

[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.]

1076 circa	ND	<i>Flete, The Hist[ory of] West[minster] Abb[ey] p.103: Dover f.604 [p.98, in the CUP edition of 1909, referring to the Domesday Book] The churches of O[akham] & Hambledon bequeathed to the infirmary of Westminster Abbey</i>
1219	Aug 18	<i>P[atent] R[olls] Letters pat[ent] dated at O[akham].</i>
1224 circa	ND	<i>Flete, [The History of Westminster Abbey] p.98: Dover f.294b [p.103, in the CUP edition of 1909] Ric[hard] Berkyng, Abb[ot] of W[estminster] imparted estates to the general use of the Convent i.e. property at O[akham] & Thorp</i>
1229	ND	<i>Close Roll[s] Assizes held at O[akham] on the morrow (crastino) of St Hilary.</i>
1229	Nov 19	<i>Rot[elandiae] Charter Rolls 165 [Calendar of the Charter Rolls, H.M.S.O., Vol.I, 1903, p.103] Ch[urch] of All S[ain]ts O[akham] granted immunities: Gilbert Marchall, rector. Grant to the ch[urch] of All S[aints] Ocham at the petition of Gilbert Marshall of certain immunities. All tenants of the s[ai]d ch[urch] & of the chapels belonging to be quit of suits (of shires) & hundreds & aids of sherrifs bailiffs & their servants pursuant to a charter of Reg [King] John</i>
1229	Dec 12	<i>Cl[ose] R[olls] Letters Close dated at O[akham]</i>
1230	ND	<i>Close Roll m8 Gilbertus Marescallus was brother of W[illia]m earl Marshall.</i>
1231	ND	<i>Rol[ls] [of] Hug[o] 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]</i>
1235	ND	<i>Cl[ose] R[olls] Isabella widow of Peter fil [son of] Herbert held the manor of O[akham] with its purtenancies</i>
1238	June 24	<i>P[atent] R[olls] Persons in the gaol at Luffenham to be brought before the Justices</i>
1242	ND	<i>Cl[ose] R[olls] Iabella de Mortuo Mari held the manor of O[akham]</i>

ND [after 1243] ND		<i>Fearl [?] & Moscow [?][In fact: Pierce & Mahoney: First Report of the Royal Commission on Market Rights and Tolls, containing the first report of the commissioners ... on Charters and Records relating to the history of Fairs and Markets in the United Kingdom, Vol. 1, HMSO, 1889] Weekly markets on Mond[ay] & Sat[urday]. Annual Fairs on Vigil of Decoll[ation] [Beheading] of St. John & on Vigil of the Invention of the Cross. [The right to hold markets and the annual fair was granted by Henry III in 1243, according to Wright, J.: The history and antiquities of the county of Rutland, 1684]</i>
1244	Aug 30	<i>Cl[ose] R[olls] Letters Close dated at O[akham]</i>
1252	May 31	<i>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 Mortuo Mari - to be held to be held by the said earl and his heirs by his wife Sanchia d[oughte]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 = £10.106^s.5^d [sic]</i>
1252	Aug 7	<i>Charter R[olls] Church of Oakham, Lincoln diocese, attached to the abbey of Westminster by royal charter.</i>
1252	Jan17	<i>P[atent] R[olls] Letters pat[ent] dated at O[akham].</i>
1255	July 15	<i>P[atent] R[olls] Sim[ilar]ly [i.e. Letters patent dated at Oakham.]</i>
1258	Sep 1	<i>P[atent] R[olls] Sim[ilar]ly [i.e. Letters pat[ent] dat[ed] at O[akham]</i>
1263	Oct 23	<i>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]</i>
1268	Oct 3	<i>P[atent] R[olls] Letters patent dated at Oakham.</i>
1272	Apr ND	<i>P[atent] R[olls] The b[isho]p of Coventry & Lichfield to take charge of O[akham] castle, late of Rich[ard] k[in]g of Almain now dead, & keep it till further order</i>
1272	May 1	<i>P[atent] R[olls] Roger b[isho]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</i>
1274	Feb 14	<i>Cl[ose] R[olls] Ric[hard] fil [son of] Roger of Whissendine & Tho[ma]s his brother imprisoned at O[akham] for the death of Rich[ard] Gordele whereof they are charged have Letters Close to get bail. Richard le Duk of Whissendine imprisoned at O[akham] for the death of Tho[ma]s de Assewell has similar Letters.</i>
1274	Mar 22	<i>Cl[ose] R[olls] Hugh Crok of Empingham, Joh[n] fil [son of] Henr[y], & Simon Pakede sim[ilar]ly imprisoned for the death of W[illia]m fil [son of] Robert have similar Letters. [c.f. 14 Feb 1274]</i>
1275	June 8	<i>Cl[ose] R[olls] Nich[olas] de Franklon imprisoned at O[akham] for the death of Remige de Arundell has letters close to get bail</i>

- 1275 Jan 13 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Order for the park of Edmund earl of Cornwall at O[akham] to be delivered to the said earl.
- 1276 July 12 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Eruald le Monner of Rockyngham imprisoned at O[akham] for the death of Geoffrey Cete of Liddington has Letters Close to get bail
- 1277 Apr 28 *P[atent] R[olls]* 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 O[akham], hunted therein & maltreated his keeper & carried away dee[r]
- 1277 July 5 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Bartholomew de Luffenham imprisoned at O[akham] for the death of Ralph le Manner of Morkote has Letters Close to get bail.
- 1278 ND *Cl[ose] R[olls]* W[illia]m de Brehus released Gilbert de Clare earl of Gloucester & Hertford his right in the manor of O[akham] which formerly belonged to Ja[me]s Haunsard, late tenant, & which James his son & heir enfeoffed the earl thereof - concerning which W[illia]m brought an attaint against Ja[me]s & the earl.
- 1278 June 26 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* W[illia]m Kuyvet of Spalding imprisoned at O[akham] for the death of Henr[y] fil [son of] Joh[n], carpenter, has Letters Close to get bail.
- 1278 Feb 22 *P[atent] R[olls]* 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 O[akham] & carried away dee[r]
- 1279 Aug 21 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Letters Close dated at O[akham]
- 1279 Aug 22 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Letters Close dated at O[akham]
- 1279 Jan 23 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Roger fil [son of] Ralph de Bestan & Matilda d[oughte]r of Henry atte Greene imprisoned at O[akham] for the death of Walter de Westrine has Letters Close to procure bail.
- 1280 Dec 5 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Edmund earl of Cornwall states that Richard earl of Cornwall was granted O[akham] 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 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Adam fil [son of] Godfrey of South Luffenham & Robert his brother who are in O[akham] gaol for the death of Matilda de Twyford have Letters close to get bail.
- 1286 Apr 28 *P[atent] R[olls]* Commission to R Luveday & N le Gras to deliver the gaol at O[akham] of W[illia]m fil [son of] W[illia]m Wolvyll 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

- 1286 July 24 *P[atent] R[olls]* A similar Commission [to that of 28 April 1286] to four (including N le Gras) [the others, according to the Calendar, being John Sampson, Robert de Sculthorp and Robert de Paunton]
- 1288 May 1 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* The Forest pleas held at O[akham]
- 1290 May 4 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Nicholas de Weston, clerk, charged with robbery & the murder of the vicar of Hemingford so he was brought before the justices at O[akham]: he was handed to the b[isho]p of Lincoln & purged his murder before b[isho]p Oliver (Sutton) and is now to have his property back.
- 1293 June 11 *P[atent] R[olls]* W[illia]m de Harecurt pardoned for a trespass in Rutland forest if he surrender within 40 days at O[akham]
- 1295 Oct 16 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Tho[ma]s de Boklond in prison at O[akham] for abetting W[illia]m de Clerk & others to charge Ralph de Bellafago with the death of Stephen Stute [?] (of which he was convicted) - The case ordered to be heard.
- 1296 Sep 18 *P[atent] R[olls]* Margery widow of W[illia]m de Ros [The Calendar has 'de Rus'], for the death of her husband, implead[s:] John de Nevill, W[illia]m de Nevill, Maurice de Neville, Tho[ma]s Leuk, John Pyk of Morcot, Roger le personnes knave of S[outh] L[uffenham], Rob[er]t Halloware, Hugh son of Adam Abovetun, Hugh Thurbern, Rich[ard] fil [son of] Walter, Rich[ard] de Hameldon of N[orth] L[uffenham], Geo[rge] fil [son of] W[illia]m, Robert Bere, Rich[ard] fil [son of] Reginald Toky, W[illia]m fil [son of] Sarra, Peter le Tailleur, Ingaldus de Kyrkeby, W[illia]m fil [son of] Nicholas de Hamslope of Berewedon, Walter his brother, Joh[n] Dod of Pilton, Peter le Fuller [The Calendar has 'Fulur'], Robert Faucone of S[outh] L[uffenham], Henry fil [son of] Alice Gurneys of Morcote, W[illia]m Cobbere, Hugh Russell of Casterton
- 1301 Feb 12 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Order to deliver O[akham] castle &c worth £112 - 18 - 11 a year to Margaret widow of Edmund earl of Cornwall
- 1301 Mar 9 *P[atent] R[olls]* Commission of Oyer & Terminer [a Law French name meaning to hear and determine] to try by jury the persons who entered the park of O[akham] when it was in the k[in]g's hands after the death of Edmund earl of Cornwall, hunted therein & carried away deer - the park is spoken of as being close to Cold Overton.
- 1301 June 26 *P[atent] R[olls]* The same Commission [as on 9 March 1301] enlarged
- 1303 Dec 10 *P[atent] R[olls]* Pardon for service in Scotland for Philip de Empingham for the death of Bartholomew Hert, Elena le Calewe, & Geoffrey de Arderne of his abjuration of the realm & for breaking the prison at O[akham]
- 1312 Sep 20 *P[atent] R[olls]* Grant (dated 16 Sept[ember]) to Margaret late wife of Peter de Gaveston earl of Cornwall, of O[akham] castle & its purtenances: the sheriff of Rutland to deliver the rolls &c to her
- 1312 Oct 7 *P[atent] R[olls]* This grant confermed [refers to 20 September 1312]
- 1313 ND *Gaol Deliv[ery] Roll 58* Mabilla de Broke - Alice Tatyce [?] of O[akham] - 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 *P[atent] R[olls]* Commission to try Rob[er]t de Glaston, John de Glaston parson of the ch[urch] of Folkesworthe, Rich[ard] le Reyner, W[illia]m de Scolthorpe, & W[illia]m Denemay w[i]th others for an assault at N[orth] L[uffenham] on Anketine [?] de Martivale
- 1313 July 18 *P[atent] R[olls]* Commission to try Robert de Glaston, John de Glaston parson of the church of Folkesworthe, Rich[ard] le Reyner, W[illia]m de Scolthorpe, & W[illia]m Denemay & others for an assault on Anketinus de Mativalle (or Mortivalle) at N[orth] L[uffenham] [Irons has evidently consulted the Calendar for this entry and 'Mativalle (or Mortivalle)' is how it appears there]
- 1313 Mar 6 *P[atent] R[olls]* 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 Rob[er]t de Glaston at N[orth] L[uffenham]
- 1316 Oct 24 *P[atent] R[olls]* Commission to try Joan late wife of Ralph de Glenham W[illia]m de Murecote, M^r 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 *P[atent] R[olls]* The king grants his neice 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 *P[atent] R[olls]* Renewal of this grant [of 20 Dec 1316] to Margaret on her marriage to Hugh de Audele the younger.
- 1318 July 6 *Fine R[olls]* Commitment during pleasure to Gilbert de Holm of the castle of Oakham &c
- 1318 July 12 *Fine R[olls] 12 Edw[ard] II m16* [Version 1, p.36:-] Commitment during pleasure of the castle of O[akham] to Gilbert de Holm. [Version 2, p. 42:-] Gilbert de Holm app[oin]t[ed] to care of Rutl[an]d & Ok[ham] castle.
- 1318 July 23 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Gilbert de Holm, In charge of O[akham] 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 R[olls]* Gilbert de Holm ordered to deliver to Hugh de Audele the younger the castle of Oakham &c
- 1318 Dec 3 *P[atent] R[olls]* Comission to deal with a complaint by Hugh de Audele the younger touching the breach of his park at O[akham]
- 1319 July 20 *P[atent] R[olls]* Confirmation of the grant of O[akham] castle &c to Margaret as wife of Hugh de Audely the younger

- 1320 July 11 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Robert de Nodariis parson of Knoston imprisoned at O[akham] for trespass of vert in Rutland forest & under bail is to be tried at the next Forest pleas.
- 1321 May 8 *Fine R[olls] 14 Edw[ard] II m4* [Version 1, p. 36:-] Commitment during pleasure to John de Whittlebury of the county of Rutland, & the castle of O[akham] 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:-] *sim[ilarly]* [i.e. Oakham Castle & county of Rutland committed to care of] John de Whittlebury, late of Hug[o] Daudele jun[io]r
- 1321 May 24 *Fine R[olls] 14 Edw[ard] II m3* *sim[ilarly]* [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 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Ivo de Aldeburgh constable of O[akham] castle & sheriff of Rutland is ordered to raise £60 still due on account of Hugh Daudele's the younger tenancy.
- 1321 June 29 *P[atent] R[olls]* Commission to try Robert son of Isabella la Barkere, William Abovetheton, William Wayteschath [The Calendar has Waytescache] W[illia]m le Thorpe taillour, William Bene taillour of Luffenham with others for assaulting and carrying away the goods of Joh[n] Haclit, keeper of the Rutland forest at Liddington & his servants Tho[ma]s Michel, Joh[n] atte Dale, Rob[er]t de Wykerle & Rob[er]t Parker
- 1321 Aug 24 *P[atent] R[olls]* A similar commission issued [refers to 29 June 1321]
- 1321 Nov 5 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* 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 *P[atent] R[olls]* Commission to try Rob[er]t Bernard parson of the ch[urch] of Edith Weston, Tho[ma]s his brother & Joh[n] son of David de Burle of No[rth] Luffenham for assaulting Hugh de Altifago a monk at Edith Weston
- 1322 Apr 13 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* 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 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* 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 *P[atent] R[olls]* Grant during pleasure to Edmund earl of Kent the k[in]g's brother of O[akham] castle with its purtenances
- 1322 July 9 *P[atent] R[olls]* A similar grant [to that of 4 July 1322] (vacated)
- 1323 Apr 17 *Fine R[olls]* Presentation of Robert de Stanford to the ch[urch] of O[akham].
- 1323 Apr 17 *Pat[ent] Rol[ls]* Robert de Stanford pres[ented] to V[icarage] of Okh[am] by K[in]g - prob[ably] non[-]effective

- 1323 Apr 28 *P[atent] R[olls]* Letters patent dated at Oakham.
- 1323 Apr 28 *Fine R[olls]* Writ dated at O[akham]
- 1323 April 29 *P[atent] R[olls]* Letters patent dated at Oakham.
- 1323 Apr 29 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Letters Close dated at O[akham]
- 1325 Dec 8 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Joh[n] fil [son of] Rob[er]t Lovet of Neuton, in O[akham] gaol for the death of Walter de Wyght has Letters Close for him to get bail.
- 1326 Aug 17 *Fine R[olls]* 20 Edw[ard] II m11 Okh[am] Castle & county of R[utland] committed to Will[ia]m Howard. [There are slightly differing entries on pp. 36 and 42, as for 1321 May 8.]
- 1326 [June 8] *P[atent] R[olls]* Commission to try persons who entered the free warren & chaces of Ralph Basset of Drayton, at Okham while he was in Gascony on the k[in]g'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 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Edmund eral of Kent ordered to deliver O[akham] castle &c to the k[in]g's representative Robert de Stangrave: the late king granted O[akham] 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 *P[atent] R[olls]* Hugh Daudele the younger (who had forfeited his possessions for breaking he oath of fealty to the king) has his forfeiture annulled: so O[akham] castle is to be restored to him by by Edmund earl of Kent the k[in]g's brother
- 1331 Jan 12 *P[atent] R[olls]* 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 O[kham] castle &c the original letters patent having been stolen from him along with other muniments during the quarrel of Tho[ma]s late earl of Lancaster
- 1334 Apr 18 *P[atent] R[olls]* Exemplification, as above [see 12 Jan 1331]
- 1334 Feb 13 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Hugh de Audele & Margaret his wife hold O[akham] castle &c.: she was widow of Peter de Gavaston.
- 1335 May 26 See Hambledon s[ame] d[ate].
- 1335 Nov 16 *P[atent] R[olls]* Commission to try, on the accusation of Hugh Daudele, the man who broke his park at O[akham], hunted there, & carried away deer.
- 1336 July 1 *P[atent] R[olls]* Commission to try the men who came into the presence of the Commissioners of the Peace at O[akham] with an armed force & prevented their inquiries.

- 1337 May 22 *P[ate]nt R[olls]* Letters patent dated at O[akham]
- 1337 Mar 17 *P[ate]nt R[olls]* Grant of O[akham] castle for life to Hugh Daudle & his wife.
- 1337 Mar 18 *Chart[er] R[olls] 11 Edw[ard] III m24* [Version 1, p.36:-] Remainder of the castle & manor of Oakham co[unty] Rutland granted to W[illia]m 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, E[arl] of Northampton on the death of Hugh Daudele E[arl] of Gloucester and Margaret his wife.
- 1337 Mar 19 *P[ate]nt R[olls]* Grant to W[illia]m de Bohun, earl of Northampton,
- 1338 June 20 *P[ate]nt R[olls]* Mandate to Hugh Daudle earl of Gloucester & Margaret his wife tenants for life of O[akham] castle:- revenue granted to W[illia]m de Bohun
- 1339 June 20 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Brother Hugh Michel Master of the Hospital of Burton St Lazarus & in prison in O[akham] castle for vert & venison has a writ to procure bail.
- 1339 Oct 24 Joh[an]nes le French, *presb[iter]* [priest] presented by Hugo [Hugh] de Audele to the chapelry of Okeham (castle) vacant by the resignation of Simon de Keilmarsh.
- 1340 ND *Iqu[isitions] Misc[ellaneous] Chanc[ery] 1703 File 139(20)* Thurs a[fter] Palm Sunday The advowsons of North Luffenham (£40 pa) Manton (£10 pa) & the Free Chap[el] in O[akham] 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 & are likewise called the manor of Okham.
- 1340 Apr 18 *P[ate]nt R[olls]* The same [i.e. that of 20 June 1338] repeated
- 1340 Dec 15 *Chart[er] R[olls] 14 Edw[ard] 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 - 11¼ 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 *P[ate]nt R[olls]* Writ *de intendendo* [of intent] issued to Hugh Audley & Margaret his wife aboiut the castle & manor of O[akham] now granted to W[illia]m de Bohun
- 1345 Nov 27 *P[ate]nt R[olls]*] Letters patent dated at O[akham].
- 1345 Nov 28 *P[ate]nt R[olls]* Letters patent dated at O[akham].

1345	Nov 28	<i>Fine R[olls]</i> Writ dated at O[akham]
1345	Nov 28	<i>Cl[ose] R[olls]</i> Letters Close dated at O[akham]
1345	Nov 29	<i>Cl[ose] R[olls]</i> Letters Close dated at O[akham]
1345	Nov 29	<i>P[atent] R[olls]</i> Letters patent dated at O[akham]
1346	Apr 23	<i>P[atent] R[oll] 50 Ed[ard] 3 P[ar]t 1 m26</i> Tho[ma]s son of Rob[er]t 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	<i>Cl[ose] R[olls]</i> Order to deliver to W[illia]m de Bohun, earl of Northampton, O[akham] castle &c. now worth £293 - 17s - 6½d for 1 k[nigh]t's fee in satisfaction of £1000 which the k[in]g promised him, the earl of Goucester & Margaret being both dead: they are to do homage by Christmas.
1348	Apr 19	<i>Cl[ose] R[olls]</i> The last named order [of 26 Nov 1347] recited again.
1349	Apr 2	<i>P[atent] R[olls]</i> 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 cemetery 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.
1349	June 15	<i>Cl[ose] R[olls]</i> Order to pay - regarding O[akham] castle & manor - again recited [See 26. Nov 1347]
1349	Aug 23	<i>P[atent] R[olls]</i> Joh[n] Saynesbury presented by the k[in]g to the V[icar] of O[akham].
1350	Mar 27	<i>Cl[ose] R[olls]</i> Order again recited [See 26 Nov 1347]
1352	Apr 7	<i>Cl[ose] R[olls]</i> Order again recited [See 26 Nov 1347]
1354	Apr 15	<i>Cl[ose] R[olls]</i> Order again recited [See 26 Nov 1347]
1358	Apr 8	<i>Cl[ose] R[olls]</i> Order again recited [See 26 Nov 1347]
[1360]	ND	<i>Gaol Delivery Roll 146 P[ublic] R[ecord] O[ffice]</i> Henr[y] Milner servant of Joh[n] de Lye on Mond[ay] after St Matt[hew] 33Edw[ard] 3 slew Will[iam] Ffadir kyn at Okham: Will[iam] assaulted Henr[y]. Henr[y] ran away from Will[iam] in the direction of the mill at Okham. Will[iam] took a short cut in pursuit: met Henr[y] and felled him to the ground with a stick: then Henr[y] seeing no way out of his dangerous position, struck Will[iam] once only in the breast with a certain knife called a Thwytch, whereof he died. The jury decide that Henr[y] had no other way out [of] his difficulty. Henr[y] is therefore replaced in custody to await the pleasure of the king.

- 1360 Apr 16 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Order again recited (1360 - 4 last) [See 26 Nov 1347]
- 1360 June 4 *P[atent] R[olls]* Robert Crowe of Whissendine was brought before the justices at O[akham] castle for killing Joh[n] de Witlesbury, k[nigh]t, 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 *P[atent] R[olls]* Rob[er]t de Hedingham, pres[ented] by K[in]g to Free Chapel in O[akham] Castle as warden of W[illia]m Bohun, on resig[nation] of John de Codyngton, who goes to Hastings in exchange - he [Robert de Hedyngham] was a Preb[endary] of the Free Chapel, Hastings and was succeeded [at Oakham] in 1362 by Nicholas de Stoke (pres[ented] 6 Oct[ober]), when R[obert] de H[edingham] resigned. [This combines three of Irons's entries]
- 1361 Oct 21 *P[atent] R[olls]* Mandate the constable of O[akham] castle to admit R[obert] de H[edyngham].
- 1361 Jan 2 *P[atent] R[olls]* Presentation of Joh[n] de Codyngton to the free Chapel of O[akham] castle during the minority of W[illia]m de Bohun, - the constable is to induct him.
- 1362 Oct 6 *P[atent] R[olls]* Presentation of Nicholas de Stoke to the chapel of O[akham] 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 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Order again recited [See 26 Nov 1347]
- 1371 circa ND Willia[m] Flore of O[akham] [married] Ellen Le West Carregate. [They had a son] John.
- 1373 Apr 30 *Gaol Del[ivery] Roll P[ublic] R[ecord] O[ffice]* Joh[n] Bokelarplayer on Mond[ay] bef[ore] Ascens[ion] 47 Edw[ard] 3 charged with slaying Joh[n] Swardslypere of Dowitheburgh (? Krightburgh) [p6] at O[akham]. Joh[n] S[wardslypere] assaulted Joh[n] Bokelarplayer & drove him into the castle ditch at O[akham], where he could get no further & so has to defend himself. Joh[n] Bokelarplayer gave Joh[n] Swardslypere a single blow on the head with a sword which he had & so Joh[n] Swardslypere died. Joh[n] Bokelarplayer threw himself on the king's clemency, his chattels were worth 8d for which John[n] de wappelode is responsible & a pardon is issued to in Joh[n] Bokelarplayer due course. [Irons has put a circled '1' and the letter 'h', for some reason before the word 'wappelode']
- 1373 June 7 *P[atent] R[olls]* 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 Flyterys Park is to be enclosed with palings & W[illia]m Flore of Oakham is to be the serveyor.
- 1373 June 12 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* 47 Edw[ard] III 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 *P[ate]nt R[olls] W[illia]m Flore, with his wife Ellen, confirmed in leave for a sollar [an upper room] built over 'le Westbarregate' O[akham]: the leave was granted by Simon Warde k[in]g's steward at O[akham] in full Court on the Wednesday after St Mark the Evang[elist] last.*
- 1373 Oct 24 *P[ate]nt R[olls] The above work [as detailed under 7 June 1373] is to be carried out by Joh[n] de Multon of Manton & Joh[n] atte Hyde of Egelton.*
- 1373 Dec 3 *P[ate]nt R[olls] W[illia]m de Gambon appointed keeper of the park at Fliterys at O[akham]: & of the k[in]g's warren there at a rate if 3d a day in lieu of all profits surrendered.*
- 1374 Apr 8 *Cl[ose] R[olls] Simon Warde, keeper of O[akham] castle ordered to pay Joh[n] de Multon of Manton & Joh[n] atte Hyde of Egilton 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 W[illia]m Flore of O[akham] k[in]g's controller there.*
- 1374 May 10 Joan widow of Humfrey de Bohun &c. to have the advowson of N[orth] Luffenham.
- 1375 Aug 31 *Cl[ose] R[olls] Letters Close dated at O[akham]*
- 1375 Oct 15 *G[ao]l D[eliv]ery R[oll] 160 P[ub]lic R[ecord] O[ff]ice On Mond[ay] a[fter] St Denis 50 Edw[ard] 3. Frier Joh[n] de Ocham brother of the Order of Augustinians, Stamford, charged that on Friday next before (?after) the Nativity of the Virgin Mary 50 Edw[ard] 3 he broke into the house of Hew, vicar of Gretham at Gretham & stole 2 gownes with 13s 4d, one baselard worth 6d, one pouche 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 Joh[n] reads like a clerke yet no one from the Ordinary appears in court to claim him. A jury which is empanelled say that brother Joh[n] 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 Yermuth on Sunday within the octave of the Fest[ival] of the Nat[ivity] of [the] B[lessed] V[irgin] M[ary] sheltered the said John at Ketton.*
- 1376 Dec 1 *Cl[ose] R[olls] Joh[n] Rukwyke constable of O[akham] castle to receive 3d a day for wages sin ce Michaelmas last: he was made constable on 3 Nov last., being chamberlain of Roger de Bellocampo, in succession to W[illia]m de Whappelode.*
- 1377 circ[a] *P[ub]lic R[ecord] O[ff]ice. Gao]l Deliv[ery] Roll 177 fol[i]o 104 Exchequer ##### the Castle of O[akham] (County Placi#: Chauc: Rut 5: 1Rii)*
- 1378 circa ND *Flete, [The History of Westminster Abbey] pp.106, 135, 136 Nicholas Lytlington remitted 10 marks from the Rectory of O[akham] for effecting repairs of vessels & plate for the refectory.*
- 1378 May 9 *Sam[uel] Bentley[:] Chartulary of Westminster ff. 85, 90d & 100d [Abstract of Charters and other documents contained in a cartulary of the Abbey of St. Peter, Westminster, in the possession of S. Bentley, privately printed, London, 1836, available I the british Library] Nicholaus A & the C[onvent] of Westminster agree that 10 marks paid by the Convent for the upkeep*

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 *C[lose] R[olls]* Letters Close dated at O[akham]
- 1378 Aug 29 *P[atent] R[olls]* Letters pat[ent] dated at O[akham] castle.
- 1378 Mar 9 *P[atent] R[olls]* Joh[n] Rukwyk chamberlain of Sir Roger de beauchamp, k[nigh]t by letter patent dated 3 Nov 50 Edw[ard] III appointed constable of O[akham] castle in succession to W[illia]m de Whappelode appointed 1 Nov Edw[ard] III 50 who resigned his interest therein.
- 1378 Mar 17 *P[atent] R[olls]* W[illia]m Gambon one of the yeomen of Edward the late k[in]g's chamber receives letters patent dated 7 Oct 50 Edw[ard] III of the custody of Flyterys Park at O[akham] with warren there. On 10 Feb 8 Rich[ard] II this was surrendered with his consent & custody of the park &c given to John Sleghe the k[in]g's butler.
- 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.
- 1379 Oct 26 *P[atent] R[olls]* Joh[n] Roukkeryle, constable of O[akham] castle was pardoned - for John de Merton of O[akham] an Augustinian friar & Henry atte Well of Ashwell detained there for felony, some evil disposed persons broke into the castle & took them for sanctuary to the parish church of O[akham]. W[illia]m Chamberlain subconstable of the castle was pardoned at the same time.
- 1379 Mar 10 *P[atent] R[olls]* O[akham] c[ast]le taken into the k[in]g's hands after Edw[ard] III's death & committed to John lord de Nevill for life, £100 a y[ea]r being granted therefrom to Richard Stury for life from the famr of O[akham] castle in lieu of other grants previously received.
- 1380 c[irca] ND Johannes de Searle V[icar] of O[akham]. Will Loulb [?] Arcund [?] 200L [£200] (contains no reference to O[akham]) [p.45]
- 1380 June 6 *C[lose] R[olls]* Roger Ambaston of Athelokeston in prison at O[akham] for vert & venison to receive Letters Close for getting bail.

- 1380 July 10 *P[atent] R[olls]* John Basyngge, k[nigh]t sheriff of Rutland, W[illia]m de Burgh, & W[illia]m Flore to survey the defects in the walls door & windows of O[akham] castle & to inquire who are bound to repair them.
- 1380 Oct 22 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Letters Close dated at O[akham]
- 1380 Oct 26 *P[atent] R[olls]* Letters pat[ent] dated at O[akham] castle.
- 1380 Oct 31 *P[atent] R[olls]* Letters pat[ent] dated at O[akham] castle.
- 1380 Nov 2 *P[atent] R[olls]* Letters pat[ent] dated at O[akham] castle.
- 1380 Feb 6 *Cl[ose] R[olls]* Rich[ard] Stury to be paid £100 a year out of the revenues of O[akham], & the arrears since 10 March last in consideration of his services: provided for by the late k[in]g on 6 Oct 50 Edw[ard] III.
- 1380 Mar 13 *P[atent] R[olls]* The sum of £100 a year from the castle & manor of O[akham] was granted to Tho[ma]s de Holland, the k[in]g's brother, from 21 Fenruary last. A mandate in pursuance thereof was signed to the keeper of O[akham] castle.
- 1381 ND Rob[er]t Russell de Amaigue charged at the suit of Ric[hard] Hewet of Hloewell for stealing 1 horse worth 3s at Okham on Wed[nesday] before the decoll[ation] [beheading] of St Joh[n] Bapt[ist] 5 Ric[ard] 2. Will[iam] Smyth of O[akham] & Joh[n] Osulweston of O[akham] were also called. Ric[hard] says that Rob[er]t stole his horse The jury found Rob[er]t guilty of felony, so he is condemned to be hanged. He has no chattels, & Ric[hard] is to recover his property.
- 1381 June 6 *P[atent] R[olls]* Tho[ma]s de Holand finds he canot get more than £50 a year out of the manor of O[akham] so the remainder due to himis provided elsewhere
- 1381 Feb 8 *P[atent] R[olls]* Pardon for all escapes of felons issued to W[illia]m Chamberlyn of O[akham] supplying the place of Joh[n] Rukwyk constable of O[akham] castle.
- 1382 Oct 24 *P[atent] R[olls]* Ralph Porter of Eltham made constable of O[akham] castle with fees & profits receiving 3d a day wages out of the manor.
- 1382 Oct 26 *P[atent] R[olls]* W[illia]m Sharp, tyler, who receives a writ of aid, is appointed to take timber & labourers as well as tiles & slates for work at O[akham] castle, receiving 4d a day for his wages.
- 1384 ND *G[aol] D[elivery] R[oll] P[ublic] R[ecord] O[ffice]* Adam de Grantham on Frid[ay] after Purif[ication] of [the] B[lessed] Virgin M[ary] 18 Ric[hard] 2 charged with killing W[illia]m Crosseby, taillour of O[akham]. He pleaded the king's pardon, which was allowed.
- 1384 Jan 22 *P[atent] R[olls]* W[illia]m de Walton presented by the k[in]g to Thurcaston in exchange from the V[icar] of Oakham with Tho[ma]s de Neveton - in the k[in]g's gift.

- 1385 ND *Bills & ##s Exch[equr] K[ing's] R[emembrances] W[illia]m Pensax V[icar] of O[akham]:- Will. Abraham Wright, cl[erk], g^a [erga = regarding] Ja[me] Jordan: Tithes at O[akham] (No. 10 Rutl[and]). Abr[aham] Wright cl[erk] g^a [erga = regarding] H[enr]y [?] Lynne: Tithes at O[akham] (No. 11 Rutl[and]). Cou[?] Burton av[?] g^a [erga = regarding] Abr[aham] Wright cl[erk] ref[erence] ch[urch]y[ar]d at O[akham] (No. 12 Rutl[and]). Abr[aham] Wright g^a [erga = regarding] Cou[?] Burton: Tithes (No. 14 Rutl[and]). [p.23]*
- 1385 [May 4] *Lin[coln] Wills Buck 301 [Find in Gibbons: Early Lincoln Wills, 1888, p.65] Chap[el] of St Mary Okh[am] church. John Belgrave c[h]ap[lain] (Will of Wi[illia]m Pensax V[icar])*
- 1385 June 10 *Cl[ose] R[olls] Henry Chaundeler, king's serjeant, appointed chief bailiff of O[akham] 15 July 1384 - to give an account of his stewardship 10 June 1385 up to 24 May preceding when he resigned.*
- 1385 July 23 *P[atent] R[olls] Grant for life to the earl of Oxford, chamberlain of England, of O[akham] castle &c The same grant is repeated under the same date.*
- 1385 July 27 *P[atent] R[olls] Grant for life of O[akham] castle &c to Robert Yeer earl of Oxford chamberlain, - to him & his heirs make, if the k[ing] die without heirs.*
- 1387 Apr 7 *P[atent] R[olls] Ralph of the Hul on Thursday before St Luke, 8 Rich[ard] II acknowledged before the Coroner that he broke prison at O[akham] castle gaol & abjured the realm - he is pardoned by the k[ing].*
- 1388 Apr 26 *P[atent] R[olls] Grant d[uring] s[ubject's] g[ood] b[ehaviour] to Joh[n] Wittelbury as steward of the court castle manor & lordship of O[akham]*
- 1388 Sep 2 *P[atent] R[olls] W[illia]m Martyn presented to O[akham] castle chapel.*
- 1388 Nov 2 *P[atent] R[olls] Grant d[uring] s[ubject's] g[ood] b[ehaviour] to Joh[n] Calvely k[nigh]t as steward of O[akham] castle &c with the usual fee.*
- 1388 Nov 10 *P[atent] R[olls] Rich[ard] Oxenden & Rich[ard] Pylton of O[akham] allowed to cut down & fell timber to the value of £4 in 'Stacy quarter' of O[akham] park & with this money to repair the paling under the supervision of W[illia]m Flore.*
- 1388 Feb 19 *P[atent] R[olls] Grant d.s.b.g. d[uring] s[ubject's] g[ood] b[ehaviour] to Rich[ard] Rayle, a groom of the kitchen, to be porter of the castle & keeper of the gaol within O[akham] castle on condition that he resides in person.*
- 1389 Apr 29 *P[atent] R[olls] John Kirkeby, clerk of Chancery, granted the chapel in O[akham] castle*
- 1390 May 6 *P[atent] R[olls] The reversion of O[akham] castle &c granted to the k[ing's] uncle Tho[mas] 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, daughter of Humfrey de Bohun, should die without heir, the said £1000 should remain to him in fee tail. When any portion of this £1000 falls in, it is to be deducted from the £1000 a year.

- 1390 May 12 *P[ate]nt R[olls]* App[ointmen]t 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[ing] 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 *P[ate]nt R[olls]* Letters patent dated at O[akham] castle.
- 1390 Dec 12 *P[ate]nt R[olls]* Grant to Edward earl of Rutland, creation of 25 Feb last, - O[akham] castle &c is charged with payment to Joan widow of Humfrey de Bohun to the extent of £96 - 13 - 1, to Rich[ard] Stury, K[nigh]t to the extent of £100 by a grant of Edw[ard] III, to Joh[n] Kyrkeby, warden of the castle chapel 115s 9d for tithes & certain customs, to the prior of Broke 16s for tithe of mills and 10s for ancient tithes: the whole amount being £203 - 14 - 10.
- 1390 Feb 9 *P[ate]nt R[olls]* Willia[m] Floe, the k[ing]'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 (Bef[ore] Willia[m] Thy###g & Ric[hard] Sydenham on Tuesday in the 4th week of Lent 14 Ric[hard] 2) at Okh[am]. Andrew Croydon on Sund[ay] bef[ore] [the] f[ea]st [of the] Assumpt[ion] of the B[lessed] V[irgin] M[ary] 14 Ric[hard] 2 killed Rich[ard] sent of Joh[n] [de] Malton in Okh[am] mark[e]t place being br[ou]ght before John Keny coroner of our lord the K[ing] in Rutl[and], pleaded not guilty and a jury agreed with this plea. The jury found that it befell upon a day reproachful 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[ard] 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[ard] 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 Rutl[and]. 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[ate]nt 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 reufse him this allowance because they were united in one extent certified unto Chancery (vacated)

- 1391 Apr 12 *P[atent] R[olls]* The above allowance [of 27 March 1391] granted to Edward earl of Rutland
- 1393 Apr 15 *P[atent] R[olls]* 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
- 1394 Aug 8 *P[atent] R[olls]* Ratification to Tho[ma]s duke of Gloucester, the k[in]g's uncle, of the reversion of O[akham] castle &c after the death of Joan countess of Hereford Edmund, duke of York, & Edward earl of Rutland.
- 1395 ND *Gaol Deliv[ery] 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 Ric[hard] 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 goods & is therefore sent to gaol.
- 1397 Nov 8 *P[atent] R[olls]* ratification of the estate of Robert Stonham as V[icar] of Oakham.
- 1398 Sep 15 *P[atent] R[olls]* 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 *P[atent] R[olls]* W[illia]m Pernell indicted before the justices of the peace at O[akham] for stealing on the Thursday before Midsummer, 21 Ric[ard] II, a mare of value 5s of Tho[ma]s Bate of O[akham], is pardoned by the k[in]g.
- 1399 Oct 30 *P[atent] R[olls]* Ric[ard] Rayle granted the office of porter & gaoler of O[akham] castle & 3d a day (vacated)
- 1399 Nov 11 *P[atent] R[olls]* 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 *P[atent] R[olls]* 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].
- 1400 Feb 20 *P[atent] R[olls]* Confirmation of the grant, dated 15 Sept 15 Ric[ard] II, to Edw[ar]d duke of Albemarle of O[akham] castle
- 1401 Apr 22 *P[atent] R[olls]* Rob[er]t de Plesyngton being insane is placed under the guardianship of Isabel his wife, Ric[ard] de Hoghton, chivaler, Robert de Twyer, chivaler, Roger Floure of O[akham] & Joh[n] de Caverhall.
- 1401 July 8 *P[atent] R[olls]* 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 . 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d & £100 a year more after the death of Ric[ard] Stury.
- 1401 Jan 16 *P[atent] R[olls]* Ric[ard] Raly porter & gaoler of O[akham] castle allowed Tho[ma]s Piper & John Laborer, charged with felony, to escape from prison: he is pardoned by the k[in]g.

- 1403 Dec 5 *P[ate]nt R[olls]* W[illia]m Bridd & Walt[er] Symme the Gaol Delivery of O[akham] at Bradecroft has charged John Cole & Tho[ma]s 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 *P[ate]nt R[olls]* Nich[olas] Whichelove & Tho[ma]s Panier escaped from O[akham] gaol to the church: for which escape a pardon is issued to to Rich[ard] Raile, gaoler.
- 1405 [June 14] W[illia]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 *P[ate]nt R[olls]* Confirmation of Letters Patent of Edw[ar]d duke of Albemarle, earl of Rutland & high constable & admiral of England of the grant dated 1 October 21 Rich[ard] II of 40 marks annuity to his bachelor sir Tho[ma]s Burton from the revenues of O[akham] castle.
- 1405 Oct 17 *P[ate]nt R[olls]* Pardon to Rich[ard] Reylegh, of £10 due to the k[in]g for the escape of Rob[er]t Maynwaryn & Rob[er]t 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 *P[ate]nt R[olls]* Joh[n] Rose, W[illia]m Fil [son of] Robert & H[enr]y Corby escaped from O[akham] castle, before trial - fines to go to John the k[in]g'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 *P[ate]nt R[olls]* Rob[er]t Ermesby V[icar] of Oakham has his estate ratified.
- 1412 June 9 *P[ate]nt R[olls]* The same [i.e. the grant of 22 Feb 1412] repeated. Grant for life from 22 march 11 Hen[ry] IV of O[akham] castle &c to Edw[ar]d duke of York rendering yearly a rose at Midsummer for all services.
- 1412 Feb 22 *P[ate]nt R[olls]* Tho[ma]s Ednesiuere appointed [porter & gaoler of O[akham] with 3d a day in lieu of a grant to Rich[ard] Rayle.
- 1413 ND *Gaol Delivery Rolls No 58 Rot[elandiae]* [i.e. of Rutland] Thomas Bene de Okeham in com[itato] Roteland[iae] [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[re]s[ent]is 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 Thomas Bene &c [i.e. of Oakham] die Jovis px ante f# Pentecost au° zz[?] Henr[ry] V p[ri]mo [? before Pentecost in the first year of the reign of Henry V] Anabelliam filiam Rici [?] Doket apud Okeham felonice interfecit & manderavit [??? Anabelle daughter of Richard [?] Doket of Oakham] [p.18]
- 141[3] Jan 16 au° zz[?] Henr[ry] V p[ri]mo [Irons gives the year as 1412] Ecclesiam de Egilton 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 Joh[n] Cokulday of Est Norton, Leic[estershire], husbandman, charged by Tho[ma]s Bene of O[akham], skinner, approver that on Tuesday next before [the] Conv[ersion] of St. Paul 2 Hen[ry] 4 at Okham before W[illia]m Swafeld, coroner, on Mond[ay] next after St Ja[me]s Ap[ostle] 2 Hen[ry] 5, because Tho[ma]s Bene stole 2 horses of Joh[n] at Wode of Okham, mer[handise] worth 40s, & that Joh[n] Cokulday knowing that Tho[ma]s Bene had stolen the 2 horses secured them at Braunston on Mond[ay] next after St Lawence 2 Henry 5 and therefore charges him. - Joh[n] ate Wode of Oakham, mercer, charged by Tho[ma]s Bene, approver, on Tues[day] next bef[ore] [the] Conv[ersion] of St Paul before W[illia]m Swafeld, corner, because Tho[ma]s Bene on Mon[day] next after St Ja[me]s Ap[ostle] 2 Hen[ry] 5 stole 2 horses worth 40s from Joh[n] atte Wode of Okham, mercer, knowing of the theft, received 26s 8d of the value of the 2 horses as Theefbote (consideration on goods received from a thief with the object of favouring and maintaining him, for which the penalty was ransom & imprisonment): then on St Pet[er] 2 Hen[ry] 5 the Coroner refers the matter to the Judges of Assize at O[akham]. Joh[n] Cokulday & Joh[n] ate Wode accuse tho[ma]s bene in the 3rd week in Lent: Tho[ma]s Bene is asked whether he wishes to maintain his suit against Joh[n] Cokulday & Joh[n] atte Wode, or not: so the suit is suspended. On being questioned Joh[n] Cokulday says he is in no way guilty, with which the verdict of the jury agrees: he is therefore discharged, the following bearing witness to his good character:- Robert Camp of O[akham], Rob[er]t Berowe [?] of Burley, Ric[hard] Renton of O[akham], Joh[n] Turnor of O[akham].
- 141[4] July 30 Thomas Bene &c [i.e. of Oakham] die lune px post f[estem] s[an]ti Jacobi apli Henr[ry] 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. James, John Atwode of Oakham, 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 Thiefbook) [Irons gives that year as 1413]
- 141[4] Nov 12 Thomas Bene &c [i.e. of Oakham] die lune px ante f# Sti Mart Epi Henr[ry] 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 that year as 1413] [p.18]
- 1414 Dec 1 P[atent] R[olls] Grant to Edw[ar]d duke of York revoked: W[illia]m Burghchier & Anne his wife d[aughte]r of Tho[ma]s duke of Glocester receive it according to charters dated 12 June 13 Rich[ard] II & 16 Nov 14 Rich[ard] II & letters patent of 8 Aug 18 Rich[ard] II. - Edw[ar]d duke of York when summoned could say nothing against the arrangement.

1423	ND	See under Manton and Martinsthorpe.
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.]
1432	ND	<i>Ea#l Chanc[ery] Proc[edings] Bg No 222</i> Agnes late wife of Ralph Spencer of O[akham] vers[us] Joh[n] Sp[encer] bastard brother of the s[ai]d Ralph regarding lands in O[akham] & Barlithorpe.
1451	Feb 9	<i>P[atent] R[olls]</i> Tho[ma]s Floure of O[akham] 'gentilman' did not appear to answer the D[ean] & C[hapter] of Lincoln touching a debt of £30.
1460	Sep 19	<i>P[atent] R[olls]</i> Castle & Manor of O[akham] granted to Anne duchess of Buckingham, widow of Humfrey duke of B[uckingham] for life as dower. [Two entries combined]
1461	Apr 9	<i>P[atent] R[olls]</i> Confirmation of grant of O[akham] castle &c to Anne duchess of Buckingham.
1461	Feb 4	<i>P[atent] R[olls]</i> Castle & Manor of O[akham] granted to Anne duchess of Buckingham, widow of Humfrey duke of B[uckingham] for life as dower [See 1460 Sep 19]. Grant repeated - in lieu of of last grant.
1465	Oct 14	<i>P[atent] R[olls] 11 Ed 4 pt j m[embrane] 24 [in fact membrane 30]</i> Tho[ma]s Floure [the Calendar has 'Flore'] to recover 5 marks from Robert Jervas [the Calendar gives 'Jerves' as an alternative]
1471	ND	<i>P[atent] R[olls]</i> Th[omas] Floure of OK[eham] esq & Rob[er]t Edmond of Empingham
1471	July 13	<i>P[atent] R[olls]</i> Thomas Floure of O[akham] (gent., 9 Feb 1451) (Esq. 14 Oct 1465) to be arrested.
1484	May 18	<i>P[atent] R[olls]</i> H[enr]y Gray Lord of Coduire granted the Manor of O[akham] worth £86.
1484	Sep 25	<i>P[atent] R[olls]</i> Lett[ers] pat[ent] dated at O[akham]
[1485	Mar]	Will[ia]m 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.]
1485	Sep 25	<i>P[atent] R[olls]</i> Grant to Edward Dygby for life as steward of O[akham] lordship.
1486	Feb 9	<i>P[atent] R[olls]</i> Grant to Reynold Hassall, k[in]g's servant, - as bailiff or O[akham] lordship during the minority of the heir of the Duke of Buckingham.
1486	Mar 9	<i>P[atent] R[olls]</i> Grant to Reynold Bray, k[nigh]t, k[in]g's councillor - as constable of O[akham] castle during the during the minority of Edw[ar]d son & heir of Duke of Buckingham as W[illia]m lord of Hastyngis formerly enjoyed it.
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.]

ND [c. 1500]	ND	<i>Court of Requests Bundle 7[?]j 26 [National Archives, under REQ 2: see National Archives leaflet entitled Legal Records Information 4] John Flower & John & Henry Allan Extent of lands in Oakham.</i>
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	Mar 27	William Rosse [See www.NationalArchives.gov.uk/DocumentsOnLine : search for Rosse under Wills for 1503. Irons has made notes, on p. 42 of the manuscript, on the Will of William Rosse.]
1503	July 4	Katherina Craforth [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	ND	<i>Northampton Wills A4</i> Robertus Ham. Ch[urch]y[ar]d of All S[aint]s. Hoh[ann]es Stokay of Thistylton.
1510	Jan 16	<i>Northampton Wills A77</i> Wyllam Eltn. - Robert Gunks warden of the seyd hosp[ital].
1515 c[irca]	ND	<i>Brewer Hen[ry] 8 Vol. iii 3695 [Brewer, J. (ed.): Letters and papers, foreign and domestic, of the reign of Henry VIII, 1862-1932]</i> Henry Servers app[oin]t[e]d bailiff of Okeh[am] at 2d a day. Symon Swafelde app[oin]t[e]d porter of Okh[am] castle & keeper of Fleters Park & Steward of the land at £4 - 11 in county 66s 8d. [sic]
1521	ND	<i>State Papers Hen[ry] 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.</i> 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 4 th .
1522	ND	<i>B[ritish] M[useum] Lans[downe] 991 [now in the British Library Manuscripts]</i> Sir Thomas Shepard preste of the Almshouses, O[akham]
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.

1522	June 12	<i>Brewer H[enr]y VIII Vol iii 2356 [Brewer, J. (ed.): Letters and papers, foreign and domestic, of the reign of Henry VIII, 1862-1932]</i> Roger Ratclif gent[leman] usher of the Chamber, to be chief Steward & bailiff of Okh[am] lordship, porter of Okh[am] castle & park keeper of Fleteric.
1524	Jan 22	<i>Northampton Wills C72</i> Isabell Gibs
1527	ND	<i>Northampton Wills D59</i> J. Warren. William Butler D.D. Vicar of O[akham]. James Waren to be buried in the chapel of our Lady, O[akham].
1528	ND	<i>Northampton Wills D213</i> William Symys. - Ch[urch] of Allhallows - High Altar of O[akham] - High Altar of Egynton - a cove to the sustentscon of the people to the rogacon day.
1528	Apr 23	<i>Brewer vol iv 4231(23) & 4445(15) [Brewer, J. (ed.): Letters and papers, foreign and domestic, of the reign of Henry VIII, 1862-1932]</i> Rog[er] Ratclif surrenders three patents (1) for £10 a year [2] for £20 a year [3] for his Stewardship of Ok[e]ham castle: and R[oger] R[atclif] gent[leman] usher of the Chamber is reappointed to farm the manor, castle & lands at Okh[am] at £38 - 17 - 4 a year. His previous Patent was dated 24 Apr[il] 2 Hen[ry] VIII (= 1528)
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. 1° Allowing him an annuity of £10. 2° Allowing him an annuity of £20. 3° Allowing him the stewardship of O[akham] castle.
1528	Nov 7	see Burley s[ame] d[ate]
1529	ND	see Burley s[ame] d[ate]
153?	ND	Value of Hosp[ital] o[f] St Joh[n] Okh[am] in Lib[er] Reg[is] = £12-12-11.
1530	ND	Henr[y] Gerveiz [?] bailiff of O[akham] at 2d a day. Symon Swafelde pocher & keeper of Fleters Park £4 - 11 - 0. Steward 66s 8d.
1531	ND	<i>Northampton Wills D401</i> Thomas Crowsforthe - ch[urch]y[ar]d of Allhallows O[akham] - hie altar vj ^d [6d] - Rode lyght - o[u]r Ladye lyght - the Trinitye light - repairs of the bells.
1531	ND	<i>Northampton Wills D413</i> Robert Hopkyn - ch[urch]y[ar]d of Allhallows O[akham] - the Weyvers light of O[akham] ij ^d [2d]
1532	ND	<i>Northampton Wills E18</i> Willemus [?] ... nawnbe - ch[urch]y[ar]d of Allhawlos - hie auter [high altar] - John Whytmor, cur[ate]
1532	July 12	<i>Northampton Wills D430</i> Robart Willison - chap[el] of our lady in the ch[urch]y[ar]d of Oakham - o[u]r lady Guylde - S ^r John Wyllinge, cur[ate]

- 1535 Dec 18 *Northampton Wills E126* Chrifer [?] Gren, shomaker - ch[urch] of All S[aint]s - the chap[el] of our lady in O[akham] - hey aulter - galsynge of a window in the churche - the sullver plate.
- 1536 Jan 7 *Northampton Wills F1* Edward Robins -. *Northampton Wills F58* W[illia]m Mey - lady Kylde [i.e. probably Guild of Our Lady] - ch[urch] of St. Pet[er] & St.Paul [i.e. Langham] - the bells - Lady alter. *Northampton Wills f58* Nycholas Pyttys - ch[urch] of St. Peter & St. Paul [i.e. Langham] [Re the last two, Irons has written: 'evidently Langham both']
- 1537 ND *B[ritish] M[useum] Lans[downe] d[?] 991 fol[io] 361 [now in the British Library Manuscripts]* Will of James Waren to be buried within the chapel of our Lady - Inscr[ription] in Wright's Rutland.
- 1537 Mar 31 *B[ritish] M[useum] Lans[downe] d[?] 991 fol[io] 387 d [now in the British Library Manuscripts]* Rob[er]t Bollocke to be bur[ied] in ch[urch] of All Hallows.
- 1537 Mar 31 *Northampton Wills E221* Robert Bolloke - ch[urch]y[ar]d of Hallyowlowys [All Hallows = All Saints] - hie alter - - to the gylde of Okam to the mantney of the morrow masse [?] pryst [priest] my howsse w[ith] all the pasture [be]longyn to the same howsse after the dyseess [decease] of my wyff & all my children - Rychard Jonson my gostly father - o[u]r lady chappell in ye fylde of Okam - o[ur] lady's chappell in the ch[urch]y[ar]d of Okam.
- 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[ia]m Bunynge, husbondman - the hye aulter
- 1540 Sep 4 *Northampton Wills G22d* Wyll[ia]m Woodkoke, shomaker - hye alter - Rychard Hawkyngs, cur[ate].
- 1541 Apr 14 *Northampton Wills G60* Thomas Shefyld husbandman - Rode light - Richard Haukyngs, cur[ate].
- 1541 Jan ND Advowson of vicarage & church of O[akham] granted to Thomas b[isho]p of Westminster.
- 1542 May 30 *Northampton Wills G80* John Jordin, Barlythorp - ch[urch]y[ar]d of Allhallows O[akham] - S^r Wylym Roo
- 1543 circa ND *Northampton Wills I80* Will[ia]m Glene - ch[urch]y[ar]d of Allhallowys - S^r Robert of ye Reydhouse
- 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 parishe 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: vital: \[p.16\]](#)
- 1548 Oct 10 Ch[ristopher] [?] Astyll & W[illia]m Hornby g^a [erga = regarding] Rich[ard] Chambers & W[illia]m Shaw: They do not keepe they[re] [?] [par]yssh ch[urch] in heringe [hearing] of divyne service but resorteth to the Master of the Aleshouse on Sondaies & Holidais: to produce a 3 mann purgat[i]on [i.e. 3 supporting witnesses on oath]. [p.16] [There is a marginal note: 'heard [?] of Castor']

1548	Oct 23	(also 3 Nov) Ralph Wright & Elizabeth Wright live together (Purg[ation] 5 mann) [i.e. 5 supporting witnesses on oath] - accus[ation] denied.
1548	Nov 3	<i>Archd[eacon]'s Visitat[i]on</i> Offic[?] <i>contra</i> [Action against] sir Rob[er]t Watkynson, Master or Warden of the Hospital or Almshouse of O[akham] on information of Will[ia]m Craforde & Mils Kinge wardens of O[akham]. We present Sir Robert Watkynson Warden of the Almshouse or Hospital that he haith not preached at all sins the kynges maiestie visitation but haunted taverns and unlawfull gammes, and further he doeth intyce or luywe [lure] certen of the p[ar]ache to his latyn service frome there p[ar]ishe church there to receive holy breae and holy water, forsakyng the herynge of goddes worde but followyng his tradition. [See second version below also] [p.43]
1549	Oct 20	<i>Northampton Wills K180</i> Rychard Wyke
1549	Nov 3	(2 Ed[ward] 6) D[irect]s Rob[er]t Watkinson to appear: R[obert] W[Atkinson] is warden 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 parysshe to his latyn service from ther parysshe church there to receive holy bread & holy water forsakinge the hearinge of goode's worde & folowinge his tradicons. Watkinson is suspended.
1552	May 2	<i>Northampton Wills N182</i> Ric[hard] Sharpe, husbandman
1553	ND	<i>Northampton Wills M122d</i> Hue Thorpp, husbandman - Richard Hawkins C[urate]
1553	July 6	<i>Northampton Wills M36</i> Thomas Kyng of O[akham] draper-taylor. Ryc[hard] Hawkyns C[urate]
[1556]	[Nov 10]	<i>P[atent] R[olls] 3&4 Phil & Mar p[art] 5</i> M[anor] of Okeham and ex#[#] ['lands and liberties', according to the Calendar] of Langh[am] Okeh[am] Eglet[on] brooke Gunth[orpe] & Barlithorpe granted to Abb[ey] & Conv[ent] of Westminster [Irons gives date of this as 10 Sept 1553 but it is found in the calendar at 10 Nov 1556]
1555	Mar 1	<i>Northampton Wills N182</i> Robert Pylkynon, husbandman - Thomas Castlyn, C[urate]
1557	ND	<i>Northampton Wills N284</i> Rob[er]t Gylbert, tanner - Thomas Castlinge, C[urate]
1557	July 26	<i>Okeham wills at Peterborough (Probate Registry) Pet II</i> Richard Aberton - ch[urch] of All Hallowes O[akham] - Edward Jordan, priest.
1557	Sep 4	<i>Okeham wills at Peterborough (Probate Registry) Pet II68</i> Johne Bullystant - hyghe aulter of my par[ish] ch[urch] of O[akham] - Sir Thomas Canlyn Curate (see Teigh)
1562	ND	Vacat vicaria [presumably the position of Vicar is vacant] : dns. [?] Tho[ma]s Ba#dey, 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 y[ea]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 Haynesworthe 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[mas] 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 ND

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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 satterday 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 enquiry for Thomas Humbleton insomuch as he requested John Haynesworthe 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 namynge 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 Haynesworthe before said, Judge all you I pray you yf this woman be with chylde whether it be not worthy to be a preste because 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 said 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 throughe 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 founte in the Church at the morninge prayer Sayeing 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 yf the childe be not worthie 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[homas] 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 yonge man of this towne showe a man's wife of this towne behinde the funte in the churche at morninge praier and judge you I pray you whether that childe be nott worthy to be a preste yf the woman be w[i]th childe beinge it was gotten in the churche, and

G[erardus] P[ilkinton] demandinge who that man should be the said Humbleton said it was William Blackburne (no woman mentioned). William Clarke of North Luffenham is 24 yrs old. The said deponent being new comed 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[lackburne]) 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?] [p.11]

1565 Mar 22 Grace Buning **causa** correct [p9]. Johanna Wathyn's use of Barth[olomew] W[?]. In 1565 Mar 22 Tho[ma]s Humbleton was charged before the archdeacon.

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 Thickpennye 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

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1 Orchard adjacent to the same	}	
3 yard land, arrable meadow and pasture lying within the three fields of Oakham	}	£8-7-10
1 cottage house adjoining the said Vicarage	}	
And nothing in Langham, Egleton, Brooke or Barleythorp	}	
Tythe woolle and lamb at	}	£6-0-0
The white Tythes payable at Easter as kine, calves, ffoals, bees wax honey waxshote	}	
Sheepeskinnes and haye silver at	}	£4-10-0
Also the 4 offering days with other offerings	}	40s-0d
Item the tythe of pigge, geese, eggs, chickens and fruit at	}	40s-0d
Also there is yearlie paid out of the pasonage [parsonage] of Knoston a stipend of	}	8s-4d
Spiritual profits out of Langham		
Rate tythe for certayne haye	}	6s-8d
Tithe wooll and lambes by the yeare	}	100s-0d
White tythes payable at Easter, kine, calves, foals, bees wax honey waxshot and sheepskins	}	£4-17-0
Tithe of hemp and flaxe	}	3s-4d
Four offering days with other offerings	}	23s-4d
Tithe of pigges, geese, egges, chickens and fruick	}	33s-4d
Spiritual profits of Egleton belonging to the Vicar of Oakham		
3 rd part of tithe corne thearce worth by the yeare	}	66s-8d
Tythe wolle by the yeare	}	30s-0d
Tythe lambes by the yeare	}	24s-0d
White tythes payable at Easter, kine, calves, bees wax, honey waxshot and sheepskins	}	13s-4d
Four offerings with other offerings	}	8s-8d
Rate tythe for haye	}	12d
Rate tythe out of a pasture or field at Counthorpe belonging to the Vicarage	}	£4-0-0
Spiritual profits in Brooke		
Rate tythe out of the late Pryorie of Brooke	}	£4-3-4
Tythe wooll and lambes by the yeare	}	53-4
White tythes at Easter, kine calves, bees wax, honey, waxshot and sheep skins	}	16-8
Four offerings with other offerings	}	8-8
Rate tythe for certain haye and a certain close called the Mortlaye close	}	8-4
Tythe of foals, pigges, geese, eggs, chicken and fruit	}	4-0

The whole value being	}	£52-19-8
Paid to the stipendiary of Langham for his service and dailie attendance there	}	£12-0-0
To another Stipendiary priest at Egleton for his service and dailie 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 towne shippes and the great annoyance very often tymes 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 outgoinges	}	£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 Thickpenny should pay £25-6-8 as first fruits ; but annual tenths on £28-3-0d. Thomas Thickpennye was Vicar of Oakham from 1565 to 1596 on presentat[ion] 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 Thickpennye 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 downlyinge." 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 ND *P[ublic] R[ecord] O[ffice] Spec[ial] Comm[ission] Rutl[an]d 1842 D7 (Sec[ti]on N[orth] Luff[enham] Comm[ission]) Ac cert[?] terr[?] & te#[?] in O[akham] in com[itato?] pred[ic]to[?] [in the said county of Rutland] et super Gild[?] #### ductum [??] ### p[er] a[n]num xx^s [20 s a year] (See my Black Book p73) [p17]*
- 1567 July 28 Nich[olas] Browne g^a [erga = regarding] John Tillewestall [?] *causa diffam* [defamation case] [p9].
- 1567 Oct 24 James Greene *causa* correct. [p9].
- 1569 ND In 1569 the V[icar]. commenced a suit against Roger Clapham for withholding tithe.
- 1569 Aug Tho[mas] Thickepenny V[icar] of O[akham] g^a [erga = regarding] Rog[er] Clapham: tithes
- 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[isho]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 Thykepennye, 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]
- 1570 Dec 22 Rob[er]t Tattersall cl[erk] Ok[eham] deac[on] pres[en]t[ed] [?] 16 Mar (medioc[?]) [p.23]
- 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 windowes & 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.

- 1572 Aug 27 inc[ludes]: Mary Thomson is with childe the father unknown. The chauncell windowes & the church walls be in decaye in the default of Mr Ffeldinge.
- 1572 Nov 2 A[rch]b[isho]p Whitgift's Metrop[olitan] Visitation held at Oakham.
- 1574 Apr 27 Todd, the miller of Oakham, published abroad 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 Cobham of Okham 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.
- 1574 July 14 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 the man that was with her under the hedge in furlonge of Okeham and tarried there before he came half an hour was Peter Buning of Okeham a butcher and no minister and she saithe that they tarried under that hedge lesse than half an houre and did now evell.
- 1574 Nov 26 *Ok[eham] Reg[ister] Tho[ma]s Thickepenny bur[ied] [?? - not the vicar of Oakham, because he continues to appear later - a son perhaps?] [p.45]*
- 1575 ND *B[ritish] M[useum] Stowe 570 [Now British Library manuscripts]. No J[ustice of the] P[ea]ce but is adjoining to Alstoe Hundred (Oak[ham] Soke)*
- 1575 Mar 28 Petrus Bunninge is suspected with one Alice Cobham of Okeham of incontinence.
- 1575 Aug P[eter] B[unning] is accused because Alice Cobham which was brought in by the miller of Oakham confessed that yt was he yt [that]] kept her companie in the closes withoute the towne.
- 1577 ND In 1577 Pearce Neitherne hath spoken slanderous words & troubled their V[icar] 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.
- 1577 Apr 23 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.
- 1577 May 13 Pearce Neitherne hath spoken slanderous words & troubled their Vicar in time of Divine Service.
- 1577 May 14 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 bei#### [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 Thickepenny, 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 graunted & 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 se[v]ennight or before (Articles to be drawn up)

- 1577 Oct 22 Bartholomew Clerke 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. Spenninge
- 1578 Mar 6 *Ok[eham] Reg[ister] E#* [not Edward - see Dec/Jan 1582] Thickpenny bur[ied] [p.45]
- 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 d[oughte]r of Tho[ma]s Thickpenny buried.
- 1581 ND Five men presented for dauncing the morice in the parish church of O[akham]. Fined 4d each & dismissed. Four presented for not receiving the Comm[union] at East[er] last. John Glen of Ashwell excomm[unicated] in O[akham]. church by Mr Thickpenny the V[icar].
- 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 parishe churche 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 child by 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 *Ok[eham] Reg[ister]* Edward Thickpenny bur[ied]. [p.21]
- 1582 Jan 6 *Ok[eham] Reg[ister]* Edward son of Tho[ma]s Thickpenny Bur[ied]. [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 reconciation: & 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 unquietlie together & she counted a verie scold: 1 Dec Excomm[unicated]. [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 *Excheq[uer] Q[ueen's] R[emembrances] 1867 Rutl[and]. P[ublic] R[ecord] O[ffice] Spec[ial] Comm[ission] Rutl[and] 1867.* 26 Eliz Concealed lands in Okeham:- In Okeham in com[itato?] pred[icto?] [in the said county of Rutland] due capelle scituat[e] in Cimeterio ecclesia[e] paroch[ia]e de Ok[ehamia] pred[icta] [two chapels situated in the parish church cemetery of the said Oakham] ex Coriali [?] parte eiusdem Eccles[ia]e [part of the chantry of the same church ???] cum #### #### #### capella nuncupabatur capella beate Maria Virginis Ac altera earumdem nuncupabatur capella Sancti Michaelis Archangeli. [the one dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the other to St Michael, archangel] Ac q[ui]d in pred[icta] capella beat[e] Mar[ia] Virg[inis] unus presbiter ac in predict[a] capella S[an]c[t]i Mich[aelis] Arch[angeli] 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 parl[?]iamentia presbiter non aliter cantabat ac dicebat missas ac alias superstictas oracones [?] in eadem capella s[an]c[t]i Michaelis ac q[ui]d pred[ictus] presbiter nuncupabatur Chauntrie preeste. [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 decaie 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, V[icar] of Okeham has possession of them. The Commissioners know of know other 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 S[ir] Tho[ma]s Thickpenye had the profits from these.'] [p17]
- 1583 1 Dec The Vicarage is in decaye in the V[icar]'s defalt. (& 28 Jan) W[illia]m Browne absenting himself fr[om] churche 3 Sondaies together.
- 1584 ND On the N[orth] 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 Chauntrie priest or Guilde 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 Thickepenny V[icar]. 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 g^a [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 Thickepenny, 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[rge] 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 July 5 Johanna Swanne & Joh[n] Greene: forn[ication]: & July 7
- 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 g^a [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]l[ar]. Richard Ashbie: there was a woman delivered of child in his house upon the Sabaothe daye in service tyme. John Stratford gave uncomelie speeches in the church porche (to John Pilkinton).
- 1587 ND Thos Smythe for keepinge companye in time of divine prayer. Randall Blason a common drunkard. John Deutburye made a fray in the church with Arthur Ellenworthe.
- 1587 June 13 Thomas Smyth for kepinge company in his home in tyme of prayer. Rabdall Blason for a common drunkard: 15 Nov & 5 Dec
- 1587 Dec 5 Tho[ma]s Redmyle hath begot A. . . . W. . . . with child.

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. <u>John Deutburye</u> made a fray in the church with <u>Arthur Ellenworthe</u> .
1587	Oct 14	<i>P[atent] R[olls] 29 Eliz. p.17</i> Rob[er]t Johnson: Foundation of 2 schools & 2 hosp[itals] at O[akham].
1588	July 15	Geo[rge] Beeston is suspected to live incontinently with w[i]th Marjerye Tonge the wife of Robert Tonge & soe the fame Goethe: Marg[erye] Tonge also. H[enr]y Bouser [?] [p.14] did abuse Mary Wale with slanderous words calling her whore in the churchyarde.
1589	circ[a]	Tho[ma]s Thickepenny V[icar] <i>cbm. null grad. Ordinat [per] dnm [?] Nich[olas] Linc[oln] epm [?] xxii die Sept[ember] An[n]o 1560 et ante admiss[am] suam ad ordines fuit pedagogus eccl[esi]ae val [per] annum xxviii li[bri]</i> [Thomas Thickepenny ... non-graduate was ordained by Nicholas Bishop of Lincoln on the 22 nd day of September 1560 and before ordination he was a teacher. The benefice is valued at £28 per year] [p.15]
1589	ND	The Wardens detayne money of the towne in their handes & refuse to make their account
1589	ND	<i>P[atent] R[olls] 31 Eliz. p.8</i> Rob[er]t Johnson Rutl[an]d Okeham & Uppingham <i>Gubernator bord[...?] pon[...?] & reddit libran[...?] scholar[...?]</i> Rob[ert] Jonson cler[k] & duor[...?] <i>Hospic Christi ibm[...?]</i> [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 Sculthro, Williom Gunthorpe, & Hugh Thorpe are admitted as compurjators for his future good behaviour.
1589	Oct 27	B[isho]p inf[ormed] 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: <i>caus[a] matrimon[iae]</i> [a matrimony case]
1589	Feb 10	Elizabeth Wellam is unlawfully begotten with childe by Robet Dickens the window of Swann is with childe by Thomas Coles as the fame goethe Thomas Coles also.
1589	Mar 11	The d[oughte]r of Widow Swann of O[akham] for being begotten with childe by Thomas Coles. Thomas Coles also presented.
1590	ND	T[homas] T[hickepenny] vicar of O[oakham] sues Simon Burton for withholding tithe.
1590	June 16	Thomas Cole pres[ented] he hath lived in fornication with Joan Swanne (Aug[ust] 28). Joan Swanne also presented.
1590	Sep 2	William Cabbers: for gettinge Elizabeth Masters with childe (see Seaton)

- 1590 Dec 2 George Ryland, Robert fflemyng, Robert Lee, Christopher Bower (for 12 d) Agnes his wife, John Dafte [?], Thomas Hopper
- 1590 Jan 12 Tho[ma]s Thickepeny Vic[ar] of O[akham] g^a [erga = regarding] Simon Burton: sub X### [?] P.14]
- 1590 Mar 8 Ward[ens] p. [perhaps [of the parish] ?] [p.13] they want a bible
- 1590 Mar 23 Robert Claye for living incontintantly 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 incontintantly with Isabel Cooper wife of George Cooper as the fame goeth - excomm[unicated]. Isabel Cooper - sim[ilarly] - pays 2s. 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 incontintently 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 July 1 *P[atent] R[olls] 33 Eliz.* Bulkington R. Warr. et al[ia] [and others] granted to Governors of Okeham & Uppingham Schools. [p.23]
- 1591 Oct 11 The hospitall of St. John's is in decaye by the default of Mr John fflower 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 Thickepenye, 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[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 Bullivant owes 30s to the c[hu]rch. Mr Thickepeny [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 Sabboth daies & holidiaies.
- 1592 Apr 19 Tho[mas] TYhickepenie Vic[ar] g^a [erga = regarding] John Conington of Egleton withhold[in]g Tithe.

- 1592 May 3 Mr Leicocke not licensed & on June 7 & June 20.
- 1592 Sep 19 William Watkin that he is an alehouse keeper and did keepe piping and dauncinge upon the Sabaothe daye and it is reportrd that divers weare ther in the tyme of prayer and that he doth owe xls (40s) or ls (50s) to the churche: Oct 5 to pay & Oct 23. Thomas Brigg, jun[ior] that he went out of Robet Gaston's house in tyme of homely: put on the penance roll ([schedula penitentie](#)) [p.13 - translation already here] Oct 5, postponed & Oct 23. The wife of Mathew Rose: that uponthe Sabaothe daye in the time of divine prayer she did continue at thome shealinge pease and beinge ofte admonished would not leave it: Oct 23 postponed. William Payne: that he sat at th[e]ale house in tyme of divine prayer: postponed Oct 23.. Robert Gaston: that he dothe withholde certain of the churche stocke to the some of vj l [£6] or thereabouts : Oct 5 admonished: not paid Oct 23: Nov 15 defer. Thomas Bullivant: that he doth owe xxx s (30s) to the churche: admonished Oct 5 & 26. Mr Thickepenny: he oweth xx s (20s) to the churche: Oct 5 admonished & Oct 21 & Oct 29. Mathew Rose: that he withholdeth x s (20s) from the churche: Oct 5 [scr](#) [?]. Robert Blackburne: he is a drounkerde: Oct 5 penance roll Oct 23 [ts#](#) [p.13]. Humfrey Hickman: that he is suspected to be a usurer: 12d: 12d: oct 23 to cert[ify] [de p\[ri\]ma p\[ar\]te](#). Robert servant of Rich[ard] Jordan: sim[i][a]r. 12d: 12d: Oct 23 sim[i][a]r. [c.f. 1592 ND entry above from p.7] Joanna Greene: she had a childe the father whereof is not knowne: oct 5 penance [coll](#) [?] [p.15] & Oct 23 to cert[ify] [de p\[ri\]ma p\[ar\]t\[e\]](#)
- 1592 Oct 5 Humfrey Hickman: penance [coll](#) [?] [p.15] & Oct 23 to certify [de prima parte](#) & Nov 15. Robert serv[an]t of Richard Jordan to certify '[de prima parte](#)' Nov 15 [excomm\[unicated\]](#). Thomas Gibson: sim[i][a]r. Nov 15 [excomm\[unicated\]](#).
- 1592 Nov 15 William Walkin: deferred. Thomas Bullivant: remains [excomm\[unicated\]](#). Mrv Thickepenny: deferred. Robert B;ackburne: remains [excomm\[unicated\]](#). Thomas Brigg, jun[ior]: deferred. Mathew Rose: deferred. Wolliam Payne: deferred.
- 1592 Nov 21 The V[icar] doth nopt catachise our children one Sabbath daies & holidiaies according to the Queens Injunctions.
- 1592 Dec 13 Wardens g^a [erga = regarding] Robert Glaston.
- 1593 ND Scandal arose regarding Mr Thickepenny V[icar] and Elizabeth Natte Ordered to produce compurgaton not from London [Compurgation 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[illiam] Roe [Rector of] Teigh[:]; Rich[ard] Kinge [Rector of] Cottessmore[:]; Stephen Bever [Rector of] Ashwell[:]; Henry Hargreaves [Rector of] Stretton[:]; Peter Simon [Rector of] Morcot[:]; W[illiam] 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 O[akham] who have not yet received the Comm[union]. therefore his worship orders that at Whitsuntide next there be a Comm[union]. 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 O[akham] did present that there was a fame that Mr Thickpenny had unlawful dealings with Elizabeth Natte of the same towne
1593	May 26	Thickpenny to produce compurgators from the neighbourhood, not fr[om] London. My lord (i.e. the B[isho]p) is informed by Mr Butler that there be a certayne number in Okeham wh[ich] have not yet received the Co[muni]on: therefore his lordship hath ordered that at Whitsuntide next there be a Co[munio]n celebrated by Mr Kinge, Hargreaves, Greenor any pther sufficient preacher which may be gotten by Mr Butler to preache at that daye.
1593	June 11	Thickpenny's compurgators are Rob[er]t Green, R[ector] of M[arket] O[verton]: W[illia]m Roe R[ector] of Teigh: Rich[ard] Kinge R[ector] of Cottessmore: Stephen Bever R[ector] of Ashwell; Henry Hargreaves R[ector] of Stretton: Peter Simon R[ector] of Morcott: W[illia]m Dalby V[icar] of Burley.
1593	June 18	g ^a [Erga = Regarding] Tho[ma]s Thickpenny V[icar] of O[akham]. Bart[holomew] Burton states he wolde abate nothing on the charge he has made exepte he might have his oathe ministered, as he is not proceeding in this case and would not be made a patie therein.
1593 [?]	Oct 16	Will of Rich[ard] Smith of Barlithorpe. Thickpenny g ^a [erga = regarding] Conington. Con. stat [?] excomm[unicated] [p.25]
1594	ND	Thickpeny, Vic[ar]
1594	June 30	Ann Blofield <u>wife</u> of Augustine B[lofield] [there is a marginal note: '?widow'] of O[akham] g ^a [erga = regarding] B[lofield] who stated that she did receive very suspiciously and kept in the companye most parte of one night a strange man who as he had lost his ringe which was founde upon her bedde and the man's name was Daniell Hopkyn, and here the said B[lofield] layd it in by waye of excuses against his cominge in to be a compugator to defame her. [See 1593 ND above re compurgation.]
1594	Mar 17	W Hopper of O[akham] issued a Caveat that no administration of hos goods should take place after his death without first calling Alice Hopper his relict.
1595	ND	7 persons presented either for not going to church or not receiving the Comm[union]. Roger Knight married another man's wife at a lawless church.
1595	June 7	W[illia]m Gunthorpe, & others present John Knoel for an excomm[unicated] person & not rec[eivin]g the `comm.[union] at E[aster] last.Cox: sim[i][a]r. Johanna Watkins goeth not to church nor Communion. Alice Bayly begott with child by one we know not. Rob[er]t Atton , by himself apart fr[om] his wife hath not rec[eived] the Comm[union]: James Barnes sim[i][a]r. Tho[ma]s Wilkinson sim[i][a]r. Roger Knight for marrying another man's wife at a Lawless church as the fame goeth.
1595	June 21	Maria Towan not rec[eiving] Comm[union]. Tho[ma]s Hitches sim[i][a]r.
1596	ND	T[homas] Thickp[enny] resigned Vicar[a]ge early in June. Thomas Thyckpenny resigned the Vicarage after 27 June.

1596	ND	<i>(Exch[quer] K[ing's] R[emembrances] Bills & A## 17 Rut[and])## D[ean] & C[hapter] of Westm[inster] v## W[illia]m Peachey Barth[olomew] Burton Joh[n] Butler & John Beeston req[?] R[ector]y of Oakham [p.14].</i>
1596	ND	<i>(Exch[quer] K[ing's] R[emembrances] Bills & A## 18 Rut[and]) [given by Irons simply as ibid 18] [p.14] Barth[olomew] Burton gent[leman] v[ersus] Gal##d Raven, W[illia]m Woodcock, W[illia]m Smyth</i>
1596	ND	<i>(Exch[quer] K[ing's] R[emembrances] Bills & A## 20 Rut[and]) [given by Irons simply as ibid 20] [p.14] W[illia]m Peachye cl[erk] ver[sus] And[rew] Noell mil[?] & W[illia]m Hawforde [p.14]</i>
1596	ND	<i>(Exch[quer] K[ing's] R[emembrances] Bills & A## 14 Rut[and]) [given by Irons simply as ibid 14 Rut[and]] [p.14] John Dyne ver[sus] Francis Haslewoode</i>
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 knowethe 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 presenter of this his benefice. 6° That his benefice is worth in the Queen's books xxviii li[bri] [£28] but what yt is now worth yearly unto him he this respondent knoweth not yet. 7° 13° neg. [?] [p.15]
1597	May 3	<i>P[atent] R[olls] 39 Eliz. Confirmat[ion] of St.John.s Hosp[ital] O[akham] to Rob[er]t Johnson.</i>
1597	May 18	<i>Wed[nesday] Bpi [?] Perhaps the intention is 'Bishop's' ?] Visit[ation ?] held at O[akham] [p.15]</i>
1597	June 19	<i>Ok[eham] Reg[ister] Jeremy Leacocke son of William L[eacocke] bur[ied]</i>
1598	Oct 22	<i>Baptised Ok[eham] Reg[ister] Samuel Peachie son of Mr William Peachie Minister October xxiith (22nd)</i>
1598	Nov 18	<i>Rob[er]t Barrowe & his wife for being married & the banns of matrimonie not published in our Church accordinge to lawe. Rich[ard] Ellingworthe for withholdinge the Church stocke & will nether paie the monie nor give a bonde for the same & on 29 Nov & 20 Dec & 23 Jan.</i>
1598	Nov 29	<i>Rob[er]t Barrowe & his wife state they were married by avisament from S[ir] 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]</i>
1598	Dec 20	<i>Oliver Brotherton to certify.</i>
1598	Jan 9	<i>Thomas Thickpenny cl[erk] licensed by Malcolm Johnson, surr[ogate] to serve as priest for Okeham & Egleton.</i>
1598	Jan 14	<i>Thomas Griffin, deac[on], licensed t serve O[keham] & E[gleton]</i>

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 breast
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 fol[k] [?] [p8].
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 Blackburne for being oftentimes drunken & overcome with drink to the great offence of the congregation. Walter Nasbye for not recaeiving the Communion this yere.
1600	June 22	<i>Baptised Ok[eham] Reg[ister]</i> Chephtisi-bahh [a version of Hepsibah] Peachie daughter of William Peachie June xxii th [22 nd] [
1601	May 14	Radulphus Walker of cl[erk] A M lic[ensed] to marry Elizabetha Rusby of O[akham] widow.
1602	Apr 2	<i>Burials Reg[ister]</i> Thomas Peachie ffather of Willia[m] P[eachie] ye minister April ii th [2 nd]
1602	Apr 25	<i>Baptised Ok[eham] Reg[ister]</i> Josiah Peachie sonne of William Peachie the minister April xxv th [25 th]
1603	Nov 6	<i>Baptised Ok[eham] Reg[ister]</i> John Peachie sonne of Mr William Peachie ye Minist[e]r Novemb[e]r vi th [6 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 sleepinge in tyme of divine service after admonicon. Rob[er]t Winwicke Rich[ard] Ellinworth 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	<i>Baptised Ok[eham] Reg[ister]</i> Phoebe Peachie daughter of Mr William Peachie Minister June xiii th [13 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.
1606	Feb 24	<i>Ok[eham] Bur[ial] Reg[ister]</i> Wliiam Presgrave buried.
1607	Sep 20	A Master licensed at O[akham] by Mr Rich[ard] Butler S.T.B. surr[ogate]
1608	Apr 16	<i>Baptised Ok[eham] Reg[ister]</i> 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, - <i>effugit</i> [he has gone away] (excomm[unicated]) [p.14]. Agnes Gibbes by Will Hollesworthe now living at M[ar]k[e]t Deeping. Mr Amye [?] I take yt

the whole fees of the matter aforesaid with the probacon of Rob[er]t Pilkington'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]g[aret] Riddle. Rich[ard] Croft for not rec[eivin]g the Com[munio]n at Easter - also John Carr, Rob[er]t 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[aste]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 hios 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 Hugo Desborowe for being oftentimes over-come with drinke & is a blasphemmer & a swearer. Geo[rge] Presgrave sim[ilarly]. Joh[n] Galston late of O[akham] now of Upp[ingham] for refusing to pay 2s toward the repare if the ch[urch] of Oakh[am].
- 1611 Nov 22 *Baptised Ok[eham] Register* William Peachie son of Mr William P[eachie] Minist[er] Novemb[er] xxiith [22nd]
- 1612 ND One Clem[ent] Gray and Mod###s went to cart upon St Mark's Day last & branded ship the same shearinge in Ashwell feld.
- 1612 Apr 3 Alexander Moyses each fined 3s 8d for fornication before marr[iage]. Robert Stockwell fined 3s 8d for sellenge ale in his house in tyme of divine prayer.
- 1612 June 13 Clement Graye for brandinge of sheepe on the hollydaye & for carryeinge of wood with his cart on the same daye as the fame is. Rowland Meadowes si[mi]l[ar]. Henry Hubbert of Barlithorpe for a greate swearer & a disordered person.
- 1612 June 24 Nathaniel Gooche lic[ensed] to preach at O[akham] [cum membris](#) [p.14] (?Sept 20)
- 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 speakeinge unseemly wordes against some of her neighbors settinge in the same seate with her. A[lice] F[owler] confesses tht she did use unreverent speech and unseemly 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 Congregation. Avicia Jordan, his wife, for the same offence: the two are fined 7s 4d. Edmund Tayler for not coming to divine service at morning prayer upon Sunday being the 22d day of November last past and also for not receiving the Communion the same day.

- 1613 Oct 1 Tho[ma]s Paine for living incontinently with Isabell Grey as ye fame goeth. Isabel Monton for being delivered of a child being not married the father thereof we know not. John Wade for suffering disorder in his house on the Sabbath day.
- 1613 Oct 15 Thomas Paine living incontinently with Isabel Gray.
- 1613 Oct 29 Tho[ma]s Pai[n] & Isab[el] Grey certify their penance but the man had not a sheet because he being so poor that he had none of his own & could not borrow one.
- 1613 Dec 16 John Ireland on the morrow after Advent Sunday last he was married in Ok[eham] church to Alice Mebury [?] by Mr Thomas Griffin, Clarke, Curate of O[akham]:- Thomas Porter John Thorpe & Edward Glin of O[akham] were present at the said marriage
- 1613 Jan 14 This same marriage [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[mil]ar. Edward Glin & Tho[ma]s Griffin.
- 1613 Jan 29 W[illia]m Winter did strike one Blofeld a young woman of some 17 years age on the breast with his elbow & did hurt her in the church in Oak[ha]m for sitting in her seat in the church he challenging 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 law prohibited being St Andrew's Day. Thomas Wilkinson's wife was at the said marriage but he himself was not at the marriage. John Gage: his wife was at the marriage. Robert Caverly [?] was present at the wedding of John Ireland of O[akham] upon the Monday after Advent Sunday last - He is gone into Leicestershire. Lucy Dickinson: [filia](#) [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 O[akham] in [lingua vernacula](#) [i.e. in English] [\[p.14\]](#)
- 1614 June 3 Geo[rge] Squire for begetting of Ann Jackson his wife with child before marriage. Anna Squire similarly. Hugh Greaslye for begetting of Ann Reeve his wife with child before they were married. Ann Greaslye likewise.
- 1614 June 4 W[illia]m Winter & Elizabeth his wife for cohabiting before marriage.
- 1614 June 30 W[illiam] W[inter] & E[izabeth] W[inter] cited to appear.
- 1614 July 21 Thomas Carier he hath in his possession the goods of the said deceased (Richard Bet) without authority. Carier 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 O[akham] admits that he did strike the said Blofeld with one of his legs as he came by her in his seat in the church 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	May 11	Our churche leads & bell frames to be in decay. Thomas Tooly & Alice his wife: ante nupt[ias] [pre-marital] fornic[ation]. Jonas Rogers & Margaret his wife: sim[ilar]. William Wright & Maria his wife: sim[ilar]. Edward Gibson & Elizabeth his wife: sim[ilar]. W[illia]m Pernby [?], cl[erk] for being vehemently suspected for a Charmer and vehemently suspected to live in adultery with the wife of W[illia]m Wilkes.
1615	Oct 17	Tho[ma]s Taylor the Vintner for not paying of a levell of 2s due to the church.
1615	Feb 1	<i>Ok[eham] Bur[ial] Reg[ister]</i> Jone Thickepennie bur[ied]
1616	ND	<i>Will PCC Cope 88</i> John Newcombe BA of O[akham] - Mr John Newcombe Ush[e]r sep[ultus] [buried] 7 July.
1616	June 14	Rog[er] Hubbard & Edw[ard] Glen: ad certif.[?]. de repar campan. Robert Winwicke: ad purgand[?] se 6 mann a suspicione incontinent[?] cum Agnete Gibb [6 man purgation on suspicion of incontinence with Agnes Gibb] Compurgators Rob[er]t Thorpe of O[akham] Rich[ard] Parkes of Egleton Tho[ma]s Watkins & Matthew Topper de [of] Burley. Eliz[abeth] wife of John Ryves & Susannah wife of Tho[ma]s Porter: caus. diff. [p.18] Barlithorpe : executors of Edward Smithe & Alex[ander] Burley to admin[ister]. Elizabeth wife of John Rogers & Susannah wife of Thomas Porter. Diffam[ation].
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-marital 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[ia]s ffaithfull (& Feb 16)

1618	Feb 16	Eliz[abeth] Mab[ell] confesses that J[ames] J[ordan] hath had the use of her body: & Marg Thr C [Just possibly 'T.. h[e]r C[ousin] ?] [p.16], a 4 mann purg[ation] [i.e. 4 supporting witnesses on oath]. Mar[garet] & Eliz[abeth] Mab[ell] to do pen[ance].
1619	Apr 13	Tho[ma]s Cole to produce a 4 mann purg[ation] [i.e. 4 supporting witnesses on oath]. El[izabeth] Mabell of Barl[ithorpe] to cert[ify] her pen[ance] & Apr 27 T[homas] C[ole] & May 11, T[homas] C[ole] that he hath not slept cohabiting with the woman:
1619	May 11	Barlithorpe. <u>Barnacastle</u> [?] [p.16] not p[ai]d 2s 9d (see Teigh). ffaustus & Johanna Sharpe vehementaly suspected of incontineny long continued between them. John for not paying his lay to the church which was 2s. Dignall sim[i][ar] 6s.
1619	May 29	Tho[ma]s Cole for repeated & vehement suspicion for being incontinent with Ann Gregory wife of Mark Gregory alias ffaithall, once [?] [p.15] ye order sent down by the Court to the contrary as ye common fame goethe. Tho[ma]s ffalkner & Jane Sharpe for vehement suspicion of incontineny being committed between them. Robert Wignall for not paying his levy to the church being 6s due. Margaret Dallycock wife of Ja[me]s D[allycock] for not appearing when cited. John Blackburne & his wife,
1619	June 22	Margaret Dallycock's case handed over to W[illia]m Peachie, V[icar] of Oakham.
1619	Sep 14	Gedney: a will case. Gibbs: a will case.
1619	Nov 23	<u>Agnes Gregory</u> & <u>Lucy Blofield</u> for a fame of incontineny betwixt <u>Thomas Malson</u> of Egleton & <u>George Readay</u> [?] of Burley.
1620	May 2	Constancia Hartadmitted being impregnated by W[illia]m Hodgkins & s[ai]d that she was contracted top the s[ai]d Hodgkins al[ia]s Wyer in matrimonie & that they were asked in the churche together & that when she & he should have bin married together he the s[ai]d H[odgkins] ran away.
1620	June 19	Hen[ry] Mun & Eliz[abeth] his wife. A[n]te N[uptias] [pre-marital] F[ornication]
1620	July 6	Ana Blofield & Lucy B[lofield]. Incont[inent] with divers persons. Geo[rge] Brookesbye & his wife , for entertaining of excomm[unicated] persons. And also for entertaining of companye drinkenge in service tyme. G[eorge] B[rookesbye] states that since he was warned he had not any drinking in his home. <u>W[illia]m Cocks</u> & <u>Joan Allworth</u> for deferring of marriage, bans 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 Tho[ma]s Wakefeld for goeing abroad before she be churched or made public thancksgivinge accuding to lawe.
1621	ND	<i>Okh[am] PCC 33 Dale</i> Will of W[illia]m Gibson
1621	May 7	Geo[rge] Buckley for not paying a levy of 5s 6d towards the repayre of the churche.

1621	May 18	Franc[is] Fountaine g ^a [erga = regarding] Hugh Gray of O[akham].
1621	Sep 13	Tho[ma]s Porter g ^a [erga = regarding] Edward Milner: slander.
1621	Oct 26	Barlithorpe. Henry Hubbard pres[ented] by John Nunwick for revilinge & miscallinge him being then churchwarden viz he called him Beggerly roague and rascall & s[ai]d that he was not fit to be in any office. Marm[aduke] Weate of O[akham] not paying levy for repara of churche.
1621	Dec 14	Alice Bagworth for fornic[ation] with Geo[rge] Busby.
1621	Jan 6	John Bever: that he did ##rt [?] Possibly vert ? [p.16] in the churchyard there upon the 16 th of May last. Hugo Hand & Ann Blofield: 6 Mann purg[ation] June 26 [i.e. 6 supporting witnesses on oath].
1621	Jan 18	Exec[utors] of ffreeman: will case.
1621	Feb 8	Rob[er]t Cantinge & Ana Boughj. Mathew Newman & his wife A[nte] N[uptias] [pre-marital] F[ornication]
1622	May 8	Elizabeth Hodgkin, wid[ow], for keepinge companie drinkinge in her home on Sondaye last 31 Mar[ch] in time of divine morninge praier. <u>Johana</u> ffrench for forn[ication] with <u>John Wright</u> as the fame goeth. Joh[n] Ga#e for kepeinge companie drinkenge in his home in time of divine praier on Sund[ay] last 31 Mar[ch] at morn[ing] praier. Admon[ished] 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[er]t Smith of Barlythorpe suspected to have committed fornic[ation] with one Ralph Wright a scholler as the fame is.
1623	ND	<i>Will PCC 44 Barrington</i> 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] lic[ensed] to teach in the Free School, O[akham]
1623	Oct 29	Agnes ffardle [?] d[aughte]r of Augustine Blofeld for not cominge to the churche. Tho[ma]s Parkins for absenting himself from his parish churcheat Eveninge Prayer. T[homas] P[arkins] states that he hath sometimes goe from his owne parishe churche to another when Mr Peachy did not preach nor catachise in the forenoon. Monished that from henceforth he doth frequent his parishe churche. Oliver Collop [?], Silv[ia?] & Elina [?] C[ollop?]: Edward Bayly: Geo[rge] Hoskings [?].
1623	Nov 23	W[illia]m Winwick & Margaret his wife g ^a [erga = 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 pres[entation] for them. Rich[ard] Henshawe for being absent from eveninge praier. Also Geo[rge] Ryder; Stephen Tory; Nathaniel Perkins; Rob[er]t Wignall; Galfud[?] Pilkington; Richard Skelton, meliner [?]; Thomas Adcock.
- 1624 April 4 Rob[er]t Smith being Mr Peachie's ffarmer of his tithes did sue one Lawrence Newby of O[akham] who was farmer unto one Mr Hawford quieus [?] p.20] of a certain park called ffliteris Parke for tithes there. In respect thereof Newby praied the prohibition oute of the King's Bench (as I take it) because th[e] attorneyes name which is Colberne is written on the backside of the prohibition. T.T. ffleming 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[ecu]t[e]d 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] attorneyes 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 April 14 Rich[ard] Clark: will case. Rich[ard] Miller: will.
- 1624 June 1 Rob[er]t Cantinge & Alice Blofeld: incont[inent]. W[illia]m Hubbard: will.
- 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.
- 1624 Dec 2 Eliz[abeth] Meadoes: will.
- 1624 Mar 8 Mary Smith g^a [erga = regarding] John Drake: matrim[ony] case.
- 1625 Sep 13 Ana Pridmore of O[akham] g^a [erga = regarding] John Waters About xii [12] m[on]ths since J[ohn] W[aters] did unite himself in marr[iage] to A[na] 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 Sep 27 Rich[ard] Nunwick W[illia]m Nunwick Alice Hubbard
- 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 disagreed [?]. Mary Jackson wife of Zachary J[ackson] of Barlithorpe says there is a fame that W[illia]m Nunwicke of the same would have bin incontinent with the s[ai]d Mary. Tho[ma]s 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.

- 1625 Nov 29 Ana Paine susp[ected] of incont[ince] with John Willson. Willson purged himself. Paine did not appear. W[illia]m Glasier of O[akham] did begot his wife with child before marriage.
- 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 forn[ication] as the fame goethe. Roger Hubbarde sleaping in the church in tyme of divine service.
- 1626 Aug 3 John Seaton cl[erk] g^a [erga = regarding] John Reve [?] & Elias Henshawe of O[akham]. Slander. Henshawe stated that 2 months since in the parishe 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 sevice.
- 1626 Aug 3 Joh[n] Seaton cl[erk] to purge himse;f with 2 clerks & 4 laies from suspicion of F[ornication] with Mary wife of Nath[anie]l Ffludd. Compurg[ators]: Gibson [?] R[ector] of Burly, Whittam, cl[erk], Burdett of Greetham, cl[erk], Garfeld of Stoke Drile [?] - M.R. also cited. [p.25]
- 1626 Aug 10 Joh[n] Vyne of O[akham] did leade his horse thr[ough] the churchyard.
- 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, Pet[e]r[borough] dioc[ese] 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 Oct 26 Emanuel Barnard for adultery with wife of Rob[er]t Wigginton. On Oct 12 He E[manuel] B[arnard] denied it but admitted the rumour. Ordered a 6 man purgation but appeared without compurgators. Case deferred. Roger Hubbard for calling one Wright, Roague, in the Churche in the tyme of divine service & for usually talking in the tyme of divine service & sermon to the disturbance of the congregation. Leonard German susp[ected] incont[inent] with maid of Robert Crampe.
- 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 wyfe in 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[ma]s 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 Sondaye 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 FrancisParsey for incont[inence] with Alice the w[ife] 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 covered [2 or 3 words illegible] dwell at Tynwell.
- 1628 Feb 5 Edward Dracote & Ana his wife A[nte] N[uptias] [Pre-marital] F[ornication]. Thomas Hilches [?] & Jane his wife A[nte] N[uptias] [Pre-marital] F[ornication]
- 1628 Feb 9 *Rot[?] Disp## Carol#* Willielmus Peachie *STB cler[icus] dispens[?]* to hold V[icarage] of O[akham] & R[ectory] of Burrough al[ia]s Aldborough (5 miles dist[ant]) Linc[oln] dioc[ese] [p.18]
- 1629 ND *[Will] PCC 12 Ridley* Edward Presgrave of Evington, Leics, nuncup[ative] will
- 1629 May 29 Geo[rge] Stonesby for begetting of a bastard childe of the body of Alice Bagworthe.
- 1629 Sep 17 Joh[n] Porter, W[illia]m [Porter], Ja[me]s P[orter], & Th[omas] P[orter] sons of Susan P[orter] wid[ow] *def[?]* g^a [erga = regarding] Ana Stiles al[ia]s Presgrave of O[akham]. Will case: also in 1634 June 6.

1629	Nov 4	John Taylor & Alice his wife A[nte] N[uptias] [Pre-marital] F[ornication]. Tho[ma]s Noris committed fornication with Alice Pitts of Liddington before he was married to Ellen Middleton.
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	ffranciscus Clapham A[r]tium 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 O[akham]
1630	Apr 28	Katharine Ffrench F[ornication]. Alice Blofield having a bastard. Tho[ma] March & his wife A[nte] N[uptias] [Pre-marital] F[ornication]. John Jigger & Eliz[abeth] Martin incont[inent].
1630	Aug 4	Cassandra Geales of Barlithorpe g ^a [erga = regarding] George Busby. Causa diff. [p.21] Geo[rge] Busby g ^a [erga = regarding] Cassandra Geales si[m]i[a]r.
1630	Sep 7	John Hearthe & John Blackburn 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 13	Ffrancis Stiles & Rich[ard] Clerketo answer certain articles pron [?] [p.21] by W[illia]m Crampe.
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[obert] 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[ma]s Manton [?], gathering of pears on the saboth day in the time of divine prayers.. Mary wife of W[illia]m Pilkington [and] Elinor wife of Rob[er]t Wigginton sim[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 clarcke's wages. John Paine and Zacharias Jackson sim[i]a[r].
1630	Oct 30	Tho[ma]s Max in bed with W[illia]m Cramp's wife & not pre[sen]ted by Wardens.
1630	Dec 3	Joh[n] Ffrancis appeared & stated that he hath indeed payd the clarck's wages. Tho[ma]s More for being in bedd with <u>W[illia]m Cramp & his wife</u> as the s[ai]d W[illiam] C[ramp] hath confessed. John Ffrancis: 4d p[ai]d in full satisfaction of am[oun]t due to clark.
1630	Dec 16	Edward Rose al[ia]s Mathews g ^a [erga = 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 O[akham]. He stated that he ought not to pay any procurations because the foundacon of the s[ai]d 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 s[ai]d record appereth nowe sheune in Courte.
1631	Dec 2	Peachie V[icar] g ^a [erga = regarding] Henry Francis of Langham.
1632	May 31	<i>Baptised Ok[eham] Reg[ister]</i> William Peachie sonne of Josiah P[eachie] Minister May xxxi [31 st]
1632	Oct 30	There is a fame of incontineny between Rob[er]t Adams & the wife of Richard Redmile. Richard Redmile for being absent from prayers on Wednesdaies & Fridaies & sending none of his family according to the Canons. Thomas Killingley for drawing of thornes & fencing his yard on the saboth daye. W[illia]m Winwick of Barlithorpe for being drinckinge in the home of Rob[er]t Cramp of O[akham] victualer in prayer time. Thomas Page upon a fame of hedging upon the sabothe daye.
1632	Jan 24	Rich[ard] Bradden & his wife A[n]te N[uptias] [Pre-marital] F[ornication]. Alice Blofield: gravida [pregnant]
1632	Feb 12	Joh[n] Bayly's son hath begotten his father's maid Agnes Bell with child.
1632	Feb 26	Rich[ard] Cradden & his wife A[n]te N[uptias] [Pre-marital] F[ornication].
1633	Nov 29	W[illia]m Brigs for comeing very oft[en] to divine service. Ja[me]s Corner for profaneing the Church in pisseing against yt.
1633	Mar 6	Joh[n] Smith [a]ga[inst Hugh Green: caus[?] diff[?] pas[?]] The goods of Simon Porter to be administered. Tho[ma]s Carryer & Anthony Brooksby are guardians of the goods to be reckoned. [p.18]
1633	Mar 8	John Hanson of Gunthorpe g ^a [erga = regarding] Eiz[abeth] Tester: slander.
1634	ND	<i>Burials Reg[ister]</i> Mrs Mary P[eachie] wife of J[osiah] P[eachie] minister.
1634	Apr 27	John Smith g ^a [erga = regarding] Hugh Green of O[akham]: slander.
1634	May 22	Anna Willmore of Barlithorpe for giving ill words to the churchwarden: (also see Brooke s[ame] d[ate])
1634	June 25	Acc[oun]t of goods of Tobie Wytherall [?] demanded by Hugh Cross, given by Isabell W[ytherall] late wife of T[obie] W[ytherall].
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	Eliz[abeth] Garner for incontineny with several, before marriage.
1635	June 3	Tho[ma]s Sewyle et ux[or] [and wife] to certify about attending church. Joh[n] ffoster 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]l[ar]ly.
1635	Dec 1	See Egleton
1635	Jan 27	A[braha]m [?] son of Luke Ryall for missing from Catachism after he was called.
1635	Feb 18	Zachariah Lynn of Whissendine: abusing himself in Okeham ch[urch] in prayer time. Rob[er]t Sparrowe [?] keeping company in his house in time of divine service. Tho[ma]s Wilcox being absent from prayers or divine service.
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	July 5	Dorea Rydeing for rayling in the churchyard & calling Easabell Johnson filthy whore. Will[ia]m Cooke & John Finningly did not receive the H[oly] C[ommunion] at Easter last.
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). E[dward 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 11	Edw[ard] Redmile confesses He did put his foote forth with an intent to throw the s[ai]d Smith downe in the church. Goods of H[enr]y Simson of Barlithorpe to be administered.
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[hanne]s Peachey et [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] [p.16]
1636	Mar 2	A sim[ilar] faculty [to that granted on Feb 15] granted to Edw[ard] Johnson.
1637	Apr 26	Goods of Edw[ard] Mawlson to be administered.
1637	May 25	Anne Dewsbury owed 17d fee.
1637	Nov 2	Tho[ma]s Kellenly being absent fr[om] ch[urch].
1637	Nov 21	Edw[ard] Adams did drink in Rob[er]t Wright's house in Okeham in morn[in]g prayers time on Sunday 26 th of Sept[ember]. James Parfit, Robert Wright si[mi]l[a]r.
1637	Dec 12	Edw[ard] Adams did drinke in Rob[er]t Wright's house in O[akham] in M[ornin]g prayer time on Sund[ay] 26 Sept[ember]. James Parfit, Robert Wright, W[illia]m Wyer of Whissondine si[mi]l[a]r.
1637	Feb 1	Edw[ard] Adams sate drinking in Rob[er]t Wright's house in Okeham &c.
1638	Apr 24	Anth[ony] Bellamy coming to the Comm[union] & neglecting to receive the same in due order.
1638	May 10	John Adcocke & Sence Dallywater for incont[in]ence bef[ore] marr[riage] & 24 April. George White keeping company in his house the 8 April being Sondag all praiers time & 24 April.. Francis Russell being absent from ch[urch] the s[ai]d day. W[illia]m Ashton & Ffrancis Russell being absent from church the s[ai]d day & 24 Apr[il].
1638	June 9	Tho[ma]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	Sep 20	Rich[ard] West maryed at Stowe.
1638	Oct 10	Rich[ard] West marr[ied] at Stowe.
1638	Dec 4	John Owen winnowed corn on St Simon & Jude's day in prayer time.
1639	May 5	Josiah Peachie, clerke, son of William Peachie, Vicar: sep[ultus] [buried]. Monument to J[osiah] P[eachie]: Mary his wife: & Hebhzibah his dau[ghter]
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[ma]s Gidney for non payment of his levy 1s in the yea 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[ege] 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[rge] 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	Traitors in Rutland: Nov 28. Tho[ma]s Waite: H F Smth: Francis Hackett.
1661	Aug 2	Mr Michael ffrere sep[ultus] [buried]. (H[ead] M[aster] of school)
1662	ND	<i>Calamy & Palmer [The] Noncon[formist's] mem[orial]</i> 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 exht #am predic & Instit &c. dns Cour substituit M### Wright simul inter ceteros subst & surrog suis[?] &c psente[?] me[?] R. Rowell Not Publ[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.
- 1680 Sep 1 Sarah Cauty [?] of Barlithorpe for making a distractance in the par[ish] ch[urch] of O[akham] during divine service.
- 1687 June 5 Hugh Ashton & Ja[me]s Oliver, wardens g^a [erga = regarding] John fflavill, gen[tleman] in ca. Ralie [?] [p.16]
- 1690 ND John Warburton A[rtium] M[agister] [i.e. Master of Arts] Vicar, was V[icar] of St Martin's West Drayton, London, from 12 Aug[ust] 1681 till 15 July 1619 (res) [?] [p.13]
- 1702 Oct 10 *## Reg* Will of Henry Richards farrier of Tansor: d[oughte]r Mary marr[ied] W[illiam] Colsett [?] of O[akham]. Mason [p.24]
- 1707 ND *Epitaphia E.R.Suffling, [1909] p.93* Epitaph of Ja[me]s Marshall of O[akham]
 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.
- 1725 May 30 [sic]
- 1752 ND Tho[ma]s Ball, Ward[en] of St. John's Hospital, married Lannock . . . - children, Bennett Thomas 1753, bap[ti]s[ed] 1 Nov[ember]: Elizabeth Maria 1755, bap[ti]s[ed] 18 Sept[ember].
- 1754 circ[a] ND The Patrons of the Vicarage are Thomas E of Malton, Edward Finch, and Roger Mostyn. [p.13]
- 1764 Aug 28 The Rev[erend] Mr Bartin Burton Cur[ate] at O[akham]
- 1860 Aug 2 Consecration of 2 A[cre]s of ground with a Chapel with a graveyard.

Thomas Thickpenne 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 Thickpenne 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 lambes, 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.