

Weddings, work and welfare: parish life for family historians

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The database of Churchwardens' Accounts for England and Wales can be found on
https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/myparish/projects/cwa/

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Please note that this project is still work in progress

CWA of SS. Peter & Paul, Ospringe:
Canterbury Cathedral Library
& Archives, U3/123/5/1, f. 67v

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We would like to hear from you if you have any suggestions or wish to ask a question. While trying to reply as soon as possible, it may take a little while.

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A. How to use this database

I. For identification of locations and ecclesiastical / regional organization: load up the [parish list](#) / [county list](#) / [diocese list](#) / [archdeaconry list](#) to see which towns and villages are (or will be) covered in this project and which



Towns of the Cinque Ports confederation and their members (small squares)

Head Ports

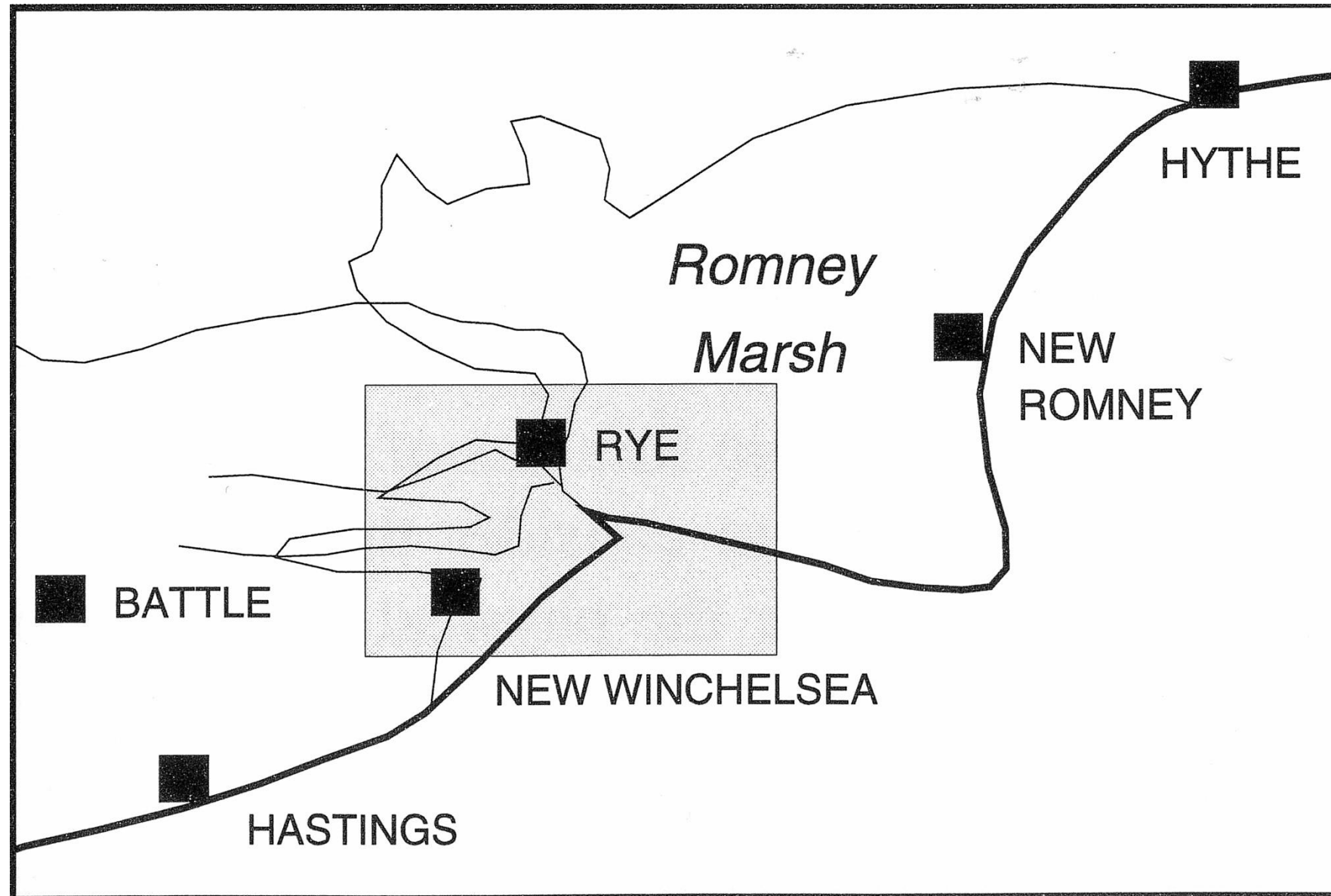
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From D. and B. Martin, *New Winchelsea, Sussex: a Medieval Port Town* (2004)



The Discovery catalogue entry for the parish records such as churchwardens' accounts and allied documents for the town of Rye

Description	Held by	Reference
16th cent-18th cent: churchwardens accounts and rentals, poor rates, overseers accounts & vouchers surveyors rates, accounts and vouchers 16th-18th cent, misc 1725-58	East Sussex Record Office	RYE
1538-2003: records	East Sussex Record Office	PAR467



General register

PARISH OF RYE. Incumbent: registers. Early registers. churchwardens to discharge a rent payable to the crown; 1704 101r, title page of the register with stray baptisms and burials for 1699, and note of distribution of sacrament money to the poor, 1697 120, account

Held by: East Sussex Record Office

Date: 1682 - 1727

Reference: PAR467/1/1/4



A small selection of the entries from the Rye general register-
find by clicking on the blue/purple heading in Discovery

- 75v, list of 12 fishermen drowned during a storm near the mouth of the harbour, 6 Nov 1722
- 81, note that bishop [Thomas] Bowers ordered a parchment register to be procured, which begins where this ends [1727]
- 91v, note that on 3 Jan 1726 King George I, on his return from Hanover, was driven by a storm to land at Rye, where he stayed five days standing as godfather to Mr James Lamb's son George; Jan 1726
- 94r, rental of rents and revenues payable to the churchwardens to discharge a rent payable to the crown; 1704
- 101r, title page of the register with stray baptisms and burials for 1699, and note of distribution of sacrament money to the poor, 1697
- 120, account of births of children not baptised according to the rites of the Church of England, 1700-1708



A search on Hythe Churchwardens accounts on the National Archives' Discovery catalogue

Hythe parish, churchwardens and overseers accounts, vestry minute books

churchwardens and overseers accounts, vestry minute books

Other references: NRA 19570 Hythe

Held by: Kent History and Library Centre

Date: 1400 - 1900

Reference: Hy



‘Hythe Churchwardens’ Accounts for the Year 1412-13’ printed in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 10, 242-249.

<https://kentarchaeology.org.uk/node/9569>

The start of the account

Compotus Johannis Colyn et Willelmi Palmare custodum bonorum et catallorum capellse S'cti Leonardi de Hethe praedicta a primo die mensis Mai i Anno Domini millesimo quadragintesimo duodecimo usque ad eundem diem per unum annum integrum.

Arreragia.

In primis respondent de viii s. et id. obolo de arreragiis anni praesedentis

Summa patet [8s 1.5d].

Redditus cum firmis.

Item respondent de viii d. receptis de Thoma Canterbury de redditu pro duobus annis

....



Discovery entry for Hythe

Catalogue description

churchwardens and overseers accounts, vestry minute books

Reference:	Hy (click here to view this record in archive's external catalogue)
Description:	churchwardens and overseers accounts, vestry minute books
Date:	15th cent - 19th cent
Held by:	Kent History and Library Centre , not available at The National Archives
NRA catalogue reference:	NRA 19570 Hythe





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The archivist's answer

‘Although the TNA listing indicates that these records were formerly part of the Hythe borough collection [ref. Hy] that Kent Archives holds, they are no longer part of our holdings.

A lot of the old NRA [National Register of Archives] references listed on TNA’s catalogue are out of date and need to be updated.

However, having checked Canterbury Cathedral Archives’ catalogue, it looks as if the churchwardens’ accounts were transferred there so that they joined the other parish collections [ref. U3-282].

Indeed, the catalogue entry for the first churchwardens’ accounts (1412-1413) under ref. U3-282/5/A/1 has a previous catalogue reference of H1346, which I recognise as one of the original listing numbers given to the Hythe borough records.

I had trouble accessing the full Hythe parish catalogue entries on Canterbury Cathedral Archives’ online catalogue, but from what I can see, the churchwardens’ accounts appear to cover the dates that you need’.



The Medieval Records of A London City Church St Mary At Hill, 1420-1559, edited by Henry Littlehales (Early English Text Society 1905) now on <https://www.british-history.ac.uk/early-eng-text-soc/vol128>

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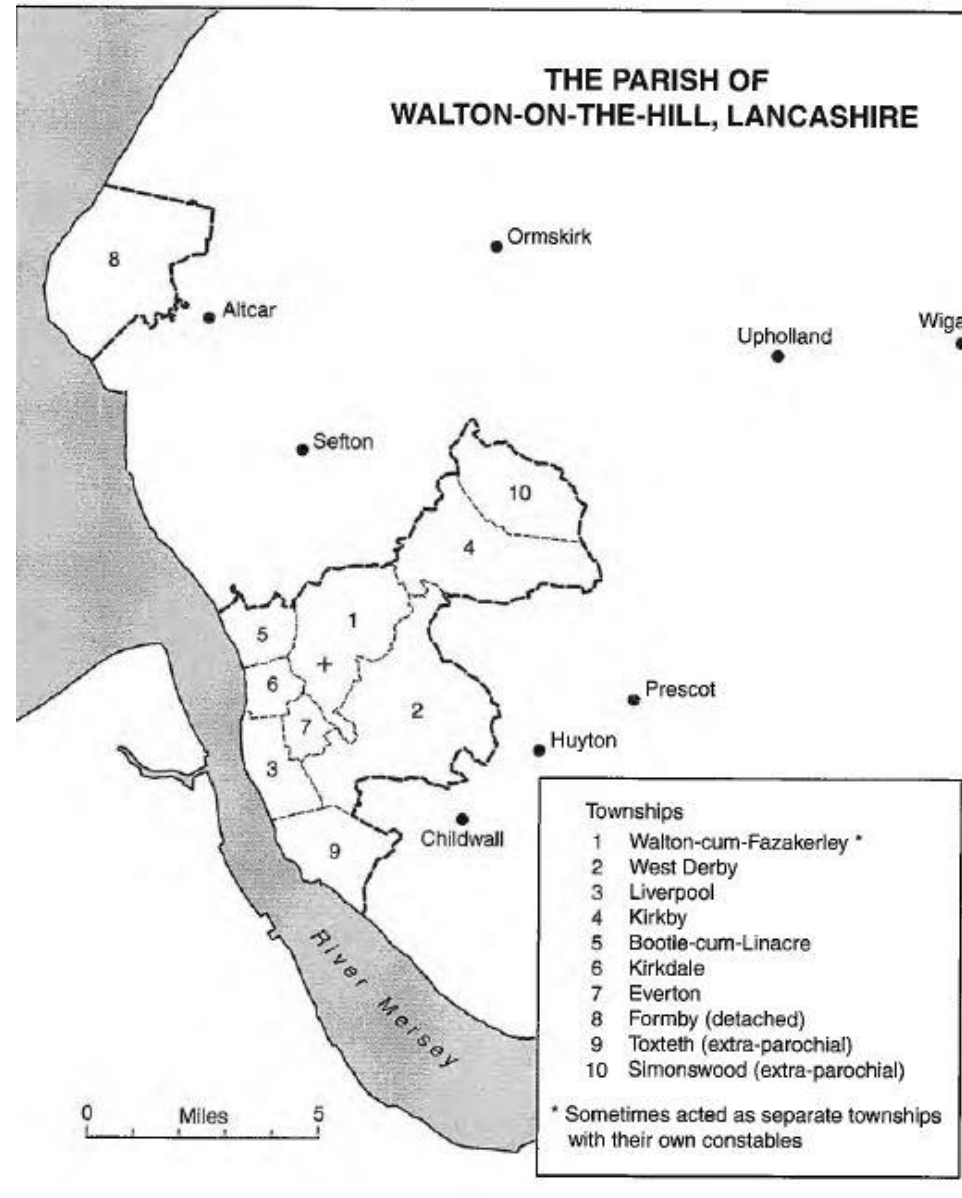
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The inside front cover and initial pages of a Book of Common Prayer of Drayton parish with the names of the churchwardens, 1630



From *The Churchwardens' Accounts of Walton-on-the Hill, Lancashire, 1627-1667*



The Accomptes of Thomas Martin of Fazakerley
Churchwarden of Wallton for the yeare of our lord
1652

Receiptes

Imprimis Received of Edward Henshawe late
Churchwarden of moneys which he had in his hands
11s 1d

Allsoe Received of the Constables of Wallton cum
Fazakerley £1 6s 8d

Allsoe Received of the Constables of Kirkeby £1 6s 8d

Allsoe Received of the Constables of Formeby £1 6s
8d

Allsoe Received of the ley layers of Derby 4s

Allsoe Received of the Constables of Kirkedale 1s

Allsoe Received of the Constables of Bootle cum
linaker 1s

Allsoe Received of the Constables of Everton 6s 8d

Totum £ 9 17s

>oweinge by the towne of Liverpoole £2 13s 4d

Other Receiptes

Imprimis For a ley stall for Widow Woods 2s

Allsoe for a ley stall for Thomas Boulton 2s

Allsoe for a ley stall for his wife 2s

Allsoe for a ley stall for widow Stones 1s 2d

Allsoe for a ley stall for Richard Straunge 2s 4d

Allsoe for a ley stall for William Rose 2s

Allsoe for a ley stall for George Woods 2s

Totum 15s



Payments made by Thomas Martin in the same account

Disbursed [on welfare]

Imprimis Spent att the privy sessions att Prescottt being called thither by the Constables 6d.

Spent when we mett att Wallton to Consider how Robert Higginsons Child should be kept 1s 2d

Payd for writting Articles of Agreement betwixt Thomas Higginson and his daughter in law concerninge the keeping of the Child 4d

Allsoe for A Bond for performance the said Articles,
And a discharge for the Parish from the said Child 6d

Payd for Eight preceptes for the Church ley 1s 4d

Spent att the sessions at Prescottt the 23th of June being called thither by the Constables 6d

Spent when I went to provyde a house for William Swift and his sonne according to Order 8d

Spent the 27th of June when I mett the Overseers to Enlist the poore of the Parish 4d

Payd for writting A lyst of the poore, and particularizing the Impotent, Apprentizes, and such as were able to worke 6d

Payd for Copyinge A note delivered by the Justices which declared the office of Overseers and whatt they ought to doe Concerninge their office 6d

Payd for Nayles for the Church July the 15th 6d

Totum 6s 10d



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