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RECTORS OF HAWSTEAD.

Ry Rev.. Leslie Mercer, M.A.

The following list is taken partly from Bishop Tanner's Index (a work of great labour, and extremely useful to those who want to procure the regular succession of the incumbents of any particular parish; it was made in the beginning of the eighteenth century, when the compiler was Chancellor of Norwich) to the Institution Books, preserved with them in the Bishop's Registry at Norwich, partly from the books themselves, and partly from the parish registers, see *Cullum's History of Hawstead*. The two first articles are the Bishop's own notes.

Registrum Nigrum S. Edm. fol. 171. Abbas et Conventus quiet. clam. et remisit Thome Noel et hered. advoc. eccl'ie de Halstead, 1 Henry II.

Registrum Abb. S. Edm. fol. 278. 14 Edward I. Thomas fil. Eustachii (capitalis d'n's ville) tenet advoc. ecc.

- 1308 2 Kal. Apr. *Rogerus fil. Eustachii de Halsteade*, ad pres, d'ni Thome fil Eustachii mil et d'ne Joanne la Colevyle de Halstede matris sue patronorum ejusdem.
- 1330 4 Kal. Jul. *Jo'es fil. Will'i de Bradfield* de Radswell, ad. pres d'ne Alicie de Gray hac vice vere patrono ejusdem.
- 1361 10 Nov. *Jo'es de Bedford*, ad pres Will'i Clopton, mil.
- 1404 8 Mar. *Clemens Cooke* presb, ad pres Will'i Coggeshall de Clare.
- 1422 19 Maii *Rob. Ive*. per lib, resig. Clem. Cooke, ad pres Roberti Clerik, rectoris de Waldingfield, Will'i Clopton, arm. Roberti Cooke de Lavenham, verorum ipsius ecc. patronorum.
- 1422 26 Junii, *Gilbertus Mylde*, de Stradeshill, presbyter, ad pres. Rob. Cooke, per lib. resig. Roberti Ive. This was a family of note in these parts. The seat of the Cloptons at Kentwell, in Melford, was acquired by marriage with an heiress of this name.
- 1453 26 Mar' *Will Colman*, ad pres. Jo'is Clopton, arm.
- 1456 21 Dec. magister *Thomas Coote* in decr. Baccalaureus, ad pres. ejusdem, per lib. resig. Will. Colman.

- 1505 18 Jun. *Thomas Thorney*, per lib. resig. Tho. Coote, ad pres. Roberti Drury, mil.
- 1526 11 Jul. d'n's *Will. Eglyn*, presbyter, ad pres. Rob. Drury, mil. He resigned, probably, some years before his death; for he was witness to a Will in 1554, under the title of Sir William Eglyn, clerke.
- 1547 22 Jul. *Will Sibotson*, capellanus, ad pres. Will. Drury, mil. He was witness to the wills of two of his female parishioners, in which he was called their curate; and in one of them, dated 1552, parson of Hawsted. He was buried 19 April, 1565. He had also the contiguous rectory of Nowton.
- 1565 22 Maii *Ric. Adams*, ad pres. Eliz. Drury, vid, et relict. Will Drury, mil. He was chaplain to the Earl of Bath, and buried here 28 July, 1601.
- 1601 2 Dec. *Jos. Hall*, A.M. ad pres Rob. Drury, mil. He was afterwards Bishop of Exeter and Norwich, well-known for his learned and pious writings, as well as for his sufferings. This living was his first ecclesiastical preferment. He was sent in 1618 to the Synod of Dort. Consecrated Bishop of Exeter in November 1627, and of Norwich in November 1641. On the 30th of December he was voted, amongst other Bishops, to the Tower; and was committed the 30th of January following; where he was confined till June. In 1643 he was expelled from Norwich; and shortly after he retired to a little estate which he rented at Heigham; and in this place he finished his life. See Blomefield's *Norfolk*, 4to., Vol. III., p. 575—582.
- 1608 4 Jul. *Ezekiel Edgar*, clericus, in Art. Mag. super præes. Roberti Drury mil vacan, per resignationem ult. incumb. He was deprived of this rectory in 1643, by the same fatal ordinance that ejected his predecessor from his bishoprick.
- 1643 *Theophilus Luddington* became rector upon Edgar's deprivation. It is needless to say his name occurs not in the Institution Book. He had the good fortune to retain his preferment after the Restoration, when many, who had been put into the livings of deprived ministers, were in their turn dispossessed. He was buried here 24 June 1670.
- 1670 *George Pitches* was presented. Sir Thomas Cullum, Bart., patron.
- 1672 *John Harris*. The same patron.
- 1689 *Anthony Pitches*. Sir Dudley Cullum, Bart., patron.
- 1720 *Richard Pitches*, succeeded his father. The same patron.
- 1727 *Richard Williams*. Sir Jasper Cullum, Bart., patron.
- 1737 *John Smith*. The same patron.
- 1762 *Sir John Cullum*, M.A., Bart., F.R.S., and F.S.A.; educated at Catharine Hall, Camb.; of which he was Fellow, and obtained the first Senior Bachelors Dissertation Prize in 1758. His father patron. He wrote the *History of Hawstead* 1784.
- 1786 *William Steggall*, M.A. Sir Thomas Gery Cullum, Bart., patron. Christ's Coll., Camb.; B.A. 1738; M.A. 1753.

- 1794 *Edward Gosling*, M.A. The same patron. Pembroke Coll., Oxford, M.A. 1789.
- 1852 *William Collett*, M.A., S. Pet. Coll. Cam.; B.A. 1842, Deac. 1842, Priest 1843; Chap. to H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge; formerly Curate of Belstead, 1842—44; Stanningfield, 1849—52.
- 1882 *Thomas Godfrey Law Lushington*, M.A., was presented, G. G. Milner-Gibson-Cullum, patron. Jes. Coll. Cam. B.A. 1874, M.A. 1877, Deac. 1876, Priest 1877; Vicar of Swavesey, S. Ives, 1885; formerly Curate of Farnham, 1876—81; Great Barton, 1881—82.
- 1885 *Leslie Mercer*, M.A. The same patron. Trin. Coll. Cam., B.A. 1881, M.A. 1886, Deac. 1882, Priest 1883; formerly Curate of Halesowen 1882—84; S. Mary, Lambeth, 1884—85.

CHURCH NOTES. BY H. I. AND DAVID ELISHA DAVY.

RUSHBROOKE.

Willus de Rosshebrook Miles, p Test. suum dat. 7 R. 2. & probat. 18. Dec. 1383. legat corpus suum sepeliend, in Cimiterio b^{ti}. Nichi de Rosshebrook pdict.—See his will. Pedig: Rushbrook.

Rushbrooke, fully taken 26th Aug. 1749.

Church & South Porch tiled; Chancel & South Isle leaded.

Square Steple, 3 bells, & Dr. Needen says, modern ones.

At each end of the Com. Table is a large Mon^t. raised & covered with free stone, but without any Inscription.

Our Sayiour's Crucifixion painted on Canvas over the Altar, & above it in golden letters the sacred monogram, with a glory archwise over all.

The Lord's Prayer, Creed, & Commandm^{ts} well painted in golden letters upon y^e wainscot.

Church Notes, taken July 30. 1840.

The Church consists of a Nave, Chancel, S. Isle & Dormitory.

The Chancel is 35 ft. 6 in. long, & 14 ft. 9 in. wide. The Communion has no rails: but is raised 3 steps, the upper one of wood: at the E. end are the Lord's Prayer, &c.

The E. window is filled with painted glass, among which are the following Arms:—

1. France & England, qrtly, within a bordure az. charged with martlets, or.—Jasper Tudor, Duke of Bedford.
2. Sa. a fesse between 3 roses, or. Rushbrooke.
3. Arg. a fesse between 3 martlets, sa.
4. France & England, qrted.
5. Do.