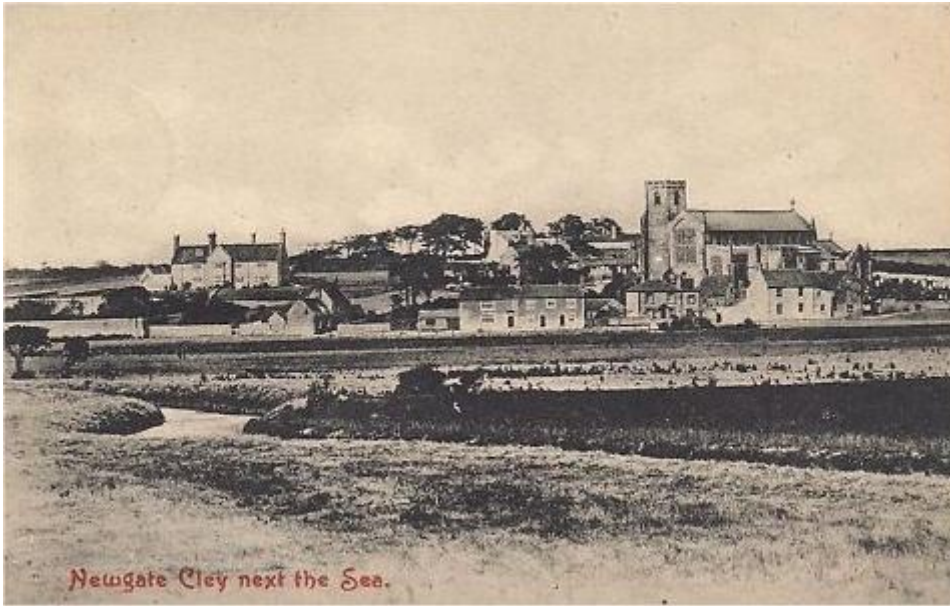


NOTES FOUND IN THE CLEY PARISH REGISTERS



First Register

<Baptisms begin 1538, Marriages 1559, Burials 1558>

This register for Cley next the Sea, was made at mychelmas in ano. Domini 1538 and in the fortye year of the reign of our famous princess quene Elizabeth yt. nowe is

<Only 7 marriages were recorded in the years 1642-1646 inclusive.>

NB I find that one Willm. Branter Clerke was buried here in ye year 1559 which was ye year before Vincent Goodwin Senr. was Rector of Cley but whither Branter was Rector I know not, But Goodwin came in in ye year 1560, & was succeeded by Vincent Goodwin Junr. (who I suppose was his son) in ye year 1600, who was succeeded in ye year 1643 by Rice Allison, who was succeeded in ye year 1659 by Rob. Lord <Lowd?> who was succeeded in ye year in ye year 1690 by Joseph Ward, who was succeeded in ye year 1736 by John Girdlestone - who was succeeded in the year 1763 by William Backhouse who was succeeded in the year 1764 by Robt. Thomlinson. Who was succeeded in the year 1802 by Richard Tho. Gough who holds it until Robert the son of the late Robt. Thomlinson shall be at age to take it."

John Wi-- Thomlinson 1804



Front of 1662 - 1668

I doe approve of the choice made by the Inhabitants of the towne a-----sayd of Christopher Pell (?) to be parish Register thereof I-----e the -v----- given him his oath for the faythfull discharging of this office ----- my hand this present 22 9ber 1653: M--t Hastings



Front pages of Baptisms 1779 - 1814

An Acct. of Extraordinary High Tides commonly called Rages in Cley & Blackney Marshes. The first mentioned by Mr. John Girdlestone late Rector of Cley was Novr. 25 1665. There is no Acct. of any Inundation fm: 1690 to 1735 - a distance of 45 years - there certainly must have been one tho' not registered.

2nd Rage was - Octr. 8th 1690 - 25 years
3rd Rage was - Feby. 16th 1735. 45 years
4th Rage was - Feby. 7th 1741 - 6 years
5th Rage was - Decr. 12th 1744 - 3 years
6th Do. - Feby. 28th 1749 - 5 years

Since Robt. Thomlinson succeeded to the Living of Cley wch. was 1764 -

1st Rage was - Jany. 2nd 1767 - 18 years
2nd Do. was - Jany. 1st 1779 - 12 years
3rd Rage was - Feby. 2nd 1791 - 12 years

Cley next the Sea Jany. 24th 1799

Novr: 25th. 1665 Wind N.W. It was sd they had as great a tide w'ch destroyed ye wheat in ye Marshes, washed down part of ye Marsh=banks and toss'd a Ship out of ye Sea over ye Beach into Salthouse Channel, wch was brought to Cley to be repair'd. NB At that time there was a Channel between ye Beach and the Eye leading to Salthouse w'ch is now fill'd up by ye Beach.

NB I don't find there was any Inundation from ye year 1690 to 1735. We find it register'd in ye Custom-House of Cley viz,

Octr: 8th 1690 About 8 of ye Clock in ye afternoon w-- (?) a Storm of Wind at N.W. There was such a Tide in this Harbour y't ye Water ran over ye Top of Clay & Blackney Marsh - Banks broke down p't of y'm and Destroyed 66 acres of wheat (? - cropped margin) in ye Marshes. The water was 6 feet deep in ye Marshes and at ye Keys about 20 feet deep. It came so far into ye streets of Clay y- several Houses were 4 feet deep wth Water and in ye George yard it ran into ye cellar beyond ye Kitchin door.

Febry. 16th 1735. An Inundation of ye sea wch drown'd all Clay & Blackney Marshes, destroy'd 80 Acres of Wheat then growing in Clay=Marshes, it Broke down ye Banks very Much, so that Ricd. Thomlinson ye Lord of ye Mannor sufferd 6 or 7 hundred pounds Damages. In many Houses ye Water stood 2 or 3 foot Deep. The Salt=water stood so long upon ye Marshes they did not recover themselves for several years. The Wind at this time was N.W.

The Rectr. of Clay sufferd. by this Inundation at least 30£ besides ye loss for several years after.

By an Estimate made **in ye year 1737** The Number of Souls in Clay appear'd to be 577. J. Girdlestone Rectr.

In ye year 1738. The streets of Clay were begun to be paved by Subscription. Thomas Rogers Esq: was ye Principal Promoter of this Work.

In ye Year 1739 A very severe Frost wch. Locked all ye Harbours in ye Kingdom, render'd ye Road by ye Marsh-side leading from Clay to Glandford impassible, there were hundreds of Loads of Ice t(h)rown into ye Road by ye Tides, some Peices of Ice were more than 20 feet long and 8 or 10 feet Broad and 2 or 3 feet thick.

A surprising sight!

In ye Year 1739. A Wooden Bridge was built across ye Salt=marshes to Wiveton, wch. cost 60 or 70 pounds. Patrick Eson collectr. of ye Customs was ye undertaker who took great pains in procuring subscribers to ye same.

J. Girdleston Rectr.

Febry. 7th 1741/2 Being Sunday About 6^o Clock in ye Even: a very great Tide drown'd all ye Marshes On both sides of ye Channel, broke down ye greatest part of ye Marsh-Banks especially ye East (? - blot) Bank w'ch was almost wholly destroyed: It wash'd down ye greatest part of ye Wall next Salt-house road, Broke up all ye Posts and Gates in ye Marshes, one Morgan who liv'd under ye Hill had his wall broke down and his Horse drown'd in ye Stable. It destroy'd above 40 Acres of Wheat in ye Marshes. This Tide was much greater y'n y't in ye year 1735 The Wind at N.N.W. There was 3 or 4 feet water in many Houses, and above two in ye Parsonage. By cutting t(h)rough ye West-ba(n)k at 2 several places, together w'th ye help of sluices, the quantity of Wayter (great as it was) was carried off within 4 or 5 Days and had been carried off much sooner had not ye East=Bank been so very much Broke.

Ricd. Thomlinson Esq; suffer'd by this Inundation about 800 pounds. For notwit=standing ye Water was let off so quickly yet no corn wou(l)d grow (so as to become a crop) ye 2 succeeding years.

	£ s d
The Banks cost repairing - - - -	435:00:0
Damage to ye Tenant this year -	200:00:0
Posts & Rails about - - - -	90:00:0
Damage to ye Tenant ye next yr - - -	90:00:0

	815:00:0

Ricd. Thomlinson Esq: Lord of ye Mannor

Jno. Girdleston Rectr.



Burials 1686 - 1744

NB in ye yr 1742 those mar'd thus X died of ye small-pox
-1742-

- Mary Daugr. of John & Mary Matsell Apr: 9th
- Margaret Daugr. of Robt and Margaret Eldridge 11th Apr:
- Anthony Son of Anthony & Mary Thomson Apr: 12th
- Joseph & Mary twins of Robert and Margaret Morgin were bur: 13th. Jun
- Robert Rumball th 19 Aug:
- Lucy Daugr. of John & Susan Cooper 26th. Aug:
- Anne Daugr. of John & Ann Masters 13th Sep:
- Edward Son of Susan Ward was burd. 17th Septr.
- Thomas Middleton was burd. 15th Octr.
- Ester Beavis widow was burd. 21st (?) Octr.
- William High was burd. ye 14th Novr.
- X Matthew Cooper was burd ye 14th Novr.
- X Stephen Son of Edmd. & Catharine Barker was burd. 1st Decr.
- X Mary Jay Widow was burd. ye 2d Decemr: died at Yarmouth
- William Passifield was burd. 6th Decr:
- William Son of Wm. & Anne Passifield was burd. 15 Decr.

X Amy Framingham the 28th Decr.
X Robert Bacon ye 31st Decer.
X Anne Daugr of Henry & Thomasin Pinchen Jan: 1st.
John Royall was burd. 15th Jan:
X Lucy Daugr. of Francis Crofts 15th Jan:
X Mary Daugr. of Henry & Thomasin Pinchen 21st Jan
Joseph son of Nathel: & Elizth: Woods Jan: 23d.
X Robert Fox was burd. 26th Jan:
X Hannah Holden ye 28th Jan:
Elizath: Medcalf was burd. 5th Feb:
William Baker was burd. 17th Feb:
X Matthew Cletherwood was burd. 20th Feb:
X Edmund Barker was bur'd 21st Feb:
X Robert Bennet was burd. ye 18th Mar:

In this yr 1743 those mar'd X died of ye small-pox
- 1743 -

X Susanah ye Wife of Tho. Imping was burd. Mar: 25
X Valentine Son of Christopher Lewis Mar: 26th
X Mary Daugr of Christopher Lewis Mar: 26th
Eleanor Parkin burd. Apr: 10th
Catharine Daugr. of Tho: Imping Apr: 9th
X Robert Musset was burd. May 9th
John son of John & Mary Williamson burd. May 22d.
Mary Daugr. of John & Susan Harrison May 24th
Thomas Son of Willm. & Mary Lane May 29th
James son of Oliver & Margaret Whiteside Jun: 5th
Anne ye Wife of Henry Franklin Jun: 7th
Elizabth. Greeve was bur. July 11th.
Anne ye Wife of Tho: Howard July 30th.
Elizabeth Daugr. of Francis & Martha Fernsby burd. Aug: 20th.
Elizabeth Daugr. of Willm. & Sarah Wells burd. Sepr. 11th.
Mary Daugr. of Robt. & Mary Thompson Novr. 16th.
Sarah ye Wife of Edmund Woods burd. Jan: 5th.
Robt. Son of Edmund & Sarah Woods Jan: 5th.
Eleanor Daugr. of Sarah Box burd. Feb: 10th.



Decr. 12th 1744 About 10 of ye Clock at Night an Inundation of ye Sea wch. drown'd all Cley Marshes (but not Blackney) destroy'd 20 Acres of Wheat then growing in ye Marshes, and did considerable Damages to ye Banks, This Inundation was not so great as that in ye year 1741 Tho' ye Damage to ye Landlord & Tenant were considerable.

Feb: 28. 1749

Being Ash Wednesday about 9 o'Clock in ye Morning the Wind N.N.W. a very great Tide in this Harbour w'ch fill'd many Houses, Malhouses &c. w're Water did great Damage to ye Marsh-Banks especially at Blakeney, Beat down ye Walls at Cley, Blakeney and Salthouse and did great Damage at Wells, Holkham &c. This Tide did not overflow Cley Marshes tho' it ran over ye East Bank in many Places but ye Bank did not Break w'ch was very wonderful, It made a small Break in Blakeney Banks and a small part of their Marshes were ove'flow'd but none of Cley, The Marsh=Banks on Both sides ye Channel were much gall'd more especially Blakeney. This Inundation did great Damage on ye

coast of Norfolk, tho' it was not so large in this Harbour as that in ye year 1741 but larger y'n y't in ye year 1744. And ye Reason why Clay-Marshes were not overflow'd was owing to ye Stoutness of ye East-Bank w'ch had been greatly Enlarg'd both in Height & Thickness since ye yr 1744.

"I succeeded to the Living of Cley 1764 on the Resignation of Dr. Backhouse who held the Living till I was old enough to take it. The first High tide I remember was in **1767** - the Banks of Both Cley & Blackney were broken down - all the Fences of the Inclosures next the road leading from Cley to Salthouse were washed down, by wch. John Thomlinson Esqr. suffered at least 500L. At that time he allowed his Tenant 40L damages in case of inundation - to be settled by Arbitrators on each side 20L was paid - a new stable that I built in 1767 was washed down - "

Written by Robt. Thomlinson Rector of Cley. Cley Jany. 30th 1791



On May ye 26th 1777 - The Number of Inhabitants in the Parish of Cley amounted to - 587 - Souls.

"On **Jany. 1st 1779** a Violent Gale of wind with a prodigious large Tide drowned the Marshes of Cley & Blackney & did considerable damage in the Town by getting into Malt Houses & spoiling corn in the Granaries &c. This year the Lord of the Manor - the Lease expiring in 1780 - hired (?) the Marshes of the Tenant & took the damage upon himself - sails, posts, Banks &c. cost upwards of 450L - this year the Landlord made the Occupiers of small Marshes repair their own Fences - by wch. means several Ditches were raised to fence the Marshes from the road."

Written by Robt. Thomlinson Rector of Cley. Cley Jany. 30th 1791



A Confirmation at Holt **June 7th 1787.**

fm. Cley 74 people were confirmed by Lewis Bagot Ld. Bishop of Norwich. fm. Wiveton 11 people confirmed. Lewis Bagot was removed to the See of St: Asaph 1790 and Dr. George Horne fm. Oxford was created Bishop of Norwich. Dr. Horne died 1792. was succeeded by Charles Sutton Ld. Bishop of Norwich 1793.

On **April ye 6th: 1789.** The Number of Inhabitants were only - 422. 165 diminished. NB abt. this time the trade of the town declined very much - Many of the Principals being dead - people went to Blackney &c.

"**October 30th 1789.** Being the day on wch. Cley Council was held about 12 oclock at night a sudden & violent Gale of wind came wch. made a very Large Tide but did not hurt the Banks - the Tide forced a new Ship called the Abbicore belonging to John Mann Mercht. from her moorings & the ship went directly thro the wooden Bridge & halfway up the Creek towards Wiveton Stone Bridge - she was obliged to be dug out & a great part of the Bridge taken down to set (?)the Vessel into the Course of the Channel - a subscription was immediately Begun towards repairing the Wooden Bridge leading from Cley to Wiveton 50 Guineas was raised & the Bridge put into most excellent repair & the Bank Gravelld."

Written by Robt. Thomlinson Rector of Cley. Cley Jany. 30th 1791



Subscriptions to the Wooden Bridge

Decr. 8th 1789

John Thomlinson Esqr. - 10.10
Robt. Thomlinson - 5.5
Thos. Crow Munnings - 3.3
Jno. Mann - 5.5
Thos. Jones Collr. - 2.2
-- KA---- - 2.2
Wm. Johnson - 2.2
Revd. Mr. Gough - 3.3
Mrs. Fleming
Any. Ditchell
Jno. Johnson - 2.2
Jno. Ellis - 2.2
Robt. Farthing - 1.1

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Jany: 1st 1791. I believe we are now as full of Inhabitants as in the year 1777. trade being very brisk & two Merchts. in the town.

"Febry. 2nd 1791. A Gale of wind when Cley Marshes were drowned owing to the East Bank being made lower after the Rage in 1779 the Water was about 2 feet on the level in Cley Marshes - a Hay Stack stood in the Marshes all the time of the flood - the Water ran out of Salthouse Channel over Cley East Bank from seven in the Morning while two in the Afternoon - Notwithstand these floods no abatement was ever asked or made in the Payment of Tythe."

Written by Robt. Thomlinson Rector of Cley. Cley Jany. 30th 1791



Easter offerings **1791** - 2.15.2

Do. **1792** - 1.18.0

1793 - 1.19.2

1794 Easter Offerings - 1.16.10

July 4th 1794. A confirmation was held at Holt by Charles Sutton Lord Bishop of Norwich - from Cley 50 Persons were Confirmed fm. Wiveton 11 - In all I believe confirmed at Holt this day abt. 400 -

<Charles Manners-Sutton became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1805>

1795 Easter Offerings - 1.7.0 got with great Difficulty. gave nearly all back again wch. 2s/6d. give the Clerk for Collecting the offerings, little comes - clear.

At the Quarter Sessions held at Holt **Octr. 17th 1798** the Wooden Bridge leading from Cley to Wiveton & Blackney was presented by Robt. Brereton (Foreman of the Grand Jury) as being in a very dangerous & ruinous state - an Indictment was prepared against the Parishes of Cley & Wiveton - upon hearing of this Matter at the next Quarter Sessions held at Holt Jany. 24th 1799 it was clearly proved to the satisfaction of the Court that this Wooden Bridge was built by Subscription in the year

1739 & had from that time to the day of the Indictment been repaired by Subscription from the Parishes of Cley Wiveton & Blackney & that it was merely a private way - the Court were satisfied of its being a private road & that neither Cley or Wiveton were obliged to support or keep the Bridge in repair. A man by name Philip Roome was in Court who remembered the building of the Bridge.

Robt. Thomlinson Rector of Cley.



Decr. 17th 1800. The Number of Inhabitants amounted to 547 Souls. Only 40 less than the year 1777.

No. of Houses	127
empty	<u>20</u>
	147

The Trade of the town has increased very much within these last two years - Mr Cobbs (?) a Quaker buys and ships a considerable quantity of Corn - wch. finds great emplymt. for the Poor.

By order fm. the Bishop the number of Inhabitants was taken - **March 10th 1801** - Number of Souls - 547.

	May 27th 1811 - Total 595 - increase since 1801 48 souls.
Houses Inhabited - 127 -	142
No. of families - 127	144
Houses uninhabited - 20	7
No. of Males - 353	259
do. Females - 312	336
Number employed in Husbandry - 129	195
No. in Trade &c. - 255	211
No. in various ways &c. - 183	190

June 29th - 1801. A Confirmation was held at Holt by Charles Sutton Lord Bishop of Norwich - from Cley 30 Persons were Confirmed - from Wiveton 14. In all 480 Persons were confirmed this day = R.J.

July 1st 1813. A Confirmation was held at Holt by Henry Bathurst Lord Bishop of Norwich - from Cley 32 Persons were confirmed. In all about 700 Persons were confirmed this day - R.M. Curate.

June 18th: 1820. A Confirmation was held at Holt by Henry Bathurst Lord Bishop of Norwich - from Cley 98 Persons were confirmed, from Waborne 31. In all about 1160 Persons were confirmed this day - R. Moore

A great inundation of the sea in **1824** wh. did great damage, broke the bank at Cley, & fill'd the marshes, destroying 110 acres of wheat.

May 25th: 1827. A Confirmation was held at Holt by Dr. Carr Bish. of Chichester for Heny. Bathurst Lord Bishop of Norwich, from Cley 68 Persons were confirmed from Weybourne 36 ~ In all 1116 persons were confirmed at Holt. R. Moore.

<Robert James Carr was the prelate who attended George IV during his last illness. In 1831 he was translated to the bishopric of Worcester, in fulfilment, as it was understood at the time, of a promise made by the late King. In the House of Lords, he was one of the Bishops who voted against the Roman Catholic Relief Bill, and while not speaking against the measure, opposed it in other ways. His views were orthodox and strict, though leaning towards the evangelical.>

NB According to an Act of Parliament pass'd in ye year of our Lord 1751 ye first Day of Jan: next after ye last Day of Decr. 1751 is to be reckn'd and accounted ye 1st Day of Jan: 1752 and ye first of Jan: in every succeeding year is to be accounted ye 1st Day of ye year. And on ye 3d. of Sepr. 1752 the New-Style commences, y't is to say ye 3d. is to be accounted 14th eleven days s--k.

