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### **APPLEBY**, Westm. (Cumbria)

References: Barry McKay, 'John Foxe's Book of Martyrs: the Appleby copy.' *Quadrat* 20, Summer 2007, 21–30

### **BOLTON [LE-MOORS]**, Lancs. (G.Man.)

Bray bookplate of 1878 in *Christianity among the New Zealanders*, 1867 (information from Paul Morgan)

### **BOSTON**, Lincs.

Catalogues: *Boston Parish Library Catalogue*. Boston, St Botolph's Church, 2006. Review by Neil Harris, *The Library*, 7.10: 2, June 2009, 221–3

References: Ray Carroll, 'St Botolph's Church, Boston, Lincolnshire.' *Rare Books Newsletter* 82, Spring 2008, 17–20

### **BROMHAM**, Beds.

Transferred to Canons Ashby Library (National Trust) on a thirty-year loan in the autumn of 2008.

References: Mark Purcell, 'Bromham Parochial Library', *Historic Libraries Forum*, *Bull.* 14, July 2009, 4

### **CRUNDALE**, Kent

The books were moved in 2009 from Wye College (now closed) to the basement of Godmersham Park House, in the care of Godmersham and Crundale Heritage Centre.

### **DODDINGTON**, Kent

Friends of the National Libraries restored to the Faversham Society the copy of King, *An Enquiry into the Constitution, Discipline, Unity, and Worship, of the Primitive Church*, 11713, missing from the parochial library of Doddington, now in the Society's care, for £195.

References: *The Book Collector*, Autumn 2005, News and Comment, 443

Justin Croft reports on new developments (*ExLibris*, April, 2019):

Some of you may be interested to hear of a new addition to the English Short Title Catalogue, namely 285 pre-1800 British books from the Doddington Parochial Library, now at Faversham, Kent.

The records can be viewed at <http://estc.bl.uk> by entering 'Doddington' in the 'browse libraries' search field.

These titles represent the largest part of a small but interesting parish library of some 240 titles in 295 volumes, founded for the rural parish of Doddington (Kent) in 1743, mainly the bequest of the reverend Daniel Somerscales. Doddington is typical of contemporary parish libraries in being primarily a theological reference library for the use of the clergy, but containing books in other fields: classics, history, natural

history, medicine, law and education. There are some very rare books among them and almost all (including some of the continental books) are in their original English bindings in rather exceptional condition. The library is one of 5 extant Kent parish libraries described by David Shaw in 'Parochial Libraries in Kent', *Libraries and Information History*, 27, 4, 2011 (pp. 239-45) and in the *Directory of the Parochial Libraries of the Church of England and the Church in Wales* (rev. 2004).

It is hoped that copy-specific notes (including some interesting provenances) will be added to the ESTC records and that the full catalogue (including both English and Continental books) will be made available online in the future. The library is currently held by the Faversham Society at the Fleur de Lys Heritage Centre, but will shortly move to a more accessible location in the Faversham town council offices. The curation and cataloguing of this fascinating library is due entirely to the enthusiastic and careful work of a number of volunteers over a long period of time, including Michael Nightingale, Hilary Nightingale, John O'Kill, Colin Parry and Paul Moorbath (who has carried out the ESTC matching) among many others. Thanks are due too to Virginia Schilling at ESTC for setting up the location.

**EAST BEDFONT**, Middx

According to Brian North Lee there are 18 books in the collection.

**GREAT YARMOUTH**, Norf.

Now in Norwich CL (Parochial Libraries Seminar, 26.4.2010)

**LEAMINGTON HASTINGS**, Warws. [New entry]

All Saints. Cov.

A 16<sup>th</sup> cent. Bible was destroyed in a fire, 20 December 2009, perhaps as the result of arson.

References: *Church Times*, 4 Dec. 2009

**LIVERPOOL**, Lancs. (M'side)

Correct last sentence to read: 'St Peter's church was demolished in 1922.'

References: information from John Vaughan.

**LONDON**

St Margaret, New Fish Street [New entry]

Destroyed in the Great fire of London, 1666.

References: P. R. Robinson, 'A Prik of Conscience Cheyned: the Parish Library of St Margaret's, New Fish street, London, 1472.' In: *The Medieval Book and a Modern Collector: Essays in Honour of Professor Toohiyuki Takamiya*, [2007?]

**LONDON**

St Margaret, Westminster [New entry]

William Caxton, d. 1491/2 and b. in the church, left to the churchwardens 16 copies of 'Boks called Legends,' i.e. most probably *Legenda Sarum*, 1438, which were sold between 1496 and 1504.

References: Margaret Lane Ford in *The Book Collector*, Summer 2007, 204-5

**LOSTWITHIEL**, Corn.

**NEWQUAY**, Corn.

**ST COLUMB MAJOR**, Corn.

**TRURO**, Corn.

References: Notes on the sale of all pre-1800 books from Bishop Phillpotts Library, Truro, to a bookdealer in autumn 2006.

*Church Times*, 15 Dec. 2006; Reports, *The Times*, 10 September 2007; Nicolas Barker, 'The Bishop Phillpotts Library, Truro.' *The Book Collector*, winter 2007, 493-500

**MAIDSTONE**, Kent

The library will move to the new Kent History Centre in c.2012. (David Shaw, Parochial Libraries Seminar, 26.4.2010)

**MORE**, Shrops.

The library was deposited in Hereford CL in March 2004; there is a catalogue by Joan Williams (letter from Joan Williams, 21.5.2004)

**NANTWICH**, Ches.

Transferred as an outright gift in 2009 to the John Rylands University Library, Manchester. References: Historic Libraries Forum, *Bull.* No. 13, April 2009; 'Books' new life in academia'. *Church Times*, 31 July 2009

**NEWQUAY**, Corn.

Brian North Lee has suggested that the 'A.S.' on the printed label could well be 'Anno Salutis.' See also under: Lostwithiel

**NORTON AND LENCHWICK**, Worcs.

Bookplate of Norton and Lenchwick in Andrew Willet, *Hexapla in Genesin*, Cambridge, John Legat, 1605, at Quaritch. References: email from Simon Beattie, 25.10.2005

**NORWICH**, Norf.

St Peter Mancroft. Nor. Now in Norwich CL (Parochial Libraries Seminar, 26.4.2010)

**PILTON**, Somerset

The copies of the BCP of 1604 and 1662 were deposited in Wells CL in 2000 (letters from the Librarian of Wells CL, 21.5.2004, 2.7.2004)

**ROUGHAM**, Norf.

A copy of the draft regulations for Rougham parochial library dated 1713 is held in Corpus Christi College Cambridge archives (CCCC Misc. Doc. 165), clearly sent to someone in the college who has made corrections to the Latin in grammar and style. (Information from Dr E. Leedham-Green)

**ST COLUMB MAJOR**, Corn. See under: Lostwithiel

**SOMERTON**, Oxon.

St James. Ox. [New entry] There were 'a handful of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century books at ground level in the tower of the church at Somerton, Oxfordshire, in about 1970-71. They were in bad shape.' (email from John P. Chalmers, Chicago)

**TRURO**, Corn. See under: Lostwithiel

**WETHERSFIELD**, Essex

'Vicars Library' bookplate in Adam Smith, *The Theory of Modern Sentiments*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., 1781, at Quaritch. (email from Simon Beattie, 25.10.2005)

**WHITCHURCH**, Hants.

Bray bookplate in R. Lucas, *Several Discourses upon Repentance*, 1717 (information from Paul Morgan, his copy)

**YELDEN**, Beds.

Proposed for transfer (gift or deposit?) to the University of Worcester Library.

References: Historic Libraries Forum, *Bull.* 14, July, 2009, 1

Wales

**MONMOUTH**, Mon.

A copy of Thomas Bray, *Catachetical Lectures*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., 1703, bound with Allen, *Discourse on the Two Covenants*, with an SPCK bookplate is now in the Humanities Research Centre, U. of Texas.

References: John P. Chalmers in *Jnl of Lib. History*, 18:1, Winter 1983, 74–76: photocopy from Libraries & Culture, bookplate Archive, 31.5.2008)

Michael Perkin. 15.6.2011

David Shaw, 28.4.2019