1286 John de Casterton accol [accolyte] pres [presented] to the chap [chaplain] of Woodhead Castle by Hawisia widow of Robert de Greley Aug 29 on the death of Clement the late chaplain

1562 ND dns Robert Paycocke Rcor [Rector]

1570 ND Robert Paycocke Rect [Rector]

1570 ND abest et curatus non register#


1577 Sep 19 Sept 23 Wildblood of C.M [Casterton Magna] charged with causing discord and being neglectful of his duty during the celebration of divine service. As he had also been accused before Thomas Cecill Kn [knight] he was dismissed with a caution

1579 Nov 15 Isabella Baldock suspended

1588 Jan 21 Thomas Greene cl [Clerk?] AB [BA] in being presented to Grt [Great] Casterton states :

1 That he was not acquainted with the patron before the * suite unto him for the same

2 That he bestoweth the same uppon him at at the request of Mr Wildblood last incumbent there and by Lord Grace of Canterbury

3 That he bestoweth the same freely upon him

4 That as yet he purpose the to * it himself

5 No bond has been made

6 That as he thinketh it is * worth xxx but he cannot tell what it is in the Queen’s books

1588 Jul 15 The parsonage house the chauncell [chancel] is out of repayre [repair] (Rector is culpa)

1591 ND Mr Greene Rcor [Rector] A suit arising therefore was heard on 10 July

1594 ND Greene R [Rector] Pickworth recus [recusant] &disquiet amongst his parishioners

1604 Jul 30 Thomas Greene cl R [Rector] of Great Casterton sued Henry Whitehead and Jane his wife complaining that Jane uoon the Wednesday in Whitsun week last past at Mr John Wingfield’s house in Tickencote did saye to the said Mr W that the said Mr Greene meaning Mr Greene (The Rector) would have had the use of her body but she saieth that she spake not these words with a mind to defame the said Mr G. And Henry Whitehead being present in court. That on Whitsun Tuesdaye last part he being at Mr John Wingfield’s house in Tickencote did say to the said Mr W that the said Mr Greene would have had the use of the body of the said Jane his wife, but saieth that he did not speake the said wordsto defame the said Mr Greene. And saieth that about a month
or 3 weeks since he the said Henry being at Jeffery Tompson’s shop a black [blacksmith] that is in Great Casterton did say that the Greene would have had the use of the body of the said Jane his wife but saieth that he not speake the said words with an intent to slander the said Mr Greene Thomas Smythe of Tinwell and Henry Lancton og Great Casterton witnesses present bear out the statement.

1615 Sep 30  Elizabeth Ulyat for committing fornication with one Thomas Naylor the younger of Ingthorpe-the latter was also accused

1782 Sep 5  Richard Lucas R [Rector] of Edith Weston (£160 a year) presented to R [Rectory] of Great Casterton with Pickworth (£20 a year) dist bet [distance between] the two places 6 miles

1844 circ ND  The church of the Rectory of Pickworth is demolished but the living is held with the Rectory of Great Casterton. Pickworth was rebuilt by Mr Lucas & has since been consecrated: present R [Rector] Henry Atlay is R [Rector] of C.M [Casterton Magna] to which P [Pickworth] is united. The E [Earl] of Exeter is patron.


1883 Feb 5  Edward George Sellman cl [Clerk?] BA inst [instituted] to R [Rector] by Bp [Bishop] by J. Michurson as canon of Bp [Bishop]
1570 ND We have not our quarter sermons. Mr Thomas White did not receive the communion with his this year: he is suspended & the case is sent away.

1571 Sep 18 Thomas Bromhead, Rector, ordained.

1580 Feb 28 Phillipus Shelton: the fame is that he hath got his maide with child.


1570 ND Thomas Bromhead R [Rector]. [Present oia ...* .]

1591 Sep 23 Mr Robertus Browne, [ Recl. Comp & * Atkins ... par et sobit 2' 11½.

1594 ND Browne R

1590 Jun 16 Ward* pres. Rcor [Rector] that they have not service uppon Wensdayes [Wednesdays] and ffridayes [Fridays] according to this *unction & William Halcot cur ibum cur ib... that he is not a lawfull minister & William Halcot that he is not a lawfull minister.

1592 May 3 Rector that he preacheth not, they have not a sermon on the moneth [month] (8 Sept 19)

1592 Oct 5 Rector to certify.

1591 Nov 19 Philip Brown on being presented to C.pra *. Francis Browne as states 1° 2° 3° That he this Deponent is brother to the patron who. freely bestoweth the same on him. 4° That he menethe [meaneth] to it himselfe. 5° ..........13° Neg...

1605 Jul 1 Philip Browne R deprived by Bp Dove for Nonconf. [ Nonconformism] (see Clipsham)

1631 Oct 17 See Ryall

1546 May 12 Henricus Butler Cur habet ad exhib. Bras ordin in ...... isto loco. - Exhibit sunL.W - Ds Ric Ric Berringe Rcor ex causa absen est

1618 May 9 Tho' Briggs (exec of) to prove will

1315 ND (8Ed2) Will de Bukiungustre to grant a messuage & lands in Little Casterton by Stamford to John de Neville of Stoke AQD le 102

1575 ND B.M.Stowe 570 Anthony Brown of Tolthorpe J.P.

1550 ND Aug* Ct B33N10 civc John Fenton vers Francis Browne: Little Casterton Manor

1799 Jul 8 A Faculty granted to the R [Rector] (Richard Twopenny) to remove the Great Tithe Barn & an old stable but refused as regards the little Wheat Barn which is considered necessary to the Rectory. This removal was recommended by a commission: Thos Foster R [Rector] of Tinwell. Rich: Lucas R of Great Casterton & John Wingfield of Tickencote esq.

1591 Jun 30 Robertus Browne cl [cleric] appears as instit (?) to C.P[Casterton Parva] but the entry is incomplete & no signature (as was usual) is appended . On 2 Sept 1591 Robertus Browne was inst [instituted] to the R [Rector] of Achurch .. Thorpe Waterville. On presentation of ELIZABETH & Wm [Lord] Burleygh. In Nov C.P[Casterton Parva] was filled by inst [institution] of Philip Browne(was R.B. deprived?)

1588 Jul 15 Rcor: [ Rector] the parsonage house is out of repair & the chill [chancel] likewise

1327 ND John cap of Toltorp [Tolthorpe]
1591  ND  Robert [Robert] Browne was dom. Chap [Chaplain]. To the D [Duke] of Norfolk in 1571: preacher in the dioc [diocese] of Norw [Norwich] in '80 came from the ancient family of Browne of Tolthorpe in C.P [Casterton Parva], and was related to Wm [William] Cecil: educated at C.C.C.C [Corpus Christi College Cambridge]. He preached occasionally in St Bene't's church. He was a schoolmaster & a lecturer at Islington. In '80 he was in prison in Norf [Norfolk], in '82 he published a book in which he boasted of having been in 32 prisons. In '89 he returned to England fr [from] Holland & became R [Rector] of Achurch. He had a wife with whom he did not live for many years & a church in which he never preached having been thrown into Northampton gaol for striking a constable. He died there in 1630 at the age of 80, beloved by no one. His pedigree occurs in Blore’s Rutland, he lived at Thorpe Waterville. R.B. [Robert Browne] on 30th June 1591 was instituted To the R [Rectory] of Achurch cum Thorpe Waterville in Northants vac p laps tempores on pres [presentation] of Elizabeth, William Lord Burleyghe lord treasurer (here called Robertus Browne)

Family Tree goes here

1635  Mar 5  *to certify the cancelling of the *Table
John *, Of C.M. [Casterton Magna] for not paying a levy for repairs to the church of C.P [Casterton Parva] aforesaid which levy was made by the consent of the parish by rate of 2d to the acre lying & being within the parish of C.P [Casterton Parva]

1635  Jul 8  Clerk not * nor admitted
1615  Oct 17  Wm Arden for committing of incest with Ellen Tounes his wyves [wife’s] sister
1619  Feb 3  Job Whit* for * * with his wife of Market O’ton [Overton]
1628  Jun 12  Mr Haddon R [Rector] for suffering a fa* in his church. M’ H appeared & conferred that about a fortnight before Easter last upon a Wednesday M’ Hirst did preach in the parish church of Casterton Parva from 9 of the clocke in the forenoon till it was past 10 or thereabouts & then one Mr Clarcke the C [Curate] of Elton did preach in the afternoon about an houre & a halfe not having licence to do so.. Mr Hurst also cited.

1591  ND  Robert Browne: CCCC [Corpus Christi College Cambridge], in '70 BA '72 in London '78 (plaque) then to Tolthorpe under influence of Rich [Richard] Grenham R [Rector] of Dry Drayton: sd [said]to have been * by Cox bp [Bishop] of Ely, but had he been ordained then ? and was he Vicar of St B [Benet's]... Camb [Cambridge] 1579 next went to Norwich in 1581 * to Burleigh by bp [Bishop] of Norwich, on 1581 went to * Holland but in '83 returned to Scotland and in '84 was imprisoned. Sd [said] to have been excomm [excommunicated] by Howland bp [Bishop] of Pet [Peterborough] at Northt [Northampton] in '86 in which year he was appointed Master of St Olave’s School Southwark. In 1591 he went to Achurch & died in 1633. All these statements need verifying.

1620  Jun 19  Their Bible is torn and insufficient that some of the defects in the church are not yet repaired
1591  ND  Robert Browne was presented at Achurch by Qu Eliz [Queen Elizabeth] on 2nd August
1633  R. [Robert] Browne was buried at St Giles Northampton 8 Oct
1579  Jun 7  licence to preach (R.B) [Robert Browne] ? at St Benet’s Camb where he was not V [Vicar] he stayed here six months
1585  ND  Went abroad a second time-then returns home to T. [Tolthorpe]
1634 May 22 Mrs Eliz Browne - not comm. [not communicant?] 
William Browne- to * & certify before * at St John the Baptist
1634 Jun 25 Both cases mentioned
1634 Jul 9 E.B’ [Elizabeth Browne] She was gone from thence before the presentment against her
1634 Jul 24 WB [ William Browne] not yet certified his Comm [Communion]
1636 Oct 27 E.B’ [Elizabeth Browne] presented from Oundle as a common scold & in particular for abusing our Minister Mr Tithill by irreverent speeches
1616 Oct 30 Mr I * for reading service at Achurch when Mr Dust.. in church. All the references I found at Peterborough are to be read in the Congregational Hist Soc Volumes & in Dr Powicke’s book
1373 ND Will of Wm de Burton knt Lincoln 136 Boke
1590 ND Will of Anthony Browne Esq Tolthorp PCC 85

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Thomas Bromehead who also held another benefice in plurality was R [Rector] here from 1559 -1591 having been presented by Anthony Browne Esq but he does not appear to have been ordained priest until 1571. In 1570 Vistal * Omnia bene- yet a complaint is made by the wardens . We have not our quarter sermons & that Mr Thomas White did not receive the communion with hus [us] this year for which he was suspended. In 1588 a suit is brought against the Rector because the parsonage house is out of repair & the chancel likewise and in 1590 the Wardens present the R [Rector] because they have no service upon Wensdays [Wednesdays] and Fridays also that Wm Halcot the curate is not a lawful minister.

Family Tree
Christopher = 1 Grace Pinchtock
  2 Bedinfield
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Francis Browne    Edmund
M Joan Cecil aunt of William Cecil
Anthony Browne (chAnthony Browne)
Robert Browne 1 Alice Allen
  2 Elizabeth Warrener (ch Joan, John and Thomas)