

## **Introduction**

This work deals with people who had some connection with Chiddingstone parish between the years 1735 and 1785. My main sources are the parish registers, wills, title deeds and the overseers' accounts (income) which help to locate where people owned or occupied land. Manorial records are also very useful. I have examined Quarter Sessions records but little crime was recorded in Chiddingstone at this period. I do not claim that my work is 100% accurate. I would be happy to settle for 90% but I believe my work gathers together information which it could otherwise take many months to assemble. If I come across two bits of information on John Brown I can assume that they are the same person. Alternatively, I can enter them as two separate persons and the link between them is unknown. That is how I have tried to reconstruct family relationships. One major source of information is omitted. I have not made use of the overseers' accounts (expenditure) except for the years 1783 to 1785. This would convey much information especially on the poorer part of the population. It would resolve some family relationships and throw up other problems. The workload to add this to my present work would be excessive and I am nearing the end of my genealogical researches

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