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The third peculiar whose history belongs to Lincoln Diocese.

The Curate Vicar of L. [Lyddington] at this time was a certain Robert Rudd who was also R. [Rector] of Stoke Dry and in this way we hear of some of his doings at L. [Lyddington] *he had a son named RR [Robert Rudd] as curate.* In 1589 it appears that he did not wear a ~~surplless~~ [surplice] and read neither gospels nor epistles and ~~to give a good~~ the pulpit door was nailed up. He is ordered to wear the surplice and to render the whole service orderly upon the following Sunday. The Wardens were evidently called over the coals for they make a formal statement that they have ever worked unceasingly in their office and that Mr Rector hath the books of christening and burial in his keepinge. Later on we hear ~~John Browne has not communicated these two years,~~ and that Robert Rudd the Curate did ~~brall~~ [brawl] in the church. The Vicar is presented for delayinge the Regester Booke from the parishioners and taking a little bell from the Chancell. He admits that his son Robert Rudd has the Regester Booke and promises that it shall be delivered unto the Wardens so that he may have a key of the chest belonging to the Church. The Wardens say they have not had the Regester Book these seven yeres. The Curate R. [Robert] Rudd jun [junior] is ordered to certify that he wears the surplesse [surplice] and renders the whole service orderly, but he put in no appearance at the Court and is therefore excommunicated. The Vicar failed to send in any certificate ~~and the last record of this time tells us that Mrs Pecke did not receive the Communion.~~