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[Market End township survey, 1819]

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Also parish register
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shelves in search room.

Bicester parish records, 1539-1973.

The records are arranged in the following sections:

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- A. Parish registers, 1539-1973.

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c.2-4, d.1-2 Parchment registers, '1-5', containing baptisms, marriages, and burials in one sequence, 1539-1771.

- ✓d.1 (fols.3, 28^v) 1539-65, 1568-1625. Fols.1-2 are paper sheets containing scribblings, including the signature of Robert Canh[am], M.A., vicar 1599-1604, and notes on The King's instructions to his dearest son Henry the Prince by James I, 1603. 77 leaves.
- ✓c.2 1626-72. 61 leaves.
- ✓d.2 1673-97. 49 leaves.
- ✓c.3 1696-1731. 56 leaves.
- ✓c.4 1731-71. At fols.43^v, 50, are notes on the high number of deaths, 1707, 1762, 1768; and inside the back cover notes on excessive rainfall, 1763-64, and damage to the church by lightning, 1765. 53 leaves.
- ✓c.7 - Register '6' containing: a (fol.1) baptisms, marriages, and burials in one sequence, 1772-83; b (fol.44^v) baptisms, 1783-1802; c (fol.75) marriages, 1783-1803; and d (fol.87) burials, 1783-1802. Some details of status and causes of death are given, mainly 1783-85. At fol.44 is a note on the Act of 1783 introducing duty on the registration of baptisms, marriages, and burials, and an index to the different form of entry begun because of this. 106 leaves.
- ✓B.1 Register '7' containing: a (p.1) baptisms, 1803-12; and b (p.150 rev.) burials, 1803-12. At p.iii is a note about the monument in the church to Robert Carver, died 1722, 'taken before the erection of the Gallery August 20th 1810'.

viii + 158 pages. 19-139 blank.

b.2-6 Registers of baptisms, 1813-1963, including dates of birth, 1813-43, 1894-1963.

✓b.2	1813-31.	viii + 202 pages.
✓b.3	1831-70.	viii + 402 pages.
✓b.4	1870-95.	iv + 204 pages.
✓b.5	1895-1925.	iv + 204 pages.
✓b.6	1925-63.	viii + 202 pages.

✓c.5 Register '8' containing marriages and banns in one sequence, 1754-76.
106 pages.

✓e.6 Register '9' containing: a (p.1) banns, 1776-97; and b (p.74) marriages, 1776-97.
vi + 186 pages.

✓b.7 Register containing: a (p.1) banns, 1798-1819; and b (p.197) marriages, 1798-1812.
viii + 382 pages, 52-192, 264-382 blank.

b.8-14 Registers of marriages, 1813-1955.

✓b.8	1813-37.	iv + 188 pages, 164-188 blank.
✓b.9	1837-64.	vi + 252 pages.
✓b.10	1865-1902.	vi + 254 pages.
✓b.11	1902-16.	x + 132 pages.
✓b.12	1916-35.	x + 132 pages.
✓b.13	1935-41.	viii + 56 pages.
✓b.14	1941-55.	x + 128 pages.

b.15-18 Registers of burials, 1813-1960. Entries include notes of deaths from cholera, 1832, and dates of death certificates, 1837-42.

✓b.15	1813-41.	iv + 202 pages.
✓b.16	1841-69.	iv + 202 pages.
✓b.17	1869-1909.	iv + 204 pages.
✓b.18	1909-60.	iv + 204 pages.

c.8, d.3 Registers of banns, 1920-73.

✓c.8	1920-63.	iv + 128 leaves.
✓d.3	1963-73.	iii + 65 leaves.

B. Other registers, 1882-1967.

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- ✓c.9 Register of services, 1882-87.
i + 99 leaves.
- ✓d.4 Register of services, 1893-94.
i + 95 leaves, 13-95 blank.
- ✓c.10 Register of services, 1933-60.
ii + 246 leaves.
- ✓c.11 Register of confirmations, 1942-67.
i + 43 leaves.

C. Overseers' and churchwardens' accounts and papers, 1819-1941.

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- ✓c.12 Contemporary 'Copy of The Survey and Quality of the Township of Bicester Market End...made in April 1819', by the churchwarden and overseers.
20 leaves.
- ✓c.13 Volume containing: a (fol.1) overseers' accounts of weekly payments in bread and money to employed and unemployed paupers, 1834-35; and b (fol.47) churchwardens' accounts of receipts and expenditure, 1882-99, 1920-21, with (fol.93v) a summary of parish accounts, 1921.
ii + 175 leaves, 95-175 blank.
- ✓e.14 Annual accounts of receipts and payments for various benefice, parish and church funds, 1904-22, continued as account book for St. Edburg's Hall only to 1941.
ii + 284 leaves, 216-284 blank.

D. Charity accounts and papers, 1860-1942.

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- ✓b.19 Volume containing annual statements of accounts of the Bicester Blue Coat and Feoffees' charities, 1896-1920, interspersed with lists of recipients of the Mary Carlton and St. Thomas' Day charities and vestry minutes for the election of churchwardens, 1899-1942.
i + 107 leaves.

e.1 Volume containing annual lists of the 20 boys educated at Bicester National School at the expense of Walker's Charity, including those also clothed by the Charity, 1860-90, 1892, with (fol.37v) lists of those clothed by the Charity only, 1893-99.

82 leaves, 40-82 blank.

✓ e.15 item a comprising lists of boys recommended for clothing under Walker's Charity, 1892-99, 1901-2, 1905-8, with 2 related letters, 1909; and annual statements of charity accounts, 1908-22 — *for vol 9 C15 see below*

E. Miscellanea, 1692-1976.

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✓ c.1 Papers of a committee appointed to arrange the emigration of a party of paupers from Bicester Market End to New York, 1830, including: (fol.1) lists and numbers of emigrants and notes of their allowances; (fol.20) accounts, bills and receipts, mainly for clothing purchased for the emigrants; (fol.34) correspondence, 17-27 May 1830; and (fol.47) 'Report of a Conversation which took p[lace] at Kings Sutton [Northants.] on Sunday May 9th 1830...respecting Persons [? who] had emigrated to North America from that parish', including particulars of how that emigration was organised and how the emigrants had settled near New York.

48 leaves. 49 leaves

✓ d.5 Church Visitors' book, 1949-68.

142 leaves.

✓ c.15 items b-k Miscellaneous parish papers comprising: b engravings of Merton church and the site of Middleton Stoney castle, published by J. Dunkin, 1822, and of Somerton church, from the Gentleman's Magazine, 1827; c letter from the Rev. J.C. Blomfield relating to the library of Bicester National School, 1880; d 11 death certificates, 1909; e printed list of parish incumbents, 1910; f Rules of the Bicester Church Bell Ringing Society, 1939; g personal correspondence of the Rev. C.P. Cowland-Cooper, vicar 1942-54, 1938-52; h notes for lectures on the Near and Middle East given by the Rev. Cowland-Cooper, n.d. [c.1950]; i printed notes on the lords of the manor of Bicester by Cowland-Cooper, n.d. [c.1950]; j table of fees, 1946; and k typescript notes on the priory of St. Edburg, n.d. [c.1960].

- ✓ e.16 Manuscript catalogue of the library of Bicester Grammar School, 1692-1716.
- ✓ c.17 Miscellaneous parish papers, comprising : a 8 faculties, 1954-68; b tenancy agreement for 34 Kennedy Road, Bicester, 1973; c papers relating to benefice income, 1946-71; d deed of land in Brill, Bucks. subject to a yearly payment for a sermon and bread distribution in Bicester, 1717; e accounts of receipts, Church Missionary Society, Bicester Group, 1940-62; and f stipendiary curate's licence, 1976.
- see note*

Deposited by successive vicars of Bicester, b.1, c.2-7, d. 1-2 in 1965, b. 2-19, c. 8-15, d. 3-5, e.1 in 1975, c.16 in 1977, and c.17 in 1980, except c.1, found in the roots of a tree in Bicester churchyard by Mr. R.H. Haynes and deposited by him, per Miss G.H. Dannatt, 1959.

MSS. D.D. Par. Bicester b.1-19, c.1-17, d.1-5, e.1

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Bicester Feoffees Charity records, 1681-1943.

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✓c.18 Feoffees Charity accounts, 1681-1903.

✓e.2-4 Blue Coat Charity School, treasurer's accounts, 1745-1921. The volumes include minutes of trustees to 1784, and lists of boys at the school to 1788.

✓e.2 1745-84.

✓e.3 1784-1836.

✓e.4 1836-1921.

✓c.19-20 Poor's Stock accounts of receipts and disbursements, 1755-1857.

✓c.19 1755-98.

✓c.20 1798-1857.

✓e.5, f.1 Feoffees Charity bank pass books, 1849-1943.

✓f.1 1849-70.

✓e.5 1870-1943.

✓e.6 Feoffees Charity, Bicester Savings Bank book, 1852-57.

c.21-24 Feoffees Charity papers, 1722-1927.

✓c.21 Minutes of Feoffees meetings, and related papers, 1914-23; and annual statements of accounts, Blue Coat and Feoffees' Charities, 1357-92, 1903-22.

✓e.22 Vouchers, Blue Coat and Feoffees Charities, 1857-1922.

✓c.23 Charity correspondence and papers, including : correspondence with the Charity Commission, 1857-98; letters concerning Tubbs legacy, 1886; sale particulars of charity properties, 1869-72; and papers relating to charity estates at Potter-spury, Northants., 1861-71, 1927, Ludgershall, Bucks., 1906, 1921, and Souldern, 1912-14.

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- ✓ c-24 Miscellaneous charity papers, including: orders for disposal of Town Charity estate profits, 1722; extract from Charity Commission report on the charities, 1824; Lists of boys educated by the Feoffees at the National School, 1860-89, and of charity recipients, 1890-1901; insurance policies and papers, 1901-21; and Lists of contents of deed box of charity papers (mostly now as deposited), 1882, 1927.

Deposited by the Trustees of Bicester Feoffees Charity, 1977.

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Additional parish records.

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- ~~d.6~~ Parochial Church Council Minute Book, 1921-31.
- ~~d.7~~ Parochial Church Council Minute Book, 1931-46.
- ~~e.7~~ Parochial Church Council Minute Book, 1946-59.
- ~~d.8~~ Parochial Church Council Minute Book, 1959-69.
- ~~e.25~~ Parochial Church Council Account Book, 1904-69.
- ~~b.20~~ Parochial Church Council Account Book, 1970-76.
- ~~b.21~~ Box of Parochial Church Council files:
 - ~~a~~ Balance sheets and accounts, 1950-1, 1955-58, 1961-68, 1970-1, 1973.
 - ~~b~~ Copies of Minutes and Agendas, 1955-72.
 - ~~c~~ General correspondence, 1959-65.
 - ~~d~~ Correspondence, agendas and minutes of meetings, 1965-69.
- ~~e.26~~ Church accounts, 1929-41.
- ~~e.27~~ Church accounts, 1942-46.
- ~~e.28~~ Church accounts, 1946-48.
- ~~e.29~~ Church accounts, 1949-51.
- ~~e.30~~ Accounts of collections, 1942-51.
- ~~d.9~~ Continuation Committee Minute Book, 1971-77.
- ~~e.8~~ Bicester Branch of Church of England Men's Society Minute Book, 1958-74.
- ~~e.9~~ Parish Magazine, 1871.
- ~~e.10~~ Parish Magazine, 1872.
- ~~e.11~~ Parish Magazine, 1873.
- ~~e.12~~ Parish Magazine, 1874.
- ~~e.13~~ Parish Magazine, 1875.
- ~~e.14~~ Parish Magazine, 1876.
- ~~b.22~~ "Church Illustrated" and "Ploughley 20" (monthly deanery paper) issues:
 - ~~a~~ 1957 ~~b~~ 1958 ~~c~~ 1959 ~~d~~ 1960. (see p. 10 for later issues).
- ~~b.23~~ "Bicester Church News" (1968-9, 1971-6) and "Ploughley 20" monthly deanery paper (1968-9, 1971-3) issues:
 - ~~a~~ April 1968-Dec. 1969 ~~b~~ 1971 ~~c~~ 1972-3 ~~d~~ 1974 ~~e~~ 1975 ~~f~~ 1976.
- ~~b.24~~ "Parish News" (1977-83) and "Contact" (1984-7), the magazines of the parishes of Bicester with Caversfield, Bucknell and Launton:
 - ~~a~~ 1977 ~~b~~ 1978 ~~c~~ 1979 ~~d~~ 1980 ~~e~~ 1981 ~~f~~ 1982 ~~g~~ 1983 ~~h~~ 1984
 - ~~i~~ 1985 ~~j~~ 1986 ~~k~~ 1987.

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b.25 Box of miscellaneous parish papers, comprising:

- ✓ a Pamphlet entitled The Priory of St Edburg, Bicester, n.d..
- ✓ b General Register Office Preliminary Report on Census of 1851.
- ✓ c Photographs of the church bells and altar, n.d., prints of the church interior and exterior, 1851, and pencil drawing of John W.Watts (vicar of Bicester 1843-81), n.d..
- ✓ d Pencil drawings of sculptures in the church nave and aisle, the font, and an archway, n.d..
- ✓ e Copies of two views of the ancient site of Alchester, drawn in 1721.
- ✓ f Two faculties, 1932 and 1936, with letter from Ordnance Survey Office re establishing a triangulation station on the church tower roof, 1950.
- ✓ g Booklet entitled The Church Bells of the Deanery of Bicester, by Frederick Sharpe, 1932.
- ✓ h Rules of the Church Bell Ringing Society, 1939.
- ✓ i Correspondence re repair of church bells, 1951-2.
- ✓ j Notice of sale of goods seized for non-payment by Rev.J.W.Watts of rate for church restoration, 1866.
- ✓ k Papers re church hall: renewal of insurance policy, 1944, schedule of dilapidations and letter re claim for damage, 1945, assessment for electricity supply, 1945, plans, quotation and application documents re proposed alterations, 1952, letter re trust deeds, 1953, and letters re sale, 1953-4.
- ✓ l Receipts for salvage of vicarage railings, 1943.
- ✓ m Correspondence re Bicester C. of E. School, mainly concerning insurance, school house rent and accounts, 1955-7.
- ✓ n Leaflet on The Lords of the Manor of Bicester, n.d..
- ✓ o The Mother's Union Service Book, 1948.
- ✓ p The Constitution of the Mother's Union, 1974.

Deposited by the Rev.J.Baggley, vicar of Bicester, in 1988.

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d.1 & b.26 overlap

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- ✓ b.26 Box containing four files of parish papers:
- ✓ a "Church Illustrated" monthly magazine, 1961, and
"Ploughley 20" monthly deanery paper, 1961, June 1962.
 - ✓ b "Church Illustrated" monthly magazine, 1962, and
"Ploughley 20" monthly deanery paper, Jan.-May, Aug.-Dec. 1962.
 - ✓ c "Church Illustrated" monthly magazine, Jan.1965-April 1966, and
"Ploughley 20" monthly deanery paper, Jan.1965-April 1966.
 - ✓ d "Bicester Church News" monthly magazine, May 1966-Mar.1968, and
"Ploughley 20" monthly deanery paper, Sept.1966-Mar.1968.

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✓ a.1 Folder containing:

- a Copy of "St. James's Chronicle ; or the British Evening Post", Aug. 1765.
- ✓ b Coloured drawing of church interior, Dec 1849.
- ✓ c List of vicars of the church, 1226-1907, compiled by
G.L.Hennessy, Jan. 1910.