

NOTES FROM THE BLAKENEY PARISH REGISTERS

Blakney Priory Built in the Year **1321** by Robert Rouse, Robert Backen & John Bratt.

The Parish Church of Blakney was Built in the Year **1438**.

The 24 of March **1602** and in ye 45th yeare departed Quene Elizabeth and the same day succeded King James whome god preserve long to reigne over us

<Blakney Register **1653**:> I doe approve of the choice made by the Inhabitants of the sayd towne that Thomas Makins shall be their Parish Register, who is according to an Act of Parliament ----- by me to be faithful in his said office: witnes my hand

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A great Snow fell the 3 of May **1698** it began at 11 o'clock in the forenoon and continued until four.

1711 - William Pull, William Jackson, Oliver Whiteside all 3 drowned, buried May 4th.

August the 12th : **1747**. A live sturgeon seven feet long was caught in the Pit, where the Ships belonging to the towns of Blackney and Cley lie before they go out to sea: it was left there on the Ebb of the Tide.

A Cess-Pool five feet deep, and five feet square, ten feet from the west-wall of the brew-house, arched over, was made in September **1757**, an arched drain from the cellar-window goes into it.

When the Offices were built in september **1757**. An arched-brick-drain 12 inches at the bottom and 14 inches high in the clear was made from the sink-stone running by the north-wall of the brew-house, and receiving into it the water from the pantry, powdering room, and larder, it goes out under the threshold of the brewhouse-door, on the outside of the threshold is a cess-pool, into which a stone hangs to hinder the return of the stink the drain is continued through the yard to the cess-pool 20 feet from the stable-wall.

Under the gravel walk at the east front of the parsonage-house is a large and deed drain filled with large stones to receive the water falling from the house, it was made in April **1766**.

A Cess-Pool eight feet deep, near five feet diameter, twenty feet from the stable-wall, arched over, was made in the year **1767**. The drains from the house, and the drain from the stable empty themselves into it.

Blakney sunday 25 October **1772** about three o'clock in the afternoon it thundered very much the claps louder than usual, the wind south-west by west, at half an hour past three o'clock there fell a storm of hail, the hail-stones exceeding large, some measured (by report) four inches in girth, they broke a part of all the glass windows fronting the west, some the windows they damaged exceedingly, at Langham they did great mischief to the glass-windows, in passing over the fields they cut the turnip-tops. The storm continued no longer than five minutes (I think) it went off to sea, did no damage at Wiveton, nor at Cley. Henry Calthorpe rector.

Some Particulars of a Gale of Wind which happened on the Morn: of New Year's Day **1779** which did universal Damage. The wind being for the most part North West swelled the Tide to an unusual Height which did considerable Injury to the Bank that surrounds the fresh Mashers of the great Farm at

Blakeney: In the West part of the Bank there was a Breach <blank space> feet in length, and a large Pool washed at the foot of the Bank on the Mash side nine feet deep from the surface of the Earth: the North Bank damaged from one End of it to the other: and the mashes were eight feet (at least) under water upon the Level. A Ship lying in the Channel broke from her Mooring and beat down a great part of a house and a considerable length of Wall upon the Key. Blakeney Church on the North Side a great deal uncovered by the Violence of the Wind.

An Account of the Number of Baptisms Marriages & Burials from the Year 1780 to the Year **1800** both years included

Marriages 120

Baptisms Males 225 Females 244 Total 469

Burials Males 196 Females 175 Total 271

The population of the Parish of Blakeney taken in the year **1801** by R. Burcham & T.W. Temple - Males 258 Females 360 Total 618.

The Population of the Parish of Blackney taken in the year **1801** by Robert Burcham & Thos. Wm. Temple Church Wardens amounted to in Males - 258 Females 360 Total 618.

In the year **1808** the Servants Hall was Built. Upon a pavement of the Floor is inserted the Letter - <?> 1808 to mark the Drain & Cesspool which Drain is continued to the stable, this marked pavement is to be taken up when the Cess Pool requires to be Cleand, the marked pavement is one foot distant from the South inside corner Wall of the Servants Hall

An Account of the Number of Marriages, Baptisms and Burials for the Parish of Blakeney from the year 1801 to the Year **1810** both years included: Viz:

Marriages 54

Baptisms Males 110 + Females 110 = Total 220

Burials Males 87 + Females 76 = 153

The Population of the Parish of Blakeney, taken in the year **1811**, amounted to Males 234 and Females 349 Total 583. Inhabited Houses 140.

The following Register Books belong to the Parish Church of Blakeney.

No. 1 Contains Marriages from 1565 to 1653

Baptisms 1548 to 1647

Burials 1538 - 1653

No. 2 Marriages, Bapts & Burials 1653 - 1728

No. 3 Marriages 1729 - 1754

Baptisms 1729 - 1789

Burials 1729 - 1789

No. 4 Baptisms from 1789 - May 1807

Burials from 1789 - 1809

In book No. 5 Baptisms 1807 - 1812

Burials 1807 - 1812

6 Marriages 1754 - 1807

7 Marriages 1807 - 1812

all complete except 5 years of Baptismd fm. 1647 - 1653.

On February 21st **1816** were buried:

Alfred Clarke Sisson age 27

Sarah Murrell of Blakeney age 23
Thomas Whisker of Blakeney age 21
Francis Murrell Baines of Blakeney age 19
Hannah Smith Balcombe of Blakeney age 17

"These five young people were drowned in returning from Cley Chapel to Blakeney by the sinking of the Boat in which they were crossing the water."

An Account of the Number of Marriages, Baptisms and Burials for the Parish of Blakeney from the Year 1811 to the Year **1820** both years included: Viz:

Marriages 79
Baptisms Males 136 + Females 102 = 238
Burials Males 68 + Females 73 = 141

The Population of the Parish of Blakeney, taken in the Year **1821**, amounted to Males 407 and Females 396 Total 803. Inhabited houses 188.

#151 Robert Surtees of Monkweremouth County of Durham Sepr. 18th: **1822** age 40 Benjn. Pullan Curate

#152 Thomas Anthony of Blakeney Sepr. 18th: **1822** age 29 Benjn. Pullan Curate
"Lost in a violent Gale of Wind on Sunday night Octr. <September surely?> 13th: 1822"

A sturgeon full four feet long and weighing about sixty Pounds was found in Sim's-Pool a place within the Pit, where the Ships belonging to the Towns of Blakeney and Cley lay before they go out to sea. It was left there on the ebb of the Tide, on Thursday Evening, December 18th: **1823**.

On Sunday, the 22d: of February **1824** Died at Blakeney in the 73d: year of his Age, the Revd: Richard Thomas Gough, Uncle of Lord Calthorpe, and Rector of Blakeney and of Acle in the County of Norfolk: on the former of which he had resided upwards of 43 years.

Benjn: Pulleyne
Curate of Blakeney

An account of the number of Marriages, Baptisms & Burials in the parish of Blakeney from the year 1821 to **1830** both inclusive.

Marriages 63
Baptisms Males 143 Females 153 Total 298
Burials Male 86 Females 76 Total 162.

The Population of the Parish of Blakeney taken in the year **1831** Amounted to Males 497 & Females 509 Total 1006. Inhabited House 215. The No. of Males includes abt. 77 seamen belonging to Registered Vessels.

Burial #289 **1831** Wilson Kitwood of Blakeney buried Sepr. 5th age 32 by Jos: Cotterill Rector
"This man was drowned at sea about 15 miles from Blakeney on the 19th Decr. & was washed on shore in the parish of Morston Sepr. <?>th 1831.

Burials #389 **1836** Infant washed ashore at Blakeney buried Decr. 29th. age about 14m. L. Daswall Curate

"From the "Johann Von Emden" lost off Cley Decr. 26th

Baptisms #801 - 27th July **1873** Sargasso Zulu Kerrison <!>

#510 - #512 Feb 5th **1880**:

John Overman of Blakeney age 9

James Parsons of Blakeney age 8

Arthur Parsons of Blakeney age 10

"drowned in Breach Hole owing to ice breaking" J.C. Blackmore Off'g Minister

#769 **1897** Body of a man washed ashore Thomas Henry Handsley of Newcastle upon Tyne Decr 6th

R.H. Tillard Rector

"Washed on Blakeney Beach Decr. 3d subsequently recognised by the clothes"