

④ Birbortha ⑤

William Backnall V from 1558 to 1575  
presented by Dorothy Audreys, gen:

In 1570 the Wardens complain they lacke ther quarter sermons in default of the Vicar, p they state that the V. owes 8<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup> to the poor; an amount which was paid soon after <sup>Catesby</sup> <sup>sumpt</sup> <sup>Bene</sup>.

In 1571 Robt Underwood came into the church p quarreled with the Curate. Item he liveth apart from his wife

In 1575 Wm Ryddall, jun. to do penance on a Saturday in the public market of Grahams, more poenitentium, clad in a bumen sheet, on the following Sunday in Birbortha church: on the next Wednesday in Uppingham market p on the following Saturday at Oundle

On the death of the V. in 1575 the Wardens discover that the Vicarage is pulled down p that M<sup>r</sup> Andrews his coache is park of the Vicarage ground so that if yt continues still they think they shall not know the Vicarage ground.

It afterward appeared that Anthony Andrews had pulled down 4 bres of the house where the late Vicar had resided p placed the newly appointed Vicar, Simon Palmer, in another house very far off from the church p not so convenient for the Vicar as the house of the old Vicar was. But Anthony Andrews states they mistake that house in calling it the Vicarage house for that yt is a parcell of the parsonage - a contention which was supported by the authorities.