

# RECORDS OF EARLY ENGLISH DRAMA

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### Wootton St Lawrence, Hampshire

1602 - 1630

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#### 1603-04

**Churchwardens' Accounts** [HantsRO: 75M72/PW1](#)

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1603

Richard ffremantell church wardens per Anno 1603./

Richard Brown

The accountes of Richard ffremantell & Richard Brown Churchwardens of the parishe of Lawrence=Wotton for the yeare 1603 delivered to the parishe the xvijth of Marche./.  
Viz.

#### The receiptes

...

Item collected for ye kingale--8s

Item received by ye kingalle/ summa 21s--5d

the firste day

At ye firste table--

10s

At ye second table--

6s 6d

At ye third table--

7s 7d

At ye fourth table--

7s 4d

At ye fifte table--

1s 6d

ye second day

At breakfaste--

4s 6d

for 5 lamb skins--	3s 6d
for 2 Calve skins--	1s 4d
At ye first table ye same day in ye eveninge--	8s 4d
At ye second table--	10s
At ye third table--	9s 6d
At ye fourth table--	5s 7d
At ye fifte table--	11s
The same day at trunkes--	7s
At ye pewter--	8s
ye thirde day	
At ye first table--	16s 10d
At ye second table--	9s 8d
At ye third table--	7s 2d
At ye fourth table--	8s 8d

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<u>1603</u>	At the fifte table--	9s 8d
Richard ffremantel	At ye sixt table--	7s 8d
Richard Browne	The same day at trunkes--	4s
	At pewter--	8s 8d
	In the butterie--	7s
	<i>Summa</i> 9l--1s - /.	
<i>summa</i>	Item received of ye churchstocke ye last yeare--4 l, 6 s, 8 d	
receipt 14 l--9 s--1 d		
	<i>Summa</i> total receipt 14 l--9 s--1 d	

#### The expenses

In primis for bread & wine on Palm sunday--	1s--9d
Item for bread & wine on Easter eve & Easterday--	3s--2d
Item for bread & wine on Trinitie sunday--	0--5d
Item for <i>bread &amp; wine</i> at new yearstide--	0--9d
Item for <i>our</i> dinner at Easter visitation--	3s
Item for a bill of presentment & deliverie--	0--8d
Item to Simon Cuttel for mending ye bells--	5s--0
Item for a calfe--	12s
Item for an other calfe--	9s--0
Item for 3 lambes--	14s--4d
Item for 2 lambes--	8s--6d
Item for a quarter of mutton--	1s--8d
Item for eleven pound of prunes--	1s--10d

	Item for 4 pound of reasons--	1s--4d
	Item for currence--	1s--10d
	Item for cloves & mace--	0--11d
	Item for salte & sugar--	0--9d
	Item for <i>dimidium</i> quartern of peper--	0--5d
	Item for vinegar--	0--3d
	Item for glasses--	0--8d
	Item for hops--	1s--8d
	Item to the minstrels--	12s--0
	Item for pewter--	9s--7d
	Item for liveries--	6s--10d
	Item for a hoope--	0--2d
	Item for a baudrick & a buckle--	1s--5d
	Item for <i>our</i> dinner at <i>Michaelmas</i> visitation--	3s--0
	Item for a booke of articles--	0--10d
<i>summa</i>	Item for a bill of presentment & delverie--	0--8d
Expenses 5 l--5 s--6 d	Item for smoake farthinges--	1s--1d
	<i>Summa</i> of expenses 5 l--5 s--6 d	
<i>remaining</i> 9 l--3 s--7 d	So ther remaineth cleere for ye Church stock--9 l--3 s--7 d	

Notes: The two uses of "summa" in left margin in a much fainter ink and perhaps different hand, whereas the other marginalia are in same hand and almost certainly written at same time. Near bottom--"delverie": "i" missing ms.

## 1605-06

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1605

John Soper

John Misselbrooke

The accounte of John Soper & John Misselbrooke  
Churchwardens of the parishe of Lawrenc=Wotton for  
the yeer 1605./.

#### The receipts

Inprimis received of the Churchstocke 4l--14s--8d ob

Item for rent-- 8s--11d

Item for bread & wine-- 6s--8d

Item for collected for the kingale-- 12s--0

Item received by the kingale  
the first day.

	At the first table--	12s--6d
	At the second table--	11s--2d
	At the third table--	12s--1d
	At the fourth table--	13s--2d
	The second day.	
	At the firste table--	10s--0
	At the second table--	7s--5d
	At the third table--	10s--5d
	The third day.	
	At the first table--	14s--2d
	At the second table--	18s--2d
	At the third table--	9s--1d
	At the fourth table--	11s--0
	At the fifte table--	9s--9d
	The fourth day.	
	At the first table--	10s--3d
	At the second table--	8s--0
	At the third--	8s--0
	At the fourth table--	3s--4d
	Item gained by the dice & the horse--	11s--0
	Item for skinns--	6s--5d
	Item for wood--	2s--2d
receipt 15l--11s--4d ob	Item of the gifte of Robert Stile--	1s
	summa receipt: 15 l--11 s--4 d--ob	

Note: The left-hand margin of this account contains a lengthy memorandum: 'Memorandum in this yeare at or about the feast of all Sayntes Richard ffremantle deliuered the Churchstocke of fowre ewe shepe hetherto in the handes of the said Richard ffremantle vnto Bartholomew Parker of Ramsdel who promiseth & couenanteth for him and his executor admynistrators or assig to the churchwardens for the time beyng to answre the said stocke and the yearely rent of ten pence after two pence haulf peny the shepe.'

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### Expences

1605

Inprimis laid out for 2 bushels of mault--	4s--8d
Item for glasses--	8d
Item for for hops--	2s--2d
Item for a calfe--	8s--0
Item for a calfe--	7s--6d
Item for 2 Wethers & 4 lambs--	27s--6d
Item for a lambe--	4s--0
Item for wood--	2s
Item for a dayes worke--	6d

Item for fruit & spice--	8s--11d
Item for the lordes liveries--	5s--8d
Item for 4 bushels of mault--	9s--0
Item for a dayes worke--	6d
Item for butter--	9d
Item for resinges & spice--	2s--6d
Item for a calfe & a lambe--	8s--6d
Item for a calfe--	4s--6d
Item to Iohn Towne--	2s--6d
Item for salte--	5d
Item for vinegre--	3d
Item for butter & cheese & 2 barrels of beer--	10s--4d
Item for di hundred fagots--	1s
Item for 3 loades carriage--	3s
Item to the musiciens--	18s--8d
Item for 3 belropes--	5s--6d
Item for for bread & wine on Trinitie Sunday--	2s--2d
Item paid to the plumber for new casting the gutter--	3l--4s
Item to the sawiers--	3s--9d
Item to the carpenters--	4s--0
Item for nailes--	8d
Item to the tiler--	3s--6d
Item for lime & tile--	7s

Notes: left-hand end of last line, which slants up to the right, is cut off at bottom of the page, but enough of 'Item' and 'for' can be seen to assume they are the first two words. The third word is similarly half gone, but on the strength of the following entry at top of next page, and what can be seen of this entry, it must be 'lime'. '& tile' are complete on the page, as is the amount. A line about 1 1/2 inches long and starting 3/8 of an inch into the left margin, separates the entry for the musicians from that for bell ropes. Presumably this line separates the expenses on the kingale above it from the general church expenses below.

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1605

Item for carieng of a load of lime & tyle--	1s
Item for carrieng the load to Reding--	4s--8d
Item for makeinge a sawpit--	6d
Item for a piece of timber--	5s
Item for lath nailes--	8d
Item for our dinner at visitation--	3s--2d
Item for a bill o presentment--	8d
Item for smoak farthinges--	1s--2d
Item for bread & wine--	1s--6d
Item paid to Iames Harris for the old churchwardens--	8d

	Item paid to him for 2 bawdrikes--	2s--2d
	Item for bread & wine at new yeers tid--	2s--0
	Item for a book of praiers--	7d
	Item for our dinner at the arcdeacons visitatio--	3s--6d
	Item for a bill o presentment--	8d
	Item for bread & wine on Palm Sunday--	2s--7d
Exp: 13l--17s--8d	Item for bread & wine at Easter--	5s--8d
	Summa expens: 13 l--17 s--8 d	
Rema: 33s--8d--ob.	So ther remaineth for the church=stock 33s--8d--ob	

Notes: 'bill o presentment': on its first occurrence I thought perhaps the 'f' had faded, as there is room for one, but none of the surrounding letters show any fading, and in the second occurrence the 'o' is centered between the other words, with equal spacing on both sides. 'visitatio': no 'n' or abbreviation mark visible.

## 1612-13

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1612

John Burnell 7 The accounts of John Burnell & William  
William Simson-1 Simson Churchwardens for the yeere 1612.

#### Receiptes

	In primis received of the Churchstock--	8s--4d
	Item for the church=rente--	8--11
	Item for bread & wine--	6--2
	Item gathered for the Church--	13--11
	Item received by the kingale	
	Vpon Whitsunday--	3l--7s--9d
	Vpon Whitmonday--	4--10--2
	Vpon Whittuesday--	3--2--11
	Vpon Trinitie Sunday--	3--7--0
Recept 16l--13s--2d	for ship skinns & calve skinns--	0--8--0
	Summa recept 16l--13s--2d	

#### Expences

	In primis for liveries--	7s--2d
	Item payd to the drumplayer--	2--0
	Item to the minstrells--	20--0
	Item to the cooke--	2--6
	Item for glasses--	0--8
	Item for butter & cheese--	6--4
	Item wooden vessell--	1--10

Item for spice & fruit--	4--4
Item for sheepe & lambs--	33s--10
Item for calves & other meate from the butcher--	28--2
Item for two labourers worke--	2--0
Item for cariing a load of luggs & boughes--	1--6
Item payd to Wissam & Palmer--	1--0
Item for hopps & three pecks of meale--	2--8
Item for thre barrells of beere--	12--0
Item for pewter--	2--1
	<u>6--8--1</u>

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1612

Item for beere--	24--0
Item for Wheate--	7--4
Item for fruite--	2--2
Item for butter & cheese--	2--6
Item for a calf a sheepe & a lambe--	18--4
Item to the minstrells & drum player--	5--0
Item for wood	2--0
	<u>3--1--4</u>
Item payd of the Church debt--	3--0
Item for mending the litten gate & for irongeer--	1--6
Item for our dinner at the archdeacons visitation--	2--6
Item for making & delivering our bill--	0--8
Item for not ringing when the Quene <sup>r</sup> came by <sup>r</sup> --	4--0
Item for a days=worke about the bells--	1--0
Item for making the bell=wheele--	1--8
Item for timber & my worke two days--	1--0
Item for nailes--	0--1
Item for smoake farthings--	1--1
Item for our dinner--	2--8
Item for making & delivering our bill--	0--8
Item for bread & wine at Alhollantide--	1--1
Item for bread & wine at New yeers tide--	1--1
Item for bread & wine on Palm Sunday--	3--2
Item for bread & wine on Easter=eve--	2--1
Item for bread & wine on Easterday--	3--4
Item for not bringing in our bill--	2--3
Item for a baudrike--	1--0
Item for a belrope--	1--6
Item for meate on Trinitie Sunday--	1--8
Item for wood--	1--0

38s--0d

Exp: 11l--7s--5d    *Summa* expens: 11 l--7 s--5 d

So there remaineth 5l--5s--9d out of which

must be deducted 2s--6d for *lohn* Lees Rent ^r for 2 yeers' & 2s 6d

The stock: 5l--0--9d                      paid back to the Lord so the Churchstock for

<.... ..> is 5l<....>d

Notes: The last line is cut off by the bottom of the page. The tops of the letters can be seen, and the first two words are undoubtedly 'this yeere', the 'is' can be seen well enough to transcribe it, and the figures must be identical to those in the marginal note, i.e.: '5l--0--9d'

## 1629-30

### **Churchwardens' Accounts** [HantsRO: 75M72/PW1](#)

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Received by the king=al--	21--7--11
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#### *(Expenses)*

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Item expended for the kingal--	19--9--3 q <sup>a</sup>
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## Document Description

Winchester; Hampshire Record Office; 75M72/PW1. 1558-87, 1594-97, 1600-40, 1662-75. English. Paper. iii + 128 + ii. Modern pencil pagination. (Pagination at front includes the two parchment leaves probably originally used as cover, so I have also included the two at the back, although they have not been numbered.) 270 x 194mm. Good condition, but the pages giving accounts of 1598 and 1599 have been torn out, as stubs with writing on them can be seen in between pages 46 and 47. Other gaps may be similarly explained, although the one from 1641 to 1661 may be due to the Civil War interrupting the keeping of records. Cover of brown leather probably contemporary with the last quire of paper, which holds the accounts from 1662 on. White leather thongs tie the cover shut. On front cover in black ink and a late seventeenth century hand: '1558-1675 | Churchwardens Book | Wootton St Lawrence'.

Bound inside are two leaves of parchment front and back, the original cover. They have been identified by the Assistant Keeper of Manuscripts at the British Library in 1951 as fragments of a fourteenth century manuscript of a philosophical treatise in Latin. In blank space on dorse of last parchment leaf: 'The chourche booke off Wotton | made by thomas Ayllyff | the ffirst and



second yere | of Pelyp & mary Kyng & quene | and in ye xx day of ffebryare | In ye yere of ower lord God .1.5.5.4' Other originally blank areas of parchment manuscript contain memoranda, including a list of goods lent to the church by Thomas Ayleffe (no date, p. 4).

The accounts were at first rendered in November, on the second, and later the 17th. In 1595 they move to 10 January, in 1596 to 14 March, to 12 March 1597, to 14 March 1600 and 1601, 3 April 1602, 18 March 1603. After that the particular day no longer recorded. All Saints day remained (or returned to being) an important accounting day, because a memorandum of 1613 indicates that anyone holding any of the church stock must on All Saints Day produce either the stock or a pledge for its security. The churchwardens did not try to balance their budget each year, but would allow the church stock to decrease until they felt it needed a boost: the first rate was collected in 1610, when there had been no ale or other big money maker for 5 years. Other rates followed in 1616, 1619, 1623, 1625, 1635, 1636, 1637, 1638, 1640--suggesting that in the late 1630's they decided to make the rate annually, as it continued after the Restoration.