

**WILLIAMS, John**

1808 Relief 12s.

1812 A travelling man. Relief 12s.

**WILLIS, William**

1800 Robert Saxby, of Penshurst, gent had surrendered a messuage in two dwellings lying in Chiddingstone to him (? Little Frienden).

**WILLS, Elizabeth**

1787 (of Cowden) Marriage with John Jenner cancelled.

**WILLS, Edward**

1792 Witnessed marriage of William Canfield of Speldhurst and Ann Everest.

**WILLS, Samuel. Wife Ann**

1794 (pauper) Son David.

**WILLS, John**

1812 Relief for him, wife and child (local) 12s.

**WILLSHER, William**

1821 Bills to the overseers for £14-10s

**WINCHESTER, Henry**

1817 Supplied a coffin for James Chapman £1-1s..

**WINTER, John see Edenbridge**

1782 (of Edenbridge). Married Anne Aylard in Chiddingstone.

1784 He kept Ailard's child for one month.

1784-87 He was paid 6s a month for keeping Ann Cross's child. He also kept Ann Cross some of the time. He also kept Sarah Cross for one month and Elizabeth Cross for two months.

1787-1801 He was paid for keeping his wife's boy 6s a month.

1799 Expense to the parish of John Winter's bond 14s 8d. In 1802, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1811,

1812 the parish recovered from him £5-14s a time, on account of Sarah King's child.

1806 Relief for his boy 10s.

1811 Letter from him at Staplehurst 7d.

**WINTER, James. Wife Martha**

1789 Married Martha Denton. Witnesses: John Finch, Mary Jones.

1791 Daughter Mercy.

1793 Son Thomas.

1795 Daughter Mary (qv).

1796 He was paid 5s 6d for keeping Jane Pilbeam.

1796-1805 Parish paid his rent of £2 a year and some relief, increasing after 1799.

Described as lame in 1801.

1798 Daughter Sarah (qv).

1806 His rent paid. Small amounts of relief, including £1-3s-3d for clothes in 1809.

1808 Daughter Harriet.

1809-10 Some relief.

1812 Death of Martha

1818 4s relief.

**WINTER, Mary**

1809 At service. Parish supplied her with clothes £1-12s-4d.

**WINTER, Sarah**

1821 The parish received £3 0n account of Sarah Winter's child from Thomas Gasson.

**WINTER, Susan, born 1768**

1795 Married David Deadman.

**WINTER, Thomas, labourer, born 1793. Wife Susanna, born 1793**

1806 Hired himself to Mr Seal of Chiddingstone, farmer.

1813 Married Susan.

1814 Son William (qv).

1816 Examination. Had been born in Chiddingstone. Residing in Penshurst. Wife Susan, son William (2). Ordered to Chiddingstone.

1816 Received relief £2-14s and another 10s in 1817.

1819 Daughter Martha (qv)

1821 Regular relief.

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**WINTER, William**

1806 Former occupant of half an acre part of Wickhurst Green.

**WOOD, Mary**

1786 (pauper) Death.

**WOOD, Richard, labourer. Wife Mary, Elizabeth**

1771 Hired himself to Samuel Baby of Chiddingstone, farmer.

1780 Daughter Jane.

1784 Daughter Martha.

1786 Death of his daughter Mary (pauper) Burial fees 3s 6d. Coffin 2s 6d..

1788 Death of his wife Mary, by whom he had had six children.

1788 (widower) Married Elizabeth Welch, six months after the death of Mary. Witnesses: Ann Sawyer, David Moyce.

1789 His wife Elizabeth left him and he had never heard of her since. No children by her.

1791 Dr Taylor paid 5s for curing Jesse Wood.

1795 Relief 18s 6d.

1803 Hired himself to Mr William Potter of Sundridge, farmer.

1809 John Boakes left money to the children of his son-in-law Richard Wood, namely Elizabeth, William, Sarah, Jesse and Martha.

1813 Examination. Now residing in Sundridge. No order made.

**WOOD, Jesse. Wife Elizabeth née Ashdown See Hever**

1804 Expense to parish on account of Jesse £2-12s-7d. Expenses at Penshurst £3-10s.

1809-19 Considerable relief and rent paid, less after 1819.

1811 Relief towards the burial of his child 16s-6d. *[Not mentioned in Chiddingstone register]*

1812 Examination of Elizabeth. In 1804 she had been delivered of a male bastard child in Hever named William Wood. Unable to support the child who was ordered to Hever.

1817-21 Parish paid his rent to Mr Pellin £3-3s annually.

1819 Parish paid Mr Hoath 13s for keeping Jesse Wood.

**WOOD, Esther**

1792 Witnessed marriage of James Dartnall and Hannah Still of Odiham.

1799 Witnessed marriage of Robert Holmes of Tonbridge and Mary Graham.

**WOOD, Charlotte**

1796 Death.

**WOOD, Richard (or is it HOOD?). Wife Jane**

1797 Daughter Mercy.

**WOOD, Samuel**

1785 The parish paid him for half a bushel of flour 3s 8d. His wife nursed Hyder's wife 5s.

1789 His wife nursed Hyder's wife 4s.

1790 Parish paid part of his rent £1.

1801 Occupied Polebrooks, tenant of John Edmunds.

1802 Mr Wood was paid £3-18s for keeping King's boy a year.

1802 Uncollected assessment. He owed the parish £1-6s.

1803 Death.

**WOOD, John. Wife Jane See Hever**

1804 Son David.

1806 Daughter Jane.

**WOOD, John, labourer. Wife Philadelphia See Hever**

1806 Hired himself to Thomas Wood of Winkhurst Green in Sundridge, farmer.

1808 Married Philadelphia.

1808 Daughter Mary (qv).

1810 Son James.

1810 To relieve him and his wife 17s. Thomas Hoadley paid £2-12s for keeping him a year

1812 Relief for his wife and two children (local) 18s.

1812 Son Thomas (qv).

1813 Relief for his wife and three children £1-8s (local)

1814 John Woodhams of Sundridge accused of violently assaulting Philadelphia while they were walking down Ide Hill. (Quarter Sessions). His arrest ordered. Richard Morris of Sevenoaks agreed to a recognizance of £40 on his behalf. John Woodhams was found not guilty.

1815 Daughter Eliza.

1817 Examination. Born in Hever. Now residing in Chiddingstone.

1818 Occupied a cottage in Chiddingstone North.

1818 Son John.

1819 Elizabeth Wood was kept by Robert Keeyes for a year £3-18s.

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**WOOD, Thomas**

1788-1809 Occupied Piggotts Farm, tenant of Hodsoll.

1795 1¼ acres of flax grown on Little Pitfield, Piggotts Farm, occupied by Thomas Wood.

1806 Employed John Wood for a year on Wickhurst Green Farm, Sundridge.

1808 Failed to pay his rates 13s.

**WOOD, George, farmer. Wife Fanny**

1807 The parish received from him "on account of the workhouse hedge" £1-1s

1809-1842 Occupied Polebrooks Farm, tenant of Mrs Weeks.

1813 Served on Petty Jury.

1814 Surveyor of Chiddingstone North and Hever. 1815 ditto Chiddingstone North. 1816 ditto Chiddingstone North and South, and Hever.

1816 Supplied two sacks of peas for the workhouse £1-6s.

1817 Overseer of Chiddingstone. Borsholder of Frienden Borough. Supplied faggots for the poor £3-6s.

1818 Churchwarden. Reimbursed for expenses laid out for the parish 16s. Faggots for the poor £2-5s.

1819 Borsholder of Chiddingstone. Searched the house of John Wickenden senior looking for stolen goods (Quarter Sessions).

1819 Reimbursed for parish business expense £1-5s-2d.

1822 Supplied faggots as per bill £4-10s.

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**WOOD, George. Wife Elizabeth See Hever**

1805-1820 Occupied Furnace Farm, tenant of Mrs Elizabeth Petley.

1817 Unable to pay his rates on time £1-11s-6d. 1819 £35-8s-9d.

1819 Overseer of Hever.

1820 Furnace Farm to let. George Wood had evidently gone bankrupt, at least as far as Furnace Farm was concerned.

**WOOD, George**

1812 His wife received 10s relief.

**WOOD, William**

1806 Witnessed marriage of Robert Seale of Chiddingstone, widower, and Amelia Mitchell at Hever.

1812 Order of removal.

**WOOD, Harriet, daughter of John Wood (above)**

1806 (from Chiddingstone) Buried at Hever.

**WOOD, William, of Lewisham, yeoman**

1812 Bought the remainder of the lease of Bushes Farm following the bankruptcy of William Green. He remained there until 1820.

1812-19 Occupied Bushes Farm, tenant of William Ward.

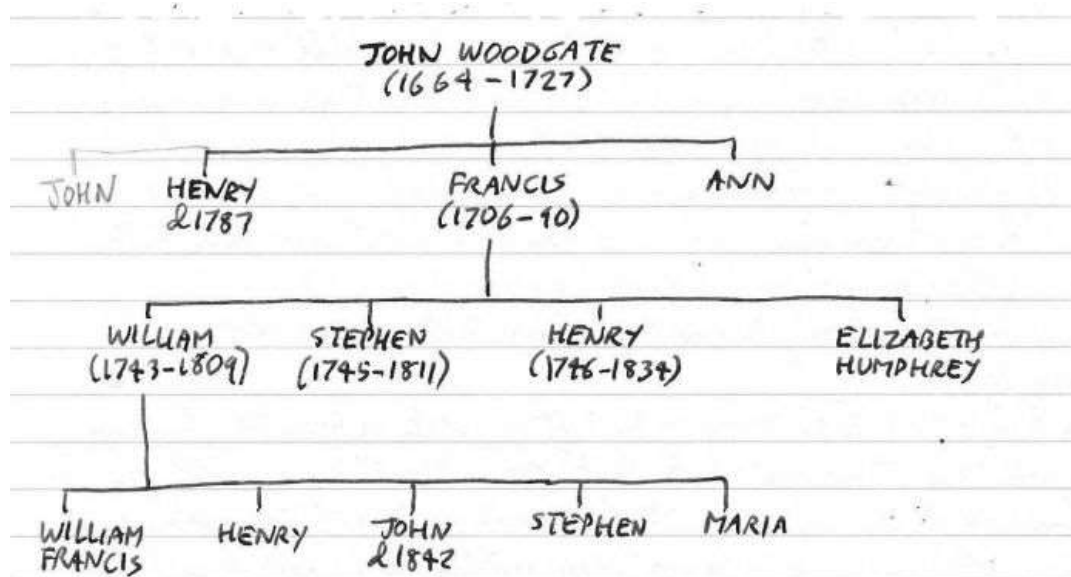
1817 Unable to pay his rates on time £6

**WOOD, Mrs**

1808-17 She managed the workhouse, being paid 16s a month. She also provided necessaries for the workhouse, including yeast, valued at from 5s to 10s a month.

**WOOD, Ann**

1815 To Robert Marchant for keeping her one year as per agreement £4-18s.



**WOODGATE, Henry, brother of Rev Francis Woodgate.**

HENRY WOODGATE died at Somerhill in 1787 and was buried at Tonbridge. In his will dated 7th December 1787 he devised to his brother Francis Woodgate his moiety of the Stonewall estate in Chiddingstone and Penshurst. To his sister Ann Woodgate two houses and several fields in Tonbridge. All pictures, plates, linen and effects to Francis, also £4000. To his nephew Henry Woodgate Dryhill (in Chevening and Sundridge, occupied by John Woodgate) and three shares in the Medway Navigation Company etc. 1786 Death of Henry Woodgate of Tonbridge. Will (PCC). He left Hale Oak Farm to his brother Francis.

**WOODGATE, Francis, of Mountfield, Sussex, clerk (1706-1790) See Hever, Edenbridge**

*[The following is taken from a published history of the Woodgate family]*

The Reverend FRANCIS WOODGATE, fifth son of John Woodgate of Summerhill became the Vicar of Mountfield and Rector of Whatlington in Sussex. He was sent to school at Tonbridge, from which in 1727 he gained the Smythe exhibition, tenable for seven years at either university. He proceeded to Trinity College, Oxford where he matriculated on 31st March 1726 and graduated BA in 1729, MA on 4th February 1734. He took orders and was licenced in March 1732 to the curacy of Kemsing-cum-Seal on an annual stipend of £30. He was there for less than a year but in that time he met Mary Thompson of Hall Place, Seal, whom he later married. He was presented to the Vicarage of Mountfield in that year and in 1734 to the adjoining Rectory of Whatlington, both in the patronage of the Duke of Dorset.

1754 Death of Stephen Woodgate of Sevenoaks. Will (PCC). He left Chested and Seedcops, occupied by Samuel Waite, to his nephew the Rev Francis Woodgate of Mountfield, Sussex.

1754- 1790 he owned Chested in Penshurst and Seedcops in Chiddingstone.

1778 He owned the following properties in the manor of Sundridge Weald:

lands in Chiddingstone near a house once belonging to Richard Streatfeild (2s 7d)

lands called Sedcombs (1s 6d)

Frienden Farm(14s 0½d) and Frienden Mead (2s 2d).

a meadow near Chafford Bridge Mead called Silcocks Mead 16 acres (2s 8d).

Pilbeams (3s 4d).

He also owned various lands in conjunction with his brother Henry.

He died in 1790 and was buried in Tonbridge church. In his monument he is described as "pious, humble, charitable; he early aspired to and obtained and uniformly preserved the truly honourable character of an exemplary parish priest". By will dated 4th June 1789 he gave to his three unmarried daughters Rose, Sarah and Anne Woodgate all his household goods, linen, plate, live and dead stock of all sorts at Mountfield and all books of which his son William had duplicates; also his four wheeled carriage and pair of grey horses; also the house in Tonbridge town occupied by the Miss Jordans; the Moat Farm and manor of Cosins in Cowden and Hartfield occupied by George Kidder, and £1000 each in each. To sister Ann Woodgate 5 guineas. To daughter Elizabeth Humphrey 50 acres of land called Mowers in Edenbridge, occupied by Holmden; Skeen Hill, Sevenoaks occupied by the Duke of Dorset, and £500. To son Henry a house and lands called Isele Dale in Sevenoaks, Leigh and Chiddingstone, occupied by Richard Saunders; and How Green in Hever and Brasted occupied by John Humphrey, subject to £300 to grandchildren William, John, Denny, George and Alicia Ashburnham at 21. To granddaughter Alicia Ashburnham £500. To son Stephen Chested and Seedcups in Chiddingstone and Penshurst occupied by Page; a house and garden in Penshurst (divided into two and occupied by labouring men); cottage in Chiddingstone occupied by Hollamby; farm called Gildridge in Chiddingstone occupied by Richard Delves; farm called Frienden in Chiddingstone and two pieces of land there called Silcocks Mead and Plain Lands and woodlands purchased by him of Thorpe esq in

Chiddingstone; also the farm called Tophill in Chiddingstone occupied by the widow of John Streatfeild gent, subject to £1000 to grandson John Acton and to erecting a monument in Chiddingstone church to testator's uncle Stephen Woodgate, gent.

1790 Death of Francis Woodgate of Mountfield, Sussex. He left Hale Oak Farm, which he had inherited from his brother Henry in 1786, to his son Henry.

#### **WOODGATE, William, son of Rev Francis Woodgate (above)**

WILLIAM WOODGATE (1743-1809), eldest son of Rev Francis Woodgate. He married in 1769 whereupon his uncle Henry and aunt Ann quitted Summerhill so that William could take up residence there. He managed the family estates in Chiddingstone and Penshurst belonging to his father, including Stonewall occupied by George Kidder. In 1782 there was a sale of timber from his farms at Frienden, Tophill, Skinners and Stonewall.

1781 Received the following rents:

Mrs Streatfeild, the Miss Jordans, Mr Delves, G Kidder (Moat Farm and Stonewall), R Hollamby, Page.

On passing through Seedcups on a hunt he discovered that seven or eight tellers had been grubbed up without permission. The person responsible was not Page the butcher to whom the property was let but his brother. Page came to apologise the next day accompanied by Russell from Vexour.

In 1787 Henry Woodgate died leaving his nephew William his executor and his residuary legatee and devisee, in which devise was included Summerhill. With some of the legacy he bought an estate at Pembury.

In 1790 the Rev Francis Woodgate died leaving his eldest son executor and residuary legatee.

1802 Parish paid him the rent for John Jenner £3-10s.

1806 Supplied 400 faggots for the poor £4-4s. 1808 supplied 100 faggots for the poor £1-10s-5d.

William died in 1809. To his son Henry he left an estate in Brenchley, Pembury, Tudeley and Capel. To his son John he left Stonewall with house, cottages and lands and the Nunnery Wood and Pookden Wood, all in Chiddingstone and Penshurst, lately occupied by George Kidder and then by himself. Also Sussex House Farm in Cowden. To son Stephen an estate in Pembury, Tonbridge, Tudeley and Capel. To his eldest son William Francis he left Summerhill.

#### **WOODGATE, Stephen, son of Rev Francis Woodgate (above)**

1790 His father left him Chested (almost entirely in Penshurst) and Seedcups or Seedcombes (largely in Chiddingstone).

Gilridge, occupied by Richard Delves (to 1804).

Frienden Farm, occupied by John Head, later George Piper (to 1808). Includes Tophill and Eelpan Mead. Silcocks Mead.

1792-1801 Parish paid him Thomas Smither's rent £2-12s a year.

1803-06 For some reason he declined to pay his assessment for Frienden Wood. 1808 Uncollected for four assessments.

1805 Seedcombes conveyed to Henry Streatfeild.

1811 Stephen died at Seal, aged 66. He was by profession a lawyer practicing at Sevenoaks. He did not marry.

Chested was for sale in 1804. Stephen also ceased to own Gilridge in 1804; both were acquired by Henry Streatfeild. He owned Frienden 1805-1811, then John Woodgate.

#### **WOODGATE, Henry, son of Rev Francis Woodgate. (above) See Hever**

HENRY WOODGATE of Riverhill was the youngest son of Rev Francis Woodgate. He was born in 1746 and died in 1834. He was a lawyer. He inherited Hale Oak Farm in Chiddingstone and Sevenoaks. In 1810 he apparently exchanged Hale Oak with the trustees of Henry Smith for lands in Seal, and yet he continued to be recorded in the Land Tax records as the owner of Hale Oak until 1817 when he was followed by William

Woodgate. In 1820 the farm was owned by the trustees of Smith's Charity. It is not known whether Henry ever practiced much as a barrister. He was private secretary to Lord Mansfield, the Lord Chancellor. Whilst in town he seems to have lived in the pleasant village of Clapham where he had a small farm. He owned How Green until at least 1832 when it was offered for sale. By 1831 Henry was involved in serious financial difficulties and was forced to sell the bulk of his estate.

See Hever.

**WOODGATE, William Francis, son of William Woodgate (above)**

1813 Witnessed the marriage of John Hartrup West of Tonbridge widower and Maria Woodgate.

**WOODGATE, John, son of William Woodgate (above)**

JOHN WOODGATE, son of William. On his father's death he took up residence at Stonewall with his sister Maria as housekeeper. Stonewall consisted of about 1400 acres. He pulled down the house, which had been inhabited by successive generations of Woodgates since 1590, if not before, and built a large red-brick Georgian house which is substantially the present building. The road now runs over the site of the old mansion which is entirely destroyed except for a portion that has been made into the principal entrance lodge, probably the old servants' wing. The beautiful old timber and plaster work in front has been concealed by red tiles, but may still be seen from the rear.

In 1815 and 1816 he was churchwarden of Chiddingstone.

John Woodgate was involved with the yeomanry and in the 1820's went out to India with the rank of major. He died in 1842. He sold Stonewall in his lifetime, probably about 1818.

1809 On the death of his father he inherited the Stonewall estate.

1810 Surveyor of Chiddingstone.

1813 Witnessed the marriage of John Hartrup West of Tonbridge widower and Maria Woodgate.

1814 Supplied wood for the poor £4-18s.

1815 Theft of some sawed oak timber by John Austen.

1815 Some wheat was stolen from his barn. He employed James Duly and John Jenner to watch his barn and they accused David Roots and John Field to be the thieves. When Roots's house was searched a sack marked John Woodgate was found. Not guilty. (Quarter Sessions).

1815 He identified two sawed oak posts found on the premises of Thomas Scot as his. They had been thrown over the hedge from the property of John Austen. (Quarter Sessions).

1815 Churchwarden.

1816 Stonewall put up for sale and by 1818 it was sold.

**WOODGATE, Maria, daughter of William Woodgate (above)**

1809 On the death of her father Maria moved to Stonewall to act as housekeeper for her brother John.

1813 Married John Hartrup West of Tonbridge widower. Witnesses: W.F. Woodgate, James Allnutt, Eliza Burton, Anna Bridcourt, John Woodgate.

**WOODGATE, Lydia**

1782-1796 Owner of Wilderness occupied by Samuel Parrott and New Tye occupied by widow Roffey.

In 1796 they were bought by Henry Streatfeild.