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To
my mother
and in memory of
my father
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*Omnium parentum
Optimi parentes
Vobis hunc librum
Filius iam dedit.*

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In conclusion how can anyone who gets the least advantage from his Diary fail to pay tribute to the Southwold schoolmaster—*sine quo, nihil*—

JAMES MAGGS.

Eversley School,
Southwold.
April 16, 1983.

Alan Bottomley

Editorial Note

The Diary has been transcribed verbatim with the exception that Maggs's cross references to other entries by page number have been changed to date references or omitted where these are also given.

The diarist's later insertions and additions are shown in parentheses while notes and other matter that have been subsequently pasted in are indicated by deep indentation.

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At the Town Hall, Southwold

The Gooding Collection

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Minute Book—The Burgh School

Dole and Common Book

Assembly and Sessions Books 1713–1836

Council Minutes 1835–1868

Chamberlain's Accounts 1760–1825

Treasurer's Accounts From 1844.

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Maggs's Diary—including the draft will of 1868.

Census of Southwold (1821)

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Printed copy of the banned novel *Nettlestings*

At the Suffolk Record Office (Ipswich)

Parish registers

Wills, archdeaconry

'Monumental Inscriptions, Southwold churchyard', compiled by D. R. Gooding

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Census returns for 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871 and 1881.

Introduction

The Maggs Family

The youngest and by far the most enduring of the twelve children of Thomas and Ann Maggs was born at the 'Blue Anchor' inn at Walberswick on 9 February 1797, and he was christened James three days later.¹

There had been members of the Maggs family in south east Suffolk since the great subsidy of 1327² but they were of no great distinction either then or afterwards. Found first at Marlesford and close by at Rendlesham they spread due north and south parallel to the coast in the sixteenth century and into parishes further east in the seventeenth.³ When the first county directories were published in the 1830s and 1840s they were of even less consequence and were almost extinct, for there was only one Maggs, the diarist, included for Suffolk and one for Norfolk.⁴ It is true that in 1701 John Maggs of Aldeburgh, a relatively prosperous shipowner, and in 1749, his son, William of Halesworth, had described themselves as gentlemen.⁵ However Thomas, 'innholder' of Walberswick, though possibly a descendant, would have attempted no such pretension.

In fact we do not yet know either the parish in which Thomas was born or his previous occupation. If a guess were to be made it would be that he was a seaman for when, on 14 May 1782, he was married in St Edmund's Church, Southwold, to Ann Snell from Darsham⁶ neither had any obvious connection with the little Suffolk port nor had any of his name been rated there for the relief of the poor. One of the two witnesses whose names appear in the register, David Carman, was the master of the 'Ceres' of Southwold. Of the two sons of the marriage who reached maturity, the elder, William, became a sailor and the younger, James, though barred by physical handicap from the sea, showed throughout his long life an abiding interest in all things maritime.

1. Walberswick Parish Registers.

2. *Suffolk in 1327, being a subsidy return*. e.d. S.H.A.H. (Suffolk Green Books 9).

3. Index of Wills (Norwich Consistory and Suffolk Archdeaconry); Suffolk subsidies of 1524, 1568, 1674 (Hearth Tax); Able Men of Suffolk in 1638; Suckling Vol. II p. 161. See Bibliography for full titles.

4. White: *Directory of Suffolk 1844* White: *Directory of Norfolk 1836* William Maggs of Trowse Millgate, just outside Norwich, was a saddle and harness maker. In the Post Office Directory for Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire (1847) only Maggs of Southwold is listed. Current telephone directories give six people called Maggs for the Norwich area and three for the Colchester area. Not a great number.

5. Their wills, archdeaconry of Suffolk.

6. She, and he, were described as 'of Southwold' in the marriage register but in fact she was the daughter of William (died 1759) and Ann (died 1796) of Darsham. Her sister, Sarah (1743–1818) and brother William (1759–1811) died at Walberswick. Henry Carter, the younger, merchant, of Darsham was the executor of Thomas Maggs's will. The Snells were a farming family but of no great importance. (Wills: Archdeaconry of Suffolk; Darsham and Walberswick Parish Registers).

The newly married couple settled in Dunwich to begin with and there their first two children, Mary and then Ann, were born.⁷ In 1787 Maggs and his wife took over the 'Blue Anchor' in the neighbouring village of Walberswick, where eight sons, six of whom died in infancy, and a further two girls, only one of which survived, completed their family.⁸

Ability—or the disability of his lameness—marked out James Maggs for at least the rudiments of an education. Neither of his parents was literate⁹ but he was sent by his widowed mother (the innkeeper had died when James was but two years old) to the small school run by Mr Thomas Tuthill at Wenhaston, three miles away. He was now seven.

His school had been founded through legacies made in 1562 and 1563 and although at this time the schoolhouse was probably leased to a butcher the old endowments still provided a salary for the master. Thirty-one years later when his old schoolmaster died at Walberswick in 1834, Maggs recorded his death without comment.¹⁰ Fourteen years later still when he revisited his old school, he found that it had been for some time converted into cottages.

At the age of fourteen, James Maggs was articled to Tuthill as an usher, for the term of three years. This apprenticeship was the beginning of a teaching career that spanned as many decades. Not immediately however nor at Wenhaston. When his tutelage was completed he was taken on as a clerk or rather as a transcriber, by Mr James Jermyn of Reydon Cottage, near Southwold.

Jermyn was a formative influence upon the young man. A somewhat crabbed, contentious and pedantic eccentric, he was both cousin and son-in-law to the better known Henry Jermyn of Sibton, the antiquarian associate of David Elisha Davy.¹¹ The Jermyns came of a legal family based upon Halesworth and had themselves been educated to the law.¹² James followed, though not immediately, his cousin as High Steward and Recorder of Southwold,¹³ an office from which he had the distinction of being three times dismissed and to which he was twice re-appointed.¹⁴

7. Mary, baptised July 11 1784; Ann, March 13 1786 (Dunwich Parish Registers).

8. William 1787–87 Sarah 1788– William 1789–89 Maria 1790–90 William 1791–1826 Thomas 1792–93 James 1793–94 Thomas 1795–95 Thomas 1796–96 James 1797–1890 (Walberswick Parish Registers). With such a mortality rate Maggs's obsession with death becomes understandable.

9. They made their mark in the marriage register as did Thomas on his will. In the register the surname is written 'Naggs'.

10. *Parochial Charities, Blything Union* (1838) pp. 101–2. In 1844 the school was said to be for 17 poor children who were to be taught reading, writing and arithmetic (*White's Directory*). Tuthill was buried at Dunwich next to his wife. He was 47 when he first taught Maggs. See diary under 1835.

11. *Journal of Excursions through the County of Suffolk 1823–1844* by David Elisha Davy. ed. John Blatchly p. 8.

12. *D.N.B.* sub Jermyn.

13. A petition of 1835 claimed that James Jermyn's 'situation in the legal department had never been higher than an attorney's clerk', Wake p. 274.

John Buckle, Corporation Commissioner, on his visit to Southwold in 1833 stated 'The High Steward is not a legal person' (Cutting in diary).

14. Elected 1821 (Maggs voted for him). Dismissed June 26 1837 re-elected October 26. Dismissed August 19 1840, re-elected August 19. Dismissed 1851.

James Jermyn's interests were literary rather than antiquarian. His opus magnum, which probably played a great part in sending him into eventual bankruptcy, was a dictionary of synonyms, epithets and phrases derived from the English poets.¹⁵ It was presumably upon this great work that Maggs was employed. He was not alone however. George Wright from Framlingham, eight years senior to Maggs but like him of humble country stock, had already been an amanuensis for Jermyn for two years when Maggs joined him. Wright opened a school in Southwold in 1809 but it lasted only three years. He was still Jermyn's transcriber eleven years after Maggs had given up his work at Reydon Cottage.¹⁶ Though Maggs's own time with Jermyn was relatively short, it may have stimulated and inspired his own painstaking dedication as an annalist of contemporary events in the district.

By 1816 Maggs had been appointed to a post at Dedham Grammar School. Founded in 1575 it had reached a high point in its fortunes towards the end of the eighteenth century. Then John Constable, the painter, had been a pupil but now the school had declined from its previous good condition and attracted few who wanted a classical education. Those who sought only instruction in reading, writing and accounts were taught by an usher in a room erected in 1774 on the other side of the original Elizabethan building.¹⁷ It was doubtless within this annexe that Maggs laboured in the few months that he was at Dedham.

Within the year Maggs had moved on to the Grey Coat Hospital School, Westminster. (The diarist's usually accurate memory played him false later when he called it the 'Green' Coat School.) By 1785, after nearly a century of life the school provided an elementary education for the sixty boys and thirty girls who boarded there. The teaching in mathematics that was specially directed towards those boys who wished to go to sea may well have been Maggs's chief interest.¹⁸

Westminster did not tempt him to a longer stay than did Dedham. By 1817 Maggs was back in his home parish to open his own school. As however the larger and more sophisticated community on the northern bank of the Blyth offered greater opportunities, in the following year he set up a similar establishment in Southwold.

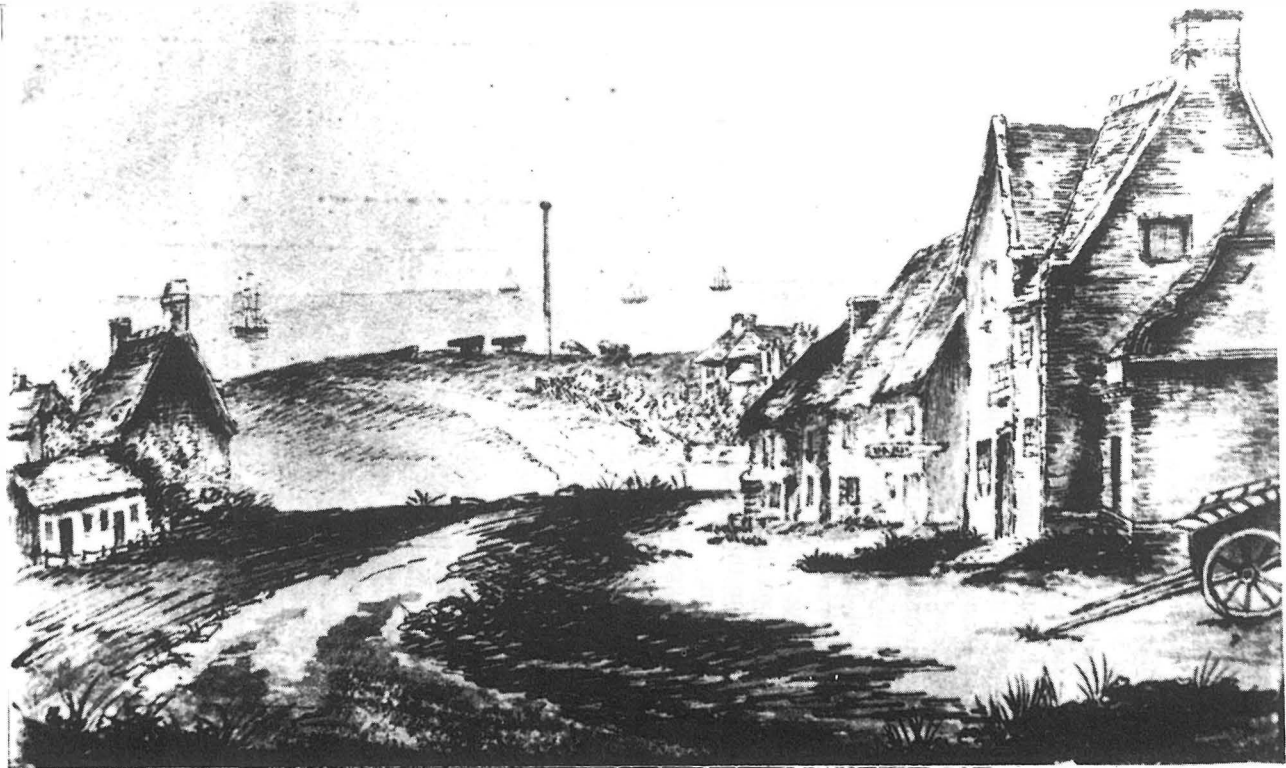
There was no ancient endowed school in the port, nor had there ever been one. The seafaring folk learnt their skills at sea. What need there was for education received intermittent and, one imagines, perfunctory satisfaction from a parish schoolmaster operating within the church or from a relatively literate inhabitant, who made use of his own premises to supplement a meagre income derived from other sources.

15. *D.N.B. sub* Jermyn; Gooding Collection—Southwold Town Hall.

16. *Story of the Suffolk Baptists*. A. J. Kleiber, p. 83.

17. *V. C. H. Essex* Vol. II p. 540.

18. *The English School. Its architecture . . . 1370–1870*. Malcolm Seaborne pp. 108–110.



Southwold in 1816

Looking down from South Green towards Gun Hill and South End, where Maggs came to live in 1818. (From an old engraving)

Yet at the turn of the century the French Revolution and its aftermath had both galvanised and polarised educational attitudes on this side of the Channel. The educated 'establishment' saw in a modicum of universal education for the poor a safeguard for the 'natural' order and their own privileges. The social reformers on the other hand declared that education was the natural birthright of all men, while to the Methodists and religious reformers it was the true handmaid of living belief. So all were united in an endeavour to provide larger and more effective schools.

Southwold was not slow to feel the benefit of this new resolve. The Sunday schools, that provided a general as well as a religious education yet did not draw the young away from the profit of their weekday labour, were first in the field. From 1806 to 1810 a Mr Tory was teaching children to write in a sand tray and to read and spell at the Wesleyan Chapel in Mill Lane. This on weekdays as well. When this ceased, the Reverend Thomas Nottage started a Sunday School in 1812 in the schoolroom attached to his Independent Chapel. The Anglicans however were not prepared to leave education in the hands of the nonconformists. Apart from establishing their own Sunday school the need for any immediate initiative on their part was removed in 1816. The Burgh School had been founded in the previous year and it was now supported by a small endowment to be administered by the vicar and the bailiffs.¹⁹ This school was held in the new Town Hall on Church Green, largely at the expense of James Jermyn and other Southwold notables.²⁰ Unhappily by 1819 the Corporation had not adequately fulfilled its own promise of financial support. The school accordingly foundered. A National School for girls catered until 1826 for at least some of the children in the town but the way was now open for Maggs and others to provide for the remainder. In addition, from 1822 to 1840 Maggs ran the Sunday school attached to the parish church and in 1828, probably under Jermyn's influence, he became for a short while the first superintendent of a similar establishment at Reydon. The young schoolmaster was certainly not lacking in energy or dedication.

In 1818, the year in which he opened his Southwold school, Maggs was married in Walberswick church to Elizabeth, the only daughter of Thomas Roberts, a Wangford farmer, and his wife, Ann. She had been born at Blyford twenty one years before and was thus the same age as her husband. The two witnesses at St Andrew's were William and Mary, the bridegroom's brother and eldest sister. When Maggs's father, the Walberswick innkeeper, died in 1799, aged 45, he left such possessions as he had to be divided between his wife and surviving children. A loving and considerate father, he directed that James should be given a double share 'on account of his being lame'.²¹ Ann, the widow, carried on with the inn until her elder son had reached his majority and could claim his small inheritance. This was in 1812,

19. Legacy of John Sayer. This was £200 in 4% consols.

20. Minutes of the Burgh School—Southwold Town Hall.

21. Will of Thomas Maggs: Archdeaconry of Suffolk.

when William married Susannah Palmer. His mother handed the 'Blue Anchor' over to John Banks, a widowed tailor from Bramfield, who had married Mary, her eldest daughter in 1803.²² The second daughter, another Ann, became the wife of Robert Dows in the year following her sister's marriage. The couple settled in Woolwich, where Maggs visited them. Dows died in 1833 and she, back in Walberswick, a year later. Sarah, the remaining daughter, married Thomas Turrell in 1806. Whatever the reason, she is not mentioned in her younger brother's diary. Widowed, she took as her second husband, a butcher, John Laws, and had a daughter whom Maggs visited at Kirby Cane many years later.²³

Mary Banks lost her husband in 1824 when he fell into a well at Benhall on his way back home from Wickham Market. Three years later she was forced to give up the 'Blue Anchor' and moved to Yarmouth to live at the 'Bear' in South Town. She soon returned to join her mother at Walberswick. From there in a short while she went to Brundish to become housekeeper to Edward Cootes, a widowed farmer. In 1831 she married her employer and three years later her mother came to join her.²⁴

William Maggs, the other witness at the diarist's wedding, was drowned eight years later with the other members of the crew of the brig 'Eleanor' on the Happisburgh sands as she made her way home from Newcastle to Yarmouth. This tragedy, as was common in those days, reduced his wife and children to a pitiable state. Thomas, the son and potential breadwinner died young at Lowestoft in 1837²⁵ and Honor, his sister, at Kirkley the following year.²⁶ Three years after this, their mother and another sister, Susan, were living in straitened circumstances in Chapel Road, Lowestoft.²⁷ They were still in the port ten years later when the younger woman was working as a washerwoman.²⁸ Another three years and the widow was dead. Pitiful appeals for help for the family were sent to Maggs in Southwold but their effect is not known.

Southwold in 1818

When James Maggs came to live in the borough the town occupied only the southern half of its present site. To the north of the church, fields and marshes stretched out to Buss Creek and to the boundary it made with the (now much eroded) parish of Easton Bavents. There was hardly a building

22. Edna, the first wife of John Banks, was buried at Bramfield in 1800. John, the son of Banks and his second wife was born there in 1805. (Bramfield Parish Registers.)

23. Register Bills, Yarmouth.

24. In 1834 John Banks, the younger, came from London to Walberswick with his wife Sarah, and set himself up there as a shoemaker. (Diary and census returns.)

25. Buried November 15 1837, aged 19 (Lowestoft Parish Registers).

26. Buried February 18 1838, aged 22 (Kirkley Parish Registers).

27. Census of 1841.

28. Census of 1851. There was another daughter, Mary Ann, born at Yarmouth like her sister, in 1825, the year after Susan. (Register Bills, Yarmouth.)

beyond St Edmund's Church and St James's Green, though in twenty years a new terrace enclosed the latter. After that there was a pause before the late Victorian sprawl northwards began. To the south of the town, the present common provided cheap pasturage for the horses and cattle of the burgesses, while the recently drained marshes yielded a welcome if small income for the Corporation. Along the river at Blackshore coal for domestic grates and chalk for farm fields were unloaded from coastal craft: grain or, more often, mere ballast went out in their place.²⁹ At the harbour, tolls were collected from these vessels or from those that proceeded further up river as far as Halesworth. Small craft were still built near the quay or along the beach, while within the borough twine spinners and sail makers prepared their wares. To the east, along the cliffs, three companies of pilots, at New York, Long Island and Killcock³⁰ competed for the custom of the boats using the port. The fisherfolk followed a livelihood more precarious and uncertain. Upon all these, and the inland villages, depended the future of the shopkeepers in the Market Place and along the High Street. As Maggs compiled his diary it became largely a chronicle of the fortunes, sometimes good but more often sombre, of the ordinary families of the little town.

Southwold had some families of greater wealth and influence: the permanent residents included the merchant families, Robinson and Crisp, successors to Warrens, Nunns and Thompsons. With the surgeon, the banker, the miller and the principal innkeeper and shopkeepers, they ran the town as bailiffs and chamberlains, a democratically elected oligarchy.

There was no aristocratic element. Even the lordship of the manor was vested in the burgesses as a whole. A small but still active working port, it lived by trade. Money was the touchstone of success, bankruptcy the greatest social crime. This latter, as we shall see from the diary, resulted in almost immediate departure from the borough. The fraud, the cheat and the impostor who took by guile from the pockets of the townsfolk are denounced with a feeling unusual in such a phlegmatic record. Yet Southwold in the nineteenth century was a place of considerable poverty for all but a few of the inhabitants, a fact that does much to excuse the alleged jobbery on the council in the 1840s and 1850s. Those who fell financially by the way or failed in trade were faced with the debtors' prison at Ipswich or the workhouse at Bulcamp, with the asylum at Melton for those who had become deranged by these or other troubles. In more extreme cases emigration to the Americas or Australia provided the only prospect of a better life; or suicide, an escape to the next.

29. I have calculated that in 1832 63% of the cargoes brought into the port were of coal, 15% of chalk. 61% taken out were ballast and 14% corn. 45% of the vessels entering were from Newcastle, 29% from London. 46% leaving were for Newcastle, 27% for London. (Harbour Books—Southwold Town Hall.)

30. These names were given to stretches of the cliffs at Southwold. New York at the south end, Kilcock at the north. Long Island in between Kilcock = keel caulk—though cock (also) = yawl. Critten's boatyard was at the foot of the cliff.

About a decade before Maggs made his appearance Southwold had become a somewhat fashionable watering place for the county and beyond. This development brought more money into the town and introduced a more elevated social element. The townspeople were quick to build lodging-houses for the accommodation of the visitors, led by the grand establishment put up at Centre Cliff by the rich Sheriffe family from Henstead.³¹ In 1833, Maggs acquired his own lodging-house nearby on South Green; from then until 1840, when he moved, he meticulously recorded the names of his lodgers. On Gun Hill, on land granted to them by the Corporation, from 1810 onwards members of the county gentry and merchants from the county towns built or subsequently bought or rented for themselves or their relations places where the Summer months could be spent or the dowager deposited for a somewhat longer stay.³²

We will look in vain in the diary for any really significant information about the gentlefolk who lived on the hill or the other genteel families who came to live upon the Green or the cliffs or elsewhere in the town. Maggs's absorbing concern was with his own kind, struggling for survival in the shops and humbler dwellings in the meaner parts of the borough—the tradesmen and fishing or labouring families. His own obituary recorded his capacity for good fellowship, a quality not obvious in what he wrote, though his involvement in the affairs of his neighbours is clearly apparent.

Maggs in Southwold

In Southwold at this period those who did not live in the larger houses and who were not tied to the shops and inns which gave them their living, changed their abodes within the town with what would now seem to be bewildering frequency. Maggs too fell into this pattern, responding to financial or occupational change, or to the size of his family. His first home was a house that he rented from Samuel Laws, the glazier at South End. This possessed what is still—across marsh, quay and river—one of the most attractive views of Walberswick, the village in which he had grown up and which he had just left for good. Yet his mother and elder sister still lived there. His mother returned to Walberswick from Brundish in 1840 and lived together with Mary in a house next to her old home at the inn until she died in 1848, just two years short of her hundredth birthday. Maggs must often have taken the ferry across the Blyth to revisit his native parish, and naturally news of its residents is included in his diary.

31. Though not completed until 1829, Centre Cliff outstripped the rest in style if not in age.

32. e.g. Eliza Knox Blois of Erin Villa, now Gun Hill Place. The mother of Sir Ralph Blois of Yoxford, she was the principal target for the mildly libellous book *Nettlestings*. She died in 1886. Another Blois was married to Eardley Norton, vicar of Walberswick, and lived in state at the Manor House in Southwold in the 1840s.

His first child, named William after his seafaring elder brother was born in his first Southwold home but with the coming of a second child, Thomas, bearing the name of his long-dead grandfather, Maggs moved, in 1821, to a house a little further away. This belonged to Edmund Child, the ironsmith. Another year and Maggs's means were sufficient to allow him to take up residence in the High Street. Here he rented from Jermyn, his old master, a cottage that later carried, and still does, the sign of the 'King's Head'. Ever energetic and enterprising, he started a grocer's shop here. In 1829 he 'built and moved into a house next door'. This was in fact a repair and rebuilding of a cottage he had bought for £105 the year before.³³ These premises included the schoolroom essential for Maggs's preferred calling, one of several such simple structures to be found in the borough.³⁴

There are further indications of increasing prosperity and of a growing family. He eventually fathered five boys and seven girls, of whom half died in infancy or early childhood. In 1833, he hired from William Crisp, the maltster, a house on South Green, the most beautiful situation in the town, for his family, the school and the seasonal visitors. It was a residence of some quality, having recently been occupied by Jonathan Gooding, the erudite Town Clerk.

Maggs's sons were now reaching an age when they would shortly have to make their own lives away from home. When the move was made to South Green, William, the eldest, thirteen, was apprenticed to the philanthropic Joseph Arthy, the chemist: his shop stood at the South Green end of Pinkney's Lane, next to the 'Red Lion'.³⁵ After two years there he took a similar position with a Mr Horder, who had premises in Fenchurch Street, London. His younger brother, Edward, tried life at sea: at eleven, in 1843, he sailed from Southwold to Newcastle aboard John Bokenham's 'Harmony'. He seems to have liked the experience, for in the following year he was apprenticed to George Farthing, master of the 'Irwell' of London, which had called into Southwold when her cargo of rags caught fire. A year later he deserted his ship at Gravesend because of the bad treatment which he had received on board. His articles had still three more years to run. Back at home, he was for a short while apprenticed once more, this time to Rounce, the glazier, who had just come into the town.³⁶ Unable to settle he worked briefly, in 1838, for a grocer in Manchester Square, London. Towards the end of the year, his father went up to the capital to see Mr Webb of the Albany, who had stayed at his Southwold lodgings a few months previously. This resulted in a new situation for Edward, which lasted somewhat longer, in a shop in Piccadilly. Eventually he joined the Post Office as a letter carrier.

33. Deeds in possession of Messrs. Adnams, Southwold.

34. There were at least three academies in Southwold in 1812 (Poor Rate Assessments). They were run by George Wright, the Reverend Thomas Nottage and Thomas Maugham. There were seven by 1844, exclusive of the National and Sunday schools.

35. Memorial tablet in St Edmund's extolls his virtues 'he went about doing good'. He was largely responsible for founding the dispensary for the poor.

36. Successor to Samuel Laws, at South End, Maggs's first landlord in Southwold.

Thomas, the middle son, started with the Southwold glazier when he was fourteen but was as restless as his brothers. After three years he left home with a friend to look for employment. In 1841 Maggs heard after a gap of three years that he had been in Scotland in the 'Sappers and Miners service.'³⁷

These, the three sons who reached maturity, had short and rather unpromising careers. William came home to die in 1837, Edward in 1844. Thomas died at 'Mrs Ann Purrier's house' in Southampton five years afterwards. They were 17, 21 and 28. Two sons died in infancy.

When the first detailed census of Southwold was taken in 1841³⁸ the household on South Green consisted of the parents and the five daughters, Eliza, Mary Ann, Sarah, Maria and baby Ellen. Betsy and an earlier Sarah had died young. The National School for both boys and girls had opened in 1840 and this may have prompted Maggs to give up his own school. Up to 1837, to judge by his occupation as given in the parish registers when his children were baptised, he regarded himself principally as a schoolmaster. Thereafter, although he did not immediately get rid of his establishment on South Green, he became an auctioneer, entering into partnership in 1840 with Daniel Fulcher, builder, later to be mayor of Southwold. The property on the Green was no longer needed. In the following year, now in business on his own, he moved back into the High Street, renting a place opposite the Manor House from Robert Mills, a Norwich merchant who came of a Southwold family.

By the next census, in 1851, Eliza, though included, was a village schoolmistress on the Bacon estate at Raveningham in Norfolk. Her uncle, John Roberts, her mother's only brother, was farming nearby at Stockton. Her father's niece, Sarah, was married to another farmer at Kirby Cane, adjoining Stockton.³⁹ This district became well known to the Maggs family, who visited their relatives there. However Eliza did not stay long. Two years later she married James Tooke, the coachman at Raveningham Hall⁴⁰ and with her husband took over the 'Green Dragon' at Harleston. This apparently was not a great success, even though when she was twenty Eliza had gained some experience at Mr Howey's 'Queen's Head' in Lowestoft High Street.⁴¹ In 1856 she resumed teaching near Long Stratton, where her husband had been born. Her sister, Mary Ann, died the year after the census was taken.

37. The 'Royal Sappers and Miners' were given that title in 1813. It was incorporated with the Royal Engineers in 1856. In 1844 they came to Southwold and set up an 'observatory' on the church tower. It is not clear whether Thomas Maggs was with them as a civilian or not.

38. A census list survives for 1821 in the Library of the Archaeological Society. The census of 1841 was the first to give any indication of occupation, place of birth and residence etc.

39. Census of 1851. She was the daughter of Maggs's sister Sarah and her second husband, John Laws, butcher. (Yarmouth Register Bills.)

40. The ambition of the butler to become the landlord of a public house is no invention of the novelist, several examples occur in the diary.

41. *Directory of 1844*.

At the end of 1851 Maggs took a seven-year lease of a house hired from John Cracknell, trustee for Mary Ann Chaston. He was now back on South Green and living in some style, for the late Mrs Chaston had been heavily assessed for the poor rate.⁴² However he may soon have regretted his commitment to his new home when shortly afterwards, in 1854, his 'old friend' William Prettyman left Maggs 20 Park Lane in his will. When the South Green tenancy was up he immediately moved into his inheritance, which was to be his home for the remainder of his long life. Prettyman was a retired farmer but from 1789 to 1806 he had been the landlord of the inn down at Blackshore and through this he would doubtless have known the Maggs family at the 'Blue Anchor' quite well.

When the next census was taken, in 1861, Maria and Ellen were the only daughters left with their parents in Park Lane. Sarah, who had taken a position in the household of J. S. Eldridge at Southampton shortly after her brother's death in that town, married William Hunt at St Luke's, Chelsea, in 1865. Of the two girls remaining with their father and mother, Ellen became the wife of Charles Durrant of the Customs and Coastguards two years before the Chelsea wedding. Her husband was the son of Thomas Durrant, who was in the same service and in charge of their operations in Southwold after 1846, living on South Green just round the corner from the family in Park Lane.

Maria did not marry but concealing her true identity under her mother's maiden name, she gave birth to a daughter, registered as Minnie Ellen Aldrich, at Puddingmoor in Beccles. This was not far from her uncle Roberts at Stockton.

The maintenance of this succession of homes and of a growing family would together have strained the resources of a mere schoolmaster. Maggs however tried his hand at many jobs and offices in Southwold and became the complete borough factotum. He was elected Coroner in 1823, the last to hold that appointment until it was extinguished by the Municipal Reform Act of 1835. For this he received an annual salary of two guineas and compensation of £5 when the position was abolished. He had been chosen census enumerator in 1831 and was to act on that and subsequent occasions. Six years later he was the first secretary of the new Medical Dispensary and in 1844 he was elected assistant overseer of the poor at £20 a year, having already, in 1843, been made secretary for the distribution of Steele's and Sayer's legacies and of bread and coals to the poor. After another three years, he was temporary vestry clerk. Appointed bailiff of the Court Leet in 1852, he was deputy surveyor of highways in 1856, surveyor ten years later. Maggs was the secretary of no less than seven friendly societies between 1821 and 1849.

42. £45.15 (Poor Rate Books).

There can be no doubt that he was trusted by his fellow townsmen, to whom his methodical and painstaking ways, as seen in the diary, were an undisputed asset. Not only did these offices provide a useful addition to his income, they added to the value of his diary, for he was in an excellent position to know what went on in the little town. By 1873, at 76, he was described as bailiff, borough surveyor and ground rent collector.⁴³

Maggs was a town official but no town politician; he never sought election to the council itself. From his diary it would indeed be difficult to find where his sympathies lay, for he wrote with all the discretion of the true functionary. Yet the Southwold community was one in which relatively small and local issues had always provoked high feeling and often deep differences. As early as 1727, according to Gardner, 'Dissention raged most violently in this present Generation . . . the Contagion spread with such rancour that . . .'.⁴⁴

A century later, there was apparently not much improvement. In 1835 it was complained that 'party feuds had existed and did exist, amongst persons of opposing interests, and struggling for the ascendancy of political power—producing litigation and irritation, and destroying the peace and harmony of the inhabitants.'⁴⁵ Again 'Party feuds prevail to an extent which certainly equals that to which they are carried on in most parliamentary boroughs.' Their assemblies are disorderly meetings, in which 'the sweet voices of the burgesses are sometimes swayed by interested cunning and sometimes by mere dreamers of dreams.'⁴⁶

Every potential innovation or infringement of the old order provoked controversy that was largely personal and sometimes verged upon the scurrilous. So much is confirmed by the handbills, broadsheets and newspaper cuttings that Maggs collected. These give ample testimony to the bile, or honest indignation, according to one's reading of the evidence available, that could be generated by 'Veritas', 'John Honesty', 'Thomas Sincerity', 'Sudwaldus', 'Old Townsman', 'Half-pay Officer' and others of their kind. Whether it was tithes, rights of commonage for the townfolk, the poor rate, 'pews versus benches' in the parish church or 'no Popery', feeling was deep and strong as sides were taken in the petty politics of the little town.

Grout the grocer and Sutherland the surgeon rode high in Southwold when Maggs came into the borough. These two seem to have been the 'rump' of a cabal led apparently by Robert May, the owner of the saltworks at South End. They had ousted the Robinsons from their long pre-eminence, though the latter were still popular with the poor. The new régime had asserted itself

43. Among lesser commissions that Maggs undertook were the collecting of subscriptions for the Casino for Jermy (MS in possession of Southwold Archaeological Society) and acting as first auditor for the Gas Company. In 1837–8 Maggs was paid £6.7.6 for revising list of ground rents. In 1840–1 he collected £35.7.3 in ground rents while for his work in the Court Leet, collecting rents and surveying he was paid £7.9.6.

44. Gardner *Historical account of Dunwich etc.* (1754), p. 195.

45. Wake *Southwold and its vicinity* (1839), p. 275.

46. *Gentleman's Magazine* (April 1835), p. 349. Review of the *History of Boroughs*, by Merewether and Stephens.

in the last decade of the previous century when the nation was under pressure from Revolutionary, and then Napoleonic, France. May was captain of the local Volunteers while Edward Kilwick, a naval officer and his ally, commanded the Fencibles. Associated with Jermyn and others, this appears to have been a 'ginger group' determined to implement their plans for the borough. Unfortunately one of their most ambitious schemes, the draining of the town marshes, was regarded as having pushed the Corporation finances to the point of bankruptcy.⁴⁷ May certainly suffered this fate himself and left Southwold for good in 1814. His imposing 'Manor House' was put up for sale.

Invaluable as it is for our knowledge of Southwold in his day, Maggs's diary betrays no opinion to separate him from his fellow townsmen. With the majority he voted for Jermyn as High Steward in 1821, attended the bailiffs' dinner at the 'Swan' from 1822 to 1827, supported Dr Sutherland as bailiff in 1833 but not, the next year, his nominee, putting the chaplain at Bulcamp and the town's other surgeon into office. In national politics, Southwold was, except for the one occasion, predominantly Tory at election time. The bells rang and flags were hoisted in 1823 when the True Blue party triumphed at the polls.⁴⁸ Though Maggs did not register a preference in 1830, 1835, 1841 and 1843, when he did it was for the choice of both town and county. At the great election of 1832 he went to Halesworth to help put the Liberal in, but for the first and only time. From then on he was an undeviating Conservative, though steadfastly refusing to give his second vote for the otherwise highly popular and successful Lord Henniker. In 1865, on his way to see his daughter Ellen at Harwich, he sat on the hustings at Ipswich when Kelly and Henniker were returned unopposed. Nor did he fail to add his lordship's obituary to his collection of cuttings, but, as usual, without comment.⁴⁹

During Maggs's own time, the reforms of the 1830's cancelled the provisions of the borough's ancient charter and swept away the rule of the bailiffs and the ministrations of the chamberlains and lesser officials. As might be expected, these changes did not take place without comment or incident: a petition of 1835 for the complete abolition of the borough's corporate status produced, needless to say, a counter petition. This latter prevailed and the familiar apparatus of mayor and council was set up.⁵⁰

According to the evidence to be found in the diary, the reforms, here as elsewhere, were not an immediate success. The town is said soon to have fallen into the hands of 'jobbers', notably the two builders, Daniel Fulcher, Maggs's old partner and mayor from 1844 to 1849, and Peter Palmer, holding the same office from 1849 to 1852.

47. Note on back of insertion in diary 'The Names of Pieces of Land belonging to Walpole in 1738'—'1799 Ballance in the hands of Mr Robinson when he was turned out of office by Robert May & his party & paid to R. May 70 6 6. 1814 Oct 27 When May absconded & became Bankrupt the Town in debt 900 li & upwards'—between pp. 1 & 2 of the diary.

48. *Ipswich Journal*, September 20 1823. MS in possession of the Southwold Archaeological Society gives the dining lists.

49. Poll Books. Henniker's obituary on p. 437 of the diary.

50. Wake *op. cit.* 274–80. The first petition had 26 signatures, the second 261.

In the second half of the nineteenth century the affairs of the municipality take on a new tranquillity and greater respectability. For an unprecedented span of fourteen years from 1852 to 1866 Alfred Lillingston was mayor. Living on Gun Hill at The Lodge (rebuilt for him in 1855 by Daniel Fulcher, one of his discredited predecessors) his position and conduct placed him above criticism and for the rest of Maggs's life the town was led by men of Lillingston's kind and quality.⁵¹

As Arthur Bryant might have put it, what the mayor was amongst his fellow townsmen, the glorious fifteenth-century church was to all the other edifices in the borough. When Maggs came to Southwold, both St Edmund's and the ministry it provided were at low water. Yet the tide was on the turn, and the diary records the restoration of the great building and the coming of a progressively more active type of incumbent. Eroded stonework was replaced; within the church, pillars were cleaned and high Georgian pews were changed for benches; galleries were erected and then swept away. Half bricked-up windows remained obscured, and sheep continued to graze in the churchyard but the fabric itself was safe and slowly returned towards something of its late medieval glory.

At the beginning of the century the vicar was a priest who between 1800 and 1816 visited his parish but once, though he was prevailed upon to die there.⁵² He had left St Edmund's to the care of a quick succession of assistant curates of varied quality, one of whom was a Public School headmaster on the run from his creditors.⁵³ The absentee, Daniel Collyer, was the nephew-by-marriage of the patron. The latter, the future first earl of Stradbroke, then put in another nephew, Rous Birch, who had soon to make way for his cousin, the fourth son of the earl. The Hon. and Rev. Anthony Rous died young of consumption and Birch was allowed to return. The first curate to occupy the newly acquired vicarage in the High Street⁵⁴ he was to bring the virtue of residency to his tenure. However he seems to have been a stiff and somewhat unsympathetic character and the otherwise peaceable Maggs had occasion to stand up to him. In doing so he showed the mettle of which he was made.⁵⁵

51. Lillingston (1805–1866) was related by marriage to Wilberforce, the reformer. The first to settle in Southwold the family were originally Midlands industrialists.
52. Extracts from the Churchwardens' Books of the Parish of Southwold, inserted before page 1 of the diary. In the same hand as the MS quoted in note 47.
53. Rice Hughes M.A. (1804), H. M. Aldenham 1785–92.
54. Acquired by Queen Anne's Bounty from the widow of Captain Robert Gooch (of the Benacre family) in 1829. At one time the home of the Warrens. An eighteenth century mansion now (1982) being returned to its former character by Messrs Denny.
55. His dispute over his sons' tombstone in 1849. For further information about Rous Birch and his coming to Southwold see *A Family Affair 1819–1829* by Canon J. A. Fitch in *The Suffolk Review* September 1961, pp. 99–118.

Birch was a difficult man, but he was at least present and active and his ministry heralded better things to come. Whatever his 'differences' Maggs remained a loyal churchman and never deserted St Edmund's for the thriving Free Churches within the borough.⁵⁶ In 1865, he may well have needed the comfort of his religion. Elizabeth, his wife, died and the house in Park Lane must have become suddenly a lonely place. Maria, the unmarried daughter, kept house for him for a while, but in 1871 a paid housekeeper was looking after him and his seven year old illegitimate grand-daughter. Ten years later, Minnie herself was running 20 Park Lane and they were alone. Early on Monday 3 March 1890 James Maggs died, aged 93. He had not been seen about the town for some time, though until then his general health had been good.

Southwold realised that it had lost a great character. At an exhibition of 'curious items' in 1888, his portrait attracted much attention. His 'passionate love for collecting and preserving local traditions and records of events' was well known and recognised. Nor did he confine himself to these. According to a newspaper report of an exhibition at Wrentham in 1865, he had a liking for the antique and the curious, contributing oil paintings of the Old Mill at Easton Bavents and the 'Cherry Tree' inn at Stoven. And it was over a picture that he is said to have quarrelled with Susan, his brother's widow.⁵⁷ However it is for his diary that he has been remembered.

There is no record of any will or administration at Somerset House but in 1868, three years after his wife's death, he at least drafted a testament.⁵⁸ He made Jonathan Robert Gooding, solicitor and Town Clerk and Charles Durrant, his son-in-law, his executors. Their first duty was to put a tombstone in Southwold churchyard to his 'old friend' and benefactor William Prettyman and his wife Mary, in whose house he now lived.

After a number of small personal bequests his property was to be auctioned, the proceeds to be shared amongst his daughters, Eliza Tooke, Sarah Hunt and Ellen Durrant equally but Maria, the unmarried housekeeper at Park Lane received a double share. Perhaps the little lame boy at Walberswick, who was also left a double inheritance, was in James's mind when he made provision for the daughter who had 'stumbled'.

The lesser bequests are of interest. His grandson, Thomas Durrant, was to be given his watch and 'attachments'. The youngest son of Benjamin Howard Carter, the local builder, was to get Maggs's copy of Barclay's Dictionary while Henry Johnson Debney, the grocer and draper upon South Green, was left 'my old weather vane, dated 1661'. This had originally stood upon the old cross in the Market Place and had been given to Maggs by Sutherland. 'My journal of remarkable events and also my Diary of deaths' was to be passed on to Gooding. This draft was never carried into effect, let alone proved. The Town Clerk died before the diarist and to this day there is no monument to the Prettymans in Southwold churchyard.

56. Southwold had a strong non-conformist tradition as did most east coast ports. In 1760 there were 242 Anglicans and 166 Protestant Dissenters in the town. (Archdeacon's Transcripts.)

In 1836 30% of the children of Southwold attended the church Sunday school, 70% those of the non-conformists (40% Wesleyan, 30% Congregational).

57. See letter of 1854 in diary at end of entries for 1825.

58. Draft will enclosed loose in Volume V of the diary.

The Barber family were, perhaps surprisingly, not mentioned in this will. In 1830 Maggs's niece, Mary Ann Banks, the daughter of his sister Mary, had married Amos Barber from Hoxne. A miller by occupation, he was employed by Samuel Gayfer at Walberswick until, briefly, in 1835, he had his own mill back at his birthplace. Before the end of that year he was back with Gayfer, and remained with him until he took Baggott's Mill in Southwold in 1855. Moving to the town two years later, he lived in the High Street and predeceased Maggs in 1884. Both of Barber's children were already dead, as was his mother-in-law, Maggs's sister, Mary, who had come to live with them.

James Maggs lies with his wife Elizabeth and seven of their children in St Edmund's churchyard. His tombstone carries no profession of faith, no eulogy, merely his name and the dates of birth and death. As terse as any entry in the diary that is his true monument.

When George Crabbe visited his brother Robert in Southwold he might well have met James Maggs. The verse of the one and the prose of the other tell us much more than we would otherwise know about two little Suffolk seaports. Let Crabbe write the epitaph for the diarist.

‘But James had virtues—was esteem’d as one
Whom men look’d up to, and relied upon.
Kind to his equals, social when they met—
If out of spirits, always out of debt;
True to his promise, he a lie disdain’d,
And e’en when tempted in his trade, refrain’d.
(Posthumous Tales II—The Family of Love.)

The Diary

Under the date 16 November 1842, Maggs made the characteristically laconic entry in his diary: ‘I published a Hand Book of the Port and Shipping of Southwold’. There is no further comment, then or afterwards. This, his only known venture into print,⁵⁹ was a remarkably competent exercise. It came from the press of Thomas Tippell, who had taken Maggs's lodgings the previous year and who worked from his premises in the Thoroughfare at Halesworth. The Handbook opens with a careful and precise account of the Blyth and of the successive harbours through which it made its outlet to the sea. These had regularly been choked with eroded material from the north and had as regularly been redug at different points. The chartered ‘Free

59. In *A Suffolk Bibliography* S.R.S. 1979 7350 the title is given as *Handbook to the port and shipping at Southwold*. By courtesy of Mr Cyril Doy and the Sailors' Reading Room (Southwold) I have been lent Gooding's copy of the Handbook and the title is as given by Maggs. No title is given in the handbill inviting subscribers, where the price of the oblong octavo volume is quoted as 2s 6d.

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From 1750 to 1838.

Carefully compiled from the best authorities, by

JAMES MAGGS.

Names of Subscribers received by the Compiler, **MR. SYER, MR. ARTHY**
and **MRS. BARDWELL.**

SPECIMEN.

Name.	Tonnage.	Last Master.	No. of Crew.	When and Where Built.	Remarks.
ACTIVE	89	Wm. Palmer	4	1789 Yarmouth	1814 Nov. 29th, Lost on Hasbro' Sand.
BROTHERS	72	Ed. Palmer	4	1822 Yarmouth	1830 Dec. 8th, Lost on the Coast of Cornwall.
CHARLES	78	Richard Sones	5	1892 Yarmouth	Sold to Yarmouth, 2nd of March, 1819
DIANA	67	Mesh. Lilly	4	1806 Sweden	1818 Bought at Clay, [Coast] 1824 Oct. 11th, Lost on Lincolnshire
EBENEZER	69	James Welch	4	1829 Yarmouth	
FARMER'S ADVENTURE	73	David Burwood	5	1750 Harwich	1792 Sold to Yarmouth.
CLEANER	89	James May	5	1815 Ipswich	
HEART of OAK	56	David Green	4	1835 Southwold.	

(BYE, PRINTER, SOUTHWOLD.)

*Handbill and Prospectus for James Maggs's
Hand Book to the Port and Shipping of Southwold, 1842.*

British Fishery', buttressed by the building of piers in 1747 and 1752, had brought considerable, if temporary, prosperity to the borough. However, in 1772, the sand bar off the port and the slow strangulation of the harbour ended the project. The catalogue of the resulting auction of busses, equipment and property, with manuscript notes of bids and buyers is amongst the papers that Maggs gathered in for his collection.

The town did not give in easily or readily in its long fight against the winds and currents that doomed its port. Maggs faithfully recorded surveys and enquiries, and attempts at dredging, right up to the date of the publication of his essay. As in his diary, he records and reports, he does not indulge in crusades or polemics, though his final conclusion seems to be that with their existing resources, the Commissioners for Harbour and for River could bring about no permanent improvement.

The Handbook concluded with statistical tables that show the revenue of the port from 1750 onwards, a steady but small surplus. Also included were the number of vessels and men belonging to Southwold after 1816, the relative Parliamentary Acts from 1746 and, most interesting, a long register of vessels and their masters, with a note of the subsequent fate of the former. A very workmanlike production.

Did Maggs also intend that his diary should eventually be published? The manuscript opens with historical notes about the town estates and associated properties, market, Guildhall, the mills, the harbour, the quay, schools, salt works, inns and stage coaches with a catalogue of wrecks at sea and much else of interest. Little of this was derived from personal knowledge—antedating as it generally did his arrival at Southwold—but was the product of researches made into corporation records and gleanings from the recollections of others.

When Dr Robert Wake of Tamarisk Villa (now May Place) published his *Southwold and its Vicinity* in 1839 his Chapter XIII, 'Local Incidents', drew heavily upon the same sources that Maggs had used and owed much to Jonathan Gooding, the Town Clerk. Maggs was also drafted into his service. As Wake acknowledged 'for some of these particulars, as well as for much valuable information of a local nature, diligently accumulated from year to year, we heartily record our obligations to MR JAMES MAGGS, the respected schoolmaster of this town.' On his visit to London in 1839 Maggs was commissioned by Wake to obtain from Wyld's of Charing Cross a map of the Blything Union.⁶⁰ He is included amongst the subscribers and there was undoubted good feeling between the two. Maggs noted in his diary the doctor's popularity in the town, and when Wake was appointed High Steward he chose Maggs to be the bailiff of his court leet.

There are random entries in the diary from about 1818 when the author first took up residence in the borough. Then an ordered sequence seems to be established about 1822 when, after giving some autobiographical information

60. Diary.

he recorded that George IV on his voyage to Scotland passed Southwold. From then it continues until 1871 though, starting in 1845, newspaper cuttings begin to give the diary something of the character of a scrapbook. Maggs wrote with a firm and easily legible hand, but after 1856 it becomes crabbed, smaller and less easy to read. At the same time the subject matter begins to atrophy in content and interest. Age, and possibly weakening health and determination, were taking their toll.

It is not known into whose hands the diary came immediately after Maggs died, but by 1900 it was owned by his grand neighbour in Park Lane, Eustace Grubbe. Grubbe, after a casual visit to Southwold in the late 1840s had, like many other visitors since, become devoted to the town. He bought Park Villa, the large mansion built by the Reverend Henry Uhtoff, a Vanneck on the distaff side, at the bottom of Park Lane. Educated at Eton and Pembroke College, Oxford, he married the Master's daughter. Called to the Bar in 1845, Grubbe carried on a lucrative practice that maintained both Hosenden Hall, near Princes Risborough, the family seat since the 17th century, and his Southwold properties. From 1867 to 1875 and again from 1879 until he died in 1900, Grubbe was one of the succession of partially absent but socially acceptable mayors elected after the discredited rule of the tradesmen.⁶¹ He is said to have been a considerable benefactor to the town.⁶²

After Grubbe's death, the manuscript was by 1909 the property of Miss Henrietta Maria Vertue. Miss Vertue (1858–1936) was the daughter of the Southwold surgeon, Francis Henry Vertue (1822–c.1892) by his wife Henrietta Maria, herself the daughter of another Southwold doctor, John Sutherland. Vertue lived at the Red House and his daughter at The Cottage, on the opposite side of South Green.

In 1924 the diary was bought by Andrew Critten of the Manor House, whose ancestors figure in its pages. It was repaired and rebound in 1948 by a gifted amateur, Colonel Newcomb of Walberswick. Inherited by Miss Yvonne Hatton of Manor Lodge, it was presented by her to the Southwold Archaeological and Natural History Society in 1973.

Volume I:	pages 1–126	to 23 March 1836
Volume II:	pages 127–246	24 March 1836 to 7 January 1848
Volume III:	pages 247–361	12 January 1848 to 5 May 1853
Volume IV:	pages 362–438	5 May 1853 to 1 January 1871
	pages 439–489	sundry cuttings to February 1876
	pages 491–494	various bills etc.
Volume V:	cuttings only	

61. Fulcher and Palmer and their supporters. See cuttings in diary.

62. Gooding Collection—Southwold Town Hall.

There is a handwritten title page of 1948 in the front of Volume I

Maggs's Diary
being the diary of Mr James Maggs
of Southwold Suffolk in the middle—
of the XIXth century and including many
notes on the history of the borough &
newspaper cuttings & documents relat
-ive thereto.

The pagination is Maggs's own up to at least page 439 and a later numeration in pencil has tried to take account of the insertions.

James Maggs, no Pepys, records no scandal directly, nor does he include all that we might expect of him. His entries are terse and no theme is developed to its full extent. The diary could be an invaluable aide-memoire for any future publication and is an important guide to the fabric of small town life. There are helpful added notes and cross references but the diary is essentially the raw material from which social history can be written, not such a history in itself.

Much of the subject matter is the product of the writer's work as an auctioneer or borough official and in the case of the first relates to neighbouring places as well. Maggs was intensely interested in people and in the vital statistics that relate to them, though with an apparent morbid pre-occupation with death. We look in vain for any direct characterisation of the subjects of his entries; he was either too discreet or lacked the capacity or instinct for such work.

It would however be misleading to suggest that Maggs was unresponsive to what was stirring in post-Georgian or Victorian Southwold or beyond. His London excursions were alive with energetic visiting and a sea trip had an almost Pickwickian quality of innocent wonder and good fellowship. He travelled on both the last of the stage coaches and the first of the trains and his life crossed the watershed between one age and the next. He revered the past but with a mind open to change and ready to marvel.

Maggs's diary puts the texture of small town life under the microscope. There is much to read between the lines, but perhaps its greatest value is that it grew out of the very conditions that it describes.

Maggs started his Diary with a historical miscellanea relating to Southwold, possibly gathered to assist Dr Wake in his own publication, though a few of the entries are slightly later in date.¹

— Walpole Farm² —

1718	Let to Joseph Skoulding for 7 years	£74 pr yr
1724	Ibid	7 .. 70
1732	Ibid	11 .. 70
1744	Ibid	7 .. 70

No further account appears in the Town Book of this Estate 'till the year Sepr 6th 1771.

1771 Let to John Skoulding for 11 yrs L.120

1782 . . Jas. Haward . . 21 . . L.120
 who holds it only 18 Years for in

1800 Let to William Adams for 14 yrs L.280

1801 April 4th "At an Assembly et. agreed to permit William Adams at his request to assign over his Farm unto Mr John Howe of Weston who agreed to accept the same to hold according to the agreement in which the said Wm Adams agreed for the sd Farm.

1812 Decr 31 The lease was renewed unto John Howe for 12 Years from Oct 11th 1814 at 370L

1822 The rent was reduced to 300L

1827 Jany 23d Mr Neriah Wigg succeeded Mr Howe dec and hired the sd Farm for the term of 8 Years from Michlms 1826 at 280

1830 "Mr Wigg applied to be discharged from his Lease and that a Mr Denny would take the sd Farm for the unexpired term, and same rent and conditions, which was agreed to—

1833 Mr Denny failed, in consequence of which Mr Samuel Plant of Easton, who was Mr Denny's surety for the payment of the rent, continued this Farm till the expiration of the lease.

1834 Let to Mr Kent of Stowupland, for 8 Yrs at 210 £ pr annum.

1839 June 20th. This Estate was put to Auction by Girling & Son only two biddings £5000 and 5050 £'s—and bought in at the reserve bidding £6500 — On the 31st of July following—it was purchased by private contract by Mr Samuel Jay of Yarmouth, for the sum of £6,300.

1. Maggs wisely began his researches into the history of the Corporation properties with the "Town Book" (the minutes of Corporate Assemblies from 1713 to 1800) and with the Sessions and Assembly Books that follow. Because of the disastrous fire of 1659 very few records survived from before that date. However a more extensive search, amongst the early Chamberlains' Accounts and similar documents, would have resulted in a more complete survey.

2. The first mention of the Walpole estate so far discovered is dated 1660. It is however almost certain that it did not form part of the important Goddylly bequest of 1516. Until it was sold the Walpole property provided about a third of the Corporation income.

No account or entry whatever appears how this Corporation came in possession of this Estate—but is supposed to form a part of “Skylman’s left by Goddell”.

Walpole, Meeting House, Land et:³

1747 April 6th At an Assembly et. Granted a new Lease to the Feoffees of the Walpole Meeting House, for 99 years at 10s/- per annum.

1807 June 27th A piece of Land was granted to Mr. Francis Balls, John Fella Jnr and others to build a Meeting House upon for the term of 96 Years at £1 a year rent to commence 25th March 1807.

Oct 8th following was granted a piece of Land on the W. side of the Meeting House, Walpole, to Mr William Moore, on a building lease for the term of 99 Years at 5s/- a year to commence 25th Mar. 1807.

1844 This Corporation Sold the Fee Simple of the above Land.

— Town Field or Farm — ⁴

1713 March 13th Agreed at an Assembly held at the Town Hall, that Benjm Symonds the present Tenant of the Town Field, should have the same for 3 Yrs at £33 a year, to commence from Michaelmas 1713.

No further entry appears for letting the Town till 5th Feby 1718.

1718 Feby 5th Let to John Symonds and Robert Lilly for 7 Years at £28 a year.

1724 Jany 8th Let to John Symonds for 7 Years at £26 a year.

1732 March 9th Let to John Symonds for 7 Yrs at £20 a year.

1740 May 3d—Let to William Cowling for 12 Yrs at £25 a year. Humphry Skelton having given up his engagement on the 25th March, last past, for 7 Years at £25 a year.

1752 August 2d Let to John Chaplin of Saint Andrews Ilkestall for 11 Years at £25 a year, it appears Mr Chaplin did not take his hire—for in 1752 Oct 11th it was hired by Mr Robt. Francis for 11 Years at 21 £ a year to leave two good earths, and be allowed 10 £’s.

1763 May 7th Let to Mr Robert Francis, for 11 Years at £27 a year—Clear of all Taxes.

1744 Aug 20th Let to Mr John Robinson, for 14 Years at ----- a year.

1776 May 8th Let to Mr John Robinson for 20 Years at £28 a year.

1796 March 17th Let to Mr John Robinson for ----- Yrs and that the annual rent shall be fixed as it shall be agreed upon by two honest indifferent persons.

3. This is the well known Meeting House, built in 1607 and adapted as a chapel in 1647 and enlarged before 1698.

4. The Town or North Field was the last of the three great open fields into which the arable land in the manor was divided in the Middle Ages. It provided about a tenth of the Corporation income and was more often than not mortgaged for the benefit of the tangled finances of the borough. The tenants were usually prominent burgesses who also served regularly as bailiffs or chamberlains or in lesser offices.

1799 Sep 2d At an Assembly at the Market Hall, before John Thompson and Edward Kilwick, Bailiffs, the entry of 17th March 1796 for the letting of the Farm in the Town Field to Mr John Robinson for the term of ----- Years from Michlms 1796, was read & taken into consideration. And it was thereupon determined that the said John Robinson shall be *ejected* from the possession of the said Farm and that it shall in due time be let by Auction to the highest bidder.

1800 June 10th Let by Auction to Thos Woodrow, for 14 Yrs at £80 a year.

1805 May 14th Thomas Woodrow proposed to assign over his Lease to Mr Wm Downing for the residue of the unexpired term, to which proposition the Bailiffs gave their consent.

1813 Augt 13th Let to Mr Wm Prettyman for 14 Years from Michlms 1814 at £185 a year

1817 Sep 11th Mr Prettyman applied for a reduction of £35 which was agreed to

1821 Mr P again applied for a further reduction of his rent when it was reduced 30 £'s more

1828 Oct 11th Let to Mr Newson of Reydon Public House for 8 Years at £100 a year.

1830 June 10 Mr Newson applied for a reduction of his rent—when it was reduced 10 £ a year

1833 Augt 12th Mr Newson applied to be exonerated from the Lease—which was agreed to and let to Mr John Hadingham from Oct 11th 1832 for 10 yrs at £65 a year.

1842 March 17th Let by Auction by James Maggs to Mr William Baggot of Theberton for the term of 8 Years—at £115 a year. to commence Oct 11th 1842. In Novr 1847 this lease was cancelled and Mr Baggot hires the sd *Farm and Brick Kiln & Sand Pit* for the term of 11 Yrs at 130£ a yr from Oct 11th 1847. see *Brick Kiln*

W. Baggott 1856 Oct 11th Hires this Farm for 10 Yrs

1866 Mar 29 I let by Auction the Town Farm for Mr Bagott for [] Yrs at 1 £ a yr and the Brick Kiln and land to Mr Jas Jillings for [] Yrs at [] per yr.

Benacre and Reydon Estates.⁵

1713 Mar 15th Let to Wm Waters of Covehithe for 6 Yrs at 5 Guineas a year

1719 Mar 29 Let to Wm Waters of Covehithe for 7 Years at £5 a year whom it appears by the Town Books, held it until 1738, when he was succeeded by a Mr Bardwell from the following entry—

1738 ----- The Bailiffs and Chamberlains with 12 more of the Inhabitants survey'd this Estate, containing with the Borders 18 Acres in the occupation of Mr Bardwell, and agreed to let it to the highest bidder at. Michlms next.

5. The small Benacre property was bought to provide an income for the bequest made in 1609 by Brian Hadley to the poor of Southwold. The enormous rent offered by Tallent of Wrentham was apparently only to vex Sir Thomas Gooch (Wake p. 154) and was swiftly followed by the exchange made with land in Reydon.

No mention of it being let—until

1747 April 6th Let to Paul Fox of Henstead for 11 Years at £5 a year.

No other entry in Town Book, 'till 1800 Let to John Benningfield for 11 Yrs at £28 a year.

From an entry made 11th Augt 1800 it appears Benningfield did not take his hire—for Sir Thomas Gooch hired it for 14 Years at £27 per annum, to commence Michaelmas next.

1800 May 28th Timber sold off Benacre Land to the Amount of £144.12s.3d One Moiety of this sum is in the hands of the Churchwardens for the Poor of this Parish.

1813 Aug 3d Let by Auction to Mr William Tallent of Wrentham for 14 Years at 82 £ a year from Michlms 1814

1815 Apr 16th This land was exchanged for 20 Acres at Reydon—In addition to the land at Benacre the sum of £200 was paid by Sir Thomas Gooch—as a bonus on the exchange.

1828—Reydon Land let to Mr Saml Plant for 12 Yrs, at 18 £ a year—a *moiety of which is received for the use of the poor*. See 15 April 1840

1840 April 15th Let by Auction by Jas:Maggs to Mr Samuel Plant of Easton the “Reydon Land” for 8 Years from 11 Octob next at the annual rent of £38 !!

1847 Oct. 14th I let this land by Auction for 8 Yrs from Oct 11th 1848 to Mr Geo:Batram £31 a yr 1856 April 17—put this Land for Auction *not Let* Afterwds Let in 5 Acres each Wm Goldsmith—Jos Blowers—Jas Newson and Thos Doy—for 8 yrs from 11 Oct 1856 at £

New Enclosed Marshes
“Jetty Road”

1818 These Marshes were enclosed at the cost of £624.3s.7d and let on Lease to different persons—Jas:Jermyn)

Thos W. Thompson) Bailiffs

Marshes et enclosed for Particulars, (see cutting 11 October 1848)

Shops, Shambles, Gaol et: and Market⁶

6. By its charter Southwold was entitled to keep its own gaol and this was located either in the Market Hall or afterwards on the seaward side of the triangular Market Place. The gaol was not much used and its keeper, often a poor widow, was allowed to collect the market tolls for her pains. These dues were apparently not very tempting and it is noticeable that bidding for the position of gaoler decreased steadily during the eighteenth century. The Corporation had acquired the whole of this side of the Market Place by 1820, rebuilding its own property in the process. Heavy borrowing made this possible and its wisdom was disputed. Later on, the intervention of the Treasury saved the borough from a Victorian town hall, to be designed by William Bardwell, the architect, and to be built on this site. Bardwell was the brother-in-law of Henry Davy, the artist, and had been born in Southwold. His mother kept the stationer's shop at the northern end of this side of the market.

1714 March 10th Mary Hall succeeds Thos Syer as Gaol Keeper—and to have the benefit of the Market *free*

1738 July 14 The Market and Jail let to Susan Moore for £6.14s a year, to enter upon at Michaelmas next.

1740 April 8th. Market place and Gaol hired by John Peacock at 4 £ a year, to enter upon 14th July next and to pay his rent half yearly

Robt Thompson)
Geo Milbourne) Bailiffs

1749 April 26th Market and Gaol let to John Skelton for 10 Years at 40s a year, to commence 14th July next.

No entry appears in Town Book of this property till 1783.

1783 April 28th At an Assembly it was agreed to abate John Gillings 10s/- in his annual rent for the *Smith's* shop in the Market Place

1789 Margt Dean keeper of the Jail charg'd by warrant dated Sep 28 to collect all sums of Money for Stalls in the Market Place and Jail fees.

No further entry in T.B. 'till

1809 when on the 8th of May—the Market Hall⁷ or Cross was taken down and sold by Auction by Benjm Botham to Mr John Hadingham for £39.

The old vane 1661 is in the possession of Mr Sutherland Surgeon*

*Initials on Vane T.P. 1661 I.W. 1852 Nov 28 In my possession, presented to me by Mr Sutherland

1819 The Old Gaol and Shambles in the Market Place taken down and rebuilt—new Gaol.cost £ 570 £ Shambles et. £600—Gaoler Mr Benj. Howard Carter, 'till 31st Decr 1835—when the Municipal Corporation Act disfranchised this Borough of Bailiffs, Chamberlains, Coroner, Gaoler et.et.

1837 Rents of the Property in the Market place and by whom occupied

		L	s	d
Stationers Shop**	Sarah Bardwell	20	.	.
a year				
Earthenware do	Michl Field	5	.	.
a year				
Butcher's do	Jas: Oldring	5	.	.
a year				
Do do	Benj Palmer <i>this Shop was the Gaol</i>	21	10	0
Watch House	Corporation			

**1819 June 30th This Corporation purchased this Shop of Mr John Clubb for the Sum of £400 making the *Property* in the Market £1570

7. The Market Hall was probably similar to that at Wymondham and if the present curbing round the pump in the Market Place represents its original dimensions, it was octagonal. The vane is now in the Southwold Museum.

Mrs Bardwell's lease expired Oct 11th 1841—on the 16th Sep. previous I let this *Shop* and the *Watch House* by Auction—the former was hired by Mr Chas: Carver for 7 Years at £17 a year—and the latter by Jonathan Button for 3 Years at £7.10 a year—to commence Oct 11th 1841

*The *Butchers Shop* formerly the Gaol hired by Saml

Robt Haward March 31st 1842.

left Apr 6 1854

In 1844 July 4th I let by Auction to Jonthn Button—now a Shop and dwelling house, formerly a part of the Butcher's Shop (in the Market Place) for 3 Years at £8 a year. Mr Button continued this hire 'till April 1849, when Mrs Oldring hired it with the Butcher's Shop—until the year—

re *Market & Pickages* 1843 July 6th Jonathan Button hires them at £ fr year to 6th April 1849 when Saml Strange hires them for 3 years at £8 8s a year—but on the 21st of Sept 1850 Strange gave them up—carried on by the Corporation 'till Oct 10th 1850—when I let them by Auction to Wm Fox for 1 year at £9:5s:0d James Sterry—v' whiskey case 1829 Jan 24 appears had the Market et from 1829 to 1843 as a compensation for being sent to Gaol.

1854 Oct 12 Let Market and Pickage to Wm Fox for 2 yrs fro 11 inst £5.10 a yr.

Gate House and Skeleton Field*⁸

1815 This House built and a Gate erected across the road—and “Skeleton” Field enclos'd—the House was occupied by one *May* and afterwards by *Henry Ladd* for the purpose of opening the Gate to persons. *In 1837* this Gate was taken away—and to prevent the Cattle from getting off the Pasture Lands et. the *Common was enclosed*

1837 April 27th This House and Field was let to Mr Danl King for 8 years from Oct 11/37—at £9 a year—shortly after King declined taking it—and Mr Wm Chapman hired it—at the same Rent and period—(previous to this—it was in the occupation of Jas Hammond)

* derived its name from an human Skeleton being found in a gravel pit in it. It is suppos'd to be the remains of a Travelling Pedlar—that was in the habit of coming to Southwold—he was last seen coming to this Town from Covehithe Fair—about the year 1766

1845 June 19th I let by Auction to Edward Gray this House and Land 1a. 1r. 2p for the term of 8 Years at £10.15 a year to commence Oct 11/45

1857 May 29 I let by Auction this House and Land to Wm Gooding for 8 Years at 8L10s per year.

Town Mill⁹

8. The gatehouse was to be found close to the later site of the old Southwold railway station and the present police and fire stations. Skeleton Field was on the opposite side of the road to Might's Bridge but closer to the town.

9. The Town Mill was on the Common directly in line with Mill Lane. Rebecca Chilvers was buried on 3 January 1779 and John Chilvers on 27 January.

1727 May 3 Robt Godeall hires this Mill for 1 Year at £ 5 a year commencing at Michaelmas next, exclusive of the yearly allowance of 6s/8d for the waste of its stones.

No other acct appears 'till the year 1733 where in the Chamberlains Accts appears "From 6 April 1733. Recd. of Mr Robert Allgar rent for the Mill half yearly the sum of £2 13s 4d to 6th April 1748"

1748 May 13th Agreed to let the Mill to George Nelson. Promise to pay the rent of the Mill"—This is all said of the Mill in T.B. 'till 1764

1764 Oct 11th Mr Edwd Allgar hires the Mill for 1 Year at £10 a year.

Mr. A. holds it 'till the yr 1768 May 7th Agreed Mr Edwd Allgar have the Town Mill at £7.10s a year. At various rents not exceeding £8 a year. Mr. A appears to have held this Mill to the year 1803.

1803 Mr Peregrine Edwards hires the Town Mill at the rent of from 10 £ a year to £25 to the Midsummer 1839 when Mr William Crisp took the unexpired term of Mr Edward's lease which expired Oct 11th 1844.

1844 July 4th I put the letting of this Mill to Auction—*Not let*—Hired afterwards by Mr Read Crisp by private contract for 8 Years at £20 a year. see below Oct 11/50*

1778 31 Decr see 1795 This Mill was blown down—and a Woman named Rebecca Chilvers killed by its fall—1779 Town Mill rebuilt on the same site by Mr John Pepper of Halesworth—Mr P was in the year [] when at work at the "Waterloo" Mill at Bramfield, killed upon the spot.

1795 Novr 6th This Mill was blown down, and much damaged.

1850 Oct 11th Mr Crisp leaves Southwold and Mr Wm Boyden had this Mill of Mr Crisp for the unexpired term of 8 years. Wm Boyden's Trustees let this Mill to Danl Stammers for the unexpired term of Mr Crisp's lease see July 4/44—1852 Oct 11th Mr Stammers gives her up. Oct 14 1852 I put the letting of it to Auction—not let—Novr 21st Mr John J Goff hires her for 1 year at 12 £ and continued it 'till Oct 11th 1856. Hired by Mr Chs M. Marsden for 1 yr at £12 a yr to 1867 Nov 9th when Mr C. M. Marsden bought it for £50. to pay 10/- Modus, and 1/- a yr Gro Rent for Land it stands upon.

1863 Novr 3 Gale Considerable damages to Mill. It by some means was "Out of the Winds" and caught Fire.

(pencil note 1874 Taken down)

Blackshore Quay¹⁰

The first mention of this Quay in the Town Book is in 1754 when it then let for £3.10s a year and apparently continued so 'till 1799 when it let for £12 a year—in 1801 £16 a year—On the 23d day of October 1805 it was let by Auction to Mr Woodcock for 7 Years from 11th October inst. for £13 a year

10. Though of considerable indirect advantage to the town, the harbour and the quay yielded a negligible direct return, usually 1–2% of the total income of the Corporation. Nevertheless sums were regularly being raised for the maintenance of the port, the work absorbing much local labour. However the Harbour Commission was dominated by neighbouring land-owners and the bailiffs of Southwold had only a minority interest.

and has to 1836 been held under him by different persons occupying the Public House at various rents being let 1831 for the sum of £5.

1805 repair'd & lengthen'd v' T.B.

In 1836 Decr 9th it was let by Auction to Mr Edward Goldsmith for 3 Yrs from Xmas at £16:10s a year.

Jany 6/37

1839 Decr 19th Let by Auction for a term of 3 years from 6th January 1840 to Mr Hadingham for Mr Wm Balls*, Landlord of the Public House (who left this House 11th Oct 1845) at the annual rent of £12 after keeping it 26 years *Balls succeeded

1843 Decr 21st I let by Auction for 2 Years the Wharf to Mr Wm Balls at £5 a year. 1845 Augt 20 I let this Wharf by Auction to Charles Naunton for the sum of 25s/- to 24 Decr following. Balls failing in the payment of his rent.

1845 Decr 27th I let this Wharf by Auction to Mr Isaac Chinery for the term of 1 Year at £7.5s This hire is held by Mr Chas Naunton at the consent of Mr Chinery.

1847 January 1st This Wharf let to Mr George Butcher (Tenant of the Public House) of Wenhaston at £5 a year.

1853 Nov 3 Wharf let to Mr J. J. Goff for 1 Year at £2.

1854 Oct 12 Wharf let to Mr J. J. Goff for 1 yr to Oct 11/55 £1.7.6.

Brick Kiln¹¹

1803 Feby 12th At an Assembly et agreed to let Mr Page Mitchell, Dissenting Minister in this Town 2 Acres of Land in lower Stile Piece in the Town Field for the term of 35 Years at the yearly rent of £13—Nine whereof to be paid to Thos Woodrow the Tenant during the remainder of his present lease and from thenceforth the whole thereof to the Corporation—that the said Page Mitchell shall take a Lease thereof for the said term at his own Cost and Charges.

Mr Mitchell in the year 1813 left this Town and the Kiln was taken by Mr George Wright, Afterwards by Mr Gooch—and then by the Revd Andrew Ritchie of Wrentham—all of whom were Dissenting Ministers.

1838 Apr 6 Mr John Gayford hired it—for 10 Years at £15 per year

1847 Novr Mr Wm:Baggot hires it with the Town Field at £15 a yr for a 11 Years fro Oct 11th 1847

1870 Oct 11 Henry Youngs at [] for Yrs

1714 March 10th Mary Hall had given to her, her dwelling in the House and Gaol (then in the occupation of Thomas Syer) and free benefit of the Market. She giving the Bailiffs security to Indemnify them from all escapes by any persons out of the

11. The site of the brick field, now built over, is near the pier. Though there was until recently a beerhouse in Church Street called the “Brickmakers Arms”, the number of brickmakers living in the town was always small—2 in 1831 and 1841, 1 in 1851 and 1861, 4 (including the brickfield tenant and his two sons) in 1871.

Gaol—

1714 April 13th Rates and Payments for depasturing Cattle upon the Common and Marshes by Townsmen.

For every Horse at the low rate	10s
For ditto at the high rate	15
For every Cow at the low rate	20d
For ditto at the high rate	6s/—

1714 Haven made by the Corporation

1714 April 14th The sum of £40 allowed out of the rent of the Town Lands for repairs done to the Church

1719 March 29th Francis Everard granted the Freedom for 7 Years to lay Oysters in the river from the Woodsend Creek downwards to the Bars above Blackshore Quay—rent 6d and a Basket of Oysters in every year for the benefit of the Bailiffs and their successors.¹²

— First mention of Mortgaging Town Lands —

1719 April 10 th The Chamberlains pass'd their accts and paid part into the hands of John Cowling Gent: £50 in part of a Mortgage of the North Field — and the sum of £1.5s Interest leaving a balance of £9 s 3½d upon which the sd Chamberlains were discharg'd their sd office

1719 June 19th At an Assembly Borrowed by the Bailiffs & Commonlty £200 of Mr Samuel Wright of Southwold and paid unto Mr John Cowling the remaining part of Mortgage being due to him.

1720 April 26 The Chamberlains paid into the hands of Mr Samuel Wright in part of the Mortgage £50 and the Interest of the £200 being £8

1721 April 21st Recd the sum of £20 and £7.10s Interest signed Samuel Wright [] 'still leaving due for Principal £130

1722 April 9th In the hands of the Chamberlains £33.16.9¼ how applied see March 30 1722

1723 April 27th The Chamberlains paid into the hands of Mr Samuel Wright in part of a Mortgage and Interest £36.10s

1728 Feby 20th The £100 Principal Money now due at £5 per cent pr Ann paid for the same be discharged as soon as possible. *Nothing mentioned of this being paid* but in—

1736 June 15th Agreed The Jetty falling greatly into decay—that the Town Land now in the occupation of John Symonds be mortgaged for the sum of £150—On the 19th inst it was order'd the Jetty should be repaired (*In 1835 this Jetty was taken away altogether—the shipping not using it*)

1728 Apr 29 “Two Styles (those in front of Mr

12. Francis Everard's oysters seem to have done well. In 1726 the lease of the beds was extended for a further period and the Corporation went to law to defend them from raids by William Cobb of Walberswick. Seven years later there was another extension of the lease at an increased rental. With the coming of the Free British Fishery, which was based close to the beds, there is silence until in 1803, John Diston of London, who was showing interest in the development of the port, was given permission to lay more oysters.

Barber's House) Gun Hill order'd to be maintained for the conveniency of foot people passing on the Cliff of the sd Towne at the S end thereof by Timothy Church at his own Cost and Charge
1728 April High Steward turn'd out. At an Assembly et John Cowling & John Jordan Esqr Bailiffs and the Comlty there did vote Thomas Betts Esq to have nothing more to do or Act in this sd Court of this Corporation upon any account whatever as High Steward.

1739 Feby 17th The Sum of £150 Mortgage was paid to Mr Hutskins Wilkinson of Wangford and a new Mortgage granted and signed by this assembly of £135 to Mr. Thomas Nunn the younger.

1744 Feby 4th Agreed that the Bailiffs et shall borrow £80 by mortgage towards carrying on and prosecuting a Suit at Law at the charge of this Towne agt Henry List of Gt Yarmouth for his Ship running on shore— Salvage and Groundage of his Cargo—

1729 April 21st. At the "veering" of the Common and Marshes it was agreed "that no person who keep Cows that *late* more than *one half of a Cow* to be booked at the low *price* rate

And that no person shall *hire* more than one Cow at the low rate, nor shall have the liberty to book less than one half Cow—and shall be obliged actually to milk the said Cow for their own proper use" see (23 April 1817)

1728 May 20th It was ordered at an assembly that John Cole, Shoemaker be discommoned for 3 years for entering Cattle upon the Corporation lands in his own name, when he did not *owe* the same. see Wayth (23 April 1817)

1769 Aug 21st Mr John Hall Born

1737 Apr 30 Any person that shall Book any Cow or Cows and *not Milk* the s'd Cow themselves *only* shall forfeit for such offence One Pound half to the Informer and half to the Towne—On conviction (see 29 September 1772)

1749 January 4th Agreed to borrow £135 by Mortgaging the Town Field in the occupation of Mr Wm. Cowling, which sum was advanced, and paid to Mr Thos Nunn (see 1739)

And whereas at an Assembly held 4th Feby 1744 it was then and there agreed to borrow the further sum of £80, the said sum was borrowed of Mr Thos Nunn the elder and that the £135 be added to the £80 making £215 and be contained in one Mortgage.

1758 Feby 20th At an Assembly et it was agreed that No monies be laid out

'till the Principal Sum of 215 £ and the Interest be paid to Mr Tho Nunn the elder "*and that as soon as possible*"

1759 January 2d At an Assembly et the sum of £215 was paid to Mr Nunn, being his Mortgage on the Town Land

1764 The Chamberlains A/cts proved a balance in favor of the Corporation £47 3s ½d

1767 May 14th The Bailiffs borrowed £50 of Mr Robert Jex (Jacques) for the use of the Towne. Mr J kept the Old Swan in this Town, and committed suicide 20th August 1778.

1799 In the hands of the Chamberlains £70

No acct appears when this £50 was paid

1799 I receive of this Corporation £365 18s

1839 £1608.9.4

1829 April 13th The Sum of £300 was borrowed by the Bailiffs et of a Friendly Society held at the old Swan Inn for the purpose of paying the Chamberlain, being the Amount advanced by him, on the Corporation's A/ct since paid.

From 1814 to 1828 The Town debt increased from 1500 £ to 6878 £'s

In 1815–16 The Guild Hall, Admiralty Warehouse et at the E of the Church was built Cost £757.3.9

Butchers' Shops etc £600

Gaol £570

Gate House et £

1829 June 3d At an Assembly et the Bailiffs Wm Crisp and Joseph Berry Edwards, having represented that the loan of £7000 was offer'd to the Corporation by the Exors of the late W. D. Palmer Esq Yarmouth at 4 £ pr cent when it was agreed to accept the same and pay off the present Mortgages, Debts et

Novr 19th The Bailiffs affixed the seal of the Corporation to a certain Indenture of Feoffment being a Mortgage of the *Walpole Farm and of the Corporation Lands at Southwold* to George Danby Palmer of Gt. Yarmouth and Robert Palmer Kemp of the same place, for securing the Principal Sum of £7000 & Interest for the same at 4 per cent pr annum

1831 June 30th The Corporation Seal was affixed to a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date this day to John Cottingham of Southwold, Gent for securing the sum of £400 and Interest at 5 pr cent pr ann on a certain premises situate in the Market Place.

Paid off See Treasurer's Abstract 1846

1832 June 11th Corporation Seal duly affixed to a Bond of £580—at 5 per cent to the Churchwardens and Overseers of this Parish Pd off. see Treasurer's Abstract 1846 and invested in the funds 1848 Feb 24th Messr Fulcher and Boniwell Churchwardens withdraw this sum from the Funds Sold out 88½s—losing including expences to London they look £534—Lent to the Corporation for the defraying of expences of enclosing the N.W. enclosures in this Town.

1708 Town or Church Clock made

First mention of Church Rate

1722 March 30th Agreed et that after paying £10 towards a Mill Stone that the overplus of Money in the Chamberlains hands be paid to the Churchwardens towards the Church rate in order to ease the Inhabitants—Apr 9th pd for Millstone £10 towards Church rate £23.16s9d³/₄ *the balance in hands of the Chamberlains*

1725 Feby 5th The sum of £12 was directed to be paid by the Chamberlains from the Town Stock to the Churchwardens towards the Church rate.

1731 May 3d A church rate made for collecting the sum of £25 at 2/6d in the £
Assessment 205L 15s

1736 and 1737 A church rate was made for the collecting of £14.19s2d at 17d in the £

Town Farm assess'd £40

1777 A churchrate was made at 6d in the £ and in 1826 at 3s9d in the £ this rate I made for the Collector. It was so high in consequence of the Gallery being enlarged, the Organ erecting and a New East Window—all done in this and the preceding year From this period the rate has not exceeded 4d in the £. Assessmt exceedg 5200L

First Enfranchisement of Land

1722 May 11th At an Assembly et. It was agreed that the *Copyhold* Messuage & Tenement Yard and Garden of Rosse Gooch shall be made *Freehold* *q where could this Copyhold be*

Postmen or Letter Carriers et ¹³

1723 Feb 21st At assembly held at the Market Hall it was resolved that Robert Algar shall be our Post to *fetch* and *carry* our Letters *to* and *from* Blyborrow

1797 Willm Hays came to reside at Henham at the Post Office in which he continued 'till 1807, when it was taken to the Shop of Mr Ezekiel Read of Wangford, Grocer where it continued 'till the year

Wm Hays and his wife drove the Mail Cart from Wangford to Southwold and back from 1803 to 1836 when his Son John Hays succeeded him—which he drove 'till 1840 June 5th—and died on the 20th

1823 July 19th Mr Thomas Pott, post-master died, when his wife was appointed Post-mistress who on 10th Sepr 1829 *died* and was succeeded by appointment by Mr John Bye who continued it 'till July 30th 1842 *when he died*. On the 19th Sepr following his Widow was appointed Post-mistress 'till the 9th Nov 1844 when she resigned in favor of her daughter Emily whose brother Benjm drove the Mail Cart* till Aug/44 and died Sep 24th 1844

1840 Oct 6th *Evening Post* commenced

1842 Jany 12 Discontinued

April 6 Re-commenced

Oct 10 Discontinued

13. The Bye family lived on the seaward side of Queen Street and this was the site of the first recognisable post office in Southwold.

1844 Aug 16th Samuel Strange appointed Letter Carrier—Novr 5th 1845 dismissed for getting drunk and neglect of duty on the 21st of October last—On the 28th November following—Edward Smith late of Sotherton was appointed in the place of Strange as Letter Carrier who was for getting Drunk 24th March 1848 dismissed 'till the April—followg when he was re-instated. 1849 January 3d suspended for getting drunk—19th dismissed fro ye Service—On the 24th Francis Wills was appointed letter carrier in his room of this Town

Emily Bye marries to C. M. Marsden Sep 18/59 C. M. Marsden appointed Post Master Oct 15/59 In Miss M Drewell appointed and William Marsden, Postman.

1st Mention of Granting Corporation Lands

1724 March 15th Eighteen feet of Ground square to build a Lime Kiln unto Thos Nunn was granted for 99 years, by paying the sum of 6d for every year Also sufficient ground to lay his chalk near the premises ob This Kiln was upon "Skillman's Hill"

1730 Octob 23d It was agreed to grant and allow Wm Milbourne free leave and liberty to build a Cinder Oven at the foot of "Whin Hill" lying by the Common road side leading from the Mill down to the Blackshore Causeway, for 30 years at 6d a year.

1735 April 7. Agreed that Thomas Nunn shou'd have liberty to build a Cinder Oven on the Common and to pay a yearly rent of 6d

— Town or Guild Hall —

1724 April 24th At a grand Assembly held at the Town Hall it was then and there agreed that the Guild Hall be pulled down and a new one built up—such an One as the Bailiffs and Chamberlains shall think fit and convenient. This Hall stood upon Bartholomew Green and formed a part of the Churchyard wall directly opposite the South side of the Steeple—its basement story contained houses of refuge for the destitute and poor. And was not taken down till July 1815 when a New One was built at the East of the Church upon Church Green, it was finished in the following year—and Cost £757.3s 9d There was an *Admiralty Warehouse* at the back thereof included in this Sum. In 1840 the Corporation Sold this Hall et to the National Schools Trustees for the sum of 315£ !! and hired a House adjoining the Old Swan Inn of Mr Thomas Bokenham for 7 or 14 Years at £31 10s per annum—as the Corporation thinks proper, from Oct 11th 1841.¹⁴

1727 Decr 6th A Strong contest for the election of Bailiffs—it cost the competitors exceeding £1000¹⁵

1819 Dec 6th Charter Day for electing Bailiffs and other Corporate Officers

14. The house of Thomas Bokenham next to the "Swan" is still the Town Hall. The previous tenant was Thomas William Thompson, the bank agent.
15. December 6 (St Nicholas's day) was also the day on which the annual manorial court was held in Southwold during the Middle Ages. St Nicholas was patron *inter alia* of fishermen, very appropriately for a fishing port.

falling upon the Sunday—the election did *not* take place till followg day Monday 7th *No record exists of the like before*

1728 Apr 29 At An Assembly et it was then and there agreed That Timothy Church of this Towne for and in consideration of the Sum of 6d per Annum shall have liberty to keep the Fence already made inclosing a small piece of the Towne Ground, shall mayntain 2 Styles for the conveniycy of foot peoples passing on the Cliff of the sd Towne at the S end thereof to the North end thereof—At his own Costs and Charges.

(situate N of the Battery upon St Edmund's Hill)

* One Barber built this house upon a piece of land which the above mentioned was in the *front* This House has Exchanged hands several times—and is now the property of Wm Delf. This piece of land above referred to, is nearly taken away by the Sea—I remember quite twice the quantity in front—more than now is and path has always been claimed see Feb 28/53

	Births	and	Burials
1735	10		18
1736	15		20
1737	8		29
1738	15		27
1739	7		24
1740	7		24
1741	9		27
1742	7		23
1743	7		16
1744	9		20

1737 A New Quay¹⁶ at Reydon built by Sir John Hayters Bart Comm Mar 14th

1754 A Petition to ye Commissioners of H.M. Customs to make this Quay a Free Quay

1738 April 28th At an Assembly it was agreed that a Workhouse¹⁷ be erected and that Mr Thomas Gardner and Simon Baspall are choosen Inspectors to the aforesaid Workhouse to take the Money of the Quarterly Overseers and to employ it as they shall best think fit, and likewise to keep the Poor to their work and take a constant account of the same. *From an entry in the Town Book*
1774 April 30th It appears this Workhouse was erected upon the Church Green for at an Assembly held this 30th of April 1774 it was agreed to pull down the Workhouse and to erect a House* for the reception of persons that

16. Sir John Playters of Sotterley owned the land on which the new quay was built as well as much of the rest of the parish. Making it a free quay would add to its unwelcome competition with the harbour at Southwold and the town clerk was instructed to make a counter petition.
17. This workhouse, and the small pox hospital that followed, was probably built where the present hospital stands. A piece of land nearby was for long known as "Hospital Close" and this was certainly the site of the farmhouse of the Town Farm, though the farmer himself lived on North Green during the early part of the nineteenth century.

shall fall down with the Small pox *where the old one now stands*

John Robinson) Bailiffs
L. Davie)

* This House is now and has been let for a dwelling House with the Town Farm for several years past.

— Perambulation —

1738 Septemb 18th Agreed & May 29th “Ordered” that the Officers of this Corporation be *compelled* to go the bounds of the Town Yearly in Rogation week

and on the 27 Feb 1748 At an Assembly it was order’d—that *NO* perambulation shall be for the future. No account appears of any ’till

1799 Sep 16th Bounds of the Town vd T. Book

1824 Thursday July 1st The Townsmen went their Perambulation , started from Long Island Cliff—the Recorder Jas. Jermyn Esq Bailiffs Solomon Grout & John Sutherland Esqs Chamberlains Messrs Peregrine Edwards and Wm Crisp and many others took Boats and proceeded along shore to the Haven into which they went—thence to the end of Buss Creek—thence to the Bound Post* & so on to the place of starting.

* Here the usual ceremony of bumping several persons was gone through with throwing one another into the Sea et et ¹⁸

Witnessed by me J Maggs

1836 Aug 31st Mayor, Aldermen & Council with many of the Burgesses went the Bounds of the Town.

1844 June 5th Perambulation—Ibid et. The last

— Public Houses —¹⁹

Kings Head 1743 Septemb A licence granted to the “*King’s Head*” Inn John Moore—about the year 1756–7 The sign of the House was altered to the

New Swan name of the “*New Swan*” and continued so till the year 1829
Crown Septemb when Mr Hy Garrod alter’d it to the sign of the “*Crown*”

1819 Jany 6th Mr Henry Garrod took this Inn and continued in it ’till 16th Jany 1844—when Mrs Francois from Cromer took it and continued it ’till the 17 day of April 1849

New Swan 1819 Octob Mr Thomas Bokenham leaving the “*New Swan*” purchases the “*Old Swan*” of Mr Hy Meadows, former landlord

18. This bound post stood on the shore opposite the end of Buss Creek and marked the boundary with Easton Bavents, which was otherwise determined by the course of the creek itself. Easton Stone, a cross, had stood there in the Middle Ages, and its base survived until recently.

19. By an early ordinance of the bailiffs and commonalty the number of alehouses was restricted to 8 (Gardner p. 193). This number still obtained in 1833, by which time the “*Lord Nelson*” had taken the place of the “*White Lion*”. Shortly afterwards the “*Two Brewers*” was to close and the “*King’s Head*” was to open, as were a number of small beerhouses.

- Robt Jackques afterwards Joseph Berry and continued in 'till his death—
 May 31st 1846. Mrs Bokenham, the widow continued the carrying on the House, 'till the year 1857 Succeeded by Henry Wicks carried on by his wd to Jany 12/63. Succeeded by Sara Catton
- 24 June
- White Lion 1796 This Year the "*White Lion*" Public House (Jas Wiggs) *Silenced*—this house stood where a part of the Malt House now stands, near the Alley out of Back St leading to the Church
- Green Man 1803 Sep 6th The Public House "Green Man" alter'd to the sign
 Joiners of the "Joiners Arms"—Sepr 6th 1839
 Arms Sign altered to the "Southwold Arms"—Mr Jonthn Button,
 S'wold Landlord, from Octob 11th 1837 who kept it 'till Jany 1st 1841,
 Arms succeeded by Mr Chas A. Everrett, who left it on 19 Mar. 1850
 and followed by Alfred Wentworth 19 March 1850
 1863 July 23 Red Lion Inn & Premises et purchased
 by Mr Jas Hague Aungier of Ipswich. Hired to Mr
 Daniel Betts Osborne fro Oct 11/63 Succeeded by
 James Jillings (who purchased it) to Apr 1869 when
 George Tharme hires it—left it Aug 27/70
 J. Jillings succeeded him.
 1872 Jany 6 Wm Harrison Buys
 it & keeps it.
- Two Brewers Landlords: Palmer:Ebbage:Andrews:Woods:Martin:Wiggs:
 Barber:Crowford.
 1814 Oct 11th Mr Jas Martin took "Two Brewers" 1820 Oct
 Red Lion 11th left this House and took the "Red Lion" of the widow
 Wiggs. (Sold July 23/63 for £800 including House & the
 Cottage & Lodging) Mr Rbt Barber succeeded Mr Martin—
 and in 1830 April 6th Mr John Crowford took this House and
 continued it 'till Augt 1834 when it was taken down by Mr
 James Robinson and a private House built on its site—which
 is the corner house on the left leading out of High Street into
 Church Street.
 1839 Sep 6th Mary relict of Mr Jas Robinson applied
 for a licence to sell exciseable liquors in this Ho but a
 Petition signed by 180 House holders was presented
 to the Magistrates in opposition to it
- Fishg Buss 1819 Oct 11th Mr Wm Balls takes the "Fishing Buss" Public
 Blackshore House Blackshore* and continued it till Oct 11th 1845—when
 Mr Geo Butcher of Wenhaston hired it and put a person in by
 the name of David Newson (28 October 1851)—1836 Sep 5th A
 licence was granted to a House in High Street the property of
 the Revd Ed. Jermyn—Carlton—Sign "*King's Head*" kept by
 King's Hd Mr John Crowford formerly of the "Two Brewers" (See Aug
 1834) till Oct 11/45. Succeeded by Mr Wm Goldsmith.

Pilot Boat 1842 Oct 11th Mr Jas Woodard succeeds Sarah the relict of Mr Peter Palmer, Pilot, to the "Pilot Boat" Public House—this House was to 1810 kept previous to Mr P. Palmer taking it, by Wd Foster.

Nag's Head 1855 July 8 Taken down—rebuilt—finished Mar 22d 1856 On 24th inst—Commenced Drawing—Sign altered to "Star" *afterwds* "Victoria" Tavern
 "Fishing Buss" kept by John Berry 1786 for 3 yrs
 Wm Prettyman 1789 for 17 yrs
 Jo Gillings 1806 for 13 yrs

1714 Haven made by the Corporation

1749 North Pier built²⁰
 1750 South Pier built completed 1752.3 Cost 506.8.6.
 Towards each of which £50 was subscribed by the Corporation
 1778 Borrow'd on bond for repairing the Piers £150

1748 A neat and Ancient Stone Stair-case of Steps discover'd in a buttress on the North Side of this Church, leading to as is supposed to what is called the "Candle Beam" See Gardner p.207

1748 The Independent Congregation of this Towne, first formed themselves into a distinct Society 1812 A Sunday School attached to the Society

1750 A black named Toby Gill was gibbeted upon Blythburgh Walks, now called Toby's Walks, for the murder or rather the "ravishing" of a Woman in a Field close by called Mickle Field—there was a Barn upon those Walks called Toby's Barn, where this Man used to resort, which was taken down about the year 1843-4 The two Posts that formed the gibbet are now in a Cart-lodge at "Westwood Lodge" and has upon the one of them T.G.1750 After his body hanging in chains for some years the remains were interred upon the spot.²¹

1750 Oct 11th The royal charter granted for incorporating the Free British Fishery—there were 38 Busses sailed for the Shetland from this Port—the "Pelham" & Carteret arrived first 17th Augt followg
 1748 July 15th "Ordered no person shall Buy or Sell Butter or any provisions before the same shall be bought into Market—or Buy greater Quantities of them than they shall have occasion for with intent to Sell out the same again dearer or shall engross the same to make unjust gain or profit—thereby shall be presented for such offences according to Law—All persons have hereby leave after 2 o'clock in the

20. The building of these piers was an inducement to the Free British Fishery to establish itself at Southwold.

21. In "*The Family of Bukenham or Bokenham*" by Henry Maudslay (1884) p. 166 the ancestor of the Bokenhams of Southwold is said to have died as a result of a fall from his horse at the execution of Black Toby, a highwayman, at Blythburgh in 1750.

Afternoon to go about the Towne to sell their Commodities and not before.”

On the Cliff are two Batteries, one a regular Fortification having a good Parapet and six Guns eighteen Pounders—sent down by the Order of his Highness the Duke of Cumberland who landed here the 17th October 1745* The other of two Guns 9 Pounders taken away Aug 25th 1811 see March 1819²²
1744 Feby 11th At an Assembly before Wm Thompson and Samuel Nunn, Bailiffs and Commonly in Order to Set a Watch for the Town Security agt the Public Enemy ———

— Census —

1750 The Census gives 140 dwelling Houses and 666 Persons
1659 April 25th “Three parts of this Towne was burnt down Houses 238
Census Souls 2,000
1801 Taken 10th March by Thos Ablett Houses 270
Souls 1,172
1811 Souls
1821 Souls 1,676
1831 Souls 2,079
Males 1,044 Females 1,035 Inhabited Houses 431 Families 446
Register’d Seamen 204 The sum of Statute Acres 680
1841 Total 2,186 see Return Illustrated News Oct 1843
1851 Males 938 Females 464 Total 2102

1753 Two Wells with Pumps affixed therein were Sunk at *Woods End Creek* for the speedy and convenient supplying the Fleet with Water

1756 A Stranger Master of Vessel hung himself upon the Cellar steps in a house belonging to the Mabson’s—Interred upon the *Church green* at the back of the Church²³

1757 April 6th Last Court of Conscience bearing this date held here

1757 An Act of Parliament pass’d for making the River navigable from Halesworth Bridge to Southwold Harbour

1758 July 24 A man Servant named *Dowsing* in the employ of a Mr Thompson of this place hung himself in a Stable on the right hand side of the

22. The story that Cumberland presented the guns upon Gun Hill has been disproved by the late Brigadier Mackesy, yet the tradition persists to this day. (“*The Southwold Guns*” P. J. Mackesy 1950)

23. The burial of suicides in consecrated ground was forbidden, though a blind eye was apparently turned in the case of Robert Jacques, the landlord of the “Swan”, in 1778. His tombstone still stands in the churchyard.

entrance into Chapel or Mill Lane—he was interred near by the Stranger. see 1756

1760 June 12th Wine. At an Assembly of the Bailiffs et held this day—it was agreed that the Wines wreck'd upon this Manor on the 12th of January last be put to sale by Mr John Bamford 1761 Jany 14th Sold for 777 £ Moiety £388.10s to Salvoy. shared 4L14s each—An old inhabitant informs me the surplus £2.12s was distributed in coppers amongst the boys & Women in the Market place.

1760 The “New York” Cliff house was repair'd by Subscription. No account appears by whom and when this house was built.

1853 Sep 19 Taken down by the Corpn

1761 Apr 26th Born at Corton Mr Wm Prettyman

Died Sep 8th 1854

1764 July 14th It was agreed to pay one Moiety of the real Money from the sale of the Oil wrecked upon this Manor on the 13th March 1763—to the several persons concerned in assisting & saving the sd Oil

No		Amount of Shares
4	at	2 . . 7s . . 6d
1	..	7
49	..	6
1	..	2
34	..	8
	Total —	£76.10
	Moiety	38.5

1764 Augt 15th Born Mr John Wales Died Aug 25 1848

— Salt Works —²⁴

1765 Lease of Salt Works was granted to Joseph Baker, Manchester, for 99 years at the Annual rent of £11. Assigned 1773 to John May—*cancelled* 1781 will be seen an Acct of his Son Robert et et

1765 Jany 9 High Tide—great damage done to Marsh Walls et et

1765 Nov 7th John and Elizth Atkins committed to Ipswich Gaol for being concerned in pulling down Bulcamp House of Industry

about this time Nacton house was partly pulled down

Jany 19 Barsham house of industry attempted to be set on fire

1765 Oct 11th Born Anna Smith wd

1766 July 3d At an Assembly et. It was agreed to let to Mr John Thompson the Nook or piece of land near the sluice adjoining to the Town Wall leading

24. Saltmaking was an important Southwold industry from the earliest times and essential to the fishing fleet. The demand produced by the coming of the Free British Fishery probably accounts for the arrival of John May and his son Robert. They enjoyed considerable, if temporary, prosperity and influence and built the Manor House. The other company, from Manchester, withdrew with the ending of the Fishery, handing their lease over to the Mays. The saltworks were on the marshes at South End opposite 6 Ferry Road. This house dates from 1760 and was connected with its operation.

to Walberswick on the parts of the N.W. and S and on the New cut on the part of the E for the term of 50 Years with liberty to the sd John Thompson to erect thereupon or make a Bathing House or Bath et. by paying the annual rent of 1s/- A bath was made and called "Thompson's Folly" In August 1818 this was filled up with the Walls surrounding it.

1769 A Mrs Cook of and at Reydon, living at the "Wood House" hung herself and was interred at the 3 cross-ways near Mr Ewen's "Reydon Hall" (*says old wd Benstead born 1755*)

1770 Oct 8 Saml Moss born

1770 Novr 10th Born Mr Jos Legate Pashley

1771 Aug 24 Mr B. S. Candler born

1772 March 17th All the Fishing Busses and other Effects belonging to the Free British Fishery, Sold by Auction at the Old Swan Inn, by Mr W. Tippell for the sum of £6391.12s.2½d Also their extensive buildings on the Common & other parts of this Town see Catalogue

(cutting) On Thursday morning died suddenly Mr Calver Wales merchant at Walberswick near Southwold

(notes) Dec.26 1776 agd 61

Susan his Wife died at Walberswick

26 July 1782 agd 52

1772 Sep,29th Resolved that Michael Barsett shall pay or cause to be paid for the commonage of a *Colt* and Cow 3 Guineas appearing to this assembly that the said Cattle were not his own property.

1778 Augt 20th Mr Robt Jacques of the Old Swan Inn committed Suicide by hanging himself.

1777 June 18th Six Dragoons were quartered here for 10 weeks—and 2s/- a week each charged for their horses depasturing upon the Common and Marshes

1779 Preaching by the Wesleyan Methodists commenced here June 9th Mr S. Crisp of Wrentham was placed in the Stocks by Mr Jo Robinson for preaching & singing in the open air.²⁵

1782 Between the 18 Feby and the 6th May leaves are torn out of this Town Book, they were supposed to contain the entry of proceedings at a Sessions at which Francis Wayth was sentenced to Imprisonment for a Misdemeanour—the said Francis Wayth was afterwards Bailiff of this Corporation and is supposed to have removed the record of his sentence to durance vile et et In the following page in this Town Book is written

Si non erasset fureat ille minus—viz

If not erased would make him look very small

From this date to 1796 no entry appears—leaves having been torn out²⁶

25. Crisp was either Samuel or Steffe, the great-uncle or uncle of William Crisp, who was to be Southwold's first mayor.

26. Francis Wayth was one of the town constables in 1781 and his unrevealed offence, a misdemeanour, for which he suffered "the hardship of a long close imprisonment" and was fined £30 (this was repaid to him in 1782) may have related to his conduct in this office.

1782 May 14th Married at Southwold Church by the Revd Thomas Potter,
Thomas Maggs to Ann Snell. In the presence of D Carman & Rhoda Davis
Father died Aug 31 1799 agd 45 Mother died
March 6th 1848 in her 98 yr

1782 A Danish Vessel called "Johannas" Borre Mow master was wrecked on
the Goodwin Sands on her Voyage from Ostend to the coast of Africa with
WINE a large portion of which was salvaged and entered into this Court as
"waif" and "derelict" and sold on the 28th March in this year producing
£747 5s 7¾d

Waif—found but not claimed

Derelict—left or forsaken

1782 Novr 12th The Pilots, Master Mariners et. applied at an Assembly et
present Mr Samuel Wayth one of the Bailiffs, for leave to erect a look-out
house upon Long Island Cliff which was unanimously agreed to, and built—
In 1841 March 2d this House was taken down from the top of the Cliff
adjoining the Property of Mr Rd. Rufus Boniwell and one built under the
Cliff directly opposite the site of the old one

1783 June 14th At an Assembly et. it was agreed to have a new Bridge built
according to the plan this day produced on the Spot where the old Bridge
(called Might's Bridge) now stands—leading from Southwold to Reydon. Mr
Saml King of Halesworth undertakes to build one according to the plan
produced at the sum of £157.10s and was accordingly done

This Bridge falling into decay was repaired in July
1855 with Iron palisading on either side. Cost £

On this side of the foot of this bridge was a gate and a temporary Hut for the
accommodation of a person being in attendance to opening the gate to
passengers et.

— BORN —

1783 April 27th George Son of Mr Robert Crabbe of
this Town—Glazier and Nephew of—Crabbe the
Poet

1849 July 10th Died agd 66

1783 Order'd that all persons convicted of felony be
prosecuted at the expence of the Corporation

1793 Augt 26th Mr Marshall Twaddell Born

1792 Decr 14th The "Lowestoft" Wm Aldrich
Master a Pilot Cutter belonging to this Port lost on
the Coast of Holland with a Brief. Crew saved

Entries may later have been torn out covering Sessions between February and August 1782.
House carpenter, mariner and finally "gentleman", Wayth quarrelled with the Corporation
again in 1815–1817 when he fraudulently pastured cows on the Common. A belligerent
character, he and his family became substantial property owners, mainly of lodging houses
on South Green.

1850 Jany 6th Mr. Wm Prettyman born 26th
1761 informs me he took the "Fishing Buss" Public
House at Blackshore Oct 11th 1789 (succeeded Mr
John Berry, brother to Mr Joseph Berry, formerly
Landlord of the Old Swan) That on the 3d February
1790 there was the Highest Tide ever remember'd
by man the Marshes were all flooded from 6 to 7 feet
in depth !!

In 1815 this gate and hut was removed and a House and Gate erected about
200 yards from the Bridge towards the town

1783 April 28th Agreed to abate John Gillings 10
shillings in his rent for the Smith's Shop in the
Market Place

In 1837 March 25th a requisition signed by upwards of 150 Burgesses was
presented to the Council of this Borough requesting them to remove this gate
and for the protection of the Cattle depasturing upon the Corporation lands
to *enclose the Common* which request was acceded to and completed the 1st
May following. E. C. Bird Mayor

1795 Novr 6th A tremendous heavy gale of Wind. *Town Mill blown down* and
much damaged was also an exceeding *high Tide* much higher than ever
remember'd by any person living. I was informed that a Pilot Cutter was
driven out of the River over the Wall into the Marshes.

1793 July 25 H.M. Cutter "Hunter" fell into an engagement with a
Smuggling Lugger in this Bay & from the bursting one of the Cutters Guns,
two of her men were so much injur'd that one Man named John D[] died
at the Old Swan on the following day.²⁷

1796 January Southwold Market In this month Whate sold at 50s a coomb
and Tatoes 7s/- a sack. 1847 Augt 53s a coomb see May 1847

1797 Mar 3d Born Mr Jonthn Gooding Town Clerk for this Boro'

1801 Novr 10 Mrs Eliza Souper born wd of the lt Henry Gooch maiden name
Wayth

1798 Trinity Monday 4 June commenced erecting the Great or Black
Windmill upon this Common. It was brought from Southtown—Yarmouth
Proprietor Mr Dawson, Miller who in 1806 sold it to Mr Peregrine Edwards
for £745—who in 1842 Sold it to Alfred Lillingston Esq for 2900 £s—and in
1845 it was purchased by Mr Read Crisp, its present occupier for the sum of
£1400—1850 Oct 11th purchased by Mr Wm Boyden for £1000 vide 9 June
1853

Mr Read Crisp leaves Southwold to reside at Beccles
Oct 11th 1850 takes a Printing office & Stationery
Shop of the widow of the late Mrs Lyons of Beccles
1806 Mr Rt Dawson then went to reside at Yarmouth
where he purchased a Mill—failed about 1808 and
then travelled with Cloth

27. John Davy and Thomas Cousins, two men belonging to the "Hunter" Cutter of Yarmouth,
who were killed by the bursting of a gun, were buried on 27 July 1793. (Parish register.)

1797

From the Church Burial Book

Reydon

“This Pore woman* was accidentally burned to deeth by the House she inhabited taking fire by Night, and Onley A few of her remains being discover’d among the Ruins in the Morning”

*This Woman’s name was Chilvers

No day of the Month is stated—Nor her Name—I am informed the House where Mr John Keen lives, stands upon the same site the other did.

1798 Sep 26 Volunteer Corps raised here Robt May Captn in 1802 dismissed recalled in 1803 and broken up 24th March 1813 see Wake 265

1798 The Corps of Sea Fencibles formed—Edwd Kilwick Capr

— Wrecks et. —

1798 Oct 10th A Sloop called the “*Bottle Sloop*” of Blyth came on Shore opposite the Land—Pit, laden with bottles et—Crew saved

1798 Dec 11th By this Auction Bill, a part of the Wreck of the Ship “*Philip & Ann*” of Hull was sold Purchased by Mr Hadingham who informs me She was wrecked in 1794—under Easton Cliff. Crew perished 15 Men and 1 Woman

1802 Jan 20th A Collier Brig (known or remembered by the name of the *Fire Ship*) caught fire and came on Shore opposite the Sand Pit. *Crew sav’d* Same day a “Shallop” belonging to Clay, lost upon “Sand-hail” *Crew Saved* by Pilot Boat “DOVE”

1802 Decr 27th The Ship “Fredrick” of London lost off here—*Crew perished*

1806 May 29th The “Galliot” “Zeland” laden with Hats, Jackets and Wainscot Boards was tow’d on Shore between Gun Hill and the Harbour—by the Brig “Union” of this Port, Benjamin Spicer, Master—The crew was taken from her by the “Samuel” Pilot Cutter John Waters and landed at Yarmouth, had abandoned her never known if saved or lost (deleted in Maggs’ hand)

1807 Feb 18th “Tartar” and Crew lost off Yarmouth—two of her Crew Charles Grant, 38 and Stepn John Blundell, 21, picked up and Interred at Dunwich Same Gale the Ship “*Traveller*” and Crew lost off this Town.

1808 Decr 23d The “*Twilight*” of Newcastle, Edwd Twaddell—with a general Cargo, came on shore here. *Crew saved*

1808 Decr 19 The “*Neptune*” of Whitby, with Passengers from London to thence came on shore near the Bound Post, and became a total wreck. *Crew saved*

1808 Dec 28th Towed a Swade Ship a Shoar at Southwold with Boats, called the *Marriar Charlotte*—Captn Blomer Master, no one on board.

“W Woodard”

1809 Dec 29th The “*Gennet*” of Perth, General Cargo, driven thro’ stress of Weather on Shore at Easton taken into this Harbor & repair’d

1814 March 9th Retoke a Collier Brig with “*Jubilee*” Pilot boat, from a French Luger, Ben a Bout 3 Miles a Head Put 5 Frenchman on Shore at Southwold it

came on to Blow at N.E. and i toke the Brig to Harwich”

“W. Woodard”

1815 Dec 7th The “*Briton*” of Scarbro with a general Cargo went on shore East Cliff—Crew *Saved*—and Vessel repair’d

1817 July 16th The “*Alert*” Joseph Pyett, wreck’d at Blakeny—*Robt Crickmore and Francis Stannard, Seamen, drowned*

1820 March 2d A Sloop came on Shore near the bound Post laden with Grindstones et et

1821 Dec 22d The “*Polly*” of Plymouth, with Potatoes, came into this Harbor off Orford Beach, damaged & repair’d

1812 Septemb 16th Ship “*Thomas*” picked up at Sea, and towed on Shore near Gun Hill—She was abandoned by her Crew—Laden with Timber and Deals

1822 Decr 7th Ship “*Westmoreland*” and Crew except 2 lost off Lowestoft—laden with a general Cargo

1823 Jany 11th Yawl “*Seaman’s Assistant*” of Lowestoft and Crew lost—viz Wm Butcher *Pilot* Jno Ayers, Jas Fletcher, Saml Green, Jas Butcher, Matthew Colman and Benj Ferrett vd Oct 6/35 Jany 8/38

1823 March 2d The “*Friends*” of Hull—wt general Cargo wrecked near Easton Cliff. Crew *all perished* by taking to their Boat—except the Captain who stopped upon the wreck ’till taken off

1824 The “*Dorset*” of Dover lost upon the Barnard, laden with Spirits.

1823 Oct 23d The “*Villager*” of Newcastle Wm Brown (a Native of this town) Master, his wife and Crew—*lost* upon the North coast.

1827 Jany 26 Gale 14 Vessels on Shore between Easton & Lowestoft—Wrecked more or less. *Not a Soul lost*

1827 March 7th The Sloop “*Fame*” of ----- came on Shore here laden with Potatoes, became a total wreck. *Crew saved*

1828 Jany 1st The “*Liberty*” of North Shields, came on Shore near the Bound Post—*no one on board* broken up and sold

1828 May 24th The “*North Star*” of North Shields wreck’d upon the Barnard *Crew perished*—her bottom came on shore opposite Gun Hill Feby followg purchas’d by Mr Hadingham for £51

1829 May 27th “*Suffolk*” Steam Packet, put into this Harbor on Fire

1829 Sep 20th The “*Ceres*” of London, James Warren, Master. Towed on Shore here, laden with Tallow and Isingglass—No person on board—Salvage shares £18.5s each See Feb 3 1804

1831 Jany 28th The brig “*Cumberland*” of Newcastle—about 2 o’Clock P.M. Struck the Barnard Sand and became a total wreck—the Crew was saved thro’ the speedy exertions of Mr John Montague and Mr John Lowsey of this place—Trinity Pilots.

1833 April 9 A dismasted Danish Brig laden with Timber Deals et towed on Shore by a Fishing Smack and the “*Amicitia*” Pilot Cutter. No paper or

Name to indicate any name or where She belonged. 18th The Vessel was sold by Auction to Mr Abbott, Ipswich, for £70, Duty £35

1836 Mar 1st The "Anne" of Newcastle, Darling, came on Shore opposite "New York Cliff" laden with Beans & Wheat. *Crew Saved*

1838 Feb 26th The "Ariel" 199 Tons—Stockton Watson—lost on the "Cross-sands" Crew saved March 2d She came on Shore at Covehithe purchased by Messrs Crisp & Hadingham for 165 £'s Apr 16 Brig "Diamond" lost on Barnard

1839 Jany 6th Sloop "Young Susannah" Jo King, London—with Potatoes came on shore, Easton, became a wreck. Crew saved—Wreck purchased by Mr Hadingham £30

1839 Feby 11th "Barbara" of N. Shields. Grimson runned down and sunk by the "Derwent" of Newcastle—Crew saved & landed here.—they were both heavy Brigs.

May 19th The "Eliza" of London picked up at Sea by the "John and Mary" Pilot Cutter of this Port and towed on shore at Easton her crew had abandoned her—the Wreck was purchased by Mr R. R. Boniwell.

June 8th A Yarmouth Tug Steamer—Thompson, Master Sunk 3 Miles E.S.E. off here—in eleven fathoms water—from as stated by the bursting of her tank. Crew saved

July 27th Brig "British Queen" Newcastle 51 Tons with Coals—wrecked upon this Bar 31 sold by Auction to Mr Hadingham 11 £'s

1840 March 4th A large Collier Brig pass'd here Water logg'd, she went down off Aldborough in 8 fathoms water—*Crew saved*

1840 Novr 13th A tremendous Gale from the E.S.E. a Humber Keel the "Ant"* of Boston Maryatt (see Nov 14th 1841) laden wt Wheat

came on Shore opposite North Cliff and became a Wreck—Crew and part of the Cargo Saved *16 inst I sold the Wreck to Revd Mr Birch for 22 £'s broken up & resold 25th On the 27th I sold her Materials and the pt of Cargo saved, about 60 quarters of Wheat— Between Walberswick and Dunwich the brig "REQUEST" * of Newcastle Baines went on shore—Coal laden—the crew took to their Boat—and on seeing great danger in landing 4 of the 10 of the crew got to the wreck again the remaining 6 perished—the 4 (One of whom was the Master) got into the fore-top where they remained about 8 hours—5 P.M. a shot was fired fro Manby's Life Gun taking a line to their assistance by which means they were rescued from a Watery Grave

* Nov 19th inst I sold the Wreck to Mr Dix of Dunwich for 60 £'s & materials to different persons for £124.6s6d 1841 Jany 8 & 9 I sold this Wreck in Lots

A brig upon the Barnard foundered and Crew perished. Six Dutch Scutes ashore between Kessingland and Pakefield. *Crews saved*

H.M.S. "Fairy" Government Surveying Ship lost off here and Crew perished.

Steamers have been in search of the Ship et et by "swiping" et but without success

Cutting

HARWICH

A neat marble tablet has just been placed in the south aisle of our Church in the memory of the late lamented Captain Hewett and of the officers and crew of her Majesty's ship "Fairy", with the following inscription:—

Sacred
to the memory of
Captain William Hewett, Royal Navy
and of the Officers and Crew
of her Majesty's ship
"Fairy"
who all perished off Southwold
in the storm
of the 13th of November 1840
while engaged in the survey
of the North Sea

This tablet is erected by the Officers and Crew of her Majesty's ship "Shearwater" appointed to complete that survey, 1841.

1841 Novr 14th Gale S.E. Schooner & Crew on the Mornng 15th went down in this bay—16th Sep sides & Bows of the "Buckingham" Dartmouth Nossiter Masr laden with Tallow & lost wt crew on the "Barnard" of the night of the 14th, went on Shore at Sizewell 17th I went & Sold the Wreck—18th Gale increased—Wind E.S.E.—"Hope" of Goole Marshall, wt Coals—went on Shore at Misner—"Catliff"—Crew Saved Same day "Mary & Jo Marsden" Crooke, Masr Goole—with Grain, went on shore Covehithe. Crew Saved—Same day the bottom of the "Buckingham" came on Shore at Easton, 20th I sold it to Mr E Child £91 Also a piece of the same at Covehithe for 7 £'s—19th the gale somewhat increased the "Elizth: & Ann" Boston, Maryatt (see Nov 13 1840) laden with Potatoes came on Shore N of the Life Boat House—Crew Saved. 6 same Evening *Calm* ! & Fog ! "Elizth—Ann" got off & repaired—19th the Crew of the "Catharine" of Goole—Usher saved by the Sizewell life-boat 19th & 20th large quantities of Tallow picked up 1842 July 12 Maryatt & Crooke left here.

Novr 24 I sold ye "Mary & Jas Marsden's" Oats
25 "Elizth & Ann's" Potatoes
27 "Hope's" Hull & Materials

1799 Wesleyan Chapel built in Mill-lane—by Mr Wm Samkin. In the year 1835 March 18th *First brick* of this Chapel situate on East Green laid—3d July it was opened for divine worship—built by Mr John Sawyer of this Town builder, Cost £327²⁸

Snow 1799 Feby 2d Heavy fall of *Snow* the Mail did not arrive into this town 'till eleven o'Clock P.M. of the 3d inst: usual time 8 A.M.

28. This chapel still stands and is now used as an office and store by a local builder.

1799	Income of this Corporation	£365.18s	d
1839	do do do	£1608.9.4	

1800 Reydon Common taken in

1800 Lime Kiln on the right hand side of the road, leading to Blackshore—
built—Land granted to [] for [] Yrs at [] pr yr

1800 May 28th The sum of £100 was levied upon one Raolf Lucke for landing
an alien here contrary to the Statute—a Moiety of this sum was paid to
Captain Tindling R.N. for apprehending him and the other half was paid into
the hands of the Churchwardens of this Town for the benefit of the Poor as
appear in their Accts

1801 Casino built upon Gun Hill by Mr John Thompson et et Cost £300²⁹

1802 July 15 Died Mr Wm Hailstone, Surgeon agd 46 -----

1801 Oct 19 Rhoda, daughter of Mr Chas Naunton and Wife of Mr Geo
Mayhew Born

Thomas Ablett Schoolmaster

1800 Overseer

1801 Apr 6th first signed C.B. to excus'd

Poor rate last time May 15th 1806 to Terrier

1804 Apr 24th ceas'd in the office of Dep Town
Clerk

1806 Parish Clerk part of this Year

Clubs

or

— Benefit Societies —

1802 Novr 4th “Tradesman’s Club” Instituted

1841 Oct 11th Same Dissolved

1805 Janv 5th “Sailors Club” Instituted

Friend

1844 Janv 5th Same Dissolved

20 Members—shared 38s/- each

1816 “*Friendly Society*” Instituted at the “New Swan” Inn and held there ’till

1819 when it was removed to the “Old Swan” at Mr Thos Bokenham
purchasing and taking it of Mr Heny Meadows—who succeed Mr Joseph
Berry, who succeeded Mr Jacques See 1767

1821 Janv 2d “*Union Club*” instituted Myself

1833 Apr 30 Same dissolved secretary

29. The Casino, now the Coastguards’ Look-out on Gun Hill, was built as a reading room for
subscribing members. See under 1813 when the brothers, James and John Robinson, sued
James Jermyn, Robert May and other members after the latter had published a declaration
that they did not wish to associate with the Robinsons or allow them membership. The
brothers lost their case and this became an important legal precedent. The ejection of the
Robinsons from office and from the tenancy of the Town Lands in 1799 by the May group
seems to have started the trouble. This was followed the next year with an assault by John
Robinson on May and by James upon Thomas Ablett, the deputy Town Clerk and a wrangle
over the poor rate assessment.

1829 Jan 9 "Standard" Society established JM
1835 Oct 9 dissolved Sectry
at the "Red Lion" Aug 3 1863 removed to Nelson Lawrence

1829 Jan 10 "Albion" Society established JM sc
1833 May "Friendly Union" Society established J.M. Sectry
held at the House of the Secretary

1835 Feb 3d "Independent" Society Instituted
1847 May 4 Same Dissolved

1835 Nov 4 "Crown" Society Instituted J.M.
1845 June 8 Same dissolved Sectry

1838 Jan 4 "Sailors Friend" Instituted J.M.
Same dissolved Sectry
"Good Intent" Instituted J.M.
1849 Jan 3d Same dissolved Secretary

1803 June 1st Born Mr Dnl Fulcher

1802 Dec 24th Mr Stephen Pack, put an end to his existence by cutting his
Throat See 27 September 1836

26th the Pilot Boat "Sailors Friend" upset on coming to the shore—4 Men
drowned—viz John Bokenham, Jacob Spenser, George Barber and Joseph
Wright. The Sea Fencibles attended the Funeral

1804 Feb 3d A large quantity of *Tallow* was picked up here. Sold 16th inst by
Auction by Messrs Baxter & Ouchin for £226.7s vd Sep 20 1829
1804 Apr 30th Mr S. M. Bloom, born
June Mr Boyden came here into the service of
1803 Mr P. Edwards, Miller Mr E declined the
Mill to Mr W. Crisp 6 July 1839. Boyden left 12 Nov
1839 Born March 22d 1786 Wm his Son Born Dec
2d 1828
1803 Apr 6th Mr Edmund Child Blksmith came to
reside here. Born July 20 1780.

1804 Oct 30th Mr Thos Diver of Reydon, Farmer, hung himself in a Planting
near his own house.

1804 The Ship "Suffolk" built at Walberswick by Mr William Williams—
who failed in the same year and left the place.

1805 May 14th Huntingfield Volunteers came here under the command of
Captain Philpot for 3 weeks permanent duty—left 4th June

1801 July 31st A builder named Berry Pooley accidentally killed by the fall of
the Gabel end of a House the property of Mr Cann near Barnaby Green

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1807 Capt Tindling R.N.—John Benjafield Esq Bury St Edmunds and a Mr
Spurling 1st built Houses upon the Gun Hill—Rd Boyce. Builder
M.S 1807 Feb 18 Digging Snow out of Roads at Reydon £23.16.6
1808 Feb 12 ditto 13.16
1814 Jan 22 ditto 21.14.9
"Lowance" 3. 1.9

“These are the days the gales where”

Andrews William C.H. off. committed Suicide June 18th 1818 at Salthouse.

1806 June 9 reported by John Petty Hurr. Southwold The “Burletta” sloop of War on sending her 4 oar’d gally to this Harbor comprising a Russian Ambassador—the Captain Mate and 5 Seamen, upset upon the bar, whereby 4 of the Seamen & the Ambassador were lost. The Master, Mate and the other seaman, named Simpson were *saved* by a boat of Edward Garrards and another in which my informant John Petty Hurr and Robert Sterry went to their assistance. Two of the men where grappled up and interred here. About 10 days after the Russian Ambassador was picked up at Easton by one Skinner a Midshipman at the Easton signal House and old Will Skelton of this place. The Ambassador was interred in the Churchyard near the Steeple. Skinner absconded and Will Skelton imprisoned at Ipswich for being guilty of robbing the body of the Ambassador of a Gold Watch and about 50 Guineas. The Watch was deliver’d up by Skinner to Lieutenant Forman³⁰

1806 Oct 12th Born Mr Geo. Mayhew 1801 Oct 19th Rhoda his Wife.

Vestry Clerks

Thos Ablett, discontinued this office May 13th 1806
1806 Jan 1 Thos Pott (Post Master) appointed held the office Mar 31st 1823 died July 19th 1823
Succeeded by John Bye—held the off to Apr 28th 1842
Died July 30 1842 succeeded by Jos Shrimpton held the off to Apr 30/46
Died Jan 6/47 Maggs & Job Jeves pro temp 6/47 March 11th 1847 when Thomas Wallace was appointed to the offe

— Parish Clerks —

Burnett Cornelius	from 1768 to 1785	Bellman	Clerk of Market
Newson John	1785 to 1806		
Ablett William	part of yr 1806		
Nelson George	1807 to 1821		

30. In the parish register the burial of M. Bedezer, a Prussian officer entrusted with dispatches from His Prussian Majesty to the Court of St James is recorded on 22 June 1807. He had been drowned with four others on Sunday 7 June. The body was found at Easton. The inaccurate version reported by Maggs is however repeated in “*The Story of Southwold*” p. 153 Maggs himself is quoted as saying “A word on the spot is worth a cartload of recollection” (*ibid* p. 61). How right he proved himself to be!

Carter William 1821 to 1848 June 3d
 when he Died agd 69 see 10 June 1847
 Carter Robert 1848 to
Francis Robert Parish Clerk pro temp 1813

— Sextons et et —

Gillings John from 1780 to 1785
 Newson John 1785 to 1806
 Oldring Joseph 1806 to 1832
 Oldring Henry 1832 to Aug 8/49 died
 Oldring Henry Junior pro temp 1849 Easter appointed held it to x
 x Easter 1860 Hy Oldring resigns, Jas Wigg elected.

— Schools —

1806 A Sunday and day school (Free) opened at the Wesleyan Chapel in Mill Lane by a Mr Tory a Bombardier who conducted the same at his own time and expense they were discontinued in 1810—In 1823 the Sunday School was resumed but continued for a short time—In 1827 It revived again and is carried on successfully 1812 Sunday School at Independent Chapel 1813 Sunday School at the Church—Instituted July 12th R. W. Haylett Master to Oct 2d 1822 when I was elected Master, which I continued 'till the 11 Oct 1840—when I was succeeded by the Master (Job Jevés) of the National Schools. Which school's were open'd Oct 12th 1840 and discontinued together with the Sunday School on the 29th Sepr 1844. National Schools resumed 29 Sep 1845

Master Mr Isaac's Governess Gayford* leaves Sep 9/63

1816 A School called the "*Burgh School*" this was a free school for the benefit and education of the children of such persons as did not depasture Cattle on the marshes and common, It was conducted in the Town Hall, Master Mr R. W. Haylett—Governess Mrs C Thompson. 1818 This School was *discontinued* for the want of funds. *Salaries, Books et et £613*

*Gayford resigns her Governessship—1848 Mar 25th succeeded by Emma Critten

1862 Sep 27 Mr Isaacs presented with a Gold Watch & Chain by subscription Mr I. leaves 29th & Succeeded by Mr Geo: Hamilton to the school

1821 Novr 1st National School for Girls *only* instituted discontinued 30 Novr

1826 Mrs Syer Governess

1828 Jany 1st Sunday School at Reydon instituted by the Revd H. A. Rous conducted the School for the first month.

1840 Oct 11th A National School was instituted here. Master Mr Job Jevés Mistress Miss Jevés afterwards Miss Lacey—d July 1845

1844 Sep 29 this School was broken up

Also the Sunday School !!

1845 Sep 29 Schools resumed see prius page.

1856 *Infant School* instituted

Oct 16

pencil 1816 James Critten made a pupil teacher) see Burgh

1821 Charles . . . Teacher 5th class) Schools

1808 Oct 11th Mr Saml Plant Farmer went to reside at Easton see 16, 17 & 18
September 1847 *Died 14th Oct 1846* agd 74 Interred at Glemham

Mrs Plant died at SoWo Dec 5/57

1808 The Old Granaries at Blackshore taken down and Materials sold

1846 Nov 22d DIED at Wangford, Emily wife of Rt.
Godfrey Turner and 3d daughter of Mr Samuel
Plant dec

1808 June 8th Mr E. C. Bird & Mr Jo Sutherland June 10 Surgeons came to
reside here.

Mr Bird 1836 July 11th Married Miss Mary Robinson of this place, he died
Augt 8th 1843 and Mrs Bird 25 Sepr following

1809 General Innoculation for the Small-pox

1810 The Baptists first commenced preaching here, In 1821 a Chapel was
built at the N.W. end of the Town upon the Common Land granted by this
Corporation for 99 yrs at 5s/- a year. On the 23d of Augt in this year it was
opened for Public Worship. Service discontinued 1841 Resumed Oct 12th
1845. Its 1st Foundation Stone was laid on the 14 May 1821 by Mr Jo Bye of
this Town.

1860 Feby 2nd I sold this Chapel by Auction to Mr
Thos Doy for £52 the Pulpit Pews and fittings
removed to Beccles. The remains of the deal
removed to Child's Yard July 20/60

11 July 1826 A Child of Mr Bela Crisp's was interred in this Chapel also a
Child of Kings

1847 Aug 9th Died Hannah Downing Wife of Geo
Downing 78. Interred in this Chapel
see 9th August 1847

1812 Dec 24th The "Swan" Public House at Wangford burnt down the wife
of a Pedlar named Bollingbroke alias *Miller* was burnt to death.

1823 Mar 25th Mr Jo B alias M died 84

1813 August 14th Suffolk County Assizes Bury St
Edmunds Jo Robinson clk versus Jermyn, May,
Gooch Esqs See Book of Trial.

1808 Augt 2d Born George Edmund Son of George
and Maria Child. Mr John Sutherland Surgeon June
1805 informs me this was his first case of "Mid-
wifery" in this Town

1811 Aug 25th The 2 Guns upon the N.Battery
removed.

1814 Feby 1st Married Mr Thos Wm Thompson to
Frances Avscough

(cutting)

25th ult at Southwold aged 70 Mary relict of Mr Edward Charles Bird surgeon and last surviving child of the late John Robinson Esq

1813 A New Sluice laid down and Bridge built at Walberswick Cost £1100. The stone let in the front thereof has R.B. 1813 upon it and is in my possession (B.B. signifies Barne Barne) In 1814 this Bridge fell in and another built but a trifling expence to the other. 1828 June 19th Barne Barne of Dunwich Died.

1813 July 22d A young man from the Country named John Lilly, attempted to *drown* himself in the Sea. Fortunately he was seen in time and rescued. He was apparently dead. Every means was tried by Mr Sutherland of this Town Surgeon, to resuscitate him who succeeded and for his (Mr Sutherland's) successful exerting was presented with a handsome *Silver Medal* from the Humane Society.

Lilly upon his recovery "stated the cause of his attempting to commit so rash an act was that he had enlisted for a Soldier—and for which he greatly repented".

1810 Oct 11th Mr Robert Keen from Wenhaston takes farm at Reydon. Mr K dies and his son John goes into it in 1839

1808 In the Month of March the people of Southwold, Walberswick and Dunwich were raised from their sleep about 2 o'Clock A.M. by the firing of very heavy guns from the sea, the general impression was that the French invading army had reached the shores and the enemy were preparing to land. Most of the inhabitants hastily put on their clothes and produced lights to assist them in finding some place of Security for their families but the firing suddenly stopped and the conjecture is that the lights enabled the crew of the vessel to find out their mistake, and the wrong direction of their guns. A few persons had run towards the beach and reached it about the time the firing ceased. They could distinguish a large vessel from which the shots had come, which was then making sail from the shore, while a smaller vessel something like a Berwick smack was escaping along towards the north as near to the beach as possible If the vessels had continued firing the next shot would have probably come into the midst of the inhabited houses and caused the destruction of property if not in life. One shot after striking the ground twice and furrowing it up for a considerable

distance had passed thro a stack of wood and one wall of Mr Barne's stable. Here it became spent and was found lodged in the manger. was a 32 pounder. Several were taken out of the Cliffs and others found more than a mile from the shore.

1815 Annual Value of Assesd Property this Year was £1,849. 1847 £5560

1810 Feb 5th Joseph Rous of this Town set fire to his Barn & premises at Reydon—Supposed to defraud the Insurance of the Corn that was in the Barn was removed and secreted

1810 Dec 22 Died at Burnham, Isle of France. Francis Flowerday aged 65 Yrs

1837 April 29th Died Francis, Son of the above agd 42 on board the "Mary" of Greenwich at

1845 June 29 Died George, also Son of the above agd 36—At Prince Edward's Island.

1809 Last payment of 20d for the 1st Cow and 5s/— for the 2nd since advanced to 7s 12s and from that to 40s 45s & even to 50s/— a year for the depasturing a Cow upon the Common and Marshes. Horses et in proportion. See regulations for pasturing Cattle see Apr 29 1827.

"Waterloo" Bridge

1809 July 19th "At an Assembly at ye Town Hall— notice having been given to ye Town Crier upon the application of Barne Barne Esquire Dunwich it was agreed to permit him to build a Bridge across Buss Creek entirely at his own expence for the accommodation of Trade from Blackshore Quay to New Quay And repairs to be done at his *Cost*

1828 It was taken down 1828 June 19th Mr. B.B. died

1814 May 2d Mr Robert and Edward Mills also Mr Jas Dean came home from French Prison. Taken in the brig "Fountain" Augt 5th 1810.

1814 Oct 29th Mr Robert May left this Town to reside at Trowse Norfolk, where he died 20th July 1841. Interred at Heigham Norfolk Mr May was for many years proprietor of the *Salt Works* here which at his Sale 9th Jan'y 1815 were purchased by Mr Edmund Preston of Yarmouth—and in 1844 by Mr Abraham Leman Lt of Halesworth 1848 Dec 1 Mr L leaves the Saltworks See 1 December 1848

1815 Apr 4th The "Dunwich" David Archer of this Port lost & Crew on their passage fro Shields

1815 St Bartholomew Fair discontinued 65 Geo III

1815 The Powder Magazine which stood near the round dyke and afterwards

upon Barnaby Green, being converted into a Prison House, was in 1837 May 5th Sold to Mr Goff of Wrentham for £7.5s

1815 This Corporation purchased of Mr Woodrow "Guinea Pightle" for £80 this was a circular piece of land upon the Common at the N.W. side near the "Gate House"

1818 May 1st Mr Fulcher came to Southwold

June 1 Mr F. apprenticed to Mr Boniwell, Carpenter

1816 Wet and late Harvest—many Farmers had not all their Corn in until after Michaelmas.

1818 John Son of Mr Thos Calver drowned at the Jetty

1818 August I took May 18th an excursion to Newcastle in the brig "Harmony" Thos Bokenham and returned in the "Damsel" of Yarmouth, my brother William, Master.

1818 Novr 16 married at Walberswick Church, by the Revd Eardley Norton in the presence of William and Mary Ann Banks, Myself to Elizabeth, only daughter of Thos and Ann Roberts, Wangford

1818 Decr 3 Died Mr Edward Garrard of Walberswick, Fish Merchant

1851 July 14 At Walberswk Ann his relict agd 85

1818 Decr 9th at Walberswick Aunt Snell

1819 Decr 7th Election of Bailiffs on the Monday the 6th St Nicholas' day being Charter-day. *I have gone thro' the Town Books from 1600—the like does not appear 'till now*

1819 Churchwardens first elected as follows The One by the Minister, the other by the Parishioners.

1819 July 15th The first time a Steam Vessel passed this Town—she was from the Northward bound to London

1817 Apr 23d Mr Frs Wayth and his Son brought an Action on replevin agt the Fenreaves of this Boro for impounding a Cow enter'd in 1815 in the name of his Son—And whereas on the Trial of the sd Action at the County Assizes held at Bury 31st March last a Verdict was given for the Defendants thereby establishing the sd entry had been made with fraudulent intention of evading the payment of the proper sum of money for the depasturage of the sd Cow contrary to the rules and regulations of the Burgh, Mr Wayth and Son were not permitted to enter any Cattle upon the Corporation Lands for the space of 3 yrs On the 12th March 1818 at a Grand Assembly at the Town Hall proposals were made by Mr Wayth and his Son to settle the Actions brought agt them for the trespasses in turning their Cattle upon the lands of the Corporation after being "*discommoded*" according to the resolution made the 23 April last and also to settle the Action brought agt the Fenreeves. The sd proposals were—that the defendants should acknowledge judgment agt them in the said actions and should pay the total Costs of the Corporation The Report of the Commissionner Cost the Corporation "Extra Costs on trials with Messrs Wayth for trespass on Corporation lands £231

The first law suit for centuries as no accounts or existing records give any Acct of one.

1817 July 9 Land Granted for Coast Guard House
C.G.Ho built 1817

1818 The Corporation put an End to the System of
paying for the repair of the Church and Roads out of
the funds, New system had been carried on from
Corporation Funds from time immemorial. Now
fixed by Rates

1818 May 6th That Jas Wright who was last year
discommoned for having entered *as his own* a year
old Sturk upon the common and Marshes and being
the property of William Prettyman having acknowl-
edged the impropriety of his conduct *should be
admitted to his privilege*

1818 The Corporation allowd each Ratepayer who
derived no benefit fro the pasture lands £1 towards
the rates. 1825 it was reduced to 12/- and in 1829 to
nothing

1818 March 21st Sarah Woodard executed at Ipswich
for the murder of her illegitimate child at Frostenden
on the 1st inst. She had been in the service of Mr
Barfoot of Frostenden, in whose bleaching ground,
thro' her confession the child was found buried.

1820 Jany 27th Henry William Rous Birch A.M to
the curacy of Southwold and vicarage of Reydon
Vacant by the death of Daniel Collyer M.A. see Dec
5/19 p 67

1820 Easter Tuesday Married Mr Balentine Brown
to the widow of Mr Jo Crisp who was drowned in the
DUNWICH

1819 Mar 1st At this period the batteries on the
eastern coast were disarm'd Mr Solomon Grout
then bailiff address'd a letter to Colonel Gardner the
officer commanding the Artillery of the district
stating that the Guns at Southwold were the property
of the Town having been granted in the year 1745 to
the Corporation by His R.H. Duke of Cumberland.
The claim was admitted and the order cancelled. see
Nov 9th 1842

Two Gun battery removed Aug 28th 1811

1820 May 11th Samuel Mizzlebrook of Walberswick
hangs himself agd 20 see Walbers *Church Register
Book*

1819 Branch of the Norwich Crown Bank established in this Town. Mr
Solomon Grout, Agent (1826 Decr 16th Mr Grout was so seriously hurt from
his horse taking fright and throwing him out of his Gig in Beccles Street—
that he died on the 19th inst—Interred at Framlingham) Afterwards Mr

Joseph Berry Edwards of this Town, who in the year 1832 Built a Banking House in this place—July 24th the first brick was laid by Mr Edwards & the second by myself & the third by Mr T. G. Balls 1st July 1833 Mr E went into this House June 3d 1844 Mr Edwards leaves this Town to reside at Saxmundham Bank—and the business of this Bank is conducted by Mr T. W. Thompson

1819 Decr 5 Died Revd D. Collyer M.A. he was in 1777 June 19th licensed to the vicarage of Reydon and on the 27 Decr following to the augmented curacy of the Chapel of SoWold See Wake p 88–9

1852 July 15 Died at Norwich Wife of D. Collyer agd 97

1820 Sepr 22d Horse Racing first introduced annually—discontinued 1834—last races in 1833. *In 1821 the Corporation gave £20 towd the races)*

1820 April 27 Select Vestry Instituted

1833 April 8 Discontinued

This Vestry consisted of 12 of the Principal Rate payers and met once a fortnight for hearing and relieving the wants of the Poor. In 1830 April 12th I was elected a member thereof

1821 July 23d John Galer and Thos Smith fishermen belonging to Walberswick were engaged in Trawling in this Bay when by a sudden squall of Wind the boat upset and both were drowned. Smith was afterwards taken up at Easton & Interred in the Cliffs.

1821 July 27th Fire a Row of Cottages 4 in Number accidentally burnt down at Walberswick, They were the property of Sir C Blois situate near the “Blue Anchor” Public House and were called the “Corner Houses” the land on which they stood is now a Garden belonging to Mr Johnson. Ship Builder

1822 A Fire Engine purchased for this Town Aug 11 by Subscription—the Corporation subscribed £53 to make up the deficiency.

1822 Feby 12th Thos Shepperd Jnr Mariner of this Town accidentally drowned at the “Green Bank” near the Jetty. interred here.

1822 March 19 Four Smugglers taken and committed to this Gaol—One of them escaped the other 3 liberated 26th March 1823 B. H. Carter Gaoler

1822 May 22d Married Jas. Jermyn Esq. of Reydon to Miss Jermyn of Sibton *Mrs Jermyn* died at Reydon Jany 27th/24 Interred at Sibton

Mr Jermyn died at Southwold July 29th 1852 in his 80th year buried at Southwold see May 26/39

1822 March 29 Jas Jermyn Esq unanimously elected to the office of High Steward in the place of Serjeant Firth resigned 12 Feb last

1826 March 2d At a Meeting of this Corporation held at the Town

The following resolutions were proposed

1st That it appears to this Meeting that an accusation has been made by Benjamin Sadler Candler Senr Tide surveyor of this Port—that men paid by the Town have been employed for private persons.

2nd That this meeting having attended an investigation of the

facts are convinced that such an accusation has no foundation in truth and must have arisen from Ignorance and Malice”

And it was ordered that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr Candler.

By order of the Assembly. see Town Book

Stage Coaches

1822 Feb 25th the first time a stage coach commenced running from here, it ran from this place to Norwich & Yarmouth. On this day I with Mr Peregrine Edwards and Mr B. Palmer went to Norwich with it. In 1826 it discontinued running to Yarmouth and to Norwich in 1825. Proprietors Mr Jas Martin & Co

1828 May 12th “Pilot” Coach commenced running from here to Norwich—discontinued 22d Sepr inst Henry Foyster & Co Proprietors

1830 June 1st “Old Blue” commenced running from here to Halesworth Saxmundham & London, daily declined 3d Oct following. Proprietors Plant, Garrod, Bokenham.

1830 Aug 4th The “Shannon” commenced in opposition to the “Old Blue” declined Sep 18th followg

1844 Nov 26th “Pilot” Coach Edgar Balls commenced running from here to Norwich discontinued Oct 27 1845, In 1846 May 4th this Coach *re-commenced* discontinued 31st Oct followg

1847 July 1st a Coach afterwards Omnibus see 1 July 1847

* 1833 May 20th I left the House I built and hired a Lodging House on South Green of Mr Wm Crisp (late in the occupation of Mr Jonthn Gooding, Solicitor) took possession of a part of the premises for a Schoolroom May 20 and of the House et 11th July following—and continued in it until 15th Decr 1841 when I went into a House in High St. the property of Mr Rt Mills, Norwich left Oct 11/51

1843 Appointed Secretary to Distribution of Steel’s and Sayer’s Legacy Also Bread & Coals et

1846 Dec 11 Appointed Vestry Clerk pro,temp

1851 Oct 11 Left Mr Mills house, hired one of Mr T, Cracknell (Trustee for Mrs M.A, Chaston for 7 years 9 £ a yr fro Oct 11 In 1858 I came to reside in my property in Park Lane left me by my old friend Wm Prettyman

1840 Apr 25 Commenced Auctioneer

1844 Apr 8 Elected Assistant Overseer

1853 Jan 14 Appointed Bailiff of Court Leet

1856 Appointed Dep Surveyor by A Lillingston Esq

1866 Elected Surveyor of the Highways.

— Self —

James (May 14th 1782) Son of Thos and Ann Maggs. Born Feb 9th 1797 at the “Blue Anchor” Pub:House Walberswick 1804 was put to School to a Mr Tuthill, Wenhaston

1811 was Articled to Mr T as Usher for 3 yrs

1814 Apr 25th went as Clerk or Transcriber to Mr Jermyn, Southwold

1816 Took a Teacher's situation in the Grammar School Dedham—afterwards St Margaret's Hospital Green Coat School Westminster

In 1817 I opened a School in Walberswick

In 1818 in Southwold which I carried on 'till the 8th day of Apr 1841 I also conducted the Sunday School from Oct 2d 1822 to Oct 11th 1840

1818 Nov 16th I married to Elizabeth the only daughter of Thos and Ann Roberts of Wangford (at Walberswick by the Revd Eardley Norton) by whom I had 5 Sons and 7 Daughters 1819 Apr 6 went to reside in a house of Mr Saml Laws of Southwold 1821 Apr 6th hired a house of Mr E. Child's 1822 Feb 24th Hired a House of Mr Jermyn and opened a Grocer's Shop which I carried on 'till May 16th 1829 when I went into a house I built adjoining

Jany 1833 declined the Shop see May 20th

1823 I was elected Coroner for this Borough which Office I held 'till 31 Dec 1835 when this Town was disfranchised of that Office under the Municipal Reform Act 5 & 6 Wm IV—75 Sep 9th See Apr 15th 1840 Apr 8 1841

1822 Augt 11th Geo IV on his Voyage to Scotland passed through this Bay return'd 24th following see Wake 270

1822 Oct 13 Mr Jas Holly master of the "Sophia" of this Port and Crew Wm Ling, Jas Waters and lad Maltus and Worledge lost on their passage from Newcastle. In 1827 June 26th John Holly his Son was drowned on his passage from the North—was supposed to have been accidentally knocked overboard by the rigging of the "Ebenezer" Jas Welsh

1822 Aug 26 Mr. B. S. Candler Comptroller, came to reside here—d. Aug 18/53 born Aug 24 1773

1823 March 5th Died at Walberswick. Mr Jas Gauntlett alias Strawberry 77

1823 April 6th Mr Wm Sharman of this place let his House upon Lease for 21 Years to Government for a Custom House—situate on South Green In 1844 the Government hired part of the House for a Custom House of Mrs Eliza Souper upon lease for [] Years, this is situate on South Green.³¹ For Custom house previously to either of these see *June 1836* 1844 F. W. Ellis R.N. purchased this House of the Exors of the late Mr Sharman and took it down and built the present House. Mr Ellis came to reside in this Town as Harbor Master, Collector of Pier dues and Surveyor on the 25 June 1829 succeeded Mr Jas Jermyn as Collector of dues etc and Mr Rd Boniwell as Surveyor

1823 Oct 23d Mr Wm Brown Masr Mariner "Villager"—his Wife & Crew lost in ye N Seas. Southwold 1 August 1822

This ancient Town & Burgh so delightfully situated on an eminence at the very margin of the sea & enjoying in the greatest perfection and purity the cool & vivifying breezes from the wide expanded ocean is daily filling with

31. Now Hill House.

visitors. The inhabitants have very generally reduced the price of their lodgings considerably in order to meet the depressed state of the times. Every accommodation so afforded either for cold or warm bathing ; the town is daily supplied with an abundance of meat, fish and vegetables of the best quality & on the most reasonable terms ; in short the real or the imaginary valetudinarian may here meet with every comfort. The following visitors have already honoured us with their company this season Lieut Genl Sir Miles Nightingale K.C.B & M.P. Lady Nightingale & family—R Falkland Esq & family—Misses Toll—H Brown Esq—Rev E Swatman—Chas Day Esq—Mrs D & family—Walker Esq Mrs W & Miss Walker—Rev Dr Dean & Mrs Dean—Mrs Birch & Misses Birch—Mr & Mrs Aggis—Misses Walmer—O Hammond Esq S Palmer Esq—Mr & Mrs Isaac & family—J Bryan Esq Mrs B & family—Jno Scott Esq—Thos Starling Day Esq Mrs D & family—Rev E Norton & Mrs Norton—Miss Wade—Mrs Nunn—Miss Reynolds—Wright Esq Mrs W & family—Mr & Mrs Potter & family—Rev R Lockwood—Mrs L—Jno Taylor Esq Mrs G—Mr & Mrs Chaston—Mr & Mrs Girling—Wyatt Esq & Mrs W—Capt Rayner—Miss Butcher—E Sharpen Esq & Mrs S—Jno Woods Esq & Mrs W—J Catton—B Brian

1824 May 20th Several Tumilis (unmeanly called "Fairy Hills") were here and at Walberswick by some persons from London opened—in which 3 Urns were found containing as supposed the remains of the illustrious dead.

1823 Oct 24th Thurtle & Hunt—murders Weare
1853 May 12 Mr Wm Abbott's Sale. Mrs Abbott leaves Southwold June 15th 1853

1853 May 21 Mr F.W.Denny takes Shop & premises W. Abbott

The Diary now begins to take the character of a contemporary record and to acquire its unique value.

1823 Dec. 6th Self (Maggs) [sic] elected Coroner for this Borough in the place of Mr. Charles Covell, resigned, continued in this office till 31st Dec. 1835 when it was abolished under the Municipal Corporation Act 5 & 6 W.IV Sep. 9/35³²

(1838 June 22 received from this Corporation the sum of 5£s as a compensation for the loss of Office, Coroner under the Municipal Bill And Recorder Jas. Jermyn £63. See Treasurer's Abstract 1837 to 1838.)

1823 Dec. 28 Mr. Henry Oldring of this Town, Twine Spinner, on his way to Leiston, was accidentally Shot by a Gamekeeper, so dreadfully in the Face, that totally perished the sight of one eye.³³

1824 March 25th. Mr Wm. Abbott, Grocer,³⁴ came to reside in this Town. succeeded Mr. C. Prentice, who followed Mr. Solomon Grout, who took this Shop of Mr. Robt. Carr. Mr. Abbott d. Sep 1/52.

1824 July 12th Mr. Jas. Boyce, Painter & Glazier came to reside in this Town.³⁵

1824 Aug. 24th. Confirmation at Halesworth. I went to it with several Boys who were at School with me.

1824 Oct. 25th. I went to Benhall respecting the following melancholy accident. On Sunday the 24th inst: a person was discovered in a Well near Some Cottages—and upon taking it out it was found to be the body of Mr. John Banks of the “Blue Anchor” Public House, Walberswick, dec. had been to Wickham Market and from not having been seen or heard of since the Evening of the Thursday previous, no doubt but it was when the accident occurred. As it also appeared in evidence at the Inquest that a Noise was observed in the evening of Thursday by the rattling of the Well gear, but thought nothing of, and also on this same evening his speaking to a person

32. The coroner of Southwold was elected by the bailiffs and commonalty and held office at their pleasure for a salary of two guineas a year and a fee of one guinea for each inquest held. The office had been established under the charter of Henry VII and from 1713–40 was only held for a year or two at a time by the burgess selected. When Gardner wrote in 1754 the salary was only 10s p.a. After 1740 longer terms of office became the norm (of 23 years in the case of Thomas Turner, landlord of the “Swan”) until it was abolished during the incumbency of Maggs. Covell, his immediate predecessor, was a cordwainer living at the corner of East Street and Pinkney's Lane.

33. Oldring's rope-walk was close to the church and he lived alongside on Bartholomew Green.

34. Abbott's shop was at 2 Market Place where the International Stores now stands. The attractive 17th century building that he owned was with its Dutch gable destroyed by fire early this century.

35. Boyce had his premises immediately landward of the Manor House in the High Street.

near Benhall, he should call at a Cottage close by—near to this Cottage was the Well, and adjoining it a Stile—and no doubt from the darkness of the evening he mistook the Well for the Stile and was the cause of this melancholy catastrophe. At the Inquest a Verdict was given—“*Accidental death*”. The Body was conveyed to Walberswick and Interred. Deceased was the Husband of my Sister Mary, who gave birth to a daughter “Sarah Ann” the 7th Augt previous—her youngest being a Son at that time in his 20th year. (1859 Augt 10. Died at her Son-in-laws³⁶ Amos Barber’s, Southwold, My Sister Mary—relict of John Banks & Edw Cootes agd 75. Interred at Walberswick)

1824 Dec. 5th. Two Chimney Sweeps—*Isaac Foulsham and—Middleton* were lodged in this jail charged of having robbed Mr. Willm. Leatherdale of Reydon,³⁷ and a Mrs Cooper of this Town of several articles from their dwelling houses—the 8th they were committed to Ipswich for trial—At Bury Assizes—both transported for 14 Years—Foulsham was in the August previous, charged of robbing the house of Mr. John Gillings of this town of £14 in Cash—but as sufficient evidence could *not* be obtained he was acquitted

(Jonth. Rt Gooding Born Nov. 19 1824)

Monday 18 April 1825 The “Sounding Board”* over the Pulpit in this Church taken down, and the Pulpit raised 9 inches. In 1853 This Pulpit was renovated and gilt by Mr. Thomas Rounce and a New Reading Desk erectd

*This Board stood in the Steeple for some years—and then sold to Mr. Henry Garrod who converted it into a Shew Board for a Beer House called “Tom & Jerry”.³⁸

Mr. Robt Keen m. to Miss Calver 3 July 1825
“Hornet” Schooner launch’d at Walberswick July 4 1825. Mr. Spicer Christened her—as I was fro home.

Brewery East Green purchased of Mr. Thomas Bokenham,³⁹ by Mr. Wm Crisp for £350. Feby 19 1825.

1825 January 30th Married by the Rev Caleb Elwin, at Melton Constable. Mr. Thomas Bokenham of the Old Swan, Southwold to Mrs Elizabeth Gibbons of Holkham. In the presence of John Sutherland and Jane Bokenham.

1825 Feby 3d An extraordinary high Tide flowing—nearly to the front door

36. Barber had premises at 64 High Street.

37. Leatherdale lived just south of Reydon Cottage.

38. The “Tom and Jerry” was on Constitution Hill.

39. Bokenham was landlord of the “Swan” 1819–1846.

of the "Bear" Public House⁴⁰ in Reydon, a boat was employed in ferrying persons to and fro—several breaches from the pressure of water were made in the Marsh walls, and flooded the Marshes from 5 to 6 feet in depth—the oldest Inhabitant says "there has not been so high a Tide see 1795"

(1825 Jan'y 8th Simon Spicer marrd to Mary Ann Bokenham.)

1825 April 3d Died at Walberswick Mr. John Smith senr

(1831 Oct 15th Died John Smith Jnr a'gd 20)

1825 April 27th The Organ in this Church erected. Same Year "Jack-smite -o-Clock", or "Jack in Armour" which previously stood on the Westernmost beheaded bracket on the south side of the interior of this Church was removed and placed nearly over the Vestry door in the Chancel to announce by Striking his bell to the Organist that the Clergyman is robed for public worship⁴¹

(In Octob. 1866 This Organ was sold to the Independents and erected in their Chapel and another put up in this Church by subscription opened the 28 Oct 1866.)

— Organists —

1826 March 27th Thanks to Mr. Robt. Porter for officiating as Organist in this Church

1827 April 26th The sum of 20£s was raised by Public Subscription for Mr. Porter—reimbursing his expences coming over to play the Organ.

1827 Dec. 13th It was resolved that Miss Anna Rayling for 3 Months past acted as Organist, should continue it to the end of the year at 20£s That in the mean time Mr. Chas. Carter should have permission to use the Organ for practice.

1828 Easter Mr. C. Carter elected Organist—and continued so 'till []

1825 May 9th. At an Assembly of this Corporation it was agreed that all Townsmen *not* entering stock for depasturing so as to derive any benefit from the Corporation Lands, should be entitled to the allowance of 12/- a year towards the payment of their rates. At an Assembly April 13th 1829 this allowance was discontinued. The Sum paid to different persons under that regulation Amounting to £1498.18s.5d

1825 June 27th Commenc'd erecting a New East Window in this Church made by Mr. John Sallows of this town, Builder.⁴²

(1825 Oct. 16th Died at Liverpool Mr. John Church of this Town. Masr Mariner.)

40. The "Bear" is now Bridge House.

41. The Southwold Jack, one of the best surviving examples, is a figure just under four feet high, in the armour of the late fifteenth century, that dates back to the rebuilding of St. Edmund's in 1460-1470.

42. This window was made of wood (Sallows was a carpenter) either for cheapness or to resist erosion by sea air.

1825 Dec. 9th Mr. Charles Maltus, Master Mariner of this town, accidentally drowned in Woodbridge River. Interred here.

1825 Small Pox:—raging here—an almost general Inoculation—some few families approved of Vaccination—Only 5 deaths—*Minors*.

1825 Bricks experiment of making, with Mud or Ooze—out of the Creek by the Saltings by Messrs Grout, Philpot & Hadingham⁴³—Many clamps were made, and burnt in the Gravel Pit, but did not answer the anticipated effect—discontinued the year following.

(1825 Aug 16 Marrd Joseph Arthy to Mary Perfect.)

Letter

Lowestoft Sept. 1/54

Mr. Maggs / Sir I am requested by Susan Maggs yr Niece to inform you her poor Mother is dead she was taken in a fit on Sunday continued till this morning when she *died* the poor girl is now & has been for months in a dying state her circumstances are deplorable she says her Mother has a picture that caused some disagreeable feelings between you I think that you have not been on friendly terms but she hopes you will assist her a little in her helpless state both in body & mind for tho' her Mother was poor she was her all & now she has no friend left. Her sister is married & got 3 little children & is not able to do anything for her she is really a most afflicted young woman worthy the kindness of anyone who is kindly disposed She wishes you to write by return of Post or send by Goldsmith to Mrs Haword & she will attend to it directly. Susan's direction is Mrs Maggs Herring Fishery Lowestoft. Pray write to her poor Girl.

Letter

Lowestoft July 31/54

My dear Mrs Maggs

I am requested to write a line to you to ask your assistance in behalf of Mary Ann Maggs. Her sister is *dead* she died this morning has left a child now I believe 16 or 17 years old but she has a place to you to it is Mary who needs the help as she has 4 small children & is badly off if you have any left of cloathes they wd be of great service poor Susan must be buried on Monday if Mr Maggs can give her a trifle it wd be of great use just now if he will write a line to me by return of Post I will attend to his directions. I trust yourself & family are quite well with Kind regards believe me

Yours truly

Jane Haward

43. Grout was a grocer, Philpot a clergyman, Hadingham a farmer.

1826 Jany 21st the last time I saw my brother William. Nov. 1st following he and 7 more in the Brig "Gleaner" of Yarmouth from Newcastle so thence, is supposed were all lost upon Hasbro' Sands as several of the stores of the ship as also many articles belonging to him and the Crew were washed on shore.

(1854 Sep 1st his Widow Susan Maggs died at Lowestoft)

1826 Feb. 3d I held an Inquest upon the body of Mr John Magub Senr who hung himself this day at the "Joiner's Arms" Public House Jas Smith Verdict Temporary Insanity

1826 March 22d Henry Foyster commenced running a Wain from here to Norwich. H.F. succeeded Mr Jas. Martin of the "Red Lion" Inn. On Feby 12th 1833 Joseph Foyster took this Wain of his brother Henry, 1840 Novr 30th Joseph Foyster failed and on the 12th Feby was succeeded by Edwd Goldsmith and Died June 1857 his nephew William Co who continued it 'till 1846 when E. Goldsmith took the concern altogether.

1826 April 7th Died Sir Thomas Gooch, bart, Benacre Hall (18 December 1851)

1826 April 25th I held an inquest upon the body of Margaret Pritty, who died suddenly yesterday. Verdict died by the Visitation of God

(1826 May 1st Mr. Geo Mayhew Hair dresser came to reside here)

1826 May 22 & 23 Largest Fair ever remembered.⁴⁴ The 1st Troop of Yeomanry Cavalry assembled here under the command of Captn Robert Crabtree for 6 days permanent duty—Inspected on the 23d by Major Rutledge.

1826 Oct 7th An Altar Piece *new* put up in this Church over the E Window made by Mr. Peter Palmer—the Commandments etc: letter'd by Mr. Robert Crabbe and the "Glory" executed by Mr. Critten—Yarmouth

(Enlarging the Gallery in Ch:Rate 3s 9d in the £)

(Feby 1860 Altar piece taken down and sold to Mr. P. Palmer for 30/- J. B. Crowfoot Incumbent. The commandments written by Geo. Taylor placed upon the screen.)

(1826 Oct 31 Married Mr C. A. Everett to Mary Ann Robson of Holton 1832 May 27th Mrs E. died agd 27. Charles their Son, Born 16 April 1829 and to whom I am Godfather)

1826 Oct 10th The Honble and Revd Hugh Anthony Rous Clerk M.A. Instituted to the vicarage of Reydon—and on the same day licensed to the perpetual Curacy of Southwold.

Nov 5th he read himself into this Church

1828 Sep 29th This Gentleman died, at Geneva. And on the 30 th January 1829 this Gentleman was succeeded by the Revd H. W. R. Birch, on the presentation of The Rt. honble John Earl of Stradbroke

1826 Oct 23d Married Edward Banks Hewitt to Jane Wright 1840 Feb 20 *Mr Hewitt died*

44. This was Trinity Fair, granted to the town by its charter, replacing the one held on the eve and feast of Sts Philip and James (April 30 & May 1) granted in 1227.

1826 Nov 16th Southwold and Reydon Association for prosecuting Felons et: Established⁴⁵

This Year the Town was paved—by Mr. Haward of Beccles—Foreman Rt. Allen—many parts were done at the expence of private Individuals—the Corporation contributed £65.14s.10d tow'ds it.

1827 Apr 29th That no person coming into the Town hiring to a real value under £15 a year shall not be entitled to pasture Cattle upon the Corporation Lands at the rate of a Townsman, until he has occupied the same amount for a period of 3 years see 1809 (Rates for Depasturing as in ye year 1824)

1827 Jany 13th A grand-daughter of Mr Baxter's of Wrentham accidentally drowned at "Potter's Bridge",⁴⁶ the dam being overflowed the horse stepped into a gull the tide had made and upset the Cart.

On the 26th inst. A tremendous gale of Wind—14 Vessels on Shore between Easton and Lowestoft—*And not a Soul drowned!*

Harbor 1827 Feb. 24th blocked up—witness'd the beach within 2 feet level with the top of the Piers—and from 30 to 40 feet dry beach without them—Coals were carted to Walberswick—In 1830 Feby 6 blocked up and Coals carted from thence to Walberswick round or without the Piers—and on the 9th following it was cleared out—and at the following tide 6 Vessels came in, and 4 went out—10 feet water upon the Bar.

(1808 to 1827 Harbor blocked up 13 times re-opened at the expence of £310.5.0)

1839 April 5 Harbor blocked up to the 14th inst. when an attempt was made to dig it out—but it blocked up again the following day—dug out again 16th 3 Vessels came in, and 2 went to sea—On the 13th inst I surveyed the Harbor—the length of Beach from S.E. to N.W. 273 feet from Pier to Pier 115 feet—Depth 7 feet.

1839 May 10th & 11th Harbor blocked up—heavy Gale from the E Beach from S.E. to N.W. 44 yards—depth 6 feet 8 in. clear'd out in the 12th and on the 15th following Eleven Vessels were lying in this Bay to come in, and 5 upon the Bar and between the Piers—22d before they all got in—and then by lighting by Crafts.

1843 March 26th Harbour blocked up—so as to admit persons to walk to and from Walberswick. On the 1st April dug out—blocked up again next tide 3d dug out again more effectually.

1827 March 1st Sale by Auction of Sister Mary Bank's effects et: at "Blue Anchor" Public House, Walberswick. May 5th She went to live at Yarmouth

45. These associations were common at this time of agrarian depression and unrest. Maggs inserts here a booklet containing the rules and regulations of the association and a cutting of 1848 giving the list of members and announcing their annual general meeting at the "Crown".

46. Potters Bridge led from Reydon into South Cove.

at the "Bear" Public House—left in the Decemb following to reside at Walberswick with Mother—short time after went to keep the House of Mr. Cotes of Brundish, Farmer—to whom on 23 Novemb 1831 she was married. Mr. William Easey succeeded my Sister to the "Blue Anchor" on the 1st March 1827 and continued it 'till Oct 11 1844 when Mr. Isaac Crisp took the sd House.

My Father & Mother took this Public House in the year 1787—my Father died 31 Aug 1799 Mother Mar 6/48 ag 97 and my Mother continued it 'till the year 1812 Mar 1st when she was succeeded by Mr. John Banks, husband of sister Mary's who kept it 'till 1st March 1827.

1836 January 15th at 33 Hertford Street May fair, the Countess of Stradbroke, in the 87 yr of her age. Interred at Wangford.

(1827 June 14th A valuable Horse ye property of Mr. Appleton, Thorington in the act of starting fro'the "New Swan" dropped down dead in the yard) 1827 July 30 Mr. Charles Naunton, Shoemaker, sent to Ipswich Gaol for debt—discharg'd Oct following.

1827 Augt 6th Mr. Wm Watson, who on being upon a Visit in this Town was amusing himself at the Harbor by sending his dog into the sea and fearing the dog would be drowned—attempted to save him, was unfortunately *drowned himself*.

1827 Augt 20th Mr Jas. Smith of Walberswick Parish Clerk—accidentally killed by jumping off the shafts of a Waggon which he was driving. I was at the Inquest. Smith was succeeded to the office of Parish Clerk by Robert Clark, who died 6 Dec following and was succeeded by Samuel Thrower.

1827 Aug 17th Died at his House Hertford Street London—The Rt. Honble John Earl of Stradbroke Agd 77 yrs & 2 Months. Interred 27th at Wangford.

1827 Sep. 10th Sister Ann Dow from Woolwich came to Mother's at Walberswick—& returned Jany following—1831 July 22 Brother in law Robert Dow called upon me on his way to Yarmouth—died April 8th 1833. On the 15th July following my Sister Ann came home to Mothers—and died on the 9th April 1834. *being a Yr & day after her Husband*

1827 Sep 27th Mr John Goldsmith grocer & druggist failed in business. Also in April 1835 in a Shop near the "New Swan" Inn which Shop he hired of Mr. Jas Jermyn in 1824

(Mr Goldsmith d. Dec 5 1842 agd 62)

In 1836 June 8th Mr. White, Grocer et: succeeded Mr. John Goldsmith⁴⁷

1838 May 1st Mr White failed also in business—and was followed by Mr. Henry Gayfer, who continued it 'till Jany 6th 1846 when Mr. G. went to reside a general Shop at Higham—Norfolk. this Shop and adjoining Premises are now the Property of Miss Lydia Wales—1846 April 6 Mr. Thos R Strange Baker et: hires the shop et: late in the occupation of Mr. Gayfer.

47. John Goldsmith's shop is now 94 High Street. Maggs inserts the front page of the sale catalogue of Goldsmith's stock. etc.

And left it (Oct 1847 and succeeded by Mr, W. Cook Baker and Confectioner. Gayfer Hy leaves this Country to Americas Sep 7/65)

1827 Oct 31 & Nov 1st An extraordinary High Tide—upwards of 4 Acres of Arable Land from the Easton Farm were entirely swept away by the Sea from 10 to 12 feet in breadth taking the entire length was carried away from off Gun Hill—and so undermined that large masses of earth were for days caving down—the walk from Gun Hill to “New York” Cliff lost from 6 to 7 feet in width and a path was obliged to be taken off the lawn in front of the Lodging House the property of the Barber’s A Boat House* used by the Preventive Service standing upon the Beach near “New York” Cliff was entirely swept away—also a Clamp of Bricks and Shed in a Marsh the property of Mr. Saml Laws—being from 6 to 7 feet in the “Jetty Road” Marshes

* This house was built in 1818 by Mr. Revans, Collector of his M. Customs at this port. Mr. R. in 1827 built another under “Long Island” Cliff

1827 Sep 7th Wm Royal, Jo Eaze—Thos Markee (Strangers) broke into the dwelling house of Miss Pack Milliner⁴⁸ et: and stole therefro a quantity of Silks et:

Royal 9 days)

Eaze 6 . .) Imprisonment !!

Markee 20 . .)

1829 Sep 20th Wife of Wm. Moore laborer in passing ye entrance to ye “Swan” yard was knocked down by a Horse & Gig (Cillett of Kelsale) and had her leg broken.

1827 Novr 22 Married Mr Daniel Fulcher to Maria eldest daughter of Mr Rd Boyce. Mrs F. died at Hales, where she had been visiting for the benefit of her health on the 23 Septemb 1835 Interred at Southwold 27 th inst 1836 Nov 16 th Mr. Fulcher married Charlotte, sister of Maria his first wife—at St John’s Church, Waterloo Rd. London

1828 Dunwich Church St James.⁴⁹ Finish’d in 1831. Aug 14th 1832 It was consecrated. Impropiators Col. Barne and Lord Huntingfield—the sentence of the consecration was pronounced by the Revd Hy Uththoff, rector of Huntingfield & Cookley. A very appropriate Sermon was preached by the Revd Robt Howlett, A.B. the intended perpetual Curate who was licensed 2d Oct following.

1828 Feby 3 At the Lodging House of Mr. Debney⁵⁰ Mary Danford, servant to the hon Thompson Vanneck—dec. died very suddenly—I hold a Coroner’s Inquest—Verdict died by the Visitation of God.

1828 Feby 14 Wm. Gooding of this town laborer was charged with stealing a Hog—the property of Mr. Saml Plant of Easton—27th committed to Beccles

48. Miss Pack’s shop was in East Street.

49. St James was built at the western edge of the village when All Saints, the last medieval church, was threatened by erosion.

50. On South Green, close to the end of Park Lane.

Gaol, tried on the 14th of April Sentenced to 7 years Transportation In the Spring 1835 he was afterwards consider'd innocent and from good conduct *discharged* and returned home to SoWold. I was with *Mr C. Everett* at his trial.

1828 March 6th Married Mr Jos. Shrimpton to Miss Powis. *Mr S died Jany 6/47 agd 48.*

1828 March 11th High Tide—equally as high as that of Oct. 31 1827 but not so raging and destructive.

1828 March 28th Married Mr. Jos. Berry Edwards to Miss Bloom of Reydon

1841 Oct 31st Mrs E. died agd 35 In 1842 Dec 14th Mr. E married to Miss Hingeston London⁵¹—see 14 December 1842 June 3 Mr. E. leaves this Town to reside at Saxmundham Bank.

1828 March 22 Purchased a Cottage in this Town, in the occupation of Mr. Robt Bull, of Mr. Edwd Freeman for £105

1828 April 3 Married Mr. Jas Critten to Hannah eldest daughter of Mr. John Chapman In 1839 May 23 Mrs C died 32—and in 1842 April 9th Mr. C married Sarah Ann Miller of Norwich.

1828 April 11th Marrd Mr. John Bokenham to Patience—daughter of Mr. Robt. Spooe, Walberswick. (Mr. B died Oct 11/37 agd 47)

1828 April 11th General Sessions—Appeal—John Edgar—Pilot, Appellant—the Justices of Southwold respondents—the appellant had been convicted by the respondents under 5 Geo IV namely On the part of the Appellant Mr N. B. Palmer, Counsellor (not frequently seeing a robed Gentleman at these Sessions, the Hall was crowded to an excess) contended that the conviction was *bad*, and must be quashed—inasmuch as it is charged the appellant with one or either of the two offences in the disjunctive. In support of which the cases of the King v Crosswell and the King v North were cited—several other objections were taken by the Learned Counsel—the Respondents case was very ably conducted by Mr Meadows White London.

1828 April 11th *Robt Jacobs* and *John Mills* apprentices of Mr. George Wyatt of this place, Grocer et. were on their return from Dunwich, when about a ¼ of a Mile of Wolsey Bridge⁵²—Jacob's complained of feeling very unwell—when Mills took the reins of the Horse, and Jacobs in the act of seating himself at the back of the cart—a basket fell from it on which the Horse took fright—throwing Jacobs out and killed him upon the spot.

1828 April 15 th Revd F. B. Grant—Curate left this Town after officiating upwards of 8 years succeeded by Revd Jas Wortham Hitch see 1829 Easter Sunday

1828 April A dwelling House and Lime Kiln *built* at Walberswick on the left hand side of the causeway leading to Dunwich by a Mr. Cullingford In 1831 The Kiln was taken up. I remember a Lime Kiln in the “Hempland” adjoining the causeway.

51. Miss Hingeston was the daughter of the Reverend James Hingeston, vicar of Reydon 1758–1777 and a friend of Gainsborough.

52. Wolsey Bridge crosses the Wang on the Halesworth Road. Nothing to do with the Cardinal, it had this name before his time. There were however Wolseys at Blythburgh in the fifteenth century.

Case.

A mad brain'd son of folly who is brother to the Lady
of one of their workshops at Southwold (Mr Sutherland)
has been chalking upon every chalkable wall in the Town

"Who tried to transport their brother - Mr Sutherland."

I have bound the Gent. over to our Sessions to answer a
complaint for this libel or misdemeanor or whatever it be.
I wish you would ask Mr Cooper what it is and let me
know! They talk of indicting for it, but that I think
would be making too serious a matter of it and I would
rather bind him over to keep the Peace only for a few months.
but is it an offence sufficient even for that? it is certainly
holding the Lady up to contempt or something of that
kind, and these "writings on the wall" are besides objectionable
in every point of view.

The words chalked on the walls are certainly libel
bellow, and may therefore be made the subject of an
indictment. Libels, having a direct tendency to breaches
of the peace, magistrates may properly bind the authors of
them to keep the peace.

Mr Cooper
18 Apr 1858.

A mad brain'd son of folly, 1828

A storm in the Southwold teacup. Mrs Sutherland was John Sutherland's second wife, Mary Ann, who was later to leave both the doctor and the town. She returned just before his death in 1852 and lived on at Sutherland House until she died in 1875.

1828 May 1st Married Robt: Allen, Stone Mason, to Ann youngest daughter of Mr. John Burcham.

1828 May 26th Halesworth and Norwich Coach upset in Halesworth St. the Coachman, Mr. Farrow, had his leg so much fractured as to cause an immediate amputation.

1828 May 30th Mr. Efferson of Bungay, erected a Wind Mill at Walberswick upon a piece of Land purchased of Mr. Wm Chapman. Sep 8th completed first tenant Mr. Woods, from Lowestoft—to the 23d April 1829 when Mr. Saml Gayfer Died Ap 7 1855 hired it Afterwards purchased by his son Geo E 25 May 1861 Sold by Auction purchased by Mr Smith of Halesworth June 8/61

1828 June 19th at Dunwich—Died Barne Barne Esq vd 21 June 1837

1828 July 6th Messrs Boyce & Fulcher, Carpenters—take the business of Mr. Rd. Boyce. In the year 1839 on the 19th day of Jany Mr. B Jnr died and Mr. F carried on the business until the []

1828 Augt 15th George Naunton appointed Verger.of this Church in the room of Thos Kent

1828 Aug 16th Born Jas. Son of D & M Fulcher. Died Mar. 21 at Yoxford. Interred at Southwold.

1828 Sep 10th Tablet of Extract of Mr. J. Sayer's Will erected in this Church.⁵³

1828 Nov. 28th Self & Mr. Wm. Sutton Measured round the outside Base of this church—and also round the Churchyard wall.

Church Case	yds	206.2		
Church-yard wall	382		yds	ft
			diffe	175
				1

1828 Dec. 12th Hunton Joseph,⁵⁴ executed at the Old Baylie for forgery

1828 Breakwater first made at foot of Gun Hill (see end of 1837)

1829 Aug 26th—Mason of Ipswich, fined £4.2.6 including Costs—for assaulting Pashley apprentice to Mr. Abbott of this place, Grocer. Mason was a dealer in Cheese and was selling it in the Market.

1829 Jany 24th Particulars of a Cask of Whisky Tried at the Suffolk Assizes Augt 10/29 Verdict for Plaintiffs see Accts. In 1831 July 27 th Mr. Jas. Sterry⁵⁵ the Defendant was sent to Jail (Ipswich) by the Plaintiffs for £641

53. The tablet still exists, stating the terms of Captain John Sayer's bequest.

54. Joseph Hunton, Yarmouth merchant, possibly related to Samuel of Southwold, was a Quaker linen draper with premises at 37 Market Place. He moved to Low Leyton and opened a shop in Bishopsgate. Deceived by a partner he sought redress by forgery. Hanged in 1831 (according to Palmer "*Perlustration of Great Yarmouth*",) aged 58.

55. Sterry, Marshal of the Admiralty Court at Southwold and Tide Waiter, seized the cask that had come ashore within the bounds of Dunwich and opposite Walberswick. Stung by previous incidents, Dunwich sued and won but was bankrupted by the costs. The case cost Southwold dear and it allowed Sterry, the named defendant, to go to the Debtors Prison at Ipswich rather than pay the plaintiff's costs. Mr. Anthony Copsey kindly lent me the transcript of the trial that belonged to Gooding, then Town Clerk of Dunwich. Cuttings inserted by Maggs.

being the cost of the Action. Sterry was discharg'd 7th Novr following.
Cost Defendants (Corporation of Southwold) Solicitors Bills, law charges including the expences of the Action, Dunwich v. Sterry 844li s 5d Paid by the Plaintiffs (Corporation of Dunwich) their Own Costs et: upwards of £1000.

1829 Easter Sunday Revd W. Hitch Curate preached his farewell Sermon in this Church left 24 April inst. See 15 Apr. 1828

1829 May 3d The Revd Mercer succeeded Mr. Hitch. Morning Service Text X c St John 11 v Evening Service Text XVII St Matt 12 v

January 17th 1830 Revd Geo Burmester, commenced his Curacy here and preached his farewell Sermon 28 Novr following from the IV Philippians v 5 Decr 12th 1830 Revd Mr Sewell commenced his Curacy here—left 2d January 1831. On the 9th inst The Revd H. W. R. Birch came to reside here who was on the 30th Jany 1829 1834 Jany 14th Mr Birch left this Town to reside at Yoxford—Returned again to S'Wold April 4th 1837

1829 May 19th Mr. C. Sawyer Jnr Saxmundham, Cabinet Maker came to reside here in a house⁵⁶ the property of Mr Jas Jermyn (occupied by me fro ye 24 Feby 1822 to May 16/29 as a Grocer's Shop et: and School) in which he carried on his business 'till March 1831 when he hired a House of Mrs Isabella Wayth where he continued 'till July 4/40 when he died agd 37 In 1830 Apr 8th Mr. S married to Hannah Hufflett who died Decr 1st/34 agd 40. In 1835 Sepr 5th Mr. S. married again to a Miss Wakeman who died Apr 14 1840 Agd 37 leaving 2 Sons and 1 Daughter.

1829 June 24th Mother came to my House, slept one Night *last time*
On the 25 inst Frs Wilson Ellis Lieut R.N.⁵⁷ fro Yarmouth came to reside here, being appointed Harbor Master, Collector of Dues et: in the place of Mr. Jas. Jermyn, and Surveyor of the Piers et: in the room of Mr. R. Boniwell

July 13 I went to Halesworth
14 Norwich and Cottessy Norfolk
15 Norwich
16 Scole—met Mr. Cootes to Brundish
17 Stopped here
18 Framlingham, returned to Brundish
19 Came home

1829 July 13th Mr Joseph Berry Edwards Banker, Mr. Mealing, Norwich, Merchant Mr Henry Garrod, New Swan Inn Mr. Wm Abbott, Grocer—Thomas son of Mr. Thomas Bokenham's Old Swan Inn—and Mr. Chas. and Samuel Bloom of Reydon Farmers, embarked and sailed for Holland upon an excursion in the "Providence" of this port. John Crisp—Master Returned

56. Sawyer's premises were immediately east of the "King's Head".

57. Ellis came from a distinguished naval family based upon Yarmouth. His father had served as a Captain under Wolfe at Quebec, one brother was a Commander and another was knighted as a General of Marines. Ellis obtained his Southwold appointment by influence, as he admitted in a letter to his cousin, Henry Elliot, now in my keeping.

24th following Robt Stannard—Servant

1829 Augt & Sep The Ornamental part of the Ceiling in this Church repaired and painted.

1829 Sep 24th Mr. William Haynes, Fish Merchant and Twinespinner sells off his Effects and leave the Town

1829 Nov 10th Mr. George Wyatt,⁵⁸ Grocer Draper et: Assigns for the Benefit of Creditors. In 1838 June 14th Mr. W failed in business again—Sold off and ever since has been so afflicted as to keep to his Bed—he died 28th day of October 1848

(1830 Aug 17th Mr Wyatt was sent to Ipswich Gaol for Debt. Discharg'd Sep 29 following)

(1829 Nov 12th Died at Amsterdam Mr. Ashey Baldry Masr Mariner at S'Wold Nov 12/27 Mrs B.)

1829 Novr 24th Heavy Gale from the East 3 Vessels unknown and Crews lost off here. 1 Vessel went on shore at Walberswick 1 man perished 2 Vessels on Shore to the Southward of Dunwich—total wrecks—Crews Saved—was a heavy fall of Snow

1829 Dec 6th Sunday—the Bailiffs elected this day. No Feast as agreed 13th April last. As the Bailiffs elect did voluntarily agree to reduce their Salaries from £25 each to 10 Guineas each ! In 1757 see *Town Book*—their Salary was on £5 each.⁵⁹

1829 Dec 6th Married—Frs: Wells to Rachel Norman

Decr 22d Nephew Thomas Maggs came and spent the Xmas—returned January 10/30 Died at Lowestoft Novr 11th 1837

(1829 Dec 29th Died in London Mr. John Williams T.Pilot Mrs W. died at S'Wold 14 Jan'y 1829)

This Year the *North* alias “Kill cock” Cliff House built—by *the Two Gun Battery*^{59a} 2 Guns removed Aug:25th 1811

(1829 June 11 John Lowsey T.P. 1st Vessel)

1830 The House and Premises late the property of Henry Gooch Esq. of this place (and who died 30th Sep: last) was purchased by the Revd H. W. R. Birch the Incumbent, with a Sum of £1200 for a Parsonage—from the funds of Queen Anne's Bounty

1830 Jan'y 14th A large quantity of Fir Baulks wash'd on Shore—2 Men Crowford & Langley—each had a leg broken in endeavouring to secure them to the Shore.

1830 March 9th I held an Inquest upon the Body of Mrs Elizth Almond who died Suddenly. Verdict died by the Visitation of God.

1830 April 1st Wm Culpeck, servant of Mr. Dowson's Timber Merchant at

58. Wyatt's shop seems to have been in Church Street.

59. This was part of the Corporation's self-denying ordinance caused by the state of the borough finances.

59a. The Two Gun Battery was at the seaward end of St. James's Green. According to Wake (p. 258) it was there by 1727 when a salute was fired for the coronation of George II. They may have been the two 9 pounders sent to Southwold by Charles I between 1625–1639. (Mackesy *op cit.*)

Blackshore and Halesworth, was apprehended on suspicion of having embazzled a part of his masters property—2d Committed to Ipswich July 30th tried—Sentenced to 1 Yrs imprisonment.

1830 June 4th Mr. George & William Fletcher, formerly residing at the Tower, London, but now at Salisbury called upon me—5th I went to Norwich with them where we posted—they went to Yarmouth—6th I went to Cossey—7th returned home.

1830 July 1st Mr. Jas. Boyce erected a “Jack smite o’clock (exact like the one in this Church) upon the N.W. end of his Carpenter’s Shop⁶⁰—Jack is standing upon a Clock, and strikes a Bell denoting the hour.

1830 Augt 15th Sunday Evening during service at Church an alarm was given of being a Fire upon the premises of Mr Poynts Church Lane fortunately by immediate assistance but little damage was done

1830 Aug 27 th A Mr. Whitehead of Richmond, who being on a visit here was amusing himself at a Cricket Match upon the Common—slipped down and fractured one of his knee pans.

1809 Sept 16th Born at Norwich. Mr. Robert Godfrey Turner

1812 Good Friday he was kicked by a Colt across the Bridge of the Nose—the scar he still bears.

1830 Easter A fine was paid to *Lord Stradbroke* admission of four new feoffees to *copyhold land* part of the “Wood’s End” Marsh £65.12s 6d yearly rent 1s 6d

1830 April 6th Mr Robert Godfrey Turner, Wangford hires a Windmill of Mr Benj. Reeve and continues in it to Apr 6/50—and is succeeded by his nephew Thos Crowe 18th Sale of Mr T’s effects

1830 April 29th I hold an Inquest on the Body of a Man Unknown—pick’d up at Sea. Verdict found drowned.

1830 Sep 6th Married at Walberswick by the Revd Eardley Norton Mr. Amos Barber to my Niece Mary Ann Banks. In the presence of Mr. Saml Gayfer and my Wife

(Mrs B. died 21 Apr 1858 Mr. Barber married again Nov 15 1859)

1830 Sep 12th Died Mr. Jas. Curdy, Walberswick

1838 Oct 16 . . . Rachel his wife

1830 Nov 13th Fire at Mr Leman’s North Cove—every Corn Stack burnt to a Cinder together with almost every thing upon the premises—Supposed be the act of an Incendiary

1830 Nov 26th I and Mr Wm Sutton went to Cossey—returned following day

60. Boyce lived opposite the “King’s Head”. The Jack he made was sold in 1892 by Allen, the builder, to Dr Richard Sisley of Oakford House, Godalming, Surrey, where it was put up over the stables. (Gooding Collection: Southwold Town Hall)

1830 Nov 30th Saml Jarvis and Job Spoores⁶¹ two lads were accidentally drowned by the upsetting of their boat upon the beach. Same day held an Inquest upon the body of Job Spoores, and upon the body of Saml Jarvis the following day, who was carried into the Harbor by the tide. Verdict in both cases, accidental death.

1831 Feby 17th Died Suddenly at Easton Bavents—Jeremiah Smith, laborer 21 st I went with Mr Sparrow, Coroner to the Inquest

1831 Feby 20th Sunday The Revd John Frederick Benjafield⁶² of Bury St. Edmund's preached at this Church, a Sermon—from II Chap & 3 verse 1st Epistle Gen: of St John. It was afterwards proved that this Revd preach'd after a matter of curiosity—as it appeared he engaged to preach before some of his "pells [? pals] without laughing" On the 24th May 1837 this Revd—died at Walton in the greatest poverty.

(1831 April 11th Mr Robt Bull and his Wife with [] Rivett embarks at Yarmouth for America—the 2 latter dies—& Bull returns in July 1834 and dies in Bulcamp House Feb. 5 1848 ag'd 64)

1831 May 16th The 2 Carved Chairs at the Communion Table were presented to this Church by Mr. Jas. Boyce, Carpenter, who executed them.

(1831 May 19th Robt. Andrews ag'd 82 Mariner died at Bulcamp Ho Interred here)

1831 July 11th I went to Kirby Cane, thence to Lowestoft Regatta—12th to Norwich—to Hewitts⁶³—13th to Cossey at Mr. Roulston's 14th back to Norwich—met Sister Mary & Mr Cootes at Hewitt's—15th I returned home *Lowestoft Harbor first opened for the reception of Shipping* See July 1st 1847

1831 July 13th The houses of Mr John King, Sailmaker and Mr. Wm Jellicoe *robbed*—the former of several silver Spoons and the latter of all the provisions he or they could find. No clue as to whom.

1850 July 31st I went to Lowestoft. South Pier 436 yards and North Pier 444 yards in length.

1831 Oct 11th Mr. Joseph Legate Pashley came from Denham to reside at Southwold—and takes his Farm at Reydon⁶⁴

1814 He sold Wheat 17/6 pr coomb—& Barley at 9/- 1816-17 About the same prices

Population of the Parish of Walberswick May 30/31

Inhabited houses = 66

Families = 66

Houses uninhabited 5

Employed in Agriculture 30 Families

do Trade — 18 do

Mariners, Fishermen, Widows 18 do

61. Job Spoores was 13, no age was given for Samuel Jarvis in the parish register.

62. A relative of John Benjafield of Bury St. Edmunds, who built Centre Villa, Gun Hill in 1807 and lived there until at least 1825.

63. Edward Banks Hewitt lived at 9 St. Stephen's Square (White's Directory of 1836)

64. Pashley's farm was at the Red House.

1831 July 17th Died at Walberswick Mr. Isaac Wales agd 70 Interred 21 st *his birthday* Novr 3 d Died at Southwold Mr. Robert Wales late of Walberswick agd 59 Interred at S'Wold 1835 April 23d in his 49th yr Charles son of Mr. Isaac Wales—dec. drowned himself by running into the Sea, near the Bound Post he had been in a very low way for some time. I held an Inquest—Verdict drowned himself in a fit of Insanity—He was Interred at Walberswick on the 28th inst: *his birth day*.

(1848 Aug 25 Died Mr John Wales. Interred dec was 84 the 15th inst.)

1831 Decr Cholera Morbus at this period is very much prevailing in many parts of this kingdom—A Subscription of £27 was rais'd in this Town—for the supplying the Poor families with Flannel as a preventive of the disease.

1831 Dec. 8th Married. Mr. Rd. Rufus Boniwell to Harriett 4th daughter of Mr. James Martin, "Red Lion Inn", in this town.

1831 Dec. 15th Mr. Henry Smith late of London opens a General Shop near the "Pilot Boat" Inn 1837 March 18th Mr. S. failed June following Mr. S reopened the Shop In 1832 July 17 Married Mr. Henry Smith to Jane daughter of Mr Saml Plant, Easton. May 17th 1839 died Mr. Henry Smith ag'd 35—and March 18th 1840 died Jane his wife leaving 1 Son

1831 Decr 16th Richard Kerridge of Walberswick, Fisherman, was unfortunately drowned in this Bay—he was it is supposed knock'd overboard by the tiller of his smack.

1831 Dec. 31st At Sidney, S.Wales William, Son of Mr. Wm Crisp of this place Merchant died Dec 31/31

1832 Feby 20 th Married Mr. John Sawyer to Catharine relict of Mr. John Holly, Master Mariner see Oct 13th 1822.

1832 March 31 st Mr. John Bales, widower to Sarah Crisp

1832 April 1 st Mr. Thomas Bokenham, Masr of the "Harmony" and Mr. Wm. Grimmer Masr of the "Maria" of this place. Letters were rec'd this morning announcing the death of both—Mr. B. died in London 31st, ult: of Cholera (v.p. 131 18 December 1836) and Mr G. at Portmattock, Carnavonshire v. 29th ult of a Fever.

1832 April 2nd Daniel Norton, Ostler at the "Old Swan" Inn charged of robbing his Master Mr. Thos Bokenham, of a quantity of Coals. Committed to Gaol for trial—27th inst Sentenced to 2 months Imprisonment

(1832 Apr 10th Mary Standford to Melton Asylum

1847 July Discharged)

1832 June 11th Corporation Seal affixed to a Bond for £580 due from the Corporation to the Poor of this Parish at 5 per cent per Annum. This Bond was given to the Churchwardens and Overseers—

1832 May 6th Mr. Wm: Crisp Merchant receives a letter announcing the death of his eldest Son *William*—died at Sidney, South Wales Decr 31st/31

1832 May 26, ½ p One P.M. we were visited with an awful Thunder Storm—a ball of electric fluid fell on Gun Hill, where it spent itself in 5 different zig zag directions—leaving its parched traces on the grass for days—and in so regular a form—had they been laid out by scale and compass could not have

been more exact.

1832 June 3 Mr. Henry Foyster—Carrier—cuts down the Gate called “Bridge Gate” 4 the case came before the Magistrates—when it was consider’d the Corporation had *no* right to place a Gate across the Kings highway—and that Mr Foyster be informed that orders should be given whereby the Gate should be opened for him, and free of any expence. 11th a further enquiry was gone into this case and considered that Mr Foyster was *not* justifiable in cutting down the Gate—and was order’d to pay damages et: to the amount of £4.4s.—d On 3d July at these Quarter Sessions of the Peace for this Borough—Jas:Jermyn Esqr Recorder—the grand jury were called upon to report if they consider’d the Gate in question *Indictable* which was unanimously agreed by them in the Negative, as regard themselves—but whether it was *indictable* or not by standing across the King’s highway—they were not able to determine—Secondly—if they consider’d the Gate a Nuisance ? which was also agreed in the Negative knowing that Gate to be the only protection in keeping the cattle depasturing on the Corporation Lands from trespassing off them—and *thirdly*—they (the grand jury) not considering the Gate Indictable is there having been a Gate for that purpose from time immemorial—altho’ not in the precise spot.

1832 June 18 & 19 Fair Days Mrs Jos: Oldring wd⁶⁵—a Baker—robbed of 35s and several silver spoons et. the robbery was effected by breaking into her house—every effort was made to detect the thief but without success.

1832 July 9 th Two brothers named Wyatt of Kirtly [Kirkley] and a young man named Colby—whilst trawling off Easton—were caught in a sudden squall of wind—capsiz’d and all drowned—a few days after one of the Wyatt’s was trawled up by Jas. Cady of Walberswick, where the body was interred—20th Octob: following the Boat was swiped up and on the 27th sold by Auction for £14.10s

1832 July 15th at Kingston Upper Canada North America Died the Revd R. W. Tunney Chaplain to the Forces. Mr. T was Curate here in [] and married Jane the eldest daughter of Mr. Benjm Spicer of this place. Master Mariner, who died at Ipswich Oct 19/51 agd 54.

Oct 3d Mr John Freeman’s sale of Furniture et: 30th Mr F left this town to reside at Ely.

1832 Oct 24th A Bet was decided between Mr John Cottingham and Mr. Robert Bird—the former bets the latter that he could not *walk* from Southwold to Dunwich in One hour and half—Mr. B performed the task in 47½ min:—Mr. Jonthn Gooding—Umpire where Mr. C was disappointed—he expected Mr. B would have cross’d the River in the ferry-boat—then he would not have walk’d the distance—but Mr Bird had a range of Boats placed across the River forming a bridge ! Mr. Sutherland walked with him.

1832 Wm Worledge of Wangford commenced Carrier from Southwold to Norwich. Discontinued Feb 1 lth/33

1832 Novr 14th Died at Brighton in her 55th year—the lady of Lord

65. Mrs Oldring lived on Bartholomew Green. This may have been the site of the fair.

Stafford—Cossey Norfolk. Interred at Cossey in the family vault.

1832 Aug 6th I held an Inquest upon the body of Joseph Oldring 77—dec. was many yrs Sexton—had just ceased tolling the bell for a child of mine—when he return'd to his Twine Ground^{65a} and immediately expired.

Verdt Visitation of God vid 8 August 1849

1832 Sep 10th at Norwich at his Sons House⁶⁶ Mr. Robert Mills agd 82 of this Town—Interred here.

Westleton

Benjamin Edwards aged 27, and James Strowger aged 26 Executed at Ipswich on Saturday August 18th 1832 for feloniously setting fire to an Outhouse, Stable, Barn and other Buildings in the occupation of Mr Adolphus Stanford, Westleton on the night of the 30th April last. The culprits were inhabitants of Westleton—Strowger was a single man—but Edwards left a wife and 2 children. The shed, barn and lean to stables and piggeries, about 60 combs of wheat, a riding mare and implements were destroyed.

1832 Novr 24th The Wife and 2 daughters of Mr. John Sutherland, Surgeon left this Town. *Returned Apr 22d 1852*⁶⁷

Decr 17 & 18th County Election. I went to Halesworth and Voted for Shawe.

1833 Feby 5 Mr Jas. Critten Jnr. Boatbuilder whilst employed on board the “Ebenezer” Jas Welsh of this Port fell from a Stage and fractured his kneepan.

March 31st Sunday The banns of marriage between Wm. Wright of this Town, Blacksmith, and Sarah Skoulding were published by the Revd Mr. Birch in this Church and openly *Forbidden* by the Father of the Latter, which the clergyman signified to the congregation.

Feby 21st Mr. Henry Garrod of the “Crown” Hotel assigns for the benefit of his Creditors 1834 Sep 25–6–7 and 9th Sale of his Household Furniture and Effects—1834 July Mr Riches purchasd the Crown Hotel.

Novr 15 & 16 Sale of his Furniture at his Lodging House, High St. the property of Mr Jas. Robinson⁶⁸ In 1845 Decemb: 22d Sale of his Furniture and Effects at his Lodging House (the property of Mr T. W. Thompson) under an Assignment to Mr. Cracknell of Halesworth, Brewer.

1833 April 1st My Son William went to Mr Arthey's Druggist et: 1835 Sepr 23 rd left Mr A's to reside at Eltham Novr 12th following went to live with Mr Horder—Chemist & Druggist London 1837 Jany 27th he came home in a

65a Twine grounds were long narrow areas used for the making of rope or twine. There was one near the church and another near the Baptist chapel. Hence Spinners Lane.

66. Robert Mills, merchant, lived in Lower King Street. (White's Directory of 1836)

67. John Sutherland died shortly after his wife's return and was buried on December 22.

68. The lodging house was what is now 98–100 High Street.

decline and died 2nd day of April following Aged 17 yrs & 8 Ms
vd Churchwarden's Book p. 61 "At a Vestry Meeting held 17th Jany 1804 An order was recd for the payment of Five Pounds to Jno Chapman for procuring a Substitute for the Supplementary Militia, when the same was allowed with an Order given to the Overseer to pay the sd John Chapman the additional sum of three pounds eight shillings on the same account.

Also order'd that the sum of Fifteen Pounds be paid to Robert Carr for his having procured a Substitute for the Army of reserve.

Joseph Berry Churchwarden

John Newson Overseer

1833 March 22d At Cove Mr Robert Carr agd 73 dec was many years a Grocer and Draper in this Town.⁶⁹ In the years 1800, 1802, 1805, 1807 & 1809 he served the office of Bailiff—was several years before his death totally blind—had the misfortune in the early part of his life to lose a leg—*dec was interred here—and with his wooden leg, agreeable to his request*

1833 April 8th Died at Woolwich, my brother-in-law, Robt Dow—1834 April 9th at her Mother's Ann my Sister and Wife of the sd Robert Dow.

1833 Apr 19th Jas: Blake of this Town,⁷⁰ and belonging to the 2nd Regt: of Battallion Rifle Brigade was lodged in this Gaol for deserting—he was escorted to Dover by a file of Men sent down for that purpose—In 1837 Novr 16th he came home on a furlough for 2 Months. In 1839 Aug he was here enlisting—left 3 Sepr. In 1846 January 23d His brother Thos enlists for a Soldier at Halesworth.

1833 April 24th Mr. Edward Sallows of Wangford, Carpenter & Auctioneer, with part of his family, embarked on board "Minerva" at Yarmouth for America—Sailed 28th—184[] the day of [] Mr. Sallows died at [] in America.

1833 May 27th Mr. Thos Rounce late of Halesworth, Glazier et: commenced business in this Town. Succeeded Mr Saml Laws.

June 14th I held an Inquest upon the body of Margt Upcraft widow, who was found dead the previous evening by her Son. Verdict died by the Visitation of God

June 20th I went to the launch of the "Sophia" Marshall Twaddell, Master—built at Blackshore (upwards of 70 Years has elapsed Since a Vessel had been built here before) Immediately the Vessel went into the water a most awful & terrific Thunder Storm commenced—A Cow the property of Mr. John Newson's was struck by the lightning, not a 100 yards from the Vessel

69. Carr's shop was at 2 Market Place.

70. In 1824 James Blake was put in the town gaol for three months for theft and in 1828 he was charged with embezzling money from William Crisp, the merchant.

and instantly killed.

(Sophia 1st went to Sea 27th July. Same day Born Sophia daughr of Saml Gayfer, Walswick)

July 20th Married Mr. Jas Hy Everett Schoolmaster et: to Mary Ann Denny who died Sepr 29 1838 27 yrs

1837 Decr 28 Mr Everett assigned for the benefit of Creditors 1838 March 5 Mr E sent to Ipswich Gaol for Debt. 12 inst commenced selling off his Stock (Drapery, Millinery et:) July 19 & 20 Sale of Furniture & Effects—Apr 21st Mr. Everett was discharged from Gaol In 1839 Oct 19th Mr E. marries Miss [] Cooper late of London, Dressmaker. In 1846 March 6th Mr Everett charged with robbing John Braham of this place of 48 pairs of Shoes and 2 pieces of Leather. Appeared on Bail at Beccles Qtr Sessions to the charge.—*No True Bill* In fact Mr. E had no intention of Stealing—Braham hired a part of his house and he inadvertently took the goods for rent due to him. (1848 Oct 21st I carried Jas. Everett his wife and 5 Children to Bulcamp House as paupers⁷¹ 1849 Feby 6 They came out.)

1833 July 23 A Letter by Post announcing the death of Mr. Benjm Palmer Master of the Brig “Active” at Rotterdam on the 18th inst of Cholera See Apr 7th 1840

Aug 1st The Inhabitants and Visitors of this Town were greatly amused and highly gratified with the genuine old English hospitality of Mr James Robinson⁷² who is giving a Succession of *fetes*—The 1st inst being the anniversary of his birth—the usual quietude of the place was relieved by the ringing of the Bells, and the roar of the Cannon—and an excellent Band was put in requisition—Banquettings are the order of the day—and Illuminations the order of the night—On Tuesday the 13th inst. Mr Robinson opened his Garden to all persons, with a grand display of Fireworks, and Lamps (upwards of 2,500 in Number) a la Vauxhall—14th Mr R was carried round the Town in a Chair, adorned for the purpose—19th He gave to about 120 Women in his Garden a plentiful Tea. In the evening the series of entertainment were concluded with Music & dancing.

1833 Augt 22d A Steam Dredger commenced cleaning this River, between Blackshore Quay and the Haven’s Mouth Cost of Dredger £1500—stated to work at not less than £44 a week—In the Autumn of 1833 and the Spring 1834 = 43,389 Tons of Soil were excavated by this Dredger In 1837—April 7th this Dredger was Sold for £1045 ! and taken away by a Steam Packet to Preston, Lancashire—same day came on a fresh of wind—and the Packet cou’d not manage it—and it was driven on Shore at Covehithe where it laid till the 12th inst, when it was got off without damage at a Cost of £80—In 1839 Apr. 20 A Dredger was hired from Lowestoft for the purpose of cleaning and deepthening this River, with 5 Wherries—they were towed here, by the Steamer “Accomodation” of Yarmouth. 23d the Dredger com-

71. Everett’s youngest child was born in Bulcamp about 1849.

72. James Robinson lived in what is now Lloyd’s Bank in the Market Place and was a great friend of the poor of Southwold according to his memorial in the church but had been ousted from power by May and his supporters in 1799.

Who e'er goes to Southwold, that beautiful place,
To take the Sea air, or to visit the Race ;
With glee and good humour will certainly hear,
Of Robinson's feast and his Old English cheer.
Down down hey derry down,

Whilst making the hearts of his wealthy friends
glad,
He did not o'erlook those, whose faces were sad ;
He fed all the poor, with Beef and good Beer,
So Hurra! to James Robinson's Old English cheer
Down down

Tho a Bachelor still and living at ease,
He did not forget there were females to please :
He had Tea on his Lawn! and invited all near,
To partake of that feast, & his Old English cheer.
Down down

No mortal on earth half so happy as he,
With the means and the heart to make all his
friends free :
It's a Maxim both true and abundantly clear,
So Hurra! to James Robinson's Old English cheer
Down down

The Reform's all the go in this wonderful age,
No Reform will enrich the Historical page ;
Like the fete we have seen at Southwold this year,
James Robinson's feast & his Old English cheer.
Down down

Then long may he live & with happiness blest,
The praise of his friends, & the D—I take the rest:
Despising their scorn, their quizzing and jeer,
So Hurra! to James Robinson's Old English cheer
Down down


BYE, Printer, Southwold.

*A New Song — composed on the occasion of the splendid fetes given
by Jas. Robinson, Esq., in August 1833*

It was not uncommon at this time for local events to stimulate
the local muse.

menced working. Sep 29 following the Dredger et: sent back to Lowestoft. 1833 Augt 12th. Tithe Suit⁷³—commenced. terminated March 16th 1836. 1836 Apr 2d The Corporation Seal was set to an Agreement between this Corporation and the Revd H. W. R. Birch—by giving him and his successor £30 a year—as a Composition for the modus of Tithes. On the same day Lord Stradbroke, or rather the Vicar (as the Vicarage was endowed with the Great Tithe by the late Sir John Rous in 1752) gave into the hands of the Corporation the Chancel of the Church with its proprieties.

For all particulars see Roll in my Possession

1833 Augt 22d Mrs Orton—March in Cambridgeshire took my Lodgings—left Sep 2 following (1st time my letting Lodgings)

Aug 14 1834 Mrs Orton came again left 21 inst 1837 Augt 15th Mrs & Miss Orton took them again—left Sep 14th following.

(1833 Sep: 11th I held an Inquest upon the Body of a Man pick'd up in the River Blyth. Verdict found drowned)

Sep 24th Lieut Walker & Mrs W. took my Lodgings—left Apr. 25th 1834.

Sep 17th Mr Robt Maitland, Belle vue Hotel, Hague, called upon me.

1833 Sep 25th The Revd J Clarke and Wife took my Lodgings.

1833 Novr 12th Married Mr Harman to Ann, eldest daughter of Mr. John Magub 1834 Octr 26th Mrs Harman died agd 21—1835 Jany Mr Harman Master of the “Hope” of Wells lost, and all hands—Mr. Jas. Magub, uncle to Mrs H being one of the Crew.

Same day Novr 12th Married Mr Willm Ward to Betsy, daughter of Mr. Robert Denny. 1835 Jany 16th—I held an Inquest upon the body of Mrs Ward,⁷⁴ who terminated her existence by cutting her throat. *Verdict Temporary Insanity*

Novr 14th The brig “Effort” built at Blackshore by [] was *Launched* Lost on her first Voyage. Crew saved.

1834 March 13th Mr James Spence, Mariner, Accidentally fell overboard into the Thames & drowned.

1834 Jany 5th The Revd Frank Steward It of Yarmouth, commenced his Curacy here—Oct 12th 1835 Mr Steward left & was succeeded by the Revd J Clarke who left April 4th 1837 to reside at Leiston

(1834 Jany 14th Revd Mr Birch went to reside at Yoxford—returned to SoWold Oct 12/35)

73. The quarrel between Rous Birch, the incumbent, supported by Stradbroke, the patron of the living, on the one hand and the corporation on the other, was somewhat acrimonious. James Robinson, briefly back in power as bailiff, quarrelled with Jermyn, his colleague and old protagonist. Maggs includes a very satirical account of how the one locked the Town Hall against the other, to stop him holding a public meeting there.

74. Mrs Ward was 24.

May 8th The "Vigilant" built at Blkshore for Mr J Magub Jnr—*Launched*
 May 12th A meeting of this Boro' was held at the Town Hall for the purpose
 of "Veering" the Common & Marshes—when certain propositions were
 made, and the meeting adjourned to the 15th—when Mr Jas Robinson and
 Lieut F. W. Ellis⁷⁵ proposed that every rate payer should have One *going* or
feed upon the Pasture Lands at 12 Shilings, and such as did not avail
 themselves of that privilege should be allowed to dispose of it to others* the
 result gave satisfaction almost thro'out the town, and was carried by a large
 majority. * The feeds sold realized on an average 30 Shillings each
 As also that the Poor Rates be no longer burthened with any part of the cost
 and expences of maintaining and keeping up any part of the Town Property
 whatever. 1835 May 14th A Meeting was held for Veering or fixing rates and
 making regulations for the depasturing Cattle upon the Common & Marshes
 and was unusually crowded—am quite satisfied that the plan adopted on the
 12th May 1834 was no more than a partial restoration to the Inhabitants of an
 inherent right—is determined to adhere to the principal of that plan. See
Gardner's History p 284

1834 May 16 Misses Leeds, Short & Seaman from Norwich, took my
 Lodgings—left

1828 Aug 15 th Mr Geo Naunton commenced the duties of a second
 VERGER (*with Mr. Thos Kent who held the office as Verger for upwards of 24*
 yrs—died Feb 9 1834, 72 yrs about a month previous to his death he told me he
 had never missed but one Sunday's duty during his appointment—he died at
 Easton Bavents—and was at this Church on his duty the Sunday previous to his
 death)

1839 Novr 24 Jas. Wigg, Carpenter, commenced Verger in this Church, in
 the place of James Major who died 13 inst agd 35
 (1857 Apr 13 Jas: Wigg resigns Thomas Naunton elected)

1834 Trinity Monday May 26th The *Revival* of the ancient practice of
 opening this Fair by Proclamation agreeable to the Charter vd Gardner p 188
 June 13 Son Edward Sailed from this Port to Newcastle in "Harmony" John
 Bokenham Masr return'd 27th July 11th Sailed returned 21st Aug 4th Sailed
 returned 14th 1835 Oct 6 Edward Apprenticed to Geo Farthing Masr of the
 "Irwell" of London (who came in here 17 Sepr ult her Cargo—rags having
 taken fire) for 4 Years—23 October Sailed for Stocton In 1836 Feby 15 He
 left the Vessel at Gravesend thro' ill treatment—and went to Mr Homes' in
 London 14th March he came home—1837 March 25th he went to work at Mr
 Rounce's, Glazier et: of this place. left 20 Aug 1838 Sepr 8th he goes to
 London—Oct 1st took a situation in a Grocer's Shop—Ch St, Manchester
 Square left 1st Novr following—Decr 26 He went into Mr Miller's Shop, 179
 Piccadilly—1842 Feby 19th He took Situation in 2d Post office as Letter
 Carrier which he held 'till 8 April 1844 when he came home. Died Augt 3d

75. Maggs inserts a cutting which records the presentation of a silver salver to Ellis by some of
 the inhabitants in gratitude for his defence of their rights of pasturage against the "assumed
 prerogatives of the Corporation."

SOUTHWOLD FAIR on Monday last, was very satisfactory to those who had been so strenuous to revive its spirit. Of late years we have had no fair to equal it; the shows, booths, stalls, &c., were more than usually numerous; and the influx of company proportionably large, many people being doubtless attracted as well by the fineness of the weather, as by the revival of the ancient practice of opening the fair with all the pomp and dignity of Corporate ceremony. At noon-time, a procession set out amidst the ringing of bells and the acclamations of the multitude, preceded by the two Mace-bearers in full costume, then the two Bailiffs, the Deputy Town Clerk, the two Chamberlains, the Coroner, the Marshal of the Admiralty Court, and a posse of Constables. The banner of the Corporation, with its appropriate motto, "*Per fas et nefas*," was not borne in the procession, neither was the Corporation Champion in attendance, but his place was ably supplied by the Town Crier, who at each stop of the procession proclaimed the opening of the fair, and loudly defied all and every evil-disposed person or persons, (not excepting even his Majesty's Whig Ministers) who might dispute the authority of the Bailiffs of the ancient Corporation of Southwold. Altogether it was a most imposing spectacle, but the worthy Burghers would have felt more gratified, if, with the revival of the old-established ceremonies, the old-established custom of the Bailiffs providing them with more solid and rational entertainment had been revived also.

Let something of old time again appear,
 Good British hospitality, good cheer;
 And thus regal'd, each heart will gladly hum,
 And feel indeed—'T Good times are surely come.

Southwold Fair, 1834

This is typical of the newspaper cuttings that Maggs collected and that were to become a dominant feature of the Diary in the end. Such pieces were usually taken from the *Ipswich Journal*, *Suffolk Chronicle* and similar productions.

following aged 21.

1834 June 17th Married Mr Marshall Twaddell to the widow of the late Mr Wm Palmer who died Sep 6th 1838, and the first Corpse the New Tenor Bell went for

June 19th At Wrentham Married Mr Jas Robinson of this place to Miss Alefounder of Ipswich. Mr Jas Robinson died on the 11th Jany 1836 agd 67 and on the 25th Novr 1841 Captn Charles Rayley R.N.⁷⁶ at Wrentham Marries the widow of the sd Jas. Robinson—who died 16th Dec 1846 & interred at Ipswich. Married Jany 25th 1848 at Rochdale Old Church Chas. Rayley Esqr R.N. to Frances Metcalfe, third daughter of the late Revd Wm Stephens.

(1867 Chas Rayley Died)

1834 June 30 Mr. Wm Sutton Snr taken by the Preventive Coast Guard and detained in H.M. Watch House 'till 4th July inst for bringing on Shore from his Nephew's (Robt Magub) Vessel 2 Bottles of Geneva—the sd 4th day of July Mr S was fined 1£ and discharg'd

July 12th Mrs Richardson & family take my Lodgings left Aug 11th Augt 21 st Revd Sandby, Bungay, took my Lodgings left 18 Sepr following (1834 Aug 11th Died of Cholera at Liverpool Mr James Williams)

1834 Oct 1st Accidentally Drowned in the Thames Daniel, Son of Mr John Magub, Master Mariner agd 6 yrs.

1834 Nov 23d in London—Died—Mr William Ladd—Interred here 30 th inst.

(1834 Sep 24 John Crisp Masr Mariner died at Walberswick

1853 Sep 5 Mary his Wife d. agd 75)

1834 Sep 24th Sale of Mother's effects, who declines Housekeeping—27th She leaves Walberswick to reside at Brundish with my Sister Mary Cootes 1840 July 3, she returns to Walberswick, and takes a house adjoining the Blue Anchor, till 6th March 1848 when she died in her 98th year.

Sep Mr John Banks Shoemaker, came from London to reside at Walberswick

Oct 11th Miss Wales' took my Lodgings left 23d May 1836

Oct 27 Benson Rathbone Esq. of Geldeston, accidentally killed by the upsetting of a Stage Coach—Brackendale Hill Norwich.

John Sutherland & Peregrine Edwards—Chamberlains—Jas Maggs Coroner Robert Stannard & Saml Strange Serjts

1834 Dec 11th I held an Inquest on the body of Thomas Stopher, who hung himself in a Small Shed upon the Beach—Verdict *Felo de se* The body of the dec. was interred in this Churchyard agreeable to IV Geo 4 cap 32—between the hours of 9 & 12 at night without the funereal rites. *No acct appears of such a Verdict as this in any of the Corporation Books.*

Dec 25th I dined at Mr. Jacob Hall's, Geldeston July 14th 1835 Mr. Hall Died.

76. Rayley entered the Navy in 1793 and died in 1863. The Sailors' Reading Room was founded by his widow in his memory.

1835 Jany 10th I held an Inquest upon the body of Elizth Ward, who was found dead in her house with her throat cut. Verdict Temporary Insanity

1835 March 25 Mr. Chas. White of Wenhaston, elected Relieving Officer for this District

1835 Jany 26th Died at Little Stanmore, Middlesex⁷⁷—The Revd Eardley Norton of this place—he was Vicar of Arncliffe and perpetual Curate of Blybro' & Walswk. Died at Clifton, Clara, daughter of the Above—agd 20 May 24th 1846

(Mrs Norton Died 12 May 1872)

March 8th The Revd Mr Longley—Minister at the Independent Chapel preached here last. Succeeded by the Revd Wm Hopkins see 7 April 1840 (Mr Hopkins died Aug 3/65)

March 16th Son Thomas went to Mr Rounce's Glazier et: Oct 14th Apprenticed

Feby 24th 1838 Thomas and John King left home in pursuit of employment—my son got employment—April 7th John King shipped himself on board a Merchant Ship for America & returned home Oct 5th following. 1839

Mar: 15th Son Thos returned home—1840 April 2d he went again to London—In 1841 Oct 19th I recd a letter from him in Scotland, he had been in the Sapper's & Miner's service from July 16/40 John King died at Sea March 14/42

(and Son Thomas died at Southampton July 14/49 agd 28 yrs & 4 Mo)

1835 April 12th Launched at Black Shore the "Charles" John Simpson Masr

1835 April 12th Died at Kirby Cane Eliza daughter of John & Sh: Roberts April 23d I held an Inquest upon the Body of Mr. Charles Wales—who on this day drowned himself in the Sea. Verdict tempo Insanity

1835 April 24th Swearing in the Bailiffs & other Municipal Officers

1835 April 25—Assistant Poor Law Commissioners visited here.⁷⁸

1835 May 15th I held an Inquest upon the Body of the Revd John Robinson clk who was found dead in his Bed-room this Morning in the act of apparently dressing himself. *Verdict Died by the Visitation of God* Mr Robinson was one of the Bailiffs—see Dec. 6/34 and on the 28th inst Mr. Joseph Legatt Pashley was elected in his room.

(It was very singular the evening previous hand Bills were distributed in this Town by Mr. R and a Mr John Cottingham of the death and Funeral of this Corporation with a Coffin in the centre—borne by the Corporation Officers et:—with all fictitious names and also stating an Inquest wou'd be held this day by Mr Max—meaning Mr Maggs—myself—observe this very day I held an Inquest upon the Body of John Robinson !)⁷⁹

1835 June 17th Died at Walberswick Mr. Thomas Tuthill, late of Wenhaston

77. Little Stanmore was the home of the Dukes of Chandos.

78. Maggs inserts a cutting recording the visit of the Commissioners.

79. Maggs inserts copies of these broadsheets, in one of which he is called "limping Jem" an the other as "James Max".

Greeting and Condolence

WHEREAS, a doleful and ever-to-be-lamented loss has lately befallen this once opulent body, the Head Steward
sees it his duty to enjoin a general mourning. And he furthermore deems it expedient, that the sorrow of the
corporate body should be shown in manner at once solemn, formal, and dignified. He therefore invites his brother
Corporators to attend him at the Town Hall, on the 20th inst., at the solemn hour of midnight, to take their respective
parts in a grand **Civic Pageant**. As their maces, common seal, subverted charters, spurious titledeeds,
the Chamberlain's bags and banking books, the Recorder's wisdom wig, together with many other articles of the like
nature, have now alas, become useless, it is intended to enclose them in a leaden coffin, and inter them with all possible
gravity.

Those gentlemen whose wardrobes will not furnish them with a suit of black, are requested to attend half an
hour earlier, as a selection of ink and Day and Martin's livery will be prepared, as a favor, by which their garments
may receive a suitable hue.

The Procession will leave the Hall by the back door, in the following order.

The Undertaker,
Chas. A. Webb Mr. IRON-GATE SPICEY, *Esq^r Dumey*
Attired as a Mute, and mounted on a Donkey.

Town Sergeants, bearing Torches.

The High Bailiff, *E. C. Bird Esq^r*
Carrying a long baton to direct the Procession with a *bird's-eye view*

Pall Bearers,

Pall Bearers,

Boys, &c
Child
Palmer

SCREW-DRIVER JEM.
VULCAN EDMUND.
PRYING PETER.

MORTAR BILL. *Sutton*
GIMBLET DAN. *Fulcher*
LIMPING JEM. *Griggs*



Chief Mourner,

The Corporation Champion, **Sudwaldus !!!** *Sermyn Esq^r*

Crisp
Edwards
Chapman

Mr. WILLIAM SWEETWORT.
Mr. PERRY MILLER.
Mr. WILLIAM FENREEVE.

Mr. JOHN BOLUS. *Sutherland*
Mr. WILLIAM DIMITY. *Abbott*
Mr. JOHN FARMER. *Hedderham*

Banner,

A black Flag, with the Corporation Arms reversed,
Motto—*Per jus et nef-as. defend thy right*

In order that the Procession may extend to a becoming length, the following *private carriages* will wind up the rear.

Mr. Sweetwort's Broy. *Crisp*
Mr. Miller's Buggy. *Edwards*
Mr. Ben Cleaver's Calf-Cart. *B. Palmer*
Mr. Peter's Tax-Cart. *P. Palmer*
Mr. Farmer's Huch-Cart. *Hedderham*

On its arrival near the Iron-gate of the Churchyard, the Procession will be joined by Mr. DEPUTY CLERICAL,
who being a very official person, will perform the meritorious duty, and accompany the Procession to
the "Common" Moor.

At the close of the ceremony, the following *dirges* will be given out by "**Sudwaldus**" and sung by all the
mourners present.

Oh emblems of departed pomp,
To the moat we now consign ye;
T' a miry tomb in this fell swamp,
With sorrow we resign ye.

That sailor bold—corruption's foe,
Hath bankrupt made us quite;
Ye heartily hope to th' devil he'll go,
For he has ruin'd us all outright.

Stewards and Chamberlains we have had,
Trusty knives and true;
Who'd fain have carried the regency on,
But alas, it would not do.

And now we mourn for the good things gone,
Our roguesries now are all over;
Our glory is past, our extortion is done,
Our "common" tells ne'er shall recover.

The Procession will then return in the same order.

The Townsmen will no doubt assure the disconsolate Corporators that no vile *resurrection men* shall ever have
access to the place of interment.

'Official Announcement' of the 'funeral' of the old corporation, 1835
An ingenious and amusing broadsheet, one of many distributed
around Southwold when feelings ran high; they were nearly
always indignant and often satirical.

1835 April 25. Assistant Poor Law Commissioners visited here.

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On Saturday evening, Sir Edward Parry and J. Mott, Esq., two of the Assistant Poor Law Commissioners, arrived at the Swan Inn, in this town; and on Monday morning, minutely examined the Overseer's accounts. The Poor-rate of Southwold has been aptly compared to a broad-backed horse, which, besides carrying the weight of its own proper load, has been made to endure also that of others, who could contrive to attach their burthens thereto; but it is hoped, the season of rest awaits the overburthened animal! The Commissioners addressed a joint letter to the Town Clerk, for the information of the Corporation, intimating, that "in their examination of the Parish accounts of Southwold, they found a practice prevailed of late years, of charging to the Poor-rate, various items which strictly belonged to the Corporation to defray, and which they felt it their duty to report to the Board of Commissioners in London." And they further warned the Corporation, that "no such disbursements would in future be allowed from the Poor-rate." The Commissioners also denounced sundry other disbursements made by the Overseer, and which are ordered to be discontinued. It will scarcely be credited, that the expenditure in this parish, under the head of "out door relief," amounts to that, which in the neighbouring hundred of Mutford covers fourteen parishes.

~~1835 May 1st. I will in request of the~~
~~of the town of Southwold, and on the 23rd~~
~~of the month of May, the Reverend John~~
~~Robinson, who had been distributing~~
~~broadsheets, was suddenly taken ill,~~
~~and died in the afternoon of the same~~
~~day. He was buried in the churchyard~~
~~of St. Andrew's, at 4 o'clock.~~

Mr. Robinson was one of the
Magistrates - see Dec. 6/34. and on the 23rd
viz. Mr. Joseph Legate Parshley was elected
in his room.

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A typical page from the Diary

This one records the sudden death of the Reverend John Robinson, the morning after he had been distributing broad-sheets around the town.

To the Freeholders and Townsmen of the Burgh of Southwold.



GENTLEMEN,

HAVING served the office of Senior Bailiff last year, I beg leave to make a few remarks on the conduct of those men who are well known to be concerned in the plot.—*First*, The insult offered to the present Bailiffs of this most ancient Burgh. *Secondly*, The heavy expence that would be incurred if it were carried into effect, as the Inhabitants would be liable to pay all County Rates on Bridges, Gaols, and every other Rate whatsoever; and also liable to be called to Bury at each Assizes to serve on the Jury, and would not be allowed any of their expences; also, at every Quarter Sessions at Beccles the same; and also the trouble of going to the County Magistrates for every Warrant, &c. These, my Brother Townsmen, are the *comforts* and *blessings* you would *enjoy!*

I am informed the persons who called the meeting are Messrs. Ellis, Lenny, Dennis, and Cottingham: the first may be a townsman this year, the other three are not Townsmen. Not wishing to follow the conduct of the above names, I beg leave to sign my name, and

Remain, Gentlemen,

Your sincere Friend,

JAMES ROBINSON.

Southwold, June 1st, 1835.

N. B. If I had been in office at this time, I should have gone with my Maces and Constables, and dispersed the meeting.

Circular notice issued by James, the brother of the Reverend John Robinson, but apparently not on the same side

This was an attack upon the Harbour-master (Lieutenant Francis Wilson Ellis, R.N.) of Hill House, John Grimsby Lenny (a surveyor living on South Green, 1834–8 and then at Wrentham Hill), John Cottingham, a farmer living on North (Killcock) Cliff, 1830–45 and Matthew Dennis, a transient lodger in the town from 1835 to 1837. Ellis and his friends were petitioning for Southwold to lose its borough status.

To the Commonalty of the Burgh of **SOUTHWOLD.**



Every considerate Townsman must lament the excited feelings, which have for the last few weeks so unhappily prevailed in our Town and Burgh, originating with, and kept up by the artifices and low cunning of two or three Individuals, who have no other Interest in your local affairs, than certain Birds have in our Island for a few months in the Summer, *come for a temporary residence, continue a short time; leave, and are no more seen.* Is this the case with all of us? are we all Half-pay Officers, Haven Clerks, Broken-down Farmers? or rather do we not number amongst us those, who can trace their genealogy back for 1, 2 and even 3 Centuries, who have thro' these long periods, successively been Inhabitants of Southwold, and whose descendants, for ought we know, may yet extend to as far distant periods to come? Have we not with us, those, who have during a residence of 60 or 70 years, borne the burden and heat of the duties of life: enjoyed their privileges, maintained good Fellowship amongst their neighbours and each other, brought up their Children, placed them out in life, and are now themselves, dwelling in peaceful quietude, satisfied, that in the more public departments, than they have been called to occupy, they have been under the direction of Men of honor and integrity? Have we not amongst us, those, who at the age of 25 or 30 or 40 years are now burdened by the anxieties of business and care of families, satisfied, that while they are attentive to their respective callings, those who are presiding over them in the higher and Public offices of the Burgh, are, like those who have for many years preceded them, men worthy the *Trust* we repose in them? And shall we,—we all,—*we any of us,* listen to the specious insinuations of 2 or 3 Demagogues, whose only aim is spoilation, confusion and destruction to all good order and the sacred ties of Society? From unavoidable heavy expenses, and the depreciations in our Rent Roll, we are as a Corporate Body, labouring under the weight of a heavy debt; but are we as a consequence, silently to see our rights prostrated, and even attend to the solicitation to become parties to their entire destruction? Pause before you consent to such delusion, as it is the aim of your deceivers to betray you into —Our Income may yet be made equal to our expenditure, by a united feeling operating amongst us, in endeavouring to make the most and best disposition of our resources.—Our Municipal privileges, which are those of an *open*, and not of a *close and Corrupt Burgh* may yet be continued; and by a good feeling amongst ourselves enjoy'd in the full degree for which they were originally granted. Much has been sent forth by a philippical enemy of our Burgh, and such as has influenced the minds of many of our Townsmen, who have not taken the trouble of obtaining more correct information upon the financial proceedings of the Corporations. Do not, under the influence of feelings thus induced, be led hastily to sacrifice those rights which have been valued by your Fore-fathers,—enjoyed by yourselves,—and may be left as Heirlooms to your descendants. It would too much lengthen this address, to enter into a statement of our Corporation affairs so fully, as to explain the way in which our heavy debt has been accumulated. This information might be given to the satisfaction of all impartial enquirers; nor will the compass of this paper admit the introduction of a plan, whereby our heavy expenses may be met, and even exceeded by our Income, our rights continued, and good feeling be promoted in our Burgh.—Suffice it to say, it is not too late for all this to be effected; but it is not to be done by PETITIONING PARLIAMENT for the disfranchisement of the Burgh, nor by attending to the insinuations of those who have no permanent interest at stake in common with ourselves

June 4th. 1835.

AN OLD TOWNSMAN.

'To the Commonalty of the Burgh of Southwold' by 'An Old Townsman', 1835

Another attack on Ellis ('Half-pay Officer, Haven Clerk') and Cottingham ('Broken Down Farmer').

Commonalty and Inhabitants of SOUTHWOLD.

A SCURRILOUS, cowardly, anonymous, and jesuitical hand-bill, signed "An Old Townsman," (query, old hypocrite?) and a similar puerile production from the pen of a late "Senior Bailiff," (query, Senior Balaam?) together with other contemptible effusions of some quaking Corporators, having lately been exhibited in this Town, vilifying the conduct of those who have been instrumental in promoting a petition to the House of Commons for Corporation Reform, and who have otherwise aided in the diffusion of truths which are wormwood to designing knaves; and which, by tearing the mask from their evil deeds, have exhibited them in their naked deformity before those whom they have wronged and oppressed; one of the persons thus malignantly attacked hereby openly defies the "old Hypocrite" to prove him a "Demagogue, whose only aim is spoliation;" since, alas! for the Town, it is but too apparent, that certain Corporate *Cormorants* have already swallowed every thing worth having, and it will be a difficult matter to make them, like their feathered namesakes, *disgorge* any thing available to "Summer-bird" despoilers. Now, it may be asked, what "*permanent interest in your local affairs*," other than *SELF-INTEREST*, has been shewn by these wily Corporators? How many generations "*have they dwelt in peaceful quietude, and endured the burden and heat of life?*" How "*have they maintained good fellowship amongst their neighbours*," when they provoked a quarrel with Dunwich about a barrel of whiskey? and another "*amongst each other*," when they involved the Town in an expensive time-suit for the sake of £10? Where was their boasted "*honor and integrity*," when they confiscated the property of posterity?—a property which your fore-fathers had handed down to *them* inviolate, but which *they* have not had the honesty to preserve entire. How have they shewn themselves "*like their predecessors worthy of the TRUST reposed in them*," when they dissipated the money of the *Charities*? What would the worthy donors say, could they see this iniquitous perversion and *spoliation* of their gifts; could they see the Town property, designed to promote the welfare of succeeding ages, mortgaged and converted into a debt of £9000, for an "*Heir-loom to your descendants?*" This is the system of "*Things as they are*," which your culprit rulers have upheld, and would fain perpetuate. But they promise amendment, and "*palter with you in a double sense, by holding the word of promise to the ear, and breaking it to the hope*," while they continue to regard you as fit only to have saddles on your backs, and bridles in your mouths; and at the same time they deery their superiors to divert attention from themselves.

The true end of all Corporations was for the people's benefit. In the words of the so-much-dreaded petition, "Corporate bodies are instruments fabricated for a specific purpose, which ought to be preserved while they are beneficial, amended when they are impaired, and rejected when they become useless or injurious;" and the prayer of the so-much-maligned petitioners is, for "such assistance and relief as may be deemed expedient for the promotion of justice, and in defence of the just rights, and of the happiness and prosperity of the inhabitants in general." The object of the petition, too, was to awaken attention to the bankrupt state of the Corporation affairs—to rescue the Common and Marshes from the impending ruin, and to preserve them to the use of the Town—to see that the franchises conceded by Royal grant, as well as the private gifts, were employed and dispensed for the protection and benefit of the inhabitants, and not converted to exclusive and selfish purposes. Now most, if not all, of these objects will, happily for the Town, be attained by the Government measure of Corporation Reform, to the discomfiture of the crest-fallen Corporators. After October next there will no longer be any High Steward, there will be no Bailiffs, no Chamberlains, no Quarter Sessions, no perversions of Charters. Peace to their names!

The townsman will no more be school'd,
As they have been for ages;
Nor suffer'd to be fleec'd and fool'd,
The dupes of Corporate sages,
Who doubtless chuckle o'er their luck,
And let their laughter loose,
To think how easy 't was to pluck,
The simple *SOLE*-bred goose.

Until these reforms be effected there is one who will fearlessly and *disinterestedly* continue to propagate truths and principles which alone are compatible with good government, and with the complete emancipation of the Town from the thralldom of a despicable canting junto, assuming to themselves the attributes of the Corporation, each of whom has a direct interest in upholding municipal mis-rule, and in mis-representing and vilifying those who would put down their monopoly and usurped immunities. In conclusion, it is recommended to the *MAW-WORM* of the Corporation, to cultivate a little Christian charity, which will accord more with his years and affectation of sanctity, than that of maligning his neighbours. And the writer of this paper, if called upon at any time, will be proud to add his name to the appellation of

A HALF-PAY OFFICER.

Southwold, June 8, 1835.

'To the Commonalty and Inhabitants of Southwold' by 'A Half-pay
Officer', 1835

Ellis replies.

Schoolmaster—agd 78 Interred at Dunwich“All Saints” Churchyard—where his Wife Margaret was interred—and died 23 Jany 1825 68

July 1st Last *Quarter* Sessions of the Peace held in this Boro’ High Steward & Recorder Jas Jermyn Esqr

See Municipal Corporation Reform Act : Dec 26 1835

July 16 Revd Barnwell, Mrs B & family took my Lodgings—left Sep 9 following

(July 28 1835 Witness’d Wm Chapman’s Will He died Nov 27/36 82)

Augt 4th Fire at Blythburgh Four Cottages in the occupation of Kit, Burton, Elmy and Clark were accidentally burnt down.

Augt 19th A Whale was washed on shore at Easton Bavents—quite dead—Its head and jaw-bones are in the possession of Sir Thos Gooch, bart, Benacre Hall. In 1843 Feby 27th a Whale 27 ft in length and 14 feet in circumference was washed ashore at Benacre, it was very much decomposed.

(1765 A Whale between 60 & 70 long came on Shore at Aldborough)

1835 Sep 1st Wm Crisp, Merchant appointed agent for Lloyds in the place of Capt. Ed. Kilwick R.N. who died Aug 10th/35 1844 Feb 23d Mr. Wm Crisp died and on the 28th Mr Read Crisp (dec Son) was appointed to the Agency in his room.

1835 Sep 17th The Schooner “Irwell” of London, Farthing Master came into this Harbor her Cargo (Rags et.) having caught fire.

1835 Aug 21st The first Regatta here.⁸⁰

1836 Aug 17th Regatta thinly attended

1837 Aug 21st Regatta Numerously attended

1838 Aug 24th Regatta *ibid* *ibid*

1839 Aug 14th Regatta Unusual sport & attendance

1842 Augt 25th Regatta Fireworks 25,6 & 7th

Oct By the Act for the regulation of Municipal Corporations V & VI Wm IV c 75 Sepr 9th 1835 The privlidge of a seperate Admiralty Jurisdiction is *abolished* (as are all other local courts) Gt. Yarmouth, Southwold Dunwich, Lynn Regis & Southampton and therefore fell to the King in his office of Admiral et.

Mr. B. S. Candler Jnr Dept. Receiver of the Droits & perquisites for this Port & Dunwich.

1835

Oct 6th Yarmouth Yawl lost—6 Men perished (leaving 6 Widows and 17 Children) they had put a Pilot on board a Spanish Vessel in distress—the 7th man on board the Yawl is named *Brock*—who was picked up the following day by a Trader. Brock had actually been in the water for 16 hours !! he was landed at Yarmouth and is fast recovering from the fatigue and great anxiety he must have endured See Jany 11/23 See Jany 8th/38

1835 Oct 7th John Raines Masr of a Timber Barge—“Mary Ann”, London—

80. Maggs inserts the notice of the Southwold Regatta, noting the prizewinners in 1837.

in the act of putting his Vessel to Sea—accidentally knocked overboard by the “tiller” and drowned. 18th following his body came on shore—19th I held an Inquest *Verdict Accidentally drowned*

Oct 11th My Nephew (Amos Barber) and family left Walberswick—and took a Windmill at Hoxne—he had been in the employ of Mr. Saml Gayfer of Walberswick—Miller & Mercht—sep 30th—Mr G’s Journeyman—Chipperfield, dying—Barber on the 2d of Octob following returned into Mr. Gayford’s employ and continued in it ’till Sep 21 1857 when he came to reside at Southwold.

1835 Oct 12th The Revd Mr Birch returned here from Yoxford. see Jan 14th 1834

1835 Oct 25th Lost near Yarmouth the “Friends” Jennings—bound here with Porter fro London. Crew Saved.

1835 Dec 12th Launched the “Heart of Oak” at Blackshore—built for Mr David Green.

1835 Dec 19th Tremendous Gale fro E.N.E.—23 Vessels on Shore between Kessingland & Corton—Not a life lost !! An account has since been recd dated 21st that upwards of 40 Souls perished—and that the want of assistance from the shore was the principal cause of so great a loss”

Shipping Gazt

1835 Novr 17th Died at Yarmouth William, Son of Mr Wm Balls—agd 17 dec. had a few days previous been Shipwreck’d, and caught a Violent cold.

1836 January 5th Beccles Qr Sessions of the Peace. A true bill was found against Thos Wilson of Frostenden, Farmer, who in Month of November last, poison’d 6 valuable Horses the property of Mr Foulsham of Frostenden, Farmer—Wilson was on bail to appear at these Sessions—but did *not* appear—Accordingly a bench Warrant was issued for his apprehension. He is supposed to have gone to America. Wilson it appears was annoyed with Foulsham’s hiring his Farm from him.

Jan 18th Joseph Boulton waggoner killed—he was coming from Blackshore Quay & crossing the common his horse taking fright—he in attempting to stop them—met the fatal exit.

An Inquest was held before Mr Gross—this boro’ having no Coroner under the Municipal Act—I held the Office 11 yrs to 31 Dec 1835.

Jan 21st Married Mr. Simon Spicer to Ann George of Halesworth. She died Oct 2d/43 Mr Spicer’s first Wife—Mary Ann, daughter of Mr Thos Bokenham, Old Swan Inn—by whom he had 1 Son and 1 Daughter *Mrs S died Feby 9th 1828.*

1836 Feb 16th John agd 17—Son of Mr Edwd Warne drowned in Yarmouth Roads—his Vessel was runned down and all hands lost except the Mate. Vessel’s name “Providence” of Hull, Cockburn Masr

(1840 Sep 28th James Warn Drowned at Rotterdam

dec. accidentally fell overboard from the "Suffolk"
of this Port John Palmer Master dec Sons of Mr
Edwd Warne of this place. 1856 Mar 3 Isaac ag 24
accidentally drowned off Cape Vincent

1830 In London George 19 died—Son of the above

1836 Jany 25th Died in 31st year Suddenly Mr Charles Bloom

At Lowestoft—January 30th Suddenly Mr Jas Harman—late Governor of
Bulcamp House

1836 Feb 3d Heavy Gale E.N.E. 5 Colliers and their Crews lost upon the
"Barnard" Sand—One ashore at Kessingland, Crew Saved On the
Morning of the 4th—I saw 4 poor fellows upon a piece of wreck off Easton—
and before they could get near enough to the Shore to have an assistance a
heavy sea swept them into eternity. 2 Ships boats passed—no one in them—2
came on shore here—the one belonging to the "Jane Kay" of Stocton G. F.
Richmond—and the other to the "Speedwell" of South Shields. W Young
Wreck for days was continually coming on Shore.

Feb 17 High Tide—upwards of 5 feet water upon the New Marshes—Jetty
Road.

Feb 18th—Gale N.E. 27 Vessels on shore between Kessingland & Lowestoft
all Saved the "Nelson" of Yarmouth Smith—on shore at the back of our
South Pier—Crew saved—got off 24th inst.

1836 Feb 17 Mrs Strickland,⁸¹ Reydon, robbed 22 nd Israel Cotton, Jas
Cotton and his Wife were committed to Ipswich March 22d tried at Bury—
Israel & Jas transported for Life—Sarah discharged—being under the
coercion of the husband. Property stolen consisted principally Plate which
Jas Cotton was offering for Sale at Yarmouth when taken into custody.

March 12th Died at Kirby Cane Ann Roberts (my Wife's Mother) in her 74th
year—Interred at Wangford—by her husband Thomas who died 13th day of
Apr 1816 agd 78 yrs

March 8th At the "Red Lion" Jas Martin—Died John Martin of Yarmouth
Carrier succeeded by his Son—who on 14 Feb 1845 with his Mother Sold the
Roads :— Yarmo, Hales & Saxmundham to Mr Edwd Goldsmith of this
Town Carrier.

March 23d Mr Thos Syer, Mate of the Sloop "Ellen" (Jas May, Master) was
accidentally knocked overboard and drowned—Mr S was on his passage
from
to London.

1836 Mar: 15th Benjamin Samkin, Mariner, fell
from his Ship's topmast head into the Thames and
killed.

81. Mrs Elizabeth Strickland of Reydon Hall was the mother of Agnes Strickland, the novelist
and historian.

1836 Jany 22d The Revd Thomas Harrison, was licenced to the perpetual Curacy of Walberswick and Blythborough, on the nomination of Sir Chas. Blois, bart, Cockfield Hall, Yoxford, see Dec 13th 1847.

1836 April 13th Mr Jonathan Gooding elected Town Clerk in the place of Mr W. R. Sharpin who was elected to the office 1st January inst.

(1855 August resigned in favor of his son J. R. Gooding who was appointed by the Council Oct 11th 1855)

1836 March 24th Town Patrole appointed.

. . . March 31 *Guardians Election* of:—

	Candidates		Votes
Mr. P. Palmer	171)	Mr. R. J. Debney 75
		(
. . . W. Abbott	87)	Mr. F. W. Ellis 39

Mr. Palmer & Mr. Abbott were declared duly elected—4 Apr Mr. Abbott declined the office to Mr. Debney.

April 2d The Schooner “Louis Elizth” built at N. Shields—Wm. Carter; Master—first sailed fro this Port—I with Mr Rounce went out to Sea with her—1836, 28th day of Dec: Mr. Wm: Carter *died*.

1836 Apr 4th Mr Rt J Debney & D. Fulcher elected Churchwardens.
(Mr F. 1st elected 1835)

Rate 1s/- in the £ At this Meeting it was agreed to erect a New Gallery⁸²—*by Public Subscription* ? q. what was the 1s/- rate for—to assist I apprehend. The Gallery was completed in 1837. Wake, p. 281

Apr 13 Powder Magazine belonging to the Cannons converted into a Cage or Prison—23 May 1837—it was sold to Mr. Goff, Wrentham for £7.5s. d

1836 April 26 Ordered by the Council of this Boro^o: that every person paying Scot & lot be entitled to a Feed upon the Common and Marshes on paying the Sum of 30s with full right to dispose of the same for what he or she can make of it.

(see 1748)

June 22d The Foundation Stone of the Independent Chapel was laid—Inscription “this Stone the Foundation of an Independent Chapel was laid 22d June 1836”

William Hopkins, Minister
William Crisp)
Thos W. Thompson) Deacons
 Saml Fruer. Architect”

82. This gallery was taken down in 1867–8. Maggs inserts a notice of a sermon preached on October 9 1836 by Prebendary H. H. Norris that raised £164.0 for the gallery according to a MS note by Maggs.

On the reverse side

John Marshall)	
Wm Tink)	
Thos Rounce)	Builders
Robt Allen)	

1837 July 6th this Chapel was opened for Public Worship see Bill

1838 January 11th A Dial was erected in the front of this Chapel

Bazaar see Bill⁸³

Harmonic erected in Chapel March 4/1855

1836 July A return made of the number of Children
belonging to the Sunday Schools in this Parish

vizt—	Boys	Girls
Church	42	55
Wesleyans	69	74
Independents	73	32

Total 345

Memo The site on which this Chapel stands—formerly stood H.M. Custom House—the property of Mr Revans, Collector, which with a Boat House the Trustees gave Mr. R. the sum of £450

In 1837 The Trustees sold the Boat House to Mr. Hy Burwood, Collector H.M.C. for £80—and on the 1st June 1837 they (the Trustees) sell by Auction the Old Meeting House in “Meeting House Lane” purchased by Mr Saml Wayth at £124—July following it was taken down and a House built on the site by Mr. Wayth

(1837 Oct 9th Girls school system British & Foreign School Society. Governess S. A. Twaddell 1849 July 6 *This school was discontinued* but carried upon S. A. Twaddell’s account.)

1836 June 23d Mr & Mrs Aldrich & family took my Lodgings—left 28 th July 21st Launched the Gig “Agenonia” (Goddess of Industry) built for “Long Island Cliff” by Mr Jas Critten Jnr.

July 26 Mrs & Miss Spenser, Starston Rectory, took my Lodgings—left 4th Oct.

Aug 2nd Died Mr. Rudland, Surgeon Wangford Agd 57 Years.

1836 Augt 18th Dr. Wake, Surgeon et: commenced practice here 1839 July 6th purchased House et: of Mr. Philpot.

1848 April 1st the Doctor leaves Southwold for the benefit of his health May 31 returns see 10 January 1849

1836 Augt 22d Pilot Boat “Jubilee” sold by Auction at the “Crown Hotel” to Mr. Thos Bokenham, “Old Swan Hotel” for £124. She was sold under an execution for a Debt due to the late Philip Child, Sailmaker. Debt £28 Expences £52 In 1844 Oct 24th This boat “Jubilee” in launching her for the

83. The Independent Chapel, now United Reformed, is immediately to the seaward of the Manor House. On July 6 1836 £108.5.0 was collected after three sermons preached at its opening. The following day the ladies of Southwold raised £190 at a bazaar held on the “Swan” bowling green.

purpose of putting off a Pilot upset, and became a total wreck—Edward Palmer, late Master of the “Maria” of this Port was Drowned under her. On the 22d Oct 1843 Mr. Palmer lost the “Maria” off Cromer, she springing a leak. *Crew saved.*

1836 Sep 27th Martha, daughter of Mr. Stephen Pack (Dec 24th 1802) Sent to Melton Lunatic Asylum 1837 Jany 21st Died there v 17 August 1852

1836 Dec 6th H. C. Hotson Esq elected Auditor in the place of Geo. Evans, Esq.

1836 Decr 18th A Letter was recd announcing ye death of Thos Bokenham Jnr Apr 1st 1832) who died at Sea.

1836 Oct This Town first lighted up with Lamps—Mr T Doy,⁸⁴ Lamplighter who contracted to light them, find Oil et 30 £s a yr. Sep 16 1841 I sold the Lamps, Posts et by Auction—Cost £80 Sold for £8.2s.d Novr 4 Lighting Rate 6d in the £ collected in 1837.

1836 Octr 27th I commenced surveying all Grants of Lands to Persons by this Corporation fro 1782 to 1836 (Mr Steggall Assistant)

Dec 1st Mr & Mrs Benns, London, took my Lodgings left 18 Jany 1837.

Dec 24th Sudden Change in the weather—Gale fro N.E. *heavy fall of Snow*

The roads impassable—Mail not in 'till 3 in the afternoon—its usual time 8 A.M.

Dec 27 Died Mr Jo Marsden, Henham

. . . 30 Died Mr Collings Wales, Grocer et Wangford. 1842 May 1st died his Wife (their son Collings Aug 1/61 at Lowestoft)

Small Pox—prevailing—more particularly amongst those *not* vaccinated (see 1809 1825) Continued here till July 1837. Died 8 Children & 1 adult

1837 Jany 1st “Lady Nelson” Jas Sterry Master This day the Commercial List makes mention of part of a Boat “Lady Nelson” Southwold on it—6 inst it was ascertained to be Mr Sterry’s boat—and that it was believed the Vessel founder’d off Margate about the 25 ult *Crew perished* namely Jas Sterry Master—his 2 Sons Jas. and John, Wm Jillings & Jo Benstead.

Jany 12 th Died Mr Wm Lawrence of the “Bell” Inn Walberswick

(His second Wife died at Bulcamp House Dec 16/50 Buried at Walswk)

Jany 23 Died at Halesworth Mr Allcock⁸⁵ Solicitor 57 yrs April 17 following his widow was *found dead* in her Bed.

March Mr Robt Jo Debney & Mr Peter Palmer elected Poor Law Guardians for this Town.

1837 March 4th Agreeable to a resolution passed at a Meeting of the Council last Month for *Enclosing the Common* it was this day *staked out* for the purpose—great doubts arising amongst some of the old Burgesses how far the Council et could in justice enclose it it was postponed to 1st of April next—when it was commenced enclosing and during this Month

84. Doy was also a sweep.

85. Allcock was Town Clerk of Southwold from 1833 until his death.

completed.

1837 Jan'y 2 Beccles Qrtr Sessions—Clerk of the Peace Mr Borton. *Heavy fall of Snow*—owing to the roads being impassable, could not get to Beccles—the consequence was—the Sessions were adjourned to the 17 inst. a similar adjournment took place in 1776.—Southwold under the Municipal Corporation Reform Act Vc VI Wm IV Sepr 9th 1835 came chargeable at this Sessions to the County & Asylum Rates.

	£	s	d	
County	14	6	8) the qrtr
Asylum	6	—	—)

1837 Apr 17th Order'd that the Payment for depasturing Cattle upon the Common and Marshes

	£	s	d
For every Horse	2	12	0
For every Cow	2	10	0

1837 March 30th *Part of Town Marshes let on Lease*—viz. such part as leaving enough to depasture the Town Stock, finding they left more than required ; Country Stock are

(taken on from May day to Dec: viz)

March 26 Easter Sunday. Heavy fall of Snow—Ann, daughter of Mr Willm Easey Anchor Inn Walberswick—*drowned* herself in a *Rain Water Tub*—upon the premises and very singular her Grandmother, relict of Mr Francis Robinson of Walberswick—did then and there on the 20 September 1842 *Drown* herself in a *Rain water Tub*—dec was upwards of 80 yrs of age.

1837 Apr 4th Mr Matthew Dennis left this Town—he had been at Lodgings about 2 yrs.

1837 April 17th Election of Fenreeve—by the Council—Candidates Chas. A. Everett and Wm Chapman—8 Votes for the former & 3 for the latter. Everett duly elected. Everett and Chapman were *both* Fenreeves for the last year.

1837 May 24th Gig “Princess Victoria” launched, built by Jas Critten Jnr (Aug 15th Mr H. K. Bransby & Mr J Magub Jnr purchased her for the Sum of £15 Maggs Witness. deposit forfeited Sep 11th I sold her by Auction to Mr Jas Woodard for 9.15.— 1849 Sold to a company of Amateurs now named “Princess Louisa”)

May 28th Died at Cossey—Mr Michael Burcham agd 81

March 11th 1841 Elizth his wife—76

June 20th Miss Williams, Beccles, took my Lodgings—left 15 August.

June 21st In London—died Michael Barne Esq 78 Interred at Dunwich 5 July vd 19 June 1828.

June 26 th High Steward Jas. Jermyn Esq at a Meeting of the Council this Office was *discontinued* Votes 6 for *Not* and 7 *for*—the Mayor E. C. Bird

giving the casting Vote See Decr 20th 1821 March 29th 1822
(1837 July 28th Married Mr. T. H. Jellicoe to Barbara eldest daughter of Mr Peter Palmer)

Oct 6th following Mr Jermyn was re-elected to the said office by Vote of Council 7 for 5 against. Sworn into Office Apr 21st/38 Salary 6 Gns

1842 Augt 19th The Office of High Steward discontinued—and at the same Meeting resumed & Jas Jermyn Esq. was re-elected 5 for 4 agt.

1837 Feby 24th William Son of Mr William Woodard T. P. agd 22 accidentally knocked overboard from the “Abeena” of Beccles, William Waters, Master—near the Barnard and drowned. This is the 3d Son Mr Woodard has lost at the age of 22—the first drown’d and the second of a Fever.

1837 March 5th Sunday A letter was received by Mr Hy Waters Master Mariner announcing the death of John, Son of Mr Robt Peirson vd 3 June 1839 who was unfortunately on the 24th ult knocked overboard from the “Medamblick” London, and drown’d dec: was on his passage fro the Texil to London.

1839 Augt 13th Died at Quebec, Mr. Wm Andrew—agd 36

1840 July 7th at Farnham Emily the Wife of Mr T. W. Revell Tailor and daughter of Mr Samuel L’Estrange of this place agd 32. dec. was interred here on the 12th.

1840—Died at Calcutta, Charles Jarvis—agd 23 Mariner v. Nov 20/43

1840 Nov 21st John Vlieland agd 15 drowned at Northfleet, Thames. dec. fell from the rigging of the “Gratitude” Seeton Sluice

1841 April 20th Mr John Petty Hurr received a letter from John A Douglas, chief Officer of the Ship “Mandarin” stating that on the 12th of May 1840 his son William fell overboard and was drowned 42. 59 Lat 84° 59 E. Long

1841 Oct 25th At Camberwell Agd 9 John Son of Mr Francis Wilson Ellis R.N.

1843 May 14th at Bulcamp House, Mr Thomas Green of this Town. agd 80

1846 Dec 23d At Southwold, Elizth his wife agd 75

1843 Sep 30th In the River “Indus” Robert Son of Mr Robert Winter

1843 Sep 30th at Wickham Market, Mary Maltus Woolnough, daughter of Mrs Catharine Holly, agd 24. vd Oct 13/22 & June 26/27

1843 Oct 1st at Yarmouth, Elizth: daughter of Mr Wm Warn agd 31. dec was the wife of Mr—Warne of the former place. Interred here.

1843 Oct 12th Drowned off “Row Cliff” Yorkshire, fro the “Sarah & Ann” Rowland Twaddell, Francis, Son of Mr John Upcraft, Agd 13 Yrs.

1844 April 10 Wm Upcraft—drowned fro the Same Vessel.

1843 Nov 20th Drowned off the Dudgeon from the “Vigilant” Jno Magub Masr Willm Jarvis—36 v. 1840

1844 Feb 7th Died at Bulcamp House, Mr John Dodd. 79, Interred here.

1844 Feb 25th At Yarmouth at his Son’s Mr Charles Naunton 72. Interred here. Jan 4/45

1845 Jan 21st At Newcastle Isaac, Son of Mr Robert Wright.

1845 April 10th Wm Twaddell Masr—Lawrence, John Upcraft and Ambrose Pack, drowned in the Passage from the North—the “Sarah & Ann” foundering with them.

Rabbits 1837 June 2d Let by Auction by order of the Council (Mr Benjamin Palmer, Auctioneer) the exclusive right of preserving, killing and taking Rabbits on the Common Pasture belonging to this Corporation from the sd 2d June 1837 until the 1st day of February 1838 Hired by Messs Pierson, Oldring, & Palmer £9.10s d

1838 Augt 23 Same Let et. et. to Messs John Palmer & Jas. Oldring to 1st Feby 1839 £6

1837 Sep 7 Medical Dispensary Instituted here. Maggs Secrtry.

Sep 14th Miss Hatch Cambridge and Miss Archer, Maidenhead took my Lodgings Left 27th inst
(call'd upon me Aug 7th 1849)

Sep 27 th Atkins Theatrical company here left 6 Oct: following.

Oct 2d Mrs & Mr Webb, Albany London took my Lodgings—left 30th inst.

Oct 4th Messers Boyce & Fulcher Builders served with a writ from the Court of Exchequer upon the Information of Mrs Jas. Robinson, for receiving from her the Amount of their Bill, and not giving a Stamp receipt—10th inst they Petitiond to the Court proving the information to be downright *Spite* and *revenge*—accordingly they were exonerated from the fine of 10£s paying the expences about 5£'s to the great annoyance of Mrs. R.⁸⁶

Oct 9th A Day School opened for Girls at the Independent Meeting House Governess S. Ann Twaddell.

1837 Oct 28th Died at Norwich, Mr Drewell, clerk to Mr. Jonth Gooding of this place—Solicitor agd 34.

Novr 11th Died at Lowestoft my Nephew Thos Maggs 1838 Jan 17th at Kirtley [Kirkley]—Died Honor Maggs my neice.

Novr 27th John Burgess' Failure—Decemb following commenced business (Shoemaker) again.

In this year £200 was expended for repairing the Break-water at the foot of “Ladies” walk.

1848 the sum of £170 was expended for the repair of Breakwater under Gun Hill et. et. From this period to 1853 upwards of [] £ has been

86. Mrs Robinson was rich and influential, the daughter of Robert Alefounder of Ipswich and the widow of the surviving Robinson brother.

expended—in repairing the old works & building Groins et. which has proved from the Sea gaining, totally ineffectual.

1838 Jany 8th A Yawl with 15 Boatmen met with a watery Grave—A Vessel was seen off Corton having a signal for a Pilot—two yawls launched from the beach for the purpose of serving her—One of the Yawls observing a Yarmouth Yawl to board a Vessel, returned—the other the “Peace” stood in—soon after which it came on to blow—and night coming on it is supposed she was lost on the “Newcome” Sand—for part of the Boat and her Materials together with several Hats were picked up the following Morning on Pakefield Beach”

12 widowed Mothers and 32 Fatherless children in the course of an hour—I wrote a Petition on behalf of them and with Mr Wm Sutton collected £7.12.6 in this Town—

Names

Jas: Smith	Jas: Cullingham*	John Rose
Jas: Cook	Jas: Bobbitt	Wm Capps
Robt Capps	Saml Gilley	Jos Saunders Jnr
Wm Saunders	John Stacey	Wm Bates
Thos Cooper	John Liffen	and—Cushen

Oct 11th following Cullingham was picked up between Sizewell & Aldbro Interred at ye latter 13th disinterred & buried at Lowestoft

see 11th January 1823 and Oct 6th 1835

1838 Feb 13th Thomas, eldest Son of Mr Thos. Penny—“Nelson” Public House went to live at Mr Dowson’s Brewery Geldeston—1840 June 3 He accidentally received a blow from the Crane used in the Brewery and so fatally that he expired on the 10th instant. Interred at Geldeston vd Oct 27/34. See 3 June 1840

Feb 17th Heavy Gale fro the E The “Fortuna” of Sth Shields—Emsley—*rode out this Gale* athwart the Piers in 7 Fathoms water with a signal of distress. About 5 P.M. the gale moderated and she proceeded on to London *On the 9th Dec 1844 She was lost on the “Barnard” Sand. Crew saved.*

1838 March Mr. P. Palmer and Mr. Danl Fulcher elected Guardians.

March 27 Ed. Brown 52 & Jo Smith 35 both of this Parish—committed to Beccles Gaol—on charge of Stealing a quantity of Porter from the “Vigilant” John Magub Master lying at Blackshore Quay—2nd April following—Qrtr Sessions—Tried—Verdict *not* Guilty

1838 Apr 5th Mrs Hallows & Son, Islington took my Lodgings, left 20 inst 1838 April Mr John Lilly made a Trinity Pilot 27th 1st turn to London with the “Henrietta”.

May 2d—Gig “May Flower” launched built by Mr Jas Critten Jnr.

May 23d—Died Mr Jas Bardwell, Masr of the “Orlando” on his passage fro Savannah to Liverpool—Interred.1837 July 2d Mr. B lost the “Superb” of Ipswich on her passage from Liverpool to Narva—Crew saved.

May 24th Mr Wm Sutton Senr broke his leg—by the falling of some

scaffolding.

May 29th Married Richard Chapman of this place, Baker, to Ann Ratcliffe of Mutford—1839 March 30 th Mrs C of a Son.

June 18th Charles, son of Mr Wm Chapman committed to Beccles Gaol—charged of having broken into the house of Mr Edward Gray of this place, and feloniously stealing a quantity of Silver and Copper Coin. Tried at Quarter Sessions July 2d Transported for 7 Years.⁸⁷

1838 July 4th Mrs & Miss Cracknell of St James's take my Lodgings left 26 Sepr following.

July 10th Mr Edwd Taylor obtains a Trinity Pilot's Warrant. 1st Vessel he takes to London "Frederick" of Russtock—draft 11½ feet.

Sep 14th The "Miranda" Colgin Master—taken into this Harbor by our Boatmen—leaky—laden with Hemp & Tallow—Salvage 80 £s

Saturday Sep 5th I took in company wt. Mr Jas. Boyce, Benj. Palmer, Benj. Oldring, John Fish, Jas: Wigg and Wm Servr Waters an aquatic excursion in the Gig "Princess Victoria" (see 24 May 1837) At ½ p 2 P M we proceeded to the "Caster" a Russian Ship 700 tons 23 hands—being about 3 leagues from the land. Mr Wm Woodard, Pilot belonging to this Port was on board—after spending some little time on board—and seeing a Foreign Schooner about 3 Miles to the N of the "Caster" we took to our boat and went to her—was the "Deo Gloria" D Nieman—Mr John Montague Pilot went on board and very kindly treated by the Captain & Crew—being now about 2½ leagues from the Land—we made our course for home—about a league from the shore we spoke the "Sarah Bell" of Grimsby—Thos Keetly Master, went on board and continued there till we came as high up as Dunwich—being half p 8 P.M when we made the shore about 1½ Mile Southward of Dunwich—then proceeded Northward or rather along Shore to Dunwich where we landed and refreshed ourselves—at the "Ship" Inn. Joseph Dix—and arrived safe home at 10 P.M. rather to the surprise of many—being an imprudent course to have taken in so small a Boat—and not a Seaman on board.

1838 Sepr 21 Died at her Lodgings (Mrs Hunt's) Miss Caroline Acton—Ipswich—Interred 28th at Baalam. See lines—upon decd⁸⁸

1838 Oct 16 Married at this Church by the Revd J Haslegrave, St. Peter's Islington—George Powell Esq to [] Thompson, daughter of Mr Thos Wm Thompson of this Town.

Oct 24th Married Mr Geo Critten to Emma, daughter of Mr Robt Pierson, It of Stoven. *Births extraordinary* Sep 19 1841 Mrs C gave birth to 3 very fine

87. Gray lived on North Green and Chapman close by at the end of the High Street.

88. Maggs includes a notice from the mayor asking that shops should be closed at four o'clock on the day of the funeral. On the back in manuscript is a poem on the subject by Agnes Strickland. Henry Davy dedicated one of his views of Southwold to Miss Acton and she was buried in an iron coffin made by Child of Child's Yard. A wealthy heiress she was generous to the poor of the town, which was her holiday home for many years.

Girls—the morning following I went round the Town in aid of a Subscription of 1 penny from each Individually—and collected during the day £6.0.1½—which I took much pleasure in presenting to the 3 young ladies—namely

Mary—died Oct 6th

Hannah . . Nov 24th) 1841

and Emma . . Nov 25th)

Sunday Octob 28th 1838—The Barque "*Princess Augusta*" of London—308 tons burthen—Fidgett , Master—laden with Hemp and Linseed from Petersburg came on shore about 400 yards Northward of the N Pier—and became a total Wreck—Crew saved—The Vessel was sold by Auction by Benj. Palmer Jnr for £150—Purchased by John Magub & Company—namely—James Boyce Simon Spicer Wm Abbott Thos Penny Peter Palmer Danl Fulcher Henry Oldring John Gayford Jasper Goodwin 1838 Oct 31 st Mr Thos Girling Balls, Tailor—served with an Execution upon his Effects from Mr Farrow, Halesworth—for £23 15s Novr 12th his Furniture & Effects were sold by Mr Jo Davy of Halesworth.

1838 Decr 15 Large New Iron Gates⁸⁹ erect'd to entrance to the Church—Made by Messrs Child & Son, of this Town—Cost 25li 6s 9d erecting fixing et £4 1s 3d—Churchwardens

The Model of those Gates were made by Mr Jas Boyce—who assisted in fixing & erecting them—and was the first *Corpse* carried thro' these Gates—Mr B died Jany 19th 1839 agd 36.

1838 Dec 21st I went to London

22 Mr Geo Howes 7 Oxford Mkt.

23 Sunday Westminster Abbey St Margarets Church and St Paul's with my Son Edward

24 called upon Mr Chas Smith 105 Gt Tichfield St. Cavendish square upon Mr Horder (with whom son Wm formerly lived) 20 Fenchurch St. thence to Greenwich Hospital by the *Rail*—(being the first day its running through to Greenwich) and back to St Thomas' Hospital—saw Mr Jas Dean lying there wt a fractured leg—

25 Xtmass day—Went to Hanover Chapel, Regent St. Text I St John Gospel 4 v. in the Afternoon to St Giles'—Prayers—

26 Called upon Mr Webb, Albany, respecting a Situation for son Edward—obtained One Messrs Miller & Son Picadilly thence to Buckingham Palace—then to Mr Turner's Queen Square Westminster to see Mary Ann Martin—to National Gallery and called upon Mr Dowson Peacock 40 Upper John Street Fitzroy Sqr Tailor

27 Called upon Mr Brown 61 Charlotte St—Fitzroy Sqr Shoemaker to Mr Everrett's Tottenham Court Road, to the Promenade 164 Holborn, to St Catherines Wharf—saw Mr Fountain Hartley—to Hayward's Edinburgh Castle Inn—saw Mr Jo Laws—return'd to Oxford Market—Tead with Mr Charles Smith—called upon Mr Jo Court, Seymore Place.

89. These gates still stand, bearing this date.

28th Called upon Mr Everett 287 Holborn thence to the British Museum—went to Mr Webb's & Mr Miller's—tea'd with Mr Charles Smith and thence to Covent Garden Theatre.

29th to St Catharines—saw Mr Henry Sayer—Thos & Geo Prestwidge—the latter took me over the London & St Catharine's Docks the Custom House et 8 P.M. I embarked on board the "Mersey" Steamer for home—Mr Rt English of Walswick was on board—½ past One at Noon following day (Sunday) we past Southwold—strong wind and heavy Sea—arrived in Yarmouth Roads—8 P M got into the Harbor—

31 Arrived home by Martin's Wain.

1839 January 5th Peal of new Hand Bells—recd by the Ringers—Cast at Norwich agreeable to their orders

(purchas'd by Jas Boyce)

January 28th Died at Walberswick Mr Wm Chapman, Farmer, 4 Feby I attended his Funeral read his Will et. 1840 June 4th I sold by Auction at Old Swan Southwold the Farm of the deceased, purchased by Mr Wm Borrett for 680 £s

Oct 1st following Sold dec Furniture Live & Dead Stock 12th I went to Halesworth with Mr Gooding Solicitor on business with Mrs English (daugr of dec) relative to the Will et.

(1840 Oct 12th I met Mr Jo and Charles Chapman with Mr Borrett and Mr Cooper Blythburgh Lodge at Mr Gooding's Office Southwold and witnessed the final settlement of Chapman's and Borretts business)

Jany 30th—31st & Feby 1st Heavy fall of Snow similar to that of Jany 2d 1837

Jany 30 Mr & Mrs Shrimpton Lloyd St London took my Lodgings left 18 Mar following.

Feby 10th Duchess Countess of Sutherland's remains past here by Steamer fro London to Scotland for Interment

Feby 12th Married Mr Chas Carter, Organist to Eliza Pope—late of Benhall—where they were married.

1839 March 1st Auditors
 Assessors

21 Mr Peter Palmer & Mr Daniel Fulcher elected Poor Law Guardians

25 Mr Jas Martin "Red Lion" Inn elected Surveyor of the Highways in the room of

1839 Feby 22d Captn Dillon !! or as he assum'd—*left* this Town—he came to the Ho of Mr Thos Bokenham, Old Swan on the 8th Decr last—where he contracted an Acct to a heavy Amot to the great annoyance of Mr B and all whom concerned—proving himself by not paying anybody to be an Arrant Swindler

March 6th 7th & 8th Heavy falls of Snow *deeper* than those of the 30th & 31st & Feby last.

1839 March 26th Daniel Farage Serjt Policeman came—commenced duty 28th inst. when Wm Caston was sworn into office as his assistant—Farage

25s/- a wk Caston 10s/- May 11th 1840 Farrage was appointed to the Office of Superintendent of the Rural Police Novr 21 1841 Farage was discharged—1839 Apr 1st Chas Anthony Everett sworn into the Office of Boro Constable for a Short period See Apr 28 1841

March 26th At an Adjourned Sessions at Beccles Mr Richd Boyce—sworn into the Office of Chief Constable in the place of his Son Jas who died 19 Jany last. *Mr Daniel Fulcher* Mr R. Boyce's Son-in-law succeeded him Mar 7 1844 See Feby 28 1844.

1839 March 30th Launched at Blkshore the Brig "Victoria" built for Simon Spicer by John Christopher—sail'd 11th June

April 6th Mr Frdk Skill—Stationer et Yarmouth came to reside here—July 6 Mr S hires Casino £3.3s.0d a yr 1840 Oct 8th I sold by Auction Mr Skill's Furniture and other Effects at "Centre Cliff Lodge" Oct 11th /40 Mr Skill leaves the Town.

April 8th Married Mr Thos Waters Masr Mariner to widow of the late Mr William Carter, Master Mariner—and Niece of the late Mr Charles Covell dec: *Mr Carter d. Dec 28th/36*

May 5th Sunday Divine Service performed in the Town Hall by the Independents—Revd T. W. Hopkins—Minister *their Chaple being under a course of Paint*

May 12th and 3 following days—heavy falls of Snow—fro 5 to 6 inches in depth.

May 26th Died at the House of her Brother Jas. Jermyn Esq. Reydon—Editha Jermyn aged 70 vd—Jany 27th/24

1839 June 8th About 3 Miles E.S.E. of this Town in 11 fathoms water the Iron Steamer—Thompson—went down—her tank bursting. *Crew saved*

1839 May 27th A County Magistrate (— Robinson of Dunwich) fined s5/s—for being drunk in this Borough.

May 30th The Misses Seaman & Short take my Lodgings, left June 12th following.

June 5th Thos Naunton Senr committed to Beccles Gaol for robbing Mr D Fulcher's Deal Yard—19th tried and imprisoned 15 days

June 3d Mr Robt Peirson left here for America, returned Oct 2d 841

July 13 Philip Wynell Mayhow Esq Hanworth Hall, took my Lodgings—left 31st inst.

(— July 13 Sarah Sterry came home from Melton Asylum after being there for

Aug 3 — Briggs, a Ventriloquist came to this town—left 4th Sepr

Augt 8th Married Mr Read Crisp to Eliza Knights (Mrs C — died Apr 1/50 agd 31)

Octob:30th The "Enterprize" Fishing Boat Lowestoft—riding in this Bay in a Gale broke from her Anchors about 12 at Noon—shipp'd a heavy sea and was thrown on her beam ends when 9 Men were washed overboard and only

I regained the deck—leaving only 4 on board—shortly after the Boat “righted”—when they ran her ashore about 2 Miles to the S of the Piers and were saved—The Owner of the Boat was Mr Stephen Capps of Lowestoft, who had just taken charge of her, the Master having gone on Shore Sick—The 4 Saved were Durrant the Mate, George Day and 2 boys—sons of the Master.

1839 Nov 14th Mr & Mrs Shrimpton took my Lodgings, left 18th Jany 1840
Novr 14th I made Mr Jas: Taylor’s C. H. Offc Will Witnesses Self—my son Thomas and Mr Benjm Howard Carter.

Decr 2d Mr. Robt John Debney, Grocer, South Green, signed his Will in my presence—Mr Peter Palmer and Mr Jo King.

Decr 5th I made Mr Richard Chapman’s, Baker, Will—signed in the presence of myself, Jas. Critten Jnr and Henry Pretty.

1839 Decr 5 Mr Thos Bokenham, Old Swan—purchases of Sir Thos S Gooch an old Cottage upon Easton Cliff for 14 £s—it was sold in consequence of standing so near the edge of the Cliff—*I remember the Cliff being nearly half a Mile from the front of it** 24 Feby following it was taken down by Mr Peter Palmer Carpenter & Mr Danl Fulcher, Builder—who were the real purchasers—at 11 £s—it being afterwards proved Mr. B. was only a “Puffer” at the Sale

**The land on which the Cottage stood was carried away with a Number of Rods more the following Winter.*

Decr A Cottage called “Skilman’s Lodge” *built* upon Skilman’s Hill by Mr Henry Burwood. It. Comptroller of H.M.C. Mr Burwood died 1st Dec 1846 agd And 31 March 1847 I put this Cottage with other property to Public Auction—and this Cottage was sold to Mr Wm Coleman, for the Sum of 137 £s Also a Messuage in the occupation of ----- Mr Jos Coleman on South Green—purchas’d by Mr Jo Magub Jr 95 £s Also a House in the occupation of Geo Naunton—bought by Mrs Mary Hotson 93 £s and House et occupied by Henry Botham—purchas’d by Mrs Aldous 90 £s

1839 Dec 22d I left home for London to see my Son Edward—Stopt at Ipswich this night—23d took “Albion” Steamer—arrived in London 8 P.M.—Son met me—went to his Lodgings Mr Tates, South Moulton St. No 45. 24th to Mr Wilds Charing Cross East for a Map for Dr Wake, to Strand, across Wellington Bridge—to Mr Chas Chapman’s 17 Crucifix Lane, Bermondsey—cross’d the Thames—thence to Hayward’s “Edinburgh Castle”—to Mrs Benns, Brick Lane Whitechapel and to Piccadilly—Xtmas day To Great Western Railway station—to Staple Inn, and South Moulton St. 26th to Staple Inn—thence to Mr Shrimpton’s House—2 Lloyd St, Lloyd Sqr (Mr & Mrs Shrimpton being at my house) to Farrington Street—to Mr Horders—Chemist et. Fenchurch St—and to Odells—Saracen’s Head, Aldgate—Slept that night—27th To Gt Tower Hill—Billingsgate—cross’d London Bridge—took Omnibuss to Old Kent Road saw Mr Jos Arthey—return’d to Elephant & Castle—thence to the Monument, Greenwich & Croydon Railway Stations to St Pauls (Strikes 3 P M) and on to South

Moulton St. 28th Mr Brown's 61 Charlotte St Fitzroy Sq—Mr Peacock's 40 John St—Mr Everretts—Tottenham Court Road—Mr John Gilling's 40 Hadlow St Burton Crescent—to Mr Chas Smith's 105 Titchfield St.—Mr Edwd Smith South St. Manchester Sqr took Tea return'd to my Lodgings South Moulton St—29th With Son Edward to St James's Palace—Westminster Abbey Greenwich (by Rail see Dec 1838) Hospital—to Hungerford by Steamer & thence to Lodgings—30 to Mr Wilds Mr Millers Piccadilly—Mr Webbs—Albany—Stapels Inn—Mr Everett's Holborn & tea'd—thence to the Pantheon Oxford St and to my Lodgings—31 took "Star" Coach and arrived home.

Decr 30th Brig "*Lord Exmouth*" of Gorleestone 82 Tons—Douglas—came into this Harbor for a cargo of Grain for Belfast—17 Jany—attemping in going to Sea received damage—put back—discharg'd her Cargo and did not Sail 'till the 4th of April 1840—

1840 January Penny Postage came into operation—for a short period previously—the postage of all Letters was reduced to 4d each—the old system a London letter to & fro here was 10d

Jany 1st Schooner "*Columbus*" of Stetein Meire—Master, 142 Tons—taken into this Harbor leaky et repaired & sailed for Newcastle Apr 4th inst. Jany 14th Married Mr John Palmer, Mastr Mariner of the Brig "*Suffolk*" to Betsy Magub.

Jany 27th The "*Request*" Palmer of Aberdeen laden with Bullocks, and the "*Quebeck*" of Newcastle, Walker, laden with Coals, came in contact with each other off Pakefield, both Vessels went down—Bullocks drowned—both *crews saved*

Feb 5th The "*Perseverance*" Jo Magub. Senr. of this Port, wrecked upon Cardigan Bar, South Wales. *Crew saved*

Feb. 18th Sophia Puttifatt, Bar-maid at Mr Garrod's Crown Hotel—Southwold, left this Town.

John Baldry, mariner

1840 Jany 15th conveyed to Melton Asylum

May 16 conveyed home

July 14 conveyed to Melton Asylum

1841 June 6 conveyed home

1848 Aug 31 The "*Helen*" of Yarmouth fro London Easter, Master, brought up off this place with her flag half-mast high—a boat went off to her—and ascertained that the said John Baldry had just *died* (The captain attempted to send the body on shore but Mr Fulcher the Mayor went off to the Vessel and prevented him)

1840 Feb 20th Died at Norwich my old friend *Edward Banks Hewitt* see 23 October 1826 (1852 Oct 13 Mrs H at Southwold. left same day)

Feb 25th Mr John Bokenham obtained a Warrant for Trinity Pilot See Nov 23

March 1st Election of Auditors & Assessors	Candidates
Jas Maggs (self)	11 Votes
Geo. E. Child	16
John Gayford	4
Frs. W Ellis	3

Jas Maggs & G. E. Child declared duly elected Auditors

Assessors	–	Candidates
Richard Boyce		48
Rd R Boniwell		50
Wm Sutton		5

Whereas Rd Boyce & R. R. Boniwell declared duly elected Assessors

March 4th Died at Reydon Mr William Leatherdale, Farmer—agd 71. In 1848 August 12th at Reydon, his relict died having been for several years the Wife of Mr Moses Storkey, late of SoWold.

1840 March 7th Mr & Mrs Shrimpton took my Lodgings—left 11th April following.

1840 Mar 23d Mr Noah Backhouse, Whitesmith, failed

28 Sale of his Effects

Apr 20 Sent to Ipswich Gaol. Debt.

June 7 Discharged

1841 Aug 11 Sale of Stock in Trade of Mr Noah Backhouse—£20.5s.9d the following day he leaves to reside at Ipswich

1840 March 24th I went to Halesworth with Mr Chas Anthony Everett on business with his brother-in-law, Mr Lincoln of *Cookley* when Mr L lent Mr E 50 £s in Note of hand (1853 July 4th Mr Lincoln dro himself)

March 23d & 4th and 5th A heavy fall of Snow

Mar 25th Mr Wm Chapman elected Surveyor of Highways—and Mr Henry Haken & Mr Wm Sutton, Overseers

April 7th Married Revd W Hopkins, Independent Minister to Maria, relict of Mr Benjm Palmer, Masr Mariner see July 23d 1833

(1840 April 14th Emma Wife of George Critten to Melton Asylum—June 22d came out of Asylum—)

1840 April 15th I commenced Auctioneer— in partnership with Mr Danl Fulcher. In 1843 July 6 Mr F. withdrew himself and I continued it till the Year [blank]

the first Auction was the letting some Marshes and the Town Land at Reydon, belonging to this place—hired by Mr Samuel Plant, Easton for 8 yrs fro 11 Oct next at the Annual rent of 38 £s

1840 April 27th Edward Spence, Mariner, had the misfortune in having his left hand so shattered from the bursting of a blunderbuss which he was firing off upon Blackshore Quay as to cause immediate amputation—the operation was performed by Dr Wake & a Mr Bradfield.

May 1st Mr. Robt Reeve, Halesworth & family take my Lodgings—left 14th following.

May 9th Elliotts Stage Wain commencd running from here to Beccles, Norwich & Lowestoft. Discontinued June following.

May Mr Daniel Forman, elected Governor of the Union House, in the room of Mr Wilson—dec: Xts N.S. 1847 Mr F Resigns. see Oct 18/47

1840 May 20th Two Brothers named *Clarke* of Walsberwick—were Trawling off Dunwich, when by a sudden squall of Wind their boat upset—and both were *drowned*—On the 28th inst the eldest was trawled up, and interred—14th June the youngest was found floating in this Bay—brot: on shore and interred at Walberswick with his brother.

(May 21 Mr Saml French's Sale)

May 21st Fire at Reydon—A barn belonging to Mr. S. H. Bloom burnt down the fire was supposed to have originated from *Soot* being left at the end of the Barn by a Chimney sweep.

June 3d Thomas, son of Mr Thos Penny of the “Nelson” Public House in this town see Feb 13th 1838—met with a fatal accident at Mr Dowson's Brewery—Geldeston

(June 4th Sale of Mr Wm Chapman's Estate, Walberswick, sold for £680 to Mr Borrett)

June 14th The Town Clerk, Mr Jonthn Gooding, went to London to answer a summons from the Commons respecting the proceedings of the present Council—Complainant, Mr F. W. Ellis Harbormaster—who did *not* succeed in any one complaint he made.⁹⁰

1840 June 18th A Mr Bradfield assuming a Surgeon—was here on a Visit at Dr Wake's gave a lecture upon Anatomy—Shewing the wisdom of the Creator et:—July 24th Mr B gave at the Town Hall gratuitous a lecture upon the Natural History of Man and the intellectual abilities of the Negro—and on the 30th a lecture upon Phrenology—In the month of August following Mr B left Southwold to reside at Halesworth, where he continued 'till the ensuing Michlmas when to the great annoyance of the Tradesmen at Halesworth, Southwold, Beccles and Norwich he turned out nothing more or less than a downwright Swindler—he was after some little pains apprehended and lodged in Newgate—where no doubt he received many more Lectures than he gave the Southwolders—during his stay here he published a “*Treatise on Bathing*” at the expence of Mr Tippell, Halesworth, Printer

July 9th *Forty seven* Mackarel Boats in this Bay, at one time—the oldest Inhabitants say “they never saw the like before.

(July 9th Mr Samuel Wayth's Sale)

90. The complaints made by Ellis related to the rights of commonage that he asserted belonged to the poorer burgesses.

1840 July 10th The "Neptune" Squires of Southampton, came in here damaged repaired—Sailed 18th inst.

Augt 14th The Misses Walton & Hough, took my Lodgings—left 1st September

Augt 17th Gale of Wind S. W. Sloop "Union" of Deal by cutting away her Mast rode out the Gale in this bay—Several Traders one of which was the "Four Friends" Henry Waters of this Port ran for Lowestoft Roads—some with loss of Anchor and some of both—the "Union" after the Gale abated was taken to Yarmouth by the Yawl "British Tar"—recd 20 £s—same day "Jubilee" Yawl, took a Brig disabled down to Yarmouth—recd 60 £s
1840 Sep 16th Miss Pearson, Tunbridge Wells, took my Lodgings, left 29th inst.

Sep 24 & 25th Sale of Dr Wake's Furniture

Sep 25th A Mr Jackson came to reside and practice here as a Surgeon—left 9th Decr following.

(1840 Oct 1st Sale of Wm Chapman's Live and Dead Stock Furniture et: at Walberswick Oct 1st Sale of a piece of Wreck at Easton—purchas'd by Mr John Magub £43 Oct 15th Sold in lots £77 4s -d)

1840 July 24th Harriett Lowsey to Melton Asylum

1841 Mar 20th came home.

1840 Oct 22d Miss Fanny Hunt's Sale

(Oct 8th Mr F. Skill's Sale 1840 Oct 10 Mr Jonthn Howlett's Sale)

Oct 11th John Norman Esqr came to reside in Dr Wake's House.

Oct 11th National School commenced Master Job Jeves

Mistress Miss Jeves, afterwards a Miss Lacey (who died July 1845)

1840 Oct 12th At Frostenden I let by Auction to the following persons:—

	a	r	p	L	s	d	
viz Lot I		2	6	at	15		a yr to Cutler
II	3	1	3	7	5		Tuthill
III	5	3	11	12	15		Girling
IV	2	3	19	6			Sml Crisp

For the term of 8 yrs fro 11th Oct 1840

(Oct 17 Mr Artis' Sale, Wangford)

Oct 29th Revd Mr Thomas & Wife left my Lodgings Same day 2 Miss Owles St. Michaels—took my Lodgings left 11th Novr following.

Novr 5th I put to Auction the brig "Fly" of this Port—purchased by private contract by Mr George Elmy—Master Mariner for the Sum of 300 £s

1840 Novr 14th The Yawl "Jubilee" took the Brig "Latina" Coal laden—Sutton Master to Yarmouth with loss of Anchors & Cabels recd 120 £s Same day yawl "British Tar" took the Brig "Eliza" Newcastle laden wt deals to Yarmouth—recd 80 £s

(Nov 19th Sale of "Request")

(Nov 16th Sale of Sloop "Ant" Boston—purchas'd by Revd Mr Birch £22)

Novr 22 Heavy Gale—Unusual Tide—a Brig went down near the "Barnard"
Crew perished

Novr 23rd Mr John Bokenham (see Feb 25th) Trinity Pilot to Ipswich Gaol
for debt—discharg'd March 4th /41

(Sale Nov: 20th Benj Palmer & Others at the Old Swan)

(Nov 25. Sale Wreck of "Ant" see Nov 16th)

(Nov 26th Let by Auction New Enclosed or "Haven" Marshes)

Novr 26 Part of a Vessel—name et: unknown towed on Shore—27th I sold it
by Auction to Mr Wm Boyden 19 £s—resold it in lots 3d Decr £18 1s 9d

Nov 30 Sale of Joseph H. Foysters, Furniture et. et.

Novr 30 th Charles Naunton elected Serjt at Mace in the place of Mr Robert
Stannard, resigned to reside at Saxmundham

Decr 15th I made Mr John Montagues Will

1840 Nov 27th Sold 60 Quarters of Wheat

Cargo of "Ant" See Novr 16th & 25th

1840 Decr 17th Married at the Independent Chapel, Lion Walk, Colchester
by the Revd T. W. Hopkins—(Minister of this Chapel) Mr Wm Crisp of
this town, Brewer & Merchant to Mrs Rix lt of Frostenden. In 1844 Feby 23d
Mr Crisp died 59)

Decr 18 Life Boat 1st Meeting of Committee Collected £178

Augt 1841 Life Boat House built (I sold by Auction see 6 September 1855)

Sept 10th Life Boat "Conservative" came home—built by Mr Teasdell
Yarmouth (see 30 October 1843, 22 March 1848) It was somewhat singular

the moment she struck the shore—a Pigeon lighted upon the top of her
missen-mast ! according to the old adage "she is Welcome" vd Sepr 9th 1862

(Boat Sold on the 25th July 1855 to Mr Thompson of Kessingland for £45
Our Sailors cd not approve of her—)

Decr 31st Commenced improving *Gun Hill* by slacking & flagging its face
et. et. Dec 1852 January 1853 Much damage was done by the encroach-
ment of the Sea—vd 23 February 1853

1841 Jany 8th & 9th Sale Wreck of ye "Request"—see Nov 19 1840 &

1841 Feb 1st A large portion of the Hull of a Vessel—sheathed with white
metal came on Shore at the North end of Easton Cliff—also a great part of
her Rigging Masts et. She proved to be the "Elton" of Stocton—273 Tons—
wrecked upon Hasbro' Sand—her Crew was picked up and landed at Ostend
5 inst I sold the wreck to Mr Robert English & Company for £67. On the 22d
Sold it in Lots £115. Her Stores et Sold for 34li 11s 3d Feby 11/41

(March 18th Sale of late Mary Everard dec)

March 21st Died Mr John Brinkley Easey Dunwich 73.⁹¹ April 14 following
I sold his Furniture Live & Dead Stock et. et.

(Mar 26th Sale of Jos: Jenner distress for Rent)

April 8th I gave up keeping School—Commenced at Walberswick 1817 and

91. Easey's tombstone stood until recently at the edge of the cliff, the last to survive the erosion
of All Saints churchyard.

at Southwold Feby 1818

(Apr 14th Sale at Dunwich Mr Brinkley Easey's)

April 22d I went to Ipswich

23d To Colchester

24th To London slept at Mr Odell's Saracen's Head, Aldgate

25th to Son, Edward's 5 Providence Court—North Audley St—called upon Mr Wm Martin at Mr Morby's Mount Row Berkley Sqr—upon Mr Phillips, Tooley St. Met Mr Jas. Martin Senr with whom and my son Edward & a Mr Olive went down to Greenwich by Rail, returned to the "Vine" Inn, Bishopgate within—thence to "Saracen's Head" and Slept

1841 Jany 12th Sale at Leiston, Piece of Wreck
£7. 10s. 0d—Booty

Piece of Mast £1. 6s. 0d—Baxter

13 Jany Southwold. Sale of Droits 1231. 4s. 2d

1841 Feby 5th At Easton—Sale of part of the
Bottom and Broadside of the Brig "Elton" Stock-
ton—Purchased by Robt English Walberswick &
others

Feby 11th Sale of her Materials

22d Sale of Wreck in Lots

1841 April 15th Let Town Marshes by Auction

1841 April 22d Sale of Mr John Palmer's Effects—
Reydon

26th To Mr Tapley's Fishmonger, Messrs Miller's & Son and back to
"Saracen's Head" yt night.

27th I took "Shannon Coach" in company with Mr Jas Martin and returned
home.

1841 April 25th Married Mr John King, Sailmaker, to Mary Ann Kerridge,
Leiston. Mr King's first Wife died Mar 22/40 agd 52

(1841 Apr 28th Mr John Parker, Police Constable, came see 1 September
1851)

1841 April 29th First Confirmation held here

1844 18 Second

1847 29 Third

Females Males

1851 July 2 Fourth

103 51

1854 May 10 Fifth

1857 July 14 Sixth

1859 Sept 2 Seventh

Dr Pelham, Bishop of Norwich

1860 June 13 Eighth

1869 June 30

1841 Apr 29th Put to Sale—House of the lt Frs Everard Purchas'd by Private
Contract by B. S. Candler for D Green £1-

(May I commenced the Sole Trade—continued it 2 Seasons)

1841 May 10th Mr Wm Martin commenced driving Wain from here to Norwich discontinued 25th January 1842

May 13th Commission of the Peace A Seperate Commission of the Peace was granted to this Borough by Her Majesty Queen Victoria—appointing the Mayor for the time being and 1 following year and James Jermyn Thomas William Thompson Edward Charles Bird and Robert Wake Esquires to be Justices of the Peace (J Jermyn Died July 22 1852 79)

* John Sutherland Esqr—Surgeon (appointed J.P. Oct 24 1849)

Died Ed. Chas. Bird Surgeon Augt 8th 1843 57 yrs

Robert Wake leaves the Town Jany 10th 1849 but still held the Office of Magistrate and T. W. Thompson the 6th July 1849 leaves to reside at Halsw[orth] giving up the office 1853 He leaves to reside Brighton†

1849 Oct 24th The Lord Chancellor appoints Daniel Fulcher and John Sutherland, Esquires Justices of the Peace—Nov 6/49 Sworn into Office († T. W. Thompson d Jany 9 1854 at Brighton 69)

1852 Dec 15th Died John Sutherland Esq. Surge[on]

Dec was Bailiff 1822–3–4–7–8–32–3–4 Chamberlain 1825 1826

Mayor 1841–2 42–3 & 43–4 Magistrate from 24 Oct 1849 to his Death

Born in Aberdeen Mar 25 1782 came to Southwold June 10 1808

(Nov 23 1853 –24 Alfred Lillingston Esq Mayor and Jas: Williams Esq.

Surgeon sworn into the Office of Magistrates for this Borough

1856 July 21 John Eustace Grubbe appointed Magistrate D. Fulcher becoming insolvent)

1841 May 25th Building Materials of Alfred Lillingston £87 17s ½d

1841 June 9th At Dunwich Sale of Wreck the property of— Booty, Misner [Minsmere] Haven £22 9s d

1841 May 23d The body of a Man in Sailors attire picked up off Easton, by Wm Curdy, Fisherman and taken to Walberswick, there interred. In his trousers pocket was part of a letter supposed from his Sister, dated Scalloway March 1st 1841—Signed Catherine & something like “Wason”

May 27th The House et: of Captn Ley Symonds R.N. put to Auction. Not Sold.

3 June following purchased by Mr T. W. Thompson—Bank—£550, Sep 15th Sale of the Furniture et: the Captains,

(June 10th Sale of the Effects of Mrs Pyett dec.)

(June 14th Sale of the Effects of Lydia Twaddell, who leaves the Town)

July 6th Mr Wm Allgar, baker, fails in Trade, succeeded by Wm Lincoln from Yarmouth 30 following.⁹²

July 19th Mr Tippell & family Haleswo took my Lodgings for 1 week

Aug 1st Mr Jas Palmer, native of this Town and now residing in Edinburgh preached at this Wesleyan Chapel—he left following Morning—1847 Augt

92. Algar’s premises were in the Market Place, immediately seaward of the “Swan” as it was then, now absorbed by the present dining room of the hotel.

8th Mr P. preached here again, left following day.

(1854 Aug 12 Mr J. Palmer here, preach'd here 13th—left a few days after.
1857 July 1st here again for a few days) Died Edinburgh July 23/41 ag 64

1841 Aug 4th Died at Broome, Thomas, Son of Mrs Matthison agd 8
Interred here. At Southwold June 19th 1835 Catherine Warmoll Matthison
agd 4. At Sotterly Feby 8th 1842 Charlotte Eliza Matthison agd 34.
Interred here.

Aug 23rd I met Messrs Clark & Fisk, Solicitors, Beccles & Mrs Danl Riches
Frostenden at the Crown Hotel Southwold upon Mr Wm. Joseph Wigg &
Mr. Robert Neech taking possession of Houses & Premises bequeathed to
them under the Will of Mr Joseph Wigg Cove. Mr Wigg died at Cove Jan'y
26 1824

Sep 1st Mrs Toll & the Misses Sparrowe and Goldsberry took my Lodgings
left 23d inst.

Sept 13th Trotting Match came off between Mr. Robt Neech's black Horse
and Mr Jas Oldring's bay Poney—Started from "Mights" Bridge to Yoxford
Tunns and back for 10 £s a Side—*Won by the Horse.*

Sep 26th Sunday, A Carrier Pigeon, came into my Garden—it had just
arrived from Paris—having documents tied to its legs announcing intelli-
gence which had arrived in London by another Pigeon—this I ascertained by
publishing in the "Standard" the arrival of the One in my garden⁹³

1841 Sep 16th Let by Auction—Shop in the Market
Place in ye occupation of Sarah Bardwell for the last
19 yrs to Mr Chs. Carver under Lease for 7 yrs at 17li
pr. yr. Same day the Station House^{93a} to Mr Jonthn
Button for 3 yrs 7li 10s a year. Same day Sale of
Lamps belonging to the Town £8 2s d—

Same day Sep 16th At Wrentham Put to Sale 3
Cottages and Land the Property of Oddin Taylor lt
Foyster—lt Howell Not Sold

1841 Aug 11th Sale of the Stock in Trade et: of Mr
Noah Backhouse.

1841 Oct 7 Sale Mr John Burgess Furniture et:
Oct 8th Sale Mr Lewis Curdy—Walberswick—
Cottage, Stable et:— Purchased by Private Con-
tract 135£ Mr. Robt English.

1841 Oct 28th—Sale Mrs John Sayer—Furniture
et.

Oct 16th John, Wm and Thos Hurr 3 Brothers charged in assaulting the
Police 19th Committed to Ipswich Gaol for trial—Sentenced One Months
Solitary confinement

Oct 21st John Leman Ewen, esq, whilst shooting at Reydon,⁹⁴ and the act of

93. Maggs inserts the original message carried by the pigeon.

93a. The Station House is now Norman's, the butchers.

94. Ewen's family had built Reydon Hall but he had to be content with the Manor House in
Southwold because the hall had for the time passed out of their hands.

loading one of the barrels of his Gun it went off and shattered the right hand so much, as an immediate amputation of one of his fingers was resorted to Decr 22d Thos Hall "Williams" Blyth came into this Bay for Medical Assistance—died 'ere Mr Sutherland could get on board.

1841 New Mill At the N end of the Town abutting Church Green, erected—during this yr by the Revd H. W. R. Birch of this Town—16 Dec: commenced working and occupied by Mr Rt G Turner—Wangford—Miller—to Jany 6/46 when Mr Read Crisp hires it for 4 yrs

(1850 Octr Mr Crisp leaves this Town to reside at Beccles. Decr 7th 1850 Mr Boyden hires this Mill for Mr C's unexpired term—1851 June 16 Wm Boyden gives it up—stood unoccupied for sometime. 1855 Occupied by Mr Wm Bagott or rather Wm Barber as under tenant—1856 Mr Amos Barber of Walberswick hires it and Land for [] years from 1866 Dec 7th Sails Blown off in the occupation of W. Bagott.

1841	Nov 17th	Sale	Wreck	Sizewell	
	18	Sale	Do	Southwold	
	18	Sale	Mrs S. Bardwell	Stock in Trade	
	20	Sale	Wreck	Easton Purchas' Child	L100 8 3
	24	Sale	200 coombs Oats	Covehithe	
			"Mary" J Marsden		
	25	Sale	Wreck	Southwold	
			"Jarvis"		
	25	Sale	700 sacks Potatoes	SoWold	
			"Elizth & Ann" Boston		
	27	Sale	Hull & Materials of "Hope"	Marshall <i>Misner</i> [Minsmere]	L 199 8 3
Dec	2	Sale	Furniture	Jas Warner	SoWold
	9	Sale	Wreck	Easton	see Novr 20 et
	16	Sale	Furniture	Wm Tink	SoWold
	23	Sale	Do	Mr Dunham	Uggeshall

1847 Feby 24th Sale of Brig "Commerce" purchaser Mr Butcher Wenhaston £240 Lost See p 181 Mar 12/43

(1842 Jany 6th Sale Tallow Lathewood et)
 13 Furniture Jonathan Button) SoWold £495.1s.6d

1842 Jany 17th Henry Foyster, carrier, committed to Beccles Gaol—1 Month refusing to maintain his wife.

Jany 20th The Revd H. W. R. Birch paid £40 and Costs for contempt of Court

Jany 22d "Sovereign" Farrow—came on shore New York Cliff laden wt grain—Crew saved Got off, repair'd Sailed 4 Feby

Jany 29th "Lion" Pilot boat launched—built by Mr Jas Critten Jnr (Feb 22d 1849 I put it to Auction—afterwds sold to Aldbro for 25 £ on Mar 12gth Settled for Aug 9th 1849)

Feby 16th Mr Robt Tuthill call'd upon me

Feby 17th Sale Furniture Mrs Jane Crabbe

Feby 19th John Pincham of Yarmouth came on shore here. He was bound to Woodbridge in a small open Boat—as peculiarly as he was eccentric—he was quite alone and a very extraordinary cripple

Upon the Stern of the Boat

S M A J D N A N H O J . J O H N + P I N C H A M

March 1st Auditors Geo Child, T. Hy. Jellicoe

Assessors Moses Storkey, Jas Boyce

(Mar 3d Sale of House et: Mr Jo Mann. no bidding

July 19th Sold to Mr John Gayford £210)

1842 March 9th “The Permanent” Frs Wayth of this port—wkd of Bacton on the Norfolk coast. Crew saved.

March 31st Mr R. S. Haward, Butcher—succeeds Mrs Benj Palmer

Mr H left Apr 6/54 Succeeded by W Haken

March 31 Mr Treneman’s Sale Ex Officer left 7 May following—when a Mr Balls superintended ’till the 15th June when Mr Priest came and continued ’till 29th Augt 1846 & was succeeded by Mr Jo Moody who left 3d May 1851 & succeeded by Mr [blank]

April 4th To Framlingham with Mr John Banks, Walberswick—Met Mr Jasper Goodwin’s Assignees, Mr Baldry Mr Saml Goodwin—for arranging the payment of £85.5s.11¾d due for Mr Banks to Mr Jasp. Goodwin—June 3d I met the Assignees at “Bell” Walswk—and settled the A/ct 5s/- in the £
April 6th Married Benjm Oldring to Mary Ann daughter of Mr Timothy Church

Mr O died 4 Nov 1843 agd 31 Mrs O . . 28 Apr 1844 agd 28

1842 March 17th Let by Auction the Town Farm & several Marshes

22d Sale Mr Dunn’s

24 Do Mrs Nunn’s

1842 April 9th Married Jas Critten to Sarah Ann Miller, Norwich see Apr 3d 1828

April 15 Sale Mr B Palmer—distress for Rent

April 16th Married Mr Robt Denny to Mary Vieland, wd at Wrentham

Born *Ann* daugr of Rt & Mary Denny, Feby 19th 1845

Born *Sarah Ann*, daugr of Rt & M Denny May 31st—1846

April 21st Died at Brundish, Fanny, daughter of Amos & Mary Ann Barber 9 yrs

May 25th At Uggeshall—The Revd. Thomas Sheriffe—aged 84 yrs both interred at Uggeshall.

May 12th Sale Stock in Trade. Shop Fixtures et of Mrs Sarah Bardwell.

May 31st To Halesworth with ye widow of Mr Wm Rous (who died Oct 9th 1841 agd 65) met Mr Haxell at Mr Crabtree’s—when Mr H accepts of an Insurance of Mr R’s life for £100.

1842 June 6th Married James Oldring to Lydia, daugr of Mr Js Martin Red Lion Inn. Died May 28th 1847 Mr Jas: Oldring, 34.

(1842 June 9th Sale Furniture Mrs Meadows. Same day Put Mr W Tink’s

Houses for Sale. not sold)

July 4th Mr Robt Neech to Ipswich Gaol for debt—Bailed Augt 12th

July 9 Sale for Rent. Effects of Botham & Cleaveland

July 11th Anthony Molinari, an Italian, and who travelled this country wt jewellery—Died on his Passage to Italy. He had been residing at Halesworth for some yrs.

(June 16th Sale of Furniture. Mr Thos Calver and Cap. Rayley)

July 23d Mr Alfred Crisp, son of the late Mr Wm Crisp of this Town—went to America

July 20th Mr Dnl Forman, Masr of the “Albion” of this Port, broke his leg at Woodbridge

(July 27 Sale Wangford Furniture of Mrs Collings Wales)

July 29th Ipswich Assizes:

1842 Augt 11th & 12th Bazaar upon the Gun Hill for the benefit of the National Schools—

14th A Sermon was preached in this Church by the Bishop of Norwich et. in aid of those Schools Acts VIII v 30 £27.10s.0d Proceeds of Bazaar £353.17s.10d Total £381.7.10

1842 Sep 8th Mr Fulcher purchases Houses upon Barnaby Green of Mr Geo Downing for £115. (I put them to Sale on the 1st)

Same day “John & Elizth” Fishing Smack belonging to Robert English of Walberswick wkd on the Beach *Crew saved* 14th I sold the wk et:

Augt 26th Witness’d with Mr Southwell Mr Bultitude signing his Will.

Aug 29th Monday ½ p 8 P.M. H.M. Queen Victoria past this Town for Scotland the Cannon here fired 21 times 31 “The “Pique” Frigate pass’d here after her—Sep 17th ½ p 8 P.M. Her Majesty pass’d here on her return fro Scotland to London.

1842 Sep 20th Married Mr Jo Montague to Susan Vertue

1842 Sep 28 Sale of Mary Standford, Furnr

29	Jo Goldsmith	Do	
Oct 6	Wm Jos Wigg	Do	et.
7 & 8	Fanny Hunt	Do	
10	Sarah Palmer	Do	
	“Pilot Boat” Inn		

Oct 11th Mr Jas Woodard takes the “Pilot Boat” Public House

Novr 9th Prince of Wales b.d Election of Mayors for Boroughs—John Sutherland Esq. re-elected Mayor for this Boro’—On these two occasions our Guns (Cannons) were fired—One of the Preventive Officers—Jas Martin,⁹⁵ was, as is supposed owing to ye N.E. Cannon not being carefully sponged killed upon the Spot dec: was in the Act of ramming her charge

Novr 15th Married Mr Robert Carter to Lorina Edmonds of Lowestoft

Novr 14th Mr Robt Reeve, Wangford, Butcher, assigns for the benefit of his Creditors 18th I went to his Sale & bought in for him

Southwold Church 27th Nov 1842

The taxt that was taken for the Sarmons that was

95. Maggs inserts a long and circumstantial printed poem on Martin’s death.

Preached By the Rev H. W. R. Birch on the Death of James Martin & Abrm Girling Was the 4th Chapter of James and the 14th V.

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow for what is your life ? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away We are not sure of life itself, since it is but a vapour, something in appearance, but nothing solid or certain, easily scattered and gone. We can fix. the hour and minute of the sun's rising and setting tomorrow; but we cannot fix the certain time of a vapour's being scattered; such is our life. It appears but for a little time and then vanishes away as to this world, but there is a life that will continue in the other world And since life is so uncertain, it concerns us all to prepare and lay up in store for that to come

(1842 Sep 14 Sale Mr English's Smack Walswk
15 Furniture Mrs Sheriffe. Southwold)

1842 Novr 16th I published a Hand Book of the Port & Shipping of Southwold

Novr 17th A Quarrell ensued in the "Long Island" Cliff House between Foster Bokenham & Abraham Girling, mariners, terminated in a scuffle—whereby Girling was knocked over the Cliff and instantly died. 19th An Inquest was held at ye "Old Swan" before J. E. Sparrowe—Coroner Verdict see Paragraph.⁹⁶ Jury

Alexander Henry	Jellicoe Thos Henry
Crisp William	Fulcher Danl
Pashley J. Legatt	Storkey Moses
King John	Abbott William
Gayford John	Child George
Oldring James	Bloom S Hingeston
Garrod Henry	and
Maggs James	Sutton Wm

Persons present

Revd Shafto Mr. F. W. Ellis Mr Sutherland & Mr Bird Surgeons
27th Novr Bokenham left home and went to Yarmouth—1843 Jany 10th—He was taken there under a warrant from Jas Jermyn & T. W. Thompson J.P.

11th His examination commenced—Mr Barth of Yarmouth, appeared on the part of Bokenham—who was admitted bail for a further hearing. Feby 1st further examination—crowded court—several witnesses were examined and Bokenham was bound to appear at the ensuing Assizes to answer any charge

96. Maggs here places cuttings with further details of the case.

relative to the charge—Sentence 4 Months Imprisonment—returned home July 26.

1842 Decr 1st The announcement of the loss of George (Son of Mr Wm Palmer, Masr Mariner dec Sep 6/28) who fell overboard from “Active” Wm: Aldrich—into ye River at Jarrow Quay and drowned—2d the body was found—an Inquest held and interred St Ann’s Church, Newcastle.

(1842 Dec 3d At Aldborough Married Mr Geo Mayes to —Fisher)

Dec 14th Married Mr. J. B. Edwards, to Miss Hingeston, sister to Mrs S. H. Bloom

See Mar 28/1828

1842 Oct 11th. 12th & 13th Sale at the Old Swan of Papamachee goods Guns et. Mr O Hare

Oct 27 Sale Furniture Mr Jo Martin

Nov 3 Sale Do Mrs Mrs Mary Welsh

14 Sale Do Stock Mr Stebbings Dingle Dunwich

24 Sale Furntr Mr Robt Barber

1842 Decr 16th I went to Lowestoft Mr C Andsell’s Sale of Horses et thence to Yarm with Mr Forman, Miller—17th to Kirby 19th returned home.

Dec 26th A Mare of Mr Diver’s Reydon broke out of the yard “Southwold Arms” Inn, wt a hurdle which she was fastened to—went in contact of the opposite Premises & so injured as to become quite useless

Dec 29th Sale at Walberswick of House the property of Mr Wm Curdy—Sold by private contract to Mr Wm Cleaveland 62li

1843 Jany 6th Put to Sale at Frostenden for Mr Moore 1½ A of Turnips

1843 Jany 6th A Waggoner—Shade—man of Mr Lyon’s, Bulcamp, killed on the road near Mr Diver’s Reydon—by attempting to stop his horses—the waggon going over him.

(1843 Jany 7th Sale of Mr Spall’s Effects Sotherton

12th Sale at Walberswick of Cottage. Mrs Susan Easey)

Jany 13th Gale. The crew of the “Esther” Cootes, So Shields—landed here in an open boat—8 Men in number—13 hours at Sea—left the vessel on the Gunfleet.

Jany 16th A “Lunar Rainbow” seen here to the admiration of many

(Jany 27th Sale of Mrs B. Palmer Effects et.)

Feb 2d The “Liberty” Messhach Lilly—of this Port and Crew—lost ye North coast Crew—Mesh’ Lilly, his son Edwd, Wm Ling & Wm Barber

Feb 3d Married Mr B. S. Candler—to Barbara—daugr of Mr Hy. Burwood, Collector of H.M. Customs. 9th inst Mrs C. of a Son.

(Feb 23 Sale Mr J Chinery’s Mare—purchased by Mr Child £11)

Feb 27th A Whale—27 feet long 12 ft in circumference washed on shore at Benacre. see Aug 19/35

1843 Apr 19th Mr H. J. Debney to Harriet Elsworth at St Jas: Church, Bristol.

(Mar 1 Sale of C. A. Everett’s Effects under distress for Rent)

(1843 March 3d Jos: Shrimpton, appointed V.C. d.Jany 6/47)
 1843 March 12th The "Commerce" Strowger of this Port runned down in Robin Hood's Bay by the "Mount Charles" of Foy, Frost. Crew Saved. I sold the "Commerce" to Mr Butcher, Wenhaston Feb 24/42 £240
 (Mar 18th Sale under an Execution fro ye Sheriffe of Stock in Trade et: of Jo King's Watch & Clock maker)
 (Mar 28th Sale of Admiralty Droits)
 Apr 1st Mr Hy Oldring & Chas Carter—Overseers for the ensuing year.
 Apr 3 A fleet of fro 7 to 8 Hundred Sail of Vessels appeared between the two Nesses !!
 April 5th Mr T. J. King—commenced Ship-building, Blackshore (discontinued see 7 September 1848)
 1843 Aprl 7th Died Frs:Robinson Esq.⁹⁷
 (1860 July 30 His son John agd 64 at the Cliff Ho Dunwich)
 April 16th Mr Benjm Grayston, Baker & Confectioner, left this town to reside in London.
 April 21 Samuel,son of Mr Rt Wright enlists into the Marines at Yarmouth fair
 1843 Apr 22d Sale of Mrs Kilwicks Effects
 (Apr 25 & 28 Sale of Mr Cutts Furniture at Wrentham)
 1843 Apr 26th Mr Robert Allen,Stone Mason, commenced cleaning all the Pillars or Columns et in this Church finish'd 10 June following
 Apr 29 Sale of Effects Mr Roberts. Wrentham
 June 8th *New Road* leading fro Wangford to Blythburgh—commenced—Same day the New Bridge *fell in*—another was built—which *fell in* 26th July consequently another was built, and on the same site as the last—23 Aug the "Blue" Stage Coach first went over it.
 June 11th Married Mr Jas Boyce to Susan Maltus
 June 12th Trinity Monday—Fair Day—the Wife of Mr Wm Baggot was robbed whilst in the Fair—of the sum of £80
 June 23d Mr John Bye Excise Officer came home—returned 5th following
 June 24th R.C's mortgage to Jo H U 60 £s
 (1843 July 13th Sale of Mr Geo Goodrick Effects)
 July 15th Married George Denny to Maria, eldest daughter of Mr Hy Garrod
 1843 June 12th Sale—Put to Sale. Chains, Cables—Anchors et Blackshore
 Sale Nets et of Mr Wm Sutton
 28 & 29 Sale of Mr Rd Boyce's
 Furniture & Effects.
 Lodging House
 1843 May 11th Let the Marshes and Sold the growing Crops of Grass upon the Marsh Walls
 1843 May 24th & 25th Sale of Mrs Meadows Furniture at the Lodging House.
 1843 May 18th Sale of Mrs Sarah Bardwell's Furniture et

97. Maggs inserts a cutting giving an obituary of Robinson.

1843 July 16th A person assuming himself Capt. Lewis and his Wife & Son, who had been at Lodgings here Centre Cliff Lodge for some little time, made their exit without leave—to the great displeasure of the Tradesmen here & the vicinity to something like the tune of 300£s—On the 18th a Mr Robinson who had been at lodgings at Mr Boniwell's & afterwards at Mr Thos Bokenham's—having been from here for some few days—*returned*—and on hearing of Lewis's absence—express'd his very great surprise !

On the 27th Mrs R (“*Lady Emily*”) returned—very same day Mr R was arrested upon the Beach & conveyed to Ipswich Gaol for Debt—and thence to Fleet Prison—“*Lady Emily*” staid till the 4th of Augt, when she went to London—duping all their Creditors—It is believed Lewis & Robinson had a knowledge of each other before they paid their respects to Southwold—altho' for sometime very distant with each other. At all events, they proved most arrant Swindlers—their debts in all *exceeded* £500

1843 July 20th I enter'd with a distress warrant upon the Premises of Mr Jonas Jay of Cove, Farmer, for £130 for rent & arrears of Rent, due to Captain Marryatt—Solicitor Mr Hallett Stapel Inn Holborn Settled 25th following

Augt 6th Mr Fountain Hartley, London, called upon me (Again on the 27th Augt 1848)

Aug 9th An agreement between Mr Wm Bowers of Bury St Edmunds (agent for Mrs Eliza Harris—“Sportsman Inn”, Hackney Fields) and Mr Henry Garrod—of ye Crown Hotel of this place—for 10 yrs at 12 £ a year—Mr G paying Mr Bowers £2 fro 14th Augt to 11th Oct next—the 10 yrs to commence fro the sd 11th Oct 1843 for a Shop and Premises opposite the Crown—Occupied by his Son-in-law (see July 15th/43) Geo Denny—'till *Xtmas 1846* when he went to live at Yarmouth (see May 4th–6th 1846) this Shop was taken by his brother Frederick (see May 4–5 1846) who continued it—until May 21d 1853 when he hired the Shop of Mr Wm Abbott—dec exors⁹⁸

1843 Sepr 28th Sale of Daniel King's
Furniture 40Li s 11d
House et 160

1843 Oct 22d The “Maria” Edward Palmer
Marr lost off Cromer. Crew saved
vd Oct 24th 1844 Mr Palmer drowned

1843 Augt 23d Mr Miles Willis Rudland Surgeon came from Wangford to reside here in a house of Mr Edwd Mills See 16 August 1842

(Aug 31 Wm Swain, 2 wks hard labor, Beccles Gaol, leaving Wife & family chargeable to the Parish—see 24 November 1847)

Sept 16th Land's & company, performers of Horsemanship et : performed on the Church Green.

(Sep 19 Sale of Hurr & Bedingfield's—Fishing Gear et.)

Sep 20th The body of a Sailor washed into the Harbor—I searched his

98. Here are notices from Mrs Abbott and Denny announcing the transfer of the business.

pockets et nothing about him to lead as to who he was—
 Sep 25—Obadiah Boyce leaves home to work in London. (Carpenter⁹⁹—see
 Card Oct 28th–29th Gale fro S.E. the “Nancy” of Ipswich in running for the
 harbor—went on shore at the back of the South Pier—One Man lost—29th
 the Life Boat went to a Ship on the Barnard in distress—but before the boat
 could reach her—she went down—2 other Vessels wkd—upon the Barnard—
 Crews all perished but One Man.

(Oct 5th Sale of Furnr Captn Alexander

Oct 6th Sale of Furniture et Smith’s Wangford

Oct 9 & 10 Mr E. C. Bird. Surgeon

Oct 17 Marine Stores Mr Hy Waters

Oct 27 Furniture at the “Crown”

Sale of Critten’s Boat to Mr Hall Lowestoft)

1843 Oct 30th Sold by Private Contract to Mr Hall of Lowestoft a Boat the
 property of Mr Jas Critten of this place boat builder for £34.

Nov 27 Geo Mayhew Apprentic’d to Mr P Palmer Builder for 6 yrs fro June
 8/43

This and the following month a dispute arose between Mr Edmund Child of
 this place and the Churchwardens (Mr Robt John Debney & Mr Daniel
 Fulcher) respecting a Pew in this church adjoining the Pulpit on the West—
 Mr Child purchased a house of Mrs Jas Robinson late the property of the
 Revd John Robinson situate in the Market Place—which house he let to one
 Captain Alexander & others who all used this pew considering it the property
 of Mr C. the Robinsons being all dead and who having had it for time
 immemorial—however Mrs Sheriffe late of Uggeshall residing here and
 wanting a Pew, the Churchwardens put her in possession of it, to the great
 annoyance of Mr C. who made great enquiries as to their having that power—
 It was decided by the Bishop that they have the power in doing it !!

(1843 Decr 7th Sale of Furniture & Effects of Mr John Easey of Walberswk
 dec. vd July 28th/46)

1843 Nov 16th	Sale	Sir John Perring
18	..	Wm Downing
Dec 7	..	Mr John Easey Walberswk dec.
14	..	Mr Storkey—Toy’s et
18	..	Mr J. A. Scott, Farmer Wrentham
21	..	Southwold Marshes—1 by Goldsmith & 1 by Baggot £14.5 for 10 yrs and Blackshore Wharf £17 to W. Betts
22	..	Wright & Sawyer. Blythborough
23	..	Mrs Childs

1843 Dec 25th Thomas Pierson Prestwidge to Sophia Danbrook

99. Here are the trade card of O. J. Boyce, Importer and Dealer in Cigars, Snuffs and
 Tobacco, 137 Waterloo Bridge Road, near the Victoria Theatre (Old Vic.)
 Just above is pasted a cutting containing a letter of apology for slander written by Birch and
 addressed to Wake. Dated October 3 1843.

Dec 23d Died at Lowestoft Mr John Edgar, late of this Port, Trinity Pilot
Dec 27th Married Mr Edwd Archer Wayth to Elizth daughter of Mr Wm. Baldry—Master Mariner

Same day—died at Bulcamp House, Mr Jas Wright—78 of this Parish—
Interred here Jan 3d 1844.

1844 Jan 9th Two Men washed on shore supposed to have been drowned
some length of time—afterwards ascertained to have been drowned on the
“Barnard” 29th Oct last—the body of *one* of them was identified by his
brother by having “Twin-toes” his name was “Adamson”

(1844 Jan 9 Charles Everett leaves home and goes to Sea—returned Nov
1/49 leaves on 18th inst)

Jan 15th Mr Thos Woods Court, late of Wangford, opened a School here.

Jan 20th The Brigantine “Active” Aldrich caught fire at Blackshore Quay—
by as supposed incautiously leaving a Tar bucket in the Folkshold—the Fire
Engine was plied and the fire got under—damage estimated at £100 8th May
following I put the Vessel to Auction—Not sell—October—following She
was sold by Private Contract to Mr Brown, Howden Pans—N. Shields for
£180

(Jan 25th Sale Reeve & Cracknells Furniture—assigned over to them by H.
Garrod)

Feb 22d Launched the “Sole Bay” J Dandy Strowger, Masr built at
Blackshore by Mr T. J. King for Mr Butcher, Wenhaston & others

1844 Feb: 1st Sale of Shipwreck.

1844 Feb 22d Married Mr Samuel Laws to Mrs Raven—23d April following
Mr L. hung himself on his hay-loft—Verdict Insanity

Feb 28th Wednesday Mr Rd Boyce agd 78* was found on a Hay loft the
property of Mr Edwd Freeman—hanging—the last time dec. was seen alive
was about ½ p One P.M. on the 26th inst—he was upon the point of
marriage to a Mrs George of Ringsfield—his banns were published the last
time on the Sunday 25th inst—March 1st an Inquest was held—Verdict
Insanity. dec. for many years had been Constable—High Constable,
Assistant Overseer et. March 7th Mr Dnl Fulcher—Mayor—chosen High
Constable in his place—(*Mr F is his son-in-law*) April 8th I was elected
Assistant Overseer at a Salary of £20 a yr.

Mr Fulcher re-elected Churchwarden and Mr Rd Rufus Boniwell see Apr 9
1849 elected the Ministers (Rev H. W. R. Birch) Warden in the room of Mr
Rt Jo Debney. Mr B was elected by ----- (*Mrs Boyce d. May 1/43
agd 71) the Minister 1844 Apr 4th Put to Auction at the Old Swan Hotel the
House Shop & Bake Office in the possession of W. Lincoln Also 2 Cottages
at the back thereof the property of Mr Charles Naunton dec *Not Sold* (Sold
Aug 21 to Mr Wm Lincoln £350) Mr N. d. at Yarmo Feb 25/44 agd 72 Interd
here

April 8th My Son Edward, came home from Brentford—unwell—died
3 Augt following—Agd 21 see 13 June 1834

April 10th Son of Mr Jo Upcraft washed overboard fro the “Sarah

& Ann" Rowland Twaddell and *drowned see April 10 1845*

1844 April 11th Sale by Auction of the *Brewery—Maltings—Granaries Shipping—Residence—Building-ground and Lodging House* the property of Mr Wm Crisp—dec Feb 23 1844 ag 59

May 9th & 10th Sale of Mr Crisp's Furniture et. Auctioneer—by Mr B Rix

1844 Mar 7th Sale Furniture , Gooding and Sawyer

.. .. 21st .. Freehold Property of the late Captn Kilwick—not sold

.. .. 24 .. $\frac{2}{64}$ of "British Tar" part of "Sun Star" Salvage Boat property of the above—purchased by Mr Penny £1.8s.0d

.. April 3rd Sale Furnr Jas:Hammond

.. .. 4 .. Freehold Property of Mr Chas:Naunton dec. *bot.in* Sold Aug:21st to Mr Wm Lincoln—for £350

.. .. 19 .. Sale Repository at the "Crown"

.. .. 24 .. Sale Furniture Mr Jo Crowford, under distress for rent W Crisp's Exors

.. May 2d .. Let Corporation Marshes

.. .. 8 .. Put brig "Active" to Sale not sold

.. .. 13 .. Sale Furnr et Saml Laws

.. Sale Mr Penny's Wreck

.. .. 15 & 16 ..

.. .. 30 .. Sale Furnr Mr B.Oldring. dec.

.. June 13 .. Let Crops of Grass

.. .. 17 .. Sale Furntr Wangford Mr Benj:Manning for rent

.. .. 20 .. Sale of Freehold property of Mr Saml Laws. Marsh Onley 100 £s Cottage et Onley 38Li 2 Cottages 36£ Onley Stable, Coach Ho & Cottages Lillingston £58

Stable & Cottage. Rt Wright 44 £

.. June 25 .. Sale Furnr Mr Feltham

1844 April 23d Died at & of Walberswick Mr John Wright agd 77 (1848 Decr 29th Mr Nat Wright. Died at Walberswick.

May 29th The friends of Mr Jos: Berry Edwards—of this Town (agent for Messs Harvey Hudson, Bankers, Norwich) gave him a Dinner at the "Crown" Hotel, Mary Francois June 3d Mr E leaves this Town to reside at Saxmundham, Bank (Succeed by T. W. Thompson vd July 6/49)

May 30th Gig "Pilot" launched, built by Mr Jas Critten Jnr.

Aug 30th Poney of Mr Earl [blank] Sold it to Mr Baggot 15th Jany 1846

June 20th Married Mr Lawrence, Derhend St Mary Wiltshire to Mary Eliza daughter of Mr Robt Jo Debney of this place, Grocer et:

June 25th Ann the Wife of Benjamin Manning—convicted for setting fire to a dwelling house at Wangford, the property of Mr Jas:Ruthen—July Assizes Sentenced to 2 Years Imprisonment—Ipswich. June 17th I sold Manning's Effects under distress for rent.

1844 July 24th The Royal Sappers and Miners commenced their Survey here

erected their Observatory upon the Church Steeple—left this Town Sepr August During this Month several Smacks here with diving apparatus ! been engag'd off this Harbor in taking a quantity of Lead from a Wreck, called the "Barley" "Wreck"—a Vessel that sunk in the yr 1763

Aug 31st Easey—Henham, Game keeper to Lord Stradbroke, *shot himself*
 Sep 1st John Cucksey—Henham Dog keeper to his Lordship—*shot himself*
 Oct 2d At the "Bow" Inn Sotherton I sold Mr Cucksey's Furniture & Effects by Auction

1844 Sep 9th H.M.Q. Victoria passed here 5 P.M. for Dundee. returned following.

Sep 18th I took Mary Ann, daughter of Mr Bela Crisp to Melton Asylum—23d June 1846 fetch'd her home from thence 1848 Augt 18th I carried her to Bulcamp House—laboring under Insanity—Thursday 24 Augt 1848 I took her to Melton Asylum vd 18 August 1848.

1844 July 11th Sale Furntr Mr Geo. Elmy Senr
 18th Mr R. W. Haylett
 Aug 1 & 2d Stock in Trade under
 a Bill of Sale Messrs
 Wright & Sawyer

Aug 21 Sale Furntr Isaac Bowles
 24 Robt Baldry
 29 . . Building Materials Messrs
 Wright & Sawyer.

Sep 12 Sale Ponies Gig ets Mr Geo Denny

Sep 21 Sale Furntr Mr W. Mason

Oct 2 Mr Cucksey

4 Mr Wm Easey of
 Walberswick

31 Sale of Furniture Peter Botham for
 rent

Nov 28 Sale Repository—"Old Swan"

1844 Oct 15th The "Lydia" of Sunderland, Embleton—appear'd off here, with loss of topmasts & rigging—Yawl "British Tar" went to her assistance—took her to Lowestoft £35

Oct 24th Yawl Jubilee upset, Mr Ed Palmer late Masr of the "Maria" drowned

Nov 1st Miche Ashmenall, in assisting to the discharge of a Cargo of deals from a Swedish Vessel "Clase" Blackshore—broke his leg.

Nov 5th Smack "Lord Nelson" Ipswich E. N. Cook, Master—in making for the Harbor, driven to the back of the South Pier she became leaky—discharg'd her cargo Cement—On the 11th I sold her Hull & Materials—the former purchased by Mr Butcher, Wenhaston, for 10 £s—broken up & sent to Wenhaston—I sold the wk 25th following.

Novr 18th Mrs Harriet Candler lt of Wangford, now of Gt. Yarmouth,

Howard Street *Murder'd* by a man named "Yarham" who was *executed* at Norwich 11th April 1846.

1844 Novr 22d Mr. E. A. Everett of the "Southwold Arms" Public House, went to London, with Mr Wm Sutton Snr Mr E returned 1st Dec following. Novr 24th Trinham and Sprunt in one Boat—and Wm Bedingfield & a boy in another were upset in their boats crossing the Shoal—thro' assistance from the shore they were all saved.

Novr 26th Thos Hurr & boy Land about 5 Miles from the shore, were caught in a sudden squall which filled their boat—the seamen on shore seeing their perilous situation put off and rescued them fro a watery grave

Decr 6th Mr Dnl Fulcher goes into his house, lt the property of Mrs Isabella Wayth. Mr F was first elected Mayor for this Boro' Novr 9th ult. and continued in the office for [] Successive years to [blank] when Mr [blank] was elected to that office.

Decr 31st A Poney, the property of Mr George Denny, raffled for at the "Crown" won by Mr E. A. Everett—who sold it to Mr Woolnough Diss for 8 £s

1845 Jany 1st The Crew of "Ceres" N Shields May landed here in their boat. The "Ceres" was lost upon Hasbro' Sand—the crew was picked up by a Smack the "Orbit" of Harwich

Jany 6th Mr Robert Clarke, late Butler to Mrs Sheriffe, succeeds Mr Gray to the "Angel Inn" Wangford (Mr G went to the Tunn's Inn (Yoxford) and continued there 'till April 6th 1847, when he went to the "Suffolk" Hotel Lowestoft. Mr Stephen Davey succeeded Mr Clarke to the "Angel" Inn Wangford left Jany 6th 1848¹⁰⁰

Jany 13th *Cutting*

SOUTHWOLD

The "Princess Alice of Newcastle, George Mander-son master was on the night of the 13th instant at about 10 o'clock run down by the "Voyager" of South Shields off Southwold.—the crew were obliged to abandon her, and about 4 o'clock on the morning of the 14th she went ashore on the beach at Walberswick, about half a mile to the south of the pier. She is now in our harbour, the principal part of her cargo, gas coals, having been discharged

16th got into this harbor. 23d I sold part of her Cargo by Auction—Feb'y 3d the Vessel towed to Yarmouth by a Steamer for to be repaired.

Jany 16th I sold at Wenhaston the Household Furniture et of Mr Wm Peck.

1845 Jany 2d Sale Furntr Mr Jas Mayhew, Wangford
9 Let Marshes by Auction 8 yrs to 6th Jany
1853

1845 Jany 23d Put to Auction at the "Old Swan" the Pilot Cutters "Abeona" and "Amicitia"—both bought in—The Amicitia was afterwards broken up

100. Here is Clark's (*sic*) trade card.

and on the 6th & 12th February I sold the wreck & Stores. The "Abeona" Sold to Yarmouth for £120.

Jany 25th Charles Orgell Leman put an end to his life at his Lodgings (The Revd J. S. Myers) by cutting his throat with a razor dec. was 46

27th An Inquest was held—Verdict "done by his own hand in a fit of Insanity."¹⁰¹

Jany 27th High Tide—the Marshes here & up to Haleso [Halesworth]—were flooded for days. fro breaches in the embankments. see Dec 11/45 Oct 21/45

Jany 30th Married Mr Wm Critten to Mary, daughter of the late Mr Thos Bokenham, dec. Masr Mariner

Feb 8th The "Emerald" of Belfast, Harrison, stranded on her voyage fro London to Aberdeen, upon the Barnard—She was laden with Guano—became a total wreck. Crew saved, the principal part of her cargo being in bags was grappled up—by the Lowestoft, Pakefield, & Southwold boatmen. I sold by Auction on the 21st inst—700 bags—and saw on the 18th several 100 sold at Lowestoft.

Feb 8th Hylton's Managerie here

Feb 21st Died at Wangford, Mr Chas. Housego, Wangford—Gardener (Feb 21 Sale of Guano from the Island of Ichalve part of the Cargo of the "Emerald" Belfast Harrison—lost on the Barnard.)

1845 March 7th Francis Brown, elected deputy Harbor Master in the room of Mr Jas Sterry. dec. 14th ult.

Mar: 8th Sale of about 40 gallons of Brandy—seized by the Excise from Mr Thos Bokenham—"Old Swan" Inn

(Mar 27 Sale Jonthn Robson's Effects.)

March 31st "Dolphin" Pilot Cutter *first* to Sea fro here. Thos Reeve T.P. put on board a Ship the following day. The "Dolphin" was purchased at Yarmouth.

1845 April 2d New Flag Pole & weather Cock put upon this Steeple by Mr. Boniwell Mr Danl Fulcher & Mr Rd Rufus Boniwell churchwarden

(Sunday Nov 24 1850 Gale from ye S.W. the Pole and Weather cock blown down. Decr 23 The Weather Cock after being made Smaller put up again. Peter Palmer and Joseph Arthey Churchwardens)

Apr 3d I sold the Effects (at the house of Mrs Mary Bye) of Mr Henry Lay who left the town the following week.

Apr 6th Sunday the Pilot Cutter "William & Mary" built at Aldbro' by Mr Hunt for Mr Abbott & others—sailed this day for the first—John Bokenham "put away" and following day Wm Aldrich.

April 10th Thursday. The Schooner "Sarah & Ann" of this Port—Wm Twaddell Masr sailed fro Shields with Coals—in the evening of the same day—a heavy gale came down—and never heard of since

Crew Master Lawrence Mate John Upcraft & And Ambrose Pack this day 12 Months Apr 10/44 this John Upcraft's brother was

101. Leman was the fourth son of Naunton Thomas Orgill, rector of Worlingham and Brampton and of Brampton Hall. Unmarried he was a captain in the 60th Regiment.

washed off this Vessel's deck and drowned !! upon the same coast!

Apr 15th The "Ebenezer" Jas Welsh—wkd upon the beach Herne's Bay Crew saved. Sold, repair'd & sent to sea.

(Apr 17 Sale Effects of Mr Barnes Hill for rent)

1845 Apr 18th The "Industry" Jo Laws Struck upon the "Burrows" in a fog and went down. Crew saved by the boat.

Same day Let by Auction at Wrentham the "Town Meadow" for ye term of
Wm Stone

8 yrs to Mr Baxter at 5 £s a year wd Oct 1 1852

May 2nd¹⁰²

1845 May 11th Whitsunday—57 Yrs have elapsed since it fell on the 11th of May Prov: "A Whitsuntide rain,

Is good for grass and grain"

May 21 Eleven P.M. Strong wind N.E. & heavy rain. The "Orb" of Whitby 178 tons—Furgeson—came on shore at the back of the N Pier. Crew saved Got into this harbour following day—Salvage £120—each party paying a Moiety of expences of Adjagation—Sailed 7th June following.

Singular Occurrence

May 29 & following day I had a drapery Sale at the "Crown" Mr Lenny, at the Shop of Mr George Denny's—and Mr Wm Turner at the "Old Swan" for Debney, Jellicoe & Abbott.

June 14th I went to Wenhaston respecting Mr Jas Reeve's Sale on the 20th inst. thence to Bungay & Kirby Cane—returned following day.

June 19th Let by Auction "Gate House" & Land to Ed Gray. and Sold Growing Crops of Grass on the Walls

(June 20 Sale Furniture Mr Jas Reeve Wenhaston)

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1845 July 3d Repository Sale "Crown" Hotel

1845 Aug 17th Samuel Pallant, aged 17 yrs. On his passage from Gazar—near Odessa, Black Sea—on board the "Queen" of Bridlington. Predgeon Master Frost & Shenton—Owners 320 Wapping London

1845 Sep 11th Sale of Furntr of Mrs Carman

June 28th 1845 "New Concord" Sunderland—dismasted off here in a squall—taken to Harwich by the "British Tar" J. Jarvis et 23 Decr—following recd Salvage £

1845 Tuesday July 1st Robt English—and William 17 and James 15—his sons—whilst trawling were caught in a squall—the boat upset and drowned the two brothers—English their father, by the assistance of the Oars was saved—being able to keep up nearly an hour 'till Jo B Hurr with Benjm Herrington's boat and Jas May went to his assistance—but the wind still increasing it was found expedient to launch the *life-boat* it is the general opinion had that not been done, his the father's life would have been lost

Sunday 6th Wm was pick'd up at Easton—On the 8th Jas: at nearly the same

102. Here there are pages of cuttings reporting the collapse of the Suspension Bridge at Great Yarmouth on May 2 1845 when over a hundred people were killed. Reports of the inquests and lists of casualties are included.

spot—both interred at Walberswick at one time.¹⁰³

Augt 24th Revd Wm Felgate A.M. Trinity College Cambridge admitted into Holy Orders at the Cathedral Norwich Sepr 7th Mr F *commenced* his Curacy in this Parish left Augt 1846—Owing to our having 2 *full* Services at this Church—*Morning & Afternoon* Sep 7th Morning & Evening full services commenced. Previously to this the services were Prayers ½ p 9 A.M. & full service in the Afternoon—One Sunday—And full service in the Morning with a lecture in the Evening—on another—*this lecture was provided for by subscription*—this mode of Church Service enabled to give *one* full service at Reydon at almost any time most convenient to the Vicar. On alternate Sundays, Service at Reydon Morning & Afternoon.¹⁰⁴

1845 Sep 29th A man by the name of Savage, and the *Wife* of John Goddard of Wenhaston, where examined here by the County Magistrates, on a charge of Poisoning the said John Goddard and his 3 children, by administering Arsenic in some Beer. The parties were acquitted for want of sufficient evidence to convict them.

1845 Sep 24th Mr Martin removing Officer et of Paupers, Norwich, brought Wm Spall and Sarah his wife & their son Wm Lines Spall to this Parish fro Heigham Norfolk—Expences £3. 15s. 6d—they were left here by the Officer, but left this Parish immediately for home.

Sep 30th I put to Auction the Premises of the late Mr Wm Baldry (d. June 6/45) also 1 share of the “Vigilant” & 1 do of “Tyne”

Oct 9th I sold by Auction the Furniture & Effects of Mr Wm Balls—“Buss” Public House, Blackshore—On the 11th Mr Balls left the house and was succeeded by Mr David Newson late of Lowestoft—as under Tenant to Mr George Butcher of Wenhaston, Merchant. Mr Balls kept this house 26 Years and came to reside at SoWold.

Oct 11th Mr Wm Pashley leaves his Farm at Reydon, where he had been residing for the last 5 yrs and on the 17th inst takes the house and Shop I built adjoining the “King’s Head” Inn, and continued there till I sold his Furniture & Effects 5 Apr 1847 when he went to Lodgings at Mrs Hillery’s in Green Lane—’till the 7th of June, when he was found hanging in a Shed the property of his brother-in-law Willm Abbott in the “Spot Marsh” *quite dead* Mr Pashley was 47 Yrs of Age Inquest on the 9th Verdict—Temporary Insanity

(A Mr Pashley relation to deceased hires the Farm to Oct 11th 1848 when Mr Whitmore hired it)

Oct 21st An Unusual high Tide

(Oct 23 Sale of Sundries Mr Geo Denny)

1845 Novr 12th Wednesday evening between 6 & 7 o’Clock a Cottage the Property of Mr Jas Lincoln’s, in Pinkney’s lane was discovered to be on fire—but soon got under without much damage—Presently after, it was

103. Maggs inserts a printed poem on the tragedy written by Mary Smith of Wangford. In a MS note he states that she is the daughter of the late John Lowsey of Southwold.

104. Here are four letters to the editor of the Ipswich Journal disputing the extent of the stipend that would be available if a curate was appointed for Southwold with increased duties.

announced that Mr Jas Lincoln, Shoemaker, and Mr Geo: Mayes, Watchmaker had had their houses robbed—the former of One Sovereign and the latter of 10½—Two women of this Town were suspected named “Bugg” and “Cotton” but could not be proved agt them but however on the following day, such circumstantial evidences came before the Magistrates, as inclined every one to suppose the *Wife of Mr Mayes* was the *guilty party*—and fired the house (tho’ hard to say) to blind the robbery—being only circumstantial evidence the enquiry ceased.

1845 Nov 21st Mr Wm Tink, Bricklayer, debtor to Ipswich Gaol—by Mr Preston, of Yarmouth—discharg’d Feb 26th 1846. by paying the Debt.

Novr 21st I purchas’d the Furniture et of Messs Hotblack & Winter, Norwich Creditors of Mr John Braham. £4. 10s d

(Nov 27th Repository Sale “Old Swan”)

Decr 1st Mr Rd Earl—Sheriff’s Officer enters an Execution upon the Effects et. of Mr Job Jeves of this Town—Stationer—for a debt due to Mr Cowell, Ipswich—2nd, I took under Instructions of Mr Earl, an account of Mr Jeves’ Furniture and Stamps—the latter Mr Earl took off the Premises and lodged in my hands. On Thursday 4th I withdrew the execution through some illegality in the warrant—being wrongly dated—And I then in the presence of John Parker, Constable for this Borough, deliver’d up the Stamps correctly—and discharg’d Willm Blowers the man in possession See Aug 20/46

(1845 Dec 2d Mr Durham came Journeyman to Mr Fedk Denny. Grocer et vd 17 April 1847)

(Dec 4th Sale Effects Wm Swain for Rent)

Decr 11th 1845 Thursday night, an extraordinary high Tide—Inasmuch that the oldest Inhabitants state has not been since 1795—The Town & Haven Marshes all flooded—the former from breaches in the embankments, as to render it impassable to Blackshore by the Causeway—for several days—to carry off the water as soon as possible, an opening to the N.W. of Mr Farrow’s deal Yard was resorted (the sluice by “Thompson’s Folly” not carrying off the waters sufficiently) and finding this opening operating so favorably, a large Trunk or Sluice costing [blank] £s was laid down at the entrance of the Buss Creek—on the 3d Jany following

On the 15th Ult Decr 1845 An unexpected Tide flooded the Town Marshes to a depth exceeding that of the 11th to the depth of more than a foot—the breaches not being repair’d—2 Mackarel with a variety of other fish, were caught in these Marshes and in the Blythborough Marshes several herrings were caught ! in the Reydon Marshes a Cod Fish ! The Haven Marshes had not the water upon them but a few days the Town Marshes not cleared ’till 16th Jany following See 1795

Decr 21st The “Pegasus” Jo Magub of this Port arrived, after encountering with heavy Gales, at Genoa, with Herrings fro Yarmouth—lost 1 Seaman, Lewis Cady—of Walberswick, and second Mate disabled.

Decr 22d The “British Tar” & “Endeavour”—Pilot Boats—left this shore

with Pilots—off Lowestoft the “*Endeavour*”, blowing very hard carried away her Masts—and had not ye “Victoria” Roberts—Revenue Cutter fell in with them, all hands must have perish’d after Wm Land, Pilot—and the Crew, viz—Benj Herrington, Edwd & Frs Palmer, John Hurr, Geo Crowford & Jas. Simpson got on board the Cutter, they were oblig’d to cut away the Boat, which immediately sunk. Crew landed at Lowestoft.

1845 Decr 31st Mr Thos Rounce to Catharine fifth daughter of Mr Saml Plant, Easton.

During the last 2 Months to the 16 Jany 1846, an extraordinary catch of Cod Fish here—witness’d their avaring fro 4 to 5 shillings each !!

(Jany 5/51 The largest catch of Cod fish ever remember’d here in one day)

1846 Jany 6th Ports of Southwold & Aldborough—The Lords of the Treasury have directed—that the Ports of Southwold and Aldborough, that in consequence of the small revenue business there since the repeal of the Coal duties, be reduced to the position of Creeks—that Southwold becomes a Member of the Port of Yarmouth, and Aldborough a Member of the Port of Woodbridge—Principal Coast Officers are in future station’d at Southwold and Aldborough, in lieu of the establishments hitherto maintain’td there. Mr Thos Durrant, appointed Principal Coast Officer at Southwold, and Mr B. S. Candler Jnr for Aldborough. (Oct 1855 B.S.C. removed to Peterhead)

Mr. T. Durrant came to reside here 12th May 1846

Mr. F. W. Ellis, Harbor Master et (see June 25/29) appointed in the room of Mr B. S. Candler (see Oct 1835)

Mr Henry Burwood, Collector and Mr B. S. Candler Senr. Comptroller of H.M. Customs, as also Mr Jas: Taylor, Tide waiter superannuated Li

Mr Burwood a yr

Mr Candler a yr

and Mr Taylor a yr

The Collector & Comptroller of Aldborough removed to Woodbridge.

1846 Jany 6th “Willing Trader” Timber Barge Wm Smith London got aground upon “Sand Hail”—assisted off a high water £20—cost

Jany 15th The Mayor (Dnl Fulcher) and the Town Clerk (Jonthn Gooding) goes to London respecting the election of an Assessor in the place of Mr Henry Gayfer, who left this Town 6th inst—to reside in Norfolk Mayor & Town Clerk returned 24th inst Cost the Corporation 73 £s exclusive of 10 £s presented by the council to the Mayor !! Feby 5th Mr Saml Robt Haward, Butcher, elected Assessor in room of Mr Henry Gayfer—to 1st March next (Jany 22d Sale—Effects of Mr Hy Gayfer)

Feb 2d Sale of Admiralty Droits J.M.

Feby 7th Newspapers announce the loss of the “Catarqui” C. W. Finlay in August last, at the entrance of Baa’s Straits. 396 Emigrants—46 of the Crew Lost—9 saved, and amongst the Crew that perished was John Son of Mr John Gayford, of this Town—dec was 26 yrs of Age.

1846 Feby 10th A benefit Club, held at the house of Mr John Croft. Lion Inn—was robbed by breaking open the box—to the Amount of £16.

Feb'y 14th Mr John Smith, Reydon, Farmer, fell off his horse and broke his leg.

Feb 23d Sale of Mr Stephen Cullum's Effects—Wrentham—Mr Waterson of Kessingland sold for me, being very ill at the time—My Son Wm Henry, agd 7Mo died Suddenly the 21st inst.

Feb'y 23d Lieut Walters Married to Miss Preston, lt of Yarmouth

Feb'y 23d 1847 News arrived of the death of Mr Walters who died in Africa on the 3d, day of Decr 1846 vd Feb 10/53

Feb'y 25th Son Thos Jas came home from Southampton, returned the 12th March following. Mr P. Palmer, Mr Edwd Child and Mr Bickers of this place embarked with him for London.

(1849 July 14th Son Thomas Died at Southampton at the House of Mrs Ann Purrier's)

1846 Feb'y 26th Mr Jonthn Gooding Solicitor & Town Clerk for this Boro' elected Clerk to the Commissioners of this Haven, in the room of Mr. F. W Ellis harbor Master resigned Oct 11/55

March 18th I put to Sale at the "Angel" Inn Wangford—the Freehold Cottages & of Mr Wm Bardwell of that place *not Sell* a Short time after sold by Private Contract to Mrs Baxter, Uggeshall 12 May. I sold Mr Bardwell's Furntr & he went to America embark'd following day.

March 18th I sold the Furniture et of Mr Wm Burrows—who leaves the town to reside at Mr Ewen's Haslemere Surrey

(March 25th Drapery Sale "Crown")

April 1st I sold ye Furniture, Dead & Live Stock of Mr Wm Strowger of Benacre—4th inst Mr & Mrs S and Son, Sailed for America.

"Maye's"

This month the "Walks" for the accomodation of Visitors et at ye N.Cliff and upon the beach towards Easton, were completed.

March 25th I sold by Auction at the "Crown" Hotel, a large quantity of Drapery Goods.

1846 May 4th and 5th Market Place—Yarmouth
Sale by Mr Rix of the Household Furniture, Bagatelle Table, Pianoforte and Effects also the Entire Stock of Teas, Cigars and Spices of Mr George Denny see Catalogue

Mr Denny left Yarmouth to reside in London 1847

April 1st He left his Wife and family—returned home to them at Southwold *17th Decr following*

—1847 June His Wife opens a General Shop in a House of Mrs Norton's New York Cliff—Novr following left Mrs N's house and opened a Shop belonging to Mr Rt Mills situate in High St. It in the occupation of Mr John Burgess *see 11 October 1847*
1848 Mar 30th Denny' leaves home again for London, and thence to Dublin, Ireland, returns

home to Southwold 27th May 1850. returned the following day taking with him his Son

April 26th Lost upon the "Buxey" from London to Southwold, the "Jas & Elizth"—Thos Hurr Waters—with a general Cargo. Crew saved.

April 30th Married Wm Sutton Jnr to Mary Ann, daughter of Mr. B. H. Carter

May 4th Thos Martin Cocksedge Esqr died at York Terrace Worthing Sussex from the effects of a fire in his bed-room—it was supposed he had been reading in bed, and fallen asleep leaving the candle too close to his bed—by which means it caught fire et *dec* had frequently Visited this place

May 12th Mr Thos Durrant. Principal Coast Officer—came to reside here.

May 14th *Margaret*, daughter of Mr Jos. Blowers of this place, Blacksmith, while amusing herself with a Flask of Gunpowder by sprinklin it on the fire it ignited made a tremendous explosion, and had not the Window blown out of the house the girl must have been killed—She was seriously injured losing her right thumb et et

1846 May 21st Mr Jonathan Button of this Town, Fishmonger—to London, to give evidence on the part of the Coast rail-line returned 28th The bill "not proved" in the Commons

(May 21 Sold Crops of Grass on the Walls and Let the Garden allotments under the Cliff near the Sand Pit for 3 yrs fro Oct 11 1846 I hired one 9 rods)

May The "Reliance" in the room of "Jubilee" built for "Long Island Cliff" by Mr Jas Critten (1855 July 31 upon boarding a brig Cut in two by the "Swiftsure" and sunk, a part picked up about 5 Miles fro the land Aug 2 and brought on shore repaired Sep 1855 see 30th January 1856

May 26th The "Two Friends" launched built at Blackshore by Mr T. J. King for Mr Jas Waters.

May 27th Sale by me at Blythborough of Freehold and Copyhold Propery Jas Jermyn Esq. Reydon et et

Died June 22d at Loddon Asylum, Mr Harry White, Solicitor, Halesworth.

July 13th Sale of Effects of Mr Jas:Burton Blythburgh.

1846 June 25th Put to Auction brig "Gleaner" of this Port. not sold—afterwards sold to Mr Clark Yarmouth Sepr following

June 25 Repository Sale at the "Crown"

July 28th I went to *Ipswich Assizes* with Mr Jonth. Gooding—I was subpoena'd on a trial to give evidence respecting selling the effects of the late Jo Easey, Walswk,¹⁰⁵

(7th Dec 1843 Mr Jas Easey Dunwich is Exor for ye late Mr John Easey)

Augt 11th Went to Kelsale with Mrs Benns of London. (Mrs B at SoWold again Augt 13th 1847)

Aug 13th John Palmer sells Samuel Mayhew a Fish House upon the Beach for £18 (—pd 10£ this day & 8 £s 12th Dec)

Aug 15th Mr Earl—enters an execution upon the effects of Mr Wm Tink—I valu'd them £3.10 expence 5s/—

105. Maggs inserts a cutting and legal miscellanea relating to this case.

Aug 17 The Revd Mr Felgate leaves this Curacy—See Sep 7 1845 & Sep 6/46
1846 Augt 15th Tenders received for excavating Creek called “Salt Creek”
from the “Horse bridge” to the “Salt works” viz to make it Navigable for
Shipping

Diggle, fro Hull £2320
Marryatt 2600

Child & Boniwel SoWold 1366 very low—but as
low as it is the Corporation declined it altogether.

Augt 20th Thursday (See Dec 1 & 4 1845) this was an Action brought for
damages—Job Jeyes of Southwold—Plaintiff—Solicitor—Galsworthy Saml
H Cowell of Ipswich—Defendant Solr Notcutt at a Sheriff’s Court—Bury
St Edmunds—damages for Plaintiff £60—never got a Shilling!! (but 14 £s
out of Pocket) Witness for Defendt Myself, Mr Earl of Bungay—and John
Parker, Jonthn Wright & Wm Blowers of Southwold—return’d 22d—from
Bury to Thetford—fro thence to Norwich by Rail and home per Coach

1846 Sep 1st I and Mr Geo Mayhew—went to Bungay Races & thence to
Beccles

Sep 6th Revd Mr Young commenced his Curacy here See Augt 17th inst.

Sep 26 1847 Mr Y preaches his farewell Sermon

Sep 10th 11 & 12th Sale of Goods at the Old Swan for Mr O’Hare—by me
J.M

14th Mr O’Hare goes to Aldbro’¹⁰⁶

Sep 17th Sale of Effects. Mr Jo Andrews J.M.

Sep 30th Died at Mr Thos Turner’s, Mr Richardson, lt of Bungay. Interr’d at
Bungay.

Oct 4th Wm Land Trinity Pilot put on board a Foreign Ship and not heard of
'till the 30th when all hopes of his safety were given up—*The Ship was*
“blown off the land”

Oct 11th Mr Wm Moore succeeds Mr Chas Carver to General Shop, Market
Place—Mr Carver goes to reside in Norwich.

Oct 27th Mr Edgar Balls. Coachman of ye “Pilot” Coach took “White Swan”
Inn Beccles July 13th 1847 Sale of Mr Balls Furniture & Effects—under a
Bill of Sale

1846 Novr 4th The “Diana” Fungelius from Friborg for London with
Oats—brot by our Salvoy into this Harbor. I sold her Cargo 330½ qrs by
Auction at Blackshore

Novr 12th I sold by Auction Poney—Gig and other effects of Mr Isaac
Welton of this place.

Novr 24th Married at Kirby Cane Mr Jas Doe to Sarah Laws—*my Niece*
(Novr 22d/47 of a Son “John” Apr 7/49 of a Daugr)

Novr 24th Boy Thos son of Mr Wm Balls of this place to Beccles Gaol for
stealing a Gold ring, the property of Mr T. Prestwidge

Died 1846 Decr 3d John agd 16 (Son of the late Mr Henry Waters, Master
Mariner of this place fell from the Mast of the Norfolk of this place John

106. Maggs inserts a printed announcement and detailed particulars of this sale.

Soans Master on the 30th ult in the Thames and died on board the "Dreadnought" Hospital Ship.

Decr 9th A Person who styled himself Dr Joseph Wolff the chiropodist, who had been practising in this Town, by curing all sorts of Corns & bunions etc was apprehended at Norwich and brought here and committed to Beccles Gaol—The following day for trial having obtained from W. C. Fonnereau Esq. of Ipswich (but residing here at the time) the Sum of 1 £ under false pretences.¹⁰⁷

Dec 3d Sale of Oats at Blackshore—the Cargo of the "Diana" Friborg—which came in here dismasted bound for London.

1847 January 4th Wm Dale, servant of Mr Jermyn's, Reydon Cottage, found dead in his Bed—dec. died from improvidently leaving Charcoal burning in his bedroom from Suffocation—Interred at Gt Glemham

Jany 9th Mr Robt Wilkins Haylett many years a Schoolmaster in this Town admitted a Pauper into this Union House.

Jany 15th Mr Thredgate's dec. Sale by me, at Walberswick.

Jany 23d Mr John Page's Sale by me

January 27th "Reliance" Pilot Boat took the "Bywell" of Newcastle to Yarmouth dismasted—Boat and Crew Shared £

January 29th Appraised all Captn Rayley's Furniture, Plate, Books et: at the Sum of 350L115s.6d Taken at £239.3s several deductions being amicably made between him, and Mr Alefounder, Mrs Rayley's brother. Mrs Mary Rayley died 16th Decr 1846 see June 19th 1834

1847 January 30th Married Mr Thos Hurr Sutton To Mary Ann Fenn, Hackney (Died at Harlow Apr 3/50 agd 29)

Feb'y 23d Execution upon the Effects of Mr James Alfred Stamford of this place, Surgeon, impounded at the "Crown" Hotel 5th March I sold them by Auction

23d Died Suddenly at Cockfield Hall, the Lady of Sir Chas. Blois, bart.

Sir Chas. Blois, dies Augt 21 1850 Agd [blank]

23d Married at St Saviours Southwark by the Revd Crakenthorp Mr Peter Francois to Susan Wright of the Anchor Tavern, Park Street, Southwark.

(1849 Sep 15th Mr P. Francois. Dies)

1847 March 4th Sale of the Furniture et of Mr Edwa Freeman who died 13th January 1847. Same day Effects of Wm Tink for Rent

March 17th Mr Adam Hawes leaves the "Bear" Public House, Reydon, and takes the "Cross Keys" Inn, Beccles—Mr H took the "Bear" 4th Dec 1825.

Mr Pritty of Frostenden succeeds Mr Hawes to the "Bear" Mar 17th Mr Hawes was many Years Parish Clerk in Reydon, and was succeeded by a Mr Rackham of Reydon. Mr Adam Haws leaves "Cross Keys" Beccles Nov 16 1848 & resided at Beccles 'till Mr Pretty leaves May 1/51 Succeeded by Mr Jas Hawes

1847 Jany 7th Sale of Furniture et of Mr Hy

¹⁰⁷. Cuttings relating to the trial of the chiropodist and humorous verses on the subject appear here.

Burwood dec.

1847 Feby Thos Wallace Esq Solicitor, came to reside here—succeeds the late Jos Shrimpton Esq who died Jan'y 6/47 agd 48 yrs

(1847 March 11th Mr Wallace first Elected Vestry Clerk for this Parish.)

Mar 5th Sale Mr Jas Alfred Stamford—execution from the Sherriffe and 22d Sale under a Bill of Sale T. H. Jellicoe

Mar 15th Sale of Mrs Howes Furniture Wangford

1847 March 18th I put the Freehold Houses in the occupation of the widow Moss and Mr Parry—in Park Lane, the property of Mr Wm Prittyman—to Public Auction—Not Sold—But on the 7th day of June following I sold them to Mr John Magub, Senr by private contract—£200 possession 6th July 1847

(1847 Mar 22 Under a Bid of Sale to Mr T. H. Jellicoe I sold by Auction the Stock in Trade et et of Mr Jas: Alfred Stamford See Feb 23d)

March 22d Southwold Harbor—Sailed the “Heart of Oak” Green and the “Hope” Sayer *Not leaving a Single Vessel in ye Harbor !!* 23d The “Norfolk” Soans,came in—went out 28th *not leaving a Vessel in ye Harbor !!*

March 24th General Fast Day—owing to a great scarcity of Food

April 1st Sale of Furniture & Effects of Mr Chas: Smith Wangford J.M.

April 6th Sale of Furniture & Effects of Mrs Benns, Wangford J.M.

April 1st A Mr Pallant, shot himself at Sotherton “*Cross Bow*” Inn.

1847 April 3d I went to Loddon, served a Notice at the House of Mr Freeman Wigg’s for him to quit Mr Jermyn’s Farm at Michaelmas next Present Brother-in-law John Roberts

(Apr 5th Sale of Mr Wm Pashley’s Effects June 7th)¹⁰⁸

Apr 5 Mr Geo Mayes elected Town-Clock Winder et See C.W. Book

April 17th Mr Durham, Journeyman to Mr Fredk Denny, Grocer et *leaves* this town.(On the 28th February 1849 he returns leaves Feby 3/51 vd Dec 2/45)

April 15th The Dolphin” Pilot Cutter,belonging here—falls in with the Ship “Juliette” and takes her Harwich—got 500 £s, a Smack “Rose & June” 30 £s Cargo, Wheat, valued 3567 £s

April 28th Daughter Eliza to Mr Hawey’s “Queen’s Head” Inn Lowestoft MrrH took this Inn Apr 6th Inst See 12 January 1848

(and left. he failing May 8th 1849)

June 2d Lowestoft Line—rail -way Luggage Train for Goods et opened See July 1st 1847¹⁰⁹

March 31st Sale of Mr Henry Burwood’s Freehold and Leasehold Property at the “Old Swan”

108. Maggs inserts a cutting reporting a case for slander brought by Pashley, formerly a licensed victualler at White Notley, now living at Southwold but previously farming at Reydon. The defendant was a Mr Higham, his wife’s uncle. The case was tried at Chelmsford on March 17 and Pashley lost. See further under June 7.

109. Cutting included.

1847 County Court of Suffolk. Halesworth District May 6th First Court
(John Parker—Bailiff for SoWold)

(May 6th Drapery Sale Mr Craske's Lowestoft)

May 11th Flour 3s/10d to 4s/-d a Stone—Two advances 2d A.M. & 2d P.M.
in one day !! 21st Wheat 106s pr qr—Flour 4s/- & 4s/2d pr Stone vd

May 22d Mail Coach "Telegraph" fro Yarmouth to the Eastern County
Rail-way *discontinued*—"Post" or "Mail" Cart *commenced*

May 25th Mr Wm Sutton sells Mr Saml Williams 3¾ Rods of Land for 15£
abutting Church Green—upon which Mr Williams builds a house.

June 7th Mr Wm Pashley late of Reydon *hangs* himself in a Shed, upon a
Marsh in the Occupation of his Brother-in-law, Mr Willm Abbott *Verdict*,
Tempo Insanity vd May 19/48

Decr 10 I took Mrs Pashley to Bulcamp House a Pauper

June 7th—Haward, man servant of Mr Cottingham's Covehithe—killed
(from falling or rather attempting to ride upon the shafts of his Waggon)

Near the "Bear" inn, Reydon

1847 June 7th agreeable to Advertisement were deliver'd in for *Enclosing*
Saltings at the N.W. of the Town—the following Tenders

Flowerdew	1000li	—s
Cox	833	—
Rawlinsong	562	10

who has got to make the enclosure. Commenced on the 12th inst Finished so
far as to enable the Corporation to Let the Enclosed Lands See Mar 30th 1848

June 10 *Mr Robert Carter* (Son of Mr Wm Carter, Parish Clerk) *commenced*
officiating for his Father—Jo Barber's and William Pashley's (see 7th inst)

Funeral—Sunday 13th commenc'd performing the duties at Services (1848
June 3d Mr W. Carter died Agd 69.)

(June 17th Put to Sale at the "Old Swan" Freehold Messuage & Land at
Walberswick, the Property of Mrs Simpson not Sold)

1847 June 18th Robt Mayhew agd 16—made an attempt to drown himself in
the sea—was prevented by some Seamen being close by—He had been
quarrelling at home, and it appear'd he signified his intentions—thro'
resuscitating measures by Dr Wake he was restored.

June 21 Sale Chas Alexander Effects for Rent

June 23 A very heavy Thunder Storm

June 24th I sold by Auction Growing crops of Grass upon Marsh Walls

June 24th Mr Chapman of Harrow—Father to Mrs Harvey, Queen's Head,
Lowestoft—called upon me. Died at Harrow Apr 22d/49

July 1st A Coach (and Afterwards an Omnibus) commenced running fro the
Crown Hotel, every Morning at ¼ before 8 to Lowestoft in time for the
Train, returning in the evening Thos Puncher & Co Proprietors Butchers
Coachman. Oct 7th Discontinued See 1 May 1848

(1847 July 8th Sale of Mr Bloom's Effects at the "Crown" Hotel)

1847 July 16th I went to Lowestoft pr Coach—returned in the Evening

July 28th At Reydon, by the Revd H. W. R. Birch, Mr Danl Geater of

Theberton Farmer, to Susannah, youngest daughter of the late Mr Saml Plant Easton Bavnts

Augt 1st At ye Union Ho Bulcamp Mr Wm Tink, Bricklayer to Hannah, the widow of Mr Elisha Sones, and youngest daughter of Mr Geo. Downing

1847 July 22d Mr J. J. Craske of Lowestoft opens a General Shop in this Town—near the “Southwold Arms”—Superintended by his Journeyman Mr Cadman

1847 July 24th Sale of Mr John Clack’s Effects at Wangford

. . . . 29 Sale of Mr W. T Podd’s Effects—who is gone to reside at Maidstone: Kent vd Oct 27 1849

1847 August 5th Mr Wm Chapman Coalmeter Convicted before Danl Fulcher Mayor & T. W. Thompson—J.P. esquires, for assaulting Thos Wright, Shoemaker Fined 2 £s & Costs

(Aug 14th I went to Lowestoft, respecting Drapery Sale see Aug 19th)

9th Died Hannah, the Wife of Mr George Downing 78 Interred in the Baptist Chapel (Disinterred July 20/60 buried in Chyard)

16th Mr Miles Willis Rudland, Surgeon, See 23 August 1843 receives his protection from Lord Brougham Insolvent Debtors Court Liabilities £274 On the 24th distress for Rent enter’d by Mr Edwd Mills—30th I sold his Effects by Auction Same day left this Town to reside at Wangford See before 12 January 1848 For Writ & Declaration

1847 Augt 19th Sale Drapery et at ye “Crown” Hotel

Augt 28th Died at Wangford Mr Henry Lay Surgeon

Augt 30th Executed an Agreement between John Sones & Jonathan Button—both of this place—for part of a Fishhouse upon the beach—Rent £3.5s pr Annum—payable quarterly

Sep 2d At Southwold Church, by the father of the bride John Henry Heigham of Hunston-hall esqr to Lydia, second daughter of the Revd H. W. R. Birch, vicar of Reydon and Southwold

Sep 2d The Yawl “*Swift-sure*” built by Mr Jas: Critten, launched—Myself being one of her Owners.¹¹⁰

1847 Oct 15th A meeting was held at the Town Hall to receive and examine the State of the Poll, on Mr Ellis’ proposition viz That the project for the removal of the Pews and substitution of Benches in this Church is imperfect in design, and is altogether unnecessary and inexpedient and ought to be abandoned

For Mr Ellis’ proposition	14
Against it	68
Majority	54

110. Maggs inserts newspaper notices of the auction of the “Swiftsure” in 1856 under an Admiralty order.

Dnl Fulcher)
Rd Rufus Boniwell) Churchwardens ¹¹¹

1847 Sep 2d I went to Mr Southwell's Saxmundham—respecting the Sale of Mr Wm Tink's Property—Southwold & Wangford.

Sep 3d Mr Saml H. Bloom leaves to reside at Framlingham, Bank

Sep 5 Self, Wife & Daugr Ellen goes to Mr Denny's Wrentham—Harvest Home

Sep 6th A Trawl Boat belonging to Mr Jas Woodard, Public House "Pilot Boat" upset about 1½ Mile from the shore—only two persons on board—John Fish and John Braham, who after being in the Water for a considerable time assisted by the Boats Stores et were picked up by a Trading Vessel (as also the boat) or they must have perished,

Sep 6th Married by the Revd H. W. R. Birch—Mr Jo Wm Clarke—22 Gt Russel St Covent Garden (& lt of Bury St Edmunds) to Martha, second daughter of Mr Peter Palmer, builder

1847 Sep 6th The "Clansman" Johnson, from Quebec to Hull seen off here leaky—taken to Hull with the assistance of 8 of our Sailors—at £6 each (11th Henniker & Gooch M.P's visited Southwold—met many of the Voters at the this Town Hall)

Sep 13th Put all Mr Wm Tink's Freehold Property to Sale at the Old Swan Hotel

Sep 13th at Night, or early on the morning of the 14th some person or persons maliciously broke and destroyed a Spy Glass belonging to the North or Killcock Cliff

Sep 10 (see 11 May 1847) Flour 1s/10dpr St Wheat 18s/6d to 21/- pr Coomb

1849 Nov & Dec 1s/6d pr stone and continued so or about to March 1850

Sep 17th 18 Sale of Live and Dead Stock Furniture et of Mr Saml Plant, Easton Bavents—dec Oct 11th 1847 inst Mrs Plant—leaves the Farm—and is succeeded by Mr Jo Rust Grimsey

1847 Sep 20th Mr John Whatling of the New Quay Pub House found *dead* in his Marsh. Oct 1st I valued dec personal property.

Sep 21st Mr Robt Wright sells a House at South End to Mr John Palmer £250

Sep 26 (See 6 Sept 1846 Revd Mr Young preaches his farewell Sermon 29th

111. The removal of the pews was originally the idea of the wealthy W. C. Fonnerau of Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich. In this he was supported by Daniel Fulcher, one of the churchwardens but also a carpenter who, it was alleged, would benefit from the work involved in changing to benches. Birch, the incumbent, and the other warden were opposed, on the grounds that the repair of the fabric of the church made more pressing demands upon the funds available. The vicar had the support of the wealthier inhabitants but the poorer majority, with the implied approval of the Bishop, won the day and the faculty was granted. The benches installed carry the names of Fulcher and his fellow carpenter, Peter Palmer.

Fonnerau, who had wrought a similar change in his own parish church of St Margaret's, contributed to the cost. He had a holiday lodging at East Cliff House.

Maggs inserts a large number of cuttings, some verse and an architect's report. The general tone of the discussion was obviously vigorous and acrimonious. '... both parties concerned in the new feud now distracting this unhappy parish, too prone at all times to engender strife and animosity in itself . . .'

left ye Curacy 5 November 1847

(Oct 7th Between 5 & 6 P.M. a most awful Thunder Storm)

Oct 11th Mr Jo Burgess Shoemaker leaves Southwold to reside at Lowestoft
He came from Lowestoft to Southwold March 1834. Nov 20 1850 Mr B sent
from Lowestoft a Lunatic to Melton Asylum

Oct 12th Mr Stannard, Norwich, Surveyor—Surveys this Church as to its
state of repair. 29th a Vestry meeting was held for the purpose of receiving
his report¹¹²

Oct 13th At Southwold Church by the Revd Mr Birch Charles Harrison
second Son of Geo Kerby Esq 43 Lothbury, London to Eliza, youngest
daughter of Mr Rt John Debney of this Place.

Candidates for Governor—Bulcamp HoVotes

Geo Funnell	Haughley	33
Harrison	Oulton Govr of U Ho	23
John Parker	Southwold Police Off	17
Hugman	Halesworth Asst Ovrsr	17
Funnell	32	
for election	Mr F elected	
Harrison	13	Oct 18/47

1847 Oct 14th I let Reydon Town land to Mr Geo Batram for 8 Yrs fro Oct
11/48 £31 a yr Also on the Same day I put to Auction the letting of the
Brick Kiln did *not* let

Oct 18th Mr Geo Funnell Haughley elected Governor of Bulcamp House in
the room of Mr Danl Forman resign'd (Mr F was governor 7 Yrs 7 Months
See May 1840)

Oct 20th I went to Westleton Mr Neriah Wigg's took acct of Sale 29th I
sold his Furniture et

(Oct 21st Put to Auction Mrs Mary Oldring's House Barthol Green Not
Sold)

Oct 23d I went to Mrs Eeles, Frostenden took acct of Sale Nov 5th
Auction J.M.

1847 Novr 5th At All Soul's Langham place The Revd John Henry Young
late of Southwold to Rosa Louisa Ridout only daughter of George Ridout
Esq of Wimpole Street Cavendish sqr See 26 Sep ult vd 12

January 1848 Nov 9th¹¹³

112. On January 7 1848, the Vestry Clerk advertised for tenders for the repair of the roof of the south aisle. Palmer and Child were successful.

113. Maggs inserts seven cuttings on the corporation elections of 1847. Those elected were W. M. Woodley (57 votes) G. E. Child (52) John Magub (48) and H. J. Debney (36). Thomas Rounce with 34 was not elected. The first cutting attacked the 'purity' of the corporation and the insignificance of the councillors was derided. A 'gentleman', identified in a MS note by Maggs as Ellis, was nominated without his knowledge and against his will. He sent the town crier round the borough asking his friends to vote against him and thus put himself bottom of the poll, so anxious was he not to be a councillor.

This information was supplied to the Ipswich Journal by a correspondent, who was promptly attacked in a letter to the editor by 'C'. Ellis had not been nominated nor did anybody post handbills as had also been alleged, asking their friends not to support them.

1847 Novr 20th Married Andrew Brown to Betsy Sterry, both of this place
 Nov 24th John Parker, Police Constable goes to Liverpool, under a Warrant
 signed by Thos W. Thompson Esq J of the P from my Information—to
 apprehend Wm Swan agd 45 *for leaving his Wife & family chargeable to this
 Parish* returned with Swain 27th On the 29th he was Committed by Dnl
 Fulcher Mayor and Thos Wm Thompson Esqr to Beccles Gaol for 2
 Months See 31 August 1843

(Nov 26th The Saw Mill “Snell and Bicker” completed and set to work See
 27 March 1848)

Novr 29th Mr Chas & Adolphus Morby returns to London—had been staying
 at Mrs Martins Red Lion Inn Mr Adolphus came down on the 11th
 Mr Charles 20th

Decr 1st I went to Wangford. Slept at the “Angel” Inn Mr Stephen Davy’s
 2 Went with Mr D to Norwich, thence to Wisbeach, Cambridgeshire
 p—respecting Mr D’s taking ye “Crown” Tavern Sharp’s Little South St:
 returned to Norwich same evening to the “Crown & Angel” Spratts in St
 Steven’s—Slept that night—3d returned home making a distance of 216
 Miles. See Train list

1847 Decr 13th At Bulcamp House the election for Chaplain at the Union
 House

		Candidates	
The Revd Thos Harrison		Walberswick	28 Votes
The Revd Noot		Spexall	13 Do
Salary £50 a year			

Mr Harrison Died at Walberswick Sep 25/57 agd 67

13th Decr Mr Chas: Carter signs an apology and pays Sotors charges for
 impeaching the character of his brother Robert Carter—respecting the
 building of a Sluice laid down upon the Saltings. Mr Thos Wallace Solor

Dec 22d Mr Rowe, Pork Butcher & Poulterer of Blyford on his way home
 from here unfortunately upset his Horse and Cart about a ¼ of a Mile from
 his own home—The Horse was so injured as to be killed and Mr Rowe so

One of the despised council, whom Maggs identifies as Palmer, had received 135 votes in
 the 1835 election of Guardians for the parish, while Ellis had only raised 39.

The next cutting records the re-election as mayor of Daniel Fulcher, for a fourth term,
 though a challenge had been expected from the friends of Peter Palmer.

A second letter to the Ipswich Journal re-asserts that the crier was sent round the borough
 and handbills were posted in the Market Place and in the Town Hall windows. Ellis’s
 nomination in the 1835 election was also without his consent. Nor, as ‘C’, stated was it true
 that there were four nominations and not six, for the poll was kept open until four in the
 afternoon, which would not have been the case if there had only been as many as there were
 vacancies.

The next letter, from ‘A Burgess of Southwold’, attacks the report on Fulcher’s re-election.
 The last word was from the editor

TO CORRESPONDENTS

Municipal Corporations in general and Southwold Corporation in particular, are too
 contemptible for the public to be interested in the squabbles respecting the honours of a
 seat at the board. Our correspondent ‘C’ does not invalidate the statements of ‘A Burgess’
 and as the public, we suspect, are heartily tired of ‘this puddle in a storm’, it is time the
 affair should be suffered to fall into its merited oblivion.

much so that he died the following day—dec had one of his Sons (a little boy)with him, who escaped without injury

Dec 23d & 24th Sale of Furniture,Stock in Trade et of Mr Job Jeves at House in Market Place, Mr E Child Self Auctioneer (Jany 6th Mr Jeves commenced at year Tenant to Miss Wales 12 £s a year)

1847 Decr 28th To Blythburgh—took Valuation of the Personal Estate of the late Mr Geo Whincop,dec.

1848 Jany 4th The Committee of the Board of Health Commenced their survey for the purpose of abating Nuisances Peter Palmer Chairman

Jany 6th To Wangford “Angel” Mr Stephen Davey (See 6 January 1845) met Mr Bullard Brewer et and Mr Chandler his Clerk—also a Mr Stanhaw, Mr Davey’s Uncle took a Valuation of Furniture et with Mr B. W. Browne of Lowestoft Auctioneer from Mr D to Mr Bullard

7th Took an Acct of Sale of Furniture et not in Valuation—14th Sold them by Auction for Davey, who left the “Angel” 6th inst—the House from this time has been carried on by Mr Bardwell ’till 11th March following when Mr Kenneday took it Mrs Elizth Kenneday died at the “Angel” Dec 17th 1852 agd 26 1856 Apr Kennedy leaves “Angel” shut up some weeks then taken by Mr Nash fro Norwich

1851 Oct 9 John, son of the above ag was so much injured by being worried by a Bull belonging to his Brother Wm at Sizewell that he died on the 12th following

Cutting placed above last entry

4th inst at the house of his son-in-law Mr Charles Kersey, Aldringham, at the advanced age of 84 years Mr John Merrells, farmer of Sizewell Gap,much and deservedly respected by all who knew him, and deeply regretted by a large family.

Calendar of Insertions in Volume I of Maggs's Diary

Copy of entry in Parish Register of Cawthorne, Yorkshire, recording collection of 12*s ob.* August 28 1659 to assist inhabitants of Southwold who had sustained losses of £4000 (in the great fire).

Copy of inscription upon beam in house belonging to Robert Crabb (now the property of J. L. Ewen, 1856) tenanted by John Petty Hurr, shoemaker, on the south side of Southwold High Street. This is 55 High Street and the beam is still to be seen there.

“. . . chamber and chut thy dore to the & praye to the father which us in secrete A thy father which seyth in secret shall rewarde the . . .” (In “gothic” lettering. *cf.* Matthew VI 6)

“Hurr says that it came from the first St. Edmund’s, burnt down about 1400, because of signs of charring.” This could not be correct.

Page from a printed Pocket Book. “Brief chronology of Events . . . in the County of Suffolk. 1765–1770. No Southwold entries.

Abstract of Southwold Charters and Borough Ordinances, with entries from Town Books. (1487–1707)

Note—Belonging to this Borough There are two Silver Maces with round Heads bearing the Arms of this Corporation—the one has a date 1642 the other no date. Bailiffs in this year, were John Hinds, John Sherman.

Note—In the Register Book in Framlingham Church, Suffolk. “Memorandum. On April 8th 1643, with a Commission from the Earl of Manchester to cut off the Heads of all the Angels, Apostles, Prophets and Cherubims in Southwold Church.”

Note—Upon looking through the Register Book in this Church of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials I found leaves had been torn out from 1645 to 1666. (If Southwold is meant there are some entries from 1657 to 1666)

Extracts from Churchwardens books of the Parish of Southwold.

Certificate for burial in wool. Elizabeth, wife of Andrew Lillie. April 26 1690. Issued by James Petre, minister of Southwold. Witnesses Barbara and Katrine Petre.

Plan of Houses and Land at Walpole belonging to the Corporation of Southwold, surveyed by Lenny and Croft of Bury St Edmunds, 1839.

The names of the pieces of land belonging to Walpole Farm. May 15 1738. On the reverse notes from Gardner etc. One sheet.

Particulars of sale for the Corporation Farm at Walpole and Cookley. To be held in the Council Chamber, June 20 1839. (Printed by F. Skill, South Green, Southwold.)

MS. To Mr Crisp Merchant of Southwold These.

Walpole

Sir these with our Regrets to you and all friends att Southwold by the Desire of the Revd Mr Weering and the Church at Walpole we take this opportunity of informing you that at the time of Mr Pickeels ministry amoungt us and his Connection with Mr Wall a Cushion belonging to our Pulpit was taken from us and brought to Southwold and Reming with you to this Day having an Opportunity of our Brother Aldreds Coming to your Town ; he has ingaged to bring it back to us this day which if this favour is granted You will greatly Obige both Minister and Church at Walpole. Farewell.

(The Rev. Samuel James Wall was minister at the Independent Chapel at Southwold from 1804 to 1810. William Crisp (1784–1844) was a maltster, living in the High Street next to the Chapel, of which he was a member.)

Notice from the Mayor, January 20 1851, declaring Black Shore a Free Quay.

Notice to inhabitants of Southwold respecting meeting called by the incumbent and churchwardens and held at the New School Room on September 6 1856 at which it was decided to pay church expenses with a voluntary rate of 6d in £1 based upon the Poor Rate Assessment.

Notice from the Churchwardens (Peter Palmer and H. J. Debney) to Maggs announcing a meeting of contributors (as above) in the Infant School Room on October 2.

Cutting— Laying foundation stone of new school at Henham. August 3 1859.

Cutting— Letter to editor of the Suffolk Chronicle, May 8 1833, from “Sowaldus” (probably James Jermyn). From 1708 to 1819 it was alleged by a meeting of 25 out of 350 rate payers that the Corporation paid all church expenses. Yet no attention was paid to Church Rates made in 1731, 1737, 1761 and 1777 which do not confirm this. Nor was there any support from the Corporation Books. This self selected vestry (which was thus illegal) was supporting a method that would bear lightly upon the rich but relatively heavily upon the poor. The so-called vestry was held on April 26 and there was no mention of proceedings on the following day in the Town Hall.

Indenture 1 November 1818. Rev James Sperling of Castle Hedingham, Essex to Solomon Grout, gentleman, of Southwold relating to land on Gun Hill. Assignment of share in the Cassino.

Broadsheet OPENING OF THE NEW TOWN HALL, SOUTHWOLD

1st Scene

U and J who talk so large
To keep the Peace each other charge,
Both want a flogging ; careful search
For in the Pickle there's a Birch

(Bye, Printer, Southwold)

Dated (by Maggs) Oct 19th 1841.

(U was probably the Reverend Henry Uhtoff of Park Lane.

J was Jermyn. Birch was the Reverend Henry Rous Birch.)

Cutting

MR PALMER

Begs to announce to the Public that he has received instruction from the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH of SOUTHWOLD to offer for SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION on the 23rd of March next , a building called the TOWN HALL in Southwold, late used as a Sessions' House and Grand Jury Room, under one roof, and built about 20 years since, together with 20 Rods is valuable LAND to be attached thereto

The Sessions' House admeasures 36 feet 6 inches by 25 feet and the Grand Jury Room 25 feet by 20. The above property is Freehold. Further particulars will be given in future Papers and may be had on application at the Town Clerk's Office and of Mr Palmer, Southwold.

Southwold Dec.24th 1836.

(Maggs's note—Sold in 1840 by private contract.)

MS. Southwold Anna Lamb of Southwold in the County aforesaid Single in Suffolk Woman Maketh Oath before Thomas Nunn and James Goodwin Esqrs two of his Majties Justices of the Peace for the Town and Corporation of Southwold aforesaid That Scarlet Barbor of the said Town Gent Came to the Door of the House of James More of the Town of Southwold aforesaid Constable and said where is this fellow—More by what Authority came he into my House and then pulled his Naked Sword from behind his Back and said Damn his Soul and Threatened to do him a Mischief Witness my hand this Seventeenth Day of July et Annoque Dmi 172.

Jurat Coram

The Marke of Anna Lamb

Nobis Tho Nunn

James Goodwin.

(Scarlett Barber was Town Clerk from 1717 to 1721. In 1723 he refused to surrender the Court Baron Book to his successor. Thomas Nunn and James Goodwin were allowed their costs in a case against Barber Mich. 1723 to Easter 1724.)

Proceedings of the Southwold Court held before the Bailiffs October 1 1737—November 13 1737 with “Some Rules of Directions on Court Day

Index to Corporation Documents—giving their location in the iron chest and cupboard above.

Inn cards—Victoria Inn, Southwold—Martha Woodard

Red Lion Inn, Southwold—George Tharme

(note by Maggs—Apr 1870 left Aug 27 70. Succeeded by Jas Jillings to 6 Jan when Wm

Hotel de Paris, Cromer Mary Francois.

(note by Maggs—Took “Crown” Jany 16/44 left 17 Apr 1849)

Cutting—Assignment by Mary Francois to her creditors Read Crisp and William Abbott. 19 April 1849

Revenue of Corporation between 1754 and 1838

1744 Feby 11th At an Assembly before Wm Thompson and Samuel Nunn, Bailiffs and Commonly in Order to Set a Watch for the Town Security agt ye Public Enemy.

Census of 1851. Totals for the parishes in the hundred of Blything closest to Southwold.

Population Enquiry of 1831 for Southwold. Totals for various categories and occupations. A booklet.

Counsel’s opinion by Charles Buckle Jany 4 1765 (High Steward 1753–1780) (Lancelot)Davy and William Cowling had been elected respectively bailiff and chamberlain but as non-conformists were not eligible and could not serve.

Nov.4 1754 bill of Samuel Nunn for making Peak’s coat

Extracts from Walberswick registers relating to the Wales family 1786 to 1831. Made October 3 1833 by the incumbent.

Auction of property of the Free British Fishery 17 May 1772 at the “Old Swan”. List of lots and successful bids and bidders.

Circular—October 1 1850. William Boyden is taking over the milling business of Read Crisp with the sale of corn and coal.
(note by Maggs—Wm Boyden assigns to Wm Abbott and Thos Wallace on the 14th day of August 1851 for the benefit of Creditors. Succeeded by Mr John J. Goff Nov 11/51)

1798 Bill Mr Palmer & Co to Thos Diver Auctioneer
For selling part of the wreck of the “Philip and Ann”

(August 9 1845—dated by Maggs)

Leaflet—Southwold National Schools. The trustees blame the incumbent for their unsatisfactory state. They find it impossible to act with him.

Printed summary of the accounts of the schools from 1840 to 1844.

Cutting—James Maggs announces that he is to put the old Baptist Chapel of 1822 up for sale at the “Old Swan” 2 February 1860

Details of the case between Francis Wayth and his son and the Corporation after the fen reeves had impounded a cow that they had illegally pastured upon the Common 1817–1818

Sale catalogue (first page)—Property of Mr Solomon Grout
20–21 December 1827

Announcement—Southwold Races—September 22 1820.

Cuttings—Announcement of a ball to be held at the “New Swan” August 14 1823. Stewards—Sir George Crewe and the Rev. B Philpot.

Southwold August 21—This attractive little Town still continues thronged with fashionable company. The Ball at Garrod’s on the 14th instant was honoured (exclusive of the resident Visitors) with the attendance of the nobility and principal gentry in the neighbourhood, including the Countess of Stradbroke Lady Louisa and the Honourable Thomas Rous, Lady Huntingfield, The Honourable Thompson and Mrs Vanneck, Sir George Crewe, Thos. S. Gooch Esq M.P. and Mrs Gooch, Miss Matilda Gooch, Miss Georgiana Gooch, The Rev. Eardly and Mrs Norton, Mrs and Miss Farr, General Kelso and Miss Kelso, Mrs Caroline Acton, Charles Barclay Esq and Mrs Barclay, The Rev. Anthony Collett, Mrs and Miss Collett, the Rev Mr Leman, Mrs and Miss Leman, The Rev Mr Carlos and Mrs Carlos, Miss Barne, Miss Garrod etc etc etc. The Band of the East Norfolk Regiment of Militia occupied the orchestra and the dancing was kept up with great

spirit until a late hour in the morning, when the company departed highly gratified with the excellence of the arrangements which had been made for their amusement.

Poll List—Election of High Steward—December 20 1821.

Rates of Commonage 1824–1825

Southwold and Reydon Association for Prosecuting Felons
April 24 1848—List of members and announcement of annual general meeting to be held at the “Crown” on May 3
Rules and Regulations. Established 16 November 1826. (Booklet)

Cutting—Copy of petition by shipowners etc of Southwold against making Lowestoft a Harbour of Refuge. No date given.

Sale Catalogue—front page—property of John Goldsmith to be sold by auction 7–9 May 1835.

Cuttings—Dunwich v. Southwold re Cask of Whiskey 1829

Rates of Commonage 1829–1830

Notice—Regulations concerning pilots passed by Harbour Commissioners meeting at the “Old Swan” September 4 1830.

Cuttings Death of Lord Stafford October 4 1851
Funeral of Lord Stafford at Costessey

Abstract of Southwold Harbour Act (11 Geo IV)

A New Song Composed on the occasion of the splendid fetes given by Jas Robinson Esq. on August 1833.

Schedule of Port Dues at Southwold. No date but signed by Harry White, Clerk.

Cutting January 30 1835—Satirical account of dispute between Senior and Junior Bailiffs of Southwold.

Advertisement R. Maitland & Co. Belle Vue Hotel, The Hague.

Cutting Proceedings at Southwold of the Corporation Commissioner. No date.

Notice Southwold Harbour Commissioners. Fines for damage to Harbour fittings. Harry White, Clerk.

Poll List—Election of Bailiffs December 6 1833.

Letter to the editor of the Suffolk Chronicle. From “One of the Commonalty” of the borough of Southwold. Jan. 14th 1834. Replying to “Sudwaldus” on the matter of Church Rates and the Corporation income.

Rates of pasturage—1834.

Cutting—Presentation of silver salver to Lieutenant Ellis, R.N. by some of the inhabitants of Southwold in gratitude for his exertions in defending their rights of pasturage on the Common and Marshes against the assumed prerogatives of the Corporation. The fund was raised by small subscriptions.
September 1835.

Cutting—Report on Southwold Fair. Revival of the pomp and dignity of a Corporation opening. Corporation banner not carried however nor was the Corporation Champion present.

Poll List—Election of Bailiffs 1834.

Cutting—Quarter Sessions held at Southwold. April 9 1835.

Cutting—Extract from review in “Gentleman’s Magazine” of April 1835 with its satirical description of Southwold.

Broadsheets—Funeral Procession of Corporation of Southwold May 12 1835.

(Mourners identified by Maggs :—

Mr Iron Gate Spicey	—	Esq Debney, Churchwarden
High Bailiff	—	E. C. Bird Esq
Screw-driver Jem	—	Boyce
Vulcan Edmund	—	Child
Prying Peter	—	Peter Palmer
Mortar Bill	—	Sutton
Gimblet Dan	—	Fulcher
Limping Jem	—	Maggs
Sudwaldus	—	Jermyn Esq
William Sweetwort	—	Crisp
Perry Miller	—	Edwards
William Fen Reeve	—	Chapman
John Bolus	—	Sutherland
William Dimity	—	Abbott

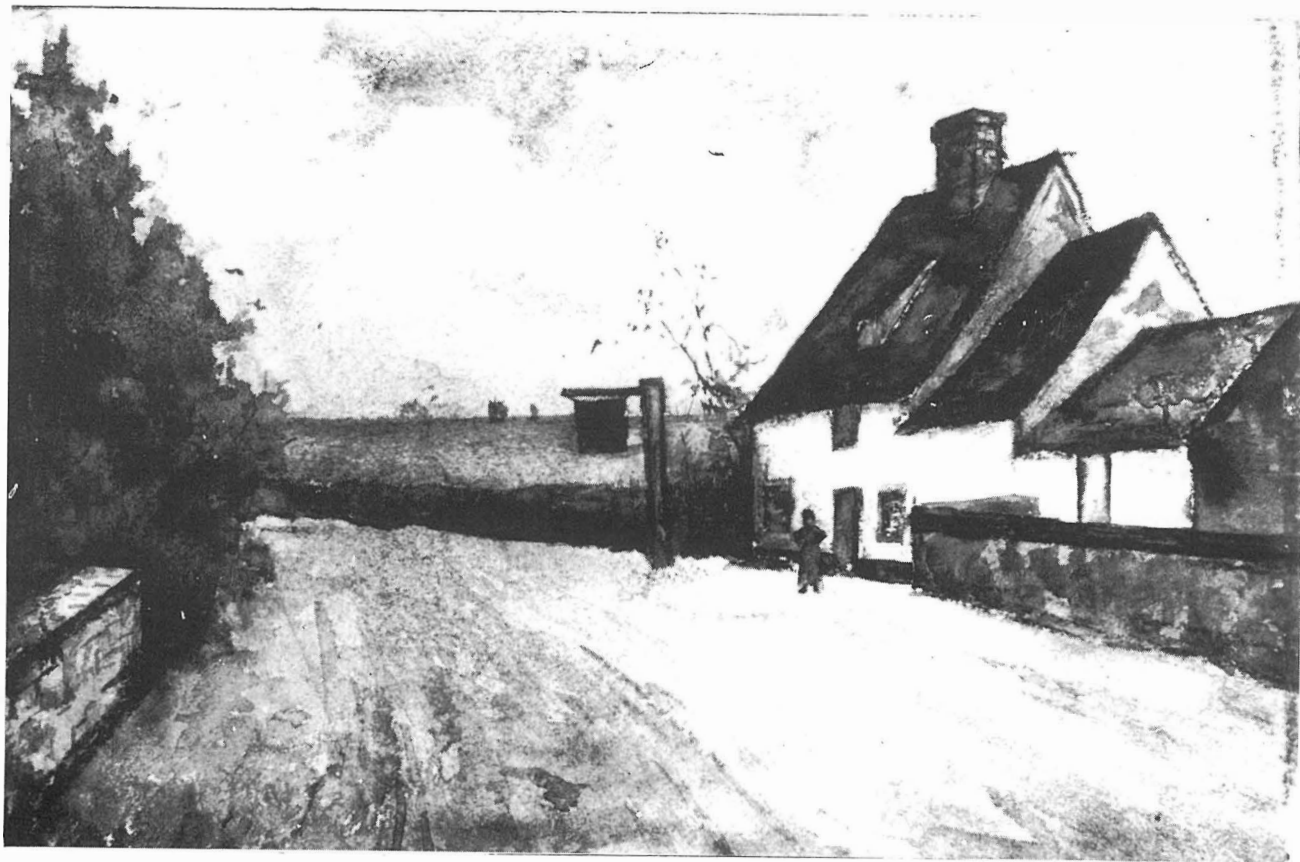
John Farmer — Hedenham
Mr Sweetwort's Dray — Crisp's
Mr Miller's Buggy — Edward's
Mr Ben Cleaver's Calf-Cart — B Palmer's
Mr Peter's Tax Cart — P. Palmer's
Mr Farmer's Muck Cart — Hedinham's

—Coroner's Inquest upon the Corporation before Mr James
Max (same date)

Cutting—Visit of the Assistant Poor Law Commissioners to Southwold.
(April 25 1835)

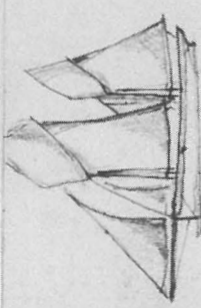
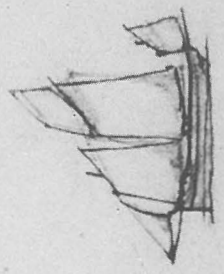
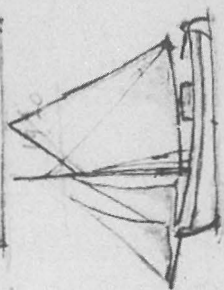
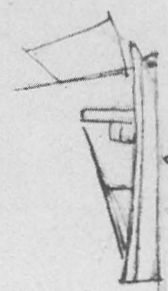
—Notice—Southwold Regatta and Ball August 21 1837
(Maggs notes the prizewinners)

List of Chamberlains of Southwold 1714–1835

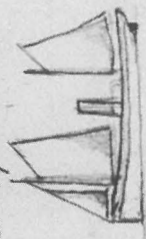


The Blue Anchor, Walberswick

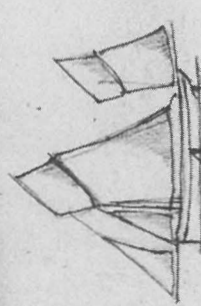
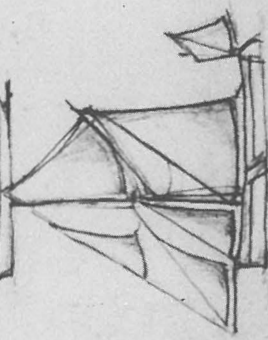
The birthplace of James Maggs was dismantled in 1927 and reassembled on the opposite side of the street and further to the west. (From a water colour in the possession of the Editor)



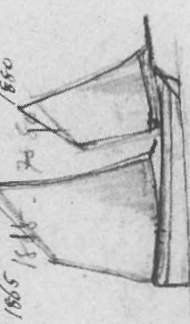
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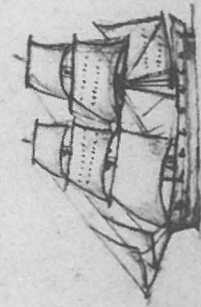
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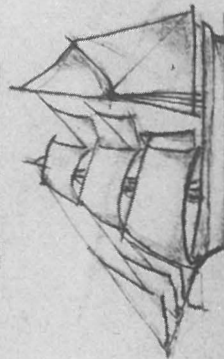
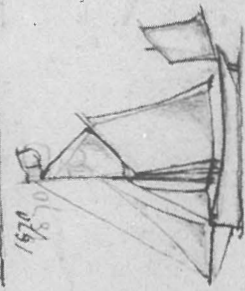
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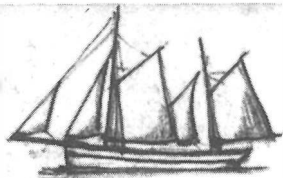
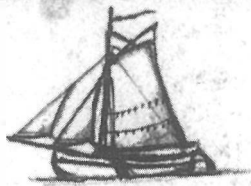
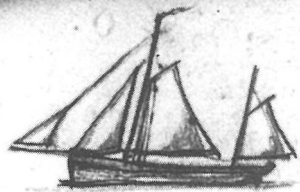


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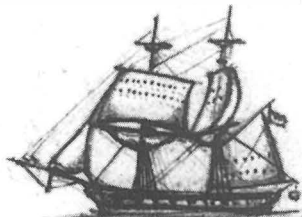


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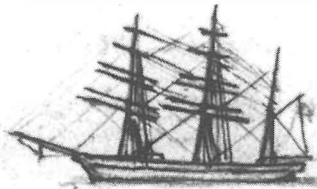




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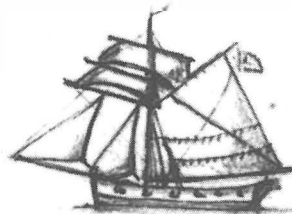
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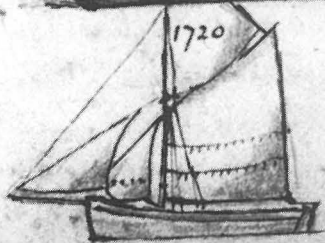
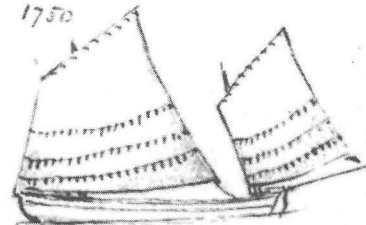
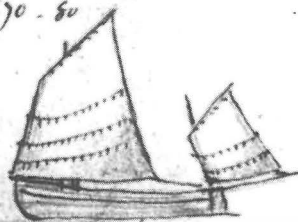
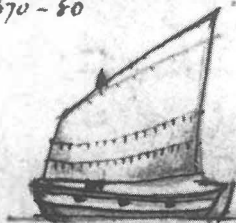
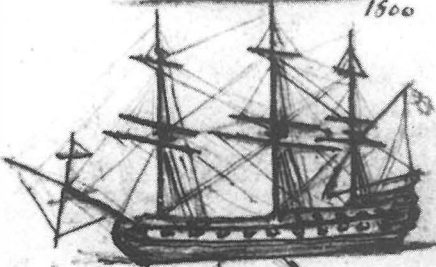
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Drawing of coastal craft from a copy of Maggs's Hand Book that belonged to the Gooding family
(By courtesy of Mr Cyril Doy and the Sailors' Reading Room, Southwold.)