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1841 *John Clarke Russell*, clerk, M.A. (St. Peter's College, Cambridge; B.A. 1826; M.A. 1830), collated on the resignation of John Lupton (*Bish. Certif.*). He was instituted to the vicarage of New Romney, co. Kent, on March 8, 1833 (*Lib. Inst. C. iii.*, p. 78), which he resigned in 1838.

### III.—EDBURTON.

The living of Edburton, *alias* Adburton or Abberton, is a rectory, the advowson of which belongs to the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is the most westerly benefice in the deanery of South Malling, to which it was first attached by Archbishop Theobald in 1150. According to the "Valor Ecclesiasticus" of Henry VIII., an annual pension of 6s. 8d. was paid by the rector to the dean. The value of the rectory at that time was £16. In the reign of Edward I. it was worth £14 3s. 4d., and *cir.* 1440 was thus taxed, though according to the Nona Roll (1341) the profits of the rectory exceeded that sum. The jurors examined by the assessors appointed by the king returned that the ninth of sheaves of the parish, with two marks from that portion of the sheaves belonging to the prior of Lewes, was valued at 18 marks, the ninth of wool at 2½ marks, and the ninth of lambs at 20s., making a total of 20 marks, or two marks less than the taxation of the church. But as it was further endowed with lands and tenements to the value of 10s., with the oblations and other small tithes from the altar worth 6 marks, with the tithe of hay, two marks, and with the tithe of pasture 2s., of mills ½ mark, and pigeons 12d., the total annual value of the rectory exceeded the taxation by £6 6s. 4d.<sup>18</sup>

Some interesting particulars may be added respecting that portion of the tithes belonging to the prior and convent of Lewes.

Early in the fourteenth century, before the Nona return had been made, an agreement was entered into between John, prior of Lewes, and the convent of the same, on the one part, and Robert Ffrankeleyn, rector of the church of Edburton, on the other part, respecting certain tithes arising from certain lands within the limits of that

<sup>18</sup> *Inquisitiones Nonarum*, p. 391.

church. A copy of the original instrument, which is dated at Lewes, Aug. 3, 1324, may be found in an ancient chartulary of the priory, preserved in the British Museum.<sup>19</sup> The different lands which were the subject of this agreement are specified at considerable length, showing the amount of tithe apportioned to the prior and convent, and to the rector. A similar instrument was executed on the 4 kal. Apr., 1343, between Peter de Jocell, prior of Lewes, and Walter Goldemere, rector of the church of Edbourghton, the various localities coming within the scope of its provisions being again minutely described.<sup>20</sup>

During the incumbency of the succeeding rector, the prior and convent agreed to receive an annual pension in lieu of tithes. We learn this from an indenture, dated in the chapter house at Lewes on the 6th day of May, 1368, by which John, prior of the monastery of St. Pancras, Lewes, and the convent of the same place, granted and gave to John, parson of the church of Edberton, in the deanery of Southmallyng, and his successors, all the tithes of corn, hay, &c., arising from certain lands and places pertaining to the manor of Perchyng and to the tenements of John atte Hide and Thomas de Panethorne; also all the tithes of corn arising from nine acres of land, called Tappeworth, lying juxta Edberton, in consideration of the payment in perpetuity of an annual pension of four marks ten shillings of good and legal money, at the feast of St. Michael, and at Easter, in equal portions. This grant was confirmed by Simon Langham, Archbishop of Canterbury, at his palace at Maghefeld, 7 id. June, 1368.<sup>21</sup>

According to the "Valor Ecclesiasticus" of Henry VIII., the rector then paid to the prior of Lewes an annual pension of 40s., a sum considerably less than that forming the subject of the above agreement.

There was a chantry dedicated to St. Katherine<sup>22</sup> in the church of Edburton, which was founded and endowed by William de Northo. He obtained, in 14 Edward II.,

<sup>19</sup> *Cott. MS. Vesp. F. xv. f. 153a.*

<sup>20</sup> *Cott. MS. Vesp. F. xv. f. 152a.*

<sup>21</sup> *Cott. MS. Vesp. F. xv. f. 150b;*  
*Reg. Langham, f. 62a.*

<sup>22</sup> *S. A. C., vol. xxi., p. 53. In 7 Rich. II. Thomas de Kent exchanged this chantry with John Longe, vicar of New Shoreham (Ib., p. 67).*

a writ "ad quod damnum" on his petition to give one messuage, one virgate of land, and sixty shillings of rent in Edburton, Suthewik, Kyngeston, and Novel Shorham to a chaplain and his successors serving God in the church of St. Andrew, Edburton. Leave was granted to the said chaplain and his successors to purchase 40s. of land or rent to increase their income, in order to maintain Divine service.<sup>23</sup>

This chantry, according to Cartwright, was in the north transept of the church.

At the end of the twelfth century, there was a chapel at Pertinges, a manor in this parish. It is named in a roll of the *Curia Regis*, dated July 8, 1199,<sup>24</sup> but beyond the bare record of its existence nothing appears to be known.

#### RECTORS OF EDBURTON.

1283-4 *Ralph de Cheyne*, priest, collated (*Reg. J. de Pecheham*, f. Mar. 9 54b).

1292 *John de Charleswode*, subdeacon, collated to the church of Aug. 18 Adburthor (*Reg. J. de Pecheham*, f. 41b).

*John de Wyke*.

1315 *Robert dictus le Frankelyn*, collated on the resignation of John Oct. 25 de Wyke (*Reg. Reynolds*, f. 16a). He was rector in 1324 (see ante).

*Walter Goldenmere*. Leave of absence was granted to Walter Goldmere, rector of the church of Edburton, for two years, on June 9, 1351 (*Reg. Islep*, f. 47a).

1355 *John Brasier de Terthyng*, priest, rector of Cromhale, collated by May 1 exchange with Walter Goldenmere (*Reg. Islep*, f. 269a).

1386-7 *Gilbert Stigaund*, rector of Southwyk, co. Sussex, collated by Mar. 8 exchange with John Brasier (*Reg. Courtenay*, f. 265a).

1420-1 *Richard Abell*, chaplain, collated (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. Mar. 14 124a).

*John Hauker*. In 1447 he became rector of *Isfield*.

1444 *John Brasyer*, penitentiary in the collegiate church of South Oct. 4 Mallyng, collated by exchange with John Hauker (*Reg. Stafford*, f. 80a).

1481 *Richard Lang*, collated on the resignation of John Brasyer Aug. 23 (*Reg. Bouchier*, f. 128a).

<sup>23</sup> *Rolls of Parliament*, vol. i., p. 400.

<sup>24</sup> *Palgrave's Rotuli Curie Regis*, vol. i., p. 432.

- 1486 *Robert Barre*, presented by the king on the resignation of  
June 19 *Richard Lang*, the see of Canterbury being vacant (Pat.  
Roll, 1 Hen. VII., p. 4. m. 13).  
*James Dodynsley*, chaplain.
- 1521 *Thomas Dodyng*, clerk, collated on the death of *James Dodynsley*  
June 5 (*Reg. Warham*, f. 373a).
- 1521 *John Tomson*, chaplain, collated on the death of *Thomas Dodyng*  
Nov. 28 (*Reg. Warham*, f. 373b). Rector temp. "Valor Eccle-  
siasticus."
- 1546-7 *Nicholas Saunder*, clerk, collated on the death of *John Tomson*,  
Jan. 17 priest (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 402b).
- 1551 *Edmund Grene*, priest, collated on the death of *John Tompson*  
Jul. 10 (*sic*). (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 417a.) He compounded for first  
fruits on July 11, 5 Edw. VI. (*Lib. Comp.*).
- 1557 *William Shepparde*, priest, collated on the death of *Edmund*  
May 29 *Grene* (*Reg. Pole*, f. 72a).
- 1560-1 *David Lewes*, clerk, admitted on the presentation of the queen  
Jan. 6 (*Reg. Parker*, pars i., f. 343b).
- 1569 *Richard Kitson*, clerk, collated on the deprivation of *David*  
Jun. 16 *Lewes*, by reason of his accepting other benefices with the  
church of Edburton, without sufficient dispensation (*Reg.*  
*Parker*, pars i., f. 393b). He compounded for first fruits on  
Feb. 11, 12 Eliz. (*Lib. Comp.*), and was installed prebendary  
of Bracklesham, or Barksham, in the cathedral church of  
Chichester, on Mar. 28, 1564 (*Addit. MS.* 5699). Ecclesias-  
tical jurisdiction within the deaneries of South Malling,  
Pagham, and Terring was conceded to *Richard Kytson*,  
priest, S.T.B., during the life of *Edward Stanhope*, LL.D.,  
vicar-general of the archbishop, on Dec. 15, 1597 (*Reg.*  
*Whitgift*, pars iii., f. 86a). He surrendered this grant in the  
following year, but re-accepted it with a colleague, *Garett*  
*Williamson*, S.T.B. (f. 95b). He was buried in Chichester  
cathedral, on Oct. 7, 1602 (f. 149b).
- 1602 *Geoffrey Kinge*, priest, S.T.B., collated on the death of *Richard*  
Oct. 22 *Kitson* (*Reg. Whitgift*, pars iii., f. 272b) He resigned this  
living on being collated by the archbishop to the vicarage of  
Horsham, co. Sussex, on July 10, 1605 (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1606 *Robert Spaldinge*, priest, S.T.B. (St. John's College, Cambridge;  
Sept. 23 B.A. 1588-9; M.A. 1592; B.D. 1600), collated on the  
resignation of *Geoffrey Kinge* (*Reg. Bancroft*, f. 276b). He  
was admitted a fellow of St. John's College on *Rokeby's*  
foundation on March 17, 1592-3, and was subsequently ap-  
pointed Hebrew prælector of that college, and junior dean.  
In compliance with a letter from the king he was elected  
regius professor of Hebrew, which office he vacated in 1607  
(*Ath. Cantab.*, vol. ii., p. 479). He was instituted to the

- rectory of Slaugham, co. Sussex, on Jan. 8, 1615-6 (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1625-6 *Michael Jermyn*, S.T.P. (Corpus Christi College, Oxford; B.A. Mar. 20 Oct. 12, 1611; M.A. July 24, 1614; D.D. of Leyden in Holland, 1624), collated on the death of Robert Spaldinge (*Reg. Abbott*, pars ii., f. 347a). After the ejection of Michael Jermyn from Edburton in 1655, he resided at Kemsing, co. Kent, where he remained until his death, in 1659. He was not vicar of that church, although he may have sometimes officiated (See *Reliquary*, vol. xiii., p. 157). He was son of Alexander Jermyn, sometime sheriff of Exeter.
- 1655 *Nicholas Shepherd*, admitted on the ejection of Michael Jermyn. "Rev<sup>d</sup> Nich. Shepherd, the rector, and Judith Covert, married July 27, 1669" (*Par. Reg.*). "Rev<sup>d</sup> Nich. Shepherd, rector of Edburton, bur. Feb. 1, 1680-1" (*Par. Reg.*).
- 1680-1 *Robert Willan*, LL.D. (Trinity College, Cambridge; M.A. Mar. 3 1663; LL.D. 1671), collated [on the death of Nicholas Shepherd] (*Reg. Sancroft*, f. 390a). He died on Sept. 10, 1705.
- 1705 *George Keith*, clerk, M.A., collated on the death of Robert Willan (*Reg. Tenison*, pars ii., f. 178a). "Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Keith, rec<sup>tr</sup>, bur. Mch. 29, 1716" (*Par. Reg.*).
- 1716 *John Clifton*, M.A., collated on the death of George Keith Apr. 3 (*Reg. Wake*, pars i., f. 294b).
- 1735 *Benjamin Richardson*, clerk, collated on the death of John Oct. 13 Clifton (*Reg. Wake*, pars ii., f. 296a). He was also vicar of Cowfold, co. Sussex, to which he was collated on Oct. 3, 1728, by the archbishop (*Bish. Certif.*), and was buried at Brighton on Dec. 30, 1754.
- 1754 *Charles Baker*, clerk, collated on the death of Benjamin Richardson Dec. 31 (*Reg. Herring*, f. 303a). He died on Aug. 2, 1784, being at that time also vicar of Leominster, co. Sussex, to which he had been instituted on June 3, 1776 (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1784 *Griffith Griffith*, clerk, M.A. (Hertford College, Oxford; B.A. Sept. 22 Nov. 2, 1780; M.A. June 18, 1783), collated on the death of Charles Baker (*Bish. Certif.*). He was collated to the rectory of Isfield in 1792, which he ceded on being collated the same year to the rectory of Little Mongeham, co. Kent. He also ceded the rectory of Edburton in the same year on being collated to the rectory of St. Mary le Bow, with the rectories of St. Pancras, Soper Lane, and Allhallows, Honey Lane, annexed, in the city of London (*Bish. Certif.*). He died in 1796.
- 1792 *John Barnes Backhouse*, clerk, M.A. (Trinity College, Cambridge; B.A. 1789; M.A. 1792), collated on the cession of Nov. 16 Griffith Griffith (*Bish. Certif.*). He was instituted to the consolidated livings of Cheriton and Newington, co. Kent, on May 14, 1790; collated to the rectory of Deal on Aug. 26,

1795, and to the rectory of Little Chart, co. Kent, on May 9, 1811 (*Bish. Certif.*). The two last benefices he held till his death on Sept. 14, 1838.

- 1796 Feb. 11 *John Yeatman*, clerk, M.A. (Pembroke College, Oxford; B.A. Jan. 14, 1773; Oriel, M.A. May 30, 1777), collated on the cession of John Barnes Backhouse (*Bish. Certif.*). He ceded this living on being collated to the vicarage of East Brent, co. Somerset, on Jan. 19, 1797 (*Lib. Inst.*, B. iv., f. 76), and became prebendary of Wells in 1806 (*Ib.*, f. 28a).
- 1797 Apr. 7 } *Hon. Jacob Marsham*, clerk, S.T.P. (King's College, Cambridge; M.A. 1783; S.T.P., 1797), collated on the cession of  
1800 } *John Yeatman* (*Bish. Certif.*). He was appointed to the  
Jan. 4 } prebend of Worminster, in the cathedral church of Wells, Feb. 1, 1787 (*Le Neve's Fasti*, vol. i., p. 182); admitted to the 4th prebendal stall in the cathedral church of Rochester, April 1, 1797, on the cession of Henry Reginald Courtenay, bishop of Exeter (*Ib.*, vol. ii., p. 586), and appointed canon of Windsor by patent, Feb. 23, and installed Mar. 2, 1805 (*Ib.*, vol. iii., p. 413). He also held the rectory of Wilmington, co. Kent, from 1800 to 1828 (*Bish. Certif.*). He was the third son of Robert, second Baron of Romney; was born on Feb. 28, 1759; married on June 28, 1784, Amelia Frances, only daughter and heiress of Joseph Bullock, Esq., of Caversfield, co. Bucks; and died on Jan. 28, 1840, aged 80.
- 1804 Dec. 3 *William Newcome*, clerk, M.A. (Christ Church, Oxford; B.A. Nov. 21, 1799; M.A. Nov. 9, 1802), collated on the cession of the Hon. Jacob Marsham (*Bish. Certif.*). In 1839 he was admitted to the vicarage of Sutton, in the Isle of Ely. He retained that living until his death, which took place at Leamington, on May 22, 1846. He was son of William Newcome, archbishop of Armagh.
- 1810 Nov. 30 *John Prowett*, clerk, M.A. (New College, Oxford; B.A. July 8, 1796; M.A. May 7, 1801), collated on the resignation of William Newcome (*Bish. Certif.*). On his collation to the rectory of Catfield, co. Norfolk, by the bishop of Norwich on Aug. 22, 1833, he ceded not only the rectory of Edburton, but also the rectory of Heigham, near Norwich (*Bish. Certif.*). In 1845 he was instituted to the sinecure rectory of Great Tey, co. Essex, which he held with that of Catfield until his death on March 20, 1851. He married Martha Maria, daughter of Colonel Robert Hodgson, formerly superintendent of the British settlement on the Mosquito shore, Central America.
- 1833 Sept. 17 *Alexander William Schomberg*, clerk, M.A. (Magdalen Hall, Oxford; B.A. Nov. 25, 1824; M.A. Apr. 13, 1825), collated on the cession of John Prowett (*Bish. Certif.*). He ceded the rectory of Helthorpe and vicarage of Ringland, both in co. Norfolk, on being promoted to this living (*Bish. Certif.*).



- 1840 *John Charles Fowell Tufnell*, clerk, M.A. (Christ Church, Oxford; B.A. Feb. 21, 1819; M.A. June 4, 1823), collated on the death of Alexander William Schomberg (*Bish. Certif.*). He was presented to the living of Amberley with Houghton, co. Sussex, on June 25, 1840, which he almost immediately resigned (S. A. C., vol. xvii., p. 234). He died on Oct. 7, 1866.
- 1866 *John Melville Martine*, clerk, D.D. (Edinburgh; B.A. 1841; M.A. 1848; D.D., 1863), collated on the death of John Charles Fowell Tufnell. He had previously held the vicarage of Farningham, co. Kent.

#### IV.—FRAMFIELD.

Though there is no record of the existence of a church at Framfield in Domesday Book, it is not unlikely that a church was built there before the Norman Conquest, or at least at a period coeval with that event. The present church, dedicated to St. Thomas à Becket, is as a fabric of much later foundation, and an architectural description of it, by the Rev. H. R. Hoare, has already appeared in vol. iv. of the Society's "*Collections.*"

The earliest notice of the church or rectory occurs in an ancient chartulary of the archiepiscopal see, preserved in the Bodleian Library, from which it appears that in 1223, Stephen Langton ordained that the sum of four marks should be paid annually from the church of Fremisfeld to the sacrist of the collegiate church of South Malling, in the following terms:—

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes literas inspecturis. Stephanus permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesie minister humilis tocius Anglie primas et sancte Romane ecclesie cardinalis salutem eternam in domino ad universitatis vestre notitiam volumus pervenire nos presentationem dilectorum filiorum Decani & Capituli de Mealling admisisse dilectum filium Robertum de Bisshopestone capellanum ad ecclesiam de Fremesfeld vacantem cum pertinentiis suis ipsumque in eadem ecclesia canonice instituisse personam ita tamen quod idem Robertus solvet de ipsa ecclesia de Fremisfeld quatuor marcas annuas sacristarii ecclesie dictorum canonicorum de Malling que a nobis de consensu ejusdem capituli ad officium illud fuit imperpetuum assignare ad quatuor anni terminos videlicet ad festum Sancti Michaelis unam marcam ad festum Natalis Domini unam marcam ad Pascham Domini unam marcam et ad festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste unam marcam. In cujus rei testimonium presentes literas dicto Roberto fieri fecimus et sigillo nostro signare. Testibus domino Johanne de Rosa & Johanne de Bocland. De Acta