[A note on dates: under the Julian calendar, in use in England until 1752, the year started on 25th March and ran until the following 24th March, which is why January follows December, etc., in the order of entries below]

[A note on sources: Many of the early entries are taken from the Patent Rolls and the Close Rolls, Irons evidently looked at the original rolls in the National archives (then called the Public Record Office) in some cases but, for those which had already been published in printed form by H.M.S.O., he was looking at The Calendar of the Patent Rolls ... and The Calendar of the Close Rolls ... Either way, his entries are summaries of the actual content, sometimes containing inaccuracies. Researchers wishing to look further into the periods covered by these records are advised to go to the Calendars, which are available in the British Library and some other major libraries, rather than relying on Irons. The Calendars are well indexed and there are more entries relevant to Oakham than those which Irons noted. Some of the Calendars are available on-line, free, on www.archive.org but are very badly listed and described; some of them are also available at a fee on www.british-history.ac.uk. Most of the later entries, for which no sources are given, are notes made from some of the records of the Diocese of Peterborough in the Northamptonshire Record Office. Cataloguing and access arrangements are improving all the time and photography of records is permitted without charge.]


1224 circa ND Flete, The History of Westminster Abbey p.98: Dover f.294b [p.103, in the CUP edition of 1909] Richard Berkyng, Abbott of Westminster imparted estates to the general use of the Convent i.e. property at Oakham & Thorp

1229 ND Close Rolls Assizes held at Oakham on the morrow (crastino) of St Hilary.


1229 Dec 12 Close Rolls Letters Close dated at Oakham.

1230 ND Close Roll m8 Gilbertus Marescallus was brother of William earl Marshall.

1231 ND Rol(is) [of] Hugo de Welles [Bishop of Lincoln] C&V [?] p.ar[t] 8 p.244 B[isho]p Hugo de Welles of Lincoln withdraws the appeal he had made to the Pope against a decision of the Abbot of Chertsey [?] about the churches of Okeham & Hambledon. [p.45]

1235 ND Close Rolls Isabella widow of Peter fil [son of] Herbert held the manor of Oakham with its purtenancies

1238 June 24 Patent Rolls Persons in the goal at Luffenham to be brought before the Justices

1242 ND Close Rolls Isabella de Mortuo Mari held the manor of Oakham

Oakham, Barleythorpe, Gunthorpe
Nd [after 1243] Nd


1252 May 31 Ch[arter] R[olls] Gift to Richard earl of Cornwall for his homage & service of all the manor of Ocham co[unty] Rutland late of Isobel de Morteu Mari - to be held to be held by the said earl and his heirs by his wife Sanchia d[aughte]r of the court of Provence by the services due therefrom: & in the event of the failure of such heirs the said manir to revert to the king. The extent of the manor of Ocham = £10.106s.5d [sic]

1252 Aug 7 Charter R[olls] Church of Oakham, Lincoln diocese, attached to the abbey of Westminster by royal charter.


1255 July 15 P[atent] R[olls] [i.e. Letters patent dated at Oakham.]

1258 Sep 1 P[atent] R[olls] Letters patent dated at Oakham

1263 Oct 23 P[atent] R[olls] The keeper of Rutland forest ordered to let Richard k[in]g of Allmain to have thorn & hazel wood to make an enclosure to his barley at O[akham]


1272 May 1 P[atent] R[olls] Roger bish[o]p of Coventry & Lichfield ordered to deliver up the castle of O[akham] to Edmund de Allemannia, son & heir of Rich, the k[in]g's brother, sometime king of Allmain - he having done homage for them


1275 June 8 C[lose] R[olls] Nich[olas] de Franklon imprisoned at O[akham] for the death of Remige de Arundell has letters close to get bail
1275 Jan 13 Close Rolls Order for the park of Edmund earl of Cornwall at Oakham to be delivered to the said earl.

1276 July 12 Close Rolls Eruald le Monner of Rockingham imprisoned at Oakham for the death of Geoffrey Cete of Liddington has Letters Close to get bail.

1277 Apr 28 Patent Rolls Commission of Oyer & Terminer [a Law French name meaning to hear and determine] to Master R de Seyton to deal with the persons who lately entered the park of Edmund earl of Cornwall at Oakham, hunted therein & maltreated his keeper & carried away deer[r]

1277 July 5 Close Rolls Bartholomew de Luffenham imprisoned at Oakham for the death of Ralph le Manner of Morkote has Letters Close to get bail.

1278 ND Close Rolls William de Brehus released Gilbert de Clare earl of Gloucester & Hertford his right in the manor of Oakham which formerly belonged to James Haunsard, late tenant, & which James his son & heir enfeoffed the earl thereof - concerning which William brought an attaint against James & the earl.


1278 Feb 22 Patent Rolls The like [Commission of Oyer & Terminer [a Law French name meaning to hear and determine] to J de Metingham & G Reusel touching the persons who lately entered the park of Edmund earl of Cornwall at Oakham & carried away deer[r]

1279 Aug 21 Close Rolls Letters Close dated at Oakham

1279 Aug 22 Close Rolls Letters Close dated at Oakham


1280 Dec 5 Close Rolls Edmund earl of Cornwall states that Richard earl of Cornwall was granted Oakham castle &c, which belonged to Isabella de Mortuo Mari free of charge, yet he is charged with £24 really due from Isabella

1282 May 4 Close Rolls Adam fil [son of] Godfrey of South Luffenham & Robert his brother who are in Oakham gaol for the death of Matilda de Twyford have Letters close to get bail.

1286 Apr 28 Patent Rolls Commission to R Luveday & N le Gras to deliver the gaol at Oakham of William fil [son of] William Wolvylle who was put in exigent [i.e. marked for urgent attention] after the last eyre [a circuit court held by itinerant royal justices] in Rutland for the death of Henry le Clerk & has since surrendered.
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| 1313 | ND | Gaol Delivery Roll 58: Mabilla de Broke - Alice Tatyye [?] of Oakham - of Rob[er]t, Edward, & Walter Puniele [?] - from burglary of house of Alice, goods & chattels, worth 30s. Mabilla guilty. Martinole #: Beatrix la Engleyse of Est Deping charged with the robbery of one ####### & one pitcher #######: she states that these were the gift of Walter her
father, & she is pronounced not guilty. Martinole # [What do the partial deletions look like on the original Irons manuscript? P.38]

1313 May 31 Patent Rolls Commission to try Robert de Glaston, John de Glaston parson of the church of Folkesworthe, Richard le Reyner, William de Scolthorpe, & William Denemay w[i]th others for an assault at North Luffenham on Anketine [?] de Martivale

1313 July 18 Patent Rolls Commission to try Robert de Glaston, John de Glaston parson of the church of Folkesworthe, Richard le Reyner, William de Scolthorpe, & William Denemay & others for an assault on Anketinus de Mativalle (or Mortivalle) at North Luffenham [Irons has evidently consulted the Calendar for this entry and 'Mativalle (or Mortivalle)' is how it appears there]

1313 Mar 6 Patent Rolls Commission of Oyer & Terminer [a Law French name meaning to hear and determine] to try John Basset, Anketine de Martivalle & Peter Basset & others for an assault on Robert de Glaston at North Luffenham

1316 Oct 24 Patent Rolls Commission to try Joan late wife of Ralph de Glenham William de Murecote, Mr James de Barley chaplain, Robert & Roger his brothers, Adam Maister James squire de Barley, John son of Matilda de Tykesoure, Robert de Castre, Richard & Robert his sons, Geoffrey passe & Nicholas Wymmer with others for assaulting Stephen de Billesfeld of Ketone, at Ketone & carrying away his goods.

1316 Dec 20 Patent Rolls The king grants his niece Margaret, late wife of Peter de Gaveston, earl of Cornwall, the castle of Oakham with the shrievalty of Rutland &c lately held by Edmund earl of Cornwall.

1317 May 13 Patent Rolls Renewal of this grant [of 20 Dec 1316] to Margaret on her marriage to Hugh de Audely the younger.

1318 July 6 Fine Rolls Commitment during pleasure to Gilbert de Holm of the castle of Oakham &c


1318 July 23 Close Rolls Gilbert de Holm, In charge of Oakham castle which has been assigned to Margaret countess of Cornwall, is directed to deliver all the property to Hugh Daudele the younger who has married the said Margaret.

1318 Sep 10 Fine Rolls Gilbert de Holm ordered to deliver to Hugh de Audely the younger the castle of Oakham &c

1318 Dec 3 Patent Rolls Commission to deal with a complaint by Hugh de Audely the younger touching the breach of his park at Oakham

1319 July 20 Patent Rolls Confirmation of the grant of Oakham castle &c to Margaret as wife of Hugh de Audely the younger
1320 July 11 Close Rolls Robert de Nodariis parson of Knoston imprisoned at Oakham for trespass of vert in Rutland forest & under bail is to be tried at the next Forest pleas.

1321 May 8 Fine Rolls 14 Edward II m4 [Version 1, p. 36:-] Commitment during pleasure to John de Whittlebury of the county of Rutland, & the castle of Oakham lately belonging to Hugh Daudele the younger - Gilbert de Holm ordered to deliver to him all rolls, writs, memoranda & other things pertaining to him as sheriff & keeper. [Version 2 p. 42:-] similarly [i.e. Oakham Castle & county of Rutland committed to care of] John de Whittlebury, late of Hugh Daudele jun.

1321 May 24 Fine Rolls 14 Edward II m3 similarly [i.e. Oakham Castle & county of Rutland committed to care of] Ivo de Aldeburgh. [There are slightly differing entries on pp. 36 and 42, as for 1321 May 8.]

1321 May 25 Close Rolls Ivo de Aldeburgh constable of Oakham castle & sheriff of Rutland is is ordered to raise £60 still due on account of Hugh Daudele’s the younger tenancy.


1321 Aug 24 Patent Rolls A similar commission issued [refers to 29 June 1321]

1321 Nov 5 Close Rolls A similar order [to that on 11 July 1320] in the case of Robert de Croyland charged with trespass of vert & venison at Aslaxton [venison meant any edible game, not just deer; vert meant all that grew and provided cover or food for the venison]

1321 Nov 14 Patent Rolls Commission to try Robert Bernard parson of the church of Edith Weston, Thomas his brother & John son of David de Burle of North Luffenham for assaulting Hugh de Altifago a monk at Edith Weston

1322 Apr 13 Close Rolls Order to the constable to remove all munitions of men lately put there & to account for all goods – perishable victuals are to be sold.

1322 May 14 Close Rolls A similar order [to that on 11 July 1320] in the case of John parson of Stapleford charged with trespass of vert & venison

1322 July 4 Patent Rolls Grant during pleasure to Edmund earl of Kent the king’s brother of Oakham castle with its purtenances

1322 July 9 Patent Rolls A similar grant [to that of 4 July 1322] (vacated)

1323 Apr 17 Fine Rolls Presentation of Robert de Stanford to the vicarage of Oakham.

1323 Apr 17 Patent Rolls Robert de Stanford presented to Vicarage of Oakham by King – probably non-[effect]ive
1323 Apr 28  
*Patent Rolls* Letters patent dated at Oakham.

1323 Apr 28  
*Fine Rolls* Writ dated at Oakham.

1323 April 29  
*Patent Rolls* Letters patent dated at Oakham.

1323 Apr 29  
*Close Rolls* Letters Close dated at Oakham.

1325 Dec 8  
*Close Rolls* John fil[n] of Robert Lovet of Neuton, in Oakham gaol for the death of Walter de Wyght has Letters Close for him to get bail.

1326 Aug 17  
*Fine Rolls* 20 Edw[ard] II m[n] Oakham Castle & county of Rutland committed to William Howard. [There are slightly differing entries on pp. 36 and 42, as for 1321 May 8.]

1326 [June 8]  
*Patent Rolls* Commission to try persons who entered the free warren & chaces of Ralph Basset of Drayton, at Oakham while he was in Gascony on the king's service. [Irons dates this as January, without a day. According to the Calendar, Ralph Basset held large and widely spread estates which included land at 'Overton Market and Hameldon', where the trespassers entered 'free warrens and chaces', but Basset also complains of his servants being assaulted in many places including 'Okham, Wyssynden, Picworth, Stretton and Exton].

1327 Apr 19  
*Close Rolls* Edmund earl of Kent ordered to deliver Oakham castle &c to the king's representative Robert de Stangrave: the late king granted Oakham castle &c to Margaret countess of Cornwall whom Hugh de Audele married, & was only granted to Edmund earl of Kent during pleasure.

1327 Mar 6  
*Patent Rolls* Hugh Daudele the younger (who had forfeited his possessions for breaking his oath of fealty to the king) has his forfeiture annulled: so Oakham castle is to be restored to him by Edmund earl of Kent.

1331 Jan 12  
*Patent Rolls* Exemplification of Letters Patent dated 20 July 13 Edw[ard] II granted to Hugh de Audeley [the younger] & Margaret his wife of the grant of Oakham castle &c the original letters patent having been stolen from him along with other muniments during the quarrel of Thomas late earl of Lancaster.

1334 Apr 18  
*Patent Rolls* Exemplification, as above [see 12 Jan 1331]

1334 Feb 13  
*Close Rolls* Hugh de Audele & Margaret his wife hold Oakham castle &c.: she was widow of Peter de Gavaston.

1335 May 26  
See Hambledon [same date].

1335 Nov 16  
*Patent Rolls* Commission to try, on the accusation of Hugh Daudele, the man who broke his park at Oakham, hunted there, & carried away deer.

1336 July 1  
*Patent Rolls* Commission to try the men who came into the presence of the Commissioners of the Peace at Oakham with an armed force & prevented their inquiries.
1337 May 22  *Patent Rolls* Letters patent dated at Oakham.

1337 Mar 17  *Patent Rolls* Grant of Oakham castle for life to Hugh Daudle & his wife.

1337 Mar 18  *Cartes Rolls* 11 Edward III m24 [Version 1, p.36:-] Remainder of the castle & manor of Oakham county Rutland granted to W[illiam] de Bohun, earl of Northampton, - which Hugh Daudele earl of Gloucester & Margaret his wife hold for the term of their lives, - on the death of Hugh & Margaret, by service of a fee of 1 knight, to revert to the king if his heirs fail. [Version 2, p.42:-] Visiter of Rutland & Oakham, the castle & manor, granted to William de Bohun, Earl of Northampton on the death of Hugh Daudele Earl of Gloucester and Margaret his wife.

1337 Mar 19  *Patent Rolls* Grant to William de Bohun, earl of Northampton.

1338 June 20  *Patent Rolls* Mandate to Hugh Daudle earl of Gloucester & Margaret his wife tenants for life of Oakham castle: - revenue granted to William de Bohun

1339 June 20  *Close Rolls* Brother Hugh Michel Master of the Hospital of Burton St Lazarus & in prison in Oakham castle for vert & venison has a writ to procure bail.

1339 Oct 24  Johannes le French, priest presented by Hugh de Audele to the chapelry of Oakham (castle) vacant by the resignation of Simon de Keilmarch.

1340 ND  *Inquisitions Miscellaneous Chancery* 1703 File 139(20) Thurs after Palm Sunday The advowsons of North Luffenham (£40 pa) Manton (£10 pa) & the Free Chap[el] in Oakham Castle (100s pa) belong to Oakham Castle. Oakham Castle is well walled & within are a hall, 4 chambers, a chapel, a kitchen, 2 stables, a grange for hay, a prison, a forester's house, a gatekeeper's lodge & a drawbridge with iron chains - covering 2 acres of land. Without the castle is a garden worth 8s a year, & a preserve with a dyke worth 3s 4d a year. An extent is attached of lands woods & services belonging. The buildings are of no yearly value beyond their outgoings dare likewise called the manor of Oakham.

1340 Apr 18  *Patent Rolls* The same [i.e. that of 20 June 1338] repeated

1340 Dec 15  *Cartes Rolls* 14 Edward III m3 [Version 1, p.36:-] Castle, manor & county of Rutland valued at £293 - 17 - 6½ [Version 2, p.42:-] Value of this grant estimated at £739 - 16 - 11½ and the dewice [device] of 1 knight. [The last six words should, it seems, in fact to belong to his entry for 1337, March 16.] [p.42]

1341 Jan 26  *Patent Rolls* Writ de intendendo [of intent] issued to Hugh Audley & Margaret his wife about the castle & manor of Oakham now granted to William de Bohun


1345 Nov 28 Fine R[olls] Writ dated at O[akham]

1345 Nov 28 Cl[oze] R[olls] Letters Close dated at O[akham]

1345 Nov 29 Cl[oze] R[olls] Letters Close dated at O[akham]


1346 Apr 23 P[atent] R[olls] 50 Ed[ward] 3 P[ar]t 1 m26 Tho[mas] son of Rob[ert] de Bovebrook, servant or villein of O[akham] allowed to take all Orders, minor or major, & released from all servile condition.

1346 May 20 Men of O[akham] in Rutland assessed for 8 marks for 2 armed men

1347 Nov 26 Cl[oze] R[olls] Order to deliver to W[illia]m de Bohun, earl of Northampton, O[akham] castle &c. now worth £293 – 17s – 6½d for 1 k[nig]ht’s fee in satisfaction of £1000 which the k[ing] promised him, the earl of Gloucester & Margaret being both dead: they are to do homage by Christmas.


1349 Apr 2 P[atent] R[olls] Geoffrey Cockerel, approver, falsely accused some men of stealing 4 cows &c, these men were acquitted & then G[eoffrey] C[ockerel] was condemned to death & was hanged: his body was carried to the cemetary of O[akham] church for burial, but miraculously revived: so then G[eoffrey] C[ockerel] stayed in the church & is now pardoned by the king.


1350 Mar 27 Cl[oze] R[olls] Order again recited [See 26 Nov 1347]

1352 Apr 7 Cl[oze] R[olls] Order again recited [See 26 Nov 1347]

1354 Apr 15 Cl[oze] R[olls] Order again recited [See 26 Nov 1347]

1358 Apr 8 Cl[oze] R[olls] Order again recited [See 26 Nov 1347]

1360 Apr 16  
\textit{Close Rolls} Order again recited (1360 - 4 last) [See 26 Nov 1347]

1360 June 4  
\textit{Patent Rolls} Robert Crowe of Whissendine was brought before the justices at Oakham castle for killing Joh[n] de Wittestbury, k[night], previous to Michaelmas 1359; he pleaded benefit of clergy, was in consequence delivered to the b[isho]p of Lincoln & placed in the b[isho]p's prison at Newark whence he escaped; he then joined the English army in France under John earl of Rutland, the king's son, and is now pardoned for good service.

1361 Aug 10  

1361 Oct 21  
\textit{Patent Rolls} Mandate the constable of Oakham castle to admit R[ober]t de H[edyngham].

1361 Jan 2  
\textit{Patent Rolls} Presentation of Joh[n] de Codyntong to the free Chapel of Oakham castle during the minority of W[illia]m de Bohun, - the constable is to induct him.

1362 Oct 6  
\textit{Patent Rolls} Presentation of Nicholas de Stoke to the chapel of Oakham castle void by the resignation of Robert de Hedyngham, by the k[in]g as Warden of W[illia]m de Bohun.

1363 May 6  
\textit{Close Rolls} Order again recited [See 26 Nov 1347]

1371 circa ND  

1373 Apr 30  

1373 June 7  
\textit{Patent Rolls} Commission to W[illia]m Hacluyt, steward & warden of Rutland forest to cause the houses buildings & walls of O[akham] castle to be repaired up to £10 a year, and the lodge in the park up to 100s a year: 100 acres of Flytery Park is to be enclosed with palings & W[illia]m Flore of Oakham is to be the surveyor.

1373 June 12  
\textit{Close Rolls} 47 Edw[ard] 3II m.28 Simon Warde keeper of O[akham] castle, Nicholas de Stoke parson of the chapel there. Reent due to the Patron 8 m[ar]ks 7s 1½d a year & 4 loads of wood. N[icholas] de Stoke asks that he may be paid up from the death of Humfrey de Bohun, earl of Hereford.
1373 June 26 Patent Rolls William Flore, with his wife Ellen, confirmed in leave for a soller [an upper room] built over ‘le Westbarregate’ [Oakham]: the leave was granted by Simon Warde king’s steward at Oakham in full Court on the Wednesday after St Mark the Evangelist last.

1373 Oct 24 Patent Rolls The above work [as detailed under 7 June 1373] is to be carried out by John de Multon of Manton & John atte Hyde of Egelton.

1373 Dec 3 Patent Rolls William de Gambon appointed keeper of the park at Fliterys at Oakham: & of the king’s warren there at a rate of 3d a day in lieu of all profits surrendered.

1374 Apr 8 Close Rolls Simon Warde, keeper of Oakham castle ordered to pay John de Multon of Manton & John atte Hyde of Egelton up to £10 a year for repair of the houses, walls & buildings of the Castle and to keep up the palings of 160 acres of Fliteris Park out of timber there under the supervision of William Flore of Oakham king’s controller there.

1374 May 10 Joan widow of Humfrey de Bohun &c. to have the advowson of North Luffenham.

1375 Aug 31 Close Rolls Letters Close dated at Oakham.

1375 Oct 15 Gaol Delivery Roll 160 Public Record Office On Monday after St Denis 50 Edward 3. Friar John de Ocham brother of the Order of Augustinians, Stamford, charged that on Friday next before (?) after the Nativity of the Virgin Mary 50 Edward 3 he broke into the house of Hew, vicar of Gretham at Gretham & stole 2 gowns with 13s 4d, one baselard worth 6d, one pouch with a belt, & one pi cultell [?] worth 5s, & 8 silver marks in coin. He pleads that he is a clerke, and will only answer his ecclesiastical ordinary: so John reads like a clerke yet no one from the Ordinary appears in court to claim him. A jury which is empanelled say that brother John is guilty of the robbery& felony, so he is handed unto the custody of the constable of Okham castle in defect of the Ordinary claiming him. His chattels are worth 40d for which Simon Waide is responsible. Katerina Yermmouth on Sunday within the octave of the Festival of the Nativity of [the] Blessed Virgin Mary sheltered the said John at Ketton.

1376 Dec 1 Close Rolls John Rukwyke constable of Oakham castle to receive 3d a day for wages since Michaelmas last: he was made constable on 3 Nov last., being chamberlain of Roger de Bellocampo, in succession to William de Whappelode.

1377 circa Public Record Office Gaol Delivery Roll 177 fol. 104 Exchequer ####### #### the Castle of Oakham (County Placi#: Chauc: Rut 5: 1Rii)

of the guesthouse at O[akham] should be used for keeping of the silver plate in the Refectory. Chapel at Gunthorpe founded by Nich[olas] Hoton [?]

1378 July 19  Linc Bok 301 [Find in Gibbons: Early Lincoln Wills, 1888, p.65] Mond[ay] bef[ore] [the Feast of] St James Will of William Pensax V[icar] of Oakham. bequest to St Mary chapel in Okh[am] ch[urch]y[ar]d & to John Belgrave, chaplain there. [The will was made on this date but proved May 4 1385: see below]

1378 Aug 29  Cl[ose] R[olls] Letters Close dated at O[akham]


1379 July 1  P[atent] R[olls] Commission to inquire into an assault on the sheriff of Rutland & Simon Warde the k[in]g's steward at O[akham] when executing a writ on the part of the k[in]g's tenants at O[akham], who had suffered damage by being compelled without help from neighbouring towns to guard two felons who had broken prison at O[akham] castle, namely brother John Oakham & Henry atte Well. The sheriff and steward on coming to O[akham] to compel four of the adjacent townships to help to guard the felons were assaulted by certain of the tenants & imprisoned in the castle for a long time.


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<td>Richard Stury to be paid £100 a year out of the revenues of Oakham, &amp; the arrears since 10 March last in consideration of his services: provided for by the late king on 6 Oct 50 Edward III.</td>
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<td>The sum of £100 a year from the castle &amp; manor of Oakham was granted to Thomas de Holland, the king's brother, from 21 February last. A mandate in pursuance thereof was signed to the keeper of Oakham castle.</td>
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<td>Robert Russell de Amaigue charged at the suit of Richard Hewet of Holwell for stealing 1 horse worth 3s at Okham on Wednesday before the decollation [beheading] of St John Baptist 5 Richard 2. William Smyth of Oakham &amp; John Osulweston of Oakham were also called. Richard says that Robert stole his horse. The jury found Robert guilty of felony, so he is condemned to be hanged. He has no chattels, &amp; Richard is to recover his property.</td>
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<td>Thomas de Holand finds he cannot get more than £50 a year out of the manor of Oakham so the remainder due to him is provided elsewhere.</td>
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<td>Pardon for all escapes of felons issued to William Chamberlyn of Oakham supplying the place of John Rukwyk constable of Oakham castle.</td>
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<td>W[illiam] de Walton presented by the king to Thurcaston in exchange from the Vicar of Oakham with Thomas de Neveton - in the king's gift.</td>
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1385 June 10 Close Rolls Henry Chaundeler, king's serjeant, appointed chief bailiff of Oakham 15 July 1384 - to give an account of his stewardship 10 June 1385 up to 24 May preceding when he resigned.

1385 July 23 Patent Rolls Grant for life to the earl of Oxford, chamberlain of England, of Oakham castle &c The same grant is repeated under the same date.

1385 July 27 Patent Rolls Grant for life of Oakham castle &c to Robert Yeer earl of Oxford chamberlain, - to him & his heirs make, if the k[ing] die without heirs.

1387 Apr 7 Patent Rolls Ralph of the Hul on Thursday before St Luke, 8 Richard II acknowledged before the Coroner that he broke prison at Oakham castle gaol & abjured the realm - he is pardoned by the k[ing].

1388 Apr 26 Patent Rolls Grant during subject's good behaviour to John Wittelbury as steward of the court castle manor & lordship of Oakham


1388 Nov 2 Patent Rolls Grant during subject's good behaviour to John Calvely knight as steward of Oakham castle &c with the usual fee.

1388 Nov 10 Patent Rolls Richard Oxenden & Richard Pylton of Oakham allowed to cut down & fell timber to the value of £4 in 'Stacy quarter' of Oakham park & with this money to repair the paling under the supervision of William Flore.

1388 Feb 19 Patent Rolls Grant during subject's good behaviour to Richard Rayle, a groom of the kitchen, to be porter of the castle & keeper of the gaol within Oakham castle on condition that he resides in person.

1389 Apr 29 Patent Rolls John Kirkeby, clerk of Chancery, granted the chapel in Oakham castle

1390 May 6 Patent Rolls The reversion of Oakham castle &c granted to the k[ing]'s uncle Thomas duke of Gloucester - Joan countess of Hereford widow of Humfrey de Bohun having one-third in dower, all the premises having been granted to Edward earl of Rutland for his life in part satisfaction of £1000 a year granted to him when earl of Buckingham on condition, if
Eleanor his wife, d[augethe]r of Humfrey de Bohun, should die without heir, the said £1000 should remain to him in fee tal. When any portion of this £1000 falls in, it is to be deducted from the £1000 a year.

1390 May 12

P[aten]t R[olls]/Ap[pointment] of Comm[issio]n to extend & certify the value of O[akham] castle & its purtenances as held by the earl of Northampton, granted by the k[in]g to Edward earl of Rutland eldest son of Edmund duke of York in part satisfaction of an annual grant of 800 marks.

1390 Aug 2


1390 Dec 12


1390 Feb 9

P[aten]t R[olls]/W[illia]m Floe, the k[in]g's receiver in O[akham] empowered to sell timber in Fliteres park to the value of 60s & to repair the lodge there with under the survey of John Pensax of O[akham]

139[1] ND

(Before) W[illia]m Thy###g & Ric[hard] Sydenham on Tuesday in the 4th week of Lent 14 Ric[hard] 2) at Okh[am]. Andrew Croydon on Sunda[y] befo[re] [the] f[ea]st of the Assumpt[ion] of the B[lessed] V[irgin] M[ary] 14 Ric[hard] 2 killed Rich[ar]d sent of Joh[n] [de] Malton in Okh[am] marke[t] place being br[au]ght before John Keny coroner of our lord the k[in]g in Rut[l]and, pleaded not guilty and a jury agreed with this plea. The jury found that it befell upon a day reprochful words passed between the aforesaid Andrew & Richard staited on the part of the same Richard whereupon Rich[ard] took up a [case]lard (caslardum) [marginal note: 'caselard or caseler a dagger or poniard worn in a sheath attached to the girdle'] and made as though to strike Andrew therewith, whereupon Andrew fled as far as a certain wall beyond which he could not pass in any wise, so Rich[ar]d hedged him in & thrust the [case]lard upon him & would not let him move away. Thinking his life was in danger Andrew being unable retire drew a certain cultellum, called a dagger with which he struck Rich[ar]d a sinlge blow in the breast & this killed him. Andrew had no malice & had he not defended himself would have suffered injury. So Andrew was sent back to prison to await the king's pleasure in charge of Edward E[arl] of Rut[land]. The Circuit Judges now released him on his agreement to pay 24s fine out of his goods & catalls: 14s to John de Multon, Richard's master and 14s to the town of Manton who will answer for him. So there were appointed 4 [written twice in error] manucaptors Henr[y] Attehalle of Wenge, John, fil[ius] Rob[er]ti [son of Robert] of of Manton, John Abbey of Mastrop, & John Sherman of Okh[am] to secure his appearance at the next assizes to secure the king's pardon. At the next Gaol Deliv[ery] on Mond[ay] next aft[er] [the] F[ea]st of St Peter ad Vinc 19 Ric[hard] ii Andrew did not appear. The manucaptors state he is dead, which a jury finding to be true they are set free from their responsibility.

1391 Mar 27

P[aten]t R[olls]/Grant to Edw[ar]d earl of Rutland. Without express mention of the fee farm of 40 marks, of the county of Rutland on the farms of forest land &c amounting to 101s 10d, the barons of the Exchequer refuse him this allowance because they were united in one extent certified unto Chancery (vacated)
1391 Apr 12  Patent Rolls The above allowance [of 27 March 1391] granted to Edward earl of Rutland

1393 Apr 15  Patent Rolls Grant for life to Rich[ard] Rayle, one of the grooms of the kitchen, of 5 marks a year on his resignation as porter of O[akham] castle - which had to occur because the earl of Rutland had received the grant of this castle


1395 ND Gaol Delivery Roll 77 Adam Colier & W[illia]m his son on Sun[day] in [the] vigil of [the] Decol[ation] [behading] of St Joh[n] 18 Rich[ard] II stole 2 horses belong to Joh[n] de Newton wirth 13s 4d each, at Okh[am] & took them quite away. They plead guilty so Adam is ordered to pay 2 marks which John Selby is to see is done: W[illia]m his son has no good s & is therefore sent to gaol.


1398 Sep 15  Patent Rolls Castle , & Manor of O[akham] granted to the King's brother, Edw[ar]d duke of Albemarle, on condition that he surrenders a payent granted to Edward earl of Rutland & 800 marks a year &c. (ut supra) [p.30]

1399 Apr 8  Patent Rolls W[illia]m Pernell indicted before the justices of the peace at O[akham] for stealing on the Thursday before Midsummer, 21 Rich[ard] II, a mare of value 5s of Tho[mas]s Bate of O[akham], is pardoned by the k[in]g.


1399 Nov 11  Patent Rolls Grant of 3 roods with messuage lying between the abode of Joh[n] Malkyn on the east & that of Roger Flour on the west.

1399 Nov 11  Patent Rolls Imperimus of grant & confirmation of the ame to Roger Flour (dated 20 Oct 1 Hen[ry] IV) as keeper of the park of Flyterys at O[akham].


1401 July 8  Patent Rolls Edw[ar]d duke of Albemarle did not surrender his letters patent as agreed, yet is now granted the revenue arising from the O[akham] rents: he is to receive 800 marks a year, the rents from O[akham] will reach £95. 5¾d & £100 a year more after the death of Rich[ard] Stury.

1403 Dec 5  

Tho[mas] atte Brigg of Assewell of stealing 11 bullocks wirth £4 at Wissendine (they were charged at Michaelmas 2 Hen[ry] IV)  
the accused pleaded benefit of clergy, after which John escaped from prison & is now pardoned by the king.

1404 July 5  

pardon is issued to to Rich[ard] Raile, gaoler.

1405 [June 14]  

W[illiam]m Dalby [Irons has noted, on p. 42 of the manuscript, the existence of the will of William Dalby: see www.archive.org:  
search for Early Lincoln Wills and search the book for Dalby.]

1405 Aug 7  

England of the grant dated 1 October 21 Rich[ard] II of 40 marks annuity to his bachelor sir Tho[mas]s Burton from the  
revenues of O[akham] castle.

1405 Oct 17  

Thrasher, felons.

1410 ND  

Anthony Card pr [? Priest or Provost ?] of St Mark's auth[orised] by pope Eugen IV to hold the V[icarage] of O[akham] along  
with St. Mark's in succ[ession] to Robert Stoneham. [There is something wrong here because Pope Eugene IV was in office  
from 1431 to 1447. The pope in 1410 was Gregory XII, but see entry for 1410 Oct 14] [p.43]

1410 July 12  

to go to John the k[ing]'s brother.

1410 Oct 14  

Robert Stoneham V[icar] of O[akham] died at Pisa: he was a member of the Papal Court, & remained at Pisa (having been  
taken ill) when pope Alexander V transferred his Court from Pisa to Pistoia and afterwards died there (Council of Pisa, 1409)  
[Alexander V was antipope during the Western Schism (1378–1417) and reigned from June 1409 to 1410 when he died]  

1410 Feb 28  


1412 June 9  

castle &c to Edw[ar]d duke of York rendering yearly a rose at Midsummer for all services.

1412 Feb 22  

Rayle.

1413 ND  

Gaol Delivery Rolls No 58 Rot[elandiae] [ i.e. of Rutland] Thomas Bene de Okeham in com[itato] Rot[elandiae] [in the county  
of Rutland], skinner, aliter dictus [?] Thomas Alcock de O[keham] in com[itato] R[otelandiae] [in the county of Rutland],  
sk[inner] induratus coram p##atis custodies pacis (see S[outh] L[uffenham] sub dat [for this date]) de eo qd ips die lune px  
post[?] f# sti Hillarii [p.18]
1413 May 25

au^ zz[?] Henr[y] V p[ri]mo [Irons gives the year as 1412] Ecclesiam de Egilto felonice Gregil [?] et i### libros vestimenta et alia ornamenta eiusd[em] ecclesie ad valentiam x li felonice feratus fuit. [ Books vestments and other valuables to value £10, belonging to the church of Egleton, were stolen by Gregil the thief.] [p.18]

1414 ND

1414 July 30
Thomas Bene &c [i.e. of Oakham] die lune px post f[estem] s[an]ti Jacobi apli Henr[y] V s[eco]ndo duos equos Joh[ann]es atWode de Okeham mercer ptii xl s apud O[keham] felonice furatus fuit [???] days after the Feast of St. John Atwode of Okeham, mercer, stole two horse worth 40 shillings ?]?[p.18] Idem Tho[ma]s est commanis [?] et notorius latro [The same Thomas is ??? and a notorious thief] (Joh[anne]s at Wode received 26s 8d for the s[ai]d 2 horses nomine Theifbook) [Irons gives thet year as 1413]

1414[4] Nov 12
Thomas Bene &c [i.e. of Oakham] die lune px ante f# Sti Mart Epi Henr[y] V s[eco]ndo Katerinam uxorem suam apud Okeham felonice interfecit & manderavit [???] before the feast of St Martin ... in the second year of the reign of Henry V, ... murdered his wife Katherine, of Okeham ?] [Irons gives thet year as 1413] [p.18]

1414 Dec 1
1423 ND See under Manton and Martinsthorne.

1428 June 20 Roger Flore [See www.NationalArchives.gov.uk/DocumentsOnLine: search for Flore under Wills for 1428. Irons has made extensive notes, on pp. 39-40 of the manuscript, on the Will of Roger Flore, which runs to four folio pages.]


1485 Mar Will[iam] Trafford [See www.NationalArchives.gov.uk/DocumentsOnLine: search for Trafford under Wills for 1485. Irons has made extensive notes, on p. 40 of the manuscript, on the Will of William Trafford.]


1486 Feb 9 [patent] R[olls] Grant to Reynold Hassall, k[ing]g's servant, - as bailiff or O[akham] lordship during the minority of the heir of the Duke of Buckingham.


1499 Oct 25 William Waryn [Waxyn] [See www.NationalArchives.gov.uk/DocumentsOnLine: search for Waxyn under Wills for 1499. Irons has made extensive notes, on pp. 40-41 of the manuscript, on the Will of William Waxyn.]

1500 and later ND  Northampton Wills. List of wills connected with Okeham in the North[amp]ton Probate Registry.

1502 May 24  Thomas Bradmere [See www.NationalArchives.gov.uk/DocumentsOnLine: search for Bradmere under Wills for 1502. Irons has made notes, on pp. 41-2 of the manuscript, on the Will of Thomas Bradmere.]

1502 June 6  Hugh Butler [See www.NationalArchives.gov.uk/DocumentsOnLine: search for Butler under Wills for 1502. Irons has made notes, on p. 42 of the manuscript, on the Will of Hugh Butler.]


1503 July 4  Katherina Traforth [Craforth] [See www.NationalArchives.gov.uk/DocumentsOnLine: search for Craforth under Wills. Irons has made notes, on p. 42 of the manuscript, on the Will of Katherina Craforth.]


1510 Jan 16  Northampton Wills  A77 Wyllam Eltn. - Robert Gunns warden of the seyd hosp[ital].


1521 ND  State Papers Hen[ry]y VIII Brewer Survey of the duke of Buckingham's estate [Brewer, J. (ed.): Letters and papers, foreign and domestic, of the reign of Henry VIII, 1862-1932] Vol. 3, p.510. Lands of Lord Ferrers in O[akham] – that town is the best in Rutlandshire. There is an old castle all ruinous being a large ground within the Mantell wall. The hall is in the best reparation & of an old fashion & most convenient to be upholden & kept with covering because of the courts that be kept in the same. There doeth no nobleman to pass through the said lordship (of Okeham) but if (unless) he do homage to the castle there in giving an horse shoe insomuch that many horse shoes be set upon the hall door some marvellous great & some little with arms & cognizances & in the midst of the overend of the hall is an horse shoe with the arms of England being rich as breadth a yard which was commanded thither by king Edward the 4th.


1522 June 12  Roger Radcliff, gentleman usher of the Chamber to be chief steward & bailiff of O[akham] castle & keeper of the park called Fleterice.

1524  Jan 22  Northampton Wills C72 Isabell Gibbs


1528  Apr 24  Roger Radcliff (as above) [see 1522, June 12] to farm O[akham] castle &c. at a rent of £38 – 17 – 4 & to surrender three patents he has received. 1o Allowing him an annuity of £10. 2o Allowing him an annuity of £20. 3o Allowing him the stewardship of O[akham] castle.

1528  Nov 7  see Burley same date

1529  ND  see Burley same date


1532  ND  Northampton Wills E18 Willemus [?] ... nawnbe - ch[urch]y[ar]d of Allhawlos - hye auter [high altar] - John Whytmor, cur[ate]


1538  July ND  Manor, Castle, & Lordship of O[akham] granted to ir Tho[ma]s Cromwell Lord Cromwell Keeper of the privy Seal: p.m. Roger Ratcliff.  [p.42]

1540  Apr 4  Northampton Wills F216 Wyll[a]m Bunynge, husbondman - the hye alter

1540  Sep 4  Northampton Wills G22d Wyll[a]m Woodkoke, shomaker - hie alter - Rychard Hawkyns, cur[ate].

1541  Apr 14  Northampton Wills G60 Thomas Shefyld husbandman - Rode light - Richard Haukyns, cur[ate].


1547  May 12  (38 Hen 8) There is many reders & medlers with the byble which lack authorite thereto. Further wee beseech y[ou]r worship to give charge to o[u]r parish prest yt [that] he give them commandement to leave the same bibill or els they shal be presented. Rogerus Barry, cler[k] habet ad exhib: bras [?] ordin: in prov: visital: [p.16]

1548  Oct 10  Ch[rystopher] [?] Astyll & W[illia]m Hornby g[?] [erga = regarding] Rich[ard] Chambers & W[illia]m Shaw: They do not keepe they[re] [?] [par]yshe ch[urch] in heringe [hearing] of divyne service but resorteth to the Master of the Aleshouse on Sondaies & Holidaiæ: to produce a 3 mann purgat[ion] [ i.e. 3 supporting witnesses on oath].  [p.16]  [There is a marginal note: 'heard [?] of Castor']

[Oakham, Barleythorpe, Gunthorpe]
1548 Oct 23 (also 3 Nov) Ralph Wright & Elizabeth Wright live together (Purg[ation] 5 mann) [ i.e. 5 supporting witnesses on oath] - accusses[ion] denied.

1548 Nov 3 Archdeacon's Visitat[ion] Offic[?] contra [Action against] sir Rob[ert] Watkynson, Master or Warden of the Hospital or Almshouse of O[akham] on information of Willia[m] Craforde & Mils Kinge wardens of O[akham]. We present Sir Robert Watkynson Warden of the Almshouse or Hospital that he hath not preached at all since the kynges maiestie visitation but haunted taverns and unlawfull gammes, and further he doeth intyce or luywe [lure] certen of the par[o]che to his latyn service frome there par[o]she churche there to receive holy breae and holy water, forsakynge the herynge of goddess worde but followyng his tradition. [See second version below also] [p.43]

1549 Oct 20 Northampton Wills K180 Rychard Wyke

1549 Nov 3 (2 Ed[ward] 6) D[irect]s Rob[ert] Watkinson to appear: Rob[ert] W[atkinson] is warde[n] of the Almshouse or Hospital & is cited because he hath not preached at all since the King's Majestie's visitation but haunted taverns & unlawfull games. And further that he doth entice or lywe [lure] certen of the par[o]she to his latyn service from ther par[o]she churche there to receive holy bread & holy water forsakinge the hearyng of goode's worde & folowinge his tradicons. Watkinson is suspended.

1552 May 2 Northampton Wills N182 Ric[hard] Sharpe, husbandman

1553 ND Northampton Wills M122d Hue Thorpp, husbandman - Richard Hawkins C[urate]


1555 Mar 1 Northampton Wills N182 Robert Pylkynton, husbandman - Thomas Castlyn, C[urate]

1557 ND Northampton Wills N284 Rob[ert] Gylbert, tanner - Thomas Castlinge, C[urate]


1562 ND Vacat vicaria [presumably the position of Vicar is vacant]: dns. [?] Tho[mas] Ba[iley], cur[ate]. [p10]

1565 ND Another suit of a different character [as compared with that of 1556 June 20] went on in this year of 1565 of which a slight sketch may be given:- W[illia]m Clarke aged 24 yea[rs] of N[orth] L[uffenham]. had been to see the great world in London &
returning home decided to pay a visit to some friends of his at Oakham. Accordingly he went to see Gerard Pilkinton aged 30 yrs a baker on a certain Saturday before Shrove Tuesday & asked to stay the night. Soon after his arrival two old friends John Haynesworth aged 25 yrs & Thomas Parkin a shearman aged 60 yrs & the four began to talk over old time when W[illia]m Clarke inquired whether another friend Tho[ma]s Humbleton still dwelt there. Yes said John Haynesworth the then 'goo & seke for him' said Clarke and very soon after the five friends were seated round the fire, drinking, & telling one another stories. The talk gradually worked round to the services in the church & Tho[ma]s Humbleton indiscreetly narrated some scandalous gossip about the behaviour of W[illia]m Blackburne & Alice Browne wife of Arthur Browne at M[ornin]g Prayer on the prev[ious]. Sund[ay] There was apparently no truth in the tale but it soon spread all over Oakham and Tho[ma]s Humbleton found himself defendant in a libel suit in the Archdeacon’s Court, through not keeping a check on his tongue.


1565 Apr 3 Thomas Parkin of Okeham, shearman, 60 years of age, stated he was drinking at one Garret Pilkintons house of Okeham on a saturday nyghte before Shrovetide in a.d. 1564 with one William Clarke of North Lufnam then being at Okeham the said W[illia]m Clarke made great enquyre for Thomas Humbleton insomuch as he requested John Haynesworth the then being present at the same Garret Pilkinton’s house to goo and seke the said Thomas Humbleton which Humbleton when he was comed Clarke did bid him welcome embrasinge eche other and upon muche talk between them How say you said Humbleton I did see a younge man of this towne showe a man’s wyffe of this towne behinde the founte at the morninge prayer namyng William Blackburne and after that C;arke had asked what woman that shoulde be, the said Humbleton sounded the said Clarke in the case as also sainge in the presence of the said deponent and the said Garret Pilkinton, William Clarke, and John Haynesworth before said, Judge all you I pray you yf this woman be with chylde whether it be not worthy to be a mynister sayinge further in the presence of the said deponent & Thomas Parkins John Haynesworthe and the said William Clarke Judge you I pray you yf this woman be with chylde be shee not worthy to be a mynister saying also that the said William was the best lyme lyffer [?] in all Okeham. (He knows nothing about the woman). John Haynesworthe of Okeham, tayler, 25 yrs of age, having resided there 2 yrs, states that in company with T[thomas] P[ilkinton] & W[illiam] C[larke] at the house of G[erardus] P[ilkinton] where as the said Thomas Humbleton by the fiersyde did say, masters how say you I did see a younge man of this towne showe a man’s wyffe of this towne behinde the funte in the Church at the morninge prayer Sayeinge further in the presence of the said deponent & Thomas Parkins John Haynesworthe and the said William Clarke Judge you I pray you yf this woman be with chylde be shee not worthy to be a mynister seinge that it was gotten in the churche. Gerardus Pilkinton of Okeham, baker, 30 yrs. old having been born [p.11] there stated, As William Clarke beinge longe absent from Okeham was returned and came into this saide deponent’s house and requested to have a bedd which graunted in muche talking asked for Thomas Humbleton, and one John Aynesworthe being present and of his acquaintance said, I will goo seke hym which Humbleton being found & come to the said deponent to the said Clarke, eche embraced other and throughse many words hadd between the said Clarke and Humbleton, the said Humbleton said Howe say you I did see a yonge man of this towne showe a man’s wiffe of this towne behinde the funte at the morninge prayer namyng William Blackburne and after that C;arke had asked what woman that shoulde be, the said Humbleton sounded the said Clarke in the case as also sainge in the presence of the said deponent and the said Garret Pilkinton, William Clarke, and John Haynesworth before said, Judge all you I pray you yf this woman be with chylde whether it be not worthy to be a mynister sayinge further in the presence of the said deponent & Thomas Parkins John Haynesworthe and the said William Clarke Judge you I pray you yf this woman be with chylde be shee not worthy to be a mynister seinge that it was gotten in the churche and this said deponent asking who was the man, the said Humbleton answered William Blackburne saying also that the said William was the best lyme lyffer [?] [p.11] in all Okeham. (He knows nothing about the woman). John Haynesworthe of Okeham, tayler, 25 yrs of age, having resided there 2 yrs, states that in company with T[thomas] P[ilkinton] & W[illiam] C[larke] at the house of G[erardus] P[ilkinton] who also was present on a Saturday night before Shrovetide 1564 when & where as the said Thomas Humbleton by the fiersyde did say, masters how say you I did see a younge man of this towne showe a man’s wyffe of this towne behinde the funte in the Church at morninge praiyer and judge you I pray you whether that childe be nottworthy to be a mynister yf the woman be w[i]th chylde beinge it was gotten in the churche, and
G[erardus] P[ilkinton] demanding who that man should be the said Humbleton said it was William Blackbunne (no woman mentioned). William Clarke of North Luffenham is 24 yrs old. The said deponent being new come from London & at the house of G[erardus] P[ilkinton] enquired for T[homas] H[umbleton] which T[homas] H[umbleton] was in the towne as J[ohn] H[aynesworthe] & T[homas] P[arkin] being there present did shewe him which Clarke requyred the said J[ohn] H[aynesworthe] to goo and seke for the said T[homas] H[umbleton] which T[homas] H[umbleton] being found & come to the said W[illiam] C[larke] unto the said G[erardus] P[ilkinton]s house was bidden welcome & emonge many wordes hadd between the said W[illiam] C[larke] & T[homas] H[umbleton] the said T[homas] H[umbleton] said in the presence of the said W[illiam] C[larke], T[homas] P[arkin], G[erardus] P[ilkinton] & J[ohn] H[aynesworthe] being drinkinge at the fierside on a Satterday nighte before Shrovetide 1564 in the house of the said G[erardus] P[ilkinton] at Okeham Howe say you I did see a yonge man (naminge W[illiam] B[lockbourne]) showe a man's wife of this towne behinde the founte at morninge praier in the churche & judge you whether the childe be not worthy to be a preste seeing it was gotten in the churche yf the woman be with childe. And the said T[homas] H[umbleton] rounding [p.11] the said deponent in the case did tell this deponent that it was with one Ambrose Browne's wiffe of [line missing?]  


1566 Feb 6 P R O Plea Rolls: First Fruits Office. 8 Eliz[abeth] Roll 5 No.65 The first fruits (i.e. the official annual income) of the Vicarage of Oakham were estimated in the Liber Regis [Kings Book] (temp Henry viii) at £48-16-8 wherof the tenth payable yearly amounted to £4-17-8. On 6 Feb 1566 (8 Eliz) Thomas Thickepenye appeared in person before the Barons of the Exchequer and laid a complaint regarding the iniquity of the royal tithe collectors who without considering the decreasing income of the benefice continued to exact the same amount as in days gone by: the payments made by certain merchants of the staple of Calais whether through poverty or that they now went across the sea less than when Calais belonged to England has fallen off: the Vicar also was now burdened with separate stipends for chaplains at Egleton, Langham and Brooke which cost him £17 a year: also offerings made at pilgrimages to the image of St Mary "ad fontem" [at the well] of St Michael the Archangel and of several others had altogether ceased - "rites and offerings idolatrous rather than to God's worship belonging" - yet their disappearance had reduced the emoluments and profits of the Vicarage. In consequence of this application a Commission was issued by the Exchequer Court to Sir James Harington. Kenelm Digby esq. John fflower esq., George Mackworth esq. Thomas Digby gent., Clement Smyth gent., who were to report within fifteen days; six, five, four or three were to form a quorum of whom Kenelm Digby was to be one; and they were empowered to examine witnesses on oath with a view of finding out the value of the Vicarage of Oakham: their commission was dated 6 Feb 1566 (8 Eliz) and their report was sent in to the Exchequer Court: the names of the witnesses whom they examined were John Robinson alias Barkeby; John Pilkington; William ffulshowe; Nicholas Jordane; John Winwicke; Bartholomew Clarke; William Pitte [Pitts]: Richard Seatoune; Thomas Mardlescome; Stephen ffowle; Robert Banes: and William Barnes: and on the testimony thus gained it was reported that the income of Oakham Vicarage was derived from:

1 Mansion House called the Vicarage
1 Orchard adjacent to the same  
3 yard land, arrable meadow and pasture lying within the three fields of Oakham  
1 cottage house adjoining the said Vicarage  
And nothing in Langham, Egleton, Brooke or Barleythorp  
Tythe woole and lamb at  
The white Tythes payable at Easter as kine, calves, foals, bees wax honey waxshote  
Sheepeskinnes and haye silver at  
Also the 4 offering days with other offerings  
Item the tythe of pigge, geese, eggs, chickens and fruit at  
Also there is yearlie paid out of the pasonage [parsonage] of Knoston a stipend of  

Spiritual profits out of Langham  
Rate tythe for certayne haye  
Tithe wooll and lambes by the yeare  
White tythes payable at Easter, kine, calves, foals, bees wax honey waxshot and sheepskins  
Tithe of hemp and flaxe  
Four offering days with other offerings  
Tithe of pigges, geese, eggges, chickens and fruick  

Spiritual profits of Egleton belonging to the Vicar of Oakham  
3rd part of tithe corne thearce worth by the yeare  
Tythe woole by the yeare  
Tythe lambes by the yeare  
White tythes payable at Easter, kine, calves, bees wax, honey waxshot and sheepskins  
Four offerings with other offerings  
Rate tythe for haye  
Rate tythe out of a pasture or field at Counthorpe belonging to the Vicarage  

Spiritual profits in Brooke  
Rate tythe out of the late Pryorie of Brooke  
Tythe wooll and lambes by the yeare  
White tythes at Easter, kine calves, bees wax, honey, waxshot and sheep skins  
Four offerings with other offerings  
Rate tythe for certain haye and a certain close called the Mortlaye close  
Tythe of foals, pigges, geese, eggs, chicken and fruit  

£8-7-10  
£6-0-0  
£4-10-0  
40s-0d  
40s-0d  
8s-4d  
6s-8d  
100s-0d  
£4-17-0  
3s-4d  
23s-4d  
33s-4d  
66s-8d  
30s-0d  
24s-0d  
13s-4d  
8s-8d  
12d  
£4-0-0  
£4-3-4  
53-4  
16-8  
8-8  
8-4  
4-0
The whole value being £52-19-8

Paid to the stipendiary of Langham for his service and daily attendance there £12-0-0
To another Stipendiary priest at Egleton for his service and daily attendance £9-10-0
To another Stipendiary priest for his salary and wage at Brooke £8-10-0

These three stipends have to be paid by the Vicar by reason of the great distance of the town shippes and the great annoyance very often times with Sodaine [sudden] overflowinge of waters so that it is not possible for the said Vicar himself to serve one of the foresaid cures that ys to witt either Langham, Egleton or Brooke: tyme out of mind every one of the foresaid cures and churches have ever had a sufficient priest resident with a service at each of the said townes at uprising and downlyinge.

The said Vicar of Oakham payeth to the Archdeacon of Northampton for procurations and sinodals 16s-8d

Total outgoings £30-16-8
Total revenue remaining £22-3-0

1566 June 20

Also on 20 June 1566 (8 Eliz) Thomas Thickpenny came before the Barons of the Exchequer and it being shewn that the nominal value of the Vicarage was £48-16-8 but its real value £22-3-0: it was decided that in future each of the three chaplains (Egleton, Brooke and Langham) should receive £8 a year making these payments £24, and the income of the Vicar should be estimated at £28-3-0d: also that Thomas Thickpenney should pay £25-6-8 as first fruits: but annual tenths on £28-3-0d. Thomas Thickpenny was Vicar of Oakham from 1565 to 1596 on presentation of Edmund Grindal Bishop of London. He had ordained as a non gr[aduate] by Nicholas (Bullingham) [1511-1576] Bishop of Lincoln in 1560, and is described as "paedagogus" [teacher] before his ordination. He was Curate of North Luffenham from before 1562 – 65 and very likely was Master of the School there.

One of his first acts was to apply to the Exchequer Court for a reduction in the amount payable as tenths and first fruits. It was pointed out that when the Liber Regis [Kings Book] was issued the income of the vicarage was estimated at £48-16-8 on which the tenths amounted to £4-17-8.

Thomas Thickpenny the vicar appeared in person and declaimed at the iniquity of the Royal Tax Collector who sought to recover from him the same amount as in days gone by: the payments made by the merchants of the staple of Calais had fallen either because they were poorer or that since Calais was lost to England they went there less often than before: the Vicar now had to pay £17 a year as stipends to Egleton, Langham, and Brooke: offerings made in pilgrimages to the image of St Mary at the well of St Michael the Archangel and several others had altogether ceased. So a Commission was appointed made up of 6 local magnates, who in turn examined 12 witnesses and as a result the income of Oakham Vicarage was declared to be made up of a Mansion House, Orchard, Cottage and Glebe at Oakham nothing elsewhere.
Tithe on wool and lambs, white tithes at Easter (on kine, calves, foals bees wax honey waxshot sheepskins and hay silver), Offerings four times a year, tithes on pig[s], geese, eggs chickens and fruit. Rent charge on Knosten [Knossington] Rectory : similar payments from Langham, Egleton and Brooke. The whole amount receivable being £52-19-8. The amount payable to stipendiaries at the 3 chapels is £30 (namely £12 for Langham, £9-10- for Egleton, and £8-10- for Brooke). The Vicar cannot serve any of these and "time out of mind every one of the foresaid cures and churches have ever had a sufficient preist resident with a service at each of the said towns at uprisinge and downlynge." Besides this 16s-8d is due for synodals so that only £22-3- is left to the Vicar. The result was that the Vicar was told to pay £8 each in future to each of the chaplains leaving him with £28-3-0 on which tenths should be paid and that he should pay £25-6-8 as first fruits.

1567 ND In 1567 the Govt found out a poor 20s worth of property belonging to a Guild which was forthwith annexed.


1567 July 28 Nich[olas] Browne g° [erga = regarding] John Tillewestall (?) causa diffam [defamation case] [p9].

1567 Oct 24 James Greene caus[a] correct. [p9].

1569 ND In 1569 the Vicar. commenced a suit against Roger Clapham for withholding tithe.


1570 ND In 1570 the defence of ther churchyarde wanteth in defalte of my lady feldinge – to whom an apparitor is sent by the B[ishop]ps Court [an apparitor was an officer of an ecclesiastical court who served the summons and enforced the sentence]. William Hunter, John Pilkington present that the defence of ther churchyarde wanteth in defalte of my lady feldinge:- Visitaeris famulus duae feldinge … dimittitur [? See also entry in previous sentence from p.4] [p10]. Thomas Thykepenny, Vic[ar]: Robert Thorpe Warden of the Hospital. Robarte Caudrye, Scholemaister. [See The Life and families of 17th Century Langham, pp. 42-43, for comment on this important figure.] [OK?] [p.12]


1571 July 4 William Pidcocke in the case of administering to the will of James Merriman: to produce an inventory.

1571 Sep 7 Agnes Ball hath had 2 children at a birth: to certify pen[ance]

1572 ND In 1572 the chauncell windows & the church walls be in decaye in defalte of Mr ffeldinge

1572 June 30 Thomas Taylor of Gunthorp.

1572 July 22 Elizabeth Bate is gott with child, the father unknown.
inc[lude]: Mary Thomson is with childe the father unknown. The chauncell windowes & the church walls be in decaye in the default of Mr Ffelinginge.


Todd, the miller of Oakham, published abrode that ther was a minister had to do with a woman against a hedge as he came from the exercise at Okham. He appeared and confessed that it was one Alas Cobbham of Oakham that was the woman but he knoweth not the man whether he was minister or layman. And he promised faithfully to bring her in at the next session of this Courte. Henry [Space for surname left blank by Irons] accused in a case of slander.

Todd promised to bring in the woman which woman a minister unknowne was thought to have had to doe with as he came from th'exercise at Okham which promise he hath not performed. Alicia Cobham of Okeham ys the woman that the milner did accuse to be suspected with the minister. She appeared and was sworne upon for oth declareth that they tarryed under that hedge lesse than half an houre and did now evell.

Ok[eham] Reg[ister] Tho[ma]s Thickpeny bur[ied] [ ?? - not the vicar of Oakham, because he continues to appear later - a son perhaps? ] [p.45]

P[eter] B[unning] is accused because Alice Cobbham which was brought in by the miller of Oakham confessed that yt was he yt kept her companie in the closes without the towne.

In 1577 Pearce Neitherne hath spoken slanderous words & troubled their Vicar in time of Divine Service. - Also Mr Bartholomew Clarke came to the church of O[akham]. & there in the tyme of prayer did disturb the Minister & forced him to flee from him & left his service unsaid whereby the people at that present were unserved.

Bartholomew Bunning and Grace his wife kepe a house of bauderie and at this present have a child in ther house at boord which is a bastard born and the mother of the same child is at Burghley a single woman and the father is not known.

Pearce Neitherne hath spoken slanderous words & troubled their Vicar in time of Divine Service.

Bartholomew Bunning answers that the child which he kepeth in his house was born of a woman which came unto his house being unknowne unto him, and that nyghte had been in the street except she had been taken in by him. And be[i][p10] that his wife kepeth the childe only for love which she beareth unto it and not otherwise. Francis Clement, schoolmaster in the hospital house of Oakham is not licensed. Tho[ma]s Thickpeny, the Vicar, is presented for that the chapel of Egleton is not
served in such due tyme and on the week daies as it ought to be, with the communion administered as it ought to be. The Vicar answers that service is said on these daies in each week and the communion as often as ordered. Francis Clement promised that he hath taught children by the space of a yere and three quarters as he supposeth without any license either required or granted & demeth [p.12] that he of contrariety refused to come to my Lord’s Court when summoned but supporteth the sufficiency of the citation made. Also that he is no priest or minister, and yet hath borne himself as Master of the said Hospital & taken the profits thereof by the space of three yeres about and that he hath dismissed others at will, but the said Master taketh the Warden’s lodging & with his wife and children and familie inhabiteth therein. Whereupon appointed my Lord the said Clement to show cause why he should stand as warden of the saide hospital and not be minister according to the statute, on this day sevennight or before (Articles to be drawn up)

1577 Oct 22 Bartholomew Clerke came to the church of Oakham. & there in the tyme of prayer did disturb the Minister & forced him to flee from him & left his service unsaid whereby the people at that present were unserved. Spenninge ……


1579 June 15 John Ball; his wief Agnes was gotten with child before they weare married unlawfully:- suspended 'ab inqu### ecclesie' [?] [p.12]

1579 Dec 22 Elizabeth daughte)r of Tho[ma]s Thickpenny buryed.


1581 ND Old Hospital (see Edith Weston)

1581 July 6 Henrie Browne, Richard Joyner, Tho[ma]s Painter alias Burgham, Richard Cramp & Randallus Blasius were presented by Richard Saunders of Okeham for dauncing the morrice in the parish church of Okeham. They wee fined iiiid [4d] each and the case is dismissed.

1581 July 27 Johanna Brigges impregnata est illiciter per quem ignotum [is unlawfully with childby someone unknown] [p.12]

1581 Jan 9 Rob[er]t Armstronge, Rob[er]t Elms [?] [p9], Widow Browne, Rob[er]t Wakefeald did not receive the Communion at Easter last.

1581 Feb 6 Robert Todd matntayneth dishonest women in his house great with chylde being unpunished: suspended 'ab inqu### ecclesie' [?] [p.12] on Mar[ch] 9. Thomas Ball hath receyved Agnes Hacock being a dishonest woman unlawfully and unpunished into his house.

1581 Mar 9 See under Ashwell.
1582 Dec 10  *Okeham* Register  Edward Thickpenny buried. [p.21]

1582 Jan 6  *Okeham* Register  Edward son of Tho[ma]s Thickpenny Buried. [p.21]

1583 ND  The vicarage in decaye. Tho[ma]s Bullyvant brawling in church. W[illia]m Browne absenting himself from church for 3 Sondaies together. John Osborne & Agnes Goodlad married at Peterbor[ough], as they said but could produce no certificate; the s[ai]d parties live very unquietly together & she is counted a very scold.

1583 Sep 30  The vicage is in decaye in whose defalt we knowe not. Thomas Bullyvant for brawling in the church: 1 Dec to certify reconciliation. & 28 Jan absenting himself from church for 3 Sondaies together. John Osborne & Agnes Goodlad were married at Peterborough as they said but we see no certificate. Item the said parties live very unquietly together & she counted a verie scold; 1 Dec Excommunicated. [There is a note in the margin against the following item that says ‘belongs to Hambleton’: Robert Armstrong did not receive the Communion at easter or since, that he is a common drunkard, & for keeping evell rule in his house in the time of Common Prayer: & 1 Dec] [p9].

1583 Nov 5  Exchequer Queen's Remembrances 1667 Rutland. Public Record Office Special Commission Rutland 1867. 26 Eliz Concealed lands in Okeham:- In Okeham in com[itato?] pred[icto?] [in the said county of Rutland] due capelle scituate in Cimiterio ecclesiae[e] paroch[iae] de Ok[ehamia] pred[icta] [two chapels situated in the parish church cemetery of the said Oakham] ex Coriali[?] parte eiusdem capella beate Maria Virginis Ac altera capella nuncapabatur capella beate Maria Virginis Ac altera capella beate Maria Virginis Ac altera capella beate Maria Virginis Ac altera capella beate Maria Virginis Ac altera capella beate Maria Virginis. [the one dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the other to St Michael, archangel] Ac q[u]i d in pred[icta] capella beat[e] Maria Vir[ginis] unus presbiter ac in predict[a] capella S[an]cti Mich[aelis] Arch[angelis] alius presbiter fuerunt manutent [?] [with one priest in the said chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary and another in the chapel of St Michael] infra quinque annos inte[?] confeccionem [?] eiusdem actus in pari[?]iamentia presbiter non aliter cantabat ac dicebat missas ac alias superstictas oracones [?] in eadem capella s[jan][c]t[I] Michaelis ac q[u]i d pred[icus] presbiter nuncapabatur Chau[nte] preste. [Something to the effect that for the last five years the priests have not been saying masses or performing chantry commitments etc. - see 1584 ND below] The two chapels are now wasted and in decaye and now stand on two tofts and a piece of land: that of St Michael being 60 feet long and 30 feet wide: they are worth 2d a year; Tho[ma]s Thickpenny, clerk, Vic[ar] of Okeham has possession of them. The Commissioners know of nother concealed land in Oakham. [There is a diagram in the margin showing the chapels as two rectangles labelled with the appropriate measurements, with the caption: The pled of Sir Tho[ma]s Thickpenye had the profits from these.] [p17]

1583 1 Dec  The Vicarage is in decaye in the Vic[ar]'s defalt. (& 28 Jan) W[illia]m Browne absenting himself from church 3 Sondaies together.

1584 ND  On the North part of the churchyard are 2 chapels the one of St Mary the other of St Michael the Archangel of which each used to have its priest to say service &c he in St Michael's Chap being called the Chau[nte] priest or Gui[le] preaste. The
two chapels are now wasted & in decay the land on which they stand being worth 2d a yere, St Michael's chapel having been 60' x 30'. Tho[ma]s Thickpenny Vic[ar]. has possession of them. Evidently Elizabeth had not much to appropriate here.

1585 ND
The churchyard is not fenced but lieth open neither is there a beare to carry their dead corpses to the church to be buried. The wife of Edmund Harrison is a chider & a brawler. There is a poore man teacheth as schoolmaster without license. [Space for Christian name] Jordan of Barlithorpe gô [erga = regarding] Rob[er]t [space for surname] of the same. John Blackburne & John george: W[ardens] of O[akham]: the churchyard is not fenced but lieth open neither is there a beare to carry theyre dead corpes to the church to be buried.

1585 ND [Will] PCC 19 Brudenel Will of Rob[er]t Thorp

1585 June 14 Thickpenny, Birket: (see Langham 1586 Feb 11). James Baines is defamed with the wife of John Riddle. John Ward hath a maidservant gone away with childe. Geo[ger] Page: there was a woman went away from him with childe. The wife of Edmund Harrison is a chider & a brawler. There is a poore man teacheth as a Schoolmaster withoute licesnse.

1586 ND
There was unlawful games in Randulp Blason's house in time of divine prayer.

1586 Apr 19 Articles issued against Alice Pilkinton, as mother, & John Reynolds as father.

1586 May 3 John Greene is defamed that he would have committed fornication.

1586 (or 7?) June 2 Greene & Swanne admitted to a 6 mann purgation [ i.e. 6 supporting witnesses on oath].


1586 Nov 22 Randulf Blason: there was unlawful games in his house in time of divine prayer. John Turner hath slandered himself with Sibell Thorp (also ###ited) [p.14]

1586 Feb 11 gô [Erga = Regarding] [the] Vicar. The Vicaredge ho[use] is oute of reparacon. Mr Rushbrooke hath not received the Comm[union] almost by the space of a twelmonth. - Mr R[ushbrooke] says he hath received the Comm[union]: with Mr Johnson at N[orth] Luffenham & likewise with Mr Gibson of Ridlington: & likewise the wife of Mr R[ushbrook]. Robert Todd & John Smith: sim[i][a]r. Richard Ashbie: there was a woman delivered of child in his house upon the Sabaathe daye in service tyme. John Stratford gave uncomelie speeches in the church porche (to John Pilkinton).


1587 June 13 Thomas Smyth for keepinge company in his home in tyme of prayer. Rabdall Blason for a common drunkard: 15 Nov & 5 Dec

1587 Mar 12  Matthew Wildman hath taken in a strange woman & she is brought to bed. Rich[ard] Bardell hath received his wife's
daughter & she is brought to bed. John Deutburye made a fray in the church with Arthur Ellenworth.


1588 July 15  Geo[rge] Beeston is suspected to live incontinently with w[i]th Marjer[ye] Tonge the wife of Robert Tong[e] & soe the fame
Goeth[e]: Marg[erye] Tonge also. H[enr]y Bouser (?) [p.14] did abuse Mary Wale with slanderous words calling her whore in the
churchyarde.

1560 et ante admiss[am] suam ad ordines fuit pedagogus ecclesiae val [per] annum xxviiii li[bri] [Thomas Thickpenny ... non-
graduate was ordained by Nicholas Bishop of Lincoln on the 22nd day of September 1560 and before ordination he was a
teacher. The benefice is valued at £28 per year] [p.15]

1589  The Wardens detayne money of the towne in their handes & refuse to make their account

scholar[..?] Rob[ert] Jonson cler[k] & duor[..?] Hospic Christi ibm[..?] [p.23] [No transcription of these particular late rolls in
the British Library]

1589 June 9  Thomas Cole (& Jone Swan) for gettinge one T.S. unlawfully with child.

1589 Sept 2  Elizabeth Wellam is with child unlawfully begotten by Robert Dickins as she sayeth.

1589 Sept 17 Robert Dickins hath unlawfully begot Elizabeth Wellam with childe William Sculthorpe, William Gunthorpe, & Hugh Thorpe are
admitted as compurjators for his future good behaviour.

1589 Oct 27 B[ioso]p informed that the Ward[ens] of O[akham] detayne money of the towne in their handes & refuse to make their
accompte.

1589 Nov 10  Suit g^a [erga = regarding] Anna Grey of Barlithorpe: caus[a] matrimoniae [a matrimony case]

1589 Feb 10  Elizabeth Wellam is unlawfully begotten with childe by Robe[t] Dickens . . . . the window of . . . . Swann is with childe by
Thomas Coles as the fame goethe . . . . Thomas Coles also.


1590 Sep 2  William Cabbers: for gettinge Elizabeth Masters with childe (see Seaton)
1590 Dec 2 George Ryland, Robert fflemynge, Robert Lee, Christopher Bower (for 12 d) Agnes his wife, John Dafte [?], Thomas Hopper


1590 Mar 23 Robert Claye for living incontinantly with Isabella wellam, as the fame goeth, the charge is demed [?] [p.13] and R[obert] C[laye] told to find six compurgators [ i.e. 6 supporting witnesses on oath]: meanwhile he is pronounced excomm[unicated]. John Smith and Robert Newman are among the compurgators. Isabella Wellam is separately presented, being held excomm[unicated] and to pay 12d. Robert Simms for living incontinantly with Isabel Cooper wife of George Cooper as the fame goeth - excomm[unicated]. Isabel Cooper - sim[ilarly] - pays 2 s. Robert Alton for living from his wife for the space of a 12 monthe - he stands excomm[unicated] and has 12d to pay. The wife of Alton… Henry Shortred that he hath not satisfied and payd parcell of the churche stock (and '91 May 11). Thomas Cole for living incontinently with . . . . . . and '91 May 11

1591 ND Henree Shartree an excommunicate person standeth unreconsyled & retayneth incontinent persons in his house. Robert Blackburne is a drunkard. Henrie Shatree (apparently reconciled) for not coming to church this 10 or 12 weeks.


1591 Oct 11 The hospitall of St. John's is in decaye by the default of Mr John fflover Esq and John Islip bayliffe of Edyweston contrary to the foundacon (John Flower to be cited before the B[isho]p). [In the margin, there is the following but it is not clear where it belongs: 'Mr Thickpenny, Vic[ar] Mr Madson, I Mr, Mr Leycocke'] [p10]. Henrie Shartree an excommunicate person standethe unreconsyled and retayneth incontinent persons in his house. Robert Blackburne is a drunkard. [c.f entry above from p.7]

1591 Feb 15 Henry Shortred for not cominge to churche this x [10] or xij [12] weekes - & for keepinge a whore in the parish named Ellen Brayfeld. Ellen Brayfeld, to be readie to be brought to bed of a child, the father not known.

1592 ND William Watkin is an alehouse keeper & did keepe pipinge & dauncinge upon the Sabothe day & tis reported that divers were there in the time of prayer & that he doth owe 40s or 50s to the church. Tho[ma]s Briggs jun went out of Robert Gaston's house in tyme of homily – to do penance. The wife of Matthew Rose upon the Sab[i] both daye in the time of divine prayer did continue at home shelling pease & being often admonished would not leave. W[illia]m Payne sat thale house [i.e. in the alehouse] in time of divine prayer. Robert Gaston doth withhold certain of the church stock to the sum of £6 or thereabouts. Tho[ma]s Bullivan owes 30s to the c[hurch]. Mr Thickpenny [owes] 20s [to the church]. Matthew Rose [owes] 10s [to the church]. Robert Blackburne is a drunkard. Humfrey Hickman is suspected to be a usurer[.] Robert Seward & Rich[ard] Jordan also[.] Tho[ma]s Gibson [also.] The Vic[ar] doth not catachise our children on Sabbaths daies & holidays.

1592 May 3  
Mr Leicocke not licensed & on June 7 & June 20.

1592 Sep 19  

1592 Oct 5  

1592 Nov 15  

1592 Nov 21  
The V[icar] doth nopt catachise our children one Sabbath daies & holidays according to the Queens Injunctions.

1592 Dec 13  
Wardens g* [erga = regarding] Robert Glaston.

1593 ND  
Scandal arose regarding Mr Thick[penny] V[icar] and Elizabeth Natte Ordered to produce compurgatan not from London. Comp[ur]ation was a defence used primarily in medieval law. A defendant could establish his innocence by taking an oath and by getting a required number of persons, typically twelve, to swear they believed his oath. In this case, the latter group was evidently not to be from London. Comp[] [followed by the following, bracketed together:] Rob[ert] Greene R[ector of] M[arket] O[verton]; W[illia]m Roe R[ector of] Teigh; Rich[ard] Kinge R[ector of] Cottesmore; Stephen Bever R[ector of] Ashwell; Henry Hargreaves R[ector of] Stretton; Peter Simon R[ector of] Morcot; W[illia]m Dalby V[icar of] Burley. Bart[holomew] Benton states he will abate nothing in the charge he has made, except he might have his oath administered as he is not proceeding in this case & would not be made a partie therein. Bishop is informed by Mr Butler that there be a certain number in Oakham who have not yet received the Communion. Therefore his worship orders that at Whitsuntide next there be a Communion. celebrated by Mr Kinge, Hargreaves, Green, or any other sufficient preacher which may be gotten by Mr Butler to preach on that day.
1593 May 14 The Warden of Oakham did present that there was a fame that Mr Thickpenny had unlawful dealings with Elizabeth Natte of the same town.

1593 May 26 Thickpenny to produce compurgators from the neighbourhood, not from London. My lord (i.e. the Bishop) is informed by Mr Butler that there be a certayne number in Oakham who have not yet received the Communion therefore his lordship hath ordered that at Whitsuntide next there be a Communion celebrated by Mr Kinge, Hargreaves, Greenor any other sufficient preacher which may be gotten by Mr Butler to preach at that daye.

1593 June 11 Thickpenny's compurgators are Robert Green, Rector of Market Overton; William Roe, Rector of Teigh; Richard Kinge, Rector of Cottesmore; Stephen Bever, Rector of Ashwell; Henry Hargreaves, Rector of Stretton; Peter Simon, Rector of Morcott; William Dalby, Vicar of Burley.

1593 June 18 Regarding Thomas Thickpenny, Vicar of Oakham. Bartholomew Burton states he wolde abate nothing on the charge he has made except he might have his oathe ministered, as he is not proceeding in this case and would not be made a patie therein.


1594 ND Thickpenny, Vicar


1595 June 21 Maria Towan not rec[eiving] Communion. Thoms Hitches similar.

1596 ND Thomas Thickpenny resigned Vicarage early in June. Thomas Thyckpenny resigned the Vicarage after 27 June.


1596 Oct 12 William peachie on being presented to O[akham] states: 1° The patron of this benefice is her majestie by reason of the vacancie of the sea [i.e. see] of London as far as this respondent knoweth and for his acquaintance otherwise than in the dutifull obedience of a subject he this respondent hath noe other. 2° That her majestie hath bestowed this benefice upon him att the request of his frends. 3° That her majestie bestowed this benefice upon him without any condicon. 4° That he this respondent is not resolved whether he shall lett it or nott. 5° That he this resondent hath made or caused to be made any such open compact to the patron or presentor of this his benefice. 6° That his benefice is worth in the Queen's books xxviii li[ibri] (£28) but what yt is now worth yearly unto him he this respondent knoweth not yet. 7° . . . . . . 13° neg. [?] [p.15]


1597 May 18 Wed[nesday] Bpi [? Perhaps the intention is 'Bishop's'] ? Visit[ation ?] held at O[akham] [p.15]


1598 Oct 22  Baptised Ok[eham] Reg[ister] Samuel Peachie son of Mr William Peachie Minister October xxiiith (22nd)

1598 Nov 18  Rob[er]t Barrowe & his wife for being married & the banns of matrimonie not published in our Churche accordinge to lawe. Rich[ard] Ellingworthe for witholdinge the Church stocke & will nether paie the monie nor give a bonde for the same & on 29 Nov & 20 Dec & 23 Jan.

1598 Nov 29  Rob[er]t Barrowe & his wife state they were married by avisament from Sir Andrewe Noel in Dalby in the Wooldes in Leicestershire and had no lycense thereat forgot [?] [p.15] nether was he asked there accordinge to order: 20 Dec to cert[ify]

1598 Dec 20  Oliver Brotherton to certify.

1598 Jan 9  Thomas Thickpenny cl[erk] licensed by Malcolm Johnson, surr[ogate] to serve as priest for Okeham & Egleton.

1598 Jan 14  Thomas Griffin, deac[on],licensed t serve O[keham] & E[gleton]
The circumstances connected with the barbarous judicial murder of John Lyon are thus given from a Romanist source: John Lyon, venerable #######, was a yeoman of the county of Rutland, possessor of an estate apparently situated in the neighbourhood of Oakham. He was distinguished for his staunch adhesion to the ancient Faith as described in a ballad on his martyrdom.

1. John Lion was a stout yeoman
   of ancient pedigree
   Three hundred acres of fair land
   He held in simple fee

2. Of stalwart build and stature tall
   Of heart both firm & strong
   To King or Queen he would not give
   What doth to God belong

In consequence he was indicted at the Summer assizes holden in Oakham Hall, a remnant of the old castle, for decrying the Queen's Spiritual Supremacy & condemned to death.

3. In castle Hall, before them all,
   He did confess the Faith
   Our Lord the Pope, as Christ's Vicar
   They doomed him to the death

4. They dragged him 'mid a rabble rout
   Under the gallows' hill
   Where in their rage they did engage
   To work their wicked will

5. On Swooning Bridge they bade him rise
   he knew nor fear nor shame
   With head erect, on heaven he gazed
   His eyes were all aflame

6. They swung him on the fatal tree
   Nor left him in his pain
   But with a stroke they cut the rope
   And brought him down again

7. With ripping knife they cut and slashed
   His midriff all apart
   And then from out his quivering beast
   They tore his beating heart

8. And as they cursed, the martyr brave
   These words did sweetly say
   'Have mercy Jesus on my soul
   And those who do me slay'

9. The rabble rout stood mute about
   At last they drew their breath
   'He was a man of God', they cried,
   'He died for the true faith'

10. John Lion, Rutland's martyr saint
    By traitors bought & sold
    In courage & in constancy
    Thou wast a lion bold.

11. Then pray for all poor Okeham folk
    Bred up in error's ways
    That they the God of truth & love
    With thee may ever praise.
1599 May 7 Dionisia Cole to be with childe, & the reputed father is unknown. John Smithe married Alice Kinderslye.

1599 Apr 21 John Kindersley married Allice Jordan.

1599 Oct 23 Agnes Lowe being unmarried is with child & and hath committed fornication with one William Corpson late C[urate] of Tighe as she confesses & that Richard Blofield hath received the same Agnes into his house. William Corpson & Richard Blofield are also presented. The Maid of Alice Garstin, widow: being unmarried & her name to us unknown is gotten with child & the reputed father is not known.

1599 Feb 29 Robert Blackborne for being oftentimes drunken & overcome with drink to the great offence of the congregation. Walter Nasbye for not receavinge the Communion this yere.

1600 June 22 Baptised Ok[eham] Reg[ister] Chephntisi-bahh [a version of Hepsibah] Peachie daughter of William Peachie June xxii\textsuperscript{th} [22\textsuperscript{nd}]


1602 Apr 2 Burials Reg[ister] Thomas Peachie ffather of Willia[m] P[eachie] ye minister April ii\textsuperscript{th} [2\textsuperscript{nd}]

1602 Apr 25 Baptised Ok[eham] Reg[ister] Josiah Peachie sonne of William Peachie the minister April xxv\textsuperscript{th} [25\textsuperscript{th}]

1603 Nov 6 Baptised Ok[eham] Reg[ister] John Peachie sonne of Mr William Peachie ye Minist[e]r Novemb[e]r vi\textsuperscript{th} [6\textsuperscript{th}]

1604 Oct 31 Gard[ians] present a carpet (neaded) for our Communion Table but in whose default we knowe not. Johanna Tomson for having had a child or two in fornication by whom we know not. Tho[ma]s Cole for saying in the church that Anthony Owen was a false f##wan [?] knave & he would prove it. George Cooper for often sleepyng in tyme of divine service after admonicon. Rob[er]t Winwicke Rich[ard] Elinworth for walkinge in the church with ther hats on after evarneinge in time of administering the Sacrament

1605 Jan 15 . . . Miners farmer of the Rect[or]y of Okeham

1606 June 13 Baptised Ok[eham] Reg[ister] Phoebe Peachie daughter of Mr William Peachie Minister June xiii\textsuperscript{th} [13\textsuperscript{th}]

1606 Oct 2 John Gau & Widow barton wh[o] was the wife of W[illia]m Barton who liveth together & hath had a child & we knowe not whether they be marryed or not.


1607 Sep 20 A Master licensed at O[akham] by Mr Rich[ard] Butler S.T.B. surr[ogate]

1608 Apr 16 Baptised Ok[eham] Reg[ister] Maria Peachie daughter of Mr William Peachie ye Minist[e]r April 16th

1608 July 16 (before Steph[en] Bever MA surr[ogate]) Maria Browne of O[akham] impregnated by John Davies, - effugit [he has gone away] (excomm[unicated]) [p.14]. Agnes Gibbes by Will Hollesworth now living at M[ar]k[et] Deeping. Mr Amye [?] I take yt
the whole fees of the matter aforesaid with the probacon of Rob[ert] Pilkinson's will doe come unto 22s the which I send you by the bearer (Steph[en] Bever is the writer), & see Winge s[ame] d[ate].

1610 May 9
Rich[ard] Turner for being suspected of incont[inence] as the fame goeth with one Ma[r]garet Riddle. Rich[ard] Croft for not rec[eiving] the Com[munion] at Easter - also John Carr, Rob[ert] Stockwell, Geo[rge] Presgrave, Peter Sander, Alice Smith and for not comeinge to the churche to divine service for the space of 2 months last past. [Some or all of this entry may be dated Nov 3] [? p.22]

1610 Oct 20
James Wadeson M[aste]r of Arts & Scholem[a]r: sep[ultus] [buried]

1610 Nov 3
[See May 9 above] [? p.22]

1611 June 10
Abraham Greene A M [Artium Magister, i.e. Master of Arts] lic[ensed] to teach at O[akham]

1611 June 25
Elizabeth Beaston proved the will of John beaston. William Glen a Warden is reminded that the churche is not in repayer and he is warned to put matter right before Michaelmas. William Winter a nd his wife are fined 3s 8d each for committing fornication before wedlocke. John Hudson and his wife are similarly fined for a like offence. John Gates is fined 6s for not receiving the Communion at Easter last. Edward Slye and Mary Michell are fined 6s each for committing fornication together.

1611 Nov 8

1611 Nov 22

1612 Apr 3
Alexander Moyses each fined 3s 8d for fornication before marri[age]. Robert Stockwell fined 3s 8d for sellinge ale in his house in tyme of divine prayer.

1612 June 13
Clement Graye for brandinge of sheepe on the holydaye & for carryeinge of wood with his cart on the same daye as the fame is. Rowland Meadowes si[milarly]. Henry Hubbert of Barlithorpe for a greate sweare & a disordered person.

1612 June 24

1612 Oct 31
Tho[mas] Porter & ux[or] [wife] for ante nupt[ias] [pre-marital] forn[ication]. [p.22]

1612 Feb 5
Alice the wife of William ffowler for using herself unreverently in the Churche in speakinge unseemly wordes against some of her neighbors settinge in the same seate with her. A[lice] F[owler] confesses tht she did use unreveren speech and unseem in the churche - fined 3s 8d. Jane wife of Clement Graye for molestinge and thrashinge Alice ffowler settinge together in a seate in the churche as the fame is. Oliver Jordan did speake unreverent and indecent speache, in the churche
to the offence of the Congregacon. Avicia Jordan, his wife, for the same offence: the two are fined 7s 4d. Edmund Tayler for not comeinge to divine service at moringne prayer upon Sondaye beinge te 22d day of November last past and also for not receiving the Communion the same daie.


1613 Oct 15 Thomas Paine living incontinently with Isabel Gray.

1613 Oct 29 Tho[mas]s Pai[n] & Isab[el] Grey certify their penance but the man had not a sheete because he being so poore that he had none of his owne & could not borrow one.

1613 Dec 16 John Ireland on the morrow after Advent Sunday last he was married in Oak[ham] church to Alice Mebury [?] by Mr Thomas Griffin, Clarcke, C[urate] of Oak[ham]- Thomas Porter John Thorpe & Edw[ard] Glin of Oak[ham] were present at the sai[d] marr[iage]

1613 Jan 14 This same mariage [See 1613 Dec 16] was solemnised at a time by law prohibited, as above stated. Tho[ma]s Porter admits he was present thereat. John Thorpe si[m]ilar. Edward Glin & Tho[ma]s Griffin.

1613 Jan 29 W[illia]m Winter did strike one Blofeld a younge woman of some 17 yeres age on the breste with his elbow & did hurt her in the churche in Oak[ham] for sittinge in her seate in the churche he challendginge the seat to be his. [Then see 1614 Aug 4]. W[illia]m Beaver & his wife were present at the clandestine marriage solemnised between John Ireland & his wife upon the Monday after Advent Sunday last being by lawe prohibited being St Andrew's Day. Thomas Wilkinson's wife was at the s[ai]d marriage but he himself was not at the marriage. John Gage: his wife was at the marriage. Rob[er]t Caverly [?] was present at the wedding of John Ireland of Oak[ham] upon the Monday after Advent Sund[ay] last - He is gone into Lecestershore. Lucy Dickinson: fil[i]a [daughter] Mary Dickinson: (puella [girl]) also present. [See 1613 Dec 16] [p.22]

1613 Feb 25 John Haycocke rec[tor] lic[ensed] to teach boys at Oak[ham] in lingua vernacula [i.e. in English] [p.14]

1614 June 3 Geo[rge] Squire for begetting of Ann Jackson his wife with childe before mariage. Anna Squire similarly. Hugh Greaslye for begetting of Ann Reeve his wife with childe before they were maryed. Ann Greaslye likewise.

1614 June 4 W[illia]m Winter & Elizabeth his wife for cohabiting before marriage.


1614 July 21 Thomas Cariar he hath in his possession the goods of the said deceased (Richard Bet) without authority. Carer admit that he hath some goods in his possession which were the said Bett's but he had bought them of the said bet before his death.

1614 Aug 4 W[illia]m Winter of Oak[ham] admits that he did strike the sai[d] Blofeld with one of his legs as he came by her in his seate in the churche in prayer time.
1614 Oct 12 Mary Meare for beinge with childe beinge not maryed. John Bodgley for misdemeaninge himself in prayer time towards Henry Man being churchwarden. Tho[ma]s Cooke for refusinge to tarry in the churche when Mr Peachey readeth prayers upon the Saboth or Hollydaies. They want Jewells works.


1615 Oct 17 Tho[ma]s Taylor the Vintner for not paying of a levell of 2s due to the church.


1616 June 28 To certify the repaire of the Churchyard wales (Gard[ians])

1616 July 12 Exec[utors] ### Newcomer to adminis[ter] [See June 14]. Gard[ians] to certify regarding the repair of their bells.

1617 Mar 11 W[illia]m Redshaw of O[akham] to certify his penance.

1618 Apr 29 W[illia]m Wright & Joana Coxall ante nupt[ias] fornic[ation] [pre-martial fornication] W[illia]m Winter & Elizabeth his wife ante nupt[ias] fornic[ation] [pre-marital fornication]

1618 Sep 30 Ireland as exec[utor] of will case.

1618 Nov 20 Hugh Rutland, fuller, to certify penance.

1618 Dec 10 John Baker [did] not certif[y]

1618 Jan ND James Jordan sup[posed] to have begotten Elizabeth Mabell late his father's maid with child she is nowe with her father: of Barlithorpe.

1618 Jan 8 Tho[ma]s Cole for a generall report & urgent suspicion for lyving incestuously with Anne Gregory wife of Mark Gregory al[ias] ffaithfull (Feb 16)
1618 Feb 16 Elizabeth Mabella confesses that James Jordan hath had the use of her body: & Marg Thr C [Just possibly 'Th. h[e]r C[ousin]'] to certify her penance & Apr 27 Thomas Cole & May 11, Thomas Cole that he hath not slept cohabiting with the woman.

1619 Apr 13 Thomas Cole to produce a 4 man purgation [i.e. 4 supporting witnesses on oath]. Elizabeth Mabella of Barlithorpe to certify her penance & Apr 27 Thomas Cole 

1619 May 11 Barlithorpe. Barnacastle (?) [p.16] not paid 2s 9d (see Teigh). Faustus & Johanna Sharpe vehemently suspected of incontinency long continued between them. John for not paying his lay to the church which was 2s. Dignall similarly 6s.

1619 May 29 Thomas Cole for repeated & vehement suspicion for being incontinent with Ann Gregory wife of Mark Gregory alias Faithall, once (?) [p.15] ye order sent down by the Court to the contrary as ye common fame goeth. Thomas ffalkner & Jane Sharpe for vehement suspicion of incontinency being committed between them. Robert Wignall for not paying his levy to the church being 6s due. Margaret Dallycock wife of James Dallycock for not appearing when cited. John Blackburne & his wife, 1619 June 22 Margaret Dallycock's case handed over to William Peachie, Vicar of Oakham.

1619 Sep 14 Gedney: a will case. Gibbs: a will case.

1619 Nov 23 Agnes Gregory & Lucy Blofield for a fame of incontinency betwixt Thomas Malson of Egleton & George Readay (?) of Burley.

1620 May 2 Constancia Hartadmitted being impregnated by William Hodgkins & said that she was contracted to the said Hodgkins alias Wyer in matrimonie & that they were asked in the church together & that when she & he should have been married together he the said Hodgkins ran away.

1620 June 19 Henry Mun & Elizabeth his wife. Ante Nuptias [pre-marital] Fornication

1620 July 6 Ana Blofield & Lucy Blofield. Incontinent with divers persons. George Brookeby & his wife, for entertaining of excomm[unicated] persons. And also for entertaining of companye drunken in service tyme. George Brookeby states that since he was warned he had not any drinking in his home. William Cocks & Joan Allworth for deferring of marriage, banns beinge long since asked, & for livinge together both in one house.

1620 Oct 25 Roger Glen for not cominge to dyvine prayer. John Paine for Clamor & revilenge the churchwarden. Wife of Thomas Wakefield for goinge abroad before she be churched or made public thancksgivinge accuding to lawe.

1621 ND Okham PCC 33 Dale Will of William Gibson

1621 May 7 George Buckley for not paying a levy of 5s 6d towards the repayre of the churche.
1621 May 18  Franc[is] Fountaine g[*regar = regarding*] Hugh Gray of O[akham].
1621 Sep 13  Tho[mas] Porter g[*regar = regarding*] Edward Milner: slander.
1621 Oct 26  Barlithorpe. Henry Hubbard presented by John Nunwick for revilinge & miscallinge him being then churchwarden viz he called him Beggerly rogue and rascal & s[aid] that he was not fit to be in any office. Marm[aduke] Weate of O[akham] not paying levy for repare of churche.
1621 Dec 14  Alice Bagworth for fornication with Geo[rge] Busby.
1621 Jan 6   John Bever: that he did [?] in the churchyard there upon the 16th of May last. Hugo Hand & Ann Blofield: 6 Mann purgation June 26 [i.e. 6 supporting witnesses on oath].
1621 Jan 18  Executors of ffreeman: will case.
1622 May 8   Elizabeth Hodgkin, widow, for keepinge companie drinkinge in her home on Sondaye last 31 Mar[ch] in time of divine monninge prayer. Johanna ffrench for fornication with John Wright as the same goeth. Joh[n] Ga[e] for keeperinge companie drinkenenge in his home in time of divine prayer on Sund[ay] last 31 Mar[ch] at morn[ing] prayer. Admonished that from henceforth he have a care that he doth not kepe companie in his home in prayer time.
1622 May 24  Roger Glin for not payinge of his sessment to the repair of the churche it being 3s 4d.
1622 July 9  There is one Mary Smith d[aughte]r of Rob[ert] Smith of Barlythorpe suspected to have committed fornication with one Ralph Wright a scholler as the same goeth.
1623 ND      Will PCC 44 Barrington Abraham Presgrave of O[akham]
1623 Sep 18  Thomas White & Phoebe Paschie were married at Burley by Mr Gibson - T[homas] W[hite] was the usher of the school.
1623 Oct 11  Jeremias Whittakur A[rtium] M[agister] [i.e. Master of Arts] licenced to teach in the Free School, O[akham]
1623 Oct 29  Agnes ffardle [?] d[aughte]r of Augustine Blofeld for not comeing to the churche. Tho[mas] Parkins for abstenting himself from his parish churcheat Eveninge Prayer. T[homas] P[arkins] states that he hath sometimes goe from his owne parish churche to another when Mr Peachy did not preach nor catechise in the forenoon. Monished that from henceforth he doth frequent his parish churche.
1623 Nov 23  W[illia]m Winwick & Margaret his wife g[*regar = regarding*] Zacharia Jackson of Barlithorpe: slander.
1623 Nov 25 Hugo Suson & Rich[ard] Barret: to ask Hodgson the divine fee for the churchwardens for not presenting till there was

1624 April 4 Rob[ert] Smith being Mr Peachie's farmer of his tithes did sue one Lawrence Newby of Oakham who was farmer unto one
Mr Hawford quies [? p.20] of a certain park called ffliteris Parke for tithes there. In respect thereof Newby praid the
prohibition oute of the King's Bench (as I take it) because th[e] attornies name which is Colberne is written on the backside
of the prohibition. T.T. ffleminge apud [living at] Weston 28 November Ano Regis Jacobi Angl &c 7° et Scotie 43° [in the 7th
year of King James' reign in England, the 43rd of hs reign in Scotland]. The prohibition was ex[ecuted] 17 Jan 1609. [p.20]
The following evidently belongs here despite an arrow by Irons suggesting otherwise: Mem[orandum:] to search for a
prohibition brought in ca X# between Mr Peachie or his farmer & Mr W[illia]m Hawford, it was brought about 13 years ago:
take note of the date thereof oute of what corte it came where office & where attorney , all that you may see the last lyne
thereof & believe it, yf it be oute of the Common Pleas but yf it be out of the Kings Bench then th[e] attorneys name is on
the back side of the prohibicon. Rec[eived] of Mr John Lambe for his Serche 12d. M[emorandum:] to send him worth [?] to
his chambers in New Inn without Temple Barr what I find therein this next term.


1624 Oct 24 Roger Hubbard for not paying of his levy towards the Church.

1624 Nov 4 There is a common fame in Barlithorpe that one John Adcock ther hath comm[itted] forn[ication] with one Cicely Smithe:
she being a London hath famed the s[ai]d Adcock.


marr[iage] to A[nna] P[ridmore] by words thereunto fittinge & afterwards he went to Mr Peachey to be asked in the church
& that the banns were there asked.


1625 Nov 25 Edward Harris & his wife do live asunder. Harris lyveth aboute Stableforth in Leicestershire & she liveth in Barlithorpe & it
is reported that the s[ai]d Galfrid Pilkington is the cause of this disagred [?]. Mary Jackson wife of Zachary J[ackson] of
Barlithorpe says there is a fame that W[illiam] Nunwicke of the same would have bin incontinent with the s[ai]d Mary.
Tho[mas] Parkins; Olver Collop; Alice Collop; Stephen Tory; Edward Bayly; Rich[ard] Henshaw; Geo[rge] Ryder; Nathaniel
Perkins; Rob[er]t Wignall; Rich[ard] Skelton, milner; Tho[ma]s Adcock; Galfr[id] Pilkington; for Beny absent from evening prayer.


1626 June 20 Maria ffree[r], maid of Broughton; she is delivered of a child & will not confess who is the father of it.

1626 July 6 John Mericke & Ellen Stackney commit fornication as the fame goethe. Roger Hubbarde sleeping in the church in tyme of divine service.

1626 Aug 3 John Seaton clerk g[a] [erga = regarding] John Reve & Elias Henshawe of O[akham]. Slander. Henshawe stated that 2 months since in the parish of O[akham] he this examinant speaking to Esther Halliday Will Crafts asked him this respond[an]t who gelded at his end of the town then this r[esp]ondant asked him what he meant by that then this r[esp]ondant told the s[ai]d Hester that as Crafts sayd the Clark what did geld the good wife Fflud. Joh[n] Marcke & Ellen Stackney. F[ornication]. Roger Hubbard sleeping in the ch[urch] in time of divine service.


1626 Sep 14 Emanuel Barnard of O[akham] g[a] [erga = regarding] Alice Wigginton wife of Rob[er]t Wigginton. Alice stated that in May last in the fields within a mile of Burly in the county of Rutland, Pete[rborough] diocese he the s[ai]d Barnard had the carnall knowledge & use of this r[esp]ondents her body & within a week after she this r[esp]ondent did publish the same abroade to her husband at O[akham] & to Mr Justice Johnson at S[outh] Luffenham. Slander. - Corrected statement: she did say that Emanuel Batrnard did attempt her chastitye & had carnal Knowledge of her body but she saith it coms by violence.


1626 Dec 1 Joh[n] White & Jane French F[ornication].

1626 Dec 15 Jervase Moberly & Agnes ffree F[ornication]. John Boyall & Alice sent to Bayly of O[akham]. F[ornication]. Tho[ma]s Busheby of O[akham] was married to one Basse [?] his now wife at Dalby in the Wowlds about the 6 of December last withoute banns. [There is a marginal note ‘see next??’ which in fact refers to 1626 Feb 1]
1626 Feb 1 Burkely gives information that about a yere & a half yere since Abraham Presgrave was married at Dalby on the Wooldes being in Leicestershire withoute banns. A[braham] P[resgrave] admits that about 3 yeres since he was married to An his wyfein the parr[i]she ch[urch] of Dolby Leicestershire by one Mr Luesley (?) withoute banns askeing & withoute any lawful license.

1626 Mar 1 Peter Noble of Gunthorpe did dawbe up of a wall upon Candlemas Day & was not at prayer & hepeth a woman in his home to knit upon the Sabothe daies.

1627 ND Okh[am] PCC 45 Skinner Will of Roger Hubbert, baker

1627 Apr 24 Edward Crafts suspected of forn[ication] with Maria ffreer. Tho[mas] Busheby & Alice his wife: ant[e] nupt[ias] forn[ication]. Suzanna Porter for keepinge companie drinkeinge in her home in tyme of divine service on Sundaye last being the 8 of Aprill. Andreas Burton for refusing to pay 3s being the remainder of a levye to the inc[ome] of the churche.. Ffrancis Jepson sim[i]l[a]r 2s 6d.

1627 Sep 17 W[illia]m Morris ante nupt[ias] [before marriage] forn[ication].

1627 Oct 26 Margaret sent at the Crown, O[akham] for being begotten with childe by one John late servant there also. Ana Blofeld jun[ior] for not comeinge to the churche for these 2 m[on]ths last.

1627 Jan 10 Helen Naylor upon a fame to be with child. Executors administer to Watkin's goods.

1628 Apr 29 Hugo (?) Hand for being many tim[es] [2 or 3 words illegible] with drink. Helen Maylor & Rob[er]t Sharpe [2 or 3 words illegible].

1628 June 28 Francis Parsey for incont[inence] with Alice the w[yfe] of [R]obert Wigginton.

1628 Oct 23 There was one Sara brought to bedd [at?] one Ambrose Diewzie's (?) home in O[akham] & and as tis thoughte she is couvered [2 or 3 words illegible] dwell at Tynwell.


1629 ND [Will] PCC 12 Ridley Edward Presgrave of Evington, Leics, nuncup[ative] will

1629 May 29 Geo[rg]e Stonesby for begetting of a bastard childe of the body of Alice Bagworthe.


1630 May 20  John Cramp & Agnes Page [?] he hath twice had th[e] us[e] of her body before she was maryed & hath diverse times solicited her since.

1630 Apr 8  ffrranciscus Clapham A[rtium] M[agister] [i.e. Master of Arts] licensed to teach boys & adults in arte grammaticali [i.e. in use of grammar] &c [p.14] in the Free School at Oakham


1630 Sep 7  John Hearthe & John Blackborn did in the s[ai]d Hearthe's house about a moneth since exchange there wives one with an other as the common fame is and as it is commonly reported in Okeham, the s[ai]d Blackborne did tell the s[ai]d Hearthe where the keys of his streete dore laye and he went & took yt in the nighte tyme and went into bedd with the s[ai]d Hearthe's wife and likewise the s[ai]d Hearthe did tell the s[ai]d Blackborne where the keys of his streete dore laye with an intent to go to bedd to the s[ai]d Hearthe's wife & she understanding of these wicked desines therein fared away.


1630 Oct 29  Edward Miller for saying that he would rather hear George White swear than Mr Peachy preache. Rob[er]t Sharpe for frequenting to one Blofeld's house which is a suspected huse of bawdry. R[ob]ert S[harpe] admits that he was in the house upon occasion of there ###ing out that there was ###ther, knowing the same to be a suspected house. Mary wife of Tho[mas] Manton [?], gathering of pears on the saboth day in the time of divine prayers.. Mary wife of W[illia]m Pilkinson [and] Eelinor wife of Rob[er]t Wigginton sim[il]i[a]r.. M[ary] P[ilkington] admits that they brought her there pears on the sabothe daye. John Ffrancis for refusing to paye the clarkc's wages. John Paine and Zacharias Jackson sim[il]i[a]r.


1630 Dec 16  Edward Rose al[ias] Mathews g[e]rga = regarding] Francis de Oakham

1630 Jan 26  W[illia]m Cramp for calling John Heath knave in the ch[urch]y[ar]d.
1631 ND  Procurations demanded of Mr Whitacre on behalf of the Hospital (St John's) at Oakham. He stated that he ought not to 
pay any procurations because the foundacon of the said hospital & ther statutes thereof expressed in an ancient record of two hundred & thirty years, and all since that there are no Archdeacon's procurations to be paid & that the said record appereth nowe sheune in Courte.

1631 Dec 2  Peachie Vicar g³ [erga = regarding] Henry Francis of Langham.


1632 Feb 12  Joh[n] Bayly's son hath begotten his father's maid Agnes Bell with child.


1633 Mar 6  Joh[n] Smith [against Hugh Green: caus[?] diff[?] pas[?] The goods of Simon Porter to be administered. Tho[mas]s Carryer & Anthony Brooksby are guardians of the goods to be reckoned. [p.18]

1633 Mar 8  John Hanson of Gunthorpe g³ [erga = regarding] Eizabethe Tester: slander.


1634 Apr 27  John Smith g³ [erga = regarding] Hugh Green of Oakham: slander.

1634 Apr 27  Anna Willmore of Barlithorpe for giving ill words to the churchwarden: (also see Brooke same date)


1634 Oct 2  The goods of Susannah Poster administered. Inventory of Goods of Tobias Wytherall [?] to be made: & Oct: Oct 30. [p.16]

1635 May 5  Elizabethe Garner for incontinency with several, before marriage.

1635 June 3  Tho[mas] Sewyle et ux[or] [and wife] to certify about attending church. Joh[n] fffoster for going from our parish ch[urch] upon divers Sundays to Burley.
1635 June 25 Par[ish] clerk not attested of by the K[ing]. [?] [p.14]

1635 July 8 Edward Adams for saying he lay with Anne Ector the wife of W[illia]m Ector. Anne Ector sim[i]larly.

1635 Dec 1 See Egleton

1635 Jan 27 A[braha]m [?] son of Luke Ryall for missing from Catachism after he was called.


1636 May 5 [Note in margin: Gunthorpe] Humphrey ffletcher for denying to pay the last assessment to the ch[urch] 5 May '36. [Same date?:] William Waltham for not receiving the Blessed Sacrament last Easter neither can he give testimony or bring proof that ever he received it.

1636 May 12 John Willson for giving ill words to a sidesman gathering of a Breife [?] [p.23]


1636 Aug 31 (?) W[illia]m Mowbray for absenting himself from divine service Wednesdays Fridays & Holidays: to certify that he attends church (Aug 31). [Same date?:] John Browne of Barlithorpe for coming late to church, for #e#nt ['unreverent' intended?] carriage being present, not rising at Deo Gloria Patri &not doing lowly reverence at the blessed name of the Lord Jesus used in divine service. [p.14]

1636 Oct 27 W[illia]m commonly called Nud, a milker: for being at the Alehouse in time of divine service & giving ill words to the churchwardens in the execution of their office. Henry Fyn [?] of Hambledon for being at the Ale House in the time of divine service. Widow Laxton for entertaining them.

1636 Jan 12 Edward Redmile did strike Thom[as] Smith in the Church and give him ill words.

1636 Jan 26 Edward Redmile did strike Tom Smith in the church & did give him evill words. (& Jan 12). Wardens. The church bible is somewhat defective (& Feb 11). EDward R[edmile] admits he did put his foot forth with an intent to throw the s[ai]d Smith downe in the Church. Wardens state that their Church Bible is somewhat defective.


1636 Feb 15 Faculty granted to Jane Wayle ux[or] [wife] of Peter Wayle & to Johanna Charnock ux[or] [wife] of Rob[er]t Ch[arnock] for a sedile sine scamnum [a seat without a bench, i.e an unreserved seat] [p.22] in the Par[ish] Ch[urch] as recommended by Jo[hannes] Peachey et [&] Cur[ate] of O[akham].
1636 Feb 16   Edward Maulson's will to be proved. Ana Dewsbury **non comp** [possibly non compos mentis, i.e. insane]\[16\]


1637 Apr 26   Goods of Edw[ard] Maulson to be administered.

1637 May 25   Anne Dewsbury owed 17d fee.

1637 Nov 2    Tho[maj]s Kellenby being absent fr[om] ch[urch].


1638 Apr 24   Anthony Bellamy coming to the Comm[union] & neglecting to receive the same in due order.


1638 June 9    Tho[maj]s Crampe do attempt the chastity of W[illia]m Crampe's wife of O[akham].

1638 June 19   There is a publike fame in O[akham] that Thoms Crampe did attempt the chastity of W[illia]m Crampe's wife of O[akham].

1638 July 5    Jane Pickeringe not certifying pen[ance].

1638 July 19   Abraham Pitts not certifying pen[ance].


1638 Dec 4    John Owen winnowed corn on St Simon & Jude's day in prayer time.


1640 Dec 17   Rich[ard] Wade hath begot his father's maidservant with child. The same man hath begot one Wing's [?] daughter of Hambledon with child.
Jan 8  
Will[iam] Ffowler & his wife - married at Stow without banns or license.

1641  
May 11  
Tho[mas] Sidey for non payment of his levy 1s in the yeae 1639.

1642  
Aug 4  
Janes Stackhouse, clerke: sep[ultus] [buried]. (H[ead] M[aster] of school)

1643  
Oct 8  
Mr William Peachie, Vicar sep[ultus] [buried] - monument.

1645  
ND  
Abraham Wright A[rtium] M[agister] [i.e. Master of Arts] born in London, educ[ated] at the Mercers' Chapel School, & at Merchant Taylors' School, & then sent to St. John's Coll[lege] Oxford of which he became a Fellow. He was a good preacher & in 1645 was presented by W[illia]m Juxon B[isho]p of London to the Vicarage of Oakham, and instituted thereto but not inducted so as to avoid taking the Covenant. Whereupon Benjamin King was intruded, and Abrah[am] Wright went to London where he lived a retired life until 1648 when he went to the house of S[i]r Geo[rr]aham Graham in Surrey: he used to read Prayers on Sundays & Holydays & Feasts and administered the sacraments. In 1655 he went back to London as Min[ister] of St. Olave Silver St[reet] and received the profits without taking any engagement. He baptised, buried & administered the sacraments without causing any trouble. About 1659 he was obliged to leave, and was appointed Chaplain to the Q[ueen] of Bohemia: he however retired to Oakham in 1660 and died in 1690 very aged.

1645  
ND  
Quidam Abraham Wright aule Catharine admin in matric Academ Cantab 3 July 1628 et AB 1631 AM 1635. [Abraham Wright matriculated at Catharine Hall Cambridge 3 July 1628, obtained his Bachelor of Arts in 1631 and Master of Arts 1635.]

1646  
Feb 28  
Mr Richard Swanne, clerke sep[ultus] [buried]. (H[ead] M[aster] of school)

1660  
ND  

1661  
Aug 2  
Mr Michael ffrere sep[ultus] [buried]. (H[ead] M[aster] of school)

1662  
ND  
Calamy & Palmer [The] Nonconformist's memo[rial] Benjamin King was in 1642 lecturer at Dunstable, Beds: then on 14 July he was at Hitchin, Herts (his d[aughte]r Susannah was baptised there, July, 1644: & a son William in 1646): then at Flamstead, Herts, & next at Okeham. He came to O[akham] about 1647 & resigned 20 Aug[ust] 1660 & retired to Lessingham, Norwich (? In what capacity). He was of great worth & very bold, a Boanerges ['son of thunder', i.e. a fiery preacher]. His d[aughte]rs (two) married W[illia]m Alsop & Robert Ekins [both ministers].

1662  
ND  
Curacy of Egleton, vacant.

1662  
ND  
B[isho]p's visit) Wright V[icar] comp et exct #am predic & Instit &c. dns Cour substituit M## Wright simul inter ceteros subst & surrog suis[?] & &psente[?] me[?] R. Rowell Not Publis[ished] [In connection with the Commonwealth, Wright was instituted but not inducted; how Rowell fitted in I am unsure. It might be of interest to try to get to the bottom of these abbreviations] [p.18] Licence issued to John Lowe A[rtium] M[agister] [i.e. Master of Arts] to teach in sch[ool] at O[akham] [John Lowe or Love had studied at St. John's, Cambridge, having been educated in Grantham along with Isaac Newton; he
graduated from Cambridge in 1659, became Usher at Oakham immediately, and took over as headmaster on the death of Richard Watts, the same year that he took his MA degree. During the first decade of his headmastership thirty boys (two of them his own sons) went up to Cambridge and it is apparent that the vast majority of the pupils were from in and around Oakham. Even so, boarders were attracted from Leicestershire and Lincolnshire, and John Love remains the longest serving headmaster of Oakham School (1662-1702).

1671 Dec 3 Mr Thomas Sumpter Usher of ye ffree school.


1687 June 5 Hugh Ashton & Ja[me]s Oliver, wardens g’ [erga = regarding] John ffavill, gen[tleman] in ca. Ralie [?] [p.16]


Farewell, poor world, I must be gone
   Thou art no home, no rest for me
I’ll take my staff and travel on
   Till I a better world may see.

Press on, my soul, press on with speed
   Tho’ the way be long, the end so near
Once more, poor world, farewell indeed
   I would be hence, I’ve naught to fear.


1754 circ[a] ND The Patrons of the Vicarage are Thomas E of Malton, Edward Finch, and Roger Mostyn. [p.13]

1760  Aug 28 The Rev[erend] Mr Bartin Burton Cur[ate at O[akham]
Thomas Thickpennye was Vicar of Oakham from 1565 to 1596 on presentat of Edmund Grindal Bishop of London. He had ordained as a non gr [graduate] Nicholas Bullingham (1511-1576) Bishop of Lincoln in 1560, and is described as "paedagogus" before his ordination. He was Curate of North Luffenham from bef 1562 - 65 and very likely was Master of the School there.

One of his first acts was to apply to the Exchequer Court for a reduction in the amount payable as tenths and first fruits. It was pointed out that when the Liber Regis was issued the income of the vicarage was estimated at £48-16-8 on which the tenths amounted to £4-17-8.

Thomas Thickpennye appealed in person and declaimed at the iniquity of the Royal Tax Collector who sought to recover from him the same amount as in days gone by: the payments made by the merchants of the staple of Calais had fallen either because they were poorer or that since Calais was lost to England they went there less often than before: the Vicar who had to pay £17 a year stipends to Egleton, Langham, and Brooke: offerings made in pilgrimages to the un##e of St Mary at the well of St Michael the Archangel and several others had altogether ceased. So a Commute was approved made up of 6 local magistrates, who in turn examined 12 witnesses and as a result the income of Oakham Vicarage was declared to be made up of a Mansion House, Orchard, Cottage and Glebe at Oakham nothing elsewhere.

Tithe on wool and lambs, white tithes at Easter (on Kine, calves, foals bees wax honey waxshot sheepskins and hay silver), Offerings four times a year, tithes on pigs, geese, eggs chickens and fruit, Rent # ####### on Knosten Rectory: similar payments from Langham, Egleton and Brooke. The whole amount receivable being £52-19-8. The amount payable to stipend ####### at the 3 chapels is £30 (namely £12 for Langham, £9-10- for Egleton, and £8-10- for Brooke). The Vicar cannot serve any of these and # turn out of ####### every one of the foresaid ####### and churches have ever had a sufficient ####### ############ with # a service at each of the said towns at uprising and downlying? Besides this 16s-8d is due for ####### so that only £22-3- is left to the Vicar. The result was that the Vicar was told to pay £8 each in future to each of his chaplains leaving him with £23-3-0 on which tenths should be paid and that he should pay £25-6-8 as first fruits.