

## PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK AND ALL SAINTS

### SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATES (AND RELATED MATTERS) 1691 TO 1796

Transcriptions and extracts made by members of Chardstock Historical Record Group (CHRG) from original documents held at Devon Heritage Services at Exeter under references 2590A/PO46 to 2590A/PO56.

- 23.3.1691/2**                      **Settlement Certificate**                      **2590A/PO46/1**  
Settlement Certificate issued to Joane **GILLS** of Axminster, Devon permitting her to reside in the Parish of Chardstock on condition that should she "happen to become burdensome or any way chargeable to the parishioners or officers of Chardstock" she is required to return to Axminster.
- 20.2.1698/9**                      **Settlement Certificate**                      **2590A/PO46/2**  
Abigaile **PARRIS**, a poor child of Wambrook, to be apprenticed to John **BALCH**, labourer of Chardstock, for an estate of Richard **EVERY**, cordwainer of Chard, that he occupies in Wambrook. Should she need parish relief after she has completed the period of apprenticeship, the Parish Officers of Wambrook confirm that she shall have to return to Wambrook for relief. This condition becomes invalid if she obtains a Legal Settlement in Chardstock.
- 7.8.1699**                      **Settlement Certificate**                      **2590A/PO46/3**  
Ephraim **CRANDON**, a poor child of Wambrook, to be apprenticed to Robert **ROCKETT**, taylor of Chardstock, until he reaches the full age of 24. Should he need parish relief after he has completed the period of apprenticeship, the Parish Officers of Wambrook confirm that he shall have to return to Wambrook for relief. This condition becomes invalid if he obtains a Legal Settlement in Chardstock.
- 5.10.1703**                      **Settlement Certificate**                      **2590A/PO47/1**  
Confirmation by the Parish Officers of Combe St. Nicholas that they do own and acknowledge Robert **WINSON**, clothworker, to be a settled inhabitant of Combe St. Nicholas and to be relieved and provided for by them.
- 28.9.1706**                      **Settlement Certificate**                      **2590A/PO47/2**  
Document badly damaged  
Confirmation by the Parish Officers of Whitchuch Canonorum that Mary **COLLIER** and Joan her daughter, then resident in Chardstock, are Legal Inhabitants of Whitchurch Canonorum.
- 7.1.1714/5**                      **Settlement Certificate**                      **2590A/PO48/1**  
The Parish Officers of Alverstoake in the County of Southton [Southampton] certify that they own and acknowledge William **COLLINS**, Elizabeth his wife and Mary and Elizabeth his daughters then residing in the Parish of Chardstock, to be Inhabitants Legally Settled in the Parish of Alverstoake.  
*Note: The back of the document is endorsed Mary Collins aged 7 years, Elizabeth 6 years, William 4 years, Sarah 1 year.*
- 7.1.1714/5**                      **Settlement Certificate**                      **2590A/PO48/2**  
This is an exact copy of document 2590A/PO48/1, but without the endorsement.
- 4.2.1720/1**                      **Settlement Certificate**                      **2590A/PO49/1**  
The Parish Officers of Penryn in the County of Cornwall certify that they own and acknowledge John **GARD**, the son of Nicholas **GARD**, taylor of Penryn, to be an Inhabitant last Legally Settled with our Borough and being now resident or about to reside in Chardstock for the better employment of himself in the trade of a taylor.  
*Note: At bottom of document recording that this is a true copy taken on 11.1.1721/2*



**28.??1740 Settlement Certificate 2590A/PO50/3**

The Parish Officers of Whitestanton, Somerset certify unto the Parish Officers of Chardstock that they own and acknowledge John **MEACHAM**, son of John **MEACHAM**, an Inhabitant Legally Settled in the Parish of Whitestanton and that the residence of John Meacham as an apprentice with Thomas **WEALTH**, blacksmith of Chardstock, shall not be deemed and taken for any Lawful Settlement and they do thereby promise to receive him whensoever he shall become chargeable.

*Note on back of document reads "John **MECHAM** Discharge".*

Reference 2590A/PO51/1 does not appear to have been used.

**14.2.1743/4 Settlement Certificate 2590A/PO51/2**

On printed form

The Parish Officers of Lyme Regis, Dorset certify unto the Parish Officers of Chardstock that they own and acknowledge Jane **ROUSELL**, singlewoman, to be an Inhabitant Legally Settled in the Parish of Lyme Regis.

**3.4.1744 Settlement Certificate 2590A/PO51/3**

The Parish Officers of the Parish of Saint Giles in the County of Devon certify unto the Parish Officers of Chardstock that they own and acknowledge Thomas **SYMES**, taylor, to be an Inhabitant of Saint Giles and there Legally Settled and to take him if at any time he shall become chargeable to Chardstock.

*Note on back of document reads "Thomas **SIMS** Discharge".*

**14.5.1747 Settlement Certificate 2590A/PO51/4**

The Parish Officers of Uplyme, Devon hereby certify unto the Parish Officers of Chardstock that they own and acknowledge Mary **WAY**, singlewoman, to be an Inhabitant Legally Settled in Uplyme and they promise to receive her into their parish whenever she shall become chargeable

On the back of this document the following financial notes are written:

Ales	<b>ROBERT</b>	Apprentice	£3	10s	0d	
Mark	<b>CANN</b>	Spryen	£6	12s	0d	
John	<b>ARSCOTT</b>	Southoton	£2	12s	0d	
William	<b>MUCH</b>	Tibbon Sa Mary	£2	2s	0d	[Tedburn St. Mary]
John	<b>HOPER</b>	Sackford	£2	6s	0d	
John	<b>BONN</b>	Sanford	£3	14s	6d	
William	<b>BRIMIRDE</b>	Sanford	£3	14s	0d	
John	<b>WESTCOTT</b>	Tidborn Sa	£2	3s	0d	[Tedburn St. Mary]

**12.11.1753 Settlement Certificate 2590A/PO52**

The Parish Officers of Honiton, Devon certify unto the Parish Officers of Chardstock that they own and acknowledge Thomas **KNIGHT**, Unity his wife and Celia their daughter aged about 12 years, who now are or lately were inhabiting in Chardstock, to be Parishioners and Inhabitants Legally Settled in Honiton and they promise to receive them whensoever they any or either of them shall ask relief from or be chargeable to Chardstock, not having otherwise acquired a Legal Settlement.

**31.12.1767 Note regarding Settlement 2590A/PO53**

Full transcript

To the Churchwardens & Overseers of Chardstock

I do promise and undertake that the child which I had sent to Joan **HOCKEY'S** in your parish to keeping never shall be Troublesam or any way Chargable to your parish, in witness whereunto I have set my hand this 31st December 1767.

Signed Robert **GAMMES**, Axminster

NB the child is a Parishioner of Axminster

**31.8.1800**

**Note regarding Settlement**

**2590A/PO54**

Full transcript

To the Churchwardens & Overseers of the Parish of Chardstock

We the Churchwardens & Overseers of the Parish of Upottery do acknowledge Simon **DUNSTER** as a Parishioner of our said Parish, and we have no Objection to allow him a reasonable relief if wanted.

Signed Churchwardens & Overseers of Upottery.

**27.2.1743/4**

**Settlement Certificate**

**2590A/PO55 & 56/3**

*Note: This document has been damaged and is now in two parts, recorded separately under listings PO55 and PO56/3. Together they form a complete, single document.*

The Parish Officers of Bettiscombe, Dorset certify unto the Parish Officers of Chardstock that they own and acknowledge John **NORRIS**, husbandman, his son William and daughter ??nnah to be Inhabitants Legally Settled in Bettiscombe.

**18.3.1698/9**

**Settlement Appeal**

**2590A/PO56/1 & 56/2**

Document 56/2 - Invitation from Thomas Rokeby for both parties to attend at his lodgings tomorrow evening to hear the appeal.

Document 56/1 - After hearing from the Parish Officers of Southleigh, Devon and Chardstock, it was determined at the Assises that Samuel **HODDER** is adjudged to be legally Settled of Southleigh. Signed by Thomas Rokeby (presumably the Justice of the Peace hearing the appeal).

**20.3.1726/7**

**Apprenticeship/Bond of Mary Follett**

**2590A/PO56/3a**

By a Deed of Assignment the apprentice Elizabeth **SWAFFIELD** has been re-assigned from John **LOMBART** to Mary [or Mariam] **FOLLETT**. By this bond Mary Follett exonerates John Lombart and the Parish Officers of Chardstock "from all manner of costs expenses damages and charges whatsoever which shall at anytime thereafter arise happen come grow or be supposed upon them or either or any of them for or by reason of the said Apprentice Elizabeth Swaffield."

**15.3.1742/3**

**Bond of Francis Durke**

**2590A/PO56/3b**

Full transcript:

Know all men by these presents That I Francis **DURKE** of the parish of Stoke St. Mary in the County of Somerset yeoman doe hold and am firmly bound unto William Pryer and Benjamin Parris Churchwardens of the parish of Chardstock in the County of Dorset and John Chard and Henery Dunster overseers of the poor of the said parish their successors and assignes in the Full Sum of Fivety pounds of Good and law full money of Great Britain: to be paid to the said William Pryer and Benjamin Parris John Chard and Henry Dunster to their Certain attorney their successors and assigns To which payment well and truly to be made I binde myself my heirs Executors administrators and assigns and Every of them in the whole and for the whole firmly by these presents Sealed with my Seale and Dated the fiveteen Day of March in the Fiveteenth year of the Reigne of our Soverign Lord Georg the Second King over Great Britain: and in the year of our lord 1742/3:

The Condition of this obligation is such That whereas two Childrin Henery **DURKE** and Joan **DURKE** Sone and Daughter of Joan **DURKE** lately Deceased of the said parish of Chardstock of which said Childrin: the above boundedn Francis Durke of Stoke St. Mary his heirs Executors Administrators or assigns or any of them shall fully and Clearly Discharge them of and from the said parish of Chardstock until they arrive at the age of seventeen years: and at the End of the first fower [four] years of the said terme: the said parishioners of Chardstock are to pay unto the above Francis Durke the sum of forty Shillings towards the maintainance or bringing up the

said Childrin and the said Francis Durke is to save harmeless the parishioners of the said parish of Chardstock of and from all Coste Charges trobels and Incumbrances whatsoever During the term or time aforesaid and also from all other sutes Charges troubels and Demands whatsoweuer touching or concerning the same Then this obligation is to be void else to be in Force and Vertue

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presents of:

Robert Vincent

Charles Beear

The marke of Francis Durke [his mark being the capital letters FD]

**28.8.1752**

**Note regarding Settlement**

**2590A/PO56/4**

Full transcript

I promise to pay to Mr William Amor and John Bishop Churchwardens Mr James Welch and Mr William Pryer Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Chardstock in the County of Dorsett and their Successors for the time being the Sume of Three Pounds and Three Shillings on Demand for Value Received as Witness my hand this Twenty Eighth Day of August 1752.

The mark of Diannah **CHICK** [her mark being the capital letters DC]

Witness J Deane

Memorandum that the above note is to be void in case William **HALLETT** now residing in the Parish of Middle Chineock in the County of Somerset Labourer shall gain a Settlement in the said Parish of Middle Chineock in Twelve Months from the Date of the above note.

Memorandum not signed

**26.3.1794**

**Note regarding Parish Relief**

**2590A/PO56/5**

Full transcript

To the Minister & Gentlemen of Chardstock

This only Certify's that the wife of Thomas **MEACHAM** is verry Ill & has been bedriden for Near two years, I have reason to think this man would not Complain was he not in real Necisity having work'd in our family more than twenty years; & Never till now that I know of Solicited for any Charity

I am Gentlemen your most Humble Servant

J Cook

Combe 26 March 94

**14.4.1795**

**Order for the maintainance of Robert Lane 2590A/PO56/6 & 56/7**

Document 56/6 is the Order made at the Easter Quarter Sessions for Devon held on 14.4.1775. Document 56/7 is the brief submitted to the Hearing by the "Inhabitants of Chardstock"

56/6 - Upon an Application unto this Court on behalf of the Inhabitants of Chardstock for an Order of Assessment on William **LANE** of Colyton, Devon to pay a sum of money towards the Relief and Maintenance of Robert **LANE** his father a Poor Old and Impotent person resident in Chardstock and now chargeable to this parish, William Lane being of sufficient ability. This Court upon hearing all Parties and their Council doth adjudge and determine First that the said Robert Lane is poor and impotent and not able to work or to provide for himself and that he is now actually chargeable to Chardstock, and that William Lane his son is of sufficient ability. And this Court doth Order and Assess that William Lane shall and do Weekly and on Saturday in every week from henceforth pay unto the Parish Officers of Chardstock for the time being the sum of One Shilling and Six Pence for and towards the Maintainance and Relief of Robert Lane until this Court shall make an Order to the Contrary.

56/7 - This is an application to assess a Sum of Money on the Defendants who dwell at Colyton, Devon and Shute, Devon being Persons of Ability to maintain their Father Robert **LANE** a Poor old lame and impotent Person not able to work and chargeable to the Parish of Chardstock. We apply for two Orders and the Sum to be paid by these the Court will apportion as they think proper - vide Burn last Edition Vol. 3rd Page 733.

The state of Facts are as follows -

Robert **LANE** the pauper is about 70 years of age and a settled Inhabitant of Chardstock and has been maintained in the Chardstock Workhouse about 5 years during which time he may in the whole have got about half his living besides this the Parish have in great Measure maintained his second wife till her Death and her four Children three of them being bound out Apprentices by the Parish (two of which were kept in the Workhouse and the other is still maintained in the Workhouse) but this cannot affect the present Defendant.

But now the Pauper being got very old lame from the Rheumatism and for some time past not able to work at all nor likely ever be able work again, the Parish given Notice of this Application. The Maintenance of the Pauper cost about 13s a week.

The Defendant William **LANE** rents the Principal Estate in Colyton being £300 a year which is fully stocked and has no Child whatever and is considered a person of considerable Property and in very prosperous circumstances.

The Defendant Thomas **LANE** is also a Farmer living in Shute rent an Estate of upwards of £100 a year which is well stocked and is considered a thriving Man.

The Pauper Robert Lane has another Son called John **LANE** living in Colyton as a Servant with the Revd. Mr Rhodes but from his Station in life, the Parish have not given him Notice, however the Court think they ought to have done it (as the Assessment must be separate) the small proportion to be charged can be omitted.

The Inhabitants of Chardstock have offered to treat with the Defendants but they refuse to allow a Farthing to maintain their aged Parent and Mr Palmer their Attorney proposed they should do it.

Submission by Mr John Winsor, Governor of Chardstock Workhouse, dated 6.4.1795 states that Notices of this Application were served on both Defendants on 6.4.1795. Also Proven the Pauper Robert Lane apparent age, his lameness, being poor and impotent, unable to work and maintain himself and the time he has been chargeable to the Parish of Chardstock and the cost of maintaining him That the Pauper cannot be had at this Sessions either by a carriage or otherwise without imminent danger of his life That the Defendants refuse to allow anything towards their Fathers Maintenance tho' they both have confessed him to be their Father.

Mr George Beed and William Dare will prove the Property of the two Defendants as above stated (being their Neighbours). The Common Reputation is that Defendant William Lane is worth £2000 he having it is said found a concealed Treasure.

**17.3.1796**                      **Order for the sentencing of Samuel Gregory**                      **2590A/PO56/8**  
Order made at Bridport 17th March 1796

To the Constable of Chardstock and to the Keeper of the House of Correction at Dorchester and also to John Winsor [*Governor of Chardstock Workhouse*] to execute.

For as much as Samuel **GREGORY** of Chardstock now residing in Illminster, Somerset weaver an Idle and disorderly person is duly convicted before me Thomas Rose Drewe Esq. Justice of

the Peace for that Samuel Gregory hath run away from Chardstock and hath left his family chargeable thereto.

Samuel Gregory is sentenced to 28 days hard labour at the House of Correction in Dorchester.