchester College and New College, Oxford. Guidott claimed that Baily was well read in classical literature, owning one of the doctor's books that was 'well markt with his own hand'. Little is known of Baily's practice, but his clientele was probably among the aristocracy and upper ranks of the gentry. In 1639, for example, he wrote to the countess Barrymore complaining that his patient, Lady Lettice Goring had been removed from his care by her husband and sent to Portsmouth, which he believed would be prejudicial to her health. In 1641-2, Baily

was defendant in a case brought before Chancery (outcome unknown). It may relate to a case of trespass at Gloucester involving Dr Baily heard in 1642.

Nothing is known of Baily's parentage. He married twice. Following the death of Margaret Quinton, originally from Berkshire, Baily married Anne Hungerford at Woodchester, Gloucestershire, on 7 May 1611. She was buried at Bath Abbey on 5 August 1643. Baily, who had acquired a property at Widcombe in 1619, died there unexpectedly and was buried in the local parish church on 16 November 1645. No will survives. He would appear to have left his estates at Widcombe and Lyncombe to his two sons Walter and Thomas. The latter, who died sometime between 1643 and 1647, bequeathed his estates there to his sister Elizabeth. Baily's two daughters Elizabeth and Mary were remembered in the will of the Bath apothecary **Richard Randall** in 1640. Two years later Baily was accused of trespass on the estates of the late Richard Randall in Gloucestershire – an event almost certainly linked to a dispute related to Randall's will.

Children of Ralph Baily or Baily and Margaret:

Walter, buried 28 November 1672 [*Visitation of Somerset, 1672*; Bath Abbey].

Children of Ralph Baily or Baily and Anne:

**Thomas**, bapt.7 April 1612 [Bath Abbey]. He became a physician and practised at Newbury, Berkshire.

George, bapt.27 May 1613; buried 19 January 1614/15 [Bath Abbey].

William, bapt.12 May 1614; buried 14 May 1614 [Bath Abbey].

Elizabeth, bapt.21 August 1615; buried 5 March 1646/7 [Bath Abbey; will].

Nicholas, bapt.29 August 1616; buried 29 October 1617 [Bath Abbey].

Margaret, bapt.15 June 1618; buried 29 July 1618 [Bath Abbey].

Mary, bapt.27 June 1620; buried 29 July 1643 [Bath Abbey].

Dorset History Centre, PE/MAL: RE1/1 [parish registers of Marnhull, Dorset]; Foster, i, p.91; F.D.Owen (ed.), *Calendar of the Cecil Papers in Hatfield House*, vol.22 [1612-1668] (London, 1971), pp.1-2; Thomas Guidott, *A Discourse of the Bath ... With an Account of the Lives, and Character, of the Physicians of Bathe* (London, 1676), pp.173-5; Chatsworth House, Lismore Papers, vol.20, no.88 [Dr Ralph Baily to Countess Barrymore, 4 August 1639]; G.D.Squibb (ed.), *The Visitation of Somerset and the City of Bristol ... 1672* (London, HS, n.s., vol.11, 1992), pp.23-4; TNA, C33/181, ff.87v, 172v, 294v, 372v, 523v; CP40/2497, mm 1028 and 2316.

Gloucestershire Archives, P375 IN/1/1 [parish registers of Woodchester, Gloucestershire, 1563-1757]; Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\SE/28/14; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.18, 19, 20, 21, 22; ii, pp.344, 345, 346, 347, 362, 365, 368; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\WID/2/1/12 [parish registers of Widcombe, Somerset, 1574-1772]; TNA, PROB 11/203, ff.194r-195r [will of Elizabeth Baylie, spinster, of Bath, Somerset, 20 February 1646/7, pr.18 February 1647/8]; PROB 11/344, ff.16v-17r [will of Walter Baily, gentleman, of Bath, Somerset, 9 November 1672, pr.17 July 1674]; PROB 11/184, ff.132r-v [will of Richard Rendoll, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 19 September 1640, pr.26 October 1640]; CP40/2496, m.1028.

**George BAKER (d.1654)**

Person ID: 606

Occ: barber/surgeon

Loc: Wrington, Somerset

George Baker, variously described as a barber and a surgeon, practised at Wrington, Somerset, between 1635 and his death on 18 March 1653/4. He was buried at Wrington five days later. His widow Katherine died on 2 November 1674 and was buried at Wrington on 6 November. In his will, made one month before his death, Baker made bequests to his children totaling £120. He named his wife Katherine as residual legatee and sole executrix, instructing her to use the rents from copyhold lands which he possessed at Langford in Somerset to pay for the upbringing and education of his children. He also named his 'trusty friends' Richard Keene and James Elford as overseers.

Children of George Baker and Katherine:

Anne, bapt.23 April 1635 [Wrington]. Alive in 1654 [will].

Mary, bapt.4 January 1639/40; buried 26 December 1642 [Wrington].

John, bapt.20 February 1642/3; died 23 September 1653; buried 25 September 1653 [Wrington].

Mary, bapt.23 January 1645/6 [Wrington]. Alive 1654 [will].

Roger, bapt.2 February 1648/9; buried 17 March 1650/1 [Wrington].

Judith, bapt.2 February 1648/9 [Wrington].

Roger, bapt.21 May 1651; bapt.June 1651; died 3 December 1670; buried 8 December 1670 [Wrington].

Sarah [will].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WRI/2/1/2 [parish registers of Wrington, Somerset, 1538-1809]; TNA, PROB 11/241, ff.24r-v [will of George Baker, chirurgion, of Wrington, Somerset, 18 February 1653/4, pr.22 November 1654].

**John BAKER (d.1656)**

Person ID: 18943

Occ: barber

Loc: Crewkerne, Somerset

John Baker, barber, of Crewkerne, Somerset, was buried at Crewkerne on 15 February 1655/6. He may be the same as the John Baker, who with wife Joan, baptized a daughter Mary at Crewkerne on 17 January 1650/1.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CREW/2/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Crewkerne, Somerset, 1558-1650; 1653-1686].

**John BAKER (d.1663)**

Person ID: 611/34476

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Wells and Wrington, Somerset

John Baker practiced as a barber surgeon at Wells and Wrington in Somerset. He married Dorothy Sharp, both of St Cuthbert's, Wells, at the latter parish on 26 December 1646. The couple baptized three children in the parish between 1648 and 1653 before removing to Wrington in Somerset. There, on 9 October 1662, Baker was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells. He died on 13 December 1663 and was buried at Wrington four days later.

Children of John Baker, barber surgeon, and Dorothy:

John, bapt.28 January 1647/8 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].  
 George, bapt.27 February 1650/1 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].  
 Anne, bapt.4 August 1653 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].  
 Margaret, born 19 March 1654/5; bapt.19 April 1655 [Wrington].  
 Roger, born 21 April 1657; bapt.10 May 1657 [Wrington]. He was apprenticed to William Leach of the Tallow Chandlers' Company, London, on 16 March 1674/5.  
 Sarah, born 26 June 1659; bapt.17 July 1659 [Wrington].  
 Mary, born 17 May 1662; bapt.27 May 1662 [Wrington].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1609-1668]; D\D\bs/39, *sub* 9 October 1662; D\P\WRI/2/1/2 [parish registers of Wrington, Somerset, 1538-1809]; **London apprenticeship abstracts, 1442-1850.**

**John BAKER (d.c.1704)**

Person ID: 34477

Occ: barber

Loc: Crewkerne, Somerset

John Baker, barber, of Crewkerne, died in about 1704. The parish registers of Crewkerne contain no record of his burial.

A.J.Webb (ed.), *Handlist of Somerset Probate Inventories and Administrators Accounts 1482-1924* (Taunton, Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.98, 2019), p.18, no.440 [Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\SP/442/53].

**Richard BAKER (d.1731)**

Person ID: 18181

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Apothecary, of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset. He married Katherine Hobart, the daughter of Francis Hobart, both of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, at Staplegrove, Somerset, on 10 August 1714. The couple were living in Fore Street in Taunton. Baker took at least one apprentice. Matthew, the son of James Cornish, yeoman, was bound apprentice to Baker on 3 October 1715. Baker's wife Catherine was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 27 April 1722. Richard Baker, apothecary, was buried in the same parish on 28 September 1731. Baker was a member of the Independent congregation which met in Paul Street, Taunton. Two of his daughters were baptized there by the minister Edmund Batson. In his will, made shortly before his death, he left all his estate to his two surviving daughters, Mary and

Sarah, both minors. This included all the testator's interest in lands in the manor of Taunton Deane, as well as a legacy of £500 that had originally been left to the girls by their grandfather Francis Hobart. Baker named Mary and Sarah as joint executors, requesting that his friend John Paine, brother-in-law Thomas Bush and a local attorney acted as trustees during the girls' minority.

Children of Richard Baker and Katherine:

Catherine, bapt.1 September 1717 [Taunton Independent Church, Paul Street]; buried 3 April 1720 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Sarah, bapt.24 May 1719 [Taunton Independent Church, Paul Street].

Sarah, bapt.3 May 1720 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton]. Possibly same as above.

Mary [will].

Apprentice of Richard Baker, apothecary:

Matthew Cornish, son of James Cornish, yeoman, of Somerset for the premium of £35 as recorded in 1715.

William Jeane, son of Hannah Jeane, widow, for the premium of £49 as recorded in 1724.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.18; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\PSTAPG/2/1/3 [parish registers of Staplegrove, Somerset, 1681-1770]; P.J.Wallis and R.V.Wallis, *Eighteenth-Century Medics* (Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1985), p.252; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\PTAU.M/2/1/32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1682-1760]; TNA, RG/4/1567 [registers of the Independent congregation, Paul Street, Taunton]; PROB 11/647, ff.208v-209v [will of Richard Baker, apothecary, of Taunton, Somerset, 16 September 1731, pr.18 November 1731]; IR 1/4, f.76; 1/10, f.47.

**Robert BAKER (d.1596)**

Person ID: 617

Occ: doctor of physick

Loc: Wells & Bath, Somerset

Baker matriculated pensioner from Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1561, proceeding BA in 1565/6, MA in 1569 and MD in 1577. He was appointed a fellow of Trinity in 1566. He would appear to have initially set up in practice at Wells in Somerset (he is described as living in the city in 1586 when he was a defendant in a trial for debt in the Court of Common Pleas) but later moved to Bath. There, he purchased and expanded Abbey Church House, which was used to house wealthy patients visiting the spa town. Among other advantages, it had its own private bath drawing hot water from the main Hot Bath. The house itself survives today, though it was badly damaged in the blitz during the second world war. It was subsequently rebuilt, though parts of the interior remain unchanged, including the paneling and fireplace. Baker was buried in Bath Abbey on 18 November 1596. His widow is reputed to have subsequently married fellow Bath physician, **Reuben Sherwood**.

Children of Robert Baker:

Francis, bapt.16 November 1587 [Bath Abbey].  
Elizabeth, bapt.25 January 1589/90; buried 18 May 1591 [Bath Abbey].  
Robert Posthumus, bapt.1 February 1596/7 [Bath Abbey].

Venn, i, p.72; TNA, CP40/1520 [1586];  
[www.buildinghistory.org/bath/tudor/losteria.shtml](http://www.buildinghistory.org/bath/tudor/losteria.shtml); A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.7, 8, 11; ii, pp.334, 336.

**Thomas BAKER (fl.1637)**

Person ID: 35032

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Yeovil, Somerset

John Baker, the son of Thomas Baker, barber surgeon, of Yeovil, Somerset, was apprenticed to William White of the Turners' Company, London, on 1 December 1637. He was probably the John Baker, son of Thomas Baker, who was baptized at Yeovil on 21 February 1619/20.

**London Apprenticeship Abstracts, 1442-1850**; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\YEO.J/2/1/1 [parish registers of Yeovil, Somerset, 1563-1638].

**John BALL (fl.1635)**

Person ID: 655

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Langport, Somerset

John Ball of Langport was licensed to practise medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol, Exeter and Salisbury on 7 February 1635.

Lambewth Palace Library, Laud 1, f.220 [*Directory*, i, no.40].

**Mary BALL (d.1642 or 1643)**

Person ID: 34478

Occ: midwife

Loc: Long Sutton, Somerset

Mary Ball, midwife, was buried at Long Sutton, Somerset, 11 January 1642/3.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\L.SUT/2/1/1 [parish registers of Long Sutton, Somerset, 1559-1665].

**John BARBER (fl.1540)**

Person ID: 19016

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Bruton, Somerset

In 1540, John Barber, surgeon, of Bruton, Somerset, was paid 20s and a bushel of wheat for curing the wounds of one John Lambert of Kilmington, Somerset (now

Wiltshire), who was attacked by a servant of William Hargill, gent, of Kilmington. Barber also testified that he heard Hargill say that he wished the assailant, one Edward Huntley, had cut off Lambert's head.

*Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, Henry VIII*, vol.15 [1540], eds J.Gairdner and R.H.Brodie (London, 1896), p.153.

**John BARBER (fl.1556)**

Person ID: 34867

Occ: barber

Loc: Wells, Somerset

John Barber, barber, of wells, Somerset was prosecuted with other Wells men for trespass and hunting in a royal park in the Court of King's Bench in 1556.

TNA, KB27/1177 [1556].

**Thomas BARLEY or BARLIE (fl.1591)**

Person ID: 776

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Axbridge, Somerset

Thomas Barlie of Axbridge, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol, Chichester, Exeter and Salisbury on 23 June 1591. Otherwise unidentified.

Lambeth Palace Library, Whitgift 1, f.179 [*Directory*, i, no.46].

**Charles BARON (d.1729)**

Person ID: 18353/19084

Occ: chemist/druggist

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Charles Baron, chemist/druggist, of Wells, Somerset, married Mary Albin, a spinster, of St Thomas', Bristol, at Bristol Cathedral, 7 May 1677. Nicholas Standford, chemist, of Bristol, acted as bondsman for the marriage licence. Baron was a prominent figure in the government of the city. At his death in 1729, his burial entry describes him as 'one of ye 8 Masters who had been 8 times Mayor of this city' (he was certainly mayor in 1720-1 and 1725-6). He was then living in Cuthbert Street (previously Tucker Street) and was interred at St Cuthbert's, Wells, on 21 October 1729. His wife Mary predeceased him, being buried there on 27 May 1719. In his will, Baron left all his real and personal estate to his only son Charles with the instruction to pay his daughter Mary an annuity of £20 pa out of lands at Burnham.

Children of Charles Baron and wife Mary:

Charles, born 23 February 1679/80; bapt.23 March 1679/80; buried 5 December 1750 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].

Mary. Alive in 1722 [will].



E.Ralph (ed.), *Marriage Bonds for the Diocese of Bristol Excluding the Archdeaconry of Dorset*, vol.1 [1637-1700] (Gloucester, Bristol & Gloucestershire Archaeological Society, Records Section, vol.1, 1952), p.106; Bristol Archives, DC/A/10/1[Bristol Cathedral register, 1670-1753]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1668-1727; 1727-1740]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Wells Cathedral: Its Monumental Inscriptions and Heraldry* (London, 1892), p.291 [abstract of will of Charles Baron of Wells, Somerset, 20 May 1722, pr.29 June 1730]

## Edmund BATSON (d.1735)

Person ID: 960

Occ: nonconformist clergyman/physician

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Edmund Batson of Taunton, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine throughout the southern part of the province of Canterbury on 20 May 1708. Letters testimonial (dated 22 September 1701), in support of his application, were signed by two London physicians, **John Groeneveldt** and **Clopton Havers**. The latter almost certainly shared Batson's dissenting background.

Batson would appear to have combined medical practice with the pastoral duties of a nonconformist clergyman. He began preaching in 1693, settling first at Ilminster, Somerset, and then at Clapham in Surrey (from 1697 to 1706). On leaving Clapham, Batson took up a post as minister to the nonconformist congregation at Paul's meeting house in Taunton, Somerset which he served from December 1707 until his death in 1735. He may have married twice. Sarah, the wife of Edmund Batson, was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 10 July 1713. She may have been the daughter of the dissenting clergyman-cum-physician **Thomas Marshall** of Ilminster (a licence for the marriage of an Edward Batson and Sarah Marshall was issued in 1697). On 13 May 1725, Batson married Joan, the widow of Stephen James, one of the tutors at the dissenting academy in Taunton, at Trull just outside the town. It has recently been suggested that the preaching of Batson and his nonconformist colleagues in Taunton was a force for moderation and civility in Taunton. Batson died in 1735.

In February 1723, Edmund Batson renounced the executorship of the will of his sister Mary who was married to **Thomas Light**, apothecary, of Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/422; Tenison 2, f.270 [*Directory*, i, no.58]; J.Toulmin, *The History of Taunton in the County of Somerset* (Taunton, 1822), p.175; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1682-1760]; D\P\TRU/2/1/2 [parish registers of Trull, Somerset, 1647-1818]; W.Gibson, *Religion and the Enlightenment 1600-1800: Conflict and the Rise of Civic Humanism in Taunton* (Bern, Switzerland, 2007), p.219n and *passim*; Hampshire Archives & Local Studies, 1722A/050 [will and renunciation of Mary Light, of Fordingbridge, Hampshire, 28 March 1722, pr.13 March 1722/3; renunciation dated 20 February 1722/3].

## Timothy BATT (1613-1692)

Person ID: 964

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Timothy Batt, clergyman and physician, was the son of Robert Batt of Street and was born there (according to Calamy) on 30 November 1613 (the registers are no longer extant). After a brief stay at Oxford in 1631, he would appear to have left for London where, according to a charge in the Court of High Commission, he was 'presumptuously exercising the sacred function of a minister in holy orders' as well as committing unspecified misdemeanours in Whitechapel and other parts of the capital. A few years later, Batt entered Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he proceeded BA and MA in 1634/5 and 1638. His reputation for outspokenness won him the soubriquet 'silver tongu'd Batt'. Ordained as a minister at Wells, Somerset, in 1637, he seems to have served briefly as military chaplain to the English garrison at Nijmegen in Holland, but soon left after becoming involved in a dispute with the local consistory. On 21 March 1641, the consistory received a letter from Batt in which he revealed his recent conversion to the Baptists. On returning to England, he briefly preached at Sunderland and was appointed lecturer at nearby Bishopwearmouth. The Baptist historian Stephen Wright speculates that Batt was responsible for introducing the practice of immersion in baptism in January 1642. He was certainly prominent in Baptist circles in the capital at this time, where he was a member of the congregation of the soap-boiler Thomas Lambe.

On 19 April 1643, Batt married Elizabeth Long at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton. It was about this time that Batt began to style himself 'physician'. He was first described as such on the frontispiece to the anonymous *Summe of a Conference at Terling in Essex*, published in 1644, where Batt, also described as a 'catabaptist', had taken part in a heated debate over infant baptism. Further pamphlets followed. Shortly after, probably in March 1643/4, he was nominated to the lectureship at Ilminster in his native Somerset. His movements hereafter are confused. He may have served under the parliamentary commander Sir Robert Pye (d.1701), as well as ministering to a congregation at Mimms in Middlesex. However, he had almost certainly returned to Somerset by the end of the civil war and was probably the T.B., 'master of arts and minister of the gospel in that county', who preached a thanksgiving sermon at Taunton in May 1647 to commemorate the town's deliverance from the royalist siege. In 1652, his views having possibly moderated, he was presented to the vicarage of Creech St Michael in Somerset from which he was ousted in 1660. Thereafter, he is noted preaching to various nonconformist conventicles throughout the west country and was seemingly on good terms with fellow ministers. In 1685, for example, the ejected clergyman-cum-physician, **James Stephenson** of Martock, Somerset, left him a small legacy in his will. Batt, now blind, died and was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 29 July 1692. His will, no longer extant, was administered at Taunton the following year. Timothy's brother Jasper Batt (born 1621) was almost certainly the prominent Somerset Quaker and preacher, Jasper Batt (d.1703) of Street, who was convinced in the 1650s and later spoke at George Fox's funeral.

A son Joseph Batt was apprenticed to the radical London apothecary **Jonathan Leigh** in January 1681/2.

Publications:

*A Treatise Concerning the Free Grace of God the Father and of the Love of Jesus Christ in which is Contained the Fountain of Precious Consolation to All the Saints Beloved and Redeemed* (London, Edward Blackmore, 1643).

*Christs Gracious Message from the Throne of Grace to all the Prisoners of Hope* (1644).

*The Waters of Marah Sweetned. A Thanks-giving Sermon. Preached at Taunton ... May 11 1647 for the Gracious Deliverance of that Poore Towne from the Strait and Bloody Siege* (London, F.Eglesfield, 1648).

*Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), p.37; Venn, i, p.108; Cambridge University Library, MS Dd.ii.21 [Act Book of the Court of High Commission, 1631-3], ff.31v, 36v, 45v, 63v, 68v, 81v; S.Wright, *The Early English Baptists, 1603-1649* (Woodbridge, 2006), pp.87-9; D.R.Como, *Radical Parliamentarians and the English Civil War* (Oxford, 2018), pp.186-91; Anon., *The Summe of a Conference at Terling in Essex Januarie 11 1643* (London, 1644); Somerset Heritage Centre, D/P\TAU.M/2/1/1 and 32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696; 1682-1760]; TNA, PROB 11/381, ff.265r-v [will of James Stephenson, clerk, of Martock, Somerset, 16 June 1685, pr.26 November 1685]; **London apothecary database**.

**Tobias BATTLE (d.1677)**

Person ID: 972

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Axbridge, Somerset

In April 1676, Tobias Battle, surgeon, signed letters testimonial on behalf of Richard Lovell, of Churchill, Somerset, who was seeking a licence to practise surgery in the peculiar of Banwell and Churchill. No place of abode is given, but in all probability he is the same as the Tobias Battle who was resident in Axbridge with his wife Dorcas from 1657 until his death in 1677. Battle was buried at Axbridge on 26 January 1676/7.

Children of Tobias Battle and Dorcas:

Martha, buried 11 August 1657 [Axbridge].  
Sarah, born 17 September 1657 [Axbridge].  
An infant son, unnamed, buried 3 January 1659/60 [Axbridge].  
Elizabeth, born 11 November 1660 [Axbridge].  
Martha, buried 26 March 1662 [Axbridge].  
Martha, bapt.22 July 1663 [Axbridge].  
Charles, bapt.24 April 1666 [Axbridge].  
John, bapt.29 April 1668 [Axbridge].  
Sarah, bapt.30 November 1670 [Axbridge].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/104/1-6; Somerset Heritage Centre, D/P\AX/2/1/1 [parish registers of Axbridge, Somerset, 1561-1718].

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Doctor of physic, of Bath, Somerset. He was the grandson of the eminent Bath physician, **Samuel Bave**, and son of Charles Bave (d.1695), gent, of the same town. Bave matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, on 10 March 1691/2, aged 16, proceeding BA in 1695, MA in 1698 and B Med and MD in 1705. He practised for the entirety of his career at Bath. According to fellow physician **John Catherwood**, Bave was falsely maligned by some colleagues for refusing 'to consult with none but such as had been educated at Oxford'. On the contrary, Catherwood claimed that Bave was 'a Credit to the University where educated, an Advantage to the Town where he resides, and to such that have recourse there for the Benefit of the Waters, regards the Qualification of a Physician more than the Place where qualify'd'. Bave was well connected medically, corresponding, among others, with the eminent Dutch physician, Herman Boerhaave (1668-1738), **Richard Mead**, **John Friend** and **Hans Sloane**. In 1713, he treated Sir John Clopton for a 'scorbutic cutaneous disease'. Bave was an early advocate of the establishment of Bath General Hospital, as well as supporting a project to make the River Avon fully navigable. Bave's brother **Francis** was an apothecary in Bath, who served as surgeon to Bellott's Hospital.

Bave married Winifred Kerr at St Mary's, Marlborough, Wiltshire, on 24 December 1699. It was an extremely unhappy marriage which following acrimonious proceedings in the Court of Arches ended in divorce. Following a brief reconciliation and the birth of Bave's only child, Hester, in 1701, Winifred deserted Bave and led, according to various depositions, a dissolute life in the city which brought her husband to the brink of bankruptcy. The couple also argued about money, Winifred claiming that Charles was a wealthy man with assets of over £2,000, with an annual income from property and his medical practice of over £1,300. Dr Bave, on the other hand, insisted that he possessed less than half these figures with a medical income of only £150 pa. Winifred herself had departed England for Jamaica in about 1708, not returning until 1713. Stories of her infidelities continued to multiply as Bave repeated the rumours that she had kept 'vicious and loose company', both in Bath and Jamaica. The date and place of her death is unknown, but she must have died sometime after 1715 and before her husband's death in 1734, as Dr Bave mentions a second wife, Eleanor in his will. Born Eleanor Willis, she was the widow of Henry Compton (d.1724) of Ringwood, Hampshire, and died in 1744.

Dr Charles Bave was buried at Bath Abbey, 24 September 1734. In his will, made the previous year, he placed all his property, including a 'new built' house in the parish of St James, Bath, in the hands of his 'good friends' George Lewen, esquire, and John Chapman, clerk, master of St John's Hospital, Bath, to manage on behalf of the testator's wife Eleanor and daughter and sole heir, Hester, the wife of Edward Harrington (c.1697-1757), doctor of physic (MD, Oxford, 1727). The latter also received all Bave's books and manuscripts, excepting those belonging to the testator's grandfather Samuel Bave, which he left to his kinsman and fellow physician, Anthony Bave of Wotton under Edge, Gloucestershire (d.1738). he also left a sizeable bequest of £500 plus an annuity of £60 pa to his sister Mary Bave. His wife received a coach and chariot and £100 for mourning, and he named his daughter Hester Harrington as residual legatee and sole executrix.

Children of Dr Charles Bave:

Hester, bapt.6 August 1701 [St Mary's, Marlborough]. She married Edward Harrington, B Med, at St James', Bath, 6 February 1723/4.

Foster, i, p.89; John Catherwood, *A New Method of Curing the Apoplexy* (London, 1715), pp.45-6; British Library, Add.MS 46,378B; Sloane MS 4076, ff.352-65; John Quinton, *A Treatise on Warm Bath Water* (Oxford, 1734), p.62; [www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath](http://www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath) [accessed 14 February 2023]; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, D1/62 [marriage licence bonds and allegations, diocese of Salisbury, 1691-1700]; 1050/3 [parish registers of St Mary's, Marlborough, Wiltshire, 1668-1738; 1688-1702]; F.J.Poynton, *The Baves of Bath and Barrow Court* (London, 1885); R.Rolls, 'The Much Lamented Bave', *The Survey of Bath and District*, 20 (2005), pp.25-8; Lambeth Palace Library, D102 [Bave v.Bave]; TNA, C11/2306/31.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, p.425; TNA, PROB 11/667, ff.138v-139r [will of Charles Bave, doctor of physick, of Bath, Somerset, 30 June 1733, pr.11 October 1734] [another copy in Hampshire RO, 12M60/8]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D/P\BA.J/2/1/3 [parish registers of St James', Bath, Somerset, 1718-1782].

**Francis BAVE (d.1733)**

Person ID: 981

Occ: apothecary/surgeon

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Bave was the son of Charles Bave, gentleman, of Bath, and brother of Dr **Charles Bave**. He was appointed surgeon to Bellott's Hospital, Bath, in 1704. Bave was a member of the town council from 1709 until his death in 1733, serving as constable (1710-11 and 1726-27), bailiff (1712-13, 1722-3), chamberlain (1728-29), alderman (1729-33) and finally mayor in 1729-30. He was also appointed as a JP in 1730-1.

Bave married Rebecca Wait of Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, at Tockenham, Wiltshire, 26 March 1699, and the couple were living in the refurbished Sun Tavern on the east side of the marketplace by late 1715. Rebecca was buried at Bath Abbey on 28 March 1726. Bave subsequently married Rose Griffin (buried at Kingston St Michael, Wiltshire, 28 July 1734). Alderman Francis Bave was buried at Bath Abbey, 3 April 1733. In his will, made the same year, Bave left about £270 in monetary bequests to various family members, including his brother Dr Charles Bave and the children of his daughter, Frances, who married the Irish clergyman George Vezey. The latter also inherited all the testator's property as well as his shares and interests in the Bath Navigation. Their children also received a number of personal items belonging to the testator including two gold watches and various rings. In the absence of Bave's daughter in Ireland, he appointed various trustees, including his brother Charles and Dr Edward Harrington, to manage her inheritance until such time as Frances and her husband George were able to travel to Bath.

Children of Francis Bave and wife Rebecca:

Frances, bapt.2 October 1702 [Bath Abbey]; she married Rev.George Vezey of Holyhead, Ireland, at Bath Abbey, 30 March 1719.  
Honor, born 10 October 1704; bapt.18 October 1704; buried 8 March 1705/6 [Bath Abbey].

Apprentices of Francis Bave, apothecary/surgeon:

Walter Masters, son of **Walter Masters**, apothecary, of Bath for the premium of £43 as recorded in 1711.

David Lea, son of Richard Lea of Great Sherston [Wiltshire], deceased, for the premium of £43 as recorded in 1715 [as an apothecary].

Edward Kingstone, son of Edward Kingstone, deceased, for the premium of £50 as recorded in 1716 [as an apothecary]. He practiced as an apothecary in Bath.

Rowland Allen, son of David Allen, deceased, for the premium of £70 as recorded in 1722 [as a surgeon].

Laughleane Leader, son of John Leader, gentleman, of Somerset, for the premium of £37 10s as recorded in 1728 [as an apothecary].

[www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath](http://www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath) [accessed 14 February 2023]; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, D1/62; 907/1 [parish registers of Tockenham, Wiltshire, 1653-1766]; 1187/4 [parish registers of Kingston St Michael, Wiltshire, 1690-1790]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.78, 79, 234; ii, pp.401, 418, 424; TNA, PROB 11/659, ff.29r-v [will of Francis Bave, alderman, of Bath, Somerset, 5 February 1732/3, pr.30 May 1733]; IR 1/41, f.115; 1/44, f.50; 1/45, f.112; 1/47, f.194; 1/49, f.141.

**Samuel BAVE (1588-1668)**

Person ID: 982

Occ: doctor of physic

Location: Gloucester, Gloucestershire, Bristol and Bath, Somerset

According to fellow Bath physician, **Thomas Guidott**, Samuel Bave was born at Cologne in Germany in 1588, the son of Francis Bave, doctor of physic. While studying in Paris, he became the tutor to Henry, the son of Sir Thomas Edmonds (d.1639), ambassador to the king of France, arriving in England sometime before 1620. In that year, he matriculated at Christ Church, Oxford, having already studied medicine for seven years. On 17 December 1621, he was admitted to practise medicine by the university and was granted his B Med and MD in 1623 and 1628 (Bave answered *quaestiones* related to liver function, jaundice and empirical medicines). He initially set up in medical practice at Gloucester, invited there, according to Guidott, by **Robert Whittington** (d.1626), apothecary in the city, who left Bave a small legacy in his will. Here, Bave fell under the patronage of alderman Anthony Robinson (d.1641), 'a wealthy Citizen and Counsellor at Law', whose daughter Hester he married at Churcham, Gloucestershire, on 30 October 1628. Shortly after, Bave received a grant of denization on 25 or 27 February 1628/9, two previous attempts having failed in the House of Commons in 1625 and 1626. It is not clear when Bave left Gloucester; he was there throughout the 1630s. In 1638, for

example, he acted as a suretor at the Gloucester QS, and five years later subscribed £100 towards the city's purchase of escheated Irish rebel estates. Four years later, he was granted a lease on corporation lands. He also purchased property in the villages of Tirley and Chaceley in the 1630s which he sold in 1653.

Between 1639 and 1644, Dr Bave appears frequently in the records of the city of Bristol suggesting that he had either moved there or was now resident in more than one place. Not only did he baptise two children in the city in 1639 and 1644, but he also witnessed the wills of two Bristol citizens in that period. On finally settling in Bath (date unknown), Bave established 'a mighty riding practise'. According to Guidott, he was 'well-verst' in the Dutch, German and French tongues, and excelled in Latin. He also had a formidable reputation in the cure of 'Chronical distempers, which he effected chiefly by Chalybeat Medicines, which he was wont to say were as true as Steel'. Guidott did admit, however, that he found Bave excessively 'addicted to the vanity of Nostrums, which he being many times unwilling to discover, caused some dislike on consultation with others'. He concluded by highlighting Bave's slightly 'morose' nature and detestation of empirics (despite the fact that he continued to use of their medicines), though he nonetheless remained 'an able physician' who was much admired by Dr **Theodore Mayerne** (the two men frequently communicating on medical matters). In fact, Bave corresponded with a wide network of medical men, including **Sir Thomas Browne**, **John Bathurst** and **Frederick Loss** of Dorchester. The details of various consultations in which Bave engaged survive for the period between 1635 and 1664, his patients including Sir John Merrick, Sir Robert Harley and the family of the antiquarian scholar (1626-1697) John Aubrey, whom he treated for venereal disease in 1656.

Samuel Bave, doctor of physic, died at Bath on 5 August 1668 and was buried in Bath Abbey the following day. In his will, made two months before his death, Bave made a series of bequests of land and property to his three surviving sons Samuel, Anthony and Charles. These were substantial and included two houses in Bath, one near the hot bath, property in Gloucester, an interest in the manor of Barrow Court, Somerset, and the advowson of the rectories of Charlcombe and Swanswick. Anthony and Charles also received all the testator's latin books and manuscripts. Bave left the rest of his estate to his wife and executrix Hester (buried at Bath Abbey, 1 June 1682) naming his 'loving cousin' Anthony Arnold of Gloucester and 'loving friend' Mr Benjamin Tanner, rector of Swainswick as overseers or assistants.

Children of Samuel Bave and wife Hester:

Mary, bapt. 13 July 1632 [Holy Trinity, Gloucester].

Hester, buried 21 May 1633 [buried at St Nicholas, Gloucester; entered in p.r., Holy Trinity, Gloucester].

Hester, bapt. 1 January 1634/5 [Holy Trinity, Gloucester]. Hester, the wife of Henry Barnes and daughter of Samuel Bave, MD, died 6 April 1659, aged 23 [*m.i.*, Bath Abbey, Le Neve, *Monumenta Anglicana*]. She was buried at Bath Abbey, 14 April 1659.

Samuel, bapt. 19 January 1636/7 [Holy Trinity, Gloucester]. He was apprenticed to Richard Worrall of the Fishmongers' Company, London, 27 April 1653, and married Elizabeth Strode (d. 1694), daughter of Thomas Strode, gent, of Charlton Adam, Somerset, at Shepton Mallet, Somerset, 29 September 1664. He was buried

at Bitton, Gloucestershire, 4 November 1707.  
 John, bapt. 9 January 1638/9 [St Augustine the Less, Bristol]. He died on 10 April 1657 and was buried at Bath Abbey 14 April 1657, having been apprenticed to Joseph Jackson, merchant and alderman, of Bristol, 11 April 1656 [*m.i.*, Bath Abbey; Le Neve, *Monumenta Anglicana*]  
 Anthony, bapt. 1 December 1640 [Holy Trinity, Gloucester]; buried 27 November 1673 [Bath Abbey]. He matriculated at Magdalen Hall, Oxford, 21 July 1660, proceeding BA in 1663 and MA in 1666. He entered the church and was vicar of Twerton, Somerset, at the time of his death. He married Isabell Bennett of St Peter's, Bath, at St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 19 August 1669.  
 Elizabeth, bapt. 7 March 1643/4 [St Stephen, Bristol]. She married Mr Edward Bull (d.1685), a major in Colonel Sydenham's regiment, at Bath Abbey, 4 February 1663/4.  
 unnamed infant son, buried 7 July 1651 [Bath Abbey].  
 Charles, buried 29 January 1651/2 [Bitton, Gloucestershire].  
 Francis, buried 16 January 1667/8 [Bath Abbey].  
 Charles, born 5 June 1654 [St James', Bath]. Bave was licensed to marry Elizabeth Pearce of Bath, 12 March 1672/3 and was buried in Bath Abbey on 5 May 1695.  
 Anne [*Visitation*].

Thomas Guidott, *A Discourse of the Bathe ... with an Account of the Lives, and Character, of the Physicians of Bathe* (London, 1676), pp.176-81; Foster, i, p.89; Bodl., OUA, NEP/supra/Reg O, f.243v; Gloucestershire Archives, GDR 1626/175 [will of Robert Whittington, apothecary, of Gloucester, Gloucestershire, 22 May 1626, pr.8 July 1626]; P83 IN 1/1 [parish registers of Churcham, Gloucestershire, 1541-1812]; *Gloucestershire Notes and Queries*, iv (1890), p.143; W.A.Shaw (ed.), *Letters of Denization and Acts of Naturalization for Aliens in England and Ireland, 1603-1700* (Lymington, Pub.Huguenot Soc., vol.18, 1911), pp.37, 38, 43; Gloucestershire Archives, GBR G3/SO3 [Sessions Book, 1631-1639], *sub* Epiphany 1638; GDR B3/2, pp.214, 422, 429;

TNA, PROB 11/186, ff.164r-v [will of John Bowcher, merchant, of Bristol, 17 May 1641, pr.10 June 1641]; PROB 10/642/8, ff.15-16 [will of Robert Hooker, brewer, of Bristol, 31 July 1644, pr.3 October 1644]; British Library, MS 46,378B; Balliol College, Oxford, Library, F2.8b-c, 9c and 10a; British Library, MS Sloane 118, f.313; Bodl., Aubrey MS 12, ff.29-30; Longleat House, Thynne Family Papers, vol.62, f.88a; *HMC, Fourteenth Report, Appendix, Part III; MSS of the Duke of Portland*, vol.3 (London, 1894), p.288 [Dr Baures]; A.Powell, *John Aubrey and His Friends* (London, 1988), pp.71, 82.

G.D.Squibb (ed.), *The Visitation of Somerset and the City of Bristol, 1672* (London, HS, n.s., vol.11, 1992), pp.14-15; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.55, 225; ii, pp.368, 372, 373, 377, 378, 381; TNA, PROB 11/328, ff.177r-178v [will of Samuel Bave, doctor in phisicke, of Bath, Somerset, 9 June 1668, pr.6 November 1668]; **London Apprenticeship Abstracts, 1442-1850**; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\SHE2/1/2 [parish registers of Shepton Mallet, Somerset, 1663-1747]; DD/01/37, p.121; Bristol Archives, P/ST.AUG/R/1/a [parish registers of St Augustine the Less, Bristol, 1577-1666]; Gloucestershire Archives, P154/4 IN 1/4 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Gloucester, 1557-1667]; John Le Neve, *Monumenta Anglicana: Being*



*Inscriptions on the Monuments of Several Eminent Persons Deceased ... 1650 ... to 1679* (London, 1718), pp.50, 65; Bristol Archives, P/B/R/1 a and b [parish registers of Bitton, Gloucestershire, 1571-1674; 1678-1721]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D/P\BA.JA/2/1/1 [parish registers of St James', Bath, Somerset, 1569-1694]; DD/01/42, p.98; TNA, PROB 11/370, ff.102v-103r [will of Ester Bave, widow, of Bath, Somerset, 10 May 1682, pr.28 June 1682]; Bristol Archives, P/ST.S/R/1/a [parish registers of St Stephen's, Bristol, 1559-1663].

**John BEALE (fl.1667-1676)**

Person ID: 1053

Occ: physician

Loc: Yeovil, Somerset

John Beale, the eldest son of the Hartlibian natural philosopher and clergyman John Beale (1608-1683) and his wife Jane, was probably born in Herefordshire in about 1650. He matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 8 March 1666/7, aged 17, but did not proceed to graduate. Nothing is known about his medical training or credentials other than the archiepiscopal licence which he obtained in December 1668.

Describing himself as a gentleman living in Yeovil, Somerset, and with the support of three powerful sponsors (the London physicians **Timothy Clarke**, **Thomas Allen** and **William Croone**), he was granted the right to practise throughout the west country and Wales. In 1676, Beale decided to leave England and journey to Jamaica. In the will which he drew up prior to departure, witnessed by his father, there is clear evidence that John Beale Jnr shared his father's profound interest in natural philosophy and experimentation. Thus, in addition to bequeathing all his books and instruments of physic and surgery to his brother-in-law and fellow physician, **John Game**, he also left him his 'costly Telescope, which for the rarity and curiosity was valued at forty pounds ... and all my Optic glasse'. Other bequests of interest include a Greek testament 'curiously adorned with gold' which he gave to his brother Thomas, and a 'curious Latine Bible' that was destined for his eldest sister Elizabeth, the wife of Thomas Phillips, rector of East Stoke, Dorset. He named his youngest sister Margaret as residual legatee and sole executrix.

There is little doubt that Beale was intent on setting up as a physician in Jamaica. Shortly before drawing up his will, his father wrote to his old friend, the diarist John Evelyn, asking him to supply a certificate on his son's behalf to the governor of Jamaica confirming that his medical licence of 1668 was genuine. In all probability, Beale was hoping to fall under the patronage of the governor of Jamaica, Lord John Vaughan (1639-1713), who in the same year had written to Henry Oldenburg, secretary to the Royal Society in London, promising to establish a correspondence and provide details of the flora and fauna of the island. Nothing, however, is heard again of Beale after his departure from Bristol in March 1676. He presumably died in Jamaica, sometime between 1676 and 1684.

*ODNB*, *sub* Beale, John, article by P.Woodland; Foster, i, p.95; Lambeth Palace Library, FII/9/4a-b, F1/C, ff.244r-v; TNA, PROB 11/377, ff.191r-v [will of John Beale, physician, of Yeovil, 3 March 1675/6, pr.17 October 1684]; British Library, Add.MS 78,313, f.84r [Beale to Evelyn, 23 February 1675/6]; R.P.Stearns, *Science in the British Colonies of America* (Urbana, ILL, Chicago & London, 1970), p.232.

**John BEAMOUNT or BEAUMONT (d.1635)**

Person ID: 1078

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Wells, Somerset

John Beamount, apothecary, died in 1635. Despite his wish to be buried in the churchyard of St Cuthbert, Wells, next to his late father, he is probably the same as the John Bemount, who was buried at Frome, Somerset, on 7 April 1635. In his will, he made a number of small bequests to the poor of Wells, as well as gifts of rings to his six children, William, John, Anthony, Thomas, Frances and Elizabeth. His son Thomas also received all his father's 'books of Phisicke and Surgery because they are fittest for his use'. The vast majority of Beaumont's estate was left to his wife Alice, who received two houses and all the contents of his shop, including implements, drugs, other books, and stills. She was also named as executrix, the testator's brother in law Richard Hughes Snr and cousin George Bull acting as overseers.

Beamount may have been a Roman Catholic. In 1642, John and Anthony Beamond were listed as recusants in the Protestation Oath Roll for St Cuthbert, Wells. Jonathan Barry has speculated that John's son John may have been the father of the natural philosopher John Beaumont of Ston Easton, Somerset.

Children of John Beamount of Beaumont:

William [will].

John [will].

Anthony [will].

Thomas, bapt.14 April 1614 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].

Frances.

Elizabeth. She was married to John Oker [will].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\FR.JO/2/1/1 [parish registers of Frome St John, Somerset, 1558-1703]; TNA, PROB 11/168, ff.29v-30r [will of John Beamount, of Wells, Somerset, 5 March 1634/5, pr.8 May 1635]; J.Barry, *Witchcraft and Demonology in South-West England, 1640-1789* (Houndmills, Basingstoke, 2012), pp.128-9; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, 1609-1668].

**John BEAUMONT (c.1640-1731)**

Person ID: 1081

Occ: doctor/physician

Loc: Ston Easton, Somerset

**Biography to follow.**

**Thomas BEAUMONT (fl.1649-1654)**

Person ID: 1084

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Thomas Beaumont was the son of **John Beamount** or Beaumont, apothecary, of Wells, and was baptized at the church of St Cuthbert's in the city on 14 April 1614. In his father's will, he inherited 'all his father's 'books of Phisicke and Surgery because they are fittest for his use'. This is the only evidence we have that Beaumont may have followed his father into the trade of an apothecary (and possibly surgeon). Beaumont's daughter Grace (d.1703) married the famous limner John Hoskins the younger (d.1701), whose family had deep-rooted connections in Wells. She was named after her mother about whom nothing else is known. Beaumont was living in Sadler Street Wells in the 1650s.

Children of Mr Thomas Beaumont and Grace:

Thomas, bapt.16 May 1649; buried 22 April 1651 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].  
 Elizabeth, bapt.13 March 1653/4 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].  
 Anne, buried 15 May 1655 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].  
 William, buried 3 February 1655/6 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].  
 Grace, buried 18 February 1702/3 [St Luke's, Chelsea, Middlesex].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset]; TNA, PROB 11/168, ff.29v-30r [will of John Beamount, of Wells, Somerset, 5 March 1634/5, pr.8 May 1635]; *ODNB*, *sub* Hoskins the younger, John, article by J.Murdoch; London Metropolitan Archives, P74/LUK/162 [parish registers of St Luke's, Chelsea, Middlesex, 1653-1703].

**John BECK (fl.1609-1640)**

Person ID: 1091

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Bedminster, Somerset

Beck was the son of Oliver Beck of Worcester, Worcestershire, shoemaker, and was apprenticed to **John Stainrod**, barber surgeon, and his wife Anne, of Bristol, on 2 January 1608/9. William, the son of John Beck, barber surgeon, of Bedminster was apprenticed to John Jones, feltmaker, of Bristol, 19 February 1639/40. One John Beck was buried at Bedminster, 8 March 1667/8.

Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; P/ST.JBED/R/1/a [parish registers of St John's, Bedminster, Somerset, 1643-1689].

**John BEESTON (c.1675-1728)**

Person ID: 1125

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: London and Bath, Somerset

John Beeston was the son of Henry Beeston (d.1701), headmaster of Winchester College (1658-79) and warden of New College, Oxford (1679-1701). He was probably born at Winchester in about 1675. Beeston matriculated at New College, Oxford, on 30 September 1691, aged 16, proceeding BA in 1697/8, MA and BCL in 1698, B Med in 1700 and MD in 1708. He was briefly admitted as a medical student at Leiden in Holland in April 1696. Shortly after receiving his MD, Beeston certified the medical practice of **Joseph Wells** of St Sepulchre, London. Beeston initially set

up in practice in London, probably in Westminster, but did not seek membership of the College of Physicians there. Sometime shortly before his death, Beeston settled in Bath, where he acted as one of the trustees of the new general hospital. From Bath, he wrote to Dr Hans Sloane in 1726. He died two years later and was buried in Bath Abbey on 10 January 1727/8.

He is probably the John Beeston, who married Grace Barry at St Mary Strand, Middlesex, on 10 June 1710. Samuel, the son of John Beeston and Grace, 'a doctor of physick's child', was baptized at St Clement Danes, Middlesex, on 4 August 1713. Another son William, then a student at Christ Church, Oxford, was left £10 in the will of Dr **William Beeston** of Ipswich in 1732.

Children of Dr John Beeston:

Samuel, bapt. 4 August 1713 [St Clement Danes, Middlesex].  
William, alive, of Christ Church, Oxford, February 1731/2 [will; but not listed in Foster].

Foster, i, p.101; Innes Smith, p.19; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/431; [www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath](http://www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath) [accessed 14 February 2023]; British Library, Sloane MS 4034, ff.219, 221; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, p.420; City of Westminster Archives, SML/PR/1/4/1 [parish registers of St Mary Strand, Middlesex, 1705-1724]; STC/PR/5/6 [parish registers of St Clement Danes, Middlesex, 1700-1717]; Suffolk Archives, Ipswich, IC/AA1/161/98 [will of William Beeston, doctor in phisick, of Ipswich, Suffolk, 19 February 1731/2; proved 11 December 1732].

**Alexander BENNETT** (fl.1662-1664)

Person ID: 1198

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Publow, Somerset

Alexander Bennett of Publow was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 23 October 1662. He baptized and buried two sons in the village in 1664. He may be the same as the **Alexander Bennett**, surgeon, who was buried at West Dean in neighbouring Wiltshire in 1680 and who named a son, Richard, a minor, as legatee and executor in his will.

Children of Alexander Bennett:

Richard, bapt. 20 July 1664 [Publow].  
Alexander, buried 27 July 1664 [Publow].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, sub 23 October 1662; D\P\PB/2/1/2 [parish registers of Publow, Somerset, 1654-1734]; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, P1/B/544 [will of Alexander Bennett, chyrurgion, of East Grimstead, Wiltshire, 10 April 1680, pr. 11 January 1680/1].

**John BENNETT (d.before 1655)**

Person ID: 1209

Occ: surgeon/physician

Loc: Bristol and Wrington, Somerset

John Bennett, barber surgeon, was made a freeman of the city of Bristol on marrying Elizabeth, the daughter of Richard Hassoll of Bristol on 17 October 1629. Sometime around 1632, he re-located to Wrington in Somerset. Bennett was the father of the celebrated London physician **Christopher Bennett**, who was briefly apprenticed to his father at Bristol in 1632. Two other sons, John and Francis, were apprenticed at Bristol to an apothecary and soapboiler respectively. He may be the same as the John Bennett who was buried at Wrington on 17 July 1641. He was certainly dead by 1655, though his wife Elizabeth was still alive and living at Town House, Wrington, in that year.

Children of John Bennett:

**Christopher** (d.1655), doctor of physic, apprenticed to father at Bristol, 15 June 1632.

John, apprenticed to **Richard Colston**, apothecary, of Bristol, 8 November 1633. He was made free in 1641 and was dead by 1655.

Francis. He was apprenticed to John Berkin, soapboiler, of Bristol, 28 February 1637/8.

Elizabeth, bapt.5 September 1626 [Wrington]. She married John Fordham at St Giles Cripplegate, London, 6 July 1653.

Margaret, bapt.3 November 1629 [Wrington]. She married John Pickering at St John the Baptist, Bristol, 11 September 1651.

Jane. She appears as Jane Higgins in the will of her brother, Christopher, in 1655.

Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; Somerset Heritage Centre, D/P\WRI/2/1/2 [parish registers of Wrington, Somerset, 1538-1809]; TNA, PROB 11/248, ff.3r-4v [will of Christopher Bennett, doctor of physic, of London, 3 and 21 April 1655; pr.25 June 1655]; London Metropolitan Archives, P69/GIS/A/002/MS06419/004 [parish registers of St Giles Cripplegate, London, 1646-1653]; Bristol Archives, P/ST.JB/R/1/a [parish registers of St John the Baptist, Bristol, 1558-1679].

**Richard BETTENSON (c.1651-1725)**

Person ID: 1317

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Richard Bettenson, doctor of physic, was the son of Digory Bettenson (d.c.1674), gentleman, of Lesnewth, Cornwall, and was probably born in the latter parish about 1651. He matriculated at Pembroke College, Oxford, on 11 March 1671/2, aged 20, proceeding BA in 1675, MA in 1678, and B Med and MD in 1701. Bettenson subsequently set up in practice at Bath in Somerset, where he gave £100 towards the building of the first Pump Room and acted as one of the trustees for the subscription to Bath General Hospital. Among his patients was the wife of Thomas Naish or Nash, sub-dean of Salisbury, whom he treated at Bath in 1703. Naish noted in his diary that Bettenson took no payment 'it being his custom to take nothing of clergymen'. Bettenson was a vocal opponent of inoculation. A letter of his on the subject was

appended, after his death, to a sermon by the Bath preacher John Jackson published in 1728 (dated 7 February 1721/2). Bettenson was buried in Bath Abbey on 8 March 1724/5. He does not appear to have married.

In his will, made a year before his death, Bettenson placed all his property, including a newly built house in Abbey Green, various other houses in Bath and fourteen acres of pastureland in nearby Lyncombe and Widcombe, in the hands of two trustees, William Huddesford, vicar, of Offchurch, Warwickshire, and James Wright, gentleman, of Newbold Comyn, Warwickshire. They were instructed to sell the same and from the proceeds make a series of bequests totaling £1,200. The chief beneficiaries were the testator's nephew Hender Pierce, niece Mary Chapelman, Joanna Bettenson, widow of the testator's late cousin Digory Bettenson, and Ceasaria Fane, the wife of Nevil Fane, gentleman.

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### **John BEWSHIRE (c.1556-1623)**

Person ID: 1335

Occ: schoolmaster/clergyman/physician

Loc: Claverton, Somerset

Bewshire was the son of Peter Bewshire (d.1584), gentleman, of Claverton, Somerset. Born at Claverton about 1555 or 1556, he matriculated at Broadgates Hall, Oxford, on 20 December 1577 but does not appear to have graduated. He was left £20 and various smaller legacies in his father's will of 1584, which John also witnessed (signing as 'clerk'). Five years earlier, Bewshire, described as aged 23 and a native of Claverton, was licensed to teach school at Shepton Mallet, Somerset. In 1598, he was inducted as vicar of Claverton, later serving as rector until his death in 1623. He almost certainly combined school teaching and pastoral duties with medicine. Manuals of surgery and physic in his name survive for the period between 1594 and 1602. Bewshire was buried at Claverton on 28 April 1623.

Foster, i, p.120; TNA, PROB 11/67, ff.249r-250r [will of Peter Bewshire, gentleman, of Claverton, Somerset, 11 August 1584, pr.27 October 1584]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\OL 6, sub 28 February 1579; British Library, Sloane MSS 242A-B;

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\VC 73 and 79; D\P\CLAV/2/1/2 [parish registers of Claverton, Somerset, 1581-1804].

**Thomas BICKHAM (fl.1662)**

Person ID: 19350

Occ: Licensed surgeon/physician

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

In 1662, Thomas Bickham was listed as practising surgery and medicine at Bridgwater, Somerset. One of the same name was buried at Bridgwater on 17 July 1663. Alternatively, he may be the Thomas Bickham who was responsible for imprisoning the Quaker Christopher Bacon at Bridgwater in 1669. He was buried at Bridgwater on 23 March 1677/8. One Thomas Bickham, yeoman, signed a lease agreement in the town in 1656. Earlier a Thomas Bickham had married Alice Henbury at Bridgwater on 17 June 1634.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\VC/41, f.63v; D\P\BW.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1558-1653; 1653-1681]; John Whiting, *Persecution Exposed*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (London, 1791), p.30; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\N\BW.CHCH/2/1/1.

**John BICKNELL (fl.1711)**

Person ID: 35023

Occ: barber/periwigmaker

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Samuel Samways, the son of John Samways, of Rodden, Dorset, was apprenticed to John Bicknell, barber and periwigmaker, of Taunton, Somerset, for the premium of £10 as recorded in 1711.

TNA, IR 1/41, f.125.

**Benjamin BIDDLE (c.1600)**

Person ID: 34479

Occ: barber

Loc: Mells, Somerset

Benjamin Biddle is identified in the apprenticeship record of his son Joseph who was apprenticed to James Middleton, weaver, of Bristol, on 1 February 1642/3. Benjamin is described as deceased. He was baptized at Mells on 22 June 1600. His son Joseph was baptised at Mells on 29 August 1624.

**Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers;** Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\MLS/2/1/1 [parish registers of Mells, Somerset, 1565-1685].

**John BILLERS or BILLIERS (1615-1648)**

Person ID: 1367

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Bath, Somerset

John Billers or Billiers, the son of William Billers, was baptized at St Martin's, Leicester, 15 August 1615. He matriculated at Lincoln College, Oxford, on 15 November 1631, aged 17, proceeding BA in 1634 and MA in 1637 (incorporated at Cambridge, 1639). Billiers was licensed to practise medicine by Cambridge University on 11 June 1646 following eight years of medical study and examination by Francis Glisson, regius professor of medicine. He died soon afterwards being buried at Bath Abbey (as Mr John Bellowes, doctor of phisicke) on 20 February 1647/8.

Leicestershire & Rutland RO, DE 1564/1 [parish registers of St Martin's, Leicester, Leicestershire]; Foster, i, p.123; Venn, i, p.151; CUL, Cambridge University Archives, Grace Book H (1645-1668), p.7; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, p.366.

**John BILLINGSLEY (d.1685)**

Person ID: 1371

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: West Pennard, Somerset, and Newent, Gloucestershire

John Billingsley, MA, of West Pennard, Somerset, was granted a licence to practise medicine and surgery in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol, Gloucester, Exeter and Salisbury on 19 October 1670.

John Billingsley was appointed curate of West Pennard in 1666. No record of his MA or attendance at Oxford or Cambridge survives. The licence looks decidedly fraudulent. Only two of Billingsley's seven sponsors, **Maurice Lund** of Wells and **Roger King**, surgeon, of Bristol, have been positively identified. Four of the other five – Francis Collings, MD, Richard Harlet, B Med, George Champion, B Med, and Jo[hn] Taylor, MD – would appear to be fictitious. Another sponsor, **Francis Grinfield**, MD, was probably the Bristol apothecary of that name. Billingsley had left West Pennard by 1671. He may well be the same as the John Billingsley, physician, who, with his wife Catherine, baptized a daughter Elizabeth at Newent in Gloucestershire on 13 September 1684. John Billingsley, clerk and physician, was buried at Newent on 4 October 1685.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/21/1-3; Sheldon, f.321v [*Directory*, i, no.79]; Gloucestershire Archives, P225 IN 1/2 [parish registers of Newent, Gloucestershire, 1672-1766].

**Simon BINNION, BINYON or BYNYON (1569-1627)**

Person ID: 14918/15028

Occ: barber

Loc: Bath, Somerset

On 2 May 1616, Simon Binyon, barber, of Bath, leased property in Kent to Stephen Ballard, clothier, of Goudhurst, Kent.



Simon, the son of Thomas Binyon, was baptized at Bath Abbey on 29 October 1569. He married Elizabeth Cullen at the abbey on 19 November 1599 and was buried in the same place on 9 December 1627. In his will, made just four days before his death, Binyon made various bequests of money and property to family and friends, including his two married daughters Elizabeth Clement and Alice Hunt and grandsons William Hunt and William Clement, who received the testator's lands at Brenchley and Lamberhurst in Kent. Among his creditors was the Bath apothecary **Edward Stirridge**. He named his wife, Elizabeth, as residual legatee and executrix and his 'loving brothers in law', Matthew Rendoll and William Chapman as overseers.

Binyon's widow Elizabeth was buried at the abbey, 14 May 1633.

Children of Simon Binyon:

Elizabeth, bapt.29 January 1600/1 [Bath Abbey]. She married John Clement at Bath Abbey, 21 October 1622.

Sarah, bapt.6 April 1602; buried 24 March 1615 [Bath Abbey].

Helen/Eleanor, bapt.16 January 1603/4; buried 16 May 1605 [Bath Abbey].

Alice, bapt.13 June 1605 [Bath Abbey]. She was married as Alice Hunt in 1627.

East Sussex RO, SAS-CO/1/55/808; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.1, 13, 14, 15, 204, 209; ii, pp.340, 345, 352, 355; TNA, PROB 11/153, ff.65v-66r [will of Simon Bynyon, barber, of Bath, Somerset, 5 December 1627, pr.7 February 1627/8].

**Philip BLECDEN (fl. late 1th century)**

Person ID: 35031

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Somerset

Henry Blecden, the son of Philip Blecden, barber surgeon, of St James' [Bath?], Somerset, was apprenticed to George Simpson of the Plumbers' Company, London, on 24 June 1596.

**London Apprenticeship Abstracts, 1442-1850.**

**Hugh BLINMAN (1629-1665)**

Person ID: 19458

Occ: practitioner in physic and surgery

Loc: Stogursey, Somerset

Hugh Blinman was the son of Hugh Blinman (d.1666) of Stogursey, Somerset. He was listed as practising surgery in the village in 1662. His burial entry in the parish register on 31 August 1665 describes him as 'a practitioner in phisick and chyrurgy'. Blinman married twice. On 8 August 1657 he married Elizabeth Norris of Old Cleeve, Somerset, at Stogursey. She died eighteen months later and was buried at St Decumans, Somerset, on 10 February 1658/9. He subsequently married a woman called Sarah, about whom nothing is known.

It is probable that he is the same as the Mr Blinman who was described by the London apothecary-cum-physician **Francis Bernard** as ‘a pretended physician of Somersetshire ... a conceited fellow [and] a great chymist’. Blinman’s nativity (Bernard claims he was born on 14 February 1628/9) was subsequently published by the astrologer John Gadbury in 1662, where he took a far more sympathetic view of his subject. He records various incidents in his early life (including the loss of his right eye at age 6 in a shooting accident and his marriage at the age of 29 (which tallies with the known date of Hugh Blinman’s first marriage, above). Gadbury also suggests that Blinman’s addiction to physic and chemistry began at the age of 21 or 22 and that he turned to medicine for a living in order to compensate for his family’s losses and misfortunes ‘in our late times of Confusion’. ‘By God’s blessing’, he concluded, Mr Blinman ‘hath done a great deal of good ... and is arrived to a considerable Credit and repute thereby’ despite facing danger of imprisonment as ‘a result of many scandals’ in about 1659.

Children of Hugh Blinman and Sarah:

John/Jonathan, born 28 November 1661; bapt.26 December 1661; buried 8 April 1669 [Stogursey].

Sarah, bapt.3 March 1662/3; buried 23 April 1669 [Stogursey].

Hugh, bapt.11 May 1664 [Stogursey].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\Vc/41, f.64r; D\D\ST.D/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Decumans, Somerset, 1602-1665]; D\P\STOGS/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Stogursey, Somerset, 1653-1660; 1660-1728]; British Library, Sloane MS 1707, f.38r; J.Gadbury, *Collection Geniturarum: Or, A Collection of Nativities, in CL Genitures* (London, 1662), p.135.

**Nathaniel BLINMAN (c.1650-1684)**

Person ID: 1492

Occ: physician

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

Nathaniel Blinman was licensed to practise medicine throughout the province of Canterbury on 17 June 1680. His various sponsors included two nonconformist physicians, **Ichabod Chauncy** and **John Griffiths** of Bristol, as well as William Allen, vicar of Bridgwater.

Blinman was the son of the puritan clergyman Richard Blinman (d.1681) and was born in America sometime around 1650. He would appear to have shared his father’s passion for chemical medicine. In Richard’s will of 1681, he made numerous bequests of drugs, including large quantities of Starkey’s pills, to his sons and sons in law, including Nathaniel. The latter also received from his father ‘all my Physical Latin books’ and the choice of four English physic books. In addition, Nathaniel and his wife Martha were the recipients of numerous works of divinity.

Nathaniel Blinman married Martha Bowyer at Stogursey, Somerset, on 15 December 1681. He was buried at Bridgwater on 11 August 1684. She was buried at Stockland, near Bristol, 22 December 1704. Nathaniel’s older brother **Jeremiah Blinman** was an apothecary at South Molton, Devon. It is not known how, if at all, the Blinmans were

related to Hugh Blinman of Stogursey, who may have shared the family's passion for chemical medicines.

Children of Nathaniel Blinman and Martha:

Nathaniel, bapt.27 December 1682 [Bridgwater].

Mary, bapt.30 October 1684 [Bridgwater].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/143/1-4; Sancroft, f.231 [*Directory*, i, no.94]; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews, p.61; Bristol Archives, consistory court will of Richard Blinman, minister of the gospel of Christ, 13 April 1681, pr.26 July 1681; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\STOGS/2/1/3 [parish registers of Stogursey, Somerset, 1660-1728]; D\P\BW.M/2/1/3 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1682-1714]; D\P\STOC.B/2/1/4 [parish registers of Stocokland, Somerset, 1678-1812]; A.J.Webb (ed.), *Handlist of Somerset Probate Inventories and Administrators Accounts 1482-1924* (Taunton, Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.98, 2019), p.29, no.806 [Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\SP\1684/100].

**John BOND (c.1560-1612)**

Person ID: 1574

Occ: schoolmaster/physician

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

John Bond was born in about 1560. Nothing is known of his parents. He was educated at Winchester College and New College, Oxford, proceeding BA in 1574 and MA in 1579. In the latter year, Bond, a classical scholar, took up the mastership of the grammar school at Taunton, but later turned to the practice of physic which, according to the Oxford antiquarian Anthony Wood, he performed 'without profit nor degree in that faculty'. He was elected MP for Taunton in 1601 and again in 1604. In Parliament, he angered some by his opposition to a bill aimed at increasing church membership on Sundays and became a staunch advocate of union between England and Scotland. Bond published nothing on medicine, his fame resting entirely on his classical output. In 1606 he produced an edition of Horace, dedicated to Henry, Prince of Wales, and in 1614 a posthumous edition of Persius appeared that was seen through the press by his son in law, Roger Prowse (d.1640).

Nothing is known about Bond's wife Anstice. Bond died on the 2 August 1612 and was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, four days later. In his will, Bond divided his extensive property interests in Taunton and neighbouring Wilton between his wife and the family of his son in law Roger Prowse. He also confirmed an arrangement with the London merchant Richard Huish whereby he had donated land in Magdalen Lane in Taunton for the construction of a hospital. Bond named his son in law Roger Prowse as residual legatee and executor. The epitaph on his gravestone in the chancel of St Mary's, Taunton (no longer extant), described him as 'a learned physician'.

Children of John Bond and Anstice:

Elizabeth. She married Roger Prowse at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, 19 July 1602, and was dead at the time her father confirmed his will in August 1612.

Publications:

*Quinti Horatii Flacci Poemata*, ed.J.Bond (London, 1606).

*Auli Persi Flacci Satyrae Sex, cum Posthumis Commentariis Joannis Bond* (London, 1614).

*ODNB*, sub Bond, John, article by S.F.Ryle; Foster, i, p.146; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\PTAU.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696]; TNA, PROB 11/120, ff.333v-334v [will of John Bond, gentleman, of Taunton, Somerset, 14 June 1612 and confirmed 2 August 1612, pr.26 November 1612]; J.Toulmin, *The History of Taunton in the County of Somerset* (Taunton, 1822), p.201.

**John BOND (fl.1638-1654)**

Person ID: 14934/14935

Occ: barber

Location: Chard, Somerset

In all probability, Bond was the apprentice of **John Bowdon** of Exeter, Devon, and was made a freeman of the city on 12 November 1638. He subsequently moved to Chard, where he baptized two children, one with 'now wife' Hannah, in 1650 and 1655. He probably died in 1655 or early 1656 (the parish registers of Chard are patchy for this period, and do not exist for the years before 1649). In his will, made in 1654, he left three bequests of £10 each to his sons, John, Charles and William (all three not yet 21). He named his 'now wife' Hannah as executrix, and **Benjamin Pince**, apothecary, and George Bartley, both of Chard, as overseers. Like Bond, Pince served his apprenticeship in Exeter and was likewise made a freeman of the city.

Children of John Bond:

John [will; not yet 21].

Charles [will; not yet 21].

William [will; not yet 21].

Unnamed son, bapt.19 July 1650 [Chard].

James, son of John and Hannah Bond, bapt.31 January 1654/5 [Chard].

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, extra series, vol.1, 1973), p.133; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHARD/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chard, Somerset, 1649-1729]; TNA, PROB 11/252, f.325v [will of John Bond, barber, of Chard, Somerset, 31 March 1654, pr.23 February 1655/6].

**John BOND (fl.1662)**

Person ID: 1575

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Chedzoy, Somerset

John Bond of Chedzoy, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 16 September 1662.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 16 September 1662; D\D\Vc/41, f.63v.

**John BONNY (1624-1687)**

Person ID: 34480

Occ: barber

Loc: Bath, Somerset

John Bonny was the son of Edward Bonny and was baptized at St James', Bath, on 28 September 1624. He married Alice Long at Keynsham on 18 June 1649 and was buried in Bath Abbey on 13 October 1687. His widow Alice was buried in the same place on 21 February 1703/4.

Bonny's son William (1657-1719) was a printer and bookseller who originally practised his craft in London before setting up in business at Bristol. He was the founder and editor of the *Bristol Post-Boy*, one of the first provincial newspapers in England.

Children of John Bonny and Alice:

**John**, bapt.10 February 1655/6 [Bath Abbey]. Barber.

William, bapt.22 June 1657 [Bath Abbey]. He was apprenticed to William Bowtell, citizen and draper, of London, for 7 years, 5 August 1674 [petitioned for discharge, 1 February 1675/6].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BA.JA/2/1/1 [parish registers of St James', Bath, Somerset, 1569-1694]; D\P\KEYN/2/1/1 [parish registers of Keynsham, Somerset, 1628-1723]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, p.44; ii, pp.389, 399; ODNB, *sub* Bonny, William, article by D.Stoker; M.Scott (ed.), *Apprenticeship Disputes in the Lord Mayor's Court of London 1573-1723* (London, BRS, Apprenticeship Series, vol.1, Part 2, 2016), p.1080.

**John BONNY (1656-d.before 1704)**

Person ID: 34481

Occ: barber

Loc: Bath, Somerset

John Bonny was the son of **John Bonny**, barber, and his wife Alice, nee Long and was baptized at Bath Abbey on 10 February 1655/6. He is described as a barber in the apprenticeship record of his son William who was apprenticed to his uncle William Bonny, a printer at Bristol, on 23 February 1703/4. William's father John was described as dead at this date.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, p.44; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

**Richard BOSTOCK (1686-1747)**

Person ID: 1651

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Nantwich, Cheshire and Bath, Somerset

Richard Bostock was the son of Dr **Nathaniel Bostock** (d.1715) of Whixall, Shropshire, and was baptized at Prees, Shropshire, on 23 October 1686. Nothing is known of his early education prior to receiving his MD from Leiden in Holland in 1711 granted after Bostock published a dissertation on the circulation of the blood. Thereafter, he practised first at Nantwich in Cheshire before removing to Bath, where he died in 1747.

In his will of 1714, Bostock's father Nathaniel left Richard all his real and personal estate. At the time, Bostock was practising at Nantwich, where he was listed as a Catholic nonjuror (he then held the manor of Bawsey in Norfolk). It is not known when Bostock removed to Bath. There, he served as physician to the general hospital in 1744-5, acting as governor in 1744. He was buried in Bath Abbey on 19 March 1746/7. Bostock does not appear to have possessed great wealth at his death, making bequests of little more than £100 in total. His Catholic tastes are suggested by the bequest of 'a picture of the last supper' to one Mr York. He gave another picture, subject unstated, to the new hospital at Bath. His books and prints were shared by his sister Catherine Paston and nephew Henry Bostock. Catherine was also named as residual legatee and executrix. Bostock left instructions for a short inscription to be appended to his grave in Bath Abbey. There is no evidence that Bostock ever married.

Shropshire Archives, P221/A/1/4 [parish registers of Prees, Shropshire]; Innes Smith, p.27; TNA, PROB 11/570, ff.240r-241r [will of Nathaniel Bostock, doctor in physic, of Whixall in Preece, Shropshire, 28 December 1714, pr.31 October 1719]; E.E.Estcourt and J.O.Payne (eds), *The English Catholic Nonjurors of 1715: Being a Register of Their Estates, with Genealogical and Other Notes* (London & New York, [1885]), p.196; [www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath](http://www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath); A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, p.436; TNA, PROB 11/753, ff.308r-v [will of Richard Bostock of Bath, Somerset, 29 January 1746/7, pr.7 April 1747].

**Philip BOUCHER or BOWCHER (d.1682)**

Person ID: 1674

Occ: licensed surgeon/physician

Loc: East Harptree, Somerset

Philip Boucher of East Harptree, Somerset, was licensed to practise physic and surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 6 October 1677. He was buried at East Harptree (described as gent in register) on 4 February 1681/2.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 6 October 1677; D\P\E.HARP/2/1/1 [parish registers of East Harptree, Somerset, 1663-1772].

**Edward BOULTON (fl.1678)**

Person ID: 1687

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Glastonbury, Somerset

Edward Boulton was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 10 January 1677/8. The licence does not provide an address. However, he is probably the practitioner of the same surname, living in Glastonbury, who was accused by the surgeon **John Westover** of causing an inflammation in one of his patients after he had bled her 'unskillfully'. The theory is given some traction with the discovery that a Mr Edward Boulton baptized and buried two sons at St John's, Glastonbury, between 1685 and 1699.

Children of Mr Edward Boulton:

Enoch, bapt.26 February 1684/5; buried 26 August 1699 [St John's, Glastonbury].  
Elias, bapt.11 December 1687; buried 12 January 1687/8 [St John's, Glastonbury].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 10 January 1677/8; W.G.Hall, 'A Country General Practitioner at Work in Somerset, 1686-1706: John Westover of Wedmore', *Local Historian*, 20 (1990), p.184; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\GLA.J/2/1/3 [parish registers of St John's, Glastonbury, Somerset, 1678-1758].

**BOW (fl.1689)**

Person ID: 1724

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: West Monkton, Somerset

One Bow, of West Monkton, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 24 July 1689.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/48, *sub* 24 July 1689.

**Samuel BOWDITCH (1650-1728)**

Person ID: 1733

Occ: licensed surgeon/physician

Loc: Taunton, Somerset and Chardstock, Dorset

Samuel, the son of Henry Bowditch (d.1687), gent, was baptized at Chard, Somerset, on 21 March 1649/50. Bowditch, of St Mary Magdalene parish in Taunton, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery throughout the province of Canterbury on 24 April 1679. Letters testimonial on his behalf were signed by two Plymouth physicians, **John Sprague** and **Thomas Spencer**, the latter being married to Bowditch's sister, Sarah. Other signatories included William Allen, vicar of Bridgwater, Still Strode, minister, and the churchwardens of Bowditch's home parish of St Mary Magdalene. In 1687, Bowditch was named as residual legatee and executor of his father's will, which was witnessed by two local physicians, **Richard Stoodly** and **William Staple**.

Samuel Bowditch, gentleman, was buried at Chardstock, Dorset [now in Devon], on 15 October 1728. In his will, made a fortnight before his death, Bowditch made bequests to various grandchildren totaling £55. He left the bulk of his property and estate to his two sons George and Samuel (the eldest), the former receiving his estate at Pawlett and house in Chard, Somerset, while the latter was named as residual legatee and executor. In addition, Bowditch left his grandson John, the son of the

testator's son George, 'all my chirurgical and physical books and Instruments' in the expectation that he would be trained as a surgeon. The will makes no mention of Bowditch's wife Margaret who had presumably predeceased him.

Children of Samuel Bowditch, gent, and wife Margaret:

Samuel, bapt.10 September 1678 [Chardstock].

John, bapt.1 October 1683 [Chard]; buried 11 February 1701/2 [Chardstock].

William, bapt.6 January 1685/6 [Chard].

Mary, bapt.20 February 1687/8; buried 5 August 1706 [Chardstock].

Bridget, bapt.28 January 1690/1 [Chardstock]. She married Thomas Deane Jnr of Chardstock at Chardstock, 21 June 1721.

George, bapt.4 May 1694 [Chardstock]. He married Jane Diamond of Ilminster, Somerset, at Chardstock, 31 December 1719.

Henry [dead by October 1728; will].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHARD/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chard, Somerset, 1649-1729]; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/122/1-4; Sancroft, f.218v [Directory, i, no.102]; TNA, PROB 11/390, ff.222r-223r [will of Henry Bowdich, gent, of Chardstock, Dorset, 15 September 1687, pr.17 March 1687/8]; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Chardstock, Dorset [now in Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/633, ff.50r-51r [will of Samuel Bowditch the elder, gent, of Chardstock, Dorset, 2 October 1728, pr.3 November 1729].

### **Benjamin BOWRING (d.1727)**

Person ID: 1766

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Hardington Mandeville, Somerset

Benjamin Bowring of Hardington [Mandeville], Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 10 October 1711. Bowring was buried at Hardington Mandeville on 25 October 1727.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 10 October 1711; D\P\HARD.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of Hardington Mandeville, Somerset, 1687-1812].

### **John BOYCE or BOYS (d.1750)**

Person ID: 1792/17023

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset, and Dorset

John Boyce, apothecary, of Bath, married Joan Chaffin of Sherborne, Dorset, at St Cuthbert, Wells, Somerset, on 29 July 1678. He was licensed (as Boys) to practise surgery in the peculiar of the dean of Salisbury on 27 June 1679. Letters in support of Boyce's application were signed by his old master **Henry Moore** (who married Frances Boyce), **Henry Dyer**, surgeon, Dr **Thomas Guidott**, **Edward Shepherd**, **Thomas Gibbs**, **Edward Woolmer** and William Peake, schoolmaster. Given the Dorset connections of Boyce and the fact that Boyce's licence was granted for Beaminster, it seems likely that Boyce, who trained as an apothecary in Bath, removed to Dorset after his marriage. One **John Boyce**, apothecary, of Cerne Abbas,



Dorset, took on Benjamin Bower, the son of Robert Bower, gent, of Ludwell, Wiltshire, as an apprentice in 1713. He died in 1750.

Boyce the apothecary may have been related to his namesake, John Boyce (d.1680), who served as mayor of Bath in 1655-6 and was active as a JP in the town conducting civil marriages in the 1650s. He buried a daughter, Elizabeth, at the abbey on 2 July 1658.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.43; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\PW.ST.C/2/1/2 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1668-1727]; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, D5/9/2, f.10v; D/5/5/2; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, pp.220-2, 373, 384; C.Dale (ed.), *Wiltshire Apprentices and Their Masters, 1710-1760* (Gateshead, Wiltshire Natural History Society, vol.17, 1961), p.19.

**John BRADFORD (d.1654)**

Person ID: 1812

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Wells, Somerset

John Bradford, gentleman, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the province of Canterbury on 20 March 1620. Mr John Bradford of the New Works was buried at St Cuthbert's, Wells, on 14 February 1653/4. In his nuncupative will, where he described himself as a gentleman, he left his dwelling house and personal estate to his wife Christian, the same to be divided equally after his death between his eldest brother's youngest daughter, then dwelling with a Mrs Prowse at Chagford in Devon, and his cousin Mrs Bradshaw of London. He is also mentioned as the father-in-law of the Wells gentleman Adrian Bower in the latter's will of 1644 (in his own will, Bradford left a small legacy for Anne Bower, 'his wife's grandchild').

Lambeth Palace Library, Abbot 2, f.187 [*Directory*, i, no.106]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\PST.C.W/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1609-1668]; TNA, PROB 11/240, f.366v [nuncupative will of John Bradford, gentleman, of Wells, Somerset, 7 February 1653/4, pr.10 July 1654]; PROB 11/197, ff.269r-v [will of Adrian Bower, gentleman, of Wells, Somerset, 22 April 1644, pr.7 October 1646].

**Francis BRAYNE (fl.1679-1708)**

Person ID: 1889

Occ: apothecary/physician

Loc: Wiveliscombe, Somerset

Francis Brayne, apothecary, of Wiveliscombe, Somerset, was a passionate advocate of chemical medicines, which he used in his everyday practice as a physician. Brayne was a particular advocate of the medicines made by the London chemical physician, **Christopher Packe**, who published many of Brayne's letters, dating from 1692 to 1708, extolling the merits of his medicines. These letters contain various allusions to Brayne's practice and his many patients whom he sheltered and cared for in his home. In the final letter, dated 19 March 1707/8, Brayne alludes to his deteriorating

eyesight. Packe himself was not averse to pointing out some of the errors that Brayne had made in administering his medicines, something which he partly put down to the large and busy practice of his client.

Brayne was a Quaker. In 1679, he signed the deed for the erection of a meeting house on the road between Wiveliscombe and Milverton. He is probably the Quaker of the same name who married Mary Metford of Glastonbury on 20 January 1702/3. Brayne does not appear to be related to the Exeter druggist, Francis Brayne (d.1768), who was born at Abbotskerswell, Devon, in 1701.

Christopher Packe, *Mineralogia* (London, 1693), pp.29-38; *Medela Chymica* (London, 1708), pp.88-9, 98, 103-4, 146-51 and *passim*; Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\SFR.W/39; DD\SF/2/39/86; TNA, RG6/1454 [monthly meeting of Somerset Friends, middle section, Street, 1655/8-1765/76].

**Thomas BREWER (d.1665)**

Person ID: 1930

Occ: physician

Loc: Bath, Somerset

According to fellow Bath physician **Thomas Guidott**, Brewer was from Somerset by birth and was 'an industrious man, a good Scholar, and expert Physician', who was well acquainted with Latin and Greek. Held in 'good esteem' in the town, he died on 3 November 1665 and was buried in the abbey. However, no record of his burial survives in the registers (which are patchy for this plague year). A son, William, attended Trinity College, Oxford, proceeding BA and MA in 1651 and 1654. Another son, Christopher, was apprenticed to the London apothecary, **Robert Wrench**, in 1658. Two daughters were buried at Bath, but none of his children seem to have been baptized there, leading to speculation that he earlier in his career he may have practised elsewhere. One possibility is that he was the son of the Chard physician **William Brewer** and may have practised there before settling in Bath. Unfortunately, the parish registers for Chard do not survive for the period before 1649.

Children of Mr Thomas Brewer:

William, born about 1629 [matriculated at Oxford, 1647, aged 18].

Christopher. He was apprenticed to **Robert Wrench**, apothecary, of London, 9 November 1658. One of this name, the son of Mr Thomas Brewer and his wife Joan, was baptized at St Thomas', Salisbury, Wiltshire, 22 February 1641/2.

Barbara, buried 29 June 1650 [Bath Abbey].

Martha, buried 20 April 1657 [Bath Abbey].

Thomas Guidott, *A Discourse of the Bathe ... with an Account of the Lives, and Character of the Physicians of Bathe* (London, 1676), p.198; Foster, i, p.178; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, pp.368, 372; **London apothecary database**.

**Thomas BREWER (d.1712)**

Person ID: 19681

Occ: barber

Loc: Chard, Somerset

Thomas Brewer, barber, was buried at Chard, Somerset, 5 December 1712. A Thomas Brewer, weaver, was active in the town, c.1673-1689.

Apprentice of Thomas Brewer, barber:

Thomas Sargent of Blandford, Dorset, for the premium of £10 as recorded in 1712.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHARD/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chard, Somerset, 1649-1729]; TNA, IR 1/42, f.102.

### **William BREWER (d.1618)**

Person ID: 1933

Occ: physician

Loc: Chard, Somerset

Brewer practised medicine in the Somerset town of Chard for over forty years. A magnificent tomb memorial in the parish church of Chard depicts William with his wife Denise, the daughter of one Mr Baker of Crewkerne, Somerset, and states that the couple were married for over forty years. She died on 8 November 1614, William on 24 July 1618. Their six sons and five daughters, 'all men and women growne', surround them in effigy. Unfortunately, the parish registers of Chard do not survive for this period.

Brewer was well respected as a naturalist and observer of the natural world. He would appear to have been on friendly terms with both **Thomas Penny** and **Thomas Moffet**, the latter citing his entomological observations in his *Insectorum* (1634).

Children of William Brewer and Denise:

Peter [visitation]. Probably Peter Brewer, son of a doctor, BA and MA, Lincoln College, Oxford, 1601/2 and 1604 [Foster].

William [visitation].

**Thomas** [visitation]. Physician at Bath?

Christopher [visitation].

John, buried at St Alfege, Greenwich, Kent, 18 May 1675. A London grocer, he married 1.Mary, the daughter of Ralph Grove; 2.Dorothy, daughter of Richard Norton and widow of Humphrey Bowater.

one other son and five daughters [names unknown] [*m.i.*, Chard].

*m.i.*, Chard, Somerset; J.J.Howard and J.L.Chester (eds), *Visitation of London, 1633-5*, 2 vols (London, HS, 1880), i, p.101; Foster, i, p.177; London Metropolitan Archives, P78/ALF/001 [parish registers of St Alfege, Greenwich, Kent, 1615-1680]; J.R.Woodhead, *The Rulers of London, 1660-1689* (London, 1966), p.???; Thomas Moffet, *Insectorum, sive Minimorum Animalium Theatrum* (London, 1634), pp.69, 110, 113, 202; C.Raven, *English Naturalists* (Oxford, 1947), pp.163, 172, 183, 185.

**George BRICKSWORTH or BRYKESWORTH (fl.1550)**

Person ID: 1952

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Glastonbury, Somerset

Brykesworth, described as a surgeon of Glastonbury, was left the 'best lute' in the will of the royal surgeon, **Nicholas Alcock** (d.1550) of London. Nothing else is known about him.

TNA, PROB 11/33, ff.91v-93r [will of Nicholas Alcock, one of the surgeons to the Kings majestie, 16 February 1549/50, pr.6 May 1550].

**BRILE (fl.1700)**

Person ID: 1992

Occ: physician

Loc: Somerset

One Brile is briefly noted by **John Westover** in his journal as attending to a mutual patient at Yatton in Somerset in April 1700. Otherwise unidentified.

W.G.Hall, 'A Country General Practitioner at Work in Somerset, 1686-1706: John Westover of Wedmore', *The Local Historian*, 20 (1990), p.84.

**Simon BRINSMEAD (1616-1654)**

Person ID: 17055

Occ: apothecary

Loc: London and Bishop's Hull, Somerset

Simon Brinsmead was the son of Roger Brinsmead (d.1654), yeoman, and was baptized at Bishop's Hull, Somerset, on 24 November 1616. Simon was apprenticed to **Israel Woolfe**, apothecary, of London, on 15 July 1635 and became a freeman of the city of London in 1645. On 20 August 1645, Brinsmead married Hannah (b.1620), the daughter of Edward and Abigail Grubb, at St Peter's, St Albans, Hertfordshire. The couple set up shop in London where Brinsmead took on three apprentices, including his brother **Samuel Brinsmead**. Following the death of his father in 1654, Brinsmead returned to his native Bishop's Hull, where he died and was buried on 3 November 1654. In his will, he left £700 to his three children and named his wife Hannah as residual legatee and executrix. He named, amongst others, his friend Mr Abraham Cowley as overseer - a possible reference to the disgraced poet who had just returned from exile and who later studied medicine. Brinsmead's widow, Hannah, returned to St Albans, where she died and was buried in the parish of St Peter's on 6 January 1675/6. In her will, she left numerous bequests to her own and her late husband's family (in Bishop's Hull) leaving the bulk of her estate, including various pieces of land and property, to her daughter Mary, the wife of **John Russell**, apothecary.

Children of Simon Brinsmead and wife Hannah:

Hannah, bapt.6 May 1647 [St Martin Orgar, London].

Abigail, bapt.8 July 1650 [St Mary Abchurch, London].

Mary. She married **John Russell**, apothecary [will].

Samuel, bapt.10 October 1654 [Bishop's Hull]; buried 6 June 1673 [St Peter's, St Albans, Hertfordshire].

Apprentices of Simon Brinsmead of London:

**Samuel Brinsmead** [brother], 2 December 1645.

John Thorpe, 13 February 1650/1.

William Morecock, son of Robert Morecock, of Chatham, Kent, 1 June 1652.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BH/2/1/1 [parish registers of Bishop's Hull, Somerset, 1562-1656]; **London apothecary database**; Hertfordshire Archives & Local Studies, parish registers of St Peter's, St Albans, Hertfordshire; TNA, PROB 11/302, ff.262r-v [will of Symon Brinsmead, apothecary, of Bishop's Hull, Somerset, 20 September 1654, pr.18 December 1660]; TNA, PROB 11/350, ff.221r-222r [will of Hanna Brinsmead, widow, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, 26 November 1675, pr.13 March 1676]; London Metropolitan Archives, P69/MTN2/A/001/MS04784 [parish registers of St Martin Orgar, London, 1624-1812]; P69/MRY1/A/001/MS 07666 [parish registers of St Mary Abchurch, London, 1558-1736].

**William BRITTON (d.1670)**

Person ID: 2011

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bedminster, Somerset

Britton was a Quaker surgeon residing in the Bristol suburb of Bedminster. He is first mentioned in local records in April 1665 when he was committed for refusing the oath of allegiance. Two years later, on 2 June 1667 he married Anne Sole, the widow of Andrew Sole (d.1666), a painter. Britton died in 1670; his widow was buried the following year. In her will, she left a small estate, including properties in various Bristol parishes, to her sister Mary, the wife of William Jane, and their children.

Britton was in all probability the same as the Quaker William Britton who in 1660 published *Silent Meeting, A Wonder to the World* (London, 1660), in which he refers to having previously 'preached for hire' in the national ministry as well as converting to the Baptists. He also alludes to refuting William Prynne's position on tithes.

Children of William Britton:

Elizabeth. She married fellow Quaker Henry Langford, weaver, of Bristol, 17 January 1668/9 and died in 1717 [Mortimer].

Bristol Archives, JSQ/M/4 [QS orders, 1653-1671], f.63; SF/R/1/4; R.Mortimer (ed.), *Minute Book of the Men's Meeting of the Society of Friends in Bristol, 1667-1686* (Bristol, Bristol Rec.Soc., vol.26, 1971), pp.11, 14, 29, 195, 207; TNA, PROB 11/337, ff.144r-145r [will of Anne Britten alias Soule, widow, of Bristol, 3 April 1671, pr.10 October 1671]; W.Britton, *Silent Meeting, A Wonder to the World, Yet Practised by the Apostles, and Owned by the People of God, Scornfully called Quakers* (London, 1660).

**Catherine BRODICK (d.1577)**

Person ID: 19739

Occ: midwife

Loc: Crewkerne, Somerset

Catherine Brodick, midwife and widow, of Crewkerne, 'appointed by my Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells', was buried at Crewkerne, 25 August 1577.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CREW/2/1/1 [parish registers of Crewkerne, Somerset, 1558-1650].

**John BROOK or BROOKE (fl.1641)**

Person ID: 34482

Occ: barber

Loc: Shepton Mallet, Somerset

In 1641, John Brooke, barber, of Shepton Mallett, Somerset, was a defendant in a trial for debt in the Court of King's Bench. He was probably the same as the John Brook who married Rebecca Rose at Shepton Mallet on 26 June 1635. The couple baptized a daughter Rebecca in the parish on 31 May 1640. One John Brooke was buried at Shepton Mallet on 15 September 1670.

TNA, KB27/1671, m.327; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\SHE/2/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Shepton Mallet, Somerset, 1635-1663; 1663-1747].

**George BROWN or BROWNE (d.1693 or 1694)**

Person ID: 2110

Occ: naval surgeon

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

George Brown, surgeon, of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, died aboard HMS 'Sussex' (under Captain John Maine) in either 1693 or 1694. In his will, made while at sea, he left all his estate to Elizeus Cogell of Lambeth, Surrey, who was also nominated as Brown's lawful attorney and executor.

TNA, PROB 11/423, ff.21v-22r [will of George Brown, chirurgion, of St Mary Magdalen, Taunton, Somerset, 6 November 1693, pr.6 November 1694].

**Robert BROWN or BROWNE (d.1682)**

Person ID: 2162

Occ: licensed surgeon/physician

Loc: Chilthorne Domer, Somerset

Robert Browne, of Chilthorne Domer, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol, Exeter, Salisbury and Winchester on 10 February 1682. Browne was probably the son of Christopher Browne, gentleman, of Chilthorne Domer, who mentions a son Robert in his will made in 1642.

Robert Browne, gentleman, was buried at Chilthorne Domer on 4 June 1682. He was the father of the London mapseller, Christopher Browne, as well as the Buckinghamshire physician, **Charles Browne** (d.1722). In his will of 1722, the latter

left his estate at Chilthorne, worth £60 pa, to his 'loving brother' Christopher, whom he also named as residual legatee and executor.

Children of Robert Brown or Browne:

**Charles**, buried 5 March 1721/2 [Willen, Buckinghamshire]. Browne was a physician, who practised at Newport Pagnell in Buckinghamshire. Christopher. He was apprenticed to Robert Walton (d.1688), print and mapseller, of the Merchant Taylors' Company, London, 5 June 1683. He retired to Chilthorne in about 1712 and was still alive in 1722.

Lambeth Palace Library, Sancroft, f.242 [*Directory*, i, no.120]; TNA, PROB 11/197, ff.27r-28r [will of Christopher Browne, gentleman, of Chilthorne Domer, Somerset, 6 February 1642/3, pr.23 July 1646]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHI.DOM/2/1/2 [parish registers of Chilthorne Domer, Somerset, 1678-1745]; S.Tyacke, *London Map-Sellers, 1660-1720* (Tring, 1978), p.113; TNA, PROB 11/584, ff.20v-22r [will of Charles Browne, doctor of physic, of Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, 30 January 1721/2, pr.30 March 1722]; Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies, D/A/T/184 [parish registers of Willen, Buckinghamshire].

**Matthew BULGIN (d.1669)**

Person ID: 19903

Occ: clergyman/surgeon

Loc: Shepton Montague and Ash Priors, Somerset

Matthew Bulgin, clergyman, of Shepton Montague, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 6 November 1624. He was ordained deacon and priest in 1623 and 1625 respectively, later serving as curate of various Somerset parishes until his death at Shepton Montague, where he officiated as curate, in 1669.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\Vc/41, 43, 58; D\D\Pg3.

**Mary BULL (d.1643)**

Person ID: 18970

Occ: midwife

Loc: Long Sutton, Somerset

Mary Bull, midwife, was buried at Long Sutton, Somerset, on 11 January 1642/3.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\L.SUT/2/1/1 [parish registers of Long Sutton, Somerset, 1559-1665].

**William BULL (1688-1724)**

Person ID: 34483

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Yeovil, Somerset

William Bull was the son of William Bull, gentleman, and Catherine, the daughter of Robert Frampton, of Shaftesbury, Dorset, where he was born on 26 January 1687/8.

He was baptized at Bridport, Dorset, on 9 February following. William Bull matriculated at Magdalen Hall, Oxford, on 1 April 1704, proceeding BA in 1707, MA in 1710, B Med in 1715 and MD in 1717. Shortly after, he set up in practice at Yeovil in neighbouring Somerset, where he married Dorothy Clarke, the daughter of John Clarke, on 3 January 1719/20. Doctor Bull died on 13 August 1724 and was buried three days later at Yeovil. According to a no longer extant memorial slab, his widow died on 11 April 1768.

Children of Dr William Bull and Dorothy:

Dorothy [*m.i.*, Yeovil].

Mary [*m.i.*, Yeovil].

Ann, bapt.29 October 1724 [*m.i.* and Yeovil]. She died in 1763 [*m.i.*].

Dorset History Centre, PE/BT: RE2 [parish registers of Bridport, Dorset]; Foster, i, p.208; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\YEO.J/2/1/2 [parish registers of Yeovil, Somerset, 1638-1783]; M.McDermott and S.Berry (eds), *Edmund Rack's Survey of Somerset* (Taunton, SANHS, 2010), p.266.

#### **Abraham BULLPEN (1644-1685)**

Person ID: 2305

Occ: clergyman/licensed surgeon and physician

Loc: Pawlett, Somerset

Abraham Bullpen of Pawlett, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery throughout the province of Canterbury on 11 January 1681. Testimonials on his behalf were signed by four local practitioners (**Henry Dibble**, **Richard Lovell**, **John Perkins** and **George Sellwood**) as well as three Somerset clergymen (Robert Collier, Samuel Woodeson and William Pyne) and the churchwardens of Pawlett. In 1684, Bullpen signed similar letters on behalf of fellow practitioner **William Morgan Jnr** of Pylle, Somerset.

Abraham Bulpan or Bullpen was the son of Abraham Bullpen (d.1666) and Katherine [Dey] (d.1663), and was baptized at Bridgwater, Somerset, on 17 February 1643/4. He was admitted as a sizar at Magdalene College, Cambridge, on 28 April 1666 (but did not graduate) and subscribed for deacon at Bristol on 16 November following. Bullpen was appointed vicar of Pawlett in 1668 and served the cure until his death in 1685. He was buried in the parish church of Pawlett on 10 July 1685. Bullpen's son **Elisha** (1673-1698) was a London apothecary, who left the whole of his estate to his mother, Mary. She was buried at Pawlett on 15 June 1716.

Children of Abraham Bullpen and wife Mary:

**Elisha**, bapt.8 July 1673 [Pawlett]. He was apprenticed to **John Cox**, apothecary, of London, 1 October 1689 and buried at St Nicholas Cole Abbey, London, on 14 September 1698.

Aaron, bapt.27 December 1675 [Pawlett].

John, born 22 March 1677/8; bapt.24 March 1677/8; buried 22 March 1698/9 [Pawlett].



Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/144/1-3; Sancroft, f.235 [*Directory*, i, no.129]; VX 1A/10/210/1-4; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\PAWL/2/1/1 [parish registers of Pawlett, Somerset, 1667-1812]; Venn, i, p.253; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\Vc43; **London apothecary database**; London Metropolitan Archives, P69/NIC2/A/003/MS 05687 [parish registers of St Nicholas Cole Abbey, London, 1695-1743]; TNA, PROB 11/449, ff.5v-6r [will of Elisha Bulpen, citizen and apothecary, of London, 4 July 1698, pr.24 January 1698/9].

**Francis BURFORD (d.1748)**

Person ID: 18182

Occ: apothecary/surgeon

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Francis Burford practiced as an apothecary in the town of Taunton in Somerset in the first half of the eighteenth century. He took on three apprentices between 1718 and 1730 and in the latter year was living as the tenant of Thomas Smith, apothecary, of Bristol in a house in Fore Street in Taunton. Burford died in 1748 and despite his wishes to be interred in Taunton was buried at Banbury in Oxfordshire on 1 June 1748 (where he was described in the register as an apothecary and surgeon). Burford had deep-rotted family connections to Banbury. In 1730, he had taken on his kinsman Edward Burford (1715-1787) as an apprentice and in his will of 1745 made him the main heir to his various land holdings and properties in the manor of Taunton Dean (the same were to descend to Edward's brothers, Richard, Thomas and John in the event of his death without heirs). There is no evidence that Burford married or had children. He did, however, asked to be buried 'with my family' in the parish church of St Mary Magdalene and left a small annuity to his sister Catherine, the wife of William Ashton or Aston of Taunton (the couple had married at St Mary Magdalene on 4 May 1719). Burford nominated the Reverend George Atwood, archdeacon of Taunton, and Benjamin Aplin, gent, of Banbury as executors in trust and named his kinsman Edward Burford, who practiced as an apothecary at Banbury, as his residual legatee.

Apprentices of Francis Burford, apothecary:

Philip Westcott, son of Susanna Westcott, widow, of Taunton, for the premium of £40 as recorded in 1718.

William Drake of Brampton, Somerset, for the premium of £50 as recorded in 1725.

Edward Burford, son of Richard Burford of Banbury, Oxfordshire, as recorded in 1730.

TNA, IR 1/45, f.127; 1/48, f.201; 1/49, f.216; TNA, PROB 11/641, ff.271v-272v [will of Thomas Smith, apothecary, of Bristol, 21 August 1730, pr.15 December 1730]; Oxfordshire History Centre, PAR 21/1/R1/4 [parish registers of Banbury, Oxfordshire, 1723-1801]; TNA, PROB 11/763, ff.91v-93v [will of Edward Burford, apothecary, of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 12 August 1745, pr.8 July 1748]; Somerset Heritage Centre, A/CHU/1 [mortgage on property at Queen Camel in the manor of Woolavington, 1732].

**Thomas BURFORD (d.1649)**

Person ID: 17024

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Thomas Burford, apothecary, of Bath married Elizabeth, the daughter of **Edward Jorden**, doctor of physic of Bath, at Lacock, Wiltshire, 30 January 1625/6. Burford served as mayor of Bath in 1642-3. He was also defendant in a case in the Court of Common Pleas in 1642 (where it is suggested that he may have trained at London). Burford was buried at Bath Abbey on 9 March 1648/9. His widow Elizabeth was buried there, 25 August 1659. Her will survives. She left £300 in legacies to six of her children, as well as gifts of personal items such as a wedding ring, cabinet, clothes and cloth, and named her son Thomas as residual legatee and executor.

Children of Thomas Burford and wife Elizabeth:

Lucy, bapt.1 April 1627 [Bath Abbey].

Mansel, bapt.19 February 1628/9 [Bath Abbey]. NB: mistranscribed in published edition of registers. One of this name was buried at South Molton, Devon, 1 November 1666.

Jane, bapt.2 February 1630/1 [Bath Abbey]. She married **John Ford**, apothecary, of Bath sometime before 1650.

Eleanor, bapt.17 February 1632/3 [Bath Abbey]. Alive in 1659 [mother's will].

Mary, bapt.16 June 1635 [Bath Abbey]. Alive in 1659 [mother's will].

Anne, bapt.2 November 1637 [Bath Abbey]. Alive in 1659 [mother's will].

Thomas, bapt.26 January 1639/40 [Bath Abbey]. Alive in 1659 [mother's will].

Samuel, bapt.26 May 1643 [Bath Abbey]. Alive in 1659 [mother's will].

A.Wood, *Athenae Oxonienses*, ed.P.Bliss, 2 vols (London, 1815), ii, col.551; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, 1654/1 [parish registers of Lacock, Wiltshire, 1559-1653]; TNA, CP40/2496, m.806; CP40/2501, m.2971; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, 34, 37; ii, pp.366, 374; TNA, PROB 11/297, ff.29r-v [will of Elizabeth Burford(e), widow, of Bath, Somerset, 18 August 1659, pr.20 March 1659/60]; Devon Heritage Centre, 3331A/PR/1/2 [parish registers of South Molton, Devon].

**John BUSHEL or BUSHELL (fl.1714-1715)**

Person ID: 2426

Occ: surgeon/oculist

Loc: Wiveliscombe, Somerset

Described as a surgeon and oculist, of Wiveliscombe, Somerset, on 25 September 1714 Bushel entered an advertisement in the *Bristol Postboy* listing a range of eminent cures that he had performed throughout the west country. He was due to set up stage at Lawford's Gate in Bristol, where he invited the poor and others to come for treatment, gratis if they supplied a testimonial. Bushel specialized in the cure of harelips, wry necks, corns, cancers and blindness (removal of cataracts, etc). The *Bristol Postboy* subsequently reported various cures performed by Bushel on local patients, including the successful couching of the blind. A year later, he was complaining that he was rarely at his house at Wiveliscombe by reason that he was detained at Axbridge and other places in transacting his business.

No record of Bushel has been found in the parish registers of Wiveliscombe.

*Bristol Postboy*, 25 September 1714; 13 November 1714; 3 December 1715.

**Thomas CALVERT (d.1659)**

Person ID: 17025

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Thomas Calvert was the youngest son of Thomas Calvert (d.1638), rector of Heysham, Lancashire. He was apprenticed to **Ralph Collins**, apothecary, of London on 24 April 1634 and was made a freeman of the city on 24 February 1646. Later that year, on 24 October 1646 he married Katherine Mayo, the widow of **Richard Mayo**, apothecary, at Bath Abbey in Somerset, where he settled into practice as an apothecary. Calvert, described as 'one of the common council of the city', was buried at Bath Abbey on 12 September 1659. In his will, made three years earlier, he left all his estate (excepting mourning rings for a brother John and sister Clemence) to his wife Katherine whom he also named as executrix.

TNA, PROB 11/216, ff.77r-78r [will of Thomas Calvert, MA and rector of Heysham, Lancashire, 3 August 1638, pr.6 April 1651]; **London apothecary database**; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, p.374; TNA, PROB 11/299, ff.17v-18r [will of Thomas Calvert, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 29 March 1656, pr.31 July 1660].

**John CANNON (fl.1673)**

Person ID: 2531

Occ: licensed physician

Lullington, Somerset

John Cannon of Lullington, Somerset, was licensed to practise physic in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 31 May 1673.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 31 May 1673.

**Robert CARR (fl.1671)**

Person ID: 2579

Occ: unlicensed surgeon/physician

Yeovil, Somerset

Robert Carr of Yeovil, Somerset, was prosecuted in the consistory court of the bishop of Bath and Wells for practising physic and surgery without a licence in 1671. The outcome of the case is not known.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\ca/350, *sub* 14 March 1670/1 and 21 April 1671.

**Thomas CARTWRIGHT (d.1661)**

Person ID: 2621

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

Thomas Cartwright, apothecary, married Anne Potter, both of Bridgwater in the parish church of that town on 2 May 1656. He was buried (as 'pharmacopola') there on 23 August 1661. His widow Anne married fellow Bridgwater apothecary **Selwyn Chapman** at Bridgwater in 1662.

One Thomas Cartwright, the son of Timothy Cartwright, gent, of Comberton, Worcestershire, was apprenticed to **John Lawrence**, apothecary, of London on 5 April 1642.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW.M/2/1/2 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1653-1681]; **London apothecary database**.

**Thomas CARTWRIGHT (d.1663)**

Person ID: 34484

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

Thomas Cartwright, apothecary, was buried at Bridgwater, Somerset, 11 October 1663. He is described as an apothecary in his inventory, dated 1664.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW.M/2/1/2 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1653-1681]; A.J.Webb (ed.), *Handlist of Somerset Probate Inventories and Administrators Accounts 1482-1924* (Somerset, Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.98, 2019) p.45, no.1293 [Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\SP\1664/179].

**John CARY (d.1687)**

Person ID: 2637

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Yeovil, Somerset

John Cary, surgeon, of Yeovil was referred to in a letter written by the Yeovil clergyman and natural philosopher John Beale to Robert Boyle in November 1663. He subsequently appears as a surety in a case at the Bristol quarter sessions in January 1668/9. He is probably the same as Mr John Cary who was buried at Yeovil on 22 October 1687.

*The Correspondence of Robert Boyle*, eds M.Hunter, A.Clericuzio and L.Principe, 6 vols (London, 2001), ii, p.166 [Beale to Boyle, 2 November 1663]; Bristol Archives, 04417 (3), f.173v; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\YEO.J/2/1/3 [parish registers of Yeovil, Somerset, 1650-1699].

**William CHAFFEY (d.1637)**

Person ID: 2699

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset

William Chaffey, surgeon, of West Lambrook in the parish of Kingsbury Episcopi,

Somerset, died in 1637. In his will, he asked to be buried in the churchyard at Kingsbury (unfortunately, there is a gap in the registers for this year). Chaffey also mentions his 'now wife' Joan (married at Kingsbury in 1635), with whom he had an infant son William. Chaffey asked that a small legacy of £30 destined for his son should be managed on his behalf by the testator's two brothers in law and 'faithful friends' William Mitchell and John Willey. He named his wife Joan as residual legatee and executrix, leaving her a small leasehold estate at Long Sutton in Somerset.

Children of William Chaffey and Joan:

William, bapt.30 October 1636 [Kingsbury Episcopi].

TNA, PROB 11/175, f.22r [will of William Chaffey, surgeon, of West Lambrook, Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset, 17 April 1637, pr. 1 September 1637]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\K.EP/2/1/1 [parish registers of Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset, 1555-1726].

### **Francis CHAPLIN (d.1717)**

Person ID: 17367

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Dunster, Somerset

Francis Chaplin, apothecary, of Dunster married Mary, the daughter of William and Mary Sealy, at Carhampton, Somerset, on 27 August 1700. Chaplin was buried at Dunster on 30 June 1717. His widow Mary, described on a funeral slab as aged 57, died on 4 December 1737 and was buried in the same parish church nine days later. A son, William, was apprenticed to the Bristol apothecary, **Francis Palmer**, in 1718.

Children of Francis Chaplin and wife Mary:

Mary, bapt.14 October 1701 [Minehead].

William, bapt.21 June 1703 [Minehead]. He was apprenticed to **Francis Palmer**, apothecary, of Bristol, 25 July 1718.

Elizabeth, bapt.8 January 1707/8; died 6 May 1788; buried 10 May 1788 [Dunster p.r., and *m.i.*].

Susanna, bapt.15 February 1709/10 [Dunster].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CAR/2/1/2 [parish registers of Carhampton, Somerset, 1677-1702]; M.McDermott and S.Berry (eds), *Edmund Rack's Survey of Somerset* (Taunton, SANHS, 2010), p.79; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\DU/2/1/3 and 4 [parish registers of Dunster, Somerset, 1681-1766; 1767-1798]; D\P\M.ST.M/2/1/3 [parish registers of Minehead, Somerset, 1701-1807]; *Gentleman's Magazine*, 78 (1808), p.878.

### **John CHAPMAN (d.1680)**

Person ID: 15056

Occ: barber

Loc: Bath, Somerset

John Chapman, barber, was buried at Bath Abbey on 7 September 1680.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, p.385.

**Robert CHAPMAN (1624-1701)**

Person ID: 2763

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Robert Chapman, apothecary, of Bath was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 17 January 1662/3. Well-connected in medical circles, Chapman communicated with the celebrated Oxford physician **Thomas Willis** on the properties of the Bath waters. He was also highly active in the political life of the city. A member of Bath city council by the early 1660s, he was chosen constable in 1662-3, and served as alderman from 1664 until his death in 1701. He was appointed mayor on three occasions, in 1668, 1678 and 1689, and sat on the city bench as a magistrate on seven occasions between 1669 and 1700. While it was said of Chapman that he was 'no fanatic and speaks flatteringly to all parties', he was nonetheless highly favoured by James II for his treatment of the king's wife, Mary of Modena. The Oxford antiquarian Anthony Wood claimed to have learned much of the history of Bath from the family papers in Chapman's possession.

Robert Chapman was the son of George Chapman and his wife Agatha and was baptized at Bath Abbey on 22 August 1624. Like his father, he married a woman called Agatha, about whom nothing else is known. She was buried at Bath Abbey on 13 January 1697/8. Her husband was buried alongside her and their son Robert (d.1692) on 24 March 1700/1. In his will, he left bequests totaling £350 to three grandchildren in addition to £1,000 already secured for his daughter Ann. He also owned a number of properties, including a house near the Cross Bath, another near the King's Bath, and two in Stall Street. He named his daughter Mary as residual legatee and executrix.

Children of Mr Robert Chapman and wife Agatha:

Agatha, bapt.19 May 1653 [Bath Abbey]. She married John Bushell at Bath Abbey, 18 November 1679.

Robert, bapt.23 January 1656/7; buried 14 May 1692 [Bath Abbey].

George, bapt.15 May 1659; buried 14 February 1659/60 [Bath Abbey].

Mary, bapt.20 February 1660/1; buried 24 April 1721 [Bath Abbey].

George, bapt.22 March 1662/3; buried 10 June 1663 [Bath Abbey].

Ann, bapt.22 April 1668; buried 6 February 1704/5 [Bath Abbey]. She married Captain Emmanuel Hobbs.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bc/39, *sub* 17 January 1662/3; Thomas Guidott, *A Discourse of the Bathe* (London, 1676), sig.B2r; E.Holland, 'This Famous City: The Death of Robert Hobbs otherwise Chapman', *The Survey of Bath and District*, no.20 (2005), p.22; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.25, 43, 44, 45, 46, 50, 227; ii, p.374, 375, 392, 395, 397, 400, 413; TNA, PROB 11/461, ff.34r-35r [will of

Robert Chapman, apothecary and alderman of Bath, Somerset, 17 September 1700, pr.15 July 1701].

**Selwyn CHAPMAN (d.1668)**

Person ID: 2764

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

Selwyn Chapman, apothecary, of Bridgwater, Somerset, was licensed to practise physic and surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 31 October 1664. In the same year, Chapman and **John Haviland**, surgeon, were plaintiffs in a case brought before the Court of Arches against one **John Symes** for practising surgery without a licence.

Chapman married Anne Cartwright, the widow of **Thomas Cartwright**, a fellow Bridgwater apothecary, at Bridgwater on 1 January 1661/2. He was buried at Bridgwater on 30 September 1668.

Children of Selwyn Chapman and wife Anne:

Elizabeth, bapt.16 June 1663 [Bridgwater].

Mary, bapt.9 December 1666 [Bridgwater].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 31 October 1664; Lambeth Palace Library, A4, f.12; Bbb 37, 51 [J.Houston (ed.), *Index of Cases in the Records of the Court of Arches ... 1660-1913* (London & Chichester, 1972), p.77]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW.M/2/1/2 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1653-1681].

**William CHARLETON (fl.1588)**

Person ID: 2777

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Somerset

William Charleton, MA, of Somerset was licensed to practise medicine throughout the province of Canterbury on 16 March 1588. No one educated at either Oxford or Cambridge fits this description. Two young men of the same name attended Oxford university without graduating sometime around 1568 and 1572.

Lambeth Palace Library, Whitgift 1, f.142 [*Directory*, i, no.151].

**James or John CHEAD (fl.1714)**

Person ID: 2799

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Yeovil, Somerset

James or John Chead, surgeon, of Yeovil, Somerset, married Selena King, widow, of Yeovil at Somerton, Somerset, on 11 July 1714. He appears as John in the marriage licence and James in the wedding register.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from Their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.73; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\SOM/2/1/1 [parish registers of Somerton, Somerset, 1697-1785].

**William CHILCOTT (d.1709)**

Person ID: 18271

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Wiveliscombe, Somerset

William Chilcott, apothecary, of Wiveliscombe, Somerset, appears in the deeds for a property in the neighbouring village of Milverton in 1688. The deed was also signed by fellow apothecary, Francis Brayne. He may be the same as the William Chilcott who was buried at Wiveliscombe on 3 April 1709. Precise identification, however, is impossible.

Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\SF/2/39/86; D\P\WIV/2/1/6 [parish registers of Wiveliscombe, Somerset, 1704-1780].

**Charles CHILD (1661-1723)**

Person ID: 17027/20256

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Charles Child, apothecary, was the son of Mr **William Child** (d.1675), apothecary of Bath and his wife Margaret and was baptized at Bath Abbey on 19 February 1660/1. He was left a token bequest of 20s in his father's will in 1673. Regardless, Child rapidly rose through the ranks of the town government, entering the council in 1685 and serving as constable (1687-8, 1691-2), bailiff (1689-90, 1698-99), chamberlain (1706-7), alderman (1707-23) and mayor in 1709. He was also appointed a JP on the city bench on four occasions between 1710 and 1723. He married his first wife, Katherine Orange, the daughter of Humphrey Orange of Foxcote, Somerset, probably at Charlcombe in December 1683. She died in 1715 and was buried at Bath Abbey on 26 November 1715. Child was on friendly terms with the Bave family. Charles Bave (c.1656-1695), son of Dr **Samuel Bave**, acted as bondsman for his first marriage, while his 'good friend' Dr **Charles Bave** was named as one of the residual legatees and executors of his will in 1723. According to Dr **Thomas Guidott**, Child was successfully cured of rheumatic pains in his legs and feet by regular bathing in the Bath waters in 1684.

Child, who ran two shops in Cheap Street and the abbey churchyard, died in 1723 and was buried in Bath Abbey on 6 July 1723. He seems to have died childless, leaving his house and belongings in Bath to his present wife Mary (of whom nothing else is known), and the rest of his estate, including other property in Bath and £600 in monetary bequests, to the children of his cousin Randolph Webb, gentleman, of Bath. He also left a ring for the Bath physician Dr **John Beeston**. In addition to his friend Dr Charles Bave, Child nominated his cousin Randolph Webb and friend John Saunders as joint residual legatees and executors.

Apprentices of Charles Child, apothecary:



John Orpen, the son of John Orpen, yeoman, of Bradford upon Avon, Wiltshire, for the premium of £46 6s on 12 March 1712/13.  
George Browne, the son of William Browne, of Walcot, Somerset, for the premium of £49 as recorded in 1719.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, p.45; ii, pp.408, 415; [www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath](http://www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath) [accessed 14 February 2023]; TNA, PROB 11/423, ff.292r-293r [sentence of will of Humphrey Orange, esquire, of Foxcote, Somerset, 3 May 1694]; Somerset Heritage Centre, **need ref to marriage licence**; Thomas Guidott, *The Register of Bath, or, Two Hundred Observations* (London, 1694), pp.35-6; TNA, PROB 11/592, ff.214v-215v [will of Charles Child, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 27 April 1723, pr.27 August 1723]; Bristol Archives, AC/AD/16/21 and 24a-b; Bath RO, BC/6/2/3/731-733, 1056, 1072, 1280-1282, 1297; C.Dale (ed.), *Wiltshire Apprentices and Their Masters, 1710-1760* (Gateshead, Wiltshire Natural History Society, vol.17, 1961), p.112; TNA, IR 1/42, f.183; 1/46, f.105.

### **William CHILD (1626-1675)**

Person ID: 16528

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

William Child, the son of Ralph Child and his wife Anne, was baptized at Bath Abbey on 30 October 1626. He married twice. His first wife Mary was buried at Bath Abbey on 28 September 1653. The following year, on 19 October 1654, he married Mrs Margaret Chapman, the daughter of Mr John Chapman, of Weston, at Bath Abbey. Mr William Child, apothecary, was buried at the abbey on 11 October 1675. In his brief will, made in 1673, he left the bulk of his estate to his wife and executrix Margaret. She was buried at the abbey on 20 August 1716.

Children of William Child and wife Mary:

Thomas [will].

Anne, buried 22 May 1654 [Bath Abbey].

Children of William Child and wife Margaret:

Elizabeth, bapt.18 November 1655; alive in 1673 [Bath Abbey; will].

John, bapt.27 March 1658; alive in 1673 [Bath Abbey, will].

**Charles**, bapt.19 February 1660/1; buried 6 July 1723 [Bath Abbey]. He was an apothecary.

Anne, bapt.12 April 1664; alive in 1673 [Bath Abbey; will].

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.26, 44, 45, 47, 215; ii, pp.370, 408; TNA, PROB 11/675, f.134r [will of William Child, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 13 April 1673, pr.2 December 1675].

### **John CHISWELL (d.1672)**

Person ID: 34485

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Rodney Stoke, Somerset

On 5 February 1683/4, John Chiswell, the son of John Chiswell, doctor in physic and deceased, of Rodney Stoke, Somerset, was apprenticed to **Anthony Bromwich**, apothecary, of London.

Chiswell, who probably graduated BA at St Catharine's College, Cambridge in 1645/6, served as rector of Rodney Stoke from 1661 until his death in 1672. Nothing is known of his origins. He and his wife Eleanor baptized two daughters at Rodney Stoke. Mr Chiswell was buried at Rodney Stoke on 13 May 1672.

Children of John Chiswell and wife Eleanor:

John. He was apprenticed to **Anthony Bromwich**, apothecary, of London in 1684.  
Elizabeth, bapt.24 May 1670 [Rodney Stoke].  
Anne, bapt.1 November 1671 [Rodney Stoke].

**London apothecary database**; Venn, i, p.334; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\ROD.S/2/1/1 [parish registers of Rodney Stoke, Somerset, 1655-1787].

**Richard CHIVERS (1623-1687)**

Person ID: 34486

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Richard Chivers is described as an apothecary in the apprenticeship record of his son George. He was the son of Mr Robert Chiver or Chivers and his wife Judith and was baptized at Bath Abbey on 9 November 1623. He married Mary Bowtcher or Butcher of Chelvey, Somerset, at St John the Baptist, Bristol, on 20 September 1655 (banns read at Bath Abbey). The couple had one surviving son George (described in the registers as the second of that name), who was baptized at Bath Abbey on 16 July 1660. He was apprenticed to Nathaniel Addison, silkweaver, of Bristol on 11 November 1675. Richard Chivers was buried at Weston All Saints, Bath, on 31 March 1687. His widow Mary was buried at Bath Abbey on 3 March 1693/4.

**Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers**; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.24, 45, 217; ii, p.393; Bristol Archives, P/ST.JB/R/1/a [parish registers of St John the Baptist, Bristol, 1558-1679]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\W.AS/2/1/2 [parish registers of Weston All Saints, Bath, Somerset, 1683-1758].

**Francis CLACE or CLASE (d.1728)**

Person ID: 20278

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Stogursey, Somerset

Francis Clace or Clase, doctor of physic, was buried at Stogursey, Somerset, on 11 December 1728. There is no evidence that he possessed a medical qualification, or any other degree, from either Oxford or Cambridge universities. He may be the same

as the Francis Clase, who appeared with Gregory Syndercombe as a complainant in the Court of Chancery with regard to leasehold lands at Nether Stowey and Over Stowey, Somerset, in 1719.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\STOGS/2/1/3 [parish registers of Stogursey, Somerset, 1660-1728]; TNA, C78/1456, no.6.

**Thomas CLAPHAM (d.1613)**

Person ID: 2875

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Yatton, Somerset

Thomas Clapham, BA of All Souls', Oxford, with twenty years' experience in medicine, was licensed to practise physic by Oxford University, 30 January 1595/6. Clapham was appointed vicar of Yatton in Somerset in 1588 and served the cure until his death in 1613. He was unsuccessful, however, in his attempt to secure the advowson of Buckland St Mary in Somerset. In his will, made in 1613, Clapham asked to be buried in the chancel at Yatton. He made bequests of money (£100) and property, including an interest in the manor of Yatton, to his wife Susan and two sons, Christopher and Francis. The latter also received all Clapham's books. He named his wife Susan as residual legatee and executrix and nominated his 'trustie and wellbeloved friends' William Clarkson of Compton Dando and Thomas Maycocke, gentleman, of Wells as overseers.

Children of Thomas Clapham:

Christopher [will].

Francis [will].

Florence [will].

Foster, i, p.277; TNA, C2/C3/45 [1 June 1605]; PROB 11/123, ffl.407r-v [will of Thomas Clapham, clerk, of Yatton, Somerset, 8 August 1613, pr.7 May 1614].

**Andrew CLARK or CLARKE (d.1677)**

Person ID: 20291

Occ: physician?

Loc: Crewkerne, Somerset

Andrew Clarke, 'docktor', was buried at Crewkerne, Somerset, 4 April 1677.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CREW/2/1/2 [parish registers of Crewkerne, Somerset, 1653-1686].

**Ezra CLARK or CLARKE (fl.1698-1709)**

Person ID: 2905

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Glastonbury, Somerset

Described as 'literatus', Ezra Clarke of Glastonbury, Somerset, was licensed to practise the art of surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 23 February 1697/8 and

6 May 1699. Clarke was married twice. Nothing is known of his first wife. On 3 September 1709, Clarke was licensed to marry Mary Knowles, widow, of York. No record of the marriage, or Clarke's death, has been found.

Children of Ezra Clarke:

George, bapt.16 June 1695 [St John's, Glastonbury].  
Mary, bapt.16 August 1696 [St John's, Glastonbury].  
Elizabeth, bapt.7 April 1700 [St John's, Glastonbury].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D/bs/48 and 43, *sub* 23 February 1697/8 and 6 May 1699; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from Their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.80; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\GLA.J/2/1/3 [parish registers of St John's, Glastonbury, Somerset, 1678-1758].

**George CLARK or CLARKE (d.1629)**

Person ID: 30142

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Nettlecombe, Somerset

George Clarke married Elizabeth Handcocks at Nettlecombe in 1601. Clarke, a surgeon, was buried at Nettlecombe, Somerset, on 28 May 1629. In his will, made in 1627, Clarke made his son Edward, daughter Elizabeth and wife Elizabeth as the major beneficiaries. In addition to his shop and tools, Clarke left bequests totaling just over £120 as well as the lease on 16 acres of arable land at Fiddington in Somerset. He named his wife Elizabeth as residual legatee and sole executrix, and nominated his 'well beloved friend' John Sulley and Baldwyn Hancocke as overseers.

Children of George Clark or Clarke and wife Elizabeth:

Edward, bapt.14 February 1601/2 [Nettlecombe].  
Elizabeth, bapt. 27 [?] 1605 [Nettlecombe].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\NET/2/1/2 [parish registers of Nettlecombe, Somerset, 1559-1645]; TNA, PROB 11/156, ff.232v-233r [will of George Clarke, chirurgion, of nettlecombe, Somerset, 10 August 1627, pr.24 October 1629].

**William CLARKE (fl.1714)**

Person ID: 18345

Occ: chemist

Loc: Bath, Somerset

William Clarke, chemist, of Bath was licensed to marry Jane Skyrne of Broughton Gifford, Wiltshire, spinster, on 18 January 1713/14.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.79.

**Joseph CLEGG (fl.1707-1711)**

Person ID: 15080

Occ: barber

Loc: Marston Magna, Somerset

Joseph Clegg, barber, of Marston Magna, Somerset, was licensed to marry Ruth Peddle of Somerton, spinster, aged about 36, on 16 May 1707. No record of the marriage has survived. Ruth Clegg was buried at Somerton on 11 March 1725/6.

Children of Joseph Clegg and wife Ruth:

Ann, bapt.6 April 1708 [Marston Magna].

Joseph, bapt.24 March 1708/9 [Marston Magna].

Edith, bapt.21 June 1711 [Somerton].

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.80; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\MAR.M/2/1/2 [parish registers of Marston Magna, Somerset, 1681-1812]; D\P\SOM/2/1/1/ [parish registers of Somerton, Somerset, 1697-1785].

**Ezekiel CLESSETT (fl.1623)**

Person ID: 3017

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Ezekiel Clessett, of Bath, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the city of Bath on 21 April 1623. Otherwise unidentified.

Lambeth Palace Library, Abbot 2, f.204v [Directory, i, no.167].

**Gertrude CLOTHIER (d.1704)**

Person ID: 3043

Occ: unlicensed surgeon

Loc: Shepton Mallet, Somerset

Gertrude Clothier, the wife of Abraham Clothier of Shepton Mallet, Somerset, was prosecuted in the consistory court of the bishop of Bath and Wells in September 1672 for 'using and practizeing Chirurgery without licence'.

The Clothiers were early converts to Quakerism, who frequently suffered for their convictions. Abraham died at Shepton Mallet on 10 March 1691/2. Gertrude Clothier, widow, died on 31 December 1704.

Children of Abraham Clothier and Gertrude:

Abraham, born 6 February 1652/3 [Quaker births, Shepton Mallet].

Ann, born 28 March 1653/4 [Quaker births, Shepton Mallet].

Ann, born 22 February 1654/5 [Shepton Mallet parish register].

Gertrude, died 4 or 24 September 1657 [Shepton Mallet parish register and Quaker deaths, Shepton Mallet].

Mary, 13 April 1659; buried 13 December 1677 [Quaker births and deaths, Shepton

Mallet].  
 Samuel, born 4 December 1661 [Quaker births, Shepton Mallet]. A prominent Quaker, he married Love Sainsom, 6 April 1687. He was still alive in 1721.  
 Gertrude, born 29 October 1664 [Quaker births, Shepton Mallet]. She married **Francis Hann**, surgeon and Quaker, of Shepton Mallet on 1 March 1684/5.  
 Hannah, born 3 September 1670 [Quaker births, Shepton Mallet]. She married fellow Quaker Nathaniel Bryan, 12 October 1694.  
 Abraham, born 8 January 1672/3 [Quaker births, Shepton Mallet].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\ca/350, *sub* September 1672; J.Besse, *A Collection of the Sufferings of the People Called Quakers*, 2 vols (London, 1753), i, pp.628, 641; TNA, RG6/1176 and 1439 [register of births and deaths, Quaker meeting, mid-Somerset]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\SHE/2/1/1 [parish registers of Shepton Mallet, Somerset, 1653-1663].

### George COCKERAM (d.1705)

Person ID: 3096

Occ: apothecary/surgeon

Loc: Wellington, Somerset

George Cockeram, apothecary, of Wellington, Somerset was licensed to practise surgery and medicine in western England on 20 March and 15 May 1683 respectively. Cockeram was able to enlist various medical and clerical sponsors in support of his application for the two licences. From the former, he received the support of **Matthew Henvile** (who Cockeram had himself supported in his application for an archiepiscopal licence in 1680), **Thomas Money**, surgeon, and **John Hall**, MD, of Taunton. Clerical testimonials were secured from James Dowle, vicar of Wellington, and Geoffrey Hill, vicar of Nynehead. In addition to Henvile, Cockeram supplied letters testimonial on behalf of **John Manley** of Milverton in Somerset, in 1703. On both occasions, he gave his occupation as surgeon.

There are traces of Cockeram in the parish registers of Wellington between 1683 and 1691 (the registers are not extant before 1683). His first wife Mary was buried there on 9 October 1685. He subsequently married a woman called Anne. He is probably the George Cockram, gent, who was buried at Wellington on 15 May 1705.

Children of George Cockeram and wife Mary:

Sarah, bapt.21 October 1683; buried 25 October 1685 [Wellington].

Mary, bapt.2 August 1685 [Wellington].

Children of George Cockeram and wife Anne:

Magdalene, bapt.25 February 1686/7; buried 7 July 1691 [Wellington].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/176/1-3; Sancroft, f.246 [*Directory*, i, no.174]; VX 1A/10/189/1-3; Sancroft, f.247 [*Directory*, i, no.175]; VX/1A/10/150/1-2; VX/1A/10369/1-3; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WEL/2/1/1 [parish registers of Wellington, Somerset, 1683-1723].

**Robert COGSELL or COGSWELL (fl.1670)**

Person ID: 34487

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Valentine Cogsell, the son of Robert Cogsell, doctor in physic, of Wells, Somerset, was apprenticed to James Fleming of the Turners' Company, London, on 9 December 1670. No other record of any physician of this name, either in Somerset or elsewhere, has been found.

However, further details relating to the family can be gleaned from the will of Valentine Cogswell, who died at Bath and was buried at the abbey there, as a 'stranger', on 7 July 1695. Valentine requested that his 'good friend' Dr Robert Creighton invest £100 on behalf of the testator's mother, Jane, now the wife of William King. Creighton (d.1734), the son of Dr Robert Creighton (d.1672), bishop of Bath and Wells, was a Somerset clergyman of some standing as well as a composer of church music. Cogsell also left bequests to two brothers, Robert and Walter. Extraordinarily, Valentine also left the large sum of £500 to the bishop and dean of Rochester, as well as the mayor and aldermen of the town, in recompense 'for saving my life when I lay there under the sentence of death'. Cogswell had been found guilty at the Kent assizes in March 1684 for highway robbery, which offence may have been related to his known involvement in various schemes to produce clipped or counterfeit coins. Four years after escaping the noose, he was said to be operating a press in Holborn producing counterfeit currency for which he was again tried and convicted.

Children of Robert Cogsell or Cogswell and wife Jane:

Robert, bapt.1 May 1656 [Frome].

Elizabeth, bapt.19 February 1659/60 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].

Walter [will of brother Valentine].

**London Apprenticeship Abstracts, 1442-1840**; TNA, PROB 11/425, ff.63r-v [will of Valentine Cogsell, gent, of St Dunstan in the West, London, 27 June 1695, pr.30 September 1695]; *ODNB*, sub Creighton, Robert, article by I.Spink; J.S.Cockburn (ed.), *Calendar of Assize Records. Charles II, 1676-1688* (London, 1997), p.181; T.Levenson, *Newton and the Counterfeiter* (Boston & New York, 2009), p.285; D.D.Gray, *Crime, Policing and Punishment in England, 1660-1914* (London, 2016), **need p.ref**; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\FR.JO/2/1/1 [parish registers of Frome, Somerset, 1558-1703]; D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, 1609-1668].

**William COLLIBEE (1672-1729)**

Person ID: 17029

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

William Collibee was the son of William Collibee and his wife Edith and was baptized at Bath Abbey on 1 November 1672. He married Anne Bushell at Bath Abbey on 21 April 1700. Collibee was an active member of the town council from

1701, serving as constable (1701-2, 1716-16), bailiff (1703-4, 1713-14), chamberlain (1718-19), alderman (1718-29) and mayor of the city in 1719. He also served on the city's magistrates' bench as a JP in 1720-1 and 1724-5. Collibee clearly prospered financially, with a large and wealthy clientele, some of whom are recorded as living in his house in Stall Street at the times of their deaths. He is also mentioned in the family accounts of the Tremayne family of Cornwall in 1717. Alderman William Collibee was buried at Bath Abbey on 13 January 1728/9. He does not appear to have left a will. His widow Anne who was buried at the abbey on 6 March 1731/2 did, however, make a will in which she left over £2,100 in bequests as well as various properties in Bath. The chief beneficiaries were her three surviving daughters and son Edward Bushell, who was named as residual legatee and executor.

Children of William Collibee and wife Anne:

Hester, bapt.30 November 1701 [St James', Bath]. She married Mr Charles Stone, vintner, at Bedminster, Somerset, 24 January 1722/3.

Mary, bapt.13 January 1700/1 [St James', Bath]. She married Rev.Mr William Salter, rector of Musbury, Devon, at St Michael's, Bath, 4 May 1729.

Elizabeth, bapt.28 December 1704 [Bath Abbey]. Unmarried in 1732 [will of mother, Anne].

Edward Bushell, bapt.24 March 1707/8 [Bath Abbey]. Like his father, an apothecary, he served as mayor of Bath on four occasions. He was buried at the abbey on 9 April 1795.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.53, 79, 82, 231; ii, p.421, 423, 477; [www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath](http://www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath) [accessed 14 February 2023]; Kresen Kernow, T/1311; TNA, PROB 11/653, ff.257v-259v [will of Anne Collibee, widow, of Bath, Somerset, 8 October 1729 and 11 January 1731/2, pr.8 September 1732]; Bristol Archives, P.ST.J.BED/R/1/c [parish registers of Bedminster, Somerset, 1722-1771]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BA.JA/2/1/2 [parish registers of St James, Bath, Somerset, 1686-1719].

**James COLLINS (b.1604)**

Person ID: 3206

Occ: physician

Loc: Somerset

James Collins was the son of Hugh Collins, rector of Compton Pauncefoot, Somerset, and was baptized at Compton Pauncefoot on 28 March 1604. He matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, on 20 February 1623/4, proceeding BA from Exeter College in 1628 and MA in 1630. He was admitted to practise medicine by the university of 22 November 1631. Nothing else is known of Collins' practice. His father Hugh was ejected from the rectory of Compton Pauncefoot in 1646 for his staunch commitment to the royalist cause.

He may be the same as the James Collins, who was instituted as rector of Sutton Montis, Somerset, in 1639.



Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\COM.P/2/1/1 [parish registers of Compton Pouncefoot, Somerset, 1559-1714; Foster, i, p.308; *Walker Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1948), pp.310-11; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\B, reg.20.

**James COLLINS (fl.1710)**

Person ID: 3208

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Wincanton, Somerset

James Collins, surgeon, of Wincanton was licensed to marry Susanna Bolton, widow, of Poyntington, Somerset, on 15 July 1710. No record of the marriage has been found.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from Their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.85.

**John COLLINS (fl.1685-1695)**

Person ID: 3215

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Wincanton, Somerset

John Collins of Wincanton, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 6 March 1694/5. In 1685, the astrological physician **Daniel Woodward** of London listed the shop of Mr John Collens, barber surgeon, of Wincanton as one of the outlets for his medicines.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 6 March 1694/5; D.Woodward, *Vox Uraniae ... 1686* (London, 1686), advertisement at rear, dated 16 October 1685.

**Mr COMPTON (fl.1660s)**

Person ID: 3276

Occ: physician/wiseman

Loc: Ditchheat, Somerset

According to the clergyman Joseph Glanvill, one Mr Compton of Somerset, 'who practiseth Physick', claimed to have a particular gift in matters of the supernatural which he applied in the famous case of the demon drummer of Tedworth in Wiltshire in the 1660s. Compton claimed that the activity of a poltergeist in the house of John Mompesson was 'nothing but a Rendezvous of Witches' which for £100 'he would undertake to rid the House of all disturbance'. In order to bolster his credentials, he went on to show one of the onlookers, Mr Hill, his wife 'in a scrying glass to prove him his powers'. He is almost certainly the same as the Mr Compton of Ditchheat who figured as a witchfinder in the case of the suspected witch, Elizabeth Style of Bayford in Somerset, in 1664-5.

Joseph Glanvill, *Saducismus Triumphatus: Or, Full and Plain Evidence Concerning Witches and Apparitions* (London, 1681), pp.109-10, 132-4.

**Bernard COMPTON (fl.1706)**

Person ID: 3277

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Castle Cary, Somerset

Bernard Compton, surgeon, of Castle Cary, Somerset, married Mary Lucy at Somerton, Somerset, on 26 December 1706. He may be Bernard Compton, son of Bernard Compton and his wife Mary, who was baptized at East Pennard, Somerset, on 12 September 1664.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\SOM/2/1/1 [parish registers of Castle Cary, Somerset, 1697-1785]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from Their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.89; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\E.PEN/2/1/1 [parish registers of East Pennard, Somerset, 1608-1747].

### **William COMPTON (1688-1751)**

Person ID: 17536

Occ: apothecary/surgeon

Loc: Langport, Somerset

In his will of 1722, **Thomas Compton** (1691-1722), apothecary, of Bristol named his brother William Compton, apothecary, of Langport, Somerset, as residual legatee and executor.

William Compton was the son of William and Alice Compton and was baptized at High Ham, Somerset, on 24 April 1688. He is probably the William Compton who was buried at Langport on 3 May 1751.

Apprentice of William Compton, surgeon:

Leroy White for the premium of £30 as recorded in 1715.

TNA, PROB 11/585, ff.33r-v [will of Thomas Compton, apothecary, of Bristol, 5 March 1721/2, pr.30 May 1722]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\HAM.H/2/1/2 [parish registers of High Ham, Somerset, 1645-1812]; D\P\LANGP/2/1/1 [parish registers of Langport, Somerset, 1728-1812]; TNA, IR 1/47, f.51.

### **James COOKE (d.1705)**

Person ID: 3352/20553

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Shepton Mallet, Somerset

James Cooke of Shepton Mallet, Somerset, was admitted as an extra-licentiate of the College of Physicians in London on 7 December 1668. He married Joan Flower at Shepton Mallet on 24 June 1667. The couple had a large family, including a daughter Frances who married the nonconformist preacher and physician, **Theophilus Lobb**. Lobb's diary, published posthumously in 1767, described his wife as the daughter of 'a Physician in the West, and niece to the famous Sir Walter Rawleigh'. Cooke, who may have been a dissenter, was buried at Shepton Mallet on 17 November 1705. His widow Joan was buried there, 13 January 1708/9.

Children of James Cooke and wife Joan:

James, bapt.1 April 1668 [Shepton Mallet].  
 Amy, bapt.31 August 1669 [Shepton Mallet].  
 Sarah, buried 24 April 1670 [Shepton Mallet].  
 James, bapt.7 April 1673 [Shepton Mallet].  
 Sarah, bapt.10 March 1673/4 [Shepton Mallet].  
 Mary, bapt.12 March 1675/6 [Shepton Mallet].  
 John, bapt.24 February 1677/8 [Shepton Mallet].  
 Frances. She married **Theophilus Lobb**, clerk, at Egham, Surrey, 28 January 1702/3.  
 Hannah, bapt.4 December 1681 [Shepton Mallet].  
 Isaac, bapt.29 January 1681/2 [Shepton Mallet].  
 Abraham, bapt.31 January 1685/6 [Shepton Mallet].

Munk, i, p.357; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\SHE/2/1/2 [parish registers of Shepton Mallet, Somerset, 1663-1747]; Surrey History Centre, EG/1/2 [parish registers of Egham, Surrey, 1651-1711]; Rev.J.Greene, *The Power of Faith and Godliness Exemplified in Some Memoirs of Theophilus Lobb* (London, 1767), p.6.

### **Mr COOKSLEY (fl.1681)**

Person ID: 3386

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Minehead, Somerset

In about 1681, the premises of a Mr Cooksley, surgeon, of Minehead, Somerset, were listed as one of the outlets for the sale of Robert Bateman's scurvy grass remedy. One Thomas Cooksley was buried at Minehead on 6 May 1722.

[Robert Bateman], *Eminent Cures Lately Perform'd in Several Diseases* (London?, 1681?), p.2; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\M.ST.M/2/1/3 [parish registers of Minehead, Somerset, 1701-1807].

### **Thomas COOKSLEY (d.1743)**

Person ID: 3387

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Wellington, Somerset

Thomas Cooksley of Wellington, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 9 January 1699/1700. He is identified as an apothecary in the baptismal record of the baptisms of three of his children. He is probably the Thomas Cooksley who was buried at Wellington on 5 April 1743. His wife Hope was buried there, 30 April 1750.

Children of Thomas Cooksley and wife Hope:

William, bapt.17 September 1697 [Wellington].  
 Thomas, bapt.20 October 1699 [Wellington]. He was apprenticed to **Richard Wood**, surgeon, of Tiverton, Devon, for a premium of £49 as recorded in 1716 and practiced surgery at South Molton, Devon.  
 Ann, bapt.21 May 1702 [Wellington].  
 Elizabeth, bapt.19 January 1704/5 [Wellington].

John, bapt.19 January 1704/5 [Wellington].  
Hannah, bapt.4 August 1707 [Wellington].  
Sarah, bapt.26 May 1710 [Wellington].

Apprentice of Thomas Cooksley:

Thomas Sydenham for the premium of £41 as recorded in 1741.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 9 January 1699/1700; D\P\WEL/2/1/1, 2 and 3 [parish registers of Wellington, Somerset, 1683-1723; 1723-1750; 1750-1782]; TNA, IR 1/47, f.17; 1/50, f.154.

**Henry COOMBE or COOMBS (d.1703)**

Person ID: 3396

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Yeovil, Somerset

Henry Coombe was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 23 August 1681. He described himself as a physician, of Yeovil, Somerset, in a property deed dated 1695, which also refers to his wife Elizabeth. Henry Coombs was buried at Yeovil on 5 June 1703.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 23 August 1681; DD/FS/26/1/5; D\P\YEO.J/2/1/2 [parish registers of Yeovil, Somerset, 1638-1783].

**Robert CORDING (fl.1691)**

Person ID: 3455

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Wiveliscombe, Somerset

Henry Cording, apothecary, of Wiveliscombe, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol and Exeter on 24 October 1691. Testimonials on his behalf were signed by two fellow apothecaries turned physicians, **Elisha Peck** and **Bernard Smith**, both of Taunton, as well as three local clergymen (William Prichard, vicar of Wiveliscombe, Richard Lane, rector of Ellworthy and William Nichols, rector of Huish Champflower). Cording later signed similar testimonials on behalf of **Richard Westaway** of South Tawton, Devon (1696), and **William Leigh** of Bradford-on-Tone, Somerset (1697). Cording is a familiar name in the parish registers of Wiveliscombe. However, the only Henry to be buried there after 1699 (and the death of his daughter) was interred in the village on 29 March 1751. He may be the same as the Robert Cording, apothecary, of Dunster who signed a property agreement in 1733. One Dr Cording was paid by the overseers of the poor at Dunster for attending on one of its parishioners in 1717.

Children of Robert Cording and wife Judith:

Mary, bapt.22 August 1696 [Wiveliscombe].  
Sarah, bapt.19 March 1697/8; buried 17 February 1698/9 [Wiveliscombe].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/270/1-3; Tillotson, f.117 [*Directory*, i, no.201]; Lambeth Palace Library, FII/37/52a-c; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518/Somerset; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WIV/2/1/5 and 6 [parish registers of Wiveliscombe, Somerset, 1695-1703; 1704-1780]; D\D\L/1/25/9/5; F.Hancock, *Dunster Church and Priory* (Taunton, 1905), p.157.

**George COUNSELL (fl.early 18<sup>th</sup> century)**

Person ID: 35059

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Joseph Counsell, the son of George Counsell, apothecary, of Wells, Sonerset, deceased, was appr enticed to William Stratton, mariner, of Bristol for the premium of £26 17s 6d as recorded in 1716. Otherwise unidentified.

TNA, IR/1/45, f.49.

**John COUNSELL Snr (d.1639)**

Person ID: 3516

Occ: physician

Loc: Barrow Gurney, Somerset

John Counsell, of Barrow Gurney, Somerset, was active as a physician in about 1612. His son **John**, who followed in his father's footsteps, pursued a medical career after receiving his B Med at Oxford in 1636. John Counsell Snr is probably the same as the John Counsell who married Maude Everett at Barrow Gurney on 9 June 1611. He was buried at Barrow on 12 April 1639.

J.H.Raach, *Directory of English Country Physicians, 1603-43* (London, 1962), p.38; Foster, i, p.335; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BAR.G/2/1/1 [parish registers of Barrow Gurney, Somerset, 1591-1816].

**John COWPER (d.1709)**

Person ID: 3544

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Beckington, Somerset

John Cowper of Beckington, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 22 November 1680. His wife Mary was buried at Beckington on 29 March 1691. He is probably the John Cooper who was buried there, 7 April 1709.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 22 November 1680; D\P\BEC/2/1/2 and 4 [parish registers of Beckington, Somerset, 1653-1741; 1684-1732].

**Richard COX or COXE (d.1720)**

Person ID: 3553

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Norton sub Hamdon, Somerset

Richard Cox, surgeon, and his wife Elizabeth were residents of Norton sub Hamdon from at least 1684, when the first of their children was baptized in the parish church there. He acquired an interest in a copyhold estate in the village in 1705. Elizabeth was buried at Norton on 20 August 1695. Mr Richard Cox was buried in the same parish on 7 June 1720.

Children of Mr Richard Cox and wife Elizabeth:

Betty, bapt.26 August 1684; buried 1 June 1720 [Norton sub Hamdon].  
Richard, bapt.30 August 1687; buried 27 February 1688/9 [Norton sub Hamdon].  
Priscilla, bapt.4 February 1689/90 [Norton sub Hamdon].  
Charles, bapt.7 March 1692/3 [Norton sub Hamdon].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\NOR.H/2/1/1 [parish registers of Norton sub Hamdon, Somerset, 1558-1774]; D\D\BR/py/97.

### **William COYTE (fl.1662-1678)**

Person ID: 3562

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Shepton Mallet, Somerset

William Coyte of Shepton Mallet, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 8 September 1662. Coyte was the father of William Coyte (d.1744), a student at Oxford who graduated BA in 1700. He subsequently became a clergyman in Suffolk, where he married Margaret Beeston, the sister of the Suffolk physician **William Beeston**. The latter nominated his nephew William (1708-1775), a fellow physician, as his heir.

William Coyte seems to have married at least twice. Nothing is known about his first wife. He subsequently married Mary Whiteing at Shepton Mallet on 6 April 1678 (where he appears as Coyte in the marriage licence, and as Gaite in the parish register). His son William (above) was baptized at Shepton Mallet on 20 October 1678. Coyte was described as dead in 1705 when his son Hercules was apprenticed in London.

Children of William Coyte, surgeon:

William, bapt.20 October 1678 [Shepton Mallet]. See above.  
Hercules. He was apprenticed to Ralph Raullings of the Haberdashers' Company, London, a silk dyer in Holborn, for seven years, 7 September 1705. Coyte married Thomasine Dodson of St Gregory's, London, at St Dunstan's in the West, London, 20 October 1713.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 8 September 1662; Foster, i, p.343; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from Their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.102; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\SHE/2/1/2 [parish registers of Shepton Mallet, Somerset, 1663-1747]; London Metropolitan Archives, CLC/L/HA/C/011/MS15860/007 [register of apprenticeship bindings, Haberdashers' Company, London, 1675-1708];

P69/DUN2/A/012/MS010347 [parish registers of St Dunstan's in the West, London, 1658-1739].

**William CROOKER (fl.1676)**

Person ID: 3663

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Somerset

William Crooker, surgeon, who probably hailed from Somerset, signed letters testimonial on behalf of **Richard Lovell** of Churchill, Somerset, an applicant for a medical licence in the peculiar of Banwell and Churchill, in April 1676. Otherwise unidentified.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/104/1-6.

**Francis CROSS or CROSSE (1629-1675)**

Person ID: 3684

Occ: clergyman/doctor of physic

Loc: Bristol and Broomfield, Somerset

Francis Cross was the youngest son of John Cross (d.1631), vicar of Stogumber, Somerset, and was baptized at Stogumber on 10 November 1629. He was educated initially at St John's College, Oxford, proceeding BA from Wadham College in 1652 and MA in 1655 (incorporated at Cambridge the following year). He was appointed rector of Charlinch in his native Somerset in 1655 but was ejected in 1662. At this point Cross turned to the study of medicine. Admitted at Leiden as a medical student in 1663, he received his MD on 19 May 1664 after submitting a thesis on intermittent fevers (subsequently published at Oxford in 1668). It was dedicated to his former master at Wadham, John Wilkins, Dr **Thomas Coxe** of London, Joshua Crosse, former Sedleian Professor of Natural Philosophy at Oxford, Robert Gorges, former fellow of St John's and secretary to Henry Cromwell, lord lieutenant of Ireland, and Matthew Newcomen, pastor of the English church at Leiden. He may be the same as the Cross, MD, whose notes on chemical processes survive in the Sloane papers. Cross' keen interest in recent medical developments, especially at Paris and London, is evident from his desire to forward intelligence of such news to Dr **John Locke** at Oxford via a mutual friend, John Strachey (d.1674). Among the subjects which particularly interested Cross were the medical researches of the French physician and freethinker Pierre Bourdelot (1610-1685) and the work of Reinier de Graaf (1641-1673) on the pancreas, which he believed confirmed his own work on the causes of intermittent fevers.

According to Anthony Wood, Cross practised with success 'among the precise party' at Bristol, combining medicine with preaching and pastoral duties among various dissenting congregations in Bristol and Somerset. In 1672, he was licensed to preach, as a Presbyterian, at Pensford in Somerset. Cross married Joan Wright at Broomfield, Somerset, on 26 October 1666. The couple subsequently settled in Bristol, firstly at King Street, and thereafter in the parish of St Werburgh's, Bristol, where Cross' house in Corn Street served as a *poste restante* for letters sent by John Locke to friends in the west. A son Woddam (probably in honour of his alma mater, Wadham College) was baptized and buried in the parish in 1671. Dr Cross was buried at St

Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on 8 October 1675. Administration of his will was granted to his widow Joan or Joanna on 30 October 1675. An inventory of his goods survives.

Children of Mr Francis Cross and wife Joan:

John, bapt.30 March 1669 [Broomfield].

Woddam, bapt.5 February 1670/1; buried 11 April 1671 [St Werburgh, Bristol].

Publications:

*Disputatio Medica Inauguralis De Febre Intermittente* [Leiden MD, 1664] (Oxford, 1668).

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\STOGM/2/1/1 [parish registers of Stogumber, Somerset, 1559-1646]; Foster, i, p.356; Venn, i, p.426; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, revised ed., 1988), p.148; Innes Smith, p.59; British Library, Sloane MS 645, f.20; F.Bate, *The Declaration of Indulgence 1672: A Study in the Rise of Organised Dissent* (London, 1908), appendix 7, p.xlvi; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BROO/2/1/1 [parish registers of Broomfield, Somerset, 1630-1812]; E.S.de Beer (ed.), *The Correspondence of John Locke*, 7 vols (Oxford, 1976-82), i, pp. 290-2 [John Strachey to Locke, 30 August 1666], 295 [same to same, 27 November 1666], 399 [same to same, 17/18 January 1674/5]; R.Leech, J.Barry, A.Brown & E.Parkinson (eds), *The Bristol Hearth Tax, 1662-1673* (Bristol, Bristol Rec.Soc., 70, 2018), pp.132, 213; Bristol Archives, P/ST.W/R/1 [parish registers of St Werburgh, Bristol, 1559-1812]; P/ST.MR/R/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, 1559-1677]; TNA, PROB 4/1820 [inventory of Dr Francis Crosse, 5 April 1676].

**John CROSS or CROSSE (fl.1568-1575)**

Person ID: 15140

Occ: barber

Loc: Wiveliscombe, Somerset

John Cross the barber married Katherine Baker at Wiveliscombe, Somerset, on 19 November 1568. She was buried in the same parish on 5 January 1574/5. He may be the same as the John Crosse who was buried at Wiveliscombe on 7 February 1618/19.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WIV/2/1/1 [parish registers of Wiveliscombe, Somerset, 1558-1635].

**Nicholas CROSS or CROSSE (fl.1568)**

Person ID: 35033

Occ: barber

Loc: Milverton, Somerset

Christopher Cross or Crosse, the son of Nicholas Cross, barber, of Milverton, Somerset, was apprenticed to Thomas Vearie of the Brewers' Company, London, on 16 September 1568.

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**John CROUCH (d.1731 or 1732)**

Person ID: 15139/29076

Occ: barber/periwigmaker

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Crouch, the son of John Crouch of Bath, was probably the apprentice of **Giles Davis** (d.1712), barber, of Bath, who left Crouch, his 'servant', two guineas in his will. He was licensed to marry Elizabeth (b.1696), the daughter of Mr Thomas Atwood, on 27 January 1718/19. No record of the marriage has been found, nor of his first wife's burial. He married as his second wife Mary, possibly Mary Pitman. Crouch may have kept patients at his house in Bath: one Elizabeth Bakewell died there and was carried away to be buried from Mr John Crouch's on 21 December 1726. Oddly, no record of Crouch's baptism, either of his marriages, or burial survive. Crouch served briefly as a councilman in 1730-1. His brother Carew was apprenticed to Crouch in 1712.

In his will, made in 1728 but not proved until 1732, Crouch left numerous properties in Bath to his wife Mary, brother Carew and his many children, and sister Eleanor Saunders. Crouch also left a bequest of two 'light bob periwigs' and £10 to his brother in law Joseph Todhunter (d.1732), rector of Weyhill, Hampshire, and wife Mary (nee Pitman). However, following the death of his sister Eleanor's husband John in 1730, Crouch became alarmed at the prospect of her re-marrying a certain Richard Davis. On hearing rumours that the couple were co-habiting or possibly married, Crouch declared his intention to disinherit Eleanor, though failed to formalize the aim. Crouch's widow Mary and other witnesses subsequently testified to the veracity of these claims.

TNA, PROB 11/531, ff.46r-47r [will of Giles Davis, barber, of Bath, Somerset, 29 April and 6 May 1712; proved 6 January 1712/13]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.106; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, p.419; TNA, PROB 11/651, ff.53v-55v [will of John Crouch, barber and periwigmaker, of Bath, Somerset, 14 June 1728, pr.27 April 1732].

**Thomas CROXLEY (fl.1700)**

Person ID: 20805

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Somerset

Thomas Croxley was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 1 January 1699/1700.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\ol/48, *sub* 1 January 1699/1700.

**Richard CUNNINGHAM (fl.1703)**

Person ID: 34488

Occ: physician

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Mary, the daughter of Richard Cunningham, physician, and his wife Mary was baptized at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 23 April 1703. No further trace of Cunningham has been found in the Taunton records, or elsewhere.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, baptisms, 1685-1776].

**Richard CUPPER (d.1707)**

Person ID: 35044

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Richard Cupper, apothecary, of the High Street, Wells, died on 9 April 1707 and was buried in the chancel at St Cuthbert's, Wells, on 2 May 1707. His wife Frances, the daughter Francis Sadleir of Eversley [Everleigh?], Wiltshire, died on 6 April 1676 and was buried seven days later at St Cuthbert's.

Cupper was probably the father of the Wells apothecary **Richard Cupper**.

T.Serel, *Historical Notes on the Church of St Cuthbert in Wells* (Wells, 1875), p.144; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/2 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1668-1727].

**Richard CUPPER (c.1667-1740)**

Person ID: 16539

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Wells, Somerset

According to a floor slab in Wells Cathedral, Richard Cupper, apothecary, died on 21 January 1739[40] and was buried there three days later. He would appear to have been living in Axbridge in Somerset in 1697 when he was licensed to marry Mrs Elizabeth Reynell of Parkers Well in the parish of St Leonard's, Exeter. No record of the marriage has been found. Cupper subsequently married Grace Ford at West Quantoxhead, Somerset, on 15 August 1699. She died on 22 December 1726, aged 51.

Cupper served as mayor of Wells in 1726-7 and 1736-7. He was probably the son of the Wells apothecary **Richard Cupper**, though no record of his birth or baptism has been found. Margery Swinnerton, the servant of Richard Cupper, apothecary, was buried at Wells Cathedral (she died, aged 32, on 16 April 1712).

Apprentice of Richard Cupper, apothecary:

Christopher York, son of John York, gent, of Chewton, Somerset, for the premium of £40 as recorded in 1713. He practiced as an apothecary in Wells.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Wells Cathedral: Its Monumental Inscriptions and Heraldry* (London, 1892), pp.35-6, 257; J.L.Foster (ed.), *London Marriage Licences, 1521-1869* (London, 1887), p.366; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\QUA.W/2/1/1 [parish registers of Quantoxhead, Somerset, 1558-1812]; TNA, IR 1/42, f.183.

**Richard DADBY or DADBYE (d.1625)**

Person ID: 20851

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Chew Magna, Somerset

Mr Richard Dadbye, doctor of phisicke, was buried at Chew Magna, Somerset, on 13 October 1625. No one of this name either attended or graduated at Oxford or Cambridge at this time. Otherwise unidentified.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHE.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chew Magna, Somerset, 1560-1685].

**John DAUNTSEY (c.1572-1651)**

Person ID: 3857

Occ: physician

Loc: Bath, Somerset

John Dauntsey of Bath, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol, Gloucester and Salisbury on 10 March 1621. According to the Bath physician **Thomas Guidott**, Dauntsey, a 'gentleman of a good extraction ... younger son to a knight', was encouraged to take up the practice of medicine by Dr **Edward Jorden** of Bath. Dauntsey subsequently repaid Jorden's friendship by penning a poem in his praise of the author appended to Jorden's, *Discourse of Naturall Bathes* (1631). He does not appear to have possessed any formal medical education.

John Dauntsey was the son of William Dauntsey and his wife Anne, the daughter of Sir Robert Langley, of Pendlebury, Lancashire. He was born in about 1572. He and his older brother William matriculated together at Oxford on 15 October 1590. He graduated BA from St John's College on 25 February 1597/8. Dauntsey married Mrs Grace Knowell at St James', Bath, on 28 April 1623. She died and was buried at Bath Abbey on 1 January 1624/5. Little is known of Dauntsey's second wife Philippa. She was in all probability related to the Winters of Dyrham, Gloucestershire. Guidott mentions her as Mrs Winter, 'a Gentlewoman of a good family', and Dauntsey's son John referred to numerous Winters, including John Wynter, esquire, and his wife Frances, in his will of 1671. John Dauntsey was buried at Bath Abbey on 12 February 1650/1. His epitaph, written by the chemist **Dr Somerschall**, was mocked by Guidott. Mrs Philip[pa] Dauncy, widow, was buried at Dyrham, 30 April 1663.

The nuncupative will of Sir George Ivie or Ivy of Bath was made in the house of Dr Dauntsey in March 1639.

Children of John Dauntsey and wife Philippa:

John. A physician, he died at Bristol in 1671.

Edward, bapt.11 February 1629/30 [St James', Bath]. He was still alive in 1671, when he was named as his brother John's executor.

Olive, bapt.5 December 1633 [St James', Bath].

Philip[pa], bapt.20 October 1635 [St James', Bath]; buried 3 October 1637 [Bath

Abbey].  
Bridget, buried 26 October 1645 [Bath Abbey].

Lambeth Palace Library, Abbot 2, f.192v [*Directory*, i, no.223]; Thomas Guidott, *A Discourse of Bathe* (London, 1676), p.196-7; Edward Jorden, *A Discourse of Naturall Bathes, and Minerall Waters* (London, 1631), sig.A4v; Foster, i, p.375; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BA.JA/2/1/1 [parish registers of St James', Bath, Somerset, 1569-1694]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, pp.351, 358, 364, 368; TNA, PROB 11/337, f.154v [nuncupative will of John Dautesey, doctor of physic, of Bristol, 2 April 1671, pr.13 October 1671]; Bristol Archives, P/DY/R/1/a [parish registers of Dyrham, Gloucestershire, 1568-1721]; TNA, PROB 11/180, ff.117v-118r [will of Sir George Ivie of Bath, Somerset, 31 March 1639, pr.6 July 1639].

**John DAVIE or DAVY (d.1669)**

Person ID: 3885

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

John Davie or Davy, surgeon, of Taunton was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 20 September 1662. He had probably been practising in Taunton since at least 1636, when he was named as a bondsman for the marriage of Edward Winter of West Monkton in that year. In 1657, he was described as the 'loving friend' of William Baker, haberdasher, of Taunton, who named Davie as joint overseer of his will. John Davye was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 10 June 1669. In his own will, drawn up the year before, Davie asked to be buried next to his first wife. In addition to a number of small financial bequests to kinsfolk, Davie bequeathed his house in Fore Street, Taunton, to another kinsman Thomas Page as well as land at West Monkton, Somerset, to his second wife Joan, whom he also named as residual legatee and executrix. He named his son in law Hugh Gunston and 'good friend' Mr John Adams Snr of Taunton as joint overseers.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 20 September 1662; Col.H.R.Phipps (ed.), 'Abstracts of Bath and Wells Diocesan Records. Vol.III. Marriage Licences', 1636-1676; TNA, PROB 11/273, ff.295v-296r [will of William Baker, haberdasher, of Taunton, Somerset, 4 July 1657, pr.3 February 1657/8]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696]; A.J.Monday and M.Siraut (eds), *Somerset Wills* (Taunton Rec.Soc., vol.89, 2003), pp.83-4.

**Carew DAVIES or DAVIS (fl.1663-1679)**

Person ID: 3897

Occ: healer

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Carew Davies of Bath was licensed to 'use and apply a certaine playster or searecloth by which he have done by Gods blessing many great cures' within the city of Bath and throughout the diocese of Bath and Wells on 27 January 1662/3. His wife Margaret was buried in Bath Abbey, 3 October 1679. No record of Carew Davies' burial has been found.

Children of Carew Davies or Davis and Margaret:

John, bapt.15 December 1644; buried 29 January 1667/8 [Bath Abbey].

Judith, bapt.24 April 1654; buried 30 March 1657 [Bath Abbey].

Martha, buried 30 August 1717 [Bath Abbey].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\bs/39, *sub* 27 January 1662/3; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.38, 43; ii, pp.372, 377, 383, 384.

**Francis DAVIES or DAVIS (d.1675)**

Person ID: 3900

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Glastonbury, Somerset

Francis Davies or Davis, barber surgeon, of St John the Baptist, Glastonbury, served as bondsman for the marriage of Thomas Hancock, widower and clothier, of the same parish, to Ann Heath, of the same, 2 June 1664. He is probably the same as the Francis Davies who was buried at St John's, Glastonbury, on 17 December 1675.

Children of Francis Davies or Davis:

Mary, bapt.28 February 1664/5 [St John's, Glastonbury].

John, bapt.14 February 1667/7 [St John's, Glastonbury].

Thomas, bapt.14 February 1667/8 [St John's, Glastonbury].

Somerset Heritage Centre, Col.H.R.Phipps (ed.), 'Abstracts of Bath and Wells Diocesan Records. Vol.III. Marriage Licences, 1636-1676', p.16 [Somerset Heritage Centre, DD/01/37, p.76a]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\GLA.J/2/1/2 [parish registers of St John's, Glastonbury, Somerset, 1649-1686].

**Giles DAVIES or DAVIS (d.1712)**

Person ID: 15166

Occ: barber

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Mr Giles Davies or Davis, barber, was buried at Bath Abbey on 19 May 1712. He married twice. Firstly, he married Hester Cullimer at the abbey on 8 October 1674. She was buried there on 4 September 1680. Nothing is known about his second wife Mary. Davies was a member of the corporation, serving as a councilman from 1692 until 1712. He was chosen constable in 1693-4 and 1710-11 and bailiff in 1696-7 and 1706-7.

Davies made his will shortly before his death in 1712. He began by naming Mr William Horton and Mr John Coventry as executors in trust, charging them with selling all his land and property, including the 'Rummer' in Bath, in order to pay off his debts and make bequests. He also stipulated that his wife (unnamed) should hold the tenement known as the 'Swan' in Bath for life or remarriage (when she would receive £15 pa). The main beneficiary was Davies' son Carew who was to receive

£200. A daughter Anne, who had married against her father's will, was left just one shilling. The residue of Davies' estate was to be shared amongst all his children, excepting Anne, with the proviso that his son John was to receive £50 more than his sisters, but only on condition that he did not go to sea before completing his apprenticeship. He was then serving an apprenticeship with **Samuel Pye**, barber surgeon, in Bristol. Finally, he requested that his funeral be held in the daytime with all decency and 'without any formal invitation of the Corporation of Bath'.

Children of Giles Davies or Davis and wife Hester:

Elizabeth, bapt.29 July 1675; buried 1 November 1679 [Bath Abbey].  
Carew, bapt.22 November 1677 [Bath Abbey].

Children of Giles Davies or Davis and wife Mary:

Unnamed son, bapt.27 February 1681/2 [Bath Abbey].  
Mary, bapt.8 February 1682/3; buried 6 [sic] February 1682/3 [Bath Abbey].  
Elizabeth, bapt.26 November 1685; buried 27 July 1691 [Bath Abbey].  
Mary, bapt.25 July 1689 [Bath Abbey].  
Ann, bapt.27 April 1691 [Bath Abbey].  
John, buried 26 July 1691 [Bath Abbey]  
John, bapt.31 October 1693 [Bath Abbey]. He was apprenticed to **Samuel Pye**, barber surgeon, of Bristol, 17 November 1708.  
Elizabeth, bapt.15 June 1697 [Bath Abbey].  
Margaret, bapt.17 March 1700/1 [Bath Abbey].

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.56, 58, 62, 63, 65, 68, 69, 71, 73, 76, 226; ii, pp.384, 385, 386, 391, 405; TNA, PROB 11/531, ff.46r-47r [will of Giles Davis, barber, of Bath, Somerset, 6 May 1712, pr.6 January 1712/13]; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

**John DAVIES or DAVIS (fl.1663)**

Person ID: 3907

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Portbury, Somerset

John Davis of Portbury, Somerset, was licensed to practise physic and surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 1 October 1663. Despite the fact that Davis must have sworn the oath of allegiance and supremacy on being licensed, two months later his neighbours raised concerns about his religious and political conformity. On 18 November 1663, local magistrates took numerous depositions relating to Captain John Davis, surgeon, of Portbury, in which it was reported among other things that at the time of the late plot there was much suspicious riding at night between Davis' house and Portbury. Others claimed that Davis had said that he had refused 'an office att Court' on the grounds that he 'did looke for better dayes'. He was subsequently taunted by loyalists with the claim that 'his Golden days were over', a probable reference to his prior service under the Commonwealth. In reply to the accusations, Davis denied that he had any nocturnal visitors excepting one Parsons, a physician, who came 'to prescribe unto some of his family that then lay sicke of the small pox'.

With respect to insinuations of plotting and disloyalty to the king, Davis responded somewhat neutrally that if the King 'did enioye Peace and tranquility hee did hope to bee a partaker of it'.

Unfortunately, the absence of the parish registers for Portbury at this time makes it impossible to provide further details regarding Davis. He may, however, be the same as the surgeon of the same name, of nearby Easton in Gordano, who was still alive in 1686.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\bs/39, *sub* 1 October 1663; Q/SR/104/30-31; Bristol Archives, AC/WO/9/19.

**John DAVY (fl.1508)**

Person ID: 34863

Occ: barber

Loc: Stockland, Somerset

In 1508, John Davy, barber, of Stockland appeared with others in a case of trespass in the Court of Common Pleas.

TNA, CP40/983 [1508].

**Nicholas DAVY (d.1729)**

Person ID: 20968

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Wiveliscombe, Somerset

Nicholas Davy of Wiveliscombe was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 17 August 1703. He and his wife Joan baptized a son, Ames, at Wiveliscombe on 19 December 1711. Nicholas Davey was buried at Wiveliscombe on 29 October 1729. He was described as 'doctor of physic' in the probate inventory of his goods carried out in 1729.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\ol/48, *sub* 17 August 1703; D\P\WIV/2/1/6 [parish registers of Wiveliscombe, Somerset, 1704-1780]; A.J.Webb (ed.), *Handlist of Somerset Probate Inventories and Administrators Accounts 1482-1924* (Taunton, Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.98, 2019), p.67, no.1979 [Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\SP\1729/53].

**Moryce DAWE (fl.1530s)**

Person ID: 34865

Occ: barber

Loc: Cannington, Somerset

Moryce Dawe, barber, of Cannington, Somerset, appeared as a plaintiff in the Court of Chancery in the 1530s with regard to property at Charlinch in Somerset.

TNA, C1/776/29 [1533-8].

**Thomas DAY (fl.1658-1664)**

Person ID: 3965

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Otterhampton, Somerset

Thomas Day, surgeon, who was practising surgery at Otterhampton in Somerset in 1662, was formally licensed to practise the same in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 30 April 1663. Day was married at Otterhampton in 1658. Three children were baptized there with his wife Isatt or Izett, but there is no further record of him after 1664 (the registers are in poor condition for much of this period).

Children of Thomas Day and wife Isatt or Izett:

Mary, born 31 January 1659/60 [Otterhampton].  
Elizabeth, bapt.26 March 1662 [Otterhampton].  
William, bapt.28 October 1664 [Otterhampton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\vc/41, f.64r; D\D\bs/39, *sub* 30 April 1663;  
D/P/OTN/2/1/1 [parish registers of Otterhampton, Somerset, 1656-1744].

**George DEEPE (d.c.1622)**

Person ID: 34489

Occ: barber

Loc: Axbridge, Somerset

George Deepe, barber, of Axbridge, died sometime around 1622. No record of his burial has been found in the parish registers of the town.

A.J.Webb (ed.), *Handlist of Somerset Probate Inventories and Administrators Accounts 1482-1924* (Taunton, Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.98, 2019), p.70, no.2056 [Somerset Heritage Centre, D/D/cta/D4].

**Robert DEVONSHIRE (d.1684)**

Person ID: 4114

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Minehead, Somerset

Robert Devonshire was the son of Christopher Devonshire, mariner, of Minehead in Somerset. He was apprenticed to **Henry Paull**, surgeon, of Bristol on 14 July 1656 and was made a freeman of the city on 26 July 1665. In the interim, Devonshire, a surgeon of Minehead, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 19 September 1662. In 1668, he expressed willingness to authenticate cures performed on local Minehead residents by the Irish miracle healer **Valentine Greatrakes**. Devonshire was buried at Minehead on 29 November 1684. An inventory of his goods, which was witnessed by the Quaker merchant Christopher Devonshire, a relation, included 'bookes and instruments of Chyrurgery'. His widow Jane was buried at Minehead on 30 June 1713. Devonshire's only son Robert was apprenticed to the Bristol barber surgeon John Webb in 1693.

Children of Robert Devonshire and wife Jane:



Robert, bapt.29 April 1673; buried 15 August 1674 [Minehead].  
 Jane, bapt.2 August 1675 [Minehead].  
 Robert, bapt.11 March 1677/8 [Minehead]. He was apprenticed to **John Webb**,  
 barber surgeon, of Bristol, 9 October 1693.  
 Margaret, bapt.12 February 1680/1 [Minehead].  
 Joan, bapt.3 May 1684 [Minehead].

Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 19 September 1662; *The Correspondence of Robert Boyle*, eds M.Hunter, A.Clericuzio and L.Principe, 6 vols (London, 2001), iv, p.101; D\P\M.ST.M/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Minehead, Somerset, 1642-1700; 1701-1807]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\SP/1684/173 [inventory of Robert Devonshire, surgeon, of Minehead, 1684]; S.C.Morland (ed.), *The Somersetshire Quarterly Meeting of the Society of Friends, 1668-1699* (Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.75, 1978), p.270; J.Besse, *A Collection of the Sufferings of the People Called Quakers*, 2 vols (London, 1753), i, pp.636-7, 641, 643.

### **William DEVONSHIRE (d.1699)**

Person ID: 21080

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Minehead, Somerset

William Devonshire of Minehead, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 19 March 1692/3. He was buried at Minehead on 13 May 1699. He is probably the Mr Devonshire who was paid by the overseers of the poor at Dunster for curing widow Hembury's arms in 1690.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\ol/48, *sub* 19 March 1692/3; D\P\2/1/2 [parish registers of Minehead, Somerset, 1642-1700]; F.Hancock, *Dunster Church and Priory* (Taunton, 1905), p.149.

### **Thomas DEVYN (fl.1533)**

Person ID: 34864

Occ: barber

Loc: Frome Selwood, Somerset

Thomas Devyn, barber, of Frome Selwood, Somerset, signed a bond to keep the peace in an action in the Court of King's Bench in 1533.

TNA, KB27/1086 [1533].

### **Anthony DIBBLE (fl.1711)**

Person ID: 4126

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Stogumber, Somerset

Anthony Dibble of Stogumber, Somerset, was licensed to practise the art of surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 14 September 1711. Two years previously, he signed an application on behalf of a practitioner from Cullompton in Devon, who was seeking a licence to practise in the diocese of Exeter.

Dibble was licensed to marry Ann Fulford, widow, of Bristol, at Bedminster, Somerset, on 28 July 1711. However, no record of the marriage appears in the registers of that parish.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\bs/43, *sub* 14 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.111; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.121.

**Henry DIBBLE (d.1687)**

Person ID: 4127

Occ: licensed surgeon and physician

Loc: Kingston St Mary, Somerset

Henry Dibble, of Kingston St Mary, Somerset, was licensed to practise physic and surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 2 February 1673/4. In September and October 1680, Dibble, who described himself as MA and medicus, signed letters testimonial on behalf of **Benoni Hill** of Berrow and **Abraham Bullpen** of Pawlett, both in Somerset, candidates seeking similar licences from the archbishop of Canterbury. No one of this name appears to have attended Oxford or Cambridge universities in this period.

Henry Dibble was buried at Kingston St Mary on 5 April 1687. He may have been the same as the Henry Dibble, son of Henry Dibble, who was baptized at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 18 February 1615/16.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\bs/42, *sub* 2 February 1673/4; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/144/1-3; VX 1A/10/151/1-3; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\KING.ST.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of Kingston St Mary, Somerset, 1677-1763]; D\P\TAU.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696].

**Charity DOBB (d.1684)**

Person ID: 34490

Occ: midwife

Loc: Dulverton, Somerset

Charity Dobb, midwife, the wife of Thomas Dobb, was buried at Dulverton, Somerset, 11 July 1684.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\DUL/2/1/1 [parish registers of Dulverton, Somerset, 1678-1765].

**Thomas DODFORD (d.1726 or 1727)**

Person ID: 16760

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bristol and Wrington, Somerset

Thomas Dodford was the son of Francis Dodford of Greatworth, Northamptonshire, gentleman, and was apprenticed to **John Eckley**, apothecary, of Bristol on 16 November 1675 (he witnessed an amendment to his master's will in October 1678). Dodford became a freeman of Bristol on 26 February 1682/3. It is uncertain as to whether he practised in Bristol or Wrington, Somerset, or both. Dodford was resident at Wrington in 1718, when he took on Edward Teast as apprentice, and was still there in 1722 when he voted (Tory) in the election of that year. He was buried at Wrington on 7 January 1726/7. He may be the same as the Thomas Dodford who married Frances White at Mickleton, Gloucestershire, on 10 August 1680.

Apprentice of Thomas Dodford of Wrington, apothecary:

Edward Teast, son of Sydenham Teast, yeoman, deceased, for the premium of £20 as recorded in 1713.

Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; Bristol Burgess Book, 1683; TNA, PROB 11/359, ff.128r-v [will of John Eckley, apothecary, of Bristol, 4 May 1674, pr.26 October 1678]; P.J. and R.V. Wallis (eds), *Eighteenth-Century Medics* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Newcastle upon Tyne, 1988), p.168; <https://ecppec.ncl.ac.uk/case-study-constituencies/Bristol/election>; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WRI/2/1/2 [parish registers of Wrington, Somerset, 1538-1809]; Gloucestershire RO, GDR/VI/156 [parish registers of Mickleton, Gloucestershire, 1572-1812]; TNA, IR 1/45, f.80.

**George DODSWORTH or DOSWORTHY (d.1694)**

Person ID: 4220

Occ: physician/doctor of physic

Loc: Dorchester, Dorset and Stoford, Somerset

In his will of 1694, George Dodsworth or Dodsworthy described himself as gentleman and physician. Elsewhere, he added an 'MD' and 'B Med', despite the fact that there is no evidence that he possessed any formal qualifications nor that he attended either Cambridge or Oxford. In 1683, he signed letters testimonial in favour of **William Golding** who was seeking a licence to practise medicine in the deanery of Salisbury. Two years later, he did the same for **Robert Roy**, a gentleman from Kilve in Somerset.

Nothing is known of Dodsworth's origins or birth. He seems to have practised in Somerset, though he may have come from Dorchester in Dorset. A record in the heraldic visitation of both Dorset and Somerset in 1677 describes him as doctor of physic of Dorchester. He may be the same as the Mr George Dodsworth, whose son was buried at Bridport, Dorset, on 23 October 1653. However, towards the end of his life he was certainly practising in the area around Yeovil in Somerset from his base at Stoford, a hamlet just a mile south of the town. Dodsworth would also appear to have served as a magistrate in the county. He was especially antagonistic towards the Quakers and was responsible for indicting the Quaker Christopher Moore of Yeovil in 1683. They in turn derided him as 'a loose liver'. Dodsworth died in 1694 and was buried, as he requested, alongside his two former wives in the parish church of Yeovil on 27 March 1694. He also asked for an elaborate memorial with an epitaph and twelve escutcheons. In his will, he bequeathed over £300 in legacies, mainly to grandchildren and other relatives, naming no male heir but mentioning by name or

alluding to at least four daughters. He also left a house and gardens at Stoford as well as a house and estate in Yeovil. Dodsworth named Mr George Prowse of Yeovil, gent, and William Markes of Thorne as joint executors, as well as William Phillips of Preston as trustee and overseer.

Children of George Dodsworth or Dodsworthy:

Katherine, wife of one Whitehead of Hampstead, Middlesex [will].

Unknown daughter, married to one Hill of Marsh [will].

Anne, daughter of one Hole of Marsh [will].

Margaret. She married Edmund Butler of Almer, Dorset, and was buried there, 14 November 1678.

Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, D5/7/4, loose bundle, unnumbered; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/231/1-4; G.D.Squibb (ed.), *The Visitation of Somerset, 1677* (London, HS, vol.117, 1977), p.12; Dorset History Centre, PE/BT: RE2 [parish registers of Bridport, Dorset]; J.Besse, *A Collection of the Sufferings of the People Called Quakers*, 2 vols (London, 1753), i, p.634; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\YEO.J/2/1/3 [parish registers of Yeovil, Somerset, 1650-1699]; TNA, PROB 11/420, ff.222v-223r [will of George Dodsworthy, gentleman and physician, of Stoford, Somerset, 15 March 1693/4, pr.9 June 1694]; PROB 4/11520 [inventory of George Dodsworthy, gent, of Stoford, Somerset, undated]; Dorset History Centre, PE/ALM: RE1 [parish registers of Almer, Dorset].

### **John DOWNE (d.1683)**

Person ID: 4293

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Crewkerne, Somerset

John Downe, of Crewkerne, Somerset, was licensed to practise physic and surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 10 November 1668. In October 1664, he was described as ‘an ancient acquaintance’ of Dr **Dawbeny Turberville**, the celebrated oculist of Salisbury, and was said to have presided over the dissection of a set of conjoined twins, ‘monstrously born’ at Fisher Anger in Wiltshire. John Downe, chirurgion, was buried at Crewkerne on 3 June 1683.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\bs/39, *sub* 10 November 1668; *The Correspondence of Robert Boyle*, eds M.Hunter, A.Clericuzio and L.Principe, 6 vols (London, 2001), ii, p.424; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CREW/2/1/2 [parish registers of Crewkerne, Somerset, 1653-1686].

### **John DRAKE (1667-1711)**

Person ID: 21212

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Chard, Somerset

John Drake was the son of William Drake (d.1681), esquire, of Yardbury in Colyton, Devon, and was baptised at Colyton on 3 December 1667. He practised as an apothecary at Chard in Somerset, where he died in 1711. Drake was buried with his ancestors at Colyton on 20 December 1711. In his will, made a week before his death,

he left all his estate, including his house in Chard, to his wife and executrix Dorothy, who was buried at Chard on 21 January 1735/6. Drake named his brother William Drake (d.1732), a counsellor at law in Chard, and Robert Fry, esquire, as joint overseers.

Devon Heritage Centre, 3483A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Colyton, Devon]; TNA, PROB 11/524, ff.239r-v [will of John Drake, apothecary, of Chard, Somerset, 12 December 1711, pr.31 December 1711]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHARD/2/1/2 [parish registers of Chard, Somerset, 1729-1812]; TNA, PROB 11/763, f.177v [will of Dorothy Drake, widow, of Chard, Somerset, 30 August 1723, pr.18 July 1748].

**Samuel DRING (d.1668)**

Person ID: 4326

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bruton, Somerset

Samuel Dring, apothecary, was licensed to practise medicine in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 8 September 1662. He had been active as an apothecary in the village since at least 1648, when he was married to a woman called Mary. She was buried in the village on 20 May 1652. He subsequently married Sarah sometime between 1652 and 1656. Dring died in 1668 and was buried at Bruton on 12 March 1667/8. His widow Sarah was buried in the parish on 1 January 1699/1700. Samuel and Sarah's son **Rawlins Dring**, a physician at Sherborne in Dorset, was described as a 'student in physic' in his mother's will in 1697. Sarah also left the advowson of Tarrant Gunville in Dorset, which she had purchased in 1693, to her daughter Elizabeth to hold in trust on behalf of her sister Margaret Webb. Elizabeth was also named as residual legatee and executrix.

Children of Samuel Dring and wife Mary:

**Samuel**, bapt.9 November 1648 [Bruton]. Apothecary. He married Sarah Randall at Bruton, 16 May 1670 and was a governor of Bruton school in 1704.  
Mary, bapt.13 April 1651 [Bruton].

Children of Samuel Dring and wife Sarah:

Sarai, bapt.20 May 1656; buried 11 January 1656/7 [Bruton].

**Rawlins**, bapt.8 April 1660 [Bruton]. A physician, he graduated BA and MA at Oxford in 1679 and 1682, and was made a fellow of Wadham College, Oxford, in 1682.

Margaret, bapt.21 January 1661/2 [Bruton]. She married John Webb, schoolmaster, of Bruton at Shepton Montague, Somerset, 6 December 1690.

Elizabeth, bapt.2 June 1667 [Bruton]. She married James Druce, innholder, and was buried at Bruton on 29 November 1715.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 8 September 1662; D\P\BRUT/2/1/1, 2 and 3 [parish registers of Bruton, Somerset, 1554-1649; 1649-1681; 1681-1770]; TNA, PROB 11/455, ff.81v-82r [will of Sarah Dring, widow, of Brewton, Somerset, 6 December 1697, pr.16 April 1700]; Bodl, Oxford University Archives, UC:E19/D1/2-

8; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\BRU/4/1/6; D\D\SAS C795 SW10 [parish registers of Shepton Montague, Somerset, 1560-1745].

**Samuel DRING (b.1648)**

Person ID: 34491

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bruton, Somerset

Samuel Dring was the son of **Samuel Dring**, apothecary, and his wife Mary and was baptised at Bruton, Somerset, on 9 November 1648. He married Sarah Randall (b.1645), the daughter of John Randall (d.1679), schoolmaster of Bruton, at the latter parish on 16 May 1670 and was serving as a governor of Bruton School in 1704. No record of his death or burial has been discovered.

Children of Mr Samuel Dring:

Sarah, bapt.15 April 1671; buried 2 May 1672 [Bruton].

Samuel, bapt.21 June 1672; buried 29 July 1673 [Bruton].

John, bapt.21 June 1672 [Bruton]. He was apprenticed to Thomas Salmon, pewterer, of Bristol, 22 October 1691.

Sarah, bapt.5 August 1675; buried 6 November 1691 [Bruton].

Dorothy, bapt.2 December 1678 [Bruton].

Robert, bapt.11 December 1683 [Bruton].

D\P\BRUT/2/1/1, 2 and 3 [parish registers of Bruton, Somerset, 1554-1649; 1649-1681; 1681-1770]; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

**John DUNNING (1666-1715)**

Person ID: 4393

Occ: physician/doctor of physic

Loc: Pitminster, Somerset

John Dunning, the son of John Dunning was baptised at Netherbury in Dorset on 26 June 1666. He was admitted sizar at Christ's College, Cambridge on 13 June 1683. He was awarded his bachelor's degree in medicine in 1688. Dunning married Mrs Jane Bacon at Langford Budville, Somerset, on 3 June 1700. Thereafter, Dunning seems to have settled in Pitminster, where he practised, according to the parish registers, as a surgeon. His wife Jane was buried at Langford Budville on 25 May 1705, a day after the birth of the couple's fifth child. Mr John Dunning, bachelor of physic, was buried at Pitminster on 6 April 1715.

In his will, made a year before his death, Dunning left two large bequests of £1000 and £600 to his two surviving sons, George and William respectively. He also stipulated that should his eldest son George choose to follow an academic path then he was to inherit his father's library of books, or if not, then the same were to pass to the younger son William. In the event, both attended Balliol College, Oxford. Dunning named his brother **Henry Dunning**, a physician at Beaminster in Dorset, as executor and guardian of his children, stipulating that in the event of their deaths his estate was to be divided among the children of his two brothers, Henry and James.

Children of John Dunning, surgeon, and wife Jane:

George, bapt.3 May 1701 [Pitminster]. He matriculated at Balliol College, Oxford, on 8 July 1719, but did not graduate. He was living at Boston in New England when he made his will in May 1723 and was dead by March 1723/4.

William, bapt.13 May 1702; buried 24 May 1702 [Pitminster].

Jane, bapt.13 May 1702; buried 20 May 1702 [Pitminster].

William, bapt.2 October 1703 [Pitminster]. He matriculated at Balliol College, Oxford, on 29 March 1723, graduating BA and MA in 1726 and 1729. He was buried at Beaminster, Dorset, 18 September 1753.

Jane, born and bapt.24 May 1705; buried 4 June 1706 [Langford Budville].

Dorset History Centre, PE/NBY: RE1/1 [parish registers of Netherbury, Dorset]; Venn, ii, p.75; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\LANF/2/1/2 [parish registers of Langford Budville, Somerset, 1665-1765]; D\P\PIT/2/1/2 [parish registers of Pitminster, Somerset, 1701-1785]; TNA, PROB 11/552, ff.62v-63v [will of John Dunning, physician and MD, of Pitminster, Somerset, 26 April 1714, pr.25 May 1716]; Foster, i, p.396; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, P17/404 [will of George Dunning, of Beaminster, Dorset, now at Boston, New England, 25 May 1723, pr.7 March 1723/4]; P17/525 [will of William Dunning of Beaminster, Dorset, 8 December 1748, pr.25 October 1753].

**Henry DYER (d.1690)**

Person ID: 4427

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Henry Dyer, of the parish of St Peter and Paul, Bath [Bath Abbey], was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 13 October 1662. He was described by the physician Dr **Robert Pierce** as sergeant of the Cross Bath in 1675, when he was said to have consulted with a servant of the earl of Bristol, a 'countryman' of the surgeon. If son, then Dyer may well have come originally from Dorset. In 1679, he signed letters testimonial on behalf of **John Boyce**, apothecary, of Bath, who was seeking a licence to practise surgery in Dorset.

Dyer married Susanna Wakeman, both of Bath, at the abbey on 5 October 1654. She was buried there, 1 May 1675. Henry Dyer, 'sergeant' of the Cross Bath, was buried at Bath Abbey, 30 May 1690.

Children of Henry Dyer and wife Susanna:

Richard, bapt.28 November 1656 [Bath Abbey]. He was apprenticed to **Judah Horsington**, barber surgeon, of Bristol, 17 February 1674/5 and was made a freeman of Bristol, 21 February 1681/2.

Rose, bapt.26 January 1657/8 [Bath Abbey].

Henry, bapt.30 July 1659 [Bath Abbey].

Susanna, bapt.22 May 1661; buried 28 November 1664 [Bath Abbey].

Mary, bapt.14 March 1662/3 [Bath Abbey].

Francis, bapt.6 August 1672 [Bath Abbey].

Grace, bapt.29 September 1673 [Bath Abbey].

William, bapt.23 April 1675; buried 29 April 1675 [Bath Abbey].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 13 October 1662; R.Pierce, *The History of the Bathe* (London, 1713), p.373; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.44, 45, 46, 53, 54, 56, 215; ii, pp.376, 382, 390; Wiltshire and Swindon Archives, D/5/5/2; Bristol Archives, apprenticeship and freeman registers.

### Thomas DYKE or DYKES (1613-1689)

Person ID: 4434

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Kingston St Mary, Somerset

Thomas Dyke or Dykes was the son of Thomas Dyke (d.1672), gentleman, of Kingston St Mary, Somerset, and his wife Mary, the daughter of John Pole (d.1623) of Bishops Lydeard, Somerset. He was born on 5 April 1613 and matriculated at St Mary Hall, Oxford, on 17 June 1631, proceeding BA in 1633, B Med on 28 November 1635. Dyke was awarded his MD on 8 July 1642. He then settled into a long and prosperous practice until his death in 1689. Among his patients, he numbered the Clarke family at nearby Chipley. He is frequently mentioned in the family correspondence. In 1679, for example, he was treating Edward Clarke Snr for melancholy which Dyke believed to be incurable. He was in part reluctant to prescribe in this case as he clearly felt that he had been abused by other physicians, probably on account of the tendency of the patient's son, Edward Jnr, to seek out alternative opinions from eminent London practitioners, including **Sir George Ent** and **Walter Needham**. Dyke's reputation may have suffered further in this respect because of his apparent support for the cures of empirics such as the Londoner **Robert Bateman**. Around 1681, Bateman lauded Dr Dyke as one who was 'as eminent a Physitian as any in the West of England' and willing, moreover, to provide a testimonial in print in support of Bateman's scurvy grass remedy. Dyke would also appear to have held a certain fascination for the occult and supernatural. In 1681, his account of the haunting of a kinsman at Windsor was included by the Somerset clergyman Joseph Glanvill in his book, *Saducismus Triumphatus*, as one of numerous proofs for the being of ghosts and spirits.

Dyke married twice. His first wife Elizabeth (1610-1657), twice widowed, was the daughter of the courtier Sir Henry Neville (1564-1615) and his wife Anne, the daughter of Sir Henry Killebrew. Sometime between 1657 and 1663, he married Elizabeth Pepys, the daughter of John Pepys (1576-1652) of Ashted, Surrey, and his wife Anne. Dyke had at least one daughter, Elizabeth, who was alive in 1666. Dr Dyke's second wife, Elizabeth, was buried at Kingston on 4 May 1688. Thomas Dyke died on 22 December 1689 and was buried at Kingston on 10 January 1689/90. In his will, made over three years before his death, he named Thomas Deane of the Inner Temple as principal heir but only if he took the name of Dyke. He, and his mother Joan, were named as joint executors. In all probability, Thomas was an illegitimate son. Dyke had substantial property interests in Somerset, including holdings in the villages of Brompton Regis, Broomfield, Winsfield and the manor of Ashway in Dulverton. He also left a large bequest of £3,000 to his wife Elizabeth, as well as £500 to the children of Captain William Dyke (d.1666) of Ashill, including William, the subject of Dyke's tale of the supernatural which he passed on to Glanvill. Dyke



also left a number of charitable gifts and endowments, including moneys for the rebuilding of St Paul's Cathedral as well as bursaries to support four Somerset students to study at Dyke's alma mater St Mary Hall, Oxford.

A brass wall plate with Latin inscription commemorating Dr Dyke, as well as memorial verses in English celebrating the life of his father Thomas (who died on 26 May 1672, aged 81) survive in the church of Kingston St Mary. Immediately after the death of his father, Dyke became embroiled as a defendant in proceedings in the Court of Chancery in relation to his father's will and the legacies made therein to the children of his brother John.

Children of Dr Thomas Dyke:

Elizabeth. Alive in February 1665/6 [will of William Dyke].

Foster, i, p.438; G.D.Squibb (ed.), *The Visitation of Somerset and the City of Bristol 1672* (London, HS, n.s., vol.11, 1992), p.111; TNA, C6/385/44 [1677]; Somerset Heritage Centre, 'Correspondence of the Clarke Family of Chipley', 2 vols (typescript, ed.Bridget Clarke, 1998), sub 16 June 1676, 1 January 1676/7, 23 April 1678, 21 June 1679; [Robert Bateman], *Eminent Cures Lately Perform'd in Several Diseases, by Batemans Spirits of Scurvey-Grass* (London?, 1681?), p.2; Joseph Glanvill, *Saducismus Triumphatus, Or, Full and Plain Evidence Concerning Witches and Apparitions* (London, 1681), ii, pp.219-25.

TNA, PROB 11/325, ff.247v-248r [will of William Dyke of Kents in the parish of King's Bromham, Somerset, gentleman, 14 February 1665/6, pr.30 November 1667]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\KING.ST.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of Kingston St Mary, Somerset, 1677-1763]; TNA, PROB 11/398, ff.153v-156r [will of Thomas Dyke, doctor in physic, of Kingston, Somerset, 3 August 1686, pr.7 February 1689/90]; F.Hancock, *The Parish of Selworthy in the County of Somerset* (Taunton, 1897), pp.167-8 [which cites the will of Dr Dyke's father, Thomas, in which Dr Dyke was named as residual legatee and executor; 10 March 1670/1, proved in archdeaconry court of Taunton, 24 June 1672]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\TB/23/27/1; *m.i.*, Kingston St Mary, Somerset; TNA, C78/725/1 [22 May 1674].

**Isaac EDWARDS**

Person ID: 15235

Occ: barber

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

In all probability, there were two men named Isaac Edwards practising as barbers in Taunton at the end of the seventeenth and beginning of the eighteenth centuries. The parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, first record Isaac Edwards as the father of a son Isaac, with wife Mary, baptized there on 3 August 1699. Mary, the wife of Isaac Edwards, was buried at St Mary Magdalene on 27 July 1715. The registers also record two marriages of an Isaac Edwards, barber, living in East Street, Taunton. Firstly, on 26 September 1715 he married Anstis Stone, and secondly, he married Elizabeth Hare on 13 July 1721. Isaac, the son of Isaac Edwards and his wife Elizabeth was buried at St Mary Magdalene on 5 March 1726/7. The couple also baptized a son, John, in the same parish on 17 October 1729.

In addition, two men by the name of Isaac Edwards, the former of East Street, were buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 4 May 1722 and 8 January 1735/6.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, baptisms, 1685-1776]; D\P\TAU/M/2/1/15 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, marriages, 1706-1729]; D\P\TAU.M/2/1/32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, burials, 1682-1760].

**Lazarus EDWARDS (b.1692)**

Person ID: 15239

Occ: barber/perukemaker

Loc: Frome & Doultling, Somerset

Lazarus Edwards, barber, of Doultling, Somerset, married Anne Keeping of Frome at Frome, Somerset, on 26 January 1715/16. They baptized a daughter Sarah at Frome on 4 November 1716. There, the couple are described as living at Prestleigh, near Doultling.

He may be the same as the Lazarus Edwards, who was baptized at Corsley, Wiltshire, just a few miles east of Frome, on 28 March 1692.

Apprentice of Lazarus Edwards, barber and perukemaker:

Thomas Orm of Shaftesbury, Dorset, for the premium of £10 as recorded in 1716.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\FR/JO/2/1/2 [parish registers of Frome, Somerset, 1698-1765]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.133; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, 1179/1 [parish registers of Corsley, Wiltshire, 1686-1758]; TNA, IR 1/44, f.156.

**Fortune ELLIS (d.1700)**

Person ID: 4594

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Milborne Port, Somerset

Fortune Ellis of Milborne Port, Somerset, was licensed to practise physic in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 30 September 1668. Ellis was buried at Milborne Port on 6 November 1700.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 30 September 1668; D\P\MIL.P/2/1/1 [parish registers of Milborne Port, Somerset, 1538-1713].

**Thomas ELLIS (d.1631)**

Person ID: 4606

Occ: licensed surgeon and physician

Loc: Milborne Port, Somerset

Thomas Ellis, of Milborne Port, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol, Gloucester, Salisbury, Winchester and Worcester on 21 February 1624. He is probably the Mr Thomas Ellis, the son of John Ellis, who was buried at Milborne Port on 4 April 1631.

Lambeth Palace Library, Abbot 2, f.204v [*Directory*, i, no.263]; Raach [p ref and see]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\MIL.P/2/1/1 [parish registers of Milborne Port, Somerset, 1538-1713].

### Thomas ELTON (1573-1618)

Person ID: 4632

Occ: physican/doctor of physic

Loc: Bristol and Bath, Somerset

Thomas Elton was the son of Anthony Elton (d.1587) of Ledbury, Herefordshire, and his wife Alice, the daughter of John Scudamore of Kentchurch, Herefordshire. He was baptised at Ledbury on 19 April 1573. Elton matriculated at Brasenose College, Oxford, on 14 November 1589, proceeding BA in 1594, MA in 1597, and served as Elton fellow from 1594 to 1614 (a fellowship founded by Thomas' kinsman, John Elton, LL D, in 1529). Elton did not acquire any formal medical qualifications at Oxford or elsewhere. On leaving Oxford, he practised at Bristol and Bath. The Bath physician and annalist, **Thomas Guidott**, describes him as a 'well bred gentleman, obliging and affable', but says nothing of his practice. While living in Bristol, Elton took on at least two apprentices, William Cooper (1610) and **Ivy Horwood** (1614). He later bequeathed various small legacies, including books, to the latter who went on to practise medicine at Great Torrington in Devon. In 1612, he cared for his kinsman Philip Scudamore in his last illness and was named, along with his children, as the sole beneficiary of Scudamore's will on account 'for he standeth mortgage for me to divers persons in Bristol and for divers sums of mony I owe to him'.

Elton married Jane Aston, the daughter of Sir Edward Aston (d.1597) of Tixall, Staffordshire, and his wife Anne, the daughter of Sir Thomas Lucy of Charlecote, Warwickshire, at St Mary le Strand, Middlesex, on 29 December 1602. Dr Thomas Elton was buried at Bath Abbey on 11 August 1618. In his will, made shortly before his death, he left £750 to his surviving seven children, as well as a further £100 for the unborn child his wife was then carrying. He named Jane as executrix, and nominated Sir William Aston, his sister Joyce, wife of Sir Matthew Culpeper, brother Ambrose Elton (d.1659), Sir George Ivie and Thomas Aston as overseers.

Elton was the brother-in-law of the Dorchester physician **Hugh Scrivener**. His son **Walter Elton** practised as an apothecary at Ratcliffe in Stepney, Middlesex. Another son Richard became an officer during the Commonwealth rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel and serving as Governor General of the garrison at Kingston upon Hull. He was the author of *The Compleat Body of the Art Military* (London, R.Leybourn, 1649). Elton's wife Jane died sometime between 1648 and 1650. In her will, she writes of being 'put to extraordinary shifts' to make ends meet following the failure of her brother William Aston to fulfil her husband's will. She named her daughter Jane Leach as executrix.

Children of Dr Thomas Elton and wife Jane:

**Walter**, 9 July 1605 [parish?, Worcester]. He was apprenticed to **Abraham Hugobert**, apothecary, of Ratcliffe, Middlesex, 1 December 1623, and was buried at St Dunstan's, Stepney, Middlesex, 4 July 1648.

Jane [will]. She was described as Jane Leach in the will of her sister Mary and mother Jane.

Anne [will].

Bridget [will].

Mary, bapt.24 February 1608/9 [St Philip and Jacob, Bristol].

Richard, bapt.29 April 1610 [St Philip and Jacob, Bristol].

Simon, bapt.1 January 1611/12; buried 6 July 1615 [St Augustine the Less, Bristol].

Margaret, bapt.29 December 1612; buried 30 October 1614 [St Augustine the Less, Bristol].

John, bapt.18 April 1614 [St Augustine the Less, Bristol]; buried 22 December 1616 [Bath Abbey].

Magdalen, bapt.6 November 1615 [St Augustine the Less, Bristol].

Thomas, bapt.3 September 1618 [Bath Abbey].

#### Apprentices (at Bristol):

William Cooper, of Windsor, Berkshire, 26 March 1610 (in the art of surgery, with note that Elton was not a freeman).

**Ivy Horwood**, son of Richard Horwood, curate of Bratton and vicar of Chute, Wiltshire, 23 April 1614.

F.M.Weaver (ed.), *The Visitation of Herefordshire ... in 1569* (Exeter, 1886), p.26; Herefordshire Archive and Record Centre, parish registers of Ledbury, Herefordshire, baptisms, 1556-1632; Foster, ii, p.461; *CSPD, 1598-1601*, p.335; Thomas Guidott, *A Discourse of the Bathe ... With an Account of the Lives, and Character, of the Physicians of Bathe* (London, 1676), p.164; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; TNA, PROB 11/119, ff.96r-v [nuncupative will of Philipp Scudamore, gent, of St Augustine's, Bristol, 17 January 1611.12, pr.5 February 1611/12]; H.S.Grazebrook (ed.), *The Heraldic Visitations of Staffordshire ... 1614 ... 1663 and 1664* (London, 1885), p.19.

City of Westminster Archives, SML/PR/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary le Strand, Middlesex, 1559-1644]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, p.21; ii, pp.346, 347; TNA, PROB 11/132, f.470v [will of Thomas Elton, doctor of physic, of Bath, Somerset, 31 July 1618, pr.9 December 1618]; *ODNB*, sub Elton, Richard, article by K.Roberts; TNA, PROB 11/212, f.99v [will of Jane Elton, widow of Thomas Elton, doctor of phisicke, 14 February 1647/8, pr.4 May 1650]; Worcestershire RO; **London apothecary database**; London Metropolitan Archives, P93/DUN/278 [parish registers of St Dunstan's, Stepney, Middlesex, burials, 1622-1666]; TNA, PROB 11/173, ff.65r-v [will of Marie Elton of Broxbourne, Hertfordshire, 29 September 1636, pr.23 January 1636/7]; Bristol Archives, P/STP&J/R/1/1 [parish registers of St Philip & Jacob, Bristol, 1576-1621]; P/ST.AUG/R/1/a [parish registers of St Augustine the Less, Bristol, 1577-1666].

**William ENGLAND (d.1715)**

Person ID: 15256

Occ: barber

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

William England, barber, of Taunton, Somerset, is first noted as a participant in Monmouth's Rebellion of 1685, when he was said to have assisted some of the rebels. He clearly survived that ordeal, marrying Joan Pitt at Trull, Somerset, on 16 April 1688. The couple subsequently baptized a daughter Sarah at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, where England practised as a barber. Joan died in 1704, being buried at St Mary's on 5 April of that year. England next married Elizabeth Clarke of St James', Bristol, at Bridgwater on 12 July 1709. They had three children before England, then living in the High Street, died and was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 23 September 1715. The picture is slightly confused, however, because of the existence in Taunton at this time of at least two others named William England, both of whom were buried at St James' on 17 February 1715/16 and 13 May 1716.

Children of William England, barber, and wife Joan:

Sarah, bapt.10 January 1691/2 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Children of William England, barber, and wife Elizabeth:

Philip, bapt.16 July 1710 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Hester, bapt.6 August 1712 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

John, bapt.24 July 1715 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, where wife is probably given in error as Joan].

W.McD.Wigfield, *The Monmouth Rebels* (Gloucester, 1985), p.56; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TRU/2/1/2 [parish registers of Trull, Somerset, 1647-1818]; D\P\TAU.M/2/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, baptisms, 1685-1776]; D\P\TAU.M/2/1/32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, burials, 1682-1760]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.136; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW.M/2/1/3 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1682-1714]; D\P\TAU.J/2/1/8 [parish registers of St James, Taunton, Somerset, 1662-1718].

**Christopher ESTMOND (fl.1700-1704)**

Person ID: 4670

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Donyatt, Somerset

Christopher Estmond of Donyatt, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the county of Somerset on 10 December 1700. He died before June 1709. In his will, made in 1704, he described himself as a surgeon from Donyatt who was currently serving aboard HM 'Feversham'. There, he left all his estate to his 'well beloved wife' Jane, whom he also named as executrix. She married Henry King, gentleman, of Frome Selwood, Somerset, at Northover on 11 June 1709.

Children of Christopher Estmond and wife Jane:

Christopher, bapt.5 May 1696; buried 31 May 1696 [Ilminster].  
Christopher, bapt.7 September 1697 [Ilminster].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\bs/43, *sub* 10 December 1700; TNA, PROB 11/513, ff.245v-246r [will of Christopher Estmond, chyrurgeon, of her majesty's ship Feversham, 29 April 1704, pr.4 February 1709/10]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.236; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\NORTH/2/1/1 [parish registers of Northover, Somerset, 1531-1720]; D\P\ILM/2/1/1 [parish registers of Ilminster, Somerset, 1646-1710].

**Robert EVANS (d.1648)**

Person ID: 34492

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Robert Evans was described as an apothecary of Bath in the apprenticeship record of his son Thomas in 1648. Evans married Bridget Mounton at Bath Abbey on 29 October 1614. She was buried at the Abbey on 28 March 1636. Robert was buried in the same place on 19 July 1648.

Children of Robert Evans and Bridget:

John, bapt.14 July 1616 [Bath Abbey].  
Lucy, bapt.5 January 1617/18; buried 6 January 1617/18 [Bath Abbey].  
George, bapt.17 October 1618; buried 18 October 1618 [Bath Abbey].  
An infant, buried 11 August 1619 [Bath Abbey].  
Lucy, bapt.29 June 1620 [Bath Abbey].  
Robert, bapt.10 November 1622 [Bath Abbey].  
Mary, bapt.10 March 1624/5 [Bath Abbey].  
Margaret, bapt.25 November 1627 [Bath Abbey].  
Mabel, bapt.14 November 1630 [Bath Abbey].  
George, bapt.14 January 1632/3; buried 6 December 1644 [Bath Abbey].  
Thomas, bapt.8 March 1634/5 [Bath Abbey]. He was apprenticed to Francis Hobs or Hobbs, shoemaker, of Bristol, 20 November 1648.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30, 31, 207; ii, pp.347, 348, 357, 364, 366; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

**William EVANS (fl.1622)**

Person ID: 4702

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Wells, Somerset

William Evans of Wells, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol, Exeter, Gloucester and Llandaff on 29 June 1622. Otherwise unidentified.

Lambeth palace Library, Abbot 2, f.198v [*Directory*, i, no.270].

**Ralph EWENS (d.1697 or 1698)**

Person ID: 4733

Occ: physician

Loc: Donyatt, Somerset

Ralph Ewens was probably the son of Ralph Ewens (d.1689) of Broadwindsor, Dorset. A Dr Ralph Ewens along with his son Ralph (possibly father of the Somerset physician) were bailed to appear before the Dorset quarter sessions in September 1633. Ralph Ewens matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 11 December 1658, but did not graduate. He was described as a physician, living in Donyatt, in October 1683, when he informed on the activities and opinions of the local Whig plotter George Speke (1623-1689). He also described himself as a physician in his will, drawn up in December 1697. Ewens died in 1697 or 1698 and was probably buried at Donyatt (whose registers do not survive for this period). He owned mortgaged properties worth £300 in Beaminster, Dorset, which moneys were to be placed in trust for the benefit of Ewens' two sons Ralph and Edward. Ewens named his 'well beloved friends' William Speke, esquire, of Jordan's, and George Wickham (d.1720), rector of Badgworth, Somerset, as well as his brother Richard (b.1653), as executors in trust. The will also mentions three married daughters, including Jane, who married the surgeon Christopher Estmond of Donyatt. She would appear to have been named after Ewens' wife Jane, about whom nothing else is known.

Children of Ralph Ewens:

Mary Edgar [will].

Anne, bapt.11 July 1671 [Ilminster].

Jane Estmond [will]. She was the wife of 1.**Christopher Estmond**, surgeon, of Donyatt; 2.Henry King, gentleman, of Frome Selwood, whom she married at Northover, 11 June 1709.

Joan, bapt.2 December 1674. She was married as Joan Barkwayes in 1697 [will].

Ralph, bapt.27 September 1676 [Ilminster]. Alive 1697 [will].

Frances, bapt.20 December 1679 [Ilminster].

William, bapt.31 March 1686; buried 23 April 1686 [Ilminster].

Edward [will].

Dorset History Centre, PE/BDW: RE/1/2 [parish registers of Broadwindsor, Dorset]; T.Hearing and S.Bridges (eds), *Dorset Quarter Sessions Order Book, 1625-1638* (Dorset Rec.Soc., Dorchester, vol.14, 2006), p.258; Foster, ii, p.476; *CSPD, 1683-1684*, pp.1-2; TNA, PROB 11/448, ff.61v-62r [will of Ralph Ewens, physician, of Donyatt, Somerset, 20 December 1697, pr.19 November 1698]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\ILM/2/1/1 [parish registers of Ilminster, Somerset, 1646-1710].

**Francis EYRES (fl.1662)**

Person ID: 4749

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Charlinch, Somerset

Francis Eyres of Charlinch, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 24 September 1662.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 24 September 1662.

**William FARR or FARRE (fl.1588-1593)**

Person ID: 34493

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Yeovil, Somerset

William Farr is described as a barber surgeon in Yeovil, Somerset, in an administration bond signed on behalf of his father-in-law Thomas Olde or Olde, barber, of Sherborne in Dorset in 1593. He married Johanne Olde at Sherborne on 18 June 1588. Her father left the couple's two children, Thomas and Elizabeth, various items of silver in his will of 1593.

Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, P5/6Reg/42B [will of Thomas Olde, barber, of Sherborne, Dorset, 4 March 1592/3, pr.12 September 1593]; PE/1593/49 [administration bond, will and inventory, dated 12 August 1593, of Thomas Olde, barber, of Sherborne, Dorset].

**Walter FARTHING (d.1748)**

Person ID: 18201

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Taunton and Watchet, Somerset

Walter Farthing, apothecary, living in the High Street, Taunton, married Mary Marker, both of the parish of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, at the latter parish on 10 January 1718/19. He had previously been married to Susanna, who was buried in the same parish on 29 March 1718. Sometime before 1726, Farthing moved to the parish of St Decuman's, Watchet, where he was buried on 1 August 1748.

He may be the same as the Walter Farthing, son of John and Mary Farthing, who was baptized at Kingston St Mary, Somerset, on 16 September 1690.

Children of Walter Farthing, apothecary, and wife Susanna:

Samuel, bapt.21 October 1717 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Children of Walter Farthing, apothecary, and wife Mary:

Robert, bapt.17 July 1719 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, baptisms, 1685-1776]; D\P\TAU.M/1/1/15 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, 1706-1729]; D\P\TAU.M/2/1/32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, burials, 1682-1760]; D\P\St.D/2/1/3 and 4 [parish registers of St Decuman's, Watchet, Somerset, 1704-1750; 1746-1812]; D\P\KING.ST.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of Kingston St Mary, Somerset, 1677-1763].



**James FISHER (d.1728)**

Person ID: 17874

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Somerton, Somerset

James Fisher, apothecary, of Somerton, Somerset, was licensed to marry Mary Mallack of Taunton (a spinster, aged 30) on 15 May 1712. No record of the marriage survives. In 1711, Fisher had been added to a list of trustees responsible for managing the parish school in Somerton. Mr James Fisher, apothecary, was buried at Somerton on 11 September 1728.

There were two men, both referred to as Mr James Fisher in the parish registers, living at Somerton in the early eighteenth century making firmer identification impossible.

Apprentices of James Fisher, apothecary:

Peter Hammond, son of Peter Hammond, yeoman, of Somerset for the premium of £43 as recorded in 1713.

Page Shire, son of Margaret Shire, widow of John Shire Jnr, apothecary, of Crewkerne, Somerset, 7 July 1725.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.142; *Report of the Commissioners ... to Enquire Concerning Charities* (London, 1825), p.443; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\SOM/2/1/1 [parish registers of Somerton, Somerset, 1697-1785]; TNA, IR 1/2, f.168; P.J. and R.V.Wallis, *Eighteenth-Century Medics* (Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1985), p.1003.

**John FISHER (fl.1681-1689)**

Person ID: 4931

Occ: surgeon/apothecary

Loc: Somerton, Somerset

John Fisher, surgeon, of Somerton, Somerset, was licensed to marry Elizabeth Penny (a spinster, aged 30) on 26 September 1681. No record of the marriage survives. In March 1689, Fisher provided a medical certificate, along with Dr **John Frederick Sagittary** of Blandford Forum, Dorset, on behalf of Ralph Stawell, baron Stawell of Somerton. Stawell, a Roman Catholic peer who died six months later, was wanted for questioning following his appointment as lord lieutenant of Somerset by James II in 1688. Fisher was later described in 1708 as an apothecary in the apprenticeship books of Bristol. He may be the same as the John Fisher Snr, who was buried at Somerton on 2 March 1705/6.

Children of John Fisher and wife Elizabeth:

Russell, bapt.5 February 1697/8 [Somerton].

Paul. He was apprenticed to Robert Smith, mercer, of Bristol at Bristol, 23 September 1708.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from Their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.141; House of Lords RO, HL/PO/10/1/404/21; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers, 1699-1724.

**Joan FIVEN (d.1655)**

Person ID: 34494

Occ: midwife

Loc: North Curry, Somerset

Joan Fiven, midwife, was buried at North Curry, Somerset, on 11 March 1654/5.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\N.CUR/2/1/1 [parish registers of North Curry, Somerset, 1539-1721].

**Benedict FLORE or FLOWER (d.1694)**

Person ID: 5013

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Wincanton, Somerset

Benedict Flore or Flower, surgeon, of Wincanton was married twice. Nothing is known of his first wife, Rebecca, who died shortly after giving birth to their only child Elizabeth. She was buried at Wincanton on 5 February 1680/1. He subsequently married Jane Harvey of Wincanton at Cucklington on 7 April 1684. Mr Benedict Flore or Flower was buried at Wincanton on 30 March 1694. He was probably the father of John Flower, apothecary, who settled in Axminster and died in 1754, but no baptismal record has been found.

Children of Benedict Flore or Flower and wife Rebecca:

Elizabeth, bapt.5 December 1680; buried 14 December 1680 [Wincanton].

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from Their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.143; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WINC/2/1/1 [parish registers of Wincanton, Somerset, 1636-1721]; D\P\CUCK/2/1/1 [parish registers of Cucklington, Somerset, 1558-1699].

**John FLOWER (d.1754)**

Person ID: 17006/18255

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Axbridge, Somerset

John Flower, apothecary, originally from Wincanton, in Somerset, settled in Axbridge where he practised as an apothecary during the first half of the eighteenth century. He married on three occasions. Firstly, he was licensed to marry Unity Gerard of Wincanton (a spinster, aged 27) on 22 April 1706. No record of the marriage survives. She died in 1711 and was buried at Axbridge on 19 August 1711. Flower then married Ann Simmons of Compton Bishop (a spinster, aged 28) at Winscombe, Somerset, on 2 October 1712. She died in 1721 and was buried at Axbridge on 25 February 1720/1. Finally, Flower married Sarah Simmons or Symmons of South

Brent at Bedminster, Somerset, on 24 January 1722/3. Mr John Flower Snr was buried at Axbridge on 13 November 1754.

Children of John Flower and wife Unity:

Anne, bapt.4 November 1708; buried 3 December 1708 [Axbridge].

Children of John Flower and wife Anne:

Anne, bapt.24 January 1714/15 [Axbridge].

John, bapt.9 March 1715/16 [Axbridge].

Jane, buried 18 October 1718 [Axbridge].

Jane, bapt.3 December 1719; buried 10 March 1724/5 [Axbridge].

Children of John Flower and wife Sarah:

Sarah, bapt.4 December 1723; buried 15 May 1727 [Axbridge].

Jane, bapt.9 June 1725 [Axbridge].

Thomas, bapt.9 September 1726; buried 2 June 1727 [Axbridge].

Thomas, bapt.12 August 1728; buried 12 January 1728/9 [Axbridge].

Thomas, bapt.26 January 1731/2; buried 20 October 1732 [Axbridge].

Apprentice of John Flower, apothecary:

William Cornish of Yarlington, Somerset, for the premium of £25 as recorded in 1718.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.143; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\PAX/2/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Axbridge, Somerset, 1561-1718; 1718-1790]; D\P\WINS/2/1/2 [parish registers of Winscombe, Somerset, 1658-1803]; Bristol Archives, P/ST.JBED/R/1/c [parish registers of Bedminster, Somerset, 1722-1763]; TNA, IR 1/7, f.2.

**Christopher FORCEVILLE (b.1671)**

Person ID: 35039

Occ: barber

Loc: Wincanton, Somerset

Christopher Forceville of Wincanton, Somerset, was described as a barber in the record of the apprenticeship of her daughter Mary in 1716. He was the son of Peter Forceville and his wife Mary and was baptized at Castle Ashby in Northamptonshire on 21 September 1671. He was living in Wincanton from about 1697 until 1717 but no record of his death or burial has been found.

Children of Christopher Forceville and his wife Elizabeth:

Mary, bapt.4 February 1696/7 [Wincanton]. She was apprenticed to one Cox, a Cordwainer, of Bruton, Somerset, for the premium of £8 12s as recorded in 1716. Peter, bapt.1 May 1699 [Wincanton].

Christopher, bapt.5 March 1701/2 [Wincanton].  
Margaret, bapt.2 May 1704 [Wincanton].  
George, bapt.3 December 1706 [Wincanton].  
Elizabeth, bapt.8 February 1707/8 [Wincanton].  
George, bapt.14 August 1712 [Wincanton].  
Elizabeth, bapt.15 February 1714/15 [Wincanton].  
Priscilla, bapt.23 September 1717 [Wincanton].

Northamptonshire RO, 58P/2 [parish registers of Castle Ashby, Northamptonshire, 1653-1698]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WINC/2/1/1 [parish registers of Wincanton, Somerset, 1636-1721]; TNA, IR 1/5, f.19.

**George FORD (1606-1673)**

Person ID: 5056

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Frome Selwood, Somerset

George Ford of Frome Selwood was licensed to practise surgery in the dioceses of Bath and Wells and Salisbury on 25 November 1663. Letters in support of Ford, signed by Henry Coker, claimed that he was aged about 56, had practised surgery for about 25 years, and had 'done many strang and wonderfull cuers to the good of many people'.

Given his stated age, he was probably the George Forde, the son of John Forde, who was baptized at Writhlington in Somerset on 11 March 1606. Ford married Joan Morton at Frome on 5 May 1628. She was buried at Frome on 30 June 1652. George Ford was buried at Frome on 10 July 1673.

Children of George Ford and wife Joan:

Elizabeth, bapt.17 April 1629 [Frome].  
Jane or Joan, bapt.10 December 1630; buried 25 February 1633/4 [Frome].  
George, bapt.5 November 1632; buried 25 February 1634/5 [Frome].  
Jervice, bapt.20 January 1634/5 [Frome].  
Thomas, bapt.28 March 1637 [Frome].  
George, bapt.10 January 1638/9 [Frome].  
Anne, bapt.19 July 1640 [Frome].  
William, bapt.12 August 1647 [Frome].

Lambeth Palace Library, FII/4/56; F1/C, f.151v [*Directory*, ii, no.990]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\RR 486 [bishop's transcript of parish register of Writhlington, Somerset, 1606]; D\P\FR.JO/2/1/1 [parish registers of Frome, Somerset, 1558-1703].

**John FORD (fl.1668)**

Person ID: 34495

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

John Ford was active as an apothecary in Bath, Somerset, in the mid-seventeenth century. He married Jane (b.1631), the daughter of **Thomas Burford**, apothecary, of

Bath and his wife Elizabeth who mentioned her daughter in her will of 1659. The parish registers of St James', Bath, record the births of three sons between 1650 and 1655, two of whom went on to be apprenticed to London vintners.

Children of Mr John Ford and wife Jane, nee Burford:

Francis, born 5 October 1650 [St James', Bath].

John, born 16 March 1652/3 [St James', Bath]. He was apprenticed to Robert Gardiner, citizen and vintner, of London, 2 March 1668/9 and discharged 5 August 1671.

Samuel, born 16 November 1655 [St James', Bath]. He was apprenticed to Richard Rastell of the Vintners' Company, London, 6 February 1671/2.

TNA, PROB 11/597, ff.29r-v [will of Elizabeth Burford(e), widow, of Bath, Somerset, 18 August 1659, pr.20 March 1659/60]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D/P\BA.JA/2/1/1 [parish registers of St James', Bath, Somerset, 1569-1694]; 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.403; **London Apprenticeship Abstracts, 1442-1850.**

**John FORD (d.1687)**

Person ID: 34496

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

William, the son of John Ford, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, deceased, was apprenticed to George Segner, citizen and clockmaker, of London on 26 July 1692 as a jeweler and was discharged on 6 February 1696/7. No evidence of Ford's practice as an apothecary has survived but he was active in the city from at least 1667 until his death in 1687. Mr John Ford was buried in Bath Abbey on 26 September 1687.

Children of Mr John Ford and wife Eleanor:

Robert, bapt.8 July 1667 [Bath Abbey].

Eleanor, bapt.12 May 1669; buried 24 September 1670 [Bath Abbey].

Hester, bapt.25 May 1671; buried 7 May 1673 [Bath Abbey].

Mary, bapt.16 January 1673/4 [Bath Abbey].

Eleanor, bapt.7 March 1675/6 [Bath Abbey].

William, bapt.9 April 1677 [Bath Abbey].

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.403; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.50, 51, 52, 55, 56, 57; ii, pp.379, 381, 389.

**John FORD (fl.1705)**

Person ID: 5062

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

John Ford, of St James', Taunton, Somerset, was licensed to practise the art of surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 28 August 1705.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 28 August 1705.

**Richard FORD (d.1733)**

Person ID: 17030

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Richard Ford, apothecary, served on Bath city council from 1692, serving as constable (1692-3), bailiff (1695-6, 1705-6), chamberlain (1711-12), alderman (1712-33) and mayor in 1713 and 1730. He was also a JP for the city on five occasions between 1714 and 1732. In addition, Ford served as treasurer of the Bluecoats School. In 1676, the Cheshire gentleman Roger Wilbraham, who lodged with Ford, described him as 'an able apoth[ecary]' who treated his wife with various cordials and so helped to prolong her life before she died later that year. Sometime before 1693, Ford testified to the healing powers of the waters at Bath when he recalled how his sixteen-week-old child was healed of phlegm and a congested chest as a result of his wife, Priscilla, taking the waters while still breast-feeding.

Ford married Priscilla Rodborn at St James, Bath, on 21 October 1688. He died on 27 May 1733 and was buried at the abbey in Bath three days later. A portrait of Ford, painted in 1730 by Johan van Diest (1695-1757), hangs in the Victoria Art Gallery in the Guild Hall at Bath.

Children of Richard Ford and wife Priscilla:

Ann, bapt.15 October 1689; buried 18 February 1689/90 [Bath Abbey].  
John, bapt.23 December 1690; buried 2 March 1691/2 [Bath Abbey].  
Richard, bapt.154 December 1692; buried 27 June 1693 [Bath Abbey].  
Francis, bapt.25 February1693/4; buried 2 March 1695/6 [Bath Abbey].  
Eleanor, bapt.26 November 1695; buried 18 February 1732/3 [Bath Abbey].  
Mary, bapt.16 March 1696/7; buried 9 November 1749 [Bath Abbey].  
Ann, bapt.13 June 1698; buried 22 February 1699/1700 [Bath Abbey].  
John, bapt.30 September 1699 [Bath Abbey]. He became an apothecary after serving an apprenticeship under his father.  
Frances, bapt.3 March 1700/1; buried 6 February 1745/6 [Bath Abbey].  
Elizabeth, bapt.19 July 1702 [Bath Abbey].  
Hester, bapt.27 December 1705 [Bath Abbey].  
Richard, bapt.29 March 1707 [Bath Abbey].

Apprentices of Richard Ford, apothecary:

William Jones, the son of **John Jones**, apothecary, of Bradford upon Avon, Wiltshire, for the premium of £50 on 29 September 1712.

John Horton, the son of John Horton of Devizes, Wiltshire, for the premium of £50 on 29 September 1722. He practiced as an apothecary at Bath.

Giles or Gyles Griffith, son of Thomas Griffith of Ross on Wye, Herefordshire, for the premium of £60 as recorded in 1728.

[www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath](http://www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath) [accessed 15 February 2023]; J.Hall, *A History of the Town and Parish of Nantwich* (Nantwich, 1883), pp.428-9; Thomas Guidott, *The Register of Bath, or, Two Hundred Observations* (London, 1694), p.110; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BA.JA/2/1/1 [parish registers of St James', Bath, Somerset, 1686-1719]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 80, 81; ii, pp.390, 391, 392, 394, 396, 424, 434, 438; C.Dale (ed.), *Wiltshire Apprentices and Their Masters, 1710-1760* (Gateshead, Wiltshire Natural History Society, vol.17, 1961), pp.79, 85; TNA, IR 1/42, f.183; 1/47, f.194; 1/49, f.55.

**William FORD (fl.1642)**

Person ID: 34874

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Ilchester, Somerset

William Ford, barber surgeon, with others of his family was a defendant in a debt case in the Court of Common Pleas in 1642.

TNA, CP40/2500, m.2628; CP40/2501, m.3043 [1642].

**William FRAMPTON (d.1728)**

Person ID: 5195

Occ; Surgeon/apothecary

Loc: Frome, Somerset

William Frampton, of Frome Selwood, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 23 October 1676. He is probably the William Frampton, 'licensed in physic and surgery', who supplied letters testimonial on behalf of **John Stevens** of Trowbridge, Wiltshire, in 1708. He may have begun life as an apothecary. In 1679, William Frampton, apothecary, of Frome Selwood acted as bondsman for the marriage of the Trowbridge mercer George Davis.

Frampton probably came from Trowbridge in Wiltshire. He married his first wife, Anne Davis, there on 8 June 1674. She died between 1678 and 1696. Frampton then married Mrs Rebecca Webb at Laverton, Somerset, on 29 October 1696. Mr William Frampton was buried at Frome on 5 August 1728.

Children of William Frampton and wife Anne:

Thomas, bapt.28 December 1676 [Frome].

Richard, bapt.21 January 1677/8 [Frome].

Roger, bapt. ? July 1680 [wife not named; Frome].

Children of William Frampton and Rebecca:

William, bapt.3 May 1699 [Frome].

Ann, bapt.6 March 1701/2 [Frome].

Mary, bapt.13 December 1703; buried 15 January 1703/4 [Frome].

John, bapt.15 September 1705; buried 2 October 1705 [Frome].  
John, buried 16 September 1706 [Frome].  
Trogullion, buried 27 September 1709 [Frome].  
Tregonwell, bapt.23 December 1715; buried 7 May 1719 [Frome].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 23 October 1676; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/429; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, D1/62, marriage licence bonds and allegations for the diocese of Salisbury, 1671-1680 (Wiltshire Family History Society); BT/TROW/bundle 1 [bishop's transcript, parish register of Trowbridge, Wiltshire]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\LAV/2/1/1 [parish registers of Lavington, Somerset, 1678-1784]; D\P\FR.JO/2/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Frome, Somerset, 1558-1703; 1698-1765].

**John FRANCIS (d.1705)**

Person ID: 34497

Occ: barber

Loc: Yeovil, Somerset

John Francis, barber, was buried at Yeovil, Somerset, on 18 April 1705. There was also a dyer of the same name living in Yeovil at this time.

Children of John Francis:

Mary, bapt.20 August 1681 [Yeovil].  
Samuel, bapt.27 March 1688 [Yeovil].  
John, buried 3 June 1700 [Yeovil].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\YEO.J/2/1/2 [parish registers of St John's, Yeovil, Somerset, 1638-1783].

**George FRANCKE (fl.1678)**

Person ID: 5209

Occ: Licensed surgeon.

Loc: Somerset

George Francke was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells, 3 January 1677/8. Otherwise unknown, he may have been the George Francke, son of John Francke, who was baptized at Bath Abbey on 30 December 1632.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 3 January 1677/8; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, p.30.

**John FREIND or FRIEND (d.1706)**

Person ID: 5270

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

John Freind, surgeon, of Taunton was active in the town for over fifty years. Little is known of his medical practice, but a great deal more relating to his political activities,



particularly his support for radical Whiggism, has survived. He first appears in 1656, when he was both a witness to an assize case as well as being bound over to appear to answer a charge of abusing John Gorges, the mayor of Taunton. By the 1680s, and in the aftermath of the Exclusion Crisis, he became increasingly active on behalf of the Whigs. In August 1683, he was arrested at Sherborne in Dorset on suspicion of plotting. The authorities reported that nothing incriminating had been discovered on his person 'but such as related to his trade'. He was imprisoned the following month amid suspicions that he was acting as a recruiting agent for the duke of Monmouth. In response, Freind requested access to medical help on the grounds that he was recovering from a severe ague that had blighted his health for two years. The government refused, believing that Freind, 'an obstinate man', was faking his illness. He was consequently incarcerated in the Marshalsea but released on bail in November 1683. On returning to Taunton, he was soon in trouble with the authorities again, this time for attending a conventicle in the town just a few days after his return. It is not known whether Friend participated directly in the Monmouth rebellion in 1685, though in the aftermath he was said, as an associate of John Trenchard and with links to the Green Ribbon Club, to have distributed weapons, including muskets, among his neighbours. Freind nonetheless survived the backlash against supporters of the rebellion after 1685, and in September 1688 he was made a capital burgess in Taunton under the new charter issued by James II.

Little is known of Freind's personal life. He would appear to have been married to a daughter of the Somerset gentleman, Henry Bonner (d.1680) of Combe St Nicholas, a commonwealth man, who served various offices on behalf of the parliamentary regime in the 1640s and 1650s. John Friend, gentleman, was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 12 September 1706.

Children of John Friend or Friend:

John, bapt.2 November 1674 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

TNA, ASSI 24/1, Somerset, Summer 1656; *CSPD, 1 January-30 June 1683*, p.385; *CSPD, July-September 1683*, pp.77, 321, 332, 338, 367, 385, 389, 391; M.Goldie *et al* (eds), *The Entring Book of Roger Morrice*, 6 vols (Woodbridge & NY, 2007), ii, pp.382, 402; *CSPD, 1683-1684*, p.229; R.L.Greaves, *Secrets of the Kingdom: British Radicals from the Popish Plot to the Revolution of 1688-1689* (Stanford, CA, 1992), p.198; *CSPD, 1687-1689*, p.268; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1682-1760]; D\P\TAU.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696].

**Robert FULFORD (d.1709)**

Person ID: 34498

Occ: barber

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Mary, the wife of Robert Fulford, barber, was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 16 June 1704. Robert Fulford was buried in the same parish on 15 March 1708/9.

Children of Robert Fulford and wife Mary:

Catherine, bapt.17 April 1688 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\2/1/1, 2 and 32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696; 1685-1776; 1682-1760].

**Henry FYCE (d.1617)**

Person ID: 5352

Occ: licensed surgeon/physician

Loc: East Pennard, Somerset

Henry Fyce, who described himself as a gentleman and student of Oxford University, of East Pennard, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the city of Bath and diocese of Bath and Wells on 1 July 1580. No record of his presence at Oxford has been discovered. Evidence of his practice at East Pennard is apparent in the burial record of one of his patients, John Pewe of Wells, who died while taking physic at the house of Henry Fisse or Fyce in May 1614.

Fyce was buried at East Pennard on 19 January 1616/17. His widow Joanna was buried in the same parish on 3 February 1617/18. Fyce was involved in a prolonged legal dispute over land in East Pennard with his brother John. The Chancery documents in the case name Henry's son Nicholas as his heir. No will, however, has survived.

Children of Henry Fyce and wife Joanna:

Nicholas. He married Gertrude Crofte at East Pennard, 10 July 1612. She was buried there, 6 June 1616. He was buried there, 1 February 1617/18.

Lambeth Palace Library, Grindal, f.206 [*Directory*, i, no.320]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\PE.PEN/2/1/1 [parish registers of East Pennard, Somerset, 1608-1747]; TNA, C2/Eliz/F9/66; C78/190/6.

**George GADD (fl.1676)**

Person ID: 5364

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: North Petherton, Somerset

George Gadd of North Petherton, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 7 September 1676. He was either:

1. George Gadd, the son of Roger Gadd (d.1664) and his wife Rabidge (d./1667), was baptised at North Petherton on 16 September 1627. He married twice. Firstly, he married Anne Warner at North Petherton on 12 May 1651, and then on 12 November 1655 he married Anne Porter of Cannington, also at North Petherton. Gadd was buried at North Petherton on 10 January 1689/90. Or:
2. George, the eldest son of the above, who was baptized at North Petherton on 1 May 1652.

Children of George Gadd Snr:

George, bapt.1 May 1652 [North Petherton].

Margaret, bapt.28 September 1656 [North Petherton].

**Roger**, bapt.22 January 1658/9 [North Petherton]. He became a surgeon.

Amy, bapt.16 November 1663 [North Petherton].

George, bapt.22 January 1667/8; buried 28 August 1668 [North Petherton]

George, buried 28 December 1670 [North Petherton].

Mary, bapt.19 January 1671/2 [North Petherton].

Rabidge, bapt.28 March 1674 [North Petherton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\bs\42, *sub* 7 September 1676; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\PPET.N\2\1\1, 2 and 3 [parish registers of North Petherton, Somerset, 1558-1692; 1653-1692; 1692-1812].

### **Roger GADD (1659-1707)**

Person ID: 5365

Occ: surgeon

Loc: North Petherton, Somerset

Roger Gadd was the son of **George Gadd**, surgeon, of North Petherton, where he was baptized on 22 January 1658/9. Mr Roger Gadd, surgeon, of North Petherton, Somerset, married Grace Yeates, the daughter of Ruth Yeates of North Petherton at the same parish on 13 March 1691/2. He had probably been married twice before. On 5 May 1684, he was licensed to marry Ann Stracy of North Petherton (aged 18), but no record of the marriage has been discovered. A further licence for the marriage of a Roger Gadd, yeoman, of North Petherton with Margaret Colebourn of the same, widow, was issued on 24 May 1688. Margaret died in 1691 and was buried at North Petherton on 6 June 1691. Roger Gadd was buried in the same parish on 26 January 1706/7.

Children of Roger Gadd and wife Ann:

George, buried 20 August 1685 [North Petherton].

Children of Roger Gadd and wife Margaret:

Agnes, bapt.26 June 1689; buried 15 October 1689 [North Petherton].

Children of Roger Gadd and wife Grace:

George, bapt.15 September 1693 [North Petherton].

Roger, bapt.6 July 1695 [North Petherton].

Edward, bapt.13 October 1697 [North Petherton].

Amy, bapt.18 September 1700 [North Petherton].

Mary, bapt.23 January 1702/3 [North Petherton].

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from Their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.153; Somerset Heritage

Centre, D\P\PET.N/2/1/1, 2 and 3 [parish registers of North Petherton, Somerset, 1558-1692; 1653-1692; 1692-1812].

**Thomas GALE (d.1713)**

Person ID: 34499

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Thomas Gale, apothecary, of Fore Street, Taunton, married Mrs Margaret Kingdon of Oake, Somerset, at Oake on 29 June 1697. The couple baptized five children in the parish of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, between 1699 and 1707. Gale's wife Margaret was buried at St James', Taunton, on 4 February 1706/7, shortly after giving birth to a son, Roger. Gale is not to be confused with the Thomas Gale, sergemaker, who was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 28 March 1712. Mr Thomas Gale, the apothecary, was elected as mayor of Taunton in 1712 and died in office the following year. He was buried at St James', Taunton, on 10 February 1712/13.

Children of Thomas Gale, apothecary, and wife Margaret:

Blanch, bapt.22 June 1699 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton]. She married William Slape at Wilton, Somerset, 19 January 1722/3.

Alice, bapt.28 March 1700/1 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton]; buried 8 September 1710 [St James', Taunton].

John, bapt.10 March 1702/3 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Elizabeth, bapt.4 February 1705/6 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton]; buried 21 March 1708/9 [St James', Taunton].

Roger, bapt.9 January 1706/7 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton]; buried 14 March 1706/7 [St James', Taunton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\OAKE/2/1/1 [parish registers of Oake, Somerset, 1630-1793]; D\P\TAU/M/2/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, baptisms, Taunton, Somerset, 1685-1776]; D\P\TAU.JA/2/1/8 [parish registers of St James', Taunton, Somerset, 1662-1718]; D\P\WILT/2/1/2 [parish registers of Wilton, Somerset, 1705-1812].

**George GALLOP (fl.1616)**

Person ID: 5388

Occ: licensed surgeon/physician

Loc: West Lydford, Somerset

George Gallop of West Lydford, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery throughout the province of Canterbury on 23 November 1616. He is probably the man described as 'Gallop the conjurer' whose tomb in the churchyard was noted by the eighteenth-century diarist John Cannon. Unfortunately, the parish registers of West Lydford do not survive for the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

Lambeth Palace Library, Abbot 1, f.197 [*Directory*, i, no.324]; Somerset Heritage Centre, DD/SAS C1193/4 [diary/memoirs of John Cannon, schoolmaster and officer of excise, 1684-1742].

**John GAME (d.1693)**

Person ID: 5393/21846

Occ: apothecary/licensed physician

Loc: Yeovil, Somerset

John Game, who described himself as a gentleman of Yeovil, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine throughout the province of Canterbury on 23 February 1674. Game, probably through the assistance of his well-connected father-in-law Dr John Beale, vicar of Yeovil, was able to call on the support of some of London's leading physicians in applying for the licence. They included **Walter Needham**, **Daniel Coxe** and **William Croone**. He probably shared his father-in-law's enthusiasm for the new science. In his will of 1676, Game's brother-in-law, John Beale, left him 'all his Books and Instruments of Physick and Chyrurgery' as well as 'my costly telescope', valued at £40, 'all my optic glasse' as well as two swords and two cases of pistols. In his own will, however, Game described himself as an apothecary.

Mr John Game married Jane Beale at Yeovil on 27 July 1673. He was buried at Yeovil on 30 November 1693. In his will, made just five days before his death, he left all his estate to his wife Jane on condition she remained a widow. In the event that she did re-marry, her estate was to be divided between the couple's unmarried children with the exception of Game's house which he left to his eldest son John. He also bequeathed copyhold lands purchased from Lord Stourton to his eldest daughter Jane. Game's widow Jane, who married Martin Stronge, vicar of Yeovil, at Aller, Somerset, on 22 September 1696 was buried at Yeovil on 4 November 1696.

Children of Mr John Game and wife Jane:

Jane, bapt.22 April 1674 [Yeovil]. She married Edward Barwick at Yeovil, 19 October 1691.

Elizabeth, bapt.26 May 1676; buried 14 April 1688 [Yeovil].

Mary, bapt.9 August 1679; buried 18 April 1695 [Yeovil].

John, bapt.10 May 1682; buried 21 February 1695/6 [Yeovil]. He married Mathew Jacob, widow, at Yeovil, 24 December 1706.

Ann, bapt.24 February 1684/5 [Yeovil]. She married John Russell at Yeovil, 23 April 1703.

Rachel, bapt.2 November 1687; buried 1 August 1695 [Yeovil].

Elizabeth, bapt.3 April 1690 [Yeovil].

Margaret, bapt.8 June 1692 [Yeovil].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/58/1-3 [*Directory*, i, no.325]; TNA, PROB 11/377, ff.191r-v [will of John Beale, physician, of Yeovil, 3 March 1675/6, pr.17 October 1684]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\YEO.J/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Yeovil, Somerset, 1638-1783; 1650-1699]; TNA, PROB 11/419, ff.60r-v [will of John Game, apothecary, of Yeovil, Somerset, 25 November 1693, pr.17 March 1693/4]; 11/423, ff.138v-139r [will of Jane Beale, widow, of Yeovil, Somerset, 3 July 1694, pr.19 December 1694]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\ALL/2/1/2 [parish registers of Aller, Somerset, 1653-1708].

**Margaret GARDENER (fl.1667)**

Person ID: 34500

Occ: healer

Loc: Dunster, Somerset

Margaret Gardener of Dunster was paid by the overseers of the poor in 1667 for curing the child of Thomas Hellman of the rickets.

F.Hancock, *Dunster Church and Priory* (Taunton, 1905), p.137.

**Thomas GAY (fl.1604-1617)**

Person ID: 34501

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Thomas Gay is identified as a surgeon in the apprenticeship record of his son Richard in 1620. He is probably the Thomas Gay, the son of Richard Gay, who was baptized at Bath Abbey on 23 April 1582. He married Annis Baber at Twerton, near Bath, on 27 November 1604 and was resident in the parish of St Michael's, Bath. No record of his death or burial has been found.

Children of Thomas Gay:

Richard, bapt.31 July 1605 [St Michael's, Bath]. He was apprenticed to William Tyler, turner, of Bristol, 20 January 1619/20.

Anthony, bapt.1 January 1609/10 [St Michael's, Bath].

Thomas, bapt.21 May 1612 [St Michael's, Bath].

Olive, bapt. October 1617 [St Michael's, Bath].

Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, p.5; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TWN/2/1/1 [parish registers of Twerton, Somerset, 1538-1690]; D\P\BA.MI/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Michael's, Bath, Somerset, 1569-1711].

**Edward GERMAN (fl.1697-1704)**

Person ID: 34502

Occ: barber

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Edward German was a barber and nonconformist, who was resident in North Street, Taunton, between 1697 and 1704. He married Hannah Pitts, of Taunton, at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 30 December 1697.

Children of Edward German, barber, and Hannah:

Daniel, born 23 December 1702 [Taunton].

Mary, buried 31 March 1704 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Edward, born 20 November 1704 [Taunton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU/M/2/1/14 and 32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1696-1715; 1682-1760]; D\P\TAU.M/2/1/3 [register of births of nonconformists, Taunton, Somerset, 1696-1778].

**GIBBS (fl.1643)**

Person ID: 34503

Occ: midwife

Loc: Wells, Somerset

John Gibbs, the son of midwife Gibbs, was buried at St Cuthbert's, Wells, on 7 August 1643.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1609-1668].

**George GIBBS (1573-1607)**

Person ID: 17031

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Gibbs was probably the son of Thomas Gibbs who was baptized at Bath Abbey on 7 July 1573. He was buried at the abbey on 3 November 1607. In his will, made the same year, he left about £100 in bequests leaving the bulk of his estate to his young two sons, John and George and the residue of his estate to his wife and executrix Katherine. He also made special mention of his 'loving friend' Dr **John Sherwood**. Other beneficiaries included the testator's mother, father-in-law John Tucker, siblings and brother-in-law George Blackborne, who received 'all shop books and wearing apparel'. He also left a small bequest of £5 to be used in glazing one of the windows in the abbey. In 1633, under questioning by the censors of the College of Physicians in London, Gibbs' son **George** claimed to have served a seven-year apprenticeship in Bath as an apothecary, as well as serving as a surgeon on a voyage to Virginia. He had earlier been charged with practising illicitly in 1618. George's eldest son John was also an apothecary, based in Bath.

Children of George Gibbs:

**John**, bapt.27 March 1600 [Bath Abbey]. An apothecary at Bath, he died in either 1630 or 1631.

**George**, bapt.1 April 1602 [Bath Abbey]. Surgeon and apothecary, and practising in London illicitly, 1618 and 1633. He was described as an apothecary of Bath, deceased, when his son George was apprenticed to Anthony Bassett, merchant tailor, of Bristol on 2 January 1648/9. However, the entry was subsequently deleted as invalid.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.2, 13; ii, p.341.TNA, PROB 11/110, ff.362v-363r [will of George Gibbes, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 20 September 1607, pr.16 December 1607]; Royal College of Physicians, London, Annals, iii, pp.???, ??? [Pelling, database]; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

**George GIBBS (d.1701)**

Person ID: 34504

Occ: physician

Loc: Crewkerne, Somerset

George Gibbes, doctor of phisicke, was buried at Crewkerne, Somerset, 13 November 1701. Otherwise unidentified, but possibly the father of, or related to **John Gibbs**, apothecary, of Crewkerne.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\CREW/2/1/3 [parish registers of Crewkerne, Somerset, 1686-1764]; TNA, PROB 4/22367.

**Harry or Henry GIBBS (1690-1735)**

Person ID: 17032

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Henry Gibbs, otherwise known as Harry, was the son of Walter Gibbs Jnr, and was baptized at St James', Bath, on 7 March 1689/90. Apprenticed with **John Moore** in 1706, Gibbs married Amy Cooth, a spinster aged 17, of Shepton Mallet at Doultling, Somerset, on 9 October 1712. He later served on the Bath city council as councilman (1732-3) and bailiff (1734-5), dying in office in 1735. Gibbs was buried in Bath Abbey on 20 May 1735. In his will, made just a few weeks before his death, Gibbs left bequests totaling over £1000, as well as two properties (the Talbot in St Michael's, Bath, and Seven Stars in city) to his wife, two daughters Catherine and Mary, and two sons Walter and Harry. He also possessed shares in the public brewhouse on Broad Street. He named his son Walter, an apothecary, as residual legatee and executor, requesting that his wife Amy and brother-in-law Thomas Cooth act as trustees and guardians on behalf of his three younger children. Gibbs' widow, Amy, was buried at the abbey on 8 April 1756.

Children of Henry Gibbs and Amy:

Walter, buried 8 July 1752 [Bath Abbey]. Apothecary, of Bath.

Catherine [will]

Thomas, buried 6 April 1718 [Bath Abbey].

Thomas, buried 8 February 1718/19 [Bath Abbey].

Mary, bapt.6 April 1720 [Bath Abbey].

Harry, bapt.26 July 1721; buried 17 October 1759 [Bath Abbey].

Apprentice of James Gibbs, apothecary:

James Street, son of William Street, clerk, of Bath, deceased, for the premium of £45 as recorded in 1715.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BA.JA/2/1/2 [parish registers of St James', Bath, Somerset, 1686-1719]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.160; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\DOUL/2/1/2 [parish registers of Doultling, Somerset, 1685-1733]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and*



*Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.92, 93; ii, pp.410, 426, 440, 444, 447; TNA, PROB 11/690, ff.79r-v [will of Harry Gibbs, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 4 April and 6 May 1735, pr.27 June 1738]; TNA, IR 1/4, f.124.

**John GIBBS (1600-1630 or 1631)**

Person ID: 17022

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

John Gibbs was the son of **George Gibbs** and his wife Katherine and was baptized at Bath Abbey on 27 March 1600. Gibbs, like his father, set up as an apothecary in Bath. He married Anne Pelling at Bath Abbey on 10 June 1627. Gibbs does not appear, however, to have died in Bath. His very brief will, in which he named his wife as sole legatee and executrix, was unwitnessed.

Children of John Gibbs and wife Katherine:

Katherine, bapt.8 July 1628; buried 10 October 1629 [Bath Abbey].  
Margery, bapt.27 April 1631; buried 9 April 1634 [Bath Abbey].

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.13, 27, 29, 209; ii, pp.353, 355; TNA, PROB 11/159, ff.319r-v [will of John Gibbes, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 31 October 1630, pr.15 April 1631].

**John GIBBS (fl.1715-1723)**

Person ID: 35029

Occ: apothecary/doctor

Loc: Crewkerne, Somerset

John Gibbs practiced as an apothecary and doctor in the Somerset town of Crewkerne in the early eighteenth century.

Children of Mr John Gibbs:

John, bapt.26 January 1714/15 [Crewkerne].  
Joseph, bapt.7 September 1720 [Crewkerne].  
Elizabeth, bapt.25 October 1721 [Crewkerne].  
William, bapt.30 April 1723 [Crewkerne].

Three unnamed children of Mr John Gibbs were buried at Crewkerne on 13 July 1716, 6 September 1721 and 7 August 1723.

Apprentice of John Gibbs, apothecary:

Henry Hoskins, son of Richard Hoskins of Beaminster, Dorset, for the premium of £35 as recorded in 1716. He practiced as an apothecary at Crewkerne, Somerset.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CREW/2/1/3 [parish registers of Crewkerne, Somerset, 1686-1764]; TNA, IR 1/44, f.100.

**Rosewell GIBBS (1680-1738)**

Person ID: 16565

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Rosewell Gibbs was the son of **Thomas Gibbs**, apothecary, and his wife Mary, of Bath. He was baptized at St James', Bath, on 9 November 1680. Like his father, he entered local politics, serving various functions on the city council. He served as a councilman from 1708-24, constable (1708-9, 1720-1), bailiff (1710-11, 1717-18), chamberlain (1723-4), alderman (1724-38) and mayor in 1725-6. He also sat as a JP on the city's magistrates' bench on three occasions between 1726 and 1736.

Gibbs married Anne Cranfield of Bath at Weston, near Bath, on 21 July 1718. He was buried at St James', Bath, on 13 August 1738. In his will, made days before his death, Gibbs placed the bulk of his considerable property including lands at Twerton and Loxton and the advowson of the rectory of the latter in the hands of five trustees who were to manage the same on behalf of the testator's eldest son Rosewell. Gibbs' wife Anne received 100 guineas, an annuity of £150, and copyhold lands in Englishcombe, Somerset, as well as the right to live in the back part of her husband's house in Stall Street, Bath. Gibbs' son Thomas inherited two tenements near the Cross Bath as well as another near St James' church. Gibbs also left £2,000 and the profits from his interest in the St James' waterworks to his two younger children William and Anne.

## Children of Rosewell Gibbs and Anne:

Rosewell, bapt.19 May 1719 [St James', Bath]; buried 5 August 1741 [Bath Abbey].

Betty, buried 6 April 1720 [Bath Abbey].

Thomas, bapt.6 March 1720/1 [St James', Bath]; buried 27 March 1730 [Bath Abbey].

John [twin], bapt.7 March 1721/2 [St James', Bath]; buried 8 March 1721/2 [Bath Abbey].

Walter [twin], bapt.7 March 1721/2 [St James', Bath]; buried 8 March 1721/2 [Bath Abbey].

Mary, bapt.14 March 1722/3 [St James', Bath]; buried 18 March 1735/6 [Bath Abbey].

Cranfield, bapt.4 November 1724 [St James', Bath].

George, bapt.privately 14 January 1725/6, witnessed in church, 31 March 1726 [St James', Bath].

Anne, bapt.bapt.privately 9 March 1726/7, witnessed in church, 20 April 1727 [St James', Bath]. She was alive in 1738 [will].

Thomas [will].

William [will].

[www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath](http://www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath) [accessed 15 February 2023]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BA.JA/2/1/1 and 3 [parish registers of St James', Bath, Somerset, 1569-1694; 1718-1782]; D\P\W.AS/2/1/2 [parish registers of Weston All Saints, near Bath, Somerset, 1683-1758]; TNA, PROB 11/692, ff.64r-66v [will of Rosewell Gibbs, esquire, of Bath, Somerset, 2 August 1738, pr.24 October 1738]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The*

*Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, pp.412, 414, 422, 427.

**Thomas GIBBS (d.1718)**

Person ID: 17033/28111

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Gibbs' parentage is unknown. He first came to prominence when elected as a councilman in the city of bath in 1672, becoming an alderman in 1688, and serving twice as mayor, in 1699 and 1711. He also served all the usual offices of the corporation, including constable (1675-6), bailiff (1673-4, 1683-4), chamberlain (1694-8) and justice of the peace (1700-1, 1707-8, 1709-10 and 1716-17). In 1679, Gibbs supplied letters testimonial on behalf of **John Boyce**, apothecary, of Bath, who was seeking a licence to practise surgery in Dorset. The following year, he was described as 'a furioso, yet well affected to the government'. The physician and historian of Bath, Dr **Robert Pierce**, characterised him as 'a careful and diligent apothecary' as did the physician **William Oliver** in his comments on Gibbs' use of various medicines on a narcoleptic in 1696. Gibbs died in 1718, and was buried in the parish of St James', Bath, on 5 June 1718. In his will, made a month before his death, Gibbs made special provision for his daughter Mary, who would appear to have been incapable of looking after her own interests. Gibbs left land and property, including an estate at Lyncombe and Widcombe, to his son and heir, **Rosewell**, who followed his father into the apothecary trade in Bath. He also provided substantial bequests of £1,800 to his nine grandchildren.

Children of Thomas Gibbs:

**Rosewell**, son of Mr Thomas Gibbs, apothecary, and wife Mary, bapt.9 November 1680. He died in 1738.

Ann. She married John Stalker at St Saviour's, Southwark, Surrey, on 28 February 1711/12.

Mary. Alive and unmarried in 1718 [will].

Name unknown. Wife of Jacob Smith [will].

Apprentice of Thomas Gibbs, apothecary:

Elisha Sage, son of Elisha Sage, clerk, of Bristol for the premium of £40 as recorded in 1712.

[www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath](http://www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath) [accessed 15 February 2023]; Wiltshire and Swindon Archives, D/5/5/2; Robert Pierce, *The History and Memoirs of the Bath* (London, 1713), p.373; William Oliver, 'A Relation of an Extraordinary Sleeping Person, at Tinsbury [sic], near Bath', *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, vol.24 (1705), p.2177; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BA.JA/2/1/2 [parish registers of St James', Bath, Somerset, 1686-1719]; TNA, PROB 11/565, ff.160v-161v [will of Thomas Gibbs, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 1 May 1718, pr.10 September 1718]; London Metropolitan Archives, P92/SAV/3005 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Southwark, Surrey, 1706-1713]; TNA, IR 1/42, f.183.

**Richard GILBERT alias YEATON (b.c.1632)**

Person ID: 5569

Occ: healer/seventh son

Loc: Doultong, Somerset

Aged five in 1637, Richard Gilbert, the son of William Gilbert alias Yeaton, husbandman, of Priestleigh in Doultong, Somerset, became something of a minor celebrity in his locality as a seventh son practising healing by touch. Following an investigation initiated by the privy council, the bishop of Bath and Wells reported that the father instigated the healings at the prompting of the boy's grandmother, who, as a midwife, had also delivered him and encouraged one John Norton to be touched by the child just one day after birth. She had apparently claimed that the child's touch would be 'more salutary before the child was christened'. The child's gift was subsequently promoted locally, especially by one Henry Poynting, a bonesetter, who cited Thomas Lupton's *A Thousand Notable Things* (1612) in defence of the practice. At first, there was relatively little interest but by the summer of 1637 many were coming from far and wide, including 'persons of quality', to attend the child's surgeries which were held every Monday morning. The bishop, in closing down the practice nonetheless intimated that the father intended no imposture or deceit and that he made little gain from the practice. Ordered to desist, he apparently obeyed. No trace of Gilbert, father or son, has been found in the local parish registers.

CSPD, 1637, pp.450, 548-9; 'The Case of the Cure by Touch by a Seventh Son, at Doultong', *Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society*, 30 (1885), pp.33-9.

**Robert GILES (fl.1659-1678)**

Person ID: 5593

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Ilminster, Somerset

In 1678, the shop of Robert Giles, barber surgeon, of Ilminster, Somerset, was listed as an outlet for the sale of Bromyard's pill. No trace of Giles has been found in the parish registers of Ilminster or other sources.

Robert Giles' son John Giles was apprenticed to Ann Everett, widow, of the Saddlers' Company in London on 18 October 1659.

Matthew Bromfield, *A Brief Discovery of the True Causes, Symptoms, and Effects of ... Scurvy* (London, 1678), p.16; **London Apprenticeship Abstracts, 1442-1850**.

**Thomas GILES (fl.1714)**

Person ID: 35040

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

Robert Cox, the son of Samuel Cox, was apprenticed to Thomas Giles, surgeon, of Bridgwater, Somerset for the premium of £84 as recorded in 1714. He may have been the Thomas Gyles who was buried at Bridgwater on 14 December 1737.

TNA, IR 1/50, f.13; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BR.M/2/1/4 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1715-1744].

**John GILFORD or GILLFORD (1645-1686 or 1687)**

Person ID: 32557

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bristol? and Easton in Gordano, Somerset

John Gilford or Gillford was the son of John Gillford and his wife Elizabeth and was baptized at Easton in Gordano, Somerset, on 22 May 1645. He was made a freeman of the city of Bristol on completion of an apprenticeship with **William Welsteed** (discharged 1662) and **Christopher Robinson**. There is no definitive proof that he ever lived and practiced in Bristol.

He died, possibly abroad, sometime between May 1686 and October 1687. In his will, he named his mother Elizabeth as executrix, and disposed of bequests worth about £700, much of the money tied up in Gillford's ownership of a major share in a ship called the Bonaventure with Roger Williams, merchant. The main beneficiaries were the children of one Mary Cope of Mileend, Stepney, Middlesex, suggesting that Gillford had strong links with the dockland areas of London.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\E.IN/G/2/1/1 [parish registers of Easton in Gordano, Somerset, 1559-1703]; Bristol Burgess Book; TNA, PROB 11/388, ff.291v-292r [will of John Gillford, chyrurgion, of St George's, Somerset, 1 May 1686, pr.22 October 1687].

**Richard GLANVILL (1688-1728)**

Person ID: 5630

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Axbridge and Wedmore, Somerset

Richard Glanvill was the son of Richard Glanvill of Elmsett, Suffolk, and his wife Eleanor, nee Ashfield, of Tickenham, Somerset. He was born in 1688 and led a very troubled early life as a result of the calamitous disintegration of his parents' marriage and their subsequent separation. As a teenager, Glanvill gave a long account of his troubles, mostly caused by the spite and machinations of his father Richard, who eventually succeeded in inveigling his son and heir to forego his inheritance. According to Richard, he spent his early years at school in Flanders, where he lived for five years. On returning to England in about 1702-3, he was shortly afterwards apprenticed by his mother to a London apothecary, one 'Mr Pontifex of the Royal Society'. He was in fact apprenticed to the celebrated natural philosopher and apothecary, **James Petiver**, on 6 March 1704/5. However, after just three months, he claimed to have been cajoled by his father to quit his apprenticeship and was thereafter moved around the country and placed under the supervision of various disreputable individuals, including a barber at Wisbech, while his father schemed to having him and his mother disinherited.

The only evidence we have for Glanvill's medical career derives from a memorial slab, no longer extant, in the south chantry chapel of the parish church of Wedmore in Somerset, where he set up home with his wife Margaret. There he is described as

‘M.D.’, though no evidence of Glanvill’s award of a university medical degree has been found. He is also referred to as a doctor of physic, of Axbridge, Somerset, in a judgement delivered in the Court of Chancery in 1722 in relations to family lands at Wedmore. Glanvill died in 1728 and was buried at Wedmore on 21 October 1728. In his will, made two years before his death, Glanvill named his wife Margaret and friend John Ford of Congresbury as executors in trust, charging them to sell all his lands in order to redeem (for £500) the mortgage on his house and property at Stoughton Cross in Wedmore. The latter was ultimately to come to Glanvill’s son, Richard (1717-1799), who followed his father into the medical profession, on condition that he paid his sisters Eleanor and Mary £50 each. Richard’s widow Margaret married William Jeffreys at East Brent, Somerset, on 8 May 1729 and was buried at Wedmore on 9 July 1735.

Children of Richard Glanvill and Margaret:

Richard. Born 1717. A surgeon, he was buried at Wedmore, 26 January 1799.

Mary, bapt.9 June 1719 [Tickenham].

John, bapt.23 May 1722 [Axbridge]; buried 14 June 1723 [Wedmore].

Eleanor [will].

TNA, C 104/199 [Glanvile v. Glanvile]; W.U.S.Glanville-Richards, *Records of the Anglo-Norman House of Glanville from AD 1050 to 1880* (London, 1882), pp.???-???; **London apothecary database**; Rev.J.Collinson, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Somerset*, 3 vols (Bath, 1791), i, p.193; M.McDermott and S.Berry (eds), *Edmund Rack’s Survey of Somerset* (Taunton, SANHS, 2010), p.53; TNA, C104/199 [1722]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WED/2/1/3 and 4 [parish registers of Wedmore, Somerset, 1663-1727; 1727-1812]; D\P\BRNT.E/2/1/4 [parish registers of East Brent, Somerset, 1719-1812]; D\P\TICK/2/1/1 [parish registers of Tickenham, Somerset, 1538-1812]; D\P\AX/2/1/2 [parish registers of Axbridge, Somerset, 1718-1790].

**George GLASBROOKE (d.1665)**

Person ID: 34505

Occ: physician

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

George Glasbrooke married Elizabeth Perret at Swell, Somerset, on 5 January 1652/3. He practised medicine at Taunton until his death in 1665. He was buried in the parish of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, 28 March 1665. Glasbrooke’s son **Peter** was a student at Exeter College, Oxford, proceeding BA on 18 January 1675/6. He may have been the physician of that name who practised at Whitstable, Kent, in the late seventeenth century.

Children of Mr George Glasbrooke:

George, bapt.? December 1653 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

William, bapt.2 April 1655 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Peter, bapt.16 November 1656 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Elizabeth, bapt.16 January 1658/9 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Margaret, bapt.23 November 1660; buried 20 January 1664/5 [St Mary Magdalene,

Taunton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\SW/2/1/1 [parish registers of Swell, Somerset, 1559-1712]; D\P\TAU.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696]; Foster, ii, 571; A.J.Webb (ed.), *Handlist of Somerset Probate Inventories and Administrators Accounts 1482-1924* (Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.98, 2019) p.94, no.2767 [inventory of George Glasbrooke, physician, of Taunton, Somerset, 1665 [Somerset Heritage Centre, DD/SP/1665/3].

**Robert GOODMAN (fl.1674)**

Person ID: 15373

Occ: barber

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Robert Goodman, barber, married Mary Boyer, widow, both of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, at the latter parish on 29 November 1674. Two men of this name were buried in the parish on 1 August 1684 and 25 March 1685.

Children of Robert Goodman:

Robert, bapt.7 February 1675/6 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].  
John, buried 13 January 1679/80 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].  
Elizabeth, bapt.5 February 1679/80 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].  
Anne, bapt.15 January 1684/5 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, Col.H.R.Phipps, 'Abstracts of Bath and Wells Diocesan Records, Vol.III. Marriage Licences, 1636-1676', p.32; D\P\TAU.M/2/1/1 and 32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1682-1760; 1558-1696]; A.J.Webb (ed.), *Handlist of Somerset Probate Inventories and Administrators Accounts 1482-1924* (Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.98, 2019) p.96, no.2829 [inventory of Robert Goodman of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1686 [Somerset Heritage Centre, DD/SP/1686/44].

**Robert GORE (d.1664)**

Person ID: 5788

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Monksilver, Somerset & London

Robert Gore of Monksilver, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 19 September 1662. The parish registers of Monksilver record the death of Robert, the son of Robert Gore and his wife Elizabeth at Southwark on 24 April 1664 and subsequent burial in the parish of St Michael Cornhill, London, two days later. The registers of St Michael Cornhill record the burial there of one Robert Gore, a 'stranger', on 27 April 1664. There is no further trace of Robert Gore in the Monksilver registers suggesting that Gore had removed to London.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 19 September 1662; D\P\MON/2/1/1 [parish registers of Monksilver, Somerset, 1653-1689]; London Metropolitan Archives, P69/MIC2/A/003/MS04063/001 [parish registers of St Michael Cornhill, London, 1653-1736].

**John GRANT (fl.1709)**

Person ID: 22105

Occ: doctor

Loc: Bruton/Ditcheat, Somerset

One Dr John Grant, of Bruton, Somerset, buried an unnamed daughter at Ditcheat, Somerset, on 25 March 1709. He may be the same as the John Grant of Ditcheat who baptized and buried five children in that town between 1704 and 1713.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\DIT/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Ditcheat, Somerset, 1653-1704; 1705-1763].

**Ezekiel GRAY or GREY (fl.1704)**

Person ID: 15377

Occ: barber

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Ezekiel Gray, barber, of East Street, married Thomasine Webb at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 11 February 1703/4. He may have been the same as the Ezekiel, son of Ezekiel Gray, who was baptized in the same parish on 12 August 1677. One of this name was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 4 September 1718. However, the registers of this time also refer to another of this name, described as a weaver or comber. A Thomasine Gray was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 7 August 1730.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/1, 14, 32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696; 1696-1715; 1682-1760].

**George GRAY or GREY (d.1638)**

Person ID: 5859

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

George Gray, surgeon, was born in Alnwick, Northumberland (he left £10 in his will to the poor of the town of his birth). He married Sarah Waterman at Bridgwater, Somerset, on 5 November 1593 and practised surgery in the town until his death in 1638. He was buried there on 7 September 1638. In his will, made a few weeks before his death, he left over £700 in bequests to his two daughters, Lucretia and Susan, and their children. He also left small bequests to three servants, including **John Howe** (d.1685), who later became a barber surgeon in the town. Gray named his 'faithful friends' Richard Tuthill, linendraper, of Bridgwater and three local clergyman, including the staunch puritan John Devenish, vicar of Bridgwater, as trustees and supervisors of his will. He nominated his daughter Lucretia as residual legatee and executrix.

Children of George Gray and wife Sarah:

Sarah, bapt.2 September 1602; buried 7 July 1604 [Bridgwater].

Susanna, bapt.11 August 1604 [Bridgwater]. She married John Sparke at Bridgwater,



21 October 1622.  
Lucretia, bapt. 27 January 1606/7 [Bridgwater]. She married Edward Sealy at  
Bridgwater, 7 July 1634.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of Bridgwater,  
Somerset, 1558-1653]; TNA, PROB 11/178, ff.299v-300v [will of George Grey,  
chirurgion, of Bridgwater, Somerset, 21 August 1638, pr.20 November 1638].

**GREEN or GREENE, Thomas (c.1617-1701)**

Person ID: 5917

Occ: gentleman/unlicensed surgeon      Loc: Elworthy/WestBagborough, Somerset

Thomas Greene, of Elworthy, Somerset, was prosecuted in the consistory court of Bath and Wells in 1665 for practising surgery without a licence, he being 'not knowne to bee licensed'. The register of Elworthy records the burial of Thomas Green, gentleman, at Bagborough on 24 April 1701. A memorial at West Bagborough, no longer extant, described him as aged 84, and formerly 'sworn surgeon to the Queen Dowager'. No other evidence for a royal appointment has been located.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\ca/344, *sub* Elworthy; D\P\ELW/2/1/1 [parish registers of Elworthy, Somerset, 1685-1758]; M.McDermott and S.Berry (eds), *Edmund Rack's Survey of Somerset* (Taunton, SANHS, 2010), p.286.

**John GREENFIELD or GRENFIELD (d.1645)**

Person ID: 34506

Occ: surgeon      Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

John Grenfield, 'chirurgus', was buried at Bridgwater, Somerset, on 25 May 1645.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1558-1653].

**Christopher GREENING (fl.1702-1707)**

Person ID: 17086

Occ: apothecary      Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

He was probably born at Bideford, Devon, in 1679. In that year, two children of this name were born there, the sons of John Greening (born 5 April) and Richard Greening (born 23 October). Christopher Greening married Anne Musgrove at Bridgwater on 12 May 1702. In 1705 and 1707, he acted as bondsman for the marriages of two kinsmen, possibly siblings, William and Mary Greening, the former of Bideford.

Devon Heritage Centre, 799A/PR/1/4 [parish registers of Bideford, Devon]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.171, 309; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW.M/2/1/3 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1682-1714].

**John GREGORY (fl.1662-1676)**

Person ID: 5949

Occ: licensed surgeon/schoolmaster

Loc: Alford, Somerset

John Gregory of Alford, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 21 July 1676. Fourteen years earlier, Gregory had also been licensed to teach reading, writing, casting of accounts and ciphering in the village.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 21 July 1676; D\D\bs/39, *sub* 1662.

**Hugh GRIFFITH (fl.1705)**

Person ID: 34507

Occ: doctor

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Sarah, the daughter of Hugh Griffith, 'pretended doctor', of Hollway, Taunton, was born at Taunton on 30 May 1705. The birth is listed in a register of nonconformist births in the town. He is probably the same as the Hugh Griffith who married Sarah Mills of Taunton at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 25 January 1699/1700.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/3 [register of nonconformist births, Taunton, Somerset, 1696-1778]; D\P\TAU.M/2/1/14 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1696-1715].

**James GRIFFITH (fl.1713)**

Person ID: 32606

Occ: barber/perukemaker

Loc: Bristol? and Bath, Somerset

James Griffith, perukemaker, was made a freeman of the city of Bristol on 12 Aug. 1713 through his marriage to Shusana, the daughter of Richard Rance baker, at St Michael's, Bath, on 13 November 1704. Isaac Gale, the son of William Gale, of Chippenham, Wiltshire, was apprenticed to James Griffith, barber, of Bath on 5 July 1713. In the Bristol election of 1722, James Griffith, perukemaker of Bath, voted for the Tory Hart. It is unclear if James ever practised in Bristol between 1713 and 1722. He was buried at St Michael's Bath on 25 Jan. 1753.

Children of James Griffith, barber:

Oringo [son], bapt.29 October 1711 [Bath Abbey].

James Griffith, bapt.5 August 1715 [Bath Abbey]. He was apprenticed to Nathaniel Mullins, sadler, of Bath for the premium of £14 as recorded in 1729.

Apprentice of James Griffith, barber:

Isaac Gale, son of William Gale of Chippenham, Wiltshire, deceased, for the premium of £12 10s as recorded in 1713.

Bristol Archives, Bristol Burgess Book 1713; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BA.MI/2/2 and 4 [parish registers of St Michael's, Bath, Somerset, 1678-1723; 1740-1776]; C.Dale (ed.). *Wiltshire Apprentices and Their Masters, 1710-1760* (Gateshead, Wiltshire Natural History Society, vol.17, 1961), p.57; Bristol Archives, 1722 Poll Book; A.J. Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1) i, pp.85, 88; TNA, IR 1/42, f.183; 1/49, f.56.

**James GRIST (1688-1757)**

Person ID: 34508

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

James Grist, the son of John Grist and his wife Mary, was baptised at Lacock, Wiltshire, on 30 September 1688. He set up as an apothecary in Bath sometime in the early eighteenth-century marrying Joan Noble, widow, of Bath at Bedminster, Somerset, on 31 July 1717. He was buried at Claverton, Somerset, aged 70, on 13 September 1757.

Children of Mr James Grist:

Mary, bapt.20 May 1718 [St James, Bath].  
Frances, bapt.25 January 1720/1 [St James, Bath].

Apprentices of James Grist, apothecary:

John Newman, the son of John Newman, yeoman, of Melsome, Wiltshire, for the premium of £40 on 18 February 1713/14.  
Richard Lockyer, son of Thomas Lockyer of Wootton, Somerset, for the premium of £50 as recorded in 1729.  
William Billington, son of Thomas Billington, clerk, of Exeter, Devon, for the premium of £70 as recorded in 1737.  
Edward Waters, son of William Waters for the premium of £63 as recorded in 1731.  
James Jeffreys, son of James Jeffreys for the premium of £80 as recorded in 1747.

Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, 1654/2 [parish registers of Lacock, Wiltshire, 1653-1736]; Bristol Archives, P/ST.JBED/R/1/b [parish registers of Bedminster, Somerset, 1690-1722]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BA.JA/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of St James, Bath, Somerset, 1686-1719; 1718-1782]; D\P\CLAV/2/1/2 [parish registers of Claverton, Somerset, 1581-1804]; C.Dale (ed.), *Wiltshire Apprentices and Their Masters, 1710-1760* (Gateshead, Wiltshire Natural History Society, vol.17, 1961), p.109; TNA, IR 1/15, f.119; 1/18, f.33; 1/43, f.132; 1/49, ff.141, 263.

**John GROBHAM (d.1666 or 1667)**

Person ID: 22240

Occ: barber

Loc: Chard, Somerset

John Grobham, barber, was buried at Chard, Somerset, on 9 January 1666/7. He was probably the father of **John** and **Nathaniel Grobham**, who both practised as barbers in the town. Unfortunately, the parish registers of Chard only begin in 1649.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHARD/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chard, Somerset, 1649-1729].

**John GROBHAM (d.1700)**

Person ID: 22241

Occ: barber

Loc: Chard, Somerset

Grobham was probably the son of **John Grobham**, barber, who was buried at Chard on 9 January 1666/7. He married Rebecca Williams at Chard on 6 May 1663 and served as churchwarden of the town in 1675-6. John Grobham, barber, was buried at Chard on 19 January 1699/1700.

Children of John Grobham and wife Rebecca:

John, bapt.30 March 1664 [Chard].  
Elizabeth, bapt.21 June 1666 [Chard].  
Margaret, bapt.7 January 1669/70 [Chard].  
William, bapt.29 May 1672 [Chard].  
Thomas, bapt.11 August 1675 [Chard].  
Charles, bapt.25 April 1675 [Chard].  
Joseph, bapt.30 September 1681 [Chard].  
Benjamin, bapt.24 May 1685 [Chard].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHARD/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chard, Somerset, 1649-1729].

**Nathaniel GROBHAM (d.1684)**

Person ID: 22242

Occ: barber

Loc: Chard, Somerset

Grobham was probably the son of **John Grobham**, barber, who was buried at Chard on 9 January 1666/7, and thus the brother of **John** (d.1700), who also practised as a barber in the town. Nathaniel Grobham, barber, was buried at Chard on 16 May 1684.

Children of Nathaniel Grobham and wife Elizabeth:

Nathaniel, bapt.14 January 1676/7; buried 4 May 1681 [Chard].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHARD/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chard, Somerset, 1649-1729].

**Thomas GROVE (d.1711)**

Person ID: 6025/18179

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Thomas Grove was the son of Edward Grove, clergyman, who was ejected from the living of Pinhoe in Devon in 1662. Thomas was probably born in Devon, though no record of his baptism survives. He is probably the Thomas Grove, apothecary, who was made a freeman of Exeter in June 1669 on payment of an entry fine of £100.

Grove was living in Taunton by 1659. In that year, he married his first wife Mary (b.1631), the daughter of William Perret or Porret, vicar of Swell, Somerset, at Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset (20 September 1659). She died on 6 October 1664 and was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, four days later. Grove subsequently married Elizabeth Row, the daughter of Susanna Row, the widow of John Row, of Crediton, at Newton St Cyres, Devon, on 19 September 1665. She was the sister of John Row (1626-1677), who had been ejected as a lecturer at Westminster Abbey in 1660. Grove was a prominent figure in dissenting circles in Taunton. He was a trustee of the Presbyterian meeting at Grove in Taunton and contributed to the repair of the meeting house in 1687. He may also have provided assistance to the Blue Regiment in Monmouth's Rebellion of 1685.

Thomas Grove, apothecary, of Fore Street, Taunton, was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 12 October 1711. Grove's youngest son Henry (1684-1738) became a tutor at the Presbyterian Academy in Taunton as well as a noted preacher and writer. He was said to have been the youngest of 14 children. Only Henry and a sister Anne survived childhood. A memorial to Grove's first wife Mary states that she was the mother of four children, three of whom were dead by the date of her own death in 1664. The baptismal records of none survive as they were presumably baptized privately by Presbyterian ministers.

*Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford 1934; revised ed., 1988), p.237; M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freeman 1266-1967* (Exeter, Devon & Cornwall Rec.Soc., vol.1, 1973), p.157; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\PSHE.B/2/1/2 [parish registers of Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset, 1653-1699]; D\PTAU.M/2/1/1 and 32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696; 1682-1760]; Devon Heritage Centre, 807A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Newton St Cyres, Devon]; W.Gibson, *Religion and the Enlightenment, 1600-1800: Conflict and the Rise of Civic Humanism in Taunton* (Bern, Switzerland), p.154; W.McD.Wigfield, *The Monmouth Rebels* (Gloucester, 1985), p.74; *ODNB*, sub Grove, Henry, article by B.W.Kirk; J.Toulmin, *The History of Taunton, in the County of Somerset* (Taunton, 1822), p.154.

**Thomas GUIDOTT (1638-1706)**

Person ID: 6041

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Bath, Somerset and London

Mark Jenner, writing in the *ODNB*, provides a comprehensive biography of Guidott. Some additional details are provided here. He was the eldest son of Francis Guidott (d.1678) and his wife Joan, the daughter of Thomas Ridout of Marnhull, Dorset, and was probably born at Lymington, Hampshire, in September 1638. Thomas' father Francis was a prominent figure in Lymington, serving as mayor of the corporation

there for four consecutive years from 1656 to 1659. After attending school at Dorchester, Guidott matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, on 10 March 1656/7, proceeding BA in 1660, MA in 1662 and B Med in 1666. He was also granted a licence to practise medicine by the university on the same day as the award of his bachelor's degree in medicine. In 1671, he performed his exercises as a prelude to the grant of his MD, but never took the degree. Guidott settled in Bath in 1667, where he was warmly received by several well-established physicians in the city. He also retained a practice in London and seems to have divided his time between the two cities for the rest of his career. In all probability, Guidott maintained links with his native Lymington. In February 1676, he provided a testimonial for **Samuel Samber** of Lymington, who was seeking to secure an archiepiscopal licence to practise medicine. Three years later, he did the same for John **Boyce**, apothecary, of Bath, who was seeking a licence to practise surgery in Dorset. Two years later, he was left just £10 in the will of his father, Francis, who named Thomas' younger brother Charles as heir and executor of his will.

Guidott was a prolific writer and would-be poet, whose verses, often satirical, frequently aroused anger and controversy. Others were less hostile. In 1682, for example, he composed unpublished verses addressed to Edward Bushell, mayor of Bath, praising him for his endeavours in raising the profile of the city. He also possessed strong antiquarian interests, collecting and communicating information on Bath and the medical properties of the waters. He was clearly no obscurantist and was generally well informed as to current thinking with regard to the chemical analysis of the mineral waters of Bath. The Oxford antiquarian Anthony Wood, for example, claimed that Guidott was invited in 1664 to work alongside the celebrated Danish anatomist Thomas Bartholin (1616-1680) and that he had been offered teaching posts at Venice and Leiden. Guidott consistently defended learned medicine and the London College of Physicians against the criticisms of empirics such as Gideon Harvey, but he did so from the vantage point of a 'modern'. His wide list of correspondents and associates included Robert Boyle, **Thomas Willis**, **John Mayow**, **Nathaniel Highmore** and **Sir Charles Scarborough**. In addition to his acknowledged list of publications it is quite likely that he was the T.G., doctor of physick, who published *A True and Exact Account of Sadlers Well: or the New Mineral Waters Lately Found at Islington* in 1684.

Guidott's interest in recent developments in science and medicine were matched by his curiosity about the past. He corresponded with many of the leading figures in antiquarian circles, including Edmund Gibson, Peter Le Neve and Anthony Wood and helped to supply Gibson with materials relating to Bath that were to be included in the latter's revised edition of Camden's *Britannia* (1695). In 1716, 'a great Collection of Antiquities belonging to Bath' was in the possession of a Hampshire cousin of Guidott.

It has been widely assumed that Guidott did not marry. He may, however, be the same as the Thomas Guidott, bachelor, who was licensed by the bishop of London to marry Anne Gouge on 10 July 1665. No record of the marriage survives. The parish registers of St Martin in the Fields record the births and baptisms of two children to Thomas and Anne Guidott: Lucy (born 18 September 1671; bapt. 24 September 1671) and Anne (born and bapt. 22 February 1673/4). Guidott was buried in Bath Abbey on 18 March 1705/6. No will survives.

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Edward Jorden, *A Discourse of Natural Bathes and Mineral Waters ... To which is added An Appendix concerning Bathe ...* by Thomas Guidott, M.B. (London, T. Salmon, 1669, and London, G.Sawbridge and T.Salmon, 1673).

*A Quaere Concerning Drinking Bath Water, at Bathe, Resolved.* By Eugenius Philalethe (London, G.Sawbridge, 1673).

*A Letter Concerning Some Observations Lately made at Bathe. Written to his Much Honoured Friend Sir E.G., Knight and Baronet, M.D. in London* (London, H.Brome, 1674).

*A Discourse of Bathe, and the Hot Waters there. Also Some Enquiries into the Nature of the Water of St Vincent's Rock, near Bristol, and that of Castle Cary: to which is added A Century of Observations ... With an Account of the Lives, and Character, of the Physicians of Bathe* (London, H.Brome, 1676).

*Gideon's Fleece: Or, The Sieur de Frisk. An Heroick Poem. Written on the Cursory Perusal of a Late Book, Call'd the Conclave of Physicians* (London, S.Smith, 1684).

*A True and Exact Account of Sadlers Well, or, The New Mineral-Waters Lately Found at Islington* (London, T.Malthus, 1684).

*A Century of Observations: Containing Further Discoveries of the Nature of the Hot Water at Bathe with the Contents, Property, and Distinction of Each Bath, in Particular* (London, H.Brome, 1686).

*Propositions Touching Printing a Book, Entituled, De Thermis Britannicis* (London?, broadside, 1686).

*De Thermis Britannicis Tractatus Accesserunt Observationes Hydrostaticae, Chromaticae, & Miscellanae* (London, F.Leach, 1691).

*An Epitaph on Don Quicksot and Don Quicksilver* (London?, single sheet, 1694).

*Epistolarum Medicarum*, ed.T.Guidott (London, F.Leach, 1694).

*The Register of Bath, or Two Hundred Observations* (London, F.Leach and H.Hamond, 1694).

Theophilus, *De Urinis*, ed. Thomas Guidott (Leiden, 1703).

*An Apology for the Bath being An Answer to a Late Enquiry ... With Some Reflections on Fresh Cold-Bathing, Bathing in Sea-Water, and Dipping in Baptism* (London, G.Sawbridge, 1705).

ODNB, sub Guidott, Thomas, article by M.Jenner; G.D.Squibb (ed.), *The Visitation of Somerset and the City of Bristol 1672* (London, HS, n.s., vol 11, 1992), p.3;

A.M.Coleby, *Central Government and the Localities: Hampshire 1649-1689* (Cambridge, 1987), pp.25, 95; Foster, ii, p.618; Bodl., University of Oxford Archives, NEP/supra/Reg Qb [register of Congregation, 1659-1669], ff.153r, 198r; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/96; Wiltshire and Swindon Archives, D/5/5/2; TNA, PROB 11/370, ff.128r-129r [will of Francis Guidott, gentleman, of New Lymington, Hampshire, 13 January 1676/7; proved 9 June 1682].

Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington DC, L.b.712 ['Verses addressed to Edward Bushell Mayor of Bathe', 1682]; A.Wood, *Athenae Oxonienses*, ed.P.Bliss, 4 vols (London,1820), iv, cols 733-4; *The Correspondence of Robert Boyle*, eds M.Hunter, A.Clericuzio and L.Principe, 6 vols (London, 2001), vi, pp.134-5; Bodl., MS Eng.b.2043, ff.272-80; Rawlinson MS D 867, ff.65, 67; British Library, Sloane MS, 2038, ff.8, 10; Bodl., Ballard MS 24, f.133; J.L.Foster (ed.), *London Marriage Licences, 1521-1869* (London, 1887), p.600; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, p.401; City of Westminster Archives, STM/PR/5/21 and 6/48 [parish registers of St Martin in the Fields, Middlesex, 1660-1672; 1667-1683].

### **William GULLIFORD or GULLYFORD (1682-1712)**

Person ID: 34509

Occ: barber/periwigmaker

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

William Gulliford married Elizabeth Rossiter, both of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, at Orchard Portman, Somerset, on 24 July 1705. He is probably the same as the William Gulliford, the son of William and Grace Gulliford, who was baptized at Orchard Portman on 17 August 1682. Gulliford, of Fore Street, is variously described as a wigmaker and barber in the registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, and is probably the man of the same name who was buried there on 15 April 1712. He may have been a nonconformist. The birth of his first son William was listed in the register of dissenter births for Taunton.

Children of William Gulliford and wife Elizabeth:

William, born 24 March 1705/6 [Taunton]; buried 4 April 1706 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

William, bapt.2 February 1708/9; buried 6 December 1709 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

John, bapt.22 March 1710/11 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\ORCH.P/2/1/1 [parish registers of Orchard Portman, Somerset, 1538-1714]; D\P\TAU.M/2/1/32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1685-1776]; D\P\TAU.M/2/1/3 [register of nonconformist births, Taunton, Somerset, 1696-1778].

### **Theodore GULSON or GULSTON (1620-1695)**

Person ID: 6052

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: South Petherton, Somerset



Theodore Gulston, gentleman, of South Petherton, Somerset, was licensed to practise physic in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 3 November 1662. He was the son of Anthony Gulson or Gulston (d.1620) and his wife Ursula, of High Holborn, and was baptized in the parish church of St Andrew Holborn, Middlesex, on 22 February 1619/20. Gulston matriculated at Trinity College, Oxford, in 1636, but did not graduate, preferring instead to attend as a student of the Middle Temple in 1637. He was left £15 in the will of Ellen Gulston (d.1637), the widow of **Theodore Gulston** (d.1632), a kinsman and one of the leading medical humanists of his day as well as a fellow of the College of Physicians in London.

Gulston was captain of a troop of horse under the command of the parliamentarian Colonel William Sydenham in the civil war. He saw active service in the garrison at Weymouth and Melcombe Regis in 1646. At roughly the same time, he married Joan or Joanna (1626-1701), the daughter of Emmanuel Sandys (d.1655) and Ursula (d.1671), the daughter of John Hunt, of South Petherton, who bequeathed land and property in the village to his daughter and son-in-law in his will, as well as the reversion of the same and £100 to their three children, Anthony, Ursula and Elizabeth. Theodore Gulson, gentleman, of Compton died on 25 August 1695 and was buried at South Petherton five days later. His widow Joanna was buried there, 7 November 1701.

Children of Theodore Gulson or Gulston:

Ursula, bapt.2 February 1646/7; buried 23 November 1694 [South Petherton].

Elizabeth, bapt.17 January 1650/1 [South Petherton].

Mary, bapt.20 September 1653 [South Petherton].

Anthony [will of grandfather, Emmanuel Sandys].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 3 November 1662; London Metropolitan Archives, P82/AND/A/001/MS06667/001 [parish registers of St Andrew Holborn, Middlesex, 1558-1623]; Foster, ii, p.619; TNA, PROB 11/175, ff.7r-9r [will of Ellen Gulston, widow, of St Martin Ludgate, London, 15 July and 7 August 1637, pr.7 September 1637]; C.H.Mayo (ed.), *The Minute Books of the Dorset Standing Committee, September 23, 1646, to May 8, 1650* (Exeter, 1902), pp.9, 19, 21, 25, 34-5; TNA, PROB 11/248, ff.86v-88r [will of Emmanuel Sandys, gentleman, of South Petherton, Somerset, 4 May 1655, pr.8 June 1655]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\PET.S/2/1/2 [parish registers of South Petherton, Somerset, 1670-1737]; M.McDermott and S.Berry (eds), *Edmund Rack's Survey of Somerset* (Taunton, SANHS, 2010), p.255.

**Thomas GUNTON (d.1681)**

Person ID: 6054

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Wiveliscombe, Somerset

Thomas Gunton of Wiveliscombe, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 16 February 1662/3. He later signed letters testimonial on behalf of **Matthew Hanvile** of Wellington, Somerset, who was a candidate for an archiepiscopal licence in 1680. Gunton was buried at Wiveliscombe on 23 September 1681. A Joan Gunston, widow, was buried in the same village on 16 February 1704/5.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 16 February 1662/3; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/1-2; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WIV/2/1/4 and 6 [parish registers of Wiveliscombe, Somerset, 1675-1687; 1704-1780].

**Richard GUY (1657-1694)**

Person ID: 18240

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Richard Guy, the son of Richard Guy, was baptized at Chewton Mendip, Somerset, on 26 December 1657. He set up in practice as an apothecary in Wells following his marriage to Sapience Hart (1658-1691) of Chewton in 1684. After his first wife's death in 1691 (she was buried at St Cuthbert, Wells, on 20 August 1691), he married Joanna. Guy died in 1694 and was buried at Yatton, Somerset, where he held two properties, on 27 February 1693/4. In his will, made a week before his death, Guy left his estate to his wife Joanna, who was to manage the same on behalf of his three young children, Anne, Hester and Richard. Guy's widow Joanna was buried at Yatton on 27 February 1705/6.

Children of Richard Guy and wife Sapience:

Anne [will].

Hester, bapt.8 January 1688/9 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].

Rebecca, bapt.12 August 1691 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].

Children of Richard Guy and wife Joanna:

Richard, bapt.30 January 1692/3 [St Cuthbert's, Wells]. He was apprenticed to **Edmund Tucker**, apothecary, of Bristol on 31 October 1705, and transferred to **John Price**, barber surgeon, of Bristol on 2 August 1708. He was made a freeman of the city of Bristol in 1715.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHEWT.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chewton Mendip, Somerset, 1554-1688]; 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.168; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/2 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1668-1727]; D\P\PPB 113 [bishop's transcripts of parish registers of Yatton, Somerset, 1690-1812]; TNA, PROB 11/420, f.79v [will of Richard Guy, apothecary, of Wells, Somerset, 19 February 1693/4, pr.8 May 1694]; PROB 4/22127 [inventory of Richard Guy, apothecary, of Wells, Somerset, 1694]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\YAT/2/1/1 [parish registers of Yatton, Somerset, 1675-1761]; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship and freeman registers.

**John HACKER the Younger (d.1592)**

Person ID: 34510

Occ: bonesetter

Loc: Yeovil, Somerset

According to the parish register of Yeovil, John Hacker the younger, who was buried there on 20 May 1592, 'was verye skillfull in bone setting & therewith helped many poore' in the town. Hacker was probably unmarried. The will of his father, John, made shortly after his son's death, makes no reference to a widow or children.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\YEO/J/2/1/1 [parish registers of Yeovil, Somerset, 1563-1638]; TNA, PROB 11/81, ff.22v-23r [will of John Hacker, yeoman, of Yeovil, Somerset, 15 January 1592/3, pr.9 February 1592/3].

**John HAINES or HAYNES (d.1692)**

Person ID: 6592

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Ditcheat, Somerset

John Haines of Ditcheat, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 4 July 1674. He was buried at Ditcheat on 1 December 1692.

Children of John Haines baptized at Ditcheat:

Priscilla, bapt.17 December 1665 [Ditcheat].

Rebecca, bapt.17 December 1665 [Ditcheat].

Hopton, bapt.5 July 1667 [Ditcheat].

Margaret, bapt.1 August 1673 [Ditcheat].

Damas, bapt.1 October 1677 [Ditcheat].

Hester, bapt.1 October 1677 [Ditcheat].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 4 July 1674; D\P\DIT/2/1/2 [parish registers of Ditcheat, Somerset, 1653-1704].

**Robert HAINES or HAYNES (d.1719)**

Person ID: 15417

Occ: barber

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Robert Haines, barber, married Mary Hole (aged 21), both of Wells at St Cuthbert's, Wells, on 4 June 1710. He practised as a barber in Sadler Street. He is probably the Mr Robert Hains of Sadler Street, who was buried at St Cuthbert's, Wells, on 12 June 1719.

Children of Robert Haines:

William, born 14 April 1711; bapt.privately 22 April 1711, and brought to church, 13 May 1711 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].

William, born 28 November 1712; bapt.14 December 1712 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].

George, born 8 June 1714; bapt.13 June 1714 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].

Mary, born 14 October 1715; bapt.13 November 1715 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].

Apprentice of Robert Haines or Haynes, barber:

William Higgins, son of James Higgins of Wheathill, Somerset, for the premium of

£15 as recorded in 1711.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.179; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/2 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, 1668-1727]; TNA, IR 1/41, f.115.

**Thomas HAINES, HAYNES or HEYNES (fl.1580)**

Person ID: 6761

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bath, Somerset

In May 1580, the Privy Council ordered that Thomas Heynes, a surgeon of Bath, was to be examined alongside one Henry Harrison, found living in a vault in the house of Edward Wadham of Meare, near Glastonbury with regard to the use of conspiratorial magic. Wadham himself was also interrogated and his house searched for evidence of 'writings and books concerning matters of conjuration'. The outcome of the enquiry is unknown.

J.R.Dasent (ed.), *Acts of the Privy Council of England, vol.12* [1580-1581] (London, 1896), pp.22-3.

**HALES, Matthew (fl.1617)**

Person ID: 6113

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Somerset

Matthew Hales, who described himself as BA of Merton College, Oxford, and now of Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine throughout the province of Canterbury on 22 September 1617. There is no record of anyone of this name ever studying at either Oxford or Cambridge before 1617. However, the signature of a Matthew Hales, physician, survives in a manuscript in the Bodleian Library, Oxford.

He may have been the same as the **Matthew Hailes**, the son of John Hailes, gent, of Hennington, Somerset, who was apprenticed to the Bristol apothecary **Thomas Tither or Tyther** and his wife Maud in 1595. The entry was crossed out in 1598 when he paid Maud fifty shillings.

Lambeth Palace Library, Abbot 1, f.205 [*Directory*, i, no.371]; Bodl., Rawlinson MS D 1387, f.4; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

**John HALL (c.1653-1719)**

Person ID: 6144

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

John Hall, who was probably born in about 1653, was commonly described as a doctor of medicine or MD, though no evidence survives confirming his possession of a medical degree. Like his son, John, he may have studied abroad. Nothing is known of his parentage or marriage, apart from the fact that at his death in 1719 he was

married to a woman called Eleanor. Little is known of Hall's practice. In 1683, he signed letters testimonial on behalf of **George Cockeram**, apothecary, of Wellington, Somerset, who was seeking a medical licence from the archbishop of Canterbury. Dr John Hall died on 26 May 1719 and was buried at St James', Taunton, on 2 June 1719. His widow Eleanor, who died on 3 October 1723, was buried in the same parish the following day. No will survives, though a late eighteenth-century deed suggests that Hall owned part of the manor of Taunton Priory which later came into the possession of his widow Eleanor and son Samuel.

Hall's son **John** followed in his father's footsteps. After a brief attendance at Oxford in 1706, he graduated MD at Leiden in 1711, thereafter practising in Taunton, where he died in 1720.

Children of Dr John Hall:

**John**, born about 1688. He became a physician at Taunton and was buried at St James', Taunton, 17 April 1720.

Joseph, born about 1697. He was apprenticed firstly to George Darke, shipmaster, of Topsham, Devon, for a premium of £20 in 1712, and secondly to William Marler, sergemaker, of Ruishton, Somerset, in 1715.

Benjamin, bapt. 17 October 1699 [St James, Taunton]. He became a fuller and was buried at St James, Taunton, 29 September 1729.

Samuel.

J. Toulmin, *The History of Taunton, in the County of Somerset* (Taunton, 1822), p. 168; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/189/1-3; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.JA/2/1/7 and 9 [parish registers of St James', Taunton, Somerset, 1662-1718; 1718-1812]; D\D\DP/9/14; TNA, IR 42, ff. 69, 81

**John HALL (c.1688-1720)**

Person ID: 6153

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

John Hall was the son of Dr **John Hall** and was born in about 1688. He matriculated at Balliol College, Oxford, on 7 March 1705/6, but did not graduate. On 30 June 1711, having been examined on Hippocrates' *Aphorisms* and having submitted a thesis on fevers, Hall was awarded his MD from the university of Harderwyck in the Netherlands. No copy of the thesis has been found. Dr John Hall was buried at St James', Taunton, on 17 April 1720, where the register gives his age as 32.

Foster, ii, p. 632; Royal College of Physicians, London, Innes Smith MSS 546/187; 871/5, 6; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.JA/2/1/9 [parish registers of St James', Taunton, Somerset, 1718-1812].

**John HAMBRIDGE Snr (1657-1715)**

Person ID: 6210

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Yeovil, Somerset

John Hambridge was the son of Henry Hambridge, yeoman, of Yeovil, Somerset, and was baptised at Yeovil on 29 October 1657. He was apprenticed to **Henry Wilkes**, barber surgeon, and his wife Margaret, at Bristol on 27 October 1671. On completion of his term, he was made a freeman of the city of Bristol on 28 October 1678. Shortly after, on 2 February 1678/9, Hambridge, described as living in the parish of St Stephen's, Bristol, married Anne Moseley of the same parish at St Leonard's, Bristol. He now returned to his native Yeovil, where he set up in practice as a barber surgeon. Mr John Hambridge was buried at Yeovil on 4 December 1715. His son John succeeded to his practice.

Children of John Hambridge:

Elizabeth, bapt.10 August 1681 [Yeovil].  
 John, bapt.18 May 1684 [Yeovil].  
 Henry, bapt.20 April 1686 [Yeovil].  
 Elizabeth, bapt.9 June 1688 [Yeovil].  
 Henry, bapt.17 February 1690/1 [Yeovil].  
 Elizabeth, bapt.25 April 1692 [Yeovil].  
 Henry, bapt.27 January 1694/5 [Yeovil].

NB: two unnamed children of John Hambridge were buried at Yeovil on 17 November 1686 and 19 November 1691.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\YEO.J/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Yeovil, Somerset, 1638-1783; 1650-1699]; Bristol Archives, apprenticeship and freeman registers; E.Ralph (ed.), *Marriage Bonds for the Diocese of Bristol Excluding the Archdeaconry of Dorset. Volume 1 1637-1700* (Gloucester, BGASP, vol.1, 1952), p.116; Bristol Archives, EP/V/4/30 [bishops' transcripts of the parish registers of St Leonard's, Bristol, 1674-1768].

**John HAMBRIDGE Jnr (1684-1730)**

Person ID: 15414

Occ: barber/periwigmaker

Loc: Yeovil, Somerset

John Hambridge was the son of **John Hambridge**, barber surgeon, of Yeovil, Somerset, and was baptized in the parish church there on 18 May 1684. He was described as a barber on his marriage licence. He married Mary Hayward of Yeovil at Barwick, Somerset, on 16 February 1709/10. She was the daughter of the Yeovil apothecary **Edward Hayward** and was buried at Yeovil on 25 November 1725. Hambridge himself was buried there on 23 May 1730. The registers of Yeovil record the baptisms of three of Hambridge's children (12 June 1716, 29 May 1721 and 30 October 1722), but they do not provide any other details.

Apprentice of John Hambridge, barber & periwigmaker:

Robert Herne, son of Anne Herne, widow, of Crewkerne, for the premium of £10 as recorded in 1712.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\YEO.J/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Yeovil, Somerset, 1638-1783; 1650-1699]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.178 [which incorrectly transcribes Hambridge's name as Hainbridge]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BARW/2/1/2 [parish registers of Barwick, Somerset, 1706-1745]; TNA, IR 1/42, f.81.

**George HAMMOND or HAMON) (b.1647 or 1648)** Person ID: 6226/18158/22365

Occ: surgeon/apothecary

Loc: Stepney, Middlesex/Taunton, Somerset

George Hammond of Taunton, who described himself as formerly an apothecary living in London, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol, Exeter and Winchester on 9 June 1679. Letters testimonial on his behalf were signed by **Blaze Allen**, **Richard Stone** and **Christopher Packe**, three London physicians with strong credentials in the field of chemical medicine.

Hammond was the son of the ejected clergyman George Hammond (d.1705) and his wife Judith and was baptized at Mamhead in Devon on 4 January 1647/8. He was apprenticed to **Joshua Drayner**, apothecary, of St Martin in the Fields, Middlesex, on 7 July 1663 and was subsequently re-enrolled as the apprentice of **Thomas Elton**, on 18 October 1667. By 1674, he would appear to have been practising both as a surgeon and an apothecary at Ratcliffe in the parish of Stepney, Middlesex. There, on 24 March 1673/4, he married Sarah Dyke of Ratcliffe. In all probability, Hammond's move to Taunton was instigated by his father's decision to become minister to the newly established Presbyterian chapel at Taunton in 1677, an appointment that came to an abrupt end in 1685 when in the aftermath of Monmouth's Rebellion, George Hammond Snr fled to London. His son may have left with him as he has left no trace in the records of the town. He was certainly dead by the time that his son George was apprenticed to a London apothecary in 1697.

Children of George Hammond and wife Sarah:

George Dyke, bapt.18 February 1674/5 [St Dunstan's, Stepney, Middlesex].  
George. He was apprenticed to **John Faire**, apothecary, of London, 4 May 1697.  
William [will of grandmother, Mary Dyke, 1714].

*ODNB*, sub Hamond, George, article by B.W.Kirk; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/129/1-2; Sancroft, f.220v [*Directory*, i, no.380]; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), pp.244-5; Devon Heritage Centre, 461A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Mamhead, Devon]; **London apothecary database**; G.J.Armytage (ed.), *Allegations for Marriage Licences Issued by the Vicar-General of the Archbishop of Canterbury, 1669 to 1679* (London, HS, vol.34, 1892), p.111; London Metropolitan Archives, P93/DUN/266 [parish registers of St Dunstan's, Stepney, Middlesex, marriages, 1631-1686]; P93/DUN/258 [parish registers of St Dunstan's, Stepney, Middlesex, baptisms, 1656-1710]; TNA, PROB 11/551, ff.47v-48v [will of Mary Dyke, widow, of St Dunstan's, Stepney, Middlesex, 29 November 1714, pr.9 March 1715/16].

**Dr HANCOCK or HANDCOCK (fl.1678-1679)**

Person ID: 34511

Occ: healer

Loc: Dunster, Somerset

In 1678, the overseers of the poor of Dunster, Somerset, paid one Dr Handcock for the cure of Jane Welch, a parishioner. He may have been the William Hancock who was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 21 June 1679.

F.Hancock, *Dunster Church and Priory* (Taunton, 1905), p.142; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, sub 21 June 1679.

**Francis HANN (b.1660)**

Person ID: 6275

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Shepton Mallet, Somerset

Francis Hann of Shepton Mallet, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 7 January 1694/5. He was probably the son of Mr Francis Hann who was baptised at Long Sutton, Somerset, on 7 October 1660. Hann was a Quaker. He married Gertrude Clothier, the daughter of **Abraham Clothier** (d.1655) of Shepton Mallet, at the Friends meeting in Shepton on 1 March 1684/5. In 1699, he was accused by fellow Quakers of 'behaviour contrary to truth'. The full extent of the accusation is unknown but it would appear to have related to Hann's questioning of the doctrine of the infallible nature of the 'spirit of truth' which guided all Quaker actions. Despite admonishment, he would nonetheless appear to have remained a Quaker.

He may have been related to the radical clergyman-cum-physician, **Francis Hann**, of Loxbeare in Devon.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, sub 7 January 1694/5; D\P\L.SUT/2/1/1 [parish registers of Long Sutton, Somerset, 1559-1665]; TNA, RG6/1439 [registers of the mid-Somersetshire Quakers]; S.C.Morland, 'Mid-Somersetshire Friends in the Eighteenth Century: A Study in the Administration of Discipline', *Journal of the Friends Historical Society*, 52 (1971), pp.259-60.

**John HANNAM (fl.1686)**

Person ID: 17854

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Shepton Mallet, Somerset

John Hanham, apothecary, of Shepton Mallet, Somerset, was licensed to marry Judith Nicholls of Clapton, spinster, at Cucklington in Somerset on 1 February 1686. No record of the marriage at Cucklington or elsewhere has been discovered, nor references to Hannam in the records of the town of Shepton Mallet.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.181.



**Matthew HANVILE or HENVILE (1650-1702)**

Person ID: 6703

Occ: licensed surgeon/physician

Loc: Wellington and Milverton, Somerset

Matthew Hanvile was licensed to practise medicine and surgery throughout the province of Canterbury on 1 July 1680. Letters testimonial on his behalf were signed by five medical practitioners, including **Thomas Gunton** of Wiveliscombe and **George Cockeram**, apothecary, of Wellington, as well as the vicar and churchwardens of Wellington. In 1683, Hanvile repaid the debt to the latter when he counter-signed his own application for a medical licence.

Matthew Hanvile was the son of Ralph Hanvile or Henvile and his wife Dorothy and was baptized at Milverton in Somerset on 12 December 1650. He matriculated at New Inn Hall, Oxford, on 2 May 1673, proceeding BA in 1680/1 [sic] and MA the same year. On the latter occasion, Hanvile, described as a married man, served as *terrae filius* at his graduation.

On 2 February 1673/4, Hanvile married Grace Coleborne of Wellington at Langford Budville, Somerset, a marriage that casts doubt on the date of Hanvile's BA (above). Matthias Hanvile of Screedy, near Milverton, gentleman, was buried at Milverton on 5 October 1702. In his will, made a month before his death, Hanvile named his 'trusty and well beloved friends' John Sanford, esquire, of Nyncehead, Somerset, Richard Hanvile [Henvile], esquire, of Poole, Dorset, and John Periam, gentleman, of Milverton as executors in trust, charged with the sale of all his real and personal estate. Land held in jointure with his wife was protected, but otherwise she is neither named nor mentioned further. In total, Hanvile made bequests totaling £700, the vast majority bequeathed to his two brothers and three sisters.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/ 150/1-2; Sancroft, f.231 [*Directory*, i, no.404]; VX 1A/10176/1-3; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\MILV/2/1/1 and 4 [parish registers of Milverton, Somerset, 1538-1653; 1695-1704]; D\P\LANF/2/1/2 [parish registers of Langford Budville, Somerset, 1665-1765]; Foster, ii, p.694; *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.548; TNA, PROB 11/467, ff.178v-179v [will of Matthias Hanville, gentleman, of Milverton, Somerset, 3 September 1702, pr.7 November 1702].

**John HARDING (fl.1714)**

Person ID: 15451

Occ: barber

Loc: Bath, Somerset

John Harding, barber, of Bath was licensed to marry Anne Nowes, spinster, of the same (aged 30) on 11 July 1714. No record of the marriage has been found.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.183.

**William HARVEY (d.1694)**

Person ID: 17007

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Axbridge, Somerset

William Harvey, apothecary, married Jane Symes, a spinster of Axbridge and aged 22 at Axbridge, Somerset, on 7 August 1689. She was buried at Axbridge on 13 October 1693. Mr William Harvey was buried in the same parish on 14 March 1693/4.

Children of William Harvey and wife Jane:

Martha, bapt.31 March 1691 [Axbridge].

Mary, bapt.1 April 1692 [Axbridge].

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.187; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\AX/2/1/1 [parish registers of Axbridge, Somerset, 1561-1718].

**John HAVILAND Snr (c.1630-1690)**

Person ID: 6523

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Charlinch and Bridgwater, Somerset

John Haviland of Charlinch, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 26 August 1662. He subsequently removed to Bridgwater in Somerset, where he owned property. In 1664, he and fellow medical practitioner **Selwyn Chapman** were plaintiffs in a case brought before the Court of Arches against **John Symes** of Bridgwater for practising surgery without a licence. He is probably the Mr Haviland who was paid £4 in 1680 by the overseers of the poor at North Petherton in Somerset, for amputating the leg of one Susan Nations. She subsequently died.

Haviland was the son of John Haviland (d.1663) of Charlinch and his wife Elizabeth (d.1660), nee Everard, and was probably born about 1630 (the registers of the parish no longer survive for this period). He married Elizabeth Dight, the daughter of Alexander Dight of West Buckland, Somerset. Haviland was buried at Bridgwater on 1 April 1690.

Haviland was the father of **John Haviland** (d.1711), doctor of physic, of Plymouth, Devon.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 26 August 1662; D\D\vc/41, f.63v; D\D\BR/SU/1; Lambeth Palace Library, A4, f.12; Bbb 37, 51; R.K.Meade King, 'Parish of West Monkton in the Days of Queen Bess and James I', *Proceedings of the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society*, 11 (1861-2), p.170; G.D.Squibb (ed.), *The Visitation of Somerset and the City of Bristol 1672* (London, HS, vol.11, 1992), p.83; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW.M/2/1/2 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1682-1714].

**Jane HAWKINS (d.1619)**

Person ID: 18511

Occ: midwife

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Jane Hawkins, midwife, was buried at Bath Abbey on 21 March 1618/19.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, p.347.

**Peter HAWKINS (fl.1595)**

Person ID: 34858

Occ: barber

Loc: Ilchester, Somerset

Peter Hawkins or Hawkyns, barber, of Ilchester, Somerset, appeared as a defendant in a case of debt brought by Philip Yarde of Exeter in the Court of Common Pleas in 1595.

TNA, CP40/1541.

**Robert HAWKINS (fl.1550s)**

Person ID: 34866

Occ: barber/clergyman?

Loc: Crewkerne, Somerset

Robert Hawkins, barber, of Crewkerne in Somerset was defendant in the Court of Chancery with regard to his attempt to exact tithes at High Ham, Somerset, when not in holy orders. He was almost certainly deprived of his clerical status during the Marian period.

TNA, C/1343/1-2 [1553-5].

**Stephen HAYSOM or HAYSOME (d.1712)**

Person ID: 17457

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Stephen Haysom, apothecary, was a resident of Fore Street in the parish of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, between 1700 and his death in 1712. He was married at least twice. His first wife Mary was buried at St Mary Magdalene on 25 March 1708. Nothing is known of her or Haysom's second wife Rebecca. Stephen Haysom, apothecary, was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 15 February 1711/12. His will, no longer extant, was proved in the archdeaconry court of Taunton the same year.

Children of Stephen Haysom:

John, buried 11 March 1699/1700 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Sarah, bapt.19 May 1702 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Mary, bapt.9 June 1703 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

John, buried 19 October 1707 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

John, bapt.6 February 1709/10; buried 30 January 1710/11 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/2 and 32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, baptisms, 1685-1776; burials, 1682-1760]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations in the Court of the Archdeacon of Taunton, 1537-1799* (London, BRS, vol.53, 1912), p.54.

**Edward HAYWARD (1661-1725)**

Person ID: 6598/18282

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Yeovil, Somerset

Edward Hayward, apothecary, of Yeovil, Somerset, was licensed to practise physic in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 14 January 1701/2. He was the son of Giles Hayward and was baptized at Montacute, Somerset, on 19 November 1661. Hayward married Ann Wills, both of Yeovil, at Barwick, Somerset, on 19 August 1683. He and his wife Anne took out a long lease on the Black Cock in South Street, Yeovil, which subsequently passed to Hayward's son, Edward, an apothecary and physician. Mr Edward Hayward was buried at Yeovil on 9 March 1724/5.

Children of Edward Hayward and wife Anne:

Joan, bapt.6 December 1683 [Yeovil]. She married Thomas Glisson, sergemaker, of Yeovil in 1704 and was still alive in 1733.

Mary, bapt.16 April 1685 [Yeovil]. She married **John Hambridge Jnr**, barber, of Yeovil at Barwick, Somerset, 16 February 1709/10.

Anne, bapt.9 February 1686/7 [Yeovil].

Elizabeth, bapt.12 July 1692 [Yeovil].

Edward, bapt.10 April 1695 [Yeovil]. He practiced as an apothecary at Yeovil.

Bridget, bapt.24 March 1696/7 [Yeovil].

NB: an unnamed child of Mr Edward Hayward was buried at Yeovil on 2 June 1699. The registers also note the burial of an unnamed daughter of Doctor Hayward (father or son?) on 8 May 1721.

Apprentice of Edward Hayward, apothecary:

William Budd, son of Thomas Budd of Crewkerne, Somerset, for the premium of £50 as recorded in 1731.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 14 January 1701/2; D\D\ol/48, *sub* 14 January 1701/2; D\P\MONT/2/1/1 [parish registers of Montacute, Somerset, 1558-1727]; D\P\BARW/2/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Barwick, Somerset, 1560-1707; 1706-1745]; Muniments of Woborn Almshouse, nos 74 and 89; D\P\YEO.J/2 and 3 [parish registers of Yeovil, Somerset, 1638-1783; 1650-1699]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), pp.163, 178, 295; TNA, IR 1/12, f.179.

**Robert HAYWARD (fl.1714-1732)**

Person ID: 34512

Occ: barber

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Robert Hayward, barber, of Bath, Somerset, married Mary Nowell of the same, spinster, at Claverton, Somerset, on 8 February 1713/14. He may be the same as the Mr Robert Hayward who was buried at Bath Abbey on 28 June 1771.

Children of Robert Hayward:

Sarah, bapt.2 March 1715/16 [Bath Abbey].

Mary, bapt.19 June 1717; buried 30 January 1718/19 [Bath Abbey].

John, bapt.20 August 1719 [Bath Abbey].

Mary, bapt.1 June 1721 [Bath Abbey].

Sarah, bapt.5 September 1723 [Bath Abbey].

William, bapt.15 April 1725 [Bath Abbey].

Clementeen, bapt.12 June 1727 [Bath Abbey].

Samuel, bapt.25 September 1730 [Bath Abbey].

Decimus, bapt.9 August 1732 [Bath Abbey].

Apprentice of Robert Hayward, barber:

William Trinn, son of Robert Trinn for the premium of £8 as recorded in 1714.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.191; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\PVLAV/2/1/2 [parish registers of Claverton, Somerset, 1581-1804]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.88, 89, 91, 93, 96, 98, 101, 105, 107; ii, pp.410, 457; TNA, IR 1/45, f.112.

**Thomas HAYWARD**

Person ID: 18062

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

There would appear to have been two men of this name, described variously as senior and junior, practising as apothecaries from Fore Street in Taunton from about 1717 to 1723.

Thomas Hayward Jnr married Anna (or Hannah) Payne of Sherborne, Dorset, at Sherborne on 26 June 1717. She was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 30 October 1719 after giving birth to a son Thomas on 1 February 1718/19 (he was buried seven days later). Thomas Hayward Jnr probably re-married a woman called Sarah, with whom he had a child baptized as Sarah on 23 November 1721. Thomas Hayward Jnr, apothecary, was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 22 February 1722/3.

Thomas Hayward Snr is more elusive. His wife Elizabeth was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 15 September 1720. He may be the same as the Thomas Hayward, esquire, who was buried in the same parish on 27 November 1750. His undated will mentions various grandchildren and a daughter Elizabeth Langley.

Apprentices of Thomas Hayward, apothecary:

Richard Mitchell for the premium of £50 as recorded in 1718.

Henry Manley, son of Robert Manley for the premium of £50 as recorded in 1719. He practiced as an apothecary at Taunton.

Dorset History Centre, PE/SH: RE1/2 [parish registers of Sherborne, Dorset]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/2 and 32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, baptisms, 1685-1776; burials, 1682-1760]; TNA, IR 1/46, ff.17, 105.

**Edward HEBDITCH (d.1657 or 1658)**

Person ID: 6649/15482

Occ: barber/barber surgeon

Loc: South Petherton, Somerset

Edward Hebditch of South Petherton, Somerset, married Mary Bremelcombe at South Petherton on 6 November 1626. He was clearly practising as a barber surgeon there by 1636, if not before, as he is described as such when acting as the bondsman for the marriage of a fellow villager in that year. Hebditch's wife Mary was buried at South Petherton on 2 March 1650/1. He subsequently married a woman called Emme, of whom no more is known. Hebditch died between October 1657 and January 1657/8. In his will, he left all his shop and 'instruments of trimming' to his only son Simon, who was also named as residual legatee and executor. He was also survived by six daughters who all received small monetary and other bequests. Hebditch's wife Emme was requested to give security for the goods in her temporary possession to the testator's 'good friend' Mr William Sandys.

Richard Hebditch and Edward Hebditch, both described as barbers of South Petherton, were defendants in a trial for debt in the Court of Common Pleas in 1642.

Children of Edward Hebditch and wife Mary:

Mary, bapt.4 November 1627 [South Petherton]; alive in 1657.

Wilmot, bapt.13 April 1631 [South Petherton]; alive in 1657.

Elizabeth, bapt.28 April 1633 [South Petherton]; alive in 1657.

Simon, bapt.22 February 1634/5 [South Petherton]. He married Joan Morgges at South Petherton on 1 July 1662.

Agnes, bapt.19 March 1636/7 [South Petherton]; alive in 1657.

Emlin, bapt.30 June 1639 [South Petherton]; alive in 1657.

Dorothy, bapt.8 May 1642 [South Petherton]; alive in 1657.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\PET.S/2/1/1 [parish registers of South Petherton, Somerset, 1574-1674]; Col.H.R.Phipps (ed.), Abstracts of Bath and Wells Diocesan Records. Vol.III. Marriage Licences, 1636-1676 [typescript on open shelf], p.58;

TNA, PROB 11/272, ff.189r-v [will of Edward Hebditch, barber, of South Petherton, Somerset, 20 October 1657, pr.8 January 1657/8]; TNA, CP40/2498, m.1881 [1642].

**John HELPES (fl.mid 16<sup>th</sup> century)**

Person ID: 6663

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: High Ham, Somerset

Helpes, formerly a monk at Glastonbury Abbey and fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford, served as rector of High Ham in Somerset for two years during the reign of Edward VI. He would appear to have professed the art of physic.

Rev.D.C.Crossman, 'Adrian Schaell's Memoir of High Ham Church and Rectory, AD 1598', *Proceedings of the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society*, 40 (1894), p.116; *Victoria County History, Somerset*, vol.8, ed.R.Dunning (London, 2004), p.78.

**Thomas HENLEY or HENLY (d.1701)**

Person ID: 6685

Occ: doctor

Loc: Minehead, Somerset

Thomas Henley, gentleman, was licensed to practise physic and surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 18 September 1662. He was described as 'doctor' in the baptismal entry for his daughter Mary on 10 December 1661.

Henley was probably a staunch conformist. He served as constable of the parish in 1661-2 and was a kinsman of the local clergyman and arch-royalist Dr Henry Byam (1580-1669), who named him as one of the overseers of his will and may have been the godfather of Henley's daughter, Mary (she was left a small bequest in Byam's will). In 1675, he gave a gift of silver communion plate to the parish. Alice, the wife of Mr Thomas Henly, was buried at Minehead on 20 June 1674. Thomas Henly, gent, was buried in the same parish on 29 March 1701.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 18 September 1662; D\P\M.ST.M/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Minehead, Somerset, 1632-1700; 1701-1807]; TNA, PROB 11/330, ff.101v-102r [will of Henry Byam, doctor of divinity, of Luckham, Somerset, 30 April 1669, pr.10 September 1669]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\M.ST.M/4/1/1.

**Mr HEWETT (fl.1702)**

Person ID: 34513

Occ: healer

Loc: Dunster, Somerset

In 1702, Mr Hewett was paid £3 by the overseers of the poor of Dunster, Somerset, for curing the thigh of Joan Eames.

F.Hancock, *Dunster Church and Priory* (Taunton, 1905), p.152. Otherwise unidentified.

**Thomas HIBBERT or HIBBET (1689-1731)**

Person ID: 15499

Occ: barber

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Thomas Hibbert, barber, was licensed to marry Mary Williams, both of Bath, Somerset, on 30 October 1717. No record of the marriage has been found. Hibbert was probably the son of Thomas Hibbet who was baptized at Bath Abbey on 18 September 1689. He was buried in the abbey on 22 October 1731.

Children of Thomas Hibbert:

Mary, bapt.9 March 1718/19 [Bath Abbey].  
Thomas, bapt.9 September 1720 [Bath Abbey].  
Elizabeth, bapt.17 February 1722/3 [Bath Abbey].  
John, bapt.23 December 1725 [Bath Abbey].  
Elizabeth, bapt.19 October 1727 [Bath Abbey].  
Edward, bapt.7 May 1729 [Bath Abbey].

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.196; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.68, 91, 92, 95, 99, 101, 103; ii, p.423.

**Basil HILL (fl.1677-1703)**

Person ID: 6815

Occ: licensed surgeon/physician

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset and London

Basil Hill, surgeon, seems to have divided his time between London and Bridgwater, practising at the latter between 1677 and 1686. Hill was made a freeman of the Barber Surgeons' Company of London, by redemption, in 1674. Following the birth and death of his first son Alexander, he moved with his wife Catherine to Bridgwater, where in 1684 he certified the medical practice of **William Morgan Jnr** of Pylle in Somerset. Following the death of his wife Catherine (buried at Bridgwater, 5 September 1686), Hill returned to London, where he married a woman called Dorothy. In 1703, the couple were living in Whitefriars, but nothing further of their whereabouts has been discovered. A licence to practise medicine and surgery granted to a Basil Hill of Somerset in August 1696 was subsequently cancelled, suggesting, with other factors, that he may have lived a very itinerant existence, possibly as a naval surgeon.

Children of Basil Hill and wife Catherine:

Alexander, bapt.14 February 1674/5 [St Benet Fink, London]; buried 6 October 1676 [St Margaret Lothbury, London].  
Frances, bapt.22 December 1677 [Bridgwater].  
Basil, bapt.1 May 1681 [Bridgwater].  
Edmund, bapt.9 October 1682 [Bridgwater].  
Constance, bapt.August 1685 [Bridgwater].



Children of Basil Hill and wife Dorothy:

Henry, bapt.5 July 1689 [St Andrew Holborn, Middlesex].

Henry, bapt.March 1702/3 [St Bride's, London].

Guildhall Library, Register of Freeman Admissions [**full ref**]; London Metropolitan Archives, P69/BEN1/A/001/MS 04097 [parish registers of St Benet Fink, London, 1538-1720]; P69/MGT1/A/001/MS 04346/001 [parish registers of St Margaret Lothbury, London, 1558-1736]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW.M/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1653-1681; 1682-1714]; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/210/1-4; London Metropolitan Archives, P82/AND/A/001/MS 06667/005 [parish registers of St Andrew Holborn, Middlesex, 1676-1692]; P69/BRI/A/006/MS 06548 [parish registers of St Bride's, London, 1695-1706]; Lambeth Palace Library, VG 1/6, f.142 [*Directory*, i, no.414].

**Benoni HILL (c.1640-1699)**

Person ID: 6816

Occ: clergyman/licensed surgeon/physician    Loc: Berrow and South Brent, Somerset

Benoni Hill, curate of Berrow, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery throughout the province of Canterbury on 21 October 1680. Hill's application had the support of four local medical practitioners – **Henry Dibble** of Taunton, **George Sellwood** of Chard, **Edward Pearce** of Membury, Devon, and **Richard Stoodly** of Chardstock, Dorset – as well as four fellow clergymen and the churchwardens of Berrow.

Hill was born in about 1640 and does not appear to have undertaken a university education. Regardless, he was made vicar of Berrow in Somerset in 1662, was made vicar of South Brent in 1672 and curate of Brean in 1693. In 1667, he was prosecuted in the consistory court for preaching at the funeral of an excommunicated parishioner in Berrow. Hill, described as aged 24, was licensed to marry Edith Gilling, widow, of Berrow on 19 January 1663/4. She probably pre-deceased Hill as one Mr Benoni Hill of Berrow married Jane Bradford of Compton Martin at the latter parish on 9 June 1697. The burial of Benoni Hill, vicar of South Brent took place at Brent Knoll (or leastwise was recorded there) on 29 October 1699.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/151/1-3; Sancroft, f.231v [*Directory*, i, no.415]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\ca/341a, f.197r; DD/01/37, p.27a; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\COM.M/2/1/2 [parish registers of Compton Martin, Somerset, 1654-1805]; D\P\BRNT.K/2/1/1 [parish registers of Brent Knoll, Somerset, 1678-1800].

**John HILL (1620-1687)**

Person ID: 22732

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Combe Florey, Somerset

The only evidence we have for John Hill, rector of Combe Florey from 1645 until his death in 1687, as a physician is a description of him as 'medicus' in 1662. Hill was

the son of Richard Hill (d.1636), rector of Combe Florey, and was baptised in the village on 18 March 1619/20. He matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, in 1637 proceeding BA in 1640. Hill's will mentions a wife Elizabeth, but nothing further is known of her. Hill himself died in 1687 and was buried at Combe Florey on 1 February 1686/7. In his will, made over two years before his death, Hill requested burial under the communion table in the parish church where he had officiated for 32 years. Hill left numerous small monetary bequests to his children, grandchildren and in-laws as well as the leasehold on a property at Puriton, Somerset. He named his wife Elizabeth as residual legatee and sole executrix. She was buried at Combe Florey on 16 October 1694.

Children of John Hill, rector of Combe Florey:

John, born 23 July 1648; bapt.17 August 1648 [Combe Florey]. He matriculated at All Souls College, Oxford, on 30 March 1666, and was BA and MA in 1669 and 1672. He was buried at Combe Florey, 26 February 1691/2.

Richard, born 9 October 1649; bapt.7 November 1649 [Combe Florey]. He was admitted pensioner at Queen's College, Cambridge, 15 February 1666/7, proceeding BA in 1670/1 and MA in 1674. Richard married Elizabeth Nelmes of Woodford, Essex, at St Clement Danes, Middlesex, on 6 January 1687/8, having succeeded his father as rector of Combe Florey in 1687. He was buried at Combe Florey, 10 February 1731/2.

Blanch, born 15 April 1651; bapt.14 May 1651 [Combe Florey]. She was alive and married to John Gale in 1684 [will].

Amy, born 14 February 1652/3; bapt.24 March 1652/3 [Combe Florey]. She was alive and married to Thomas Hawkins in 1684 [will].

Edmund, born 19 February 1655/6; buried 26 August 1690 [Combe Florey].

Elizabeth, born 11 September 1657 [Combe Florey]. She was alive and married to one Pate in 1684 [will].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\vc/41, f.72r; D\P\CO.FL/2/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Combe Florey, Somerset, 1566-1697; 1698-1802]; Foster, ii, pp.711, 712; TNA, PROB 11/386, ff.173v-174r [will of John Hill, clerk, of Combe Florey, Somerset, 7 December 1684, pr.8 February 1686/7]; PROB 4/21410 [inventory of John Hill, clerk, of Combe Florey, Somerset, 27 April 1687]; Venn, ii, p.373; City of Westminster Archives, STC/PR/1/5 [parish registers of St Clement Danes, Middlesex, 1671-1700].

**Thomas HILL (fl.1664)**

Person ID: 6851

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

In May 1664, one Thomas Hill, on being examined as to his association with the radical republican dissident Richard Bovet, claimed that he had been practising physic at Taunton, it 'being allowed by the Hall in London'. John Amory of Wrington later claimed to know Hill, whom he described as a surgeon. No other evidence has emerged of Hill practising medicine or surgery in Taunton or the neighbourhood. He does not appear to have been related to John Hill of Taunton and his wife Jane, whose mail was intercepted by the authorities in March 1661. Given his radical persona, he

may be the same as the Mr Hill, described as 'Cromwell's surgeon', who in 1662 was suspected of complicity in republican plotting.

*CSPD, 1663-1664*, pp.590, 598; *CSPD, 1660-1661*, p.541; R.L.Greaves, *Deliver Us From Evil: The Radical Underground in Britain, 1660-1663* (Oxford, 1986), p.102.

**John HILMAR, HILMARRE or HILMORE (d.1608)**

Person ID: 6869

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bath, Somerset

John Hilmar practised as a surgeon in Bath between 1584 and his death in 1608. He married on three occasions. His first wife Christian was buried at St James', Bath, on 19 August 1583. Hilmar then married Anne Leese, the widow of Dr **Robert Leese** (d.1583) at Bath Abbey on 13 January 1583/4. She was buried at the abbey on 4 November 1599. Thirdly, he married Mary Whitewood or Whitwood at the abbey on 6 June 1600. Hilmar himself was buried in the abbey on 5 April 1608. In his will, made shortly before his death, he left £50 to be divided between his wife Mary and younger children William, Henry and Lettice, and named his eldest son and heir John as residual legatee and executor. He also nominated his brothers in law John Whitewood and Josias Barry as joint overseers.

Children of John Hilmar and wife Anne:

John, bapt.22 November 1584 [Bath Abbey].  
William, bapt.29 January 1586/7 [Bath Abbey].

Children of John Hilmar and wife Mary:

Lettice, bapt.19 September 1600 [Bath Abbey].  
Dorothy, bapt.9 July 1603; buried 14 July 1603 [Bath Abbey].  
Henry, bapt.4 May 1605 [Bath Abbey].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\ST.JA/2/1/1 [parish registers of St James, Bath, Somerset, 1569-1694]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.6, 7, 13, 14, 15; 202, 204; ii, pp.337, 339, 342; TNA, PROB 11/112, ff.115v-116r [will of John Hilmarre, chirurgeon, of Bath, Somerset, 26 March 1608, pr.14 July 1608].

**William HINKS (d.1747)**

Person ID: 6888

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Tickenham and Nailsea, Somerset

William Hinks of Tickenham, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the county of Somerset on 1 February 1700/1. He married twice. On the first occasion, he married Ann Downing at Clapton in Gordano, Somerset, on 25 December 1700. She died less than a year later and was buried at Clapton on 14 September 1701. Secondly, he married Mary Jenkins of Nailsea at Bedminster, Somerset, on 15 February 1702/3. Shortly after the birth of their first child they

moved from Tickenham to Nailsea, where Hinks, described as 'doctor' and aged 77, was buried on 15 July 1747. His widow Mary, who died on 29 June, was buried at Nailsea on 1 July 1754. A monument erected to his memory in the parish church of Holy Trinity, Nailsea, states that Hinks, who died aged 77, practised medicine and surgery in the parish for 50 years 'with reputation and success'. Hinks was regularly paid by the parish for curing the poor of Nailsea, an arrangement that was regularized in 1736 when it was agreed that he should be paid an annual fee of three guineas.

Children of William Hinks and wife Mary:

Mary, bapt.26 February 1704/5 [Tickenham].  
Elizabeth, bapt.11 April 1707; buried 29 May 1707 [Nailsea].  
Annah, bapt.4 April 1711 [Nailsea].  
Thomas, bapt.30 September 1713 [Nailsea].  
Sara, bapt.6 December 1717 [Nailsea].  
Martha, bapt.4 January 1719/20 [Nailsea].  
Ruth, bapt.10 September 1721 [Nailsea].  
Ann, bapt.31 December 1723 [Nailsea].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 1 February 1700/1; D\P\C.IN.G/2/1/1 [parish registers of Clapton in Gordano, Somerset, 1558-1803]; Bristol Archives, P/ST.JBED/R/1/b [parish registers of St John's, Bedminster, Somerset, 1690-1722]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\NA.HT/2/1/2 [parish registers of Nailsea, Somerset, 1653-1758]; D\P\TICK/2/1/1 [parish registers of Tickenham, Somerset, 1538-1812]; *m.i.*, Holy Trinity, Nailsea, Somerset; Rev.J.Collinson, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Somerset* 3 vols (Bath, 1791), iii, p.163; J.M.Pullan, *The Care of the Poor in Nailsea 1679-1819* (Nailsea, 2006), pp.21-22.

**Richard HIPPARD (fl.1652)**

Person ID: 34514

Occ; barber

Loc: Somerset

Richard Hippard was described as a barber, of Somerset, in the apprenticeship record of his son William who was apprenticed to Richard Hayward, tailor, of Bristol on 10 July 1652.

Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

**John HOBBS (fl.1664)**

Person ID: 15515

Occ: barber

Loc: Wells, Somerset

John Hobbs, 'tonsor', of Wells, Somerset, acted as a bondsman for the marriage of Roger Ellis of Winscombe, Somerset, yeoman, on 26 February 1663/4.

Somerset Heritage Centre, Col.H.R.Phipps, 'Abstracts of Bath and Wells Diocesan Records, vol.III. Marriage Licences, 1636-1676'.

**Henry HOLLARD (d.1679)**

Person ID: 34515

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Mr Henry Hollard, apothecary, was buried at St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, on 1 May 1679. Otherwise unidentified.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/2 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1668-1727].

**Joan HOTKINS (d.1584)**

Person ID: 22924

Occ: midwife

Loc: Axbridge, Somerset

Joan Hotkins, midwife, was buried at Axbridge, Somerset, on 7 June 1584.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\AX/2/1/1 [parish registers of Axbridge, Somerset, 1561-1718].

**Isaac HOUSE (d.1613)**

Person ID: 34516

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Isaac House, apothecary, was buried at St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, on 18 May 1613. Otherwise unidentified.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1609-1668].

**John HOW or HOWE (d.1685)**

Person ID: 7153

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

John How of Bridgwater, Somerset, was licensed to practise physic and surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 19 August 1663. In 1678, **Matthew Bromfield** listed his shop in Bridgwater as an outlet for his cure-all pill. He was also consulted in the 1670s as to the viability of a scheme to patent a new method of beehive construction. How died in 1685 and was buried at Bridgwater on 9 February 1684/5.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 19 August 1663; Matthew Bromfield, *A Brief Discovery of the True Causes, Symptoms, and Effects of ... Scurvy* (London, 1678), p.15; Bodl., MS Aubrey 13, ff.5-6; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW/M/2/1/3 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1682-1714].

**William HUBERT (d.1729)**

Person ID: 15564

Occ: barber

Loc: Bath, Somerset

William Hubert, barber, married Hannah Bishop, both of Bath, Somerset, at Weston, near Bath, on 19 February 1720/1. He was buried at Bath Abbey on 17 November 1729.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\W.AS/2/1/2 [parish registers of All Saints, Weston, near Bath, Somerset, 1683-1758]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.215.

**Henry HUCKER (fl.1714)**

Person ID: 15565

Occ: barber

Loc: Ilminster, Somerset

Henry Hucker, barber, of Ilminster, Somerset, married Elizabeth Sweet of the same place (aged 23) at Pylle, Somerset, on 7 May 1714.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\PYL/2/1/1 [parish registers of Pylle, Somerset, 1591-1759]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.215.

**James HUDDEN (fl.1715)**

Person ID: 7209

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Beckington, Somerset

James Hudden of Beckington, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 24 May 1715. Two persons of this name were buried at Beckington – on 15 April 1730 and 3 May 1733. In addition, a James Hudden married a Mary Josse at Beckington on 9 April 1730.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 24 May 1715; D\P\BEC/2/1/2 [parish registers of Beckington, Somerset, 1653-1741].

**Mrs HURMAN or HURMON (fl.1626)**

Person ID: 7331

Occ: unlicensed surgeon

Loc: Wells, Somerset

One Mrs Hurmon, the wife of John Hurmon of Wells, Somerset, was presented in the consistory court of Bath and Wells for practising surgery without a licence on 11 September 1626.

She may be the same as the Elizabeth Wallis, widow, who married John Hurman at St Cuthbert's, Wells, on 31 January 1612/13. John Hurman was buried at Wells on 26 February 1642/3, while an Elizabeth Hurman, widow, was buried there, 13 November 1645.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\ca/255, *sub* 11 September 1626; D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1609-1668].

**Francis HUSSEY (d.1716)**

Person ID: 23026

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Chard, Somerset

Francis Hussey, apothecary, was buried at Chard, Somerset, on 8 July 1716.

Francis Hussey married Margaret Johnson at Dinnington, Somerset, on 5 December 1702. She subsequently married her husband's apprentice Thomas Legg, apothecary, at Chard on 1 January 1718/19.

Apprentice of Francis Hussey, apothecary:

Thomas Legg, the son of George Legg, gentleman, of Membury, Devon, for the premium of £35 as recorded in 1711. He married his master's widow at Chard on 1 January 1718/19.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHARD/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chard, Somerset, 1649-1729]; D\P\DINN/2/1/2 [parish register of Dinnington, Somerset, 1692-1752]; TNA, IR 1/44, f.37.

**Richard HUTSON (fl.1667)**

Person ID: 7353

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Somerset

In 1667, Richard Hutson, alongside fellow surgeon **Robert Thatcher** of Wedmore, Somerset, performed an amputation on a man from Mark, Somerset.

W.G.Hall, 'A Country General Practitioner in Somerset, 1686-1706: John Westover of Wedmore', *The Local Historian*, 20 (1990), p.185.

**William ILLING (d.1657)**

Person ID: 15593

Occ: barber

Loc: Wincanton, Somerset

William Illing [Elline], barber, was buried at Wincanton, Somerset, on 6 April 1657. In his will, made shortly before his death, he left a property and shop in Wincanton, plus all basins, razors, combs, glasses, scissors and other tools of the barber's trade to his eldest son William (not yet 21). In addition, Illing left £100 and various small bequests of personal possessions to his other two children, John and Mary. He named his son William as residual legatee and sole executor and nominated his 'good friend' John King, brother John Illing and brother in law William Talbot as overseers.

Illing married Mabel or Mabella (baptized at Cucklington, 11 February 1615/16), the daughter of Hugh Moger, gentleman, of Wincanton. She died in 1656 and was buried at Wincanton on 17 March 1655/6. In her father's late will, he left a number of small bequests to his son in law William Illing and three grandchildren.

Children of William Illing [Ellin] and wife Mabella:

Mary, bapt.15 March 1644/5 [Wincanton].

William, bapt.4 June 1646 [Wincanton].

John, bapt.12 September 1647 [Wincanton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WINC/2/1/1 [parish registers of Wincanton, Somerset, 1636-1721]; TNA, PROB 11/285, ff.359r-360r [will of William Illing, barber, of Wincanton, Somerset, 20 March 1656/7, pr.6 December 1658]; PROB 11/265, ff.162r-164v [will of Hugh Moger, gentleman, of Wincanton, Somerset, 9 July 1656, pr.30 June 1657].

**Thomas INGRAM (fl.1706)**

Personal ID: 7387

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Thomas Ingram, of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, was licensed to practise the art of surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 15 November 1706.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 15 November 1706.

**John IREMONGER or IRONMONGER (d.1724)**

Person ID: 34517

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Mr John Iremonger of Gloucester married Elizabeth Petten, the daughter of John Petten, soapboiler, of Bishop's Hull, Somerset, at Bradford-on-Tone, Somerset, on 24 March 1717/18. He subsequently established an apothecary's shop in the High Street in the parish of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, where he was buried on 18 September 1724. Iremonger's wife Elizabeth pre-deceased him, being buried in the same parish on 1 February 1723/4. In his will, made shortly before his death, Iremonger left land at West Monkton, Somerset, and a house in Taunton to his eldest son John (who became an apothecary at Cheltenham, Gloucestershire), and £600 to his other two children, Vincent and Sarah. Their grandfather John Petten was named as executor and guardian.

Children of John Iremonger and Elizabeth:

John. An apothecary, he settled in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, where he was buried, 10 April 1765.

Vincent, buried 22 November 1764 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Sarah. She married Thomas Darch, surgeon, of Cutcombe at Bishop's Hull, Somerset, 23 February 1741/2.



Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BRA.T/2/1/4 [parish registers of Bradford-on-Tone, Somerset, 1716-1812]; D\P\TAU.M/2/1/32 and 33 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1682-1760; 1761-1812]; D\D\X/VZ/4 [property transaction dated 1754, which includes the will of John Iremonger, apothecary, of Taunton, Somerset, dated 2 September 1724 and proved in the archdeaconry court of Taunton]; Gloucestershire Archives, GDT/V1/58 [parish registers of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 1745-1769]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\B.HL/2/1/5 [parish registers of Bishop's Hull, Somerset, 1735-1812].

**Henry JACQUES or JAQUES (fl.1662-1668)**

Person ID: 7504

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Somerton, Somerset

Henry Jacques, of Somerton, Somerset, variously described as gentleman or Junior, practised surgery in east Devon and south Somerset. In 1662, he was licensed to practise surgery in the dioceses of Bath and Wells and Exeter. In the application for the latter licence, he was said to possess an 'excellent skill and knowledge in the Arte of Chirurgery' and to have effected 'many great cures' with 'a singular ffacultie in the cureing of Cancers'. He later signed testimonials on behalf of **Thomas Bartow** of Awliscombe, Devon, who was licensed to practise surgery in 1668.

The absence of registers for the parish of Somerton before 1697 makes it impossible to date Jacques' death. He may, however, have been the father of George Jaques, apothecary, who was buried at Somerton on 6 December 1727. George and Joan Jaques baptized two children at Somerton – William (11 March 1697/8) and Jane (23 October 1704).

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 19 July 1662; Devon Heritage Centre, Chanter MS 44, p.170; PR 518, *sub* Awliscombe, Devon and Somerset; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\SOM/2/1/1 [parish registers of Somerton, Somerset, 1697-1785].

**John JAMES (d.1677)**

Person ID: 7492

Occ: apothecary/physician

Loc: Crewkerne, Somerset

John James of Crewkerne, Somerset, was licensed to practise physic and surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 1 September 1674. James had been living in the town since at least 1664-5 when he paid for two hearths. The following year, his signature appears on a bond. Described as a doctor, James was buried at Crewkerne on 28 June 1677. An inventory of his goods, drawn up the following month, includes 'small dishes of pewter for bleeding' and 'severall sortes of physick'. The total value of James' estate, which included a substantial property, was appraised at £238, £178 of which related to the contents of his shop and related assets.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 1 September 1674; Hearth Tax returns for Somerset, 1664-5; Kresen Kernow, CY 1520; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CREW/2/1/2 [parish registers of Crewkerne, Somerset, 1653-1686];

D\D\SP/1677/31 [inventory of John James, apothecary, of Crewkerne, Somerset, 29 July 1677].

**Anne JEFFARD (d.1668)**

Person ID: 34518

Occ: midwife

Loc: Stogumber, Somerset

Anne Jeffard, widow and midwife, was buried at Stogumber, Somerset, on 6 June 1668.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\STOGM/2/1/2 [parish registers of Stogumber, Somerset, 1653-1712].

**William JELLETT or JELLOTT (d.1633)**

Person ID: 15609

Occ: barber

Loc: Dunster, Somerset

William Jellett, barber, was buried at Dunster on 21 August 1633. In his will, made four days before his death, he left all his estate, real and personal, to his wife and executrix Elizabeth, with the exception of a bequest of one pound and the testator's wearing apparel gifted to his only son William.

He may have been related to Mr Jellot who was living with his family in the house of the ejected minister William Alleine (1614-1677) at Ditchet in Somerset in 1665. He was described as a former apothecary from Blandford in Dorset, where Alleine had been vicar before his ejection in 1660, who had subsequently become a preacher in Ireland. Clearly, a nonconformist, he refused to come to church though did allow his servants to do so.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\DU/2/1/1 [parish registers of Dunster, Somerset, 1559-1677]; TNA, PROB 11/164, f.290r [will of William Jellott, barber, of Dunster, Somerset, 17 August 1633, pr.22 November 1633]; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1938; revised ed., 1988), pp.7-8.

**Edward JERMIN (1667-1758)**

Person ID: 7580

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Edward Jermin, doctor of physic, was the son of Edward Jermin, gentleman, of Taunton, Somerset. He was baptized at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 22 July 1667. He matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 16 March 1686/7, proceeding BA in 1690, MA in 1693, and B Med and MD in 1714. In 1730 he leased land in Taunton from the corporation.

Edward Jarman, doctor, of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, was buried at Bishop's Hull, Somerset, on 11 July 1758.

Foster, ii, p.811; D\P\TAU.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696]; D\P\B.HL/17/2/1; D\P\B.HL/2/1/6 [parish registers of Bishop's Hull, Somerset, 1735-1812].

**Aaron JESSE (d.1704)**

Person ID: 15619

Occ: barber

Loc: Chard, Somerset

Aaron Jesse, barber, of Chard, Somerset, married twice. Nothing is known of his third wife Ann, with whom he had four children. She died in 1683 and was buried at Chard on 1 July 1683. He then married Ruth Westcott of Lyme Regis, Dorset, at the latter parish on 21 November 1683. Aaron Jesse, barber, was buried at Chard on 26 January 1703/4.

Children of Aaron Jesse and wife Ann:

Henry, bapt.22 February 1662/3 [Chard].

Ann, bapt.9 August 1665; buried 4 October 1665 [Chard].

Ann, bapt.26 September 1666 [Chard].

Aaron, bapt.5 November 1681 [Chard].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHARD/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chard, Somerset, 1649-1729]; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, D5/34 [marriage licence bonds and allegations, deanery of Salisbury, 1681-1700]; Dorset History Centre, PE/LR: RE1/1 [parish registers of Lyme Regis, Dorset].

**Edward JESSE (d.1704)**

Person ID: 23188

Occ: barber

Loc: Chard, Somerset

Edward Jesse, barber, of Chard, Somerset, married Mary Long at Chard on 26 July 1677. Jesse was buried at Chard on 4 February 1703/4.

Children of Edward Jesse and wife Mary:

Edward, bapt.28 June 1678; buried 4 August 1678 [Chard].

Mary, born 24 October 1680; bapt.27 October 1680 [Chard].

Sarah, buried 9 July 1681 [Chard].

Sarah, bapt.18 May 1684 [Chard].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHARD/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chard, Somerset, 1649-1729].

**William JOHNSON (fl.1697)**

Person ID: 35042

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Humphrey Johnson, the son of William Johnson, barber surgeon, was apprenticed to George Shelley of the Tallow Chandlers' Company, London, on 16 July 1697. Otherwise unidentified.

**London Apprenticeship Abstracts, 1442-1850.**

**Henry JONES (d.before 1676)**

Person ID: 34519

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Somerset

George Jones, the son of Henry Jones, apothecary, of Somerset, deceased, was apprenticed to Philip Bernard, armourer and brazier, of the city of London, on 6 June 1676. Jones is otherwise unidentified.

**London Apprenticeship Abstracts, 1442-1850.**

**John JONES (fl.1713)**

Person ID: 17705

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Norton St Philip, Somerset

John Jones, apothecary, of Norton St Philip, Somerset, was licensed to marry Elizabeth Hedges of Stratton on the Fosse (aged 22) on 7 October 1713. No record of the marriage has been found, nor evidence to confirm that Jones subsequently settled in Norton St Philip.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.230.

**Joseph JONES (1673-1723)**

Person ID: 7720

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Bristol and Axbridge, Somerset

Joseph Jones, the son of Thomas Jones, yeoman, was apprenticed to **James Hughes**, barber surgeon, and his wife Sarah, of Bristol, on 16 August 1686, and was made a freeman of Bristol on 23 January 1694/5. Thereafter he is referred to as James. Jones married Philippa Wornell at Yatton, Somerset, on 1 April 1695, the couple being resident in Axbridge by 1700. Philippa Jones was buried at Axbridge on 12 August 1708. Her husband, Mr Joseph Jones, who voted for the Tory candidate at Bristol in the 1722 election, was buried at Axbridge on 12 March 1722/3.

Children of Joseph Jones and wife Phillipa:

Benjamin, bapt.19 November 1700 [Axbridge]. He was apprenticed to **Samuel Pye**, barber surgeon, of Bristol, 9 April 1717, and was made a freeman of the city in 1726.

Mary, bapt.26 July 1704 [Axbridge].

Mary, bapt.6 December 1705 [Axbridge].

Anne, bapt.13 July 1708; buried 15 July 1708 [Axbridge].

Bristol Archives, 04413; Bristol apprenticeship and freeman registers; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\YAT/2/1/1 [parish registers of Yatton, Somerset, 1675-1761]; D\P\AX/2/1/1 [parish registers of Axbridge, Somerset, 1561-1718].

**Walter JONES (fl.1687)**

Person ID: 17034

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Walter Jones, apothecary, of Bath was licensed to marry Margaret Burford, widow, of Bath on 26 December 1687. There were numerous men of this name living in Bath at this time, including William Jones, alderman, who was buried in Bath Abbey on 10 April 1704 and Walter Jones, barber, who was licensed to marry Elizabeth Lewis of Bath, spinster, on 9 June 1714.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.229; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, p.399.

**Edward JORDAN or JORDEN (1564-1633)**

Person ID: 7747

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: London and Bath, Somerset

Edward Jordan or more commonly Jorden was the son of Edward Jorden of Cranbrook, Kent, and was baptized at Cranbrook on 13 August 1564. He was admitted fellow commoner at Peterhouse, Cambridge, on 23 January 1579/80, proceeding BA in 1582/3 and MA in 1586. He may have spent time at Hart Hall, Oxford, though this is not proven. After completing his studies, Jorden travelled through Europe, enrolling to study medicine at Basle before receiving his MD from Padua in Italy in about 1591. He later claimed that while living in Padua he witnessed people allegedly possessed by the devil who were later reclaimed through the priest's use of the sign of the cross. On returning to England, he sought permission to practise medicine in London from the College of Physicians following a dispute relating to advice he was said to have given to one **John Chetley**, apothecary. On his first appearance, he was granted provisional authority to practise by the College on condition that he read specified Galenic texts and was formally admitted a few months later as a licentiate on 7 November 1595. Jorden was subsequently elected as a fellow of the College on 22 December 1597.

Jorden initially settled in the parish of St Helen's Bishopsgate, London, with his wife Lucy, moving to St Michael Wood Street, London, by 1604. No record of the marriage survives. She was the daughter of William Jordan (d.1602), esquire, of Chitterne, Wiltshire and his wife Anne (d.1602), the daughter of Thomas Temys of Sussex. The couple were left small bequests in the will of Anne's father William and mother Anne in 1598 and 1602 respectively. They were also remembered in the will of Anne's brother Edward, who died at Bath in 1620. There is little doubt, based on

the evidence of these wills, that Jorden's wife Lucy came from a family with strong Calvinist beliefs.

In 1602, Jorden testified at the trial of Elizabeth Jackson of London, who was accused of bewitching a young maid called Mary Glover. Jorden successfully argued that Glover's symptoms were natural, the product of a condition known popularly as the suffocation of the mother, an affliction of the womb. In the following year, Jorden published an account of the case in which he provided wide-ranging medical evidence to suggest that those who claimed to be bewitched or possessed were in fact the victims of a form of hysteria. His fame in such cases was such that in 1605 he was invited to give expert testimony in the case of another supposed demoniac, Anne Gunter, of Berkshire. Jorden and his wife Lucy had in fact taken Anne into their home, where she was placed under strict supervision. Both later testified that her fits had ceased, thus casting doubt on the preternatural origins of Anne's afflictions. A later account of the case by the Bath physician and historian **Thomas Guidott** made extravagant and unsubstantiated claims for the principal role which he believed Jorden had played in revealing the fraud.

Jorden left London for Bath sometime between 1610 and 1617. In addition to the lure of wealthy patients, Jorden may have been attracted to Bath through his interest in investigating the chemical properties of the spa water and mineralogy. He may also have been interested in exploiting the economic advantages of such research. Among other schemes in which Jorden invested time and resources was an attempt to persuade James I (whose wife Anne of Denmark he treated at the spa) to grant him a monopoly on the profits of alum and, according to the ironmaster and adventurer **Dud Dudley**, a design to obtain a patent for a new method of smelting iron with coal. Nothing came of such schemes but Jorden did publish, in 1631, *A Discourse of Natural Bathes and Mineral Waters*, a work that helped to pioneer research into balneology and the origins of mineral waters. Edward Jorden, doctor of physic, died on 7 January 1632/3 and was buried in Bath Abbey on 9 January 1632/3. His widow Lucy was buried there, 28 July 1636.

Children of Dr Edward Jordan or Jorden and wife Lucy:

'Two women children stillborn', buried 20 May 1596 [St Helen Bishopsgate, London].

William, bapt. 16 May 1597; buried 20 May 1597 [St Helen Bishopsgate, London].

Edward, bapt. 4 May 1598 [St Helen Bishopsgate, London].

Elizabeth, bapt. 16 July 1600 [St Helen Bishopsgate, London]. She married **Thomas Burford**, apothecary, of Bath at Lacock, Wiltshire, 30 January 1625/6.

Benjamin, bapt. 25 November 1604 [St Michael Wood Street, London].

William, bapt. May 1607 [St Michael Wood Street, London]. He drowned in the King's Bath, 'by lamentable mishap' and was buried in Bath Abbey, 26 July 1617.

Richard, buried 31 August 1610 [St Leonard's, Shoreditch, Middlesex].

Mary, aged 19, buried 4 April 1632 [Bath Abbey] [*m.i.*, Bath Abbey, Le Neve, *Monumenta Anglicana*].

Nathaniel, bapt. 11 March 1617/18 [Bath Abbey].

Publications:

*A Brief Discourse of a Disease Called the Suffocation of the Mother* (London, J.Windet, 1603).

*A Discourse of Naturall Bathes and Minerall Waters Wherein the First Originall of Fountaines in Generall is Declared* (London, T.Harper, 1631). Epistle dedicatory to Sir Francis Cottington. Later editions: 1632 and 1633; 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., 1669, edited with an appendix by Thomas Guidott, MD; 4<sup>th</sup> ed., 1673.

ODNB, *sub* Jorden, Edward, article by J.F.Payne, revised by M.Bevan; Centre for Kentish Studies, parish registers of Cranbrook, Kent, 1559-1812; Venn, , ii, p.489; Foster, ii, p.833; Royal College of Physicians, London, Innes Smith MSS; J.Woolfson, *Padua and the Tudors: English Students in Italy 1485-1603* (Cambridge, 1998), p.248; Munk, i, p.113; Rpyal College of Physicians, London, Annals, ii, ff.112, 114v, 129v; G.W.Marshall (ed.), *The Visitation of Wiltshire 1623* (London, 1882), p.86; TNA, PROB 11/99, ff.13v-15v [will of William Jordan, esquire, of Chitterne, Wiltshire, 8 February 1597/8, pr.23 January 1601/2]; PROB 11/100, ff.214r-v [will of Anne Jordane, widow, of Chitterne, Wiltshire, 14 July 1602, pr.12 October 1602]; PROB 11/135, ff.369r-v [will of William Jordan, gentleman, of Bath, Somerset, 1 April 1619, pr.18 May 1620].

Edward Jorden, *A Brief Discourse of a Disease Called the Suffocation of the Mother* (London, 1603); TNA, STAC 8/4/10, ff.57, 60; Thomas Guidott, *A Discourse of Natural Bathes and Mineral Waters* (4<sup>th</sup> ed., London, 1667), unpaginated preface to the reader; Dud Dudley, *Metallum Martis* (London, 1665), p.4; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, p.21; ii, pp. 346, 347, 354, 355, 357; W.B.Bannerman (ed.), *The Parish Registers of St Helen's Bishopsgate, London* (London, HS, vol.31, 1904), pp.7, 8, 9, 260, 261; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, 1654/1 [parish registers of Lacock, Wiltshire, 1559-1653]; London Mteropolitan Archives, P69/MIC7/A/001/MS06530 [parish registers of St Michael Wood Street, London, 1559-1662]; P91/LEN/A/012/MS07499/001 [parish registers of St Leonard's, Shoreditch, Middlesex, 1558-1653]; John Le Neve, *Monumenta Anglicana: Being Inscriptions on the Monuments of Several Eminent Persons Deceased ... 1650 ... to 1679* (London, 1718), p.50.

**Richard JUEL (fl.1685)**

Person ID: 7779

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Dunster, Somerset

Richard Juel, surgeon, of Dunster, Somerset, is said to have been in arms against James II during Monmouth's Rebellion of 1685. No other trace of Juel has been found.

W.McD.Wigfield, *The Monmouth Rebels* (Gloucester, 1985), p.95.

**Thomas KEMP or KEMPE (fl.1661)**

Person ID: 7834

Occ: licensed physician/surgeon

Loc: Somerset

Thomas Kemp or Kempe was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells, 8 November 1661.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 8 November 1661.

**Roger KENDAL or KENDALL (1663-1702)**

Person ID: 34520

Occ: astrological physician

Loc: Frome, Somerset

Roger Kendal of Frome, Somerset, was the author of two almanacs for the years 1700 and 1701. The edition of 1700 alludes to the author's 'very good friend' Mr John Partridge, one of the most well-known astrologers of his age, who penned and attached a brief excerpt in support of Kendal's work. He did the same in 1701, when he advertised Kendal's almanac for that year (no copies of which would appear to have survived) in his own ephemeris for 1701.

He may be the same as the Roger Kendall, son of John Kendall, who was baptized at Frome on 11 October 1663. One Roger Kendal married Sarah Flower at Frome on 10 September 1696. Given the abrupt end of publications in 1701, he may be the same as the Roger Kendale who was buried at Frome on 30 January 1701/2.

Publications:

*Ephemeris Absoluta or, A Compleat Diary ... 1700* (London, 1700). Dedicated to William Whitchurch, esquire, of Frome.

*Ephemeris ... 1701* (London, 1701), as advertised in J.Partridge, *Merlinus Liberatus: Being an Almanack for ... 1701* (London, R.Roberts, 1701).

B.S.Capp, *Astrology and the Popular Press: English Almanacs 1500-1800* (London & Boston, MA, 1979), p.316; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\FR.JO/2/1/1 [parish registers of Frome, Somerset, 1558-1703].

**Peter KENNQUICK (fl.1687)**

Person ID: 7862

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Somerset

Peter Kennquick was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells, 14 February 1686/7. Otherwise unidentified.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 14 February 1686/7.

**John KERSWELL (fl.1671-1677)**

Person ID: 7889

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Somerset



John Kersewell or Kerswell, the son of Alexander Kerswell, clothier, of Bristol was apprenticed to **Christopher Robinson**, barber surgeon, and his wife Margaret, of Bristol, 15 August 1671. He was never freed and does not appear in the Bristol records hereafter. Kerswell was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells, 1 September 1677 (home parish unspecified).

Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D/bs/42, *sub* 1 September 1677.

**Christopher KING (d.1710)**

Person ID: 34521

Occ: barber

Loc: Ilminster, Somerset

Christopher King, barber, was buried at Ilminster, Somerset, on 25 October 1710.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\ILM/2/1/1 [parish registers of Ilminster, Somerset, 1646-1710].

**William KINGLAKE (1585-1660)**

Person ID: 7952

Occ: physician

Loc: West Monkton, Somerset

William Kinglake was baptized at Stoke St Gregory, Somerset, on 29 September 1585. He matriculated at Magdalen Hall, Oxford, on 1 July 1608 and proceeded BA on 5 May 1612. Kinglake subsequently set up as a physician in the Somerset village of West Monkton (he is referred to as 'practitioner in physic' in the will of a Bridgwater widow in 1625), where he practised until his death in 1660. The absence of the registers for much of the period makes it difficult to trace his family at this time. Nothing is known of his wife Catherine. A daughter Joan, a widow, married the clergyman **Timothy Lockett**, who may have been encouraged to enter medical practice through the encouragement of his father-in-law. In his will of 1658, Kinglake left his library of books to Lockett. Kinglake was also related to the young chemical physician **William Bacon** of nearby North Petherton whom he named as overseer of his will.

William Kinglake died on 2 September 1660 and was buried in the chancel of West Monkton church, where a memorial with a short line of verse was later erected (since removed to the north wall). In his will, made in May 1658, he left bequests totalling about £150 to various kinsmen and women. Kinglake would also appear to have held a special interest and love for music, leaving a viol and harpsichord to his kinsman William Fooke and daughter Joan Lockett. Finally, he named his wife Catherine as residual legatee and executrix. In her own will, made in 1667 she asked to be buried next to her late husband at West Monkton.

Children of William Kinglake:

Joan. As Joan Clowter, she married **Timothy Lockett**, rector of Thurloxton,

Somerset, at Thurloxton on 5 December 1648.  
Grace, bapt.1619 [West Monkton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\STO.St.G/2/1/1 [parish registers of Stoke St Gregory, Somerset, 1561-1744]; Foster, ii, p.855; TNA, PROB 11/149, f.405r [nuncupative will of Joane Gatcombe, widow, of Bridgwater, Somerset, 15 August 1625, pr.18 August 1626]; TNA, PROB 11/300, ff.219v-220r [will of William Kinglake, physition, of West Monkton, Somerset, 20 May 1658, pr.19 October 1660]; Rev.J.Collinson, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Somerset*, 3 vols (Bath, 1791), iii, p.455; F.A.Crisp (ed.), *Abstracts of Somersetshire Wills*, vol.5 (1890), p.61 [archdeaconry court of Taunton will of Katherine Kinglake, widow, of West Monkton, 25 August 1667, pr.14 March 1668/9]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\THU/2/1/1 [parish registers of Thurloxton, Somerset, 1558-1697]; D\D\RR/452 [bishops' transcripts of the parish registers of West Monkton, Somerset, 1599-1813]; *m.i.*, West Monkton, Somerset.

**Robert KINGSTON (d.1686)**

Person ID: 23414

Occ: barber

Loc: Chard, Somerset

Robert Kingston, barber, of Chard, Somerset, was buried at Chard on 5 February 1685/6.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHARD/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chard, Somerset, 1558-1697].

**Robert KITE (d.1699)**

Person ID: 18063

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Robert Kite, apothecary, of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, was buried at St James', Taunton, 6 July 1699.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.JA/2/1/8 [parish registers of St James', Taunton, Somerset, 1662-1718].

**John LACEY or LACY (d.1716)**

Person ID: 8034

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Wrington, Somerset

John Lacey or Lacy, surgeon, was licensed to marry Edith Davis, widow, both of Wrington, Somerset, on 30 September 1684. No record of the marriage has been found. John Lacey was buried at Wrington on 4 April 1716, while his widow Edith was buried in the same parish on 26 December 1725.

Children of John Lacey or Lacy and Edith:

Dor[cas or Dorothy], born and bapt.6 November 1685 [Wrington].  
 Mary, bapt.1 March 1687/8 [Wrington].  
 Elizabeth, bapt.14 February 1689/90 [Wrington].  
 Hannah, bapt.3 March 1692/3; buried 25 November 1710 [Wrington].  
 Sarah, bapt.2 March 1693/4 [Wrington].  
 Constance, born 7 June 1695; bapt.21 June 1695 [Wrington].  
 William, born 22 June 1697; bapt.29 July 1697 [Wrington].  
 Sarah, bapt.11 May 1699 [Wrington].  
 Martha, born 28 September 1702; bapt.30 October 1702 [Wrington].

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from Their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.240; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WRI/2/1/2 [parish registers of Wrington, Somerset, 1538-1809].

**John LAKE (fl.1657)**

Person ID: 15673

Occ: barber

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

John Lake, barber, of Taunton, Somerset, was left a legacy of £5 in the will of Captain Thomas Adams, commander of the 'Maidstone' frigate, in December 1657. He is otherwise untraced, though he may have been the John Lake, son of John Lake, who was baptized at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 12 January 1616/17 and subsequently buried in the same parish on 14 September 1666.

TNA, PROB 11/273, ff.328r-329r [will of Captain Thomas Adams, commander of the 'Maidstone' frigate, 3 December 1657, pr.11 February 1657/8]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696]; A.J.Webb (ed.), *Handlist of Somerset Probate Inventories and Administrators Accounts 1482-1924* (Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.98, 2019) p.134, no.3990 [Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\SP/1666/72, inventory of John Lake of Taunton, Somerset].

**John LAMBART or LAMBERT (fl.1627)**

Person ID: 34522

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Francis Lambart or Lambert, the son of John Lambart or Lambert, surgeon, of Wells, Somerset, deceased, was apprenticed to Richard Sanders, citizen and vintner, of London, for 8 years as a vintner, on 1 June 1627. He petitioned for non-enrolment and was discharged, November 1629. Lambert the surgeon otherwise unidentified.

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.604.

**Francis LANGBRIDGE (d.1738)**

Person ID: 34523

Occ: barber

Loc: Wellington, Somerset

Francis Langbridge, barber, of Wellington, Somerset, married Peternell Lapthorne at Wellington on 20 June 1698. He was buried at Wellington on 17 March 1737/8.

Children of Francis Langbridge, barber, and wife Peternell:

Francis, bapt.5 April 1701; buried 25 May 1701 [Wellington].

Catherine, bapt.20 January 1702/3 [Wellington].

Frances, bapt.1 April 1705 [Wellington].

Mary, bapt.12 April 1707 [Wellington].

John, bapt.3 August 1709; buried 9 March 1711/12 [Wellington].

Thomas, bapt.10 June 1711 [Wellington].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WEL/2/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Wellington, Somerset, 1683-1723; 1723-1750].

**Simon LANGDON (1658-1683)**

Person ID: 18183

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Simon Langdon was the son of John Langdon and was baptized at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, in April 1658. He was licensed to marry Grace Browne of St James, Taunton, on 2 May 1682. No record of the marriage has been found. Simon Langdon was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 11 June 1683.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/1 and 32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696; 1682-1760]; 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.94; A.J.Webb (ed.), *Handlist of Somerset Probate Inventories and Administrators Accounts 1482-1924* (Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.98, 2019), p.135, no.4023 [Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\SP/1683/41, inventory of Simon Langdon, apothecary, of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1683].

**John LAVERS (fl.1676)**

Person ID: 8175

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Charlinch, Somerset

John Lavers of Charlinch, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 21 July 1676.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 21 July 1676.

**Edward LAVOR (d.1717)**

Person ID: 34524

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Martock, Somerset

Doctor Edward Lavor was buried at Martock, Somerset, on 22 August 1717. He was described as MD (though no evidence of a medical degree has been found) when his son Edward was apprenticed to Christopher Taylor, butcher, of Cullompton, Devon, in 1715.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\MART/2/1/3 [parish registers of Martock, Somerset, 1663-1759]; TNA, IR 44, f.79.

**Robert LAWNSDON (fl.1585)**

Person ID: 34869

Occ: barber

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Robert Lawnsdon, barber, of Wells, Somerset, was a defendant in a debt case in the Court of Common Pleas in 1585.

TNA, CP40/1438 [1585].

**Robert LEESE (d.1583)**

Person ID: 8277

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Robert Leese matriculated pensioner at Trinity College, Cambridge, at Michaelmas 1560, proceeding BA in 1563/4 and MA in 1567. He supplicated for his B Med at Oxford at Michaelmas 1571, when he claimed to have been six years a student of medicine, and subsequently set up in medical practice at Bath. He married twice. Firstly, on 6 June 1577, he married Anne Padgett, the daughter of John Padgett, at Bath Abbey through which marriage he secured a lease on a property in Bath. She died in 1583 and was buried at the abbey on 26 February 1582/3. Secondly, Dr Leese married Anne, the daughter of Walter Barre or Barry, at the abbey on 22 April 1583. Robert Leese was buried at the abbey on 12 May 1583. The following year, his widow Anne married **John Hilmar**, surgeon, of Bath.

Leese may have been a Catholic. Dr Leese of Bath, physician, appears on a government list of recusants, dated 1592 which was probably miscallendared. A manuscript copy of Robert Leese's translation of a work on spa waters by the Italian physician Gabrielle Fallopio (1523-1562), survives under the title 'A Brief View of All Baths'. It was dedicated to John Still (c.1544-1608), master of Leese's former Cambridge College and so must have been written sometime between 1577 and 1583. The work itself is a distillation of old and new, citing Galen and Fernel, in support of the beneficial effects of drinking spa waters. Leese claimed to have been encouraged to write the work by Gilbert Berkeley (d.1581), bishop of Bath and Wells. He signs the work R.L., 'Londoner', from his house at Bath.

In his will, made two days before his death, Leese asked to be buried next to his first wife in the abbey with minimal fuss and a sermon preached by John Long. Seemingly childless, Leese left the bulk of his estate to his wife and executrix Anne. There were also small bequests for a brother John Leese and brother-in-law Roger Holland of London.

Venn, iii, p.69; Foster, iii, p.902; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.201, 202; ii, p.331; R.A.Roberts (ed.), *Calendar of the Cecil Papers in Hatfield House*, vol.4, 1590-94 (London, 1892), **bet pp.249-77**; Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington DC, V.a.483; TNA, PROB 11/65, ff.286v-287r [will of Robert Lessee, professor of phisick, of Bath, Somerset, 20 April 1583, pr.3 July 1583].

**Thomas LEGG (d.1723)**

Person ID: 17247/23642

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Chard, Somerset

Thomas Legg, apothecary, of Chard, Somerset, married Margaret Hussey, the widow of **Francis Hussey** (d.1716), apothecary, at Chard on 1 January 1718/19. Legg was buried at Chard on 22 December 1723. In his brief will, made nine days before his death, he left all his estate to his wife Margaret, whom he also named as executrix.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHARD/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chard, Somerset, 1649-1729]; TNA, PROB 11/600, ff.170v-171r [will of Thomas Legg, apothecary, of Chard, Somerset, 13 December 1723, pr.7 November 1724].

**Robert LEIGH (d.1722)**

Person ID: 8301

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bradford on Tone and Taunton, Somerset

Robert Leigh, of Bradford on Tone, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 13 January 1680/1. In 1700, while seemingly living in Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales, he obtained an additional licence to practise surgery throughout the province of Canterbury (in his application, he referred to the grant of an earlier licence by Peter Mews, bishop of Bath and Wells).

Robert Leigh married Anne Wood at Bradford on Tone on 26 May 1664. He died in 1722, when he was living in the High Street, Taunton. He was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 27 April 1722. Mrs Anne Leigh, widow, was buried at Bradford on Tone, 27 March 1728.

Children of Robert Leigh and wife Anne:

Robert, bapt.3 April 1665 [Bradford on Tone].

William, bapt.18 December 1666 [Bradford on Tone].

**William**, bapt.22 January 1667/8 [Bradford on Tone]. Surgeon.

Thomas, bapt.24 June 1673 [Bradford on Tone].

Anne, bapt.18 December 1678 [Bradford on Tone].

Mary, bapt.4 September 1681 [Bradford on Tone].

Apprentice of William Leigh (Lee), surgeon:

Henry Ruscombe, son of Richard Ruscombe of Lyng, Somerset, for the premium of

£10 as recorded in 1713.  
William Ceely for the premium of £40 as recorded in 1721.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 13 January 1680/1; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/347; VG 1/6, f.162v; Tenison 1, f.131 [*Directory*, i, no.501]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BRA.T/2/1/2, 3 and 4 [parish registers of Bradford on Tone, Somerset, 1641-1671; 1672-1716; 1716-1812]; D\P\D\P\TAU.M/2/1/32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1682-1760]; TNA, IR 1/43, f.105; 1/47, f.140.

**William LEIGH (1668-1753)**

Person ID: 8305

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bradford on Tone, Somerset

William Leigh of Bradford on Tone, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 23 February 1697/8. A few months earlier, in October 1697, he had applied for a similar licence to practise in the diocese of Exeter. On this occasion, his application was supported by testimonials signed by Dr **Arthur Parsons** of Taunton and **Robert Cording**, apothecary, of Wiveliscombe. It is not known whether the Exeter licence was granted. Leigh was still alive in 1725, when he was named as a trustee and guardian in the will of fellow surgeon **Francis Treble** (d.1725) of Bishop's Hull, Somerset.

William was the son of **Robert Leigh**, surgeon, of Bradford on Tone and was baptized there on 22 January 1667/8. Mr William Leigh was buried at Bradford on Tone on 4 April 1753.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\ol/48, *sub* 23 February 1697/8; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518/Somerset; A.J.Monday and M.Siraut (eds), *Somerset Wills* (Taunton, Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.89, 2003), p.??? [will of Francis Treble, surgeon, of Bishop's Hull, Somerset, November 1725; proved 1735].

**Roger LEVERSIDGE (d.1657)**

Person ID: 34525

Occ: physician

Loc: Frome, Somerset

In 1643, the Bristol gentleman Giles Goodrich left a bequest of £40 to his friend Roger Leversuch, phisitian, of Frome in Somerset. He is almost certainly the Roger Leversidge, gent, the younger son of an eminent family in the town, who was buried at Frome on 27 November 1657. Nothing else is known of his medical education, qualifications or practice.

Children of Mr Roger Leversidge and wife Mary:

Eleanor, bapt.20 May 1647 [Frome].  
Mary, bapt.19 January 1648/9 [Frome].

TNA, PROB 11/204, f.165v [will of Gyles Goodrich, gent, of Bristol, Gloucestershire, 6 December 1643, pr.9 May 1648]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D/P\FR.JO/2/1/1 [parish registers of Frome, Somerset, 1558-1703].

**Thomas LEYSON (fl.second half of 16<sup>th</sup> century).**

Person ID: 8380

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Thomas Leyson, who practised medicine at Bath, was born in Neath, Glamorganshire, in south Wales in 1549. He was probably the son of Dr Thomas Leyson, prebendary of Llandaff and his wife Mary, the daughter of William Bennet of Beaupre. After studying at Winchester College, he became a scholar at Oxford in 1567, serving as a fellow from 1569 to 1586 and proctor of the university in 1583. He graduated BA in 1571/2, MA in 1575/6 and B Med on 8 July 1583. An accomplished latin poet, some of his poems were translated into Welsh by John David Rhys, who described Leyson as 'an exceptionally gifted poet and physician'. In particular, Leyson is remembered today for his poem in praise of Sir Edward Stradling (d.1609) and his efforts to restore the castle and grounds of St Donat's. Stradling's kinsman and heir, John Stradling, celebrated Leyson's virtues as poet and physician in his own collection of poems published in 1607.

Leyson would appear to have been married twice. His first wife, name unknown, was buried at St James', Bath, on 15 April 1599. He subsequently married Anne Chapman in the same parish on 18 January 1603/4. Leyson's date or place of burial is unknown. He was still alive in May 1608, when his old friend and patient John Roberts (d.1608), merchant, of Bristol, left him a bay nag.

*ODNB*, sub Leyson, Thomas, article by W.A.J.Archbold, revised by R.Kennedy; T.Guidott, *A Discourse of the Bathe ... With an Account of the Lives, and Character, of the Physicians of Bathe* (London, 1676), pp 194-5; Foster, iii, p.913; John Stradling, *Epigrammatum Libri Quatuor* (London, 1607), pp.5, 8-10; Somerset Heritage Centre, D/P\BA.JA/2/1/1 [parish registers of St James, Bath, Somerset, 1569-1694]; TNA, PROB 11/112, ff.145v-147r [will of John Roberts, merchant, of Bristol, 12 May 1608, pr.5 August 1608].

**Joseph LINTERN or LINTERNE (c.1650-1677)**

Person ID: 8415

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Wincanton, Somerset

Joseph Lintern, barber surgeon, aged 22 and of Pitcombe, Somerset, was licensed to marry Elizabeth Stone of Wincanton in February 1672/3. The couple subsequently settled in Wincanton where Lintern was buried on 23 July 1677.

Children of Joseph Lintern and wife Elizabeth:

Ann, bapt.27 August 1674 [Wincanton].  
Elizabeth, bapt.9 June 1676 [Wincanton].



Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\01/42, p.92; D\P\WINC/2/1/1 [parish registers of Wincanton, Somerset, 1636-1721].

**Thomas LITTLEJOHN (fl.1712)**

Person ID: 8436

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Hillfarrance, Somerset

Thomas Littlejohn of Hillfarrance, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 8 September 1712.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 8 September 1712.

**Timothy LOCKETT (c.1617-1688)**

Person ID: 8491

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: West Monkton and Thurloxtton, Somerset

Timothy Lockett was the son of the clergyman William Lockett, rector of West Monkton in Somerset, and was born about 1617. He matriculated at Lincoln College, Oxford, on 1 June 1636, and proceeded BA in 1639/40 and MA in 1642/3. He was appointed rector of Thurloxtton in 1644, and later served as rector of West Monkton, as well as holding the cure of Aisholt, Somerset, and Clayhanger, Devon. His interest in medicine may have been sparked by his marriage to Joan Clowter, the daughter of **William Kinglake**, physician, of West Monkton at Thurloxtton on 5 December 1648. In Kinglake's will of 1658, he left Lockett his study of books, including, presumably, his medical collection. He was evidently practising medicine without a licence in 1665. In May 1686, Lockett signed letters testimonial on behalf of **John Andrewes**, apothecary, of Bridgwater, who was seeking an archiepiscopal licence to practise medicine. A memorial erected to Lockett's memory at West Monkton stated that he died on 30 April 1688, aged 72. His wife Joanna predeceased him. According to the same memorial, no longer extant, she died in 1676, aged 67.

He is almost certainly the Timothy Locket of 'Mongton' who wrote to Joseph Glanvill to verify the account of one James Douch of Monkton with regard to the appearance of the ghost of Sir George Villiers before his son, the duke of Buckingham, prior to his murder in 1628.

Foster, iii, p.933; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\THU/2/1/1 [parish registers of Thurloxtton, Somerset, 1558-1697]; TNA, PROB 11/300, ff.219v-220r [will of William Kinglake, physician, of West Monkton, Somerset, 20 May 1658, pr.19 October 1660]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\ca/342a/1; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/227/1; Sanicroft 1, f.262 [*Directory*, i, p.3]; Rev.J.Collinson, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Somerset* 3 vols (Bath, 1791), iii, p.455; M.McDermott and S.Berry (eds), *Edmund Rack's Survey of Somerset* (Taunton, SANHS, 2010), p.331; Joseph Glanvill, *Saducismus Triumphatus: or Full and Plain Evidence Concerning Witches and Apparitions. In Two Parts* (London, 1681), ii, pp.227-8.

**John LONGFORD (d.1593)**

Person ID: 34526

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Axbridge, Somerset

John Langford, surgeon, was buried at Axbridge, Somerset, on 2 August 1593.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\AX/2/1/1 [parish registers of Axbridge, Somerset, 1561-1718].

**Richard LOVELL (c.1653-1683 or 1684)**

Person ID: 8563

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Churchill and Wrington, Somerset

Lovell was born in Burrington, Somerset, in about 1653. He was licensed to practise surgery in the peculiar of Banwell and Churchill on 19 April 1676. A year later, on 13 December 1677, he received a further licence allowing him to practise surgery throughout the province of Canterbury. His application for the latter received the approbation of three local surgeons – **Robert Thatcher**, **William Crooker** and **Tobias Battle** – as well as two clergymen who happily testified to have ‘experimentally found’ that Lovell, who had been practising for four years, was ‘very well quallified in the art of chirurgery’. In 1680, Lovell repaid the favour when he signed similar letters testimonial on behalf of **Abraham Bullpen** of Pawlett, Somerset.

Richard Lovell, surgeon, of Churchill, Somerset, was licensed to marry Sarah Fuller of Wrington on 27 May 1676. No evidence of the marriage has survived. Mr Richard Lovell was buried at Wrington on 2 January 1683/4.

LPL, VX 1A/10/104/1-6; Sheldon, f.395 [Directory, no.518]; VX 1A/10/144/1-3; Somerset Heritage Centre, DD/01/42, p.495; D\P\WRI/2/1/2 [parish registers of Wrington, Somerset, 1538-1809].

**Thomas LUCOCK or LUCOCKE (1616 or 1617-1659)**

Person ID: 8597

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Stogumber, Somerset

Thomas Lucock was the son of Richard Lucock and was baptized at Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset, on 5 January 1616/17. He married Margaret Marsh at St Cuthbert’s, Wells, on 25 July 1642, and probably settled in Stogumber, where he was buried on 15 May 1659. In his nuncupative will, made three weeks before his death, Lucock made a number of small bequests to various kinfolk including William Helpe, who received all his ‘instruments of trade’ as well as 40s to have him taught the same. Lucock, who would appear to have been childless, left the rest of his estate to his wife and executrix, Margaret.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\K.EP/2/1/1 [parish registers of Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset, 1555-1726]; D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Cuthbert, Wells, Somerset, 1609-1668]; D\P\STOGM/2/1/2 [parish registers of Stogumber,

Somerset, 1653-1712]; TNA, PROB 11/292, f.37r [nuncupative will of Thomas Lucocke, barber surgeon, of Stogumber, Somerset, 24 April 1659, pr.23 June 1659].

**Robert LUMBARD (fl.1677)**

Person ID: 8625

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Somerset

Robert Lumbard, of [Brean?], was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 4 October 1677.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 4 October 1677.

**William LUMBARD (fl.1686)**

Person ID: 8626

Occ: licensed surgeon.

Loc: Somerset

William Lumbard was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 16 August 1686. Otherwise unidentified.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 16 August 1686.

**Maurice LUND or LUNN (fl.1651-1670)**

Person ID: 8632

Occ: physician

Loc: Wells, Somerset

In October 1670, Maurice Lund, who described himself as a royal physician, signed letters testimonial on behalf of **John Billingsley** of West Pennard, Somerset, who was seeking an archiepiscopal licence to practise medicine. In 1651, he was living in the city of Wells, where he buried a daughter Frances. In all probability, Lunn was a Roman Catholic. The burial of Mrs Ann Lunn, widow, a Catholic, at St Cuthbert, Wells, on 12 April 1653 is suggestive. In 1626, a Maurice Lund and his wife Anne [probably Lund's father and mother] were presented in the consistory court of Wells for not attending church for 'a long time'. Both proffered what look suspiciously like excuses, Maurice claiming that he was both a debtor (and thus unwilling to venture abroad for fear of arrest) and unable to take communion while she had to travel imminently to London. Twelve years later, Maurice Lunn, gentleman, of St Andrew Holborn, Middlesex, and Wells, Somerset, appears on a list of recusants facing prosecution in Middlesex.

Children of Maurice Lunn:

Frances, buried 7 July 1651 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/21/1-3; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1609-1668];

D\D\ca.244, pp.94-5, 108, 110; J.C.Jeaffreson (ed.), *Middlesex County Records. Volume 3. 1625-1667* (London, 1888), **bet.pp.128-59**.

**Thomas LUTTRELL (c.1668-1720)**

Person ID: 8641

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Carhampton, Somerset

Thomas Luttrell was the son of Thomas Luttrell (d.1714) of Carhampton, Somerset, where he was probably born in about 1668. He matriculated at Balliol College, Oxford, on 10 November 1685, proceeding BA in 1689 and B Med in 1703. Luttrell was elected a fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, in 1693. He married Jane Arundell, late of Exford, at Porlock in Somerset on 19 September 1706. Luttrell died as he was leaving church in Bath on 13 March 1719/20 and was carried back to his native Carhampton where he was buried ten days later. In his will, made in 1707, he left bequests totaling £30 to various nephews and nieces and named his wife Jane as residual legatee and executrix.

Foster, iii, p.951; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\PLK/2/1/3 [parish registers of Porlock, Somerset, 1678-1729]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, p.412; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CAR/2/1/3 [parish registers of Carhampton, Somerset, 1703-1796]; TNA, PROB 11/574, ff.99r-v [will of Thomas Luttrell, batchelour in physick, 4 September 1707, pr.24 May 1720].

**Henry LYE (fl.1678)**

Person ID: 8654

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Rimpton, Somerset

Henry Lye of Rimpton, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 30 December 1678. The registers of Rimpton are in poor condition with many gaps, so it is difficult to identify Lye the surgeon with any certainty. One Henry Lye and wife Margaret baptized three children (Elizabeth, John and Margaret) at Rimpton between 1655 and 1668. One Henry Lye was buried at Rimpton on 3 August 1682, while Grace, the wife of Henry Lye, was buried there, 8 June 1688.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 30 December 1678; D\P\RIM/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Rimpton, Somerset, 1654-1692; 1678-1732].

**John MANLEY or MANLY (1662-1727)**

Person ID: 8744

Occ: licensed surgeon/physician

Loc: Milverton, Somerset

John Manley of Milverton, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery throughout the province of Canterbury on 26 July 1703. Testimonials were provided by various 'subscribers in the faculty of medicine or surgery', including **George Cockeram**, apothecary/surgeon, of Wellington, as well as Jeremy Sagar, the vicar of Milverton.

John Manley was the son of Mr John Manley and his wife Mary and was baptized at Milverton, 19 September 1662. He married Elizabeth Bacon (b.1679), the daughter of George Bacon (d.1690) and his wife Mary (d.1709) at Langford Budville, Somerset on 26 August 1703. Manley, described as a gentleman, was buried at Langford Budville on 21 August 1727.

Children of Mr John Manley or Manly and wife Elizabeth:

John, bapt.18 July 1706 [Milverton].

Jane, born April 1709; bapt.23 May 1709 [Langford Budville and Milverton].

Thomas, born 13 January 1710/11 [Milverton]; bapt.16 February 1710/11 [Langford Budville].

William, born 11 April 1712 [Milverton]; bapt.9 May 1712 [Langford Budville].

Ann, born 29 May 1713 [Milverton]; bapt.8 [sic] May 1713 [Langford Budville].

Bacon, born 17 July 1714 [Milverton]; bapt.4 August 1714 [Langford Budville].

Sarah, born 22 November 1716 [Milverton]; bapt.28 December 1716 [Langford Budville].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/369/1-3; Tenison 1, f.147 [*Directory*, i, no.529]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\MILV/2/1/2 and 5 [parish registers of Milverton, Somerset, 1653-1675; 1702-1744]; D\P\LANF/2/1/2 [parish registers of Langford Budville, Somerset, 1665-1765].

### **Philip MANNING or MANNYNGE (fl.1596)**

Person ID: 34871

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Philip Manning or Mannyng, surgeon, of Taunton, Sonerset, was a defendant in a debt case brought before the Court of Common Pleas in 1596.

TNA, CP40/1578 [1596].

### **John MAPLET or MAPLETT (1611-1670)**

Person ID: 8771

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Bath, Somerset and Bristol

John Maplet was the son of John Maplet (1581-1630), haberdasher, and his wife Mary, and was baptized at St Lawrence Jewry, London, on 24 February 1610/11 [note this corrects the current *ODNB* entry]. He was the grandson of the clergyman, author and natural philosopher John Maplet (d.1592). Educated at Westminster School, Maplet matriculated at Christ Church, Oxford, on 24 February 1631/2, proceeding BA in 1634 and MA in 1638. He was awarded his MD on 24 July 1647, but nonetheless attended Leiden, briefly, as a medical student or visitor in the summer of the following year. He had previously been elected junior proctor at Oxford in December 1643 and in the autumn of 1647 was nominated as principal of Gloucester Hall. Maplet, however, soon found Oxford uncongenial under the new parliamentary regime and began a period of overseas travel, largely as tutor to Lucius (d.1649) and

Henry Cary (1634-1663), the sons of Lucius Cary, 2<sup>nd</sup> viscount Falkland (d.1643). According to the Bath physician **Thomas Guidott**, Maplet kept a diary during this period in which he made many observations 'in an elegant Latin style'. In the meantime, he was ejected from his Oxford offices having been certified as 'absent upon leave' in 1651.

On his return from the continent in the early 1650s, Maplet settled into medical practice in the west country, dividing his time between Bath in the summer and Bristol (where he owned a house in the parish of St Thomas) in the winter. It was at this time that he married Anne Hull, the daughter of Robert Hull (d.1640), mariner, and his wife Anne, of Bristol. Maplet's mother-in-law Anne would appear to have possessed her own interest in medical matters. In her will of 1661, she left a trunk containing 'Receipts of Medicines in Phisicke and such like' to her son in law Christopher Woodward. Maplet himself was very well connected in medical circles as well as possessing a large and profitable clientele among the English aristocracy and gentry. According to his friend Dr Guidott, he was 'a man well accomplist as a Gentleman and a Scholar, meek, sober, and temperate, beloved and respected by all that knew him'. He does, however, seem to have fallen out with his erstwhile patron Dr John Wall (d.1666) of Christ Church, Oxford, whose lengthy correspondence with Maplet had fallen into Guidott's hands. Though no reason is given for the two men's disagreement, it was probably connected to the general opprobrium and distaste felt for Wall in Anglican circles where he was widely resented for conniving with the Cromwellian authorities in Oxford in the 1650s. Among those medical men with whom Maplet was said to have developed close friendships were **Sir Alexander Frasier**, **Sir John Baber**, **Sir Francis Prujean**, **Dr Edmund Meara** and **Dr George Neale** (who, as fellow tutor to Lucius Cary, was witness along with Maplet to his pupil's death in 1649). In addition, **Thomas Willis** of Oxford recommended patients to Maplet at Bath, while Maplet himself corresponded in 1668 with **Dr Thomas Browne** of Norwich on what some have argued was a case of juvenile myasthenia. Patients included Lady Fairfax and the wife of Sir Bulstrode Whitelocke.

Maplet died at Bath on 4 August 1670 and was buried in the abbey the following day. His friend Dr Thomas Guidott erected a black marble tablet bearing a latin inscription, underneath which was constructed a smaller tablet commemorating his wife Anne and children John and Mary. In his will, signed shortly before his death, Maplet left £700 to his two daughters Anne and Elizabeth, as well as token bequests to his sisters Elizabeth Ham and Mary Gorton (the latter the wife of the radical preacher and colonist Samuel Gorton). In addition, Maplet granted his properties in Bristol, part of his wife's dowry and formerly the estate of her brother Walter Williams, to his daughter Anne following the death of her mother. Maplet's wife Anne, who died on 14 February 1670/1, was buried at the abbey two days later. As residual legatee and executrix, she inherited the couple's house in Bath and was responsible for the disposal of her husband's papers, including presumably much of his poetry and letters. Some of his correspondence was subsequently published by his friend Dr Guidott in 1694. Following the death of Maplet's widow Anne, a dispute arose between the guardian of Maplet's youngest daughter Elizabeth (her aunt Eleanor Hull, who had witnessed Maplet's will) and her sister Anne, now married to John Pocock. The case was eventually referred to the court of Chancery for settlement.

Children of Dr John Maplet and wife Anne:

Anne, bapt.4 August 1656 [Bath Abbey]. She married John Pocock, gentleman, sometime before 1674.

Mary, bapt.30 March 1658 [St Thomas, Bristol]; buried 12 June 1658 [Bath Abbey].

Mary, bapt.14 July 1659; buried 3 April 1660 [St Thomas, Bristol].

John, bapt.7 March 1660/1; buried 1 November 1661 [St Thomas, Bristol].

John, bapt.8 June 1662; buried 16 September 1664 [Bath Abbey].

Elizabeth, bapt.14 March 1666/7 [Bath Abbey].

Publications:

*Epistolarum Medicarum: Specimen de Thermarum Bathoniensium Effects*, ed. Thomas Guidott (London, F. Leach, 1694). The work is dedicated to Sir John Baber.

*ODNB*, sub Maplet, John, article by G. LeG. Norgate, revised by P. Wallis; London Metropolitan Archives, P69/LAW1/A/002/MS06975 [parish registers of St Lawrence Jewry, London, 1583-1715]; Foster, iii, p.968; Innes Smith, p.152; Oxfordshire History Centre, PAR 271/1/R1/2 [parish registers of Great Tew, Oxfordshire, 1631-1694]; British Library, Add. MS 78,298, f.41r [John Evelyn to James Scudamore, Paris, 26 March 1650]; Thomas Guidott, *A Discourse of the Bathe ... With an Account of the Lives, and Character, of the Physicians of Bathe* (London, 1676), pp.182-93.

R.H. Leech *et al.* (eds), *The Bristol Hearth Tax, 1662-1673* (Bristol, Bristol Rec. Soc, vol.70, 2018), p.154; Bristol Archives, P.St J/Ch/39; TNA, PROB 11/307, ff.305r-306r [will of Anne Hull, widow, of Bristol, 31 March 1661, pr.13 March 1661/2]; *ODNB*, sub Wall, John, article by J.R. MacDonald, revised by V. Larminie; Edmund Meara, *Examen Diatribae* (London, 1665), p.191; J.R. Magrath, *The Flemings in Oxford, volume 1 [1650-1680]* (Oxford, OHS, vol.44, 1904), p.170; British Library, Sloane MS 4062, f.168; R. Spalding (ed.), *The Diary of Sir Bulstrode Whitelocke 1605-1675* (Oxford, 1990), p.746.

A.J. Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, p.44, 46, 49; ii, pp.373, 376, 379; Bristol Archives, P/ST.T/R/1/a and b [parish registers of St Thomas, Bristol, 1552-1659; 1660-1706]; *m.i.*, Bath Abbey; TNA, PROB 11/335, ff.185r-v [will of John Maplett, doctor in phisicke, of Bath, Somerset, 13 April 1670, pr.7 February 1670/1]; C78/1930/5 [30 June 1675].

**Thomas MARSHALL (1639-1693)**

Person ID: 8828

Occ: clergyman and physician

Loc: Ilminster, Somerset

Thomas Marshall was a Presbyterian minister who combined preaching with the practice of medicine. University educated, Marshall matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, in March 1656/7, graduating BA in 1660. He was licensed to preach as a Presbyterian, under the terms of the Declaration of Indulgence, in his house in Ilminster, as well as at Crewkerne, in 1672. Two years later he was made an extra licentiate of the College of Physicians in London (30 September 1674), an award that

was confirmed or re-granted on 10 March 1679/80. Among Marshall's patients was Margaret Prideaux (d.1683), the widow of Edmund Prideaux (d.1659), a staunch Presbyterian and mother of the radical Whig and Monmouth rebel Edmund (1637-1702). She left Thomas Marshall, physician, £100 in her will, as well as asking that he distribute money to charitable causes as he thought fit.

Marshall was probably the same as the Thomas Marshall, son of Thomas and Anne Marshall, who was baptized at Ilminster on 19 June 1639. No record of his marriage to Sarah or baptisms of his children have been located in local parish records, presumably because of his nonconformity. He was buried at Ilminster on 30 August 1693. His will makes clear that he was a man of considerable property. The main beneficiaries were his wife Sarah, sons Thomas, Nicholas and John, and daughters Sarah, Anne, Mary, Elizabeth and Hannah. He also left a small bequest to his alma mater, Exeter College, to which he had previously donated a book via a former student colleague Matthew Hole, now vicar of Stogursey and a prebend of Bath and Wells. An inventory of his personal estate, which valued his total goods at £356, included medical books worth £10.

Thomas' son Thomas was apprenticed to the London apothecary **Robert Jackson** in 1686.

Foster, iii, p.975; F.Bate, *The Declaration of Indulgence 1672: A Study in the Rise of Organised Dissent* (London, 1908), appendix vii, p.xlvii; Munk, i, pp.368, 402; TNA, PROB 11/373, ff.279v-280r [Will of Honourable Lady Margaret Prideaux, widow, of Whitelackington, Somerset, 22 April 1683, pr.5 July 1683]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\RR 215 [bishops' transcripts of parish registers of Ilminster, Somerset, 1605-1670]; D\D\ILM/2/1/1 [parish registers of Ilminster, Somerset, 1646-1710]; A\BVY/1 [will and inventory of Thomas Marshall, physician and minister of the gospel, of Ilminster, Somerset, 15 July 1693; proved 5 March 1693/4]; **London apothecary database**.

**Christopher MARSHFIELD (fl.1590)**

Person ID: 23966

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Ash Priors, Somerset

Christopher Marshfield of Ash Priors, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 22 October 1590.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\ol/11, *sub* 22 October 1590.

**Walter MARTIN (1674-1715)**

Person ID: 34527

Occ: barber/periwigmaker

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Walter Martin was the son of John Martin and was baptized at Tavistock, Devon, on 17 February 1673/4. He married Ann Squire of Taunton at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 10 May 1696. Martin, living on the High Street, died in 1715 and was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 26 May 1715.



Children of Walter Martin and wife Ann:

William, bapt.3 May 1700 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Mary, bapt.13 February 1701/2 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Frances, buried 15 May 1702 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Walter, bapt.6 August 1703; buried 19 November 1703 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Ann, bapt.6 July 1707; buried 12 October 1707 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Ann, bapt.19 August 1709; buried 2 March 1709/10 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

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

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\TAU.M/2/1/2 and 32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1685-1776; 1682-1760].

**John MARTOCK or MARTOK (d.1503)**

Person ID: 23991

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Banwell, Somerset

Martock, a fellow of Merton College, Oxford, served as physician to bishop Oliver King (d.1503). The two men were thought to have died just a few days apart. Martock was buried at Banwell, Somerset, where a memorial brass to his memory survives. It states that he died on 31 August 1503.

*m.i.*, Banwell, Somerset.

**James MARWOOD (d.1666)**

Person ID: 23994

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Chard, Somerset

James Marwood, apothecary, was buried at Chard on 4 April 1666. Otherwise unidentified.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHARD/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chard, Somerset, 1649-1729].

**Abraham MASON (d.1681)**

Person ID: 8893

Occ: physician

Loc: Chard, Somerset

Abraham Mason, physician, of Chard, Somerset died in 1681. In his will, which contains a very pious preamble referring to 'God's elect and chosen ones', he left all his estate to his 'dear and loving wife' Elizabeth, who was also named as executrix. According to a cheap chapbook produced at the end of the seventeenth century, Mason was a 'pretended' Quaker who was tempted into sinfulness through a meeting with the devil. The pamphlet makes plain, however, that Mason was duped. An amoral drunkard, he is said to have finally met a just end when he died from a fall

down a set of stairs. While this was clearly a work intended to denigrate the early Quakers, it would appear to have been based, partially at least, in fact. The work describes Mason as a bookseller, confectioner and practitioner of physic and surgery.

TNA, PROB 11/368, ff.204r-v [will of Abraham Mason, phisitian, of Chard, Somerset, 13 June 1681, pr.12 November 1681]; Anon., *A Strange and Wonderful (Yet True) Relation of the Cursed and Hellish Design of A.Mason, a Pretended Quaker, to Give Himself to the Devil* (1700?).

**John MASON (d.1709)**

Person ID: 34528

Occ: barber/wigmaker

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Mason, described variously as a barber and wigmaker, of Fore Street, Taunton, was active in the town between 1701 and his death in 1709. He was a nonconformist and was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 24 May 1709.

Children of John Mason, barber:

Thomas, born 2 October 1701 [Taunton].

Sarah, born 6 January 1703/4 [Taunton].

John, born (wife Sarah) 23 May 1706 [Taunton]; buried 16 March 1709/10 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/3 [register of nonconformist births, Taunton, Somerset, 1696-1778]; D\P\TAU.M/2/1/32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1682-1760].

**John MASSEY (fl.1689)**

Person ID: 15775

Occ: barber

Loc: Bath, Somerset

John Massey, barber, of Bath, Somerset, was licensed to marry Elizabeth Crease of St James, Bristol, at the latter parish on 1 February 1688/9. No record of the marriage has been found.

E.Ralph (ed.), *Marriage Bonds for the Diocese of Bristol Excluding the Archdeaconry of Dorset. Volume 1, 1637-1700* (Gloucester, PBGAS, vol.I, 1952), p.201.

**Robert MASTERS (fl.1623-1643)**

Person ID: 34529

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Masters was left a small legacy in the will of his master **Edward Stirridge**, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, in January 1623. He later practised as an apothecary in the city from at least 1638 until 1643. In 1641, he was pursued for debt in the Court of King's Bench and may have left the city shortly thereafter following the death of his

wife Joyce (otherwise unidentified) in 1643. She was buried alongside two of her children at Bath Abbey on 3 August 1643.

TNA, PROB 11/141, ff.189r-v [nuncupative will of Thomas Stirridge, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 26 January 1622/3, pr.12 March 1622/3]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.33, 34, 35, 36; ii, pp.361, 362, 363; TNA, KB27/1665.

### **Walter MASTERS (1676-1715)**

Person ID: 35043

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Walter Masters was the son of John Masters (d.1692), gentleman and alderman of Bath, Somerset, and his wife Joan, and was baptized in Bath Abbey on 21 November 1676. He is identified as an apothecary in the apprenticeship record of his son Walter in 1711. Masters was buried in bath Abbey on 18 January 1714/15.

Children of Walter Masters and Elizabeth (otherwise unidentified):

Francis, bapt.7 June 1694 [St Michael's, Bath].

Walter, bapt.14 February 1695/6 [St James', Bath]. He was apprenticed to **Francis Bave**, apothecary, of Bath for the premium of £43 as recorded in 1711.

Joan, bapt.25 December 1697 [St James', Bath].

Elizabeth, bapt.28 April 1700 [St James', Bath].

John, bapt.11 October 1701 [St James', Bath].

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, p.57; ii, p.407; TNA, PROB 11/410, ff.397r-399r [will of John Masters, gentleman and alderman of Bath, Somerset, 14 November 1689, pr.23 November 1692]; IR 1/41, f.115; Somerset Heritage Centre, D/P\BA/MI/2/1/2 [parish registers of St Michael's, Bath, Somerset, 1678-1723]; D/P\BA.JA/2/1/2 [parish registers of St James', Bath, Somerset, 1686-1719].

### **Richard MAYO (d.1645)**

Person ID: 17035

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Richard Mayo, apothecary, married Katherine Chapman at Bath Abbey on 19 October 1640. He was buried at the abbey on 15 August 1645. In his will, made a month before his death, Mayo left most of his estate to his wife Katherine whom he also named as executrix. The following year she married **Thomas Calvert**, apothecary, of Bath.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.212, 213; ii, p.364; TNA, PROB 11/194, f.248r [will of Richard Mayo, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 10 July 1645, pr.20 November 1645].

**Isaac MILLARD or MILLERD (fl.1709-1711)**

Person ID: 35038

Occ: barber/periwigmaker

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Isaac Millard or Millerd, barber, married Mary Arney or Arny of Wells at St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset on 22 June 1709. No record of his death or burial has been found.

Apprentice of Isaac Millard or Miller, barber and periwigmaker:

Caesar Casebeard, the son of Elizabeth Casebeard, widow, of Wells, Somerset, for the premium of £4 as recorded in 1711.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/2 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1668-1727]; TNA, IR 1/41, f.116.

**Thomas MILNER (fl.1681-1697)**

Person ID: 17087

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

Thomas Milner, apothecary, of Bridgwater, Somerset, was licensed to marry Hannah Roberts of Wrington, Somerset (a spinster aged 26), on 28 December 1681. No record of the marriage survives. The parish registers of Bridgwater record the baptism (19 April 1683) and burial (3 May 1697) of a son Thomas. One Thomas Melner was buried there on 9 June 1730.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW.M/2/1/3 and 4 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1682-1714; 1715-1744].

**Ann MOORE (d.1685)**

Person ID: 24241

Occ: midwife

Loc: Chew Magna, Somerset

Ann Moore, midwife, was buried at Chew Magna, Somerset, in November 1685.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHE/M/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chew Magna, Somerset, 1560-1685].

**Henry MOORE (1631-1711)**

Person ID: 17036

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Henry Moore, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, was the son of Henry Moore and was baptised in Bath Abbey on 11 August 1631. He was apprenticed to William Martin, apothecary, and his wife Eleanor, of Bristol on 30 July 1646 and does not appear to have taken the freedom or practiced in the city. Moore married Frances Boyse, both

of Bath, in the abbey (banns read 24 May and 7 and 31 June 1657). In 1679, he signed letters testimonial on behalf of his former apprentice **John Boyce** (possibly a kinsman of his wife), who was seeking a licence to practise surgery in Dorset. She was buried at the abbey on 26 April 1700. Moore himself was buried there on 8 September 1711. In his will, made three years before his death, Moore left more than £500 to his three daughters Mary, Frances and Anne (the latter unmarried) as well as a shop in Bath to his daughter Frances. Moore left the rest of his estate to his son and executor **John**.

Children of Henry Moore and wife Frances:

Elizabeth, bapt.23 March 1657/8; buried 26 May 1658 [Bath Abbey].

**John**, bapt.2 July 1659; buried 24 January 1727/8 [Bath Abbey]. Apothecary.

Mary. She was licensed to marry Walter Gibbs, gent, 31 August 1678.

Jane, bapt.13 July 1662 [Bath Abbey].

Priscilla, bapt.16 October 1664; buried 3 September 1667 [Bath Abbey].

Anne, bapt.21 January 1665/6 [Bath Abbey].

Henry, bapt.19 January 1667/8; buried 16 November 1679 [Bath Abbey].

Frances, bapt.5 April 1672 [St James, Bath]. She married Richard Harford at Bath Abbey, 14 May 1702.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 221, 231; ii, pp.373, 377, 396, 405, 420; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; Wiltshire and Swindon Archives, D/5/5/2; TNA, PROB 11/524, ff.124v-125r [will of Henry Moore, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 2 September 1708, pr.3 November 1711]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.159; Somerset Heritage Centre, D/PBA.JA/2/1/1 [parish registers of St James', Bath, Somerset, 1569-1694].

**John MOORE (1659-1728)**

Person ID: 34530

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

John Moore was the son of **Henry Moore**, apothecary, and his wife Frances, nee Boyse, and was baptized at Bath Abbey on 2 July 1659. He almost certainly practised alongside his father as an apothecary and would appear to have continued in the trade, albeit briefly, after his father's death in 1711. John Moore, esquire, was buried at Bath Abbey on 24 January 1727/8.

Moore's daughter and heir, Sarah, married Sir Joseph Pennington of Muncaster Castle at Bath Abbey, 4 May 1739. Trapped in an unhappy marriage, she left her husband and children and returned to Bath. Sarah was the author of numerous books including one entitled *An Unfortunate Mother's Advice* (1761), frequently reprinted, which attempted to explain the rationale for separating from her husband. She died in 1783.

Apprentice of John Moore, apothecary:

Thomas French, son of John French, clothier, of Warminster, Wiltshire, deceased, for the premium of £43 on 6 July 1713. He practiced as an apothecary in Bath.

William Saunders, son of John Saunders, deceased, for the premium of £58 16s as recorded in 1720.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.45, 245; *ODNB*, sub Pennington, Sarah, Lady Pennington, article by E.Plaskitt; C.Dale (ed.) *Wiltshire Apprentices and Their Masters, 1710-1760* (Gateshead, Wiltshire Natural History Society, vol.17, 1961), p.54; TNA, IR 1/43, f.74; 1/47, f.77.

**Robert MOORE (fl.1713)**

Person ID: 35045

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Yeovil, Somerset

Robert Moore, the son of Robert Moore, apothecary, of Yeovil, Somerset, was apprenticed to William Gapper, clothier, of Winsham, Somerset, for the premium of £18 as recorded in 1713. He may have been Mr Robert Moor who was buried at Yeovil on 6 May 1738.

TNA, IR 1/2, f.87; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\YEO.J/2/1/2 [parish registers of Yeovil, Somerset, 1638-1783].

**William MORGAN (d.1687)**

Person ID: 9331

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Pylle, Somerset

William Morgan Jnr, of Pylle, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine throughout the province of Canterbury on 12 September 1684. Testimonials on his behalf were signed by numerous local practitioners, including **Robert Smith**, MD, **Abraham Bullpen**, **Basil Hill**, **William Morgan** and **John Lovell**, as well as by William Morgan (d.1687), the rector of Pylle and churchwardens of the parish.

Morgan's relation to the medical practitioner and clergyman of the same is not known, though one was presumably his father. He is probably the William Morgan, described as a nineteen-year-old gentleman of Pylle, who was licensed to marry Ann Pierce of Shepton Mallet (aged 22) on 18 December 1679. No record of the marriage survives. William Morgan, doctor, was buried at Pylle on 24 April 1687.

Children of William Morgan and wife Anne:

William, bapt.15 May 1681; buried 9 March 1683/4 [Pylle].

Ann, bapt.16 September 1684 [Pylle].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/210/1-4; Sancroft, f.251v [*Directory*, i, no.569]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.280; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\PPYL/2/1/1 [parish registers of Pylle, Somerset, 1591-1759].

**Thomas MORREN (d.1728)**

Person ID: 35040

Occ: barber/periwigmaker

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Thomas Morren practiced as a barber and periwigmaker in the Somerset town of Taunton in the early eighteenth century. He married Mary Stubbs at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 25 October 1713 and was buried there on 20 August 1728.

Apprentice of Thomas Morren, barber/periwigmaker:

Charles Foy of Taunton for the premium of £15 as recorded in 1711.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU/M/2/1/15 and 32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1706-1729; 1682-1760]; TNA, IR 1/41, f.125.

**Claver MORRIS (1659-1727)**

Person ID: 9362

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Claver Morris was the son of William Morris, rector of Manston, Dorset, and his wife Hannah and was baptized at Bishop's Caundle, Dorset, on 1 May 1659. He matriculated at New Inn Hall, Oxford, on 13 March 1675/6, proceeding BA in 1679, MA in 1682, B Med in 1685 and MD in 1691. He was made an extra licentiate of the College of Physicians in London in 1683. Owing to the survival of his account books (1684-1726) and diaries (1709-10; 1718-1726), a great deal is known of his practice, social connections and cultural and political interests providing, according to Linda Beier a 'unique glimpse into the life of a successful provincial professional man in late Stuart and early Hanoverian England' (*ODNB*).

He began medical practice in Wells sometime in the 1680s, where he would appear to have made his own medicines, mostly subscribing to iatrochemical principles, for a large and wealthy clientele. However, he did not ignore the poor, charging for his services on a sliding scale depending on what his patients could afford. Most of his patients, many of whom he regularly visited on horseback, lived within a twenty-five-mile radius of Wells. Towards the end of his career, his average income from medical practice was an impressive £250. Despite being well skilled in anatomy, he did not perform surgery.

In addition, to his medical income Morris profited from investment in land and property as well as loaning money at interest. He also made three astute marriages that augmented his growing wealth. Firstly, on 13 October 1685 Morris (then living at Salisbury in Wiltshire) married Grace Green of St Martin Ludgate, London, at Chelsea, Middlesex, who was heir to two London properties. She died in 1689. Secondly, Morris married Elizabeth Jeanes or Joanes, widow, the daughter of Edward Dawe of Ditchet, at Dinder, Somerset, 29 December 1696. She owned property at West Pennard, and died in 1699, being buried at Ditchet on 21 August of that year. Thirdly and finally, Dr Morris married Mary Bragge at Thorncombe, Devon (now in Dorset) on 31 August 1703. With an income of over £600 pa, Morris enjoyed a lavish lifestyle and was able to indulge various passions and interests, including natural

philosophy, politics and music. A keen amateur musician, he may have founded a local musical society at Wells. Morris was also a loyal Anglican and staunch Tory, who served municipal offices in the city of Wells, including as commissioner for the land tax (1706) and sewers (1709) as well as burgess (following admission to company of mercers in 1717). He also built a grand town house in the liberty of St Andrew's, the old cathedral close.

Dr Claver Morris died of consumption on 19 March 1726/7 and was buried in the cathedral where a memorial tablet to his memory was erected which recounted his many interests and achievements in the fields of medicine, chemistry, anatomy, natural philosophy and music as well as celebrating his political loyalties.

Children of Dr Claver Morris and wife Elizabeth:

Elizabeth, born 4 December 1697; bapt. 11 December 1697 [Wells cathedral]. She married John Burland at Wells cathedral, 12 or 28 August 1718.

Children of Dr Claver Morris and wife Mary:

Mary, born 6 January 1704/5; bapt. 18 January 1704/5 [Wells cathedral].  
William, born 20 October 1709; bapt. 27 October 1709; died 30 June 1738; buried 3 July 1738 [Wells cathedral].

*ODNB*, sub Morris, Claver, article by L.M.Beier; E.Hobhouse (ed.), *The Diary of a West Country Physician 1684-1726* (London, 1935); Dorset History Centre, PE/BCD: RE1/1 [parish registers of Bishop's Caundle, Dorset]; Foster, iii, p.1034; Munk, i, p.431; J.Foster (ed.), *London Marriage Licences 1521-1869* (London, 1887), p.943; London Metropolitan Archives, P74/LUK/162 [parish registers of St Luke's, Chelsea, Middlesex, 1653-1703]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\DI/2/1/2 [parish registers of Dinder, Somerset, 1695-1802]; D\P\DIT/2/1/2 [parish registers of Ditcheat, Somerset, 1653-1704]; Dorset History Centre, PE/THO: RE1/2 [parish registers of Thorncombe, Devon, now in Dorset]; H.D.Johnstone, 'Claver Morris, An Early Eighteenth-Century Physician and Amateur Musician *Extraordinaire*', *Journal of the Royal Musical Association*, 133 (2008), pp.93-127; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Wells Cathedral: Its Monumental Inscriptions and Heraldry* (London, 1892), pp.100, 102, 184-5, 232; Cumbria Archive Centre, Carlisle, D HUD 5/19/1 [copy will of Claver Morris of Wells, Somerset, 1725].

**Humphrey MORRIS (fl.1668-1697)**

Person ID: 9366

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: West Lydford, Somerset

Humphrey Morris of West Lydford, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 20 April 1668. He was licensed to marry Em Evell of Queen Camel, Somerset, on 18 February 1685/6. In 1691, Morris established a writing and latin school at West Lydford, with over 30 children in several classes. His sister Rebecca taught infants and needlework to girls. The school moved to Yeovil in 1697. Unfortunately, the absence of the parish registers for the village does not allow further light to be shed on the fortunes of Morris and his family at West Lydford.



Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 18 February 1685/6; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from Their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.130 [which erroneously transcribes Morris as Dyer]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\SAS C/1193/4.

**John MORRIS (d.1678)**

Person ID: 9368

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Stogumber, Somerset

John Morris of Stogumber, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 27 September 1664. He was falsely accused of having no licence the following year. Morris married on at least three occasions. His first wife Alice was buried at Stogumber on 23 March 1660/1. He then married Lattice or Lettice Shelly in the same parish on 3 November 1661. Finally, he married Isaat Knight at Stogumber on 6 February 1672/3. John Morris, barber surgeon, was buried at Stogumber on 14 April 1678.

Children of John Morris and wife Alice:

Joan, bapt.24 February 1660/1 [Stogumber].

Children of John Morris and wife Lettice:

Jams, bapt.1 November 1663 [Stogumber].

Children of John Morris and wife Isaat:

John, bapt.11 December 1673 [Stogumber].

Mary, bapt.17 February 1675/6 [Stogumber].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 27 September 1664; D\D\ca/344, *sub* Stogumber; D\P\STOGM/2/1/2 [parish registers of Stogumber, Somerset, 1653-1712].

**Matthew MORROW or MOURREAU (d.1749)**

Person ID: 34531

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Matthew Morrow or Mourreau, probably of Huguenot descent, was active as a barber surgeon in the city of Wells, Somerset, from about 1705 until his death in 1749. He was a resident of Tucker Street and was buried from the old almshouse at St Cuthbert's, Wells, on 15 December 1749.

Children of Matthew Morrow or Mourreau:

Peter, born 17 July 1705; bapt.20 July 1705 [St Cuthbert's, Wells]. He was apprenticed to Edward Hipsley, joiner, of Bristol, 20 August 1719.

Matthew, born 29 July 1707; bapt.3 August 1707 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].  
William, born 15 April 1715; bapt.24 April 1715; buried 15 May 1727 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/2 and 4 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1688-1727; 1740-1787]; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

**John MORTEMER or MORTIMER (fl.1615)**

Person ID: 9385

Occ: surgeon

Loc: North Newton, Somerset

In 1615, John Mortemer, surgeon, of North Newton was accused at the Somerset quarter sessions of administering a potion to a woman that subsequently made her ill. In his defence, Mortemer argued that it was dispensed on behalf of one Martin Berye, who wished to procure the woman's love and affection.

Somerset Heritage Centre, Q\SR/21/9-10.

**Mrs MORTON (fl.1626)**

Person ID: 9388

Occ: unlicensed surgeon

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Mrs Morton, the wife of Henry Morton of Wells, Somerset, was presented in the consistory court of Bath and Wells in September 1626 for practising surgery without a licence.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\ca/255, *sub* 11 September 1626.

**George MOUNTAGNE or MOUNTON (1598-1643)**

Person ID: 33017

Occ: apothecary/druggist

Loc: Bristol and Bath, Somerset

George Mountagne or Mouton was the son of George Mountagne, butcher, and his wife Mabel, nee Short (d.1652) and was baptized at St James', Bath, Somerset, on 22 July 1598. He was apprenticed to **Richard Boswell**, apothecary, of Bristol on 9 August 1610 and was made a freeman of the city on 28 August 1618. He married Margaret or Margery Whitewick at St Ewen's, Bristol, on 17 December 1620 and briefly settled in the city where he took on two apprentices in 1619 and 1624. It is not known when he moved back to his native town of Bath. There, he buried his first wife Margery in the abbey on 29 January 1640/1. George subsequently married Dorothy Randall, the widow of **Richard Randall**, apothecary, of Bath, at the abbey on 13 July 1641. Mr George Mountagne was buried at Bath Abbey on 3 August 1643.

In his will made in 1648, Dr **John Vincent Ostendorp** of Bath makes reference to the grant of a lease of property at Romney in Hampshire to one George Mountague,

apothecary and alderman of Bath, as per an indenture signed in 1642 and confirmed in the will of George's mother Mabel after his death in 1644.

Apprentices of George Mountagne or Mouton (at Bristol):

William Saunders, son of Edward Saunders, **surgeon**, of Bath, Somerset, 28 July 1619 (as druggist).

Thomas Powell, son of Richard Powell, gent, of Llanvair, Monmouthshire, deceased, 28 April 1624.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BA.JA/2/1/1 [parish registers of St James', Bath, Somerset, 1569-1694]; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers and Burgess Books; P/ST.E/R/1/a [parish registers of St Ewen's, Bristol, 1538-1653]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, p.212; ii, pp.359, 362, 369; TNA, PROB 11/218, ff.52r-53r [will of John Ostendorpfe, doctor in physic, of Bath, Somerset, 27 January 1647/8, pr.11 August 1651].

**Morgan MUNDEN (d.1667)**

Person ID: 9489

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Morgan Munden, surgeon, was buried at St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, on 16 October 1667. In his will, he left all his estate and possessions, including goods at his father's house at Ryme Intrinseca, Dorset, and the lease of a close of land and tenement at Netherbury, Dorset, to his wife Mary, whom he also named as residual legatee and executrix. The property above was then to descend after his wife's death to the testator's three daughters, Mary, Martha and Katherine, Munden instructing his son John to leave them unmolested 'on my blessing and as he will expecte to be blessed by God Almighty'. The registers of Ryme record the baptism of a daughter Mary and the burials of one John Munden the elder (7 December 1669) and Edith Munden, widow (11 February 1679/80).

Children of Morgan Munden:

Mary, bapt.14 June 1652 [Ryme Intrinseca].

Martha [will].

Katherine [will].

John [will].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1609-1668]; TNA, PROB 11/325, ff.315r-v [will of Morgan Munden, surgeon, of Wells, Somerset, 21 September 1667, pr.12 November 1667]; Dorset History Centre, PE/RYN: RE1/1 [parish registers of Ryme Intrinseca, Dorset].

**William MUSGRAVE (d.1727)**

Person ID: 9513

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Dulverton, Somerset

William Musgrave of Dulverton, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 8 September 1712. Sarah, the wife of William Musgrave was buried at Dulverton on 30 July 1719. He subsequently married Elizabeth, but no further details of her have been discovered. William Musgrave was buried there, 25 October 1727.

Children of William Musgrave:

William, bapt.7 May 1713 [Dulverton].

John, bapt.10 October 1721; buried 18 March 1721/2 [Dulverton].

George, bapt.5 October 1722; buried 20 January 1723/4 [Dulverton].

George, bapt.24 January 1725/6 [Dulverton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 8 September 1712; D\P\DUL/2/1/2 [parish registers of Dulverton, Somerset, 1678-1765].

**Mr NEVELL (fl.1683)**

Person ID: 24414

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Crewkerne, Somerset

Elizabeth, the daughter of one Mr Nevel, apothecary, was baptized at Crewkerne, Somerset, on 17 September 1683. Otherwise unidentified.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CREW/2/1/2 [parish registers of Crewkerne, Somerset, 1653-1686].

**Thomas NEWTON (fl.1663)**

Person ID: 9664

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Somerset

Thomas Newton, gentleman, of Somerset was licensed to practise physic in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 11 February 1662/3. He is almost certainly the Thomas Newton, author of an undated letter to an unknown recipient, who provides instructions for diet and the use of purges, pills and medicine which he is forwarding.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 11 February 1662/3; D\D\WO/53/1/249.

**Thomas NIXON (d.1682)**

Person ID: 9726

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Thomas Nixon was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 14 January 1677/8. In 1664, Nixon, of Wells, Somerset, surgeon, acted as a bondsman for the marriage of John Butcher of the same place. He was resident, with his wife Anne, in Sadler Street in the 1650s. The couple had married at East Pennard on 8 July 1648. A son Charles was apprenticed to the London apothecary **Thomas Soper** in

1672. Thomas Nixon was buried at Wells on 13 September 1682.

Children of Thomas Nixon and wife Anne:

Thomas, bapt.18 August 1651 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].

Charles, bapt.9 June 1653 [St Cuthbert's, Wells]. He was apprenticed to **Thomas Soper**, apothecary, of London, 5 March 1671/2.

Mary, bapt.30 March 1657 [St Cuthbert's, Wells].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 14 January 1677/8; D\D/01/37, p.104; D\P\E.PEN/2/1/1 [parish registers of East Pennard, Somerset, 1608-1747]; D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1609-1668; 1668-1727]; **London apothecary database**.

**Walter NOBLE (d.1716)**

Person ID: 17037

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Walter Noble, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, married Joan Pearce or Pearse of Bath at Claverton, Somerset, on 18 June 1704. The couple lived in the parish of St James', Bath, where Walter was buried on 19 November 1716. In his will, made six weeks before his death, Noble, left all his estate, real and personal, to his two friends John Lansdown, esquire, of Camerton, Somerset, and William Skrine, esquire, of Bath, with the instruction that they were to sell the rights to the testator's reversion of a property in Bideford, Devon, but to preserve, if possible, his leasehold of a house in Bath held from the corporation. In the event of any surplus, after the payment of debts, the same was to be divided among the testator's wife Joan, son Richard and daughter Dorothy.

Children of Walter Noble and Joan:

Walter, bapt.26 August 1705 [Bath Abbey]; buried 21 July 1710 [St James', Bath].

Richard, bapt.26 August 1705 [Bath Abbey].

Dorothy, bapt.12 April 1716 [Bath Abbey].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CLAV/2/1/1 [parish registers of Claverton, Somerset, 1582-1706]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.289; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\JA.BA/2/1/2 [parish registers of St James', Bath, Somerset, 1686-1719]; TNA, PROB 11/563, ff.110v-112r [will of Walter Noble, of Bath, Somerset, 2 October 1616, pr.28 March 1718]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.80, 88.

**Thomas NOTT (fl.1706)**

Person ID: 9777

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Norton St Philip, Somerset

Thoms Nott of Norton St Philip, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 17 January 1705/6.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 17 January 1705/6.

**Richard NURSE (fl.1674-1681)**

Person ID: 9799

Occ: surgeon                      Loc: Milton Clevedon, Somerset, and Maiden Bradley, Wiltshire

Richard Nurse of Milton Clevedon, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 24 December 1674. He is almost certainly the same as the Richard Nurse, surgeon, of Maiden Bradley, Wiltshire (just a few miles east of Milton Clevedon), who acted as bondsman for the marriage of John Reeves in 1680. Nurse was living in the parish of Milton Clevedon between 1674 and 1681, latterly with a wife named Mary.

Children of Richard Nurse:

Esther, bapt.25 October 1674; buried 25 April 1675 [Milton Clevedon].

Elias, buried 2 May 1675 [Milton Clevedon].

Elias, buried 20 May 1677 [Milton Clevedon].

Jane, buried 21 August 1681 [Milton Clevedon].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 24 December 1674; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, D1/62 [marriage licence bonds and allegations for diocese of Salisbury, 1671-1680]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\MIL.C/2/1/1 [parish registers of Milton Clevedon, Somerset, 1672-1726].

**Reginald or Reynold OAKE or OKE (d.1745)**

Person ID: 17855

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Shepton Mallet, Somerset

Reynold Oake, apothecary, of Shepton Mallet, Somerset, was licensed to marry Martha Hulbert (aged 23) of Frome Selwood, Somerset, on 23 September 1707. No record of the marriage has been found. Mr Raynold Oke was buried at Shepton Mallet on 13 December 1745. His widow Martha was buried in the same parish, 27 December 1757.

Children of Reginald or Reynold Oake or Oke and wife Martha:

Mary, bapt.16 March 1708/9 [Shepton Mallet].

Anne, bapt.12 July 1710; buried 5 December 1734 [Shepton Mallet].

Martha, bapt.4 March 1712/13 [Shepton Mallet].

Sarah, bapt.20 February 1714/15; buried 22 February 1714/15 [Shepton Mallet].

Sarah, bapt.29 July 1719; buried 12 February 1734/5 [Shepton Mallet].

Apprentices of Reginald Oake or Oke, apothecary:

William Harding, son of Lawrence Harding of Martock, Somerset, for the premium of £30 as recorded in 1711.

John Knight, son of John Knight of Sherborne, Dorset, for the premium of £42 as recorded in 1730.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.292; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\SHE/2/1/2 and 6a [parish registers of Shepton Mallet, Somerset, 1663-1747; 1747-1789]; TNA, IR 1/12, f.21; 1/42, f.66.

**Abiah OATWAY (d.1708)**

Person ID: 34532

Occ: midwife

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Abiah Oatway, midwife, living in the High Street, Taunton, was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 20 April 1708.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, burials, 1682-1760].

**William OLIVER (1658-1716)**

Person ID: 9881

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Bath, Somerset, and Greenwich, Kent

William Oliver was the son of William Oliver (1627-1681), vicar of Launceston, Cornwall, and his wife Alice, nee Middleton, and was baptised at Launceston on 31 July 1658. He did not attend either Oxford or Cambridge, almost certainly as a result of his religious nonconformity (his father was ejected from his living at Launceston in 1662). Like so many sons of ejected clergymen, he turned to medicine, entering Leiden University for the first time as a medical student on 17 December 1683. There, he lodged with Simon de Wyck, a tailor, close to St Peter's church. It is clear, however, from numerous sources, that Oliver's interest in medicine was matched by his desire to help and assist those of his fellow countrymen in exile who were now coalescing around the figure of the duke of Monmouth in the hope of overthrowing James II. In 1685 he accompanied the duke to England, serving as a surgeon in the rebel forces that were ultimately defeated at the battle of Sedgemoor. In later years, Oliver claimed that he owed his survival and escape from the gallows by posing as a Tory and returning to London in the retinue of judge Jeffreys' clerk. After spending the winter in Prussia and Poland, Oliver was soon back in Holland, where government spies reported his presence in Amsterdam in 1686. A year later, he was said to be in the vanguard of a group of rebel conspirators in that city who were planning a new insurrection. The nonconformist bookseller John Dunton (1659-1732) described meeting him in Amsterdam in 1687.

In February 1688, Oliver re-enrolled as a medical student at Leiden, though graduation was further delayed by the Glorious Revolution. Once again, Oliver accompanied the forces of the rebels, led by William of Orange, as an officer and was duly rewarded for his commitment to the Whig cause. Between 1693 and 1702, he

served as physician to the fleet, working mainly in the Mediterranean where he demonstrated a keen interest in observing medical and natural philosophical phenomena. He also spent a brief time in 1701 travelling through Denmark and Holland, often communicating with the Royal Society on his experiences and discoveries. It was during this period that he also found time to formally acquire a medical degree graduating as MD of Rheims (where degrees were cheaply and easily acquired) on 27 March 1699. He was subsequently made a licentiate of the London College of Physicians on 30 September 1692 and a fellow of the Royal Society on 5 January 1703/4. The following year, Oliver, with Dr **Thomas Rolfe** (whom Oliver probably met at Leiden in 1683) and others, supplied letters testimonial on behalf of **Nathaniel Firmin** of Castle Hedingham, Essex, who was seeking a medical licence from the archbishop of Canterbury.

Between 1702 and 1709, Dr Oliver spent his time between London and Bath, though it is thought unlikely that he ever lived in the spa town. Nevertheless, in 1704 Oliver published a work on fevers in which he included a treatise on the hot waters of Bath. The work itself may have prompted the building of the pump rooms between 1705-6. This was expanded three years later under the title *A Practical Dissertation on Bath Waters*, a work which included an account of the narcoleptic Samuel Chilton of Timsbury, near Bath. In addition to Oliver's correspondence with the Royal Society, letters survive between him and other leading figures in the London natural philosophical world, including the botanist **James Petiver** and **Sir Hans Sloane**. Various manuscript remains have also been attributed to Oliver, including a treatise entitled 'Divers Christian and Politick Reasons against warres betwixt England and the Netherlands', but I can find little evidence to suggest that these are in fact by Oliver. The same source (BL, Sloane MS 1770) contains another piece entitled 'Dr Oliver's rules for health', addressed to his cousin John Smalley at Plymouth, but the attached date (28 September 1668) is problematic. Oliver's father William briefly lived at Plymouth in the mid 1660s, raising the possibility that the works in this collection may have been by, or belonged to, the father rather than the son.

Oliver's approach to medicine was decidedly unorthodox or at least challenging to some of the norms of the day that might be expected of a learned practitioner, and which may in turn have owed something to his regular practice in the navy where expediency often trumped convention. In his work on fevers for example, he alluded to the Helmontian idea that the stomach was the seat of the soul and was an early advocate of a form of therapeutics based on the acid-alkali theory. In attempting to steer a course between quackery and empirical medicine on the one hand and over-zealous adherence to the excessive use of evacuative methods based on traditional humoralism, Oliver posed as an eclectic who advocated a minimalist approach to medical intervention and the use of low and rare dosages. His approach can be summed in the words of his preface to his work on fevers where he expressed the wish that

'the Gentlemen of the Faculty lov'd Money less, and their Patients better; that they would continue more pleasant Doses, or not repeat them too often; being constant in the Opinion, that Physick, like Armour, a little of it well-placed may do much good; but a great deal of it applied ... is a Plague to man's Body, a Vexation to his Soul, and a Curse upon his Estate' [Oliver, *A Practical Essay on Fevers*, pp.xxxi-xxxii].



Not surprisingly, such views attracted criticism and complaint, particularly in reaction to Oliver's assault on the moral probity and professional integrity of fellow practitioner Dr **John Radcliffe**. Oliver implied that Ratcliffe treated his patients with disrespect, implying that he was a man of 'pride and ill Nature' (p.247) who in many respects was no better than an empiric. In comparing him to a well-known contemporary empiric, **Jehu Ward**, the 'broken weaver' of Spitalfields, Oliver, despite his disingenuous protestations to the contrary, was undoubtedly seeking to destroy the reputation of Ratcliffe whose political views were anathema to the Whig doctor. This is further evident in that passage where Ratcliffe's practice is surreptitiously compared with that of the miracle healer and 'stroker' **Valentine Greatrakes**, and thus found as symptomatic of the 'faith of Mankind' in magical powers such as those bestowed by the Jacobites on monarchs such as James II and the French king (pp.250-1). In reply, Dr Ratcliffe's defenders not surprisingly sought to stigmatise Oliver as the real friend of empirics, whose associations with fellow practitioners such as **William Cole** and especially **John Colbatch** made him suspect in their eyes. Colbatch in particular was an easy target, and while it is difficult to ascertain for certain the exact nature of the relationship between the two men, there is little doubt that the two were mutual admirers. In 1696, for example, Colbatch praised Dr Oliver's 'beveridge ... an acid liquor' which he had trialled on sick seamen while acting as a physician to the fleet.

Oliver's latter years were spent as physician to the seamen's hospitals at Chatham (1709-1714) and Greenwich (1714-1716). He died, unmarried, at Greenwich Hospital, where he was buried, on 4 April 1716. A memorial to his memory, celebrating his loyal service to the navy and practice in Bath, was erected in Bath Abbey. His will, made hastily two days before his death, listed numerous small debts and debtors. He placed the dedication of the second edition of his work on the Bath waters to the King in the hands of Tempest Holmes, an admiralty official, and made a series of small monetary bequests to his sister Honour Stokes, George Burrard, esquire, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Lieutenant Edward Smith of Greenwich Hospital. Finally, he gave all his books to his nephew William Oliver (1695-1764) of Cambridge who followed his uncle into the medical profession and practised successfully at Bath. He was the inventor of the Bath Oliver biscuit. Dr Oliver left the rest of his estate to Robert Burges, scrivener, of Lombard Street, London, who acted as his executor.

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*A Practical Dissertation on Bath Waters* (London, A.Bell, 1707; 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1716; 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., 1737; 4<sup>th</sup> ed., 1747; 5<sup>th</sup> ed., 1764). The first edition was dedicated to Queen Anne, the second to George I.

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*ODNB*, sub Oliver, William, article by W.P.Courtney, revised by S.Glaser; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; revised ed., 1988), pp.373-4; Kresen Kernow, parish registers of Launceston, Cornwall; Innes Smith, p.173; Leiden University Archives, ASF 12, p.225; Munk, i, pp.493-4; British Library, Add.MS 6845, f.264r; J.Oldmixon, *The History of England* (London, 1730), p.704; British Library, Add.MS 41,814, f.9r; Add.MS 41,814, f.9r; John Dunton, *The Life and Errors of John Dunton Late Citizen of London* (London, 1705), p.211; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/376.

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**John Vincent OSTENDORP or OSTENDORPH (d.1648)**

Person ID: 9913

Occ: physician

Loc: Bath, Somerset

John Vincent Ostendorp was a German physician who was probably born in the city of Unna in Westphalia. He married Elizabeth Cavell at All Saints, Bristol on 5 September 1638, and was living in Bath by the latter date. It is not known whether Ostendorp possessed a medical degree. He died there in 1648 and was buried in the abbey on 12 April 1648. In his will, Ostendorp refers to an interest which he possessed in lands at Romsey in Hampshire, which he bequeathed to his son John. He also left him lands in his native Unna in Westphalia as well as £100 which was placed in the hands of trustees until he reached the age of 21. Significantly perhaps for his son’s future (he too became a physician), his father left him all his books, ‘phisicall druggs’ and other possessions including ‘my Modell of Gold’, worth about five to six pounds. To his only daughter Katherine, Ostendorp gave a bequest of £100 and an

annuity of £20, plus a house in Parsonage Lane, Bath, after the death of the testator's wife Elizabeth. The latter was named residual legatee and executrix.

According to Dr **Thomas Guidott**, Ostendorp's wife was the sister of 'an ingenious Limner of that name'. In all likelihood, this is William Cavell (d.1665), of St Bride's, London, who remembered his sister Elizabeth fondly in his will of 1665. There, he refers to the considerable debt he owed his sister for the support which she had given to his endeavours, in particular in the profits which he had made from a 'show' or 'opera called Paradise'. Accordingly, he gave the same to his sister to share with his nephew William Cavell, and left the bulk of his estate, amounting to over £1,000, to his niece Katherine Ostendorp whom he named as executrix. Cavell's will would appear to have led to a dispute between William and Catherine in 1670. Ostendorp's widow Elizabeth, was probably the woman of the same name, described as a Dutchwoman, who was buried at St Clement Danes, Westminster, Middlesex, on 1 March 1676/7. Their son **John Vincentius**, who followed his father into medical practice, died in the same parish in 1664.

Children of Dr John Vincent Ostendorp and Elizabeth:

Katherine, bapt.24 July 1638 [Bath Abbey].

**John Vincentius**, bapt.3 February 1640/1 [Bath Abbey]; buried 18 March 1663/4 [St Clement Danes, Middlesex].

Bristol Archives, P/AS/R/1/a [parish registers of All Saints, Bristol, 1560-1766]; Thomas Guidott, *A Discourse of Bathe ... With an Account of the Lives, and Character, of the Physicians of Bathe* (London, 1676), p 196; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, p.33, 35; ii, p.366; TNA, PROB 11/218, ff.52r-53r [will of John Ostendorpfe, doctor in phisic, of Bath, Somerset, 27 January 1647/8, pr.11 August 1651]; 11/322, ff.151r-v [will of William Cavell, gentleman, of St Bride's, London, 4 June 1665, pr.21 November 1666]; House of Lords RO, HL/PO/JO/10/1/340/314; City of Westminster Archives Centre, STC/PR/7/4 [parish registers of St Clement Danes, Westminster, Middlesex, 1673-1700].

**George OVERY (fl.1663)**

Person ID: 9933

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

George Overy of Taunton, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 4 June 1663. He may be the same as the 'G.O., M.L.[medical licentiate]', who wrote a prefatory poem in praise of the author Thomas See in 1665.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 4 June 1663; Thomas See, *A Discourse Concerning the Sovereign Internal Balsom* (London, 1665), p 2.

**John PAGE (d.1705)**

Person ID: 34533

Occ: barber

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

John Page, barber, was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, on 18 May 1705.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1682-1760].

**Thomas PAGE (d.1677)**

Person ID: 9987

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Thomas Page, surgeon, of Taunton, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 20 September 1662. Page was the victim of a theft from his shop in January 1659. In 1675, he was paid to cure one Thomas Rogers, a poor man, of West Monkton, Somerset. Page married Mary Tuthill at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 31 March 1657. She was buried in the same parish on 22 January 1666/7. Page's second wife is unknown. He died in 1677 and was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 13 May 1677.

Children of Thomas Page:

Henry, bapt.29 July 1660 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Thomas, bapt.18 December 1668 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

William, bapt.October 1670 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Jane, bapt.May 1674 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 20 September 1662; Q/SR/97/37; E.E.Trotman, 'Notes on the Manor and Parish of West Monkton', *Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society*, 90 (1944), p.???; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU/M/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696].

**Henry PAINE or PAYNE (fl.1580)**

Person ID: 34868

Occ: barber

Loc: Chard, Somerset

Henry Paine or Payne, barber, of Chard, Somerset, appeared as a defendant in a debt case in the Court of Common Pleas in 1580.

TNA, CP40/1374 [1580].

**John PALMER (1609-1660)**

Person ID: 10044

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Oxford, Oxfordshire, and Taunton, Somerset

John Palmer was the son of John Palmer, an apothecary (according to Anthony Wood) of Taunton, Somerset, and was baptised at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on

24 September 1609. He matriculated at Queen's College, Oxford, on 21 November 1628, proceeding BA in 1628, B Med on 2 December 1630 and MD on 12 April 1648. A 'great Rumper' (Wood), he was appointed warden of All Souls College, Oxford, the day after receiving his MD. As a committed puritan, Palmer headed the list of Presbyterian elders for the classis of Taunton and served as a loyal parliamentary committee man for his native Somerset between 1646 and 1660. He was active for example on the Scandalous Ministers committee between 1646 and 1654, as well as serving on the county assessment and militia committees. Palmer also sat as a magistrate on the county bench from 1649 to 1657. He was equally active in local government in Oxfordshire in the 1650s, where he served as a JP from 1650 and sat on the assessment and militia committees between 1659 and 1660. Palmer's political commitment to the parliamentary cause also saw him serve as MP for Taunton between 1645 and 1653. In 1659, he again stood for the town alongside his radical brother-in-law and former army officer Richard Bovet but was narrowly defeated in the national tide toward moderation that preceded the Restoration. There followed a brief period in which Palmer was widely stigmatized and attacked for his earlier commitment to the Rump. Enemies in Oxford condemned his earlier appointment at All Souls, claiming that the post was fit only for a divine, and with the Restoration imminent, rumps of beef, according to Wood, were thrown at Dr Palmer's window at the College. Palmer did not, however, witness the final stages of the defeat of the 'good old cause'. He died on 4 March 1659/60 and was buried in All Souls' College Chapel.

Palmer married Mary, the only daughter and heir of John Tristram of Baunton, Devon, and his wife Mary Ley, the daughter of James, earl of Marlborough, lord high treasurer of England. She was named as the main legatee and executrix of Palmer's nuncupative will made shortly before his death and was charged with raising marriage portions for their daughters out of unspecified fee farm rents in Palmer's possession. He left £20 to All Souls to purchase a piece of commemorative plate. Palmer's widow Mary subsequently married the eminent clergyman-physician **Ralph Bathurst** (d.1704). She was buried at Bishops Lydeard, Somerset, on 19 April 1690, where a monument to her memory was erected.

Children of John Palmer and wife Mary:

John, buried 19 March 1689/90 [Bishops Lydeard]. A merchant in London.

Elizabeth. She married George Baynard of Cliffe House, Dorset, esquire, and Wadham College, Oxford.

Mary. She married Richard Chaundler, gent, of Idmiston, Wiltshire, at Trinity College Chapel, Oxford, 23 February 1669/70 [Wood]. She was buried at Idmiston, 27 April 1680.

Foster, iii, p.1109; Somerset Heritage Centre, D/P\TAU.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696]; W.A.Shaw, *A History of the English Church During the Civil Wars and Under the Commonwealth, 1640-1660* (2 vols, London, 1900), ii, p 420; C.H.Firth and R.S.Rait, *Acts and Ordinances of the Interregnum, 1642-1660* (London, 1911), i, pp.853, 1209, 1243; ii, pp.42, 307, 476, 974, 1040, 1079, 1331, 1332, 1376, 1378; *The Names of the Iustices of Peace, of England and Wales ... 1650* (London, 1650), pp.44, 48; D.Underdown, *Somerset in the Civil War and Interregnum* (Newton Abbot, 1973), pp.125, 131, 157, 185, 189;

Anon., *The Mystery of the Good Old Cause Briefly Unfolded* (London, 1660), p.27; *The Life and Times of Anthony Wood, Antiquary, at Oxford, 1632-1695*, ed.A.Clark, 5 vols (Oxford Hist.Soc., vol.19, Oxford, 1898), i, p.303; Rev.J.Collinson, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Somerset*, 3 vols (Bath, 1791), ii, p.495; *m.i.*, Bishops Lydeard, Somerset; TNA, PROB 11/303/295 [nuncupative will of John Palmer, doctor of phisicke and late warden of All Souls College, Oxon, c.28 February 1659/60; proved 11 February 1660/1]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\B.LYD/2/1/1 [parish registers of Bishops Lydeard, Somerset, 1674-1741]; *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), i, pp.303-4, 306-7; ii, p.151; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, 1098/2 [parish registers of Idmiston, Wiltshire, 1654-1702].

**Charles PANTON (1662-1711)**

Person ID: 10063

Occ: physician

Loc: Batheaston, Somerset

Charles Panton was the son of **Richard Panton**, physician, and his wife Mary and was baptized at Batheaston, Somerset, on 11 May 1662. He matriculated at Lincoln College, Oxford, on 26 October 1678, proceeding BA in 1682. Any plans that Panton might have had to engage in medical study were probably thwarted with the death of his father whose Batheaston practice he inherited in 1684. In the same year, on 10 June 1684, Panton was licensed to practise the art of medicine at Marlborough, Wiltshire, where he says that he was temporarily resident. Two years later, on 24 February 1685/6, he was made an extra licentiate of the College of Physicians in London. Little is known of Panton's medical practice but he may have favoured chemical medicines. In 1689, he subscribed to **Christopher Packe**'s translation of the *Works* of the iatrochemist Johann Rudolph Glauber (1604-1670).

Panton married Cecilia, the daughter of James Selfe, of Beanacre in the parish of Melksham, Wiltshire, at Corsham in the same county on 16 February 1685/6. He died in 1711 and was buried at Batheaston on 3 September 1711. In his will, made six months before his death, Panton ordered the sale of his lands at Batheaston and Bathford with the intention of providing £1000 to each of his three unmarried daughters. He named his wife Cecilia as residual legatee and executrix, while nominating his brother-in-law Isaac Selfe, esquire, and Thomas Smyth, esquire, both of Melksham as overseers of his will. Panton's widow Cecilia was buried at Batheaston on 17 August 1744.

Children of Charles Panton, gent, and wife Cecilia:

Mary, bapt.23 June 1687 [Batheaston]. She married John Kington at Melksham, Wiltshire, 28 April 1707.

Bettia or Betty, bapt.7 January 1689/90 [Batheaston]; died 6 July 1716 [*m.i.*]; buried 9 July 1716 [Batheaston].

Cecilia, died 12 September 1712 [*m.i.*, Batheaston]; buried 15 September 1712 [Batheaston].

Anne, bapt.15 November 1704 [Batheaston]. She married Isaac Selfe at Corsham, Wiltshire, 12 June 1732.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BATON/2/1/1, 2 and 3 [parish registers of Batheaston, Somerset, 1634-1700; 1695-1736; 1737-1783]; Foster, iii, p.1112; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, D1/22/5, f.12v; Munk, i, p.438; Johann Rudolph Glauber, *Works*, trans.C.Packe (London, 1689); Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, 1157/3 and 5 [parish registers of Corsham, Wiltshire, 1679-1691; 1713-1761]; TNA, PROB 11/537, ff.63v-64v [will of Charles Panton, physitian, of Batheaston, Somerset, 5 March 1710/11, pr.24 November 1713]; A.Schomberg, 'Monumental Inscriptions in Corsham Church', *Wiltshire Notes and Queries*, iv (1904), pp.510-15; Rev.J.Collinson, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Somerset*, 3 vols (Bath, 1791), i, pp.108, 110.

**Richard PANTON (d.1684)**

Person ID: 10070

Occ: physician

Loc: Batheaston, Somerset

Richard Panton of Batheaston, gentleman, was licensed to practise and administer physic to 'persons distracted and troubled with a Lunasie or madnesse' in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 5 June 1668. The fact that Panton clearly specialized in the cure of the mad suggests that he may have been related to **John Panton** (d.1654) of Lewes in Sussex who was renowned for his ability to cure the mentally ill. Eight years later, in 1676, he was issued with a full licence enabling him to practise surgery and medicine throughout the diocese. Panton clearly prospered. In 1672, he and his then wife Mary (who was buried at Batheaston on 29 May 1680) built Pine House at Batheaston which still stands today with the couple's names over the porch. Panton died on 16 September 1684 and was buried two days later in the church at Batheaston. In his will, the bulk of his estate was left to his three sons, Charles (who inherited his father's medical practice), Richard and William. It also mentions a married daughter Mary Terrill and second wife Elizabeth, about whom nothing else is known. A memorial to Panton's memory was erected in the church at Batheaston which celebrated his medical knowledge and skill.

Children of Richard Panton:

**Charles**, bapt.11 May 1662 [Batheaston]. Following an Oxford education, he inherited his father's medical practice at Batheaston and was buried there on 3 September 1711.

**Richard**, bapt.21 December 1677 [Batheaston]. He became an apothecary in Bath and died sometime between March 1700/1 and December 1703 [will].

**William** [will]. Surgeon?

Mary. She was married as Mary Terrill in 1684 [will].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 5 June 1668 and D\D\bs/42, *sub* 1676; D\P\BATON/2/1/1 [parish registers of Batheaston, Somerset, 1634-1700]; TNA, PROB 11/377, ff.244r-v [will of Richard Panton, doctor of phisick, of Batheaston, Somerset, 8 July 1684, pr.6 October 1684]; Rev.J.Collinson, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Somerset*, 3 vols (Bath, 1791), i, p.110.

**Richard PANTON (b.1677)**

Person ID: 17038

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Richard Panton was the son of **Richard Panton**, physician, of Batheaston, Somerset, and was baptized at Batheaston on 21 December 1677. He was practising as an apothecary in Bath when he died, unmarried, sometime between March 1700/1 and December 1703. In his will, he left £200 to his three sisters Mary, Betty and Cecilia, the money then in the hands of **Henry Parker**, physician, of Bath and his brother **Charles**, who practised medicine at Batheaston. He named the latter as residual legatee and sole executor.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BATON/2/1/1 [parish registers of Batheaston, Somerset, 1634-1700]; TNA, PROB 11/520, f.202v [will of Richard Panton, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 22 March 1700/1, pr.20 December 1703].

**NB: I need to check register of St James, Bath, for burial as there is a two-year gap in images on Ancestry].**

**William PANTON (fl.1714)**

Person ID: 10071

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Batheaston, Somerset

William Panton was licensed to practise the art of surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 3 May 1714. He was almost certainly the son of **Richard Panton**, physician, of Batheaston. No record of his burial has been found.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 3 May 1714.

**John PARK or PARKE (fl.1662)**

Person ID: 10087

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: North Curry, Somerset

John Park of North Curry, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 19 November 1662. He may be the same as the John Parke, son of William Parke, who was baptized at North Curry on 18 October 1626.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 19 November 1662; D\P\N/CUR/2/1/1 [parish registers of North Curry, Somerset, 1539-1721].

**Henry PARKER Snr (d.1675)**

Person ID: 17039

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Mr Henry Parker, apothecary, married Ann Boyse, both of Bath, at Bath Abbey on 1 May 1654. The couple baptized nine children at the abbey between 1655 and 1668. Henry Parker, who served as mayor of the city in 1673-4, was buried in the abbey on 7 January 1674/5. In his will, made a week before his death, he left £1,200 to his four unmarried daughters, Ann, Mary, Sarah and Decema, and £400 to his younger son



John (who also received the drugs from Parker's shop). There were also two annuities for the testator's sisters Elizabeth and Mary Parker, as well as a number of small bequests for various cousins and a small legacy to the city of Bath to fund an apprenticeship for a poor boy of the city. The rest of his estate, including land and property in Lyncombe and Widcombe, Bathampton and Bath, was shared between the testator's wife Ann and ultimate heir and son Henry, who were named as joint executors.

Henry Parker, apothecary, and his family were the principal beneficiaries in the will of Henry's kinsman through marriage, **Tobias Venner**, physician, of Bath. One of the beneficiaries, **Henry Parker Jnr**, enjoyed an Oxford education, afterwards becoming a physician in the city of Bath. Parker was also named as one of the executors in trust of the will of the ejected minister Matthew Alflatt in 1673, charged, among other things, with responsibility for the 'godly education' of his two daughters. Given the puritanical backgrounds of both testators it seems likely that Parker was sympathetic to post-Restoration Dissent.

Children of Henry Parker and wife Ann:

**Henry**, bapt.12 February 1654/5; buried 7 April 1737 [Bath Abbey]. Physician.  
**Anne**, bapt.4 September 1656 [Bath Abbey].  
**John**, bapt.14 September 1658 [Bath Abbey].  
**Mary**, bapt.25 September 1659 [Bath Abbey]. She married **Edward Woolmer**, apothecary, at Bath on 8 August 1675.  
**Robert**, bapt.7 June 1663; buried 16 June 1663 [Bath Abbey].  
**Elizabeth**, bapt.28 March 1664; buried 26 December 1664 [Bath Abbey].  
**Elizabeth**, bapt.27 August 1665; buried 7 September 1667 [Bath Abbey].  
**Decema**, bapt.27 January 1666/7 [Bath Abbey].  
**Sarah**, bapt.10 June 1668 [Bath Abbey]. She married Mr John Hendy at Bath Abbey on 19 January 1691/2.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50; 214, 229; ii, pp.375, 376, 377, 381; TNA, PROB 11/347, ff.135v-136r [will of Henry Parker, alderman, of Bath, Somerset, 1 January 1674/5, pr.1 February 1674/5]; PROB 11/298, ff.156v-157r [will of Tobias Venner, doctor of phisick, of Bath, Somerset, 21 January 1659/60, pr.14 April 1660]; PROB 11/344, ff.245r-v [will of Matthew Alflatt, clerk, of Bath, Somerset, 21 January 1673/4, pr.30 March 1674].

**Henry PARKER Jnr (1655-1737)**

Person ID: 10096

Occ: physician

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Henry Parker was the son of **Henry Parker**, apothecary, of Bath and his wife Ann nee Boyse and was baptised at Bath Abbey on 12 February 1654/5. He matriculated at Magdalen Hall, Oxford, on 15 March 1671/2, proceeding BA in 1675 and MA in 1678 (incorporated at Cambridge, 1705). Parker married Dorothy Thrupp of Norton St Philip, Somerset, at Hemington, Somerset, on 10 October 1681. He subsequently practised medicine in Bath, where he became surgeon to Bellott's Hospital. Dr Parker

was buried in the abbey on 7 April 1737. In his initial will, written in March 1720, he left a house in Cheap Street (rented from the corporation), a garden in Cock Lane and a property called Crabb Tree Hayes to his wife Dorothy for life. The first two were to pass after her death to the couple's two daughters Anne and Elizabeth on condition they paid the testator's son Henry £600 and the testator's two sons in law John Moore and Samuel House £100 each. However, in January 1722, Parker underwent a change of heart. Now, he named his wife Dorothy in place of his son Henry as residual legatee and executrix on the grounds 'considering the variety and multitude of his own affairs'. He also rescinded the bequests of £800 to his son and brothers in law leaving his wife to decide how best to manage his estate.

He is almost certainly the Mr Henry Parker of Bath who was remembered in the will of the Oxford physician **Samuel Demaistres**.

Children of Henry Parker and wife Dorothy:

Henry, bapt.3 August 1682 [Bath Abbey].  
 Edward, bapt.29 January 1683/4 [Bath Abbey].  
 Ann, bapt.27 April 1686 [Bath Abbey].  
 Mary, bapt.17 July 1687 [Bath Abbey].  
 William, bapt.11 February 1689/90; buried 5 March 1689/90 [Bath Abbey].  
 Sarah, bapt.31 March 1691 [Bath Abbey]. She married John Moore.  
 William, bapt.2 February 1693/4; buried 1 December 1698 [Bath Abbey].  
 Elizabeth [will]. She was alive in 1748 [will of mother, Dorothy].  
 Mary. She married Samuel Howse and was alive in 1748 [will of mother, Dorothy].

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.62, 64, 65, 66, 68, 69, 71; ii, pp.390, 395, 422, 427; Somerset Heritage Centre, DVP\HEM/2/1/2 [parish registers of Hemington, Somerset, 1653-1698]; [www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath](http://www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath) [accessed 15 February 2023]; TNA, PROB 11/696, ff.163r-164v [will of Henry Parker of Bath, Somerset, 21 March 1719/20 and 27 January 1721/2, pr.4 May 1739]; PROB 11/788, ff.8r-9r [will of Dorothy Parker, widow, of Lyncombe and Widcombe, Somerset, 28 December 1748, pr.3 May 1751]; Bodl., Oxford University Archives, Hyp/B/24, will of Samuel Desmaistres, fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, 15 June 1686, pr.27 September 1686.

**Joan PARKER (d.1617)**

Person ID: 24674

Occ: midwife

Loc: Crewkerne, Somerset

Joan Parker, midwife, was buried at Crewkerne in Somerset on 20 January 1616/17.

Somerset Heritage Centre, DVP\CREW/2/1/1 [parish registers of Crewkerne, Somerset, 1558-1650].

**John PARKER (fl.1679)**

Person ID: 10101

Occ: Licensed surgeon/physician

Loc: Somerset

John Parker was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells, 9 April 1679. Otherwise unidentified.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D/bs/42, *sub* 9 April 1679.

**William PARKER (fl.1680)**

Person ID: 15891

Occ: barber

Loc: Burrington, Somerset

William Parker, barber, of Burrington, Somerset, was licensed to marry Constance Hippisley, widow, of Nempnett Thrubwell, Somerset, on 23 June 1680. There is no evidence that the marriage took place. However, one Constance Parker of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, was buried at St James', Taunton, on 29 July 1697.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.301; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.JA/2/1/8 [parish registers of St James', Taunton, Somerset, 1662-1718].

**PARSONS (fl.1663)**

Person ID: 10157

Occ: physician

Loc: Somerset

In 1663, one Parsons, described as a physician, was said to have visited **John Davis**, surgeon, of Portbury, Somerset. Davis' neighbours feared that the nocturnal visit of Parsons and others was suspicious and related to rebels and plotting, but Davis insisted that Parsons' visit was in his role as a doctor prescribing medicines for various members of Davis' household, many of whom were suffering with smallpox. It is quite possible that Parsons was working fraudulently under cover as a physician.

It is possible that he is the same as the John Parsons, son of Thomas Parsons, gent, of Backwell, Somerset, who was apprenticed to **Edward Champneys**, barber surgeon, and his wife Jane at Bristol on 14 June 1649. He does not appear to have taken the freedom of the city or practised there.

Somerset Heritage Centre, Q/SR/104/31; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

**Anthony PARSONS (fl.1699)**

Person ID: 10158

Occ: licensed surgeon and physician

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Anthony Parsons of Taunton, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery throughout the province of Canterbury on 10 October 1699. Letters testimonial on behalf of Parsons were signed by two physicians and two surgeons, only one of whom

has been positively identified. The latter was **Andrew Baden**, who is said to have signed his support on 9 October 1699. However, Baden died at Bath three months earlier, casting a shadow over the veracity of Parsons' application. Otherwise unidentified.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/321; VG 1/6, f.157v; Tenison 1, f.120v  
[*Directory*, i, no.623].

**Arthur PARSONS (d.1720)**

Person ID: 10159

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Arthur Parsons was the son of Arthur Parsons (d.1698), clothier, of West Buckland and Taunton, Somerset, and his wife Agnes (d.1688). No baptismal record for Arthur survives and his date of birth is open to conjecture. He was described as aged sixteen when he matriculated at Oxford in March 1671/2. However, a portrait reputedly of Parsons, aged 30, in the Tate Gallery, by the Dutch artist Simon du Bois (1638-1708) gives his date of birth as 29 October 1653. After matriculation at Wadham in 1672, Parsons graduated BA (from Corpus Christi College) in 1675 and MA in 1678/9. Prior to receiving his MA, he travelled to Holland, where, after briefly enrolling as a medical student at Leiden, he was awarded an MD from the university of Harderwyck on 7 April 1678 after submitting a thesis on kidney stones (subsequently published at London). Returning to his native Somerset, Parsons, while living in Bishops Hull, established a lucrative practice in nearby Taunton. On 7 March 1683/4, he was made an extra licentiate of the College of Physicians in London, and in 1693 obtained both his B Med and MD from his alma mater, Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Parsons signed medical certificates on behalf of **William Leigh** of Bradford on Tone, Somerset (1697) and **Moses Pelett** of Chulmleigh, Devon (1705), applicants for diocesan medical licences.

Parsons was probably a nonconformist or sympathetic to dissent, though his views may have moderated with time. On graduating from Harderwyck in 1678, he dedicated the award of his degree, among others, to Dr **Thomas Waterhouse** (MD Leiden), of Exeter, who was known to have dissenting connections, and three ejected ministers, George Newton (d.1681), John Gardiner and Francis Fuller (d.1701). In addition, his father Arthur was a committed Presbyterian who in 1697 endowed an annuity out of lands in the tithing of Bishops Hull for the education of young men designed for the Presbyterian or Congregational ministry. Parsons' own interests extended to education. In 1718, he was acting as one of the trustees of the grammar school in Taunton.

Parsons married three times. His first wife Edith, with whom he had three children (only two of whom were baptized in the Anglican communion), was the daughter of Robert Standard (d.1698) of Wighthill in the parish of Tackley, Oxfordshire. She was buried at Bishops Hull on 7 June 1702. Nothing is known of Parsons' second wife, Elizabeth who was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 20 October 1710. Finally, on 15 October 1713, Parsons married Elizabeth Gale of Taunton at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton. Dr Arthur Parsons was buried (from Bishops Hull) at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 6 May 1720. In his will of 1712, to which two codicils were

added, he bequeathed £3,000 to his alma mater, Corpus Christi College, Oxford, the moneys to be used for the purchase of 'perpetual Advowsons of Parsonages for the quickening of Suscession in the said College' – an indication that the doctor was now an Anglican conformist. In addition, he granted the moiety of leasehold lands held from Corpus Christi College as well as freehold estate in Tackley and Kirtlington, Oxfordshire, part of his first wife's dowry, to her sister Margaret Martin and the heirs of their father Robert Standard. Other beneficiaries, mainly nieces and nephews, benefited to the tune of over £600. However, Parsons third marriage, made after the first will, necessitated a codicil in which he nominated his wife Elizabeth in the place of his original executor James Parsons, the testator's nephew. In a second codicil, made a month before his death, Parsons granted the recently purchased advowson of Tony Stratford near Salisbury, Wiltshire, to Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

Parsons' three sons were presumably dead (or possibly disinherited) by the date of his first will in 1712. In 1705, John, the son of Arthur Parsons, doctor of physic, of Bishops Hull, was granted land in that village by a kinswoman. There, he is described as residing in Tiverton, Devon. The reference to the burial of Arthur Parsons, doctor of physick, at Bishops Hull on 14 April 1721 is presumably a clerical error (though it may refer to the doctor's son, Arthur, born in 1680).

Children of Dr Arthur Parsons and wife Edith:

Arthur, bapt.3 August 1680 [Bishops Hull].

John, born 18 March 1681/2 [Bishops Hull].

Thomas, born 18 December 1683 [Bishop's Hull].

Publication:

*Disputatio Medica Inauguralis, De Calculo Renum et Vesicae* (London, 1678).

Foster, iii, p.1122; Tate Gallery, London, T07469; Innes Smith, p.178; Munk, i, p.432; Royal College of Physicians, London, Annals, v, f.23b; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518/Somerset; 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; Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\SP/319/6; J.Toulmin, *The History of Taunton, in the County of Somerset* (Taunton, 1822), p.200; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\B.HL/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Bishops Hull, Somerset, 1657-1695; 1678-1734]; D\P\TAU.M/2/1/32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1682-1760]; W.P.Phillimore and H.W.Seager (eds), *Somerset Parish Registers. Marriages vol.IX* (London, 1907), p.122; TNA, PROB 11/574, ff.329v-330v [will of Arthur Parsons, doctor in physick, of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 21 May 1712, 3 July 1717 and 6 April 1720, pr.15 June 1720]; Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\SP/319/11.

**John PAUL or PAULE (d.1700)**

Person ID: 34534

Occ: barber

Loc: Ilminster, Somerset

John Paul or Paule, barber, was buried at Ilminster, Somerset, on 30 July 1700.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\ILM/2/1/1 [parish registers of Ilminster, Somerset, 1646-1710].

**William PAUL or PAULE (d.1713)**

Person ID: 10206/24734

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Minehead, Somerset

William Paul or Paule, surgeon, of Minehead, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 19 September 1662. He may be the same as the William Paul, surgeon, who was noted practising in the parish of St Augustine, Bristol, in 1693-4. Paul was buried at Minehead on 12 January 1712/13. Nothing is known of his wife Alice, who was named as the mother of his children baptized at Minehead between 1673 and 1686.

Children of William Paul:

Mary, bapt.24 May 1662; buried 12 March 1663/4 [Minehead].

Mary, bapt.7 January 1664/5 [Minehead].

Henry, bapt.17 August 1667; buried 18 March 1681/2 [Minehead].

Elizabeth, bapt.3 January 1670/1 [Minehead].

Ann, bapt.24 December 1673 [Minehead].

Christian, bapt.24 April 1677 [Minehead].

Sarah, bapt.24 April 1677 [Minehead].

Sarah, bapt.31 July 1683 [Minehead].

Henry, bapt.31 July 1683; buried 13 September 1684 [Minehead].

William, bapt.12 July 1686 [Minehead].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 19 September 1662; Bristol Archives, 04413; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\M.ST.M/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Minehead, Somerset, 1642-1700; 1701-1807].

**Henry PAVEY or PAVY (fl.1682)**

Person ID: 34535

Occ: barber

Loc: Somerton, Somerset

Henry Pavy, the son of Henry Pavy, barber, was apprenticed to Robert Parker, soapmaker, of Bristol, on 15 September 1682. Otherwise unidentified (parish registers not extant for this period).

Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

**Robert PAVEY or PAVIE (d.1666)**

Person ID: 34536

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Bruton, Somerset

Robert Pavey or Pavie, barber surgeon, married Alice Watts, both of Bruton, Somerset, at St Cuthbert's, Wells, on 14 December 1646. Robert Pavey was buried at Bruton on 21 August 1666. His wife Alice predeceased him, being buried there on 26 June 1660.

Children of Robert Pavey or Pavie and wife Alice:

Henry, born 22 August 1657; bapt.23 September 1657 [Bruton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Cuthbert, Wells, Somerset, 1609-1668]; D\P\BRUT/2/1/2 [parish registers of Bruton, Somerset, 1649-1681].

**Elisha PECK (d.1693)**

Person ID: 10263

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon and Taunton, Somerset

Mr Elisha Peck, apothecary, married Joan Banckes, both of Exeter, at Exeter, Devon (parish not specified) on 30 April 1655. By 1681, the couple had moved to Taunton in Somerset where in that year Elisha witnessed the will of the Taunton physician **John Walsh** (he later did the same for **Henry Gervis**, physician, in 1686). Peck was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol and Exeter on 26 January 1682. Thereafter, he regularly supplied testimonials for other Somerset practitioners seeking similar medical licences including **Richard Tozell**, dissenting minister of Dulverton (1686), **John Symes** of Bridgwater (1689) and **Robert Cording** of Wiveliscombe (1691). In 1690, Samuel Rollaston, a merchant and kinsman, of Bristol, released Peck from a debt of £50. He also left his sister Mary Peck a bequest of £20.

Elisha Peck was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 9 March 1692/3. In his will, made six days before his death, Peck made two small bequests to his sisters Mary and Elizabeth and entrusted two cousins, Samuel and Thomas Pulman of Cullompton, Devon, with £40 which they were to invest on behalf of the testator's daughter Susanna, the wife of Elias Ellis. He left the rest of his estate to his wife Joan who was also named as executrix. She was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 17 December 1703.

Children of Elisha Peck and wife Joan:

Susanna, bapt.24 February 1655/6 [St Mary Arches, Exeter]. She was married to Elias Ellis in 1693 [will].

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, Devon & Cornwall Rec.Soc.,1910), p.33; TNA, PROB 11/369, ff.209v-211r [will of John Walsh, physician, of St James', Taunton, Somerset, 7 November 1681, pr.13 February 1681/2]; PROB 11/388, ff.114v-115r [will of Henry Gervis, gentleman, of Taunton, 20 July 1686, pr.19 August 1687]; Lambeth Palace Library, Sancroft, f.242 [*Directory*, i, no.630]; VX 1A/10/234/1-3; VX 1A/10/262/1-3; VX

1A/10/270/1-3; TNA, PROB 11/408, ff.109v-111r [will of Samuel Rollston, merchant, of Bristol, Gloucestershire, 7 April 1690, pr.22 January 1692/3]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1682-1760]; TNA, PROB 11/414, ff.298v-299r [will of Elisha Peck, apothecary, of St Mary Magdalen, Taunton, Somerset, 3 March 1692/3, pr.2 May 1693].

**John PEIRCE, PEYRCE or PIERCE (fl.1589)**

Person ID: 10387

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Otterhampton, Somerset

John Peyrce of Otterhampton, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the dioceses of Bath and Wells and Bristol on 29 November 1589. Otherwise unidentified.

Lambeth palace Library, Whitgift 1, f.160 [*Directory*, i, no.644].

**Robert PEIRCE or PIERCE (1622-1710)**

Person ID: 10281

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Robert Peirce was the son of Robert Peirce, BD and rector of Combe Hay, Somerset, and his wife Elizabeth (d.1657), the daughter of Chidiock Tutt of Salisbury, Wiltshire. Baptized at Combe Hay on 6 March 1621/2, Peirce matriculated at Lincoln College, Oxford, on 26 October 1638, proceeding BA in 1642, MA and B Med in 1650 and was created MD on 12 September 1661. He was made a fellow of the College of Physicians in London in 1689. Following a brief period in practice in the city of Bristol in the late 1640s, he had settled at Bath by 1653, ostensibly for health reasons, and continued in medical practice there for over forty years. At the end of his career, in 1697, he published *Bath Memoirs*, in which he paid homage to the beneficial effects of taking the city's waters. It is largely a collection of case notes and successful cures. Peirce had earlier trumpeted the therapeutic benefits of the waters in a letter to the Yorkshire naturalist and physician **Martin Lister**. While the focus of Peirce's practice was on the city of Bath, he seems to have drawn in patients from a wide radius. In 1683, for example, in supplying a testimonial for the Trowbridge apothecary, **Henry Coombe**, Peirce alluded to the fact that Coombe often visited 'those Patients that I have in those parts, & [gave] mee an account of the successe of the medicines I prescribe'. He supplied a similar testimonial for **Timothy Allein** or Allen of Devizes in 1674. In addition to his medical career, Peirce involved himself in local administration. In 1695, for example, he was appointed one of the commissioners for Somerset empowered to raise a local levy to support the war with France.

Peirce married Anna, the daughter of David Trimm or Tryme (d.1664) and his wife Julian or Gillian, nee Ceely (d.1650), of Wookey, Somerset. She was buried in Bath Abbey on 25 May 1688. Peirce himself died at the age of 88 and was buried alongside his wife in the abbey on 12 June 1710. In making his will a year earlier, Peirce claimed to be in 'competent health' but 'of a very old age beyond all that any of my



Relations ever attained unto'. Peirce made numerous charitable donations as well as providing money for the upkeep of the south aisle of the abbey church 'on which I have already been at some charge'. He was anxious to be buried alongside his nearest relations there, including his daughter Elizabeth, whose monument he wished to see 'kept clean and undefaced'. He also gave money to his niece Elizabeth Tryme to help her charitable work in the city. The rest of Peirce's estate funded numerous small legacies to nephews, nieces and other kinfolk, while the bulk of his estate was reserved for his grandson Pierce a Court of Ivychurch, Wiltshire, who was named as residual legatee and executor. Finally, he named his 'good friends' Joseph Langton, esquire, of Newton, John Harrington, esquire, of Reliston and kinsman Edward Peirce, woollen draper, of Devizes, Wiltshire, as overseers of the will.

Children of Robert Peirce and wife Anne:

Robert, bapt.27 November 1654; buried 16 November 1655 [Bath Abbey].

Mary. She married John a Court at Bath Abbey, 8 May 1677.

Charles, bapt.22 September 1661; buried 12 February 1665/6 [Bath Abbey].

Elizabeth, buried 2 February 1671/2 [Bath Abbey].

Publication:

*Bath Memoirs: or, Observations, in Three and Forty Years Practice* (Bristol, H.Hammond, 1697).

G.D.Squibb (ed.), *The Visitation of Somerset and the City of Bristol 1672* (London, HS, vol.11, 1992), p.198; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CO.HY/2/1/1 [parish registers of Combe Hay, Somerset, 1539-1698]; Foster, iii, p.1137; Munk, i, p.479; A.M.Roos (ed.), *The Correspondence of Dr Martin Lister (1639-1712). Volume One: 1662-1677* (Leiden & Boston, MA, 2015), pp.457-9 [Bodl., Lister MS 3, f.202]; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, D1/14/1e; D/1/14/3/3 [loose unnumbered testimonials for medical licences in the diocese of Salisbury]; J.Raithby (ed.), *Statutes of the Realm*, vol.7 (1695-1701), **bet.pp.8-61**; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols, London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.43, 46, 227; ii, pp.371, 377, 380, 390, 403; M.McDermott and S.Berry (eds), *Edmund Rack's Survey of Somerset* (Taunton, SANHS, 2010), p.30; TNA, PROB 11/517, ff.54v-55r [will of Robert Peirce, doctor in physick, of Bath, Somerset, 27 September 1709, pr.1 August 1710].

**Edward PENNY (fl.1709)**

Person ID: 15927

Occ: barber

Loc: Somerset

Edward Penny, barber, of the liberty of St Andrew's, Wells, married Sarah Hodges, spinster, of Wells at Bedminster, Somerset, on 21 October 1709.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.310; Bristol Archives, P/ST.JBED/R/1/b [parish registers of Bedminster, Somerset, 1690-1722].

**James PERIAM (fl.1663)**

Person ID: 10323

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Butleigh, Somerset

James Periam of Butleigh, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 2 March 1662/3. The parish registers of Butleigh refer to the baptisms of four children to James Peryam between 1664 and 1676, but there would appear to have been more than one of this name living in the village at this time. The registers are also imperfect, making it impossible to determine which entries refer to the surgeon. He may be the same as the James Periam, gentleman, of Butleigh, who was licensed to marry Elizabeth Fry (aged 21) of West Pennard on 28 May 1687.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 2 March 1662/3; D\P\BUTL/2/1/2 [parish registers of Butleigh, Somerset, 1653-1713]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.311.

**John PERMAN (d.1595)**

Person ID: 34537

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

John Perman is identified as an apothecary in the apprenticeship record of his son Richard. Perman was the son of John Perman Snr (d.1602) and his wife Margery. John Perman Jnr married Elizabeth Stembridge, the daughter of Peter Stembridge, at Bath Abbey on 24 January 1588/9 and was buried in the abbey on 27 December 1595. In his will, he left about £60 in bequests to his five children and various siblings as well as bequests of clothing and other personal items to his father John, mother Margery and father-in-law Peter Stembridge. He named his wife Elizabeth as residual legatee and executrix.

Children of John Perman:

Alice, bapt.2 September 1590 [Bath Abbey].

Richard, bapt.19 December 1591 [Bath Abbey]. He was apprenticed to Robert

Flower, shoemaker, of Bristol, 23 February 1607/8.

Peter, bapt.11 February 1592/3 [Bath Abbey].

Mary, bapt.14 April 1594 [Bath Abbey].

Thomas, bapt.27 July 1595 [Bath Abbey].

Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols, London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.9, 10, 11, 202; ii, pp.335, 338; TNA, PROB 11/87, ff.285v-286r [will of John Perman of Bath, Somerset, 13 November 1595, pr.25 May 1596].

**Benjamin PINCE (d.1658)**

Person ID: 17248

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Exeter, Devon, and Chard, Somerset

Benjamin Pince, apothecary, the apprentice of **Henry Elliott** of Exeter, was made a freeman of the city of Exeter on 22 January 1620/1. He and his son Thomas would appear to have supported the royalist occupation of Exeter in the civil war. In June 1646, following the fall of the city to the forces of Sir Thomas Fairfax, they compounded on the Exeter articles, claiming, in mitigation, that they had acted out of charity in tending to many parliamentary soldiers. Begging restitution of his goods, Pince was fined £46. It is not known when Pince removed to Chard in Somerset, but he was there by 1654 when he was named as one of the overseers of the will of fellow Exeter apprentice, **John Bond**, barber, of Chard. Pince died in 1658 and was probably buried at Chard (there is a gap in the registers for this year). In his will, Pince left the vast bulk of his estate, real and personal, to his granddaughter Jane Pince and, in the event of her death, to Robert Pince, son of the testator's cousin Edward Pince. Edward was also to receive all Benjamin's household goods given to him by his father and now in the possession of the testator's brother, Robert Pince, of Pinhoe. Pince asked his 'loving friends' John Atkins and Abraham Pollard the younger to act as executors in trust on behalf of his granddaughter Jane.

In all likelihood, Pince was the son of William Pince (d.1626) of Pinhoe, Devon, and thus the brother of **William Pince** (d.1643), apothecary, of Plymouth. In the latter's will, he left a small bequest to his brother Robert of Pinhoe (cf above), but it fails to mention Benjamin.

M.M.Rowe and A.M.Jackson (eds), *Exeter Freemen 1266-1967* (Exeter, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, vol.1, 1973), p.121; M.A.E Green (ed.), *Calendar of the Proceedings of the Committee for Compounding, 1643-1660*, 5 vols (London, 1889-92), ii, **bet.pp.1303-1373**; TNA, PROB 11/252, f.325v [will of John Bond, barber, of Chard, Somerset, 31 March 1654, pr.23 February 1655/6]; PROB 11/279, ff.135r-136r [will of Benjamin Pince, apothecary, of Chard, Somerset, 1 May 1658, pr.1 July 1658]; PROB 11/192, ff. 411r-v [will of William Pynce, apothecary, of Plymouth, 8 December 1643, pr.24 March 1644/5].

**Geoffrey or Jeffrey PIPPETT or PIPPITT (d.1621)**

Person ID: 15957

Occ: barber

Loc: Bristol and Somerton, Somerset

Geoffrey or Jeffrey Pippett or Pippitt, the son of William Pippett, husbandman, of Chesterblade, Somerset, was apprenticed to **Richard Boswell**, apothecary, and his wife Margaret, of Bristol on 19 May 1598 and was bound anew to **Richard Herne**, barber surgeon, of Bristol on 13 March 1598/9. Pippett married Ann Keents at Batcombe (a few miles from his native hamlet) on 3 March 1605/6. There is no evidence that he practiced at Bristol. Jeffrey Pippett, barber, of Somerton died in 1621. He requested burial in the parish church of Somerton and asked that Mr Anthony Jefferies, vicar of the parish, preach his funeral sermon. Pippett's estate was small and divided among bequests to the parish and its poor as well as close relations. Childless, he left the remaining leasehold on a property and close of ground in Somerton to his wife Anne, who was named as residual legatee and executrix.

Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; Somerset Heritage Centre, bishop's transcript of the parish registers of Batcombe, Somerset; TNA, PROB 11/137, ff.158r-v [will of Jeffery Pippett, barber, of Somerton, Somerset, 8 January 1620/1, pr.30 March 1621].

**Alexander PITCHER (fl.1695-1717)**

Person ID: 34538

Occ: healer

Loc: Dunster, Somerset

Alexander Pitcher was paid on two occasions by the overseers of the poor of Dunster – in 1695 and 1717 – for tooth drawing and other medical assistance.

F.Hancock, *Dunster Church and Priory* (Taunton, 1905), pp.152, 157.

**William PITTS (d.1710)**

Person ID: 24958

Occ: barber

Loc: Ilminster, Somerset

William Pitts, barber, of Ilminster, Somerset, was buried at Chard, Somerset, on 5 November 1710. He may be the same as the William Pitts, the son of Mr Humphrey Pitts and his wife Edith, who was baptized at Ilminster on 10 March 1680/1.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHARD/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chard, Somerset, 1649-1729]; D\P\ILM/2/1/1 [parish registers of Ilminster, Somerset, 1646-1710].

**Nathaniel POOLE (d.1759)**

Person ID: 34539

Occ: apothecary/surgeon

Loc: Dulverton and Dunster, Somerset

Nathaniel Poole was an apothecary who would appear to have owned shops in Dulverton and Dunster who also practised as a surgeon and probably as a physician. He is referred to as 'doctor' Poole in one entry in the parish register of Dulverton as well as by the overseers of the poor at Dunster who paid him for 'cutting off old Blake's arm' in 1715. Nathaniel Poole, esquire, died on 17 October 1759 and was buried at Dulverton two days later. He left a considerable estate that included property in Morebath and Bampton, Devon, as well as many other parishes in Somerset, which was divided among his wife Sarah and their six children. Poole also left his son George his shop in Dunster, including 'all utensils, drugs and materials belonging to my shop there'. Poole's unmarried daughter was left £1,000, while Poole named his eldest son Nathaniel as residual legatee and executor.

Children of Nathaniel Poole and wife Sarah:

Margaret, bapt.29 November 1710 [Dulverton].

Mary, bapt.23 April 1714 [Dulverton]. She was married to Thomas Leigh, gent, of Dunster [will].

George, bapt.25 April 1715; buried 30 December 1725 [Dulverton].

Nathaniel, bapt.4 July 1716 [Dulverton].  
 Sarah, bapt.4 January 1717/18 [Dulverton]. She was married to Robert Norris (d.1760), rector of Brushford, Somerset [will].  
 Anne, bapt.30 April 1719 [Dulverton]. She married John St Aubyn, esquire, of Alfoxton, Somerset, at Exton, Somerset, 27 December 1745.  
 Margaret, bapt.23 October 1726 [Dulverton].  
 George, bapt.10 November 1727 [Dulverton].

Apprentice of Nathaniel Poole, surgeon:

Abraham Whight, son of Martin Whight of Knowstone, Devon, for a premium of £30 as recorded in 1713. He was baptized at Knowstone on 17 December 1696.  
 Walter Barnes, son of Walter Barnes, gentleman, of Stourton, Wiltshire, for the premium of £30 as recorded in 1718.  
 William Karslake, son of Henry Karslake, of Nympton, Devon, for a premium of £126 as recorded in 1728.  
 Thomas Shirley, son of Andrew Shirley of Bagber, Dorset, for the premium of £105 as recorded in 1744.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\DUL/2/1/2 [parish registers of Dulverton, Somerset, 1678-1765]; F.Hancock, *Dunster Church and Priory* (Taunton, 1905), p.156; TNA, PROB 11/851, ff.266r-269r [will of Nathaniel Poole, esquire, of Dulverton, Somerset, 28 September 1759, pr.31 December 1759]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\EXT/2/1/2 [parish registers of Exton, Somerset, 1687-1785]; TNA, IR 1/7, f.45; 1/17, f.78; 1/43, f.55; 1/49, f.99; Devon Heritage Centre, parish registers of Knowstone, Devon.

**Thomas POPHAM (fl.1689)**

Person ID: 10587

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: West Monkton, Somerset

Thomas Popham of West Monkton, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 24 July 1689.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 24 July 1689; D\D\ol/48, *sub* 24 July 1689.

**Marcus, Mark or Markes PORTER (d.1616)**

Person ID: 34540

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

In 1596, Porter was defendant in the court of Chancery in a case brought against him by Dr **Francis Bryna**, physician, of Exeter, Devon, in response to a common lawsuit brought against the latter by Porter relating to board and lodging at Porter's house (presumably non-payment). He is almost certainly the same as the Mark Porter, chapman and apothecary, of Taunton, who became embroiled as a defendant in the Court of Common Pleas in various lawsuits with London grocers in 1573. He was in trouble again in 1586 when one Thomas Turberville was suing him for outstanding debts.

Markes Porter was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, 17 November 1616.

TNA, C2/Eliz/B21/22; CP40/1317 and 1318 [1573]; CP40/1520 [1586]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU/M/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696].

**Francis POTTER (1594-1678)**

Person ID: 10617

Occ: clergyman/physician?

Loc: Kilmington, Somerset

Francis Potter was the son of Richard Potter, vicar of Mere, Wiltshire, where he was baptized on 22 May 1594. After studying at Trinity College, Oxford (BA 1613, MA 1616, BD 1625), he succeeded his father as rector of Kilmington, Somerset (now in Wiltshire) where he resided until his death in April 1678. Potter was a renowned amateur scientist who spent much of his life engaged in original scientific research covering a wide range of areas of natural investigation. These included medicine and anatomy, though there is no evidence that he practised the art. Potter was greatly admired by his friend the virtuoso, John Aubrey, who sent him a surgeon's lancet to assist Potter's pioneering experimentation into blood transfusions in the 1650s. He hoped to use such work, the results of which were later conveyed to the Royal Society by Aubrey, to discover new ways to heal the sick.

Publication:

*An Interpretation of the Number 666* (Oxford, 1647).

ODNB, *sub* Potter, Francis, article by A.Chapman; Wiltshire and Swindon Archives, BT/MERE/BDL1A [bishops' transcript of the parish registers of Mere, Wiltshire, 1579-1603]; Foster, iii, p.1185; M.Hunter, *John Aubrey and the Realm of Learning* (New York, 1975), p.43 and *passim*.

**Timothy POTTER (fl.1610)**

Person ID: 34541

Occ: barber

Loc: Chard, Somerset

Richard Potter, the son of Timothy Potter, barber, of Chard, Somerset, was apprenticed to Margaret Mathew, clothworker and clothier, of Bristol, 11 September 1610. Otherwise unidentified (parish registers of Chard not extant for this period).

Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

**George POWELL (1600-1652)**

Person ID: 34542

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

George Powell, the son of **William Powell**, physician, of Taunton, and his wife Susanna, was baptized at Charlton Musgrove, Somerset, in July 1600. Powell, an apothecary, was licensed to exercise the art of physic and surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells, 15 July 1631. In his father's will, made in 1639, he refers to having already provided for his son George, and now left him just one shilling 'for some other secret best known to myself'. Mr George Powell was buried at Taunton on 3 September 1652. He is probably the George Powell, gentleman, who was presented in the consistory court in 1636 for suffering a watercourse to spill over from his house into the churchyard at St Mary Magdalene.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CH.MU/2/1/1 [parish registers of Charlton Musgrove, Somerset, 1539-1764]; 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; TNA, PROB 11/189, ff.265r-266r and 11/205, ff.21r-v [will of William Powell, physitian, of Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, 15 April 1639, pr.6 June 1642 and 6 June 1648]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\ca/310, *sub* 7 October 1636.

### **William POWELL (fl.1618-1639)**

Person ID: 10657

Occ: physician

Loc: Taunton, Somerset, and Kingston upon Thames, Surrey

William Powell of Taunton, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine throughout the province of Canterbury on 17 July 1618. He was admitted an extra licentiate of the College of Physicians in London on 27 November 1629. Sometime between 1629 and 1639, he moved to Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, where he continued to practise medicine.

William Powell of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, married Susanna Pruate or Prewett of Bruton, Somerset, at Charlton Musgrove, Somerset, on 8 February 1598/9. She was buried at Kingston upon Thames on 22 February 1638/9. William Powell died between April 1639 and June 1642. No record of his burial, either in the registers of Taunton or Kingston upon Thames, has been found. His will, oddly, was proved twice, in 1642 and 1648. In it, he refers to his son **George**, an apothecary at Taunton, to whom he left just one shilling, a decision made 'for some other secret best known to myself'. He went on to make bequests totaling almost £200 for various grandchildren and other family, while leaving the bulk of his real estate, including houses in Taunton and Kingston upon Thames to his daughter Frances, the wife of Thomas Waterhouse, who was also named as residual legatee and executrix. He nominated his 'brother-in-law' Francis Waterhouse, gent, and Robert Wright of the Middle Temple as overseers of the will.

Children of William Powell and Susanna:

**George**, bapt.July 1600 [Charlton Musgrove]. Apothecary.

Frances, bapt.14 August 1608 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton]. She married Thomas Waterhouse at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, 26 December 1624.

Susanna, bapt.7 April 1611; buried 20 December 1615 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

John. Born about 1613, he matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, in 1631; BA

1634; MA 1638. He was buried at Crewkerne, Somerset, 9 September 1638.

Lambeth Palace Library, Abbot 1, f.215 [*Directory*, i, no.665]; Munk, i, p.197; G.D.Squibb (ed.), *The Visitation of Somerset and the City of Bristol 1672* (London, HS, vol.11, 1992), p.106; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CH.MU/2/1/1 [parish registers of Charlton Musgrove, Somerset, 1539-1764]; Surrey History Centre, P33/1/8 [parish registers of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, 1636-1659]; TNA, PROB 11/189, ff.265r-266r and 11/205, ff.21r-v [will of William Powell, physitian, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, 15 April 1639, pr.6 June 1642 and 6 June 1648]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696]; Foster, iii, p.1192; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CREW/2/1/1 [parish registers of Crewkerne, Somerset, 1558-1650].

**Henry POYNTING (fl.1637)**

Person ID: 10672

Occ: bonesetter

Loc: Doultling, Somerset

In 1637, Henry Poynting of Doultling, Somerset, cited Thomas Lupton's *A Thousand Notable Things* (1612) in defence of the practice of healing by seventh sons.

*CSPD*, 1637, pp.xlxlii.

**Anthony PRANCE or PRANSE (fl.1684-1701)**

Person ID: 15975

Occ: barber

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

William, the son of Anthony Prance, barber, was baptized at St James', Taunton, on 14 February 1700/1. He is probably the same as the Anthony Prance whose son Henry was baptised in the same parish on 8 October 1688. An unnamed child of one Anthony Prance was also buried at St James' on 17 August 1684.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.JA/2/1/7 and 8 [parish registers of St James', Taunton, Somerset, 1682-1693; 1662-1718].

**Francis PRICE (fl.1677)**

Person ID: 10716

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Somerset

Francis Price was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 8 August 1677. Otherwise unidentified.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bd/42, *sub* 8 August 1677.

**Thomas PROWSE (1665-1694)**

Person ID: 10767

Occ: physician

Loc: West Monkton, Somerset



Thomas Prowse, MA, was licensed to practise medicine in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 27 July 1689. He was the son of Edmund Prowse and was baptized at Winsham in Somerset on 31 May 1665. Prowse matriculated at Trinity College, Oxford, on 26 March 1683, proceeding BA in 1686 and MA in 1689. A chest tomb in Winsham church states that he died on 27 October 1694 and was buried at Winsham on 7 November 1694.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\bs/43, *sub* 27 July 1689; D\P\WINSH/2/1/2 [parish registers of Winsham, Somerset, 1621-1751]; Foster, iii, p.1217.

**James PULMAN (fl.1677-1684)**

Person ID: 15993

Occ: barber

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

James Pulman, barber, was licensed to marry Mary Soper, both of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, at West Monkton, Somerset, on 8 July 1677. No record of the marriage survives, but it did evidently take place as Mary, the wife of James Pulman, of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, was buried in the neighbouring church of St James' on 9 October 1677. Pulman was subsequently licensed to marry Sarah Dare, both of St Mary's, Taunton. Again, no record of the marriage survives. The registers of St Mary's record the burials of two men named James Pulman, on 23 September 1684 and 16 July 1686.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.331; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.JA/2/1/5 [parish registers of St James', Taunton, Somerset, 1674-1684]; D\P\TAU.M/2/1/32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1682-1760].

**John PULMAN (d.1713)**

Person ID: 34543

Occ: barber

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Pulman was probably the son of, or related to, **James Pulman**, barber, of Taunton. He married Hannah Cox, both of Taunton, at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 28 May 1696. Pulman was described as a barber and nonconformist in 1698 in the record of the birth of his daughter Hannah. Pulman, of Fore Street, was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 26 November 1713.

Children of John Pulman:

James, born 16 March 1696/7 [Taunton].  
Hannah, born 27 August 1698 [Taunton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, 2/1/1 and 32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, 1558-1696; 1682-1760]; 2/1/3 [register of nonconformist births, Taunton, Somerset, 1696-1778]; A.J.Webb (ed.), *Handlist of Somerset Probate Inventories and*

*Administrators Accounts 1482-1924* (Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.98, 2019), p.179, no.5374 [Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\SP/1713/37, inventory of John Pullman of Taunton, Somerset, 1713].

**Peter QUARRELL (1617-1657)**

Person ID: 18184

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Peter Quarrell was the son of Peter Quarrell, yeoman, and his wife Dorothy (d.1662) and was baptized at Bridgwater, Somerset, on 21 July 1617. He was apprenticed to **Jeremy Richardson**, apothecary, of London, on 26 June 1634. He is almost certainly the man of the same name who married Sarah Blake at St Clement Danes, Middlesex, on 12 June 1648. He probably retired to his native Somerset shortly thereafter and began to practise as an apothecary in Taunton where he was buried, at St Mary Magdalene, on 7 April 1657. In his will, he made small bequests to his mother Dorothy, servant Simon Studdier and sister Mary Quarrell, leaving the rest of his estate to his daughter and executrix Sarah, not yet of age. He also nominated William Gill, merchant, Anthony Budd, feltmaker, and John Porter, yeoman, all of Taunton, to act as overseers of the will.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1558-1653]; **London apothecary database**; City of Westminster Archives, SMNA/PR/2/1 [parish registers of St Clement Danes, Middlesex, 1639-1653]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696]; TNA, PROB 11/265, ff.152r-v [will of Peter Quarrell, apothecary, of Taunton, Somerset, 13 March 1656/7, pr.29 June 1657].

**Thomas QUARRELL (1619-1652)**

Person ID: 10828

Occ: army surgeon

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Thomas Quarrell was an army surgeon who was serving in Colonel Robert Blake's regiment in 1647. In that year, he was noted as being present in London, 'within the lines of communication'.

It is a matter of some speculation, but in all likelihood Quarrell was the brother of the Taunton apothecary **Peter Quarrell**, and like him and his commanding officer, was born in Bridgwater, Somerset. Thomas, the son of Peter Quarrell and his wife Dorothy, was baptised at Bridgwater on 21 October 1619. He probably settled in Taunton after the civil wars, marrying a woman named Eleanor (otherwise unidentified), and was buried there, at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 10 September 1652. In his will, in which he described himself as a gentleman, he left his estate to his wife and two daughters Dorothy and Eleanor. On the day his will was proved, his widow Eleanor married Mr Edward Allanson at St Mary's, Taunton (18 July 1654). It was subsequently proved again in 1658, administration of Quarrell's estate being granted to the two overseers, Thomas Carpenter and John Sprake.

Children of Thomas Quarrell:

Dorothy, bapt.8 December 1650 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].  
Eleanor [will].

TNA, SP 28/44/III, f.293; *Commons Journal*, vol.5 [1646-48] (London, 1802), p.217; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1558-1653]; D\P\TAU.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696]; TNA, PROB 11/237, ff.367v-368r and 11/272, ff.184r-v [will of Thomas Quarrell, gentleman, of Taunton, Somerset, 30 July 1652, pr.18 July 1654 and 23 January 1657/8].

### **John QUESTION (d.1671)**

Person ID: 10833

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Dunster, Somerset

John Question, surgeon, of Dunster, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 19 September 1662. On 8 July 1646, Question compounded as a royalist delinquent. He gave a long explanation for his behaviour in an attempt to avoid a large fine. In his defence, he argued that he had formerly accepted a commission on the king's side, 'being then wholly in the power of that party', but shortly after deserted before serving and submitting to Parliament. He further claimed that he had taken the Covenant and oath of non-adherence and had suffered the loss of £400 at the siege of Dunster Castle, many of his properties being burned by royalist soldiers. Nonetheless, he selflessly advanced £40 for the maintenance of the siege as well as ministering to wounded soldiers in Parliament's service 'in which he is still engaged'. Begging restitution of seized goods not sold in the process of composition, he was fined £135. Other evidence suggests that Question was an honest suitor. As a townsman, he had been made a captain under the command of Colonel Francis Wyndham at Dunster, but later changed sides. Following a petition in August 1649, which confirmed that he had dressed and cured many soldiers fighting in the parliamentary regiment of Colonel Robert Blake at the siege of Dunster, his fine was reduced to £10.

Question served as churchwarden of Dunster in 1643 and 1659. His wife Elizabeth (otherwise unknown) was buried at Dunster on 19 March 1658/9. John Question, gentleman, was buried at Dunster on 21 January 1670/1.

Children of John Question and wife Elizabeth:

Augustine, bapt.29 September 1633 [Dunster].  
Elizabeth, bapt.24 November 1635; buried 13 August 1636 [Dunster].  
John, buried 13 August 1636 [Dunster].  
George, bapt.7 June 1637 [Dunster].  
John, bapt.7 July 1639; buried 2 June 1642 [Dunster].  
Mary, bapt.12 September 1641 [Dunster].  
Elizabeth, bapt.11 May 1644 [Dunster].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 19 September 1662; M.A.E Green (ed.), *Calendar of the Proceedings of the Committee for Compounding, 1643-1660*, 5 vols

(London, 1889-92), ii, pp.815, 1385; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\DU/2/1/1 [parish registers of Dunster, Somerset, 1559-1677].

**John QUESTION (fl.1701)**

Person ID: 10834/25150

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Minehead, Somerset

John Question of Minehead, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the county of Somerset [diocese of Bath and Wells] on 12 September 1701. The commonplace nature of the name, combined with a lack of occupational information in the registers, precludes identification of John Question the surgeon in Dunster.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 12 September 1701.

**William QUESTION (fl.1688-1691)**

Person ID: 10835

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Dunster, Somerset

William Question, gentleman, of Dunster, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery throughout the province of Canterbury on 1 August 1691. Favourable testimonials confirmed that Question had been a householder in the village for three years (from the time of his marriage, below), was a regular churchgoer and communicant in the Church of England, and had performed 'some considerable cures', many of them gratis. Supporters included John Graunt, curate of Dunster, **William Sealy**, apothecary and licensed physician and surgeon of the town, William Blackford, notary public and other leading townsmen.

Question married Ann Wilkins at Dunster on 21 August 1688. No record of his burial has been found.

Children of William Question:

Mary, buried 6 October 1690 [Dunster].

Jane, bapt.5 January 1691/2 [Dunster].

John, bapt.28 February 1693/4; buried 3 July 1714 [Dunster].

Susanna, buried 5 December 1697 [Dunster].

Lambeth Palace Library, FII/32/77a-b [*Directory*, ii, no.1032]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\DU/2/1/3 [parish registers of Dunster, Somerset, 1559-1677; 1681-1766].

**John van RABAT (fl.1692)**

Person ID: 13436

Occ: physician

Loc: Somerset

In 1692, John van Rabat was examined and rejected by the Quakers as a candidate for membership of the sect and as a suitable physician to practise among them. Otherwise unidentified.

S.C.Morland (ed.), *The Somersetshire Quarterly Meeting of the Society of Friends, 1668-1699* (Woking, 1978), p.226.

**Richard RAND Snr (fl.1685)**

Person ID: 10876

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Dunster, Somerset

Richard Rand Snr was described in 1685 as having been under arms for the duke of Monmouth. Otherwise unnoticed.

W.McD.Wigfield, *The Monmouth Rebels* (Gloucester, 1985), p.140.

**Alexander RANDALL (1654-1715)**

Person ID: 10880

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Queen Camel and West Camel, Somerset

Alexander Randall, the son of Mr John Randall (c.1612-1679), schoolmaster, was born on 2 December 1654 and was baptized at Bruton, Somerset, on 27 December 1654. After serving an apprenticeship under **Henry Paul**, he was made a freeman of the city of Bristol on 19 October 1676. The previous year, on 5 August 1675, Randall, there described as a gentleman living at Queen Camel, Somerset, was licensed to practise physic and surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells. Alexander Randall, physician and 'cyrurgeon', died on 5 April 1715, and was buried at neighbouring West Camel on 13 April 1715. A floor slab commemorating his life is situated in the belfry of All Saints, West Camel.

He was the brother of **Henry Randolph** (or Randall), apothecary, of Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BRUT/2/1/2 [parish registers of Bruton, Somerset, 1649-1681]; Bristol Archives, burgess books; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 5 August 1675; D\P\W.CA/2/1/1 [parish registers of West Camel, Somerset, 1678-1812]; *m.i.*, West Camel, Somerset.

**Richard RANDALL or RENDOLL (1606-1640)**

Person ID: 17040

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Richard Randall was the son of Matthew Randall (d.1641), an alderman of the city of Bath who twiced served as mayor in 1624 and 1634, and his wife Agnes, nee Cullen. He was baptized at Bath Abbey on 21 December 1606. Randall would appear to have been working as a 'servant' or apprentice to **Edward Stirridge**, apothecary, of Bath in 1632 when the latter left him a small bequest in his will. He died in 1640 and was buried at Bath Abbey on 24 September 1640. In his will, Randall made bequests totaling more than £300, including £200 to his wife Dorothy (otherwise unidentified), who also inherited all the drugs, pots, glasses and implements relating to the

apothecary's trade. Without children, he left the rest of his estate to his brothers, nephews and godchildren. Randall also bequeathed mourning rings to Elizabeth and Mary Baily, the daughters of Doctor **Ralph Baily**. Randall's widow Dorothy subsequently married the Bath apothecary **George Mountague**.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, p.15, 212; ii, p.359; TNA, PROB 11/162, ff.108r-110r [will of Edward Stirridge, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 2 March 1631/2 and 4 May 1632, pr.30 June 1632]; PROB 11/184, ff.132r-v [will of Richard Rendoll, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 19 September 1640, pr.26 October 1640].

**Edward RAY or REY (d.1676)**

Person ID: 10931

Occ: physician

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

Edward Ray or Rey, physician, was buried at Bridgwater, Somerset, on 8 March 1675/6. Otherwise unidentified.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW/M/2/1/2 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1653-1681]; D\D\SP/1676/1 [inventory of Edward Ray, physician, of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1676].

**Samuel RAYMOND (c.1617-1663)**

Person ID: 10937

Occ: professor of medicine

Loc: Oake, Somerset

Samuel Raymond was the son of Samuel Raymond (d.1633) of Creech St Michael, Somerset, and was born in about 1617. He matriculated at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, on 10 April 1635, proceeding BA in 1635 and MA (from Gloucester Hall) in 1638. Raymond is mentioned in his father's will of 1632, where his brother George became heir to properties in Creech, including Walford Place. In Dr Raymond's own will of 1663, he left land in Creech St Michael to his son John. Samuel does not appear to have possessed formal qualifications to practise medicine and little is known of his practice. He was however consulted in the case of suspected supernatural phenomena at the house of Mr John Mallet of Enmore which Joseph Glanvill later published in his collection of witchcraft and related phenomena in 1681.

Raymond married twice. Nothing is known of his first wife, Rebecca. Raymond's second wife Gertrude was the daughter of John Saunders of Devon, who was dead by 1657 when her uncle Gilbert Saunders left her and her daughter Gertrude £40. According to a memorial in the parish church of Oake, Samuel Raymond, MA and medicinae professor, died on 11 March 1662/3. He was buried at Oake three days later. His widow Gertrude was buried there, 3 August 1671. Raymond possessed only moderate wealth. He left an interest in properties at Chard and Milverton to his two daughters Anne and Gertrude, who also received £120 and £150 respectively. Raymond's younger son John inherited land at Creech St Michael, while he and his older brother Samuel shared their father's library of books. Finally, he named his son

John, wife Gertrude and 'loving and faithful friends' John Bury, esquire, of Colyton, Devon, and Edward Clarke, esquire, of Chipley, Somerset, as executors in trust. Clarke (1616-1679) was the father of Edward Clarke (d.1710), staunch Whig and close friend and correspondent of John Locke. Raymond's nephew Samuel followed his uncle into the medical profession.

Children of Dr Samuel Raymond and wife Rebecca:

Abraham, bapt.7 July 1646 [Bridgwater]; buried 27 February 1646/7 [Goathurst].

Children of Dr Samuel Raymond and wife Gertrude:

Gertrude, bapt.28 May 1650; buried 4 May 1678 [Oake].

Samuel, bapt.10 April 1651; buried 27 September 1706 [Oake]. Wife Susanna.

John, bapt.10 June 1652; buried 4 May 1678 [Oake]. He matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, 11 December 1668; BA 1676; barrister at law, Middle Temple, 1675.

Anne [will]. Mother not known. She may have been the wife of the physician **Henry Gervis**. Anne Gervis is described as the 'sister in law' of Gertrude Raymond in the latter's will of 1677.

Foster, iii, p.1238; TNA, PROB 11/217, ff.10v-11r [will of Samuel Raymond, gentleman, of Michael Creech [i.e.Creech St Michael], Somerset, 21 December 1632, pr.13 May 1651]; Joseph Glanvill, *Saducismus Triumphatus* (London, 1681), ii, pp.273-4 [error in pagination; should read pp.193-4]; TNA, PROB 11/273, ff.383v-384v [will of Gilbert Saunders, gentleman, of Payhembury, Devon, 5 August 1657, pr.16 March 1657/8]; *m.i.*, Oake, Somerset; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\OAKE/2/1/1 [parish registers of Oake, Somerset, 1630-1793]; D\D\SF/11/1/61 [will of Samuel Raymond, gentleman, MA and professor of medicine, of Oake, Somerset, 6 March 1662/3, date of probate unknown]; D\P\BW/M/2/1/1 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1558-1653]; D\P\GST/2/1/2 [parish registers of Goathurst, Somerset, 1539-1680]; TNA, PROB 11/356, ff.404v-405r [nuncupative will of Gartrud Raymond, spinster, of Oake, Somerset, 29 August 1677, pr.11 May 1678].

**Samuel RAYMOND (c.1645-1689 or 1690)**

Person ID: 10938

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Creech St Michael, Somerset

Samuel Raymond was the son of George Raymond of Creech St Michael, Somerset, and nephew of the physician of the same name who practised at nearby Oake. He was born in about 1645. He was twice entered as a student at Leiden University in Holland, firstly in June 1662, when he enrolled as a philosophy student, and then in May 1668 as a medical student. Raymond was awarded his MD in 1668 following his submission of a thesis on pleurisy which he dedicated to his kinsman Dr **William Barbor** of Devon. Raymond, who had inherited the family estate at Creech as a child on the death of his father, settled there, where he was well situated to attend patients in the area centred on the nearby town of Taunton.

Samuel Raymond, doctor of phisick of Creech, married Elizabeth Baynham, the daughter of John Baynham (d.1689), vicar of Stogumber, at the latter parish on 16 April 1672. She died in 1677 and was buried at Creech St Michael, 23 May 1677. Raymond subsequently married Bridget, otherwise unknown. Samuel Raymond, doctor of phisick, was buried at Creech on 2 January 1689/90. Raymond's widow Bridget married Gabriel Dicks of Bristol at Oake, 6 February 1697/8.

Children of Dr Samuel Raymond and wife Elizabeth:

John Baynham, bapt.22 July 1674; buried 22 September 1674 [Stogumber].  
Frances, bapt.1 September 1675; buried 28 April 1678 [Stogumber].

Children of Dr Samuel Raymond and wife Bridget:

Samuel, bapt.22 April 1680 [Creech St Michael].  
Bridget, bapt.7 July 1681 [Creech St Michael].  
Elizabeth, bapt.6 February 1682/3 [Creech St Michael].  
Frances, bapt.3 May 1686 [Creech St Michael].  
Mary, bapt.11 July 1687 [Creech St Michael].

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*Disputatio Medica Inauguralis, De Pleuritide* (Utrecht, J.ab Hulshuysen, 1669).

*Victoria County History, Somerset*, vol.6, eds R.W.Dunning and C.R.Eltrington (London, 1992), p.24; Innes Smith, p 190; Somerset Heritage Centre,  
D\P\SSTOGM/2/1/2 [parish registers of Stogumber, Somerset, 1653-1712];  
D\P\CRCH/2/1/1 [parish registers of Creech St Michael, Somerset, 1665-1813];  
D\P\OAKE/2/1/1 [parish registers of Oake, Somerset, 1630-1793].

**Richard REDWOOD (fl.1698)**

Person ID: 35035

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

John Redwood, the son of Richard Redwood, barber surgeon, of Taunton, Somerset, deceased, was apprenticed to William Adey of the Haberdashers' Company, London, in 1698. Otherwise unidentified.

London Metropolitan Archives, CLC/L/HA/C/011/MS15860/007 [Register of Apprenticeship Bindings, Haberdashers' Company, London, 1675-1708].

**Rosamund REYNOLDS (fl.1645)**

Person ID: 25275

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Somerset

On 1 June 1645, Alice, the daughter of one Rosamund Reynolds, 'a stranger professing chirruergie', was baptised at Worle, Somerset.



Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WOR/2/1/1 [parish registers of Worle, Somerset, 1598-1706].

**Stephen or Steven REYNOLDS (d.1682)**

Person ID: 11048

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Warminster, Wiltshire and Frome, Somerset

Stephen Reynolds served an apprenticeship under **Thomas Webb**, barber, of Mere, Wiltshire, who in his will of 1646 left him 'a case of instruments of my trade'. Describing himself as a barber surgeon, of Warminster, Wiltshire, Reynolds was an applicant for a licence to practise surgery in the diocese of Salisbury in 1662. Among his numerous sponsors was Paul Lathom, vicar of Warminster, and the churchwardens of the parish. Eleven years later, on 19 October 1673, where he was described as living at Frome Selwood, Somerset (a few miles west of Warminster), Reynolds was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells. Reynolds died in 1682 and was buried at Warminster on 22 September 1682.

Elizabeth, the wife of Steven Reynolds, was buried at Warminster on 14 October 1664. His second wife is unknown. It is possible that there were two men of the same name practising surgery just a few miles apart, albeit in separate counties. The parish registers of Frome record the baptisms of Jane and Elizabeth Reynolds on the same day, 7 May 1676, as well as the burial of a Stephen Reynolds in June 1676.

Children of Stephen or Steven Reynolds:

Elizabeth, buried 22 February 1663/4 [Warminster].

Mary, bapt.8 January 1665/6; buried 9 March 1676/7 [Warminster].

**Henry**, bapt.30 December 1666 [Warminster]. Surgeon/apothecary.

Edmund, bapt.30 September 1669 [Warminster].

Elizabeth, bapt.3 August 1671 [Warminster].

Steven, bapt.16 February 1673/4 [Warminster].

Robert, bapt.5 September 1676; buried 9 March 1676/7 [Warminster].

Jane, bapt.3 January 1681/2 [Warminster].

Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, P5/1647/16 and P5/14Reg/94B [will of Thomas Webb, barber, of Mere, Wiltshire, 7 May 1646, pr.7 September 1647]; D1/14/3/3 [loose bundle, unnumbered]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 22 September 1662; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, 2144/2 and 4 [parish registers of Warminster, Wiltshire, 1653-1682; 1678-1777]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\FR.JO/2/1/1 [parish registers of Frome, Somerset, 1558-1703].

**William ROBERTS (fl.1581)**

Person ID: 11187

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Dunster, Somerset

William Roberts of Dunster, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the counties of Devon, Cornwall and Somerset on 23 December 1581.

Lambeth Palace Library, Grindal, f.249 [*Directory*, i, no.701].

**Robert ROGERS alias LEGUIER (fl.1662)**

Person ID: 11269

Occ: unlicensed physician

Loc: Closworth, Somerset

Robert Rogers, alias Leguier, of Closworth, Somerset, was prosecuted in the consistory court of Bath and Wells for practising physic without a licence in 1662. The shaky signature of Robert Rogers, 'medicin[ae] doctor, signed a surety at the Bristol quarter sessions in March 1672.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\ca\338, *sub* Closworth; Bristol Archives, BA 04417:3, f.128v [30 March 1672].

**Robert ROGERSON (fl.1615-1625)**

Person ID: 11278

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Robert Rogerson, gentleman, of Bath, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol, Exeter, Gloucester, Salisbury and Winchester on 20 March 1620. Rogerson with his wife Mary was resident in the city from 1615 to 1625, but neither he nor his wife would appear to have died or been buried in Bath.

Children of Robert Rogerson and wife Mary:

Joan, bapt.9 July 1615; buried 24 November 1616 [Bath Abbey].

Lettice, bapt.27 July 1617 [Bath Abbey].

Mary, bapt.26 September 1619; buried 12 May 1624 [Bath Abbey].

Robert, bapt.27 January 1621/2; buried 30 January 1621/2 [Bath Abbey].

Joan, bapt.9 January 1622/3 [Bath Abbey].

John, bapt.23 January 1624/5 [Bath Abbey].

Lambeth Palace Library, Abbot 2, f.187 [*Directory*, i, no.706]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25; ii, pp.346, 349, 350.

**Thomas ROOK or ROOKE (d.1715)**

Person ID: 34544

Occ: professor of medicine

Loc: Street, Somerset

Rooke was described as 'medicinae professor' on the enrolment of his son Whittington as an apprentice in Bristol in 1712. Elsewhere, he is usually described as a gentleman. Mr Thomas Rooke married Sarah, the daughter of John Whittington, at Hullavington, Wiltshire, on 9 September 1695. Initially, the couple lived in Kington St Michael, Wiltshire, but they moved to Street in Somerset in 1700 after the couple inherited the manors of Street and Ivythorn in the town. Rooke, who sold his stake in

the former in about 1704 to Nathaniel Wade of Bristol, was buried at Street on 10 June 1715. His widow Sarah was buried there on 29 July 1746.

Children of Thomas Rooke and Sarah:

Whittington, bapt.10 February 1697/8 [Kington St Michael]. He was apprenticed to John Elbridge, merchant, of Bristol in 1712.  
Sarah, bapt.29 November 1699 [Kington St Michael].  
Anne, bapt.12 June 1712 [Street].

TNA, IR 42, f.150; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, 1622/2 [parish registers of Hullavington, Wiltshire, 1694-1783]; 1187/4 [parish registers of Kington St Michael, Wiltshire, 1690-1790]; *Victoria County History, Somerset*, vol.9, ed.R.W.Dunning (London, 2006),**bet pp.165-98 (x 2)**; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\STR/2/1/2 [parish registers of Street, Somerset, 1680-1812].

**William ROOK or ROOKE (fl.1704)**

Person ID: 11293

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset

William Rook, of Barrow in Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset, was licensed to practise the art of surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 16 October 1704.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 16 October 1704.

**Robert ROY (d.1715)**

Person ID: 11376

Occ: licensed surgeon and physician

Loc: Kilve, Somerset

Robert Roy, gentleman, of Kilve, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery throughout the province of Canterbury on 30 August 1686. Letters in support of the application, which confirmed that Roy was ‘well educated in the knowledge of physic and surgery’ and certified his religious and political conformity, were signed by two medical practitioners, **John Symes** and **George Dodsworth**, and two clergymen (and probably kinsmen) Samuel Roy, rector of Sparkford, and Benjamin Roy (d.1716), rector of Kilve. Mr ‘Robin’ Roy was buried at Kilve on 14 December 1715.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/231/1-4; Sancroft, f.162v [*Directory*, i, no.717]; D\P\KVE/2/1/2 [parish registers of Kilve, Somerset, 1671-1732].

**Henry RUGGE (fl.1662)**

Person ID: 11391

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Ilminster, Somerset

Henry Rugge, surgeon, of Ilminster, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 25 September 1662.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 25 September 1662.

**John RUGGE (d.1698)**

Person ID: 34545

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Norton sub Hamdon, Somerset

John Rug or Rugge, surgeon, died of the smallpox and was buried at Norton sub Hamdon, Somerset, on 4 June 1698.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\NOR.H/2/1/1 [parish registers of Norton sub Hamdon, Somerset, 1558-1774].

**John RUSSELL (fl.1581-1607)**

Person ID: 34872

Occ: barber/barber surgeon

Loc: Frome, Somerset

John Russell was the son of James Russell of Frome Selwood, and was apprenticed to **John Herne**, barber surgeon, and his wife Edith at Bristol on 1 October 1581. He was described as a barber of Frome in 1596 when he was prosecuted in the Court of Common Pleas for debt. Russell was the father of **John Russell** who was baptized at Frome on 10 September 1607.

Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; TNA, CP40/1578 [1596]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\FR.JO/2/1/1 [parish registers of Frome, Somerset, 1558-1703].

**John RUSSELL (1607-1670)**

Person ID: 11419

Occ: surgeon/barber surgeon

Loc: Frome, Somerset

John Russell, of Frome Selwood, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 12 September 1662. Russell was the son of **John Russell**, barber, and was baptized at Frome, Somerset, on 10 September 1607. John Russell Jnr married Anne Cromwell (b.c.1613) of Erlestoke at Dilton, Wiltshire, on 28 October 1633. In October 1657, he leased a barn and garden in Frome from Sir James Thynne (1605-1670) of Longleat, Wiltshire. He renounced all rights in the same in September 1666. John Russell was buried at Frome on 30 December 1670.

John Russell Snr, barber surgeon, of Frome Selwood was a defendant in a debt case in the Court of Common Pleas in 1642.

Children of John Russell and wife Anne:

Anne, bapt.11 May 1634 [Frome].

**John**, bapt.24 August 1640 [Frome]. Barber, of Frome.

Elizabeth, bapt.4 April 1650 [Frome].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\bs/39, *sub* 12 September 1662; D\P\FR.JO/2/1/1 [parish registers of Frome, Somerset, 1558-1703]; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, 1427/64 [parish registers of Dilton, Wiltshire, 1585-1676]; [www.gomezsmart.myzen.co.uk/land/longleat/somdeeds.htm](http://www.gomezsmart.myzen.co.uk/land/longleat/somdeeds.htm) [accessed 6 April 2019]; TNA, CP40/2498, m.1887 [1642].

**John RUSSELL (1640-1706)**

Person ID: 16061

Occ: barber

Loc: Frome, Somerset

John Russell, barber, was probably the son of **John Russell**, barber surgeon, and was baptized at Frome on 24 August 1640. He married Mary Hales of Frome at the parish church on 15 June 1673. Mr John Russell was buried at Frome on 29 March 1706.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\FR.JO/2/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Frome, Somerset, 1558-1703; 1698-1765]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.351.

**Jedidiah SAFFORD (1663-1712)**

Person ID: 11459

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Taunton, Somerset, and Bristol

Jedidiah Safford was the son of Bartholomew Safford (d.1662), the minister of Bicknoller, Somerset, and his wife Hannah and was baptised at Bicknoller on 31 January 1662/3. He graduated MD at Utrecht in Holland on 22 June 1689. His doctoral thesis on dysentery was dedicated, among others, to his uncle Thomas Safford (d.1704), a Presbyterian minister at Bicknoller who had previously been ejected from his living in Sussex and continued to preach at the house of his sister-in-law Hannah from 1669 until his death. Initially, Jedidiah Safford settled in the town of Taunton with his wife Sarah (otherwise unidentified), where he established a medical practice. In 1698, he was one of 30 investors, many nonconformists, in the River Tone navigation scheme and was appointed a conservator. Sometime before his death in 1712 he had moved with his family to Bristol where many of his sons were apprenticed. He would appear to have been in Bristol by 1703 when he signed as a bondsman for the marriage of **Edward Garlick**, apothecary. Six years later, he was involved in a property transaction in nearby Filton.

In his brief will, Safford divided his estate between his wife and executrix Sarah (one third) and six children (two thirds), all aged under 21. Among the signatories to his will was Nathaniel Wade (d.1717), the Bristol radical and nonconformist who had actively plotted against the regime of James II and had spent time in Holland as an exile (where he may have encountered the medical student, Safford). The two men had witnessed the will of Joshua Woolnough in 1706. Safford's son John, who was apprenticed to Wade in 1708, witnessed the latter's will in 1717. His widow Sarah was still alive and living in Bristol in 1728. She is probably the woman of that name buried at St Philip and Jacob, Bristol, on 11 July 1735.

Children of Jedidah Safford and wife Sarah:

Bartholomew, born 19 June 1692 [St James, Taunton]. He was apprenticed to Joseph Moxon, mercer, of Bristol, 19 May 1707 and was made a freeman, 5 October 1714. Bartholomew was still alive in 1728 [will of sister Sarah Safford].

John, born 5 March 1694/5 [St James, Taunton]; buried 20 December 1722 [St Philip & Jacob, Bristol]. He was apprenticed to Nathaniel Wade, 'in the art of writing', at Bristol, 13 November 1708 [will].

Sarah, born 7 May 1698 [St Mary Magdalen, Taunton]; buried 22 October 1728 [St Philip & Jacob, Bristol] [will].

William, buried 11 April 1724 [St Philip & Jacob, Bristol]. He was apprenticed to 1. William Collett, skinner, of Bristol, 15 October 1712; 2. Samuel Ball, drysalter, of Bristol, 3 March 1713/14. William became a farrier [will].

Joseph. He was apprenticed to **Nathaniel Harris**, apothecary, and his wife Anne, 13 July 1721, and was made a freeman of the city in 1728. Joseph, an apothecary, was buried at St Philip and Jacob, Bristol, 20 April 1797 (aged 92).

Name unknown [alive in 1712; will of Jedidiah Safford]. Possibly Hannah, who was buried at St Philip and Jacob, Bristol, 3 June 1719.

Publication:

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Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BIC/2/1/2 [parish registers of Bicknoller, Somerset, 1557-1669]; Innes Smith, p.203; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), p.423; Joseph Washington, *An Exact Abridgement of All the Statutes of King William and Queen Mary* (London, 1704), p.335; Bristol Archives, 12148/48; <https://bafhs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/BAFHS-Marriage-Licence-Bonds-1701.pdf?v=3a52f3c22ed6> [marriage licence bonds, diocese of Bristol, 1701-1710].

TNA, PROB 11/528, ff.315r-v [will of Jedidiah Safford, doctor of phisick, of Bristol, 19 May 1712, pr.18 September 1712]; PROB 11/494, ff.67v-68r [will of Joshua Woolnough, gent, of Bristol, 27 December 1706, pr.10 April 1707]; *ODNB*, sub Wade, Nathaniel, article by M.Zook; TNA, PROB 11/561, f.67r [will of Nathaniel Wade of Bristol, 2 January 1716/17, pr.6 November 1717]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.JA/2/1/7 [parish registers of St James, Taunton, Somerset, 1662-1718]; D\P\TAU.M/2/1/3 [register of nonconformist births, Taunton, 1696-1778]; Bristol Archives, P/ST.P&J/R/1/5 and 8 [parish registers of St Philip & Jacob, Bristol, 1699-1729; 1730-1761]; P/ST.P&J/R/4/2 [parish registers of St Philip and James, Bristol, 1763-1812]; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; TNA, PROB 11/589, f.127r [will of John Safford, gentleman, of Bristol, 7 December 1722, pr.8 January 1722/3]; PROB 11/597, ff.233r-v [will of William Safford, farrier, of Bristol, 4 April 1724, pr.5 May 1724]; PROB 11/626, ff.57r-v [will of Sarah Safford, spinster, of Bristol, 26 February 1727/8, pr.9 November 1728].

**William SALISBURY (d.1727)**

Person ID: 25517

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bridgwater & Watchet, Somerset

William Salisbury, surgeon, was buried at St Decuman's (Watchet), Somerset, on 17 May 1727. He would appear to have practiced as a surgeon in the town of Bridgwater.

Apprentice of William Salisbury:

Benjamin Good for the premium of £30 as recorded in 1717. He later practiced as a surgeon in Bridgwater.

James Gibbs, the son of Dr **James Gibbs** of Tregony, Cornwall, 7 July 1722 [IR states for a premium of £40 in 1718].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\St.D/2/1/3 [parish registers of St Decuman's, Watchet, Somerset, 1704-1750]; P.J. and R.V.Wallis (eds), *Eighteenth Century Medics* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Newcastle upon Tyne, 1985), p.225; TNA, IR 1/45, f.127; 1/47, f.140.

### **John SALMON (1685-1727)**

Person ID: 34546

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Wells, Somerset

John Salmon was the son of William Salmon, mercer, and his wife Esther (d.1727), and was baptized at St Cuthbert's, Wells, on 20 September 1685. He was apprenticed to **Tobias Bush**, apothecary, of Bristol, on 8 September 1703, but his contract was cancelled with the consent of his master on 3 September 1706. Less than a year later, on 16 April 1707, he married Joan Andrews of Bristol at Bedminster, Somerset, and settled at Sadler Street in his native Wells. He died there in 1727 and was buried at St Cuthbert's on 17 January 1726/7.

Children of Mr John Salmon of Sadler Street:

John, born 1 April 1711; baptized 12 April 1711 [St Cuthbert, Wells].  
Thomas, born 19 April 1713; baptized 7 May 1713 [St Cuthbert, Wells].  
Ann, born 12 November 1716; baptized 21 November 1716 [St Cuthbert, Wells].  
Mary, born 18 October 1720; baptized 1 November 1720 [St Cuthbert, Wells].  
James, buried 25 May 1722 [St Cuthbert, Wells].  
Hester, born 8 August 1722; baptized 22 August 1722 [St Cuthbert, Wells].  
James, born 1 November 1723; baptized 14 November 1723].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/2 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1668-1727]; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; P/ST.JBED/R/1/b [parish registers of Bedminster, Somerset, 1690-1722].

### **Samuel SALMON (d.1735)**

Person ID: 11490

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Stratton-on-the-Fosse, Somerset

Samuel Salmon, of Stratton-on-the-Fosse, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 20 March 1705/6. He was probably the Samuel Salmon who was buried at Stratton on 12 February 1734/5. The frequency with which the name appears in the registers makes it impossible to trace Salmon the surgeon

with any degree of certainty.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 20 March 1705/6; D\P\STR.ON.F/2/1/2 [parish registers of Stratton-on-the-Fosse, Somerset, 1710-1743].

**Jacob or James SAMFORD (fl.1639-1664)**

Person ID: 18241

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Wells, Somerset

On 16 June 1636, Jacobus (James) Samford, apothecary, of Wells, Somerset, acted as bondsman for the marriage of William Bisse, rector of East Quantoxhead, Somerset, to Elizabeth Davies of the bishop's palace at Wells. He is probably the same as the James Bamford, who, with his wife Catherine, baptized two children, James and Katherine, at St Cuthbert's, Wells, on 14 May 1639 and 22 June 1664 respectively.

Somerset Heritage Centre, Col.H.R.Phipps, 'Abstracts of Bath and Wells Diocesan Records, Vol.III. Marriage Licences, 1636-1676'; D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1609-1668].

**Henry SAMPSON (fl.1663)**

Person ID: 11507

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Middle Lambrook, Somerset

Henry Sampson of Middle Lambrook, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells, Bristol, Exeter and Salisbury on 30 March 1663. Certificates in support of Sampson were signed by John Paulet, 5<sup>th</sup> marquis of Winchester, and Edward Phelipps, JP. Otherwise unidentified.

Lambeth Palace Library, FII/4/146; F1/C, f.121 [*Directory*, ii, no.1039].

**Edward SANDERS or SAUNDERS (d.1622)**

Person ID: 11557

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Edward Saunders was active as a surgeon in Bath in the first quarter of the seventeenth century. He was buried in Bath Abbey on 8 July 1622.

Children of Edward Sanders or Saunders:

**William**, bapt.11 February 1602/3 [St James, Bath]. He was apprenticed to **George Mounton**, apothecary, of Bristol on 28 July 1619 and subsequently practised as a surgeon in Bath until his death in 1638.

Mary, bapt.10 December 1605; buried 19 August 1609 [St James, Bath].

Elizabeth, buried 23 February 1607/8 [St James, Bath].

Edward, bapt.28 February 1608/9 [St James, Bath].

Matthew, bapt.16 December 1610 [St James, Bath]. He was apprenticed to William Littleton, citizen and merchant tailor, of London, as a grocer, 2 October 1626 and



was discharged on 6 May 1633.  
Joan, bapt.27 June 1613 [St James, Bath].  
Thomas, bapt.26 February 1616/17; buried 26 August 1617 [St James, Bath].  
John, bapt.8 July 1620 [St James, Bath].

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, p.349; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BA.JA/2/1/1 [parish registers of St James, Bath, Somerset, 1569-1694]; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; M.Scott (ed.), *Apprenticeship Disputes in the Lord Mayor's Court of London 1573-1723* (London, BRS, Apprenticeship Series, vol.1, Part 2, 2016), p.843.

**William SANDERS or SAUNDERS (1603-1638)**

Person ID: 11573

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bath, Somerset

William Sanders or Saunders, the son of **Edward Sanders**, surgeon, was baptized at St James, Bath, on 11 February 1602/3. He was apprenticed to **George Mounton**, apothecary, of Bristol in 1619 and married Rebecca Bruit at Bath Abbey on 15 January 1628/9. Sanders was buried in the abbey on 6 August 1638.

Children of William Saunders and wife Rebecca:

Edward, bapt.25 May 1630; buried 12 September 1630 [Bath Abbey].  
William, bapt.20 December 1632 [Bath Abbey]. He was apprenticed to **Christopher Robinson**, barber surgeon, of Bristol on 23 November 1648.  
Rebecca, bapt.16 January 1633/4 [Bath Abbey].  
Edward, bapt.1 September 1637; buried 2 September 1637 [Bath Abbey].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BA.JA/2/1/1 [parish registers of St James, Bath, Somerset, 1569-1694]; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.28, 29, 30, 33, 210; ii, pp.353, 358.

**Benjamin SANGER (d.1733)**

Person ID: 11540

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Henstridge, Somerset

Benjamin Sanger, gentleman, of Henstridge, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 18 or 19 September 1691. He and his wife Virtue baptized eight children in the village between 1679 and 1699. Virtue was buried at Henstridge on 16 April 1712. Benjamin Sanger was buried there, 17 September 1733.

Children of Benjamin Sanger and Virtue:

Edith, bapt.December 1679 [Henstridge].  
Benjamin, bapt.2 December 1683 [Henstridge]. He married Jane Hobbs at Henstridge,

26 April 1713.  
Virtue, bapt.10 July 1687; buried 8 November 1704 [Henstridge].  
William, bapt.14 April 1689 [Henstridge].  
Robert, bapt.26 December 1693; buried 5 February 1694/5 [Henstridge].  
Richard, twin, bapt.4 February 1695/6; buried 1 March 1696/7 [Henstridge].  
Catherine, twin, bapt.4 February 1695/6 [Henstridge].  
Mary, bapt.21 January 1698/9 [Henstridge].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 18 September 1691; D\D\ol/48, *sub* 19 September 1691; D\P\HENS/2/1/1 [parish registers of Henstridge, Somerset, 1653-1748].

**Jacob SCANNIFORD (d.1661)**

Person ID: 34547

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Jacob Scanniford, apothecary, died at Wells, Somerset, in 1661. Unmarried, he left a small estate to his various siblings, their children and partners. No trace of Scanniford has been found in the parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells.

TNA, PROB 11/306/544 [will of Jacob Scanniford, apothecary, of Wells, Somerset, 2 September 1661, pr.23 December 1661].

**John SCORIER or SCORYER (d.1708)**

Person ID: 11624

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Chard, Somerset

John Scorier of Chard, Somerset, was licensed to practise the art of surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 21 March 1706/7. He was buried at Chard on 1 December 1708.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 21 March 1706/7; D\P\CHARD/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chard, Somerset, 1649-1729].

**William SEAGER (c.1679-1736)**

Person ID: 29137

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

William Seager was born about 1679. He was licensed to marry Elizabeth Ditcher in 1705 (no record of the marriage survives). He died on 6 October 1736 and was buried at Bath Abbey three days later. In his will, he left a large estate of over £1,000 to his wife Elizabeth as well as placing a substantial sum of money and property in Bath in the hands of a trustee, Philip Allen, gent, of Bath (probably the postmaster brother of Ralph Allen), who was to manage the same for the benefit of his wife, wife's brother (John Ditcher), wife's sister Mary Alder and other kinsmen and women. In addition, Seager left his apothecary business to his nephew William Gallaway (d.1778) who was serving an apprenticeship with his uncle at the time of the latter's death. Seager's

widow Elizabeth, aged 61, died on 11 January 1742/3 and was buried at Bath Abbey on 14 January 1742/3.

The registers of Bath Abbey record the baptism of Richard, the son of Mr William Seger, on 14 October 1706.

Apprentices of William Seager, apothecary:

Thomas Brewer, the son of Nathaniel Brewer of Wiltshire for the premium of £60 on 30 October 1717.

Andrew Hiren, son of Captain Patrick Heron of Lymington, Hampshire, for the premium of £63 as recorded in 1728. He was baptised at Lymington on 18 October 1714.

Bath City Archives, list of memorials, Bath Abbey; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.358; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, p.81; ii, pp.426, 431 [date of burial of William Seager in error due to confusion in original register]; TNA, PROB 11/680, ff.190r-192r [will of William Seager, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 23 June 1736, pr.9 November 1736]; C.Dale (ed.), *Wiltshire Apprentices and Their Masters, 1710-1760* (Gateshead, Wiltshire Natural History Society, vol.17, 1961), p.21; TNA, IR 1/45, f.54; Hampshire Archives & Local Studies, 75042/1/2 [parish registers of Lymington, Hampshire, 1709-1755].

**William SEALY (1646 or 1647-1720)**

Person ID: 11666/17368

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Dunster, Somerset

William Sealy, apothecary, lived in the High Street, Dunster, and practised there for almost 50 years. In June 1691, he described himself as a licensed surgeon and physician when signing letters testimonial on behalf of fellow practitioner, William Question, of Dunster.

William Sealy was the son of John Sealy and his wife Justin (d.1695), and was baptized at North Petherton, Somerset, on 10 January 1646/7. He married Mary (otherwise unidentified) who was buried at Dunster on 18 November 1702. Sealy was buried at Dunster on 31 March 1720. He left his shop and books to his grandson William Chaplin.

Children of William Sealy and Mary:

Mary, bapt.31 March 1681 [Dunster]. She married Francis Chaplin at Carhampton, Somerset, 27 August 1700. She died on 4 December 1737 [*m.i.*] and was buried at Dunster, 13 December 1737.

William, bapt.27 February 1681/2; died 28 April 1705; buried 5 May 1705 [Dunster and *m.i.*].

John, bapt.3 August 1686 [Dunster].

Edward, bapt.15 April 1691 [Dunster]; died 7 February 1693/4 [*m.i.*]; buried 21

February 1693/4 [Dunster].  
Elizabeth, bapt.7 August 1693 [Dunster]; died 24 June 1696 [*m.i.*]; buried 7 July 1696 [Dunster].

Lambeth Palace Library, FII/32/77a-b; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\PET.N/2/1/1 [parish registers of North Petherton, Somerset, 1558-1692]; D\P\DU/2/1/3 [parish registers of Dunster, Somerset, 1681-1766]; D/D/cd/108; DD/L/1/26/15/6 and 11; DD/L/2/33/6; F.Hancock, *Dunster Church and Priory* (Taunton, 1905), pp.80-1.

**Edward SELL (d.1684)**

Person ID: 25669

Occ: barber

Loc: Chard, Somerset

Edward Sell the elder, barber of the town of Chard, Somerset, was buried at Chard on 11 April 1684.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHARD/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chard, Somerset, 1649-1729].

**George SELLWOOD (d.1713)**

Person ID: 11710

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Chard, Somerset

George Sellwood, apothecary, of Chard, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery throughout the province of Canterbury on 29 July 1678. His sponsors included four medical practitioners (**John Perkins**, **Joseph Crosse**, **Edward Pearce** and **Richard Stoodly**) and three local clergymen (Robert Collyer, vicar of Chard, John Sarney, rector of Seavington St Michael, and John Chase, rector of Whitestaunton). He in turn did the same on behalf of **Abraham Bullpen** of Pawlett (1680), **Benoni Hill** of Berrow (1680) and **Thomas Jerman** of Cullompton, Devon (1683). In 1679, Sellwood witnessed the will of John Chapman the elder, mercer, of Chard, who may have been his former master.

George Sellwood may have married twice. Joan, the wife of George Sellwood, was buried at Chard on 16 February 1688/9. He subsequently married Jane (otherwise unidentified). George Sellwood, apothecary of the borough of Chard, was buried in the town on 7 August 1713. He left the whole of his estate, including property at Westford and Thorncombe, Devon, to his wife and executrix Jane, bequeathing gold rings to his four young daughters, Mary, Frances, Elizabeth and Ann.

Children of George Sellwood and wife Jane:

Jane, bapt.8 December 1693; buried 30 July 1712 [Chard].  
Mary, bapt.19 December 1698 [Chard] [will].  
Frances, bapt.6 January 1700/1 [Chard] [will].  
George, buried 28 April 1702 [Chard].  
Elizabeth, bapt.18 February 1702/3 [Chard] [will].  
Ann, bapt.7 January 1703/4 [Chard].

Ann, bapt.14 September 1706 [Chard] [will].  
Catherine, buried 24 July 1711 [Chard].

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/117/1-3; Sancroft, f.211 [*Directory*, i, no.740];  
VX 1A/10/144/1-3; VX 1A/10/151/1-3; VX 1A/10/194/1-4; TNA, PROB 11/363,  
ff.269v-270r [will of John Chapman the elder, mercer, of Chard, Somerset, 14 July  
1679, pr.7 July 1680]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHARD/2/1/1 [parish registers  
of Chard, Somerset, 1649-1729];TNA, PROB 11/541, ff.282r-v [will of George  
Sellwood, apothecary, of Chard, Somerset, 15 May 1713, pr.28 August 1714].

### **John SERREY or SERRY (b.1649)**

Person ID: 34548

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Crewkerne, Somerset

Serrey's son John was apprenticed to **Robert Kidwell**, apothecary, of London, on 6 October 1668. In all probability, John is the same as the John Serry, son of John and Amy Serry who was baptized at Crewkerne in 1649. In 1660, John Serry, described as a barber surgeon, leased a town house in the centre of Crewkerne near the old market cross. In 1672, it was licensed for Presbyterian worship. John's son may not have completed his apprenticeship: the registers of Crewkerne record the baptism of Mary, the daughter of John Sery Jnr, on 15 December 1672. No record of the burial of John Serrey, surgeon, has been found.

Children of John Serrey or Serry:

John, bapt.10 May 1649 [Crewkerne].  
Jane, born 28 January 1656/7 [Crewkerne].

**London Apothecary database**; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CREW/2/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Crewkerne, Somerset, 1558-1650; 1653-1686]; DD/SS/54; F.Bate, *The Declaration of Indulgence 1672: A Study in the Rise of Organised Dissent* (Liverpool, 1908), appendix 7, p.lxxvii; *CSPD, 1672*, p.376.

### **William SHARP or SHARPE (fl.1713)**

Person ID: 11756/17460

Occ; apothecary

Loc: Frome, Somerset

William Sharp or Sharpe of Frome, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery throughout the province of Canterbury on 16 May 1713. His sponsors included **John Groenveldt** of London and **Abraham Shewell**, surgeon.

William Sharp, apothecary, married Elizabeth Allein or Allen, both of Frome, at Frome on 13 July 1713.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/459/1-3; Tenison 2, ff.301v-302r [*Directory*, i, no.745]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.362; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\FR.JO/2/1/2 [parish registers of Frome, Somerset, 1698-1765].

**John SHAW (d.1719)**

Person ID: 35036

Occ: barber/periwigmaker

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

John Shaw practised as a barber and periwigmaker in the Somerset town of Bath in the early eighteenth century. He married Elizabeth Webb at Bridgwater on 11 June 1706 and was buried there on 9 October 1719.

Children of John Shaw and Elizabeth:

John, bapt.4 July 1711; buried 29 July 1711.

Apprentice of John Shaw, barber/periwigmaker:

John Anstice, son of Thomas Anstice, merchant, of Bridgwater, for the premium of £10 as recorded in 1714.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW.M/2/1/3 and 4 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1682-1714; 1715-1744]; TNA, IR 1/45, f.9.

**Edward SHEPHERD (fl.1662)**

Person ID: 11791

Occ: unlicensed surgeon/physician

Loc: Bath, Somerset

In about 1662, Edward Sheppe, of Bath, Somerset, was prosecuted in the consistory court of the bishop of Bath and Wells for practising physic and surgery 'without approbation and licence from the ordinary'. In all likelihood, he is Edward Shepherd who signed letters testimonial on behalf of Bath apothecary **John Boyce** in 1679. He in turn may be related to, or the same as, one of the same name, of St James, Bath, members of whose family were buried at St John's Hospital, Bath, between 1679 and 1684.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\ca/335a, *sub* Bath; Wiltshire and Swindon Archives, D5/9/2, f.10v; D/5/5/2; D\P\BA.AB/2/1/1 [registers of Bath Abbey, 1569-1743: at rear of volume].

**John SHEPHERD or SHEPPARD (b.1596)**

Person ID: 34549

Occ: barber

Loc: Wrington, Somerset

John Shepherd was the son of William Shepherd and was baptized at Wrington, Somerset, on 17 May 1596. He may have been the man of the same name who married Alice Hort at Congresbury on 3 July 1617. No record of his burial has been found though he was dead by 1639 when his daughter was apprenticed at Bristol. He is almost certainly related to the barber surgeon of the same name who practised at Axbridge and married the daughter of the Wrington surgeon **John Bennett**.

Children of John Shepherd:

John, bapt.1 April 1618 [Wrington].  
Anne, bapt.11 February 1619/20 [Wrington].  
Mary, bapt.8 May 1622; buried 16 June 1622 [Wrington].  
Margaret, bapt.1 May 1623 [Wrington].  
Mary, bapt.21 October 1625 [Wrington].  
James, bapt.26 June 1628 [Wrington].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WRI/2/1/2 [parish registers of Wrington, Somerset, 1538-1809]; D\P\CON/2/1/2 [parish registers of Congresbury, Somerset, 1557-1763]; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

**John SHEPHERD or SHEPPARD (1615-1655)**

Person ID: 11794

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Axbridge, Somerset

John Shepherd, the son of Thomas Shepherd, gentleman, was baptized at Wraxall, Somerset, on 23 April 1615. He was apprenticed to **William Farr**, barber surgeon, of Bristol and his wife Johane on 16 June 1631. Shepherd subsequently settled at Axbridge in Somerset, marrying Sarah Bennett, the daughter of **John Bennett** of Wrington, Somerset, at Wrington on 26 October 1637. He was thus the brother-in-law of the celebrated London physician, **Christopher Bennett**, whom Shepherd named as one of the joint executors of his will in 1654 (but was dead by the date of probate). Shepherd was buried at Axbridge on 21 January 1654/5. He instructed his two executors (the other was Robert Higgins, soapboiler, of Bristol) to sell all his property, including a leasehold estate at Wraxall, Somerset, the profits from which were to be used for the maintenance and education of his three children, John, James and Judith. He also left all his tools and instruments to his son John in the hope that he would follow in his father's footsteps as a surgeon.

Children of John Shepherd or Sheppard:

Judith, bapt.7 September 1638 [Wrington]. Alive in 1654 [will].  
John, bapt.5 February 1639/40 [Axbridge]. Alive in 1654 [will].  
James, bapt.15 January 1642/3 [Axbridge]. Alive in 1654 [will].  
Sarah, bapt.10 June 1644 [Axbridge].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WRAX/2/1/1 [parish registers of Wraxall, Somerset, 1562-1721]; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WRI/2/1/2 [parish registers of Wrington, Somerset, 1538-1809]; D\P\AX/2/1/1 [parish registers of Axbridge, Somerset, 1561-1718]; TNA, PROB 11/251, f.244r [will of John Sheppard, barber chirurgion, of Axbridge, Somerset, 22 November 1654, pr.16 November 1655].

**John SHERWOOD (d.1621)**

Person ID: 11828

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Bristol and Bath, Somerset

Nothing is known of Sherwood's parentage, nor of his relation, if any, to Dr **Reuben Sherwood**, who also practised at Bath at the end of the sixteenth century. However, their shared Catholic sympathies would certainly suggest that the two were related, possibly as brothers. John Sherwood entered Trinity College, Oxford, as a scholar in 1561, proceeding BA in 1563 and MA in 1567. He became a fellow of the College in 1565 and supplicated for his B Med and licence to practise medicine in March 1571/2. He subsequently travelled abroad and was created MD at Rheims on 17 October 1580. According to one informant, a fellow Catholic captured at Bristol in 1583, Dr Sherwood had been practising medicine in Bristol for about six years. Another account relates that one John Sherwood 'of the diocese of London' received hospitality, along with other English Catholics at the English college in Rome in October 1581. Dr Sherwood was prosecuted in the Court of Common Pleas for debt in 1595.

Sherwood himself appears to have outwardly conformed though suspicions of his Catholic sympathies dogged him for much of his life and career. Four of his brothers were Catholic priests, one of whom was a Jesuit. Despite, or perhaps because of his faith, he was widely admired as a physician. In 1599, for example, Zachary Babington wrote to Walter Bagot (1557-1623), a well-connected figure in government circles (he was related to Lord Burghley) and religious moderate often friendly towards Catholics, recommending Dr Sherwood of Bath. Babington confirmed that Bagot would find him 'a very kinde gentleman, learned, though a little Romish', who will 'host and lodge you well and conveniently, [and] dyett you in his house att a reasonable Rate'. He went on to affirm that Sherwood had cured a hearing impediment of one of the sons of the earl of Northumberland and repeated his view of Sherwood as a highly learned practitioner who had furthered his knowledge by studying for a medical degree overseas. In 1612, he and others attested the successful cure undertaken by **William Priest**, surgeon, on a servant of Robert Cecil, earl of Salisbury, at Bath. Sherwood's friendship networks extended to other practitioners in Bath. In 1607, the Bath apothecary **George Gibbs** described Sherwood as his 'loving and faithful friend', leaving him, his wife and children small bequests to be paid out of a debt owed by Sherwood to Gibbs.

Nothing is known of Sherwood's wife, Mary, who was buried at Bath Abbey on 12 August 1612. Sherwood himself was buried at the abbey on 16 February 1620/1. No will has survived.

Children of Dr John Sherwood:

Mary, bapt.21 November 1586 [Bath Abbey].

Robert, bapt.4 February 1587/8 [Bath Abbey].

Henry, bapt.16 July 1589 [Bath Abbey].

Daughter Pearce, bapt.15 October 1590 [Bath Abbey].

Susan, bapt.28 January 1593/4; buried 2 February 1593/4 [Bath Abbey].

William, bapt.23 July 1595 [Bath Abbey].

Foster, iv, p.1349; Innes Smith, p.210; Thomas Guidott, *A Discourse of the Bathe ... With an Account of the Lives, and Character, of the Physicians of Bathe* (London,



1676), p.165; TNA, SP 12/168/25 II; J.Morris (ed.), *The Troubles of our Catholic Forefathers Related by Themselves*, 3 vols (London, 1877), iii, p.280n; Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington DC, L.a.33; TNA, CP40/1541 and 1544 [1595]; G.Dynallt Owen (ed.), *Calendar of the Cecil Papers in Hatfield House. Volume 22* [1612-1668] (London, 1971), pp.1-2; TNA, PROB 11/110, ff.362v-363r [will of George Gibbes, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 20 September 1607, pr.16 December 1607]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 207; ii, pp.335, 344, 348; A.J.Webb (ed.), *Handlist of Somerset Probate Inventories and Administrators Accounts 1482-1924* (Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.98, 2019), p.198, no.5953 [Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D/cta/S34, administrative account of John Sherwood of Bath 1620].

**Reuben SHERWOOD (c.1542-1599)**

Person ID: 11832

Occ: schoolmaster/doctor of phisic

Loc: Windsor, Berkshire and Bath, Somerset

Reuben Sherwood was the son of William Sherwood of Over, Cambridgeshire, and was born in about 1542. After studying at Eton College, he obtained a scholarship at King's College, Cambridge in 1558 becoming a fellow in 1561 (to 1571). He was awarded his BA in 1562/3 and MA in 1566 (supplicating for incorporation at Oxford the same year), served as proctor in 1569/70 and was made MD at Cambridge in 1580. A commonplace book, probably dating from about the mid 1560s, contains a list of 58 books owned by the young Cambridge student (BL, Sloane MS 108). From 1571 to 1580, he was headmaster of Eton College. In the will of one Joan Prosser, widow, of Chertsey, Surrey, reference is made to a property there which was then mortgaged to Reuben Sherwood, doctor of phisic, of New Windsor, Berkshire (but now of Bath). Sherwood was made a candidate for membership of the College of Physicians in London in 1584, becoming a full fellow the following year. Thereafter, he settled into medical practice at Bath, where he died in 1599. Sherwood was buried in the abbey on 24 July 1599. Following the death of his first wife Jane, Reuben is thought to have married the widow of fellow physician **Robert Baker** of Bath and to have moved into the latter's old house, the Abbey Church House, sometime around 1598. He was probably related to fellow Bath physician and namesake, **John Sherwood**.

Sherwood married Jane, the third daughter of Thomas Street of Otlands, Walton-upon-Thames, Surrey, groom of the privy chamber under Edward VI, and his wife Audrey, the daughter of Robert Reding of Middlesex. No record of the marriage, nor baptisms of children, has been found. However, Katherine Sherwood, who married Robert Hayes of Hertford at Hackney, Middlesex, on 17 December 1610, is described in the heraldic visitation of Hertfordshire in 1634 as the daughter of one 'Sherwood, doctor of physick'. He is also alleged to have advised one of his sons while studying abroad to attend 'heretical churches' for the sake of his career but not to forget his religion. Sherwood's Catholicism is not in doubt. In 1575, he hosted Abbot Feckenham (c.1510-1584) in his house at Bath and may have helped him in compiling a medical manuscript providing assistance to those, especially the poor, who came to Bath for health reasons. Sherwood was also the author of a medical treatise on the uses of the waters at Bath which no longer survives (BL, Sloane MS 174, f.23).

W.Sterry, *Eton College Register, 1441-1698* (Eton, 1943), p.305; Venn, iv, p.98; Foster, iv, p.1350; British Library, Sloane MS 108; J.Hannam, 'The Library of Reuben Shirwoode (c.1542-1599)', *Transactions of the Cambridgeshire Bibliographical Society*, 13 (2005), pp.175-86; Surrey History Centre, SW 17/485 [will of Joan Prosser, widow, of Chertsey, Surrey, 26 November 1591, pr.27 November 1591]; Munk, i, p.98; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath* (London, HS, vol.28, 1901), p.337; Thomas Guidott, *A Discourse of the Bathe ... With an Account of the Lives, and Character, of the Physicians of Bathe* (London, 1676), p 164.

W.Bruce Bannerman (ed.), *The Visitations of the County of Surrey ... 1530 .... 1572 .... 1623* (London, HS, vol.43, 1899), p.76; London Metropolitan Archives, P79/JN1/022 [parish registers of St John's, Hackney, Middlesex, 1556-1652]; W.C Metcalfe (ed.), *The Visitations of Hertfordshire ... 1572 ... 1634* (London, HS, vol.22, 1886), p.64; J.Anthony Williams, *Bath and Rome... Catholicism in Bath from 1559 to the Present Day* (Bath, 1963), pp.12-13; Rev.F.A.Abbot Gasquet, 'Abbot Feckenham and Bath', *Downside Review*, 25 (1906), pp.242-60.

### **John SHIRE (d.1694)**

Person ID: 11857

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Crewkerne, Somerset

John Shire, gentleman, of Crewkerne, Somerset, was licensed to practise physic and surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 14 March 1662/3. He issued an apothecary's token in 1666. Shire was buried at Crewkerne on 2 March 1693/4. His will, no longer extant, was proved at Taunton the same year.

Children of John Shire:

**John**, bapt.21 June 1665 [Crewkerne]. Apothecary.

Anne, bapt.31 March 1668 [Crewkerne].

Mary, bapt.23 December 1669 [Crewkerne].

Robert, bapt.27 December 1671 [Crewkerne].

Samuel, bapt.30 August 1675 [Crewkerne].

Caleb, bapt.21 June 1677; buried 26 May 1705 [Crewkerne].

Mary, bapt.21 October 1679 [Crewkerne].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 14 March 1662/3; T.D.Whittet, 'Somerset Apothecaries' Tokens and Their Issuers', *Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society*, 130 (1986), p.128; D\P\CREW/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Crewkerne, Somerset, 1653-1686; 1686-1764]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations in the Court of the Archdeacon of Taunton. Part 1* (London, BRS, vol.45, 1912), p.359.

### **John SHIRE (1665-1723)**

Person ID: 25774

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Crewkerne, Somerset

John Shire was the son of **John Shire**, apothecary, and was baptised at Crewkerne on 21 June 1665. He married Margaret Hobbs of Crewkerne in that parish on 3 March 1699/1700. The couple baptised six children in the village. John Shire was buried at Crewkerne on 2 August 1723. His will, no longer extant, was proved at Taunton in the same year.

Children of John Shire and wife Margaret:

Margaret, bapt.26 February 1702/3 [Crewkerne].  
Anne, bapt.17 December 1704 [Crewkerne].  
son Paige, bapt.27 July 1706 [Crewkerne].  
Martha, bapt.1 August 1708 [Crewkerne].  
Richard, bapt.9 September 1711 [Crewkerne].  
Robert, bapt.3 March 1713/14; buried 12 September 1715 [Crewkerne].

Apprentice of John Shire, apothecary:

Philip Jones, son of Margaret Jones of Hinton, Somerset, for the premium of £15 as recorded in 1717 [IR][Wallis & Wallis give date as November 1715].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CREW/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Crewkerne, Somerset, 1653-1686; 1686-1764]; E.A.Fry (ed.), *Calendar of Wills and Administrations in the Court of the Archdeacon of Taunton. Part 3* (London, BRS, vol.53, 1921), p.98; TNA, IR 1/45, f.74; P.J.Wallis and R.V.Wallis, *Eighteenth Century Medics* (Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1985), p.1003.

**Roger SHOOT (fl.1671)**

Person ID: 11861

Occ: unlicensed surgeon

Loc: Yeovil, Somerset

In March 1671 Roger Shoot of Yeovil was prosecuted in the consistory court of Bath and Wells. There, it was reported that Shoot, on being told that he could not practise physic without the bishop's licence, had said that 'hee care not a fart and a turd for the bishop nor his licence' and that he did not 'intend to make use of the bawdy courts about that businesse'. He was cited to appear, but the outcome of the case is unrecorded.

He is probably the same as the Roger Shoot, whose daughter Sarah was baptised at Yeovil on 17 June 1663. One Roger Shoot Snr was buried at Yeovil on 12 January 1653/4.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\ca/350, *sub* 27 March 1671; D\P\YEO/J/2/1/3 [parish registers of Yeovil, Somerset, 1650-1699].

**Edward SIBLEY (d.c.1695)**

Person ID: 34550

Occ: barber

Loc: Bathealton, Somerset

Sibley was described as a barber in the probate inventory of his will, dated 1695. The parish registers of Bathealton do not survive for this or earlier years.

A .J.Webb (ed.), *Handlist of Somerset Probate Inventories and Administrators Accounts 1482-1924* (Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.98, 2019), p.199, no.5979 [Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\SP/1695/2, inventory of Edward Sibley, barber of Bathealton, 1695]. DD/SP/1695/2 inventory].

**Anthony SIMPSON (fl.1662)**

Person ID: 11912

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Milton Clevedon, Somerset

Anthony Simpson, surgeon, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 1 October 1662.

Somerset Heritage Centre, S\S\bs/39, *sub* 1 October 1662.

**John SKINNER (1657-1712)**

Person ID: 11968

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Brompton Ralph, Somerset

John Skinner was the son of George Skinner (d.1691) and was baptized at Brompton Ralph on 29 March 1657. He was licensed to practise medicine throughout the province of Canterbury on 4 February 1686. Skinner's sponsors included two Devon physicians, **Joseph Bond** and **Samuel Stoddon**, both nonconformists, and two local clergymen, Joseph Crabb, vicar of Axminster, and Christopher Sherive, rector of Hawkchurch, Dorset. A few months later, Skinner provided similar testimonials on behalf of **Richard Tooell**, a dissenting minister who practised at Dulverton. Skinner was probably a nonconformist. Skinner died on 12 July 1712 and was buried at Ash Priors, Somerset, on 31 of July 1712. A Latin inscription to Skinner's memory, which described his as 'medicus', was erected in the church of Ash Priors (no longer extant).

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\B.RA/2/1/1 [parish registers of Brompton Ralph, Somerset, 1557-1716]; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/232/1-3; Sancroft, f.261 [*Directory*, i, no.758]; VX 1A/10/234/1-3; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\ASH.P/2/1/1 [parish registers of Ash Priors, Somerset, 1700-1812]; M.McDermott and S.Berry (eds), *Edmund Rack's Survey of Somerset* (Taunton, SANHS, 2010), p.210.

**William SKINNER (d.1677)**

Person ID: 25873

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Chard, Somerset

William Skinner, apothecary, practised in the Somerset town of Chard from at least 1650 until his death and burial at Chard on 25 August 1677. His wife Sarah was buried in the same parish three days later.

Children of William Skinner (and all but first child with wife Sarah):

Jane, bapt.3 October 1650 [Chard].

William, bapt.20 February 1656/7 [Chard].

William, bapt.27 November 1661 [Chard].

Austin or Augustine, bapt.29 June 1664; buried 5 October 1664 [Chard].

Richard, bapt.2 October 1665. He was apprenticed to Thomas Gammon of the  
Carpenters' Company, London, on 7 October 1690.

Sarah, bapt.15 May 1668 [Chard].

Dorothy, bapt.9 May 1670 [Chard].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHARD/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chard, Somerset, 1649-1729]; B.Marsh (ed.), *Records of the Worshipful Company of Carpenters, volume 1: Apprentices' Entry Books 1654-1694* (Oxford, 1913), p.183.

**William SKRINE (c.1657-1725)**

Person ID: 17041

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

William Skrine, born in about 1657, was a wealthy apothecary, who practised in Bath from about 1697. In that year he married his first wife Honnor, the widow of one Dr Savile and daughter of Colonel John Hungerford. She died in 1704 and was buried at Bath Abbey on 26 June 1704. He subsequently married Anne (d.1747), the daughter of Henry Spurstow of Cheshire. In 1714 Skrine purchased Claverton Manor. William Skryne, esquire, died in 1725 and was buried at Claverton on 11 December 1725. In his will, made a week before his death, he confirmed the marriage settlement with his wife and executrix Anne, leaving her an annuity of £500 pa, as well as a coach and chaise, with horses and associated trappings. Skryne provided a handsome portion of £3,000 for his daughter Elizabeth, together with a town house in Suffolk Lane, near the Exchange, in the city of London. He left his apothecary's shop and house in the Market Place, Bath, along with all his drugs and medicines, to his nephew Thomas Skryne Pritchard (d.1753). He also left legacies for two brothers, Nathaniel and Henry Skryne, and two nieces, reserving the bulk of his estate, both real and personal, for his young son and heir William.

William Skrine Jnr, who was educated at Oxford, became a close friend of Horace Walpole and killed himself in 1783 after sustaining heavy gambling losses while playing cards. William Skrine Snr's widow Anne subsequently married James Cooke, esquire, of Ashted, Surrey, and was buried alongside her former husband at Claverton on 6 April 1747.

Children of William Skryne and wife Anne:

Elizabeth, bapt.29 October 1720 [Claverton]. She married Crayle Crayle, esquire, of Brightwell, Buckinghamshire, and was buried at Claverton, 24 August 1780.

William, bapt.13 February 1721/2 [St James, Bath].

Apprentice of William Skrine, apothecary:

William Lloyd, son of Henry Lloyd, deceased, of Llansteffan, Carmarthenshire, Wales for the premium of £50 as recorded in 1712.  
John Morgan, son of Richard Morgan of Bath for the premium of £30 as recorded in 1718.

[www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath](http://www.medicalheritage.co.uk/Bath) [accessed 15 February 2023]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath* (London, HS, vol.28, 1901), i, p.230; ii, p.399; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CLAV/2/1/2 [parish registers of Claverton, Somerset, 1581-1804]; TNA, PROB 11/609, ff.148r-v [will of William Skrine, esquire, of Bath, Somerset, 4 December 1725, pr.11 May 1726]; J.Foster (ed.), *Alumni Oxonienses ... 1715-1886*, 4 vols (Oxford, 1888-91), iv, p.1304; *m.i.*, Claverton, Somerset; TNA, IR1/42, f.183; 1/45, f.150.

**SLUOCK or SLUOCKE, John (d.1718)**

Person ID: 11998

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Stogursey, Somerset

John Slucock of Stogursey, Somerset, was licensed to practise the art of surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 18 May 1711. He married Elizabeth Apelin or Aplin of Holford at Stogursey on 20 May 1714. Described as a 'practitioner in churgey', Slucock was buried at Stogursey on 19 May 1718.

Children of John Slucock and wife Elizabeth:

Jane, born 19 July 1715; bapt.19 August 1715 [Holford].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 18 May 1711; D\P\STOGS/2/1/3 [parish registers of Stogursey, Somerset, 1660-1728].

**Mr SMITH or SMYTH (fl.1658)**

Person ID: 12029

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Thomas, the son of Mr Smyth, surgeon, was buried in the abbey church at Bath on 15 September 1658. Otherwise unidentified and possibly not an inhabitant of the city of Bath.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, p.373.

**Bernard SMITH (c.1644-1696)**

Person ID: 12043

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Bernard Smith, apothecary, of the parish of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 13

August 1680. He later signed letters testimonial on behalf of **Robert Cording** of Wiveliscombe who was seeking a similar licence in 1691. In 1695 he was treating Mary, the wife of Edward Clarke (1650-1710) of Chipley the Whig MP for Taunton and friend of John Locke. She had suffered a miscarriage and Smith prescribed various medicines, including pearl cordials.

Smith married Charity Sharpe, the daughter of Emmanuel Sharpe (d.1679), vicar of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, in that parish on 9 September 1669. Sharpe, appointed as vicar in 1663, had previously suffered because of his loyalty to the crown and the Anglican church. He left small bequests to the couple in his will of 1679. Smith clearly shared his son-in-law's religious and political beliefs. He twice served as mayor of Taunton in 1685-6 and 1694-5. On the former occasion, he attempted, with little success, to stem support for the duke of Monmouth in a town that was overwhelmingly sympathetic to the Whigs. He also served as churchwarden of the parish of St Mary Magdalene in 1682. One of Smith's sons Thomas married the granddaughter of Richard Standfast (d.1684), formerly chaplain to Charles I. Smith was probably a kinsman of Dr **Thomas Dyke** who left small bequests to Bernard and his two godchildren, Thomas and Elizabeth Smith, in his will of 1686. Smith would appear to have leased the manor of Ashway in Dulverton from Dyke.

Mr Bernard Smith died on 21 August 1696 and was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 1 September 1696. A memorial to his memory erected after his death described him as aged 52. His widow Charity was buried there on 17 February 1715/16.

Children of Bernard Smith and wife Charity:

Elizabeth, bapt. ? October 1670 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton]. She was left £10 by her godfather Dr Thomas Dyke in 1686.

Sarah, bapt. 26 September 1672 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton]

Charity, bapt. 15 February 1674/5; buried 28 August 1677 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

**Thomas**, bapt. ? February 1676/7 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton]. He married Katherine Standfast, the daughter of his former master, **Nicholas Standfast**, apothecary, of Bristol and set up as an apothecary in that city, where he died in 1730.

Margaret, bapt. ? February 1676/7 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Bernard, bapt. 24 July 1679 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Emmanuel, bapt. 9 September 1680 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Mary, died 8 September 1714, aged 31 [*m.i.*]; buried 14 September 1714 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Charity, bapt. 3 November 1684 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 13 August 1680; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/270/1-3; Somerset Heritage Centre, DD/SF/2/42/11 [Smith to Clarke, c.1 September 1695] and 13/2/41 [same to same, 14 September 1695]; D\PTAU.M/2/1/1 and 32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696; 1682-1760]; *Walker Revised*, ed. A.G. Matthews (Oxford, 1948), p.319; TNA, PROB 11/360, ff.201v-202v [will of Emanuell Sharpe, clerk, of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 16 January 1678/9, pr.22 July 1679]; PROB 11/398, ff.153v-156r

[will of Thomas Dyke, doctor in physic, of Kingston, Somerset, 3 August 1686, pr.7 February 1689/90]; J.Toulmin, *The History of Taunton in the County of Somerset* (Taunton, 1822), p.150.

**Richard SMITH (fl.1641-1672)**

Person ID: 12132

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Dinnington and Chard, Somerset

Richard Smith was the son of Thomas Smith of Chard, Somerset, and was born in about 1624. He matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, on 26 November 1641, but did not graduate. Smith became vicar of Creech St Michael, Somerset, in 1646 and subsequently rector of Whitestaunton, Somerset, from where he was ejected in 1662. Calamy described him as a 'Man of great Repute, as a Gentleman, a Physician, and a Divine'. After ejection, he moved to Dinnington, where he held property, but was driven out by one 'who had inform'd, that he had been stirring up People to Rebellion, when in truth he was Two Days abroad, as a Physician to divers Families'. He then returned to his native Chard, where he was preaching by 1669. Prosecuted again, he now moved to Salcombe in Devon where he was licensed to preach as a Presbyterian under the terms of the Declaration of Indulgence of 1672.

Foster, iv, p.1379; E.Calamy, *An Abridgement of Mr Baxter's History of His Life and Times. With an Account of the Ministers, &c who were Ejected after the Restauration of King Charles II*, 2 vols (London, 1713), ii, p.613; *Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), p.448.

**Thomas SMITH (d.c.1661?)**

Person ID: 34551

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Seaborough, Somerset

William Smith, the son of Thomas Smith, doctor of phisick, of Seaborough, Somerset [now in Dorset], was apprenticed to Charles Brigham, woollen draper and member of the Clothworkers' Company, London, on 10 November 1650. He may have been the same as the Thomas Smith of Seaborough whose inventory was proved in 1661.

Londonroll.org [Records of London Livery Companies Online: Apprentices and freemen, 1400-1900]; A.J.Webb (ed.), *Handlist of Somerset Probate Inventories and Administrators Accounts 1482-1924* (Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.98, 2019), p.204, no.6110 [Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\SP/1661/14, inventory of Thomas Smith of Seaborough, Somerset, 1661].

**Mr or Dr SOMERSCHALL or SOMMERSKIL (fl.mid 17<sup>th</sup> c)** Person ID: 12247

Occ: chemist/physician

Loc: Bath, Somerset

According to Dr **Thomas Guidott**, Mr or Dr Somerschall practised medicine at Bath in the middle decades of the seventeenth century. He seems to have specialized in



chemical medicine. Guidott mocked Somerschall for his alchemical research and quest for the philosopher's stone as well as for his poetical inadequacies in composing the epitaph of fellow practitioner **John Dauntsey**. Unidentified in Bath sources, he is almost certainly the same as the Dr Sommerskil who, according to the Quaker iatrochemist **Robert Godfrey**, was responsible for teaching his former master **Thomas Bourne Snr** of Bristol the rudiments of chemical medicine for £100. Godfrey further claimed that Sommerskil was 'Medicinae Doctor [and] had formerly been Secretary to Prince Henry the eldest son of King James'. He is said to have died 'through grief some say because he could not obtain the Lapis'.

Given the Bristol connection, Somerschall may have been a member of the Schenkell family of Bristol, many of whom were active as physicians and apothecaries in that city in the middle decades of the seventeenth century.

Thomas Guidott, *A Discourse of the Bathe ... With an Account of the Lives, and Character, of the Physicians of Bathe* (London, 1676), pp.197, 199-200; Robert Godfrey, *Various Injuries and Abuses in Chymical and Galenical Physick* (London, 1674), p.160.

**Alexander SPICER (1574-1641)**

Person ID: 26125/12318

Occ: clergyman/doctor of physic

Loc: Ireland and Corton Denham, Somerset

Alexander Spicer was the eldest son and heir of Richard Spicer (d.1607), clergyman, and was baptized at St Clement's, Sandwich, Kent, on 15 August 1574. He matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on 8 July 1591, proceeding BA in 1594/5 and MA in 1597 (incorporated at Cambridge in 1608). Spicer was fellow of Exeter College from 1596 until 1609. Thereafter, Spicer spent most of his career as a clergyman in Ireland, where he may also have studied and practised medicine. He was described as a doctor of physic in the heraldic visitation of Devon in 1620. Spicer held numerous clerical posts in Ireland, including chaplain to Sir Arthur Chichester (1563-1625), Lord Belfast and lord lieutenant of Ireland as well as dean of Killaloe (1628-37). He probably returned to his native Somerset in 1637 and was buried at Corton Denham, alongside his father, on 29 July 1641. The burial entry describes him as 'medicinae d[octo]r and 'filius Richard Spicer'.

Alexander Spicer may have been the 'Spicer of Westminster' who calls himself 'doctor', who informed against John Williams (1582-1650), bishop of Lincoln, in 1637. Williams, who would appear to have been involved in a legal tussle over property with Spicer in Chancery, described him as 'a lewd fellow of very ill report'. It is possible that Williams was alluding to Alexander's cousin, **Richard Spicer** (d.1640), though he was a well-respected London physician with unimpeachable medical qualifications.

Publications:

*Davids Petition on Psalm xix, v.13* (London, R.Wilson, 1616). Dedicated to Charles Blount, Robert Bowyer and kinsman Timothy Leeving, esquire, of the Inner Temple, London.

*The Pope at Babylon, a Sermon Preached at Colerain* [5 November 1616] on *Daniel* iii, v.6 (London, 1617). No copy extant.

*An Elegie on the Much Lamented Death of the Right Honorable Sir Arthur Chichester* (London, R.Bird, 1625). Dedicated to George Villiers, duke of Buckingham.

Canterbury Cathedral Archives and Library, U3/17/1/1 [parish registers of St Clement's, Sandwich, Kent, 1563-1665]; TNA, PROB 11/111, ff.160r-v [will of Richard Spicer, clerke, of Corton Denham, Somerset, 11 August 1607, pr.11 March 1607/8]; F.T.Cosby (ed.), *The Visitation of the County of Devon in the Yeare 1620* (London, HS, vol.6, 1872), p.273; Foster, iv, p.1399; Venn, iv, p.135; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CO.D/2/1/1 [parish registers of Corton Denham, Somerset, 1538-1812]; *CSPD, 1636-1637*, p.262.

**Sebastian SQUIRE (d.1696)**

Person ID: 16200

Occ: barber

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Sebastian Squire, barber, of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, was said to have assisted the rebel Blue Regiment during Monmouth's Rebellion in 1685. He survived and was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 16 January 1695/6.

Children of Sebastian Squire:

Frances, bapt.2 February 1668/9 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Frances, bapt.13 July 1673 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Sarah, bapt.9 January 1675/6 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Frances, bapt.7 October 1678 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

W.McD.Wigfield, *The Monmouth Rebels* (Gloucester, 1985), p.162; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/1 and 32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696; 1682-1760]; A.J.Webb (ed.), *Handlist of Somerset Probate Inventories and Administrators Accounts 1482-1924* (Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.98, 2019), p.207, no.6209 [Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\SP/1695/37, inventory of Sebastian Squire, barber, of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1695].

**Sir John STAWELL (1600-1662)**

Person ID: 12461

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Cothelstone, Somerset

John Stawell was the second but only surviving son of Sir John Stawell of Cothelstone and his wife Elizabeth, the daughter of George, Lord Audley. He was born on 29 August 1600, and matriculated at Queen's College, Oxford, on 25 October 1616. Within a year he had left Oxford without graduating, and in 1617 married Elizabeth (d.1657), the daughter of Sir Edward Hext of Low Ham, Somerset, and widow of Sir Joseph Killegrew. Elected to the Long Parliament in 1640 (he had earlier served as MP for Somerset in 1625), he was removed in 1643 due to his

unswerving support for the royalist cause which he maintained throughout the civil years at great personal cost. He and his sons were all active on the king's side. He died on 21 February 1661/2 and was buried at Cothelstone, in the grounds of his manor house, on 23 April 1662.

Stawell's interest in medicine is evident through the fact that in June 1640 he was inscribed as a medical student at Padua. Whether he ever had any intention of practising medicine is highly unlikely. He was however awarded an honorary MD at Oxford by a grateful king on 16 January 1642/3, and family legend has it that he had a great interest in chemistry which he pursued throughout the long years of imprisonment in the 1650s. He is supposed to have rejected breakfast on the grounds that it was bad for digestion.

Col.G.D.Stawell, *A Quantock Family: The Stawells of Cothelstone* (Taunton, 1910); Foster, iv, p.1414; Royal College of Physicians, London, Innes Smith MSS.

**Christopher STEPHENS or STEVENS (fl.1662)**

Person ID: 12490

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Witham Friary, Somerset

Christopher Stephens of Witham Friary, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 4 October 1662. He may be **Christopher Stephens or Stevens**, a 'professor of medicine', who was living at Chew Stoke and died sometime before June 1676.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, sub 4 October 1662.

**Christopher STEPHENS or STEVENS (d.before 1676)**

Person ID: 34552

Occ: professor of medicine

Loc: Chew Stoke, Somerset

Christopher, the son of **Christopher Stephens**, 'professor of medicine', of Chew Stoke, Somerset, deceased, was apprenticed to **Daniel Potter**, barber surgeon, of Bristol, on 1 June 1676.

Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

**James STEPHENSON or STEVENSON (c.1604-1685)**

Person ID: 12523

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Martock, Somerset

James Stephenson was born in about 1604 in Scotland, where he became MA (at Glasgow) in 1624. Thereafter, he emigrated to Ireland, where he held numerous clerical posts, including chaplain to John Richardson (d.1654), bishop of Ardagh. In arms during the rebellion of 1641, he fled to Bristol, and was appointed to the rectory of Tormarton in Gloucestershire in 1646. However, following his refusal to take the Engagement in 1650, he removed to Holland, where he took up the study of medicine.

Stephenson enrolled at Leiden on 17 October 1650, giving his age as 46. On returning to England, he resumed preaching as vicar of Martock in Somerset where his son John (a physician according to Calamy), was buried in 1656. Stephenson now combined his clerical duties with medical practice, continuing in both roles following his ejection from the vicarage of Martock in 1662. Within weeks of quitting his living, he obtained a licence to practise medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Exeter and Gloucester (15 November 1662). Stephenson's sponsors included the nonconformist sympathizer Dr **Thomas Coxe** of London and one **William Brewer**, MD, otherwise unidentified. According to Calamy, he was 'much us'd as a Physician [being] often in the Company of neighbouring Gentlemen, and they carried it very respectfully to him'. At the same time, Stephenson continued to preach to nonconformist congregations at Martock and Crewkerne and suffered accordingly.

Stephenson married on four occasions. His first wife Margery was buried at Martock on 18 May 1655. Stephenson next married Susan Lock (b.1622), the daughter of William and Susan Lock of Wimbledon, Surrey, at that parish on 8 October 1657. She was buried at Martock on 25 April 1662. Stephenson's third wife was Mabel or Mabella Masters, of Martock, whom he married at Stoke sub Hamdon, Somerset, on 6 March 1665/6. She was buried at Martock on 6 August 1668. Finally, he was licensed to marry Anne Darby of Crewkerne, Somerset, in 1670 (no evidence of marriage survives). She was buried at Martock on 8 May 1685. Stephenson died on 15 July 1685 and was buried at Martock on 22 July following. In his will, made a month earlier, he refers to two daughters, Susanna (who, as a married woman, was left a token sum) and Mary, who was the main beneficiary and executrix. Stephenson's dissenting connections are evident in bequests to two fellow ejected ministers, Timothy Batt and John Turner and possibly a third if his son-in-law John Gardiner was the man of the same name ejected from the living of Staplegrove in Somerset in 1661.

Children of James Stephenson:

John, buried 25 May 1656 [Martock]. A physician according to Calamy, but I can find no corroboratory evidence.

Susanna, with wife Susan, born 10 August 1658 [Martock]. Husband of John Gardiner?

Mary, born 1 July 1660; bapt.25 July 1660 [Martock].

*Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; reissued 1988), p.463; Lambeth Palace Library, FII/3/252; F1/C, f.108 [*Directory*, ii, no.1049]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\PMART/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Martock, Somerset, 1653-1664; 1663-1759]; D\PMST.U.HAM/2/1/1 [parish registers of Stoke sub Hamdon, Somerset, 1558-1688]; J.L.Foster (ed.), *London Marriage Licences, 1521-1869* (London, 1887), p.1285; TNA, PROB 11/381, ff.265r-v [will of James Stephenson, clerk, of Martock, Somerset, 16 June 1685, pr.26 November 1685].

**Edward STIRRIDGE or STURRIDGE (d.1623)**

Person ID: 17042/30136

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Edward Stirridge, apothecary, of Bath does not appear to have married. He was the brother of the Bath apothecary, **Thomas Stirridge**, who named him as executor of his nuncupative will in 1623. Stirridge was buried in Bath Abbey on 15 May 1623. He left a lengthy will in which he made dozens of bequests to various kinsmen and women. He also made a large number of sizeable charitable donations, including £100 to the abbey church, £50 to the city of Bath towards the construction of a workhouse and £25 for the city's poor. He also left smaller bequests for the parish churches of neighbouring Walcott, Salford and Widcombe and their poor, as well as money for the repair of local roads. The chief beneficiaries, however, were Stirridge's mother Joan, living at Walcott (£100), and the children of the testator's dead brother Thomas (John, Elizabeth, Mary, Anne and Jane), who received over £380 in total. There were also small monetary bequests for Stirridge's two 'servants' or apprentices **Richard Randall** and **Robert Masters**. Finally, Stirridge named William Chapman, alderman, Robert Baker, gentleman, of Corston, and William Fisher, gentleman, of Weston, Somerset, as joint executors. The total value of Stirridge's estate was in excess of £750.

TNA, PROB 11/141, ff.189r-v [nuncupative will of Thomas Stirridge, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 26 January 1622/3, pr.12 March 1622/3]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, p.354; TNA, PROB 11/162, ff.108r-110r [will of Edward Stirridge, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 2 March 1631/2, pr.30 June 1632].

**Thomas STIRRIDGE or STURRIDGE (d.1623)**

Person ID: 17043

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Thomas Stirridge, apothecary, of Bath was the brother of fellow apothecary **Edward Stirridge**. He was practising in Bath from about 1613 until his death in 1623. He married on at least three occasions, to Elizabeth (buried at the abbey, 11 November 1617), Mary (buried at the abbey, 26 March 1621) and Susanna, who survived her husband. Stirridge was buried in Bath Abbey on 28 January 1622/3. In his will, Stirridge mentions various properties in Bath, including a garden next to Forest's Well, a house in Frog Lane and a shop in the city. This, and the rest of the testator's estate, was shared relatively equally among Stirridge's six children, John, Thomas, Mary, Elizabeth, Anne and Jane. He named his brother Edward as executor, asking him to sell his shop and goods and to distribute any overplus among his children. Stirridge may have been under the care of Dr **Edward Jorden** prior to his death as one of this name witnessed Stirridge's will.

Children of Thomas Stirridge or Sturridge:

Mary. She married John Simons or Symons at Publow, Somerset, 29 July 1630.

John, bapt.1 September 1613 [Bath Abbey].

Elizabeth, with wife Elizabeth, bapt.9 February 1614/15 [Bath Abbey].

Anne, with wife Mary, bapt.21 December 1619 [Bath Abbey].

Jane, with wife Mary, bapt.18 March 1620/1 [Bath Abbey].

Thomas, with wife Susanna, bapt.1 June 1622 [Bath Abbey].

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.18, 19, 22, 23, 24; ii, pp.347, 349, 350; TNA, PROB 11/141, ff.189r-v [nuncupative will of Thomas Stirridge, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 26 January 1622/3, pr.12 March 1622/3]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\PBL/2/1/1 [parish registers of Publow, Somerset, 1569-1699].

**John STODDON (d.1703)**

Person ID: 26246

Occ: barber

Loc: Stogursey, Somerset

John Stoddon, barber, was buried at Stogursey, Somerset, on 4 January 1702/3.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\STOGS/2/1/3 [parish registers of Stogursey, Somerset, 1660-1728].

**Sarah STONE (fl.1700-1736)**

Person ID: 18601

Occ: midwife

Loc: Bridgwater and Taunton, Somerset, Bristol and London

Most of the details of Stone's life come from the introduction to her *Complete Practice of Midwifery*, published in 1737. There, she describes how she was the daughter of one Mrs Holmes, a midwife of Bridgwater, Somerset, who taught her daughter Sarah the rudiments of the art of midwifery. In addition, Sarah claimed to have had instruction in anatomy and to have attended autopsies. She married Samuel Stone at Bridgwater on 24 November 1700. He was probably the same as the Samuel Stone, the son of Samuel Stone of Coleshill, Warwickshire, who was apprenticed to Thomas Stone, mercer, of London, in August 1689 and was made a freeman of the Society of Apothecaries on 1 September 1696. Further evidence to support such a claim is suggested by the fact that the entry for the baptism of Samuel and Sarah's daughter Mary at Taunton in 1711 describes Stone as of St Bride's, London, and a freeman of the city.

Sarah was settled in practice as a midwife at Bridgwater by about 1702. She probably inherited her mother's practice following her death in about 1703. Alternatively, Sarah's mother may have been the Sarah Holmes who was buried at Bridgwater on 19 May 1708. Sometime shortly after, she and her husband moved to Taunton, and after seventeen years in that town, moved on to Bristol, probably in order to fulfil Sarah's growing professional ambitions. Finally, the couple moved to London (possibly utilising old contacts of her husband in the city) from where she wrote to Dr **John Allen** of Bridgwater, requesting his assistance in providing testimonials of her good experience in the science of midwifery. Allen's effusive and supportive reply, dated 25 December 1736, was included in Stone's published work. The work itself is based on a collection of case studies gleaned from Stone's long career in the west country. They demonstrate beyond a doubt her close attention to detail and practical observation and enlightened approach toward the education of midwives. It is not known when or where Sarah and her husband died. They were last recorded as living in Piccadilly, in a house close to the earl of Burlington, in fashionable Piccadilly, London.

Children of Sarah Stone and husband Samuel:

Sarah, bapt.17 November 1702 [Bridgwater].

Child [no name given], bapt.3 April 1704 [Bridgwater].

Mary, bapt.25 July 1711 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Publication:

*A Complete Practice of Midwifery* (London, T.Cooper, 1737). Dedicated to Queen Caroline, wife of George II.

*ODNB*, *sub* Stone, nee Holmes, Sarah, article by I.Grundy; I.Grundy, 'Sarah Stone: Enlightenment Midwife', in R.Porter (ed.), *Medicine in the Enlightenment* (Amsterdam, 1995), pp.128-44; R.Woods and C.Galley, *Mrs Stone and Dr Smellie: Eighteenth-Century Midwives and Their Patients* (Cambridge, 2014), chapters 3 and 4; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW.M/2/1/3 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1682-1714]; Society of Apothecaries, apprenticeship and freemen registers; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1685-1776].

**Walter STONE (fl.1662)**

Person ID: 12582

Occ: licensed physician

Loc: Pensford, Somerset

Walter Stone, gentleman, of Pensford, Somerset, was licensed to practise physic in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 1 December 1662.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 1 December 1662.

**Richard STREAT or STREET (fl.1573)**

Person ID: 34553

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Agnes, the daughter of Richard Streate, surgeon, was baptised at St James', Bath, on 27 September 1573.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BA.JA/2/1/1 [parish registers of St James, Bath, Somerset, 1569-1694].

**Joanna STREET or STRETE (d.1613)**

Person ID: 34554

Occ: midwife

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

Joanna Street or Strete, midwife, was buried at Bridgwater, Somerset, on 22 March 1612/13.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW/M/2/1/1 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1558-1653].

**William STUCKEY (d.1667)**

Person ID: 12648

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: South Petherton, Somerset

William Stuckey of South Petherton, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 24 September 1662. William Stuckey was buried at South Petherton on 11 July 1667.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 24 September 1662; D\P\PET.S/2/1/1 [parish registers of South Petherton, Somerset, 1574-1674].

**John SYMES (fl.1662-1686)**

Person ID: 34555

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

Symes was practising surgery and medicine at Bridgwater in 1662. Two years later, he was the subject of a case brought in the Court of Arches by two Bridgwater practitioners, Selwyn **Chapman** and **John Haviland**, alleging that Symes had been practising without a licence. He was still alive in 1686, when John Symes Snr, medical licentiate, provided a testimonial for **Robert Roy** of Kilve, Somerset, an applicant for a Canterbury medical licence. He was almost certainly dead by 1702 as he is not mentioned in the will of his son **John**, an apothecary. However, one John Symes Snr was buried at Bridgwater on 21 January 1706/7.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\vc/41, f.63v; Lambeth Palace Library, A4, f.12; Bbb 37, 51; VX 1A/10/231/1-4; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW.M/2/1/3 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1682-1714].

**John SYMES (d.1702)**

Person ID: 12739

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

John Symes, gentleman, of Bridgwater, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Exeter and Gloucester on 2 December 1689. Letters testimonial in support of his application were signed by Dr **John Osmund** of Exeter and **Elisha Peck**, apothecary and licensed physician of Bridgwater, as well as two local clergymen. Symes was an apothecary and was probably the son of **John Symes**, surgeon, of Bridgwater. He was licensed to marry Elizabeth Watts of Poulting, Somerset, spinster, on 31 October 1676 (record of marriage undiscovered). He died in November 1702. One of this name was buried at All Hallows Bread Street, London, on 13 November 1702 (he was lodging at the Bell Inn in Friday Street). Symes left a property in Bridgwater and over £400 to his wife Elizabeth, and children John, Samuel and Mary. Two married daughters, Anne Maunder and Hannah Jones, are also mentioned. Oddly, none of Symes children would appear to have been



baptized in the parish church of Bridgwater raising speculation that he may have been a nonconformist. One John Symms of Bridgwater, probably the apothecary's son, married Anne Michael of Neath, Glamorgan in Wales, at Bedminster, Somerset, 29 July 1709.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/262/1-3; Somerset Heritage Centre, **marriage licence, 31 Oct 1676**; W.Bruce Bannerman (ed.), *The Registers of All Hallows, Bread Street, and of St John the Evangelist, Friday Street, London* (London, HS, vol.43, 1913), p.216; TNA, PROB 11/467, ff.132v-133r [will of John Symes, apothecary, of Bridgwater, Somerset, 9 November 1702, pr.28 November 1702]; Bristol Archives, P/ST.JBED/R/1/b [parish registers of Bedminster, Somerset, 1690-1722].

**John TARCHILL or TEACHELL (fl.1682-1684)**

Person ID: 12788

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Somerset and Southwark, Surrey

John Tarchill of Somerset was made an extra licentiate of the College of Physicians in London on 17 August 1682. He may have practised medicine in and around London, rather than Somerset, as one John Teachell, doctor of phisick, buried an infant daughter Mary at St Saviour's, Southwark, Surrey, on 12 February 1683/4.

Munk, i, p.413; London Metropolitan Archives, P92/SAV/3004 [parish registers of St Saviour's, Southwark, Surrey, 1673-1705].

**Edward TATHAM or TATUM (1649-1721)**

Person ID: 34556

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Wincanton, Somerset

Edward Tatham was the son of **Edward Tatham**, apothecary, and was baptized at St Peter's, Shaftesbury in Dorset on 12 April 1649. After setting up as an apothecary in Wincanton, Somerset, Tatham and his wife Sarah (otherwise unidentified) baptized seven children in the parish. He was still alive in December 1697, when his young son **Edward**, a naval surgeon bound for Guinea, made his will at Wapping, Middlesex, naming his father as executor and sole legatee. Tatham was buried at Wincanton on 28 February 1720/1.

Children of Edward Tatham or Tatum and wife Sarah:

Margaret, bapt.16 July 1677 [Wincanton].

**Edward**, bapt.29 September 1679 [Wincanton]. He became a surgeon and died abroad on a voyage to Guinea.

**Thomas**, bapt.17 April 1682 [Wincanton]. He practised as an apothecary at Mere in Wiltshire where he was buried on 15 April 1755.

Elizabeth, bapt.7 July 1684 [Wincanton].

John, bapt.2 February 1686/7 [Wincanton].

**Henry**, bapt.9 June 1690 [Wincanton]. He became an apothecary in Wincanton and was buried there, 3 February 1740/1.

Mary, bapt.27 October 1691 [Wincanton].

Dorset History Centre, PE/SY: RE1/1 [parish registers of St Peter's, Shaftesbury, Dorset]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WINC/2/1/1 and 3 [parish registers of Wincanton, Somerset, 1636-1721; 1731-1762]; TNA, PROB 11/451, ff.145r-v [will of Edward Tatham, chyrurgeon, of Wincanton, Somerset, 21 December 1697, pr.27 June 1699].

**Edward TATHAM or TATUM (b.1679)**

Person ID: 34557

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Wincanton, Somerset

Edward Tatham was the son of **Edward Tatham**, apothecary, of Wincanton, and his wife Sarah, and was baptized there on 29 September 1679. At the age of 18, he was serving as surgeon aboard the 'Lyon' frigate bound for Guinea, where he probably died. In his will, made at Wapping, Middlesex, before departure, he left his small estate to his father and executor Edward.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WINC/2/1/1 [parish registers of Wincanton, Somerset, 1636-1721]; TNA, PROB 11/451, ff.145r-v [will of Edward Tatham, chyrurgeon, of Wincanton, Somerset, 21 December 1697, pr.27 June 1699].

**Henry TATHAM or TATUM (1690-1741)**

Person ID: 18256

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Wincanton, Somerset

Henry Tatham was the son of **Edward Tatham**, apothecary, of Wincanton and his wife Sarah, and was baptized at Wincanton on 9 June 1690. He was licensed to marry Mary Gapper of Wincanton, widow, at Keinton Mandeville, Somerset, on 8 March 1711/12 (the registers of that parish do not survive for this year). The couple baptized one child, Edward, at Wincanton, on 30 May 1712. Henry Tatham was buried at Wincanton on 3 February 1740/1.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WINC/2/1/1 and 3 [parish registers of Wincanton, Somerset, 1636-1721; 1731-1762]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.397.

**John TAYLOR (d.1618)**

Person ID: 16251

Occ: barber

Loc: Crewkerne, Somerset

John Taylor, barber, married Annis or Agnes Chubb at Crewkerne, Somerset, on 8 April 1600. Taylor, who is also referred to as Taylor alias Barber in the parish registers, was buried at Crewkerne on 15 October 1618. In his will he left property in Crewkerne, including six acres purchased from the feoffees of Crewkerne School, to his wife Agnes and sons William and Robert. In addition, he left £60 to his daughters Agnes and Joan with the residue of his estate to be divided among his other three

sons, John, Richard and Hugh. All of his children were not yet come of age, so Taylor placed his estate in the hands of his 'loving brothers' William Taylor, clerk, and George Merifield, yeoman, who were to act on their behalf as executors in trust.

Children of John Taylor (alias Barber) and wife Agnes:

Hugh, bapt.21 December 1602 [Crewkerne].  
William, bapt.1 January 1604/5 [Crewkerne].  
John, bapt.2 March 1604/5 [Crewkerne].  
Grace, bapt.20 August 1608 [Crewkerne].  
Richard, bapt.31 December 1609 [Crewkerne].  
Hugh, bapt.7 February 1610/11 [Crewkerne].  
Joan, bapt.9 April 1615 [Crewkerne].  
Robert [will].  
Agnes [will].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CREW/2/1/1 [parish registers of Crewkerne, Somerset, 1558-1650]; TNA, PROB 11/132, ff.470v-471r [will of John Tayler, barber, of Crewkerne, Somerset, 26 March 1617, pr.20 November 1618].

**John TAYLOR (fl.1662)**

Person ID: 26417

Occ: barber

Loc: Crewkerne, Somerset

John, the son of John Taylor, barber, of Crewkerne, Somerset, was baptized at Crewkerne on 2 April 1662. Further identification is difficult as there would appear to have been others of the same name living in Crewkerne at this time, including one John Taylor, a carrier or helyar.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CREW/2/1/2 [parish registers of Crewkerne, Somerset, 1653-1686].

**Robert THATCHER (fl.1667-1685)**

Person ID: 12889

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Wedmore, Somerset

Robert Thatcher of Wedmore, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the deanery of Wells on 4 September 1675. A year later, he signed letters testimonial on behalf of **Richard Lovell**, then of Langford, Somerset, who was seeking a licence from the dean of Bristol to practise surgery in the peculiar of Banwell and Churchill, Somerset. Thatcher had been working as a surgeon from at least 1667 in which year he is mentioned as assisting in an amputation in the poor law accounts of the nearby village of Mark. In 1685, he joined, with twenty other men of Wedmore, the rebel army of the duke of Monmouth. He was subsequently tried at Wells and was listed for execution. His land was declared forfeit and sold, but there is no record of his execution.

A Robert Thatcher is listed as having married three times at Wedmore: Eleanor Edwards (7 June 1663); Alice Webb (9 August 1660) and Alice Cullock (2 November 1666). No other records of him survive in the Wedmore registers.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 13 April 1676; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/104/1-6; W.MacDonald Wigfield, *The Monmouth Rebels 1685* (Taunton, 1985), p.169; *Calendar of Treasury Books. Vol 8, 1685-1689* (London, 1923), pp.421, 2004; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WED/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Wedmore, Somerset, 1611-1663; 1663-1727].

**Lewis or Louis THIERY (d.1680)**

Person ID: 12904

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Hinton Blewett, Somerset

Lewis or Louis Thiery of Hinton Blewett, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 8 October 1662. Thiery was active between 1655 and 1670, when he and his wife Grace baptized at least six children at Publow and Hinton Blewett. According to a memorial slab in the church of Hinton Blewett, Thiery, a Protestant refugee from France, died in 1680, and his wife Grace in 1716. Unfortunately, the poor condition of the registers of Hinton Blewett make it impossible to determine the exact dates of burial.

Children of Lewis or Louis Thiery and wife Grace:

Mary, born 10 February 1654/5 [Publow].

Richard, born 12 February 1656/7 [Hinton Blewett].

Grace, born 3 March 1657/8 [Hinton Blewett].

Lewis, born 19 March 1659/60 [Hinton Blewett].

Bevis, born and bapt.2 March 1664/5; buried 23 April 1746 [Hinton Blewett].

Matthew, born 15 December 1670; bapt.16 December 1670 [Hinton Blewett].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 8 October 1662; D\P\PBL/2/1/2 [parish registers of Publow, Somerset, 1654-1734]; D\P\HIN.BL/2/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Hinton Blewett, Somerset, 1563-1745; 1735-1788]; *m.i.*, Hinton Blewett, Somerset; M.McDermott and S.Berry (eds), *Edmund Rack's Survey of Somerset* (Taunton, SANHS, 2010), p.120.

**Edmund THOMAS (d.1715)**

Person ID: 12909

Occ: surgeon

Stogumber, Somerset, and Laleston, Glamorganshire, Wales

Edmund Thomas of Stogumber, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 20 January 1694/5. He is probably the same as the Edmund Thomas, surgeon, who died in 1715 and was buried at Laleston in Glamorganshire, Wales, on 8 September 1715. There is a monument to his memory in the parish church of Laleston.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 10 January 1694/5; **National Library of Wales, LL/1716/49 [will, bond and inventory of Edmund Thomas, surgeon, of Laleston, Glamorganshire, proved 1716]; *m.i.*, Laleston, Glamorganshire.**

**John THOMAS (*fl.*1612)**

Person ID: 34558

Occ: astrological physician

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

John Thomas, practitioner in the judicials of Astrologie and Phisick, was the author of *A Prognostication for the Present Yeere ... MDCXII* (London, 1612), which was published for the meridian of Bridgwater. Otherwise unidentified.

**William THOMAS (d.c.1682)**

Person ID: 34559

Occ: barber

Loc: Dulverton, Somerset

William Thomas, barber, of Dulverton, Somerset, married Jane Coleman of the same parish at Dulverton on 30 December 1656. His first wife Elizabeth was buried at Dulverton on 29 December 1655. He may have died about 1682 when his inventory was probated; no record of his burial, though, has been found in the registers.

Children of William Thomas:

Elizabeth, born 21 September 1655; bapt.14 October 1655; buried 29 April 1658 [Dulverton].

Jane, bapt.13 October 1657; buried 6 February 1657/8 [Dulverton].

Isaac, born and bapt.24 April 1660 [Dulverton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\DUL/2/1/1 [parish registers of Dulverton, Somerset, 1558-1677]; A.J.Webb (ed.), *Handlist of Somerset Probate Inventories and Administrators Accounts 1482-1924* (Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.98, 2019), p.221, no.6641 [Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\SP/1682/54, inventory of William Thomas, barber, of Dulverton, 1682].

**John THOMPSON or TOMPSON (*fl.*1596)**

Person ID: 34871

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

John Thompson or Tompson, apothecary, of Taunton, Somerset, was a defendant in a case of debt brought before the Court of Common Pleas in 1596. He may have been the John Tompson Snr who was buried at St James', Taunton, on 7 August 1632.

TNA, CP40/1576 [1596]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.JA/2/1/2 [parish registers of St James', Taunton, Somerset, 1626-1675].

**Robert THOMPSON or TOMSON (*fl.*1609)**

Person ID: 13117

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Dunster, Somerset

In 1609, Mary, the wife of Robert Tomson, surgeon, of Dunster, Somerset, was examined with others 'concerning the digging of earth beneath the gallows at Bridgwater' and other magical practices. The outcome of the case is not known.

Somerset Heritage Centre, Q/SR/7/76-77.

**John THORNE (fl.1705)**

Person ID: 12980

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Milverton, Somerset

John Thorne of Milverton, Somerset, was licensed to practise the art of surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 2 March 1704/5.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 2 March 1704/5.

**William THORNTON (d.1688)**

Person ID: 13002

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Bruton, Somerset

William Thornton of Bruton, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 15 October 1662. Thornton married Susanna Coop at Wincanton, Somerset, on 22 July 1662. The couple baptized nine children at Bruton between 1663 and 1680. William Thornton was buried at Bruton on 16 March 1687/8.

Children of William Thornton:

William, bapt.8 September 1663 [Bruton].  
Susanna, bapt.1 June 1665 [Bruton].  
Mary, bapt.5 February 1666/7 [Bruton].  
John, bapt.19 August 1669 [Bruton].  
Anne, bapt.30 June 1671 [Bruton].  
Hannah, bapt.16 March 1673/4 [Bruton].  
Elizabeth, bapt.25 April 1676 [Bruton].  
Sarah, bapt.25 February 1677/8; buried 27 July 1680 [Bruton].  
Martha, bapt.18 March 1670/80 [Bruton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 15 October 1662; D\P\WINC/2/1/1 [parish registers of Wincanton, Somerset, 1636-1721]; D\P\BRUT/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Bruton, Somerset, 1649-1681; 1681-1770].

**John TIBBETS or TYBATTS (d.1636)**

Person ID: 13355

Occ: physician

Loc: Cheddar, Somerset

John Tibbets or Tybbet was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the province of Canterbury on 5 May 1626. In all probability, he is the same as the John Tibbets, physician, who was buried at Cheddar in Somerset on 13 February 1635/6. A son John was baptized at Cheddar on 21 December 1617.

Lambeth Palace Library, Abbot 2, f.211v [*Directory*, i, no.838]; Somerset Heritage Centre, copy of transcripts of parish registers of Cheddar, 1601-1675.

**Henry TICHENOR or TICKENER (d.1644)**

Person ID: 34560

Occ: physician

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

Henry Tickener, 'medicus', was buried at Bridgwater on 22 June 1644. He was married to Anne (otherwise unidentified), the couple baptizing and burying two children in the parish of Bridgwater between 1638 and 1641. Anne, who died in childbirth, was buried at Bridgwater on 6 November 1640.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1558-1653].

**Joseph TILLEY (fl.1664-1678)**

Person ID: 13063

Occ: mountebank/tooth drawer/physician

Loc: Chelmsford, Essex, Devon and Somerset

One Joseph Tilley, toothdrawer, of Chelmsford, Essex, was prosecuted for a misdemeanour at the Essex quarter sessions in 1664. His sureties included **Richard Amyas**, surgeon, of Chelmsford. He may be the man of the same name, described as a 'mountebank', whose child (unnamed) was buried at Bruton, Somerset, on 10 May 1678. Finally, on a signed declaration dated 2 September 1689, it was stated that **Abraham Quick** of Tiverton, Devon, had served an apprenticeship under Joseph Tilley, 'doctor in physique', from whom he had learned the art of medicine. Given the west country connections, Joseph may have been related to **Jarman Tilley** (d.1678), apothecary, of Exeter.

Essex Record Office, Q/SR 402/115 [23 September 1664]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BRUT/2/1/2 [parish registers of Bruton, Somerset, 1649-1681]; Devon Heritage Centre, PR 518/Devon/Tiverton.

**Richard TOOELL, TOVELL or TOWILL (1656-1704)**

Person ID: 13161

Occ: clergyman/physician

Loc: Dulverton, Somerset

Richard Tooell or Tovell was the son of Richard Tooell and his wife Hester of Taunton, Somerset, and was baptized at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 3 August 1656. Tooell combined the practice of medicine with his duties as a dissenting

minister at Dulverton in Somerset. He was licensed to practise medicine throughout the province of Canterbury on 10 June 1686. Testimonials on his behalf were signed by two Somerset practitioners, **Elisha Peck** and **John Skinner**, as well as two local clergymen, Still Stride (d.1692), vicar of St James', Taunton, and Harry Bayly. Tooell was ordained the following year at Lyme Regis, Dorset, probably assisting and then succeeding Joseph Chadwick as minister to the nonconformist congregation at Dulverton.

Tooell married twice. Firstly, he married Jane Sealy at Dulverton on 19 August 1685. She was buried in the same parish on 7 April 1701. And secondly, he married Ann Toope of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, at St James', Taunton, on 29 December 1701. Tooell, described as a dissenting minister, was buried at Dulverton on 9 March 1703/4. In his will, he refers to property at Litchett Matravers and Canford in Dorset, part of his second wife's dowry, as well as lands in Colyton and Colyford, Devon, that had been transferred to his her before their marriage by her brother Daniel Toope. Tooell also held a mortgaged property in the parish of Buckland and was creditor to various people, including his brother-in-law Arthur Tooell or Towill of Taunton (probably the Presbyterian minister at Minehead, who died in 1729). In addition to giving his wife Ann £100 above her expected settlement, Tooell left the majority of his estate to his two surviving children by his first wife, namely Richard and Elizabeth, as well as granting a moderate annuity to his mother Hester. In a codicil, Tooell made numerous minor amendments and additional bequests, including leaving his 'study of books' to his son Richard.

Children of Richard Tooell or Tovell and wife Jane:

Elizabeth [will].  
Richard [will].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/1 and 32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696; 1682-1760]; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/234/1-3; Sancroft, f.262 [*Directory*, i, no.826]; A.Gordon (ed.), *Freedom After Ejection: A Review (1690-1692) of Presbyterian and Congregational Nonconformity in England and Wales* (Manchester, London & New York, 1917), pp.93-95, 369; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\DUL/2/1/2 [parish registers of Dulverton, Somerset, 1678-1765]; D\P\TAU.JA/2/1/8 [parish registers of St James', Taunton, Somerset, 1662-1718]; TNA, PROB 11/484, ff.348v-350v [will of Richard Tovell, clerk, of Dulverton, Somerset, 24 April 1703 and 26 February 1703/4, pr.2 May 1705].

**Robert TOOPE (c.1641-1693)**

Person ID: 13139

Occ: physician

Loc: Devizes and Marlborough, Wiltshire, and Bath, Somerset

Robert Toope was probably the son of Francis Toope, gentleman, of East Knoyle, Wiltshire, who as a young man fought on the side of the king and subsequently compounded for his estates with the parliamentary victors. Francis was subsequently arrested in the wake of Penruddock's Rising in 1655. Robert is probably the gentleman of that name who matriculated at Trinity College, Oxford, on 8



December 1658. He does not appear to have possessed formal medical qualifications and is first heard of in practice at Devizes, Wiltshire, in 1671 when he was described as ‘medicus’ in the churchwardens’ returns for that year. By 1678 he was living in Marlborough, Wiltshire, but have moved to Bath by 1683. In April of the latter year, he wrote to the natural philosopher Robert Boyle recounting a cure that he had performed in Marlborough five years earlier. In 1684, he supplied a testimonial on behalf of a former graduate of his alma mater, Trinity College, Oxford, and five years later he subscribed to **Christopher Packe**’s translation of the works of the Dutch iatrochemist Johann Rudolph Glauber.

Toope married twice. In April 1667, when he described himself as a gentleman of East Knoyle, Wiltshire, and aged 26, he was licensed to marry Anne Bennett, a spinster aged 20, of Motcombe, Dorset. She, in all probability, was the daughter of the royalist MP John Bennett (d.1677) of Shaftesbury, Dorset, who had married Frances Toope of Shaftesbury, a kinswoman of Toope the physician. No record of Robert and Anne’s marriage survives. Anne died in 1679 and was buried at St Mary’s, Devizes, on 14 July 1679. Nothing is known of Toope’s second wife Grace. Toope was buried in Bath Abbey on 2 December 1693. In his brief will, Toope left small bequests to five daughters and the bulk of his estate to his wife Grace. She would appear to have lodged guests to the baths after the death of her husband and was buried in the abbey on 20 February 1711/12.

Children of Mr Robert Toope and wife Ann:

Anne, bapt.29 July 1670 [St Mary’s, Devizes].  
 Frances, bapt.3 August 1672 [St Mary’s, Devizes].  
 Frances, bapt.3 June 1674 [St Mary’s, Devizes].  
 Robert, buried 15 April 1676 [St Mary’s, Devizes].  
 Patience, bapt.29 June 1676 [St Mary’s, Devizes].  
 Katherine, bapt.17 August 1677 [St Peter and Paul, Marlborough].

Children of Dr Robert Toope and wife Grace:

Mary, bapt.7 March 1692/3 [Bath Abbey].  
 unnamed daughter [will].

Foster, iv, p.1496; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, D1/50/1, p.14; *The Correspondence of Robert Boyle*, eds M.Hunter, A.Clericuzio and L.Principe, 6 vols (London, 2001), v, pp.401-2 [Toope to Boyle, 5 April 1683]; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, D1/14/1/1d; *The Works of Johann Rudolph Glauber*, ed.C.Packe (London, 1689); Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, Marriage Licence Bonds, diocese of Salisbury, 1609-1837; 1656/2 [parish registers of St Mary’s, Devizes, Wiltshire, 1659-1713]; 1050/16 [parish registers of St Peter and Paul, Marlborough, Wiltshire, 1663-1690]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, p.70; ii, pp.392, 405; TNA, PROB 11/417, f.359r [will of Robert Toope, physician, of Bath, Somerset, 6 May 1693, pr.7 December 1693].

**Roger TOOSE (fl.1664-1666)**

Person ID: 13140

Occ: surgeon/physician

Loc: Bishop Sutton, Somerset

In June 1664, Roger Toose, surgeon, then living in Bishop Sutton (in the parish of Chew Magna), Somerset, was accused at the quarter sessions of being the reputed father of Elizabeth Purnell of Bishop Sutton as well as trying to bed two other women. His political views were equally suspect. Two years later, in June 1666, he was suspected of uttering subversive opinions and imprisoned at Westbury in Wiltshire. From there, he was transferred to the Gatehouse at Westminster. He subsequently appealed to Lord Arlington for release on the grounds that he had been drunk when he spoke the words that he was accused for and now promised to swear the oaths of allegiance and supremacy. Described as a 'practiser of physic', two cordwainers living in the parish of St Margaret's, Westminster, stood bail for Toose and he was finally ordered to be released in November 1666. Thereafter, no more is heard of Toose.

Somerset Heritage Centre, Q/SR/106/14; *CSPD, 1665-1666*, pp.443, 451; *1666-1667*, pp.69, 76, 112, 205, 242.

**Robert TORR (fl.1655-1678)**

Person ID: 13149

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Yeovil, Somerset

Robert Torr, barber surgeon, of Yeovil, Somerset, married Elizabeth Coggan at Lyme Regis, Dorset, on 22 October 1655. He was still alive in 1678, when he was listed as an outlet for the sale of Bromfield's cure-all pill. Torr was probably a Baptist.

Children of Robert Torr:

Robert, born 16 August 1656; buried 4 March 1661/2 [Yeovil].

Elizabeth, born 2 October 1659 [Yeovil]. She married **Thomas Pitts**, barber surgeon, of Lyme Regis, Dorset, at Yeovil, 29 May 1683 and was buried at Lyme on 29 June 1697.

Robert, born 23 July 1662 [Yeovil].

Katherine, born 24 July 1665 [Yeovil].

**John**, born 30 November 1667 [Yeovil]. A Baptist, he practised as a surgeon at Lyme Regis, Dorset, and was buried there in 1735.

Dorset History Centre, PE/LR: RE1/1 [parish registers of Lyme Regis, Dorset]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\YEO.J/2/1/3 [parish registers of Yeovil, Somerset, 1650-1699]; Matthew Bromfield, *A Brief Discovery of the True Causes, Symptoms, and effects of ... Scurvy* (London, 1678), p.16.

**John TRAPNELL (1590-1620)**

Person ID: 17249/18185

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Chard, Somerset

John Trapnell, apothecary, of Chard, Somerset, was the son of John Trapnell of North Curry, Somerset, where he was baptized on 15 November 1590. He was probably living in Taunton in 1615 when he was ordered to make restitution to the churchwardens of St James' parish as the father of an illegitimate child born to Joan Merrick. Trapnell died in 1620 and was probably buried at Chard (the registers do not survive for this period). His will mentions a wife and daughter named Joan (suggesting he probably married Joan Merrick, above, though no record of the marriage has survived), the latter receiving the bulk of her father's estate (£100). His wife Joan was named as executrix, and Trapnell's father John, brother-in-law William Collopp and Thomas Bowridge, mercer, of Exeter acted as overseers.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CUR.N/2/1/1 [parish registers of North Curry, Somerset, 1539-1721]; Rev.E.H.Bates (ed.), *Quarter Sessions Records for the County of Somerset. Vol.I, 1607-1625* (London, Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.23, 1907), p.149; TNA, PROB 11/136, ff.171v-172r [will of John Trapnell, apothecary, of Chard, Somerset, 7 March 1619/20, pr.16 September 1620].

**Robert TRATT, TREATE or TROTT (d.1600)**

Person ID: 26659

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Pitminster, Somerset

Robert Treate of Pitminster, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 16 June 1579. He and his wife Honoria baptized six children at Pitminster between 1565 and 1584, the youngest of whom Richard (1584-1669) emigrated to New England where he became a patentee of the royal charter for Connecticut in 1662. Robert Trott was buried at Pitminster on 12 February 1599/1600. His widow Honoria was buried in the same parish on 17 September 1627.

Children of Robert Treate/Trott and wife Honoria:

Alice, bapt.4 February 1564/5 [Pitminster].

John, bapt.10 September 1570 [Pitminster]. He married Edith Priest, daughter of Edith Priest, at Pitminster, 24 April 1598.

Mary, bapt.6 February 1575/6 [Pitminster]. She married Robert Babb, widower, at Pitminster, 8 October 1597.

Agnes, bapt.18 February 1577/8 [Pitminster]. She married John Aplin, the son of Richard Aplin at Pitminster, 26 August 1598.

Tamsin, bapt.26 May 1581 [Pitminster].

Richard, bapt.28 August 1584 [Pitminster]. He married Alice Gaylard at Pitminster, 27 April 1615 and was buried at Wethersfield, Connecticut, on 27 April 1669.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\ol/6, *sub* 16 June 1579; D\P\PITC/2/1/1 [parish registers of Pitminster, Somerset, 2/1/1, 1542-1701].

**Francis TREBLE (1697-1725)**

Person ID: 13194

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bishop's Hull and Taunton, Somerset

Francis Treble was the son of William Treble, gent, and his wife Elizabeth and was baptized at Combe Florey, Somerset, on 27 October 1687. He was living in Tiverton, Devon, when he married Mary Lee at St Petrock's, Exeter, on 29 May 1716. The couple settled in the parish of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, where a son William was baptized on 2 August 1718. Treble died in 1725 and was buried at Bradford on Tone, Somerset, on 23 December 1725. His wife Mary pre-deceased him, being buried in the same parish on 20 February 1723/4. In his will, Treble left the vast bulk of his estate to his young son William, whom he also named as executor. As he was not yet of age, Treble appointed his friend John Merley, gent, brother Bartholomew Treble, brother-in-law **William Leigh**, surgeon, of Bradford, and James Leigh, of Taunton, yeoman, as trustees. He also left £150 to two nephews William and Sacheverell Leigh.

Apprentice of Francis Treble, surgeon:

Edward Addicott for the premium of £100 as recorded in 1724.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CO.FL/2/1/1 [parish registers of Combe Florey, Somerset, 1566-1697]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2946A [parish registers of St Petrock's, Exeter, Devon]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/2 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1685-1776]; D\P\BRA.T/2/1/4 [parish registers of Bradford on Tone, Somerset, 1716-1812]; A.J.Monday and M.Siraut (eds), *Somerset Wills* (Taunton, Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.89, 2003), p.??? [will of Francis Treble, surgeon, of Bishop's Hull, Somerset, 11 November 1725, pr.1732]; Somerset Heritage Centre, DD/SAS RF 3/3/2 [original copy of preceding]; TNA, IR 1/48, f.222.

**TUCKER (fl.1671)**

Person ID: 13260

Occ; surgeon

Loc: Old Cleeve, Somerset

In 1671 William Clavell of Old Cleeve, Somerset, in a deposition before the Somerset quarter sessions referred to one [Slarste?] Tucker, a 'prest chirurgion' of Old Cleeve. Tucker may have been impressed to serve as a naval surgeon, but the meaning is unclear. Otherwise unidentified.

Somerset Heritage Centre, Q/SR/115/58.

**Robert TUCKER (fl.1642)**

Person ID: 34875

Occ: barber

Loc: Ilminster, Somerset

Robert Tucker, barber, of Ilminster, Somerset, was a defendant in a case of trespass prosecuted in the Court of Common Pleas in 1642.

TNA, CP40/2498, m.1899 [1642].

**Richard TUCKEY or TUCKY (d.1712)**

Person ID: 13265

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Kewstoke, Somerset

Richard Tuckey, barber surgeon, of Kewstoke married Mary Moss of the same parish at Weston super Mare, Somerset, on 6 February 1688/9. He was probably the same as the Richard Tucky, the son of Richard Tucky of Radstock, Somerset, yeoman, who was apprenticed to **Edward Thurston**, barber surgeon, of Bristol on 14 September 1670. Tuckey/Tucky was made a freeman of Bristol on 27 September 1677 and was buried at Kewstoke on 3 April 1712.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from Their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.412; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WSM.JO/2/1/1 [parish registers of Weston super Mare, Somerset, 1662-1800]; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\KEW/2/1/1 [parish registers of Kewstoke, Somerset, 1667-1790].

**Francis TUTHILL (1644-1699)**

Person ID: 34561

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

Francis Tuthill was the son of Francis Tuthill (d.1659) and his wife Joanna of Bridgwater, Somerset, and was baptized at Bridgwater on 24 June 1644. Tuthill Senior was a puritan and parliamentarian who served as mayor of the town in 1649 but was removed from office for refusing to take the Engagement. He is referred to as an apothecary in the will of one George Pyke, esquire, of Essex, who named Tuthill as one of the joint executors of his will. Likewise in the apprenticeship record of his son Richard in 1693. Tuthill served as an alderman on the town council and was buried at Bridgwater on 7 November 1699.

Children of Francis Tuthill and wife Mary (otherwise unidentified):

**Francis**, bapt.31 March 1673 [Bridgwater]. He matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, on 16 May 1689 and graduated BA and MA in 1693 and 1695 respectively. He practised medicine at Dorchester in Dorset and was buried in the parish of Holy Trinity, 1 September 1704.

**John**, bapt.17 January 1676/7 [Bridgwater]. Apothecary  
**Richard**. He was apprenticed to Abraham Hooke, merchant, of Bristol, 30 September 1693. He is mentioned in his brother's will of 1704.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW/M/1/1 and 2 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1558-1653; 1652-1681]; D.Underdown, *Somerset in the Civil War and Interregnum* (Newton Abbot, 1973), pp.126, 158; East Sussex RO, AMS 1229/1569 [will of George Pyke, esquire, of Baythorne in Birdbrook, Essex, 7 February 1680]; Foster, iv, p.1524; Dorset History Centre, PE/DO (HT): RE1/2 [parish registers of Holy Trinity, Dorset]; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; TNA, PROB 11/484, ff.347r-v [will of Francis Tuthill, gent, of Dorchester, Dorset, 12 February 1703/4, pr.26 May 1705].

**John TUTHILL (1677-1713)**

Person ID: 34562

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

John Tuthill, the son of **Francis Tuthill**, apothecary, was baptized at Bridgwater, 17 January 1676/7. Mr John Tuthill was buried at Bridgwater, 17 May 1713.

Children of John and Elizabeth Tuthill:

**Thomas**, bapt.10 April 1702 [Bridgwater]. Apprenticed to **Richard Charleton**, apothecary, of Bristol, 1717.

Francis, bapt.26 December 1703 [Bridgwater]. He was apprenticed to William Barnsdale, sailor, of Bristol, 29 January 1719/20.

Richard, bapt.14 June 1705 [Bridgwater].

Mary, bapt.16 February 1706/7 [Bridgwater]. She married Mr John Tuthill, curate of Nether Stowey, Somerset, at Rodney Stoke, Somerset, 1 January 1719/20.

John, bapt.16 April 1710 [Bridgwater].

Richard, bapt.6 July 1712 [Bridgwater].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW/M/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1652-1681; 1682-1714]; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\ROD.S/2/1/1 [parish registers of Rodney Stoke, Somerset, 1655-1787].

**Thomas TUTHILL (1702-1722)**

Person ID: 17089

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bridgwater, Somerset

Thomas Tuthill was the son of **John Tuthill**, apothecary, and his wife Elizabeth of Bridgwater, Somerset, and was baptized there on 10 April 1702. He was apprenticed to **Richard Charleton**, apothecary, of Bristol, on 27 December 1717. He died unmarried in 1722 and was buried at Bridgwater on 13 May 1722. In his will, where he described himself as an apothecary, he left a small estate (with an interest in property at Chilton, Somerset) to be shared among his three brothers (Francis, John and Richard) and sister Mary, the wife of James Tuthill, minister of Nether Stowey, Somerset. He also left legacies for various uncles, nephews and nieces as well as mourning rings for **Richard Charleton**, apothecary, of Bristol (under whom he was serving his apprenticeship) and his family. He named his brother Francis as executor and his uncle John Tucker of Somerton and John Coles, merchant, of Bridgwater as trustees.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW.M/2/1/3 and 4 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1682-1714; 1715-1744]; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; TNA, PROB 11/598, ff.106v-107r [will of Thomas Tuthill, apothecary, of Bridgwater, Somerset, 28 April 1722, pr.30 June 1724].

**Nathaniel TYRLING (d.1722)**

Person ID: 13372

Occ: apothecary/physician

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Tyrling, variously described as an apothecary, physician and doctor of physic, practised in Fore Street, Taunton from at least 1688 until his death in 1722. He married on three occasions. Tyrling married Prudence Hicks of Taunton at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 4 January 1687/8. She died in 1706 and was buried at Mary Magdalene on 1 August 1706. Next, Nathaniel Tyrling, medicus, of Taunton married Benedicta Standerwick of Lyme Regis at Burlescombe, Devon, on 29 June 1708. She possessed an interest in the manor of Northleigh, Devon, and was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 28 November 1718. Finally, Dr Nathaniel Tyrling married Martha Blagdon of Keevil, Wiltshire, at Walton, Somerset, on 2 August 1721. Dr Nathaniel Tyrling was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 22 August 1722. In his will, he left all his estate to his wife and executrix Martha, who baptized a son Nathaniel at St Mary's on 1 January 1722/3.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/1 and 32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696; 1682-1760]; Devon Heritage Centre, 2513A/PR/1/1 [parish registers of Burlescombe, Devon]; 123M/L997; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WAL.SW/2/2/29 [parish registers of Walton, Somerset, 1678-1745]; A.J.Monday and M.Siraut (eds), *Somerset Wills* (Taunton, Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.89, 2003), p.??? [will of Nathaniel Tyrling, physician, of Taunton, Somerset, 11 August 1721, pr.1722]; Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\SAS RF 3/3/3 [original copy of preceding].

**Nevil UNWIN (d.1656)**

Person ID: 13392

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Nevil Unwin, surgeon, of Bath was buried at Bath Abbey on 18 September 1656. In his nuncupative will, made shortly before his death, he left his 'servant' Thomas Hammond various personal items including his books and surgical instruments as well as a debt of £6 due from his father Henry Hammond. Unwin left the rest of his estate to his nephew and executor Anthony Unwin, who may have been the vintner that died and was buried at St Andrew Holborn, London/Middlesex, in February 1665/6.

Unwin does not appear to have lived in Bath for the whole of his career. He married Helen Daniel or Darnoll at St Cuthbert, Wells, Somerset, on 24 October 1628. She was buried at Bath Abbey on 1 May 1651. Nevil Unwin may have been the child of that name, the son of Richard Unwin, who was born in Worcester in 1591. A Mr Richard Unwyn was buried at Bath Abbey on 23 May 1631.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, pp.354, 368, 371; TNA, PROB 11/260, f.24v [nuncupative will of Nevill Unwyn, surgeon, of Bath, Somerset, 14 September 1656, pr.7 October 1656]; London Metropolitan Archives, P69/AND2/A/010/MS 06673/004 [parish registers of St Andrew Holborn, London/Middlesex, 1653-1672];

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1609-1668].

**Tobias VENNER (c.1577-1660)**

Person ID: 13483

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Bath and Bridgwater, Somerset

Tobias Venner's parentage is unknown, though he was probably born in or near North Petherton, Somerset, in about 1577. No record, however, of his birth or baptism has been found. He matriculated at St Alban Hall, Oxford, where he is described in the register as a Somerset gentleman, aged 18, who proceeded BA in 1598/9 and MA in 1603. He graduated B Med and MD on 31 March 1613. Venner presumably set up in medical practice in Bridgwater soon after marrying Agnes Jeffrey in the town on 18 May 1601. By around 1620, Venner was dividing his time between a summer practice at Bath while practising for the rest of the year in the vicinity of North Petherton and Bridgwater. He probably moved permanently to Bath by 1623, though he would appear to have retained close connections with the area of his birth. In 1632 for example, a Bridgwater widow left him, his wife and two sons William and Tobias various bequests in her will.

In 1620, he published his first medical treatise on the virtues of that town's spa waters which he probably wrote in order to promote his new practice in the town. The work was accompanied by the first part of another publication by Venner on the preservation of health which was not completed and published until 1623. Venner's ideas were wholly conventional amounting to an exposition on the six non-naturals that affected the humoral temperament of individual patients and helped physicians to provide specific regimens for the same. Venner's interest in such environmental concerns is also evident in a third work, published in 1621, advertising the virtues of tobacco-smoking as a means of improving digestion and counteracting the malign influence of cold, damp and contagious airs. His practice was fully established by the 1630s and continued to prosper thanks in part, no doubt, to his religious and political inclinations which strongly favoured the parliamentary and puritan cause in the 1640s and 1650s. In 1655, for example, he was appointed physician to the Scudamore charity in Bath which provided free medical advice to poor strangers visiting the town and those seeking refuge at Bellott's Hospital. A puritanical streak is also evident in Venner's attack on medical interlopers, whom he had roundly condemned in 1623. Like other puritan physicians of the age, Venner condemned all forms of empiricism, including that of quacks, surgeons, apothecaries, women and clergymen, all of whom, he felt should remain within their own designated vocations (*Viae Rectae ad Vitam Longam, Pars Secunda*, sig.A3r-Br).

Venner's support for puritanism is evident through his role as an elder in the Presbyterian classis set up in Bath in 1648. It is also evident in the sarcastic comments that followed his death in 1660 when the Anglican physician **Thomas Guidott** wrote at length and disparagingly of the monument that was erected to his memory. This, he believed was inappropriate for one of his profession as it tended to venerate him as a clergyman and thus elevate him to 'sainthood', a dig no doubt at Venner's puritanism. His charitable good works, however, seem undisputed even if these too evoked the ire



of some fellow practitioners who felt, according to Guidott, that he was not the only physician in the town that reached out to assist the sick poor.

After the death of Venner's first wife, Agnes or Anne, in 1634 (she was buried in Bath Abbey on 1 May 1634), he married Mary Latham, the widow of Henry Latham (d.1631) of St Michael's, Bath, sometime in 1634 (marriage licence dated 20 October 1634; no record of marriage). She was buried at the abbey on 21 January 1646/7. Venner died on 27 March 1660 and was buried alongside her on 2 April 1660. In addition to a sizeable bequest to the poor of Bath (in keeping with his charitable inclinations), Venner left the bulk of his estate to the relatives of his late wife, the Parker family, including Henry, the son of **Henry Parker**, apothecary, who later practised medicine at Bath. Venner's children had all predeceased him. All three sons attended Oxford, **William** the eldest qualifying as a physician in 1633/4. I have found no evidence, *pace ODNB*, that all three practised medicine.

Children of Tobias Venner and wife Agnes:

**William**, bapt.14 March 1602/3 [Bridgwater]; buried 6 January 1659/60 [Bath Abbey]. B Med from Pembroke College, Oxford, 17 February 1633/4.  
Tobias, bapt.19 June 1606 [Bridgwater]; buried 10 January 1632/3 [Bath Abbey]. He matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, 15 June 1627, proceeding BA in 1627.  
John, bapt.11 March 1609/10 [Bridgwater]. He matriculated at Trinity College, Oxford, 22 October 1624, and possibly BA 24 October 1626 [Foster gives these dates for William, but they probably should apply to John].  
Agnes, buried 16 October 1618 [North Petherton].

Publications:

*Via Recta ad Vitam Longam. Or, A Plain Philosophical Discourse of the Nature, Faculties, and Effects, of All Such things, as by Way of Nourishments, and Dieteticall Observation, make for the Preservation of Health ... Wherein also, by Way of Introduction, the Nature and Choice of Habitable Places, with the True Use of our Famous Bathes of Bathe is Perspicuously Demonstrated* (London, E.Griffin, 1620). 2<sup>nd</sup> ed, London, T.Snodham, 1622. Later editions, 1638, 1639, 1650, 1660. Dedicated to Francis Bacon, Lord Chancellor of England.

*A Brief and Accurate Treatise, concerning, Taking the Fume of Tobacco which very many, in these days, doe too too [sic] licentious use* (London, W.Jones, 1621). Dedicated to Francis Hele and Sir Francis Rogers.

*Viae Rectae ad Vitam Longam, Pars Secunda wherein the True Use of Sleepe, Exercise, Excretions, and Perturbations is, with their Effects Discussed and Applied to Every Age, Constitution of Body, and Time of Yeare* (London, G.Eld, 1623). Dedicated to Charles, prince of Wales.

*The Bathes of Bathe ... Whereunto is also Annexed a Censure, Concerning the Water of Saints Vincents Rocks neere Bristol, which begins to grow in great request and use against the Stone* (London, F.Kingston, 1628). Dedicated to Princess Mary.

ODNB, *sub* Venner, Tobias, article by R.Rolls; Foster, iv, p.1541; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1558-1653]; TNA, PROB 11/163, ff.297v-298r [will of Eme Escott, widow, of Bridgwater, Somerset, 16 November 1632, pr.24 May 1633]; Bath Record Office, Bellott's admission and account book; W.A.Shaw, *A History of the English Church During the Civil Wars and Under the Commonwealth 1640-1660*, 2 vols (London, 1900), ii, p.415; TNA, KB27/1677, m.1269 [plaintiff in debt case, 1642]; Thomas Guidott, *A Discourse of the Bathe ... With an Account of the Lives, and Character, of the Physicians of Bathe* (London, 1676), pp.168-73; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, pp.355, 365, 374; TNA, PROB 11/162, f.17r [will of Henry Latham, gentleman, of Bath, Somerset, undated, pr.8 June 1632]; Somerset Heritage Centre, marriage licence of Dr Tobias Venner and Mary Latham, widow, 20 October 1634; TNA, PROB 11/298, ff.156v-157r [will of Tobias Venner, doctour of phisick, 21 January 1659/60, pr.14 April 1660]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\PET.N/2/1/1 [parish registers of North Petherton, Somerset, 1558-1692].

**William VENNER (1603-1659 or 1660)**

Person ID: 13484

Occ: physician

Loc: Bath, Somerset

William Venner, the son of Dr **Tobias Venner** and his wife Agnes, was baptized at Bridgwater, Somerset, on 14 March 1602/3. He graduated B Med from Pembroke College, Oxford, on 17 February 1633/4 and probably practised medicine alongside his father at Bath. He was buried at Bath Abbey on 6 January 1659/60.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BW.M/2/1/1 [parish registers of Bridgwater, Somerset, 1558-1653]; Foster, iv, p.1541; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), ii, p.374.

**William VIGAR or VIGOR (d.1738)**

Person ID: 13519

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bruton, Somerset

William Vigar of Bruton, Somerset, was licensed to practise the art of surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 21 August 1718. He married Collins Collins at All Saints, Bristol, on 30 June 1720, and thereafter set up in business as an apothecary in the town of Bruton in Somerset. His wife Collins was buried there on 19 March 1729/30. Mr William Vigor, apothecary, was buried at Bruton, 23 October 1738.

Children of Mr William Vigar and wife Collins:

William, bapt.21 July 1721 [Bruton].  
Elizabeth, bapt.25 October 1722 [Bruton].  
Charles, bapt.30 December 1724 [Bruton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\B\43, *sub* 21 August 1718; Bristol Archives, P/AS/R/1/b [parish registers of All Saints, Bristol, 1650-1812]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\B\BRUT/2/1/3 [parish registers of Bruton, Somerset, 1681-1770].

**John VINCENT (1672-1740)**

Person ID: 34563

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Ilminster, Somerset

John Vincent, the son of John Vincent, was baptized at Ilminster, 10 March 1671/2. He married Sarah Woates at Ilminster on 2 May 1694. He is described as a surgeon in the monument that was erected to his memory in the parish church of Ilminster, where an inscription states that he died on 17 June 1740, aged 68.

Children of John Vincent:

Mary, bapt.29 July 1694; buried 30 January 1699/1700 [Ilminster].

John, buried 5 September 1697 [Ilminster].

Sarah, bapt.7 March 1698/9 [Ilminster].

Thomas, buried 23 June 1700 [Ilminster].

Joan, bapt.4 February 1700/1 [Ilminster].

Alice, bapt.2 January 1703/4 [Ilminster].

Sarah, bapt.2 April 1704 [Ilminster].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\B\ILM/2/1/1 [parish registers of Ilminster, Somerset, 1646-1710]; M.McDermott and S.Berry (eds), *Edmund Rack's Survey of Somerset* (Taunton, SANHS, 2010), p.289.

**James VINING (1689-1736)**

Person ID: 18257

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Wincanton, Somerset

James Vining was the son of John and Mary Vining of Wincanton, Somerset, and was baptized at Wincanton on 30 May 1689. He married Dorothy Burlton at Shepton Montague, Somerset, on 6 October 1722. Vining practised as an apothecary at Wincanton in Somerset and was buried there on 31 December 1736. In his will, he left his house in Wincanton (where his mother Mary was then still living) to his wife Dorothy and their two daughters Dorothy and Elizabeth and requested that his brother in law William Burlton, esquire, of Knoyle, Wiltshire, and uncle George Deane of Wincanton should sell the rest of his property in Dunhead St Mary, Wiltshire, and Shaston, Dorset (part of dowry) and grant the proceeds, after payment of debts, to his wife and executrix Dorothy and £200 to his two daughters.

Children of James Vining and wife Dorothy:

Dorothy, bapt.2 February 1724/5 [Wincanton].

Elizabeth, bapt.17 December 1727 [Wincanton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WINC/2/1/1, 2 and 3 [parish registers of Wincanton, Somerset, 1636-1721; 1721-1734; 1731-1762]; D\D\SAS C795 SW10 1720 [parish register transcripts, Shepton Montague, Somerset]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.418; TNA, PROB 11/682, ff.186r-v [will of James Vining, apothecary, of Wincanton, Somerset, 4 December 1736, pr.17 March 1736/7].

**William WADDON (fl.1704)**

Person ID: 13557

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Yeovil, Somerset

William Waddon, surgeon, of Yeovil, Somerset, was licensed to marry Martha Goodford of the same parish, spinster, on 30 October 1704. No record of the marriage has been found, nor any further reference to Waddon.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from Their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.420.

**Thomas WAKELY (1656 or 1657- 1688)**

Person ID: 13584

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Chaffcombe, Somerset

Thomas Wakley was the eldest son of John Wakley (d.1678), rector of Lydeard St Lawrence, Somerset, and his wife Priscilla (d.1678), and was baptised at Lydeard on 11 January 1656/7. Following his ejection from the living of Lydeard in 1660, John lived on family lands at Holditch in the parish of Thorncombe, Devon (now in Dorset) which his son Thomas inherited after his father's death in 1678. The same properties were subsequently leased to another nonconformist minister John Hodder (d.1680). Nothing is known of Thomas' early education prior to becoming a medical student at Padua in Italy where he graduated MD on 28 March 1684. He presumably practised medicine on his return to England where in 1687 he signed letters testimonial on behalf of **Thomas Eyres** of Bermondsey, Surrey, an applicant for a Canterbury medical licence.

Wakley married Ursula Cox, the daughter of Peter Cox, at Chaffcombe, Somerset, on 31 March 1685, the couple baptizing two sons in the parish. Wakley was buried at Chaffcombe on 9 October 1688. His widow Ursula subsequently married Thomas Walsh of Chard at Dowlish Wake, Somerset, on 27 November 1689. She and her new family, as well as her sons Peter and Thomas Wakley, were remembered in the will of her father Peter Cox in 1695. Thomas eventually inherited lands at Holditch in 1710.

Children of Thomas Wakley and wife Ursula:

Peter, bapt.10 November 1686 [Chaffcombe].

Thomas, bapt.31 January 1688/9 [Chaffcombe].

*Calamy Revised*, ed.A.G.Matthews (Oxford, 1934; revised ed., 1988), pp.505-6; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\L.ST.L/2/1/2 [parish registers of Lydeard St

Lawrence, Somerset, 1678-1812]; TNA, PROB 11/359, f.218v [will of John Wakley, clerk, of Thorncombe, Devon, 20 May 1678, pr.4 February 1678/9]; PROB 11/364, ff.50r-v [will of John Hodder, clerk, of Thorncombe, Devon, 15 February 1678/9, pr.2 October 1680]; Royal College of Physicians, London, Innes Smith MSS; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/238; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CHAF/2/1/1 [parish registers of Chaffcombe, Somerset, 1678-1812]; TNA, PROB 4/6911 [administration of will of Thomas Wakley, doctor of physic, of Chaffcombe, Somerset, 1689]; D\P\D.WK/2/1/1 [parish registers of Dowlish Wake, Somerset, 1644-1763]; TNA, PROB 11/427, ff.160r-v [will of Peter Cox, clerk, of Chaffcombe, Somerset, 29 July 1695, pr.31 October 1695].

**Edmund WALL (fl.1710)**

Person ID: 18283

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Yeovil, Somerset

Edmund Wall, apothecary, of Yeovil, Somerset, married Magdalen Fry of Yeovil at Somerton, Somerset, on 6 November 1710.

Children of Edmund Wall:

Mary, bapt.7 March 1712/13; buried 13 June 1714 [Yeovil].  
 Edmund, bapt.14 March 1714/15; buried 4 June 1715 [Yeovil].  
 Mary, bapt.7 June 1716 [Yeovil].  
 Edmund, bapt.14 October 1717 [Yeovil].

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.422; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\SOM/2/1/1 [parish registers of Somerton, Somerset, 1697-1785]; D\P\YEO.J/2/1/2 [parish registers of Yeovil, Somerset, 1638-1783].

**Isobel WALLIS (d.1675)**

Person ID: 26893

Occ: midwife

Loc: Wrington, Somerset

Isobel Wallis, midwife, was buried at Wrington, Somerset, on 3 July 1675. She may have been the Isobel Wallis who married John Wallis at Wrington on 15 October 1623.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\WRI/2/1/2 [parish registers of Wrington, Somerset, 1538-1809].

**John WALLIS (1667-1715)**

Person ID: 34564

Occ: barber

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

John Wallis is identified as a barber in the apprenticeship record of his son Philip. He was probably the son of John Wallis, and thus the brother of fellow barber **Thomas**

**Wallis**, who was baptized at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 12 May 1667. A daughter Mary, with wife Mary, was born in the same parish on 1 July 1695. His son Philip was apprenticed to Richard Champion, soapboiler, of Bristol, 27 April 1709. One John Wallis of Fore Street who was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 29 March 1715.

Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU/M/2/1/1, 2 and 32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696; 1685-1776; 1682-1760].

**Thomas WALLIS (1668-1710)**

Person ID: 34565

Occ: barber

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

He may have been the Thomas Wallis, the son of John Wallis, who was baptized at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 13 September 1668. Thomas Wallis, barber, married Anne Powell at St James', Taunton, on 11 September 1703. The couple lived on East Street in the parish of St Mary Magdalene, where they baptized and buried a daughter Anne on 26 September/3 October 1704. Thomas Wallis was buried at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 15 March 1709/10.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU/M/2/1/1, 2 and 32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1558-1696; 1685-1776; 1682-1760].

**John WALSH (d.1681)**

Person ID: 13685

Occ: physician

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

John Walsh, MD, of St James', Taunton, Somerset, was buried in the parish of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on 15 November 1681. In his will, made a week before his death, he left all his property held in fee simple to his son and heir John. To his son Thomas and daughter Sarah, both not yet of age, he gave £1,000. He also confirmed an arrangement with his son in law Robert Talbot, husband of Margaret Walsh, to assure a marriage portion of £500 with the security of lands which he possessed in Allernore. Walsh's wife, unnamed in the will, was left a grey nag and four cows. He named his son John as residual legatee and executor, nominating his brother Thomas Walsh and 'loving friends' Nicholas Marshall and Richard Jeane of West Monkton as overseers. Among those who witnessed the will was the apothecary-cum-physician **Elisha Peck**. No trace of Walsh's family has been found in the parish registers of Taunton suggesting he may have been a nonconformist.

Walsh was probably the son of John Walsh, gent, of Taunton, and his wife Melonie, nee Geale, who matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, in 1650, graduating BA and MA in 1653/4 and 1656. His father had briefly been apprenticed to the Bristol apothecary, **Richard Boswell**, in 1628. Walsh the physician was thus the grandson of **Walter Walsh**, surgeon, of Curry Rivel, Somerset.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/31 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1678-1682]; TNA, PROB 11/369, ff.209v-211r [will of John Walsh, phisician, of St James, Taunton, Somerset, 7 November 1681, pr.13 February 1681/2]; PROB 4/8674 [inventory of John Walsh, gentleman and physician, of St James, Taunton, Somerset, 1682]; G.D.Squibb (ed.), *The Visitation of Somerset and the City of Bristol 1672* (London, HS, n.s., vol.11, 1992), p.135; Foster, iv, p.1564; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

**Thomas WALSH (fl.1681-1690)**

Person ID: 34566

Occ: physician

Loc: Curry Rivel, Somerset

On 11 November 1690, John Walsh, the son of Thomas Walsh, doctor in physic, of Curry Rivel, Somerset, was apprenticed to **John Biscoe**, apothecary, of London. No other trace of Thomas Walsh has been found but in all probability he was the brother of the Taunton physician, **John Walsh**, who named his brother Mr Thomas Walsh as one of the overseers of his will. The name was common in Curry Rivel at this date, with several of this name being buried there in the early eighteenth century. The registers, however, do not allow for a positive identification with the physician of that name.

**London Apothecary database**; TNA, PROB 11/369, ff.209v-211r [will of John Walsh, phisician, of St James, Taunton, Somerset, 7 November 1681, pr.13 February 1681/2].

**Walter WALSH (d.1662)**

Person ID: 13687

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Curry Rivel, Somerset

Walter Walsh, variously described as a gentleman and surgeon, of Curry Rivel, Somerset, married Edith Cox of the same place. The couple had two children, John and Walter, the latter attending Oxford as a student in the 1630s. Walter Walsh was buried at Curry Rivel on 10 October 1662.

Children of Walter Walsh and wife Edith:

John [visitation]. He was licensed to marry Melonie Gale or Geale of Curry Rivel, 21 November 1631. He was previously apprenticed to **Richard Boswell**, apothecary, of Bristol on 5 February 1627/8.

Walter [visitation]. He matriculated at St Mary Hall, Oxford, 7 November 1634, aged 17; BA 1637; MA (from Magdalen Hall) 1642.

G.D.Squibb (ed.), *The Visitation of Somerset and the City of Bristol 1672* (London, HS, n.s., vol.11, 1992), p.135; Foster, iv, p.1564; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CUR.R/2/1/1 [parish registers of Curry Rivel, Somerset, 1628-1720]; marriage licence bonds, Somerset, 1631; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

**Thomas WASTLYN (fl.1622)**

Person ID: 13801

Occ: licensed surgeon and physician

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Thomas Wastlyn of Bath, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery in the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Coventry and Lichfield, Exeter, Hereford and Winchester on 2 October 1622. Otherwise unidentified.

Lambeth Palace Library, Abbot 2, ff.200v-201r [*Directory*, i, no.876].

**John WATERS (d.1708)**

Person ID: 16363

Occ: barber

Loc: Bath, Somerset

John Waters, barber, married Olive Ditcher at Bath Abbey on 26 August 1662. The couple baptized six children at the abbey between 1663 and 1675. Olive was buried at the abbey on 28 February 1703/4. John Waters, barber, 'from the New Inn', was buried there on 30 November 1708.

Children of John Waters and wife Olive:

John, bapt.16 July 1663; buried 24 January 1663/4 [Bath Abbey].

Joan, bapt.17 January 1664/5 [Bath Abbey].

Oliffe [Olive], bapt.13 August 1667 [Bath Abbey].

Elizabeth, bapt.1 March 1669/70 [Bath Abbey].

John, bapt.10 June 1673; buried 21 August 1673 [Bath Abbey].

William, bapt.26 May 1675 [Bath Abbey]. He was apprenticed to John Freeke, scribe, of Bristol, 5 August 1691 but was discharged on 6 December in the same year.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.47, 48, 50, 51, 54, 56, 224; ii, pp.376, 381, 399, 402; Bristol Archives, Bristol apprenticeship registers.

**Andrew WESTCOTT (fl.1694)**

Person ID: 14004

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Martock, Somerset

Andrew Westcott of Martock, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 16 August 1694. He may have been the Andrew Westcott who was described in his burial entry for 17 February 1730/1 at Martock as formerly the parish clerk in 1665. In 1691, however, the newly built house of Andrew Westcott at Martock was licensed for Presbyterian worship.

Children of Andrew Martock and wife Anne:

Stephen, born 1 September 1681; bapt.16 January 1681/2 [Martock].

William, born 6 November 1683; bapt.3 December 1683 [Martock].



Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/42, *sub* 16 August 1694; D\P\MART/2/1/3 [parish registers, Martock, Somerset, 1663-1759]; *Victoria County History, Somerset*, vol.4, ed.R.W.Dunning (London, 1978), **bet.pp.78-109**.

**Simon WESTCOTT (d.1707)**

Person ID: 34567

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Simon Westcott, apothecary, and his wife Susanna, lived in Fore Street in the parish of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, where they baptized four children between 1699 and 1705. Westcott was elected mayor in 1707 but died in office and was buried at St Mary Magdalene church on 28 October 1707. Simon's son Philip followed the trade of his father, practising as an apothecary in Taunton until his death in 1731.

Children of Simon Westcott, apothecary, and wife Susanna:

Hannah, bapt.27 April 1699; buried 5 April 1700 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Philip, bapt.25 March 1702; buried 8 October 1731 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

An apothecary, he was unmarried at the time of his death.

John, bapt.4 August 1703; buried 16 November 1703 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Simon, bapt.14 April 1705; buried 15 January 1705/6 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Edmund, buried 11 April 1707 [St Mary Magdalene, Taunton].

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/2 and 32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1685-1776; 1682-1760].

**John WESTOVER Snr (1616-1679)**

Person ID: 14018

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Wedmore, Somerset

John Westover of Wedmore, Somerset, was licensed to practise surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 11 March 1660/1. Westover was the son of John Westover and was baptized at Wedmore on 15 March 1615/16. He was a yeoman farmer by background who probably combined a surgical practice with agriculture rising to the status of a yeoman farmer. Westover married Joan Cole at Wedmore on 26 November 1640. In 1658 he claimed to have been attacked while returning from a visit to the fair in East Brent. He died on 30 January 1678/9 and was buried at Wedmore on 3 February 1678/9. According to the eighteenth-century Somerset historian John Collinson Westover's tomb was inscribed with the message 'Repent, for Doctors dye'. His widow Joanna died on 18 April 1692 and was buried at Wedmore four days later. Westover was a wealthy man at his death, his inventory amounting to almost £800 of moveable goods, including livestock (£250) and household goods (£184). He left £200 to his two youngest daughters Hannah and Anne and property to sons Andrew and Henry. He named his eldest son John, who followed in his father's footsteps as a surgeon, as chief heir and executor.

Children of John Westover Snr and wife Joanna:

Joanna, bapt.19 September 1641; buried 8 February 1642/3 [Wedmore].  
**John**, bapt.15 April 1643 [Wedmore]. Surgeon.  
 Joanna, bapt.17 January 1644/5; buried 25 July 1668 [Wedmore]. She married William Rowley at Wedmore on 16 May 1667.  
 Andrew, bapt.28 July 1647 [Wedmore].  
 Henry, bapt.7 September 1651; buried 23 June 1709 [Wedmore].  
 William, bapt.8 December 1653; buried 20 July 1660 [Wedmore].  
 Hannah, born 2 December 1655 [Wedmore].  
 Ann, born 8 September 1659 [Wedmore]. She married Edward Tincknell at Mark, Somerset, 14 January 1691/2.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 11 March 1660/1; D\P\WED/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Wedmore, Somerset, 1611-1663; 1663-1727]; Q/SR/96/37 [15 December 1658]; Rev.J.Collinson, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Somerset*, 3 vols (Bath, 1791), i, p.193; *m.i.*, Wedmore, Somerset; Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\X\HALW/5 [unpublished transcript of W.G.Hall, 'Pills, Potions and Plasters: A Country Surgeon at Work in Wedmore, Somerset, from 1686-1706 (1998)']; D\P\MK/2/1/1 [parish registers of Mark, Somerset, 1569-1756].

### **John WESTOVER Jnr (1643-1706)**

Person ID: 14017

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Wedmore, Somerset

John Westover was the son of **John Westover**, surgeon and yeoman farmer and his wife Joanna, and was baptized at Wedmore on 15 April 1643. Like his father, he practised as a surgeon developing a specialism in the cure of the mad for which he constructed a purpose-made building in 1680. Porch House survives today in the village of Wedmore. Westover kept a daybook or journal covering the period from 1686 to 1704 which provides a fascinating glimpse into the world of a late seventeenth-century provincial surgeon. It shows that Westover drew the majority of his clients from within an eight-mile radius of Wedmore. Most were wealthy or moderately wealthy, drawn from the local gentry and yeomanry, though Westover did also take poor law patients. He encountered a wide range of ailments, made his own medicines, and often lodged patients at a house adjoining his own in Wedmore, where he was assisted by his brother Andrew, sister Jane and nephew William Rowley (d.1695). Many of these patients were suffering from a range of mental afflictions which Westover indiscriminately describes in his journal as forms of melancholia, hysteria and mental distraction or madness.

Westover died unmarried on 25 February 1705/6 and was buried at Wedmore on 11 February 1705/6. He left no will but his younger brother Henry, who inherited his estate, left an inventory valued at just over £300.

W.G.Hall, 'A Country General Practitioner at Work in Somerset, 1686-1706: John Westover of Wedmore', *The Historian*, 20 (1990), pp.173-86; Somerset Heritage Centre, DD\X\HKN/1 [casebook of John Westover, surgeon, of Wedmore]; DD\X\HALW/4 [W.H.Hall, 'Transcript of Casebook of John Westover of Wedmore, surgeon, 1686-1700']; DD\X\HALW/5 [unpublished transcript of W.G.Hall, 'Pills, Potions and Plasters: A Country Surgeon at Work in Wedmore, Somerset, from 1686-

1706 (1998)]; D\P\WED/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Wedmore, Somerset, 1611-1663; 1663-1727]; *m.i.*, Wedmore, Somerset.

**Thomas WHINNELL or WINNELL (d.1723 or 1724)**

Person ID: 14064

Occ: physician

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Thomas Whinnell, physician, was the son of the Baptist preacher Thomas Whinnell (d.1720) of Taunton, Somerset, where he was probably born sometime after 1684 and his father's marriage to Sarah Snead. Thomas Whinnell Snr was widely suspected of harbouring Socinian beliefs. He named his son Thomas, a physician, as his principal legatee and executor. Thomas Whinnell Jnr died sometime between December 1723 and February 1724. In his will, made on 14 December 1723, he makes no mention of a wife or children but left all his estate, including a holding in the manor of Taunton Deane and property in Bristol, to his kinsman Thomas Dewey, sergemaker, of Taunton, nephew Thomas Hellyard and niece Sarah Dyer, the wife of Thomas Dyer of Taunton, cordwainer.

J.Ivimey, *A History of the English Baptists*, 2 vols (London, 1811-14), ii, pp.555-6; TNA, PROB 11/573, ff.211r-v [will of Thomas Whinnell, gentleman, of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 11 January 1719/20, pr.22 March 1719/20]; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/32 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1682-1760]; TNA, PROB 11/596, ff.31v-32r [will of Thomas Whinnell, physician, of Taunton, Somerset, 14 December 1723, pr.3 February 1723/4].

**Edmund WHITE (fl.1607)**

Person ID: 14084

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Wells, Somerset

In 1607, Edmund White, barber surgeon, of Wells, Somerset, was arrested and subsequently punished for his role in fomenting a riot outside the house of the puritan constable of the city. The event had been precipitated by the attempt of the puritan authorities to clamp down on May-time festivities in the city in which White's wife Thomasine had played a leading role as lady of the May. White was subsequently fined £200 for his role in these events masterminded by an anti-puritan clique in the city.

He is almost certainly the same as the Edmund White, surgeon, of Wells who acted as bondsman for the marriage of John King of Wells, miller, in 1590.

D.Underdown, '“But the Shews of their Street”: Civic Pageantry and Charivari in a Somerset Town, 1607', *Journal of British Studies*, 50 (2011), pp.11, 12, 19; TNA, STAC 8/161/1; Col.H.R.Phipps (ed.), 'Abstracts of bath and Wells Diocesan Records. Vol.I. Marriage Licences, 1583-1623', p.6 [Somerset Heritage Centre, DD/01/11, p.76].

**Thomas WHITE (fl.1716)**

Person ID: 35046

Occ: apothecary

Loc: South Petherton, Somerset

Samuel How, the son of Mary How, widow, of Ilminster, Somerset, was apprenticed to Thomas White, apothecary, of South Petherton, Somerset, for the premium of £25 as recorded in 1716. Otherwise unidentified.

TNA, IR 1/45, f.9.

**Benjamin WHITEAR (fl.1711)**

Person ID: 27226

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bruton, Somerset

John, the son of Benjamin Whitear, surgeon, was baptized at Bruton, Somerset, on 2 May 1711. He may be the man of the same name, described as coming from Sherborne [Dorset?], who married Mary Garret of Templecombe, Somerset, at Corton Denham, Somerset, on 16 November 1710.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\BRUT/2/1/3 [parish registers of Bruton, Somerset, 1681-1770]; D\P\CO.D/2/1/1 [parish registers of Corton Denham, Somerset, 1538-1812].

**Robert WHITEHEAD or WHITHEAD (d.1727)**

Person ID: 35037

Occ: barber

Loc: Somerton, Somerset

Robert Whitehead or Whithead practiced as a barber in the town of Somerton in Somerset from about 1697 until his death in 1727. He married Rachel Hilburn at Somerton on 25 April 1697 and was buried there on 15 September 1727.

Children of Robert Whitehead or Whithead and Rachel:

John, bapt.11 March 1697/8 [Somerton].

Robert, bapt.24 April 1700 [Somerton].

Francis, bapt.25 January 1701/2 [Somerton]. He was apprenticed to Thomas Burford, cordwainer, of Ivelchester, Somerset, for a premium of £8 12s as recorded in 1714.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\SOM/2/1/1 [parish registers of Somerton, Somerset, 1697-1785]; TNA, IR 1/3, f.96.

**William WILKINS (fl.1714)**

Person ID: 16444

Occ: barber

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

William Wilkins, barber, of the High Street, Taunton, married Rachel Warren of Bishop's Hull, Somerset, at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, 8 April 1714. Otherwise unidentified.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\TAU.M/2/1/14 [parish registers of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, 1696-1715].

**John WILLIS or WILLYS (fl.1595-1596)**

Person ID: 34870

Occ: surgeon

Loc: North Petherton, Somerset

John Willis or Willys, surgeon, of North Petherton, Somerset, appeared frequently as a defendant in cases of debt in the Court of Common Pleas in 1595 and 1596.

TNA, CP40/1520, 1543, 1544 [1595] and CP40/1574, 1575 and 1577 [1596].

**Michael WILLS (d.1726)**

Person ID: 16460

Occ: barber

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Michael Wills, barber, of St Cuthbert's, Wells, married Mary Elver of the same parish at Croscombe, Somerset, on 7 November 1709. Wills, then living in Tucker Street, was buried at St Cuthbert's, Wells, on 21 August 1726.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.448; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\CROS/2/1/2 [parish registers of Croscombe, Somerset, 1641-1723]; D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/2 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1668-1727].

**Walter WILSHEIRE or WILTSHIRE (d.1696)**

Person ID: 14347

Occ: unlicensed physician

Loc: West Camel, Somerset

In 1662 Walter Wilsheire of West Camel, Somerset, was prosecuted in the consistory court of Bath and Wells for, 'as wee are informed he practizeth in their parish physick'. He is probably the man of the same name (Walter Wiltshire) who was buried at West Camel on 23 December 1696.

One Walter Willshire, who described himself as 'med[ical] licentiate', signed a testimonial on behalf of **Peter Golding** or Goldinus (of Sherborne, Dorset?), an applicant for a medical licence, on 19 May 1683.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\ca/338, *sub* West Camel, Somerset; D\P\W.CA/2/1/1 [parish registers of West Camel, Somerset, 1678-1812]; Wiltshire & Swindon Archives, D5/5/4 [loose bundle, *sub* Golding, Peter].

**Alice WING (fl.1655-1670)**

Person ID: 18624

Occ: unlicensed midwife

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Alice Wing, midwife, the wife of Lawrence Wing, of Wells, Somerset, was cited for practising the office of a midwife without a licence on 29 March 1670. The couple baptized a child, Joseph, at St Cuthbert's, Wells, on 19 November 1655.

Somerset Heritage Centre, Colonel H.R.Phipps, 'Abstracts of Bath and Wells Diocesan Records, Vol.III. Marriage Licences, 1636-1676' [citing DD/01/39, p.89]; D/P\W.ST.C/2/1/1 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1609-1668].

**John WOLFE (fl.1662)**

Person ID: 14457

Occ: practitioner in surgery and physic

Loc: Bath, Somerset

John Wolfe, gentleman and 'practitioner in chirurgerie and fisick' in the sitties of Bathe and Wells', was licensed to practise physic and surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 6 December 1662. He is probably the man of the same name, of Bath, who married Margaret Page, widow, of St James', Bath, at Bath Abbey on 4 November 1657.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D/P\bs/39, *sub* 6 December 1662; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, p.222.

**John WOOD or WOODE (fl.1612)**

Person ID: 14493

Occ: doctor of physic

Loc: Bath, Somerset

On 20 April 1612, Thomas Power, 'mayor' of Bath, signed a certificate addressed to the Somerset quarter sessions bench stating that John Woode, doctor in phisicke, of Bath, stood bound to keep the peace towards John Blackleeche. A daughter of one John Wood was baptized at Bath Abbey on 3 November 1585, and Gertrude, the wife of Mr John Wood, alderman, was buried there on 23 November 1615. Wood is otherwise unidentified.

Rev.E.H.Bates (ed.), *Quarter Sessions Records for the County of Somerset, vol.I, 1607-1625* (London, Somerset Rec.Soc., vol.23, 1907), p.67; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, p.7; ii, pp.345, 354.

**William WOOD (d.1706)**

Person ID: 14524

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Dulverton, Somerset

William Wood, surgeon, of Dulverton was buried in that parish on 26 September 1706.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\DUL/2/1/2 [parish registers of Dulverton, Somerset, 1678-1765].

**Robert WOODHOUSE (d.1742)**

Person ID: 28737

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Nether Stowey, Somerset

Robert Woodhouse, apothecary, of Nether Stowey, Somerset, married Sarah Seagar of Silverton, Devon, at Exeter Cathedral (St Peter's) on 9 December 1697. The couple baptized four sons at Nether Stowey between 1698 and 1706. Woodhouse was buried at Nether Stowey on 15 April 1742. In his will, made a fortnight before his death, he left his dwelling house in Nether Stowey, part of which consisted of a malthouse, to his wife Sarah and son John. Other property in Stogursey and Durborough was divided between his wife and sons John and Robert. Woodhouse also left small monetary bequests to his sons Robert (annuity of £4 pa) and John (£40) and three grandchildren (10 guineas each), one of whom, Jasper, also received his silver watch. He named his wife Sarah and son John as joint executors.

Children of Robert Woodhouse and wife Sarah:

William, bapt.10 December 1698 [Nether Stowey].

Jasper, bapt.31 March 1701 [Nether Stowey]. He was apprenticed to Thomas Seager, fuller, and his wife Mary, of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, for the premium of £20 as recorded in 1713.

Robert, bapt.10 April 1703 [Nether Stowey].

John, bapt.20 December 1706 [Nether Stowey].

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.???; Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\N.STY/2/1/2 and 3 [parish registers of Nether Stowey, Somerset, 1671-1722; 1722-1812]; TNA, PROB 11/719, ff.385v-386v [will of Robert Woodhouse the elder, apothecary, of Nether Stowey, Somerset, 2 April 1742, pr.2 July 1742]; TNA, IR 1/46, f.137.

**Benjamin WOOLMER (1685-1721)**

Person ID: 34568

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Benjamin Woolmer was the son of **Edward Woolmer**, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, and his wife Mary, and was baptized at Bath Abbey on 16 June 1685. He was described as a surgeon in a declaration that he made in 1714 regarding a lease granted by the corporation of Bath to his father Edward. Mr Benjamin Woolmer was buried at Bath Abbey on 9 December 1721.

Children of Benjamin Woolmer:

Thomas, bapt.23 January 1713/14; buried 12 February 1713/14 [Bath Abbey].  
Charles, buried 1 January 1714/15 [Bath Abbey].  
William How, bapt.19 July 1716 [Bath Abbey].

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i, pp.65, 86, 88; ii, pp.407, 413;  
Shakespeare Birthplace Trust RO, Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire, ER3/542 [3 August 1714].

## Edward WOOLMER (1651-1721)

Person ID: 17044/27522

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Bath, Somerset

Edward Woolmer was the son of Edward Wilmore or Woolmer and was baptized at Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire, on 1 June 1651. His father was a wealthy man and leading figure in the town who served as mayor on three occasions between 1664 and 1694. His son Edward is first mentioned as an apothecary in the town of Bath in 1674 in the will of the ejected minister Matthew Alflatt (d.1674) in which he threatened to disinherit his daughter Frances if she married Woolmer. In the event, the marriage did not take place and Woolmer married instead Mary Parker, the daughter of **Henry Parker**, apothecary, at Bath Abbey on 8 August 1675. Parker may have been Woolmer's former master. By 1678, Woolmer was serving on the city council, becoming mayor in 1706-7 and 1720-1 (he died in office). His loyalty to the crown was never in doubt; in 1680 a government informant described him as 'a dapper apothecary, in loyalty equal to the best of them'. Woolmer was also well respected in his profession. In 1679, he signed letters testimonial on behalf of fellow apothecary **John Boyce** who was seeking a licence to practise surgery in Dorset. Dr **William Oliver** depicted him as 'an experienced Apothecary' who had undertaken to phlebotomise a patient suffering from a form of narcolepsy in 1697. One of his apprentices, John Brishell, was buried at Bath Abbey in January 1707.

Edward Woolmer, esquire, mayor of Bath, was buried at the abbey on 22 May 1721. In his will, he left almost £1,000 in bequests to his seven surviving children as well as properties in Stall Street, Bath, leased from the corporation. Woolmer's shop and contents were passed on to his wife Mary, who acted as executor. In addition, he named his brother-in-law, **Henry Parker**, physician, of Bath, his friend John Leeson of Bath, brothers Thomas and Joseph Woolmer, and son Henry as executors in trust, instructing them to sell the property in Stall Street on the death of his wife. Through his brothers Edward retained close links to his native town of Stratford, marrying two of his daughters to the sons of prominent townsmen.

Children of Edward Woolmer and wife Mary:

Edward, buried 17 December 1680 [Bath Abbey].  
John, bapt.7 September 1676; buried 25 April 1682 [Bath Abbey].  
Henry, bapt.4 July 1678 [Bath Abbey]. He was apprenticed to William Chew, distiller, of London, on 13 April 1694 and was still alive in 1719 [will].  
Mary, bapt.14 September 1680 [Bath Abbey]. Alive in 1719 [will].



Edward, bapt.14 November 1682; buried 18 March 1683/4 [Bath Abbey].  
 Ann, bapt.10 January 1683/4; buried 14 February 1686/7 [Bath Abbey].  
**Benjamin**, bapt.16 June 1685; buried 9 December 1721 [Bath Abbey]. Surgeon.  
 Elizabeth, bapt.5 October 1686 [Bath Abbey]. Alive in 1719 [will].  
 Grace, bapt.17 February 1687/8 [Bath Abbey]. Grace, then living in St Bartholomew  
 the Great, London, married Philip Hatton of Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire, at  
 St Antholin, Budge Row, London, on 23 November 1710.  
 Decima, bapt.12 October 1691 [Bath Abbey]. She married Thomas Cockman at  
 Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire, 29 May 1712.  
 Ann, bapt.24 May 1695 [Bath Abbey]. Alive in 1719 [will].  
 Edward [will].

Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, parish registers of Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire;  
 TNA, PROB 11/344, ff.245r-v [will of Matthew Alflatt, clerk, of Bath, Somerset, 21  
 January 1673/4, pr.30 March 1674]; A.J.Jewers (ed.), *The Registers of the Abbey  
 Church of SS.Peter and Paul, Bath*, 2 vols (London, HS, vols 27 and 28, 1900-1), i,  
 pp.57, 59, 61, 62, 64, 65, 67, 69, 72, 226; ii, p. 385, 386, 388, 401, 413; TNA, SP  
 29/413/157 [A.R. to Sir Leoline Jenkins, 5 April 1680]; Wiltshire and Swindon  
 Archives, D/5/5/2; William Oliver, 'A Relation of an Extraordinary Sleeping Person,  
 at Tinsbury [sic], near Bath', *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, vol.24  
 (1705), pp.2177-82; TNA, PROB 11/582, ff.152r-153v [will of Edward Woolmer the  
 elder, apothecary, of Bath, Somerset, 18 February 1718/19, pr.2 November 1721];  
**London apprenticeship abstracts, 1442-1850**; London Metropolitan Archives,  
 P69/ANL/A/001/MS 09016 [parish registers of St Antholin, Budge Row, London,  
 1538-1741]; R.Savage (ed.), *The Registers of Stratford-on-Avon, in the County of  
 Warwick. Marriages, 1558-1812* (London, 1898), p.105.

### **Jacob WORRELL (d.1721)**

Person ID: 18243

Occ: apothecary

Loc: Wells, Somerset

Jacob Worrell, apothecary, of Wells, Somerset, was licensed to marry Cordelia Evans,  
 a spinster aged 27 of Wells on 14 October 1676. No record of the marriage survives.  
 Mr Jacob Worrall was buried at St Cuthbert's, Wells, on 6 March 1720/1.

A. J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from  
 their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.455; Somerset Heritage  
 Centre, D\P\W.ST.C/2/1/2 [parish registers of St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, 1668-  
 1727].

### **Joseph WREN (fl.1708)**

Person ID: 14634

Occ: surgeon

Loc: Somerton, Somerset

In October 1708, Joseph Wren, surgeon, of Somerton, Somerset, acted as bondsman  
 for the marriage of his sister Jane (b.1688) to Edmund Bower, gentleman, of  
 Somerton. Joseph was the son of Joseph Wren (d.1724), the rector of Somerton.

A.J.Jewers (ed.), *Marriage Allegation Bonds of the Bishops of Bath and Wells from Their Commencement to the Year 1755* (Exeter, 1909), p.42.

**William WIX or WYKES (fl.1662-1699)**

Person ID: 14703

Occ: physician

Loc: Bishop's Hull, Somerset

William Wix or Wykes, gentleman, of Bishop's Hull, Somerset, was licensed to practise physic and surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 20 September 1662. In October 1699, he supplied letters testimonial on behalf of Anthony Parsons of Taunton who was seeking a medical licence from the archbishop of Canterbury.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/39, *sub* 20 September 1662; Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/321.

**William WYNDHAM (fl.1700)**

Person ID: 14709

Occ: licensed surgeon and physician

Loc: Ham, Somerset

William Wyndham of Ham, Somerset, was licensed to practise medicine and surgery throughout the province of Canterbury on 15 March 1700. Letters testimonial on his behalf were signed by two prominent London physicians, William Briggs and Stephen Hunt.

Lambeth Palace Library, VX 1A/10/338; VG 1/6, f.159v; Tenison 1, f.122 [*Directory*, i, p.943].

**George YOUNG or YOUNGE (fl.1655)**

Person ID: 35034

Occ: barber surgeon

Loc: Taunton, Somerset

Henry Young, the son of George Young, barber surgeon, of Taunton, Somerset, was apprenticed to Samuel Barker of the Brewers' Company, London, on 25 September 1655. Otherwise unidentified.

**London Apprenticeship Abstracts.**

**Izett YOUNG or YOUNGE (d.1712)**

Person ID: 27651

Occ: midwife

Loc: Stogursey, Somerset

Izett Young, widow, 'the famous and ingenious midwife', died on 23 July 1712 and was buried at Stogursey, Somerset, on 27 July 1712.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\P\STOGS/2/1/3 [parish registers of Stogursey, Somerset, 1660-1728].

**John YOUNG (d.1720 or 1721)**

Person ID: 14769

Occ: licensed surgeon

Loc: Evercreech, Somerset

John Young of Evercreech, Somerset, was licensed to practise the art of surgery in the diocese of Bath and Wells on 24 June 1706. He was buried at Evercreech on 8 January 1720/1.

Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\bs/43, *sub* 24 June 1706; D\P\EVE/2/1/3 [parish registers of Evercreech, Somerset, 1708-1758].



