William Backnall V from 1558 to 1575
presented by Dorothy Andrews, gen;

In 1570 the Wardens complain they lack ten quarter
sermons in default of the Vicar, so they state that the V. owes
8 s 4 d to the poor, an amount which was paid soon after.

In 1571 Robt Underwood came into the church,
quarrelled with the Curate. Here he lived apart from his wife.

In 1565 Wm Ryddall, jun. to do penance on a Saturday
in the public market of Chelmsford, were presentment, clad in
a linen sheet, on the following Sunday in Bishops Stort church:
on the next Wednesday in Upriegham market: p on the following
Saturday at Country

On the death of the V. in 1575 the Wardens discover
that the Vicarage is pulled down; that Mr Andrews
had courts in part of the Vicarage ground so that if
continues still they think they shall not know the Vicarage
ground. It afterwards appeared that Anthony Andrews
had pulled down 4 acres 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
covenient for the Vicar as the house of the old Vicar was.
But Anthony Andrews states they mistake that house
a calling it the Vicarage house for that if is parcel
of the parsonage - a contention which was supported by
the authorities.