

## ADDITIONAL NOTES ON BRETENHAM.

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I am indebted to Lord John Hervey for the following:—In Rokewode's "Chronicle of Joceline de Brakelonde" "Ecclesia de Bretenham is computed as belonging to the Abbot (Sampson) of S. Edmund's Bury. "Bretenham valet V marcas." And in one of the notes it is said—"Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, certified to William, Bishop of Norwich, the acknowledgment of William, deacon of Bretenham, that the Church of Bretenham belonged to the monastery of S. Edmund, and that he had done fealty for it to Abbot Ordning (Regist. Nigr. folio 163) This probably meant only the right of advowson."

## RECTORS OF BRETENHAM FROM DATE OF REGISTERS.

John Kempston, date not given, but buried here.

Martin Brigges, buried here May 21, 1597. (For quaint lines upon M. Brigges, see *East Anglian Notes and Queries*, New Series, II., p. 296.)

Humphry Munnings, buried here June 24, 1624.

Will<sup>m</sup> Alcocke, instit<sup>d</sup> July 22, 1624, ejected Ap<sup>l</sup> 10, 1644.

A "Minister" intruded, probably John Drake, if so

John Drake conformed in 1660; as Rector, buried here June 19th, 1683.

Edward Camborne, buried here Sep. 2, 1695; A.B. 1675, A.M. 1679, Trin. Coll. Camb.; a fragment of his gravestone found built in a modern buttress.

Thomas Rowell, Rector in 1695, not buried here; A.M. per Literas Regias 1700, Jesus Coll. Camb.

Henry Welstead, Rector in 1708, buried here Oct. 31, 1718; A.B. 1677, A.M. 1681, Jesus Coll. Camb.

Rich<sup>d</sup> Py(i)tches, instit<sup>d</sup> 16 Nov<sup>r</sup>, 1718, obiit Oct. 6, 1727; B.A. 1709, M.A. 1713, Gonv. and Caius Coll. Camb. Son of Anthony Pitches, Rector of Hawstead, Suff., where he succeeded his father in 1720, and was buried 12 Oct., 1727.

Hopton Hay(i)nes instit<sup>d</sup> 22 Dec., 1727, Fellow of Clare Hall, Camb.; B.A. 1718, M.A. 1722. Presented by Clare Hall to Elmsett, Suffolk, 1727, and held it till death in 1766.

John Morris, instit<sup>d</sup> 18 Sep., 1728 (a B.A. of Queen's, Camb., 1692, of his name; another of S. Joh. Camb., B.A. 1697).

Jeremiah Brugatz (Hieronymus Brugatsius), instit<sup>d</sup> 30 July, 1731, a Spaniard D.D. in the Univ. of Salamanca; exposed errors of Rome, and put into the Inquisition; escaped to Minorca; sent over to England and to Oxford. At y<sup>e</sup> request of Lord Arran, Chanc<sup>r</sup>, created M.A. by diploma 1728-29. In 1766 a Mrs. Brugatz, of Lavenham, left 20 guis to the Suff. Ch. for Clergy, Orphans, & Wid<sup>rs</sup>.

Edward Wenyewe, instit<sup>d</sup> 10 May, 1733, resigned, buried here 29th July, 1754; owner of Brett<sup>m</sup> Hall; Fellow of S. Joh. Camb.; B.A. 1720, M.A. 1724. Grandson of Sir Geo. Wenyewe, M.P. for Sudbury, 1685.

James Hotchkiss, instit<sup>d</sup> 25 April, 1739; A.B. 1723, A.M. 1727, S. Joh. Camb.; Head Master of Charterhouse Sch<sup>l</sup> and R. of Balsham, Camb.

John Shaw, instit<sup>d</sup> 8 May, 1752; A.B. 1744, Trin. Coll. Camb.

Samuel Cole, instit<sup>d</sup> 16 Aug<sup>t</sup>, 1798, buried here Aug<sup>t</sup> 1858; M.A. Oxon; Chap<sup>n</sup> R.N. in Lord Bridport's action in 1795, and for saving Admiral Colpoys's life in the mutiny at Spithead, in 1797, presented to this living by the Government.

Charles Trollope Swan, inst<sup>d</sup> 1859; LL.B., Christ's Coll. Camb.; vacated for Welton-le-Wold R., Linc.

Charles Jepson Betham, inst<sup>d</sup> 11 June, 1859; B.A. 1845, M.A. 1848, Emman. Coll. Camb.; H. Canon of Ely, 1886; R.D. of Lavenham, 1889.

#### ALCOCK, WILLIAM, Brettenham R.

He was a man of unexceptionable life and dispossessed by the Earl of Manchester, April 10th, 1644, for keeping to the Rubricks and Canons, speaking lightly of the Parliament, declaiming earnestly against the rebellion, saying the *Covenant* was contrary to the Oath of Allegiance, and calling our loving brethren in *Scotland, rebels*.

These are the causes assigned for his sequestration, as I find them mentioned in the *Extract of the Proceedings against the Clergy of the Associated Counties*.

I have been also informed that one article against him was his having acted in the play called *Ignoramus*. But if it be true that this was one part of his charge, 'tis sure they were ashamed, as well they might, to leave it upon record. Or, it may be, they were *ashamed* to put it into the *articles*, and only alledg'd it against him by *word of mouth* before the *Committee*, at the time of the sequestration. And if it was then admitted as *one good reason* why he ought to be *dispossessed*, it makes a signal instance of the hypocrisy of the times; for one *Legate*, who personated *Ignoramus himself* in the *comedy*, was by the *Saints themselves* thrust into poor Doctor Croft's living of *Barnham* in this county; and that too when he still continued a *comedian* (and as far as I can guess, acted the *selfsame part*) in the *pulpit*. I have grounds enough to make it a *querre* whether Mr. *Alcock* did not lose a *temporal estate* also of £16 *per annum* and sixty pounds in stock. He had at the time of his *sequestration* a wife and three children. I mistake if he did not die before the *Restoration*.—From Walker's "Sufferings of the Clergy," printed 1714.