

A selection of historic documents

A selection of documents are available to discover more about the people who lived in the Perry Wood area during Victorian times. These include:

- Copies of some original Census returns from 1901. These are not always easy to use, the writing and terms can be difficult to understand but they do provide a very detailed insight into the lives of people at the turn of the twentieth century.
- A transcript of the census for Suttons Cottages, 1901. This transcript presents more clearly the information from the handwritten census returns and is much easier to use in class.
- Directories for Selling. The directories provided people with information about communities, they contain the same sort of information that we might find in a telephone directory or on the web. The directories also include a brief history of the community which can be used to reconstruct what it was like to live in Selling in Victorian times.
- The history of Selling written by Edward Hasted and published in 1798. This is from the first detailed history of the county and is not suitable for use with younger children but staff will find it interesting for background information

Using the census

By the beginning of the nineteenth century parish registers, the information collected by the Church about baptisms, marriages and deaths become less reliable as a method of finding out how many people lived in the country. It took a while to get a new system established. The early censuses up to 1841 provided totals but not the details that were collected by the Anglican priests who were the first enumerators.

From 1851 the recorded information was preserved in books giving details household by household including the name, state, age, sex, occupation, relation to head of household and parish of origin of each resident. They also note the number of houses occupied, unoccupied and building.

These details provide a great way of starting a local study. Recognising who lived in a house in 1911 can be fascinating, it is even more interesting if you can trace who lived there in the previous fifty years by using the earlier censuses that are online. All sorts of patterns can be recognised, where people were born, what jobs they did and something about the history of the families.

The censuses can, however be a bit of a puzzle as it is not always easy to identify houses by the enumerators' numbers in the early censuses as it is often unclear what the enumerator is counting as a house or household. Reading the handwriting of the early censuses can also be challenging. A typed transcript is always worth seeking out, and if you are teaching younger children a transcript is essential. One is included in this selection of documents.

In spite of these difficulties, the availability of censuses makes an excellent starting point for a study to move forward or back in time. This approach was recommended in an excellent book for studying

local history, *This was their world*, by Alan Rogers (or, in its revised edition, *Approaches to local history*, published by Longmans). Buy a copy of this book if you can find it secondhand. A very useful source for further information can be found on the The National Archives website:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

More can be found on the Education site

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/focuson/census/>

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/lessons/census-detective.htm>

Civil Parish of Selling Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin County-Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban-District of Ward of Municipal Borough or of Urban District of Rural District of Faversham Parliamentary Borough or Division of North Eastern Town or Village or Hamlet of Selling

Cols 1	2	3	4			6	8	9	10	11		13	14	15	16	17
			HOUSES							Males	Females					
No of Schedules	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	Inhabited	Uninhabited	Number of Rooms	Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Condition as to Marriage	Age last Birthday of	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION			Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic (4) Imbecile, feeble-minded	
17	Near Selling Station Do " Do	1				Hilda Jackson	Daughter			9					Kent Selling	
						Leonard S. Chapman	Head	M	30		Ordinary Agriculture Labourer	Worker			Kent St Margarets at Cliffe	
						Maudie S. Chapman	Wife	M		28					Kent Boughton Aluph	
						May Chapman	Daughter			2					Kent Selling	
18	Rate House Cannister Hall	1				John Edwards	Head	M	61		Ordinary Agriculture Labourer	Worker			Kent Boughton	
						Eliza Edwards	Wife	M		59					Kent Quaker	
						Sarah J. Edwards	Daughter	S		30					Kent Chilham	
						Mary W. Hoare	Daughter	M		25					Kent Boughton Aluph	
						John W. Edwards	Son	S		23		Ordinary Agriculture Labourer	Worker		Kent Boughton Aluph	
						Harry S. Edwards	Son	S		22		Ordinary Agriculture Labourer	Worker		Kent Boughton Aluph	
						William A. Edwards	Son	S		18		Ordinary Agriculture Labourer	Worker		Kent Selling	
19	Rhode Farm	1				Mary A. Chapman	Granddaughter			8					Kent St Margarets at Cliffe	
						George J. J. J.	Head	M	35		Wagoner on Farm	Worker			Kent Boughton Aluph	
						Mary J. J. J.	Wife	M		32					Kent Chilham	
						Edith M. J. J.	Daughter	S		13					Kent Newnham	
						Alfred C. J. J.	Son			9					Kent Selling	
						Ernest B. J. J.	Boarder	S		18		Cartman on Farm	Worker		Kent Selling	
20	Do " Do	1				George & Colyer	Head	S	24			Employer			Kent Boughton	
21	Fore Farm	1				Richard Epps	Head	M	38		Labourer on Farm	Worker			Kent Wye	
						Mary Epps	Wife	M		38					Kent Wye	
						Emily Epps	Daughter	S		14					Kent Boughton Aluph	
						George Epps	Son	S		12					Kent Wye	
						Fredrick Epps	Son			10					Kent Boughton Aluph	
						James Epps	Son			8					Kent Boughton Aluph	
						Walter Epps	Son			7					Kent Wye	
						Edith Epps	Daughter			3					Kent Faversham	
						Alice Epps	Daughter			11 mo					Kent Selling	
22	Rhode Common	1				John Weller	Head	M	32		Plate-layer on Railway	Worker			Kent Typh. Halden	
						Mary Weller	Wife	M		32					Kent Faversham	
						John Weller	Son	S		5					Kent Selling	
6	Total of Schedules of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms	6	1	3	Total of Males and of Females...				16	14						

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		Inhabited	Uninhabited	Number of Rooms Occupied & less than 5				Male	Female					
	<u>Road Common</u>				<u>Edith Weller</u>	<u>Daughter</u>		<u>3</u>				<u>Kent Selling</u>		
					<u>Milly Weller</u>	<u>Daughter</u>		<u>2</u>				<u>Kent Selling</u>		
<u>23</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>Albert Jenkins</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>Trinitian / Green</u>	<u>Own account</u>		<u>Kent Dunkirk</u>		
					<u>Eliza J Jenkins</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>27</u>				<u>Kent Sheldwich</u>		
					<u>Sydney Quarry</u>	<u>Son</u>		<u>4</u>				<u>Kent Selling</u>		
					<u>Julia H. Quarry</u>	<u>Sister</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>19</u>				<u>Kent Sheldwich</u>		
<u>24</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>Thomas W. Wise</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>Ordinary / Agricultural Labourer</u>	<u>Worker</u>		<u>Kent Boughton under Bleam</u>		
					<u>Flora W. Wise</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>24</u>				<u>Kent Westheadigh</u>		
<u>25</u>		<u>1</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>Arthur F. Fries</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>Wagoner / Horse</u>	<u>Worker</u>		<u>Kent Dunkirk</u>		
					<u>Anne Fries</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>23</u>				<u>Kent Faversham</u>		
<u>26</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>Alfred Post</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>Shepherd on Farm</u>	<u>Worker</u>		<u>Kent Lerne</u>		
					<u>Edith M. Post</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>24</u>				<u>Kent Chilham</u>	<u>Blind</u>	
<u>27</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>James Smith</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>General / Labourer</u>	<u>Worker</u>		<u>Kent Selling</u>		
					<u>Eliza Smith</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>58</u>				<u>King's Island (British)</u>	<u>Blind</u>	
<u>28</u>	<u>Little Stone Stile</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>Frank Owen</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>Woodman / Market Gardener</u>	<u>Own account</u>		<u>Kent Chatham</u>		
					<u>Emily Owen</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>30</u>				<u>Kent Boughton</u>		
					<u>Frank Owen</u>	<u>Son</u>		<u>4</u>				<u>Kent Boughton</u>		
					<u>Harold Owen</u>	<u>Son</u>		<u>5</u>				<u>Kent Sheldwich</u>		
<u>29</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>Adaide Roalfe</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wid</u>	<u>54</u>				<u>Kent Sheldwich</u>		
					<u>Catherine R. Roalfe</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>19</u>				<u>Kent Selling</u>		
					<u>Fry M. Roalfe</u>	<u>Granddaughter</u>		<u>8 mo</u>				<u>Kent Boughton</u>		
					<u>Thomas Wood</u>	<u>Brother</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>Stock Man / Horse</u>	<u>Worker</u>		<u>Kent Boughton</u>		
					<u>Bessie S. Graham</u>	<u>Granddaughter</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>Stock Boy on Farm</u>	<u>Worker</u>		<u>Kent Charing</u>		
<u>30</u>	<u>Stone Stile</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>Walter C. Down</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>Gardener on Farm</u>	<u>Worker</u>		<u>Kent Charing</u>		
					<u>Mary J. Down</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>22</u>				<u>Kent Faversham</u>		
					<u>Ernest J. Down</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>4</u>				<u>Kent Charing</u>		
<u>31</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>William A. Cooper</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>Wagoner / Horse</u>	<u>Worker</u>		<u>Kent Charing</u>		
					<u>Lavinia J. Cooper</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>26</u>				<u>Kent Chatham</u>		
					<u>William A. Cooper</u>	<u>Son</u>		<u>4</u>				<u>Kent Statfield</u>		
<u>9</u>	Total of Schedules of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	Total of Males and of Females			<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>					

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		In habited	Uninhabited	Number of Rooms (over 5-00 if less than five)	Males				Females						
32	Stonestill	1				Charles Surman	Head	M	49		Wagoner Wagoner	Worker		Kent Gurry	
						Mary Surman	Wife	M	44					Kent Shant	
						John R Surman	Son	S	17		Wagoner Wagoner	Worker		Kent Selling	
						Charles Surman	Son	S	12		Rock boy on Wagoner	Worker		Kent Selling	
						Edwin Surman	Son	S	9					Kent Selling	
						Daisy Surman	Serv	S	6					Kent Selling	
						William S Surman	Son	S	3					Kent Selling	
33	Stonestill Farm	1				John P Epps	Head	Wid	53		Farmer	Employer Own Account	At Home	Kent Selling	
						Rebecca Epps	Serv	S	45					Kent Selling	
						John P Epps	Son	M	44		Farmer's Son	Worker		Kent Chatham	
						Elizabeth Epps	Wife	M	50					Kent Scotland	
						John P Epps	Son	S	12					Kent Selling	
						Thomas S Epps	Son	S	10					Kent Selling	
						Richard S Epps	Son	S	8					Kent Selling	
						Gordon F Epps	Son	S	5					Kent Selling	
						Ada M Goodsell	Servant	S	14		Domestic	Worker		Kent Shildwich	
34	Three Beches	1				George Joy	Head	M	48		Ordinary Farmer	Worker		Kent Hadlow	
						Mary J Joy	Wife	M	48					Kent Hadlow	
						Charles Joy	Son	S	20		Ordinary Farmer	Worker		Kent Goudon	
						John Joy	Son	S	15		Ordinary Farmer	Worker		Kent Hadlow	
						Ernest Joy	Son	S	13		Ordinary Farmer	Worker		Kent Hadlow	
35	Perry Wood House	1				Edward Barton	Head	M	75		Market Farmer	Own Account	At Home	Kent Selling	
						Mary Barton	Wife	M	84					Kent Canterbury	
36	Perry Wood	1				Richard Bishop	Head	S	42		Woodman on Estate	Worker		Kent Waltham	
						Oliver Bishop	Servant	M	42		Wagoner Wagoner	Worker		Kent Selling	
						Oliver Bishop	Serv	S	22					Kent Selling	
						Elizabeth Bishop	Serv	S	19					Kent Selling	
						Wendy Bishop	Serv	S	9					Kent Selling	
						Ann Bishop	Serv	S	7					Kent Shildwich	
						Harry Bishop	Son	S	1					Kent Selling	
						William Dodd	Serv	S	90		Ordinary Farmer	Worker		Kent Hasted	
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		Inhabited	Uninhabited	Number of Rooms (excluding those five)			Males	Females					
37	Penny Wood	1		4	George Back	Head	M	42	Ordinary Agricultural Labourer	Worker		Kent Shieldwich	
					Emma E. Back	Wife	M	36				Kent Selling	
					William F. Back	Son	S	15	Ordinary Agricultural Labourer	Worker		Kent Selling	
					Maudie E. Back	Daughter	S	13				Kent Selling	
					Hubert F. Back	Son		11				Kent Selling	
					Stanley F. Back	Son		9				Kent Selling	
					Edith M. Back	Daughter		6				Kent Selling	
					Sonny F. Back	Daughter		4				Kent Selling	
					Elsie M. Back	Daughter		2				Kent Selling	
					Fredrick F. Back	Son		29mo				Kent Selling	
38	Cherry Tree Lane	1		4	Charles Greenstreet	Head	M	48	Market Gardener			Kent Bromington	
					Susanah Greenstreet	Wife	M	44				Kent Deal	
39	Penny Wood	1		4	Edward J. Drury	Head	M	51	Ordinary Agricultural Labourer	Worker		Kent Deal	
					Frances E. Drury	Wife	M	52				Kent Deal	
					Edward W. Drury	Son	S	23	Ordinary Agricultural Labourer	Worker		Kent Shieldwich	
					Rose M. Drury	Daughter	S	15				Kent Shieldwich	
					William J. Drury	Son	S	13	Boy on Farm	Worker		Kent Shieldwich	
					Fredrick C. Drury	Son		11				Kent Shieldwich	
					Penny J. Drury	Son		4				Kent Shieldwich	
40	do	1		4	James Hopkins	Head	S	57	Blacksmith	Worker		Kent Boughton under Bleas	
					Richard Bishop	Wife	S	14				Kent Selling	
41		1		4	Albert J. Ruck	Head	M	28	Ordinary Agricultural Labourer	Worker		Kent Wye	
					Margaret Ruck	Wife	M	25				Kent Langley	
					Charles E. Ruck	Son		4				Kent Hollingbourne	
42		1		4	Charles Rogers	Head	M	24	Waggoner on Farm	Worker		Kent Thornbury	
					Rosa Rogers	Wife	M	23				Kent Boughton	
					Emily Rogers	Daughter		29mo				Kent Shieldwich	
43	Downwell Lane	1		4	Edward Goldup	Head	M	57	Farmer	Employer		Kent Wye	
					Frances Goldup	Wife	M	55				Kent Wye	
					George Goldup	Son	S	16	Labourer	Worker	At Home	Kent Eastwell	
					Ed Goldup	Son	S	14	Labourer	Worker	At Home	Kent Eastwell	
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		Inhabited	Number of Rooms				Males	Females					
				Edith Goldup	Daughter	S	12					Kent Eastwell	
				Ethel Goldup	Daughter	S	8					Kent Eastwell	
44	Walk Farm	1		Rosa Dooly	Granddaughter	S	11					Sussex St Leonards	
				Thomas Skilling	Head	M	59		Labourer (Market Gardener)	Worker		Kent Boughton	
				Emma Skilling	Wife	M	49					Kent Hasle down	
45	Woodview House	1		Albert J. Jenkins	Head	M	41		Insurance Agent	Worker		Kent Sheldesiah	
				Sophie J. Jenkins	Wife	M	41					Kent Walmer	
				Daisy J. Jenkins	Daughter	S	15					Kent Mlash	
				Penny J. Jenkins	Son	S	14					Kent Mlash	
				Edith M. Jenkins	Daughter	S	11					Kent Chulham	
				Ernest J. Jenkins	Son	S	9					Kent Selling	
				Willie J. Jenkins	Son	S	6					Kent Selling	
				Arthur J. Jenkins	Son	S	5					Kent Selling	
46	Amorywell Cottages	1		Emma Moore	Head	Wid	64		Labourer	Own Account	At Home	Kent Maidstone	
47	Do	1		Joseph Buxton	Head	M	75		Pensioner			Kent Dover	
				Sarah J. Buxton	Wife	M	69					Kent Gillingham	
48	Do	1		Elizabeth M. Vaughan	Head	Wid	68		Living on own means			Kent Selling	
49	Do	1		Emma Gold	Head	Wid	62		Shopkeeper (Retail)	Own Account	At Home	Kent Selling	
				Arthur Gold	Son	S	38		Labourer (God. Labourer)	Own Account		Kent Selling	
				Harold Gold	Son	S	18					Kent Selling	
50	Do	1		Frances Dymchley	Head	S	74		Parish Relief		At Home	Kent Selling	
51	Do	1		Caroline Jordan	Head	Wid	79		Parish Relief		At Home	Kent Sheldesiah	
				John W. J. Sidaway	Son	S	25		Ordinary Agricultural Labourer	Worker		Kent Boughton	
52	Do	1		James Harris	Head	M	50		Ordinary Agricultural Labourer	Worker		Kent Throesley	
				Sarah Harris	Wife	M	44					Kent Redgar Sittingbourne	
53	Down Court	1		John J. Lampell	Head	S	53		Market Gardener (God. Agri. Labourer)	Worker		Kent Selling	
				Elizabeth Pepprell	Wife	S	17		Housekeeper (Domestic)		At Home	Kent Faversham	
54	Perry Wood	1		George Pilcher	Head	M	39		Ordinary Agricultural Labourer	Worker		Kent Shalvington & Wingham	
				Ada H. Pilcher	Wife	M	30					Kent Wickham & Wingham	
				William E. Pilcher	Son	S	12					Kent Wingham	
11	Total of Schedules of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms	11	1				8		Total of Males and of Females...	14	16		

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		4 Uninhabited	5 In Occu- pation	5 Not in Occu- pation				10 Males	12 Females					
60	do	1			Rosa A Hubbard William J Epps Emily J Epps Wilfred J Epps Arthur J Epps	Daughter Head Wife Son Son		23		Carpenter on Farm	Worker		Kent Selling Kent Wye Kent Crundale Kent Littlebourne	
61	do	1			Edward Wise Lucia Wise Mary A Wise Charles Wise	Head Mother Sister Brother		27	61	Ordinary Agriculture Labourer	Worker		Kent Selling Kent Selling Kent Selling Kent Selling	
62	do	1	2		William Brenchley Matilda Brenchley Florence Brenchley Edward Fryer	Head Wife Daughter Boarder		25	31 39mo	Ordinary Agriculture Labourer	Worker		Kent Westwell Allford Kent Sheldwich Kent Selling Kent Sheldwich	
63	do	1	1		James Padden Ellen Padden Dorothy Padden Ernest Padden Dellie Padden	Head Wife Daughter Son Daughter		30	32 5 2	Gardener Domestic	Worker		Kent Faversham Kent Borden Kent Selling Kent Selling Kent Selling	
64	Near Oak Cottage	1			Fredrick Stanley Elisabeth M Stanley Albert Stanley Ella F Stanley Frederick P Stanley	Head Wife Son Daughter Son		32	30 9 4 3mo	Ordinary High Labourer	Worker		Kent Kingsnorth Kent Buckle Kent Kingsnorth Kent Biddenden Kent Selling	
65	Black Oak Cottage	1			James B Mills Robert Jordan Charlotte Jordan	Visitor Head Wife		30	38 52	General Domestic Servant Gardener High Labourer			Kent Beckles Kent Doughton Amph Kent Godmersham	
66	do	1			Charles Jenkins Mary Jenkins Ethel Jenkins	Head Wife Daughter		34	35 14	Wagoner			Kent Dunkirk Kent Redon Kent Redon	
Total of Schedules of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms		3			Total of Males and of Females...			14	15					

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Eng.—Sheet B.

Administrative County *Kent*

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the

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Civil Parish of *Selling* Ecclesiastical Parish of *St Mary the Virgin*
 County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District of *Canterbury* Ward of Municipal Borough or of Urban District of *Canterbury* Rural District of *Canterbury* Parliamentary Borough or Division of *Canterbury* Town or Village or Hamlet of *Selling*

Cols 1	2	3				7	8	9	10	11		13	14	15	16	17
		HOUSES								Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family					
No of Schedules	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	Inhabited	Uninhabited	Number of Rooms occupied if less than five	Males	Females										
	<i>Black Boat Cottage</i>				<i>1</i>	<i>Fanny Jenkins</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>8</i>		<i>12</i>				<i>Kent</i>	<i>Canterbury</i>	
<i>End of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Selling St Mary the Virgin (Part of)</i>																
Total of Schedules of Houses and of Tenants with less than Five Rooms										Total of Males and of Females...						

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SUTTON'S COTTAGES			[there are 6 cottages]	look at enumerators route to try to work out sequence]					
Date	Source	Occupants	Refce	Relation	Condition	Age	Occupation	Employ't	
1901	Sh census	Sutton	John		head	Wid	73	retired licenced victualler	
1901	Sh census	Sutton	Eliz		Dau	S	24		
1901	Sh census	Sutton	John		Son		4		
1901	Sh census	Sutton	Thomas		Visitor	Wid	71		
1901	Sh census	Muller	Martha		wife	Married	33		
1901	Sh census	Muller	Sarah M		dau	S	10	scholar	
1901	Sh census	Hopkins	Stephen		head	married	61	waggoner timber	worker
1901	Sh census	Hopkins	Emily		wife	married	41		
1901	Sh census	Hopkins	Daisy		dau	S	13		
1901	Sh census	unoccupied							
1901	Sh census	unoccupied							
1901	Sh census	Wraight	George		head	married	38	Carter general	worker
1901	Sh census	Wraight	Louise E		wife	married	37		
1901	Sh census	Wraight	George H		son	S	13	chicken boy on farm	worker
1901	Sh census	Wraight	Edward G		son	S	9	scholar	
1901	Sh census	Wraight	Mable V		dau	S	7	scholar	
1901	Sh census	Wraight	Ernest W		son	S	4		
1901	Sh census	Wraight	Elsie M		dau	S	3		
1901	Sh census	Wraight	John W		son	S	7 m		
1891	Sh census	Sutton	John		head	Wid	63	miller retired	not
1891	Sh census	Sutton	Eliz		Dau	S	14		
1891	Sh census	Gambrill	Charles		head	married	29	general labourer	employed
1891	Sh census	Gambrill	Ellen L		wife	married	26		
1891	Sh census	Gambrill	John J		son		5		
1891	Sh census	Gambrill	Charlie		son		3		
1891	Sh census	Gambrill	Ivy		dau		2		
1891	Sh census	Gambrill	Olive		dau		11m		
1891	Sh census	unoccupied							

SELLING is a pleasant, well-built village, on an eminence, 4 miles S.E. by E. from Faversham, which, in 1841, had a population of 590 souls, and 123 houses. The number of inhabitants, in 1801, was 500; in 1831, 539. The parish contains 2,432 acres of land; of which 168 acres, in 1840, were in hop grounds, 257 in wood land, 41 in roads and waste, and 5 acres glebe. The principal owners are Lord Sondes, Corpus Christi College (Oxford), J. P. Lade, Esq., John Neame, Esq., Charles Neame, Esq., James B. Wildman, Esq., Giles Hilton, Esq., and Henry Hilton, Esq. At Shottenden, a hill near the southern extremity of this parish, is the remains of an *ancient Camp*, said by some to have been formed by the *Romans*, whilst others conjecture it to be of *Danish* origin. The intrenchments which are still visible enclose about an acre and three-quarters of ground, most of which lies on a declivity to the south-east, forming right angles to the north-east, north-west, and south-east. From the large remains of strong fortifications thrown up in Sellingham wood, about two miles S.E. from hence, which seems to have been one of the *castra stativa* of the *Romans*. Some have conjectured this at Shottenden to have been one of their summer encampments, as well as an exploratory fort for the use of the larger one. The site is chosen so as to command the country on all sides, and it is well supplied with water, the wells frequently overflowing, but never dry; many of them are of a mineral quality, as appears by the ochreous substance in them.

THE CHURCH, dedicated to St. Mary, is a venerable fabric, in the early English style, consisting of nave, chancel, and side-aisles, with north and

south transept, and a tower rising from the centre, in which are six bells. The east window is beautifully adorned with stained glass, and the fabric has been recently restored, at considerable expense, by private subscriptions. The living is a vicarage, valued in the King's books at £6 13s. 4d.; patron and appropriator, Lord Sondes; incumbent, Rev. E. R. Teed, M.A.; curate, Rev. G. Beardsworth, M.A. The tithes were commuted in 1840; rectorial for £810, and vicarial for £537. The Vicarage is a neat residence, a little S. from the Church.

THE MANOR OF SELLING was formerly held by the Abbot of St. Augustine, and assigned by him to the clothing of his monks there. Lord Sondes is the present possessor of it. HAREFIELD COURT and PERRYWOOD are manors in this parish, which have long been part of the possessions of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. RHODES COURT is a manor, near the south-east extremity of the parish. OWEN'S COURT has long lost the reputation of having been a manor; it was formerly the seat of the Owen family. *Gushmore*, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N. from the Church, and *Harefield Square*, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile N., are hamlets in this parish. The following are scattered farms, with their bearings from the Church:—*Harefield Court*, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile W.; *Owen's Court*, 1 mile N. by W.; *Road Farm*, 2 miles S. by E.; *Selling Court*, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile S. *Luton House*, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile S., is the seat and property of Miss E. Neame. *Sole street House*, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile S.E., is a neat mansion, the seat and property of Henry Hilton, Esq. John and Charles Neame, Esqrs., are considered the most extensive hop growers in East Kent.

Marked 1 reside at Gushmore, the rest at Selling, or where specified.

Beardsworth Rev. G., M.A., Curate,
Vicarage
Buesden Walter, blacksmith
1 Clackett John, blacksmith
Gammon John, shopkeeper
George James, vict. & wheelwright,
White Lion
Hilton Hy. Esq., Sole-street house
Hilton Capt. Stephen, R.N., Trafalgar
house
Hogben John, carpenter
Hogben Thos. shopkr. & Post-office
Hulse John, butcher
Neame Miss C. Sutton house

Wilmot John, gardener

Farmers.

*Marked * are Hop-growers also.*

1* Anders John
* Apsley Leonard, Owen's Court
* Buck George F. Road farm
* Butcher Thomas, Gosmere
1 Clackett William
* Epps John P. Stone style
* Neame Charles, Harefield Court
* Neame John, Selling Court
Waters Richard, Poppington

SELLING is a well-wooded and picturesque parish and village with station on the Faversham and Dover section of the London, Chatham and Dover railway, 50 miles from London, 4 south-east from Faversham, 8 west of Canterbury, 14 north of Ashford, in the North Eastern division of the county, lathe of Scray, Boughton-under-Blean and Faversham hundreds, Faversham petty sessional division, union and county court district and in the rural deanery of Ospringe and archdeaconry of Canterbury. The village, which is small, stands on rising ground facing the south, in a dry and healthy country. The church of St. Mary is chiefly of flint, and has a central tower containing a clock and 6 bells; the chapels are Early English and the rest of the edifice Perpendicular; the east window contains some fine ancient stained glass; there are remains of a rood loft, some mural monuments and a brass effigy of a civilian, c. 1530, with figures of children, of the same date; the church affords 300 sittings. The register dates from the year 1558. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £235, with 6 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of Earl Sondes, and held since 1889 by the Rev. John Elston M.A. of Magdalen Hall, Oxford. On Shottendon Hill, in the southern part of this parish, are the supposed remains of a large triangular camp. About half a mile north is a large mound, planted with beech trees. Sole

Berry Walter Wheeler, Gushmere
 Elston Rev. John M.A. Vicarage
 Finn Frederick, Sole Street house
 Millen Frank, Owens court
 Neame Arthur, Woodlands
 Neame Montagu G. Harefield
 O'Neil Mrs. Trafalgar house
 Osborne Sir Francis bart. Luton house
 Toller Rev. Hill M.A. Selling court
COMMERCIAL.
 Blyth John, grocer, Post office

Berry Walter Wheeler, farmer & hop
 grower, Gushmere & Poppington
 Byron Thos. farmer, Gosmere farm
 Clinch John, grocer
 Colyer George, farm bailiff to Mrs.
 Lade, Rhode court
 Epps John Penfield, farmer & hop
 grower, Stone stile
 George Charles, wheelwright
 George John, White Lion P.H.
 Hogben Alexander, carpenter

Street House is the residence of Frederick Finn esq. Earl Sondes is lord of the manor, and Corpus Christi College, Oxford, Mrs. Lade, of Nash Court, Boughton-under-Blean, and Lt.-Col. Charles S. Hardy, of Chilham Castle, are the largest landowners. The soil and subsoil are various. The chief crops are wheat, barley, hops, oats, beans and turnips. The area is 2,453 acres; rateable value, £5,832; in 1891 the population was 796.

Gushmore, a quarter of a mile distant, is a hamlet in this parish. Owenscourt is a mile and a half north-west; Mullinge and Cockshill, 1 mile south-east; Three Beeches, 1 mile south-east; Sole Street, a mile and a half north-west.

Parish Clerk, Edward Hogben.

Post & M. O. O., S. B. & Annuity & Insurance Office.—
 John Blyth, sub-postmaster. Letters received by foot post from Faversham, arrive at 8 a.m. & 12.30 p.m.; dispatched at 5 in winter & 6 p.m. in summer & 12 noon on sundays. The telegraph office is at the railway station

National School (mixed), built in 1872, for 175 children; average attendance, 144; William Tuck Brown, master; Mrs. Brown, infants' mistress

Railway Station, John W. Bond, station master

Hogben Edward, beer retailer
 Leney Henry, farmer, Norham house
 Millen Frank, farmer & hop grower,
 Owen's court
 Neame Montagu G. farmer & hop
 grower, Harefield
 Pope Silas, assist. overseer for Selling
 Warden Walter Rodwell, blacksmith
 Whiting Robert M. & Harry, builders
 &c.; & at Ospringe
 Wilson George, Sondes Arms P.H.

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by the Rev. Samuel Rhys Williams M.A. of Cavendish College, Cambridge. On Shottendon Hill, in the southern part of this parish, are the supposed remains of a large triangular camp. About half a mile north is a large mound, planted with beech trees. Sole Street House is the residence of Capt. Melville Hilton-Simpson, Earl Sondes, who is lord of the manor, Corpus Christi College, Oxford, the Hon. H. A. Milles-Lade J.P. and Charles Hardy esq. J.P. are the largest landowners. The soil and subsoil are various. The chief crops are wheat, hops, barley, oats and beans. The area is 2,454 acres: the population in 1931 was 633.

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Clerk to the Parish Council, Thomas H. Harman, Faversham.

Post, M. O., T. & T. E. D. Office. Letters from Faversham. A telegraph office is at the railway station for dispatch, & delivery on station premises only

Railway Station (S. R.)

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

(For T.N.'s see general list of Private Residents at end of book.)

Berry Lady, Gushmere court
Gaskain Edward William, Norham ho
Guy Leonard Samuel, Woodlands
Hilton-Simpson Capt. Melville, Sole Street house
Neame Alan Bruce, Harefield
Neame Mrs. Frederick, Luton
Spencer Capt. Rowland H. Selling ct
Williams Rev. Samuel Rhys M.A. (vicar), The Vicarage

COMMERCIAL.

Marked thus ° farm 150 acres or over.
°Amos Rt. Byron, farmer & hop grower, Gosmere. T N Faversham 50
Berry Sir Walt. Wheeler K.B.E., J.P. (exors. of), farmers, Gushmere, T N 5
Blyth Jn. B. grocer, Post office. T N 1
Brenchley Geo. contractr. Stone stile. T N 9

Broadley Stanley Fras. farm bailiff to A. B. Neame esq. Harefield. T N 4
Clinch Lily (Miss) & Jabez, grocers, Harefield
Freeman Herbt. Geo. White Lion P.H
Frid C. & Sons, frmrs. Saffrey frm
Gaskain Edwd. Wm. (mgr. to W. F. & W.O. Gaskain), fruit growers, Selling Court & Rhode Court farms. T N 27
Greenstreet Wm. poultry farmer, Perrywood
Hadaway Jn. bldr. T N 26
Hawkins Thos. painter
Higgs Jn. V. farmer, Owens court. T N Faversham 145
Hogben Alex. joiner, Hogben's hill. T N 22
Hopkins Fredk. Thos. smallhdr. Perrywood
Impett Stephen, smallhdr. Firtree ho
Leonard Jn. farm bailiff to Jn. V. Higgs esq. Owens court
°Neame Alan Bruce, farmer & hop grower, Harefield. T N 4

Powell Horace, painter, Selling st
Scott Christoph. Hy. smallhdr. Hirst cott
Shoebridge Thos. farm bailiff to exors. of Sir W. W. Berry K.B.E., J.P. Gushmere
Studham Jas. smallholder, Westfield
Sutton Alice (Mrs.), midwife
Swinyard Chas. farm bailiff to W. A. Smith esq. Little Owenscourt
Tong Wm. smallholder, Littlestone stile
Townend Donald Arth. farm bailiff to W. F. & W. D. Gaskain, Selling Court & Rhode Court farms
Vaughan Jesso, blacksmith. T N 10
Walters Hy. farm bailiff to Messrs. H. & W. Arnold, Stone stile. T N Chilham 14
Whiting Bros. bldrs
Wise Edwd. Sondes Arms P.H. T N 15
Wise Jas. coal mer
Woodward Hy. W. beer retlr. Hogben's hill

SELLING

From: Edward Hasted. The History and Topographical Survey of the County of Kent: Volume 7 (1798), pp. 38-50.

ADJOINING to Boughton southward lies the parish of Selling, on the south or opposite side of the London road to Graveney, last described.

It is written in Domesday, Selinge, and Sellinges, and in some antient records, Sellinge subtus Bleane. (fn. 1) A small part of it, that is, so much as is within the borough of Rode, is within the hundred of Faversham.

Besides the manor of Selling, those of Rhodes-court, Shillingheld, and Tenham, claim over different parts of this parish.

The archbishop's paramount manor of Boughton claims over so much of this parish as is within that hundred, to the court leet of which the occupiers of the houses and lands in this, as well as the other parishes above-mentioned, within it, are amenable, by reason of their resciancy; notwithstanding which, the lands and houses themselves, throughout them, hold of other manors, which claim over them, by heriot, relief, rent, &c. which is the general case, where there is a manor paramount, and inferior manors under it, the one claiming a civil, the other a military jurisdiction over the same district of country.

SELLING is situated about two miles southward of the high London road, and the 49th mile-stone on it. It lies on rising ground towards the south, in a dry and healthy country. It is not a large parish, the rents in it are about 1900*l.* per annum, and the houses about sixty-two. The middle part of it, in which is the church and village, is far from being unpleasant, the soil inclining about the church to gravel, and the hill and dale very gentle. The branch of the turnpike road from Faversham over Old Wives lees to Chilham, where it joins the Ashford road, runs along the northern part of the parish; on this road, about a mile eastward of the church, is a neat villa, built by Collet Manhood, esq. who resided for some time in it, since which it has been usually inhabited by persons in a genteel line of life, it is now the property of Mr. Mapleton, who resides in it; on the same road, still more eastward, is the borough of Rhode, almost adjoining to the Boughton woods.

At a small distance westward of the church is the court-lodge, now a farm-house, near which in the vale, is an old mansion, but lately modernized, called Marshes, which was at the latter end of the last century the property of the Chambers's, several of whom lie buried in this church, who bore for their arms, Sable, a chevron, between three cinquefoils, or. From an elder son was descended the late Abraham Chambers, esq. of Tunstall, and by a daughter and coheir of a younger son, this estate came partly by marriage, and partly by sale, to Mr. Robert Hilton, gent. of this parish, whose son Mr. Thomas Gibbs Hilton now resides in it; further westward from hence is the hamlet of Hanvillegreen, with the estates of Harefield, in a poor rough hilly country, the soil chalky, and covered with flints. In the southern part of the parish is a very high and conspicuous hill, called Shottenton hill, commanding on all sides of it as extensive a prospect as any in this county; the North Foreland cliff, the county of Essex, and an uninterrupted view into the north sea are seen towards the east and north-east, and the channel again overan extensive view of the county, towards the southeast. The top is a flat, which seems levelled by art, and is near a furlong in length; the lower and middle parts

of the hill, excepting the southern, are covered with rich coppice wood, and the upper and southern parts with broom, heath, and low beach, straggling thinly over it. The soil is gravel on the surface, and under it sand, the pits in which, by the digging of it, reach near a quarter of a mile under-ground.

Upon the level of it, upon which the windmill stands, are the plain remains of an antient camp, the intrenchments of which inclose about an acre and three-quarters of ground, more than half of which seems to lie on the declivity towards the south-east.

The form of the intrenchments vary according to the rounding of the hill; the north-east, north-west, and south-east angles are pretty near right angles, but that to the south-west is rounding. There are two ports, the principal one of which is very fair towards the south, the other eastward. This has been thought by some, to have been a Roman camp, whilst others have conjectured it to be Danish. But from the very large remains of strong fortification and entrenchments thrown up in Shellingham wood, about two miles south eastward from hence, which seems to have been one of the castra stativa of the Romans, for by that name they called their more lasting encampments, according to Vegetius, I conjecture this on Shottentonhill, from its nearness to that, to have been one of the castra æstiva, or smaller summer encampments, as well as an exploratory fort for the use of that larger one. This certainly was an excellent situation for their purpose; for, besides the command of the country from it on all sides, it is well supplied with water, there being numbers of pits or wells of water in places over disserent parts of this hill, which are supplied plentifully, frequently overflowing, but never dry; many of them are of a mineral quality, as appears by the ochreous substance in them. They seem mostly to have been formed by nature.

About half a mile north from Shottenton-hill is a very large barrow, or tumulus, on which is now planted a toll of beech trees.

There is a fair now held in the village of Selling on Whit Tuesday, which, by report, was formerly held of old custom in November.

This parish has the reputation of having been the birth-place of William Tylle, alias Selling, a man as noted as any of his time, for learning and wisdom, prior of Christ-church, in Canterbury, where he died in 1494; but it appears by several wills of his family, in the Prerogative-office, Canterbury, (contrary to the uncontradicted opinion from that of Leland down to the present time) that he was born at Sellinge, by Hythe, in the description of which parish a further account of him will be given.

MR. JACOB has observed several scarce plants in this parish, inserted in his *Plantæ Favershamienses*, to which the reader is referred.

SELLING was given, about the year 1045, to St. Augustine's monastery, in Canterbury, and it is accordingly thus entered in the general survey of Domesday, taken about the year 1080, under the title of the lands of that abbey.

In Boltone hundred, the abbot himself holds Sellinges manor, without a court (or halimote) which was taxed at six sulings. The arable land is eleven carucates. There is nothing in demesne. There are thirty villeins, having ten carucates. There is a church. In the time of king Edward the Confessor, it was worth fifteen pounds, when he received it eight pounds, now thirteen pounds and five shillings.

In the latter end of king Henry I.'s reign, about the year 1130, this manor, together with the rectory, was assigned by the abbot of St. Augustine's, to the cloathing of the monks there.

The manor, with the rectory, remained part of the possessions of the monastery till its final dissolution, in the 30th year of Henry VIII. when this great abbey, with all its revenues, was surrendered into the king's hands, where both manor and rectory remained till the 36th year of that reign, when the king granted it to Sir Anthony St. Leger, in tail male, to hold in capite by knight's service, and he obtained a new grant of them anno 4 king Edward VI. to him and his heirs, by the like tenure, at the yearly rent of 16l. 5s. 5½d. (fn. 2) His son Sir Warham St. Leger passed it away by sale to Sir Michael Sondes, of Throwley, who died in 1617, and his descendant Sir George Sondes, earl of Faversham, leaving only two daughters his coheirs, Mary, married to Lewis, lord Daras, afterwards earl of Faversham, and Katherine to Lewis Watson, earl of Rockingham, each of them successively, in right of their wives, became possessed of this manor and rectory; and the latter of them died possessed of them in 1724, and his grandsons, Lewis and Thomas, both successively dying s.p. the latter devised them among his other estates, to the hon. Lewis Monson, who afterwards took the name of Watson, and in 1766 was created Lord Sondes, whose son the right hon. Lewis Thomas, lord Sondes, is the present possessor of them. A court baron is held for this manor.

PERRYWOOD and HARESFIELD are two manors in the south-west part of this parish, the former of which is called Perie in the general survey of Domesday, being then part of the possessions of Odo, bishop or Baieux, under the general description of whose lands it is entered in it; but as there are two estates called by this name described in it, which of them belongs in particular to this above-mentioned, cannot now be ascertained. (fn. 3)

After the consiscation of the bishop's estates, in 1084, this estate seems to have come into the possession of owners, who assumed their surname from it. One of these, Randal de Pirie, held this manor in the reign of king John, as did his descendant William de Pirie in that of king Edward II. but in the 20th year of king Edward III. this family was extinct here, and it seems then to have been in the hands of different coparceners. The Darells afterwards held it, and after them the Finch's, and the Martyn's of Graveney. John Martyn, judge of the common pleas, died possessed of it in 1436, leaving his widow possessed of it, who afterwards married Thomas Burgeys, esq. whom she likewise survived, and died possessed of it in 1458, having by her will given the manor of Perrywode to her second son Robert Martyn, who was afterwards of Perrywood. How long it continued in that name I do not know; but both that and Haresfield afterwards became part of the possessions of Corpus Christi college, in Oxford, where they remain at this time, the present lessee of them being the right honorable Lewis-Thomas, lord Sondes.

OVENS-COURT is a manor in this parish, though it has lost the reputation of having been so for many years. It is corruptly so called for Owens court, having been in antient time the seat and estate of the family of Owen, extracted from those of the principality of Wales. They were possessors of it in the reign of Henry III. as appeared by old rentals and other evidences. After them the Drylands, of Cooksditch, in Faversham, became owners of it, and continued so till the beginning of king Edward IV.'s reign, when it was sold by one of them to Sir John Fogge, of Repton, comptroller of the household and privy counsellor, on whose attainder anno I Richard III. this manor came to the crown, and by another act, passed the same year, the king being enabled to make grants of the possessions of persons attainted, this manor of Olde Oven, alias Owene, with other lands in this county, was

given to Gloucester Herald, to hold by knight's service, who however, held it but a short time, for an act having passed in the 1st year of Henry VII. for the restitution of several persons attainted by king Richard III. this manor came again into the hands of its former owner, Sir John Fogge, who died in the 6th year of that reign, and by his will gave this manor to his second son Thomas Fogge, esq. one of whose descendants passed it away in the beginning of queen Elizabeth's reign to Crouch, and Giles Crouch alienated it in 1588 to Michael Sondes, esq. afterwards of Throwley, whose son Sir Richard Sondes, about the beginning of the reign of king Charles I conveyed it by sale to Franklyn, from which name it was sold to Lambe; in later time, after some intermediate owners, it came by marriage, about the 2d year of king George I. to Henry Cartwright, from whence it was sold to Tempest, of Durham, whose descendant John Tempest, esq. of Wynyard, in the said county, some few years ago passed it away by sale to Thomas Hawkins, esq. of Nash, who sold it to the right hon. Lewis Thomas Lord Sondes, the present possessor of it.

RHODES-COURT is a manor situated in the south-east extremity of this parish, in the borough of the same name, which borough, though within the parish of Selling, is yet within the hundred of Faversham, the court leet of which claims over it. It was antiently written Rode, and la Rode, and was part of the possessions of the wealthy family of Badlesmere, one of whom, Bartholomew de Badlesmere, in the 9th year of king Edward II. obtained a grant of free-warren for all his demesne lands within this manor. His son Giles de Badlesmere dying in the 12th year of Edward III. s.p. leaving his four sisters his coheirs, (fn. 4) upon the division of their inheritance, this manor was, among others, allotted to Margaret, whose husband Sir John Tibetot, or Tiptost, as the name was usually called, became possessed of it in her right; his son Robert died without male issue, and this manor went into the colateral branch of that family, in which it continued down to John Tiptost, earl of Worcester, who, for his adherence to the house of York, was attainted and beheaded in 1471, anno 10 Edward, IV. king Henry being then restored to the crown, through the successful services of Richard, earl of Warwick. He left by his second wife only one son Edward, then an infant, who, though he was afterwards restored in blood by Edward IV. I do not find that he was ever reinstated in the possession of this manor, which seems to have remained in the crown till the reign of Henry VIII. In the 26th year of which, anno 1534, Thomas Bealde, of Godmersham, died possessed of it, leaving two daughters, to whom he devised this manor.

After this it came into the possession of Christopher Tilghman, gent of this parish, who owned it in 1621, and he sold it to Thomas Carter, of Crundal, in whose family it remained till it was alienated by Thomas Carter. esq. of Crundal, in 1714, to Mr. George Smith, of Faversham, who died in 1763, and his son, of the same name, within these few years, sold it to John Sawbridge, esq. of Ollantigh, whose son Samuel-Elias Sawbridge, esq. is the present possessor of it.

THE TITHES of this borough were formerly accounted as part of the rectory of Faversham, to which they were accordingly paid; and in the year 1274 an inquisition was made in the church of Selling, concerning the payment of one hundred sheaves of corn, due to that church from this land of Rode, for the burial of the tenants of it, and it was decreed by the official of the archdeacon, that the tenants should in future pay the same to the church of Sellyng from their own corn, and not from the tenth belonging to the church of Faversham; and that they should make sufficient recompence to the church of Sellyng for all arrears then due on account of the same.

The great tithes of this borough now belong to the right hon. lord Sondes, as part of his rectory of Selling, as do the above-mentioned one hundred sheaves in part of the same rectory. But the small tithes of such part of this borough as is within the parish of Boughton, are claimed by the vicar of that parish, and are accordingly paid to him.

SOUTHHOUSE is an estate in this parish, which had owners of that name in very early times. Valentine Southouse was possessed of lands in Selling in 1449, and his eldest son William gave the south window in this church. Of this branch was Thomas Southouse, esq. author of the *Monasticon Favershamiense*, and other tracts, who died in 1676, and was buried there, whose second son Filmer Southouse, was a man of learning, and studious in his father's line of knowledge. (fn. 5) They bore for their arms, Argent, on a bend cotized, three martlets, gules. Other branches of it were settled in this neighbourhood, in Sheldwich, and in Faversham; but though they continued in this parish till the beginning of the present century, yet this estate in particular, for there were others belonging to them, called likewise by their name, which were at times alienated to different persons, which had been the antient inheritance of this family, was alienated from them before the reign of queen Elizabeth, when Robert Dodde was possessed of it, and conveyed it in separate parcels, anno 4 Elizabeth, back again to John, George, and Thomas Southouse. That part of it, which consisted of the house, with the land adjoining to it, was in Charles II.'s reign, become the property of Mr. Richard Southouse, who by his will in 1675 devised it to his sister Elizabeth, and the next year conveyed it to James Hardres, esq. whose descendant John Hardres, in 1702, conveyed it to Isaac Denew, esq. who in 1719 passed it away by sale to John Wotton, of Sturry, whose descendant John Wotton, in 1777, conveyed it to Lewis, lord Sondes, whose son the right hon. Lewis-Thomas, lord Sondes, is the present owner of it.

Charities.

AN ALMS-HOUSE in this parish was given to it by Mr. Abraham Chambers of Marsnes, for the benefit of two poor persons of this parish, to be nominated by his heirs, on condition, that the parish from time to time should repair it.

The poor constantly relieved are about forty; casually 95.

SELLING is within the ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION of the diocese of Canterbury, and deanry of Ospringe

The church, which is dedicated to St. Mary, consists of three isles, at the upper end of the outer ones are two chancels, of which the southern is the largest, and with the rest of the church seemingly forms a cross; in the middle between these stands the steeple, which is a tower, in which are six bells. Above this is the high chancel, with another on each side of it, and one more small one on the north side, the entrance of which is entirely stopped up. In the east window of the high chancel are remains of good painted glass, being figures of several saints and warriors; under them are several coats of arms. In the high chancel is a memorial for William Norwood, S. T. B. rector of St. Dunstan's in the East, London, and late fellow of All Souls college, Oxford, obt. 1596. Under the upper south chancel is a vault, made by Mr. Thomas Gibbs Hilton, for his family. The chancel below that above-mentioned, belonged to the family of Gate, owners of Luton, in this parish, now Sir Harry Oxenden's, to whom this chancel now belongs. Several of the Gates lie interred in it. In the south isle several of the Gyles's, and in the middle isle several of the Greenstreet's, of this parish, lie interred. In the

window at the upper side of the north isle, is a fine head of a saint, and these arms, A lion rampant, guardant, double tailed, ermine, over all, a fess.

The church of Selling was in very early times, together with the manor, part of the possessions of the monastery of St. Augustine, as has been already mentioned before, and so early as the latter end of king Henry I.'s reign, about 1130, was assigned by the abbot of it, to the cloathing of the monks there, the appropriation of it being confirmed by pope Urban III. about 1185, and by pope Alexander IV. in 1255, with the four privileges annexed to it. (fn. 6) Notwithstanding which, there was no endowment of a vicarage here till the time of archbishop Peckham, when Thomas de Fyndone, then abbot of St. Augustine, about the year 1284, on the petition of J. de Bedele, then vicar, granted that he should receive, as a perpetual augmentation of his portion, being the oblations and obventions commonly belonging to the altars, the five acres of land, with the garden and all other its appurtenances, lying in this parish, in the place where the parsonage was sometime situated; and he confirmed for him and his successors for ever, the appropriation of the tenement where the vicar then dwelt, near the church. And he granted, that the vicar and his successors should receive of him and his church yearly, by the hand of their chamberlain, ten shillings sterling at Michaelmas and Lady-day, and one seam of peas on Christmas-day; so that being content with the oblations and obventions aforesaid, (not corn or sheaves, unless planted or dug with the foot) belonging in common to the altars, and to these his augmentations, —he should exact nothing, in the name of tithe of gardens, beasts, tillage, or any other matters existing within the bounds of the manor of their chamber, nor should receive any thing of mills, or nutriments of cattle, belonging to the chamber, but that the same should remain there, safe, free, and quiet to it, without any tithing or exaction as aforesaid, free and exempt as they were elsewhere in their demesnes. But yet, if the premises were let to ferme to others, then the vicar should have of the farmer of them his just tithe; but that the vicar and his successors, should pay to the ordinarie the procurations, by reason of any visitation, and should be liable to all other ordinary burthens of the church for ever: and that, when the above benefit was granted to the vicar, it was so accepted by him, for himself and his successors. The cyrograph of which grant and endowment was confirmed by archbishop Peckham, at the request both of the vicar and the abbot, under his seal at the same time.

The rectory or parsonage, together with the advowson of the vicarage appendant to it, continued part of the possessions of the monastery till its dissolution, anno 30 Henry VIII. when they were, together with the manor, a few years afterwards, passed by grant from the crown to Sir Anthony St. Leger, as has been already fully related before, and from him through the several intermediate owners there mentioned, down to the right hon. Lewis-Thomas, lord Sondes, the present owner of them.

In 1578 here were communicants 133. In 1640, communicants 186. Value sixty pounds. It is now a discharged living, of the clear yearly certified value of thirty-seven pounds, the yearly tenths being 13s. 4d.

Church of Selling.

PATRONS, VICARS.

Or by whom presented.

Richard Sondes, esq. William Daud, A. M. May 8, 1598, obt. 1639.

The King. William Annand, A. M. Nov. 16, 1639. (fn. 7)

Sir G. Sondes, K. B. Onesephorus Paul, Nov. 18, 1669, resigned 1671.

James Kay, A. M. May 9, 1671, obt. 1677.

Dame Mary Sondes, countess of Faversham. John Sidway, A. M. Dec. 13, 1677, deprived 1680.

Lewis Watson, esq. Edward Fisher, clerk, Aug. 1, 1680, obt. 1710.

Edward Watson, esq. Thomas Nicholls, A. M. Oct. 7, 1710, resigned 1714. (fn. 8)

Hon. Edward Watson. George Sykes, A. B. May 5, 1714, resigned 1715. (fn. 9)

James Bernard. A. M. Feb. 6, 1715, resigned 1726. (fn. 8)

Lewis, earl of Rockingham. John Burton. A. M. Feb. 28, 1726, obt. Dec. 1735.

John Arnald, A. B. Dec. 20, 1735, resigned 1762.

Lewis, lord Sonaes. William Gurney, A. M. Feb. 2, 1763, resigned 1763. (fn. 8)

Henry Thomson, A. B. June 15, 1763, resigned 1784. (fn. 8)

Richard Halke, A. M. 1784, the present vicar. (fn. 10)

Footnotes

1 Leland, in his Itin. vol. vi. p. 7, spells this parish Celling.

2 Rot. Esch. ejus an. pt. 7. Rolls of fee-farm rents, temp, intorregni, Roll 6, No. 11.

3 A transcript of both may be seen in vol. vi. under Perry Court in Ospringe.

4 See Badlesmere, vol. vi. of this history, p. 470.

5 See Wood's Ath. vol. ii. p. 788.

6 Decem. Script. col. 2248, 2095, 2267, 1891.

7 By reason of the lunacy of dame Catharine Sondes, widow. Rym. Fœd. vol. xx. p. 383. He resigned on being presented to the rectories of Badlesmere and Leveland.

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9 He resigned this for the vicarage of Preston.

10 And vicar of Faversham by dispensation.

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