

STRATTON.

THE Church is very small. It consists of a Chancel, and Nave, with a low Tower in the Middle, therein two Bells.

T. MASTER, ESQ. LORD OF THE MANOR.
REV. JAMES DAUBENEY, RECTOR.

INSCRIPTIONS IN THE CHURCH.

CHANCEL.

ON A HANDSOME MARBLE MONUMENT WITH CORINTHIAN PILLARS, THE TOP COVERED BY A CANOPY CURTAIN FRINGED GOLD, WITH THE BUSTS OF THOMAS NICHOLAS, ESQ. AND HIS TWO WIVES.

Arms. Over the Man's Bust. Argent on a Chevron between three Ravens Sable two Lions combatant Or.—NICHOLAS. Crest. a Raven Close proper. Over the first Wife's Bust. NICHOLAS, as before, impaling Gules a fret Or.—AUDLEY. Over the second Wife's Bust. NICHOLAS, as before, impaling Gules, two Lions passant in Pale, argent debruised by a Bend Ermine.—STRANGE.

Here resteth the Body of THOMAS NICHOLAS, ESQUIRE. Late Lord of this Manour, and Patron of this Church, some tyme High Sheriffe of this County, and a Lover of Hospitality, who had to his first Wife, JANE AUDLEY, worthily descended of the Ancient family of the AUDLEYS, and to his second Wife BRIDGET STRANGE, dau. to MICHAEL STRANGE, of Somersford, Esq., who changed this Life the 14th. day of August, 1638.

Memorie ejusdem THO. NICHOLAS, Armig. Sacrum.

Hic situs est, Iri ac Cruci communis [Amator, Doctrinae fautor religionis honos; Qui sator annorum famaque evasit [ad auram, Eherens, novus, et gignis ubi [Hospes adest. Hospes at interea solitna, solita ostit [frustra, Pulsat; et euziens nudo miser [Iris abit. Dum spectas imitare; Edem, sic ex [prime factis. Divide, da, cura, dilige, talis eris. Etal. 63.

[The Monument was taken down at the time when of the Church under went repair, and enlargement. It is said that the Busts were placed in the Vault below, and only the Tablet remains 1671.]

ON A MARBLE MONUMENT AGAINST THE ARCH THAT DIVIDES THE NAVE AND CHANCEL.

Conduntur hic ingentis viri ERUVIN RADULPHI WILLETT, A. M. hujusq; Ecclesie non ita pridem Rectoris dignissimi. Qui proclaro ingenii acumine eximio animi Dotibus Omnigeni quâ prodesse posset Literarum exornatus,

Vel Ruris obscuritate emicuit. Haud mediocriter illustris, In Concionibus Doctrinae Sanitate Bullum Concinnâ Styli simplicitate Tillotsonum

Rationum soliditate se unum referebat: Complicator Urbi salute petendus Medicinæ jurisque Longe Supra sortem peritum fatentur omnes, Quibus morbis Libitavo veratis fœdissimum erit Subsidium, et tutamen, Quum vero diu Deo proximo sibiq; vixisset

Vir optimus atq; omni fere fastuque plus Senio tandem confectus Mortalitati pleridie cessit Augt. 20 Anno Domini 1738. Etatis sue 84.

Cum Marito S. R. Charissime atq; conjux ELIZABETHA, qui post vitam piè ac honeste actam placide in Domino obdormivit, Jun. 28o. A. D. 1752, æt. 86.

RALPH WILLETT, Rector of this Parish, Died 1764. MARY, his Wife, died 1775.

ON A SMALL MARBLE MONUMENT AGAINST THE SOUTH WALL.

To the Memory of ANN PITT, Wife of JOSEPH PITT, of Cirencester, Gent. And daughter of ANDREW DAUBENEY, of Bristol, who departed this Life the 15 July 1792, Aged 26.

Crest like a flower in all its youthful bloom, She fell an early victim to the Tomb, Her gentle manners, undiguised by Art, Proclaim'd the Native goodness of her heart. Correct in all her duties as a Wife, She led beloved by all a spotless life, And in the faith of Christ the path she trod Which leads from Earth to Heaven, from Heaven to God.

Arms. Sable a fess compony, Argent and Azure, between three Bezants. PITT.—impaling. Gules Eye Mascles conjoined in Fess Or. DAUBENEY. Crest a Stork Argent, beaked, and legged Gules, supporting an Anchor Or, cabled Sable.

ON FLAY STONES.

[No inscriptions remaining 1671.]

JANE CHAPMAN, Biruata non finito Puerula ob. 13o. Die May A. D. 1694. DOROTHEA, filia JASPERI CHAPMAN, armig. oblit Viceesimo octavo die Octobris Anno Dom. 1701. Etatis sue.

Here resteth the Body of WILLIAM COX, Gent. late of this Parish, who changed this Life the 6th. day of November 1640.

If to Himself he were a Poet, To others sure he was not one, He lov'd, he giv'd, he lent, he spent, He scorn'd the world, he was content, Ten pounds he giv'd unto our Poore, Twice Ten to other Places more, But His friends to some Friends he gave, Who wight a Line upon his Grave.

CHURCH YARD.

TOMBS.

In Memory of WALTER NASH, Son, and SARAH, his Wife. He died May 21st. 1765, Aged 45 Years. She died Nov. 22nd. 1744, Aged 66 Years. Also of SARAH, his second Wife, who died January 6th. 1775, Aged 67 Years.

WALTER NASH, Junr. who died January 6th. 1775, Aged 77 Years. ANN, his Wife, who died Nov. 14, 1770, Aged 74 Years.

In Memory of ROBERT KITE, of Cirencester, who died 5 March 1726, Aged 70 Years. Also of FRANCIS GOODARD, of Cirencester, who died Oct. the 27th. 175... Aged 22.

In Memory of RICHARD BLACKWELL, Yeoman, who died March 22, 1758, Aged 78 Years. Also of ANNA, his Wife, who died the 11th. August 1753, Aged 77.

In Memory of SARAH, Wife of THOMAS STYMONDS, of Eamsbury, in the County of Wills, who departed this Life, Oct. 14. 1768, Aged 30 Years.

In Memory of MRS. SARAH NASH, Wife of MR. JOHN NASH, of Burcot, She died March 24, 1781, Aged 74.

Here resteth the Body of THOMAS STEVENS, who departed this Life, the 20th. April 1684.

I am dead, and laid was here, But thee must die, for God knows where. HENRY STEVENS, of this Parish, died June 3, 1723, Aged 95. ELIZABETH, the Wife, of

STRATTON.

HENRY STEVENS, was buried
14 Dec. 1715.

In Memory of
JOHN STEVENS, of Cirencester,
who died Febr. the 19th. 1764.
Aged 55 Years.
Also here lye the Bodies of
HENRY, and JOHN STEVENS,
Sons of JOHN, and JANE STEVENS,
of Cirencester, in this County.
HENRY, died April the 27th. 1737.
JOHN, died Dec. 16th. 1745,
infants.

To the Memory of
JOHN LANK, who died Sept. 4, 1798,
Aged 68 Years.
ELIZABETH, his Wife,
who died May 9th. 1800,
Aged 70 Years.

In Memory of
THOMAS, the Son of THOMAS,
and ELIZABETH LANK,
who departed this Life,
March 21, 1769,
Aged 4 Year, and 5 Months.
SUSANNA, their Daughter,
who departed this Life,
Nov. 7, 1779, Aged 14 Years.

Here rests the Body of
ROBERT ARCHER, of this Parish,
who died Nov. 21, 1787,
Aged 85 Years.
Ann, his Wife, died April 12, 1775,
Aged 78 Years.
RICHARD, their Son,
died April 9, 1780,
Aged 54 Years.

In Memory of
JANE BLACKWELL,
who died Decr. 12, 1798,
Aged 88 Years.

In Memory of
MARY BLACKWELL,
who died Jany. 1, 1792,
Aged 66 Years.

In Memory of
ANN, the Wife, of THOMAS DAVIS,
who died Nov. 22, 1790,
Aged 82 Years.

JOHN DICKS,
Died May 8, 1796, Aged 84 Years.
ANN, his Wife,
Died Decr. 16, 1796,
Aged 79 Years.

In Memory of
TIMOTHY WEED, the Son of
WILLIAM, and BETTY WEED,
of this Parish,
who departed this Life,
March 2, 1775, Aged 19 Years.

REBEKAH TIMBERELL,
died 1783.
ROBERT TIMBERELL, Esq.
died 1811.
REBEKAH HOLLAND,
his Sister, died 1815.
AMY TIMBERELL, Spinster,
died 1818.

[Supplementary Notice of Monuments
in Church since Bigland's time.]

Arms:—A griffin rampant bordure,
impaling.—a Chevron ermine
engrailed between 3 fleurs de Lis.

Sacred to the Memory of
THOMAS BOYCE, D. D.
of this Parish, and of Redcliff,
died 1823, Aged 67 Years.
ELIZABETH, his Wife,
died 1832, Aged 63 Years.

Juxta positum requiescit
quod mortale fuit,
JACOBI DAURENNEY, A. M.
C. C. C. Oson. Alumni,
Ubi studia academica
Feliciter incubuit.

Vite integerrimus, et Suavitate morum
gratiam omnium conciliavit
simul officia erga suos
sanctissime explevit
Deliciae Parentum :

Spes cunctam hinc quam fugaces
moriens fedit
Vixit annos viginti duo,
Ob. die Martii 4to. A. D. 1817.

Sacred to the Memory of the
REV. JAMES DAURENNEY,
40 years Rector of Stratton,
and Vicar of Freston.
He Died 9 Feby. 1817,
Aged 65 Years.

Deeply regretted by his family, and
friends, for the unaffected Piety, and
simplicity of his Character, the candour,
and benevolence of his disposition, the
soundness of his understanding, and
principles, and in his latter Years more
especially for the exemplary cheerfulness
with which he endured a lingering,
and painful illness.

Also of ELLINOR DAURENNEY, Widow,
of the above,
Died Sept. 4 1845,
Aged 82 Years.
Also of HELEN MARY,
their eldest Daughter,
died Feby. 1848,
Aged 67 Years.

Sacred to the Memory of
Mrs. SARAH NAIK, of
Cirencester, who died
Jany. 9, 1814, Aged 66 Years.
and lies interred in the Church Yard.
JANE, Sister of SAMUEL NAIK,
died Sept. 14, 1820,
Aged 80 Years.

In a Vault underneath Lie the
Remains of JAMES FITZ, Esq.
died Sept. 5, 1830,
Aged 72 Years.
CATHERINE, his Wife,
died April 23, 1842,
Aged 86 Years.
Also their Sons
HENRY, died March 1816,
Aged 25 Years.
JAMES LLOYD, died Feby. 1829
Aged 30 Years.

CLEMENT GYNNER, Clerk,
Rector of Great Chalford, Wills.
died March 16, 1809.

HEAD STONES IN CHURCH YARD.

	Died.	Aged.		Died.	Aged.	
Henry, Son of James, and Jane Richardson ...	1 Mar.	1776	24	Mary, Wife of William Coppin	25 April 1787	55
John Wilbraham ...	1 May	1740	49	Ann Chappel ...	13 Oct. 1791	15
Timothy Webb, Senr. of this Parish ...	20 Apr.	1729	45	Daniel Arnold ...	19 Jany. 1792	79
Hannah, his Wife ...	5 May	1776	80	Mary, Daughter of Daniel, and Jane Arnold ...	21 Feb. 1785	17
Ralph Humphris ...	20 Aug.	1751	68	Jane Phipps ...	22 Nov. 1790	29
James Humphris ...	1 July	1740	27	Ann, Wife of John Oakley ...	11 May 1778	63
Mary, Wife of Fdw. Humphris	22 July	1749	30	Patience, Daughter of John, and Ann Oakley ...	1 July 1779	27
Ralph, the Son of John, and Jane Driver ...	3 Oct.	1765	16	Sarah, Wife of John Graingsab	11 Mar. 1782	37
William Marchant ...	6 Oct.	1746	38	Elizabeth, Wife of Giles Tomes	6 Mar. 1724	73
Giles Clarke ...	16 May	1738	63	Ether, Wife of Daniel Parry	11 May 1775	69
Mary, Wife of Giles Clarke ...	1 May	1725	...	Thomas, Son of Thomas, and Mary Lane ...	9 Mar. 1769	7
John Lane, Senr. ...	22 May	1738	54	John, their Son ...	11 Mar. 1769	5
William Lane ...	1 Febr.	1764	29	Elizabeth, Wife of John Lane	21 July 1778	77
Susanna, Wife of Isaac Finch, nls. Wicks. ...	6 Jan.	1726	...	Elizabeth, their Daughter ...	3 Feb. 1741	14
John Blackwell, Junr. ...	3 Decr.	1721	...	John, Son of Thomas, and Mary Lane ...	19 Jany. 1764	3
Mary Wife of Jno. Blackwell, Junr.	6 Decr.	1705	...	Timothy, eldest Son of Tim. othy. and Hannah Webb	4 Jany. 1724	10
John Patches, Senr. ...	11 Sept.	1739	68	William Humphreys ...	23 Sept. 1795	79
Jane, Wife of John Patches, Senr.	13 Jan.	1741	70	Betty, his Wife ...	29 Nov. 1781	58
John Timbrell ...	9 May	1690	...	Charles, Son of Charles, and Elizabeth Edwards ...	10 Oct. 1771	11
Henry Timbrell ...	4 Nov.	1715	...	William Tarling ...	10 June 1792	55
John, Son of William, and Betty Whitcomb ...	2 Jany.	1767	33	Thomas Tarling ...	22 Decr. 1779	67
Walter, Son of Walter, and Ann Naish ...	14 April	1758	24	Martha, Daughter of Thomas, and Mary Tarling, ...	20 Decr. 1756	14
Ether, Daughter of Richard, and Ann Blackwell ...	17 Jany.	1737	20			

(Information given by R. Mullings, Esq. and others)

Of the Towns, and Villages upon the "Strata Viarum" of the Romans in Britain, this is one, standing on Irmin-Street, about a mile, and a quarter, from Cirencester towards Gloucester. If the place had the suffix of "Irmin Way," its name would be more distinctive.

It is called "Stratone," in Domesday Survey. It was then in Cirencester Hundred though now in that of Crowthorne. Sir R. Atkyns, says that the Name of this Hundred is due to a Bush so called in Stratton-field, a notion which Roderic, deemed vulgar, and improbable, but which nevertheless is well founded. The Register of Cirencester Abbey, A. D. 385, states that the View of Crowthorn Hundred, was held twice a Year, in the Demesne of Stratton, and thereto came the Lord of Sodington Musard, (by his Bailiff,) to pray the Livery of his Manor, &c.

In Stratton-field there was a spot near the Irmin-Street, or Gloucester-Road, called Court Hill, which Name is still retained, and near which spot Thorn Bushes, are still found, and this probably was the Justice Seat, of the H.

At Domesday Survey, Stratton contained 5 Hides taxed, besides the Demesne. It was advanced in Culture having 12 Plow tillages, three whereof, were in Demesne, and 9 in the Hands of 16 Villans, and 7 Bordars; on it were 5 Serfs. It had also Two Mills of 20 s. value, and there was a Priest. Its yearly Value was 6 £. and had been 8 £.

The Saxon Owner was Edmund. After the Conquest, He was dispossessed in favor of Roger de Laci.

W. de Laci, by descent Son, and Heir.

Parcellled off: 1 Villenage, and Two-thirds of the tithes of the Demesne.—

Temp. W. 1. St. Peter's Priory Hereford, by Grant of W. de Laci, confirmed by King Wm. 1.

1151. The Priory given to Abbey of Gloucester, by W. de Laci's Son confirmed by K. H. 1.

Edw. 1. W. de Laci, paid aid.

Brit. Mus. MSS. Cott. Jul. C. 1.

The De Lacy Estate passed to the Spencers, from them to the Beauchamps, from them to the Nevils, from them by the contrivance of King H. VII. to the Crown.

A Sub fee of the Manor, and Advowson, appears by the Cirencester Abbey Register to have been held by Walter Cardnell, W. Stratton, and W. Hampton. (see below.)

18 K. 2. William, Brother of John Nasabe, Clerk, released all his Right, and 19 R. 2. William Hampton, acknowledged that by fine lately levied he had granted the Remainder in fee of Manor, and Advowson after the death of Katherine Lucy, Wo. Lessee for Life, to John Cassey, of Wightfield, Richd. Wych, Wm. Paschum, and Jno. de Rede, and the heirs of Jno. Cassey. Clause Roll. R. 2.

1 H. 8. W. Cassey, died seized leaving 3 Sons, Leonard, William, and Robert.

21 H. 8. Leonard, died, Wm. had predeceased him 3 H. 8. 1 Edw. 6. Robert Cassey, died seized leaving Henry, his son, and heir.

1564. Thomas Watson, Gent. by purchase from Henry Cassey of Wightfield, Deerhurst.

1597. A Parcel sold off by Watson, viz. Millham, and Greenway Close to Hy. Bridges.

Manor, and Advowson:

41 Eliz. Jno. Howard, H. Goldsmith, T. Rivett, Jno. Southwell, and Others, Trustees of T. Watson, by his Sale Deed.

Watson, and Wife, and his Trustees to Hy. Audley, and N. Archard in Trust for Jane Kettelby, Wo. (Audley Spinster.)

T. Stephens, and Jno. Hunt, by Sale Deed of Thos. Nicholas, and Wife Jane, late Jane Kettelby, Wo.

11 Car. 1. T. Nicholas, by purchase from J. Hunt, Surviving Trustee.

Reverted to Manor:

Hereford Priory Lands, and Tithes:

Gregory Apprece, of Hereford, Esq. by Crown Grant. *Origines xvi.*

1559. Sir Giles Poole of Salperton, Knight, by Grant, (Tithes, &c.)

24 Eliz. Wm. Stone of Cirencester, Gent. by purchase, (Message, and Yard Land, portion of Tithes thereof, and all others G. Poole's Lands in Stratton, parcel of late Priory of Hereford.)

1615. John Stone, by descent.
1607. Thos. Nicholas, Esq. by purchase from John Stone, and Confirmation of Isabella Elias, late Widow of W. Stone; whence as Nicholas Estate.

Manor Advowson, and Priory Lands:—

J. Platt, T. Hungerford, and H. and W. Powles, by

Sale Deed of Thomas Nicholas.

15 Car. 1. Edwd. Sheldon the Elder, of Bewdley, Worcestershire, Esq. by purchase from Sale Trustees of T. Nicholas, and Confirmation of Margaret Robins, Widow, and Mary Cox, Wo. Sisters, and Thos. Harris, Gent. and Thomas Lymrick, eldest sons of 3 other deceased Sisters of Thos. Nicholas, and his Co-heirs under Crown Licence to alien Message, and 60 a of Land held in Capite.

Reverted to Manor:

Bridge's Estate 2 Messuages 200 a. Land, Millham Close, 40 Aia. Anthony Bridges 2nd. son of H. Bridges, by Will of his Father.

1640. Edwd. Sheldon, by Purchase.

Leased off:— Mill Path 12 a. part of Upper farm:

1665 Giles Hancock, Gent. by Lease, from Edwd. Sheldon, Esq. and Wife Mary, for 999 Years at 10 s. Rent.

1654. Half Yard Land, in Stratton-field:

Same to same for a like term at 6 s. 8 d. Rent.

1695. (a.) *Part:* Webb, by Assignment from the Children, and Next of Kin of Hancock.

(b) *Other Part:* Mill Piece, and House:

1681. Thos. Hancock, and Teal from do.

Timothy Webb, from Teal.

1803. Jas. Pitt, of Cirencester, Woodstapler, by Assignment from T. Webb, Junr. Pitt, his grandson by Will.

(c.) *Nutation Fee:* 4 s. 3 r. 5 p.

Samuel Bowley, from T. Webb.

1804. James Pitt, from Bowley.

1825. T. Lediard, by Purchase.

Manor Advowson, and reverted Estate subject to Leases to Hancock:

1639. Thomas Deacon, of Cirencester, Draper, by purchase from E. Sheldon, and Wife Mary, and his Sons, Wm. (eldest), Edward, and Ralph S.

1661. Thomas, and Symon Deacon, Sons, and Margery Deacon, Widow of Thomas Deacon, deceased.

1673. Jno. Hawkins, Esq. by purchase from the Deacon, family.

1683. Johanna Hawkins, Daughter of John, and her issue on her Marriage with Jasper Chapman, Esq. by Settlement of John Hawkins.

1708. Johanna Chapman, only Daughter of Jasper Chapman, and her issue on her Marriage with Thomas Master, Junr. Esq. by Settlement of Jasper Chapman, with Remainder to Hawkins Chapman, Gent. Son of Toby Chapman, by Wife Alice. Thence as Cirencester Abbey Estate.

Other Estates:

6 Edw. 1. *Mead's Croft*, Adam de Stratton, from Adam de Rolby, by Fine.

Lands Granted to Cirencester Abbey: *Abbey Reg. B.* 85, +6, 116

(a.) One Plow tillage: by Walter Wrilock, and others.

(b.) Lands held of W. de Cardnell by Stephen, Son of Clement, and Maud, of Baudenton.

(c.) A Carucate of Land: by W. de Fulham.

32 Edw. 3. The Abbey held in Cirencester, Stratton, Daglingworth, and Wyggold, 92 a. Land.

Reg. ad q. diam. 32 Ed. 3. 11. 52.

House, and Barn called Pullama, or Olivers, and 6 yard Lands reputed parcel of the Amery Grange, granted by Queen Eliath, to Rd. Master:

Sir Wm. Master.

1660. Rd. Sackville, by purchase from Sir Wm. Master, and Thomas Master, his Son.

Ann Sackville, Daughter, and only child of Rd. Sackville, of Hibury, and Elisabeth, his Wife.

1692. Dr. John Vannam, by purchase from Jno. Lloyd, and Wife, late Ann Sackville.

1696. Eliath. Vannam, Daughter of John Vannam, and issue on her Marriage with Robert Hirks, of Inner Temple, Son of Rd. Hicks, of Dinder, Somerset, by Settlement.

1748. Her Daughter, and heir married Mr. ... Yate, of Arlingham.

1745. Oct. T. Master, by purchase from her, and Jno. Vannam, of Coombe, whence as the Manor.

Inclosure Allotment for this Estate included in Manor Allotments.

Capital Message, and Lands:

1712. Elisabeth, and Catharine Sackville, Daughters, and Heirs of Hy. Sackville, of Hibury. *Recovery Deeds.*

1713. Partition between Elisabeth, and Catharine S.

1758. Ann, Wife of T. Estcourt Creswell, Niece of Catharine Sackville, by her Will with Remainder to Estcourt Creswell.

1771. Settlement by Thos. E. Creswell, and Wife Ann, on Marriage of Estcourt Creswell.

At the Inclosure, Estcourt Creswell, had 2 Allotments together 105 a. 0 r. 32 p. for this Estate.

1774. Part via 115 a. 0 r. 7 p. William Newcombe, by purchase from Estcourt Creswell.

Jas. Pitt, from Newcomb.

1830. James Pitt, (Grandson) by Will of James Pitt.

The Residue viz.—House, and Grounds.

1790. William, and John Newcomb, by purchase from E. Creswell.

1797. Trustees by Will of William Newcomb.

1801. James Yerbury, by purchase from the Trustees of Wm. Newcomb.

1814. Joseph Cripps, Esq. from Yerbury, by purchase.

1824. Jos. Cripps Junr. by Settlement on his Marriage with Miss Cook; thence Sir T. Tancred; thence Miss Master.

St. John's Hospital Land & a.

The Hospital, from Walter de Stratton.

In 20th *Charity Inquiry Report*, page 32. St. John's Land in Stratton is returned as 28 a. 2 r. 24 p. said to be let on 99 years Leases determinable on Lives, and for renewal of a Life a fine of 2 years Value taken.

The Lessees were Miss Master, (Houses, and Close,) William Search, (6 a. 3 r.) and Joseph Cripps, (14 a.)

At Inclosure 21 a. 0 r. 32 p. in the tenancy of W. Dix. A Close of 13 a. got in exchange from Miss Master, for 6 a.

St. Lawrence's Hospital founded by Edith, Lady of Wigbold, had (41 Eliz.) in Stratton-field 12 a. By Inquisition. Inclosure Allotment in lieu 8 a. 1 r. 6 p.

1821. Lord Apsley, Lessee for 99 Years, determinable on Lives. (10th *Charity Inquiry Rep.*)

Nottingham's Lands:

20 Hen. 6. Grant, and Regrant by fine to Sir Wm. Nottingham, and Wife Elizabeth, in special tail.

1483. St. Thomas's Hospital Cirencester, by Gift of Sir Wm. Nottingham, the Founder by Will.

This Gift included Lands in Down Ampney, Frolicote, (Gaunts Ervete Almondsbury,) Cirencester, and Stratton, and Shornocott, Wilts.

This Charity being limited to 4 poor men in its objects, and specific in bounty on them (a pension of 8 d. a Week each) the whole amount was 6 l. 18 s. 8 d.

This sum, says the 20th *Charity Inquiry Report*, p. 69, "is paid out of an estate near Thornbury in Gloucestershire, but how the Rent came to be transferred from the property originally made subject, to that out of which it is at present paid we (the Com'rs.) could not learn." It may admit of this explanation: The Estate near Thornbury, may be the Ervete of the Gift, and the amount of the pension money taken as the extent of the benefaction.

An Allotment 10 a. 1 r. 5 p.:

1772. W. Webb, *Award*.

The Mill, &c. called Parson's Mill, & an Allotment 3 r. 28 p.:

1772. J. Norris.

1796. John, and Wm. Norris, by purchase.

1808. Joseph Cripps, by purchase.

Jane Master, by purchase.

The Upper (called Baunton) Mill, and Allotment 5 a.:

1772. Nathl. Haynes.

An Allotment 5 a. 1 r. 26 p.:

1772. W. Tombs, *Award*, afterwards Wormes.

An Allotment 1 a. 2 r. 24 p.:

1772. Edmund Hinton, *Award*.

1789. T. Hinton, by Will.

1834. Joseph Cripps, by purchase.

1837. Jane Master, by purchase.

II. Church.—R. Gryme the Rector, returned his Living at 12 l. 17 s. 3 d. wherout 9 s. 9 d. were deducted for Visitation fees. *Valor Eofas.*

In Pope Nicholas Taxation of 6 l. a portion (1 l.) was for Lands of Hereford Priory.

In 1649, the North Aisle, and Vestry Room were built on to the Church, and the Chancel was enlarged.

The Glebe, and Allotments of Stratton Rectory under the Inclosure Act:

Glebe Land 124 a. 3 r. 21 p.

Tythe Allotments for allottable } 140 a. 1 r. 14 p.

Lands } 5 a. 2 r. 18 p.

Allotment for tythes of old Inclosures 96 a. 0 r. 13 p.

The Church of this Parish escaped, what Ayliffe, on his Paragon calls the "horrid evil of appropriation" to a religious house; an escape the more remarkable from its close Vicinity to a mighty Abbey. The Advowson remaining in lay

hands appendant to the Manor, the Priest of the Parish has enjoyed all the fruits of the Benefice. Under an appropriation those fruits (saving the legal Endowment for the Vicar of the smaller tythes which Law of Endowment was wholly evaded by the device of appropriating ad mensam monachorum) would have gone to the religious house, and upon its dissolution would have become a lay, or temporal fee, to the "Bondage" as a learned Judge termed it, of the Church.

The Cirencester Abbey Register contains copies of Grants to the Altar of St. Peter at Stratton A. 95 b. 97 a.

III. Population, Taxation, &c.

4 R. 2. (1581.) Payers of the Poll Tax in Stratton, and Daglyngworth.

	s.	d.
Job. Hichecocks, and Matild. ux. ei. cult. tr.	2	6
J. Foske, and Alic. ux.	1	6
J. Bele, and John. ux.	2	6
M. Bardast, and Alic. ux.	1	6
Job. Morman, lab.	1	0
Mau le Walsh, and Alic. ux. Cult.	2	6
Walt. Jesop, lab.	1	0
J. Pope, and Ux.	1	6

Sm. P'sonar. 49.
Denar. 49 a.

In the Nonse Taxation of 7 l. 4 s. the sum of 3 s. 4 d. was abated for the Rectory Lands, Tythes, &c.

In this Parish Charge the goods of Peter de Stratton, "Mercator of Cirencester," were assessed at 20 marks.

Population in 1801,—166.

1831,—468.

1861,—596.

Poor Rates,

1805,—75 l. 4 s. 8 d. at 1 s. in the l.

1815. Annual Value of Real Property was assessed at £1,941.

1831. 5 Years Average Expenditure on Poor 127 l.

Area 1351 a. Rateable Value, 2990 l. (*County Returns*.)

1776. At County Election as Freeholders of Stratton, voted W. Tombs, J. Norris, N. Haynes, Rev. Jas. Danbury.

At the passing of the Reform Act of 1861.—Stratton was joined to the Borough of Cirencester for the purpose of Election. It sends a contingent of between 80, and 90 Voters.

Until the Inclosure (1772,) this place must have retained much of its pristine appearance. It had its two Mills, (Baunton Mill being in the Parish,) and its Priest, There were in it no extensive Downs, or open Lands, though such there were in Daglyngworth, formerly parcel of this Manor. But there were two large common-fields, Foss Field, and Woodfield, and a common Meadow, Dole Mead. Foss-field extended from the Brook to the Church, and Daglyngworth Road; the Allotments are now intersected by the new Road from Cheltenham to Cirencester. Woodfield lay on the South side of the Irmin Way, and extended to Lord Bathurst's Park, and Woods, Dolemead was by the River Churn. Mill Lane led from Parson's Mill, & Dole Mead, to the Gloucester Road in a line now shown by the footpath. It crossed that Road, and was continued on the other side under the name of Back Lane, terminating in a Bridle-Way. The way from Stratton to Baunton, was a Green-way from "Crowthorn," in Court Hill over the Foss (common arable) field to the Churn, by the upper, or Baunton Mill.

The application of the term Foss Way, and Fossfield relatively to the Gloucester Road is explained by the local use of the Term "Foss" to designate any Roman Road.

The Act for making the Turpika Road from Cirencester to Cheltenham, was passed 1826.

Further Confirmation of the Crowthorn Hundred point is derived from the relation made to the Editor by the Revd. E. A. Fuller, of an Extract from the Register of the Lady Chapel within St. John's Church, Cirencester. fol. 12 a. now among the Dagdale MSS. in the Ashmolean Library No. 6530.

"Temp. E. III. Grant by Wm. Comes de Cyrencester, of an Acre of Meadow in the Common Mead of Stratton.

Another Grant of a Dovecote "in marea meh." de Stratton with two acres, one of which situate in the East-field, "extendit se super viridem viam inter Crawthorn at Baundenton." To this Grant Ric. De Spensator de Daglyngworth, is one of the Witnesses.

The following is a List of Places in the Hundred of Crowthorn, taken from the Cirencester Abbey Register, in the Library of Sir T. Phillipps, Bart. viz. Chesterton, Sodynton-in-the-More, Sodynton Musard, South Sarney, Cotes, Toileton, Stratton, Daglyngworth, Downesbourn Rous, Bagynsont, Amenev, Harahull, and Dryfield.