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Wills (to wit) The Examination of Tho<sup>s</sup> Milsom a Man  
now residing in the parish of Bradford in the County of  
Milsom, taken <sup>on oath</sup> before us his Majesty's Justices of  
Thomas the peace in & for the County of this 17<sup>th</sup> October  
1783 (touching his Settlement)

Who on his Oath saith That he is aged about 48 Years  
Cwas born in the parish of Bathford in the County of  
Somerset where his parents then resided saith his  
Father Tho<sup>s</sup> Milsom carried on the business of a  
Clothworker at Bathford under a Cartilage from  
Bradford to Bathford until the time of his death  
when this Exam<sup>t</sup> carried on the business of a  
Clothworker at Bathford a<sup>s</sup>? Inc Tax on out of  
the yearly Value of £. 10:0 for which he paid no  
tax whatsoever until about 8 Years ago when  
he returned to Bradford a<sup>s</sup>? where he has worked  
ever since as a Journeyman saith about 27 Years  
ago he married in Bathford a<sup>s</sup>? Martha his present  
Wife by whom he has living 7 Children (Vizt) -  
Eliz aged about 24 Years, Hannah aged about 22 Years  
Mary aged about 19 Years Jane aged about 16 Years -  
Chas aged about 14 Years Sam<sup>l</sup> aged about 12 Years -  
& Charlotte aged about 10 Years saith he has done  
no act whatsoever whereby to gain a Settlement  
a<sup>s</sup>? safe?

Sworn the Day & year  
a<sup>s</sup>? before us --- }

Will<sup>m</sup> Seymour  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Johnson

Tho<sup>s</sup> Milsom

**CALENDAR OF  
BRADFORD-ON-AVON SETTLEMENT EXAMINATIONS  
AND  
REMOVAL ORDERS  
1725-98**

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## PREFACE

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Barnes	R. M. Barnes, <i>A History of the Regiments and Uniforms of the British Army</i> (1950)
H.M.	His Majesty
R.O.	Removal Order
U.B.D.	P. Barfoot & J. Wilkes, <i>Universal British Directory</i> (1st edn., 1793–8)
V.C.H. Wilts	<i>Victoria History of the County of Wiltshire</i>
WRO	Wiltshire Record Office
WRS	Wiltshire Record Society

# INTRODUCTION

## a) *The Economic Background*

The parish of Bradford-on-Avon in Wiltshire is situated on the limestone plateau in the north-west of the county near the borders of Somerset and Gloucestershire. Larger than many other parishes, in the past it comprised the greater part of Bradford hundred and contained the tithings of Borough, Trowle, Leigh, Woolley, Cumberwell, Holt, Atworth, South Wraxall, Winsley and Limpley Stoke,<sup>1</sup> and was sometimes known as Great Bradford.<sup>2</sup> Its economy in the 18th century was based on both agriculture and industry. Surrounded by large 'feeding farms', or dairies, it supplied considerable surpluses of cheese and bacon to the Bath and Bristol foodmarkets and also to London. But much of the county was arable land and great quantities of barley were carried to markets, as at Abingdon and Faringdon, to be made into malt and sent to London. Sheepfarming was also widespread on the Cotswold fringe in the north of the county and on the chalk downs, and many small farmers combined to maintain common flocks. So not only was there a great number of prosperous farmers to absorb labour but also a woollen-manufacturing industry.<sup>3</sup>

Wiltshire was famed for the making of fine broadcloths, the 'western cloth' worn by the upper and middle classes, and the Spanish medleys or mingled cloths which were exported in vast quantities.<sup>4</sup> The industry was especially concentrated in the north-west of the county, around Bradford-on-Avon and Trowbridge, a part of the clothmaking region which extended north to Bristol, Gloucester and the southern Cotswold Hills, north-east to Wootton Bassett, south-east to Salisbury and westwards into north-east Somerset. The town of Bradford was particularly well-positioned for clothmaking, with streams from the limestone ridge running down the sides of the Avon valley to power fulling mills and to provide water for dyeing, and with a strip of Fuller's earth at Limpley Stoke.

As the documentation in this volume shows, within this area around Bradford there was considerable mobility and division of labour in the cloth industry. Weaving was men's work, the broadcloth from 54 to 63 inches required two weavers to a loom, and the heavier processes, such as fulling, shearing, dyeing and scribbling, also fell to men. Women were engaged in spinning and in burling, the process of using burling irons to remove knots and loose threads from cloth before it was fullled.<sup>5</sup> Many children and young persons were also employed in this industry and the evidence here shows the apprenticeship system still being adhered to in this area throughout the 18th century. The general age of taking up an apprenticeship was 12 to 14 years, although many began service when both younger and older. The usual term was for seven years,

<sup>1</sup> *U.C.H., Wilts.*, VII, 5.

<sup>2</sup> S. Lewis, *A Topographical Dictionary of England*, I (1840), 286.

<sup>3</sup> *U.B.D.*, II, 366-9; *V.C.H., Wilts.*, IV, 52-3.

<sup>4</sup> J. de L. Mann, *The Cloth Industry in the West of England from 1640 to 1880* (1971), XIV, XV, 20, 26.

<sup>5</sup> K. H. Rogers, *Warp and Weft* (1986), 49-50.



ending nominally at 24 years, although few apprenticeships ran that course. Apprenticeships in this locality were not only within the cloth industry and trades, two at least (205, 372) were in agriculture. A common feature of the Wiltshire cloth industry was 'colting'; a colt was a paid apprentice usually, but not always, older than the norm, who received a weekly wage beginning at about 2s. 6d. or 3s. 6d. and rising annually by 6d. for four or five years<sup>6</sup> (e.g. 134, 139, 225, 237). Most boys, and girls, were apprenticed by their nearest adult relative, but the parish often played its part in deciding their future. Bradford had its share of the usual cases of disputes between masters and apprentices and some of the latter who ran away (e.g. 41, 43, 77, 202).

The employers of these clothworkers were mainly urban-based large clothiers, like the Methuens, the Awdrys, the Bytheseas, the Phipps and the Yerburys, men important enough to gain extended credit from the Blackwell Hall factors who dominated the London cloth market. They in their turn built up fortunes. Francis Yerbury (d. 1778) owned Belcombe Court in Bradford and could afford to have it enlarged and improved by the Bath architect John Wood the Elder.<sup>7</sup> But some small clothiers survived throughout the 18th century; it was possible for a clothworker to set up as a master in the industry for less than £100 and to graduate to becoming a small clothier, sometimes also being a part-time farmer. In 1789–90 58 masters employed 66 weavers' apprentices.<sup>8</sup>

As Julia Mann remarked, the years 1700–20 were the 'golden age' for Wiltshire clothiers, when some of them accumulated fortunes of £40,000 to £50,000 each. There were at least 25 clothiers in Bradford in 1713; in 1727 the improvement of the Avon navigation opened the market through Bath and Bristol and the town's expansion up its northern hill began. Although cloth exports fell 1721–30 and rose slightly in the 1730s, the western market was primarily a domestic one and growing all the time. Despite the increased competition of the Yorkshire broadcloth industry in the export trade from the 1760s, there was probably a rise of 20% in the production of medley broadcloth in Wiltshire in 1770–90, and in any case Bradford's prosperity, which lasted until 1800, depended on the manufacture of high-grade cloth, 'superfines', for the growing home market. In 1791 there were still 17 clothiers in the town, although the tendency was now to group workers together in workshops. Decline in Bradford's cloth industry did not set in until the 1820s.<sup>9</sup>

Although the cloth industry, Bradford's economic base, flourished throughout the 18th century, there was growing unemployment and social distress in the parish, largely because of the increase of population and low wage rates. This crisis condition was reflected in the dramatic rise in the number of settlement examinations and removal orders and also in the greater burden of poor relief. By 1801 the total population for the large rural parish of over 10,000 acres was 7,302 and in 1811 8,051, out of whom 2,989 lived in the borough of Bradford.<sup>10</sup> The number tended to be inflated by the immigrants from other clothmaking towns and villages, attracted there hoping for employment. In 1741 there were about 100 ratepayers in the borough of Bradford raising a total poor rate of £1,987 for the year ending Easter 1742, but more

<sup>6</sup> J. O. Halliwell, *A Dictionary of Archaic and Provincial Words* (6th Edn. 1904), 143.

<sup>7</sup> *V.C.H., Wilts.*, VII, 43; N. Pevsner, *Wiltshire (The Buildings of England)*, (1975), 138.

<sup>8</sup> Mann, 96–8; *V.C.H. Wilts.*, VII, 44.

<sup>9</sup> Mann, 32, 33, 37, 50, 54; *V.C.H., Wilts.*, VII 43, 44; *U.B.D.*, II, 367–8.

<sup>10</sup> *V.C.H., Wilts.*, VII, 38, 44.

than 50 had been rated at less than £10. In the 1750s and 1760s the total poor rate fluctuated wildly, falling to £881 in 1761–2, but then rose to a peak of £2,599 in 1766–7 and a further high level of £3,099 in 1782–3. So poor law administration became more difficult, and concern about the growing burden of implementing it was manifest by 1777 when it was proposed that statutory powers should be obtained to appoint an additional overseer of the poor to deal with the extra work. Under the subsequent act of 1784 he was paid £100, instead of the usual £60, and responsibility for him rested with all the parishioners paying a poor-rate of 9d. or more.<sup>11</sup>

Mechanisation of the industry and its consequent hardship for clothmakers came late in Wiltshire, although a large number of weavers and scribblers came before the justices for examination. Scribblers were those who prepared the wool for spinning by drawing it with hand cards over a scribbling-horse, a frame covered with iron teeth set in leather leaves.<sup>12</sup> But unrest simmered during most of the century; there were labour riots in Bradford in 1726 and more trouble in 1766 when a gang led by a weaver, James Kitley, plundered warehouses in the town. As the examinations show, the military, the North Devon Regiment or 11th Regiment of Foot, were quartered in the town in 1771–2 (112, 113, 114), and in 1783, the year when 18 scribblers and ten other clothworkers were examined by the justices, the Wiltshire Regiment was at hand (190, 244). There was a worse riot in 1787; the narrow-weavers in Bradford were that year incited to join those in Trowbridge in opposing the introduction of workshops where masters could exercise a closer supervision of them. It may have been James Kitley's son, also a weaver and of the same name, who was then questioned, allegedly about an apprentice (289, 291). About 1500 weavers marched from Trowbridge to Bradford but were met with armed resistance at the entrance to the town and by John Yerbury and his friends at Belcombe Court. They retired, but the military were called in and arrived the next day. Mechanisation came in the last decade of the century when machines for spinning, carding and scribbling appeared, and a more tumultuous riot erupted in 1791 when 500 assembled in front of Westbury House, the home of a clothier, Joseph Phelps. This was a protest of the hand scribblers who feared unemployment and demanded that an old carding-machine which Phelps had converted into a scribbling-machine should be abandoned to them. When he refused stone-throwing began and Phelps, and his gentry friends who had come to his assistance, fired on the mob, killing three and dangerously wounding others. He gave way and surrendered the machine, which the rioters burnt on the bridge. No case was found against the ringleaders and the coroner's verdict was justifiable homicide, but scribbling by machinery had come to stay.<sup>13</sup> The tension among the scribblers is reflected in the large number of settlement cases about them in Bradford between 1725 and 1798.

#### b) *The Legislative Background*

Those whose livelihood was undermined by the introduction of machinery could turn to their own parish in hope of relief, like those impoverished by changes in trade, low wages, seasonal fluctuation in employment, large families, ill-health, old age, war

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, 39, 49.

<sup>12</sup> Rogers, 34.

<sup>13</sup> *V.C.H., Wilts.*, VII, 44; K. G. Ponting, *Wiltshire Portraits* (1975), 33–4; Mann, 115.

service or plain misfortune. Claimants for relief from the poor rates had to appear before the justices in petty sessions. The parochial authorities and the local ratepayers tried to limit their obligations, so not only those who claimed settlement but those who might become chargeable were subject to examination. Settlement laws and procedure have been well explained by Blanche Berryman in her study of examinations at Mitcham in Surrey and the main points are only briefly summarised here.<sup>14</sup> There is another comparable but slightly later study for Cheltenham 1815–26.<sup>15</sup>

The basis of the law of settlement and removal was the act of 1662 (14 Car. II, c.12) which applied not only to vagrants, who had been subject to removal from Elizabethan times, but to newcomers to the parish who might become chargeable. A stranger could be removed to his own parish within 40 days of coming to another, unless he rented a tenement of £10 or could give security that he would not become chargeable. The receiving parish could appeal against the removal order to quarter sessions (207, 756), or, if necessary, to a judge of assize. Settlement could be claimed by right of birth in a place, or by being a sojourner, householder, apprentice or servant there. Married women could claim settlement in their husband's parish. From 1691 other grounds of settlement were being a parish officer, a parish ratepayer, a person bound by indentures to a parishioner, or a single person employed for a year in the parish.<sup>16</sup>

The need to retain right of settlement restricted the mobility of labour and the opportunity to gain fresh employment, so under the 1662 act the certificate system was introduced as a form of guarantee that the holder had a settlement in his own parish. Under an act of 1697 a poor person could enter any parish provided that he brought a certificate guaranteeing that his own parish would receive him if he became chargeable (e.g. 757), but certificated persons could not gain new settlements unless they became leasehold tenants of £10 a year or served a year in a parochial office. From 1730 purchase of an estate valued at less than £30 did not confer settlement except during occupancy. Proof of settlement was a jealously guarded family possession, and, as K. D. M. Snell has found in his exhaustive study of the labouring poor based largely on the evidence of settlement examinations, these certificates, apprenticeship indentures and receipts of rent paid in excess of £10 a year were passed from father to son. From 1700 in the south as a whole an increasing number of examiners failed to achieve settlement in their own right and took that of their father or grandfather, or of their place of birth, and there is abundant evidence of this certificate system in action in the Bradford examinations (13, 19, 69, 129, 133).<sup>17</sup>

In the early 18th century the labouring poor left home at about 14 years and found employment at the annual hiring fair. By this means it was possible to gain settlement before marriage, but on marriage the yearly servant who had often, especially if employed in agriculture, been living in his employer's house became a labourer on day or weekly wages. A settlement qualification then became more difficult to obtain, for in 1697 it had been specifically laid down that persons hired for a year who failed to serve their whole term were denied settlement. There are some references among the

<sup>14</sup> Mitcham Examinations 1784–1814, ed. Blanche Berryman, *Surrey Record Society*, Vol. XXVII (1973).

<sup>15</sup> Cheltenham Settlement Examinations 1815–1826, ed. I. Gray, *Records Section, Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society*, Vol. VII (1969).

<sup>16</sup> Mitcham Examinations, viii.

<sup>17</sup> K. D. M. Snell, *Annals of the Labouring Poor: Social Change and Agrarian England, 1600–1900* (1985), 72, 78, 95, 98; Mitcham Examinations, viii.

Bradford examinations to employers deliberately contriving this shortfall in annual service to avoid claim on the local poor rates (54, 62, 115, 183, 209). This could be done by dismissal just prior to the full twelve months' work, or by denying the servant board so that he had to reside in another parish. In the south as a whole the decline of yearly service started c. 1750, usually associated with the decrease in the number of small farms, and it in particular threw unmarried labourers onto the parish during the winter, when they had previously been kept in the farmhouse by their employer, although in some cases board wages were paid instead of giving lodging, and some singlemen had always worked as day labourers.<sup>18</sup>

Apart from soldiers quartered in Bradford to quell local disturbances, in this century of foreign wars and an expanding army and navy many servicemen whose lives had been dislocated came before the examining justices (41, 66, 164, 165, 200, 202). The act of 1697 (8 & 9 W.III, c.30) laid down that soldiers, sailors and workmen in the King's Service were barred from gaining settlements, but the practice of 'king's freemen' had also been established in the late 17th century allowing ex-soldiers and sailors to set up in trades without having served a full legal apprenticeship (152, 246), and this right was extended to their families in 1784 when ex-servicemen were also allowed to practice a trade anywhere without liability to removal until actually chargeable.<sup>19</sup>

The case of individual children and children of claimant families frequently came before the Bradford justices. Evidence about children in their own right was taken from a near relative or neighbour (149, 192). Legitimate children took the settlement of their father, or, failing that, of their mother. Legitimacy here meant birth more than a month after marriage. Complications arose over the case of children of a widow who remarried (175, 176, 177) or of those born out of wedlock whose parents later married. Bastards, except the children of vagrants, were settled in their place of birth (6, 47, 122, 125), hence the anxiety of parish authorities to find excuse to remove pregnant, unmarried women, but from 1744 vagrants' bastard children took their mothers' settlements.<sup>20</sup> In 1794–5, near the point where this study ends, a more humanitarian attitude crept in when all categories of paupers (except rogues and vagabonds, idle and disorderly persons and unmarried pregnant women) received protection against removal until they actually became chargeable to the parish they then inhabited, and the removal of sick persons could be delayed until they were fit to travel (633).<sup>21</sup>

### c) *Examination and Removal at Bradford-on-Avon*

The person whose removal or eligibility for relief was in question was brought before the justices, usually two of them and occasionally three, although at least from 1725 to 1736, when there was seldom more than one case a year, Thomas Methuen (d. 1737) decided matters alone. But removal orders required a second authorisation, so John Cooper was called in to add his signature to them. Thomas Phipps also acted alone in

<sup>18</sup> Snell, 73, 81, 82, 83, 95, 98; Mitcham, viii.

<sup>19</sup> Ibid.; Snell, 250.

<sup>20</sup> Mitcham, viii–ix.

<sup>21</sup> Ibid.

1775 (155) and Thomas Johnson did so in 1780–1 (200, 202). Bradford had been a place of petty sessions since 1722,<sup>22</sup> alternating with Trowbridge, and sometimes a Bradford examinant was questioned at the latter place (52, 289, 290, 291, 292) or Devizes (66).

Power in 18th century Bradford was, it has been argued, monopolised by an oligarchy of the wealthier inhabitants of the parish, many of them prominent clothiers, who were not only employers but as justices controlled the administration of poor relief through the parish vestry. There were at least four clothiers on the Wiltshire bench by 1726, John Cooper of Trowbridge, Thomas Methuen of Bradford and the brothers John and Thomas Phipps of Heywood House, Westbury, but Gloucestershire had no clothier on its bench until the later 18th century and Somerset not even then.<sup>23</sup> The settlement examinations and removal orders confirm the clothiers' control of Bradford. After the death of Thomas Methuen, who had heard settlement cases almost single-handed, his heir Paul Methuen moved out of Bradford to Corsham Court and lived as a country gentleman.<sup>24</sup> A period of uncertainty as to who would take over the burdensome settlement cases seems to have followed. John Cooper of Trowbridge and John Thresher, both clothiers, each heard one case in 1738. Two statements of 1741 lack the names of any justices, but from August 1740 John Eyles joined John Cooper and John Thresher in signing removal orders. John Thresher died in 1741. Then clothiers Edward Mortimer of Trowbridge and William and Thomas Phipps of Westbury, and from 1746 Thomas Cooper, possibly John Cooper's son, helped out, sometimes as the sole justice for examinations, as did others occasionally. John Cooper last signed documents, three removal orders, on 10 April 1747.

In August 1751 John Bythesea, the Trowbridge clothier, began his long domination, often in partnership with J. Halliday, John Cooper, John Turner, or one of the two Phipps. Bythesea sometimes heard cases at his home, Wyke House, Staverton (50, 55, 56, 131), and he operated alone on 21 occasions, finding a second justice to sign resultant removal orders. From 1761 Joseph Mortimer, another Trowbridge clothier (144), frequently aided him, and he was joined by Thomas Bythesea, perhaps his son, in signing a removal order in February 1768, his last act as an examining justice before age or death took him from the scene (452). Then followed a hiatus of over two years with no examiners, which suggests a crisis in local politics. At last in November 1770 Samuel Cam and Thomas Johnson signed a removal order and so initiated their almost complete monopoly of this aspect of poor law administration for two decades. Samuel Cam, a clothier and nonconformist newcomer with a house in Bradford (285, 311), was sufficiently important in 1791 to be ranked as a gentleman. A benefactor of the Grove Meeting House, when he died worth £80,000 in 1792 he left £100 in his will to augment the minister's salary.<sup>25</sup> Thomas Johnson may have lived at Woolley: several cases were heard there in 1771.

From late 1770 to February 1791, when they heard about their last case together, Samuel Cam and Thomas Johnson took most examinations in partnership, or, if one of them was not available, the other sat with clothiers Joseph Mortimer of Trowbridge, John Awdry of Notton House, Lacock, or Paul Newman of Melksham, or another

<sup>22</sup> *V.C.H., Wilts.*, VII, 39.

<sup>23</sup> Mann, 116–17.

<sup>24</sup> *V.C.H., Wilts.*, VII, 43.

<sup>25</sup> *V.C.H., Wilts.*, VII, 33, 43; *U.B.D.*, II, 367; Rogers, 41.

substitute. Cam examined 160 cases altogether, some at his home, and Johnson heard 227, 10 of them alone. One could view this monopoly as evidence of oligarchic power, but hearing the constant and tedious repetition of question and answer also required a strong sense of public duty. After Johnson's apparent demise c. 1790 Cam found allies in George Bethell and Thomas Bush, both with houses in Bradford (339, 352, 353) and both clothiers, although described as 'gentry'.<sup>26</sup> Cam's last settlement examination was in May 1791, and Bush and Bethell, with John Jones jun. and the occasional help of Joseph Mortimer and others, carried on until the point where this study ends in 1798.

The Bradford justices broadly adopted procedures applied elsewhere. Their enquiries were detailed and followed common form, eliciting particulars of the examinant's name, age, occupation, place of birth, apprenticeship and service, and occupancy of land or parochial office. If married the examinant had to give the place and approximate date of his marriage and the names and ages of his wife and children, and if he or his father was a certificated person his father's places of birth and settlement were recorded. Similar questions were put to women.

This statement was written out, usually on a single sheet, by the parish clerk, signed by the examinant with his name or mark and witnessed by the two justices. If the latter decided that the examinant had no claim to settlement in Bradford they issued an order for his removal, with such members of his family as were also denied settlement there, to the parish where he rightfully belonged. Parish clerks usually charged very high fees, 3s. to 7s., for an examination and more for extra copies and removal orders.<sup>27</sup> When William Woods and his wife died in Worcester in 1744 the parish of Bradford, from which he had a settlement certificate, had to pay for six weeks' maintenance for his two children and the cost of bringing them there and also for the sick relief and burial of his widow, who had briefly outlived him (758).

d) *The incidence, volume and nature of examination and removal at Bradford-on-Avon*

Between 1725 and 1798 the Bradford-on-Avon justices held 377 examinations, including a very small minority of cases where the same person came before them twice. Of these 377 only 17 were heard before 1750. From six in the 1740s the number rose sharply when John Bythesea became a justice in 1751 and as social distress in the town increased; the total in the 1750s was 52, then it eased down to 31 in the 1760s, went higher than ever to 99 in the 1770s and 128 in the 1780s, matching the rise in the poor rates, and dropped to 50 in the 1790s, perhaps because war with France absorbed some of the surplus manpower, or because the justices hoped to avoid further disturbance after the riot of 1791 by reducing the incidence of examination. Normally the justices heard one to four cases a day when sitting, but more from the 1750s when they were under pressure; they took seven cases on 6 November 1750 and also on 30 October 1752, as well as six on 31 July 1758. In the 1760s they could relax a little, but on 13 December 1771 and 21 February 1772 the quartering of the 11th regiment of foot, the North Devon Regiment, in the town added to their work-load. Out of the nine cases

<sup>26</sup> *U.B.D.*, II, 367.

<sup>27</sup> Snell, 18.

of the first date and six of the second 12 concerned soldiers of the regiment, all married men, and two of their women. The inference is that the parish feared that the burden of looking after the soldiers' wives and their children would fall to them if the regiment moved on. Even more work came to the justices: there were six general cases on 26 October 1773, then the maximum so far, 13 on 9 February 1779. Even that was topped by a stressful day on 22 February 1783 when they had to listen during 23 examinations to the same kind of question eliciting the same kind of miserable answers and the scratch of the clerk's pen writing it all down, and there were seven on 17 October. There were too instances of examiners being brought back for a second questioning (285, 294). These heavy sessions were all in addition to the smaller ones generally held at least weekly. By far the greater number occurred during the winter months from October to March.

The futures of 379 people were determined at these 377 interrogations (one interview covered three children), not including their dependants. Of these examiners 202 were married men who, with their families, could when unemployed be an enormous drain on the parochial poor relief fund. The next most vulnerable group was the 65 single women, potential mothers whom the parish was usually anxious to expel, and this figure does not include the 42 wives, several of them deserted, and 16 widows. Assuming that male examiners with no mention of a family were all unmarried, only 28 singlemen were hauled up before the bench: they were more likely to be employable and were seldom moved. There were also nine widowers and the backgrounds of 17 children were investigated.

The number of examinations which came before the Bradford justices in any one year cannot be taken as a firm index of the current state of local employment, but the sharp rise in the examinations from the 1750s suggests surplus labour on the market and low wage rates. One must remember that examinations were held not only to effect removal but also to establish eligibility for relief, a question especially relevant to the applicant burdened with a large family. Parochial authorities often denied family allowances to chargeable families unless they had three, four or five children, which may account for the large number of such families who came before the Bradford justices.<sup>28</sup>

Analysis of the examiners' occupations, where given, reflects the simple work structure of the locality, mainly divided between the cloth industry and agriculture. A list of the current or recent occupations of 290 persons can be compiled from the examinations but it does not cover apprentices, nor the few men but many women whose means of livelihood is not given. Cloth industry workers predominated in this sample, 135 out of the 290 or 46.5%. They included 48 scribblers and 37 weavers, otherwise small groups; nine shearmen, four spinners, seven burlers or servants to burlers (all women) and two dyers, and 28 men and women were described in general terms as 'clothworkers'. The number of women working as spinners at home but basically dependent on male support would not be revealed in these documents.

The next largest occupation group was the 80 servants, men and women, 27.4%. Many of them were probably engaged in agriculture, 'servants in husbandry', although this is not specified, but 14 were listed as farm labourers and the 35 other 'labourers'

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*, 358.

may have been in either the cloth industry or farming. Enclosure was not a main cause of misfortune for it generally came late in Wiltshire, after 1795, but the farm worker, whether a yearly (or covenant) hired servant living on board wages or a day labourer, was at risk from seasonal fluctuations in employment and the decline of the family farm. Dislocation was caused by the decrease of population in the agricultural districts while it increased in manufacturing areas.<sup>29</sup>

Surprisingly in this rural area the third largest group to engage the attention of the bench was that of the 34 military personnel (including marines), 27 soldiers and their wives, the result of Britain's continental and colonial wars from 1740 and the local unrest which had to be contained. There were only 27 craftsmen; six were cordwainers, three were tailors, three staymakers and tailors, and three tilers and plasterers, and two were millwrights. A stone-cutter, a sawyer, a tile-digger, a hatter, a shoemaker, a wiredrawer, a saddler, a blacksmith, a carpenter and joiner and a breeches-maker also came before the justices. There were also two smallholders who normally enjoyed a degree of independence but had become impoverished (2, 204). The relatively small number of craftsmen does not mean that trade hardly existed in Bradford; if they were prospering the question of their status under the poor law did not arise.

The examinations show a high degree of mobility within a forty-mile radius of Bradford, covering the clothmaking area of West Wiltshire, North-East Somerset and South Gloucestershire. Few examinants had spent all their lives in Bradford, and clothworkers seldom stayed in the same job all their working lives (e.g. 300, 302, 318, 335, 358, 386). Many clothworkers changed masters two or three times, especially between Bradford and Frome, a town of many small clothiers, and other places within a ten-mile radius. Some had had experience of a second occupation, especially military service which spread a wide net. Several of the local clothworkers interrupted their trade to enlist and after a few years with the colours returned to the Wiltshire industry.

With so much semi-skilled and unskilled labour in the neighbourhood it is not surprising that the educational level of the examinants was low; of the 335 who tried to attest a statement only 86 or 25.7% could write their signatures, the rest made only their mark or left it unsigned. Only eleven women, 3.2%, signed. The majority of the 379 people whose right of settlement was in question were between 20 and 30 years, but there was a wide variation of age; only 14, 3%, were 60 years or older, nine men and five women. Of these four were over 70 and only two, both men, were over 80 (204, 309). In an age of high mortality it is not surprising that 13 married men had outlived their wives and married a second time. The children whose circumstances were examined were usually orphans, bastards or those of a parent who had married twice (e.g. 149, 285, 315, 329, 375).

Comparison with the examination statements of parishes outside Wiltshire for people sent to Bradford during this period 1725-98, of which there are 44 in the Wiltshire Record Office, show that settlement there was claimed by 12 on account of past work or apprenticeship and 11 by right of birth. Nine women argued their husbands' rights there and in four cases the father's settlement was asserted. Mostly the comparison shows the historian of Bradford to be fortunate in the local documentation; its justices and clerks were conscientious in ferretting out much autobiographical detail.

Since examinations were held to investigate eligibility for relief, as well as the need for

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*, 165; *V.C.H., Wilt.*, IV, 49-50.



removal, not all have removal orders attached to them. One assumes however that all the incoming ones had related orders at some time or they would not have reached Bradford. Apart from attached removal orders some examination statements have endorsements of place names on them, which implies removal there although the order is missing. By adding all this evidence of removal to the removal orders in bundles WRO 77/35-37 a comprehensive picture of the emigration and immigration of the labouring poor from and to Bradford can be obtained. Again, as with the examinations, in a minority of cases the same person appears twice on different dates, but not in sufficient numbers as to invalidate the conclusions. The pattern of movement in and out of Bradford shows that if the town were seriously trying to unload its economically surplus population it was failing to do so, for there was little difference between the numbers going out and those coming in. Of the singlemen who were the desirable immigrants, Bradford gained more, 37, than it lost, 16, a difference of 21. But 114 married men went out and 111 came in; four widowers were sent away and six arrived; 43 wives departed, often soldiers' wives who were a recurrent problem, and 39 arrived, and 22 widows left and 17 came in. Of the children under 14 years 20 went each way. Only in the case of singlewomen, 75 out and 50 in, was Bradford successful in easing its responsibilities.

The consequence of all this removal was that after shifting out 296 people as the principals in removal orders and receiving 342 Bradford had added to its population by 46 souls. But if to the figures above are added those for the adults (usually wives) and the large number of children under 14 years who accompanied the removed persons, Bradford did better; 422 dependants went out and 357 came in. In absolute totals of removals Bradford lost 717 persons and gained 699; it had only 18 less people to make claims on its poor relief fund. The occasional long sessions, the expulsion of singlewomen, and the scrutiny of wives suggests assiduous supervision by the local justices and the two overseers of the poor, three from 1784. Soldiers' wives, like some others, were often questioned only days after marriage to prevent, if possible, their staying in the parish where their children would gain settlement by birth. But it was a wasteful system and in Bradford's case hardly justified the administrative time spent on it.

Removal orders only infrequently show occupations, so no comprehensive conclusions about the nature of employment can be drawn from them, as with the examinations, but the majority of transferees seem to have been engaged in the cloth industry. Many of those coming to Bradford were dubbed 'rogue and vagabond' and there was a fair scattering of soldiers' wives. A particularly troublesome one was Jane Baillie whose husband claimed settlement rights in Bradford. She twice returned there from the garrison town of Berwick-on-Tweed (**385, 387**).

The names of the places from and to which removal orders were made do, however, supply the geographical pattern of removal and, as in the examinations, show migration limited mainly to a radius of forty miles, within the main clothmaking region. Of the removals from Bradford 158 out of 286, or 55%, went to nearby places in Wiltshire, mainly to Corsham, 25 persons, and Melksham and Trowbridge 15 each. Another eight went to Westwood, nine to North Bradley, seven to Broughton Gifford and six to Warminster. The next largest number went to north-east Somerset; these 82 included 13 returned to the growing spa town of

Bath (with Walcot)<sup>30</sup> which was a magnet to the foot-loose labouring poor and was overcrowded with them. The other main recipients of this second group were the rival clothmaking town Frome 12, Hinton Charterhouse 11, Freshford 10 and Beckington six. A smaller group, 26, went to South Gloucestershire, including two to the expanding port of Bristol. Only 19 were sent to other parts of the country from Bradford and one to Wales.

The same pattern of movement marked the 270 returned to Bradford; most, 112 or 41.5%, came from other places in Wiltshire: Trowbridge 19, Westbury 15, Melksham 13 and Corsham 10 predominated in despatching them. North-East Somerset was again involved with the second largest group, 86, of whom 24 were cleared from Bath and Walcot and 20 from Frome: six each came from Hinton Charterhouse and Rode and two from Freshford. Thirdly 41 arrived from South Gloucestershire, including 17 from Bristol, and only 31 from other parts of England. Long-distance migration was certainly not a feature.

Analysis of the chronology of the removal orders both ways reveals, as in the examinations, a far more active time in the second half of the century than in the first. There were only nine 1725–9, 26 in the 1730s, then a large increase to 95 (64 of them to Bradford) in the economic distress of the 1740s. After some decline, 73 and 54 in the next two decades, came another sharp rise in the traffic to and from Bradford to 142 in the 1770s and 113 in the 1780s, but only 43 in the 1790s.

The documents calendared here give vignettes of the labouring poor in the 18th century as few other sources do. In some cases examinations and removal orders of various dates can be related to construct a case history, for example of Stephen Pouncel (or Pound) who really belonged to Bisley in Gloucestershire (364, 519), Joseph and Hester Skull (284, 523, 709), Robert Hazle (60, 159, 456), Honour Styles (172, 247, 518) and the Arletts (124, 178, 344). A weaver aspired to a degree of independence as a farmer (28); a young woman born in Calne had a busy four years as a chambermaid and then as a servant in Bradford and Chippenham (102); and another woman was a servant first to an innkeeper and then to an apothecary in Bath (11). Some unfortunates were lured into bogus marriages in that city (64, 93). There is information about wage rates; the general wage for both servants and farm labourers was about £4 or £5 a year, or 3s. a week with food and lodging (73). A good wage was £7, although a few workers commanded £10 a year (e.g. 106, 141, 147). The prices of cottages and their repair are mentioned (58, 162). Three cases of smallpox are related (83, 94, 354).

### e) *Editorial Method*

The Bradford-on-Avon settlement examinations and removal orders calendared here are in the Wiltshire Record office at Trowbridge. There is a typescript catalogue. The examinations are in three bundles, WRO 77/29 for 1725–70, WRO 77/30 for 1771–84 and WRO 77/31 for 1785–98, and some have removal orders attached. There are also three bundles of separate removal orders, WRO 77/35 (which starts at 1671 but from which I have extracted the orders for 1725–39), WRO 77/36 for

<sup>30</sup> Part of Walcot was in the liberties of Bath and part was a separate Somerset parish.

1740–51 and WRO 77/37 for 1752–98. The examinations and orders are filed in alphabetical order under the surname of the examinant or person subject to removal. In this calendar they have been rearranged under the original reference in chronological and numbered sequence. Those of the same date have been listed in alphabetical order here, and some removal orders from bundles WRO 77/35–37 have been moved to match up with relevant examinations in other bundles. All documents in Section A (i) are from WRO 77/29 (and other sections are treated appropriately) unless otherwise specified. Cross references have been given where a person was reexamined later or came under a removal order, and where obvious family relationships occur, otherwise there is no attempt to differentiate between people of the same name. Examinations and related removal orders are of identical date and signed by the same justices unless otherwise indicated. Where adults are examined on behalf of a minor the child's name is supplied in square brackets at the beginning of the entry.

Only the positive facts of an examinant's life have been included in these summaries; the frequent, repetitive and negative statements, such as '... he never rented lands or tenements of the yearly value of £10, lived a covenant servant nor served any apprenticeship ...', have generally been omitted. Spelling, punctuation and, in some cases, the order of words have been modernised to improve sense, but in general the flavour of the original has been retained. The place of birth is in all instances the name of the parish, and churches are taken to be parish churches unless otherwise indicated. All places are in Wiltshire except where the county is stated; those outside Wiltshire are given their historic counties, and current placenames are used with the original in round brackets. Variants of placenames will be found in the index. Surnames and forenames are as in the original, except that in the index surnames are grouped under the most modern variant. Where the forenames of the justices of the peace are identified from references in the text or other sources they are given in full instead of initials. Editorial insertions in the text are put in italic print in square brackets. Dates are kept as in the original.

Many of the removal orders for examinants being returned to Bradford have a list of endorsements, often long and running to a separate sheet, directing removal to the next parish on the route. Dated and signed by the justices, they show the stages of the journey taken by the paupers under escort from the removing to the receiving parish, but they have been omitted from this calendar for reasons of length. Other endorsements, often odd memoranda scribbled on margins and not clearly related to the subject of the document, have not been included unless significant. The marks of the examinants and their signatures are given in italic style in square brackets.

The examinations of the early 18th century were entirely handwritten, usually on a single sheet, but from about 1750 new ones with printed headings, leaving blanks for such particulars as name, date and occupation to be filled in with the rest of the statement, were sometimes used. Removal orders were also from that date frequently and almost entirely printed. One of the printers supplying such forms c. 1768 was B. Collins on the New Canal, Salisbury.

# CALENDAR OF BRADFORD-ON-AVON SETTLEMENT EXAMINATIONS AND REMOVAL ORDERS

## A. Examinations in Bradford-on-Avon or other places in Wiltshire 1725–98

### i) 1725–70 (*WRO 77/29*)

1. 26 Aug. 1725. Mary Isick [*Isaac ?*] of the parish of Chipping Sodbury, Glos. before Thomas Methuen.

About Michaelmas 1719<sup>1</sup> she was married to William Isick, cordwainer, of Chipping Sodbury at Walcot (Walcott) near Bath, who never did anything to gain a legal settlement in any parish. Her last place of settlement was in Chipping Sodbury. Was never married to another person. [*mark*]

R.O.<sup>2</sup> 27 Aug. 1725 by Thomas Methuen and John Cooper. William Isack, cordwainer, Mary (w), William (s) and Sarah (d) to Chipping Sodbury.

1. 29 Sept.
2. *WRO 77/35*.

2. 24 Nov. 1730. Philip Morgan now in tithing of Holt, parish of Bradford, before Thomas Methuen.

Born in Wales. When about nine years old he came into England and lived with his uncle William Rider in the parish of Abbotsleigh (Abbot's Li . . . ?), Somt., for six or seven years for his diet and clothes. After he had served Rider as a covenant servant for two years he went to Lea [*Leigh, parish of Bradford ?*] and has worked at his own hands ever since. At Lady Day 1728<sup>1</sup> he agreed with Jacob Sparks at Holt, parish of Bradford to rent a house, garden and about four and a half acres of meadow, pasture, arable and garden for three years for £30 if it should prove a tolerable good bargain, but if it should prove a hard bargain he was to pay only £10 for the first year and £9 a year for the remaining two years. He continued in the bargain for one year and was then turned out. He paid the full sum of £10 with no deduction. He planted the arable and garden ground at his own expense and for his own use and made the hay that grew on the meadow and sold it and took in horses to eat the after grass. About June he dug the garden ground which was planted with peas and beans before he took it and also some potatoes, and he was to leave the potatoes at the end of the term. [*mark*]

1. Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary, 25 March.

3. 23 Feb. 1730/1. Thomas Stevens, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Methuen.

Born in Bradford 23 years ago. Stayed there with his father John Stevens until he was 18 years old, then he married Abigail Stevens by whom he has two children now living with them, Thomas five years and John one year. When he, Thomas Stevens, was born his father was legally settled in the parish of St James, Bath, Somt., and he has remained there. [signature]

R.O.<sup>1</sup> 24 Feb. 1730/1 by Thomas Methuen and John Cooper. Thomas Stevens, wife and two sons to St James, Bath.

1. WRO 77/35.

4. 14 Oct. 1731. Edward Holloway, labourer, before Thomas Methuen.

Born at Bradford 22 years ago. When 13 or 14 he entered the service of Charles Cole of Wellow, Somt., and stayed for two years as a covenant yearly servant. Then he served Thomas Sayman of Wellow one whole year or more, also as a covenant yearly servant. Since then has never served any person for a year.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

1. See 5 and 9.

5. 28 Oct. 1731. Corinna Holloway now in the parish of Westwood, before Thomas Methuen.

By virtue of a licence she was married to Edward Holloway, labourer, by the Revd John Rogers in Bradford parish church on Friday 15 Oct. this year. Edward Holloway was then and now is a legal inhabitant of the parish of Wellow, Somt.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

R.O. 30 Oct. 1731 by Thomas Methuen and John Cooper. Corinna Holloway from Westwood to Wellow.

1. See 4 and 9.

6. 8 Dec. 1731. Mary Gerrish, widow of John Gerrish, before Thomas Methuen.

About 17 years ago she married John Gerrish of Broughton Gifford, labourer, and lived with him at Monkton Farleigh about half a year. Then he died and left her with one child, Anne, now living. About eight or nine years after her husband's death she was begotten with child by James Caywood, then a covenant servant to William Cottle of Farleigh, upon which she and Anne her daughter were removed by an order from Monkton Farleigh to Broughton Gifford and were received by the officers of that parish as inhabitants legally settled there. About eight weeks after the removal she was delivered in Broughton Gifford of a male bastard child begotten on her body by James Caywood. Has never done anything to gain a legal settlement since removal from Monkton Farleigh to Broughton Gifford. [mark]

[Endorsed] Anne her daughter about 15, James Caywood her natural son eight.

7. 4 Sept. 1732. Mary Harforde, singlewoman, daughter of Charles Harforde, broadweaver, of Winsley (Winsly) now in Bradford, before Thomas Methuen. Born in Charlton Horethorne, Somt. About 22 years ago, as she was told by her parents, she was carried from there to Winsley, parish of Bradford, when very young. She stayed with her father in Winsley until she was 19½ years old, except that she served Henry Rudman in the parish of Hinton Charterhouse (Charter-House Hinton), Somt., about six weeks on trial, and she lived with William George, shopkeeper, of the city of Bath about 17 days, also on trial. At Lady Day 1730<sup>1</sup> she entered the service of William Knap the younger in the parish of Westwood as a yearly covenant servant and remained there until Sunday 8 September. She received £2 17s. 6d. from Eleanor wife of William Knap for her service there in 1730 and £3 for 1731. [mark]

1. See 2 fn.

8. 19 Dec. 1734. Thomas Hazle, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Methuen. 32 years old. Born at Draycot Cerne (Dracot) and stayed with his friends there about eight years. Then his father and mother died and he and his brother Daniel were removed to the parish of St Michael, city of Gloucester, the officers of which apprenticed him to William Petwood, gardener and maltster there, until he was 21 years old. He served Petwood until he was 16 and then ran away and served both John Woodward for one year and a quarter and then George Addams, yeoman, for a whole year as a yearly covenant servant in the parish of Marshfield, Glos. He then served William Burgis, yeoman, in the parish of Box and John Biggs in the parish of Hinton Charterhouse (Charterhouse Hinton), Somt., one whole year each as a covenant servant and then John Frier, yeoman, in Hinton Charterhouse half a year. After that he served John Hosier, yeoman, of Little Chalfield for a whole year from 25 March 1727 and received his full wages. Has never since served anybody a whole year as a covenant servant. [mark]

9. 1 June 1736. Corinna Holloway of Wellow, Somt., wife of Edward Holloway, labourer, being delivered of a [blank] child in Wellow and returning to the parish of Westwood of her own accord after being removed from there to Wellow by order dated 30 October 1731. Sworn before Thomas Methuen. On 25 March 1732 she was delivered in the parish of Wellow of a female child who is now living, and she stayed there until about two or three weeks after the birth. Then she returned to Westwood and carried her child with her. She received 4s. a month from the parish of Wellow towards the maintenance of herself and child for about nine or 10 months. She came from Wellow to Westwood of her own accord without any order from the officers of Wellow.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

1. See 4 and 5.

**10.** 11 Feb 1737/8. Thomas Archell, scribbler, now in Bradford, before John Cooper.

24 years old. Born at Frome (Froome), Somt., where he lived with his father Thomas Archell, scribbler, until he was 17 years old. He has ever since worked as a journey work [*man?*] at his own hands in several places. Believes his father's settlement to be in the parish of Babington, Somt., which parish has several times relieved his father, but whether upon a certificate or not he knows not.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

[*Endorsed*] Katherine his wife, Thomas three years, Richard 11 [?] months.

1. See 257.

**11.** 9 Oct. 1738. Joan Woodcock, alias Sly, widow, now in Bradford, before J[ohn] Thresher.<sup>1</sup>

Born 66 years ago in the tithing of Limpley Stoke, parish of Bradford. When she was about 13 years she served Mr Joseph Davison in the parish of Freshford, Somt., for four years. Then she served Mr Sheston at the Three Tuns Inn, city of Bath, Somt., about three months and Mr Edward Willmore, apothecary, in the parish of St James there about 10 years as a yearly covenant servant. Then she married John Woodcock, servant to a gentleman who came from London, but she still stayed in Mr Willmore's service. When she had been married about a fortnight her husband returned to London with his master and about a month or two later he attended him on the sea and was drowned there with several other fellow servants. She does not know his last place of settlement. She stayed in Mr Willmore's service as a yearly covenant servant in St James's parish about 10 years after her husband drowned. [*mark*]

1. Almost certainly John Thresher the clothier (d. 1741). (*V.C.H. Wilts.*, VII, 431).

**12.** 20 July 1741. George Howel, narrow-weaver, sworn before [*blank*].

Born in Rode (Road), Somt. When he was 12 he was apprenticed for seven years to Thomas Morris, narrow-weaver, in Great Trowle (Troll), parish of Bradford. When he had served there about six years he agreed with his master to change the indentures, and he has worked as a journeyman and a day labourer ever since. About 11 or 12 years ago he was married in North Bradley church to Mary his present wife, by whom four children now living, Mary 11 years, Betty seven, George six and Daniel three. About three years ago he, his wife and four children were removed by order from North Bradley to Bradford<sup>1</sup> and delivered there to Mr Zachary Shrapowl,<sup>2</sup> and Mr George Hutchings and have lived at Great Trowle ever since. [*mark*]

[*Endorsed*] Witness to the signing above, P[hilip] L. Assenton.<sup>3</sup>

1. See 534.

2. Zachariah Shrapnell (*U.B.D.*, II, 367).

3. In the absence of an examining justice in July 1741 the statement had to be witnessed (see 13).

**13.** 22 July 1741. Edward Rudman, broadweaver, before [*blank*].

Born about 50 years ago in Hinton Charterhouse (Charterhouse Hinton), Somt., where his father William Rudinan lived under a certificate from the parish of Brad-

ford. When he was about 12 or 13 he was apprenticed for seven years to Joseph Stokes, broadweaver, in the parish of North Bradley and stayed in his service seven or eight weeks. Then his master gave him leave to live with his father in Great Trowle (Great Troll), parish of Bradford, which he did until his term of seven years ended, but the indentures still subscribed and were never exchanged. Then was pressed into her then Majesty's service<sup>1</sup> in Col Winfors regiment of foot and Capt Croom's company and served there until the Peace of Utrecht (Utrecht)<sup>2</sup> when he was discharged. Then he worked as a journeyman for several years until about 25 years ago. Then was married in Bradford church to Martha his first wife, by whom now one son living, Edward Rudman, who serves his time as a broadweaver in the parish of Bradford where he now lives. His first wife being dead he was married in Shepton Mallet church to Anne his second wife, by whom he has two children now living, William who is apprenticed for seven years to Thomas Prowers, broadweaver, in Shepton Mallet and Arthur, now seven years old, who lives with him. [mark]

[Endorsed] Witness to the above mark, Ed[ward] Selfe, Phi[lip] Assenton.

1. Queen Anne 1702-14.
2. Treaty of Utrecht 1713.

14. 11 Jan 1741/2. Joseph Mead, broadweaver, now in Wingfield, before John Cooper and John Eyles.  
40 years old. Born at Hawkeridge (Hawkridge), parish of Westbury. When he was about nine he was apprenticed by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Westbury to Roger Earl, broadweaver, of Holt with whom he lived as an apprentice for 13 years. Was married in Berkley (? Bartly) church [Somt.] to Hester his wife by whom six children, Mary 14 years, Benjamin 12, Hester nine, Joseph eight, William five and Aaron two. [mark]

[Endorsed] Settled in Bradford.

15. 26 April 1746. Ann Jenkins, before R. Holland and Robert Neale.<sup>1</sup>  
About five years ago she and her husband went from Sandy Lane, parish of Calne, and lived for one year at Atworth (Atford), parish of Bradford, where she had one moiety in an estate held by lease of £14 a year. About four years ago they sold her part of the estate to John Pritchard, inn-holder, of Lacock (Laycock) for £60. Her husband has not gained any legal settlement since. [mark]

R.O.<sup>2</sup> William Jenkins, cordwainer, wife Ann, daughters Mary 16 years and Elizabeth 11, and son Samuel 7; upon examination of Ann Jenkins. To Lacock.

1. A wealthy clothier of Corsham and owner of Shaw House, Melksham, from 1759 (*V.C.H. Wilts.*, VII, 102. See 154).
2. WRO 77/36.

16. 16 Nov. 1748. Mary, wife of John Osborn, freemason, now at Atworth, parish of Bradford, before Thomas Cooper and John Eyles.  
Born at Atworth. 25 years old. About Christmas 1744 she was married at Holt to John Osborn, freemason, of the parish of Corsham by the Revd Mr Lewis, minister of Holt.



full sum of £5 or not. About 16 years ago he bought a house, a leasehold under the Duke of Kingston,<sup>1</sup> at [Great] Trowle (Troll), parish of Bradford, for £6 from Peter Chapman, labourer, of the same place. He, with his wife and family, soon after moved into the house, where he lived about 10 years but did not pay church and poor rates. Then he sold the house to Edward Chapman, labourer, of Trowle for £5 15s. Has one son, William aged 19 years, by his first wife. Seven years ago he was married at Bradford to Elizabeth his present wife, by whom one daughter, Elizabeth five years. [mark]

1. Evelyn, 2nd Duke of Kingston-upon-Hull, held the manor of Bradford-on-Avon. (*V.C.H., Wilts.*, VII, 151).

**26.** 6 Nov. 1750. James Trimby, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Cooper and John Eyles.

34 years old. Born in Bradford. His father Richard Trimby was legally settled in the parish of Freshford, Somt., and died about 13 years ago. That parish gave a certificate with his mother to the parish of Bradford that he was never a hired servant a year in any place, nor an apprentice, nor did any act to gain a legal settlement anywhere. Was married in Bradford church about seven years ago to Mary his wife by whom three children, Samuel four years, William three, and James six months. Has asked relief of the overseers of the poor of the parish of Bradford and received 9s. of them. [mark]

R.O.<sup>1</sup> 12 April 1751 by Thomas Cooper and John Eyles. James Trimby, wife Mary and sons Samuel 4 years, William 3, and James 10 months, to Freshford. Certificate from that parish produced.

1. WRO 77/36.

**27.** 13 Nov. 1750. William Toop, wire-drawer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Cooper.

21 years old. Born in Frome (Froom Selwood), Somt., where Samuel Toop his father was a legal inhabitant and died about nine years ago. When William Toop was about 14 years he was placed out by John Baily, tanner, of Frome to Richard Fry, wire-drawer, of the same parish by written contract for seven years, which term he lawfully served and has been out of that work about a month. Baily gave Fry £2 12s. 6d. when Toop was placed out to him. [mark]

**28.** 24 Sept. 1751. John Sheppard, broadweaver, now in Bradford, before William Phipps and Thomas Phipps.

63 years old and more. Born in Litton, Somt., where he lived with his relations, his father being dead, until he was 12 years old, when his grandmother Mary Sheppard of Litton apprenticed him to Daniel Jones (alias Taylor), broadweaver, of Pipehouse<sup>1</sup> in the parish of Freshford, Somt., for seven years. He lived with and served Jones in Freshford about six years when his master and he agreed the sum of 10s. for the remainder of the time, about 12 months, and parted by consent. He then worked in the same parish as a journeyman weaver for 12 months or more and as a journeyman at various places for about two years, when he married Jane Grant, singlewoman, of

Trowbridge and settled in Freshford. He stayed there about 12 years, during which he rented and lived in several houses but never gave more than £2 10s. rent a year at one time. From Freshford he came to Leigh Green, parish of Bradford, where he took a tenement for £2 a year and kept it for about 18 months. From there he went to Rough Close, parish of Westwood, where he rented a tenement of about £2 a year and remained there nearly two years. Then he took an estate in the parish of Westwood of the yearly value of £17, which he rented and occupied for two years and during that time he lived in and rented the house of £2 at Rough Close. He then returned to Leigh Green in Bradford, where he took the aforesaid tenement of £2. He continued to rent lands in Westwood of different persons of the yearly value of £17 or £18 for several years while living at Leigh Green, until eight years ago when he quitted all the Westwood lands he rented and lived in the house at Leigh. He now lives in the parish of Bradford with Betty his second wife and two children, John 23 years and Sarah 18 years. Has another child by his wife Betty, Cornelius 27 years old who also lives in Bradford but not with him now, although he did so as part of his family until he married about seven years ago. [signature]

1. The parish boundary between Freshford and Hinton Charterhouse runs through Pipehouse. See 29.

29. 25 March 1752. Sarah Amsbury, widow, now in Limpley Stoke, parish of Bradford, before John Bythesea and J. Halliday. 60 years old or more. Born in Bradford. When about 24 years old she married William Amsbury who then lived in his own house at Pipehouse, parish of Hinton Charterhouse (Charterhouse Hinton),<sup>1</sup> Somt. About three months later he moved from Pipehouse to Limpley Stoke where he took a house of Mr Dike of the yearly value of £3. They lived there together at the time of her husband's death about 20 years ago, and she has lived in the same house ever since. Her husband often informed her that he had two houses and a garden in the parish of Hinton Charterhouse, which he possessed until he died, and he received the rents and profits from them. These two houses and garden were afterwards sold for £60 to John Deveral of Bradford by William Amsbury, this examinant's son. She had three daughters by her husband who are now living with her in Limpley Stoke, Sarah 27 years, Eliz[abeth?] 25 and Catherine 23. [signature]

1. See 28 f.n.

30. 30 Oct. 1752. George Bagnall, staymaker and tailor, now in Bradford, before J. Halliday and John Bythesea. 40 years old or more. Born in Burton-upon-Trent, Staffs., where he lived with his parents until he was 13 years old. His father then being dead his mother apprenticed him for seven years to John Cooper of Burton, staymaker and tailor, with whom he lived and served about four years and three quarters, when they agreed to part and he gave his master £3 4s. for the remainder of the term. He afterwards worked at several places as a journeyman staymaker for seven years or more when he came to Atworth, parish of Bradford [following section in brackets crossed through] (where he lived about one year and a half or more when he took an estate of Catherine Tucker of Bradford consisting of a house and ground of the yearly value of £10), where he has lived for

most of the time since and followed the business of a staymaker some time on his own acc[ount?] and at other times as a journeyman. About 14 years ago he married Betty Greenaway of Atworth by whom one child, Samuel 13 years old. They are now living with him in Bradford. [signature]

**31.** 30 Oct. 1752. Joseph Cheese, hatter, now in Bradford, before J. Halliday and John Bythesea.

40 years old. Born at Lambeth, Surrey, where he lived with his parents until he was 15 years or more, when his uncle James Whitebread apprenticed him for seven years to Jeremiah Gunstone of the parish of St Saviour [blank], Surrey, and he lived with and served him there the whole time. Has ever since worked about at several places as a journeyman hatter. About ten years ago he married Eliz[abeth?] White of the city of Hereford by whom five children, Charles eight years old now living with his wife's relation at Hereford, and Joseph seven years, Henry five, Elizabeth two and John three months who are now living with him at Bradford. [mark]

**32.** 30 Oct. 1752. Joseph Hancock, clothworker, now in Bradford, before J. Halliday and John Bythesea.

33 years old or more. Born in Uley, Glos., where he lived with his parents for about 16 years. Then he went to Mr Roger Jacob in the same parish, with whom he lived as a covenant servant for 10 years for meat, diet and lodging. He afterwards apprenticed himself to Roger Jacob for four years and served him in Uley the full time learning the business of clothworker. Has ever since worked as a journeyman shearman. About seven years ago he married Margaret Cooper of Bradford by whom three children living, Betty six years and more, Jane three years, and Mary five months, who are now living in Bradford.<sup>1</sup> [signature]

1. See 501.

**33.** 30 Oct. 1752. Thomas Stevens (*alias* Stephens), now in Bradford, before J. Halliday and John Bythesea.

29 years old or more. Born in Dursley, Glos., where he lived with his parents until he was about 14 when he and his father, who was a parishioner there, made an agreement with Mr Nicholas Neale of that parish for this examinant to serve him for five years at the rate of 2s. a week for the first year, 2s. 6d. the second year, 3s. the third, 3s. 6d. the fourth and 4s. the fifth. He served Neale in Dursley the full time but found his own diet and lodging. Has ever since worked about as a journeyman clothworker at several places. About nine years ago he married Jane Lemon of Frome by whom three children, Sarah seven years, John five and Mary 12 months now living with him in Bradford. [signature]

**34.** 30 Oct. 1752. John Whitlock, now in Bradford, before J. Halliday and John Bythesea.

39 years old or more. Born in Melksham where he lived until he was about 13 years old with his father John Whitlock who then apprenticed him for seven years to Adam Jones, broadweaver, of Melksham. He lived with and served Jones in Melksham until he died about four years ago. He afterwards worked about a year and a half, then he

contracted with John Jones, clothworker of Melksham, for four years and served him there almost three years and received meat, drink and lodging of him for his labour. Then he and his master agreeing to part, he, this examinant, paid him £2 for the remainder of his time. Has since been in the army and has worked about as a journeyman shearman. About nine years ago he married Martha Fear of Melksham by whom one child, Mary nine years, living with her grandmother in Frome, Somt. He and Martha are now living in Bradford. [signature]

**35.** 30 Oct. 1752. John Wilkins, labourer, now in Bradford, before J. Halliday and John Bythesea.

31 years old or more. Born in Steeple Ashton, where he lived with his parents until he was 13 years or more, when he went to Winsley, parish of Bradford, and bargained as a covenant servant for a year with Master Cottle at the wages of £1 10s. He lived with and served Cottle in Winsley the full time and received his wages. Has since lived at several places, but not as a covenant servant in any one place for a whole year. About eight years ago he married Elizabeth Millard of Bradford, by whom two children, Richard five years and Jane two years and more, who are now living with him at Turleigh (Turlyn) in Bradford. [mark]

**36.** 30 Oct. 1752. William Wood, now in Bradford, before J. Halliday and John Bythesea.

29 years old or more. Born in Wotton-under-Edge (Wooton under hedge), Glos., where he lived, until he was 17 years old, with his father Robert Wood, a parishioner at Dursley, Glos., who had a certificate to the parish of Wotton-under-Edge. Then he agreed with Mr William Barnes, clothworker, of the same place to serve him for three years at the rate of 3s. per week for the first year and 3s. 6d. the second and third years. He served Barnes the whole time but received no diet or lodging with him and had both with his father. Has ever since worked at several places as a journeyman clothworker. About six years ago he married Mary Dutton of Wotton-under-Edge by whom two children, Robert three years and William eight months.<sup>1</sup> [signature]

1. See 129.

**37.** 29 Jan. 1753. James Southornwood, labourer, now in Bradford, before John Awdry and John Bythesea.

Born in Great Chalfield. 30 years old. When he was about 14 he went to Hansum, parish of Ditteridge, where he lived with Thomas Eyles about a fortnight. Then he bargained to live with him for a whole year at the wages of £3 10s. which he did and received the wages. Has worked as a labourer only by the day or week ever since at various places. Above six years ago he was married to Mary Earl of the parish of Bradford by the Revd Mr Rogers in Bradford church, and has three children now living with them, Rebeccah five years, Mary three years and James a year and a quarter. [mark]

R.O. James Southornwood, wife and three children to Ditteridge.

[Endorsed] Friday 23 Feb. 1753. Delivered James Southernwood [sic], wife and children to Mr James Phillips, churchwarden, and Mr Robert Reynolds, overseers of the poor

of the parish of Ditteridge at the dwelling-house of James Phillips who received them obediently. Then James Southernwood signifying his intention to finish some work he had in hand, I employed him to bring back a lear<sup>1</sup> horse for which I rewarded him. We rode together until our roads parted between [*Monkton?*] Farleigh (Fairleigh) and Farleigh (Fairleigh) Wick, it being previously agreed upon by all mentioned above that he should return to his family the Sunday next following. [*signed*] W. Gardner

1. Colour due to the nature of the soil according to *A New English Dictionary*, VI, i (1903).

**38.** 28 May 1753. Henry Lloyd, tailor, now in Bradford, before John Bythesea. 48 years old. Born in the town of Camarthen in South Wales and served an apprenticeship of seven years there, the latter part to William Morgan, tailor. Most of the time since he has worked at several places as a journeyman tailor but never served any other apprenticeship. About five years ago he married Anne Burt of Wraxall who now lives with him in Bradford in a house and garden which he took about a week ago of Mr Saunders at the yearly rent of £10. [*mark*]

**39.** 5 Nov. 1753. James Watts, broadweaver, now in the parish of North Bradley (North Bradly), before Thomas Cooper. Born in Freshford, Somt. 40 years old. When he was about 23 years he was placed out by Charles Watts his father to William Hudd, broadweaver, of the parish of Hinton Charterhouse (Charterhouse Hinton), Somt., for eight years. He then lived in the parish of Hilperton under a certificate from the parish of Hinton Charterhouse and served Hudd his master until he died at Hilperton; he had then been with him about three years. Then William Hudd's widow gave him his indenture and told him he might go where he pleased. Within a month Charles Watts his father apprenticed him to Joseph Morgan, broadweaver, of Limpley Stoke (Stoke), parish of Bradford, for seven years (but the indentures were dated back three years) and the old indentures were burnt. He served Joseph Morgan at Stoke about a year and a half, and then Morgan and he not agreeing they parted by consent and destroyed the indentures, he then paying Morgan £1. About half a year ago he married Elizabeth his present wife. [*mark*]

**40.** 22 Jan. 1754. Hester Trimby, widow, now in Bradford, before John Bythesea and J. Halliday. 22 years old or more. Born in Bradford. When about 18 she married Richard Trimby, labourer, of the parish of Freshford, Somt. They then lived together at Conkwell (Couckwell), parish of Bradford, about a year and a half, when her husband died and left her there with one child, Richard, now three and a half years or more and living with her in Bradford. For some of the time since her husband's death she and her child have been relieved by the parish of Freshford and still receive relief from them. [*mark*]

R.O.<sup>1</sup> Hester Trimby and son to Freshford.

1. WRO 77/37.

41. 20 Feb. 1755. James Isaac, soldier in the 20th regiment of foot<sup>1</sup> whereof the Earl of Albemarle<sup>2</sup> is colonel and in the Duke of Richmond's company.<sup>3</sup> [*Names of examining justices not given*].

Born in Marshfield, Glos. 35 years old. When he was 13 he was apprenticed by the parish officers of Marshfield for seven years to Henry Horsel, shoemaker, of Bradford who had £5 given with him. He lived with and served Horsel in Bradford for three years, then ran away and worked only by the week. Two years later he enlisted and has served H.M. as a private soldier ever since. Nine years ago he was married at Dublin to Judith his late wife who died about five months ago at Tiverton [*Devon*] and he has only one child now living, James aged three years. [*signature*]

[*Endorsed*] Agreed to allow the above James 1s. 6d. a week from 20 Feb. 1755.

1. The East Devonshire Regiment (Barnes, 321).

2. George, 3rd Earl of Albemarle (G.E.C., *Complete Peerage*, I, 94).

3. Charles, 8th Duke of Richmond. (G.E.C., *Complete Peerage*, X, 839-40).

42. 29 April 1755. Mary Jordan, now in the tithing or parish of Broughton Gifford. Sworn at Holt before John Bythesea.

74 years old or more. Born in Keevil, where her father and mother were legally settled. She lived there until she was 48 or more and then hired herself by the year with William Mole at the Three Lions Inn, tithing or parish [*sic*] of Holt, at the wages of £4. She served her master the whole year and received her £4 wages according to her contract and stayed with him six months or more after the year expired and received wages in proportion. She continued in the service almost 20 years, except some times when she was lame. [*mark*]

[*Endorsed on back*] N.B. Take notice she was never married.

43. 4 Nov. 1755. Lazarus Gerrish, broadweaver, now at Trowbridge, before Thomas Cooper.

Born in Beckington, Somt. 36 years old. When he was about 11 his mother apprenticed him to Samson Coombs, broadweaver, at Trowbridge for seven years. After serving Coombs about two years and a half he ran away. About three and a half years later he returned to his master at Trowbridge for about a year, and then, being unable to employ him, his master excused him the time remaining under his indenture. Since then he has been employed at various places, but never for one whole year. About five years ago he was married in the Fleet, London,<sup>1</sup> to Martha Winkworth his present wife (by whom no child), but about a fortnight ago Ann Darbridge, Martha's mother, told him that her daughter had been married three or four years before she married him to Dan[ie] Ballard, blacksmith, of Deptford, Kent, who is still alive. Ann Darbridge his mother-in-law now keeps a victualling house known by the sign of the Buttock of Beef and Three Mutton Chops in Church Street, Deptford. [*mark*]

1. The Fleet Prison was a debtors' prison and had a chapel. The practice of clandestine marriages performed there by disreputable parsons was abolished in 1753.

44. 9 Jan. 1756. Joseph Joyce, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Cooper and John Bythesea.

25 years old. Born in Freshford, Somt., where Richard Joyce his father was a legal inhabitant. When he was about 17 he apprenticed himself to John Joyce his uncle, scribbler, in Freshford, until he should be 21. He lived and served about three years of the agreement with Joyce his master in Freshford. On Christmas Day last he was lawfully married to Ann his wife in Bradford. *[mark]*

45. 9 Jan. 1756. John May, shoemaker, now in Bradford, before John Bythesea.

25 years old. Born in Bickleigh (?Bitley), Devon, where Nicholas May his father, a tailor, was a legal inhabitant. When he was 13 years old his father apprenticed him for eight years to his uncle Samson Fortescue, cordwainer, of Charles parish in the town of Plymouth, Devon.<sup>1</sup> He believes the indentures are now in the hand of his father who lives in Plymouth. When he had served him about four years in Charles parish Fortescue died. Soon after May left Plymouth and travelled about the country getting work where he could. He was married about nine months ago in Bradford to Ann his present wife by whom one daughter about one week old and not yet christened. *[signature]*

1. Parish of Charles the Martyr.

46. 25 Feb. 1756. Margery Gurgefield, wife of John Gurgefield, now in Trowbridge, before John Bythesea and John Turner.

37 years old. Born in Steeple Ashton. When about 30 years old she married John Gurgefield of Trowbridge and they lived together there until last May, when her husband enlisted as a soldier and left her with one child, John, two years old. Her husband never told her where his legal settlement was. After he left her she applied to his relations, who now live in Chippenham, and also for relief to the parish officers there, but they refused her and told her that she did not belong to them, because her husband's father lived in Chippenham under a certificate from the parish of Bradford. She was informed when at Chippenham by her husband's father and brother that her husband served an apprenticeship there. *[mark]*

47. 2 March 1756. Elizabeth Pope, singlewoman, now in South Wraxall, parish of Bradford, before Thomas Cooper.

33 years old. Born in Frome (Froom Selwood), Somt., where Gabriel Pope her father, broadweaver, was a legal inhabitant. When she was 13 or 14 her aunt Mary, wife of John Gunning, broadweaver, of Frome made a contract with William Grist of Nunney (Nunny), Somt., cheese-cake maker, that Elizabeth should live with and serve him for one year, the first half year to have only her victuals and clothes and the second half to be paid at the rate of £1 15s. She lived and served that year with William Grist in Nunney and received her full wages in money and clothes. Then she travelled the country for many years carrying wooden bowls and dishes etc. *[sic]* to sell. About 14 or 15 years ago she was apprehended in some parish or place near Winchester but she cannot remember its name. She was carried before one Justice Yalden who examined her relating to her settlement and she was sent to Frome where, being then very sick and lame, she was received by the overseers of the poor and put and maintained in the

workhouse. She was kept there for several months until she was able to leave and work for her own keep, but she never heard that the parish of Frome ever attempted to send her to the parish of Nunney (Nunny), and she believes she is a legal parishioner of Frome. For many years she kept company with Thomas Hilliar, a scribbler, of Nunney who died about three years ago and by whom she had two children still alive, Ann 13 years born in the parish of Stockton and Matthew 10 years born in the parish of Preston (Preston Crawford), Dorset. [mark]

**48.** 25 June 1756. Sarah Bridgeman, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Cooper.

Born in Warminster. 20 years old. At the age of 10 years she was apprenticed by the churchwardens and overseers of the parish of Warminster to George Howell, millman and burler,<sup>1</sup> of the parish of Poulshot (Poulset) with whom she lived about one year, when Howell 'broke' and had no work nor victuals for her, which obliged her to seek her living from place to place ever since. [mark]

1. Master burlers employed women and rented space at the fulling mills for burling. (Rogers, *Warp and Weft*, 49–50).

**49.** 26 Oct. 1756. John Coombs jun. now in Bradford, before John Turner and John Bythesea.

25 years old. Born in Box where he lived with his father and mother John and Elizabeth Coombs for many years by a certificate from the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Warminster. He lived with his parents until he was about 19 years old when he married Ann Coombs his present wife, by whom one child, James, now living and four years old.<sup>1</sup> [signature]

1. See 214, 271.

**50.** 10 Aug. 1757. Diadenus Bramble,<sup>1</sup> wife of Arthur Bramble now a soldier in [blank] regiment of foot, before John Bythesea and John Turner at Wyke House, Staverton (Stavertons Week).<sup>2</sup>

Born in Bradford, where her father Isaac Jones now lives. About two years ago she married Arthur Bramble in Bradford parish church by licence granted by the Revd Mr Dodswoth of Trowbridge. Her husband enlisted into H.M.'s service four months after he married her. She believes that he served one Dr Merewether<sup>3</sup> of Chippenham as a covenant servant for one year. [signature]

1. Bramble here but Brimble in 1766. See 97.

2. Wyke House, Staverton, was John Bythesea's home. See 92.

3. Dr John Merewether (?). (*U.B.D.*, II, 592).

**51.** 10 Aug. 1757. Thomas Newman, now in Bradford, before John Bythesea and John Turner.

Born in Corsham, where his father is a parishioner. About 13 years ago he hired himself as a covenant servant for a year to Mr Samuel Martin, gent., of Chippenham and served him that full year and one year afterwards. About 10 years ago he hired himself as a covenant servant for a year to Mr Thomas Higgins, clothier, of Chippen-



ham. About seven years ago he became a servant to Mr Thomas Rogers, clothier, of Bradford for a year at the wages of £15 and served him that whole year and half a year afterwards. He did not lodge or diet with his master, he not being a housekeeper, but found himself with meat, drink and lodging the whole term. [mark]

52. 29 Nov. 1757. Samuel Hall, saddler, now in Bradford, sworn before John Bythesea at Trowbridge.

58 years old. Born at Middlewich (Midleweitch), Ches. When he was about 14 or more his father John Hall apprenticed him to Daniel Barker of the parish of Over (Over Alderley?), Ches., for seven years. He lived with and served Barker five years, when his master and he agreed to part. He then worked as a journeyman saddler in various places for about five or six years. Then he married Joan Glass, who lived in Bristol, in St Michael's parish church there, and they afterwards lived together in Bristol for two years and had two children, John now dead and Mary now 30 years old and in London. Ever since his apprenticeship he has worked as a journeyman and kept his trade going on his own account. [signature]

53. 14 Feb. 1758. John Carter, now in Bradford, before John Bythesea.

26 years old. Born at Congresbury, Somt. When he was about seven years the parish officers of Congresbury bound him an apprentice by indenture to Thomas Harding, cordwainer, of Frome (Froom Selwood), Somt., until he was 24 years old. He lived with and served Thomas Harding in Frome four years and more to the time of Harding's death. Has ever since worked as a scribbler. About 10 years ago he married Mary Whatley by whom two children, Anne three and a half years and Robert about 15 months, now living with him in Bradford.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

1. See 81.

54. 5 June 1758. George Lane, labourer, now at Atworth, parish of Bradford, before Thomas Phipps and John Bythesea.

30 years old. Born in Bradford where he lived with his father William Lane and his family. He often heard his father say that he was a legal parishioner of Wells [Somt.].<sup>1</sup> When he was 23 years old he went to the parish or extra-parochial place of Cottles<sup>2</sup> as a covenant servant for a year with Charles Eyles, farmer, at the wages of £5. He lived with and served Eyles there the full time, except about a fortnight when Eyles told him he must not stay in his house for he would incur ill will if he made him a parishioner. He might work for him for that time but must not lodge in his house. He worked for Eyles for that fortnight but did not lodge with him, and Eyles paid him his year's wages according to his agreement. Then agreed with Eyles to work for him by the week at 3s. a week with meat, drink and lodging and lived with and worked for him 23 weeks. Then left him and worked at other places as a day labourer for about three years when he married Martha Morris of Corsham, by whom two children, Mary three years and Jane twelve months, now living with him at Atworth. [mark]

R.O. George Lane, wife and two children to Cottles.

1. See 505.

2. Cottles in Atworth, a chapelry of Bradford.

**55.** 1 July 1758. Jane Johnson (alias Jenson), wife of Ephraim Johnson, now a soldier, before John Turner and John Bythesea at Hilperton Marsh.<sup>1</sup>

Born in Bradford. Four years or more ago she married Ephraim Johnson in the parish church there. Has often heard and believed that he is legally settled in Lullington, Somt. Has one child, Sarah about three years and four months. [mark]

[Endorsed] Q[uestion] If Mrs Johnson did not live with Richard Stratton.

1. John Bythesea's home, Wyke House, Staverton, was near Hilperton.

**56.** 1 July 1758. Isaac Paradice, scribbler, now in Bradford, before John Turner and John Bythesea at Hilperton Marsh.

Born in Poulshot (Polshot). Was apprenticed by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor there to John Bratchel, weaver, of Broughton Gifford with whom he served under indenture about one month and Bratchel assigned him to John Gay, drugget-maker<sup>1</sup> and scribbler, of Whitley (Whitly) Common, parish of Melksham, whom he served as his apprentice for 11 years. Has Mary his wife now with him. [mark]

R.O.<sup>2</sup> 18 July 1758 by John Turner and John Bythesea. Isaac Paradice and wife Mary to Melksham.

1. Drugget is a coarse woollen cloth.

2. WRO 77/37.

**57.** 1 July 1758. William Wickham, clothworker and joiner, now in Bradford, before John Turner and John Bythesea.

33 years old. Born at Iford, parish of Westwood, where he lived with his father John Wickham until he was about two years old, when his grandfather Robert Hanney, who kept a public house in Bradford, took him there and maintained him until he was about 14 years old. Then his grandfather apprenticed him for seven years to William Adams, joiner, in the parish of St Peter and Paul, city of Bath, who was a freeman of that city. He lived and served his master there about four years, then Adams moved to Avon Street in the part of the parish of Walcot within the liberties of the city, with whom he lived and served the remaining three years of his indenture, except about the last quarter of the seven years which he worked with [Joseph Godwin?] in Bradford. At Bradford he sometimes worked as a joiner and sometimes went to Iford, and at times (for about two years), he learned the business of a clothworker of his father, but under no agreement. Then he married Ann Cullimer, widow, of Bradford, by whom three children, William eight years, John five and Sarah three. Ever since his apprenticeship he has worked as a journeyman, sometimes a clothworker and sometimes a joiner. [signature]

**58.** 31 July 1758. Simon Cogshall, labourer, now in the parish of Westwood, before Thomas Phipps and John Bythesea.

56 years old. Born in Wingfield, to which parish his father then belonged. When he was about 13 he hired himself as a covenant servant to William Knapp, yeoman, of Westwood, and served him a whole year and received his full wages. Then he hired

himself for a year to John Kelson, baker, of Westwood and afterwards served him two more years and received all his wages. Three or four days after he left Kelson's service he hired himself a covenant servant for a year to Francis Yerbury, baker, of Bradford and received his full wages, and he afterwards lived with him for about another six months. About 33 years ago he married Charity his present wife in Westwood church and has four children now living, Richard, Sarah, Ann and Mary. 17 or 18 years ago he purchased a cottage in the parish of Westwood from Peter Cromwell for about £10 and has possessed it ever since and has laid out more than £5 in repairing it and building a buttery. [mark]

**59.** 31 July 1758. William Hale, cordwainer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Phipps and John Bythesea.

32 years old. Born in Leigh-on-Mendip (Leigh upon Mendip), Somt., where he lived with his father James Hale, a legal parishioner there, until he was 21 years old and learnt the trade of cordwainer of his father. Has ever since worked as a journeyman cordwainer and kept going on his own account. No place of settlement. [signature]

**60.** 31 July 1758. Robert Hazle, blacksmith, now in Bradford, before Thomas Phipps and John Bythesea.

36 years old. Born in the parish of Kington St Michael (?Miles Kington), where he lived with his father until he was 18 years old. Then he went to Castle Combe (Castle Coomb) to Robert Hutchens, blacksmith, with whom his father bargained for this examinant to serve him for a year at 2s. a week. He served Hutchens the whole year and received his whole weekly payments, although sometimes they were not paid for 20 weeks together, and Hutchens found his meat, drink, washing and lodging the whole year. Then he went and worked with John Atwood of Biddestone (Bitson) as a weekly servant for 12 months or more. Then he worked with his father at Kington St Michael for three months and afterwards took his father's business and carried it on for a year and a half. Then he left that business and has PLever since travelled from place to place and worked as a journeyman or weekly servant. About seven years ago he was married in North Bradley (North Bradly), church to Jane his wife, by whom three living children, William seven years, Mary three and Elizabeth one year and a half. His father was a parishioner legally settled in Sutton Benger.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

[Endorsed at later date] Mary 21, Eliz[abeth] 19, Thomas 12.

1. See 159, 456.

**61.** 31 July 1758. Richard Knight, carpenter and joiner, now in Bradford, before Thomas Phipps and John Bythesea.

40 years old. Born in Colerne (? Coldhorne) where, until he was 25, he lived with his father and mother, legal parishioners there, and rented [sic] more than £100 a year. Has ever since worked as a labourer and journeyman carpenter and joiner, but under no contract or agreement except by the week. About 10 years ago he married Sarah Bull of Beckington, Somt., by whom three children, Sarah seven years, Richard five years and James two years or more, who are now living with him. [mark]

62. 31 July 1758. Stephen Sheppard, cordwainer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Phipps and John Bythesea.

22 years old. Born in Hinton Charterhouse (Charterhouse Hinton), Somt. When he was 14 or more his father Edward Sheppard apprenticed him by indenture to Joseph Giles, cordwainer, of Freshford, Somt. He lived with and served Giles in Freshford for two years or more when, some difference happening between Giles' wife and him, he left Giles' service and was absent for about seven months. When he was taken ill in a fever in the parish of Whitchurch, Hants., and was unable to support himself, the parish officers removed him by an order back to his master, Giles, in Freshford, where he lived and worked with him as his apprentice for about 17 months, except for 40 days, when Giles told him that he must go into the parish of Bradford and work that time, otherwise he would be settled in Freshford. Following this order he went to Bradford to the house of Edward Chivers where he stayed 40 days or more and during that time worked for his Master Giles as a cordwainer until his indentures were fully expired about two weeks ago, then he returned to Giles in Freshford and worked there about a fortnight as a journeyman. He is now working as a journeyman cordwainer in Bradford. [*mark*]

63. 31 July 1758. John Smith, millwright, now in Bradford, before Thomas Phipps and John Bythesea.

31 years old. Born in the parish of St Peter and Paul, city of Bath, Somt. When he was about 14 years old his father John Smith apprenticed him to George Nott, millwright, of the outparish of St Philip and Jacob, Glos.,<sup>1</sup> for seven years and he lived with and served Nott in that parish the full time. He has worked as a journeyman millwright ever since and kept that business going sometime on his own account. About five years ago he married Dianah Jones of Bradford, by whom one child, Roger, four years old, and they are now living with him in Bradford. [*signature*]

1. Mr. J. S. Williams, Bristol City Archivist, confirms that the parish of St. Philip and Jacob was partly in the city of Bristol and partly in the county of Gloucestershire.

64. 22 Aug. 1758. John Cripps, labourer, now in Bradford, before John Bythesea. 56 years old. Born in Luxulyan (Luxzilian), Cornw., where he lived with his mother Anne Cripps until he was 26 years old, his father, a legal parishioner there, being dead. Has since worked at various places as a day labourer. About 28 years ago he married Alice Hubert of Bradford at the sign of the Raven in Broad Street, Bath, by a person unknown to him who read over the ceremony of the Church of England to them, and that of the ring was performed. He now has four [*sic*] children alive by his wife Alice, Elizabeth 22 years, Anne 18 and Mary 16, who are living with him in Bradford. About 17 years ago he and his family were removed by an order from this parish of Bradford to Luxulyan, where they were received as legal parishioners. [*mark*]

65. 6 Feb. 1759. Peleg Morris, staymaker, now in Bradford, before John Bythesea. 37 years old. Born in the parish of St Mary's, Marlborough, where he lived with his parents until he was 15 years or more, when his father Richard Morris apprenticed him to Alexander Sherwood, staymaker, of the parish of St Martin's in the Field, Westminster, for seven years. He lived with and served Sherwood there four years and three

quarters, when his master died. Then Sherwood's widow, Mary, assigned him to James Giles, staymaker, of the parish of St Mary's Le Strand, Westminster, for the remaining part of his term. He lived with and served the said Giles there until his indenture was fully expired and afterwards worked as a journeyman with him for about three years, when he married Deborah Bright, by whom four children, Mary 11 years, Samuel eight, Jacob five and Elizabeth three, who are now living with him in Bradford. [signature]

**66.** 20 March 1759. Charles Dickes, serjeant in Lt Gen John Guy's regiment<sup>1</sup> and in Capt George Foster's company, sworn at Devizes before John Turner. Born in Bradford. 35 years old. When 14 or 15 years he was apprenticed by his father by indenture for five years to William Seymour, esq., of Claverton, Somt., where he lived with his master for two years or more. His master then removed to East Knoyle and he went and served him there for the remainder of the five years and some little time after. Within a year after he left William Seymour's service he enlisted in the aforesaid regiment and company. He married Margaret his wife (late Margaret Macklane) about 1746 or 1747 at Berwick-on-Tweed, but where she is now he knows not. [signature]

1. Probably the Lt John Guy who earlier, in 1740, held a commission in the Royal Horse Guards (*List of His Majesty's Forces on the British Establishment 1740*). In 1751 the old practice of designating regiments by their colonels' names was abolished and numerical titles came into use (J. M. Brereton, *The British Soldier: A Social History from 1661 to the Present Day* (1986), 41).

**67.** 21 May 1759. Jasper Jennings, scribbler, of Bradford, before Thomas Phipps and John Bythesea. 24 years old. Born at Dursley, Glos., where, while he was a child, he was relieved by the parish officers. When he was 15 he learned to scribble in the parish of Dursley, where he worked for his own bread about four years, as he did when he went from place to place. He was married to Ann Main, his present wife, in Bradford parish church last Shrove Monday was twelve months but has no child. [mark]

**68.** 9 June 1759. Jacob Harding, clothworker, now at Bradford, before John Bythesea. 47 years old. Born at Holt, parish of Bradford. When about 15 he was apprenticed by his mother (his father being dead) for seven years to Isaac Wilshere, clothworker, who then lived at Whaddon, and he lived with and served him as an apprentice for five years and a half. Then he ran away from his master and never returned to him but worked at various places as a journeyman clothworker. [signature]

**69.** 30 June 1759. John Hurd, dyer, before Thomas Phipps and John Bythesea. 24 years old. Born at Rode (Road), Somt. When he was 14 his father Thomas Hurd obtained a certificate for himself and his family from the parish of Batcombe, Somt., to the parish of Rode, where they are still living by virtue of that certificate. Has never hired himself for a year to any person but has always worked as a weekly servant only from place to place. [mark]

70. 7 Jan. 1760. Joshua Naish [*alias* Nash], now in Bradford, before John Bythesea. [*Second justice mentioned but not named*].

Born in Trowbridge where he lived for 36 years, four of them with his father who was a legal parishioner there and then died. About 16 years ago he married Ann Inn of Trowbridge with whom he lived together with six children. About four years ago he went to Wingfield with his wife and family and lived there for that time, then he came to Bradford with his wife and six children, William 14 years or more, James 13, Sarah 11, Joshua six, Charles five and George one year and they are now living there. [*signature*]

71. 7 Jan. 1760. William Rose, clothworker, now in Bradford, before John Bythesea.

32 years old. Born in Chippenham (Chipenham). When he was about 14 his late father John Rose obtained a certificate from the parish of Corsham to the parish of Chippenham. Some time after he, William Rose, apprenticed himself for seven years to Mr Gabriel Goldney, clothier, of Chippenham, with whom he lived and served more than five years. Then Goldney, 'giving off trade', released Rose out of his time and delivered up the counterpart of the indenture, soon after which Rose came to Bradford where he has lived ever since working at his business. About 10 years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Elizabeth his present wife, by whom three children now living, Ann five years, Mary three and John eight months. [*signature*]

72. 7 Jan. 1760. Isaac West, now in Bradford, before John Bythesea.

38 years old. Born in Box where until he was 22 he lived with his father, who was a legal parishioner there, and learnt the trade of a carpenter from his brother of the same parish. Has worked as a journeyman ever since. Nine years ago he married Sarah Broad of Winsley, by whom three children, Jacob eight years or more, Mary seven and Easter more than five, all now living in Bradford. [*signature*]

73. 12 July 1760. Moses Little, labourer, now in Box, before John Bythesea.

35 years old. Born at Corsham where his father Moses Little, labourer, was a legal parishioner. He lived with him there as part of his family until he died, then with his mother Mary Little. Worked as a labourer on his own account in Corsham for many years but is not sure how long. Then he went to Melksham and hired himself there as a covenant servant to Edward Jeffery, baker, at the wage of £6 a year, diet and lodging. He served him six and a half years and received his full wages. Then he went to Bradford, where he hired himself to Thomas Allen, baker, at £6 a year and stayed a year and a day and was paid accordingly. Next he went to Box where he agreed with William Baily, a baker there, to serve him by the week at 3s. a week and his diet and lodging. He served Baily in Box two and a quarter years until he died three weeks ago, but he never agreed to serve him by the year, nor for any time but from week to week. Has since served Mrs Pinchen, the late William Baily's aunt, in the same house and business and upon the same terms that he served Baily. [*mark*]

74. 29 July 1760. Thomas Webb, scribbler, now in Bradford, before John Bythesea.

25 years old. Born in Frome (Froom Selwood), Sonit. When he was nine years old the parish officers of Frome apprenticed him to Henry Allen, clothier, of Frome until he

was 24. For about half a year in Frome he lived with and served Allen, who then took him to the parish of St Philip and Jacob (St Philips), Bristol,<sup>1</sup> where he served him about two years and a half then went to sea for about two years. He next returned to Frome where he served one Richard Oulstone, who was Mr Allen's agent there and managed his estate, upon which he, Thomas Webb, was bound about three quarters of a year. Then Mr Allen assigned him to William Hobbs of the parish of Iron Acton, Glos., where he stayed about four or five years, when he was about 19 years old. Then he went to Frome where he stayed about one day and then ran away from Hobbs. Has ever since travelled from place [?] to place] working as a scribbler. Has a wife, Mary, and one child, Mary, about six months old, who are now living with him in Bradford. [signature]

1. See 63 f.n.

**75.** 16 Sept. 1760. [William Harris] Examination of Joseph Rose, broadweaver, of Bradford concerning William Harris, before John Bythesea.

About 16 years ago William Harris was bound to him by indenture by the parish officers of Chippenham until he was 24 years old. Harris lived with him as an apprentice in Bradford about eight years when he ran away and was absent about half a year. Then William Harris came to him and made an agreement for the remaining part of the time for £1, but he does not remember if the indentures then subsisting were cancelled, exchanged or destroyed. After the agreement Harris worked with him as a journeyman for about a quarter of a year until he had paid him the sum of £1. Harris then left him and worked at various places as a journeyman for some years, but he does not remember any particular places and he never returned to his service. [mark]

**76.** 19 Sept. 1760. Mary Dory, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before John Bythesea and John Madox.

17 years old. Born in Bradford where she lived with her mother until she was eleven years old when the parish officers there apprenticed her to John Stephens, broadweaver, of Bradford until she was 21 years of age. She lived with and served Stephens in Bradford about three years when he removed to the parish of Lyncombe (Lyncomb) and Widcombe (Widcomb), Somt., and she served him there about three years. Then Stephens moved to the parish of St Michael, Bath, where she lived with and served him about one month, when he, Stephens, brought her to Bradford and left her, where she has resided ever since. [mark]

**77.** 6 Oct. 1760. [George Rogers] Examination of Richard Millard, broadweaver, now in Bradford, about George Rogers, broadweaver's apprentice, before John Bythesea.

The pauper George Rogers was apprenticed to him from the parish of Chippenham until he should reach the age of 24 according to the statute<sup>1</sup> when he, Richard Millard, lived in Bradford in business as a broadweaver. He lived with and served him in Bradford about seven years and then absconded to Chippenham where he worked with Christopher Cornish for three months and then Daniel Newton for three quarters of a year. Then this examinant Richard Millard, his first master, went to him and they agreed for a small consideration that the said apprentice should serve Newton or

any other for the rest of his term. He served Newton for about eight weeks and then moved to other masters at Chippenham, the last being Joseph Ricketts, with whom he lived until the end of the term of 24 years [*sic*]. [*mark*]

1. 5 Eliz. c.iv., cl.xix.

**78.** 14 Oct. 1760. Jane Lacy, wife of John Lacy, now in Bradford, before John Bythesea.

30 years old. Born in Trowbridge. When about 18 she was married to John Lacy in Trowbridge parish church by the Revd Mr Dodsworth. They lived together about seven years and he often told her that his legal place of settlement was at Bradford where he had served an apprenticeship. About six years ago her husband enlisted as a soldier and she has since been informed that he is dead. He left her with one child, Henry, 12 years old, now an apprentice in Bradford. [*mark*]

**79.** 14 Oct. 1760. Layadama Symes, wife of John Symes, clothworker, now in Bradford, before John Bythesea.

27 years old. Born in Bradford where she lived until her marriage with John Symes about seven years ago in the church there. She lived with him in Bradford about three and a half years, when he eloped from and left her there. She is now living in Bradford with one of the children, Joseph four years old, whom she had by John Symes (she having had two). Believes that John Symes' last legal place of settlement was in the parish of Martock (Mortick), Somt., where her other son John Symes now lives. Has not heard of or from her husband since he left her. [*mark*]

**80.** 7 Nov. 1760. William Morris, labourer, now in Bradford, before John Bythesea. Born in Bradford. 38 years old. When he was nine or 10 he was apprenticed for seven years by Charity Morris his mother to Charles Cumbly, broadweaver, of Bradford and he lived with and served him seven years. Then he went to Timsbury, Somt., where he lived with Mr John Langford as a journeyman farmer for two and a half years at 3s. 6d. a week with meat, drink, washing and lodging. When he was about 25 years he married Joan Francis of the parish of Timsbury, by whom four children, Anne 11 years, John eight, Mary five and Betty one and half. [*mark*]

**81.** 14 April 1764. Mary Carter, soldier's wife, now in Bradford, before Joseph Mortimer and John Bythesea.

33 years old. Born in Bradford where her father William Whatley was a legal parishioner. When she was about 24 she married John Carter, a legal parishioner in Frome (From Selwood), Somt., and she has had relief from that parish. About six years ago her husband enlisted as a soldier and left her in Bradford with two children, Anne now about ten years and living with her in Bradford and another who is dead. She has stayed in Bradford ever since her husband enlisted.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

1. See 53.

**82.** 8 Oct. 1764. Joseph Perrit, dyer, now at Bradford before John Bythesea.

35 years old. Born at Rode (Road), parish of North Bradley.<sup>1</sup> His father died when he was five years old and he lived with his mother until he was about 12. Then he left her



and worked as a dye-house man to Mr Whitaker of Rode by the week for three or four years and lodged with his mother Margaret Perrit in the parish of North Bradley. He then left him and worked as a dye-house man at Trowbridge and Bradford, but always by the week *ex[cept? – torn]* three years when he was in H.M.'s service in the 106th *[regiment? – torn]* of foot commanded by Col Barry, he being from th[en? – torn] lawfully discharged. Has worked at various places since.<sup>2</sup> *[mark]*

1. Incorrect. Rode was a separate parish.

2. See **86**.

**83.** 3 Nov. 1764. Robert Smith, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Joseph Mortimer and John Bythesea.

Born at Holt, parish of Bradford. 28 years old. Robert Smith his late father was a sheerman and often told him that his legal place of settlement was in the parish of Freshford, Somt. At the time when Robert Smith jun. was born his father worked only at Holt as a journeyman sheerman and continued to live and work there for many years afterwards and never rented any house or lands in any parish of more than £1 10s. or £2 a year. About 10 or 12 years ago when his two sisters were ill of the smallpox at Holt and unable to support themselves they were relieved by the parish officers who acknowledged that they were legal parishioners because their father Robert Smith was settled there. Robert Smith jun. was married about a year ago to Elizabeth his present wife at Bradford. *[mark]*

**84.** 20 Nov. 1764. Thomas Strawbridge, clothworker, now in Bradford, sworn before John Bythesea at Staverton Wick (Week).

29 years old. Born at Worton, parish of Potterne, where he lived with his father, a parishioner there, until about nine years ago. Then he went to Trowbridge and 'put himself in the nature of an apprentice' to John Cox, clothier, of Trowbridge for three years at weekly wages, viz. 3s. 6d. the first year, 4s. 6d. the second and 5s. the third. He served all the time except about five months and then enlisted into H.M.'s service. During the time he was with John Cox he found himself in all necessaries and lodgings. *[mark]*

**85.** 27 Nov. 1764. Ruth Swire, widow, now in Bradford, sworn at Trowbridge before John Bythesea and Joseph Mortimer.

50 years old. Born in Trowbridge where she lived with her father and mother until she was 19, when she married John Swire, tiler and plasterer, of Bradford and lived with him there for about 10 years. Then she returned to Trowbridge and for about three and a half years lived in a dwelling-house there that her father gave her at the time of her marriage, which house she and her husband usually let for £3 a year. When her father died he left her two other houses in Trowbridge which let for £5 and 8s. a year. She and her husband always paid land tax yearly for the three houses during the whole time they possessed them, 10s. a year for many years, viz. 5s. for one of the houses and 5s. a year for the other two. *[signature]*

**86.** 23 May 1765. Martha, wife of Joseph Perrit (*alias* Perrot), dyer, now in Bradford, sworn at Trowbridge before Joseph Mortimer and John Bythesea.

About half a year ago she was married in Bradford parish church to Joseph Perrit, who was and is a legal parishioner of North Bradley, as he several times told her.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

R.O. Martha Perrit to North Bradley.

1. See 82.

**87.** 12 June 1765. John Harding, clothworker, now in Bradford, sworn there before John Bythesea and Joseph Mortimer.

26 years old. Born at Freshford, Somt. When he was about seven years old his father apprenticed him for seven years to Thomas Helps, broadweaver, of Limply Stoke (Limply Stoke), with whom he lived and served four years. His master being then obliged to leave the country he had to return to his father for support and then served James Sairtain, broadweaver, of Winsley (Winsly) like an apprentice. Not long after he, with his father, made an agreement with Charles Weaver, clothworker, of Freshford that he should serve Weaver two years as a covenant servant and give a note of £5 value for the due performance. He entered on the hiring and stayed there about one month. Then his father himself and Charles Weaver being together Weaver said he would take him for eleven months only, after which time he would give him money for eleven months more, and it was agreed on and a note was entered into by his father and himself that he should serve that time or pay Weaver £5. He served the eleven months, then his master, whose work was falling short, told him that he might, if he wished, be out of his time and work for himself. So he left his master and went to work as a journeyman, which he has done ever since. [mark]

**88.** 12 June 1765. William Starr, broadweaver, now in Bradford, sworn there before John Bythesea and Joseph Mortimer.

When 12 or 13 years old he was apprenticed for seven years to Stephen Eccott, broadweaver, of Shepton Mallet. Somt., with whom he lived and served for about two years. His master then dying he gave his mistress 10s. for the remainder of his term. He was married to Elizabeth his present wife by whom five children now living, Elizabeth, William, John, Eleanor and Mary. [signature]

**89.** 15 July 1765. Samuel Kemish, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Joseph Mortimer, W[illiam?] Phipps, Thomas Phipps and John Bythesea.

50 years old. Born at Horsley (Horsely), Glos., where he is a legal parishioner. Has lived in Bradford about nine years under a certificate from the parish of Horsley and worked as a journeyman scribbler. About 13 years ago he was married to Elizabeth his present wife by whom three children now living with him, Edward 12 years, Hannah nine [? – torn] or more, and William six. [mark]

**90.** 15 July 1765. Jane, wife of John Summers, now in Bradford, sworn at Trowbridge before John Bythesea, Thomas Phipps and Joseph Mortimer.

About two years ago she married John Summers in Bradford parish church. He often told her that he was legally settled in the parish of North Bradley. She has one child, James half a year, now living by her husband, who had a former wife by whom he has two children now living, William nine years and John seven years. John the son is now

an apprentice to Simon Summers, broadweaver, of North Bradley, her husband's brother. William went away with [? *his - torn*] father, her husband last Saturday morning. She does not know where they are gone. [mark]

R.O.<sup>1</sup> 12 Aug. 1765 by Joseph Mortimer and John Bythesea. John Summers wife Jane and sons William nine years and James six months to North Bradley.

1. WRO 77/37.

**91.** 22 Oct. 1765. Betty Tuck, alias Creed, singlewoman [*sic*], now in Bradford, sworn at Trowbridge before John Bythesea and Joseph Mortimer.

22 years old and more. Born at Bradford where her father then lived. He was legally settled in the parish of Wingfield, which has often relieved her mother. She has never hired herself or lived a year with any person. About three years ago she was married in Bradford parish church to a person who then went by the name of Samuel Screne, by whom she has two children now living, Hannah three or more and Sarah one year and three [*months - torn*]. Sam[uel Screne - torn] was some time since transported and she has been credibly informed that he had, at the time of her marriage with him, another wife then alive. She has also heard that her husband's right name was Samuel Dabinet and not Screne. [mark]

**92.** 1 July 1766. Isaac Harrol, labourer, now at Bradford, sworn before John Bythesea at Staverton Wick.

23 years old. Born in Colerne (? Coldhorne) where his father was a parishioner. When he was 15 he hired himself as a servant for a year to Jonathan Caul, yeoman, of Colerne, with whom he lived and served for two years. About five years ago he hired himself for a year from Lady Day<sup>1</sup> to Richard Spencer, yeoman, of Haugh Potticky (Haugh) in the parish of Bradford and entered his service two days after Lady Day and served him there a year, except six days about midsummer when he was absent, for which Spencer kept back 4s.<sup>2</sup> [mark]

1. Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary, 25 March.

2. See 592.

**93.** 16 Aug. 1766. Hester Bishop (alias Vennell), now in the tithing of Leigh and Woolley (Woolly), parish of Bradford, before Joseph Mortimer and John Bythesea.

27 years old. Born in Easton Royal [? *Church Easton*], where her parents were legal inhabitants and where her mother now lives. When she was about 13 or 14 years old she went out to work and lived in various places about the country. The last place she hired herself for one whole year was to serve Robert Tucker, yeoman, of Frampton, Glos., for £3 10s., which year she lived with and served Tucker in Frampton and received her full wages. It may be eight or nine years since she lived there but [*she*] cannot certainly tell. About two years ago she got acquainted with John Vennell, broadweaver, of the parish of Bradford. They agreed to be married and accordingly put in the banns and were publicly asked in Bradford church. But John Vennell's mother forbid the same, so soon after she and Vennell, persuaded by Thomas Dicks, a servant to the Revd Mr Chapman of Bradford, went to Bath where Dicks told them they

might be married. Accordingly she and John Vennell went with Thomas Dicks to a chapel, as he told them, near the Hot Bath in Bath, where they were married by a man dressed in light-coloured clothes and made use of the ring and read over the ceremony as the Church of England directs. Thomas Dicks was very well known to the man who married them for he went after him and brought him to that place. [*mark*]

R.O. Hester Bishop (*alias* Vennell) to Frampton.

**94.** 11 Oct. 1766. Edward Wheeler, broadweaver, now in the tithing of Great Trowle (Troll), parish of Bradford before Joseph Mortimer and John Bythesea. Born in Market Lavington. 45 years old. When he was 11 he was apprenticed by the parish officers of Market Lavington to Joseph Somner, broadweaver, of the parish of Melksham until he was 24. He lived with and served Somner in Melksham between 10 and 11 years, then his master, not having sufficient work to employ him, gave him leave to go and work anywhere. So he left him and went to Trowbridge where he worked as a journeyman broadweaver to John Vale of Studley (Study), parish of Trowbridge, for 14 or 15 years. His master never had any profit or advantage out of his work from the time he left him. About eight years ago he had the spotted fever at Trowbridge, which made him incapable of maintaining himself and family, having then a wife and two small children. The parish of Trowbridge then removed him and his family to Melksham, where they were received as parishioners and allowed some maintenance until they were able to support themselves. Then he moved from Melksham to the tithing of Great Trowle where he has lived ever since as a journeyman weaver. He was married at Trowbridge about 14 years ago to Mary his present wife by whom five children now living, Ann 11 years or more, Betty nine, John seven, Mary four and William one year and a half. [*mark*]

R.O.<sup>1</sup> Edward Wheeler, wife and five children to Melksham.

1. WRO 77/37.

**95.** 25 Oct. 1766. William Crabb, labourer, now in Bradford, before John Bythesea and Joseph Mortimer. 28 years old. Born at Westbury, where his parents were legal parishioners. When he was about 10 or 11 years old he was apprenticed by the parish officers of Westbury to Shefford Wait, broadweaver, of Westbury until he should be 24, but he did not live with and serve Wait more than one month. Then, he and his master not agreeing, his mother gave Shefford Wait one guinea and a half for which sum he gave him his liberty to go and get his living where he pleased and the late Thomas Phipps esq., since deceased,<sup>1</sup> consented to this. He afterwards worked at various places by the week until about 11 years ago when he hired himself for one whole year to Farmer Warren of Little Trowle (Trowl), parish of Trowbridge, for £3 18s., and he lived with and served Warren that year and received his full wages. He afterwards worked for Farmer Warren by the week for two or three months and has ever since worked at various places by the week at Trowbridge and Bradford. About two years ago he was married at Bradford to Ann his present wife, by whom he has one child now living, Mary, born in Bradford about one month before he married his wife. [*mark*]

1. Thomas Phipps was acting as an examining justice as late as 15 July 1765.

**96.** 15 Nov. 1766. Jane Newman (*alias* Neumen), wife of James Newman, scribbler, now in Bradford, before John Bythesea and Joseph Mortimer.

Born at Frome (Froom Selwood), Somt. 26 years old. About one and a half years ago she was married in Bradford church by the Revd Mr Spencer, curate of the parish. Has often heard her husband James Newman declare that he was a legal parishioner at Corsham, like his parents who live there now. Has one child, Mary about ten months now living with her, by James Newman, who went away and left her about three months ago and she has not seen or heard of him since. [*signature*]

R.O.<sup>1</sup> James Newman, wife and daughter to Corsham.

1. WRO 77/37.

**97.** 18 Dec. 1766. Diademus Brimble, now in Bradford, before Joseph Mortimer and John Bythesea.<sup>1</sup>

Born in Bradford. 30 years old. About 10 years ago she was married to Arthur Brimble, blacksmith, of Marshfield, Glos., in Bradford church by the Revd Mr Glyn, curate. About three-quarters of a year after she married Arthur Brimble her husband entered H.M.'s service as a private soldier, but in what regiment or company she knows not, then he left her at Bradford. About three and a half years after he enlisted he returned to her at Bradford, told her that he had deserted from his regiment, and stayed with her about two days. Then he left her again and she has not heard of or seen him since and does not know whether he is dead or alive. She has one child now living with her by Arthur Brimble, Mary seven years old. She also has one child born since her husband left her, Jane aged two years. She has lately received 2s. 6d. from the parish officers of Bradford, not being able to support herself and children. [*signature*]

R.O. 11 Feb. 1767<sup>2</sup> by Joseph Mortimer and John Bythesea. Diadema [*sic*] Brimble, wife of Arthur Brimble, soldier, and daughter Mary seven years to Marshfield.

1. See 50. John Bythesea was an examining magistrate both times. There is a discrepancy in the statements of Diademus Brimble (*alias* Bramble) as to how long after her marriage her husband enlisted.

2. WRO 77/37. The order was made almost two months after the examination.

**98.** 11 Feb. 1767. Charity Tucker, widow, now in Bradford, before Joseph Mortimer and John Bythesea.

Born at Studley (Studly), parish of Calne. 45 years old. When she was about 18 years she was married in a private house in Bath to Samuel Tucker, broadweaver, of Bradford, by a man whom she did not know. The form for that purpose (together with the ring) was read over between them, as is written in the Book of Common Prayer according to the Church of England, and John Briant, labourer, of Langley (Longly)<sup>1</sup> near Chippenham (Chipenham), who is now living, was present at the time she was married. She has by her husband three children now living who have gained settlements in different places; the youngest is 19 years old. In September last she came from Mr Hulbert's at Thingley, parish of Corsham, where she lived as a covenant servant for four years at the yearly wages of £4 and received her wages accordingly. [*mark*]

R.O. Charity Tucker to Corsham.

[*Endorsement*] 26 March 1767 by J. Morris at Box. The question is whether the above examinant has not acquired a settlement by her hiring and service at Corsham as all her

children had gained settlements and [*were ?*] provided for before her hiring and service. As all the children had gained settlements for themselves before the mother went to live at Corsham they were not at that time to be considered to this purpose as part of her family. She therefore was to be looked upon as a single person when Mr Hulbert hired her and as such gained a good [*settlement ?*] at Corsham under the hiring and service.

1. Kington Langley or Langley Burrell?

**99.** 13 March 1767. Joseph Galloway, tiler and plasterer, now at Holt, parish of Bradford, before Joseph Mortimer and John Bythesca.

65 years old. Born at Calne (Caln), where his parents were legal inhabitants. About 36 years ago the parish officers there granted him a certificate to come to Holt where he has lived ever since. About half a year before he got the certificate he was lawfully married at Holt to Mary his wife, by whom one daughter, Betty 24 years old, now living with him. [*mark*]

R.O. Joseph Galloway, wife and daughter to Calne.

**100.** 12 June 1767. Susanna Wheeler, singlewoman, now in Bradford, sworn there before Joseph Mortimer, Thomas Phipps, and John Bythesca.

27 years old. Born in Calne (Caln), where her father Jacob Wheeler then lived. When she was about 14 she went to Bristol and hired herself to Henry Hennings, shopkeeper, of the parish of St Augustine the Less (St Austin) there at the wages of £1 10s. a year and stayed there between 10 and 11 months and then she returned to her father at Bath where he then lived. [*mark*]

R.O. [*by all three justices*] Susanna Wheeler to Calne.

**101.** 22 Dec. 1770. Ann Warman, singlewoman, now in Bradford, sworn there before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

53 or 54 years old. Born in Bradford where her father John Warman was a parishioner. She lived with him there until about 20 years ago, when she went out to service and lived in many places. About six and a half years ago she hired herself as a servant for a year to Dr Ruspeeny who then lived in the parish of St Peter and St Paul, city of Bath, Somt. She lived with her master there from about Michaelmas for a year at the wages of £5, which she received, and stayed in his service there for about half a year afterwards. [*signature*]

R.O.<sup>1</sup> Ann Warman, spinster, to parish of St Peter and St Paul, Bath.

1. WRO 77/37.

ii) 1771–84 (WRO 77/30)

**102.** [*?*] Jan. 1771. Ann Humphrys, singlewoman, sworn at Bradford before [*blank*]. 27 years old. Born in Calne, where her father was a parishioner and where she lived until about four years ago. Then she went to Bradford and hired herself as a servant for a

year to Mr George Bethell, with whom she lived and served the whole year and about [blank] years and a quarter longer. Then she went to Chippenham as a servant to Mr John Merewether, with whom she lived for about three quarters of a year. When she left that service a few weeks after midsummer she enquired of Mrs Stroud there if she wanted a chambermaid. She did not then but thought she might soon as her chambermaid was about to leave her. Then Mrs Stroud told her that her cook had gone to help Mr Brookman at Bath for a while and asked her to serve her as a cook until her own returned, at the rate of £5 5s. a year, which she did for seven weeks and received her wages accordingly. But a fortnight or three weeks before the end of the seven weeks Mrs Stroud's chambermaid left her service and then Ann Humphrys acted as chambermaid and cook. Mrs Stroud's cook then returned from Bath and Ann Humphrys served only as a chambermaid (under no agreement for wages as it is not customary to give chambermaids any), in which capacity she lived with and served Mrs Stroud there until the following Michaelmas. Then Mrs Stroud and her husband went to Devizes to live and Mr Haycock who came to the house was not provided with a chambermaid, so she stayed in her place and served him until the Michaelmas following except a fortnight. [no signature or mark]

R.O.<sup>1</sup> 5 Jan. 1771 by John Awdry and Robert Neale. Ann Humphreys [sic] to Calne.

1. WRO 77/37.

**103.** 25 March 1771. Sarah Eden, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

Nearly 22 years old. Born in the parish of the Blessed Virgin Mary, borough of Devizes, where her father was a parishioner. About two years ago she went to Trowbridge where she hired herself as a servant for a year to Mr John Stone, victualler, and served him and his wife there almost three quarters of a year. Then her master and mistress dying, on Old Christmas Day twelve months ago she came to Bradford and hired herself as a servant by the year at the wages of £3 to William Bell, baker, with whom she lived and served there until the Monday after last New Christmas Day.<sup>1</sup> The reason she left her place was that she went from home the Thursday before without consent, upon which her mistress gave her warning to go. Afterwards her mistress asked her to stay, but she did not. She has not done any act to gain a settlement. [mark]

R.O.<sup>2</sup> 26 April 1771 by Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam. Sarah Eden to parish of St Mary, Devizes.

1. Old Christmas Day is by N.S. reckoning 6th January; New Christmas Day is 25th December.

2. WRO 77/37.

**104.** 26 April 1771. John Howell, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

Born in Bradford where his father lived under a certificate from the parish or tithing of Little Chalfield. He never rented £10 a year nor did any act to gain a settlement save as above. Has a wife named Millier [Amelia?] now living and two sons, William 16 years and Thomas 13, both apprenticed. [mark]

**105.** 26 April 1771. Rebecca Michell and Sarah Michell, singlewomen, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

Sisters born in Lacock (Laycock), where their parents lived and were settled and where Thomas Michell their brother now lives in a house which upon his decease comes to Rebecca and then to Sarah, being leasehold under the lord of the manor of Lacock upon their lives. They have never lived or hired as yearly servants to any person and have lately received relief from the parish of Lacock. [*Sarah – signature, Rebecca – mark*]

R.O.s [*one for each*] Rebecca and Sarah Michell to Lacock.

**106.** 13 Dec. 1771. John Collins, serjeant in the 11th regiment of foot<sup>1</sup> now quartered in Bradford, sworn at Woolley (Woolly), parish of Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

37 years old. Born in Warnford, Hants. When he was 17 years old he hired himself as a servant for a year to Mr John Wolf, yeoman, of Eastman [*Easton?*], Hants. at the wages of £7 and served him the whole year and received his full pay. He stayed in that service another year and received £10 for that year. Has a wife named Jane. [*signature*]

1. The North Devonshire Regiment (Barnes, 321).

**107.** 13 Dec. 1771. Mary Coward,<sup>1</sup> singlewoman, sworn at Woolley (Woolly), parish of Bradford, before us H.M.'s justices of the peace. [*No names, but obviously Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam who heard seven other cases on that date*].

About 25 years old, but whether she was born at Warminster or at Horningsham, Somt., [*sic*] she cannot tell. Her father Christopher Coward, broadweaver, was legally settled in the parish of Warminster. He enlisted in H.M.'s service when she was very young and her mother also died at Warminster when she was about 11 years. Then she and her two brothers were for some time supported and maintained in the poor-house at Warminster. After she had been there almost 12 months Mr Wansey, yeoman, of Warminster took her to his house where she lived for about 11 years. She came to Bradford with John Jones,<sup>2</sup> a soldier in the 11th regiment of foot now quartered in Bradford. [*mark*]

1. Sister of Christopher Coward?, see **132**.

2. See **119**.

**108.** 13 Dec. 1771. William Dunbar, serjeant in the 11th regiment of foot now quartered in Bradford, sworn at Woolley (Woolly), parish of Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

37 years old. Born in the parish of St Cuthbert's (Culvert's *sic*), city of Carlisle, Cumb., where his father was and still is a parishioner. When he was about 18 years old he enlisted into H.M.'s service. Has done no act to gain a settlement. Wife, Sarah, is with him. [*signature*].

**109.** 13 Dec. 1771. Paul Higgs, soldier in the 11th regiment of foot, now quartered in Bradford, sworn at Woolley (Woolly), Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

32 years old. Born in the parish of St Mary Magdalene (Madgelen), town of Bridgnorth



(Bridge North), Salop., where his father was under certificate from the parish of Chelmarsh (Chellmish), Salop. In 1757 he hired himself as a servant for a year to Mr John Edwards, yeoman, of the parish of Highley (Higley), Salop., for about £4 10s. He served him there the whole year and received his wages and stayed with him two years afterwards. No settlement in any other parish. Has a wife, Elizabeth. [signature]

**110.** 13 Dec. 1771. Eleanor Norton, alias Titcomb, now in Bradford, sworn at Woolley (Woolly), Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam. Born in the city of Cork, Ireland. Was married to William Titcomb, then a soldier in Ireland, who was born in Holt, parish of Bradford, where he was legally settled. She was married in St Nicholas's church, Cork, by the Revd Mr Austin on the Thursday before Michaelmas 1770. [mark]

**111.** 13 Dec. 1771. Christian Rumsey, singlewoman, now in Bradford, sworn at Woolley (Woolly), Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam. Born at Bromham where her father Samuel Rumsey was a parishioner. When she was about 15 or 16 years old she went to Calne and hired herself for a year to the Revd William Williams there at the wages of £2 and served him almost three quarters of a year but not a year [following words in brackets crossed out] (until about ten days before the end of the year. The reason she left her service before the year expired was that her mistress died about three weeks before and her master left Calne and went to live at Wells [Somt. ?]). She came to Bradford and lived with Mr Taylor there until he left Bradford, and afterwards stayed with Mr Wall in the same house, in the whole three quarters of a year. [mark]

**112.** 13 Dec. 1771. Richard Sharp, soldier in the 11th regiment of foot now quartered in Bradford, sworn there before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam. 32 years old. Born in the parish of St Martin, Leicester, Leics. When he was almost 14 years he was apprenticed by his father to James Jarvis, wool-comber, of the parish of All Saints, town of Leicester, with whom he lived and served five years. Then he enlisted into H.M.'s service. Has a wife, Mary, with him. [signature]

**113.** 13 Dec. 1771. John Strachan, soldier in the 11th regiment of foot now quartered in Bradford. Sworn at Woolley (Woolly), Bradford, before us H.M.'s justices of the peace [no names, but apparently Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam]. 39 years old. Born in the parish of Banff (Bamff) in North Britain [Scotland] in the shire of Banff (Bammff) where his father was a parishioner and where he lived until he enlisted into H.M.'s service. He was lawfully married to Ann his wife by whom one child, Margaret, a year and three quarters. [signature]

[Copy attached endorsed] Now residing in Trowbridge.

**114.** 13 Dec. 1771. John Tucker, soldier in the 11th regiment of foot now quartered in Bradford, sworn at Woolley (Woolly), Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam. 23 years old. Born in Warminster, where his father was a parishioner, and he, this examinant, lived there until he enlisted into H.M.'s service. Was lawfully married to Sarah his wife by whom no child. [mark]

**115.** 5 Feb. 1772. William Brown, labourer, now at Atworth (Atford), parish of Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Paul Newman.

30 years old. Born at Lacock (Laycock) where his parents lived and were settled. When he was an infant his parents brought him to Atworth where they are now living. When he was about 15 years old he went to Corston, Somt., and hired himself as a servant to Tho[mas] Skidmore, farmer, since dead, for one year at the wages of £2 10s., which service he performed and received his full wages. Afterwards he went to Cottles near Atworth and hired himself to William Eyles for 11 months only at the wages of £4 16s., which service he performed at Cottles. Immediately that service expired his master agreed that he should go and lodge at a neighbour's house in Atworth but work with him at Cottles as a daily labourer for one month, which was accordingly done. Then he returned to his master's house and stayed with him for about 11 months longer at advanced wages, but he cannot remember the actual amount. He never hired himself to nor served any person as a yearly servant afterwards. About eight years ago he married Sarah his present wife by whom he has four children living, Sarah six years old, James four, Tom two and Isaac half a year. [mark]

[Endorsed] For Mr Bumstead's opinion where this settlement is.

R.O. 7 May 1772 by Thomas Johnson and Paul Newman. William Brown, wife and four children all infants to Corston.

**116.** 21 Feb. 1772. George Allen, soldier in the 11th regiment of foot now quartered in Bradford, sworn there before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

31 years old. Born in Croscombe, Somt., where he lived until he enlisted into H.M.'s service. Was lawfully married to Mary his wife. [mark]

**117.** 21 Feb. 1772. Francis Bayley, soldier in the 11th regiment of foot now quartered in Bradford, sworn there before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

21 years old. Born in Ackle [Arcoal?], Salop. When he was about 13 years old he hired himself as a servant to Benjamin Davis, yeoman, of Wrockwardine (Rockadine), Salop., with whom he lived three years, whence he hired himself to William Brailey, yeoman, of Andister, Worcs., where he lived about six months and then enlisted into H.M.'s service. Was lawfully married to Mary his wife. [mark]

**118.** 21 Feb. 1772. James Burrows, soldier in the 11th regiment of foot now quartered in Bradford, sworn there before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

28 years old. Born in Holyshot [Holdshot, Holdshott, tithing, parish of Heckfield?], Hants., where he lived until he was about 15 years old, when he bound himself an apprentice to Gabriel Burrows, cordwainer, of the parish of Hartley [Hartley Mauditt, Hartley Wespall or Hartley Wintney?], Hants., for seven years. He served about one year and a half of this time, then enlisted into H.M.'s service. Was lawfully married to Mary his wife.<sup>1</sup> [signature]

[Endorsed] W[illiam] 3 – Betty 1 [his children?].

1. See 516.

**119.** 21 Feb. 1772. John Jones, soldier in the 11th regiment of foot now quartered in Bradford, sworn there before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

31 years old. Born in Llanfechain (Lanvacan), Montgomery, where his father was a parishioner and where he lived until he enlisted into H.M.'s service. Was lawfully married to Mary his wife.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

1. See 107.

**120.** 21 Feb. 1772. William Lawrence, soldier in the 11th regiment of foot now quartered at Bradford, sworn there before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

24 years old. Born in Woodchester, Glos., where he lived until he enlisted into H.M.'s service. Was lawfully married to Martha his wife. [*mark*]

**121.** 21 Feb. 1772. Samuel Tizard, soldier in the 11th regiment of foot now quartered in Bradford, sworn there before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

33 years old. Born in Sidland [*Sydling St Nicholas?*], Dorset, where his father was a parishioner and where he lived until he enlisted in H.M.'s service. He was lawfully married to Mary his wife by whom one child with him, Frances two years. [*signature*]

**122.** 25 Feb. 1772. Thomas Brown, labourer, now in Atworth (Atford), parish of Bradford, before Paul Newman and Thomas Johnson.

24 years old. Born in Atworth where his parents are now living, but he has heard that they belong to the parish of Lacock (Laycock). About three years ago he hired himself as a servant to James Hooper, farmer of Shockerwick (Shotterwick), parish of Bathford, Somt., at the wages of £6 10s. and served him that year and received his full wages. About a year ago he married Mary his present wife by whom a year old son, Tom, born a bastard in the parish of Melksham. [*mark*]

**123.** 25 Feb. 1772. Giles Lucas, weaver, now living at Atworth (Atford), parish of Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Paul Newman.

Aged 51 years. Born at Broughton Gifford, in which parish his parents lived and were settled and he was apprenticed to Thomas Keene, weaver. Was never a yearly servant to any person. About 27 years ago he married Hannah Barris, since deceased, by whom five children, Sarah 27 years, Hannah 23, Emma 18, Giles 15 and George six. [*mark*]

**124.** 2 April 1772. Sarah Arlett, singlewoman, now in Atworth (Atford), parish of Bradford, before Paul Newman and Thomas Johnson.

22 years old. Born in Melksham, where Aaron Arlett her father lived under a certificate from the parish of Box. He is now living at Atworth. About 16 years ago she, her father and his family were removed by an order from the parish of Melksham to Box where their settlement is by virtue of the certificate granted to the parish of Melksham from the parish of Box. She was never a yearly servant nor did any act to gain a settlement.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

R.O. Sarah Arlett to Box.

1. See 178 (Henry Arlett her brother).

**125.** 4 Sept. 1772. Ann Smith, singlewoman, of the parish of Westbury, before Thomas Johnson and Thomas Bythesea.

Born at Holt, parish of Bradford. Has lived there ever since under a certificate to her grandfather and father from the parish of Westbury. Now 40 years old. Was never married but now has one female bastard child aged three years. *[mark]*

R.O. Ann Smith to Westbury.

**126.** 13 Nov. 1772. William Bull, broadweaver, now in Bradford, sworn there before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

32 years old. Born at Norton St Philip (Norton St Phillips), Somt., where his father was a parishioner. When about 12 years old he was apprenticed by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of that parish to John Purnell, broadweaver, of the parish of Trowbridge, with whom he served nine years and more. Then he bought himself out of his time and stayed in the parish of Trowbridge until he was almost 27 years old. Has a wife, Margaret, and three children, Susannah six years, Mary three and Ann 12 weeks. *[mark]*

R.O. William Bull, wife and three children to Trowbridge.

**127.** 9 Dec. 1772. James Hathway, shearman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson, John Awdry and Samuel Cam.

Born in Wotton-under-Edge (Wooten Underhedge), Glos., where he served his apprenticeship. His late father Thomas Hathway then and to the time of his death resided under a certificate from the parish of Stinchcombe, Glos. He, James Hathway, is now 40 years old. About 10 years ago he left Wotton-under-Edge and came to Bradford. Has not since done any act to gain a settlement, except in the parish of Wotton-under-Edge where about 15 years ago he married Betty his present wife. Has by her five children living with him at Bradford, Hannah 15 years, Jonathan 13, Betty 11, Sarah five and Mary three. *[mark]*

R.O. By Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam. Thomas Hathway, wife and four children, Jonathan, Betty, Sarah and Mary, to Stinchcombe. *[Hannah not included]*.

**128.** 9 Dec. 1772. Robert Waite, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson, John Awdry and Samuel Cam.

Born in Calne. 37 years old. At 17 years he went to Chippenham where he married Eliz[*abeth?*] Tavenor by whom four children, two of them now living with him, Ann 12 years and Robert 10. His wife dying he went from Chippenham to Bradford, where he married again and now has by his second wife one child, Hannah three quarters [*of a year?*] old now living with him in the parish of Bradford. *[signature]*

R.O. By Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam. Robert Waite, wife Betty and his three children to Calne.

**129.** 9 Dec. 1772. William Wood, clothworker, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson, Samuel Cam and Paul Newman.

Born in Wotton-under-Edge (Wooten-under-hedge), Glos. 50 years old. Has often

heard Robert Wood his late father, clothworker, say that at the time of his birth he, his father, lived in that parish under a certificate from the parish of Dursley, Glos. Has never hired himself as a servant by the year anywhere out of the parish of Wotton-under-Edge since his father's death about 11 or 12 years ago, but has worked ever since as a journeyman clothworker in various places about the country. About 26 years ago he was lawfully married at North Nibley (Nibly), Glos., to Mary his present wife by whom two children now living with him, Robert 23 years and Christian 13.<sup>1</sup> [signature]

R.O. By Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam. William Wood, wife and two children to Dursley.

1. See 36.

**130.** 19 Jan. 1773. Sarah Savage, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Paul Newman.

Daughter of Anne Savage, now in Bradford, by John her late husband deceased. Lacock (Laycock), where she has been relieved, granted her and her mother a certificate acknowledging them parishioners. They are now chargeable to the parish of Bradford, and they never gained any settlement except by the certificate. [mark]

R.O.<sup>1</sup> 19 Jan. 1773 by Thomas Johnson and Paul Newman. Anne Savage, widow, and daughter Sarah to Lacock.

1. WRO 77/37.

**131.** 19 Jan. 1773. George Sidnell, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Paul Newman.

Born in Melksham. About the age of 10 he agreed with Mr Bythesea of Wyke (Week) House, parish of Trowbridge,<sup>1</sup> to serve him four years to learn the business of a clothworker to have 3s. 6d. a week the first two years and 4s. 6d. a week the last two years. He served his master at Wyke House nearly two years but was not entitled to either lodging or boarding. Has been relieved by the parish of Trowbridge about a year since. About 12 years ago he married Anne his present wife at Bradford, by whom four children living, George 12 years, William 10, Anne three and Margaret one year. [mark]

R.O. George Sidwell, wife and four children to Trowbridge.

1. See Introduction, xvi.

**132.** 10 Feb. 1773. Christopher Coward,<sup>1</sup> labourer, now in Bradford, before Joseph Mortimer and Thomas Johnson.

Born in Warminster. 23 years old. About nine years ago he left Warminster and came to Bradford where he worked as a labourer for about three and a half years, and then in Bristol for about three years. From Bristol he returned to the parish of Bradford where he has ever since worked as a labourer. Was never married.<sup>2</sup> No settlement. [mark]

R.O. Christopher Coward to Warminster.

1. Brother of Mary Coward?, see 107.
2. But he was married soon, 193.

**133.** 26 March 1773. Charles Wallington, shearman, now in Bradford, sworn at Woolley (Woolly) before Thomas Johnson and Paul Newman. 44 years old. Born at Wotton-under-Edge (Wootton Underedge), Glos., where his father then dwelt under a certificate from the parish of North Nibley, Glos. Learnt the business of shearing and dressing cloth at Wotton-under-Edge during his father's residence there. Has not done any act to gain a settlement. His wife being lately dead after a long, lingering illness he was obliged to ask for relief. Has three children now with him, David twelve years, Hester eight and Stephen one year. [*signature*]

R.O. Charles Wallington and three children to North Nibley.

**134.** 26 May 1773. William Palmer, clothworker, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

47 years old. Born in Sturminster Newton, Dorset. When about 16 years he was colted<sup>1</sup> to John Price, clothier, of Wotton-under-Edge (Wootton Underidge), Glos., for four years at the rate of 2s. 6d. a week the first year, 3s. the second, 3s. 6d. the third and 4s. the fourth and last year. Served three years and one month's time of the four years and received his wages as agreed. After working at several places as a journeyman clothworker, about 1735<sup>2</sup> he enlisted into H.M.'s service and was discharged on or about 21 May 1763. Has ever since worked as a journeyman clothworker in Bradford. [*mark*]

1. See Introduction, xii.
2. Perhaps a mistake for 1755; he was only nine years old in 1735.

**135.** 9 June 1773. Thomas Gay, broadweaver, now at Holt, parish of Bradford, sworn at Melksham before Thomas Johnson and Lord William Seymour.

22 years old. Born at Broughton Gifford. When very young he was apprenticed by the parish officers of Broughton Gifford to Thomas Horner, broadweaver, a parishioner there, until he was 24 years old. He lived and served there for seven years and more. Then he ran away and went to Frome (Frome Selwood), Somt., where he worked as a journeyman for almost 12 months and then returned to Broughton Gifford and made a contract with his master for his time at one guinea.<sup>1</sup> He remained at Broughton for about two months, during which time he paid his master 10s. 6d. in part of the guinea. Then he went to live at Holt, parish of Bradford, and about a month after he married Jane his present wife. Has ever since lived at Holt, and while there has paid his master 5s. or 7s. 6d. towards the guinea, but which he cannot recollect. [*mark*]

R.O. Thomas Gay and wife to Broughton Gifford.

1. £1 1s.

**136.** 30 Sept. 1773. Betty Hopkins, spinster, of the parish of Bradford, before

Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

20 years old. Born in Holt, parish of Bradford, where her parents then lived. About four years ago she hired herself as a current servant to George Briant at Shaw, parish of Melksham, for one year, but when she began the service and when she ended it she cannot remember. She lived with George Bryant [*sic*] 11 months and received all her wages except 3s. Her father lived as a yearly servant with Farmer Hunt of the parish of Great Chalfield for three years successively. Soon afterwards he married Martha Shephard in Great Chalfield church, both being then servants to Farmer Hunt, whom her father served as a weekly servant for about 20 years. [*mark*]

R.O. Betty Hopkins to Great Chalfield.

**137.** 30 Sept. 1773. Elizabeth Symes [*alias Sims*], widow, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

73 years. Born in Beckington, Somt., where her parents were legally settled. About 40 years ago she hired herself as a yearly servant to Mr Dangerfield of Bradford where she stayed three years and received her wages of £3 a year. About 37 years ago she married Isaac Symes of the parish of Bradford in the parish church there. 18 years ago an estate in fee simple descended to her in the parish of Hemington, Somt., of the yearly value of £3, which rents she has received quarterly to this time. She has allowed the taxes of this estate yearly to Farmer John Dowl the occupier. About 26 years ago her husband died leaving two children one of whom, Elizabeth the wife of John Davis of the parish of Bradford, is now living. [*mark*]

R.O. Elizabeth Symes to Hemington.

**138.** 30 Sept. 1773. Martha Thatcher, spinster, of the parish of Bradford, about her settlement and that of her brother Benjamin Thatcher, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

21 years old. Born in Bremhill. Benjamin Thatcher, her brother, was born in the parish of Lacock (Laycock). Her father Thomas Thatcher was legally settled in the parish of Chippenham, whose officers granted him a certificate to the parish of Lacock. [*mark*]

R.O.' 30 Sept. 1773 by Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam. Martha and Benjamin Thatcher to Chippenham.

1. WRO 77/37.

**139.** 26 Oct. 1773. John Brook, clothworker, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson, Samuel Cam and Thomas Bythesea.

53 years old. Born in Shepton Mallet (Shepton Mallett), Somt., where his parents were legally settled. When about 12 years old he was colted to James Frippen, clothworker, of Shepton Mallet for three years at the rate of 2s. a week the first year, 2s. 6d. the second year, and 3s. the third year. He duly received his wages for the said three years, then Frippen resigned his business. Was afterwards colted to Samuel Sage, clothworker, of Shepton Mallet for three years at 4s. a week the first year, 4s. 6d. the second and 5s the third. He duly served the three years and received his wages as agreed. After

working at several places as a journeyman clothworker he enlisted into H.M.'s service about 17 years ago and served there about three years when he was discharged. [signature]

**140.** 26 Oct. 1773. William Driver, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson, Samuel Cam and Thomas Bythesea.

60 years old. Born in Cam, Glos., where his parents were legally settled. After living there 41 years he came to live in the parish of Bradford where (and in his own neighbourhood) he has worked as a scribbler and fuller ever since. About 12 years ago he married Alice Rogers in Kingswood parish church.<sup>1</sup> [signature]

R.O. By Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam. William Driver and wife to Cam.

[Endorsed] W[illia]m Driver removed by W[illia]m James.

1. Kingswood near Wotton-under-Edge was then an outlying parish in Chippenham hundred, Wilts.

**141.** 26 Oct. 1773. Thomas Hancock, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson, Samuel Cam and Thomas Bythesea.

33 years old. Born in Uley, Glos., where his parents were legally settled. About 16 years ago he went to live at Bath with Mr Woodhouse at the White Hart in Stall Street as a weekly servant at the rate of 3s. a week and his board and he stayed in that service about two and a half years. In November 1761 he hired himself to John Arney, sugar refiner, of Well Close Square near Radcliffe (Redcliffe) Highway, parish of St Mary, Whitechapel (White Chapple), Middx., for a year at the wages of £9 a year. He served that year and received his wages and lived with Arney about a year and a half more and had his wages after the rate of £10 a year, as agreed. After working at several places as a scribbler, about five years ago he came to Bradford and about three years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Sarah Monday, by whom one child, William, about two years. [signature]

R.O. by Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam. Thomas Hancock, wife and son to St Mary's parish, Whitechapel.

**142.** 26 October 1773. Richard Rudge, clothworker, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Thomas Bythesea.

46 years old. Born in the parish of Cam, Glos., where his parents were legally settled. At about 15 years he hired himself to Benjamin Hill, doctor of physic, of Huntingford, parish of Wotton-under-Edge (Wooton Underidge), Glos., for one year for £1; he served that year and received his wages. He afterwards lived with Hill three and three quarters years more, his wages rising every year and he duly received them. After working at several places as a journeyman clothworker, about 20 years ago he came to Bradford, where he stayed most of his time. About 22 years ago he was married in Wotton-under-Edge parish church to Phoebe Cousins who now lives in that parish. [mark]

R.O. Richard Rudge to Wotton-under-Edge.



**143.** 26 Oct. 1773. James Sadd, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Samuel Cam and Thomas Bythesea.

33 years old. Born in Melksham where his parents were legally settled. About 23 years ago he was apprenticed by the parish of Melksham to James Pinnook, broadweaver, of the chapelry of Seend<sup>1</sup> until he was 24 years old, and he served about seven years of his apprenticeship. Then he ran away from his master and went to Melksham where he worked until the time of his apprenticeship was nearly expired, when the parish of Melksham carried him back by an order to the chapelry of Seend. About six years ago he came to Bradford. About three years ago he married Mary Knight<sup>2</sup> in Bradford parish church. Has one child, James Sadd two years and a half. [*mark*]

R.O. James Sadd, wife and son to Seend.

[*Endorsed*] Delivered a true copy with the pauper, 1 Nov. 1773, William Bennett.

1. Seend was a chapelry of the parish of Melksham until 1873.

2. Daughter of Alexander Knight. See 223, 444.

**144.** 26 Oct. 1773. Samuel Sadler, clothworker, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson, Samuel Cam and Thomas Bythesea.

37 years old. Born in Corsham where his parents were legally settled. At about 17 years he was apprenticed for seven years to William Stratton, clothworker, of Trowbridge who was foreman to Joseph Mortimer esq. of Trowbridge.<sup>1</sup> He served about three and a half years of the apprenticeship when William Stratton died. Afterwards for about one year he worked for Mr Mortimer as a journeyman clothworker. About 15 years ago he came to Bradford and has been there the greatest part of his time ever since. [*signature*]

1. Clothier and J.P.

**145.** 10 Nov. 1773. Elizabeth Lewis, spinster, now in Bradford, before Lord William Seymour and John Awdry.

23 years old. Born in Chippenham where her parents were legally settled. When about 14 years old she was apprenticed to John Collar of Chippenham (whose wife followed the business of a burler), for five years, with whom she lived about three years and a half, and then they parted by consent. After working at several clacks<sup>1</sup> as a journeywoman burler, about a year and a quarter ago she came into the parish of Bradford and applied to the overseer there for relief. [*mark*]

R.O. Elizabeth Lewis to Chippenham.

[*Endorsed*] Delivered the doublet [*sic*] of this order with the pauper herein named 10 Nov. 1773 by me Thomas Gray.

1. 'To clack', to remove the dirty parts, especially the tarry mark, from the fleece of wool (*O.E.D.*).

**146.** 18 Nov. 1773. Joseph Phillips, weaver, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

23 years old. Born in Westwood, where his parents are legally settled. Lived with his father until he was 19 years old. When he left him he was married in Bradford parish church to Elizabeth Hinton, by whom one child, James three years. Lived at Westwood two years after he was married and then came into the parish of Bradford, where he has been ever since. [mark]

R.O. Joseph Phillips, wife and son to Westwood.

[Endorsed] Delivered a true copy with the paupers to Mr Carrington[']s order 19 Nov. 1773. William Bennett.

**147.** 23 Dec. 1773. William Boulter, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

39 years old. Born in Great Cheverell (Great Chiverell) where his parents were legally settled. After living at several places as a servant, about 15 years ago he hired himself to Abel Rider of Staverton Mill, parish of Trowbridge, for one year at £8 a year. He lived in that service for a year and received his wages. Then he hired himself to Rider for another year at the wages of £10 but served only about three quarters of the last year. About 13 years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Betty Webb, by whom five children, John 12 years, Penelope 11 years, Ann eight, Betty five and William one year. [mark]

R.O. William Boulter, wife and five children to Trowbridge.

**148.** 23 Dec. 1773. Sarah Knight, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

23 years old. Born in Coldhorn [Colerne?] where her parents were legally settled. When she was about 10 years old her mother hired her to Martha Maggs of Beckington, Somt., who followed the business of a burler, to have for her service meat, drink, washing and lodging, her mother to find her in clothes. She lived with her aunt [sic] the two years in pursuance of the agreement. Has done no other act to gain a settlement since the service at Beckington. [mark]

R.O.<sup>1</sup> 23 Dec. 1773 by Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam. Sarah Knight to Beckington.

1. WRO 77/37.

**149.** 18 Feb. 1774. [Rebecca Swindon, child]. Examination of Thomas Dole, bookkeeper, of the parish of Bradford, about the settlement of Rebecca Swindon, a poor child there, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

He knows Thomas Swindon, butcher, of the parish of St Mary, borough of Marlborough, and he knew Elizabeth his late wife who died the 7th instant in the parish of Bradford. On Friday the 4th instant he had some conversation with Elizabeth the wife of Thomas Swindon, who informed him that his parish is St Mary's, Marlborough, and

who acknowledged that he was willing to receive the pauper Rebecca Swindon when she was brought home to him as her father. [*signature*]

R.O. Rebecca Swindon to the parish of St Mary, Marlborough.

**150.** 10 Sept. 1774. James Harding, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Paul Newman.

29 years old. Born in Frome (Froome Selwood), Somt., where his father was legally settled. After living and working as a weekly servant in several parishes about 13 years ago he came into the parish of Bradford where he has stayed ever since in the capacity of a scribbler. About nine years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Grace his wife (since deceased), by whom three children, Mary eight years old, Hugh six years and William four.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

R.O. James Harding and three children to Frome.

1. See 244, 607.

**151.** 16 Nov. 1774. [*William Waite*]. Examination of Jane Newman, wife of James Newman of Corsham, before Lord William Seymour and Samuel Cam.

Almost 32 years old. Born in the city of Exeter, Devon. About 12 years ago she was delivered of William Waite (a bastard child) in the parish of Frome (Froome Selwood), Somt. He has not to the best of her knowledge gained any settlement. About nine years ago she married James Newman in Bradford parish church. [*signature*]

R.O. William Waite to Frome.

**152.** 1 May 1775. Richard Lansdown, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

35 years old. Born in Kilmersdon, Somt., his father's settlement. Some time before the peace was made he enlisted a soldier to H.M., but when peace was proclaimed<sup>1</sup> he was discharged. Soon after he was apprenticed to George Gillett, shearman, of Trowbridge for two years for 4s. a week the first year and 4s. 6d. the second, and served the two years. Soon after he was out of his apprenticeship, about 11 years ago, he was married in Trowbridge parish church to Betty Meylar who has since died. By her he has one child living, John eight years, who is maintained by the parish of Trowbridge. About five months ago he was married to Mary his present wife in Huddersfield (Odersfield), Yorks., parish church. Has several times been relieved by the parish of Trowbridge. [*mark*]

1. Presumably the Treaty of Paris 1763 which ended the Seven Years War.

**153.** 7 Oct. 1775. Edward Turner, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Thomas Bythesea.

28 years old. Born at Chippenham where his father was legally settled. Was married about nine years ago in Langley Burrell church to Betty his present wife, by whom three children, John eight years, Sarah four and Betty 14 months. About seven years

ago he came to the parish of Bradford where he has worked most of the time since as a scribbler. *[mark]*

R.O. Edward Turner, wife and three children to Chippenham.

**154.** 6 Nov. 1775. Stephen Bull 'rogue and vagabond', at Shaw [*near Melksham*] before Robert Neale.

Born at Bradford where he served part of an apprenticeship for four years to Joshua Woodward, weaver. Then he left his master and about 23 years ago was married in Ludgate Chapel, city of London,<sup>1</sup> to Anne his present wife by whom he has four children and being now reduced is obliged to beg for sustenance.<sup>2</sup> *[mark]*

R.O. Stephen Bull, apprehended in Melksham, wife and children Catherine, Anne, Sarah and Betty from Melksham to Bradford.

1. St Martin's, Ludgate.

2. See **390**.

**155.** 15 Nov. 1775. Martha, rogue and vagabond, wife of John Hudd, apprehended by Nicholas Hopkins constable of the hundred of Westbury, before Thomas Phipps. About 15 months ago she was married in Trowbridge church to John Hudd, a legal parishioner of Bradford, unto which parish she was conveyed by a pass about last Christmas and was relieved by the parish officers there for some time after. Her husband is now a marine in the H.M.'s service. *[mark]*

R.O. By Thomas Phipps. Martha Hudd, apprehended in the parish of Westbury, from there to Bradford.

R.O.<sup>1</sup> 15 May 1776 by Thomas Bythesea and Paul Newman. Martha Hudd, wife of John Hudd, and daughter Hannah, 10 weeks old, from Trowbridge to Bradford.

1. WRO 77/37.

**156.** 29 Jan. 1776. William Harding, labourer, now in Bradford, before Samuel Cam.

Almost 20 years old. Born in North Cadbury, Somt., where his father James Harding is legally settled, as he, his father, has several times informed him. No settlement. *[mark]*

**157.** 16 Aug. 1776. Mary Bennett, singlewoman, before Paul Newman and Samuel Cam.

20 years old. Born in Corsham, where her father was a parishioner by virtue of serving his apprenticeship in that parish. About a year ago she came into the parish of Bradford where she has stayed ever since as a weekly servant in the capacity of a spinner. She was never hired for a year in any service whatsoever. *[mark]*

R.O. Mary Bennett to Corsham.

**158.** 10 Oct. 1776. John Park, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

42 years old. Born in King's Stanley (King Stanley), Glos., where his father was legally

settled. He was never apprenticed nor hired for a year in any service whatsoever. About 17 years ago he was married in Painswick church, Glos., to Elizabeth his present wife, by whom he has five children, Charlotte 15 years, Jane 13, Elizabeth 11, John five and Thomas two years. About eight years ago he came into the parish of Bradford where he has continued to work as a journeyman scribbler. [*signature*]

R.O. John Park, wife and five children to King's Stanley.

**159.** 12 Nov. 1776. Mary Hazell, singlewoman, now in Bradford before Thomas Johnson.

20 years old. Born in Bradford. Has several times heard her father Robert Hazell say that his parish was at Sutton [*Sutton Benger*]. About five years ago she was a servant to Elizabeth Green, burler, of Bradford for one year and was to have 2s. a week the first half year and 2s. 6d. a week the last [*half*] year, but if at any time she neglected her work of her own act she was to abate for the same in proportion to her pay. She stayed in the apprenticeship that year and received her pay according to her agreement.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

[*Endorsed*] Robert Hazell for about 24 years back.

1. See **60**, **456**.

**160.** 13 Nov. 1776. Job Bray, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

40 years old. Born in Wingfield, where his father was legally settled. About 14 years ago he purchased a small cottage at Knocker's Hall, parish of Bradford, from his brother-in-law William Mead for £1. Does not now recollect if when he paid Mead any conveyance was made to him. Has lived in the cottage ever since. Pays 1s. 6d. a year quit rent for it but no taxes. About 20 years ago was married in Bradford parish church to Hester his present wife by whom five children, Ann 20 years, Sarah 17, Mary 15, Stephen 12 and Isaac 10.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

1. See **167**.

**161.** 24 Dec. 1776. Mary Newman, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

40 years old. Born in Bradford. Her father Nicholas Newman was a legal parishioner of Melksham. When about eight years was apprenticed by the parish of Melksham until she was 21 years of age to William Forster, labourer there, whose wife followed the business of spinning. Stayed in the apprenticeship for about six years, when she and her master parted with consent. Has since then worked at her business of spinning. [*mark*]

R.O. Mary Newman to Melksham.

**162.** 31 Dec. 1776. James Kelson, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Thomas Bythesea.

40 years old. Born in Wingfield to which his father John Kelson was certificated from the parish of Freshford, Somt. Some time after his father went to live at Wingfield his

brother William Kelson left him, his father, a cottage house on the common or waste of Wingfield. His father lived in the cottage 30 years or more, and when he died about 10 years ago he gave it by his will to this examinant and his heirs for ever and he possessed the cottage for about two years. About nine years ago he sold it to Samuel Tricker, yeoman, of Midway for £25. Eight years ago he was lawfully married in Bradford parish church to Mary his present wife, by whom only two children now living, Jane seven years and James three. [signature]

R.O. James Kelson, wife and two children to Wingfield.

**163.** 19 Feb. 1777. William Tucker, broadweaver, now in Bradford, before Lord William Seymour and Thomas Johnson.

24 years old. Born in Bradford, where his parents then lived. They were legal parishioners of Semington. Both died when he was about four years old and he went and lived with his uncle Thomas Alderwick, dyer, of the parish of Bradford. The parish officers of Semington (Semmington) paid his uncle for his board only 1s. 6d. and he stayed with him for about two years, when he was apprenticed by them, by the consent of two justices of the peace, unto William Rose, broadweaver, of the parish of Bradford until he should be 24 years old. He lived with his master Rose as his apprentice for about 10 years. Then his master, by this examinant's agreement, in consideration of £1 1s., received by him, William Rose, assigned him to James Gerrish of the parish of St Philip [and Jacob] and the outparish of St Michael, city of Bristol, Glos., for the remaining part of his term or until he was 24 years old. He lived with James Gerrish under his apprenticeship for about seven months, when Gerrish discharged him to go to Bradford or elsewhere and maintain himself. He returned to Bradford and worked as a journeyman broadweaver with various masters until about two years ago when he took a house at Woolley, parish of Bradford, of Mr George Symes, at the yearly rent of £5 5s., but he did not agree to pay any manner of taxes for the house nor has he done so since he occupied it.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

1. See 273.

**164.** 17 March 1777. Thomas Kirby, soldier in the Portsmouth division of marines, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

20 years old. Born in [blank], town of Nottingham. His father Ebenezer Kirby was settled in Acton White, county of Yorks. About nine years ago he, this examinant, was apprenticed to George Kirby, cutler, in the parish of Sheffield, Yorks., for seven years. He stayed in that apprenticeship for about 40 days. On Kirby's death he was apprenticed to William Dodge, cutler, of Sheffield for seven years and stayed under that indenture for about a month. About three months ago he was married to Ann his present wife in Bradford parish church. [mark]

**165.** 24 April 1777. John Garland, corporal in the 2nd division of marines, Portsmouth, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

35 years old. Born in the parish of St Mary Magdalene, Taunton (Taunton Dean), Somt., where his father was legally settled. He worked with his father in the business of a weaver until he was 23 years old, when he enlisted in the above division of marines,

in which service he has been ever since. About a year and a half ago he was married in Minchinhampton parish church, Glos., to Mary his present wife, by whom one child, Ann six months. [mark]

R.O.<sup>1</sup> [blank] April 1777, upon examination of John Garland. Mary Garland and daughter to St Mary Magdalene, Taunton. [Sealed but not signed, so perhaps not executed].

1. WRO 77/37.

**166.** 3 June 1777. Hannah Allen, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Paul Newman and Thomas Johnson.

21 years old. Born at [Little] Trowle, parish of Trowbridge, where her parents were legally settled. Was never apprenticed nor hired as a yearly servant to any person since her birth at Trowle (Trowles). [mark]

R.O. Hannah Allen to Trowbridge.

**167.** 11 June 1777. Job Bray, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Phipps, Lord William Seymour and Thomas Bythesea.

42 years old. Born in Wingfield where his father was a legal parishioner. Was never an apprentice or hired servant. About 20 years ago he was married in Bradford church to Hester his present wife, by whom four children now living with him, Sarah 15 years, Mary 13, Stephen eight and Jeremiah three years.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

1. See 160. There are some discrepancies between the two examinations.

**168.** 1 July 1777. Jane Curtis, wife of William Curtis, scribbler, late of Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Thomas Bythesea.

33 years old. Born in Bradford. Nearly seven years ago she was married to William Curtis there. He told her several times that his parish was at Frome (Frome Selwood), Somt., where the parish officers have relieved her several times since her husband has been absent from her 'he being a soldier in His Majesty's service'. [Words in quotes crossed through]. Has one child, William seven years, son of William Curtis. [mark]

R.O. Jane Curtis and son to Frome.

[Endorsed] Delivered a true copy 14 Aug. 1777. W[illia]m Hagley.

**169.** 23 Aug. 1777. Sarah Bennett, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Thomas Bythesea.

24 years old. Born in Bradford. Her father John Bennett often told her that his parish was and is at North Nibley, Glos., where he was born. [mark]

R.O. Sarah Bennett to North Nibley.

**170.** 23 Aug. 1777. Ann Gibbens, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Thomas Bythesea.

23 years old. Born in B---f-r- [obliterated - Bradford?]. About two and a half years ago

she went out to service and bargained with Mr Robert Fisher at Bathampton (Bathampton), Somt., at £2 15s. a year. Lived with her master two years and received all her wages. No settlement.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

R.O. 22 Aug. [sic] 1777. Ann Gibbons to Bathampton.

1. See 338.

**171.** 27 Nov. 1777. William Nelms, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Paul Newman.

33 years old. Born at Shepton Mallet, Somt., where his father was legally settled. About eight years ago he married Eliz[abeth ?] Foord [?] of the parish of Bradford and has three children by her, James seven years old, Sarah two and a half, and Ann three weeks. No settlement. [signature]

R.O. William Nelms, wife and three children to Shepton Mallet.

**172.** 27 Nov. 1777. Honour Styles, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Paul Newman.

29 years old. Born in Bradford. About eight years ago she married James Styles and has two children by him, Mary seven and a half years and Elizabeth four years. Has often heard her husband say that he served his apprenticeship at Frome (Froom), Somt.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

R.O. Honour Styles and her two children to Frome.

1. See 247, 518.

**173.** 27 April 1778. John Foster, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam, about the settlement of Mary Foster.

24 years old. Born in Wellow, Somt. About eight years ago he hired himself to his grandfather William Dagg, yeoman, of Wellow, for one year at the wages of £3 and more. He stayed in that service the whole year and received his wages. Since then he has not stayed in any one place for a year or more or done any act to gain a settlement. About four years ago he was married in Monkton Farleigh church to Mary his present wife, by whom three children, Elizabeth three years old and John and Mary each one year. His wife and children have become chargeable to the parish of Bradford. [signature]

R.O. Mary Foster and three children to Wellow.

**174.** 24 July 1778. John Hebditch, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

38 years old. Born in West Monkton (West Monckton), Somt., where his father was legally settled. After living at several places as a servant, about 22 years ago he hired himself as a servant to John Jean, esq., of Binfords in the parish of Broomfield, Somt., for one year at £6 a year. He lived with Mr Jean another year on the same terms and



received his wages, and about half a year in the third year when he parted from his master by mutual consent. About 19 years ago he hired himself to Mr Francis Yerbury, clothier, of the parish of Bradford for one year at £6 6s. a year. He stayed in that service only about five months when he and his master parted by consent and he received his wages for those months. Afterwards he worked as a weekly servant in the parish of Bradford about a year. Then he was married in Bradfield parish church to Sarah his present wife by whom three children now living, Betty eight years, Jane four and Sarah one year. [*signature*]

R.O. 24 July 1778 by Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam. John Hebditch, wife and three children to Broomfield.

R.O. 10 Nov. 1780 by Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam, upon examination of James Cottle, baker, of Bradford. Betty Hebditch 10 years, Jane Hebditch six and Sarah Hebditch three (the children of John Hebditch and Sarah his wife both deceased) to Broomfield.

**175.** 17 Nov. 1778. [*Joanna Taylor, 23 years*]. Examination of Ann Baines, wife of William Baines, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam, about the settlement of Joanna Taylor, her daughter by a former husband.

50 years old. Born in Shepton Mallet (Shepton Mallett), Somt. About 26 years ago she was married in the church there to Martin Taylor her late husband deceased, by whom three children, Richard and Martin, who now live in Shepton Mallet, and Joanna 23 years old now living in the parish of Bradford. Her husband Martin Taylor was legally settled in the parish of Shepton Mallet and so is her daughter Joanna Taylor.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

1. See 176, 177.

**176.** 17 Nov. 1778. William Baines, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

47 years old. Born in Shepton Mallet (Shepton Mallett), Somt., where his father was legally settled. Has never done any act to gain a settlement. About 13 years ago he was married to Ann his present wife in Bradford parish church.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

1. See 175, 177.

**177.** 17 Nov. 1778. Joanna Taylor, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

23 years old. Born in Shepton Mallet (Shepton Mallett), Somt., where her father Martin Taylor was legally settled.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

1. See 175, 176.

**178.** 9 Feb. 1779. Henry Arlett, tiler and plasterer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

24 years old. Born in Melksham. The parish of his late father Aaron Arlett was at Box.

About eight years ago his father obtained a certificate from the parish officers there for himself and his wife to come into the parish of Bradford, but he, Henry, truly believed that he was not included in the certificate, not then being with his father. About four years ago he was married in Broughton Gifford church to Mary his present wife, by whom two children, Thomas three years and Ann nine weeks.<sup>1</sup> [signature]

R.O. Henry Arlett, wife and two children to Box.

1. See 124 (Sarah Arlett his sister), 344 (Mary Arlett his wife).

**179.** 9 Feb. 1779. Isaac Brown, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

30 years old. Born in Bradford, where his father was legally settled. About nine years ago he hired himself to farmer Ralph Hooper of the tithing of West Ashton, parish of Steeple Ashton, for one year at the wages of £4. He stayed in that service the whole year and received his wages. At the end of each year he hired himself for another year at the same wages and lived in that service with Hooper in Steeple Ashton. About five years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Ann his present wife, by whom three children, Samuel four years, Amelia three and Letitia two. [mark]

[Endorsed] Steeple Ashton.

**180.** 9 Feb. 1779. Isaac Bulkly, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

25 years old. Born in Melksham where his father is legally settled. About 14 years ago he was apprenticed by the parish officers there to James Furnall, butcher, of Studley, parish of Trowbridge, but for how many years he cannot tell. He stayed in that apprenticeship for about two and a half years, when he and his master parted by consent and his master gave up the indentures to his custody. About six years later he hired himself to farmer Moses Granger of the parish of Melksham for one year at the wages of £5. He stayed in that service only nine months and a fortnight and received his wages for that time only. About 12 weeks ago he was married to Abigail his present wife in Bradford parish church. [mark]

**181.** 9 Feb. 1779. Thomas Cannings, broadweaver, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

28 years old. Born in Melksham where his father was legally settled. When about nine years old he was apprenticed by that parish to John Simes, broadweaver, there until he was 24 years old. He stayed in that apprenticeship for about one year when his master died and his widow made him over to Thomas Hyatt, broadweaver, of the parish of Melksham for the residue of the term under the indenture. He served the greater part of that time, about five years, with Hyatt in Melksham. About a year ago he was married in the chapel of Atworth (Atford), parish of Bradford, to Mary his present wife, by whom one child, Sarah three months old. [mark]

R.O. Thomas Canning, wife and daughter to Melksham.

**182.** 9 Feb. 1779. Edward Dicks, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

29 years old. Born in Binegar (Benniger), Somt., where his father was legally settled. About 14 years ago he hired himself to Stephen Bowyer, yeoman, of the parish of Ston Easton (Stone Easton), Somt., for one year at the wages of £4 4s. and lived in his service that year and received his wages. Then stayed with Bowyer three and three quarters years longer as a yearly servant and was paid his wages. About 10 years ago he was married in Ston Easton church to Elizabeth his present wife, by whom four children, James eight years, William almost five, Thomas three and Edward 10 weeks. [mark]

[Endorsed] Ston Easton, Somt.

**183.** 9 Feb. 1779. Ann Dory, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

28 years old. Born in South Wraxall, parish of Bradford, where her father is legally settled. About eight years ago her mother hired her to Francis Edwards of the parish of Monkton Farleigh for one year at the wages of £2 12s. She stayed in that service for the year, except one week and three days, and received £2 10s. from her master for her time, deducting 2s. from her yearly wages for the one week and three days. [mark]

**184.** 9 Feb. 1779. Richard Gerrish, weaver, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

42 years old. Born in the tithing of Marston, parish of Potterne (Pottern), where his parents were legally settled. About 36 years ago his father William Gerrish moved from Marston to Melksham taking him with him and took possession of a farm in the parish of Melksham at the yearly rent of £60 and more, which he occupied for about four and a half years. About 32 years ago (his father being then reduced) the examinant was apprenticed by the parish officers of Melksham to Joseph Tuggy, weaver, at Shaw Hill in the parish of Melksham until he was 24 years old. He stayed with his master under that apprenticeship for about ten and a half years, when he left him. Has worked as a journeyman and as a master ever since. Was married about 15 years ago in Melksham church to Ann Snall, who has since died and by whom he has living one child, Mary 14 years. About six years ago he married his present wife Ann Moody at Corsham church, by whom he has living one child, William five years. [mark]

R.O. Richard Gerrish, wife and two children to Melksham.

**185.** 9 Feb. 1779. Joseph Helps, tiler and plasterer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

36 years old. Born in Corsham where his father Joseph Helps was legally settled. About 20 years ago he was apprenticed to Uriah Aust, tiler and plasterer, of that parish for five years and served the whole of that apprenticeship there. About 16 years ago he was married in the chapel of Atworth (Atford), parish of Bradford, to Mary his present wife, by whom one child only, John, living with him. [mark]

R.O. Joseph Helps, wife and child to Corsham.

**186.** 9 Feb. 1779. Charles Mizen, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

27 years old. Born in the tithing of [*South*] Wraxall (Wraxhall), parish of Bradford, where his parents were legally settled. About nine years ago he hired himself as a yearly servant to Farmer Francis Edwards of Monkton Farleigh from Lady Day until the following Lady Day at the wages of £5 5s. which he received at the end of the year. About seven years ago he was married in Bradford church to Jane Isaac by whom four children, Elizabeth six years, Edward three, Ann two and Jane one year. No settlement.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

1. See 470.

**187.** 9 Feb. 1779. Samuel Ricketts,<sup>1</sup> labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

34 years old. Born in the tithing of Atworth (Atford), parish of Bradford, where his parents were legally settled. About 16 years ago he hired himself as a yearly servant with James Taylor, who then occupied Bremeridge (Brimeridge) Farm, parish of Westbury, at the wages of £3. He entered his service at Lady Day and stayed until the Lady Day following, when he received his wages. He then hired himself with Taylor for a second year at the wages of £3 10s. but served only about six months when he left. About 13 years ago he was married in Atworth church to Mary Shepherd his present wife, by whom two children living, James 12 years and Betty seven. [*mark*]

[*Endorsed*] Westbury.

1. See 233 (Robert Ricketts, perhaps Samuel's brother).

**188.** 9 Feb. 1779. William Ruddle, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

32 years old. Born in Hilmarton where his parents were legally settled. About three years ago he hired himself for a year in the parish or extra-parochial place of Little Chalfield with Farmer John Reynolds at the wage of £6 6s. He entered into that service at Michaelmas and stayed with his master until the following Michaelmas Day, when he left and was married in South Wraxall (South Wraxhall) church to his present wife Hannah Bushell by whom one child living, Ann two years. [*mark*]

[*Endorsed*] Little Chalfield.

**189.** 9 Feb. 1779. Hannah Sperin, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

14 years old. Born in Twiverton alias Twerton [*sic*], Somt., where her parents are legally settled. [*mark*]

[*Endorsed*] Hannah Sperin came into this parish about four or five weeks ago.

R.O. Hannah Sperin to Twerton.

**190.** 9 Feb. 1779. Hannah Weakley, now in Bradford, wife of William Weakley who is now serving as a substitute in the Wiltshire regiment of militia, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

34 years old. Born in [South] Wraxall (Wraxhall), where her parents were legally settled. About two years ago she was married in South Wraxall church to William Weakley by whom one child living, Hannah aged about two years. Has often heard her husband say that he was a parishioner of Broughton Gifford, being born there, but he was never apprenticed nor a hired servant by the year. [mark]

R.O. Hannah Weakley and daughter to Broughton Gifford.

**191.** 22 March 1779. Catharine Tinson (wife of William Tinson, soldier), now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

19 years old. Born in Bradford. About a year and a half ago she was married in the chapel of Atworth (Atford), parish of Bradford, and has only one child by her husband, Hannah one year old. Her husband several times informed her that his parish is Corsham, where his father was a legal parishioner. [mark]

R.O. Catharine Tinson and daughter to Corsham.

**192.** 27 March 1779. [Charles Hall, 10 years]. Examination of Ann Perry before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam, about the settlement of Charles Hall, 10 years, son of Elizabeth Hall.

Charles Hall was born a bastard in the parish of Walcot, Somt. He has done nothing to gain a settlement. [signature of Ann Perry]

R.O.<sup>1</sup> 27 March 1779 by Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam. Charles Hall, 10 years, son of Elizabeth Hall to Walcot 'within the liberties of Bath'.

1. WRO 77/37.

**193.** 12 May 1779. Ann Coward, now in Bradford, wife of Christopher Coward who was impressed, before Thomas Johnson and Thomas Bythesea.

27 years old. Born in Melksham. About six years ago she was married at the tithing of Holt, parish of Bradford, to her present husband Christopher Coward. About seven years ago he was removed by the orders of two justices of the peace from the parish of Bradford to that of Warminster. She never heard that the parish officers of Warminster ever appealed against the orders. About ten weeks ago her husband was impressed into H.M.'s service. Has two children by him, Hannah four years and John one year.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

R.O. Ann Coward and two children to Warminster.

1. See 132.

**194.** 24 June 1779. Mary Orchard, wife of John Orchard, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

40 years old. Born in Bradford. About 12 years ago she was married in the parish of Bradford to John Orchard, by whom she has only one child, Elizabeth 11 years. Her husband is legally settled in the parish of Nettleton, he, and she as his wife, having in 1768 been certificated from that parish to the parish of Bradford to which she is now chargeable.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

R.O.<sup>2</sup> Mary Orchard and daughter to Nettleton.

1. WRO 77/29. Settlement Certificate. 1 Feb. 1768. Parish of Nettleton certifies to parish of Bradford that John Orchard, tailor, and Mary his wife are legally settled there. Witness Daniel Mills, rec[*to*]r of Nettleton, Zechariah Huggins and Joseph Hall, churchwardens, and William Haynes [*mark*] overseers. [*Endorsed*] 5 March 1768. Certification by Thomas Hedges and James Montagu that William Cudwley [?] of Nettleton did with John Orchard sen., the said churchwardens and overseers, sign and seal the certificate.
2. Duplicate on WRO 77/37.

**195.** 24 June 1779. William Richardson, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

24 years old. Born on the sea. Never knew his parents nor where they were settled. About four years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Rose his present wife, by whom two children, Benjamin three years and Elizabeth about three quarters of a year. [*mark*]

**196.** 24 June 1779. John Shell, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

42 years old. Born in Bradford. His father Thomas Shell was certificated from the parish of Box to that of Bradford and his mother Mary was included in the certificate. About 12 years ago he was married in the church of Monkton Combe (Monkton Coombe), Somt., to Sarah his late wife, by whom two children, Elizabeth 12 years and John six. No settlement. Has several times had relief from the overseers of the poor of the parish of Bradford. [*signature*]

**197.** 5 July 1779. John Durstol (of the Wiltshire Militia) now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson.

21 years old. Born in Street, Somt. The settlement of his late father was in the parish [*sic*] of Pedwell (Peddle), Somt.<sup>1</sup> About eight years ago he hired himself to John Brown, barker,<sup>2</sup> of the parish of Compton Dundon (Combton Dundo), Somt., for one year at the rate of £2 10s. a year and lived in that service and received his full wages. Then he lived in Brown's service two more years and received his agreed wages. About a year ago was married in Bradford parish church to Jane his present wife, by whom no child. [*mark*]

[*Endorsed*] Settlement at Compton Dundon.

1. Pedwell, parish of Ashcott.

2. A barker was a tanner. J. O. Halliwell, *A Dictionary of Archaic and Provincial Words* (6th Edn., 1904), 143.

**198.** 10 Dec. 1779. Joseph Silcock, broadweaver, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Thomas Bythesea.

25 years old. Born in Warminster where his father was a legal parishioner. About a year and a half ago he was married in Winsley, parish of Bradford, to Ann Barton his present wife. [*mark*]

R.O. Joseph Silcock and wife to Warminster.

**199.** 17 Dec. 1779. Francis Stennard, now in South Wraxall (South Wraxhall), parish of Bradford, before Thomas Phipps, Samuel Cam and Thomas Bythesea.

54 years old. Born in South Wraxall where his father was a legal parishioner. When he was about 14 years his father apprenticed him to John Stevens, tallow-chandler and soap-boiler, of the parish of Britford near Salisbury for seven years. After he had served about half a year he absconded for about a fortnight but returned to his master and served him three months. Then he enlisted into the King's service as a marine and stayed in it about six years, when he was lawfully discharged. He was married in Bradford parish church about four years ago to Ann his present wife by whom he has two children now living, Thomas three years and Mary three months, and he has one child, Hannah nine years by a former wife, now living with him. [*signature*]

R.O. By Thomas Phipps and Thomas Bythesea. Francis Stennard, wife and his three children to Britford.

**200.** 16 Sept. 1780. Joseph Stokes, soldier in the Plymouth division of marines, before Thomas Johnson.

Born in Munsley (Monsley), Herefords. When 15 years old he was put an apprentice by indenture to John Williams, millwright, of the parish of Leigh, Worcs., for three years and served his master for one year and a half. He then enlisted as a soldier and on 6 Sept. 1780 he married Jane his present wife in Bradford parish church. [*mark*]

**201.** 2 Oct. 1780. James Harris, now at Bradford, before Thomas Johnson.

18 years old. Has worked as a scribbler at Bradford and other places and is now married at Bradford to Betty Silverthorn by and with his father's consent. His father Thomas Harris is lawfully settled as an inhabitant in the parish of Keevil. [*James Harris, mark; Thomas Harris, signature*]

**202.** 25 June 1781. Joseph Evans, private soldier of the 3rd division of the Plymouth marines, before Thomas Johnson.

21 years old. Born in the parish of Uley (Ewly), Glos., where his father was legally settled. When he was about nine years old he was apprenticed by the parish officers of Uley to Edward Evans, broadweaver, of Uley (his brother-in-law), until he reached 24 years of age. He served about six years and a half of his apprenticeship in Uley then ran away from his master. Has since worked as a journeyman broadweaver in several places. Last Easter Monday he was married to Martha his present wife in Bradford parish church. [*signature*]

**203.** 20 Dec. 1781. Henry Silverthorn(e), sworn before Thomas Johnson. [No details of the examination at Bradford on 20 Dec., but the following certificate is attached] Portsmouth. 12 April 1781. To certify that I Henry Silverthorn, marine in the Portsmouth division, do declare upon oath that I belong to the parish of Walcot (Wallcot), city of Bath, Somt., by servitude for nine years and five months to the late Mrs Dinton in Queen Square, Bath. To which Stephen Hayward and William Harris, chairmen, likewise Mr John King, clerk to the brewhouse upon the Quay, will attest.<sup>1</sup>

[Endorsed] Henry Silverthorne was sworn to the truth of the above 12 April 178 [?] before me Edward Linzee [? *Lindsay*], mayor.

1. See 276, 278.

**204.** 29 May 1782. Henry Fisher, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam. 80 years old. Born in Bath Easton, Somt. After renting several estates in the parish of Bradford at almost £10 a year, about ten years ago he took a mead called Aviland in the parish of Bath Easton of Henry Walters esq., for one year at the rent of £40 a year. He stocked it, held it that year and paid the year's rent. Then took an estate of Mr Yeoles in the parish of Bathford, Somt., for one year at the yearly rent of £20. Rented that estate from Mr Yeoles for two years and paid his rent, and he lived in the parish of Bath Easton during those two years. About six years ago was married in St James's parish church, city of Bath, to Elizabeth his present wife, by whom only one child, W[illia]m almost three years. [mark]

**205.** 14 Aug. 1782. Thomas Allen, labourer, now in the tithing of Holt, parish of Bradford, before Lord William Seymour and Thomas Johnson. 25 years old. Born in Lydeard St Lawrence (Lidiard St Lawrence), Somt., where his parents were legally settled. When about 12 years old he, with his father's consent, agreed to serve John Tetterdale, farmer, in that parish as his apprentice for seven years. He was accordingly bound by an indenture to Tetterdale and served him seven years. He stayed in that parish as a servant by the year with several masters until about a year and a half ago when he came to Holt, where he hired himself as a weekly servant to Henry St George Downes, yeoman, until 5 April last, when he became a yearly servant at the wages of £6 6s. with St George Downes, with whom he now lives in service. On the 12th instant he married Eleanor his present wife at Bradford. [mark]

**206.** 14 Aug. 1782. Richard Langfeild [*sic*], private soldier in the 1st regiment of the King's Dragoon Guards, before Lord William Seymour and Thomas Johnson. 25 years old. Born in Aldbourne (Albourne) where his parents were legally settled. About five years ago he hired himself as a yearly servant with Thomas Hatton, yeoman, of the parish of Childrey (Childeroy), Berks., at the wages of £5. Served the whole year and received his wages, then hired himself as a yearly servant to Mr Williams of Baydon (Bayden) at the wages of £5 15s. Served about half the year and then enlisted into the Dragoon Guards. Was married about three quarters of a year ago at Exeter, Devon, to Hester his present wife but no children yet. [mark]



[*Endorsed*] 11 Sept. 1782 by James Bulgin, overseer of the poor of the parish of Bradford before Lord William Seymour and Thomas Johnson. Hester wife of Richard Langfield is become chargeable to the parish of Bradford. [*signature*] James Bulgin

R.O.<sup>1</sup> 11 Sept. 1782 by Lord William Seymour and Thomas Johnson. Hester wife of Richard Langfield, private 1st Regiment of King's Dragoon Guards, to Childrey.

1. WRO 77/37.

**207.** 26 Nov. 1782. Mary Twitcher, widow, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

36 years old. Born in Berkley, Somt. Was married about 10 years ago in Berkley church to William Twitcher by whom three children, Mary nine years, William seven and Edward four. Her husband, who died about three years ago, informed her several times that he was a legal parishioner of Frome (Froome Selwood), Somt. Her two eldest children, Mary and William, are now in and maintained by the parish of Frome. Has gained no settlement since her husband's death. [*mark*]

R.O. Mary Twitcher and son to Frome.

Order from General Quarter Sessions at New Sarum Tuesday 14 Jan. 1783 before Charles Wake, doctor of laws,<sup>1</sup> and Charles Penruddocke esq.

Appeal of the parish of Frome, Somt., against the order by Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam for the removal of Mary Twitcher, widow, and her son Edward from Bradford to Frome. Order confirmed.

1. Rector of East Knoyle and prebendary of Westminster (*W.R.S.*, XXVII, 103).

**208.** 11 Dec. 1782. Sarah Hammonds, wife of Thomas Hammonds a soldier gone from her, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Thomas Bythesea.

27 years old. Born in Bradford. About nine years ago she married Thomas Hammonds in Trowbridge parish church. He informed her that his parish is in Wotton-under-Edge (Wotten-under-Edge), Glos., by virtue of his birth and having served a lawful apprenticeship there. He particularly informed her that he was apprenticed by the parish officers there. Is now a soldier in the 4th regiment of foot<sup>1</sup> in H.M.'s service. [*mark*]

R.O. Sarah Hammonds to Wotton-under-Edge.

[*Endorsed*] Delivered the pauper with a duplicate 14 Dec. 1782. By me W[illia]m Bush.

1. The King's Own Regiment (Barnes, 321).

**209.** 3 Feb. 1783. Jane Mundy, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

20 years old. Born in Woodford. On 24 Aug. 1781 she hired herself to Mrs Wait,

confectioner, of Bond Street, city of Bath, for one year. She entered her service on 29 Aug. and stayed there until 22 Aug. 1782, being one week before her year expired, and received her year's wages, the sum of £5, only abating 1s. 6d. for the said week. Her father John Munday was formerly legally settled in the parish of Woodford, but about seven years ago he gained a legal settlement at Limpley Stoke (Limplify Stoke), parish of Bradford, by renting a house and lands in that parish of the yearly rent of £10 and more. She has no settlement. [mark]

**210.** 22 Feb. 1783. John Bright, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

50 years old. Born in Christian Malford, where his late father John Bright was legally settled. Was never hired for a year, apprenticed, nor did any act to gain a settlement. Has one child with him, William 13 years, by Elizabeth his first wife deceased. About three years ago was married in Bradford parish church to Jane his present wife, by whom no child. [mark]

**211.** 22 Feb. 1783. William Bush, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

25 years old. Born in Corsham, where his late father Thomas Bush was legally settled. Was never hired for a year, apprenticed, nor did any act to gain a settlement. About three and a half years ago was married in Corsham church to Ann his present wife, by whom one child Betty three years old. [mark]

13 Aug. 1783. William Bush was resworn to the above examination. Has not since that date done any act to gain a settlement. [signatures] Thomas Johnson, Thomas Phipps

R.O.<sup>1</sup> 13 Aug. 1783 by Thomas Johnson and Thomas Phipps. William Bush, wife and daughter to Corsham.

1. WRO 77/37.

**212.** 22 Feb. 1783. Henry Carrier, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

56 years old. Born in Beckington, Somt., where his parents were legally settled. About 40 years ago he came to Bradford where he worked as a journeyman scribbler for about 10 years. Then enlisted in the 63 [rd] regiment of foot,<sup>1</sup> with whom he served six years, when he was discharged at the conclusion of the war in 1761.<sup>2</sup> Then returned to Bradford where he has worked as a journeyman ever since. About 30 years ago he was married at Bradford to Sarah his present wife, by whom three children living, Benjamin 11 years, John seven and Betty six.<sup>3</sup> [mark]

1. The West Suffolk Regiment (Barnes, 322).

2. The Seven Years War 1756–63. Peace negotiations were being made in 1761.

3. See 363.

**213.** 22 Feb. 1783. Betty Chivers, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

21 years old. Born in Melksham where her parents were legally settled. Was apprenticed in that parish for twelve months to learn to 'burle' cloth. Then worked as a journeywoman at Melksham, when she came to Bradford where she has worked as a burler ever since. [*mark*]

**214.** 22 Feb. 1783. John Coombs, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

53 years old. Born in Box, where his parents then lived under a certificate from the parish of Warminster, but whether he is named in the certificate he cannot tell. Has lived in the parish of Bradford, where he has worked as a journeyman, for 37 years. Was never an apprentice or hired servant. About 32 years ago he married Ann his present wife at Colerne (Culleerne). Has one son living, 31 years old, now in Bradford.<sup>1</sup> [*signature*]

1. See 49, 271.

**215.** 22 Feb. 1783. Anthony Davis, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

53 years old. Born in Steeple Ashton, where his father James Davis was legally settled. When about 15 years old he was apprenticed by indenture with the consent of his mother (his father being dead) to Jabez Elliott, broadweaver, of Trowbridge for seven years. Stayed with Elliott in the parish of Trowbridge for seven years. About 18 years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Hannah his present wife, by whom six children, Susannah 17 years, Hannah 13, Grace 11, Rebecca seven, Isaac five and Sarah two years. [*mark*]

**216.** 22 Feb. 1783. Joseph Feild [*sic*], shearman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

51 years old. Born in Batcombe (Badcombe), Somt. When he was about 25 years he occupied a house and some lands at Pilton, Somt., at the yearly rent of £18 for two years. Was married about 30 years ago at Shepton Mallet, Somt., to Eliz[*abeth*] his present wife who now lives at Shepton. Has by her six living children, one of whom, Martha 15 years, is now at Bradford with him. [*signature*]

R.O. Joseph Feild and daughter to Pilton.

**217.** 22 Feb. 1783. William Gibbs, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

30 years old. Born in Wellow, Somt., where his parents were legally settled. Was never an apprentice or a hired servant to any person nor did anything to gain a settlement. About eight years ago he married Rachel his present wife at Bradford; by her five living children, John seven years, Thomas six years, Sarah five, Mary two and a half, and Ann 12 months. [*mark*]

**218.** 22 Feb. 1783. Edward Hacker, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

45 years old. Born in Melksham, where his father was legally settled. Was never hired for a year, apprenticed nor did any act to gain a settlement since his father's decease. About eight years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Jane his present wife, by whom two children, James 10 years and Joseph six. [mark]

**219.** 22 Feb. 1783. Edward Hawkins, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

38 years old. Born in the parish of St Mary in 'the Devizes'.<sup>1</sup> His late father, Joseph Hawkins, was a legal parishioner of Calne. Has no settlement. About seven years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Hannah his present wife, by whom three children, Edward six years, Mary four years and Joseph nine months.<sup>2</sup> [mark]

1. Earlier this town was called The Vyes or Devises because control of it was divided between the king and the bishop of Salisbury. (*The Place-Names of Wiltshire*, *English Place-Name Society*, XVI (1939), 242-3.)

2. See 461.

**220.** 22 Feb. 1783. John Hayward, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

40 years old. Born in Corsham, where his late father Benjamin Hayward was legally settled. When about eight years old he was apprenticed by the parish officers there to Isaac Beazer, weaver, of Church Eaton [*Easton in Outer Corsham?*] until he was 24 years. Served Beazer in that parish until he was about 20 years old, when his master having nothing to do he 'gave him out of his time'. Returned to Corsham where he learned to scribble and stayed about three years. Has never done any act to gain a settlement. About seven years ago was married in Batheaston (Bath Easton) church, Somt., to Hannah his present wife by whom no child.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

1. See 256.

**221.** 22 Feb. 1783. George Jones, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

28 years old. Born in Melksham where his late father, Isaac Jones, was legally settled. Since his father's death he was never apprenticed or hired for a year nor did any act to gain a settlement. About three years ago he was married in Beckington church, Somt., to Eleanor, his present wife, by whom one child, Ann two years old. [signature]

**222.** 22 Feb. 1783. Daniel Jotham, shearman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

38 years old, but where he was born he cannot tell. When about 14 years old he was apprenticed at Wotton-under-Edge (Wootton-underidge), Glos., to John and Charles Dyer, clothiers, for seven years, with whom he served the whole term under indentures. Has since worked as a journeyman in various places and now as a journeyman shearman at Bradford.<sup>1</sup> [signature]

[Endorsed] 9 Oct. 1783. Resworn before us, Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

1. See 352.

**223.** 22 Feb. 1783. Alexander Knight, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

68 years old. Born at Longbridge Deverill (Longbridge Deverell) where his parents were legally settled. When about 26 years old he left there and came to Bradford where he worked many years as a journeyman. Then he enlisted in the 61st regiment of foot<sup>1</sup> where he stayed about four years, when he was discharged. While he was a soldier his wife Elizabeth, whom he married in Bradford, applied to Longbridge Deverill for relief and the parish officers there gave her a certificate to Bradford, owning her and her son William by him their legal parishioner[s]. William his son is dead and his daughter Mary, the wife of James Sadd, scribbler, who lives at Bradford, is now living.<sup>2</sup> [mark]

1. The South Gloucestershire Regiment. (Barnes, 322).

2. See 143 and 444 for Mary Sadd. Her husband seems to have returned to Bradford despite the removal order of 1773.

**224.** 22 Feb. 1783. John Long, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

49 years old. Born in Trowbridge where his parents were legally settled. Was never an apprentice or hired servant. About 28 years ago he was married in Bradford to Bethsheba his present wife by whom three children living, John 25 years, Ann 22 and James 18. [signature]

**225.** 22 Feb. 1783. Charles Matthews, clothworker, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

23 years old. Born in Lacock (Laycock) where his father was legally settled. When about 16 years old he was put as a colt to Mr William Mitchell, clothworker, of Corsham for five years at the wages of 3s. 6d. weekly the first year, 4s. the second, 4s. 6d. the third, 5s. the fourth and 5s. 6d. the fifth and last year, only abating for such time as he should lose by neglect of his work. He stayed with Mr Mitchell about three years and a half when, his master giving out his business, he served out the remainder of the five years with Mr Thomas Gale, clothworker, of Melksham. About three years ago he was married to Eleanor his present wife in Bradford parish church. [mark]

**226.** 22 Feb. 1783. Harry Nowell, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

32 years old. Born in Colerne. His late father was a legal parishioner of Box, as being a certificated person from Box to Colerne. Was never hired for a year, apprenticed, nor did any act to gain a settlement. About 10 years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Mary his present wife, by whom three children, Hannah eight years, John three years and Harry eleven months. [signature]

**227.** 22 Feb. 1783. Mary Pinkstone, wife of Richard Pinkstone, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

35 years old. Born in Trowbridge, where her parents were legally settled. About 20 years ago she was married in Trowbridge church to Richard Pinkstone, cordwainer, a legal parishioner of Tiverton, Devon, as he informed her. She has not heard any account of him since and does not know whether he is dead or living. [mark]

**228.** 22 Feb. 1783. Mary Rodway, wife of John Rodway, a soldier gone from her, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

35 years old. Born in Croscombe, Somt. About 14 years ago she was married to John Rodway in Croscombe church. He informed her several times that he was a legal parishioner of North Bradley (North Bradly) and she has received relief from that parish for the support of herself and Hannah her daughter by John Rodway. [mark]

**229.** 22 Feb. 1783. William Sainsbury, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

61 years old. Born in Westbury where his late father William Sainsbury was legally settled by virtue of his being born there. Was never hired for a year or apprenticed, nor did any other act to gain a settlement since his father's decease. About 30 years ago he married Betty his present wife in Dilton chapel, parish of Westbury. Has by her one child 'gone from him' and she now lives in the parish of Westbury. [mark]

[Endorsed] 9 Oct. 1783. Resworn before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer. The above examination is strictly true except that his wife is now removed from Westbury to the city of London.

**230.** 22 Feb. 1783. William Say, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

43 years old. Born in Bradford. About three years ago his son Anthony was apprenticed by the parish officers of Batheaston (Bath Easton), Somt., by indentures for about six years, to John Pierce, tiler, of Bradford. His father Anthony Say was apprenticed at Atworth (Atford) to Fra[n]cis Snailham? of Atworth who was certificated from Batheaston to Atworth in the parish of Bradford. His father was removed from Bradford to Batheaston with this examinant and his mother. 20 years ago he was married at Bradford to Eliz[abeth] his present wife, by whom four living children, Anthony 19 years (gone from him), Ann 14 years, Betty 10 and Sarah seven. [mark]

R.O. William Say, wife and three younger children to Batheaston.

**231.** 22 Feb. 1783. William Towell, shearman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

56 years old. Born in Ilminster, Somt., where his parents were legally settled. When about 14 years old he was apprenticed for seven years in that parish. He worked at various places as a journeyman until he came into the parish of Bradford where he has worked as a journeyman for about six years. About three years ago he was married in Bradford to Susannah his present wife, by whom one child living, Frederick 13 months. [mark]

[Endorsed] 9 Oct. 1783. Resworn before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

**232.** 22 Feb. 1783. Joseph Waddam, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

23 years old. Born in Melksham where his parents were legally settled. About 10 years ago he was hired as a yearly servant to John Kemp, fuller, at the mill in the tithing of

Littleton Wood, parish of Steeple Ashton. Stayed there one year and at the end received his wages of about £1 6s. Then he worked at Melksham for three quarters of a year and afterwards at several places as a journeyman scribbler until three years and a half ago when he came to Bradford, where he has worked as a journeyman ever since. About three years ago he was married in Bradford to Ann his present wife by whom no child living. [mark]

**233.** 11 June 1783. Robert Ricketts, labourer, now in the tithing of Atworth (Atford) parish of Bradford, before Lord William Seymour, Thomas Phipps and Joseph Mortimer.

30 years old. Born in the tithing of Atworth where his parents then lived. Has often heard his father say that his legal settlement was in the extra-parochial place at Cottles and that he, his father, had been relieved by the parish officer there. When his father died he, this examinant, was taken to Cottles by Robert Hale esq. and put into the house of William Eyles, who occupied a farm belonging to Robert Hales [sic], where he had his meat, drink, washing, lodging and clothing for six years and more; then he returned to Atworth where he has worked as a day labourer ever since. About 12 years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Mary his present wife by whom three children living, Enock 10 years, John five years and Robert about nine months.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

1. See 187 (Samuel Ricketts, perhaps Robert's brother).

**234.** 24 July 1783. William Light, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

30 years old. Born in Chippenham where his late father was a legal parishioner. No settlement. About a fortnight ago he was married to Ann his present wife in Bradford parish church. [mark]

R.O. William Light and wife to Chippenham.

[Endorsed] Delivered the within paupers to the officers of Chippenham, 4 [sic] July 1783 by Mr Thomas Nicholls.

**235.** 13 Aug. 1783. [Frances Brewer, almost seven years]. Examination of Elizabeth Williams, widow of William Williams, now in Bradford, about the settlement of Francis Brewer, her child baseborn before her marriage with William Williams. Before Thomas Johnson and Thomas Phipps.

Her maiden name was Elizabeth Brewer and Frances Brewer her daughter, now aged almost seven years and living in the parish of Bradford, was born a bastard in the parish of Freshford, Somt. [mark]

R.O. Frances Brewer to Freshford.

**236.** 13 Aug. 1783. Amos Huntly, now in Bradford, before Thomas Phipps and Thomas Johnson.

30 years old. Born in Corsham, where his parents were legally settled. Was never an

apprentice or hired servant by the year out of that parish. About seven years ago he married Betty his present wife in Bradford church. Has no child living by her. [mark]

R.O. Amos Huntly, clothworker, and wife to Corsham.

**237.** 10 Sept. 1783. James Cox, clothworker, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Thomas Phipps.

40 years old. Born in Frome (Frome Sellwood), Somt. About 24 years ago he was colted to Stephen Coombs, clothier, of Frome for four years. After serving Coombs that four years he left him and has since worked in various places as a journeyman clothworker. About 12 months ago he came to the parish of Bradford where he has worked as a journeyman clothworker to this time. About 22 years ago he was married at Frome to Jane his present wife, by whom three children living with him at Bradford, Anna 15 years, James 11 and Sarah seven. [signature]

[Endorsed] James Cox declared that his parents were legally settled at Frome.

R.O. James Cox, wife and three children to Frome.

**238.** 29 Sept. 1783. John Webb, soldier in the 62nd regiment of foot,<sup>1</sup> now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson.

24 years old. Born at St Edmund's, city of Salisbury, where his father, a legal parishioner, now lives. About a month ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Mary Warman his present wife. [signature]

1. The Wiltshire Regiment (Barnes, 322).

**239.** 6 Oct. 1783. James Sinclair, late a soldier in the 62nd regiment of foot, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson.

23 years old. Born in the parish of St Ann, Manchester, Lancs. His late father belonged to Edinburgh in Scotland. When about 10 years he was apprenticed by two justices of the peace for the county of Lancaster unto his father John Sinclair, tailor, of the parish of St Ann, Manchester, for five years and he lived with him that time. [signature]

**240.** 7 Oct. 1783. Robert Deane, a drummer in the 62nd regiment of foot, now quartered in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson.

22 years old. Born in Weybridge, Surrey, where his father was a legal parishioner. Was never hired for a year, apprenticed, nor did any act to gain a settlement. A few days ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Grace his wife. [mark]

**241.** 17 Oct. 1783. Thomas Milsom, shearman, now in Bradford, before Lord William Seymour and Thomas Johnson.

Aged 48 years. Born in Bathford, Somt., where his parents then lived and where his father Thomas Milsom carried on the business of a clothworker, under a certificate from Bradford to Bathford, until he died. Then this examinant ran the business at Bathford in a tenement of the yearly value of £4 10s., for which he paid no tax, until



about eight years ago when he returned to Bradford, where he has worked ever since as a journeyman. About 27 years ago was married in Bathford to Martha his present wife, by whom seven children living, Elizabeth 24 years, Hannah 22, Mary 19, Jane 16, Charles 14, Samuel 12 and Charlotte 10. [signature]

**242.** 17 Oct. 1783. [*Hannah Bishop, 10 years old*]. Examination of Edith Smith, widow, of Bradford, about the settlement of Hannah Bishop her grand-daughter, before Lord William Seymour and Thomas Johnson.

Edward Bishop, formerly of Westbury, Hannah's father, was bound to George Harding, clothworker, of Trowbridge by indenture by his father John Bishop for seven years to learn his art and served six years of the term. About 21 years ago Edward Bishop married Betty Smith, singlewoman, of Bradford, by whom nine children of whom only one is now living, the said Hannah 10 years old. [mark]

R.O. Hannah Bishop to Trowbridge.

**243.** 17 Oct. 1783. Sarah Freeman alias Collins, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

22 years old. Born in Hinton Charterhouse (Charter House Hinton), Somt., where her parents are legally settled. No settlement. [mark]

R.O. Sarah Freeman to Hinton Charterhouse.

**244.** 17 Oct. 1783. James Harding, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

38 years old. Born in Frome (Frome Selwood), Somt., where his parents are legally settled. About 23 years ago he contracted with Mr Isaac Mayes, clothier, in Frome for one year to learn the art of a scribbler, then he was ballotted in the Somersetshire Militia with home [*sic, whom?*] he served three years.<sup>1</sup> He then went to Bradford where he has worked as a journeyman ever since (except when he was serving in the Wilts[hire] regiment of militia). About 18 years ago he was married at Bradford to Grace Bird (since deceased), by whom two children living, Mary 17 years and William 15. Was afterwards married at Bradford to Mary his present wife, by whom he has two children living, Betty seven years and Joanna eight weeks.<sup>2</sup> [mark]

1. The practice of 'king's freemen' allowed ex-soldiers and ex-sailors to set up in trades without having served a legal apprenticeship (Snell, *Labouring Poor*, 250).

2. R.O. 19 Feb. 1777 of James Harding and wife Mary from Trowbridge to Bradford (607) may, on the other evidence of children's ages and his possible marriage dates, have applied to this examinant, but if so it is strange that it included no children. See 150.

**245.** 17 Oct. 1783. Margaret Reynolds, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

21 years old. Born in Bradford. Has often heard her father and mother say that they are legally settled in the parish of Hinton Charterhouse (Charter House Hinton), Somt., where they are now allowed 1s. each a week by the parish officers, and she has often received that relief for their use from those officers. [mark]

R.O. Margaret Reynolds to Hinton Charterhouse.

[*Endorsed*] Delivered the within pauper to the churchwardens of Hinton 20 Oct. 1783. Received the within by me William Smith, churchwarden.

**246.** 17 Oct. 1783. William Robins, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

54 years old. Born in Bruton, Somt. Has heard his father say that his legal place of settlement was there. He lived with his father and family in that parish until he was 14 or 15 years old when he left Bruton for some time. Afterwards returned and married Martha Smart who later died leaving one child. Then went abroad in the marine service and is now discharged. On his return he married Rachel Blatchley his present wife by whom no children. Believes his legal place of settlement is now Bruton. [*mark*]

**247.** 17 Oct. 1783. Honour Styles, wife of James Styles, shearman, of Frome (Froome Selwood), Somt., now in Bradford, before Lord William Seymour and Thomas Johnson.

32 years old. Was married at Bradford about 15 years ago to James Styles, by whom two children, Elizabeth 11 years and Mary 14. Her husband's legal place of settlement is in the parish of Frome where he now lives. He was sometime in the marine service and has lately been discharged.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

R.O. Honour Styles and two children to Frome.

1. See 172, 518.

**248.** 17 Oct. 1783. Giles Workman, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

50 years old. Born in Dursley, Glos., where he lived with his parents until he was 15 years old (but whether they were legally settled at Dursley or North Nibley [*Glos.*] he cannot tell). Then came to Bradford and worked as a scribbler with various persons. When about 22 years old he hired himself to William Miles of Bradford for a year at £3 4s. Served about four months and then enlisted into H.M.'s 15th regiment of foot<sup>1</sup> where he stayed until last September, being then discharged with the privilege of a pension from Chelsea College.<sup>2</sup> In 1770 (before he went a soldier)<sup>3</sup> he was married in Bradford parish church to Sarah his present wife by whom no child. [*signature*]

1. The Yorkshire (East Riding) Regiment (Barnes, 321).

2. Chelsea Hospital or College for disabled soldiers of the British Army was opened in 1692. A scale of pensions for outpensioners had been adopted that year. (J. M. Brereton, *The British Soldier*, 17–18).

3. But, on his own evidence, he enlisted c. 1755.

**249.** 27 Nov. 1783. Mary Allen, widow, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

32 years old. Born in Bradford where her father is legally settled. About 12 years ago she was married in Bradford parish church to George Allen, by whom two children, John 11 years and Mary five. Her husband was a legal parishioner of Croscombe (Croscomb), Somt., by being born there, and John her son, now in that parish, is supported and maintained by it. She has no settlement. [*mark*]

R.O. Mary Allen and daughter to Croscombe.

[*Endorsed*] Delivered the within paupers to the officers of Croscombe the [5?] Dec. 1783 and received by me. Joseph Parsons, c[hurch]-warden.

**250.** 27 Nov. 1783. Rebecca Holton, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

22 years old. Born in North Bradley (North Bradly) where her father was a legal parishioner by being apprenticed and serving his time there. Has never lived [*in?*] for a year, [*been?*] apprenticed, or done any other act to gain a settlement. About four years ago she was delivered of a female child, Sarah, in the parish of North Bradley. [*mark*]

R.O. Rebecca Holton and daughter to North Bradley.

[*Endorsed*] Delivered the within paupers to the overseers of Bradley, 28 Nov. 1783 and received by me. J[?] Keats.

**251.** 27 Nov. 1783. Elizabeth Rich, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

20 years old. Born a bastard in Croscombe (Croscomb), Somt., where her mother was legally settled. About nine years ago she hired herself to Mary Fricker, burler, of Bradford for one year to learn the business of burling at the wages of 1s. a week, but if she were sick or idle she was not to be paid. Her mother found her during that year in clothes, board and lodging. [*mark*]

R.O. Elizabeth Rich to Croscombe.

[*Endorsed*] Delivered the within pauper to the officers of Croscombe (Corscomb) this order 1783. Received by me Jos[eph] Parsons, ch[urch] warden.

**252.** 18 Dec. 1783. Walter Harris, weaver, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

30 years old. Born in Westwood, where his father was legally settled because he was born in that parish and he also served an apprenticeship there. He, this examinant, has no settlement. About 10 years ago he was married in Westwood church to Margaret his present wife, by whom three children, Walter nine years, Sarah five and Edmund two. [*mark*]

R.O. Walter Harris, wife and three children to Westwood.

[*Endorsed*] Delivered the within pauper [*sic*] to the officers at Westwood, 29 Dec. 1783 by Tho[mas] Nicholls.

**253.** 11 Feb. 1784. William Davis, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

29 years old. Was bound out when eight or nine years old by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Corsham to John Holebrook, broadweaver, of

Bradford, until he was 24 years old. Lived with his master for about seven years at Bradford, then left him. Stayed in Bradford for three or four years; afterwards he lived at Hilperton for about three years as a journeyman weaver, then he returned to the parish of Bradford. He was married at Hilperton about eight years ago to Mary Sims, singlewoman, by whom five children, one son and four daughters. Has done no act to gain settlement other than in the parish of Bradford under indenture. [mark]

**254.** 24 April 1784. Betty Davis, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.  
24 years old. Born in Beckington, Somt. Her late father was a legal parishioner of Berkley (Berkeley), Wilts. [*sic, but really Somt.*]. Her father, mother and family were several times relieved by the parish officers there. [mark]

**255.** 3 Aug. 1784. Priscilla Pullen, now in Corsham, before John Awdry.  
30 years old. Born in Corsham. About ten years ago she married George Pullen, narrow-weaver, of the parish of Bradford. About five years ago she and her husband parted, but where he went she cannot tell nor whether he has gained any settlement elsewhere. [mark]

R.O. By John Awdry and J[ames?] Montagu jun. George Pullen aged about [blank], Priscilla his wife and James their son six years from Corsham to Bradford.

**256.** 8 Sept. 1784. John Hayward, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.  
50 years old. Born in Corsham, where his late father was a legal parishioner. When about six years old he was apprenticed by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Corsham to Isaac Beaser [*Beazer*] of the parish of Yatton Keynell (Yatton Keynall) until he was 24 years old. He stayed with Beaser in Yatton Keynell for about 15 years when he was 21 years old. Then his master, having nothing for him to do, told him that he might go about his business, for he had no further use for him. Then the parish of Yatton Keynell put him to [blank] Hudd in the parish of Corsham to learn the business of a scribbler, but only as a weekly servant, and he stayed at Corsham about 13 years. About 10 years ago he was married in Batheaston (Bath Easton) church, Somt., to Hannah his present wife by whom no child.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

R.O. John Hayward and wife to Yatton Keynell.

1. His previous examination certificate, **220**, differs in several particulars from this one although he appeared before the same justices on both occasions.

**257.** 20 Dec. 1784. Catharine Archell, widow, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.  
74 years old. Born in Bradford, where she was married to her late husband Thomas Archell in the parish church. He was certificated from the parish of Babington, Somt., to Bradford. Neither she nor her husband ever did any act to gain a settlement. She has been relieved by the parish of Babington several times.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

1. See **10**.

**258.** 20 Dec. 1784. [*Ann Button, eight years*]. Examination of Martha Say, wife of James Say, broadweaver of Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam, about the settlement of Ann Button, eight years old, her daughter by George Button deceased, her first husband.

She was married in Dursley church, Glos., to George Button who was a legal parishioner of South Stoke, Somt. She has received relief, and still does, from that parish for the support of Ann, George Button's daughter. [*mark*]

R.O. Ann Button to South Stoke.

**259.** 20 Dec. 1784. William Dainton, broadweaver, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

35 years old. Born in Bradford where his father is a legal parishioner. About seven years ago he took a house in the parish of St James, city of Bath, Somt., of one Mr Everett for one year at the yearly rent of £16. Lived in the house that year and duly paid his rent. About 12 years ago was married in Bradford parish church to Jane his present wife, by whom three children, William 10 years, Susanna four and Thomas half a year. [*signature*]

R.O.<sup>1</sup> 20 Dec. 1784 by Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam. William Dainton, wife and three children to parish of St James, Bath.

1. WRO 77/37.

iii) 1785-98 (WRO 77/31)

**260.** 8 Jan. 1785. Paul Crew, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

37 years old. Born in Monkton Combe (Monkton Coombe), Somt., where his late father Joseph Crew was possessed of a cottage or tenement, garden and premises, but whether freehold or leasehold he cannot tell. He has no settlement. About 14 years ago was married in Bradford parish church to Elizabeth his present wife, by whom no child living. [*mark*]

**261.** 8 Jan. 1785. Betty Howell, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

49 years old. Born in Trowbridge. Her late father John Howell, was a legal parishioner of Sutton (*Sutton Bengier, Sutton Mandeville or Sutton Veny*?). Has no settlement.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

R.O. Betty Howell to Sutton.

1. See 262.

**262.** 8 Jan. 1785. Grace Howell, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

21 years old. Born in Trowbridge. Her late father John Howell was a legal parishioner

of Sutton, and he and his late wife were supported by that parish. Has no settlement.<sup>1</sup>  
[mark]

R.O. Grace Howell to Sutton.

1. See 261.

**263.** 30 March 1785. [*George and Sarah Cary*]. Examination of Elizabeth Jones, wife of William Jones, now in Bradford, about the settlement of George and Sarah Cary, two of the children by her first husband, George Cary, deceased. Before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

She is 37 years old and was born in Bradford. About 13 years ago she was married to George Cary in Bradford parish church, and they had two children, George 11 years and Sarah nine. Her husband George Cary was a parishioner of Bruton, Somt., and since his decease she has received relief from that parish. [mark]

R.O. Children George and Sarah Cary to Bruton.

**264.** 26 May 1785. Abraham Bull, broadweaver, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

25 years old. Born in Broughton Gifford, where his father is legally settled. Was never hired for a year, apprenticed, nor did any act to gain a settlement. About four years ago he was lawfully married in the parish of Broughton Gifford to Mary his present wife, by whom three children, Ann four years, Charles three years and Jane three months. [mark]

R.O. Abraham Bull, wife and three children to Broughton Gifford.

**265.** 26 May 1785. Robert Tinson, jun., stone cutter, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

23 years old. Born in Corsham where his father is a legal parishioner, and he now lives in that parish. Was never hired for a year nor apprenticed. About three years ago he was married in the chapel at Atworth (Atford) to Jane his present wife, by whom one child, a daughter Susannah three years old. [signature]

**266.** 25 June 1785. [*James Street, 10 years*]. Examination of Mary Sheppard, widow, about the settlement of James Street, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

He is 10 years old and was born in Beckington, Somt. She believes that Benjamin Street, James's father, is a legal parishioner of Beckington and that John Sheppard her late husband has received relief from that parish for almost two years and a half for the maintenance of James Street. [signature]

R.O. James Street, son of Benjamin Street and Ann his wife, now in Bradford. Upon examination of Mary Sheppard, widow, aunt to James Street. To Beckington.

**267.** 28 June 1785. Ann Whatly, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

30 years old. Born in parish of St John, borough of Devizes, where her present (*sic*) father Joseph Whatly is a legal parishioner. Was never apprenticed nor hired for a year. [*mark*]

R.O. Ann Whatley [*sic*] to parish of St John, Devizes.

**268.** 14 Sept. 1785. [*John Hill, 12 years*]. Examination of Ann Beazer, widow, now in Bradford, about the settlement of John Hill, a bastard child born of her. Before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

John Hill is 12 years old and was born a bastard in Freshford, Somt. He has done nothing to gain a settlement. [*mark*]

**269.** 8 March 1786. John Hatherill, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Phipps, W[*illiam*] Phipps, and Joseph Mortimer.

22 years old. Born in Brimble [*Bremhill*]? where his parents were legally settled. When 15 years old he hired himself for a year to Farmer Hugh Beames of Avon, parish of Kellaways, at £3 a year. He served that time and received his wages and stayed one more year for £3. Has worked in various places as a labourer. [*mark*]

R.O. By Thomas Phipps and Joseph Mortimer. John Hatherill to Kellaways (Kellways).

**270.** 10 April 1786. Elizabeth Brissington, singlewoman, in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

Almost 21 years old. Born in Tetbury, Glos., where her father was legally settled. Was never apprenticed nor hired for a year. [*mark*]

R.O. Elizabeth Brissington to Tetbury.

**271.** 10 April 1786. John Coombs, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

57 years old. Born in Box where his father was certificated from the parish of Warminster. Was never hired for a year nor apprenticed. About 36 years ago he was married to Ann his present wife in Colerne church.<sup>1</sup> [*signature*]

1. See 49, 214.

**272.** 10 April 1786. Edith Unkles, singlewoman, before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

25 years old. Born in Bradford where her father is legally settled. Almost five years ago she hired herself to Mr John Stump, clothier, of Corsham, for one year at the wages of £4 and lived with him almost three and a half more years and received her wages accordingly. [*signature*]

R.O. Edith Unkles to Corsham.

**273.** 25 August 1786. William Tucker, broadweaver, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

36 years old. Born in Semington where his father was legally settled. When almost seven years old he was apprenticed by the parish officers there to William Rose, broadweaver, of Bradford until he was 24 years old and served Rose for several years under the indenture. On 2 August 1768 his master William Rose assigned him to James Gerrish, tailor, of the outparish of St Philip [*and Jacob*], Glos., for the remainder of the term under the same indenture. He stayed for about three quarters of a year with James Gerrish who then put him to Robert Grist, brusher (?), of that parish and he stayed with him for about two months, James Gerrish receiving the benefit of his service. Afterwards Gerrish his master and he parted by consent. About 11 years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Mary his present wife, by whom four children, William 10 years, Sam 9, Ann 7 and Elizabeth 6.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

1. See 163.

274. 5 Dec. 1786. William Emme, labourer, now in Wraxall (Wraxhall), parish of Bradford, before Thomas Phipps and Joseph Mortimer.

33 years old. Born in Broad Chalke (Broad Chalk), where his father John Emm(e) was a legal parishioner. About 16 or 17 years ago he hired himself to Farmer Roger Rowden, yeoman, of the parish of Fyfield (Fifield) for a year at the wages of £1 10s. Served the whole year at Fyfield and received his wages. Has done no other act to gain a settlement. About nine years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Hannah his present wife by whom four children now living, James eight, John four, Esther two years and William six months. [*signature*]

R.O. William Emme, wife and four children to Fyfield.

275. 20 Dec. 1786. [*James Harvey*]. Examination of Jane Harding, wife of James Harding, narrow-weaver, now in Bradford about the settlement of James Harvey her son, before Joseph Mortimer and Samuel Cam.

James Harvey is seven years old and was born a bastard in the parish of Trowbridge. [*mark*]

R.O. James Harvey to Trowbridge.

276. 20 Dec. 1786. Henry Silverthorne, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Joseph Mortimer and Samuel Cam.

39 years old. Born in Bradford where his parents were legally settled. Almost 26 years ago he hired himself as a yearly servant to Mrs Denton of Queen Square, parish of Walcot [*Bath*], Somt., at the wages of £5. He stayed in that service that year and received his full wages and he lived with Mrs Denton almost eight years more and received his wages during the whole time. He then enlisted into H.M.'s service as a soldier and stayed there almost 19 years when he was discharged with a pension. About nine years ago he was married in Woolverton (Woollverton) church, Somt., to Elizabeth his late wife, by whom two children, Thomas nine years and Mary Ann four. Receives relief from the parish officers of Walcot for their support. About a fortnight ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Mary his present wife.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

1. See 203, 278.



**277.** 4 Jan. 1787. Ann Backwell, wife of John Backwell, labourer, of Wrington, Somt., before Thomas Johnson.

Born at Westwood. Married John Backwell in Bradford parish church five weeks ago. His place of settlement is the parish of Wrington. [*mark*]

**278.** 4 Jan. 1787. Mary Silverthorne, wife of Henry Silverthorne, scribbler, of the parish of Walcot (Walcott), Somt., before Thomas Johnson.

Born in Bradford. Was married to Henry Silverthorne her present husband about five weeks ago in Bradford parish church.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

1. See 276.

**279.** 2 Feb. 1787. David Woodman, clothworker, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

55 years old. Born in Corsham where his parents, long since dead, were legally settled. When about 14 years old he was apprenticed by his mother (his father being dead) to James Davis, clothier, of Corsham for five years and duly served his master that term. About 28 years ago he was married in Trowbridge church to Amey his present wife. [*mark*]

**280.** 14 Feb. 1787. Ann Rose, widow of Henry Rose, now in Bradford, before John Awdry and Joseph Mortimer.

35 years old. Born in Bradford where her father is legally settled. Eight years ago she was married in Bradford parish church to Henry Rose, by whom only one child since deceased. Her husband was a legal parishioner of Beckington, Somt., by serving a lawful apprenticeship there and he was sometime before his death supported by the parish of Beckington and buried at its expense. Since his decease she has done no act to gain a settlement. [*mark*]

R.O. Ann Rose to Beckington.

**281.** 28 March 1787. John Allen, weaver, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

31 years old. Born in Rode (Road), Somt., where his father was legally settled. When about nine years old he was apprenticed by the parish of Rode to John Cattle of Broughton Gifford, broadweaver, until he was 24 years old. He lived with Cattle about 10 years when he, Cattle, having little to do said that Allen might leave him and work for any person he might think proper. Then came to the parish of Bradford and worked as a journeyman for the remainder of his apprenticeship. About five years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Love his present wife, by whom one child, William four years. [*signature*]

R.O. John Allen, wife and son to Broughton Gifford.

**282.** 28 March 1787. Sarah Sumner, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

26 years old. Born in Bradford where her father was legally settled. About six years ago

she hired herself to William Smart, innkeeper, of the parish of Walcot, Somt., for one year at the wages of £3 10s. She lived with Smart that year and received her full wages. Has done no act to gain a settlement. [mark]

R.O. Sarah Sumner to Walcot.

**283.** 28 March 1787. Thomas Tanner, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

50 years old. Born in Tellisford, Somt., where his father was legally settled. About 29 years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Jane his present wife, by whom four children living with him, William ten years, George seven, Ann four and Sarah two. Upon his marriage he became possessed of a moiety of a leasehold cottage or tenement and premises in Middle Row, New Town, Bradford. He stayed in possession of part of that house for almost 16 years and during all that time paid poor rate and church rate for it. Some time since he was dispossessed of the moiety of the cottage by John Iles, late of Bradford, mortgagee [sic] thereof. [mark]

**284.** 6 June 1787. Joseph Skull, labourer, now in Bradford, before me one of H.M.'s justices of the peace [no name or signature].

Born in Bradford where his father is legally settled. Was never hired for a year, apprenticed, rented a tenement of £10 a year, paid taxes nor did any act to gain a settlement. About 19 years ago he was married in Norton St Philip church, Somt., to Hester his wife, by whom one child a daughter almost 14 years old.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

1. See 523, 709.

**285.** 18 July 1787. [Thomas Taylor, seven years]. Examination of Joanna [alias Susanna] Baskerville, widow of Thomas Baskerville, now in Bradford, about the settlement of Thomas Taylor her son. Before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

Thomas Taylor is almost seven years old and was born a bastard in Shepton Mallet (Shepton Mallett), Somt. She now receives relief for his maintenance from the overseers of the poor of that parish. He has no settlement. [mark]

[Endorsed] 27 Dec. 1788 by Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam. The above-named Joanna Baskerville was resworn before us.

Summons Warrant 26 Dec. 1788 by Samuel Cam to the constable of Bradford and Paul Harding. Complaint has been made to him, Samuel Cam, justice of the peace, by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Bradford that Susanna [sic] Baskerville, widow, has come to inhabit that parish. They are to bring her before Cam and such other justices of the peace as shall be present at his, Cam's, dwellinghouse in Bradford on Saturday 27 Dec. at 11.0 a.m. to be examined concerning her last legal place of settlement.

R.O. 27 Dec. 1788 by Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam. Thomas Taylor, almost eight years old, upon examination of Joanna Baskerville, to Shepton Mallet.

**286.** 12 Oct. 1787. John Gibbs, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Thomas Phipps.

60 years old. Born in Wellow, Somt., where his parents were legally settled. Was married about 43 years ago to Mary his present wife, by whom two children now living grown up and gone from him. No settlement.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

1. See 369.

**287.** 12 Oct. 1787. John Moss, clothworker, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Thomas Phipps.

32 years old. Born in Beckington, Somt., where his father was legally settled. When about 17 years old he put himself as a colt to Benjamin Hayward, clothworker, of Beckington, for which service he was to receive 5s. a week. There was an agreement in writing between him and his master but it was not drawn on a stamp.<sup>1</sup> He lived with his master about three and a half years when he enlisted and served H.M. as a soldier about nine and a half years when he was discharged. Then he lived with William Hayward, clothier, of Beckington as a colt for about half a year for which he received the wage of 6s. a week. He left Hayward's service and hired himself as a colt to Thomas Edwards, clothworker, of Bradford for one year, for which he was to receive 9d. out of every 1s. that he earned. He was never employed by Edwards but on the six working days nor at any time longer than the clothworkers' usual hours of working during that year. Wednesday last he was married in Bradford parish church to his wife Elizabeth.<sup>2</sup> [mark]

1. From 1 May 1710 a stamp duty had to be paid on an apprenticeship indenture by the master (Act 8 Ann. c.5), except for pauper, parish or charity apprentices.

2. See 525.

**288.** 12 Oct. 1787. Richard Willis, clothworker, now in Bradford, before Thomas Phipps and Thomas Johnson.

30 years old. Born in Minchinhampton, Glos., where his parents then lived but were legally settled in the parish of Whitchurch, Glos. About 14 years ago he went to live at Minchinhampton again and took a house there of William Hinton at the rent of £3 a year and paid the rates and taxes and lived in that house three years. Was enlisted into H.M. company of marines, Portsmouth, in August 1777 and was discharged on 25 July 1783, as appeared by his discharge in writing. About 18 years ago was married to Susanna his first wife, by whom one son living, John 13 years old, and by his present wife Elizabeth one female child Ann half a year. [mark]

**289.** 14 Nov. 1787. [William Bayly]. Examination of James Kittlely, broadweaver, now in Bradford, about the settlement of William Bayly a poor boy. Sworn at Trowbridge before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

About a fortnight ago he took William Bayly from the parish officers of Walcot (Walcott), Somt., upon trial as an apprentice, but Bayly is not yet bound to him by indenture.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

1. See 291.

**290.** 14 Nov. 1787. Sarah Earle, singlewoman, now at Holt, parish of Bradford, sworn at Trowbridge before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

25 years old. Born at Holt where her parents were legally settled. About seven years ago she left Holt and since then she has lived at many places as a servant in the city of Bath but has never remained in any one place for twelve months. [mark]

**291.** 14 Nov. 1787. James Kittlety, broadweaver, now in Bradford. Sworn at Trowbridge before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

23 years old. Born in Bradford, where he now lives under a certificate by the parish of Monkton Farleigh (Monckton Farley) to his late grandfather. Was married about three years ago in Bradford parish church to Betty his present wife, by whom two children now living, Ann two years and George seven months.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

1. See 289.

**292.** 14 Nov. 1787. Mary Sutton, widow of Robert Sutton, now in Bradford. Sworn at Trowbridge before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

27 years old. Born in Bradford. About seven years ago she was married in Bradford parish church to Robert Sutton her late husband, by whom two children now living, Charles four years and Susannah two years. Never heard where her late husband was born nor where he was legally settled. [mark]

**293.** 30 Jan. 1788. Mary Bryant, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Joseph Mortimer and Samuel Cam.

36 years old. Born in Shepton Mallet (Shepton Mallett), Somt., where her late father was legally settled as she believes, as he several times received relief from that parish. Otherwise no settlement. [mark]

R.O. Mary Bryant to Shepton Mallet.

**294.** 30 Jan. 1788. Daniel Perkins, broadweaver, now in Bradford, before Joseph Mortimer and Samuel Cam.

36 years old. Born in Calne where his father was legally settled. When about 12 years old he was apprenticed by the parish officers of Calne to John Batt, broadweaver, of the parish of Bradford until he was 21 years old and served his apprenticeship for the whole term there. About nine years ago he hired himself as a servant for one year to the Rt Hon Lord Webb Seymour<sup>1</sup> of Monkton Farleigh at the yearly wages of £10. He lived there that year and received his wages and almost two years longer with Lord Webb Seymour. About eight years ago he was married in Monkton Farleigh church to Sarah his present wife, by whom four children, Mary seven years, Daniel four years, George three years and Jane one and a half years. [signature]

[Endorsed] Resworn 13 Feb. 1788 before Joseph Mortimer and Thomas Phipps.

R.O. 13 Feb. 1788. Daniel Perkins, wife and four children to Monkton Farleigh (Monkton Farley).

1. 2nd son of 12th Duke of Somerset, became 14th Duke in 1792 (G.E.C., *Complete Peerage*, XII (i), 82–3, 85).

**295.** 22 March 1788. Jane Rossiter, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

30 years old. Born in Foxcote (Ffoscott), Somt., where her late father was legally settled. After living at several places as a yearly servant about five years ago she hired herself to Edward Barnard the younger, yeoman, of Upton Noble, Somt., for one year at the wages of £5 5s. a year and lived with him that year and received her full year's wages in money and clothes. [mark]

R.O. Jane Rossiter to Upton Noble.

**296.** 8 April 1788. Anthony Harvey, clothworker, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson.

55 years old. Born in Westbury where his parents were legal parishioners. When he was about 12 years old he left his parents and has since worked at many places as a colt and journeyman. About five years ago he rented a house in the parish of Bradford of Mr Hart, clothier of Bradford,<sup>1</sup> at the yearly rent of £10. He held it four years and paid his rent. At present he rents a tenement in the parish of Bradford for £8 8s. of Mr Fisher, a garden for £1 of Mr Halliday and a cellar of James Cox for £1, all yearly rents making in total £10 8s. 0d. All these premises he has rented for more than three months past. [signature]

1. William Hart ? (*U.B.D.*, 367).

**297.** 2 May 1788. John Cannings, weaver, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

46 years old. Born in Melksham, where his late father was a legal parishioner. Was never apprenticed, or hired for a year, nor did any act to gain a settlement. About 24 years ago he was married in Melksham church to Mary his late wife, by whom only one child living, Sarah about 21 years, now with him in Bradford. [mark]

**298.** 2 May 1788. Elizabeth Farmer, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

16 years old. Born in Chippenham Longley [*sic* – *tithing of Langley, parish of Kington St Michael, near Chippenham*]. Her late father, a legal parishioner of Bradford, was supported by and buried at the expense of that parish. About two years ago she was apprenticed by the parish of Bradford to her uncle Job Collar, carpenter and farmer, of the parish of Kington St Michael until she was 21 years old. She stayed with Collar in Kington St Michael for about two years when, on her going to see her sister who was ill in that parish, he turned her out of his house and said she should come there no more. [mark]

R.O. Elizabeth Farmer, spinster, to Kington St Michael.

**299.** 2 May 1788. Thomas Harris Harper, scribbler, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

28 years old. Born in Shepton Mallet (Shepton Mallett), Somt., where his late father George Harper was a legal parishioner. When he was about 14 years old his father

apprenticed him to John Knowles, tailor, of Shepton Mallet for seven years. He stayed with Knowles in that parish for about two years when they parted by consent and he believes the indentures were exchanged. Has ever since worked at Trowbridge and other places in Wiltshire in the clothing business of a tailor since he left John Knowles. About three years ago he was married in Frome (Frome Selwood) church, Somt., to Joanna his present wife. [signature]

**300.** 14 May 1788. James Bailey, cordwainer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Phipps and John Awdry.

39 years old. Born in Steeple Ashton where his parents were legal parishioners. When 16 years old he was apprenticed by the Wiltshire Club<sup>1</sup> to George Tucker, cordwainer, of Trowbridge for seven years for which his master received £10. He duly served his master for six and a half years, when he died. When about 26 years he [Bailey] enlisted in H.M.'s 49th regiment of foot,<sup>2</sup> where he served about 16 months when he was discharged. About 12 months later he rented a dwellinghouse in the parish of St Michael, city of Bath, Somt., of a Mrs Sperring at the yearly rent of £20. He occupied the house for nine months when, his goods being distrained and sold for payment of rent, he gave up possession to his landlord. About five [blank] ago he was married in the parish church of St James, Bath, to Elizabeth his wife, by whom no child now living. [signature]

R.O. James Bailey to the parish of St Michael, Bath.

1. This might be a reference to the 'clubbing out' system which allowed teenagers to apprentice out themselves, perhaps at a later age (Snell. *The Labouring Poor*, 261).

2. The Hertfordshire Regiment (Barnes, 322).

**301.** 3 July 1788. Sarah Line, spinster, now in Bradford, before Joseph Mortimer and Thomas Johnson.

15 years old. Born in Steeple Ashton, but her parents were legal parishioners of Bradford and they have been dead more than six years. About 16 months ago she was apprenticed by the parish of Bradford to James Bayly, mantua and stay maker of Melksham, to serve him until she was 21 years old. About eight weeks ago when her master ran away she returned to Bradford. She [had] duly served him as his apprentice until he ran away. [mark]

R.O. Sarah Line to Melksham.

**302.** 10 Sept. 1788. Jacob Silcock, shearman, before [examining justices not named]. 43 years old. Born in Monkton Combe (Monckton Coombe), Somt., where his parents were legally settled. When about 16 years old he was apprenticed to Thomas King of Limpley Stoke, parish of Bradford, for six years, his master finding him in meat, drink, washing and lodging and no wages. He served five years of his apprenticeship with his master at Limpley Stoke when they consented to give up the indentures and threw them in the fire. Then went to Monkton Combe and worked at quarrying and lived there for several years. Was married at Bradford about 11 years ago to Betty his present wife, by whom seven children, Moses 18 years, Decimus 17, Anne 15, Joanna 11, Susanna seven, Jacob four and James six months. [signature]

**303.** 10 Sept. 1788. Mary Unkles, widow, now in Atworth (Atford) [parish of Bradford – *these words crossed out*] before [*examining justices not named*].

23 years old. Born in Steeple Ashton. Was married about two years ago in Trowbridge church to Mark Unkles (deceased), clothdresser, late of Trowbridge, by whom one daughter living, Susanna two years old. Has heard her husband say that his parents were legally settled in Atworth (Atford) and that he agreed with Mr John Waldron, clothier, of Trowbridge,<sup>1</sup> to serve him as a colt for five years at the rate of 4s. 6d. a week the 1st year, 5s. the 2nd, 5s. 6d. the 3rd, 5s. 6d. the 4th and 6s. the last year and 1d. an hour for over hours, and he lodged and boarded himself during that time. He worked with his master until he died and always received his wages every Saturday and was his own master on a Sunday and received the 1d. an hour for over hours during the last year. [mark]

1. See also *U.B.D.*, 613.

**304.** 17 Oct. 1788. John Austin, clothworker, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

41 years old. Born in Chippenham where his father was legally settled. Has no settlement. About 20 years ago he was married in Chippenham church to Betty his late wife, by whom three children living, James 18 years gone a soldier, Betty 17 years and Nanny 16 years, both in the parish of Chippenham. On 14 October he was married in Bradford parish church to Sarah his present wife. Has served H.M. George III for almost 16 years in the army and navy. About five years ago was discharged from the navy on board the ship *Monarch*. [mark]

**305.** 17 Oct. 1788. John Banks, clothworker, now in Bradford, before Joseph Mortimer and Thomas Johnson.

Born in Frome (Froome Selwood), Somt., but his parents were legally settled in the parish of Hinton Charterhouse (Charterhouse Hinton), Somt. When about 13 years old he was placed out by his father under a written agreement to Mr James Clement, clothier, of Frome to serve him for five years at the wages of 3s. 6d. a week the 1st year, 4s the 2nd, 4s. 6d. the 3rd, 5s. the 4th and 6s. the last year and 1d. over hours all the five years. Served his master about three and a quarter years, but never on Sundays. When he neglected his master's business he always allowed him to deduct it from his wages. When he left his master he enlisted into H.M.'s 97th regiment of foot<sup>1</sup> where he served for four years in the last war<sup>2</sup> and was then discharged. On the 5th instant he was married to Mary his present wife in Bradford parish church. [mark]

1. The Queen's Own Regiment (Barnes, 322).

2. The War of American Independence (1776–83).

**306.** 17 Oct. 1788. William Gale, labourer, in Holt, parish of Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Joseph Mortimer.

52 years old. Born in Melksham where his father was legally settled. Was never hired for a year or apprenticed, nor did any act to gain a settlement. About five years ago he was married in Melksham church to Mary his present wife, by whom no child. In 1779 he was chosen by lot to serve in the Wiltshire Militia<sup>1</sup> and has procured William Turner of Corsley to serve as his substitute. [signature]

1. In 1757 'An Act for the better ordering of the Militia Forces in . . . England' (31 Geo. II c. 26) introduced the new principle of the selection of men for service in the militia by ballot.

**307.** 17 Oct. 1788. William Pobjay, spinner, now in the tithing of [Great] Trowle, parish of Bradford, before [examining justices not named].

43 years old. Born in Frome, Somt., and his parents' settlement is also in Frome Selwood. About 20 July last he rented a house in Trowle of Joseph Mortimer esq. [justice of the peace?] at the yearly rent of £10 10s. and now lives there. Was married to Ann his present wife, by whom one child, William 17 years who lives with him. Always lived at Frome until he rented the above premises. [signature]

**308.** 18 March 1789. Thomas Swift, broadweaver, now in Bradford, before Thomas Phipps and William Phipps.

33 years old. Born in Hinton Charterhouse (Charterhouse Hinton), Somt., where his parents were legal parishioners and where his father John Swift now resides. Was taught the business of a broadweaver by him and continued to live with him in that parish until he was 22 years old, since when he has worked about at different places as a broadweaver. About eight years ago was lawfully married in Westwood church to Ann his present wife, by whom four children now living, Hannah eight years, Elizabeth four, Frances two years and James nine months. [mark]

R.O. Thomas Swift, wife and four children to Hinton Charterhouse.

**309.** 17 April 1789. John Gibbs, clothworker, now in Bradford, before Thomas Phipps and Thomas Johnson.

80 years old. Born in Beckington, Somt. His parents were legal parishioners of Westwood. Lived with his father until he was eight years old, when he was apprenticed by the parish of Westwood to Anthony Millett, clothworker, for eight years. Lived with Millett until his death and served the remainder of his apprenticeship with William Fussell, clothworker, of Westwood, who succeeded to Anthony Millett's business. The parish officers of Westwood have relieved him for almost three years past. [mark]

R.O. John Gibbs to Westwood.

**310.** 13 May 1789. William Davis, breeches-maker, now in Bradford, before Thomas Phipps and Thomas Johnson.

32 years old. Born in Ireland. When about 21 years old he came to England. About 13 years ago he enlisted into H.M. service of the Plymouth division of marines, where he stayed for about six months and was then discharged. Ever since has worked at various places as a journeyman breeches-maker, which business he learnt from several persons. Has no settlement. Early last December he was married in Holt, parish of Bradford, to Elizabeth his present wife by whom at present no child. [signature]

**311.** 6 June 1789. William Moon, weaver, of the parish of Trowbridge, before Samuel Cam.

Is very poor and impotent and not able to provide for himself and his family. Has several times applied for relief to the said parish at a vestry and was refused. Today he



applied for relief to William Collier and Joseph Clement, two of the overseers of the poor of that parish and was refused. [*mark*]

Summons Warrant 6 June 1789 by Samuel Cam to the constables of the town and parish of Trowbridge. William Collier and Joseph Clement, two of the overseers of the poor of Trowbridge, to appear before him at his house in Bradford on Monday 8 June at 11.0 a.m. to explain why relief was several times refused to William Moon at a parish vestry.

**312.** 10 June 1789. Thomas Taylor, labourer, now in Bradford, before Lord William Seymour and Thomas Phipps.

37 years old. Born in Corsham where his parents were legal parishioners. About three years ago he came to reside in the parish of Bradford, during which time he has employed himself in gathering ashes. Has done no act to gain a settlement. About 11 years ago he was married in Atworth (Atford) church, parish of Bradford, to Grace his present wife by whom five children now living, John 11 years, Samuel eight, Sarah six, Hannah four and Thomas nine months. [*mark*]

R.O. Thomas Taylor, wife and five children to Corsham.

**313.** 18 June 1789. John Bolton, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

55 years old. Born a bastard in Trowbridge and has been several times relieved by the parish officers there. About 22 years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Elizabeth his second [*sic*] wife deceased, by whom one child, Mary Boulton [*sic*] 20 years old. About 12 years ago was married in Bradford parish church to Sarah his present wife, by whom one child, Elizabeth 11 years. No settlement. [*mark*]

**314.** 18 June 1789. Phebe Salmon, wife of William Salmon gone from her, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

33 years old. Born in Bradford. About 12 years ago she was married in Bradford parish church to William Salmon, by whom one child, Harriet 10 years. Her husband was a legal parishioner of Christian Malford. Has several years past received relief from that parish for the support of her child, but does not now receive relief from it. [*signature*]

R.O. Phebe Salmon and child to Christian Malford.

**315.** 9 Sept. 1789. [*Thomas Biggs*]. Examination of Mary Biggs, singlewoman, about the settlement of Thomas Biggs her son, before Thomas Phipps and John Awdry.

He is almost nine years old. Born a bastard in Bradford. About six months ago he was apprenticed by the parish officers there to William Barnett, broadweaver, of the parish of Trowbridge, until he was 21 years old. He stayed with Barnett there for about three months, when his master ran away for theft. [*mark*]

R.O. Thomas Biggs to Trowbridge.

**316.** 9 Sept. 1789. Elizabeth Sidnell, now in Bradford, before Samuel Cam and Thomas Johnson.

27 years old. Born in the parish of St Edmund, city of New Sarum. Has done no act to gain a settlement. Her father John Sidnell died when her mother was pregnant with her. She never knew where he was settled but heard that he was a soldier at the time of his death. [mark]

R.O. Elizabeth Sidnell, singlewoman, to St Edmund's, New Sarum.

**317.** 9 Sept. 1789. John Smith, now in Bradford, before Samuel Cam and Thomas Johnson.

63 years old. Born in the parish of St Peter and Paul, Bath, Somt., where his parents were legally settled. Was apprenticed by his father to George Nott, millwright, of the parish of St Philip and Jacob Without, Glos., for seven years. Believes that his father paid his master as a consideration about £20. Served his master during the term. Has no wife living and but one child who is grown up and settled. [signature]

R.O. John Smith, millwright, to parish of St Philip and Jacob, Glos.

**318.** 16 Oct. 1789. Jeremiah Trimby, weaver, now in Bradford, before Lord William Seymour and Thomas Phipps.

39 years old. Born in Maiden Bradley. His father Jeremiah Trimby was a legal parishioner of Westbury. When he was about 10 years old the parish officers of Westbury apprenticed him to William Salter, weaver, of the parish of Trowbridge until he was 24 years old. He lived with his master in Trowbridge for about a year and a half, then moved with him to the parish of North Bradley where he lived with him for about [document torn] years. Then went away and worked at various places as a journeyman weaver but never served any person by his master's consent. About nine years ago he was married in Bradford church to Ann his present wife, by whom three children now living, Sarah seven years, Susannah five and Charlotte two and a half. [mark]

R.O. Jeremiah Trimby, broadweaver, wife and three children to North Bradley.

**319.** 24 Nov. 1789. Rebecca Bannums, rogue and vagabond, before Thomas Bush. 23 years old. About two years ago she was married to James Bannums in Bradford parish church. Has often heard him say that he was a parishioner of Newnham, Hants. He never gained a settlement. About five weeks ago he absconded from her and she has not since seen nor heard from him. She has one child by him now with her, William 10 months old. [mark]

**320.** 1 Dec. 1789. Daniel Dicks, cordwainer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

24 years old. Born in Longbridge Deverill (Longbridge Deverell) where his late father, Isaacs Dicks, was legally settled. When 12 or 13 years old he was apprenticed by his father to Henry Butcher, cordwainer, of Trowbridge for seven years. [In margin – Indenture dated 14 April 1777]. He lived with Henry Butcher for almost two years in the parish of Trowbridge, when they parted by mutual consent and exchanged inden-

tures. Afterwards he worked as a journeyman cordwainer at several places. About three years ago he was married in Broughton Gifford church to Sarah his present wife, by whom two children, Mary two years and Elizabeth three quarters of a year. [mark]

R.O. Daniel Dicks, wife and two children to Trowbridge.

**321.** 1 Dec. 1789. Elizabeth Mills, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

20 years old. Born in Pen [*Penselwood?*] Somt., where her father was legally settled. When she was about 13 years old she hired herself to Thomas Pearce, gardener, of Warminster for one year for her board and clothes. She lived with Pearce that year and four more years and received the wages due to her. [mark]

R.O. Elizabeth Mills to Warminster.

**322.** 1 Dec. 1789. John Orchard, labourer, now in Bradford, before Samuel Cam and Thomas Johnson.

34 years old. Born in Melksham. His late father was legally settled in the parish of Corsham. Has done nothing to gain a settlement. About 13 years ago he was married in Bradford to Jane his present wife, by whom two children, Martha 12 years and William six. [mark]

R.O. John Orchard, wife and two children to Corsham.

**323.** 1 Dec. 1789. Arnold Pearce, sawyer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

37 years old. Born in Corsham. His father was legally settled in Yatesbury, and he, his wife and family were certificated from Yatesbury to Corsham. Has done nothing to gain a settlement. About 12 years ago he married Grace his late wife, by whom three children, Mary almost 11 years, Ann 10 and Sarah eight. [mark]

R.O. Arnold Pearce, labourer, and three children to Yatesbury.

**324.** 1 Dec. 1789. Martha Symes, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

Almost 17 years old. Born in Exeter, Devon. Her father's legal place was in the parish of Bradford. When eight years old she was apprenticed by that parish to Benjamin Salisbury, weaver, of Trowbridge until she was 21 years old. She served her master in the parish of Trowbridge for about seven years when she left him on account of his being sent to prison and transported for a felony. [mark]

R.O. Martha Symes to Trowbridge.

**325.** 29 Dec. 1789. Morris Conway, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

45 years old. Born in Bradford where his father was legally settled. After living at several places as a yearly servant, about 22 years ago he hired himself to Mr Lewis

Bradley of Wootton Wawen (Wootton Wawing), Warks., for one year at the wages of £5. He lived with him that year and the next and received his two years' wages. This morning he was married to Betty his present wife in Bradford parish church. [*mark*]

**326.** 29 Dec. 1789. Martha Elliott, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Samuel Cam and Thomas Johnson.

27 years old. Born in Brislington, Somt., where her father is legally settled. About three weeks before Christmas 1788 she hired herself to Cornelius Alloway, yeoman, of Bradford for one year at the wages of £2. She lived with him that year and received her wages. [*mark*]

**327.** 29 Dec. 1789. John Ludlow, clothworker, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

40 years old. Born in Hawkesbury, Glos., where his father was legally settled. About 19 years ago he was married to Grace his late wife, by whom three children, William 19 years gone from him and James 15 and John 11 with him. About three years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Hester his present wife by whom no child. [*mark*]

[*Endorsed*] Order of removal to Hawkesbury, Glos.

**328.** 26 Jan. 1790. Mary Green, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

21 years old. Born in Compton Bassett, which parish was the settlement of her late father Edmond Green by his renting an estate of almost £200 there. She has done nothing to gain a settlement. [*mark*]

R.O. Mary Green to Compton Bassett.

**329.** 6 Feb. 1790. [*Ann Vaizey*]. Examination of Sarah Stevens, wife of William Stevens, late of Westwood, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

Ann Vaizey, her daughter by Benjamin Vaizey her late husband, is 16 years old and was born in Trowbridge. Benjamin Vaizey's legal place of settlement was in the parish of Cowley, Glos., by being apprenticed there. Ann Vaizey has done nothing to gain a settlement. [*mark*]

**330.** 6 Feb. 1790. Ann Wiltshire, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Johnson and Samuel Cam.

30 years old. Born in Bradford. Her late father William Wiltshire was a legal parishioner of Little Chalfield. After living at several places as a servant about six years ago she hired herself to Stephen Smith, yeoman, of Staverton, parish of Trowbridge, for one year at the wages of £6 and stayed there the whole year and received her wages. Has one daughter, Phebe four years, a legal parishioner of Trowbridge being born a bastard in that parish. [*mark*]

**331.** 25 Oct. 1790. John Bush, labourer, now in Bradford, before Samuel Cam and George Bethell.

22 years old. Born a bastard in Corsham. No settlement. Was this present morning married to Jane his wife in Bradford parish church. [mark]

R.O. John Bush and wife to Corsham.

**332.** 11 May 1791. Ann York, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Samuel Cam and George Bethell.

Born in Bradford where her parents were legally settled. At New Lady Day 1789<sup>1</sup> she hired herself to Thomas Marks, yeoman, of New House, parish of Little Chalfield, for one year at the wages of £4 and stayed with him there that year and another and received her wages. [mark]

1. Presumably 25 Mar. (N.S.).

**333.** 20 July 1791. William Haynes, scribbler, now in Bradford, before George Bethell and John Jones jun.

51 years old. Born in Bradford where his late father William Haynes, his wife and all the family were certificated from the parish of Christian Malford. Has received relief from that parish for many years for the support of himself and family. About 34 years ago (some years after the date of the above certificate) he was apprenticed to John White, clothier, of Bradford for seven years. He served White for almost two years under the indenture when they parted and cancelled it. Has done nothing to gain a settlement by renting or rates. About 30 years ago he was married in Hampton [*Meysey Hampton or Minchinhampton?*] church, Glos., to Rosanna his present wife by whom eight children all from him except two, viz. Rachel 14 years and Solomon eight years. [mark]

R.O. William Haynes and wife to Christian Malford.

**334.** 20 July 1791. Susanna Miles, widow of William Miles, now in Bradford, before Edward Mortimer and George Bethell.

27 years old. Born in Wellington, Somt., where her father was legally settled. About three years ago she was married in the Temple parish church, city of Bristol, to William Miles. Her husband told her that his parish was Charcombe (Charlcomb), Somt., by living as a yearly servant there. Almost two months ago he was put into Bath Hospital by a certificate from the parish officers of Charcombe to receive relief for rheumatism.<sup>1</sup> He died about a fortnight after leaving the Hospital. [mark]

R.O. Susanna Miles to Charcombe.

1. The Mineral Water Hospital at Bath built 1738–42.

**335.** 20 July 1791. Job Millard, clothworker, now in Bradford, before Edward H. Mortimer and George Bethell.

27 years old. Born in Nettleton where his father was legally settled. About 11 years ago he apprenticed himself to Stansfield Davis, clothworker, of Corsham, for five years to have board, lodging and clothes. He stayed with Davis in the parish of Corsham for

about four years when they agreed to part, and they went before John Awdry esq., one of H.M.'s justices for Wiltshire, and exchanged indentures with each other. On the same day that he parted with Davis he came into the parish of Bradford and agreed to serve the remainder of his term with Thomas Edwards, clothworker, there, and he was to have 9d. out of every 1s. that he earned but not to be paid when he did not work. He stayed to work for Edwards the remainder of his term but many times abated of his pay through not having worked. About five years ago he was married in Winsley chapel to Rebecca his present wife, by whom three children, Maria four years, Daniel two years and Ann nine weeks. [signature]

R.O. Job Millard, wife and three children to Corsham.

**336.** 17 Sept. 1791. John Poynting, labourer, now in Bradford, before Samuel Cam and John Jones jun.

50 years old. Born in Hornblotton (Hornblowton), Somt., where his father was legally settled. About 24 years ago he rented a messuage and lands of [blank] Newton esq. in the parish of Pilton, Somt., at the yearly rent of £30 and more. He held that estate for about four years and duly paid his rent. About 26 years ago he was married in Pilton church to Mary his present wife by whom no child. [mark]

R.O. John Poynting and wife to Pilton.

**337.** 26 Sept. 1791. Jane Viner, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Bush and John Jones jun.

23 years old. Born in Rodden (Raddon), Somt., where her father was legally settled. Was never hired for a year nor apprenticed. [mark]

R.O. Jane Viner to Rodden.

**338.** 10 Oct. 1791. Ann Gibbons, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Bush and John Jones jun.

38 years old. Born in Bradford where her father is legally settled. About 14 years ago she hired herself to William Fisher, yeoman, of Bathampton (Bath Hampton), Somt., for one year at the wages of £2 10s. a year. She lived with Fisher in Bathampton that year and received her full wages, then stayed with him a year and a half longer.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

R.O. Ann Gibbons to Bathampton.

1. See 170.

**339.** Summons Warrant 21 Oct. 1791 by George Bethell to the constable or tithingman of Limpley Stoke to bring Ann Startup, singlewoman, before him in his house in Bradford on Sat. 22 Oct. at 11.0 a.m.

22 Oct. 1791. Ann Startup, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before George Bethell and Thomas Bush.

26 years old. Born in Bradford where her father was legally settled. Sometime in November 1786 she hired herself to the Hon Baron Dunnisdale, parish of St Michael,

Bath, Somt., for one year at the wages of £5 5s. She lived with him that year and received her year's wages and stayed about three months longer but under no hiring. [signature]

R.O. Ann Startup to parish of St Michael, Bath.

**340.** Summons Warrant 25 Oct. 1791 by Thomas Bush to the constables, tithing-men etc. of Wilts. Elizabeth otherwise Betty Jones, singlewoman, now in Bradford, to appear before him in his house in Bradford on Wed. 26 Oct. at 9.0 a.m. to answer complaint of parish of Bradford that she has come to reside there without being legally settled there or producing a certificate owning her settlement elsewhere.

[Endorsed] Lives with Hester Hibbard.

26 Oct. 1791. Elizabeth Jones, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Bush and John Jones jun.

24 years old. Born in Bradford. Her late father John Jones told her that he was a legal parishioner of Wotton-under-Edge (Woottonunderedge), Glos., and she has been relieved and supported by that parish. Was never apprenticed nor hired for a year. [mark]

R.O. Elizabeth Jones to Wotton-under-Edge.

**341.** 8 Feb. 1792. Adam Taylor, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Phipps and George Bethell.

25 years old. Born in the chapelry of St James, parish of Bishops Cannings, where his father was legally settled. About nine years ago he hired himself as a yearly servant to Mr William Halcomb, innkeeper, parish of St John the Baptist, borough of Devizes, at the wages of £5 a year. He duly served Halcomb there for the whole year and received his wages and stayed in that service for almost four years afterwards. On Monday last he was married to Sarah his present wife in Bradford parish church. [mark]

R.O. Adam Taylor and wife to parish of St John the Baptist, Devizes.

**342.** 29 Feb. 1792. Mary Tinson, widow, now in Bradford, before George Bethell and Thomas Bush.

50 years old. Born in parish of Bradford where her father was legally settled. About eight years ago she was married in the parish church or chapel of Atworth (Atford), parish of Bradford, to her late husband, by whom no child. He was a legal parishioner of Corsham and she has several times received relief from the parish officers there and her husband was buried at the expense of that parish. Has not since her husband's death done any act to gain a settlement. [mark]

R.O. Mary Tinson to Corsham.

**343.** 28 March 1792. Ann Farley, widow, now in Bradford, before George Bethell and John Jones jun.

32 years old. Born in Bradford where her father was legally settled. About two years ago she was married in Heytesbury parish church to James Farley her late husband, by whom two children, Daniel two years and one male child three weeks old not baptized. Her husband informed her several times that he was born in the parish of Heytesbury where his father was legally settled. Her husband had done nothing to gain a settlement. He died about two months ago. [mark]

R.O. Ann Farley and two children to Heytesbury.

**344.** 7 June 1792. Mary Arlett, now in Bradford, about the settlement of Henry Arlett, her husband gone from her. Before George Bethell and Thomas Bush.

39 years old. Born in the parish of Market Lavington, where her late father John Pinchin was legally settled. About 18 years ago she was married in Broughton Gifford church to Henry Arlett, by whom six children, Thomas 17 years, Ann 15, Eleanor 14, Sarah 11, James nine and Samuel four years. Her husband has informed her several times that he is a legal parishioner of Box, where, when he was ill, he received relief for the support of himself, wife and family. About a year and a half ago he left her and the family in the parish of Bradford, and during all that time she has consistently received relief for the support of herself and her family from the parish of Box, but it is not by any means sufficient for that purpose.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

R.O. Mary Arlett and six children to Box.

1. See 178 Henry Arlett her husband.

**345.** 29 Aug. 1792. Ann Long, widow, now in Bradford, before George Bethell and John Jones jun.

25 years old. Born in North Bradley where her father was legally settled. About nine years ago she was married in North Bradley church to James Long her late husband, by whom five children now living, James seven years, Daniel four, Jacob two and a half and Joseph and Mary nine weeks. Her husband told her several times that he was a legal parishioner of North Bradley by living as a yearly servant with Joseph Rebbeck, baker, of North Bradley, with whom he lived several years. [mark]

R.O. Ann Long and five children to North Bradley.

**346.** 3 Sept. 1792. William Mais, now in Bradford, before George Bethell and John Jones jun.

42 years old. Born in the parish of St James, city of Bristol, where his father was legally settled. Was never hired for a year, or apprenticed nor did any act to gain a settlement. [signature]

**347.** 5 Oct. 1792. Elizabeth Butler, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Bush and John Jones jun.

22 years old. Born in Colterne (Cullerne), where her father Robert Butler was and is legally settled. About Christmas 1786 she went and lived with Mrs Reynolds of South Parade, parish of St James, city of Bath, Somt., and after being there a month if she



liked her place she was to bargain with her but for no particular time, but she never bargained with her for any time. After she had lived with her a quarter of a year her mistress paid her £1 5s. at the rate of £5 a year, after another quarter at £7 a year, and after the third quarter at £8 a year. She stayed with her mistress three quarters of a year and a few weeks longer and received wages at the end of each quarter after the rate of £8 a year. Notwithstanding she continued in the service of Mrs Reynolds for 18 months and some few weeks, yet she never made any agreement with her for any time or term and she always understood that she had a right to leave her service at any time and her mistress had a right to turn her away when ever she pleased. No settlement. [signature]

R.O. Elizabeth Butler to parish of St James, Bath.

**348.** Summons Warrant 27 March 1793 by Thomas Bush to the constables, tithingmen and other officers of Wilts. Gabriel Day, labourer, now in Bradford to appear before him in his home in Bradford on Thursday 28 March at 11.0 a.m. to answer the complaint of the parish of Bradford about his coming to inhabit there, not having any legal settlement nor having produced any certificate owning him to be settled elsewhere.

3 April 1793. Gabriel Day, tile digger, now in Bradford, before John Jones jun. and Thomas Bush.

40 years old. Born in Corsham where his father was legally settled. About 15 years ago he hired himself to Farmer Broom of that parish for one year at the wages of £3. He lived with Broom the whole year and received his wages. About 10 years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Elizabeth his present wife, by whom four children, Edward nine years, Sarah eight, Christian five and Betty two. [mark]

**349.** 5 June 1793. Thomas Aisher, labourer, now in Bradford, before George Bethell and Thomas Bush.

36 years old. Born in Market Lavington where his father is a legal parishioner. About 13 years ago he was married in Trowbridge church to Mary his present wife, by whom four children, Ann 12 years, William 10, Thomas seven and Rose three. Was never apprenticed, lived [in?] for a year nor did any act to gain a settlement. About five years ago he was relieved by the parish of Market Lavington. [signature]

R.O. Mary Aisher and four children to Market Lavington.

**350.** 11 June 1793. Joseph Lamb, labourer, now in Bradford, before George Bethell and John Jones jun.

29 years old. Born in Westwood where his father was legally settled. About two years ago he was married in Winsley chapel to Elizabeth his wife, by whom one child, Ann three years. Has gained no settlement. [mark]

R.O. Joseph Lamb, wife and child to Westwood.

**351.** 14 June 1793. William Hill, cordwainer, now in Bradford, before George Bethell and Thomas Bush.

26 years old. Born in Westbury where his late father John Hill was legally settled. When about eight years old he was apprenticed to George Gibbs, cordwainer, of Westbury until he was 24 years old. He served his master almost eight years when they parted by consent. Has not since done any act to gain a settlement. About ten years ago he was married in Westbury church to Martha his present wife, by whom no child. [mark]

**352.** Summons Warrant 6 July 1793 by Thomas Bush to constables etc. of Wilts. Daniel Jotham, clothworker, and Ann Packer, singlewoman, both now in Bradford, to appear at his house there this day to examine them on their legal place of settlement.

8 July 1793. Daniel Jotham, clothworker, now in Bradford, before George Bethell and Thomas Bush.

45 years old. Born in Bradford. His late father was a parishioner of Tortworth, Glos. When about 14 years old he was apprenticed by his father to John and Charles Dyer, clothiers, of Wotton-under-Edge (Woottonunderedge), Glos., for seven years and duly served them the whole seven years in that parish. About four months ago he married Ann his present wife in St James's church, city of Bath, Somt. About 18 years ago he was drawn by ballot for the parish of Uley to serve in the Gloucestershire Militia<sup>1</sup> and actually served in that militia for three years, the time required by law.<sup>2</sup> [signature]

1. Compare 306 f.n.

2. See 222.

**353.** Summons Warrant 6 July 1793 by Thomas Bush to constables etc. of Wilts. Elizabeth Silverthorne, singlewoman, now at Atworth (Atford), parish of Bradford, to appear at his house in Bradford at 11.0 a.m. on Sat. 27 July to be examined about her last legal settlement.

27 July 1793. Elizabeth Silverthorne, widow of John Silverthorne, now in Bradford, before George Bethell and Thomas Bush.

31 years old. Born in Melksham where her parents were legally settled. About eight years ago she was married in Melksham parish church to John Silverthorne, her late husband, by whom four children, William seven years, Hester six, Joanna four and Richard three. Her late husband was when he died a legal parishioner of Melksham, and ever since then she has received relief from the overseers of the poor there for the support of herself and family. [mark]

R.O. Elizabeth Silverthorne and four children to Melksham.

**354.** 20 Aug. 1793. Rebecca Mead, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before George Bethell and Thomas Bush.

21 years old. Born in Lavington, where her late father William Mead was legally settled. When about 17 years old she hired herself to Farmer William Hor, yeoman, of

Marston, parish of Potterne, for one year at the wages of £1 10s. She lived with Hor in Marston and received her full wages and stayed two years longer for the same wages. Three days after Lady Day<sup>1</sup> 1792 she came to live with Farmer John Woods, yeoman, of Great Trowle (Great Troll), parish of Bradford, and stayed with him one year. She never made any agreement with him for any time or any wages. During the first two months she was inoculated and had the smallpox,<sup>2</sup> and during that period John Woods found her in board and lodging. The last ten months the housekeeper belonging to John Woods (being this examinant's aunt) bought her clothes from time to time as she had occasion for it, but the value of such clothes she cannot tell and during the whole year she did not receive any money from John Woods or his housekeeper. After leaving Woods she hired herself to Farmer Bethell of Lady Down Farm, parish of Bradford, for one year at the wages of £4 10s., but she stayed there [*only*] for about 10 weeks when she left her service, being with child. [*mark*]

R.O. Rebecca Mead to tithing of Marston, parish of Potterne.

1. 25 March.

2. Dr R.S. Porter of the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine tells me that smallpox inoculation was quite common across many parts of England at this time. When vaccination was introduced in 1796 some areas took it up but others still followed inoculation.

**355.** 30 Oct. 1793. Elizabeth Elms, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before George Bethell and Thomas Bush.

24 years old. Born in Melksham, where her father Ralph Elms is legally settled. When she was about 13 years old her father apprenticed her to Martha Cox, wife of William Cox of Melksham for four years. She stayed with Martha Cox from then until she died about two years later. Has done nothing to gain a settlement. [*mark*]

R.O. Elizabeth Elms to Melksham.

**356.** 4 Dec. 1793. John Seer, weaver, now in Bradford, before George Bethell and Thomas Bush.

38 years old. Born in Hinton Charterhouse (Charterhouse Hinton), Somt., where his father was legally settled. When about eight years old he was apprenticed by the parish officers there to Richard Freeman, weaver, of Freshford, Somt., until he was 24 years old. He stayed with Freeman about one year when they parted with consent and was then apprenticed by the parish officers of Freshford to George Kittlety alias Kitley, weaver, then living in the parish of Bradford, until he was 24 years old. Stayed with Kittlety about nine years then he, this examinant, enlisted into the King's service. Has been told that John Kittlety alias Kitley (the father of George Kittlety his master) was, with his wife and family, certificated from the parish of Monkton Farleigh (Monkton Farley) to the parish of Bradford. About eight years ago was married in Bradford parish church to Ann his present wife, by whom three children, William five years, Elizabeth three, and John one year. [*mark*]

R.O. John Seer, wife and three children to Freshford.

**357.** 29 Jan. 1794. James Ford, private soldier, Plymouth division, now quartered at Bradford, before Thomas Bush.

21 years old. Born in Bathford, Somt., where his father was legally settled. When 12 years old he was apprenticed by that parish to George Stantial, broadweaver, of Broughton Gifford until he was 21 years old. Stayed with Stantial for six and a half years, when his master removed to Whitley, parish of Melksham. He went with him and stayed there for about two and a half years. Then ran away from him and worked as a journeyman in the parish of North Bradley for about 10 weeks when his master came and fetched him home. He returned with him to Whitley and stayed for six months, when they parted with consent and the indenture between them was cancelled. About 23 weeks ago was married in Bradford parish church to Hannah Tucker his present wife. [mark]

R.O.<sup>1</sup> 5 Feb. 1794 by Thomas Bush and John Jones jun. Hannah Ford, wife of James Ford, soldier, to Melksham.

1. WRO 77/37.

**358.** 31 Jan. 1794. Samuel Linzey, weaver, now in Bradford, before John Jones jun. and Thomas Bush.

40 years old. Born in Hilperton. His late father was a legal parishioner of Trowbridge. When about 12 years old he was apprenticed by the parish of Trowbridge to Harry Dew, weaver, of Hilperton until he was 24 years old and stayed with him in Hilperton for about two years when his master apprenticed him to Peter Morris, weaver, of Bradford for five years. Went to live with Morris and stayed with him about 20 weeks, but no indenture or agreement in writing was made between them. Then he returned to his master Harry Dew in the parish of Hilperton and stayed with him for about 12 months, when they parted by consent. He then apprenticed himself to William Culverhouse, baker, of Hilperton for five years and stayed with him for two years, when they parted with consent. About 23 years ago was married in Hilperton church to Mary his present wife by whom five children, Ann 12 years, Sarah nine, James eight, Rebecca four and John three. [mark]

R.O. Samuel Linzey, wife and five children to Hilperton.

**359.** 4 April 1794. John Carteret, labourer, now in Bradford, before George Bethell and John Jones jun.

38 years old. Born in Canada in North America. His late father was born in the kingdom of England but in what particular county he cannot say. Was never apprenticed or hired for a year nor did any act to gain a settlement. About 10 years ago he was married in the English chapel, city of Aberdeen, Scotland,<sup>1</sup> to Ann his late wife deceased, by whom three children, Ann seven years, John five and Harriot [Harriet?] three. He is an outpensioner of Chelsea Hospital.<sup>2</sup> [signature]

1. The chapel of King's College, Aberdeen, which was built 1500–5 (F.C. Eeles, *King's College Chapel, Aberdeen* (Edinburgh, 1956), v).

2. See 248, fn.2.

**360.** 16 Feb. 1795. Sarah Francis, now in Bradford, before Thomas Bush and John Jones jun.

30 years old. Born in Freshford, Somt., where her father was legally settled. About five years ago she was married in Freshford church to Samuel Francis her present husband, by whom three children, Sarah four years, David two years and John five months. Samuel Francis her father-in-law was a legal parishioner of Hinton Charterhouse (Charter House Hinton), Somt. Her husband told her several times that he agreed to serve Mr George Hart, clothier, of Freshford for five years and received from him 1s. as earnest. What he was to receive per week for the first four years she cannot tell, but for the last year he received 6s. a week further. There was no indenture nor any writing whatever between her husband and George Hart, but he said that he served the five years with Hart for during that time he was not at liberty to serve any other person. About a week ago her husband enlisted into H.M.'s 28th regiment of foot<sup>1</sup> which she believes is gone to Chatham, Kent. [*mark*]

R.O. Sarah Francis, wife of Samuel Francis (gone from her) and three children to Freshford.

1. The North Gloucestershire Regiment (Barnes, 321).

**361.** 13 May 1795. Ann Smith, wife of Joseph Smith (gone from her) now in Bradford before Philip James Gibbs and Thomas Bush.

26 years old. Born in Melksham where her parents were legally settled. About five years ago she was married in Bradford parish church to Joseph Smith, by whom one child now living, John four years old. Has now living with her Thomas Smith, a child by his former wife, now six years. Has heard Joseph Smith say he was born in the parish of Melksham where his parents were legally settled. He frequently told her that when he was a boy he lived with a Mr Ledyard, clothier, of North Bradley for about two years, but whether he received any wages or lodged in the house or what contract he made she knows not, but his master gave him victuals and clothes. Does not know, nor has she heard him say, that he has done any act to gain a settlement elsewhere. [*mark*]

R.O. Ann Smith, wife of Joseph Smith now a soldier in H.M.'s service, John their child and Thomas, son of Joseph Smith by a former wife, to North Bradley.

**362.** 31 Aug. 1795. George Buckley, soldier, of the 61st regiment of foot,<sup>1</sup> now in Bradford, before Thomas Bush and John Jones.

24 years old. Born in Melksham where his father John Buckley was a legal parishioner by being born there and having received relief for himself and his family from the overseers of the poor there. On Easter Sunday last was lawfully married to Margaret his present wife in the kingdom of Ireland. About five years ago he enlisted into the 61st regiment of foot. [*mark*]

1. See 223 f.n.1.

**363.** 31 Aug. 1795. Betty Carrier, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Thomas Bush and John Jones.

20 years old. Born in Bradford. When about 14 years old she hired herself to Ann Jones, burler, of Bradford for one year, but she stayed with her only three-quarters of a year when they parted by consent. Was never afterwards hired for a year or apprenticed, nor did any act to gain settlement. Her father Henry Carrier is a legal parishioner of Beckington, Somt., by being born in and having received relief from the overseers of the poor there.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

R.O. Betty Carrier to Beckington.

1. See 212.

**364.** 31 Aug. 1795. Stephen Pouncel, otherwise Pound, now in Bradford, before Thomas Bush and John Jones jun.

44 years old. Born in Bradford. Was never apprenticed, hired for a year nor did any act to gain a settlement. His late father Stephen Pouncel<sup>1</sup> otherwise Pound was a legal parishioner of Bisley, Glos., by being apprenticed there. Has been told that when he was about a quarter of a year old his father, with his wife and family, was removed by order from the parish of Bradford to that of Bisley. About 15 years ago was married in Bradford parish church to Elizabeth his present wife by whom two children, John seven years and William half a year. [*mark*]

R.O. Stephen Pouncel otherwise Pound, wife and two children to Bisley.

1. Although his age is said to be 20 weeks in 1758 and 44 years in 1795, this would seem to be the Stephen Pouncel (Pounsel), son of Stephen and Mary Pound (alias Pounsell) who were removed to Bisley in 1758. He himself had already been removed there in 1781. (19, 506, 519)

**365.** 15 Sept. 1795. James Smith, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Bush and John Jones jun.

29 years old. Born in Hinton Charterhouse (Charterhouse Hinton), Somt., where his father was legally settled. Almost nine years ago was married in Bradford parish church to Mary his present wife, by whom five children, Ann nine years, William eight, Sarah six, Edward four years and Elizabeth nine months. Was never apprenticed, hired for a year nor did any act to gain a settlement. [*mark*]

R.O. James Smith, wife and five children to Hinton Charterhouse.

**366.** 24 Aug. 1796. Catherine Chivers, singlewoman, now in Bradford, before Philip James Gibbs and John Jones jun.

19 years old. Born in Temple Street, city of Bristol. Her parents' legal place of settlement is the parish of St James, city of Bristol, by renting a house of £12 a year and paying taxes for it. No settlement. Is now big with child or children likely to be born a bastard or bastards. [*mark*]

R.O. Catherine Chivers to parish of St James, Bristol.

**367.** 14 Jan. 1797. Mary Robins, alias Rabbett, spinster, now in Bradford, before John Jones jun. and Thomas Bush.

16 years old. Born in Bradford. About six years ago she was apprenticed by the parish officers of Bradford to Stephen Rich, clothworker, of Freshford, Somt., until she was 21 years old. She stayed with Rich under the indenture in the parish of Freshford about four years. Has received relief from the overseers of Bradford. [*mark*]

**368.** 14 Feb. 1797. Thomas Mizen, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Bush and John Jones jun.

32 years old. Born in Bradford, where his father was and is legally settled. About 17 years ago he hired himself to Farmer John Alexander of the parish of Swainswick, Somt., for one year at the wages of £2 10s. Stayed with Alexander that year and two years longer and received his wages. About nine years ago he hired himself to Farmer Thomas Spencer of Little Chalfield for 11 months at the wages of £8 and stayed with him the 11 months and received his wages according to his contract and then left him. [*mark*]

R.O. Thomas Mizen to Swainswick.

**369.** 13 April 1797. John Gibbs, now in Bradford, before Thomas Bush and John Jones jun.

70 years old. Born in Wellow, Somt., where his father was legally settled. Never did any act to gain a settlement by apprenticeship, servitude or otherwise. Has been relieved by the parish of Wellow. About six years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Sarah his present wife, by whom no issue. They are now chargeable to the parish of Bradford.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

R.O. John Gibbs and wife to Wellow.

1. See 286.

**370.** 21 April 1797. Alice Erwood, wife of James Erwood, private soldier 48th regiment of foot,<sup>1</sup> now in Bradford, before John Jones jun. and H. Bayntun.

22 years old. Born in Bradford. About four years ago was married in Bradford parish church to James Erwood her husband, by whom two children now living, Martha three years and Joseph one and a quarter. Her husband frequently told her that his place of settlement is in St John's parish, Devizes, where about one year and a half ago he took her and one child and received relief. [*mark*]

R.O. Alice Erwood and two children to parish of St John, Devizes.

1. The Northamptonshire Regiment (Barnes, 322).

**371.** 1 June 1797. Richard Ashworth, weaver, now in Bradford, before Thomas Bush and John Jones.

36 years old. Born in the parish of Spotland,<sup>1</sup> Duchy of Lancaster. At 16 years old he was apprenticed to John Clegg of Rochdale in the duchy for five years. He regularly served his apprenticeship and lived there almost 18 months afterwards. About four

years ago he was married in Bradford church to Jane his present wife, by whom one daughter, Mary 13 months old. [*mark*]

R.O. Richard Ashworth, wife and daughter to Rochdale.

1. A chapelry in the parish of Rochdale (Lewis, *Topographical Dictionary* (1840), IV, 148).

**372.** 16 Jan. 1798. George Roach (now serving as a private soldier, Gloucestershire regiment of militia, as a substitute for John Barrell), before Thomas Bush and John Jones jun.

27 years old. Born in Westerleigh, Glos. Has often heard his father say that he was a parishioner of Cricklade, he having served the latter part of the term of his apprenticeship there and being certificated from that parish to that of Westerleigh. After his father's decease his mother and her family were relieved by the parish of Cricklade although then living at Westerleigh. While living at Westerleigh he was apprenticed to John Reddy, farmer, there for seven years. He served Reddy for six years, then left his master without his consent and continued to live in the parish of Westerleigh for about three years. About three years ago was married at Bradford to Ann his late wife, by whom one child, Ann, one year and three months. [*mark*]

**373.** 31 Jan. 1798. James Fussell, clothworker, now in Bradford, before Thomas Bush and H. Bayntun.

63 years old. Born in Westbury. When about 15 years old he hired himself to Henry Butcher, clothworker, of Trowbridge for five years at 4s. weekly the first year, 4s. 6d. the second, 5s. the third and 6s. each the fourth and fifth years and 1d. for over hours work. He stayed with Butcher for three years and received his wages, then, his master failing in trade, he went and worked as a journeyman in the parish of Bradford. About 40 years ago was married in the parish of Norton St Philip (Norton St Phillips), Somt., to Jane his present wife. [*mark*]

R.O. James Fussell and wife to Trowbridge.

**374.** 2 May 1798. John Grant, spinner, now in Bradford, before Thomas Bush and John Jones jun.

32 years old. Born in Chitterne where his father was legally settled. Some years ago he hired himself as a servant to Farmer Ingram, yeoman, of Teffont [*Teffont Evias or Teffont Magna*] and remained in his service from about Whitsuntide until the next Michaelmas and then hired himself as a servant to Ingram for one year at the wages of £2 and his provisions and lodgings. Served him in the parish of Teffont that year and received his full wages. Several years after he left Farmer Ingram he hired himself as a servant in husbandry to Mr Harry Biggs, yeoman, of Stockton for one year at £4 wages. He served Biggs in the parish of Stockton that year and received the £4 wages, except 1s. which Harry Biggs deducted because he had absented himself for one day when Biggs hired a servant in his stead, but he was not absent for more than one day and returned to and slept in his master's house the same night. About seven years ago he was married in Rode (Road) church, Somt., to Martha his late wife by whom one child, Elizabeth six years. About a year ago he was married in Freshford church to Letitia his present wife by whom no child. [*mark*]



**375.** 26 May 1798. William Ennick, labourer, now living in Bradford, before Thomas Bush and John Jones jun.

58 years old. Born in Bridgwater (Bridgewater), Somt. His father's place of legal settlement was in the town and county of Camarthen. About 13 years ago he rented a house in the parish of St James, city of Bath, belonging to Mr Palmer, innholder, at the yearly rent of £15. He leased the house for 10 years, resided in it and duly paid his rent. About 30 years ago he was married at Wells to Phillis his first wife deceased by whom three children, John 18 years, Mary 15 and William 10. About two years ago he was married in Bradford parish church to Pheobe his last wife also deceased, by whom one child, a daughter, not yet baptised, almost 12. [mark]

R.O. 28 May 1798. Mary, William and a daughter not yet baptised, three of the children of William Ennick, to parish of St James, Bath.

**376.** 18 Nov. 1798. William Keevil, clothworker, now in Bradford, before John Jones jun. and Thomas Bush.

41 years old. Born in Lifton, Devon, where his father then lived. His father was a parishioner of Beckington, Somt., and was many times relieved by the parish officers there, who also contributed to the expenses of his funeral. About 25 years ago he (with his father's consent) apprenticed himself to William Wheeler, clothworker, of Beckington for five years, he finding himself in all necessaries and his master allowing him a weekly sum for them. Served his master at Beckington for about four years and one month and then absented himself and enlisted in the Portsmouth division of marines. About 14 years ago he was discharged from the marines and worked for William Crabb, clothworker, of Beckington for about nine weeks. Then left Crabb and worked for Thomas Edwards, clothworker, of Bradford for the remainder of the apprenticeship term at the wages of 9d. out of every 1s. he earned for Edwards. He served Thomas Edwards at Bradford but returned to Beckington to his wife and family every Saturday and remained there until the next Sunday evening or Monday morning. While he served Edwards he received no wages without first earning them and if he did not work he was not paid. Such wages as he received were for his own use and no part of them went to William Wheeler his former master. About 22 years ago was married in Lifton church to Dorothy his present wife by whom five children, James 21 years, John nine [19?], Elizabeth 12, Mary nine and Robert four years. [mark]

**377.** 30 Nov. 1798. Job Francis, labourer, now in Bradford, before Thomas Bush and John Jones jun.

60 years old. Born in Wellow, Somt. His father was a legal parishioner of Hemington, Somt. About 20 years ago he rented a messuage and premises in the parish of Lyncombe and Widcombe, Somt., of a Mr Edwards at the rent of £14 14s. a year. He lived in the premises one year and a half and paid the rent. About nine years ago he was married in Limpley Stoke church, parish of Bradford, to Susannah his present wife, by whom four children, Sarah six years, Ann five and George three and Jemima six months. Being infirm and in want he has received relief from the overseer of the poor of Bradford. [mark]

R.O. Job Francis, wife and four children to Lyncombe and Widcombe.

## B. Examinations outside Wiltshire but related to Bradford-on-Avon 1734–93

i) (WRO 77/29)

**378.** Somt. 6 Sept. 1734. John Gay, clothworker, now in Freshford, Somt., before [Thomas?] Methuen.

24 years ago he was born at Midford, parish of South Stoke (Southstock), Somt. When 12 years old he was apprenticed for seven years to John Fisher, broadweaver, of Freshford and served seven years there. Then he did journeywork in several places about three or four years. Then agreed with John Butler, clothworker, of Stoke (Limpley Stoke), parish of Bradford, to serve him two years and a quarter for the wages of 3s. a week for the first quarter, 3s. 6d. a week the next year and 4s. a week for the last year under a bond with a penalty. Served John Butler until his death almost a quarter of a year [ago?] and afterwards served the remainder of the term with his son Richard Butler and received the agreed full wages. During all the two years and a quarter he boarded and lodged at his father's house in Stoke. [signature]

**379.** Borough of Doncaster, West Riding, Yorks. 25 Oct. 1745. Catherine, wife of Thomas Nowles, soldier, before Henry Abbey, mayor.

Her husband was born at Trowle Common, parish of Bradford, and served an apprenticeship to a clothweaver there and then enlisted as a soldier in Col Cholmondeley's regiment of foot.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

R.O. 25 Oct. 1745. Catherine Nowles and Thomas, William and Josias her three children, apprehended in Doncaster wandering as rogues and vagabonds, to Bradford.

1. Col George E. Cholmondeley or Col Hon James Cholmondeley? *List of the General and Field Officers in the Army, 1758, 2 and 1761, 3.* See 66, f.n.

**380.** City of Bristol. 1 March 1745/6. Cray Battchellor apprehended wandering and begging in the parish of St Augustine, Bristol, before Nath[aniel] Day.<sup>1</sup>

His legal settlement is the parish and town of Bradford, where he was born and bred and his father was a parishioner before him. No subsequent settlement. [signature]

R.O. 3 March 1745/6. Cray Batchalor [sic] from St Augustine's, Bristol to Bradford.

1. WRO 77/36.

**381.** Ches. 2 July 1746. Richard Meine, late a marine in H.M.'s service, before James Croxton.

Born in the parish of Bradford where his settlement is. [mark]

R.O. Richard Meine from the township of Broughton (Boughton), Ches., where he was wandering and begging, to Bradford.

**382.** City of Bristol. 4 March 1746/7. Mary Purnell, widow of Joseph Purnell, tailor, before W[illia]m Barnes.

Her last place of legal settlement was in the parish and town of Trowbridge, where her deceased husband Joseph Purnell served his apprenticeship with Edward Cheivers, tailor [several illegible words]. She was asking alms in the parish of Temple otherwise Holy Cross in this city. [mark]

[Endorsed] Mary Purnell crd [carried] from Bristol.

**383.** Borough of Shaftesbury (Shaston), Dorset. 10 Dec. 1751. Martha Brownjohn, widow, before John Lampard.

40 years old. Born in Tidbury [Tetbury?], Glos., where she was lawfully married to her late husband John Brownjohn (who died about last Candlemas)<sup>1</sup> by whom one daughter, Maria, now with her. He often told her that his last legal settlement was in Bradford where he was born. She has no other settlement. [mark]

R.O. 25 Dec. 1751 by John Lampard. Martha Brownjohn and daughter from Shaftesbury to Bradford.

1. 2 Feb.

**384.** City of Exeter. 31 Oct. [1755?]. Jane Penny, apprehended wandering and begging in the precinct of Bedford,<sup>1</sup> city of Exeter, together with William and John her children, before Richard Densham, mayor.

Born in Scotland. On 7 August 1747 she married William Penny, her present husband, then a soldier in H.M.'s regiment of foot then commanded by General Barrell,<sup>2</sup> now by Major General Duroure,<sup>3</sup> at Canongate, Scotland. Has two children by her husband, William eight years and John seven months. Her husband has told her that he was born at Hatchbury [Heytesbury?] and that he was apprenticed to an uncle of his in the parish of Bradford for seven years and served some years of the apprenticeship, she forgets how many years but believes it was two or three. Then he ran away and left his master's service and soon after enlisted into the regiment. She has begged charity in the precinct of Bedford in Exeter. [mark]

[Endorsed] Delivered the within paupers 20 Nov. [1755?].

1. One of the three extra-parochial precincts in the city of Exeter, the other two being the Cathedral Close and Bradninch (Lewis, *Topographical Dictionary* (1840), II, 180).

2. Lt Gen William Barrell was so commissioned in 1734, *List of H.M. Forces on the British Establishment 1740*, 18.

3. Alexander Duroure was commissioned colonel in 1751 and major-general in 1758, *List of General and Field Officers in the Army 1785*, 2.

**385.** Berwick-upon-Tweed. 5 Jan. 1756. Jane, wife of James Bailie, soldier, in Col Leighton's regiment of foot,<sup>1</sup> before William Balderston, mayor.

Her husband's last legal settlement is in the town of Bradford, where he served an apprenticeship of seven years to John Baillie [sic] and he has no legal settlement elsewhere. The child with her is his by her.<sup>2</sup> [mark]

R.O. Jane Baillie and child from Berwick-on-Tweed to Bradford.

1. Francis Leighton was commissioned colonel in 1747 and major-general in 1757, *List of the General and Field Officers in the Army 1758*, 2.

2. See 387.

**386.** Somt. 1 March 1758. Henry Gibbs, broadweaver, now in Frome (Frome Selwood), Somt., before William Jones and Thomas Coward the younger.

42 years old. Born in Warminster, where he lived until he was eight years old. Was then apprenticed by the parish officers there to John Self, broadweaver, of Bradford, with whom he lived nearly four years. Self, failing in trade, assigned him to Jeremiah Cooper, broadweaver, of Bradford for the remainder of the apprenticeship. Lived with and served Cooper as his apprentice for about seven years, then eloped to Horningsham, where he worked as a journeyman broadweaver at the wages of 3d. out of every 1s. for about 12 months. Then he returned to Warminster where an agreement was made by his brother with Thomas Webb, clothworker, for him to serve Webb for three years at the wages of 2s. 6d. a week for the first year, 3s. 6d. the second and 5s. the third year. Served Webb in Warminster for about half a year then returned to Horningsham and worked there as a journeyman broadweaver for about a year and a half more at the wages of 4d. out of 1s. Then he went to Frome and agreed to serve Simeon Ayres, broadweaver, there for a year at the wages of £3 and meat, drink, washing and lodging. Lived with and served Ayres in Frome from within two or three days of the feast of St James<sup>1</sup> until a fortnight or three weeks after Christmas. Then Simeon Ayres and he consenting that the said agreement should be void, he worked as a journeyman broadweaver for Ayres at the wages of 3½d. out of 1s. until the next Lady Day.<sup>2</sup> He continued to work as a journeyman broadweaver for Simeon Ayres and other persons in Frome until about three weeks ago, except about two years during which he kept a loom and was a master broadweaver. Has a wife, Mary, living and two children, Mary three years and more and Sarah one year and three quarters. [mark]

1. 25 July

2. 25 March.

**387.** Berwick-upon-Tweed. 20 Oct. 1759. Jane, wife of James Baillie, late a soldier in General Leighton's regiment now drafted in Germany,<sup>1</sup> before Henry Hodgson, mayor.

Her husband's last legal settlement was in the town of Bradford, where he was born. He has no entitlement elsewhere. She is now going to Bradford with their children, a son and a daughter. [mark]

R.O. Jane Baillie and two children from Berwick-on-Tweed to Bradford.

1. See 385 and f.n.

**388.** Somt. 23 Jan. 1764. Henry Shrapnell, cooper, now in Midsomer Norton (Midsummer Norton), before I.H. Coxe and Ja[me]s Tasker.

Born in the parish of Bradford and has lived there and many other places. [signature]

**389.** Glos. 21 March 1765. Richard Witt, broadweaver, 54 years old, before N. Tooker.

Believes that his last legal settlement was and now is in the parish of Holt (Hoult), Bradford, where he served an apprenticeship of ten years. Then he hired himself as a covenant servant for a year to William Bailey deceased, yeoman, late of that parish and lived there and served him five years. About 23 years ago he was married in Bitton church, Glos., to Grace his former wife, by whom one child now living, Sarah 20 years old, and 14 years ago he was married in the church of St Philip and Jacob, city and county of Bristol, to Hester his present wife, by whom three children now living, Betty 13 years old, James nine and John four. None of his four children has any legal settlement.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

1. See 400.

**390.** Berks. 7 Nov. 1765. Anne Bull, 'a rogue and vagabond', before Ralph Congreve.

Wife of Serg[eant?] [damaged] Bull late a soldier in the regiment of foot then or formerly belonging to General Shelton. He is now a travelling razor and knife grinder about the country but is legally settled in Bradford, where he was born and apprenticed four years, and about seven years ago she was maintained by that parish in the workhouse with William Bull, one of her children now apprehended with her. He has done no act to gain a settlement at Bradford where his father is settled.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

R.O. 27 Nov. 1765 by Ralph Congreve. Anne Bull, wife of Stephen Bull, apprehended in the parish of Aldermaston, Berks., with three of her children, William 13 years, Catherine five and Elizabeth nearly three, wandering and begging and living in a stable, to Bradford.

1. See 154.

**391.** Somt. 10 Jan. 1767. John Short, rogue and vagabond, apprehended in the parish of Rode (Road), Somt., by William Gawson, tithingman. Before Henry Harris, clerk.

14 years old. Born in Bradford. When about nine years old he was apprenticed to John Tuck, broadweaver, of Bradford and served him about four years. Then on account of ill usage received from his said master he was discharged from him by order of two JPs. Was apprehended begging in Rode today. [mark]

R.O. John Short from Rode to Bradford.

**392.** Westminster. 21 Sept. 1767. Joseph Cato, rogue and vagabond, apprehended by John Henderson, beadle of the parish of St Martin in the Fields, liberty of Westminster, Middx. Before Pet[er] Planck.

He believes he is 14 years old and was born in Bradford. [mark]

R.O. Joseph Cato, apprehended lodging in the open air. Westminster to Bradford.

**393.** City and County of Bristol. 1 Oct. 1767. Caleb Guy, labourer, apprehended in the parish of St Stephen, Bristol, wandering and begging there with Hester his wife. Before Morgan Smith.

His last legal place of settlement was and now is in Bradford. He gained it in right of his father John Guy, weaver, deceased. [*mark*]

R.O. Caleb Guy and wife from Bristol to Bradford.

**394.** Surrey. 15 Oct. 1767. Jane, wife of James Osborne, rogue and vagabond, before Philip Carteret Webb.

James Osborne's settlement is in the parish of Bradford, as she heard when her husband was examined. [*mark*]

R.O. 16 Oct. 1767. Jane Osborne, vagabond, from Godalming, Surrey (Surry), to Bradford.

**395.** Borough of Doncaster, West Riding, Yorks. 30 Nov. 1767. Robert Payne, rogue and vagabond, apprehended by William Poynter. Before Geo[*rge*] Jarratt, mayor. Served an apprenticeship of seven years to William Bathing in the parish of Bradford. [*mark*]

R.O. Robert Payne and wife from Doncaster to Bradford.

**396.** City of Bath, Somt. 4 Feb. 1768. Elizabeth Gay, spinster, apprehended in Bath by Charles Milsom, night constable there.

Believes she was born in the parish of Bradford and that it was her father's settlement; has none for herself. [*mark*]

R.O. Elizabeth Gay apprehended last Saturday, 30 Jan. wandering abroad and not giving a good account of herself. From Bath to Bradford.

ii) (*WRO 77/30*)

**397.** City of Bath, Somt. 5 Feb. 1771. Ann Jones, spinster, a rogue and vagabond, apprehended by Thomas Peters, one of the night watchmen of Bath, before John Chapman, mayor, and Hen[*ry*] Wright.

Born at Winsley, parish of Bradford, which was her father's settlement. She was never apprenticed, nor did any other act to gain a settlement. [*mark*]

R.O. Ann Jones, last Friday night apprehended in the said city strolling about the streets at late and unreasonable hours, to Bradford.

[*Endorsed*] Received at above 5 Feb. 1771. W[*illia*]m Bennett.

**398.** Somt. 4 April 1771. John Helliar, alias Hodd, apprehended by William Grist in the parish of Nunney, Somt., before H[*enry*] Harris.

15 years old. Born in Nunney. When about eight years old he was apprenticed to William Files, broadweaver, parish of Bradford, until he was 24 years old. Served Files about six years then ran away from him and has not since returned. [mark]

R.O. John Heliar (alias Hodd) from Nunney to Bradford.

**399.** City and County of Bristol. 22 April 1772. Mary Willis, singlewoman, a vagrant apprehended in the parish of St James, Bristol, wandering and begging. Before Jere[miah?] Ames.

Was apprenticed 30 or more years ago by the parish of Combe Hay (Combhay), Somt., to Ann Baker, parish of St Thomas, Bristol, until she was 21 years old. Served almost three years when her mistress's trade declined and she told her, this examinant, she might go away. Her sister (one Mrs Tinkling) came to her mistress's house and offered to take her, and her mistress consented she should go. She accordingly went to her sister's house in the parish of Wraxall [*South Wraxall, parish of Bradford?*] where she stayed almost two months and did such business as her sister ordered her. Her sister gave her her victuals and lodging and the indentures were not given up to her by her mistress. [mark]

R.O. Mary Willis from St James's, Bristol, to Wraxall.

**400.** Glos. 7 Dec. 1775. Sarah Witts, singlewoman, 30 years old, a vagabond apprehended in the parish of St Philip and Jacob. Before W[illiam] Barry.

Her last legal settlement was and now is in the parish of Bradford, for her father Richard Witts, weaver, deceased, told her that he served an apprenticeship and was relieved as a parishioner there. She was never an apprentice nor servant, neither has she acquired any legal settlement in her own right. Being in distress she did wander and beg.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

R.O. Sarah Witts from St Philip and Jacob, Glos., to Bradford.

1. See **389**.

**401.** Surrey (Surry). 5 Feb. 1776. John Bailey, rogue and vagabond, before Thomas Baker.

Born at Newbury, Berks. About 18 years ago his mother, brothers, sister and he were all removed by order to the parish of Bradford, their place of settlement. He stayed in the poor-house of Bradford about three weeks and was then apprenticed there by the parish officers of Bradford to George Edwards, shearman, for seven years and duly served that apprenticeship. About three years ago he married his present wife Elizabeth. Is the reputed father of her bastard child Elizabeth, six years old, born at Englefield (Inglefield), Berks., and now with them.<sup>1</sup> [mark]

R.O. John Bailey and wife apprehended wandering and begging in the town of Farnham, to Bradford.

1. See **409**. Were John and Joseph Bailey brothers?

**402.** City of London. 4 Aug. 1777. Edward Harvey, rogue and vagabond, apprehended by Thomas Linton in the parish of St Michael, Bassishaw, city of London, before Hugh Smith.

Born in Bradford. [mark]

R.O. Edward Harvey from London to Bradford.

**403.** City and county of Bristol. 5 Nov. 1777. Thomas Huish, shearman, a vagrant apprehended in the parish of Christ Church, Bristol, before Edw[ard] Whatley.

His last legal settlement is in the parish of Bradford, for that he was apprenticed for seven years to Caleb Harris, shearman, there and served his time accordingly. Has not since gained a settlement. Being in distress he asked relief in the parish of Christ Church in this city. [mark]

R.O. Thomas Huish, first duly correcting him, from Christ Church, Bristol, to Bradford.

**404.** Glos. 7 May 1778. Lidya Westbury, singlewoman, 43 years old, a vagrant apprehended lodging in an outhouse in the parish of Clifton, Glos., not giving a good account of herself. Before W[illiam] Barry.

Believes her last legal settlement was and now is in the parish of Bradford, where she was born and served an apprenticeship; never acquired any other legal settlement. Was passed from Clifton to Bradford as a vagrant. [mark]

R.O. Lidya Westbury, from Clifton (having been duly imprisoned) to Bradford.

**405.** Somt. 24 Aug. 1778. Thomas Gerrish, rogue and vagabond, before Henry Harris, clerk.

Born in Rode (Road), Somt. Almost 15 years old. About three and a half years ago he was apprenticed for seven years or more to William Dainton, broadweaver, of Winsley, parish of Bradford. Served Dainton until about three weeks before Easter last, when his master sold off his effects and left this examinant destitute. Has since wandered about the country supporting himself by begging and was apprehended today begging in the parish of Rode. [mark]

R.O. Thomas Gerrish from Rode to Bradford.

**406.** Town of Basingstoke, county of Southampton. 25 May 1779. Hannah Piercy, rogue and vagabond, apprehended in the town and parish of Basingstoke, before John Covey.

16 years old. Born in Bradford where her father Jacob Piercy was a legal parishioner. No settlement. [mark]

R.O. Hannah Piercy from Basingstoke to Bradford.

**407.** City and County of Bristol. 30 Dec. 1779. Abraham Syms, broadweaver, a vagrant apprehended wandering and begging in the parish of St Thomas, Bristol. Before Morgan Smith.



When 11 years old was apprenticed to Henry Richards, broadweaver, parish of Bradford, until he was 24 years old. Lived with and served Richards according to the tenour of his indentures which, when he had finished, were given up to him. Believes that his last legal settlement is in the parish of Bradford. [*mark*]

R.O. Abraham Syms from St Thomas's, Bristol, to Bradford.

**408.** City and County of Bristol. 29 Jan. 1780. Esther Grant, singlewoman, a vagrant apprehended in the parish of Christ Church, Bristol, wandering and begging, before Thomas Harris.

Born in the parish of Bradford, where her father is last legally settled. She has no settlement. [*signature*] Hester [*sic*] Grant

R.O. Esther Grant from Christ Church, Bristol, to Bradford.

**409.** Surrey. 29 March 1783. Joseph Bailey, rogue and vagabond, before Philip Carteret Webb.

A chair-bottom maker by trade. Wife Jane and two children, Joseph seven years old and Elizabeth three and a half, are now with him. About a week ago he came with his family to a barn on Hydons Heath, where he was found when he was apprehended. He stayed there because he had no money to hire a lodging. His father was a certificate man from Bradford to Newbury, Berks., and after his father's death he [*and his ?*] brothers were relieved by the parish of Bradford.<sup>1</sup> [*mark*]

R.O. Joseph Bailey, wife and two children apprehended in the parish of Godalming, Surrey, lodging and lying seven nights in an outhouse adjoining a barn, to Bradford.

1. See 401.

**410.** Berks. 9 Feb. 1784. Ann Pound, wife of Crispin Pound, apprehended by James Weston, constable of Speenhamland, in the parish of Speen, before Francis Page.

Her husband Crispin Pound, as she has heard him say, was apprenticed and served his time to Richard Barnes, broadcloth weaver, of Bradford, but where her husband is now she does not know. [*mark*]

R.O. Ann Pound and her son Thomas seven years from Speen to Bradford.

iii) (*WRO 77/31*)

**411.** Dorset. 19 June 1787. Betty Daiment, wife of John Daiment, rogue and vagabond, before Nathaniel Bristed, clerk, one of the justices in Dorset.

22 years old. Born in Bradford, where she lived until about six years ago when she married John her present husband, by whom one child, John, now with her. Her husband never informed her where he was a parishioner. [*mark*]

R.O. Betty Daiment, apprehended begging in the streets of the township of Sherborne, and her son to Bradford.

[*Endorsed*] To the tithingman of Stourton. Order to convey Betty Dament [*sic*] and son John in a cart to the parish of Bradford in one day's time 'for which you are to be allowed the sum of 12s. and no more'. 20 June 1787 [*signed*] W.C. Grove

**412.** City and County of Bristol. 23 Jan. 1788. Samuel Stephens, broadcloth weaver, a vagrant apprehended wandering and begging in the parish of St Peter, Bristol, before John Farr.

His last place of legal settlement is the parish of Bradford where he served an apprenticeship of seven years with Jonas Jones, broadcloth weaver, and it is the last legal settlement place of Jane his wife. [*mark*]

R.O. Samuel Stephens and wife from Bristol to Bradford.

**413.** City of Bath. 10 March 1788. Martha Bowles, a vagabond apprehended in that part of the parish of Walcot (Walcott) as lies in the city of Bath, before Leonard Coward, mayor.

32 years old. Born in Bishop's Hull, Somt. About three years ago she was married by publication of banns to her present husband John Bowles in Winsley church by a minister of the Church of England according to its rites and ceremonies, by which marriage one child, Ann two years and a quarter, now living. About four years ago her husband absconded and ran away from her and she has not seen nor heard of him since. Has often heard him say that his last legal settlement is in the parish of Bradford. [*signature*]

R.O. Martha Bowles, found wandering and begging within the liberties of Bath, and her daughter Ann from Walcot, Bath, to Bradford.

**414.** Somt. 21 Jan. 1793. George Clay (Claye), shearman, now in the parish of Freshford, Somt., before William Batchellor.

21 years old. Born in Hinton Charterhouse (Charterhouse Hinton), Somt. His father is legally settled in the parish of Freshford. When about 14 years old he apprenticed himself (with his father's consent) to Thomas Ward, shearman, of Freshford for five years. He served the five years and during the whole of the apprenticeship he constantly lodged with his father in the parish of Hinton Charterhouse. During that time the custom among the journeymen shearman was that no person who had not served an apprenticeship of seven years to one or different masters should be permitted to work at the business of a shearman. So he agreed to work with William Monday of Bradford for two years at 2d in 1s. less than the common journeymen shearman. He continued to work for Monday for about five months when he was married to his present wife Mary in Wraxall (Wraxal) [*South Wraxall?*] church by publication of banns according to the rites of the Church of England. Has now living by the marriage one child, Betty one year and three quarters. About three or four months after his marriage his wife lived in the parish of Freshford while he, as before when he worked for William Monday, generally lodged five nights a week at Bradford and the other

two nights at Freshford. Then he rented a room from one John Stratton in Bradford at 1s. 6d. a week. He and his wife occupied the room for about half a year, then he rented one from William Wyne in Bradford at 7½d. a week where they lived until he enlisted in the Wiltshire Volunteers<sup>1</sup> about eight months ago. He continued to work for William Monday under the agreement for about one year and a quarter, and his master then, not having sufficient employment for him, he went to work (with his master's consent) for James Fisher of Bradford for about six months, when he enlisted as aforesaid. [signature]

1. At the end of the eighteenth century militia service had become even more unpopular, but there was a great expansion of defence forces with the creation of additional volunteer companies, troops and batteries, especially after the French involvement in revolution in 1789 and war in 1792. On the evidence here Wiltshire was swift to act in raising Volunteers, at least by May 1792. The adjacent county of Somerset did not recruit until 1794. (R. Evans, 'History of the Defence Forces of Somersetshire', *Proceedings of Somersetshire Archaeological and Natural History Society*, CV, 34).

C. Removal Orders 1725–98

(Abbreviations: w = wife, s = son, d = daughter)

i) *From Bradford-on-Avon to places in Wiltshire*

		<i>Receiving Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>	
(a) ( <i>WRO 77/35</i> )				
415.	10 April 1725	Thomas Gunnin, labourer; Eliz. (w); James (s)	Warminster	Thomas Methuen John Cooper
416.	4 Sept. 1730	Joseph Newman; <sup>1</sup> Susanna (w); Elizabeth (d)	Corsham	Thomas Methuen
1. See 437.				
417.	4 Sept. 1730	Isaac Watts; Martha (w)	Westbury	Thomas Methuen John Cooper
418.	24 Jan. 1732/3	Robert Cooper; Mary (w); Mary (d); Betty (d) He received a dangerous wound in his leg at Bradford and was so disabled that he could not be moved until it was healed.	Horningsham	Thomas Methuen John Cooper
419.	24 Feb. 1732/3	Martha Nutt	Broughton Gifford	Thomas Methuen John Cooper
420.	30 July 1733	James Edmonds, carpenter	Coulston [ <i>Edington</i> ?]	Thomas Methuen John Cooper
421.	20 Jan. 1734/5	Mary Little, widow	Broughton Gifford	John Cooper Thomas Methuen
422.	19 April 1736	Simon Eayres, scribbler; Anne (w)	Westbury	John Cooper Thomas Methuen
423.	23 May 1738	Mary Charles, wife of Thomas Charles, soldier; [ <i>blank</i> ] Charles, their infant, 7 days	Corsham	John Cooper John Thresher
424.	2 April 1740	James Browne, labourer	Box	John Thresher John Cooper
425.	20 Aug. 1740	William Smith, clothworker; Mary (w)	Westwood	John Eyles John Thresher
426.	26 Aug. 1740	Robert Ball, narrow-weaver; Rachel (w)	North Bradley	John Cooper John Thresher

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		<i>Receiving Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
427. 26 Aug. 1740	Adam Burchall, victualler; Mary (w); Hannah (d) 6 yrs; Anne (d) 1½ yrs	Corsham	John Cooper John Thresher
428. 26 Aug. 1740	John Foxell; Sarah (w); Sarah (d); Mary (d)	Westwood	John Eyles John Thresher
429. 15 Sept. 1740	John Smith, broadweaver; Anne (w)	North Bradley	John Cooper John Thresher
(b) (WRO 77/36)			
430. 17 Feb. 1740/1	James Newman, labourer	Stanton St Quinton	John Cooper John Thresher
431. 19 Aug. 1741	Children of Edward Penny, late of Mere, deceased, Alexander 11 yrs; Elizabeth 12 yrs; Ann 4 yrs; Edward 1 yr	Mere	John Cooper E[ <i>Edward</i> ?] Mortimer
432. 2 June 1742	Mary Hassell, widow of Thomas Hassell, labourer; William (s) 12 yrs; Elizabeth (d) 10 yrs; Thomas (s) 8 yrs; James (s) 6 yrs	Little Chalfield	John Cooper Thomas Phipps jun.
433. 22 May 1745	Jane Atwood, widow	Biddestone	John Cooper John Eyles
434. 25 Nov. 1745	Sarah Bailey, singlewoman	Whaddon	John Cooper John Eyles
435. 10 April 1747	Ann Townsend, wife of John Townsend, soldier; Betty (d) 14 yrs; Robert (s) 11 yrs; James (s) 8 yrs	Westwood	John Cooper Thomas Cooper
436. 25 Jan. 1748/9	Mary Barnes, singlewoman	Corsham	John Eyles Thomas Cooper
437. 16 Oct. 1751	Daughters of Joseph Newman, <sup>1</sup> shearman, Betty 22 yrs; Ann 14 yrs; Frances 4 yrs	Corsham	Thomas Cooper John Bythesea
1. See 416.			
438. 17 Dec. 1751	Mary Orpen, widow	Trowbridge	William Phipps John Bythesea

		<i>Receiving Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>	
(c) ( <i>WRO 77/37</i> )				
439.	6 May 1755	Nanny Lane Bridgeman	Warminster	Thomas Cooper John Bythesea
440.	6 May 1755	Anne Stratton	Melksham	Thomas Cooper John Bythesea
441.	16 May 1755	Ann Grist, wife of Thomas Grist, tanner	Lacock	Thomas Cooper John Bythesea
442.	4 June 1755	Mary Ann Davis, wife of Peter Davis, soldier; Peter (s) 2 yrs; Williams (s) 7 weeks	Corsham	Thomas Cooper John Bythesea
443.	25 June 1755	Mary Millard, wife of Jeremiah Millard, soldier; Richard (s) 6 months	Corsley	Thomas Cooper John Bythesea
444.	21 Feb. 1757	Elizabeth, wife of Alexander Knight, <sup>1</sup> soldier; John (s) 12 mths; & 2 of his children by a former wife, Mary (d) 7 yrs; Sarah (d) 3 yrs	Longbridge Deverill	William Phipps Thomas Phipps
1.	See 143, 223.			
445.	24 May 1758	Samuel Adams, tiler; Margaret (w); Daniel (s) 19 yrs	Melksham	Thomas Phipps John Bythesea
446.	24 May 1758	Mary Nutt, singlewoman	Melksham	Thomas Phipps John Bythesea
447.	24 May 1758	Samuel Taylor; Sarah (w); Richard (s) 6 yrs; William (s) 5 yrs; John (s) 3 yrs	Melksham	Thomas Phipps John Bythesea
448.	24 Nov. 1766	Mary Shorter, widow of Samuel Shorter, scribbler	Heytesbury (Heitsbury)	Thomas Phipps John Bythesea
449.	11 March 1767	James Humphrys, broad- weaver; Mary (w); John (s) 1 ¼ yrs	Melksham	Thomas Phipps John Bythesea
450.	21 July 1767	Mary Long, wife of William [ <i>damaged</i> ] [ <i>sold?</i> ]ier	St John, Devizes	Joseph Mortimer J[ <i>ohn?</i> ] [ <i>damaged</i> ] Bythesea
451.	8 Dec. 1767	Hannah Hulbert, 12 yrs daughter of Martha Self, widow	Corsham	Joseph Mortimer John Bythesea

		<i>Receiving Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
452. 9 Feb. 1768	James Pain; Sarah (w); John (s) 17 yrs; Mary (d) 14 yrs; Elizabeth (d) 10 yrs; William (s) 8 yrs	Trowbridge	John Bythesea Thomas Bythesea
453. 14 Nov. 1770	James Colburn, scribbler	Lacock	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
454. 28 Aug. 1771	Mary Horler, singlewoman	Rowde	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
455. 13 Sept. 1773	Rebecca Richmond, wife of Isaac Richmond; Isaac (s) 13 weeks	Hilperton	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
456. 21 Nov. 1776	Jane Hazle, wife of Robert Hazle; <sup>1</sup> Mary (d) 21 yrs; Elizabeth (d) 19 yrs; Thomas (s) 12 yrs	Castle Combe	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
1. See 60, 159.			
457. 2 March 1779	William Orchard; Ann (d) 5 yrs; Thomas (s) 3 yrs	Corsham	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
458. 6 Nov. 1779	Ann Dowles	Westwood	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
459. 15 March 1780	John Keen; Grace (w); Rebecca (d) 2½ yrs; John (s) 1 yr	Broughton Gifford	Thomas Johnson Thomas Bythesea
460. 14 July 1781	Elizabeth Dickman, singlewoman	Corsham	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
[Endorsed] 16 July 1781. Delivered Elizabeth Dickman to Mr Dalm[er?]. Benjamin Spender, overseer.			
461. 25 April 1782	Hannah Hawkins, wife of Edward Hawkins, <sup>1</sup> soldier; Edward (s) 5 yrs; Mary (d) 3 yrs	Calne	Thomas Johnson Thomas Bythesea
[Endorsed] 26 April. Delivered the family to Mr Benjamin Heal.			
1. See 219.			
462. 6 Jan. 1783	Sarah Deacon, singlewoman	Westbury	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
463. 4 May 1784	Ann Wilshire, singlewoman	Seend, parish of Melksham	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
[Endorsed] Delivered An[n] Wilshire to the overseer of Seend. 5 May 1784. John White.			

		<i>Receiving Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
464. 1 June 1784	Betty Green, singlewoman	Wingfield	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
465. 10 Aug. 1785	Ann Wait, singlewoman	Trowbridge	Thomas Phipps W. Phipps
466. 8 March 1786	Hannah Tinson, singlewoman	Corsham	Thomas Johnson Joseph Mortimer
467. 28 July 1786	Catherine Jones, singlewoman	Corsham	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
468. 27 Sept. 1786	Martha Palmer, singlewoman	Trowbridge	Joseph Mortimer Thomas Johnson
469. 9 March 1787	Mary Jones, singlewoman	Bromham	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
470. 13 Feb. 1788	Charles Mizen, <sup>1</sup> labourer; Jane (w); Elizabeth (d) 15 yrs; Edward (s) 14 yrs; Ann (d) 12 yrs; Jane (d) 9 yrs; Robert (s) 8 yrs; Daniel (s) 3 yrs	Monkton Farleigh	Thomas Phipps Joseph Mortimer
1. See 186.			
471. 17 Oct. 1788	Catherine Horne	Melksham	Thomas Johnson Joseph Mortimer
472. 28 Jan. 1789	George Hendy, <sup>1</sup> labourer	Trowbridge	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
1. See 760.			
473. 28 Jan. 1789	Jeremiah Tucker, broadweaver	North Bradley	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
474. 18 June 1789	Elizabeth Dyer, singlewoman	Westbury	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
475. 17 April 1794	William Adams; Mary (w); James (s) 11 yrs & Mary (d) 9 yrs children by Ann late wife deceased; John (s) & Hester (d) both 1 yr 5 mths & Samuel 5 mths, children by Mary	Melksham	Thomas Bush John Jones jun.

ii) *From Bradford-on-Avon to places outside Wiltshire*

(a) (WRO 77/35)

476. 20 April 1725	Edward Smith, labourer, Anne (w); Mary Anne (d); Elizabeth (d)	Sudbury, Suff.	Thomas Methuen John Cooper
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## REMOVAL ORDERS

		<i>Receiving Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>	
477.	23 Nov. 1730	George Cantel; Anne (w); Sarah (d)	Keynsham (Keynsom), Somt.	Thomas Methuen
478.	15 Sept. 1736	Richard Ruddock, clothworker	Standerwick, Somt.	Thomas Methuen John Thresher
479.	17 June 1738	Richard Moxham, chimney-sweeper	St Michael, Bath	Edward Seymour <sup>1</sup> John Cooper
1. Lord Seymour, later, 1750–57, 12th Duke of Somerset.				
480.	20 Aug. 1740	Mary Lattimore, widow; Betty (d)	Freshford, Somt.	John Thresher John Eyles
481.	26 Aug. 1740	Jonathan Millard, clothworker; Alice (w); Mary (d)	Hinton Charterhouse, Somt.	John Eyles John Thresher
482.	26 Aug. 1740	John Summers, labourer; Mary (w)	Freshford, Somt.	John Eyles John Thresher
(b) ( <i>WRO 77/36</i> )				
483.	20 Jan. 1741/2	Anthony Say, tiler; Joan (w); William (s) 3 yrs	Batheaston, Somt.	John Cooper John Eyles
484.	24 Feb. 1741/2	Edward Sanger; Sarah (w)	Staines, Middx.	John Cooper E[ <i>dward?</i> ] Mortimer
485.	27 Feb. 1741/2	Mary Bishop, singlewoman	Bathampton, Somt.	John Cooper E[ <i>dward?</i> ] Mortimer
486.	3 May 1742	Ann Aldridge, wife of Samuel Aldridge, clothworker; his son Samuel 6 yrs by a former wife deceased	Stroudwater, Glos.	John Cooper E[ <i>dward?</i> ] Mortimer
487.	7 Aug. 1744	Henry Tanner, tailor; Mary (w); Robert (s)	Stokesay, Salop.	John Cooper John Eyles
488.	21 Feb. 1744/5	Grace Gibbs, wife of James Gibbs, broadweaver; James (s)	Frome, Somt.	John Cooper John Eyles
489.	5 April 1745	Christiana George, wife of Thomas George, broadweaver	Frome, Somt.	John Cooper John Eyles
490.	4 March 1745/6	Mary Smith, widow	St Peter & St Paul, Bath	John Cooper John Eyles
491.	14 June 1746	Daniel Priscot, broadweaver	Hinton Charterhouse, Somt.	John Cooper Thomas Cooper

		<i>Receiving Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>	
492.	5 Sept. 1746	Betty Trimbo, singlewoman	Freshford, Somt.	John Cooper Thomas Cooper
493.	10 April 1747	Robert Peters, scribbler; Sarah (w); Martha (d) 16 yrs; Grace (d) 10 yrs; Robert (s) 8 yrs; James (s) 3 yrs	Hinton Charterhouse, Somt.	John Cooper Thomas Cooper
494.	10 April 1747	Robert Sanny, scribbler; Susanna (w); Hannah (d) 12 yrs; Edward (s) 10 yrs; Betty (d) 7 yrs	Hinton Charterhouse, Somt.	John Cooper Thomas Cooper
495.	21 Nov. 1749	John Rabbits, scribbler; Frances (w); John (s) 3 yrs	Hemington, Somt.	Thomas Cooper John Eyles
496.	21 Aug. 1750	Elizabeth Harford, singlewoman	Beckington, Somt.	William Phipps Thomas Phipps [jun.]
497.	23 Aug. 1751	Ann Bailey, singlewoman	Hinton Charterhouse, Somt.	Thomas Cooper John Bythesea
(c) (WRO 77/37)				
498.	8 May 1752	Jane Maynard, widow	Wells, Somt.	John Bythesea Henry Walters jun.
499.	8 June 1752	Hopkin Hopkins; <sup>1</sup> Elizabeth (w); Mary (d) 16 yrs; William (s) 15 yrs; Sarah (d) 12 yrs; Thomas (s) 8 yrs; Stephen (s) 6 yrs	Swansea, Glam.	J. Halliday John Bythesea
1. See 23.				
500.	13 Jan. 1753	Robert Bishop; Mary (w); Thomas (s) 10 yrs; Eleanor (d) 8 yrs; Mary (d) 6 yrs; Paul (s) 3 yrs; Susannah (d) ½ yr	Marston Bigott, Somt.	J. Halliday John Bythesea
501.	13 Jan. 1753	Margaret Hancock, <sup>1</sup> widow; Betty (d) 6+ years; Jane 3 yrs; Mary 5 mths	Uley, Glos.	J. Halliday John Bythesea
1. See 32.				
502.	15 May 1753	Margaret Tiley, singlewoman	Bathford, Somt.	Thomas Cooper John Bythesea

		<i>Receiving Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
503. 20 Jan. 1756	John Stevens; Mary (w); John (s) 5 yrs; Anne (d) 3 yrs; Thomas (s) 1 yr	St James, Bath	John Bythesea Thomas Cooper
504. 21 Feb. 1757	Elizabeth Collins, widow	Frome, Somt.	William Phipps Thomas Phipps
505. 24 May 1758	William Lane; <sup>1</sup> Catherine (w); Susannah (d)	St Cuthbert, Wells, Somt.	Thomas Phipps John Bythesea
1. See 54.			
506. 14 Aug. 1758	Stephen Pound alias Pounsell; <sup>1</sup> Mary (w); Ann (d) 10 yrs; John (s) 7 yrs; Mary (d) 3 yrs; Stephen (s) 20 weeks <sup>2</sup>	Bisley, Glos.	William Phipps Thomas Phipps
1. See 19.			
2. See 364, 519.			
507. 24 Nov. 1761	Ann Bath, singlewoman	Mells, Somt.	John Bythesea Joseph Mortimer
508. 11 March 1767	Hannah Prescott, widow	Hinton Charterhouse, Somt.	Joseph Mortimer John Bythesea
509. 11 March 1767	Mary Smith, singlewoman	Freshford, Somt.	Thomas Phipps John Bythesea
510. 21 July 1767	James Methuen; Mary (w); James (s) 6 weeks	St Martin in the Fields, Middx.	Joseph Mortimer John Bythesea
511. 8 Dec. 1767	Mary Trapp, singlewoman	St Stephen, Bristol	Joseph Mortimer John Bythesea
512. 25 March 1771	Mary, wife of John Saunders, soldier; Sylvester (s); Grace (d); Mary (d)	Hinton Charterhouse, Somt.	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
513. 2 April 1772	Martha Morgan	Dursley, Glos.	Thomas Johnson Paul Newman
514. 21 June 1773	George Edwards; Jane (w); Mary (d) 10 yrs; Thomas (s) 7 yrs; Catherine (d) 5 yrs; Rachel (d) 3 yrs; Jane (d) 4 mths	Shepton Mallet, Somt.	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
515. 9 Feb. 1774	Sarah Harding	Frome, Somt.	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam

		<i>Receiving Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
516. 1 May 1776	Mary Burrows, wife of James Burrows, <sup>1</sup> soldier 11th regiment of foot	Hartley, Hants.	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
1. See 118.			
517. 19 Oct. 1780	Isaac Hopkins; Elizabeth (w); Sarah (d) 6 yrs	Wotton-under- Edge, Glos.	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
518. 14 Feb. 1781	Honour Styles; <sup>1</sup> Mary (d) 12 yrs; Elizabeth (d) 8 yrs; William (s) 3 yrs	Frome, Somt.	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
[Endorsed] 27 Feb. 1781. Delivered Honour Styles and her two [sic] children to one of the overseers of Frome by me James Cottle.			
1. See 172, 247. William may have been illegitimate, born in Bradford, and therefore not removed.			
519. 14 Sept. 1781	Stephen Pounsel; <sup>1</sup> Betty (w)	Bisley, Glos.	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
1. See 364, 506.			
520. 14 Dec. 1781	Robert Hillman, labourer; Ann (w)	Langridge, Somt.	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
[Endorsed] Delivered the above man and woman to Mr Samuel Palmer, overseer, 15 Dec. 1781. Benjamin Spender.			
521. 3 Feb. 1783	Eleanor Brown, widow of James Brown	Frome, Somt.	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
522. 14 Sept. 1785	James Startup; Mary (w); Susanna (d) 7 yrs; Hannah (d) 4 yrs; John (s) 2 yrs	Freshford, Somt.	Thomas Johnson Samuel Cam
523. 30 Jan. 1788	Hester Skull, widow of Joseph Skull; <sup>1</sup> Ann (d) 12 yrs; Mary (d) 7 yrs	St Philip & Jacob, Glos.	Joseph Mortimer Samuel Cam
1. See 284, 709.			
524. 27 March 1794	Jacob Amor; Betty (w); Abraham (s) 3 yrs; 1 son 6 months not yet baptized	Walcot, Somt.	John Jones jun. Thomas Bush
525. 22 June 1796	Betty Moss, wife of John Moss, <sup>1</sup> soldier gone from her; Betty (d) 8 yrs; Sarah (d) 7 yrs; Hannah (d) 3 yrs	Beckington, Somt.	Thomas Bush John Jones jun.
1. See 287.			

iii) *From places in Wiltshire to Bradford-on-Avon*

		<i>Removal Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
(a) (WRO 77/35)			
526. 21 Aug. 1725	Elizabeth Greenman 5 weeks Daughter of Anthony Greenman and Elizabeth Parsons, married in Fisherton Anger church 7 Feb. 1722. Elizabeth recently died. Anthony, soldier, Capt Wilson's company <sup>1</sup> & Rt Hon Lt Gen Sir Charles Wills regiment of foot, <sup>2</sup> served apprenticeship 7 years with Simon Deverill, weaver of Bradford.	St Edmund, Salisbury	E. Pitman Joseph Gifford
527. 30 May 1727	Richard Bankcroff, broadweaver; Patience (w); Richard (s)	Trowbridge	John Cooper Thomas Phipps
528. 26 May 1729	John Morris, broadweaver; Millier [ <i>Amelia?</i> ] (w); Mary (d) 2 yrs	Trowbridge	John Cooper Thomas Phipps
529. 5 Sept. 1730	Isaac Selfe; Katherine (w); Thomas (s) ½ yr	Corsham	J[ames?] Montagu John Eyles
530. 15 Sept. 1730	William Gibbons; Lucy (w)	Melksham	Thomas Methuen John Phipps
531. 14 May 1731	Ann Elmes	Semington	William Beach James Townsend
532. 3 Jan. 1734/5	Sarah Pullen, singlewoman	Seend (chapelry & tithing)	William Beach James Townsend
533. 6 May 1737	Mary 14 yrs; Elizabeth 8 yrs; Sarah 2 yrs; daughters of William Grant and late wife Elizabeth deceased	Westbury	John Phipps Thomas Phipps
534. 8 June 1738	George Howell, <sup>1</sup> labourer; Mary (w); George (s); Daniel (s); Mary (d); Elizabeth (d)	North Bradley	John Phipps Thomas Phipps
1. See 12.			
535. 7 Sept. 1738	Gabriel Sheppard, weaver; Mary (w); Sarah (d) 16 yrs	Calne	W. Hungerford G(?) Hungerford

		<i>Removal Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
536. 8 Nov. 1738	Mary Pollard, singlewoman	Langley Burrell	R. Holland N. Houlton
537. 11 Jan. 1739/40	John Lent; Sarah (w); Jane (d) and Ann (d) both 10 yrs; Rachil (d) 8 yrs; Abraham (s) 5 yrs; Mary (d) 3 yrs; Sarah (d) 1¼ yrs	Box	W. Hungerford John Talbot
538. 9 May 1740	Jane Cove, singlewoman	Keevil	William Beach Thomas Beach
539. 28 July 1740	William Chamberlyne; Mary (w)	Great Bedwyn	E. Popham
540. 1 Aug. 1740	Rebecca Buck, singlewoman; Ann her bastard child	Trowbridge	John Thresher John Cooper
541. 4 Aug. 1740	Edward Sainsbury, <sup>1</sup> broadweaver; Elioner (w); Margaret (d) 4 yrs	Westbury	William Phipps [crossed through] Thomas Phipps
1. See 572.			
542. 2 Sept. 1740	Richard Alexander; Sarah (w); John (s) 3 yrs; William (s) 1 yr; Ann (d) 5 yrs	Westbury	William Phipps Thomas Phipps
543. 24 Sept. 1740	Joseph Moore; Margaret (w)	Melksham	William Beach John Eyles
544. 13 Oct. 1740	Alice Moody, widow; Lydia (d) 6 yrs	West Ashton tithing, Bradford	William Beach John Eyles
545. 24 Nov. 1740	Ann Cooper, wife of Daniel Cooper of Bradford; Mary (d)	Melksham	William Beach John Eyles
546. 29 Nov. 1740	James Cove, broadweaver, 19 yrs	Keevil	William Beach John Eyles
(b) (WRO 77/36)			
547. 7 Feb. 1740/1	Thomas Webb; Unity (w); William (s) 2 days	Corsham	H (?) Bayntun S (?) Houlton
548. 25 May 1741	Lawrence Rowles, scribbler	Trowbridge	E[ <del>dward</del> ] Mortimer John Cooper

		<i>Removal Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
549. 27 June 1741	George Pearce, broadweaver	Westbury	Thomas Phipps Thomas Phipps jun.
550. 30 June 1741	Samuel Burt <sup>1</sup>	Westbury	Thomas Phipps Thomas Phipps jun.
1. See 588.			
551. 23 Sept. 1741	Ephraim Jordan, tiler; Elizabeth (w)	Trowbridge	E[ <i>dward</i> ?] Mortimer John Eyles
	[ <i>Note</i> ] By virtue of a certificate from Bradford acknowledging Ephraim Jordan, wife Anne and their sons Ephraim and Joseph to be settled there.		
552. 25 Jan. 1741/2	Thomas Smith, 36 yrs	Westbury	Thomas Phipps Thomas Phipps jun.
553. 10 March 1742/3	Susannah Baverstock	Urchfont	G. Hungerford Stephen Street
554. 1 March 1744	Thomas Harford, broad- weaver; Ann (w); Lyddy (d)	Melksham	John Cooper John Eyles
555. 12 May 1744	John Pool, broadweaver; Mary (d) 17 yrs	Lacock	R. Holland S (?) Houlton
556. 17 Sept. 1744	William Rummery; Elizabeth (w)	Melksham	H. Powlet Thomas Beach
557. 9 Dec. 1745	William May, labourer; Sarah (w); Charles (s) 3 yrs; Thomas (s) 1 yr	Corsham	W. Hungerford Robert Neale
558. 6 Nov. 1746	John Selfe, widower; Hannah (d) 12 yrs; James (s) 10 yrs; (Mary (w) deceased)	Hilperton	John Eyles Thomas Cooper
559. 10 March 1746	Mary Ann Steeds, wife of Richard Steeds, soldier; Sarah (d) 1 mth	Westbury	Thomas Phipps Thomas Phipps jun.
560. 20 April 1747	George Gaisford, cloth- worker; Catharine (w); Martha (d) 7 yrs; Ann (d) 4 yrs; Mary (d) 9 mths	Westwood	Thomas Phipps Thomas Phipps jun.
561. 14 Nov. 1748	Hannah Stevens	Trowbridge	John Eyles Thomas Beach
562. 8 Dec. 1748	Elizabeth May, spinster	Woodborough	John Garth William Hunt

		<i>Removal Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
563.	7 Jan. 1748/9 Henry Ball; Elizabeth (w); Henry (s); Betty (d)	Rowde	John Garth William Hunt
564.	7 Jan. 1748/9 Anthony Bright, <sup>1</sup> weaver; Edith (d) 11 yrs; Anthony (s) 9 yrs; Stephen (s) 5 yrs	Hilmarton	Robert Neale R. Holland
1. See 567.			
565.	4 March 1748/9 Elizabeth, wife of James Lane, carpenter	Warminster	R. Willoughby Ri. Head
566.	12 Sept. 1750 William Razy; Betty (w); Mary (d) 3 yrs; John (s) 7 mths	Bulkington	William Phipps Thomas Phipps
567.	24 Sept. 1750 Anthony Bright, <sup>1</sup> 50 yrs; Anthony (s) 10 yrs; Steven (s) 6 yrs	Calne	W. Hungerford G. Hungerford
1. See 564.			
568.	20 May 1751 Joseph Rogers, broadweaver; Sarah (w); John (s) 6 yrs	Kingswood	R. Holland James Montagu
569.	22 May 1751 Sarah Wastfield, singlewoman	Chippenham	R. Holland James Montagu
570.	6 July 1751 Anne Brown, widow; Robert (s) 7 yrs	Lacock	R. Holland James Montagu
(c) ( <i>WRO 77/37</i> )			
571.	5 March 1752 Richard Lovell; Mary (w); Ann (d) 1 yr	Melksham	John Eyles John Awdry
572.	23 May 1753 Edward Sainsbury; <sup>1</sup> Eleanor (w); Margaret (d) 17 yrs; Mary (d) 10 yrs	Westbury	William Phipps Thomas Phipps
1. See 541.			
573.	21 July 1753 Robert Care; Sarah (w)	Seend	John Gould John Awdry
574.	14 Aug. 1753 Hester Hosey, singlewoman	Trowbridge	John Bythesea John Awdry
575.	6 Nov. 1753 Nathan Colwell; Elizabeth (w); Nathan (s) 2 + yrs; John (s) 6 mths	Melksham	John Awdry John Bythesea

[Note] works with Mr Sanders.



		<i>Removal Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
576. 13 Dec. 1753	Anne Cox, bastard child of Elizabeth Blanford, before named Elizabeth Cox	John the Baptist, Devizes	H. Salmon, mayor P. Sutton
577. 4 Jan. 1754	William Rummery; Betty alias Elizabeth (w)	Trowbridge	John Bythesea John Awdry
578. 7 Jan. 1754	Sarah Smith, widow; Betty (d) 7 yrs; John (s) 5 yrs; Hannah (d) 3 yrs	Westbury	William Phipps Thomas Phipps
579. 8 Feb. 1754	George Morris	Westwood	John Madox J. Halliday
580. 8 Aug. 1755	Henry Paradice; Sarah (w); John (s) 15 mths	Melksham	William Phipps John Bythesea
581. 4 Dec. 1756	Lovewell Hazle; Mary (w); Edward (s) 9 yrs; George (s) 2 yrs; Mary (d) ½ yr	Sutton Benger	James Montagu R. Holland
582. 12 Feb. 1757	Abraham Tanner; Margaret (w)	Lacock	James Montagu(e) John Talbot
583. 14 Feb. 1757	George Lanham; Joan (w); George (s); John (s); Grace (d); Mary (d); <sup>1</sup> William (s)	Market Lavington	John Powell John Turner
1. See 624.			
584. 6 June 1757	John Franklin, 4 yrs, born of Sarah Shewrin, singlewoman, in Bradford & deserted by her [Note] Upon examination of Elizabeth Crook, child's grandmother.	Corsham	James Montagu Robert Neale
585. 6 Aug. 1757	Thomas Stallard; Susanah (w); John (s); Hanah (d); Ann (d); William (s); Mary (d); Elizabeth (d); Sarah (d); Phillis (d); Thomas (s)	Coleerne	G. Hungerford W. Northey
556. 3 June 1758	Mary Rapson, alias West	Corsham	James Montagu Robert Neale
587. 3 June 1758	Love Williams, bastard child of Jane Wiltshire alias Taylor [ <i>sex not given</i> ]	Corsham	James Montagu(e) Robert Neale
588. 1 Nov. 1758	Samuel Burt, <sup>1</sup> alias Hodinot alias Dodimead; Joan (w); Hannah (d) 3 yrs; Mary (d) 12 mths	Westbury	Thomas Phipps William Phipps

1. See 550.

		<i>Removal Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
589. 2 Dec. 1760	Elleanor Lewis, widow	Trowbridge	John Turner John Bythesea
590. 17 Jan. 1761	James Batten; Jane (w)	Lacock	James Montagu G. Hungerford
591. 7 June 1766	Betty Farr; William (s) 2 weeks	Chippenham	H[?] Bayntun Robert Neale
592. 7 June 1766	Isaac Harrel; Mary (w); Jonathan (s) 7 weeks	Colerne	James Montagu Robert Neale
593. 1 Aug. 1767	Thomas Barrington; Susanah (w)	Calne	Robert Neale Thomas Hedges
594. 10 Oct. 1767	Mary Ellick	Corsham	R. Ashe <sup>1</sup> Daniel Bull
1. Robert Ashe of Langley Burrell House? ( <i>U.B.D.</i> , II, 594).			
595. 5 Dec. 1767	Joseph Jones	Corsham	Robert Neale R. Ashe
596. 26 Jan. 1768	William Escot the Elder; Mary (w); Margaret (d) 18 yrs; Mary (d) 16 yrs; Samuel (s) 13 yrs	Wingfield	Joseph Mortimer Thomas Bythesea
597. 26 Jan. 1768	John Pearce; Sarah (w); Robert (s) 16 yrs; Sarah (d) 13 yrs; Mary (d) 10 yrs; John (s) 7 yrs; Thomas (s) 4 yrs; Ann (d) 9 months	Trowbridge	Joseph Mortimer John Bythesea
598. 4 Feb. 1768	Elizabeth Tucker, widow; Ann (d); Elizabeth (d); Samuel (s)	Westbury	Thomas Phipps William Phipps
599. 11 Dec. 1770	John Smart	Lacock	Joseph Mortimer John Awdry
600. 3 April 1771	William James, 4 yrs, son of Paul James, broadweaver	North Bradley	Lord William Seymour Richard Long
601. 11 May 1771	Jane May; George (s) 7 yrs	Secnd (to Atworth (Atford), Bradford)	Lord William Seymour Paul Newman
602. 3 Oct. 1771	Phebe Bayly, singlewoman	Semington, (to Holt, Bradford)	John Awdry Lord William Seymour
603. 24 Sept. 1773	Elizabeth Razey, singlewoman	Trowbridge	Joseph Mortimer Thomas Bythesea

		<i>Removal Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
<b>604.</b> 14 Feb. 1776	Sarah Selfe, spinster	Westbury	Thomas Phipps Joseph Mortimer
<b>605.</b> 20 March 1776	John Hendy	Wingfield	Thomas Phipps Thomas Bythesea
<b>606.</b> 13 Sept. 1776	John Brochel; Mary (w); Ann (d) 10 yrs	Trowbridge	Thomas Bythesea Thomas Phipps
<b>607.</b> 19 Feb. 1777	James Harding; <sup>1</sup> Mary (w)	Trowbridge	Lord William Seymour Paul Newman
1. See <b>150, 244.</b>			
<b>608.</b> 19 Feb. 1777	Mary Swier	Trowbridge	Lord William Seymour Paul Newman
<b>609.</b> 1 March 1777	Susannah Brown <sup>1</sup>	Chippenham	Thomas Hedges John Awdry
1. See <b>620.</b>			
<b>610.</b> 15 May 1777	John Moorie	St John the Baptist, Devizes	William Read, mayor Charles Garth
<b>611.</b> 27 May 1777	Betty Garrett, singlewoman	Tilshead	C.B. Brodie Tris[ <i>tram?</i> ] Henry Jervoise
<b>612.</b> 22 Aug. 1777	John Bull; Mary (w)	Trowbridge	Thomas Johnson Thomas Bythesea
<b>613.</b> 9 Sept. 1777	Susannah Beard, singlewoman	North Bradley	Richard Long Paul Newman
<b>614.</b> 4 Feb. 1778	Ann Dunning	Corsley	Thomas Phipps Edmund Lambert
<b>615.</b> 4 Feb. 1778	Patience Twyford, wife of John Twyford; Martha (d) 1½ yrs	Corsley	Edmund Lambert Thomas Phipps
<b>616.</b> 28 May 1778	John Powell, labourer; Hester (w); Mary (d) 16 yrs; Sarah (d) 3 yrs; William (s) 10 mths	Westbury	Thomas Phipps Thomas Bythesea
<b>617.</b> 4 July 1778	Sarah Powell	Chippenham	James Montagu Thomas Hodges

		<i>Removal Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
<b>618.</b> 8 July 1778	Sarah Chapman, 3 yrs, bastard child born at Bradford	Trowbridge	Thomas Bythesea Paul Newman
	[Note] On examination of Mary, wife of Peter May.		
<b>619.</b> 22 July 1778	William Hopkins; Hannah (w); Daniel (s) 6 yrs; John (s) 3 yrs; William (s) 9 mths	Melksham	Paul Newman Thomas Bythesea
<b>620.</b> 6 Feb. 1779	Philip Brown; Susannah (w); <sup>1</sup> John (s) 12 yrs	Chippenham	James Montagu John Awdry
	1. See <b>609.</b>		
<b>621.</b> 29 Oct. 1781	Francis May; Phebe (w); Frances (s) 6 yrs; Sarah (d) 1¼ yrs	Trowbridge	Joseph Mortimer Thomas Bythesea
	[Note] Dec. 5 1781. Delivered the above felon[?] May and family to Benjamin Spender [?], overseer. W. Stephens, overseer.		
<b>622.</b> 13 Feb. 1782	Daniel Gosford, labourer	Westbury	Lord William Seymour John Awdry
<b>623.</b> 4 June 1782	John Smart; Sarah (d) 4 yrs; Betty (d) 3 yrs	Box	James Montagu John Awdry
<b>624.</b> 23 Aug. 1782	Mary Lanham, <sup>1</sup> singlewoman	Market Lavington	H [?] Bayntun T. Sutton
	1. See <b>583.</b>		
<b>625.</b> 14 Oct. 1783	Mary Lucas; Mary (d) 10 yrs	Calne	Walter Heneage J. Montagu jun.
<b>626.</b> 17 Oct. 1783	Mary Bray, wife of Jeremiah Bray now in the Hospital, Bath	Westwood	Lord William Seymour Joseph Mortimer
<b>627.</b> 15 Dec. 1783	John Humphrys; Elizabeth (w); John (s) 15 yrs; Mary (d) 8 yrs; Anna Maria (d) 4 yrs; Elizabeth (d) 2 yrs	Melksham	James Montagu John Awdry
<b>628.</b> 2 Feb. 1784	Sarah Starr, singlewoman	St Edmund, Salisbury	John Nashe [?], mayor John Staile
<b>629.</b> 5 July 1785	Richard Lawrence	Corsham	H. Bayntun Richard Scrope
<b>630.</b> 21 Nov. 1787	John Smith; Mary (w)	Monkton Farleigh	Lord William Seymour Thomas Johnson
<b>631.</b> 14 March 1788	Thomas Ricketts; Ann (w); Thomas (s) 4 yrs; Sarah (d) 2 yrs	Melksham	Lord William Seymour Joseph Mortimer

		<i>Removal Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
632.	10 Feb. 1795 Robert Matthews; Sarah (w); Mary (d) 3½ yrs; James (s) 2 yrs; Patience (d) 6 mths	Melksham	John Awdry James Montagu
633.	22 Aug. 1798 John Say; Margaret (w); Mary (d) 7 yrs; Sophia (d) 6 yrs; Charlotte (d) 3 yrs	Trowbridge	Edward Mortimer H. Bayntun
	[Note] Order suspended as relates to Margaret on account of her being in so ill a state of health.		
iv) <i>From places outside Wiltshire to Bradford-on-Avon</i>			
(a) (WRO 77/35)			
634.	15 June 1725 Elizabeth Shell, widow of Benjamin Shell	Frome, Somt.	Joseph Houlton W. Strangeways
635.	3 Dec. 1725 William Ponting, mason; Jane (w); Jane (d) 8 yrs; William (s) 6 yrs; Thomas (s) 5 yrs	St Nicholas, Bristol	Robert Earle, mayor Henry Walters
636.	3 May 1726 Roger Bryant; Margaret (w); Margaret (d) 6 mths	Doynton, Glos.	Abraham Elson [?] Richard Haynes
637.	7 Nov. 1730 Betty Say, wife of Ephraim Say, weaver	Wotton-under- Edge, Glos.	Thomas Pycke Charles Yate
638.	15 July 1732 Mary Stephens, singlewoman	Monkton Combe, Somt.	Henry Walters Joseph Houlton
639.	4 Jan. 1737/8 Henry Webb; Jane (w); James (s) 5 yrs; Frances (d) 2 yrs	Chew Magna, Somt.	W. Jones H. Strachey
640.	11 Aug. 1738 Jane Kelson 8 yrs; William Kelson 4 to 5 yrs	Newington, Surrey	Thomas Hicks William Leigh
641.	1 Feb. 1739/40 Anne Lamb, wife of George Lamb, shearmen of Bradford	Sherborne, Dorset	William Frekes Thomas Frekes
642.	19 June 1740 William Tuck; Ann (w); Mary (d) 5 yrs; William (s) 2½ yrs; John (s) 1 yr	Frome, Somt.	James Strobe Thomas Baynard
643.	14 Oct. 1740 Susannah Whitmore, rogue & vagabond; Sarah (d) 3 yrs	Bedminster, Somt.	Jacob Elton
644.	7 Nov. 1740 William York, rogue & vagabond	St Philip & Jacob, Glos.	Jacob Elton

		<i>Removal Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>	
645.	11 Nov. 1740	William Escourt; Martha (w); William (s) 2 yrs; Betty (d) 3 mths	Woolverton, Somt.	Joseph Houlton R. Hayward
646.	9 Dec. 1740	Samuel Mitchell; Mary (w); Mary (d) 6 mths	Frome, Somt.	Thomas Baynard John Madox
647.	11 Dec. 1740	Mary Amsbury, wife of Jonathan Ansbury; Martha (their d) 2½ yrs	Freshford, Somt.	J. Halliday R. Hayward
(b) (WRO 77/36)				
648.	19 Feb. 1740/1	James Beverstock; Mary (w)	Painswick, Glos.	G. Gardner Thomas Cooke
649.	19 Feb. 1740/1	Sophia Hamilton; one child	Newcastle- upon-Tyne	W[?] Collingwood, mayor
650.	28 Feb. 1740/1	Ann Wyat, singlewoman	Bathford, Somt.	Henry Walters Robert Smith
651.	23 March 1740/1	Thomas Brown, rogue & vagabond	St James, Bath	Charles Stone, mayor Thomas Atwood
652.	23 March 1740/1	John Kelson, rogue & vagabond	St James, Bath	Charles Stone Thomas Atwood
653.	3 June 1741	Anthony Greenland; Thomas (s) 6 yrs; John (s) 4 yrs; James (s) 3 yrs	Hinton Charterhouse, Somt.	J. Halliday R. Hayward
654.	4 July 1741	Anne Atkins	Norton St Philip, Somt.	J. M. Houlton R. Hayward
655.	21 July 1741	Caleb Guy; Sarah (w)	St Peter, Bristol	Joseph Jefferis
656.	9 Dec. 1741	Grace Dunn, widow of William	Bermondsey, Surrey	Thomas [Hink ?]
657.	15 Jan. 1741/2	Joseph Piercy, 51 yrs	Dartford, Kent	Samuel Matchen
658.	28 Jan. 1741	William Jelly, 16 yrs	St Philip & Jacob, Glos.	Jacob Elton
659.	7 Feb. 1741	Isaac Little; Mary (w); Isaac (s)	Bray, Maidenhead, Berks.	Matthew Geary
660.	22 April 1742	Elinor Say, wife of William Say; William (s) 3 yrs; Joseph (s) 1 month	Branston Gate, Leics.	W. Wrighte

## REMOVAL ORDERS

		<i>Removal Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>	
[Note] William Say, soldier in Col William Handasyde's <sup>1</sup> regiment of foot has this day marched with his regiment.				
1. Commissioned as colonel 1737. <i>List of His Majesty's Forces on the British Establishment, 1740.</i>				
661.	1 Feb. 1742/3	Thomas Walter, soldier; Betty (w); James (s) 7 yrs	Shepton Mallet, Somt.	Thomas Coward W. Howe
662.	8 April 1743	William Kelson, 11 yrs	St Nicholas, Bristol	William Jeffens
663.	12 May 1743	Susannah, wife of Christopher Turner	Frome, Somt.	Lord Weymouth <sup>1</sup> J. Halliday
1. Thomas Thynne, 2nd Viscount Weymouth.				
664.	3 Jan. 1743/4	William Woods; <sup>1</sup> Elizabeth (w); Elizabeth (d); Mary (d); William (s)	St Andrew, Worcester, where they were under certificate of 17 May 1742 from Bradford	Chris. Kidley Thomas Winsmore
[Note] William, Elizabeth (w) and Elizabeth (d) since dead.				
1. See 758.				
665.	2 May 1744	John Self; Anne (w); Jane (d) 5 yrs; Edward (s) 3 yrs	Wotton-under- Edge, Glos.	F. Fusty Thomas Chester Thomas Liston
[Note] 25 Oct. 1745. Order withdrawn (except as applied to John Self) because now known that he had a former wife now living when it was made.				
666.	3 Jan. 1744/5	George Escott, infant son of Jane Escott, singlewoman	Beckington, Somt.	J. Halliday John Madox
[Note] Upon examination of Mary Farrent, widow, James Phillips, victualler, both of Bradford, and Benjamin Phillips of Beckington, labourer.				
667.	5 June 1746	Ann King, singlewoman	North Nibley, Glos.	Thomas Liston Daniel D[?]ey
668.	1 Sept. 1746	Francis Bull, scribbler; Rebecca (w); George (s) 8 yrs; James (s) 5 yrs; Thomas (s) 3 yrs	Stourbridge, Worcs.	J. Foley William Vernon
669.	17 Nov. 1746	Ann Cannings, spinster	St James, Bath	Thomas Atwood, mayor John Cogswell
670.	7 Feb. 1746/7	James Butler, shearman	St Peter, Bristol	Nathaniel Day

		<i>Removal Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
671. 18 April 1748	George Brodriffe, 45 yrs; Mary (w) 45 yrs [Note] Rented a tanyard of Mr Holiday at Bradford, rent £13 4s. a year for four years.	Withern, near Louth, Lincs.	Robert Cracroft
672. 22 Oct. 1750	Rebecca Sartain, wife or widow of Richard Sartain late of Bradford, carpenter	St James, Bath	Henry Atwood, mayor John Cogswell
673. 12 Nov. 1750	Alice Bayly	Tetbury, Glos.	Oliver Small T. Bush
674. 7 Nov. 1751	George Hibbard; Anne (w); Jane (d) 3 yrs; Sarah (d) 9 mths	Mells, Somt.	L. Seaman G. Hill
675. 23 Dec. 1751	James Gilbert, ropemaker; Ann (w); Thomas (s) 7 yrs; Anthony (s) 5 yrs; George (s) 2½ yrs	St. Michael, Bath	Francis Hales, mayor Henry Atwood
676. 24 Dec. 1751	James Foxell; Martha (w); Mary (d) 17 mths	Frome, Somt.	L. Seaman
677. 24 Dec. 1751	Mary Foxell, widow	Frome, Somt.	L. Seaman R. Hayward
(c) (WRO 77/37)			
678. 24 April 1752	John Heath; Elizabeth (w); William (s) ½ yr [Attached] 3 Aug. 1752. Certificate of the marriage on 19 May 1751 of John Heath and Elizabeth Cook as in parish register of Hanslope, Bucks. [Signatures] Moses Agar and Luke Lane, churchwardens.	Hanslope, Bucks.	Richard Lowndes Thomas Carr
679. 26 Oct. 1753	Joseph Perry	Wellow, Somt.	Jo. Wood Henry Walters
680. 9 Nov. 1753	Honour Hawkins, single- woman	St Philip & Jacob, Glos. (to Atworth (Atford) Bradford)	Jacob Elton Charles Bragge
681. 6 Aug. 1755	James Lucas; Sarah (d) ¾ yr	Part of Walcot, Bath	John Chapman, mayor Thomas Atwood
682. 26 Jan. 1756	George Bezer; Sarah (w); George (s) 9 mths	Part of Walcot, Bath	Samuel Bush, mayor Francis Hales
683. 6 April 1756	William Munday; Hester (w); Mary (d) 14 yrs; John (s) 12 yrs; Sarah (d) 10 yrs; Joseph (s) 2 yrs	Wotton-under- Edge, Glos.	Henry Brooke Thomas Liston
684. 3 Feb. 1757	Mary Humphreys, spinster	St Philip & Jacob, Glos.	Jacob Elton Charles Bragge



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<b>685.</b> 6 March 1758	Moses Stileman	Batheaston, Somt. (to Winsley, Bradford)	George Somerville William Peirs
<b>686.</b> 13 June 1758	John Isles, labourer	St James, Bath	William Chapman, mayor Henry Atwood
<b>687.</b> 21 June 1758	Ann Wiltshire, single- woman	Part of Walcot, Bath	William Chapman, mayor Henry Atwood
<b>688.</b> 30 Oct. 1758	Cornelius Matthews; Ann (w)	St James, Bath	Henry Atwood, mayor John Chapman
<b>689.</b> 7 Feb. 1759	Anthony Syms; Hester (w)	Horsley, Glos.	J. Kingscote Charles Gardner
<b>690.</b> 24 Feb. 1761	James Cooper, marine; Sarah (w); Thomas (s) 7 yrs never gained any settlement; Willi (s) 3½ yrs; Mary (d) 4 mths	St Philip & Jacob, Bristol	[?] Cooper Henry Dampier
<b>691.</b> 29 Sept. 1761	Elizabeth Britton, wife of Charles Britton, labourer, now gone from her, Elizabeth (d) 7 yrs; Charles (s) 2½ yrs; Sarah 7 mths	St Peter, Bristol	Isaac Elton, mayor D. Peloquin
<b>692.</b> 18 Nov. 1761	Mary Lane, wife of James Lane now on board one of H.M. ships of war [Note] Bradford was her husband's last legal place of settlement.	Chipping Sodbury Glos.	Thomas Liston N. Tooker
<b>693.</b> 11 Dec. 1761	Isaac Cater, rough mason; Ann (w)	Camerton, Somt.	Henry Walters J. Smith
<b>694.</b> 29 Nov. 1764	Jane Gay, widow; Betty (d) 20 yrs; Sarah (d) 17 yrs	Part of Walcot, Bath	John Horton, mayor Samuel Bush
<b>695.</b> 27 Nov. 1765	John Woodward, labourer	Mangotsfield, Glos. (to Atworth (Atford) Bradford)	Charles Bragge Henry Creswicke
<b>696.</b> 21 May 1766	James Carrington; Jane (w); James (s) 9 yrs; Mary (d) 5 yrs; John (s) 3 weeks	St James, Bath	Edward Bushell Collibee, mayor Thomas Atwood
<b>697.</b> 22 Nov. 1766	Richard Stockwell, turner	St Peter, Bristol	Henry Dampier

		<i>Removal Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
698. 20 Jan. 1767	Elizabeth Cooper, wife of Benjamin Cooper, house carpenter	Bedminster, Somt.	John Durbin Jacob Elton
699. 21 May 1767	John Coombs, broadweaver; Elizabeth (w)	Rode, Somt.	Henry Harris N. Edgell
700. 21 May 1767	Mary Dowding, widow	Rode, Somt.	Henry Harris N. Edgell
701. 24 June 1767	John Bachelor; Anne (w); John (s) 5 yrs	Minchinhampton, Glos.	Samuel Sheppard T. Gryffin
702. 3 Sept. 1767	Elizabeth Pierce, single-woman	St Peter & St Paul, Bath	Henry Wright, mayor John Chapman
703. 19 Sept. 1767	Thomas Gale, apprentice of James Holbert, broadweaver, of Bradford	St Cuthbert, Wells	R. Slade George Bisse
704. 6 Nov. 1767	William Cove; Betty (w); William (s) 4 yrs; Benjamin (s) 1 yr	Lyncombe & Widcombe, Somt.	Henry Walters Thomas Coward jun
705. 10 Dec. 1767	James Mortinier, labourer; Mary (w); James (s) 16 yrs; William (s) 12 yrs; Sarah (d) 8 yrs	Farleigh Hungerford, Somt. (to Holt, Bradford)	J. Horner N. Edgell
706. 18 Jan. 1768	William Huish; Mary (w); John (s) 1½ yrs	Shepton Mallet, Somt.	R. Slade George Bisse
707. 18 Feb. 1768	William Brothers, scribbler; Mary (w); Margaret (d) 11 mths	Frome, Somt.	Henry Harris N. Edgell
708. 13 Aug. 1770	Mary Greenland, spinster	St Michael, Bath	Thomas Atwood, mayor John Horton
709. 17 Aug. 1770	Joseph Skull, labourer; Hester <sup>1</sup> (w)	Hinton Charterhouse, Somt.	J. Smith Henry Walters
1. See 284, 523.			
710. 30 Nov. 1770	Ann Tadd, singlewoman	Hinton Charterhouse, Somt.	Henry Walters George Somerville
711. 28 Jan. 1771	Joanna Barnes, widow; James (s) 10 yrs	St James, Bath	John Chapman, mayor Edward Collibee
712. 16 April 1772	John Gibbs; Elizabeth (w); Ann (d) 22 yrs; Elizabeth (d) 10 yrs	Stroud, Glos.	T. Gryffin H. Wyatt

		<i>Removal Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
713. 22 April 1772	Joseph Silby, labourer; Mary (w); Mary (d) 11 yrs; Katherine (d) 5 yrs	Woolverton, Somt.	Henry Harris N. Edgell
714. 17 Nov. 1773	John Doddimead, cloth- worker; Nem (w); James (s) 19 yrs; Nem (d) 16 yrs	Frome, Somt.	N. Edgell J. Horner
715. 17 Nov. 1773	William Tucker, broad- weaver; Eleanor (w); Ann (d) 5 yrs; James (s) 4 yrs; Hannah (d) 2 yrs; Sarah (d) 30 weeks	Frome, Somt.	N. Edgell J. Horner
716. 4 Aug. 1774	John Taylor; John (s) <sup>1</sup> 8 yrs	Bruton, Somt.	Gerard Martin W. Rodbard
1. See 731.			
717. 17 July 1775	Hester Fussell, wife of Caleb Fussell, outpensioner, now gone on duty; Mary (d) 8 yrs; Robert (s) 6 yrs; John (s) 3 yrs; Elizabeth (d) 2 yrs	Batheaston, Somt.	Jo. Wood Henry Walters
718. 29 July 1775	Adam Allen, broadweaver; Ann (w)	Ashwick, Somt.	J. Horner N. Edgell
719. 3 Aug. 1775	William Titcombe; Elinor (w); Walter (child)	Part of Walcot, Bath	Phi[lip] Ditcher, mayor Francis Bennett
	[Note] William Titcombe, her husband, absconded and left her about nine weeks ago.		
720. 7 Aug. 1775	Isaac Harrill; Elizabeth (w)	Keynsham, Somt.	J[oh?]n Adams J[oh?]n Adams jun.
721. 11 Sept. 1775	Thomas Mansfield; Hannah (w); Betty (d) 6 yrs; Mary (d) 4 yrs; Thomas (s) 1 yr	Frome, Somt.	Henry Harris N. Edgell
722. 26 Oct. 1775	Isaac Sims, labourer; Elizabeth (w); Mary (d) 6 yrs; Hannah (d) 4 yrs; Jacob (s) 2 yrs; Susanna (d) 4 mths	St Philip & Jacob, Glos.	R. Scudamore Ed. Garsick
723. 1 Jan. 1776	Elizabeth Hix	St Peter & St Paul, Bath	Edward Collibee mayor Henry Wright
724. 7 Feb. 1776	Jane Seer, widow	Frome, Somt.	J. Horner Henry Harris
725. 30 April 1776	John James; Margaret (w); John (s) & William (s), both 6 mths	Midsomer Norton, Somt.	James Tooker J[oh?]n Adams J[ohn?] Adams [jun?]

		<i>Removal Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
726. 6 June 1776	John Clark; Mary (w); John (s) 7 yrs; Hannah (d) 1 yr	Rode, Somt.	J. Horner N. Edgell
727. 14 June 1776	Ann Batchelor, wife of John Batchelor, soldier in H.M. division of marines, now in America	St Peter, Bristol	Thomas Farr, mayor Isaac Baugh
728. 24 Feb. 1777	Alice Lintern, singlewoman	Part of Walcot, Bath	Henry Wright, mayor Edward Colibee
729. 17 March 1777	Joseph Windsor, 5 to 6 yrs, bastard born of Mary Windsor alias Mary Candy, singlewoman	St Peter, Bristol	Isaac Baugh Nathaniel Foy
[Note] On examination and on oath of Edward Allen, accountant, of Bristol.			
730. 13 June 1777	George Hughes, labourer; Ann (d) 6 yrs; Eleanor (d) 4 yrs; John (s) 2 yrs; Thomas (s) 19 weeks	Frome, Somt.	J. Horner N. Edgell
731. 19 June 1777	John Taylor the Younger <sup>1</sup>	Bruton, Somt.	W. Rodbard Gerard Martin
1. See 716.			
732. 7 Nov. 1777	Sarah Bull, spinster	Hinton Charterhouse, Somt.	George Booth Tyndale Henry Walters
733. 6 Jan. 1778	James Fisher; Martha (w)	Part of Walcot, Bath	John Chapman, mayor Henry Wright
734. 9 Jan. 1778	Margaret Battin, wife of William Battin gone from her	Tellisford, Somt. (to Winsley, Bradford)	Henry Walters George Booth Tyndale
735. 18 Feb. 1778	Joseph Tovey	Norton St Philip, Somt.	N. Edgell Henry Harris
736. 6 Nov. 1778	John Morris; Sarah (w); Elizabeth (d) 1 yr 5 mths	Hawkesbury, Glos.	W[illiam] Codrington George Hardwike Richard Haynes
737. 9 Nov. 1778	Ann Britten, wife of Simon Britten, soldier now serving in Minorca	Frome, Somt.	T(?) Champneys N. Edgell
738. 5 Jan. 1779	James Stevens	Frome, Somt.	N. Edgell Henry Harris

		<i>Removal Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
739. 29 March 1779	Betty Isles, widow	St James, Bath	S[imon] Crook, mayor <sup>1</sup> Francis Bennett
1. Roll of Mayors (Bath Reference Library).			
740. 15 Dec. 1779	Margaret Jones, wife of John Jones, soldier; John (s) & William (s) both 5 yrs; Ann (d) 3 yrs	Babington, Somt.	N. Edgell J. Horner
741. 19 July 1781	Katharine, wife of John Phillips	Frome, Somt.	N. Edgell Henry Harris
742. 6 Sept. 1781	Rachel (Rachael) Iles	Frome, Somt.	N. Edgell Henry Harris
743. 11 Oct. 1781	Sarah Hemmings, wife of Thomas Hemmings	Frome, Somt.	N. Edgell Henry Harris
744. 20 Dec. 1781	Charles Scrine; Jane (w); Mary (d) 12 yrs; Frances (d) 11 yrs; Charles (s) 9 yrs; David (s) 7 yrs; Jane (d) 9 mths	Frome, Somt.	J. Horner N. Edgell
745. 1 Feb. 1782	John Goff; Mary (w)	Hinton Charterhouse, Somt.	George Somerville Henry Walters
746 25 July 1782	Susanna Miles, wife of Richard Miles; Hercules (s) 8 yrs; Ann (d) 5 yrs	Rode, Somt.	N. Edgell J. Horner
747. 7 Sept. 1782	Sarah Akerman; Mary (d) 16 yrs; Edward (s) 13 yrs; William (s) 12 yrs; John (s) 10 yrs; James (s) 8 yrs; Ann (d) 6 yrs; Jane (d) 3 yrs	Stourbridge, Worcs.	William Pidcock John Durant(?)
748. 6 Nov. 1783	Henry Mathews; Betty (w); Mary (d) 10 yrs by former wife; Hannah (d) 22 weeks by present wife	Shepton Mallet, Somt.	W. Rodbart [sic] <sup>1</sup> Thomas Coward
1. See 716, 731.			
749. 6 Aug. 1784	James 12 yrs; Samuel 10 yrs; John 7 yrs; Ann 4 yrs; William 2 yrs; children of Richard Hundy deceased	Wotton-under- Edge, Glos.	William Codrington George Hardwick
750. 3 March 1785	Isaac Rudman	Frome, Somt.	N. Edgell J. Horner

[Note] Upon examination of Sarah Harding, alias Rudman.

		<i>Removal Parish</i>	<i>Examining Justices</i>
751. 5 Jan. 1787	Martha Burgess, widow of Samuel Burgess	Hinton Charterhouse, Somt.	Henry Walters J. Horner
752. 15 Feb. 1787	William Brown, broad-weaver; Betty (w); Mary (d) 18 mths	Frome, Somt.	J. Horner N. Edgell
753. 6 July 1787	Thomas Cooper; Betty (w); John (s) 9 yrs; Betty (d) 4 yrs; Sarah (d) 1¼ yrs	Walcot, Somt.	Henry Walters W[alter?] Wiltshire
754. 17 Jan. 1788	Sarah Ashmead, singlewoman	St Philip & Jacob, Glos.	Hew [Hugh] Creswicke R. Scudamore
755. 6 March 1789	James Akerman; Edith (w); Sarah (d)	Norton St Philip, Somt.	Henry Walters John Wiltshire
756. 1 Sept. 1795	Betty, wife of Richard Powell; Richard (s) 7 yrs; William (s) 5 yrs; George (s) 3 yrs	King's Stanley, Glos.	C. Hayward George Hayward

[Attached] 17 Sept. 1795. Notice of Appeal by parish of Bradford to General Quarter Sessions, Glos. against removal.

Account from Bradford for the expenses of this appeal, total £4 7s. 1d.

D. Miscellaneous Documents

**757.** (a) Settlement Certificate<sup>1</sup>

3 July 1741. To churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Westbury. Churchwardens and overseers of the poor of parish of Bradford acknowledge that Edward Powel, broadweaver, Elizabeth his wife and their two children, John 10 years and Sarah 12 years, to be inhabitants legally settled there. Sealed in the presence of Edward Selfe [signature], Philip Assenton [signature]: J. Shewell [mark], Zach [ariah] Shrapnel [mark], churchwardens: William Moger [mark], John Silby [mark], overseers of the poor.

(b) Certificate<sup>1</sup>

13 July 1741 by J. Thresher and Edward Mortimer, justices of the peace. They allow the above certificate and certify that Philip Assenton this day made oath before them that he and Edward Self saw the churchwardens and overseers of Bradford severally sign and seal the certificate and that Self and Assenton attested it in their own handwriting. [Endorsed] A true copy. He[nry?] Browne.

1. WRO 77/37.

**758.** Account for William Woods's family, 1743/4<sup>1</sup>

Parish of Bradford D[ebto]r to parish of St Andrew, city of Worcester

	£	s.	d.
For relieving Elizabeth Woods (when sick)		7	6
For burying the said Elizabeth		12	6
For six weeks maintenance of Mary and William the children at 2s. a week each	1	4	0
Orders to remove them		3	6
Maintenance on the road to Bradford	1	0	0
Horschire	1	4	0
Paid the men for coming with them		10	0
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	5	1	6

Received 26 Jan. 1743/4 of Ed[ward] Scfcl £4 11s. 6d. in full for the above charge and expenses for burying Elizabeth Woods and bringing her two children from Worcester to Bradford. James Gould [signature]

1. WRO 77/36. See 664.

**759.** Account for John Powel, 1778<sup>1</sup>

Parish of Bradford D[ebto]r to parish of Westbury

	£	s.	d.
To allowed John Powel labourer and his two small children for ten weeks or upwards from 16 March to 28 May he being almost blind and his wife ill during the same time	2	3	0
To expenses going to Trowbridge sessions for having him examined		2	6
To paid for orders of removal at same time		4	6
To expenses in conveying the family from Westbury to Bradford		6	0
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	2	16	[sic] 0

We do allow of the above bill this 28 May 1778, Tho[ma]s Phipps, Tho[mas] Bythesea. Received the contents of the above bill by me, W[illia]m Smith.

1. WRO 77/37.

**760. Summons Warrant<sup>1</sup>**

27 Jan. 1789 by Samuel Cam to the constables of Bradford and Paul Harding to bring William Bendall, broadweaver, George Hendy, labourer, and Joseph Wallis, who have come to inhabit Bradford, before him and other justices at his house in Bradford at 11.0 a.m. on Wed. 28 Jan. instant.

1. WRO 77/31. See 472.

**761. Summons Warrant<sup>1</sup>**

23 Jan. 1792 by George Bethell to the constables, tithingmen and others H.M.'s officers for Wilts. to bring William Winslow, Sarah Lambert, Francis Brown and Sarah Dean all residing in Great Trowle (Great Troll), parish of Bradford, before him at his house in Bradford on Tues. 24 Jan. at 10.0 a.m. to be severally examined concerning their last legal settlement.

1. WRO 77/31.

**762. Account for removal of Hannah Bowyer, spinster, from Bradford to Bethlem Hospital, London, 1796<sup>1</sup>**

	£	s.	d.
Bringing chaise from Bath		1	2
Expenses 4 persons to London	8	3	6
[illegible] turnpikes etc. . . . 1 chaise	6	5	0
Bonds etc Bethlem	1	8	0
Board etc at the house	5	8	0
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	21	5	8

Samuel Raynor, overseer of the poor of Bradford, makes oath that the above expenses were incurred and reasonably expended in maintaining and also in removing Hannah Bowyer of Bradford spinster, a lunatic, to Bethlem Hospital, London. Samuel Raynor [signature]

Sworn 1 Dec. 1796 before Thomas Bush and John Jones jun.

1. WRO 77/31. The Hospital of St Mary of Bethlehem, known as Bedlam, was an asylum for the reception and cure of mentally deranged persons; originally in Bishopsgate, it was rebuilt near London Wall in 1676.



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Ben	Benjamin	Margt	Margaret
Cath	Catharine	Nath	Nathaniel
Chas	Charles	Nic	Nicholas
Corn	Cornelius	Pat	Patience
Dan	Daniel	Phil	Philip
Edw	Edward	Reb	Rebeccah
Eliz	Elizabeth	Ric	Richard
Geo	George	Rob	Robert
Han	Hannah	Rog	Roger
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