



## Making a marriage – Marriage Licences at SoG and Elsewhere

- Issued by the Church of England for priest to perform marriage without banns

- Valid for 3 months

- Date from at least earliest period of parish registers

- Pre Hardwick Marriage Act of 1753 a marriage was still valid without banns or licence



## Why use them?

privacy

social status

Nonconformists avoided banns being called in an Anglican church. NB under Hardwick's Act 1754-1837 Marriages only in an Anglican church.

Speed - When there is no time to call banns eg soldiers & sailors on leave or single pregnant women

Ability to marry away from home parish - residential qualification of bride or groom or "Special" licence to marry elsewhere NB Special licences very rare. Some parishes very fashionable for marriages e.g. St George Hanover Square



# Hardwicke's Marriage Act of 1753

To prevent irregular or clandestine marriages



Licensed Anglican churches



Only Jews and Quakers exempt



Separate marriage registers from 1754 (recording status, whether by banns or licence and signatures or marks of at least two witnesses)



Separate banns books



Does not note father's names



# “marrying places” Free of the Bishop

- \*St James Dukes Place (1664 -1691 = 40,000 marriages) nb in 1686 the rector of St James Dukes Place was suspended for three years for marriages without banns or licence
- \*Holy Trinity Minories
- St Botolph Aldgate
  - ◊ (After dissolution of the Priory of Holy Trinity land owned by the Priory formerly within the parish of St Botolph became a precinct and parish of HTM with the Priory chapel forming the new parish church. St JasDP claimed it was a liberty because the Lord Mayor and Citizens of London were the Lords of the Manor) HTM and SJsDP accounted for half the wedding taking place in London before 1696.
- Tower of London
- The Mint
- Liberties of the Fleet Prison
  - Taverns, alehouses and brandy shops
    - See also list of chapels in J S Burn *Registrum Ecclesiae Parochialis* The History of the Parish Registers of England 1842 and *History of the Fleet Marriages*



Clamp down of 1690s  
encouraged Liberty of the  
Fleet

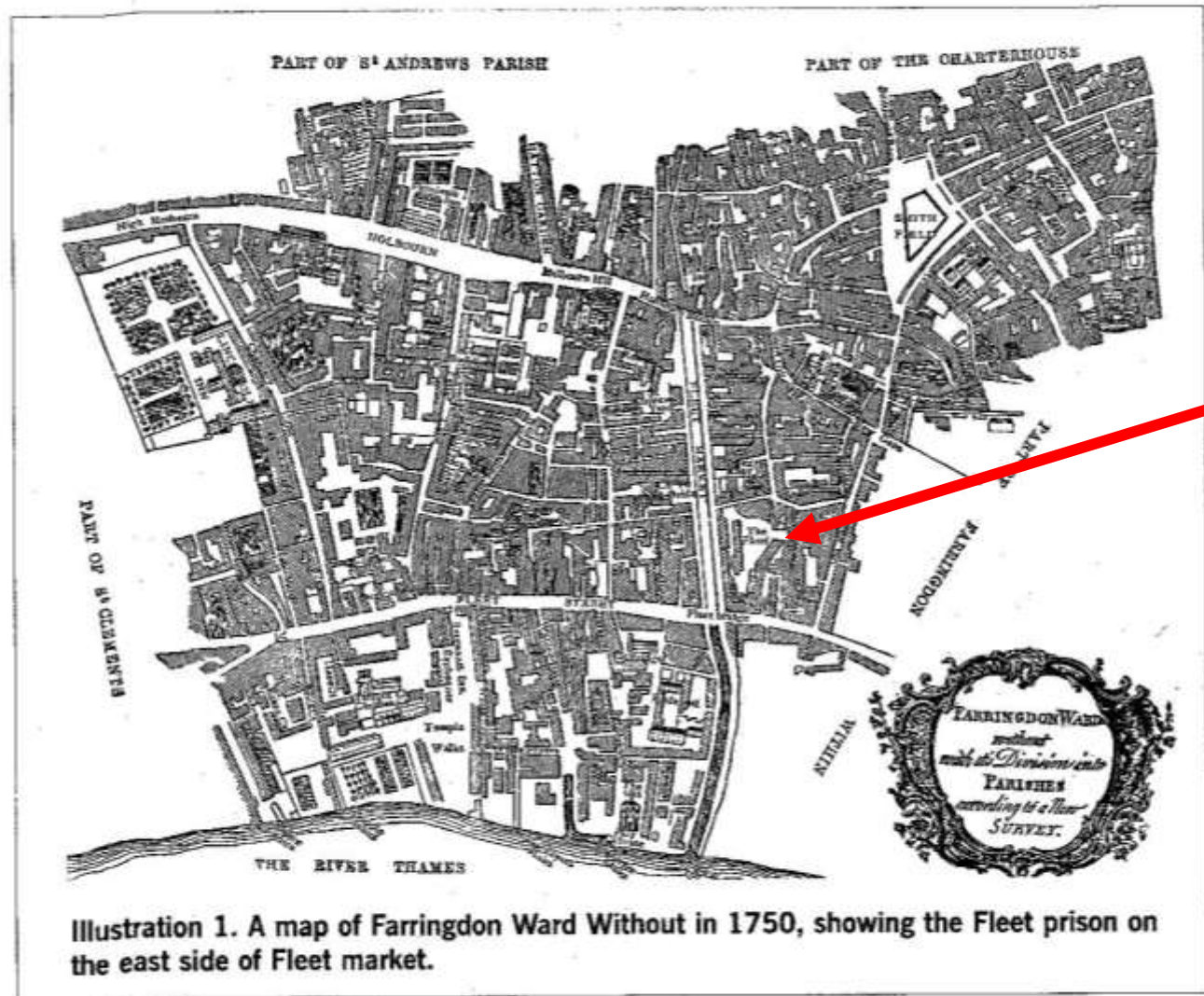


Illustration 1. A map of Farringdon Ward Without in 1750, showing the Fleet prison on the east side of Fleet market.



# DOCUMENTS ISSUED WITH LICENCE

1 Allegations

2 Bonds

3 Licence itself or occasionally a Register of  
Licences in Act Books



**INFORMATION  
CONTAINED  
(in addition to  
names of both  
parties)**

- a Bride or groom's status ie bachelor or spinster
- b Place of residence
- c Church(es) where the marriage may take place
- d Age of both parties especially if minors ie under 21  
(Where a minor is marrying the parent or guardian has to express permission for marriage to take place)
- e Names & occupation of Bondsman who may well be relatives



# Essex Marriage Licence Allegation



The 26<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1750.

Appeared personally Samuel Pettican of the Parish of  
Birch in the County of Essex aged fifty  
Years Bachelor, and alleged he intends to marry with  
Margaret Theedom of the same parish  
aged thirty Years a Single woman  
he not knowing or believing any lawful Let or Impediment by  
Reason of any Precontract Consanguinity Affinity or otherwise  
Whereby to hinder the said intended Marriage, of the Truth of which  
he made Oath and prayed Licence for them to be married in the  
parish Church of Great Birch, or St. Mary's Colchester.

Sworn before me  
Ch: Morant

Samuel + Pettican  
his mark



# BOND



**Know** all Men by these Presents that M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Pettica  
of the parish of Birch in the County of Essex  
and John Hope of the parish of S<sup>t</sup>. Mary's, Colchester,  
Clock-maker  
are held and firmly bound to S<sup>t</sup>. Mary's? Father in God  
Sheweth by Licence permission Lord Bishop of  
London in Two hundred  
Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain to be paid to the  
said Bishop  
or his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns  
for the true Payment whereof we bind ourselves and each  
of us by himself for the whole and every part thereof  
and the Heirs Executors and Administrators of us and each  
of us firmly by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals  
Dated the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of July in the  
24<sup>th</sup> Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord  
George - II. by the Grace of God of Great Britain  
France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith And in the Year  
of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and fifty.



**The Condition** of this Obligation is such, That if there shall  
not hereafter appear any lawful Lett or Impediment, by reason of any  
Pri-contratt, Consanguinity, Affinity, or any other just Cause whatso-  
ever; but that abovebounden Samuel Pettica, Sin-  
gleman, and Margaret Theodora of the Parish  
of Birch aforesaid, Singlewoman -

may lawfully Marry together; and that there is not any Suit depending  
before any Judge Ecclesiastical or Civil, for or concerning any such Pri-  
contratt; And that the Consent of the Parents, or others the Governors of  
the said Parties be therunto first had and obtained; And that they cause  
their said Marriage to be openly solemnized in the Face of the Parish  
Church of Great Birch, or S<sup>t</sup>. Mary's Colchester  
between the Hours of Eight and Twelve of the Clock in the Forenoon:  
And do and shall save harmless and keep indemnified the abovebounden  
Bishop of London his Surrogates and all other  
his Officers and Successors in Office, for and concerning the Premises;  
That then this Obligation to be void and of none Effect, or else to remain  
in full Force and Virtue

Sealed and delivered  
in the presence of  
Ch. Morant

Samuel Pettica  
his mark

John Hope





**KNOW** all Men by these presents that We Samuel Pottican  
of the parish of Birch in the County of Essex  
and John Hope of the parish of S<sup>t</sup>. Mary's, Colchester,  
clock-maker  
are held and firmly bound to the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Father in God  
Thomas by divine permission Lord Bishop of  
London in Two hundred  
Pounds of lawfull Money of Great Britain to be paid to the  
said Bishop  
or his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assignes  
for the true payment whereof we bind ourselves and each  
of us by himself for the whole and every part thereof  
and the Heirs Executors and Administrators of us and each  
of us firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals  
Dated the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of July in the  
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George II. by the Grace of God of Great Britain  
France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith And in the Year  
of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and fifty.



## Essex Marriage Licence Bond

The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if there shall not hereafter appear any lawful Lett or Impediment, by reason of any Pre-contratt, Consanguinity, Affinity, or any other just Cause whatsoever; but that ~~above~~ <sup>above</sup> ~~between~~ Samuel Pettican, Singleman, and Margaret Theedom of the Parish of Birch aforesaid, Singlewoman

may lawfully Marry together; and that there is not any Suit depending before any Judge Ecclesiastical or Civil, for or concerning any such Pre-contratt: And that the Content of the Parents, or others the Governors of the said Parties be thereunto first had and obtained: And that they cause their said Marriage to be openly solemnized in the Face of the Parish Church of Great Birch, or St. Mary's Colchester between the Hours of Eight and Twelve of the Clock in the Forenoon: And do and shall save harmless and keep indemnified the above named Bishop of London his Surrogates and all other his Officers and Successors in Office, for and concerning the Premises; That then this Obligation to be void and of none Effect, or else to remain in full Force and Virtue

Sealed and delivered  
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Ch: Morant

Samuel Pettican  
his mark

John Hope



## Samuel Pettican

in the Essex, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812

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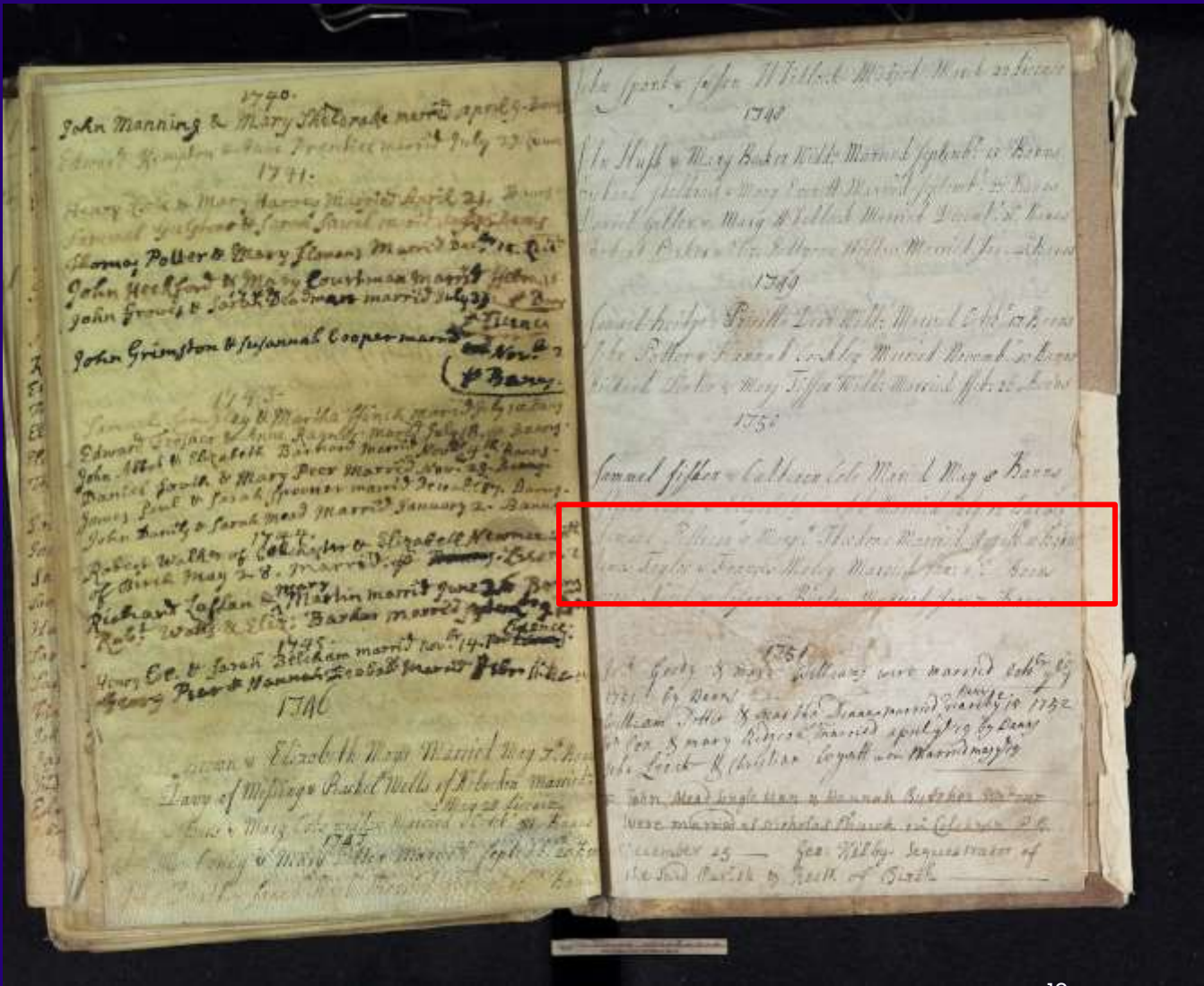
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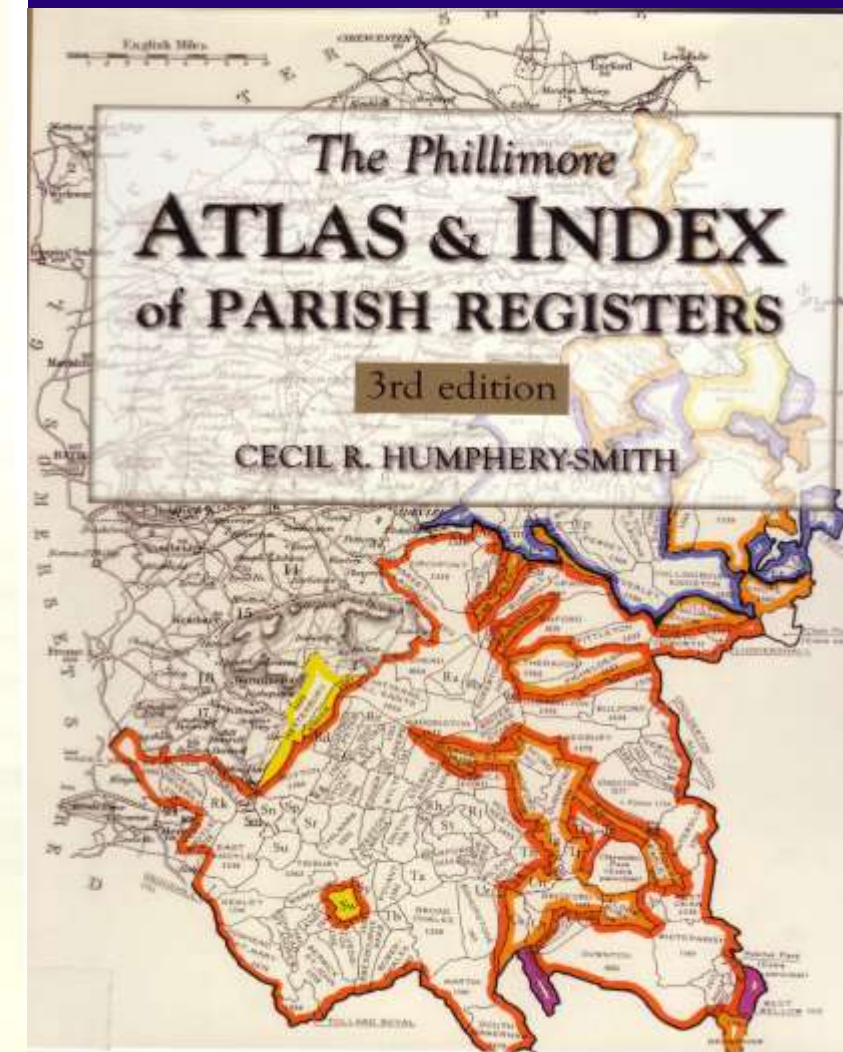
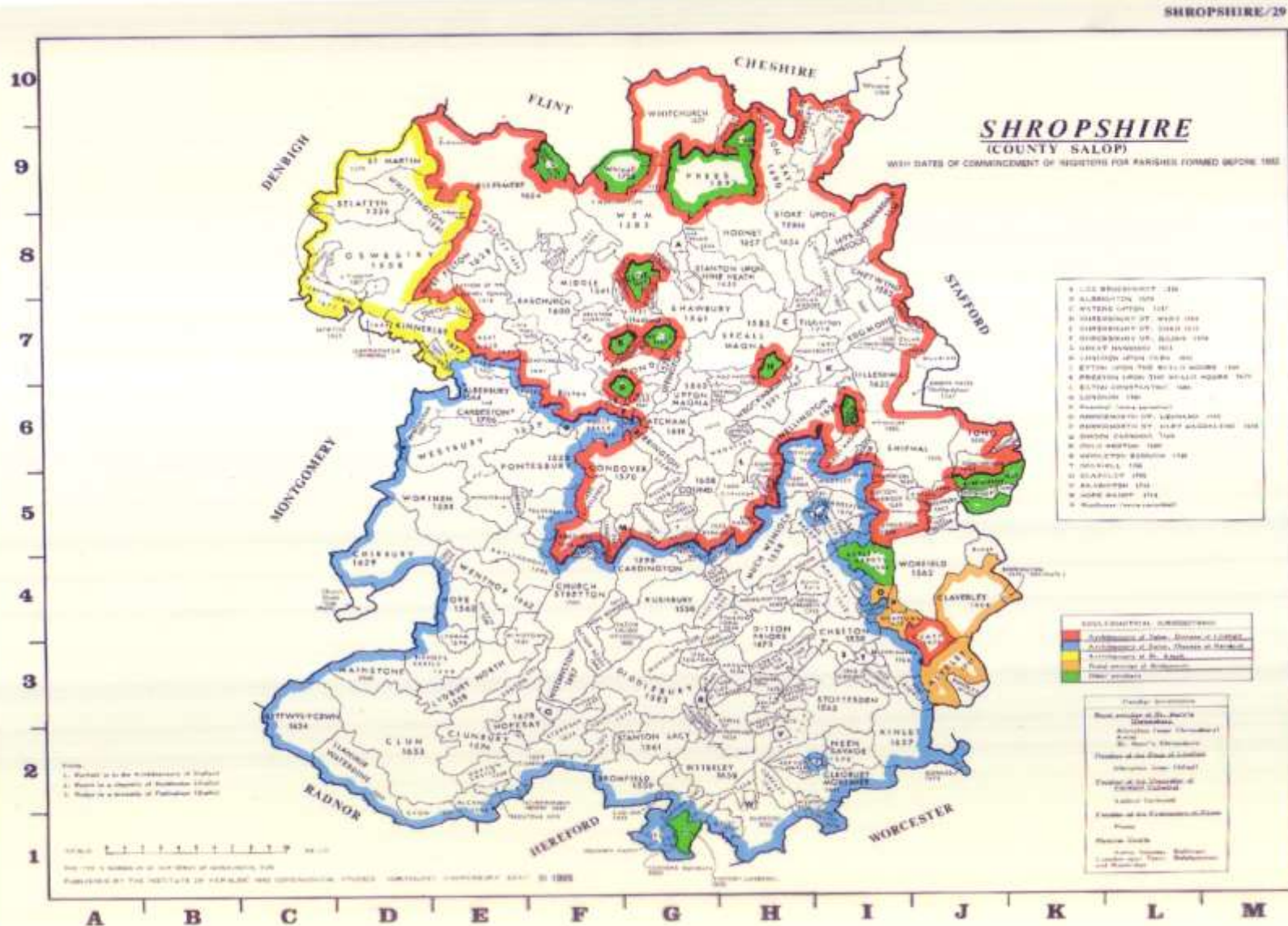


# The country is divided into different areas of ecclesiastical jurisdiction:

- 1 Parish
- 2 Archdeaconry
- 3 Diocese
- 4 Province of York or Canterbury (Canterbury the senior of the two)
- 5 Peculiars



# Parish Map





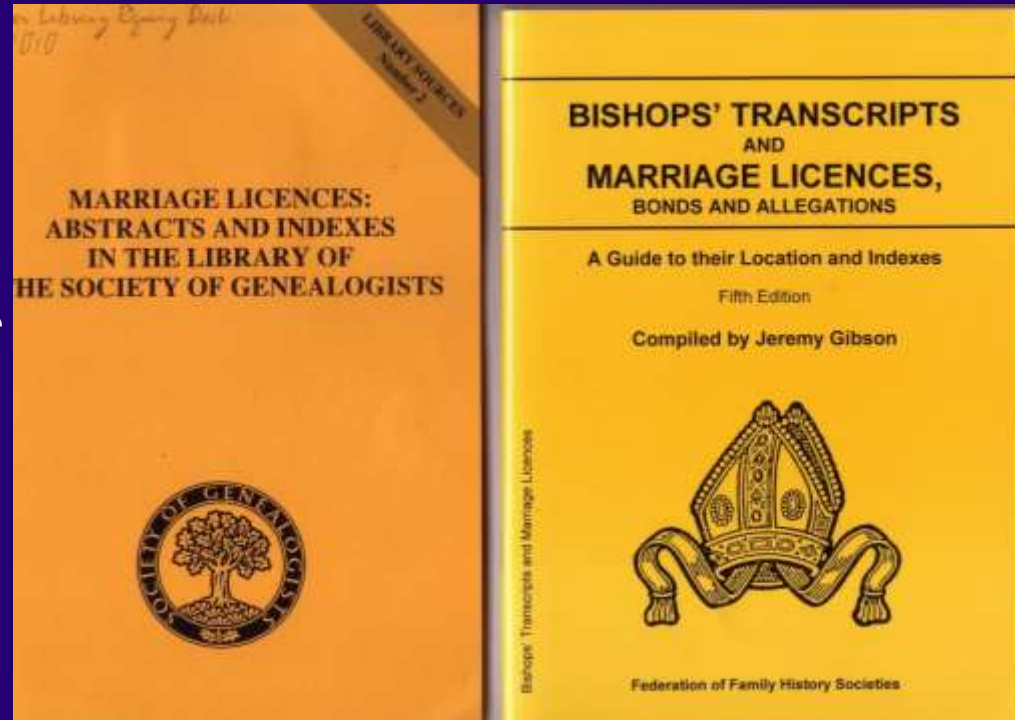
## Where did they live?

- a One or both parties living the diocese in which the marriage is to take place – Licence is issued by the Chancellor/ Surrogate of that Diocese or the Vicar General of that Province
- b Parties living in different dioceses and the marriage to take place in the diocese which is not one to which the applicant belongs – Licence issued by the Vicar General of the appropriate Province
- c Parties Living in different Provinces – Licence issued by Faculty Office of the Archbishop of Canterbury

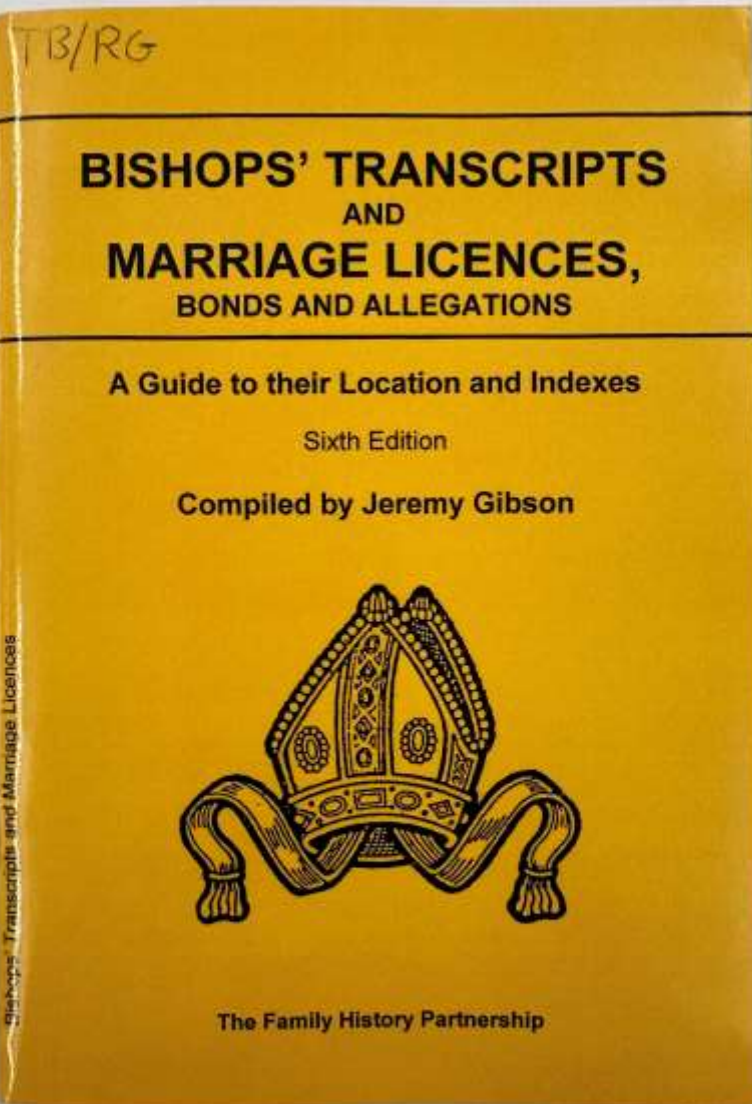


# LOCATING LICENCE INFORMATION

- Most records are held in Diocesan Record Office which usually are also County Record Offices
- See Jeremy Gibson's *Bishops Transcripts & Marriage Licences* which list published indexes and finding aids as well as original records.







## ESSEX

Most records of BTs and MLs are at the  
**Essex Record Office, Chelmsford.**

### Bishop Transcripts

These are only extant for 1800-1878 and all parishes are deficient 1810-12. See *National Index of Parish Registers*, 9, Part 4 (1993).

**Peculiars:** Hornchurch 1770-1864; Soken 1813-1877; Writtle 1813-38; Good Easter 1814-1866.

The only earlier BTs to survive are for the years 1629-30 (Willingale Doe, 1626-28 also), and 1638-1639, for about 200 Essex parishes. These are in *Guildhall Library*, London. They have all been transcribed by S.W. Prentis, copies at *Guildhall Library*, *Essex Record Office*, Chelmsford, and the *Society of Genealogists*.

There are also odd years, mainly 1706 and 1715, for about 16 parishes, also transcribed by Prentis.

### Marriage Licences

Records for various Essex jurisdictions are at the *Essex Record Office*, Chelmsford, from 1665 to the mid-C19. An index to these records originally compiled by R.H. Browne in 1903 was computerised by John Rayment and a fully alphabetical print-out to grooms' names is at the *E.R.O.*, Chelmsford, the *Society of Genealogists* and the *Institute for Heraldic and Genealogical Studies*, Canterbury. The peculiars are indexed separately.

A similar index in calendar form (F.A. Crisp MSS), including MLs no longer extant, is at *Colchester Library (Local Studies)* (mT at *E.R.O.*, Chelmsford).

TS of MLs from act books, *Commissary of London for Essex and Herts.*, 1619-1669, *Archdeaconry of Colchester*, 1585-1641, *Archdeaconry of Essex*, 1579-1640, at *Essex R.O.*, Chelmsford, and the *Society of Genealogists*.

Records of Essex MLs may also appear in the main Diocese of London series at *Guildhall Library*, see page 28.

Barling, Belchamp St. Paul, Heybridge, Navestock, Tillingham, Wickham St. Paul, were in the *Peculiar of the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's*, 1670-1840, ML records now at *Guildhall Library*.

Bocking, Borley, Little Coggeshall, Latchingdon, Southchurch, Stisted, Runcell in Danbury, and Milton in Prittlewell were in the *Peculiar of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Peculiar Deanery of Bocking*. Marriage allegations and bonds, 1771-1831, calendared and indexed, are at *Lambeth Palace Library*.

St. Mary Maldon was in the *Peculiar of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster*, page 29.

ML records for the *Peculiar of Hornchurch*, 1746-1841 (235), are at *New College*, Oxford.

See also *Faculty Office* and *Vicar General's ML* records, page 6.

Parishes in Essex outside the main jurisdiction of the commissary court of London (Essex & Hertfordshire division) and the archdeacons of Colchester, Essex and Middlesex:

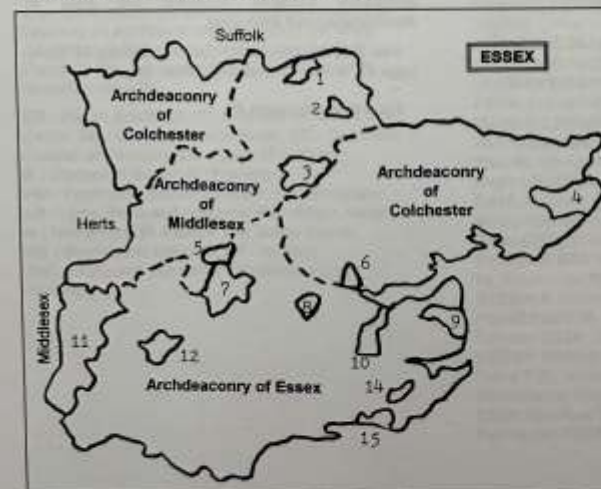
L = commissary court of London (London division);

Peculiars: B = Bocking; GE = Good Easter;

P = dean and chapter of St. Paul's; S = Soken;

W = Writtle with Roxwell;

Z = dean and chapter of Westminster (not marked on map).





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## LONDON and MIDDLESEX

The City of London and the county of Middlesex were in the **Diocese of London**.

### Bishop's Transcripts

Virtually none survive before 1800; only for the Old Style years 1629-30 and 1639 are they extant in any considerable numbers. Those that do survive are at

**Guildhall Library**, Aldermanbury, London

and are listed in detail in *Handlist of Parish Registers at Guildhall Library*, Part 1: *Registers of Church of England parishes within the City of London* (6th ed., 1990); Part 2: *Registers and register transcripts of Church of England parishes in Greater London outside the City* (7th ed., 1994). See also the *National Index of Parish Registers*, 9, Part 5 (2nd edition, 2002); also up-dated on-line at the **Society of Genealogists**.

For City of London parishes BTs begin in most cases in 1800 or 1801, and are detailed in Part 1 of the *Handlist*. In general they rarely need to be consulted as the relevant original registers are, with very few exceptions, also held at **Guildhall Library**.

**Guildhall Library** also holds registers of Anglican communities overseas, which are similar to BTs in that they are copy registers returned to the Bishops of London and Gibraltar by virtue of their foreign jurisdiction. These are mainly C19 and C20, and are listed in *The British Overseas: A Guide to Records of their Births, Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths and Burials available in the United Kingdom*, 3rd edn., 1994.

There are no BTs amongst the records of the Peculiar of the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's.

The following parishes were in the **Peculiar Deanery of the Arches**, for which BTs from 1799 or later survive at **Lambeth Palace Library**, London: All Hallows Bread Street, All Hallows Lombard Street, St. Dionis Backchurch, St. Dunstan-in-the-East, St. John the Evangelist Watling Street, St. Leonard Eastcheap, St. Mary Aldermary, St. Mary Bothaw, St. Mary le Bow, St. Michael Crooked Lane, St. Michael Royal, St. Pancras Soper Lane, St. Vedast Foster Lane.

Apart from those at **Guildhall Library**, BTs for the county of Middlesex also date mainly from c.1800 or later, the only exception being St. Luke Chelsea (1745-1756). These are mainly at

**London Metropolitan Archives** (formerly Greater London Record Office), 40 Northampton Road, London EC1R 0HB.

### Marriage Licences

A Guildhall Library leaflet summarises holdings of ML records for London and Middlesex both at that Library and elsewhere. The Diocese of London included, in addition to the City of London, much of Essex and Middlesex, part of Hertfordshire and four Buckinghamshire parishes.

As with the Faculty Office ML records, there are alternative published indexes, C16 and C17. For the relatively few MLs 1520/1-1597, issued by the 'Vicar General of the Bishop of London', see the full chronological list, with index of names, in *Harleian Society* 25 (1887).

For 1597-1648 see first British Record Society 62, and for 1660-1700, B.R.S. 66. These are chronological calendars, giving names of parties only, with indexes. Those asterisked are abstracted fully in *Harl. Soc.* 25 (1597-1610/1) or 26 (1611-1648, 1660/1-C19 – but very few after 1661).

B.R.S. 62 and 66 contain many inaccuracies, and there are copies with MS amendments and references to extant related bonds, by B. Lloyd, in *Guildhall Library* manuscripts reading room.

From 1700 there are the following indexes or calendars available at the **Guildhall Library** manuscripts searchroom:

1700-1750, TS indexes of both parties (17 vols.);

1751-1826, MS calendars of names of parties, arranged chronologically (6 vols.);

1827-1964, MS calendars of names of parties, arranged alphabetically within years, by men's name only (6 vols.).

Amongst the unpublished indexes and calendars held at the Society of Genealogists for C18 are:

1700-1745, TS index (14 vols.);

1700-1780, Great Card Index. The later years may not be completely covered.

1761-1762, TS, by Beric Lloyd.

The original allegations, 1597-9, 1601-48, 1661-1971, 1974-date, are at **Guildhall Library**, but the original books of the Vicar General to 1685, calendared in full for C16 in *Harl. Soc.* 25, are at **London Metropolitan Archives**.

Also at **Guildhall Library** are ML records of the **Archdeacon of London** (most of the City, Clerkenwell, Islington and Shoreditch in Middx.), 1666-91 (index by name of both parties).

**Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral**, allegations 1686-1841, bonds 1670-1823 (TS index to grooms' names only) (Jurisdiction: City St. Faith, St. Giles Cripplegate, St. Gregory, St. Helen Bishopgate, and Precinct of Portpool, **Middlesex**: Friern Barnet, Chiswick, West Drayton, Precinct of Hoxton (Shoreditch), St. Luke Old Street, St. Pancras, Stoke Newington, Willesden; also three parishes in Herts. and six in Essex).

### London and Middlesex: MLs continued

**Royal Peculiar of St. Katharine by the Tower**, allegations, bonds etc. 1686-89 and 1698-1802 (mainly 1755-1802) 1698 onwards [i.e. Ms 9740-1], MS calendar in *Guildhall Library* manuscripts reading room, alphabetical by first letter, then chronological (both parties). Printed calendar in alphabetical order in *Home Counties Magazine* 4-6. Also allegations, bonds and licences 1720-1802 [i.e. Ms 9772], not calendared or indexed.

**Guildhall Library** also holds within parish archives a number of original licences. These are indexed, for the period 1712-1838 only, by names of both parties in Ms. 24657 on the reading room shelves.

ML records for the **Peculiar Deanery of the Arches** are at **Lambeth Palace Library**. These survive from August 1684 to February 1706/7 only. A full abstract calendar has been prepared, available for public consultation in on-line catalogue.

Harrow with Pinner and Hayes with Norwood were in the **Peculiar Deanery of Croydon**, whose ML records are also at **Lambeth Palace Library** (see page 41).

MLs for the **Peculiar of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster** are published in (apparently) full, fully abstracted, for the whole period they survive: 1558/9-1646, 1661-1678, 1688-1699, in *Harl. Soc.* 23 (1886). They are taken from a will register and act books held at the **City of Westminster Archives Centre**, 10 St. Ann's Street, London SW1P 2XR. They are not licence allegations, only a record of names and parishes plus bonds (1688-99 names only); the licence allegations were apparently destroyed. The *Harleian Society* volume is an abstract in English of the important data omitting common form clauses in Latin. The places in the Peculiar were the precincts of the Abbey, St. Margaret's Westminster, Paddington, precincts of St. Martin le Grand and parts of the parishes of St. Leonard Foster Lane and St. Anne and St. Agnes; also St. Mary Maldon in Essex.

Also at the **C.W.A.C.** is an account book of fees for MLs issued by the Dean and Chapter, 1772-1804, and an indexed collection of MLs from St. Peter, Eaton Square, 1766-1891.

There is a TS collection, by Crisp, of miscellaneous abstracts of MLs, 1713-1892, for London and Middlesex. Copies at the **Society of Genealogists** and the **Institute of Historical Research**.

See also **Faculty Office** and **Vicar General's ML** records, page 6. Indexed.

The parishes and chapelries in the city of London and the county of Middlesex are listed below, with the jurisdiction(s) into which they fell indicated as follows:

C: Commissary Court of London (London division); L: Archdeaconry of London; M: Archdeaconry of Middlesex; A: Peculiar Deanery of the Arches; D: Peculiar Deanery of Croydon; P: Peculiar of the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's; K: Peculiar of St. Katharine-by-the-Tower; W: Peculiar of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster; S: Archdeaconry Court of Surrey (diocese of Winchester) - parishes in Southwark were still in that county in 1856 (see page 41).

Numbers refer to the map on page 30.

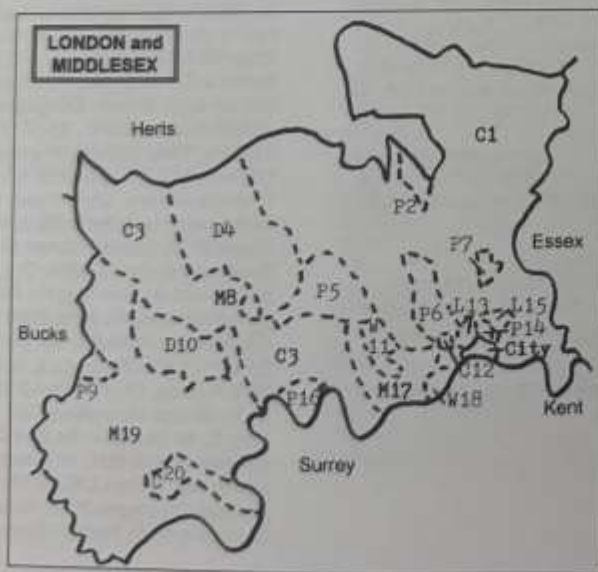
This list is based, for the city, on that in Lewis's *Topographical Dictionary* published in 1831, and includes places that may have been chapelries within other parishes and subsequently become parishes in their own right. Parishes were, in the city or in its immediate vicinity unless otherwise stated:

Acton C3; St. Alban Wood Street C; Allhallows Barking C; Allhallows-the Great L; Allhallows Honey Lane C; Allhallows the Less L; Allhallows Lombard Street A; Allhallows Stanning C; Allhallows London Wall and St. Augustin Papey L; St. Alphage London Wall L; St. Andrew Holborn L13; St. Andrew Hubbard C; St. Andrew Undershaft with St. Mary Axe C; St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe L; St. Anne and St. Agnes Aldersgate with St. John Zachary W & L; St. Anne Blackfriers C; St. Anne (Soho) Westminster M; St. Antholin C; Ashford M19; St. Augustine Watling Street L; Friern Barnet P2; St. Bartholomew by the Exchange L; St. Bartholomew the Great L; St. Bartholomew the Less L; Bedford M19; St. Benet Fink C; St. Benet Gracechurch C; St. Benet Paul's Wharf C; St. Benet Sherehog C; Bethnal Green, St. Matthew C1; St. Botolph Aldersgate L; St. Botolph Aldgate L; St. Botolph Billingsgate C; St. Botolph without Bishopsgate C; Bow C; Brentford M19; St. Bride, Fleet Street C; Bromley St. Leonard C1; Chelsea M17; Chiswick P16; Christchurch Greyfriars Newgate Street L; Christchurch Southwark S; Christchurch Spitalfields C1; St. Christopher le Stocks C; St. Clement Danes M; St. Clement Eastcheap C; Cowley M19; Cranford M19; St. Dionis Backchurch A; West Drayton P9; St. Dunstan in the East A; St. Dunstan in the West C; Ealing C3; Edgware C1; Edmonton C1; St. Edmund the King C; Enfield C1; St. Ethelburga L; St. Faith P; Feltham M19; Finchley C1; Fulham C3; St. Gabriel Fenchurch C; St. George Bloomsbury C12; St. George Botolph Lane C; St. George in the East C1; St. George Hanover Square M17; St. George the Martyr and St. Andrew above Bars L13; St. George Southwark S; St. Giles Cripplegate P; St. Giles in the Fields C12; St. Gregory by St. Paul's P; Greenford C3; Hackney C1.



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\*It is not clear into which court's jurisdiction St. Peter and Vincula fell.



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### Marriage Licences, Bonds and Allegations

(IMA Research Guide to Marriage Licence Records)

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#### Introduction

This is a brief introduction to searching for records relating to the issue of marriage licences, with particular reference to those held by London Metropolitan Archives and elsewhere concerning the City of London and the counties of Middlesex and Surrey.

Those who require a more detailed explanation are recommended to consult chapter 14 of D.J. Gardner and E. Smith, *Genealogical research in England and Wales*, vol. 1 (2nd edition, Salt Lake City, 1981).

Those who seek allegations and bonds for other areas should consult L.W. Gibson, *Bishops' manuscripts and marriage licences, bonds and allegations: a guide to their location and indexes* (4th edition, 1991).

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#### Records available on the Ancestry website

The marriage bonds and allegations of the Diocese of London 1597-1620 and the Archdeaconry of Surrey 1519-1620 have been digitised and made available on the Ancestry website. Please see the [London and Surrey, England, Marriage Bonds and Allegations, 1597-1620 database](#).

#### Licenses

Persons intending to be married usually had their banns read in church on three Sundays before the marriage. Those not wishing to be married by banns could obtain a licence from an appropriate legally recognised authority to marry at a place within its jurisdiction. Marriage by licence was often preferred because it was quicker, more convenient and/or more discreet, or because it was thought to confer social prestige.

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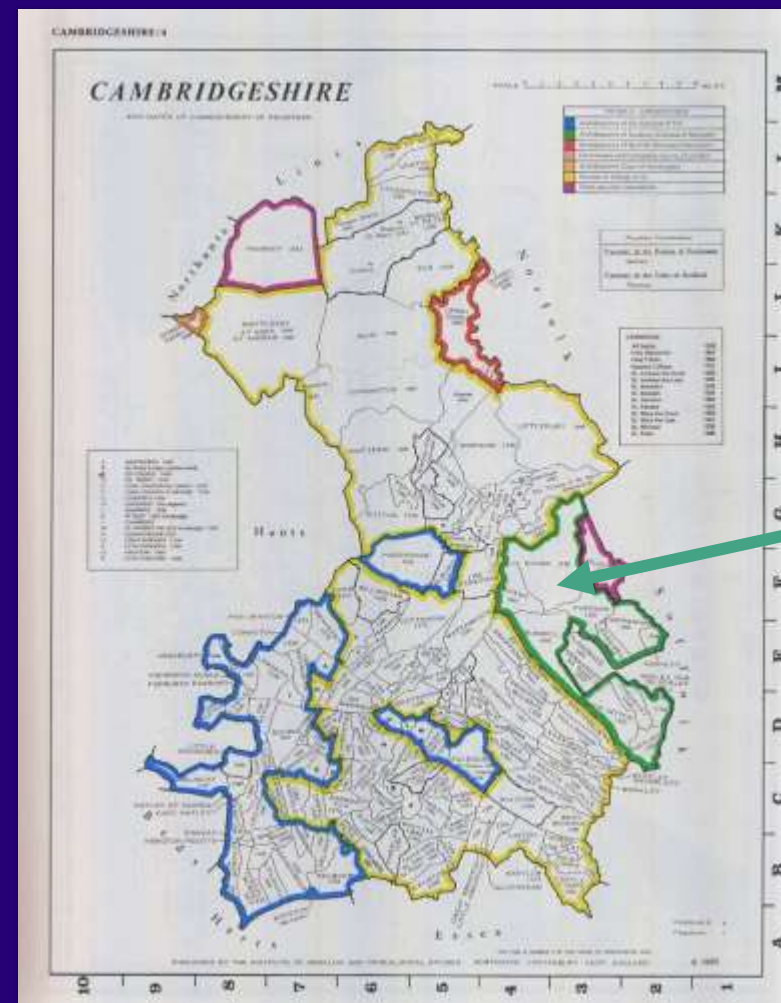
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274	Christopher Hall, of Diss, w., & Sarah Stollery, of Occold, w., at Occold. 14 Mar., 1748.	
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276	Geo. Stannard & Sarah Haws, at Eye. 7 June, 1748.	
277	John Seaman, jun., of Mendlesham, farmer, & Eliz <sup>h</sup> Seaman, of Rishangles, s. w., at Rishangles. Bn. : Rob <sup>t</sup> Seaman, of Rishangles, farmer. 6 Sep., 1748.	
278	Wm. Robinson, of Norton, & Mary Randall, of Battisford, at Combs. 6 Jan., 1748.	
279	John Eagle, of Wangford, s. m., & Alice Norman, of Worlington, s. w., at Icklingham St. James. Bn. : Edw. Norman, of Worlington. 25 Dec., 1748.	
280	Wm. Wade, clerk, of Newmarket, & Mary Canham, of Southery, co. Norf., at Duxwell. 17 Dec., 1748.	
281	Geo. Leonard, of Mildenhall, w., & Sarah Claydon, w., of Lannard, co. Cambs., at Soham. 11 Jan., 1748.	
282	Chas. Roper, of Barton Mills, & Jane Roper, of same, s. w., at Barton Mills. 23 Mar., 1748.	
283	Sam <sup>l</sup> Berrick, of East Retham, co. Norf., s. m., & Sarah Neale, of Eriswell, s. w., at Eriswell. 31 Jan., 1748.	
284	John Mayer, s. m., 41 years, of Bury St. Edmunds, & Gay Cocksedge, of Bury St. Edmunds, w., at St. James', Bury St. Edmunds. 15 Mar., 1748.	
285	John Garwood, of Lawshall, s. m., yeoman, 28 years, & Alice Howe, of same, s. w., 17 years, at Bury St. Edmunds. 2 Mar., 1748.	



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# PRINTED CALENDARS FOR OTHER ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTIONS INCLUDE

- Archdeaconry of Sudbury, Suffolk 1684-1839  
Harleian Society Vols 69-72
- Leicestershire Marriage Licences abstracts of Bonds & Allegations ... 1570-1729. BRS Index Library Vol.38
- Paver's Marriage Licences [Abstracts from the Archdiocese or Archbishop of York's Registry 1567-1715 (gap 1646-59) made from registers long since vanished, Yorks Archaeological Soc. Vols 7, 9-14, 16-17, 20, 40, 43 & 46]

1698]	THE DIOCESE OF CHESTER.	219
	hew Whilton, Parish of Prestbury, co. aforesaid, Freemason. At Sandbach, or Wibunbury.	
Aug. 9	Thomas Morton, of Lulton, co. Chester, Gentleman, and Margaret Thomas, of Isacoyd, co. Denbigh, Spinster. Bondsman, Thomas Tomlinson, of Edge, co. Chester, Yeoman. At Malpas, or Chad Chappel.	
Sep. 1	Robert Wakefield, of Wigan, co. Lanc., Merchant, and Catherine Bolshaw, of same, Spinster. Bondsman, Robert Wakefield, of Wigan aforesaid, Merchant. At Standish, co. Lanc.	
	Per Mr. Haddon.	
" 2	John Winder, of Dean, co. Cumberland, Yeoman, and Priscilla Dixon.	
" 6	John Whalley, Chapman, and Ann Sharples, Spinster, both of Blackburn, co. Lanc. Bondsman, John Whalley, of Blackburn aforesaid, Tradesman. At Brindle, or Great Harwood.	
" 7	Samuel Bury, of Warrington, co. Lanc., Yeoman, and Clare Symson, of Warrington aforesaid, Spinster. At Warrington aforesaid.	
" 7	Timothy Astbury, of Ashley, co. Chester, Yeoman, and Sarah Proon, of Limme, co. aforesaid, Spinster. Bondsman, Samuel Woodworth, of Bowdon, co. aforesaid, Yeoman.	
" 7	Thomas Booth, of Middlewich, co. Chester, Carpenter, and Hannah Wrench, of Middlewich aforesaid, Spinster. At Middlewich, or St. John's, Chester.	
" 7	Joseph Wright, Parish of Gilden-Sutton, co. Chester, Yeoman, and Jane Merideth, Parish of St. Mary's, City of Chester, Spinster.	
" 8	Peter Okell, of High Legh, co. Chester, Yeoman, and Sarah Huet, of Olverton [Ollerton], co. aforesaid, Spinster.	
	Per Mr. Bolton.	
" 8	Roger Pendlebury, of Westhoughton, Parish of Dean, co. Lanc., Yeoman, and Ann Stones, of Heaton, Parish aforesaid, Spinster. At Dean aforesaid.	



# UNPUBLISHED MARRIAGE LICENCES CALENDARS & INDEXES INCLUDE:

- Leicestershire Archdeaconry Marriage Licences 1749–1861. TS Calendar arranged by year and initial letter of surname
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<b>Various Courts</b>		
Calendar	1665-1851	Microfilm of MS by Robert Hollingworth Browne (1903). Essex Marriage Licences from Consistory of London, Commissary of London for Essex and Herts, Archdeaconry of Essex, Archdeaconry of Colchester, and Archdeaconry of Middlesex. [Mf 916]. Superseded by the following.
Index	1665-1851	by J.L. Rayment, 3 vols. (1985). Computer printout. Index of males from R.H. Browne's MS. [ES/R171-173].
<b>Commissary of London for Essex and Herts</b>		
Allegations	1619-1669	by E.J. Erith and C.V. Appleton (1950) TS [ES/R174].
<b>Archdeaconry of Colchester</b>		
Allegations	1585-1641	by E.J. Erith and C.V. Appleton (1950) TS (in same volume as above). [ES/R174].
<b>Archdeaconry of Essex</b>		
Allegations	1579-1640	by E.J. Erith and C.V. Appleton (1950) TS (in same volume as above). [ES/R174].
	1691-1697	<u>East Anglian Notes and Queries</u> New Series 7 (1897-98) 289-291. [NF/PER].
<b>GLOUCESTERSHIRE</b>		
<b>Consistory of Gloucester</b>		
Allegations	1637-1680	B. Frith, <u>Gloucestershire Marriage Allegations 1637-1680</u> (Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society, Records Section, vol. 2, 1954). Includes Surrogate Allegations to 1694. [GL/105].
	1681-1700	B. Frith, <u>Marriage Allegations in the Diocese of Gloucester 1681-1700</u> (Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society, Records Section, vol. 9, 1970). [GL/R106].
Extracts	1637-8 1660/1-1753	by C.V. Appleton (1946) MS. Chronological rearrangement of a scattered accumulation of extracts evidently transcribed at the Registry. [GL/R107].



# Archbishop of Canterbury's Vicar General

- The Vicar General was the senior jurisdiction for issuing licences in the Province of Canterbury where both bride or groom lived in the Province –
  - Original Records at Lambeth Palace

*SEE "Records of Marriage and Divorce in Lambeth Palace Library" by Melanie Barber which appeared on page 109 of issue 4 of volume 20 of "Genealogists' Magazine".*

- MF Calendars 1706–1838 (MF 893–898)
- MF and digitised images of Original Allegations 1660–1851
- Extracts 1660–1679 Harleian Society Vol.23
- Indexes 1660–1694 Harleian Society vols 31–34
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First name(s)		Last name		ESDAILE
Person type		Bride		
Date of Marriage licence		29 Aug 1760	Year of Marriage licence	1760
Groom First name		Groom Last name		HOPKINS

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Gender	Female	Record set	Vicar General Marriage Licences
Licence year	1760	Category	Birth, Marriage & Death (Parish Registers)
Licence date	29 Aug 1760	Subcategory	Parish Marriages
Groom's last name	HOPKINS	Collections from	Great Britain, UK None
Bride's last name	ESDAILE		





## Marriage allegations for the Province of Canterbury, 1660-1851

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References: (Finding Aid) [Register of marriage allegations of the Vicar General of the Archbishop of Canterbury : indexes, 1660-1921; marriage allegations 1660-1851 / Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Genealogical Society. Library Division](#)

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24<sup>th</sup> August 1763


Which day appeared personally  
 John Hopkins of the Parish of Stinchurch in  
 the County of Hereford a Widower in which Parish  
 he hath ~~been~~ for several years last past & alledge  
 that he intendeth to marry with Ann Edails of  
 the Parish of Nymminster in the same County aged  
 upwards of seventeen years and a Spinster in  
 which Parish she hath had her Abode for several  
~~years~~ years last past which Marriage is  
 to be solemnized by and with the Consent of  
~~John~~ Edails her natural and lawfull Father  
 of the said Ann Edails



# Archbishop of Canterbury's Faculty Office

- The Faculty Office issued licences where parties lived in different provinces
- MF Calendars 1706/7–1845 (MF 899–903)
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Transcript of record for Robert BROWNING

First name(s)	Robert	Last name	BROWNING
Person type	Groom		
Date of marriage	11 Sep 1846	Year of marriage	1846
Bride First name	Eliz'th Barrett Moulton	Bride Last name	BARRETT

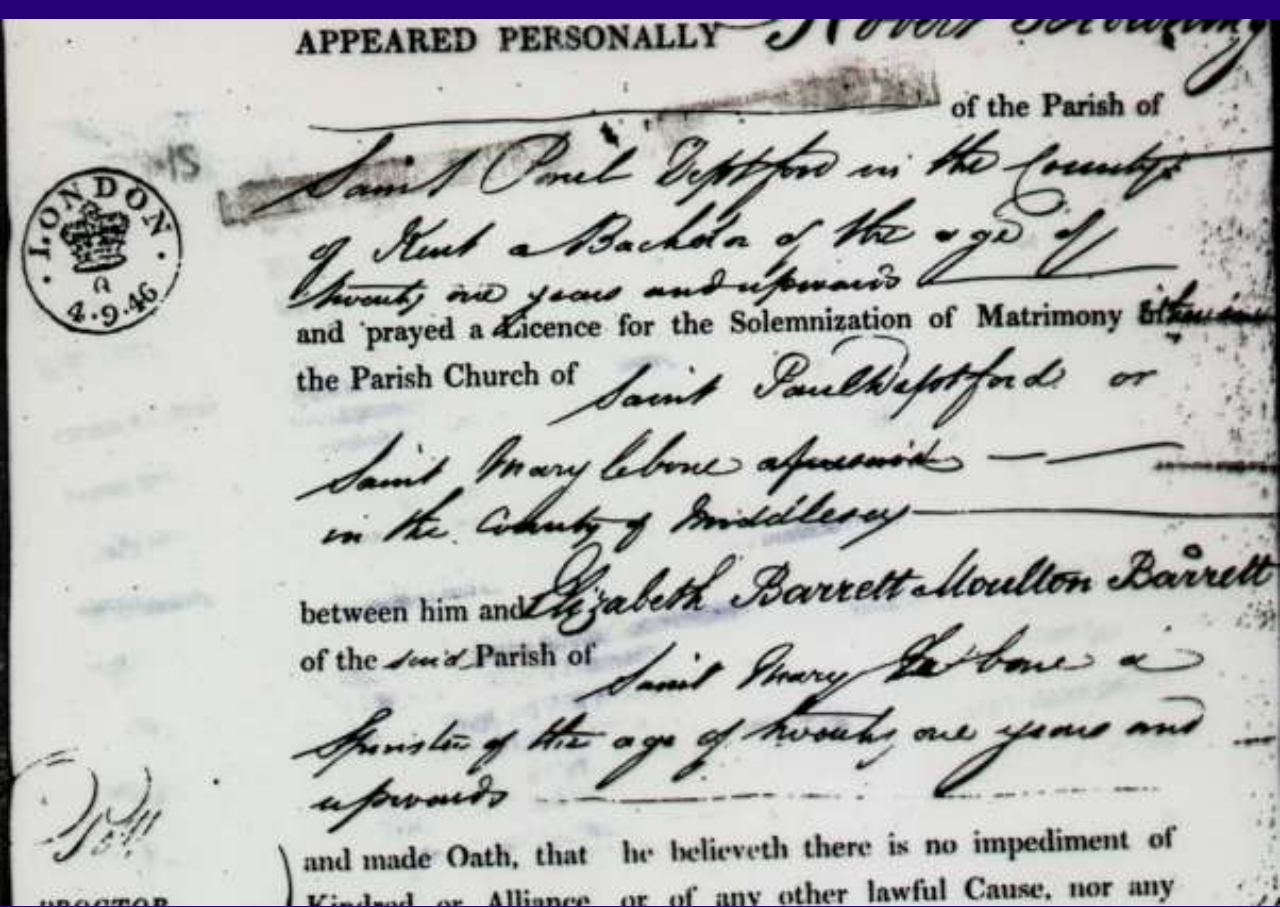
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Authors: [Church of England. Archbishop of Canterbury. Faculty Office](#) (Main Author)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

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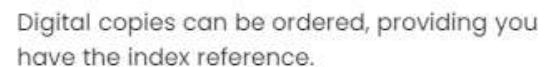
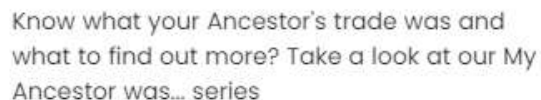


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No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
117	12 <sup>th</sup> September 1846	Robert Browning of Bachelor Full	21	Gent <sup>l</sup>	—	Saint Paul Church, Chertford	Robt. Browning Gent <sup>l</sup>	—
		Elizabeth Barrett	21	Spinster	—	H. Marylebone	Edw <sup>d</sup> . Barrett Gent <sup>l</sup>	—
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, <u>by licence</u> by me, <u>Wm. Woodley</u>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <u>Robert Browning</u>					In the Presence of us, <u>James Woodley</u>			
118 Marriage solemnized at the <u>Parish Church</u> in the <u>Parish of Marylebone</u> in the County of <u>Middlesex</u>								
	13 <sup>th</sup> September 1846	Charles Woodley of Bachelor Full	21	Groom	—	H. Marylebone	Benj <sup>n</sup> . Woodley Groom	—
		Jane May	21	Spinster	—	as above	John May Maltster	—
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, <u>after Banns</u> by me, <u>Wm. Woodley</u>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <u>Charles Woodley</u>					In the Presence of us, <u>William May</u>			
					<u>Jane May</u>			



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In the presence of M<sup>s</sup>. John Elcock, Caleb Taverner

Joseph Carles of the parish of Handsworth in the County of Stafford and  
Elizabeth Milliquet of this parish a minor were married in this Church by  
Licence A. C. Byrne with the consent of John Milliquet the Natural and  
Lawfull father of the said minor. August 4<sup>th</sup> 1774 by M<sup>r</sup>. Tho. Martyn Curate.  
This marriage was solemniz'd between M<sup>s</sup>.

Joseph Carles Eliza. Milliquet

In the presence of M<sup>s</sup>. W<sup>m</sup> Henry, Henry A. B. Milliquet



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Date of Marriage licence	02 Aug 1774	Year of Marriage licence	1774
Bride First name	Bride Last nameMILLIQUET		

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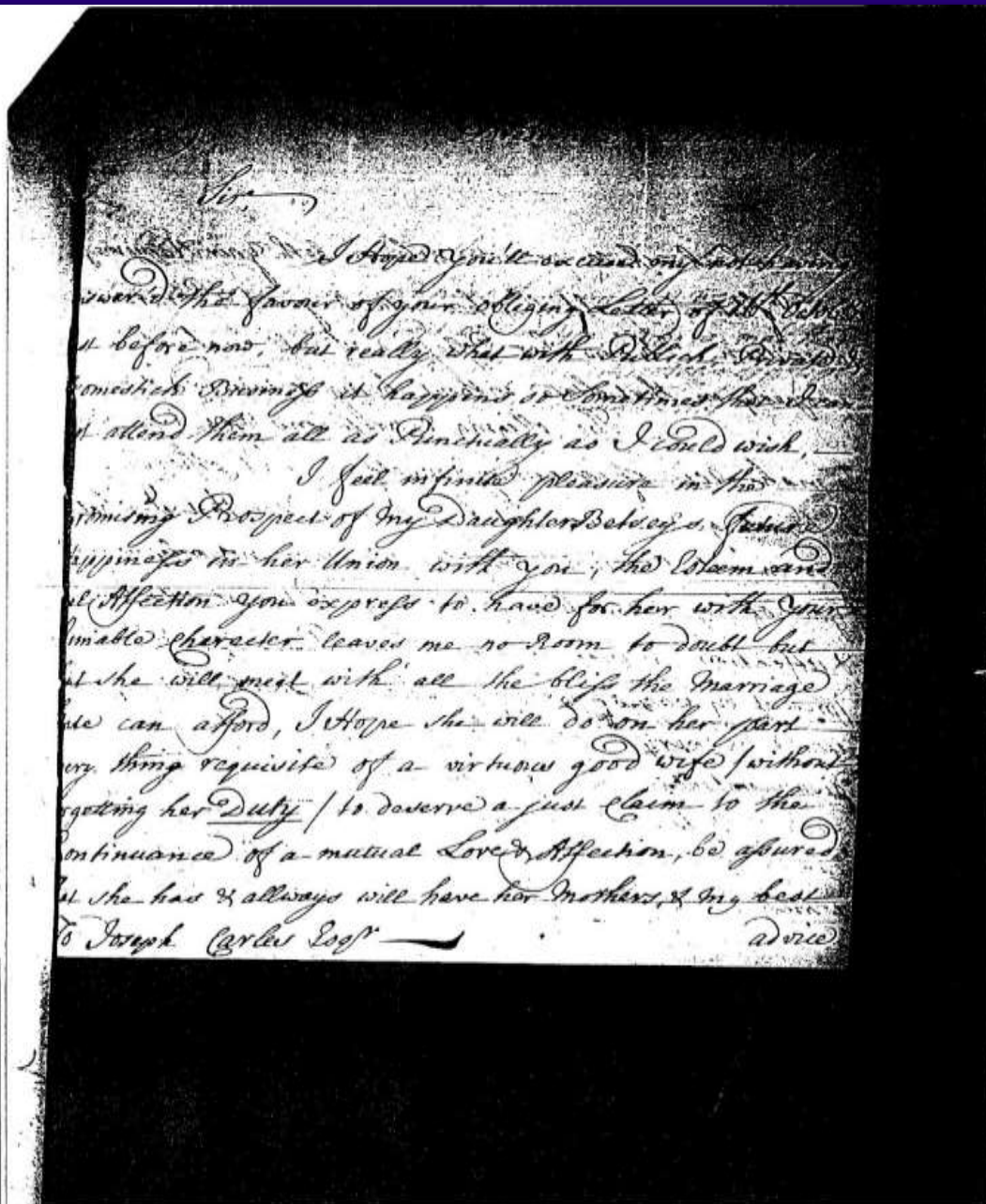


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# Consent for marriage

- Touching letter from future father-in-law produced as evidence for Joseph Carles to marry Elizabeth Milliquet noted amongst Vicar General Documents



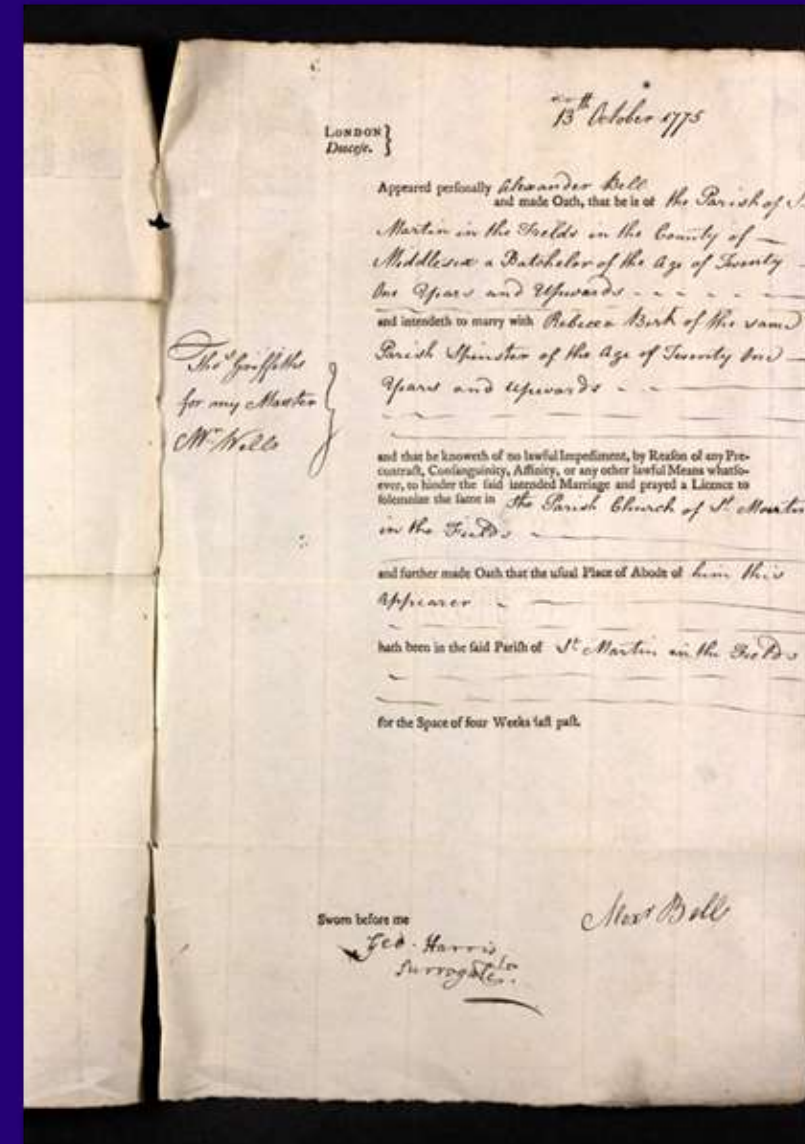
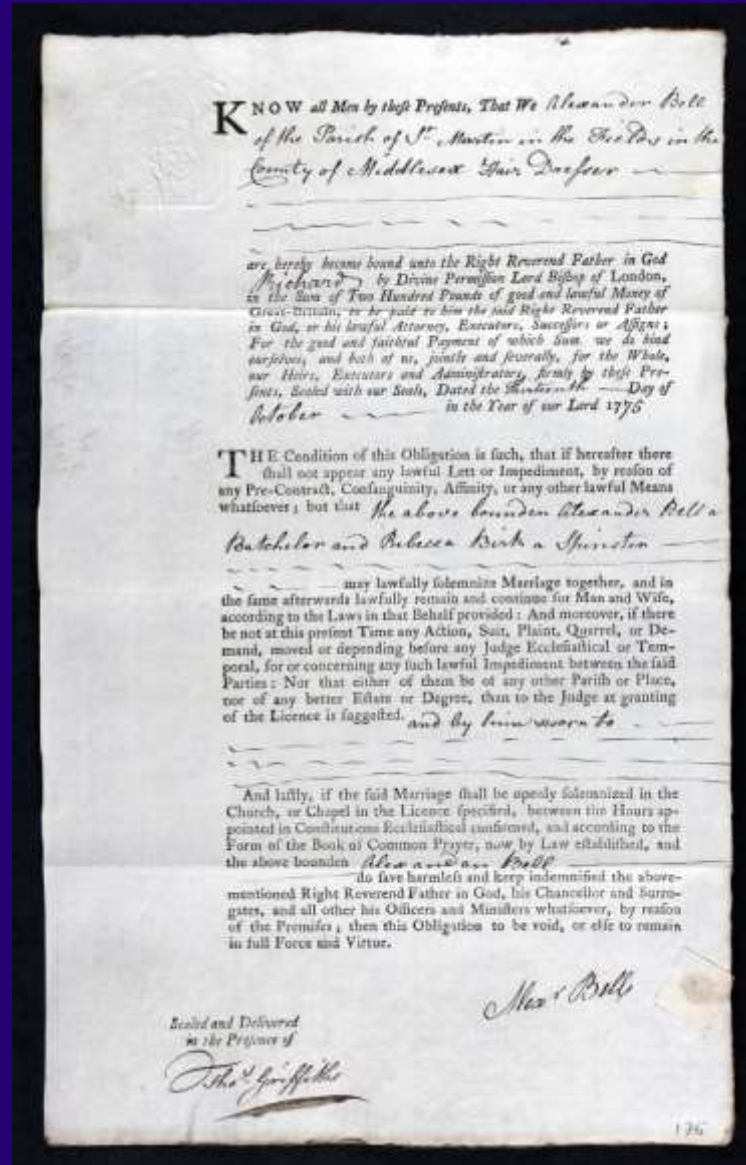


Alexander Bell = Rebecca Birk St Martin in Fields 14 Oct 1775, by  
Licence, BL [ Bishop of London ] (FMP)

North Street  
14 Alexander Bell and Rebecca Birk both of this Parish  
were Married in this Church by L. B. L. this Fourteenth  
day of October 1775 toyme Edwison Curate  
This Marriage was then Solemnized between the  
Alexander Bell  
Rebecca Birk  
In the Presence of the  
M<sup>rs</sup> Sanders  
Edwison Sanders



# BoL Bond and Allegation 13 Oct 1775 (Ancestry)





Birk

Rebecca

1775 Oct. 13

St Martin in the Fields, Wind

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Alexander

Bell

at St M.

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### Marriage Licences

**Crisps Marriage Licences**

**Volume 010 (Bride)**

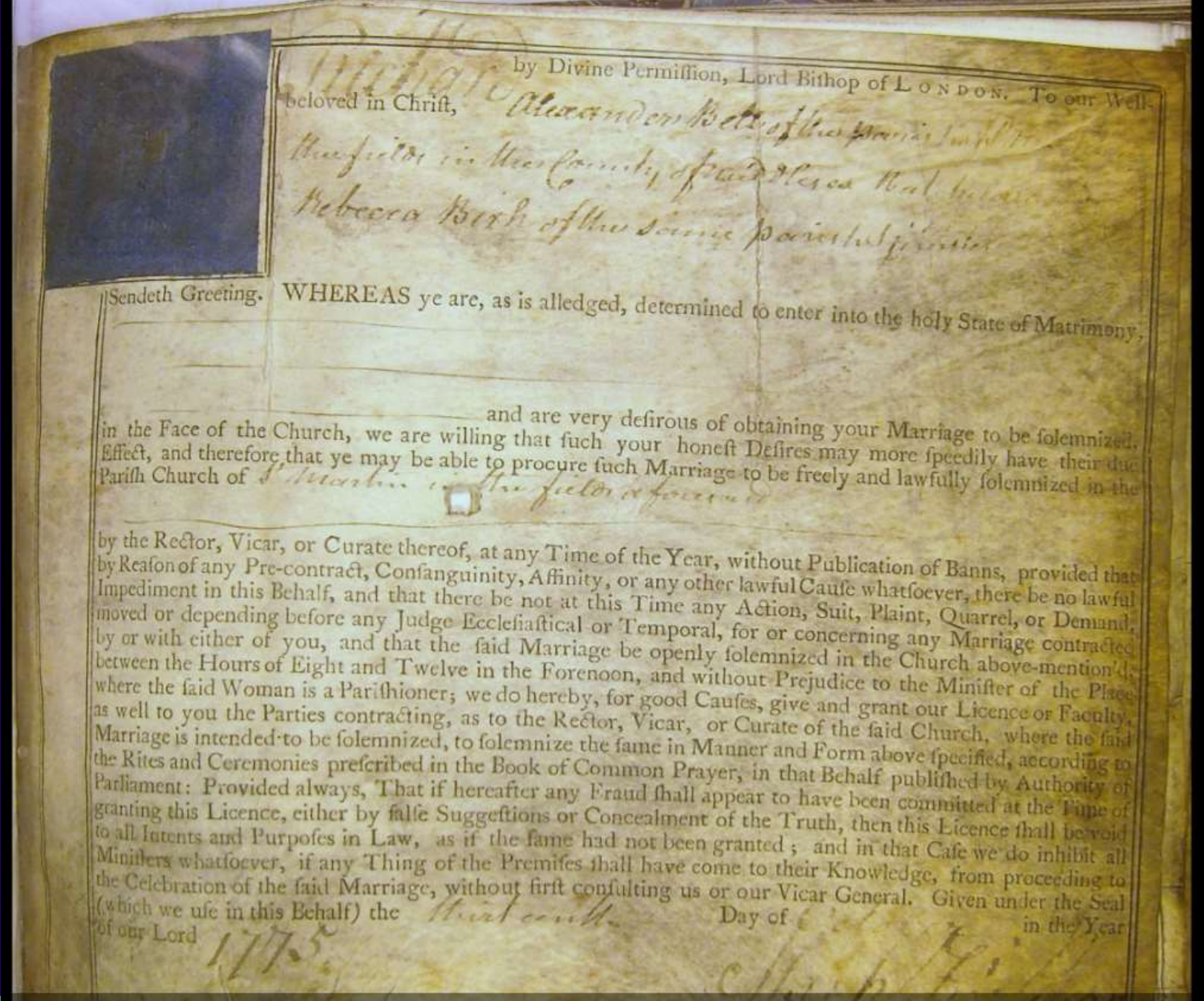
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Groom's Forename	Alexander
Groom's surname	Bell
Groom's parish	St Martin in the Fields
County	Middlesex
Groom's status	Spinster
Bride's Forename	Rebecca
Bride's surname	Bell
Bride's parish	St Martin in the Fields
County	Middlesex
Bride's status	Spinster
Date	1775
Month	October
Year	1775
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During his lifetime the antiquarian Frederick Arthur Crisp built up a collection of over 20,000 original marriage licences that he obtained directly or indirectly from the parish clerks of various London churches. These were bound into 221 volumes and abstracts made of all their genealogical content.  
 On his death the original licences were dispersed, but some 38 volumes are now held at the Society of Genealogists and indexed here (together with images from the original volumes)

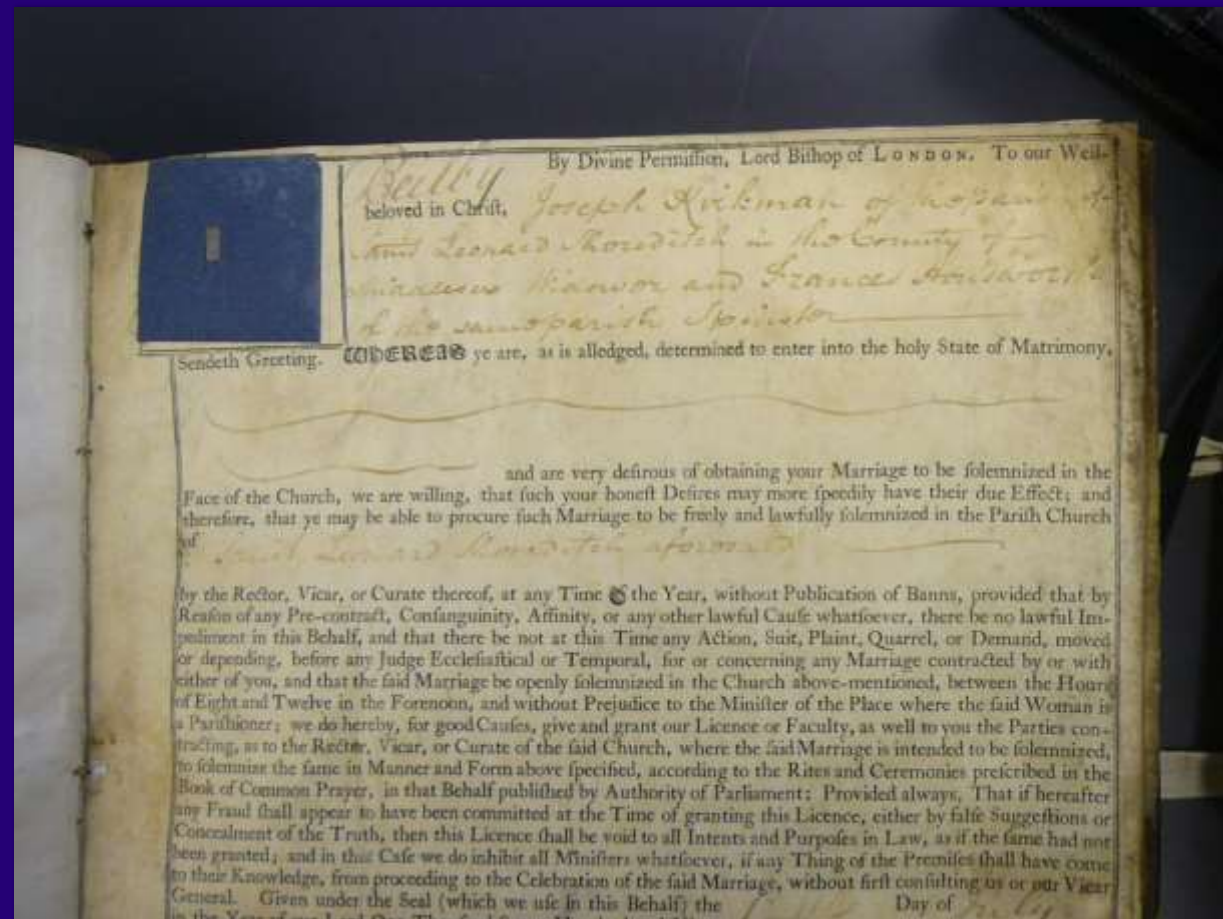
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# ORIGINAL LICENCE MATERIAL

- 20,000 original licences for London area churches were collected from parish chests etc by F A Crisp and were bound into over 200 volumes. The bulk of the original volumes are now at the IHGS but some were bought or given to the SoG after they were dispersed. Those held by the IHGS are indexed on Ancestry
- Abstracts were made of all these licences giving all the genealogical information. Copies of the Abstracts are held at the IHR IHGS & SoG
- Indexes were made for the period pre 1800 & 1800-1837, The SoG has completed the post 1800 period see MX/R 335-341





# Marriage Licences online



Findmypast

Archbishop of Canterbury Faculty and Vicar General, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Lincolnshire, Salisbury (Sarum)



Ancestry

London, Surrey and many published printed indexes



FamilySearch

Cheshire, Durham\*, Norfolk\*, Yorkshire\*  
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Faculty Office Marriage Licences	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Parish Marriages	321,472	→
Yorkshire, Archbishop Of York Marriage Licences Index, 1613-1839	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Parish Marriages	305,035	→
Leicestershire Marriage Licences, 1604-1891	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Parish Marriages	79,700	→
Leicestershire Marriage Licences Browse, 1604-1891	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Parish Marriages	57,859	→
Britain, Registers Of Licences To Pass Beyond The Seas 1573-1677	Travel & Migration	Migration	27,756	→
Cambridgeshire, Ely Diocese Marriage Licences 1684-1811	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Parish Marriages	17,746	→
Britain, Marriage Licences Browse	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Civil Marriage & Divorce	15,305	→
Britain, Registers Of Licences To Pass Beyond The Seas 1573-1677 Browse	Travel & Migration	Migration	1,698	→
London Marriage Licences 1521-1869	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Parish Marriages	853	→
Cheshire Marriage Licence Bonds and Allegations 1606-1905	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Parish Marriages	901,392	→
Sarum Marriage Licence Bonds	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records	Parish Marriages	151,389	→



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## Yorkshire, Archbishop Of York Marriage Licences Index, 1613-1839

Discover your ancestors who made applications for marriage licences in the diocese of York, England, between 1613 and 1839. You may be able to discover your relative's age when they applied for their marriage licence, their parish, and their spouse's age and parish. The records may also reveal if your ancestor was serving in the armed forces at the time of their marriage licence application. The boundaries of the Diocese of York changed over time, with most of Yorkshire covered at one point or another, so the marriage licences are a valuable resource if you're looking for your Yorkshire ancestors.

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Who

First name(s)

Last name

☒ Name variants ⓘ
☐ Name variants ⓘ

All fields are optional

When

Birth year

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 ⓘ

Licence year

Give or take  
 ⓘ

Residence parish  

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Spouse's first name(s)

☒ Name variants ⓘ

Spouse's last name

☐ Name variants ⓘ



### Learn about these records

> What can these records tell me?

Each record comprises a transcript of the original index. The amount of information listed varies, but the records usually include a combination of the following information about your ancestor:

- First name(s)
- Last name
- Age
- Birth year
- Residence parish

### Useful Links & Resources

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NB does NOT include those Yorkshire MLs 1557-1640, 1660-1674 indexed and lost  
By William Paver published in Yorks Archaeological Journal





## Britain, Marriage Licences Browse

Did your ancestor receive a marriage licence between 1446 and 1837? Fifteen English counties are represented in this collection: Bedford, Berkshire, Buckingham, Devon, Dorset, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Herefordshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Lincoln, Norfolk, Northampton, Suffolk, Exeter, Lincoln, Yorkshire, and more.

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### Learn more about these records

#### ➤ What can these records tell me?

With each result, you will find a digitised volume of marriage licences. The detail in each licence varies depending on the age of the document and the individuals named in the licence. People of high social standing usually have more detail recorded in their licence such as occupations and fathers' names. You will find a combination of the following facts in the marriage licence:

Name

Residence

Father's name

Spouse's name

Spouse's residence

Spouse's father's name

Marital status

Marriage place

To search the records by name, go to the **Britain, marriage licences** available in the *Useful links and resources*.

#### ➤ Discover more about these records

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# All London and Surrey, England, Marriage Bonds and Allegations, 1597-1921 results for william Giddy

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Giddy  
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Spouse(s): william giddy

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<a href="#">View Record</a>	Name	Event Date	Parish	Spouse's Name	Spouse's Parish	<a href="#">View Images</a>
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16 August 1598.

This day appeared personally before me, the said Doctor Stanhope, William Giddy of the parish of Stepney in the county of Middlesex, mariner, being a widower and aged about 36 years and he alleges he intends to marry one Marion Lawrence of the same parish, spinster, aged about 32 years, the natural daughter of Richard Lawrence of Huelfield (sic) in the county of Gloucester, yeoman. Then likewise appeared personally, Catherine Pinnock, the wife of Thomas Pinnock of the same parish, being the cousin germane of the said Marion Lawrence and she alleges that she (has spoken with Thomas Lawrence, the said Marion Lawrence's own brother and that he told her that his father, Richard Lawrence, was well content with this foresaid intended marriage). The said Marion Lawrence has dwelt with her these two years and her father, being living in Gloucestershire, a very old man and of mean estate, has placed her in London where she has lived years and is now willing to prefer her in marriage, leaving her to her own choice. And they desire to be married in the parish church of Stepney aforesaid, where both the abovenamed parties are dwelling.

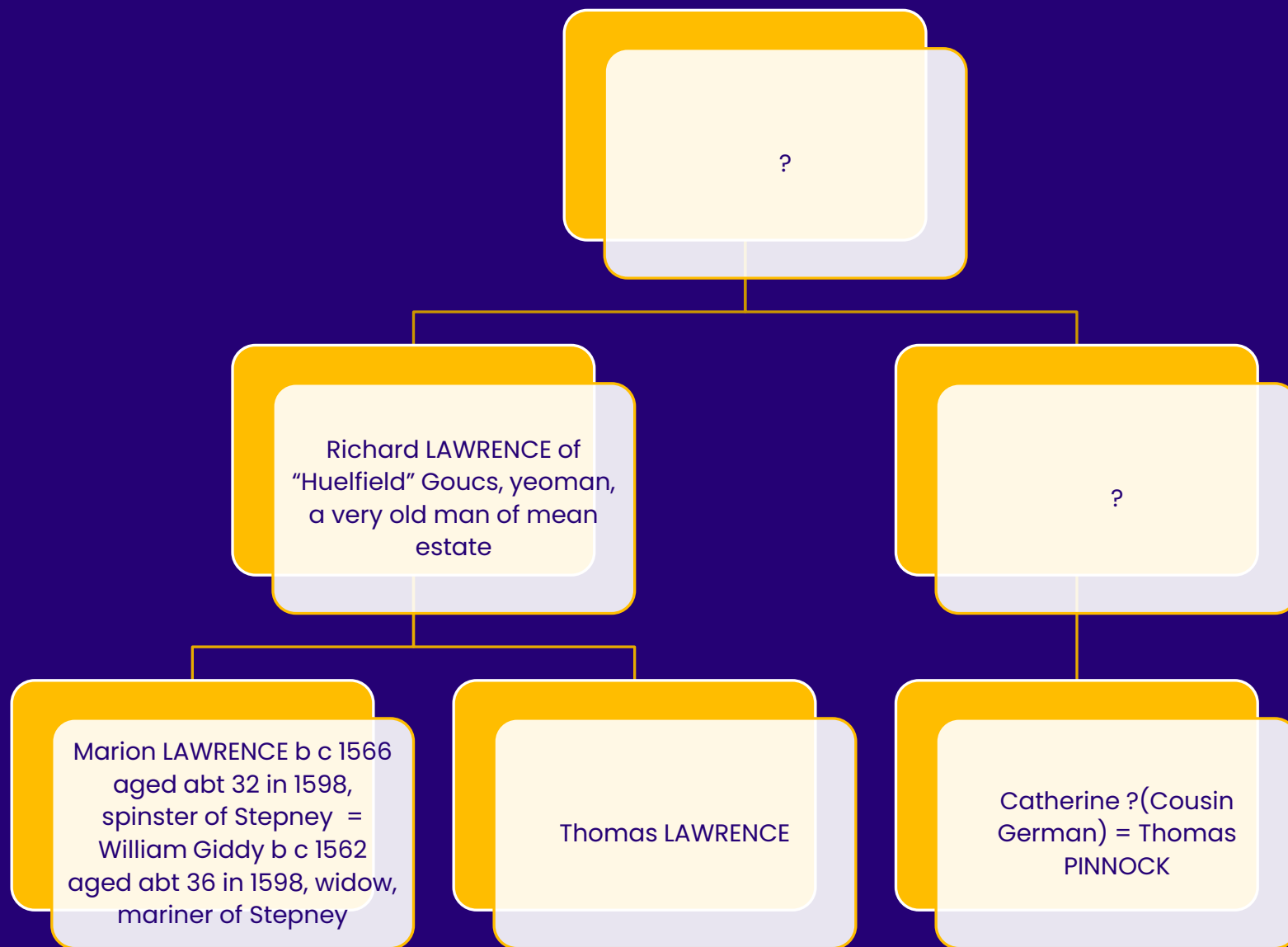
William Gidde [signs]

The mark of Marion Lawrence. The mark of Catherine Pinnock.?

James Robinson  
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# All London and Surrey, England, Marriage Bonds and Allegations, 1597-1921 results for Tritton

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London and Surrey, England, Marriage Bonds and Allegations, 1597-1921

This database contains marriage allegations and bonds made when applying for a marriage license in parishes in London and Surrey, England

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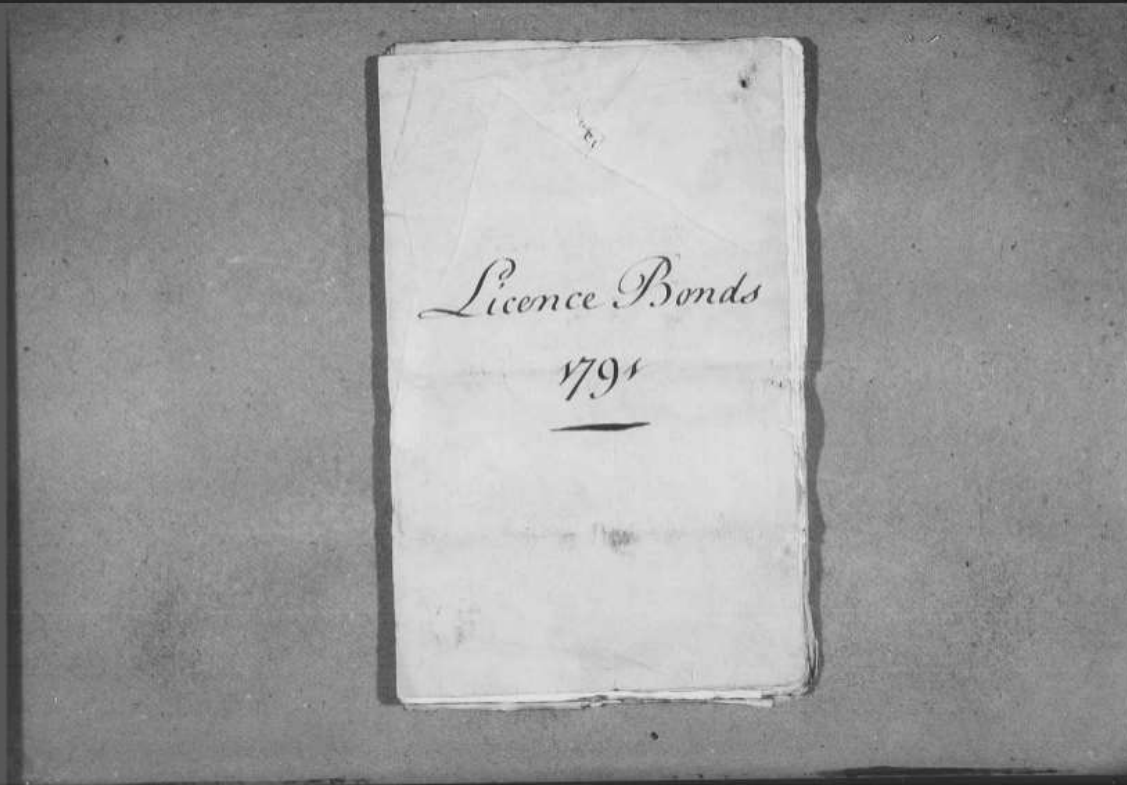
are, holden and firmly bound to the Right Reverend Father in God  
*James* by Divine Permission, Lord Bishop of Winchester  
 in the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds of lawful Money of  
 Great Britain, to be paid to the said Right Reverend Father, or  
 his certain Attorney, Successors, or Assigns: To which Payment,  
 well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us  
 by himself, for the whole, our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators,  
 firmly by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals. Dated  
 the *twentieth* Day of *April* in the Year  
 of our Lord, 15*88*

Means whatsoever; but that the above-bounden Robt Robert  
Britton, Clerk and Mary Biscoe of the Parish  
of Lumpkin in the County of Barry Spencer

may lawfully solemnize Marriage together, and in the same afterwards lawfully remain and continue for Man and Wife, according to the Laws in that Behalf provided: And moreover, if there be not at this present Time any Action, Suit, Plaint, Quarrel, or Demand, moved or depending before any Judge, Ecclesiastical or Temporal, for or concerning any such lawful Impediment between the said Parties: Nor that either of them be of any other Parish, or of better Estate or Degree, than to the Judge at granting of the Licence is suggested, and by *him* sworn to

And lastly, if the same Marriage shall be openly solemnized in the Church, or Chapel, in the Licence specified, between the Hours appointed, by the Ecclesiastical confirmed, and according to the Common Prayer, now by Law







1726 MAJOR	Jn & Mary Sims	Whitchurch Canonico
1727	Jn & Sar Godfry	Bp London
1730	Jas & Mgt Parfit	Stoke Poges BUCKS
1731	Jn & Mary Burrell	Washingborough LINC
1732	Andr & Cath Perrot	Askerswell DORS
1732	Tho & Elz Hive	Bp London
1736	Tho & Elz Dominy	Cattistock DORS
1736	Tho & Hes Rogers	Bp London
1737	Chas & An Battersby	Notts M L
1737	Nic & Mary Mason	Godmanchester HUNTS
1738	Rob & Han Harber	Godshill HANTS
1738	Tho & Mary Mannell	Ipswich M L
1739	Hen & Mary Raddon	Lyme Regis DORS
1739	Hen & Mary Raddon	Salisbury
1739	Sam & Elz Townsend	Southwark S John
1740	Wm & An Stevenson	Canterbury
1741	Ric & Deb Collet	Buscot BERKS
1743	Jn & Mary Gey	Wootton Fitzpaine DO
1743	Jn & An Littlepage	High Wycombe BUCKS
1744	Tho & An Gun/dry	Cattistock DORS
1746	Jn & Sar Betston	Chardstock DORS
1748	Wm & Marth Kell	S Kath Coleman MILK
1749	Jonathan & Sar Disdale	Southwark S Geo
1740 MAKEDEN	Tho & Lidia Beardman	Prestbury CHES
1729 MAKEHAM	Jn & Mgt Franklin	Redford Mary BEDS
1726 MAKEMAN	Rob & Elz Watson	Fleet LINC
1733	Ric & Elz Forster	do
1735	Jas & Rose Smith	do
1739	Ric & An Barton	do
1728 MAKEN	Jas & Mary Lether	Lancaster M L
1728	Hen & Mary Aspinall	Sefton LANC
1730	Hen & Mgy Claiton	do
1734	Jn & Cath Scotherop	Snaithe M L YORKS
1734	Wm & An Barker	do
1735	Wm & An Barker	do
1738	Rob & Elz Pettit	Sudbury M L
1741	Wm & Gra Holdstock	Folkington SUSS
1743	Sam & An Dochin	Bp London
1748	Hen & Elz Pettit	Sudbury M L
1749	Jas & An Begent	Canterbury
1741 MAKERY	Jn & Mary Hutton	do
1747	Tho & Elz Preston	do
1737 MAKEPEACE	Tho & An Adams	Chipping Campden G
1739	Wm & Sar Holtom	Cherington WARW
1744	Jonathan & Agatha Green	Southwark S Geo
1738 MAKES	Jos & Elz May	Surrey
1748 MALADUE	Hen & An Bothomly	Peak Forest Ch DER
1729 MALBY	Edw & Mary Ratcliff	Wandsworth SURR
1735	Hugh & Isb Harwood	Notts M L
1733 MALBON	Sam & Sar Newman	Bp London
1743	Sam & Elz Newman	do
1748	Jos & Marth Pimblot	Prestbury CHES
1740 MALBOROUGH	Jas & An Reader	Canterbury
1746	Jas & An Dadd	Canterbury

## Boyds Marriage Index



## Marriage Settlement of Mr Batson with Miss Smart August 1781

There is no place where marriage settlements or other such original and personal family documents might be deposited. This settlement outlines a form of pre nuptial agreement between the families. FamilySearch and Ancestry show the marriage by licence of Robert Batson (widower of "St Annes Middlesex") and Mary Smart at St Dunstons and All Saints, Stepney on 16 August 1781. There is a Faculty Office Marriage Licence for this marriage issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury on 14th August and indexed by the Society on SoG Data Online & the Findmypast website.

Altogether these documents shed light on the practice of marriage in the 18th century.





## Significant Dates

- 1821 Registers of places like the Fleet purchased by the Government and deposited in the Registry of the Bishop of London. J S Burn became the registrar of these records in 1831.
- 1822 Modifications of Hardwick. Signed affidavits before banns called to be kept in parish chest. **Oaths sworn before licence granted. Evidence of age produced.** Rise in clandestine trips to Scotland
- 1823 Affidavits repealed. Residential qualification reduced to 15 days. Bonds no longer required





New Marriage Act 1823 celebrated  
and commemorated

***John Frill and Ann Boke aged 21***

"that is right says the Parson amen  
says the clerk"



Expensive

# MOUNTNESSING SURPLICE FEES.

	Vicars £ s. d.	Curates £ s. d.	Clerks £ s. d.
Marriage by Banns, including 2s 6d Fee for publishing the Banns - - -	- - -	0 8 6	0 3 0
Certificate of publication of Banns for another Parish - - -	- - -	0 2 6	- - -
Marriage by Licence - - -	- - -	1 1 0	0 10 6
Churching of Women - - -	- - -	0 1 0	0 0 6
Common Burial Fee, including 1s for Tolling Bell - - -	- - -	0 3 6	0 3 6
Brick Grave - - -	1 1 0	0 7 0	0 7 0
Head and Footstone to a Grave - - -	1 11 6	- - -	7 - -
Head and Footstone with Brick or Stone Work between - - -	2 12 6	- - -	- - -
Tomb of any sort in the Churchyard - - -	3 3 0	1 1 0	0 10 6
Opening of the same for another body - - -	2 2 0	1 1 0	0 10 6
Wooden Posts with Inscription Rail between - - -	0 10 6	- - -	- - -
Adding to a former Inscription in the Churchyard - - -	0 5 0	- - -	- - -
Tomb with Railing Round it - - -	5 5 0	- - -	- - -
Making a Vault in the Churchyard - - -	15 15 0	2 2 0	0 12 6
Opening a Vault in the Churchyard - - -	5 5 0	1 1 0	0 10 6
Burial in the Body of the Church - - -	5 5 0	1 1 0	0 10 6
Burial in the Chancel - - -	10 10 0	2 2 0	1 1 0
Flag Stone with Inscription in the Church or Chancel - - -	2 2 0	- - -	- - -
Erecting a Tablet in Church or Chancel - - -	6 6 0	- - -	- - -
Adding to a former Inscription on ditto - - -	2 2 0	- - -	- - -
Putting up a Hatchment in Church or Chancel - - -	5 5 0	- - -	- - -
Certificate of any Marriage, Baptism, or Burial - - -	- - -	0 2 6	- - -
Searching the Parish Registers - - -	- - -	0 5 0	- - -
Opening the Church expressly for a Baptism - - -	- - -	0 10 0	0 1 6

N.B. In every case of the Party Dying Out of the Parish the Burial Fees are all Double.

*R. H. Carlton, M.A. Vicar 1896*  
T. M. READY, D.L.B. Vicar.

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# Marriage search strategy

## Registers

- PR where child baptised
- PR of mother's family parish
- PR of father's family parish
- Immediate neighbouring parishes

## Finding aids

- Family Search
- Digitised and Indexed registers
- County Marriage Indexes
- Boyd's Marriage Index
- Pallot's Marriage Index (printed registers etc 1780-1837)
- Phillimore Marriage Register Transcripts published on the Genealogist

## Supplementary Documents

- Licences/Banns

## Try London

- Vicar General/Faculty Office Marriage Licences
- Bishop of London & Lower Court Marriage Licences
- Pallot (London 1800-37)
- Boyd pre 1754
- Fleet Registers
- Chapels used by licensees of the Bishop of London (Burn)
- Deposited records RG4-8
- RC Embassy Chapels



# Wales & Ireland

- Indexes to the Consistory of St David's Bonds, Fiats and some Licences in West Wales Historical Records Vols 3-12
- Bethams's abstracts from the Prerogative Court of Armagh Marriage Licences 1629-1810 (MF 324-5 & 326-331)