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(FROM A PORTRAIT IN THE CHARLES MUSEUM, MAIDSTONE.)

ANECDOTES OF THE HASTED FAMILY.

THE name of Edward Hasted, to whose great county history, in spite of its inaccuracies and lack of literary style, all subsequent workers in the same field owe more than they often care to own, will always be held in honour by Kentish antiquaries. Little, however, appears to be known about the family and life of the man himself. What is known is probably based upon the obituary notice which appeared in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1812; this had been written by Hasted himself, and conveys a somewhat inaccurate impression. The Kentish historian is described therein as descended from the baronial house of Clifford—a gentleman of birth and fortune who, by the malignity of certain enemies (unnamed), had been deprived of his patrimony, and brought to such financial straits that he spent some years within the “liberty” of the King’s Bench, and at length found an asylum in his old age at Corsham in Wilts, where he ended his days in 1812 as Master of Lady Hungerford’s Hospital.

It has generally been assumed from the above that Edward Hasted was a man of position in the county, and that his pecuniary downfall was chiefly owing to the vast sums of money expended in the production of his *History of Kent*. This can hardly be accepted as a correct account. Joseph Hasted, the historian’s grandfather, was born in the city of Canterbury in

the year 1662, of a respectable yeoman stock which had been settled in or near Canterbury for at least a hundred years previously,* and there seems no ground whatever for assuming any connection with the Hausteds of Hampshire or elsewhere.†

In after life Joseph Hasted became Chief Painter-Stainer at Chatham Dockyard, a profitable business in which he did so well that when the carving and gilding of the sterns of His Majesty's ships were given up in the reign of George I., he was able to retire with a considerable fortune, which he invested in land. His son, who was a member of the Society of Lincoln's Inn and Clerk to the Wax Chandlers' Company, died at a comparatively early age, leaving a widow and two children—a son (the future historian) and one daughter.

Young Edward Hasted, who was only eight years old at the time of his father's death in 1740, spent four years at Eton, and after some further private tuition became a student at Lincoln's Inn, but does not appear to have been called to the Bar. At the age of 23 he married (rather in opposition to his mother's wishes) Miss Anne Dorman, and after living for two years at Canterbury, took up his residence at St. John's in the parish of Sutton-at-Hone—an ancient house which had formerly been a commandery of the Military Knights, and was at that time the property of the Hill family.‡ On this house, in spite of the fact that owing to his mother's inexperience in money matters the paternal estate had been much diminished

* See *Canterbury Marriage Licences*, printed by Mr. J. M. Cowper. The name is sometimes spelt Harsted and sometimes Haisted.

† See Hasted's *Kent* (8vo), vol. vi., p. 430.

‡ For an account of the Hill family and their connection with St. John's, see a Paper by Mr. Ernest Hill in *Archæologia Cantiana*, Vol. XXIV., p. 227.

during his minority, Hasted spent a large sum of money, and it was here that he commenced his historical collections, paying frequent visits to London for the purpose of searching in the various depositories of records, which, through the good offices of his friends Sir Joseph Ayloffe,* Thomas Astle,† and Dr. Ducarel,‡ were made accessible on easy terms. In 1763 he definitely declared his intention of writing a history of the county, and fifteen years later the first volume appeared.

In 1776 Hasted left St. John's, where in his efforts to live as a country gentleman he had systematically exceeded his income, and went to reside in the precincts at Canterbury, where he continued to live until 1785, when an unfortunate *liaison* estranged him from his wife, by whom he had had a large family. It was probably to this misconduct, and not to the expenses connected with his *History*, that his subsequent downfall was chiefly due.

Soon after his return to this country after some years spent in France, he was arrested for debt and committed to the King's Bench prison. During this period of enforced retirement Hasted beguiled his leisure by writing the family memorials printed below. By the courtesy of the trustees of the Maidstone Museum—the owners of the original MS.—our member, Mr. R. Cooke, has been permitted to make a transcript of the two note-books preserved in their library, written by Edward Hasted in the year 1800, and called by him "Anecdotes of the Hasted Family." Unfortunately they tell us little about the *History*,

* Keeper of the State Papers Office.

† A Commissioner for Superintending the Regulation of the Public Records at Whitehall, and afterwards Keeper of the Records in the Tower.

‡ Librarian at Lambeth Palace.

and stop short at the year 1770, but a loose sheet of paper in one of the books gives us a brief chronological summary of the chief subsequent events in Hasted's life.

In 1802 he obtained his discharge, and five years later was appointed Master of the Hospital at Corsham in Wiltshire, founded by Lady Hungerford soon after the Restoration, where he died in 1812. No memorial marks his grave; the only record that he was buried at Corsham is contained in the following entry in the Register of Burials: "Edward Hasted, Esq., formerly the Kentish Historian, died January 14, 1812, buried Jan. 21."

The *anecdotes* do not shed a very pleasing light upon the character of their writer, in whom vanity was a very conspicuous failing, and whose conduct, first towards his mother and afterwards towards his wife, was most reprehensible; but they are full of little details relating to social life in the middle of the eighteenth century, which we think will be read with interest by most of our members; and as more than one hundred years have elapsed since they were written, we trust that their publication will cause offence to no one.

For the portrait and plates of Corsham Hospital we are indebted to the liberality of Mr. R. Cooke. The same gentleman has also kindly furnished us with a transcript of a number of letters in his possession, written by Hasted to his friend Thomas Astle and others. These we hope to print in our next Volume.

A few notes have been added by the Editors, which are distinguished from Hasted's notes by being placed within square brackets.



CORSHAM HOSPITAL, WILTS: THE ENTRANCE.



LADY HUNGERFORD'S HOSPITAL, CORSHAM, WILTS.

BOOK THE FIRST.

ANECDOTES
OF THE HASTED FAMILY,
DRAWN UP TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION
& TO THE BEST OF MY REMEMBRANCE
IN THE YEAR 1800 BY ME
EDWARD HASTED.

*Nos quoque Floruimus, sed Flos erat ille caducus, Fæciniis periiit
Flebilis ille Dolis.*

P.P.O.

Peccavi, Pænituī, obliuio.

I was Born at Dove Court in Lombard Street on Dec^r 31st, 1732,*
Xtned at the adjoining Church next the Post Office.† My Father
Edward Hasted was the son of Joseph H. of Chatham, gent., by
Katherine Yardley his wife, and was born in 1702. Joseph Hasted
was the son of Moses H. of Canterbury by his 1st wife Mary
Goslin, m^d in 1657 in Peter's Church in that City.‡ She died in
1678, and was buried in St George's Church there. She had besides
2 other sons who dyed young.§|| His 2^d wife was Mary Da^r of
Mr Edwards of Faversham, gentⁿ, by whom he left a son Nathaniel,
who was a Citizen of London and Painter Stainer there, who m^d
Anne Miller of the town of Nottingham, by whom he had only two
da^{rs}, of whom the eldest Elizth. dyed un^md; the youngest m^d
Mr Graves and left Issue a son Hasted Graves of London, Painter
Stainer. Joseph Hasted the eldest son by the 1st wife was born in

* The Corner House on the right hand as you enter the Court from
Sherborne Lane.

[† Probably St. Mary's Woolnoth.]

[‡ "1657, June 21. Moses Harsted and Mary Goslinge, both of the parishe
of St Peters in Canterbury, were maryed." Register Book of St. Peter's
Canterbury.—J. M. Cooper.]

§ I think I have heard Mr Josh. H. had a sister Mary, but whether whole
or half-sister I dont know.

[|| May 14th, 1665. "Thomas s. of Moyses Hasted and Mary his wife,"
baptized. (St. Peter's Registers, Canterbury.)

Aug. 12, 1680. "Thomas s. of Moses Hasted and Mary," baptized.
(St. George's Registers, Canterbury.)]

the year 1662, was a freeman of the city of Canterbury, and became chief Painter to the Royal Navy at Chatham, where he resided at a house which he had purchased of Commissioner Lee at the corner of King's Street on Smithfield Bank over the Brook there.* He continued in this employment during the whole reign of Q. Anne, and in it acquired a very handsome Fortune with a fair Reputation.† He m^d Katherine Da. of Mr Richard Yardley, Warehouse Keeper, of Abchurch Lane, London, by a da^r of Walker, to whose Brother Mr Jos^h H. served his Apprenticeship, and whom he succeeded in the above-mentioned employment.‡ The arms of Walker were: "Azure, a griffin or within a bordure engrailed ermine." The Arms of Yardley were: "Arg^t, on a chevron gules 3 garbs or, on a Canton gules a fret or."

The arms Mr Josh. Hasted assumed were: "Gules, an eagle displayed ermine beaked and legged or, a chief chequy or and azure." Crest: "A demi-eagle displayed Ermine issuing out of a mural crown on a wreath of its colours."

From the year 1718 to the time of his death he purchased different Estates in the parishes of Chatham, Rochester, Gillingham, Cliff, Shorne, Linton, Easling, Linsted, Lenham, Newington, Upchurch, Halstow the Lower, and likewise the Manor of Horsham with its lands, and appurts in Upchurch and the adjoining Parishes, held of the Warden and Fellows of All Souls' College in Oxford, all which lay within the Co. of Kent, and amounted in the whole to near £1000 per an., besides which he became possessed of several mortgages on lands in Kent and Essex, and sums of money in the Public

* Commissioner Lee was Comm^r of Deptford Yard, and m^d Miss Johnson. He retired afterwards to Darent, where he became an intimate neighbour to my Father whilst at Hawley. He dyed s.p. and was buried at Darent, greatly advanced in years.

† The great Emoluments of this employment arose from the vast cost which the gilding of the sterns and other carved work of the Men of Wars occasioned, the expense of which, as the Navy increased, was so enormous that it was wholly left off at the end of that or at the beginning of the next reign of K. Geo. 1st, and common paint was instituted in the room of it. On this change Mr Josh. H. resigned his Place as not worth his keeping, and at first he was partner with his uncle, and on his death succeeded solely to it.

‡ Mr^s Katherine Hasted by the Yardleys and the Walkers had several relations settled at Rochester and Chatham, as the Hawes^s, who ended in a Da^r m^d to Alderman Dyne, the Chicheleys, the Widows Taylor and Ayres, the Bryants, of which the learned Jacob Byant was one, the Austens of S^t Margt^e, who all called cozens and kept up an Intimacy as such and were nearly related.

funds, but in the famous South Sea adventure in 1720 he was a considerable loser by his property vested in that company's stock.*

In the year 1732 he went to pay a visit to his son in Dove Court in the month of January, to be present at the Xtening of his Grandson Edward,† but being exceedingly troubled with an Asthma, and the weather proving exceedingly damp, he caught a violent cold and cough with it, and it was thought necessary to remove him immediately to Lodgings at Hackney for the benefit of the air, where his illness increasing he dyed on Jany. 22^d, ao. 1732, and was carried to Newington Church, near Sittingbourne, where he was buried in the South Chancel of it, æt. 70.‡ He left his wife surviving, who continued to dwell in the same House at Chatham till her death, which happened about 3 years afterwards.§ She was carried to Newington and buried in the same Grave with her Husband.|| A mural Monument of White Marble to both their

* According to the fashion of the times their houres were early, they rose in the morn. at 5 o'clock and played together at Backgammon till Breakfast at 8 o'cl., they had at Morn. (?) some thick cake and mead, they dined at 12, drank tea at 4, and supped at 8. He brewed his own beer, which he prided himself much in, especially his strong beer, which he kept to the age of several years. Their Beverage after dinner was Elder wine, which as well as several other sorts she made herself, being an excellent Housewife. After his coming into possession of the above estates he retained a parlour in each of his principal Farms, both at Newington and Halstow, to which he used frequently to ride and pass a day (for he kept a riding horse both for himself and servant) to see after his workmen and repairs, and see after the management of his estates. It is remarkable that he generally chewed Rhubarb whilst he was on these excursions, which he found an excellent preventive Medicine against Agues and bad airs and fogs. Being looked on at Chatham as very kind, they were looked on accordingly with much respect. Their house-keeping was exceeding plentiful, but their visitors who partook of it were in general their relations.

† He was one of the Godfathers and M^r Bignel of the 6 clerks office was the other; his grandmother Hasted stood by Proxy as Godmother.

‡ By his will he directed to be buried in the Church of Rainham, but it being represented to him that he had no property in that parish and much in that of Newington, he acquiesced in being buried there.

§ My grandfather left her by his will part of his Estates, among which were those at Linsted and Tenham, for her life if she continued his widow, which, though she was at his death so advanced in years, for I believe there was, if so much, only 2 or 3 years difference in their ages, she was exceedingly indignant at and ever expressed herself as highly offended at it.

|| She left a desire for the following persons, all relations except the last, to be her Pall Bearers, viz., M^{rs} Ayerst, M^{rs} Taylour, M^{rs} Chicheley, M^{rs} Page, M^r Yardley, and M^{rs} Thurston. She was born Sep^r 12th, 1670.

memories over the Place of their Interment ags^t the North Wall of the Chancel.

Their only son Edward Hasted of Dove Court, Solicitor and Attorney at Law, had served his clerkship to Denham Hammond, Esqr., Comptroller of the City of London,* and accordingly took up his freedom of it and was a member of the Wax Chandlers' Company, of which he afterwards became clerk.

He went into partnership in the Law Business with Mr Hammond, and purchased the place of one of the Clerksitting of the Poultry Comptor, which he kept till his death. He had married long before, not much to his father's inclination, as his wife had no fortune, Anne, da. and coheir of Mr Joseph[†] Tyler of Change Alley, London, an eminent Watch Maker and Goldsmith, by Elizth his first wife, da^r and sole heir of John Dingley of Fenchurch Street, London, Goldsmith, eldest son of Allan, who was the only son of Charles, the 3^d son of Sir John Dingley of

* He was educated at the Grammer School kept by the Rev^d Stephen Thornton at Luddesdon, near Cobham, not far distant from Roch^r. Mr Thornton was R. of that P^h, an obscure and retired tho' Healthy Place. He brought his school to such Repute that the Gentry from all this part of the Country put their sons under his Tuition; among them were those of Selby, Fortrye, Faunce, Hornsby, Market, James, Saxby, and others whose names I don't now recollect, and there were very many of the sons of the Principal persons of Rochester and Chatham.

† I am not certain, but believe rather his name was George. Mr Tyler, the Father, lived in Change Alley, Lombard Street, then the residence of most opulent and respectable inhabitants of the City. My father and mother whilst in London always kept up an Intimacy with the Dingleys as relations, which totally ceased on their removal into the Country, and I believe there was no intercourse between the families till I myself began it again, many years afterwards, when I resided at St. John's in Sutton, not more than 5 miles from Mr Robert Dingley's residence at Lamaby in Bexley, a seat which he had become part owner of in right of 2nd wife, da^r of Mr Thompson. Mr Dingley was my mother's 1st cousin, viz., Brother and Sisters' children. After my introduction to him our families often dined together, and in token of his regard he came to Sutton and stood Godfather to my 2nd son Francis Dingley. I afterwards made myself known to his sister Mr^s Townsend, widow, and to Mr and Mr^s Forster, both of the City—but I believe it was not more than once. Mr Dingley's da^r md. Mr Richard Hoare the Banker, and his son was a clergyman, and settled near Colchester in Essex, but I had no intercourse with them. They had many relations in and about Colchester of the name of Hills and Trott. I could have said much more about the Dingleys, but my fine Pedigree of them which I had from Mr Dingley was unfortunately burnt. No doubt the Rev^d Mr Dingley had it after his father's death and his representatives must have it now.

Wolverton in the Isle of Wight, Knt., who lived in K. James the 1st reign, descended, through several maternal Ancestors of high Titles and families, from Thos. Dingley, who held Lands in Eatonbridge in Kent in K. Edwd. the 3rd reign.

These Dingleys bore for their Arms, "Argent, a fess azure, in chief a mullet of the 2nd between 2 Harts," which Colours Charles the 3rd son of Sir John Dingley changed from those borne by his Ancestors and elder Brother, *i.e.*, from sable to azure; and these Dingleys had likewise a right to quarter the several following Coats, quartered in right of heiresses, who were his ancestors by the above-mentioned Sir John Dingley, viz., The Arms of Wolverton, Comin of Hampshire, Foscott, Cheydint, Fitzherbert of Wolverton, Corbet, Miles Earl of Hereford, Drew (?) de Balun Lord of Bergavenny, Lord Newmarch Baron of Brecknock, Stokes, Brimston, Creswell of Frogpool in Cheshilhurst, Lunsford.* The Arms of Tylor were "Sable, on a fess or 3 Crescents gules, between 2 Lions passant-guardant or, Spotted Sable."

Joseph† Tylor above-mentioned married a 2nd wife, by whom he had a son George, who dyed unm^d, and a da^r Louisa, who m^d Joseph Wilcox of Canon Street, London, Wholesale Haberdasher, who dyed without Issue.‡

These Tylors came from and had relations, as I have heard, at Sutton and Ewell in Surry, where many of them lye buried, and where their gravestones, etc., still remain, as do some of the Goulds, to whom I have heard they were nearly related.

To return to Edward Hasted, the only son of Joseph H. He became a Member of the Society of Lincoln's Inn, and after his

* It is much to be regretted that this Pedigree was thus destroyed by a fire in 1799. I copied it from that in Mr Dingley's possession. There was in it a Letter from the Steward of Sir John Dingley of Wolverton, a man very antient, who asserted that he had often heard Sir John acknowledge frequently the descent and relationship of these Dingleys of London with him. The Pedigree is brought down, with the additions made on several loose papers kept with it, to the time of Mr Rob^t Dingley himself, including every Branch of his family. It is much to be wished that a Copy of it could be obtained from the Rev^d Mr Dingley's Representatives in Essex.

† I am not certain but rather believe his name was George, not —

‡ Mr Wilcox had an Elder Brother John, who had a son Geo., with whom I was a schoolfellow at Eton. The younger Brother Joseph had a 2nd wife, and becoming a Man of Fortune retired from Business and afterwards resided in Vanbrugh Fields, Blackheath, but I had no acquaintance with him since I was at School, my mother and he not being on any Terms.

usual Terms and Exercises was then Called to the Bar, tho' he never practised as a Barister-at-Law. Soon after his father's death he relinquished the Practice of the Law and retired in 1734 to a House, which he hired at Hawley in the Parish of Sutton-at-Hone, near Dartford, where he lived as a Country Gentleman, respected and beloved by all for his Good nature, affability, and constant readiness to oblige and render himself serviceable to all his neighbours, from the Highest to the Meanest and most indigent among them, insomuch that his Popularity was exceeding great.* By his Knowledge in the Law he became exceedingly usefull at all Meetings of the Gentry of the County on the Business of the County, such as the Assizes, Petty and Quarter Sessions, Commission of the Land Tax, and Parochial Meetings, which he, by their desire, constantly attended, when by his Advice and Moderation he was truly serviceable. In this manner, in Mutual Hospitality among his neighbours,† and in the management of his Garden, of which he was exceedingly fond, he spent his time in the Country, occasionally going to town, where he had an apartment in Wax Chandlers' Hall, of which Company he still retained the office of Clerk. At length, being in London for the purpose of voting at the Election of Chamberlain of the City, the weather being exceedingly Sultry and the Guildhall very much crowded, He was there, being rather corpulent; seized with an Apoplectic fit on March the 23^d, 1740, and being Carried to his Apartments at Wax

* Among his neighbours were M^r and M^{rs} Lethieullier* of Sutton Place, the Revd. M^r Barrell, Vicar of Sutton, and his family, M^{rs} Hill† of St John's and her daughters, M^r and M^{rs} Leigh of Hawley, M^r Walter and M^{rs} Harris of Wilmington, M^r and M^{rs} Lee of Darent, M^r and M^{rs} Bedford of Greensted Green, the Rev^d M^r Taylor, Vicar of Darent, and family, M^r Fullerton of Farningham, Sir Thos. and Lady Dyke of Lullingstone, M^r and M^{rs} Blenchyn-don of Swanscombe, M^r Chiffinch of Northfleet, M^r and M^{rs} Melchior of Dartford, M^r and M^{rs} Wheatley of Earith.

† He promoted Cheerfulness and good neighbourhood on every occasion, for which purpose he established a monthly Concert, of which he was Steward and Treasurer, in the adjoining Market Town of Dartford, which flourished with much celebrity till his death, when losing its chief Director it soon declined. At the same time his wife set forward a Public Breakfast weekly on a Saturday, being the Market day for the Ladies of that Town and its neighbourhood, of which she was Patroness.

[* For an account and pedigree of the family of Lethieullier see Dr. Drake's *Hundred of Blackheath*, p. 253.]

[† For the Hills see *Archæologia Cantiana*, Vol. XXIV., pp. 227—36.]

Chandlers' Hall in Gutter Lane, Cheapside, where his wife and son were waiting his return, he was there put to bed in that state from which he never recovered, but dyed within a few hours after, æt. 38, and was carried to Newington, in the Church of which he was buried, close to his father and mother in the South Chancel there.* Such was the Fate ordained for him, according to the Lines he had written down as his Sentiment—

“No change of Place or climate can prevent
The stroke of death, when once Man's life is spent.”

He dyed lamented by all who knew him, a loss to every one, an irreparable one to his disconsolate widow and children.

He had had by his wife above-mentioned one da^r Anne and 6 sons, the 5 eldest of whom dyed Infants.† He left surviving Anne his only da^r and Edward the youngest of the sons.

Anne the da^r was born in Dove Court on Feby. the 4th, 1728, was educated at Blacklands Boarding School at Chelsea. She was in her Person genteel, fair, with light brown hair, of a middle height, an oval face, aquiline nose, and all together pretty. Whilst she resided with her Mother at Chatham she made an unfortunate Attachment with a young man in the Marine Service about the year 1742, and secretly left her Mother's House, and went away with him and was md. at Exeter, where they lived supported by their afflicted Mother, who at length purchased for him a Commission in a Regiment in the East Indies, whither in every shape accoutred and supplied by her he immediately went, and She returned to her Mother, who then resided in Margaret Street, Cavendish Square, and lived with her. At length in about 2 years he returned, and he and his wife lived together with the Mother's approbation, who became reconciled, in a lodging taken by her for them at a Street's distance for 2 or 3 months, but his dissipated way of life embarrassing his streight income, and their Tempers not agreeing, they separated,‡ and he left her to go to his Relations at

* The Revd. Mr Franks, Minor Canon of Rochester Cathedral, being the Curate of the Parish, performed the Funeral Service.

† Their names were Edward, Joseph, and Isaac, but I cannot distinguish which were to each.

‡ I have a notion that the first Commission he had was in a Regiment which was abroad somewhere in Europe, not in the East Indies, and that being reduced to half-pay he returned to England and came to his wife there with her mother in Marg^t Street, and that then he left her from there it was to go to the East Indies in a regiment in which my mother purchased a Commission for him,

or near Kettering in Co. Northampton, who were poor People little above Common Labourers. His name was James Archer.

It may here be mentioned that M^r Edward Hasted the father, tho' he was frequently heard to say that his Will was made, and how much he blamed those who created confusion in their families by leaving no will, yet he himself made none, or at least none was ever found. His meaning therefore surely was, that his Property was so Circumstanced that The Law itself would distribute it among his widow and children, in such proportions as he himself would have done had he made a Will. The Distribution was thus. His freehold Estates being subject to the Law of Gavel Kind became one half the property of his Widow for her life so long as she Continued such, as her Dower, the reversion to her son Edward, Who inherited the other half immediately in his own right as only son and heir male to his father. The whole of these Estates was about £650 per an., but greatly improveable. His Leasehold Estates were of the Rent of about £270 p. an., but equally improveable. These were divided into 3 parts, viz., one third to the widow, and one third to each of the children. Accordingly Ensign James Archer became in right of his wife entitled to one third of them, the estimated value of which, if sold, together with the Rents and Profits of them in the intermediate time, amounted to about £950. M^r Archer in his state of Indigence made frequent applications for relief, which was Complied with, and at last in the month of December, about the year 1753, for the sum of £20 signed (at Bedford, whither I went to meet him for that purpose*) a deed of Release of all his Rights of his Interest in them to Edward Hasted the son and his heirs, and another deed of Separation from his wife, with a Bond of penalty for his not molesting her in future. M^{rs} Archer lived afterwards with her mother, and continued a widow till her death† (M^r Archer having dyed soon after the above

from whence returning went to his Relations at or near Kettering. We had no connections or knowledge of him afterwards, but I believe he went again to the E. Indies, in which he dyed, as we heard casually afterwards.

* I took with me a M^r Waterman, an Attorney, who had before been concerned on M^r Archer's behalf, and now drew these Deeds at my desire as mutually concerned for both.

† In which time she had several offers of marriage, particularly from M^r Barbout and Coll. John Campbell, which she declined, tho' the latter had been an old Suitor to her whilst she lived at Chatham in Rome House with her mother, being then a Lieut^t in Coll. Cockran's Regiment of Marines.

transaction*). At length, whilst residing with her mother in Princes Court, Story's Gate, whither, having walked into the City, and returning fast to avoid an Impending storm, she took shelter from it under the great Arch of the Horse Guards, when the Draft of Air was Chilly and exceedingly strong, which as she was very warm, struck to her vitals and caused a fatal fever to her, of which she dyed a few days after in the prime of life in the Summer of the year 1762, was carried to Newington and deposited in the South Chancel of the Church there near her Father.

Soon after this Burial her Brother Mr Edward H., having made an agreement with the Parish of Newington, had the above-mentioned Coffins taken up, and in the spot where they lay caused a goodly spacious vault to be made, arched with Brick work and paved with large tyles, opening by a door with a handsome Iron Gratework into the Churchyard Eastward, the door having a well contrived large Lock with 2 keys, one of which was deposited with the Clerk of the Parish and the other with the family.

The 2 Coffins of Mr Josh. Hasted and his wife Katherine were nearly mouldered away, their Bodies were wasted to Ashes, and their Bones only remained. These were with all becoming decency deposited together with their Ashes and dust in one new Coffin made and brought hither for the purpose, and a leaden Plate was screwed on the lid of the Coffin, with an Inscription shewing that the remains of them both were enclosed therein. This Coffin was then deposited in the new vault on the left hand in it. Mr Edwd. Hasted, their son's Coffin being of Lead (the outward wooden one being entirely rotted), remained entire and was accordingly deposited next his Parents in the same vault. Mrs Archer's Coffin, the inner one of Lead was of course fresh and entire, and was deposited there on the right hand of her Father.

The Agreement with the Parish was to pay Two Gs. [*Guineas*] for the 1st Corpse deposited in it, and one Ga. [*Guinea*] for every Corpse afterwards, and one Copy of the Agreement remains in the hands of the Parish officers and the other with the family.†

* I think I have heard that Mr Archer afterwards went abroad in the military service of the East India Company, and dyed in the East Indies about the year 1758, but in what station he was I know not.

† "A few years before his death in 1854 the Rev. Edward Hasted, Vicar of Hollingbourne, went to the parish office respecting this vault, the fees of which were considerably in arrear. He said that as he was the last of his family, and should be buried in his own parish, the vault would be given up."—Phippen's *Rochester*, p. 247.]

This Chancel, like many others Elsewhere, being deserted by its former owners, was left to the Parish to repair, and accordingly afterwards was esteemed as belonging to it. They have time out of mind been the reputed owners of it.

It might probably, I think, by the persons formerly buried in it, have belonged to Cranbrooke M. [*Manor*] Farm.

To return now to the widow of Mr Edwd. H. of Hawley.

After her husband's Death, having never interfered in his affairs or income, whose Affection and Indulgence to her induced him to take every Trouble on himself and to keep every anxious care at a distance from her, and a more Comfortable and happy pair there never was, she was totally at a Loss not only in the knowledge of the situation in which he had left his Affairs, but of the means of settling the different claims and receipts in which they were involved; and of the numerous friends who had professed their attachment to her Husband and had constantly partaken of his Hospitality, not one of them appeared to advise her or offer the least Assistance, but all as it were with one Accord agreed to stay away. In this scene of Affliction and Ignorance of what she had, An Attorney, one Mr Marye, who had been clerk to Mr H., and had been constantly employed by him in such Law Affairs as he had occasion to have transacted, and kept up a Course of friendship with, was Consulted and Intrusted on her Affairs. He thro' Ignorance or design represented them in so unfavourable a light, tho' at that time the Estates were near £1000 a year, and the Mortgages and debts due to her Husband were near £1800, and the per Contra due from him did not amount to more than £800, that she was told she had not sufficient to pay Debts nor to live in the same style she did, but must remove from Hawley to a House of less expence and smaller Housekeeping. This, with the sudden Importunities for payment from all sides to which she was untaught how to give a favourable answer, rendered her disconsolate. The family plate, which Mr H. had inherited from his father, a fine Collection of Gold Medals in high preservation from this and other Countries, his wines out of his Cellar, and everything else that could be were snatched at and torn from her, and what was still worse Mr Marye, who was used to frequent the Gaming Tables, lost at them a large sum intrusted to him to pay her Rent due to All Souls' College and could not refund it.

My father's little Establishment consisted of a Coachman and Footman, Livery Servants, 3 maid servants, and a Housekeeper, a

person they had long known in friendship in a better state of life, but who by misfortunes had come to decay. To these I may add an upper and under Gardener. He had a Coach* and Chariot, 3 coach horses, a riding horse for himself, and one for his servant, and 3 Cows. His table was plentiful without ostentation, accompanied with a chearfull welcome to all his friends, of whom he had generally one or perhaps Two, being his old Cronies and schoolfellows, in the House as visitors to him. Of these M^r Stewart of the Poultry Counter, gentⁿ, and M^r Henry Saxby of the Custom House, were the most frequent.†

The Livery he gave his servants, however preposterous they would be looked on now, were quite congenial to that time—a light blew suit with small gilt Buttons down to the bottom of the skirt, a pair of scarlet stockings, a blew and gold shoulder knot with gilt Tassells, and a very broad gold Lace on a Square Cocked Hat. I remember after, my father's best Dress was what now would seem equally out of the way. His Coat was a snuff colour, Buttoned down to the Bottom, lined with scarlet silk, and large cuffs rounded with 4 or 5 Buttons of the same colour; a Black velvet Waistcoat with long flaps, which sat close to each other, and were as long as the Coat itself; a pair of light Grey Worsted Stockings; his shoes, high heeled, broad, rounded at the Toes, and a very thin rimmed silver Buckle abt. the size of a shilling; his hat large and square, Cocked, and a white large handsome frizzed wig. This suit seems not to have been, tho' I suppose it must have been, a then fashionable Dress of a Gentⁿ as he was, and in the younger part of Life.

In London He kept only one maid servant at his appartments in Wax Chandlers' Hall, who took care of it in his absence and served him and his family when there. At Chatham he still kept in his possession his father's House, in which he left a maid servant of his mother's who had md. and lived in the Back part of it, who took care of it and served him when there, which was in May, Sept^r,

* The Coach I remember was in shape almost a Triangle, ▽, and as well as the Chariot had a deal of Carve work on the Mouldings. There were 4 or 5 rows of Brass nails on the Leather parts of it, and on the Braces before and behind very large Brass Buckles, and other ornaments on the straps. The Carriage and Wheels had near as much wood in them for strength as a modern Waggon, for even the Turnpike Roads then required no small strength both for Carriage and Harness. The Coach was painted a dark olive colour, and the inside was lined with Scarlet Cloth, of which Colour was the Hammercloth.

† M^r Merye used likewise frequently to come to Hawley as well on Business as an old friend and acquaintance.

and January, when he received his Rents, and at other times when he had occasional Business in those parts of the Country.*

My father, If I remember right, for I was not quite 8 years old at his Death, was of the middle height, abt. 5 ft. 5 inches, of a corpulent size, fair Complexion, an oval face, an aquiline or Roman nose rather long, and rather a prominent chin, his Eyes Hazel, which, as well as the whole of his Countenance, bespoke affability and Good nature. Such I believe my father's Person was.

But to return to my Mother, Afflicted and disconsolate at the Loss of an Affectionate Husband and left with the Care of myself and sister, the one 8 the other 12 years old. Without any knowledge of her Income or Affairs, and no one to consult, for all deserted her, as has been already mentioned above, She reduced the number of her servants to 2 maids and 2 men in livery, and she got rid of the expense of the Garden in great measure (which usually cost my father £100 per an., for it was his great delight) to an occasional Gardener as the seasons required his work. She disposed of her Chariot and kept her Couch only, With a pair of Horses. She lived retired, kept no Dinner Company, and fetched her da^r home from the Expensive Boarding School she was at Chelsea. Mr Marye's losing at the gaming Table, as above mentioned, the Money intrusted by her to his Care, obliged her to look out for some one of the Profession of the Law to manage for her. Mr Henry Sheaf, Attorney, at Strood, had been an old acquaintance of my Grandfather's as well as of my father's, and had managed Such of his Concerns which required an Attorney in those parts. He had taken into partnership a young man, Mr Rob^t Taylor, Who had served his clerkship to him, and afterwards undertook all the out door Business, as Mr Sheaf became too unweildy from his size to ride any distance on horseback. To Mr Sheafe [*sic*] then my mother applyed to see after Mr Marye and get him to repay her. Mr Taylor

* My Father used every summer to visit with my mother his Parents at Chatham, and stay 3 weeks or a month with them. The early hours of the old Folks no more than the method of passing their time by no means agreed with the young ones used to the modern fashions of London, and my grandfather used frequently to say in Joke, That there was no knowing what to do with these young Londoners, their late hours and their new fangled Fashions.

My father was not only a kind Master, but a kind and good Landlord to his Tenants. He never raised their Rents or turned them out, and when they were in arrear he never was tight upon them, as the Rents they were behindhand to him at his death sufficiently showed.

undertook this, and after many applications, persuasions, and threats at last accomplished it. This Intercourse induced my mother to place all her affairs in their hands, as Stewards, Agents, and advisers to her.

Having therefore deliberately considered the State of her affairs, they gave her the most flattering hopes of putting all her Concerns in so prosperous a state that she should in future live in Ease, Credit, and Comfort, but they really thought, if she had no objection, she had better remove near the Center of her Estates, to be at hand for them to consult with her on every occasion relating to the management of them, and that besides She would have a great deal more Credit and Consequence in residing near where her property lay. She readily Consented to it, and there being a fine old Mansion to be let in Chatham, situated in Rome Lane, called Rome House, at a small distance out of the Town,* she hired it, and about a year and an half after my father's death removed there with my sister. Here they lived with great Comfort and Credit, visiting and being visited by all the Gentry of Rank and fortune, by the Commissioner's family, and by those of all the principal officers of the Dockyard and of the Army and Navy Quartered In both Rochester and Chatham.† On her fixing her residence in Chatham She had then no further occasion for my Grandfather's House, which she had still kept for her own use. She therefore disposed of the Furniture by Auction, and let the House to ye officers of Coll. Cockran's Marines, then Quartered there, viz., Lieu. Col^l Whiteford, Captⁿ Sir Robert Abercrombye, Lieut^t John Campbell, and Ensign Adam Fergusson. They were afterwards Constant visitors at my mother's House, and on every party of pleasure With her and my Sister. My Mother was a young Widow, Cheerfull and sprightly, and having before lived retired in a Country village was the more pleased with the gay round of Company which these Towns of Chatham and Rochester afforded her, and being known to be a Woman of some extent of Property She was greatly respected and looked up to, and her House resorted to accordingly.

She had several offers of Marriage there, particularly by Captⁿ W^m Sandford of the Guards, afterwards a General, but when it

* It belonged to Captⁿ Hinde, who had m^d Miss Pointz, a near Relation of Mr^s Malcher of Dartford, an old acquaintance of my mother's. Whilst at Hawley she rented it at £22 per an.

† The Commissioner's name was Brown.

came to the point and was found that my mother's Dower would be forfeited on her Marriage they ended in nothing further. My Mother's little establishment here Consisted of a Coachman, footman, a Gardener paid by the week and lodged abroad, and 3 maid servants. She kept her Coach and pair of Horses, Her Table was genteel, and She had frequent Company at it, among Whom the above Gentlemen were the most frequent and familiar Guests. Their behavior and Conversation was Gentleman like, with much Respect at all times, and much friendship subsisted between them. My Sister had the opportunity now of being perfected in Music by Masters that taught here. She was much Courted for her acquaintance by the young Ladies of the best families of the Neighbourhood, for she was Pretty and genteel in her Person, very sprightly, sensible, and well educated. Her most intimate friends were Miss Fanny Johnson, the youngest da. of Dr Pelham Johnson, M.D., an old friend of my mother's, and Miss Tatty (Martha) Soan, a da^r of the Revd. Mr Soans of the College yard in Rochester, With whom I was then at school.*

Thus my Mother lived till the unhappy attachment of my sister to Mr Archer, when the Distress of sorrow it brought upon her, and the uproar of scandal which the knowledge of her Elopement caused throughout the neighbourhood, determined her to quit Chatham immediately, and she was strengthened in this resolution by the advice of Captain Killigrew of Cockran's Reg^t of Marines quartered at Chatham. The Captain with his wife and da^r, with whom my Mother was upon an intimate footing, keeping House in Chatham, but who were then removing to a House they had hired in Margaret Street, Cavendish Square, London, next to which there was another, which was then to be let, which my Mother hired and removed to about the spring of 1747.

The House my mother removed to was a neat new House, never inhabited before, of 2 rooms on a floor neatly and genteely fitted up, a small garden behind, and beyond that a Coach House and stable for 2 horses, with servants' Room and Hayloft over them.

* She afterwards m^d the Rev^d Mr Roger Mostyn, Rector of Easing. They Went and resided in the Parsonage House there, but the loneliness of the Place and the great disparity of their years, and an unfounded Jealousy on his side in consequence of it, made them very unhappy, and she dyed I may Say broken hearted, Without children, and Was buried there. He afterwards m^d an old woman Solely for her money in some distant Co., Who plagued his heart out, and served him right for his usage of his former Wife.

This House being so much smaller than Rome House, my mother sold off very much of her furniture which she could not dispense with [*sic*]. She sold, tho' she retained her Coach, her Horses, and reduced her little family to 2 maids and a footman. At Chatham she had changed her Livery to a Brown cloth frock and light Blew Waistcoat, both trimmed with Blew and White livery lace, a plain hat with a silver Button and loop, and Leather Breeches. The Houses on the side where my mother's stood were inhabited by persons of good fashion, as the Earl of Albemarle, Lord Oliphant, Lady Betty Montague, the Earl of Warwick, Lady Charlotte Johnson, Col^l Watson, The two M^r Gwins, and other like families, but my mother visited none there but her next door neighbour Captⁿ Killigrew and his Lady and da^r, who had 2 young ladies of Fortune, her relations, who lived with them of the name of Gale who were West Indians. Soon after her abode here she became reconciled to my sister, and from prudent motives placed her and her Husband in a Lodging near her, and in the day time they lived with her, but this lasted but a little while, for their Tempers not agreeing they separated (tho' it was a love Match on her side, to accomplish which she totally disgraced and ruined herself), and from that time she came home to her mother's House, and lived with her as her da^r, wholly detached from any knowledge of him.

Whilst My Mother* resided in Margt. Street, she became acquainted with a M^r Trehearne, a Gentⁿ in the middle part of life, who had the appearance of a man of some substance, tho' what he was and who he was seemed rather mysterious. He lodged in very handsome Lodgings under the little Piazza in Covent Garden. He became very intimate indeed at my mother's, for whom he professed the greatest friendship and affection, and as I recollect behaved as paying his addresses to her, but how it was I know not, but my mother and he all at once dropped all acquaintance. I sometimes met him afterwards in the streets Casually, but tho' called to by him I ever avoided him, I know not why I am sure.

About this time my mother was recommended to become acquainted with a M^r Edw^d Browne of Lincoln's Inn, I forget by what means. He was an Attorney of Lincoln's Inn, a man of shrewd parts, Cunning and ensnaring, of a smooth persuasive Tongue, and one who had the look of Roguery in his Countenance.

* Her Housekeeper, M^{rs} Baptist, on quitting her md. M^r Aldridge, the head Gardener, a very respectable man, who survived many years after, and left her a widow but without children.

He had been bred up a Quaker, from which he warped to no religion at all. He was a Gloucestershire man and was related to the Pauls of that County, one of which, Sir Onesephorus Paul, he talked much of. He persuaded my mother to put all her affairs into his hands, and to that end to press her Attorney and Steward, Mr Rob^t Taylor (Mr Sheefe being then dec^d and Mr Taylor acting solely in his Business), to make up the Acct^{ts} of my father's Personal Estates from his Death to that time, so that all the divisions of them between my mother, sister, and self might be clearly made out, so that he himself might not be brought into any Confusion from the implicated state of them, tho' this never happened, for Mr Browne dyed before they were made out, and Mr Taylor Continued my mother's agent and steward as before. Mr Browne continued my mother's confidential friend and principal adviser, and her landlord of her House having given her Warning to quit unless she paid an additional Rent from £42 to £50, she took it so ill that by Mr Browne's advice she consented to remove to Richmond in Surry, to a House there, which under a long building Lease had come into the possession of Mr James Crokot of Cloak Lane, Merch^t, for whom Mr Browne transacted Business, and in great measure had the Letting of it. The House Lay under Richmond Hill, having a Garden and Terrace towards the Bank of the Thames, on the opposite side of which were Mr Cambridge's Meadows and House. The House when Mr Crokot took it was very small, as were the Rooms, but he fitted it up and built a large handsome Room as one Wing of it, which cost him near £400, and afterwards resided in it till he bought Luxborough House in Essex, Which Was afterwards his Country residence. My mother's House here was a most beautifull Summer Residence, tho' in Winter times very damp indeed. Its view over the Thames was very delightfull, and the opposite prospect equally so. She gave £50 a year for it. She Went there I think in the year 1750. Here my mother kept up the same little family of a footman in Livery and 2 maid Servants, she retained her Coach but kept no horses. She kept here very little Company, not more than 2 or 3 families at the most. The Living so much alone, only my sister and herself, and the dreariness of the Winter, for the House was much so and exceedingly damp, that my mother was determined to remove once more, and Mr Browne being consulted on the occasion proposed to her to look at a House at the upper end of Princes Court, near Story's Gate in Westminster. It belonged to a Miss Whitaker, to whom Mr Browne was Agent

and consequently had the letting of it. My Mother was exceedingly pleased with it, for it had a most pleasing view of St James' Park up to the Horse Guards at the Back of it, and at one End looked up the Birdcage Walk. The rent was £48 p. an.; it had 3 rooms on a floor. Having therefore thus determined She let the Richmond House to Lady Dowager Townshend, and about the year 1753 left it and removed to Princes Court. Here she reduced her family still further. She sold her Coach and kept only 2 maid serv^{ts}. Here my mother and Sister lived together till the latter dyed, Which Was a heart breaking Circumstance to my mother, whose favorite child she had ever been, and was now her sole Companion and Comfort in life.

During this intermediate time M^r Browne continued My Mother's and My adviser in all matters and Concerns between us. On my Coming of age in 1753 he settled it between us that my mother should release the whole of her Dower and her Interest in the personal Estates entirely to me, and should receive for her life £250 per an. clear annuity from me, and that I should Suffer a Recovery to bar the Entail of the freehold Estates created in my Grandfather's Will,* all Which Was Immediately done I believe in Trin. Term 1754. Soon after which M^r Browne dyed at his Chambers in Lincoln's Inn† of a short and violent fever, Which Carried him off in a few days, during which he never recovered his senses. The derangement of his affairs was it is supposed the Cause of his continuing in this state. He left his only sister Miss Mary Browne, Spinster, his sole heir. M^r Browne's death freed her and I may say luckily from his Control and self interested designs, and myself being of age and in the sole possession of all the Estates, Subject to My Mother's Annuity, She had of Course no further interference in them. Myself being so young and Marrying the next year after I came of age a Wife Without any Fortune, and Wishing to live in the style of a Gentleman With my Carriage and Servants, and having repaired at an enormous Expence the Mansion of St. John's in Sutton at home for my residence, I lived there fully equal to the Whole Rental of My Estates, perhaps much more, Without the consideration of My

* In default of my father's Heirs Male it was entailed on my grandfather's half Brother M^r Nath^l Hasted and his heirs male, resid^{ue} to my Gdfather's right heirs for ever.

† M^r Browne was Tenant, but he dyed before the Recovery was perfected, and M^r Taylor mentioned above Carried it forward and completed it.

Mother's annuity to be paid out of it, Which besides other inconveniences to myself, as Will be hereafter mentioned, straightened her greatly in her Income and deprived her of much of the Comfort she Would otherwise have enjoyed from that plenty it would have amply provided her with, for her annuity was not regularly, indeed it was very badly paid, for She seldom received more than one half of it in a year, and that by mere dribblets. My Mother, tho' she acquiesced in my marriage, yet she never inwardly approved of it, and tho' she outwardly behaved Civil to my Wife yet her Pride was so great that she Could never stomach her, nor carry herself towards her with that Cordiality that could produce that Harmony Which her relation Ships in the family as My Wife and her daughter-in-law surely ought to have done. However, she so far carried herself fair to her that the day before our Marriage she went with my Sister down to Canterbury to the House I had hired there and had furnished and provided 2 maid servants in it and received us there on the day the same had been solemnized, We arriving there from Sutton in the Evening. My Mother and sister staid with us, If I remember right, about 2 months and then returned home, keeping the whole time and at her Parting, as she continued afterwards, a Behaviour the same as an Acquaintance but not as a daughter, by which name she never Called her, Speak of her to me by the Words, Your Wife, and to her by the name of M^{rs} Hasted. After this I think I never saw my mother till my House at St. John's was so far furnished as to enable me to remove to it, which might be near 2 years.

During My Mother's residence in Princes Court, she was much respected there by everyone, and especially by the small circle of her Creditable neighbours and acquaintance, among Whom Was M^{rs} Smith, a Widow Lady of fortune, her next door neighbour, D^r and M^{rs} Pettingall* and their two da^{rs}—the D^r was a Gent^a of distinguished Literature (?), and was Minister of the Duke Street Chapel which My Mother and sister duly attended—M^r Footes, Who belonged to the Lead Mines Company, and his sister, a

* M^{rs} Pettingall [*sic*] was da^r of Bp. Ling,* I believe, of Norwich.

[John Pettingall, D.D., of Lambeth, Rector of Stoke Hamon, Bucks, Prebendary of Sneating in St. Paul's Cathedral 1757, Chaplain to Bishop Watson of Llandaff; died 1781. (Hennessy's *Novum Repertorium Ecclesiasticum*.)]

* [John Leng, S.T.P., Bishop of Norwich 1723—27, buried in the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster.]

Maiden Lady, who both lived in Manchester Buildings, M^{rs} Drew of Parl^t Street, and others Whom I cannot now recollect. Thus she lived in a pleasing and respectable situation, to which but one thing was wanting. Alas, there is always something Wanting in addition to What we have—had but her Income been tolerably well paid to her and pity it was not—Shame may I confess that it was not, and that myself was the cause of it.

BOOK THE SECOND.

I Left off in the last Book with my narrative of my Mother's Income being so badly paid to her, but how should it have been otherwise When my Expenditure was more than ever the gross Rental of my Whole Estate. When my House of St. John's in Sutton was finished I invited My Mother and sister to Come and spend some time of the summer with me and my Wife, Which they accordingly did, but Whilst With us they never visited any of the Neighbours, not even Mr Barrell and his family, Who lived but a field from us, and who had been Vicar of the Parish and as such visited her and my father so many years before Whilst they lived at Hawley. My Mother, poor Woman, had an excessive Pride, Which predominated on every occasion and made most People rather disgusted with her acquaintance, Which they of Course in future rather avoided than otherwise. Had it not been for this, she was a good natured and lively agreeable Woman in conversation and Company. After this I visited my mother in Town—perhaps once in 2 or 3 months only for a few days, sometimes with my Wife and sometimes Without her—and my mother not brooking to be a visitor to my House Where My Wife Was Misstress of it, and yet Willing to enjoy a few Weeks in the Country and to be near me too, to Whom She always shewed the most sincere Affection, Came one Summer to the small Cottage near Sutton Place, in Which I had before Marriage lived, and staid there with my sister a few weeks, and another summer to a farm House in Wilmington, about 3 miles from me, Where she had a small part of it, but my own Avocations at home and the coolness between my

Wife and Mother so biassed my Inclination that I very seldom Went to Wilmington to see her, nor was I very pressing in my Invitations to her and my sister or in sending my Carriage for them to come to me at St. John's, so that after about 2 months she became tired of the loneliness of it and returned to her House in Princes Court, where I visited her but very seldom, as I have before mentioned, till after M^{rs} Archer's Death in 1762, soon after which my mother came down to me at St. John's and spent the remdr of the Summer there With me, and she afterw^{ds} usually did every year for 2 months or more, usually in Summer Time, as long as I resided there; and as I had now, about the year 1763, become acquainted upon the Habits of Intimacy with several Learned Friends, distinguished characters in the Antiquarian Line, and having thro' their means an opportunity of resorting to the Public offices of Record and other Places for obtaining collections for my History of Kent, Which I now openly professed my Intention of Carrying forward, I, for this purpose, Went With my Wife to my mother's and staid there in that summer near 2 months, as I did frequently afterwards for a Week or something more till I left St. John's, having always a most Welcome and affectionate Reception. She had, about the year 1765, taken my 2 sons Edward and Francis to live with her and had put them to a day school in Charles Street, Westm^r, Where they staid near 2 years under her kind care, after which I dont recollect any material Circumstance Worth mention relating to my mother till I had thought of leaving St. John's to reside at Canterbury in the year 1768, when being so far from each other and my mother increasing in years and finding many [*sic*] much discomfort and many Inconviences from our separation, she acquiesced in my persuasions for her to Come and reside at Canterbury, to which place I had removed and Where I had made choice of a House for her within the Precincts of the Cathedral. Accordingly she entered into a Treaty with M^r Alderman Wilkes to assign over her Lease of the House in Princes Court to him, and I finished it With him for her.

The House I hired for my mother in the Precincts of the Cathedral stood close to the Green Court there between the House of the 2^d Prebend and the Cathedral, up the flight of steps leading from the Green Court to the Church. It was a Comfortable Convenient House, and was held for a Term of years of the Dean and Chapter, the Whole of the Precincts being their own freehold, the lease being then held of the Executor of M^r John Turner, School

Master,* Who had resided in it, as had his Widow afterwards. Of this Executor, Mr John Harrison of Canterbury, Carpenter, I took a Lease for 7 years, and he agreed to repair it and make several Improvements in it. The Rent was to be £12 a year.† About the year 1770 my mother removed thither, bringing with her my eldest daughter Anne, Who Was her god daughter, and Whom, on my Two sons Edward and Francis having some time before left her to return to me, she had taken to live entirely With her. In the summer of the above year I went up to London and brought her and my Daughter down to my House at Canterbury, till her Goods and Effects arrived‡ and were set to rights in her new Habitation, With Which She was very much pleased. She kept 2 maids and a foot boy in Livery from this time, and lived tho' in a private and economical Way yet With a genteel appearance and With much Credit and Respect, and more to her Comfort than she had done for years before. The Rank and Credit I then lived in as a Man of Fortune and a Magistrate gained her the Acquaintance of the best families of the clergy and Gentry Within the Precincts, Who Would otherwise, as they are but too apt at all times, have most likely treated her as a Stranger unknown to them With Coldness and Neglect.§ Beyond the Precincts my mother, Who Wished to confine her Acquaintance to the near circle of her neighbours Within it and to live in a private manner, She had no intercourse.

* Whence he usually went by the name of Domine Turner, and he was besides the Dⁿ and Ch^s Woodreeve.

† It was a Lease granted by the Dⁿ (*Dean*) and Ch. (*Chapter*) for 30 years at £5 pr. an., renewable in Course every 10 years, and there was a Garden behind it, Which Was hired of D^r Barford as belonging to his Prebend at £1 p^r an., and included in the rent I paid for the Whole.

[This seems to have been the house allotted in 1547 to the Twelfth Prebendal Stall, which stood over the vault of the "Third Dormitory" on the north side of the Green Court, and was pulled down in 1850.]

‡ They were sent down by Water in the Hoy to Whitstaple, and thence by Land Carriage to Canterbury.

§ The Dean and Prebendaries are accounted the superior Gentry of the Place, and may be Said to Carry themselves by far too haughty [*sic*] and Proud to every one else. The Gentry who hire the Houses of those Who are non-resident there take the next lead and generally follow their Example, and both look down on the families Who live in the Town, tho' equally as good and some perhaps superior to themselves, in an inferior light.

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Bⁿ in Dove Court, Lombard St., 1732.

- 1734. Went with my Father to Hawley.
- 1737. Went to school to the Rev. Mr Taylor, Darent.
- 1740. Went to school at the King's School, Rochester, the Rev^d Mr Soan's.
- 1742. Lived at Rome House in Holydays With my mother at Chatham.
- 1744. Went to school at Eton; recommended there by Mr Gilssin.
- 1748. Left Eton and went to Esher in Surry under the Care of Rev. Mr Francis and staid till 1750; then went home to my mother's, Margt. St. in Cavendish Sq.
- 1750. Went to Chambers in Lincoln's Inn under Mr Browne, and was entered a student there, and resided at [*erased*]. Was With my mother at Richmond.
- 1752. Went to Sutton at home and boarded with M^{rs} Aldridge's, on whose Death I hired the Cottage myself and Kept House in it. Same yrs. I paid my Addresses to Miss Anne Dorman.
- 1753. Came of Age.
- 1755. M^d Miss Anne Dorman, and went and lived at Cantby. Without Riding Gate.
- 1757. Returned to Sutton to St. John's, Wh. I had rebuilt. Was put into the Commission of the Peace and made a Deputy Lieut^t.
- 1776. Went to live again at Cantby. in St. George's St; afterwards in D^r Stores* [*sic*] House in ye Precincts, and after that to my mother's in the Green Ct.
- 1785. Unfortunately became acquainted with Mary Jane Town.
- 1786. Took her into keeping and hired a House for her, 1st at Sheldwich, and then at Boughton Under Blean, and then in Lodg^{gs} in London, and then at Dover.
- 1791. Went with her to France; Boarded at St. Omers, then at Abbeville, and lastly at Calais.
- 1793. The War breaking out, Came to England with her, and made a Tour thro' England and stopt and boarded at Cirencester, and then returned to London and hired a House at Camden Town.
- 1795. Was arrested and put into the King's Bench, where she went with me.

[* Benet Storer, Canon in the Third Prebend from 1769—1804.]

- 1797. I parted With her for Infamy and Wretchedness. Harriet Brewster then Came and lived with me as my servant.
- 1798. I was reconciled to M^{rs} H. and my Family, and they came to see me.
- 1802. Received my Discharge, and Went and Lodged in the Rules in Clarence Place and next in Greenhouse Row, Where I obtained my entire freedom.
- 1803. Went and Lodged at M^{rs} Marks opposite the Magdalen.
- 1804. Removed to Belvidere Pl., and thence to Greenhouse Row.
- 1807. Went to Corsham, being app^d Master of the Hospital there.

The Xtnings of the Issue of Edw^d Hasted of Sutton and of
Canterbury by Anne Dorman his Wife.

1. *Edward Hasted*,* born Nov^r 11th, 1760, at St. John's in Sutton at hone, Bapt^d in that Church. Sponsors: Thos. Faunce of Sutton at hone, Esq^r, Ric^d Leigh, Esq^r, afterwards Serg^t at Law, M^{rs} Anne Hasted his Grandmother.
2. *Francis Dingley Hasted*, born Jan^y 8th, 1762, at St. John's in Sutton, Bapt^d in that Church. Sponsors: Rob^t Dingley of Lamienby, Esq^r, Francis Leigh of Hawley, Esq^r, M^{rs} Dorothy Dorman his G^d mother.
3. *George Hasted*, born Augs. 21st, 1763, at St. John's in Sutton, Bapt^d in that Church. Sponsors: Edw^d Wilks of Faversham, Esq^r, M^r Gabriel Thorne his uncle, M^{rs} Mary Dorman his Aunt.
4. *Charles Hasted*, born July 25th, 1764, at St. John's in Sutton, Bapt^d in that Church. Sponsors: Edwd. Wilks, Esq., M^r Gabriel Thorne his Uncle, M^{rs} Elizh. Thorne his Aunt.
5. *Anne Hasted*, born Augs^t 15th, 1765, at St. John's in Sutton, Bap^d in that Church. Sponsors: John Calcrafft of Ingries, Esq., M^{rs} Anne Leigh, Wife of F^s. Leigh, Esq., Miss Jane Faunce, da^r of Thos. F., Esq.
6. *Katherine Hasted*, born Aug^t 24th, 1766, at St. John's in Sutton, Bapt^d in that Church [Sept 9th]. Sponsors: Edwd. Fowke of Hawley, Esq., M^{rs} Anne Hasted her Grand mother, M^{rs} Dorothy Dorman her G^d mother.

[* Vicar of Hollingbourne from 1790 until his death in 1854.]

7. *John Septimus Hasted*, born Aug^t 17th, 1768, in St. George's Street in Canterbury, Bap^d in St. George's Church there. Sponsors: John Tasker of Horton, Esq., Andrew Coltee Ducarel, LL.D., Elizh. Wife of the Rev. Brian Faussett.
8. *Joseph Hasted*, born Nov^r 29th, 1770,* in St. George's Street in Canterbury, Bap^d privately at home, and dyed in a few days after and was buried in St. George's Church.
9. *Barbara Benetta Hasted*, born in the Precincts of the Cathedral of Canterbury and Bap^d in that Church, and dyed an Infant and was buried in the cloisters there. Sponsors: The Rev. Bennett Storer, Prebby., Mr^s Barbara Wife of Gilb^t Knowler, Esq.

[* Dec^r 3^d, 1769. "Joseph s. of Edward Hasted, Esq^r, and Anne his wife, baptized" (*St. George's Registers*).

1773, Dec^r 14. "Mary daughter of Edward Hasted, Esq^{re}, & Ann his wife was privately baptized Dec. 14; received into the Church Jan. 8, 1774, by the name of Mary Barbara Bennett." *Canterbury Cathedral Registers*.—*J. M. Cowper*.

1774, Sep^r 17. "Mary Barbara Bennett Hasted, Infant, in the Cloisters, buried." *Ibid.*]