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## HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR YEAR 1958.

During the year under review the Society has held its own and made some progress in its main task—the transcription and printing of the parish registers of Staffordshire.

We have unfortunately lost by death a number of old subscribers during the year and in this connection I would like particularly to mention the passing of our President, the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Dartmouth, who always showed a keen interest in the work of the Society. Another keen member of long standing, Mr. Norman Whitehouse, died in December last. He had contributed to our work and was responsible for the transcription of the Wednesbury Register.

Fortunately we have gained a number of new members including several public libraries in the county and now there are very few local authorities in Staffordshire with library powers who are not supporters of our work. We are hopeful that some at least of the remainder will become members in the near future.

The Bushbury Register was issued to members during the year and has been very well received. The work on Madeley register is progressing but as the transcription is taking rather longer than was anticipated, it is suggested that the register of one of the smaller parishes in the county might be printed to fill the gap.

Recently the Chillington Register has come to light in the registry of the Roman Catholic Archbishopric of Birmingham. This register covers a great part of the 18th century and contains baptisms of Roman Catholics in the Wolverhampton area. Miss M. Rowlands of Wolverhampton has kindly consented to copy it, and it is suggested that it might be included, together with the R.C. register of SS. Peter and Paul, Wolverhampton, in our list for early printing.

Mr. J. S. Roper has transcribed the parish register of St. Edmund's, Dudley, and a copy is being deposited in our collection at the Salt Library.

I am pleased to report on the healthy state of our funds. At the end of 1958 our credit balance at the Bank was £283 6s. 4d. Of course, if we can increase our income we can also increase considerably the amount of printing which the Society can undertake during the year.

## INTRODUCTION

by *Miss Marie Rowlands, B.A.*

### THE CATHOLIC REGISTERS OF CHILLINGTON (1720-1737/1762-70) AND WOLVERHAMPTON (1791-1835)

By the Relief Acts of 1778 and 1791 Roman Catholics were for the first time since 1559 allowed to practise their religion without incurring legal penalties. Prior to this, Catholics were extremely chary of committing anything to paper and their registers are often fragmentary and scattered. The register of the Chapel of Chillington Hall, Brewood, Staffs., is therefore of great interest, for it affords a wealth of information about the Catholic dependents, tenants and neighbours of the Giffard family in the 18th century. It was kept by the family chaplain in a small leather bound notebook, which is at present at Edgbaston in the Archives of the Archbishop of Birmingham.

At the Reformation the Giffard family profited extensively from the Dissolution of the monasteries acquiring not only the neighbouring properties of Blackladies and Whiteladies but also properties formerly belonging to the Priors of Stone, Hulton, Ronton and Shene. Nevertheless, John Giffard (1560-1613), 11th lord of Chillington, was vigorous in his resistance to the religious policy of Elizabeth, being summoned before Council in 1575, imprisoned several times and heavily fined. His successor Walter (1613-1632) protected his tenants, received their cattle into his grounds when the searchers were out, maintained a chapel and chaplain and allowed two of his daughters to escape to France to become nuns. (Altogether, about 15 of the Giffards of Chillington and Blackladies were smuggled abroad to become priests and religious during the 17th century.) Small wonder, then, that Brewood was described in 1604 as harbouring "very many recusants" and among those appearing at Quarter Sessions are the families of Yates, Woolley, Smythes, Rock, and Hill. In 1641, 74 recusants were returned for the parish.

In 1642 the Giffards all turned out for King Charles I under the leadership of the 13th lord of Chillington, Peter Giffard. He had reason to be grateful to the King who had supported him in his petition to be relieved of recusancy exactions over and above the £180 p. annum for which he had compounded in 1634. Chillington was sequestered in 1643 by Parliament, many of its documents disappeared and Peter himself was imprisoned for a time at Eccleshall. He took up arms again for the King in 1648 and his lands were forfeited as a result. However, he recovered the property at the Restoration and his successors Walter (1663-1688), John (1688-

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SECLAR CLERGY AT WOLVERHAMPTON,

18th CENTURY

John Minward .....	1692
John Miller .....	c. 1700-1727
Thomas Brockholes .....	1727-1730
Peter Brailsford .....	d. 1734
George Jakenan .....	1739-1740
Thomas Sutton .....	1740-1754
C. Williams .....	1740-1742
James Layfield White .....	1742-1750
Thomas Pearson .....	d. 1758
Edward Ball .....	1759
Peter Beeston .....	1756-1767
Alexander Taylor .....	1762-1775
Thomas Hartley .....	1768-1772
Thomas Liddel .....	1771-1775
Joseph Berrington .....	1775-
John Carter .....	1776-1803
Morgan D'Arcy .....	1803-
Walter Blount .....	1803-1821
William Benson .....	1821-1831
Patrick O'Sullivan .....	1831-1851
Peter Mostyn .....	1829-

**REGISTER OF BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES  
SOLEMNISED IN THE CHAPEL AND DEPENDENCIES OF  
CHILLINGTON, IN STAFFORDSHIRE,**

**BEGINNING FROM THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1720/1**

1720/1.

- Jan. 31.** Baptised in the chapel at Chillington, Sara, daughter of Richard Smith, tailor, who lived by Chillington Hall, by me Ed. Dicconson, she being but two days old. He who was to have been godfather not being present she was held over the font only by Catherine Davis, chambermaid of Chillington Hall, who stood godmother.
- Feb. 12.** Baptised Edward, son of William and Ellen Smith, gardener, and Ellen Smith his wife, both of Brewood, the child being but about four days old. Godparents: Edmund Re. and Elizabeth Taylor of Brewood.
- Apr. 2.** Baptised Joseph son of Thomas Howell, Blacksmith, and Ann Creswell his wife and daughter of George Creswell of the Warren of Chillington. Thomas Howell lives in Chillington at the back of the orchard. Joseph Howell was born 31st March. Godparents: John Creswell, eldest son of the Warren, and Ann Howell, maiden sister to Thomas Howell.

1721.

- May 1.** Baptised Christine or Christina, daughter of Ralph Rowley of Kiddimore Green and Mary Creswell his wife, daughter of Christine Creswell. Christine junior was born 29th April. Godparents: Thomas Creswell, uncle to the child, who lives by the Beaument of Chillington Hall, and Catherine Davis, one of the chambermaids of the Hall.
- May 11.** Baptised William, third son of Richard Darley and Mary Braden his wife, of Leeting Green in the parish of Cod-sall. Godparents: John Howell of Albrighton parish and brother to Thomas, the smith of Chillington; and Margaret Leek, spinster sister to Antony Leek of the Wood. William Darley was born 8th May.  
*N.B.:* This William Darley died 3rd June, 1723.

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- June 16. Baptised William, son to Joseph Floyde and Mary Turner. Gossips: Thomas Witass and Martha Hipwood.
- July 2. Baptised John, son of John Lilly and Mary Asbery. Gossips: John Floyde and Ann Lilly.
- Aug. 24. Baptised Joseph, son of Joseph Purcel and Mary Williams his wife. Gossips: Thomas Yews and Mary Purcel, grandmother to the child.
- Sept. 12. Baptised Thomas, son of James Roberts and Elizabeth Floyde his wife. Godparents: George Fletcher and Catherine Walton.
- Sept. 21. Baptised Thomas, son of John Stoke and Elizabeth Bryan. Godparents: Thomas Floyde and Catherine Kempson.
- Oct. 13. Baptised Anne, daughter of Thomas Hill and Ann Moss. Godparents: William Sheldon and Elizabeth Wright.
- Oct. 26. Baptised Catherine, daughter of John Coppin and Mary Howell. Godparents: John Floyde and Lucy Wood.
- Oct. 29. Baptised Thomas, son of Joseph Thornbury and Elizabeth Day. Godparents: Thomas Corvisor and Lucy Wood.

1763.

- Feb. 17. Baptised John, eldest son of Joseph Day and Elizabeth Green his wife. Godparents: John Day and Anne Day, uncle and aunt to the child.
- Apr. 25. Baptised Jane, daughter of John Jutgdson and Mary Taylor his wife. Godmother: Anne Reed; no godfather.
- May 3. Baptised Peter, son of Thomas and Catherine Howell of Allbrinton (? Albrighton). Godparents: John Floyde, gamekeeper at Chillington and Sarah Howell, aunt to the child.
- June 2. Baptised Mary, daughter of James Webb and Anne Annesley his wife. Godmother: Mary Floyde; no godfather.
- June 7. Baptised William, son of John Paulton of Kiddimore Green and of Sarah Allen. Godparents: John Corvisor and Anne Floyde.
- Sept. 15. Baptised William George, son of George Penderel and

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Mary Howell his wife. Godparents: Thomas Fielding and Mary Howell.

Sept. 18. Baptised Thomas, son of William Day of Bishop's Wood and Anne his wife. Godparents: Joseph Thornbury and Martha Hipwood.

Nov. 16. Baptised by Mr. Manning at Longbirch, Barbara, daughter of John Hill and Mary Roberts his wife. Godparents: Joseph Howell and Barbara Hill.

1764.

Jan. 31. Baptised Charles, son of John Hanes and Mary Leatham his wife, I standing godfather and Miss Elizabeth Bailey godmother.

Feb. 6. Baptised Thomas, son of Thomas Witass of Kiddimore Green and Mary Floyd his wife. Godparents: John and Anne Floyd.

1763.

Feb. 20. Baptised Joseph, eldest son of Thomas Day and Mary Rogers. Godmother: Anne Duignan, aunt to the child; godfather, there was none.

1763 (sic).

Feb. 20. Baptised Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Rawlens and Anne Brown his wife. Godmother: Mary Rawlens, aunt to the child; godfather, there was none.

1764.

Apr. 1. Baptised Mary, daughter of Thomas Preston and Elizabeth Rostens his wife. Godparents: John Stoke, Anne Luellin.

Apr. 5. Baptised Joseph, eldest son of Francis Hughes of Cod-sall Wood and Elizabeth Heath his wife. Godparents: Frances Sutton and Mary Perkins.

Apr. 10. Baptised James, son of John Read and Anne Carpenter. Godparents: Richard Newton and Ann Partridge.

May 8. Baptised Thomas Joseph, eldest son of Thomas Giffard, Esq., of Chillington, and of Barbara Throckmorton his

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- Aug. 29. Baptised John, son of John Hanes by Mary Latham his wife. Godparents: John Latham and Elizabeth.
- Oct. 3. Baptised James, son of Thomas Howell by Sarah Lane his wife. Godparents: James and Anne Howell.
- Nov. 18. Baptised Richard, son of Jos. Purcell by Mary Williams his wife. Godparents: John Latham and Sarah Lewis.
- Dec. 23. Baptised Richard, son of George Penderel by Mary Howell his wife. Godparents: Will. Floyd and Winifred Howell.

1769.

- Feb. 17. Baptised Mary Catherine, daughter of Thos. Fielding by Elizabeth Randall his wife. Godparents: Thos. Giffard, Esq., and the Hon. Mrs. Heneage.
- Feb. 26. Baptised Sarah, daughter of Will Roden by Elizabeth Follis his wife. Sponsors: Thomas West and Elizabeth Roberts.
- Mar. 22. Baptised Mary Cocksell, daughter of John by Anne Boyden his wife. Godparents: John Smallwood and Ann Falkenor.
- Apr. 3. Baptised Joseph Edward, son of Ed. Ward of Blackladies by (blank) Rudge. Godparents: John Lockley and Mary Coffin.
- Apr. 21. Baptised Mary, daughter of James Howell of Boningale by Mary Haykins his wife. Godparents: Thomas Fidgeon and Anne Heykins.
- May 31. Baptised John, son of John Evans by Esther Lane his wife. Godparents: Jos. Thornberry and Sarah Howell.
- June 24. Baptised Peter, son of John Howell of Albrighton by Sarah Northwood his wife. Godparents: Will. Illeage and Mary Howell of Boningale.
- July 16. Baptised George, son of George Creswell by Martha Cocksell his wife. Godparents: John Stoke and Mary Willetts.
- Aug. 7. Baptised William, son of John Ward by Elizabeth Wright his wife. Godparents: Jos. Wright and Sara Howell.
- Aug. 19. Baptised Thomas, son of Thomas Smallwood by Arabella Rowley his wife. Godparents: Michael Rowley and Elizabeth Hughes.

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- Aug. 4. Baptised Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Price by Mgt. Lane his wife. Godparents: George Newman and (blank) Creswell.
- Oct. 22. Baptised Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Williams by Mary Richards his wife. Godparents: John Collier and Mary Falkener.
- Dec. 13. Baptised Thomas, son of John Greensell by Anne Johns his wife. Godparents: Thomas Howell and Anne Lewis.
- Dec. 13. Baptised Ann, daughter of (blank) Hughes by Elizabeth Heath his wife. Godparents: John Spicer and Mary Heath.

1770.

- Mar. 3. Baptised James, son of Jos. Thornbury by Elizabeth Day his wife. Godparents: George Stoke and Mary Darley.
- Mar. 6. Baptised Mary, daughter of John Paulton by Sarah Allen his wife. Godparents: Thomas Corvisor and Mary Weaver.

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SS. PETER AND PAUL, WOLVERHAMPTON

BAPTISMS AND BURIALS

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1788.

- Apr. 26. John Barney, son of John and Frances, born, and bapt. by Rev. John Carter. Verified on the oath of Amelia Hawkins before Rev. John Clare, magistrate of the county of Stafford.

1810.

- June 6. Married John Wright and Sarah Roberts. Witnesses: Samuel and Ann Peard and Ed. Rhod??.

*Ego Joan. Carter, Coll. Ang. Duai. Sacerdos Parochus Capella Catholicae in oppido Wolverhampton (dicto) anno 1791 die mensis baptizavi.*

1791.

- July 17. Charles Ross, son of Charles and Frances of Wolverhampton. Godparents: Matthew Poes and Ann Lees.
- Aug. 3. John and Ann Stokes, son and daughter of William, who died in the workhouse.
- Sept. 4. Benjamin Fletcher, son of Job and Sarah. Godparents: Thomas Coterel and Mary Dovey.
- Sept. 4. Frances Roberts, daughter of George and Mary. Godparents: John Howell and Anne Peard.
- Sept. 11. William Kendrick, son of William and Sarah. Godparents: James and Sarah Hopkins.
- Sept. 11. Sara Priest, daughter of Joseph and Ann. Godparents: Thomas Perkins and Lucy Masterson.
- Sept. 18. Anna Georgina Smith, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth of Nottingham. He was a stroller.
- Oct. 17. Elizabeth Warril, daughter of Thomas and Winifrede. Godmother: Winifred Nightingale.
- Nov. 25. Mary Oxford, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth. Godparents: James and Sara Hopkins.
- Nov. 30. John James, son of Joseph and Elizabeth. Godmother: Arabella Smallwood.

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- Jan. 24. Eliza Heveningham (repetition of entry in Book II supra).
- Feb. 27. Henry Perry (repetition of entry in Book II supra).
- Feb. 24. John Murphy (repetition of entry in Book II supra).
- Thomas Loyd, born February 28th, son of Thomas and Elizabeth. Godparents: Thomas Perkins and Mary Mastizon.
- Mar. 10. Edward Reedy, born March 3rd, son of John and Ann. Godparents: Francis and Mary Perry.
- Feb. 24. Thomas Rogers, born February 10th, son of Thomas and Agnes. Godparents: William Austin and Mary Dale.
- Apr. 20. Philip Joseph Hickin, son of — Hickin. Godparents: Philip Hickin and Teresa Whitgreave.
- May 5. Joseph Cummins, son of Joseph and — Cummins. Godparents: Henry Reed and Sara Roberts.
- June 10. Francis Yates, born June 8th, son of Joseph and Mary (formerly Tyler). Godparents: James Brown and Phoebe Rock.
- June 28. Mary Roden, born 27th June, daughter of Edward and Diana (formerly Selson). Godparents: Joseph Lewis and Christina Worrolov.
- Aug. 1. Mary Dutton, daughter of William and Elizabeth. Born the same day. Godparents: Joseph Dutton and Jane Reynolds.
- Aug. 25. Sara Kempson, daughter of George Harrison and Elizabeth Kempson. Godmother: Winifred White. Born 1st August.
- Sept. 15. Catherine Green, born September 14th, daughter of Francis and Sara. Godmother: Mary Simkiss.
- Sept. 29. Edward Kendrick, born September 28th, son of William and Sara. Godparents: John Howard and Ann Loyd, alias Shelly.
- Oct. 18. Joseph Loyd, son of Thomas and Mary, born September 30th. Godparents: Robert Yates and Mary Clark.
- Oct. 14. Edward Glover, son of Henry and Ann. Godparents: John and Frances Stokes.

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- Oct. 15. Michael Robinson, born October 2nd, son of William and Mary. Godparents: Edward Perks and Ann Hipwood.
- Oct. 18. Moses Shaw (repetition of Bp. Milner's entry in Book 2 above).
- Oct. 27. Mary Whitmore, daughter of Samuel and Dorothy. Godparents: Joseph Perry and Sara Steadman. Born October 17th.
- Nov. 3. Joseph Dovey, born October 31st, son of William and Elizabeth. Godparents: Joseph Branwood and Ann Illidge.
- Nov. 20. Ann Moore, born 19th November, daughter of Joseph and Margaret. Godparents: James Dutton and Ann Simpkins.
- Dec. 15. Mary Anne Hargrove, born December 6th, daughter of Charles and Jane. Godparents: James and Ann Hill.
- Dec. 31. Thomas Leek, born December 21st, son of Joseph and Sara. Godmother, Sara Cumber.
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- Jan. 1. Thomas Dixon, born December 26th, son of Thomas and Mary. Godparents: Thomas Wright and Sara Appleby.
- Jan. 1. Sara Pendrill, born December 30th, daughter of John and Ann. Godparents: Thomas Gold and Sara Pendrill.
- Jan. 12. Joseph Harper, born January 9th, son of John and Maria. Godparents: Joseph Branwood and Winifrede White.
- Feb. 12. Thomas Minton, born the same day, son of Charles and Elizabeth. Godparents: Thomas Corvissor and Susannah Evans.
- Feb. 23. Joseph Derby, born February 19th, son of John and Winifred. Godparents: William Selby and Amelia Hawkins.
- Mar. 16. Mary Hubbal, born March 13th, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth. Godparents: Edward Perkes and Ursula Simkiss.
- Mar. 20. James Lucas, born March 14th, son of James and Elizabeth. Godparents: Thomas Wright and Ursula Simkiss.

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- May 19. Mary Hill, born May 16th, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth. Godparents: Thomas and Mary Gould.
- May 20. Elizabeth Moore, daughter of Joseph and Mary. Godparents: Rev. William Benson and Mary Moore.
- June 20. Ann Latham, born June 13th, daughter of Charles and Mary. Godparents: Jesse Gethin and Sara Richardson.
- June 20. Ann Warrilow, born June 13th, daughter of Charles and Mary. Godparents: Paul Warrilow and Sara Heavengham.
- July 18. Helen Sansom, born July 9th, daughter of James and Margaret. Godfather: John Heavengham.
- July 18. Edward Parks, born July 10th, son of Joshua and Theresa. Godmother: Elizabeth Williams.
- July 29. James Lewis, son of James and Catherine. Godparents: Edward and Catherine Lewis, born July 23rd.
- Aug. 8. Louisa Walsin, born August 5th, daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth. Godparents: William Law and Elizabeth Howell. John Milner, V.A. Mid. Dist.  
Baptised by William Benson.
- Aug. 22. David Crummal, born August 16th, son of Thomas and Hannah. Godparents: James Devey and Emilia Perkins.
- Sept. 8. Jane Perks, born September 5th, daughter of Edward and Mary. Godparents: Thomas Moore and Mary Brooks.
- Sept. 27. Mary Ann Moore, born September 26th, daughter of John and Lucy. Godparents: John Ascu and Ann Cumley.
- Sept. 19. Hedwiges Croyden, born September 17th, daughter of John and Ann. Godparents: John Moore and Eleanor James.  
Baptised by Walter Blount.
- Nov. 28. Edward Dudwall, born November 22nd, son of Sara Dudwall. Godparents: — Perks and Mary Williams.
- Nov. 29. Christopher Canning, born November 24th, son of John and Ann. Godmother: Frances Roberts.
- Dec. 6. Harriet Sollom, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth. Godmother: Lucy Perkins.

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Dec. 6. Jane Daniel, born November 30th, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth. Godparents: John Masterson and Ann Dyer. Baptised by William Benson.

Dec. 27. John Nicholls, born December 26th, son of Henry and Margaret. Godparents: John and Sara Nicholls.

1820

Jan. 23. Miasel Crow, born the same day, son of John and Hannah. Godparents: John Howell and Sara Grainger.

Feb. 11. Joseph and Mary Wilks, children of Noah and Mary, born February 10th. Godparents: William Simkiss and Simon Beard. Godmothers: Frances and Hannah Cashmore.

Mar. 19. Mary Sadler, born March 15th, daughter of John and Mary. Godparents: John Dale and Hannah Stokes.

Mar. 26. Mary Yates, born March 22nd, daughter of John and Mary. Godparents: John Howell and Helen Nicholls.

Jan. 17. Mary Ann Dolman, born and baptised on the same day by —, daughter of William and Elizabeth. Ceremonies were supplied by William Benson, February 6th. Godparents: Joseph and Ann Grainger.

*(Entries by William Benson and Walter Blount in equal frequency.)*

1820.

Feb. 20. William Badger, born February 6th, son of James and Lucy. Godparents: John Hawkins and Elizabeth Hancock, by William Benson.

Mar. 29. Sara Ganarea, born December 24th, 1818, daughter of Christopher and Eleanor, conditionally baptised by William Banson. Godfather: James Murphy.

Apr. 11. Jesse Gethin, born April 9th, son of Jesse and Mary. Godparents: Joseph Brazier and Sara Appleby. Baptised by Walter Blount.

Apr. 17. Margaret Payne, born April 5th, daughter of John and — Payne. Godparents: Robert Payne and Elizabeth Dutton. Baptised by Walter Blount.

May 5. Mary Griffin, daughter of William and Frances. Godmother: Dorothy Whitmore; by William Benson.

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- Sept. 15. James Gibbons, born September 14th, son of James and Frances. Godparents: Thomas Gould and Lucy Simkiss; by William Benson.
- Sept. 17. Thomas Taylor, born September 9th, son of Joseph and Mary. Godparents: Joseph and Ann Grainger; by William Benson.
- Sept. 17. Francis Roper, born September 1st, son of Francis and Hannah. Godparents: Joseph and Ann Grainger; by William Benson.
- Sept. 17. Caroline Selvy, born August 17th, daughter of James and Ann. Godparents: Joseph Lane and Cecily Selvy; by William Benson.
- Oct. 15. John Swaine, born July 13th, son of Christopher and Teresa. Godparents: Thomas and Catherine Perkins; by Walter Blount.
- Nov. 12. James Latham, born November 5th, son of Charles and Mary. Godparents: Sara Richardson and ——— McCormick; by Walter Blount.
- Dec. 3. James Latham, born December 2nd, son of John and Sara. Godmother: Sara Richards; by Walter Blount.
- Dec. 3. John Carrington, born October 25th, son of John and Elizabeth. Godparents: Joseph Leane and Winifred Derby; by Walter Blount.
- Dec. 14. James Doody, born December 1st, son of ——— and Mary Doody. Godparents: William and Joanna Bradbury; by Walter Blount.
- Dec. 10. Henry Latham, born November 26th, son of John and Elizabeth. Godmother: Catherine Perry; by William Benson.
- Dec. 26. Benjamin Alport, born December 5th, son of Benjamin and Mary. Godparents: Sam Nicholls and Lucy Master-son; by William Benson.

1821.

- Jan. 1. Margaret Shirrar, born December 29th, daughter of James Moyon and Mary Shirrar. Godmother: Ann Shirrar; by Walter Blount.

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- June 17. Mary Ann Dyer, born June 14th, daughter of Benjamin and Mary. Godparents: John Heaveningham and Lucy Murray; by Walter Blount.
- June 22. Dina Anselow, born June 18th, daughter of Joseph and Dena. Godparents: William Simkiss and Mary Latchford; by Walter Blount.
- June 23. Elizabeth Lewis, born July 19th, daughter of Edward and Frances. Godparents: Daniel and Catherine Lewis; by Walter Blount.
- July 28. Richard Brazier, born July 27th, son of Joseph and Mary. Godparents: Francis Yates and Elizabeth Dutton; by Walter Blount.
- July 30. Joames Beard, born July 29th, son of Simon and Mary. Godparents: John Dale and Sara Appleby; by Walter Blount.
- May 28. Cecily Barber, born May 11th, daughter of Samuel and Hannah. Godparents: James Warrilow and Mary Owen; by William Benson.
- Aug. 4. Lawrence Booth, born May 31st, son of William and Sara. Godparents: Peter Guisani and Nina Parker; by William Benson.
- Sept. 30. Hannah Tomlinson, born September 10th, daughter of Sara Tomlinson. Godparents: Stephen Hucal and Elizabeth Tomlinson; by William Benson.
- Oct. 7. Thomas Williams, born October 4th, son of John and Mary. Godparents: John Heaveningham and Mary Baxter; by William Benson.
- Oct. 17. William Hays, son of Hannah Hays. Godmother: Mary Perry; by Wm. Benson. Born October 16th.
- Oct. 24. Eliza Rogers, born June 19th, daughter of Thomas and Susan. Godmother: Ann Geoffrey; by William Benson.

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1813.

- Feb. 21. Catherine Farrel, born December 4th, 1812, daughter of John and Ann. Godfather: Patrick Gallagher; by Walter Blount.

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1812.

- Dec. 26. Frances, daughter of Abraham and Sara Grey, born 23rd April, 1795. Godmother: Frances Devey; by Walter Blount. (Evidently a note memorandum copied in the register as above.)

1826.

- May 23. John Fourde, son of Bessy Bourke or Fourde, father, Francis Fourde. Godparents: Martin Mannin and Agnes Kilkenny.
- (Stamped Bath). John Howell, son of Thomas and Sara, born about 1797, November 12th. His register is wanted specifying the names of the father and mother, signed by the incumbent of Wolverhampton.
- May 31. Elizabeth Weeb, born May 29th, daughter of Teresa Onions or Weeb. Father, John Weeb. Godparents: Edward Onion and Ann Salmon.
- Oct. 7. I baptised John Jesse Moseley. Mother, Sara Moseley, maiden name Yates. Father, Jesse Moseley. Godmother: Mary Wright.

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1827.

- Jan. 9. John Webb, born January 8th, son of Thomas Webb and Ann Webb, maiden name Smith. Godmother: Sara Smith.
- Jan. 24. James Willets, born January 21st, son of James and Ann. Godparents: Thomas Willets and Mary Perks.
- Sept. 10. Elizabeth Bowel, born February, 1821, daughter of Benjamin and Anna, maiden name Turner. Godparents: William Wright and Ann Simkiss.

1792.

- Oct. 29. Joseph Lees was baptised by Rev. John Carter. Copied from the register by me, Walter Blount.

1757 Oct. 18. Richard and Prudence Lloyd married.

17    Oct. 20. William Lloyd born.

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- Nov. 1. Amelia Ildick, born October 26th, daughter of James and Joan. Godmother: Lucy Morrison. Bapt. by Franc. Mostyn.
- Nov. 2. Samuel Harris, born November 5th, son of Samuel and Teresa. Godparents: James and Ann Grainger.
- Nov. 9. John Murphy, born November 6th, son of John and Bridget. Godparents: John Daley and Catherine Derkin.
- Nov. 16. John Gorman, born November 14th, son of Antony and Eleanor. Godparents: Peter and Alice Kearney.
- Nov. 16. Thomas Barker, born October 28th, son of Isaiah and Joan. Godparents: John Newton and Joann Barker.
- Dec. 14. Joseph Stanton, born December 12th, son of Joseph and Mary. Godparents: John and Esther Newton.
- Dec. 14. Richard Norton, born November 29th, son of Patrick and Mary. Godparents: James Fleming and Catherine Patterson.
- Dec. 28. Catherine McManara, born December 14th, son of Michael and Catherine. Godparents: Timothy Ryan and Honora Regan.
- Dec. 28. Frances Mary Simbles, born December 28th, daughter of Thomas and Lucy. Godparents: John Devey and Ann Richmond. Bapt. by Walter Bloom.

1829.

- Jan. 1. Bridget Manahan, born December, 1828, daughter of Michael and Mary. Godparents: Bernard Corrigan and Ann Broomhall.
- Jan. 4. Mary McHugh, born December 26th, 1828, daughter of Michael and Eleanor. Godparents: James Hagby and Bridget Bradley.

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- Jan. 25. Ann Webb, born January 21st, daughter of Thomas and Ann. Godparents: Thomas Pool, Ann Bridgen.
- Jan. 25. Charles McCarthy, born January 15th, son of Bartholomew and Alice. Godparents: Dudley and Mary Prior.
- Jan. 25. John White, born January 10th, son of John and Bridget. Godparents: Patrick Fallon, Sara Fallon.

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No further entries in the hand of William Benson.

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**OBITUARY, 1784—1825.**

*Contained in three small memorandum books.*

*Memorandum Book 1.*

Andrew Riley, departed this life August 20th, 1784, aged 49.

William Dutton, departed this life, September 13th, 1794, aged 7 years 6 months.

Mary Dutton, departed this life, October 9th, aged 4 years 6 months.  
Rev. Mr. Carter.

George Dutton, departed this life April 10th, 1803.

W. Nailer, departed this life December 19th, 1804.

Mr. Nailer, departed this life March 30th, 1808.

Sara Smith, departed this life April 30th, 1808, aged 23.

Mrs. Child, departed this life May 19th, 1808.

Mr. Causer, departed this life November 3rd, 1818, aged 68.

Miss Nailer, departed this life December 31st, 1808.

Mr. Underhill, departed this life January 9th, 1809.

Mr. Stubbs, surgeon, departed this life January 23rd, 1809, aged 47.

Wm Smith, departed this life February 9th, 1809, aged 23.

Moses Barnet, departed this life May 25th, 1809.

Joseph Cooksey, departed this life November 14th, 1809.

James Simkiss, departed this life November 15th, 1809.

Aaron Ironmonger, departed this life December 6th, 1809.

Mary Ann Yates, departed this life December 12th, 1809.

Mr. Baker, departed this life December 13th, 1809, aged 59.

Mrs. Winnington, departed this life December 13th, 1809.

Mr. Craddock, departed this life January 27th, 1810, aged 47.

Mr. Wainwright, departed this life January 28th, 1810.

Mr. Jordan, departed this life January 31st, 1810.

Thomas Felton, departed this life January 31st, 1810.

Mr. Perks, butcher, departed this life January 31st, 1810.

Ester Gurney, departed this life February 16th, 1810.

Mr. Morrison, departed this life February 25th, 1810.

Sara Barnet, departed this life April 14th, 1810, aged 14 weeks.

Wm. Hollings, departed this life April 7th, 1810.

Mrs. Cook, departed this life April 5th, 1810, aged 38.

Thomas Mattox, departed this life May 16th, 1810.

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Register II begins:—

1780.

Nomenclatura Infantium qui batizati (sic) sunt.

Between the words above is written: "Haec nomina ab 1780 ad August 19th, 1818 (incl). (This should be March 5th, 1819) ex antiquiore registro Revdi Dni Jacobi Tasker, manibus Joannis Plant primo, deir Revd Dni Thomae Baddeley transcripta hic sunt —Ita mihi testatur o. Georgius Horsenail nonagenarius.

T. SCOTT, 1889.

(The word Horsenail is in different writing from the rest of the inscription).

I am indebted to the Rev. F. J. Grady, M.A., of Cotton College, for making the transcription of the two registers; and to the Rev. J. Denis McEvilly, the archivist of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, for much information.

F. G. ROBERTS.

The small mission of Cresswell, by its descent from the domestic chaplaincy of the Draycott family at Painsley, shares with St. Peter's, Cobridge, the honour of keeping the Catholic faith alive in North Staffordshire after the Reformation. Indeed, as the first resident priest at Painsley can be traced to 1652, while the earliest known at Cobridge is in 1760, Cresswell may claim to be the mother church of the northern part of the county.

It is most probable, though I have discovered no documentary evidence, that Mass would have been said at Painsley Hall, as in many other Catholic houses, by priests travelling from place to place during the early days of persecution. Later, as things became quieter, a resident priest would be appointed, though his position could still be a dangerous one, especially in times of national feeling against Catholics, as in 1605, 1688, 1715 and 1745.

At least two of the Draycott family suffered imprisonment for their faith—Antony, Chancellor of the Diocese of Coventry and Lichfield, was deprived and imprisoned in 1560. He was later released and came back to Painsley to die on January 20th, 1570, being buried at Draycott. John Draycott is recorded as being in prison in London in 1561 and another John, or possibly the same one, appears in the Diocesan Recusant Rolls of 1577 and 1588.

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During the Civil War, Philip Draycott's estates were sequestered and Painsley Hall held for the Parliament.

By the marriage, in the late 17th century, of Frances, daughter of Richard Draycott, to Marmaduke, 3rd Baron of Langdale, of Holme, Yorks., the Painsley estates, which then included the manors of Draycott, Painsley and Consall, came to the Langdales. The 5th and 1st Baron Langdale died in 1788 and the estates devolved on his daughter Mary, who in 1775 had married Charles Philip, 16th Baron Stourton. It was this Lady Stourton who gave the money for the building of the present church.

The first resident chaplain at Painsley was the Rev. Robert Fitzherbert, of the Tissington branch of that family. Educated and ordained at the English College, Lisbon, he came to England in 1652, where he lived with the Draycotts at Painsley Hall. It is possible that he remained here for the rest of his life, as he was appointed Archdeacon of Staffordshire, Derbyshire and Cheshire in 1682. He was certainly at Painsley in 1692. He died in 1701.

A document in the Birmingham Diocesan Archives records the establishment of a trust of £300 paid for the conveyance of a farm and land called the Breach at Painsley, for 500 years. It gives the nomination of a priest at Painsley to Mark Marmaduke Langdale and his heirs or, for want of heirs, to John Draycott and his heirs. This priest was to serve the Catholics, as well as the tenants and others at Painsley, Draycott and Brageat's Hill. £15 was to be paid to him annually from the trust for the 500 years. In conformity with the will of Philip Draycott, dated July 8th, 1697, the priest was to say two Masses weekly for his soul. Lastly, Edward Coyney, a priest, was obliged to live at Painsley or sufficiently near that the family could avail themselves of his services.

Father Edward Coyney, mentioned in the above document, was one of the Weston Coyney family. It seems that he supplied the mission until his death on September 27th, 1722. He was educated at Douay and on coming to England lived with his aunt Mrs. Antony Hill, at first at Offley Park, near Eccleshall, and later, possibly as a result of the trust mentioned above, at Bramshall, which was near enough for him to fulfil the conditions of residence. He was living at Bramshall in 1717. Kirk (*Biog. of Eng. Cath.*) says that he afterwards lived at Weston Coyney and finally at Painsley, where he is believed to have died. He was buried at Draycott, according to the same source.

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- Feb. 16. Mary Robinson, daughter of Thos. and Mary Robinson. Sponsors: Thos. Cope, Esther Hammersley, leg.
- Mar. 31. Charles Cope, son of Charles and Ann Cope. Sponsors: John Daniel, Sarah Hammersley, leg.
- Apr. 23. James Perry, son of George and Ann Perry. Sponsors: Thos. Saunders, Cath. Gosling, leg.
- Apr. 20. Ann Howe, daughter of Edward and Sarah Howe. Sponsors: Hannah Perry, Thos. Howe, leg.
- Apr. 27. Catharine Fielding, daughter of Will. and Ann Fielding. Sponsors: Thos. Sant, Cath. Sant, leg.

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1794.

- June 1. Edward Cope, son of James and Mary Cope. Sponsors: Philip Ridge, Mary Ridge, leg.
- June 10. Catharine Humes, daughter of Thos. and Ann Humes. Sponsors: Joseph Bromley, Ann Bumford, leg.
- July 6. Mary Ridge, daughter of Thos. Ridge and Martha Ridge. Sponsors: Thos. Cope, Cath. Gosling, illeg.  
(The name Martha Ridge was originally entered as Martha Smith and the Smith then crossed out. The designation "illeg.", however, remains unaltered.) T.
- Sept. 7. John Fallows, son of John and Hannah Fallows. Sponsors: Joseph Warrilow, Ann Fisher, leg.
- Nov. 2. Thos. Hill Coyney, son of Walter Hill Coyney and Mary Hill Coyney. Sponsors: Thos. Clifford, Mary Clifford, leg.

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1795.

- Jan. 4. Tercia Gosling, daughter of Thomas and Cath. Gosling. Sponsors: William Gosling, Mary Gosling, leg.  
(The name given here as Tercia is very difficult to decipher.) T.
- Jan. 11. Charles Ridge, son of Philip and Mary Ridge. Sponsors: Thomas Ridge, Ann Bumford, leg.
- Jan. 25. Mary Gosling, daughter of Samuel and Mary Gosling. Sponsors: John Ridge, Ann Weston, leg.

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- July 28. Margaret Warrilow, daughter of John and Ann Warri-  
low. Sponsors: George Perry, Cath. Gosling, leg.  
Aug. 4. Mary Perry, daughter of John and Mary Perry. Spon-  
sors: Thomas Perry, Hannah Hammersley, leg.

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- Aug. 16. John Gosling, son of William and Ann Gosling. Spon-  
sors: George Gosling, Mary Gosling, leg.  
Aug. 30. John Ridge, son of Richard and Mary Ridge. Spon-  
sors: Joseph Fielding, Ann James, leg.  
Aug. 30. Ann Woolridge, daughter of Thomas and Catharine  
Woolridge. Sponsors: Joseph Gosling, Mary Gosling,  
leg.  
Sept. 27. Edwin Perry, son of Thomas and Ann Perry. Sponsors:  
John Ridge, Eliz. Perry, leg.  
Aug. 30. Francis Faulkner, son of John and Mary Faulkner.  
Sponsors: Ralph Howard, Mary Peg, leg.  
Oct. 4. Mary Fielding, daughter of John and Ann Fielding.  
Sponsors: Samuel Gosling, Mary Gosling, leg.

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- Oct. 4. Joseph Gosling, son of John and Mary Gosling. Spon-  
sors: Samuel Gosling, Sarah Bagnal, leg.  
Oct. 25. Elizabeth Walters, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth  
Walters. Sponsors: George Gosling, Martha Jefferys,  
leg.  
Oct. 25. Ann Rushton, daughter of Thomas and Mary Rushton.  
Sponsors: Joseph Gosling, Ann Wallis, leg.

1813.

- Mar. 25. John Bromley, son of Joseph and Alice Bromley.  
Sponsors: Joseph Fielding, Mary Perry, leg.  
Apr. 18. Samuel Warrilow, son of Joseph and Margaret Warri-  
low. Sponsors: Samuel Gosling, Mary Gosling, leg.  
June 27. John Lake, son of Philip and Ann Lake. Sponsors:  
John Perry, Elizabeth Perry, leg.

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- May 1. William Sale, son of John and Mary Sale. Sponsors: James Deg, Hannah Perry, leg.
- May 29. Ann Sanders, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Sanders. Sponsors: Peter Sanders, Helen Jefferys, leg.
- Aug. 14. James Gosling, son of Samuel and Mary Gosling. Sponsors: John Perry, Mary Perry, leg.
- Oct. 9. Hannah Woolridge, daughter of Thomas and Catharine Woolridge. Sponsors: James Deg, Eliz. Ridge, leg.
- Oct. 16. Elizabeth Perry, daughter of Thomas and Ann Perry. Sponsors: Joseph Fielding, Ann James, leg.
- Nov. 22. Elizabeth Warrilow, daughter of Anthony and Mary Warrilow. Sponsors: Joseph Warrilow, Elizabeth Warrilow, leg.

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- Nov. 22. Stephen Warrilow, son of Anthony and Mary Warrilow. Sponsors: Joseph Fielding, Ann Warrilow, leg.
- Dec. 18. Joseph Warrilow, son of John and Ann Warrilow. Sponsors: Joseph Fielding, Alice Bromley, leg.
- Dec. 25. Elizabeth Ridge, daughter of John and Ann Ridge. Sponsors: Elizabeth Ridge, John Cope, leg.
- Dec. 25. James Perry, son of Thomas and Ann Perry. Sponsors: Charles Perry, Ann Lymer, leg.

1815.

- Jan. 29. James Guest, son of John and Catharine Guest. Sponsors: Thomas Perry, Ann Lymer, leg.
- Jan. 29. Richard Slater, son of Thos. and Eliz. Slater. Sponsors: John Perry, Hannah Robinson, leg.
- Feb. 12. Elizabeth Ridge, daughter of Rich. Ridge and Mary Ridge. Sponsors: Thomas Beech, Frances Beech, leg.

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- Mar. 17. Charles Perry, son of Elizabeth Perry. Sponsors: Thomas Perry, Frances Beech, illeg.

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- Apr. 9. John Gosling, son of John and Mary Gosling. Sponsors: Joseph Gosling, Martha Jefferys, leg.
- Apr. 20. Hannah Brown, daughter of Ann Brown. Sponsors: Thomas Cope, Hannah Robinson, illeg.
- June 12. Mary Lake, daughter of Philip and Ann Lake. Sponsors: Thomas Perry, Hannah Perry, leg.
- June 25. (This entry is left blank.) T.
- July 2. Joseph Saunders, son of George and Olive Saunders. Sponsors: Thomas Perry, Mary Fowler, leg.
- Aug. 13. Hannah Phillips, daughter of Lucy and Thomas Phillips. Sponsors: Thomas and Hannah Perry, leg. sub conditione.

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1815.

- Oct. 29. Thomas Withington, son of Thomas and Martha Withington, was born and baptized November 6th. Sponsors: George Sanders and Hannah Sanders, leg.
- Nov. 12. Lucy Thorley, daughter of George and Agnes Thorley, was born; and she was baptized 19th. Sponsors: William Hammersley and Eliz. Perry, leg.
- Nov. 23. Ann Walters, daughter of Thos. and Eliz. Walters, was born; and she was baptized December 3rd. Sponsors: Peter Sanders and Ann James, leg.
- Dec. 14. Elizabeth Mills, daughter of William and Mary Mills, was born and she was baptized 21st. Sponsors: John Ridge and Catharine Ridge, leg.

1816.

- Jan. 13. Sarah Worth, daughter of William and Mary Worth, was born; and she was baptized 27th. Sponsors: Peter Sanders and Hannah Sanders, leg.

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1816.

- Feb. 11. Joseph Jefferys, son of Thos. and Martha Jefferys, was born, and he was baptized 12th. Sponsors: Samuel Gosling and Mary Gosling, leg.

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1818.

- Oct. 10. John Perry, son of Charles and Mary Perry, was born, and was baptized 25th. Sponsors: Geo. Perry and Hannah Perry, leg.  
(The date is not clear.) T.
- Oct. 20. Ann Cope, daughter of John and Cope, was born, and baptized 25th. Sponsors: Geo. Gosling and Eliz. Cope, leg.  
(Name of mother omitted.) T.
- Nov. 1. Thos. Ancock, son of Phillip Ancock and Ann Ancock, was born, and baptized 7th. Sponsors: Geo. Perry and Mary Fowler, leg.
- Nov. 16. Mary Saunders, daughter of George and Olive Saunders, was born, and baptized 22nd. Sponsors: Charles Saunders and Eliz. Saunders, leg.
- Dec. 18. John Phillips, son of Thos. and Lucy Phillips, was born, and baptized 24th February, 1819. Sponsors: Edward Daniel and Ann Gosling, leg.

1819.

- Feb. 7. Mary Robinson, daughter of Wm. and Ann Robinson, was born, and was baptized 14th. Sponsor: Mary Robinson, leg.
- Feb. 11. John Sale, son of John and Mary Sale, was born, and was baptized 17th, by W. Wareing. Sponsor: Hannah Perry, leg.
- Mar. 5. Mary Gosling, daughter of Joseph and Mary Gosling, was born, and baptized 21st, by W. Wareing. Sponsors: Saml. Gosling and Teresa Gosling, leg.
- Mar. 5. Elizabeth Gosling, daughter of Joseph and Mary Gosling, was born, and baptized 21st, by W. Wareing. Sponsors: George Gosling and Mary Cope, leg.  
(Elizabeth added in pencil.) T.

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*(This is the last entry in this Register.)*