

List of Rectors at Welton

compiled by Phyllis Smith, 1960-1

- Gilbert** 1190 Chaplain of Welton In Stenton's *Danelaw Charters*, p114, Gilbert chaplain of Welton witnessed a quitclaim of service for a tenement in Grainthorpe.
- Peter of Bath** before 1219 Ormsby Priory
- Richard of Sutton** 1224 resigned 1239-40
- John of St Edmunds** 1239-40
- John de Ry** died 1265 Holles, p173 *Gosberkirke Joñes de Ry quondam rector hujus Ecclesiae et d[omi]nus hujus Villae, eujus ače propitietus deus. Amen*
- Thomas of Northfleet** 15th November 1265 – died 1317 [Liber Cleri. 1576]
- Master Henry of Donington** 27th December 1317 – died 1340
- Nicholas by Newton-by-Pocklington** 7th May 1340 – resigned 1346
- John of Retford** 7th May 1346 – died 1349 [plague?]
- William of Fotherby** 8th July 1349 – died 1349 [plague?]
- Robert of Friskney** 9th September 1349 – died 1352
- Robert of Immingham** 4th January 1353 – died 1354
- Henry of Usselby (Oselby)** 6th May 1354 – resigned 1355 for the sake of an exchange with the church of Claxby by Normaby. (Ep.Reg. IX, fol. 114d)
- Henry of Kelstern** 17th February 1355 – resigned 27th February 1380 for the sake of an exchange with William of Wilton rector of the church of Besthamstede in the diocese of Salisbury (Ep.Reg. X folios 101d,102)
Henry of Kelstern mentioned in Liber Clericum [L.C.]
- William of Wilton** 27th February 1380
- Thomas Asterby** died 1420. *Lincolnshire Church Notes*, Gervase Hollis, AD 1634-42 Lincs. Record Soc.
'Upon a Freestone in ye middle of the Quire. *Hic jacet DñS Thomas Asterby dudum Rector de Welton juxta Ludam qui obit [blank] die mensis [blank] anno dñi mccccxx cuius animae propicietur deus. Amen.*'
'Here lies Sir Thomas Asterby Rector of Welton next Louth who died the day of the month of in the year of our Lord 1420, whose soul may God Amen.'
- Thomas atte Kyrkegate** resigned 1427
- Robert Sparrows** 11th July 1427 – died 1435

- William Bagot** 2nd October 1435 – resigned 1439.
Instituted chaplain to the parish church of St Andrew the Apostle of Welton by Louth “*ad ecclesiam parochialum Sancti Andree apostoli de Welton iuxta Louth*” [sic] 2nd October 1435 (Episcopal Register XVII folio 13d)
- John Selby** 28th February 1439 – 1441
- William Grene** 13th July 1441 – resigned 6th February 1463 for the sake of an exchange with the church of Belton (by Grantham) (Ep. Reg. XX folio 137d). Mentioned in *Liber Clericum*.
- John Cooke** 16th February 1463 – resigned 10th February 1465 for the sake of an exchange with a mediety of the church of Isham (co. Northampton) in the diocese of Lincoln. (Ep. Reg. XX folio 139d)
- Robert Geny** 1465
- Ralph Hawicke** died 1491
- John Toynton** 28th February 1491 – 1519
[Chosen by] Robert Smith, rector of Nettleton, executor of Thomas Gilby, late of Witham, for this turn
- Thomas Beche** 11th July 1519 – died 1544 Patron Ormsby Priory. Mentioned in *Liber Cleri*. 'The minister, Sir Thomas Beache gave 40 shillings to help pay the men of the rebellion' [Lincolnshire Rising]
- John Laminge** 29th Nov 1544 – died c.1556
[Chosen by] Robert Waide of Fothby, layman, by reason of a grant from Ormsby Priory for this turn
- Edward Webster** 1556. In 1580 his orders (letters of Ordination) burnt by fire (L.C.)
[Chosen by] Peter Lee, gent., by reason of a grant from Ormsby Priory for this turn
- John Kighley** 6th February 1586 – died August 1612 (L.C.) Patron the Crown.
Buried 25th August 1612 (Bishop's Transcript of parish Registers) (Mentioned in *Liber Cleri*)
- Edmund Mason M.A.** 3rd February 1613 Patron the Crown.
- Thomas Clarke** before 1619 – died 1656.
Married 19th May 1630 at Elkington, Elizabeth Chapman, daughter of Thomas Chapman of Edlington (?Elkington) and grand-daughter of Arthur Chapman of Scamblesby and Anne, daughter of John Chapman of Thorpe Hall. She was buried at Louth 28. 8. 1649.
Welton Register: Burials 1656. Thomas Clarke late Rector of Welton was buried July 3rd 1656.
- William Walker** 1657 – died c.1663 (Mentioned in *Liber Cleri*)
A Master at Louth Grammar School 1651-57.
Wrote several books, among them “The Doctrine of Baptisms” and a Treatise on English Particles. In a subsequent edition, the dedication is “Weltoniae juxta Ludam in agro Lincolnensi.”

Registers: June 23rd 1659, buried William, son of William Walker, rector.

Baptised 14th June 1660, Esther, daughter of Mr. W. Walker Rector of Welton, born June 6th at about 7 in the morning.

William Walker was present at the measuring of the churchyard fences and of the particular shares belonging to the severall Farmers + Cottages chargeable with the reparations + maintenance of the same. March 25th 1661

Francis Castillion

5th July 1663 – died 6th June 1668.

Married Margaret, widowed daughter of Hugh Barker of Newbury, Berks. She was the 2nd wife of Charles Cracroft of Louth. Died aged 75, buried March 29, 1712 at Louth.

Welton Registers: “Francis Castillion was inducted into ye Rectory of Welton by Louth the 5th day of July in ye year of our Lord 1663. By William Walker of Colsterworth, in ye County of Lincoln. Etatis end 29th Compbrat.”

1666 Elizabeth, daughter of Mr Francis Castillion, rector of Welton, born 9th August about one of ye clock in ye afternoon + baptized September 6th.

Sponsors Mrs Elizabeth Walker of Colsterworth, Mrs Elizabeth Barker of Louth ye wife of the Warden there and Mr Brane, Vicar of South Elkington + Rector -forth.

Theophilus Dannel

8th April 1668 – ceded 1670

Robert Thorpe M.A.

15th February 1670 – died 1681

George Tupholme B.A.

14th January 1681 – died 1696. Buried at Welton 19th February 1696.

Second son of Nicholas Tupholme of Bolingbroke, a merchanting family. His great-grandfather, John, was an Alderman of Boston in 1545 and Merchant of the Staple; died 1557 [*abbreviated genealogy*]

Married Katherine; she was buried at Welton 9 July 1691.

Welton Registers: Francis, daughter of Geo. Tupholme buried May 26, 1682 Elizabeth daughter of George Tupholme + Katherine, baptized November 27, 1682 and born October 22

Francis, daughter of George Tupholme and Katherine, baptised April 10, 1684, born March 14

Laurence Eachard M.A., F.S.A. 5th August 1696 – ceded 1722. (Mentioned in Liber Cleri.)

Vicar of S. Elkington, June 1709-21. Chaplain to William Wake, Bishop of Lincoln & Prebendary of Louth in Lincoln Cathedral. Resided at Louth.

Archdeacon of Stowe 1712-30. Elected Fellow of Antiquaries Feb. 1718.

Portrait painted by Sir Godfrey Kneller, engraved by Geo. Vertue in 1719 and hangs in Christ's College, Cambridge. Buried at St Mary Magdalen, Lincoln.

Wrote the following books:

An Exact Description of Ireland, 1691.

A Description of Flanders, 1691.

A most Compleat Compendium of Geography, 1691, 8th edition, 1713.

Plautus' Comedies, Amphitryon, Epidicus & Rudens, made English, 1694.

Terence's Comedies, made English, 1694.

The Gazeteer's or Newman's Interpreter (Geographical Index of the cities of Europe), 3rd edition, 1695.

Abridgement of Sir Walter Raleigh's 'History of the World', 1698, dated Louth 1697.

A General Ecclesiastical History, 1702.

History of England, 3 vols., 1707-18.

History of the Revolution & the Establishment of England in the year 1688, published 1725.

Robert Tyrwhit M.A. 8th October 1722 – ceded 1727

Thomas Lodge M.A. 8th July 1727 – died, buried at Welton October 3rd 1728

John Sidwell B.A. 13th November 1728 – 1783

Welton Register: 'Inductus Johanis Sidwell, M.A. In Ecclesiam Paro de Welton 13 die Decemb. 1728 a Carolo L'Oste, vicar of Louth.'

Married 7.6.1740 Elizabeth Chaplin, daughter of Porter Chaplin of Tathwell. She had been previously married to Ed. Ascough of Louth. She was buried at Welton 30 April 1750.

Rev. John Sidwell acted as agent for the South Elkington estate and is referred to in Rev. Wm Smyth's Journal.

He was Rector 52 years and was buried at Welton 3 December 1780.

John Goodwin 21st March/April 1783 – 1807

Delivered Registers into the hands of Bernard Cracroft, curate 3rd Dec 1800.

Peregrine Willis 18th September 1807 – 1813

Godfrey Egremont D.D. 28th December 1813 – died 1842

30.3.1827 Letter from C. Goddard, archdeacon of Lincoln, to Bishop Hay of Lincoln – 'Mr Egremont is a 'person of fortune, resident with his family in an excellent house in Louth, related to Lord Buckinghamshire, etc.', yet he takes a curacy at Kelstern.

1835, resident at Louth (Poll Book voted for Corbett)

The Stamford Mercury lists Rev. Godfrey Egremont, Welton as one of the members of the Society for the Prosecution of Felons in 1839.

Welton Register: 'The Rev. Egremont was buried at Welton le Wold 9 June 1842 by William Jones, Curate.'

Edmund Hughes M.A. 20 July 1842 – died 1854

Rev. E.W. Hughs, rector of Welton presented a quatre-foil window , executed by Mr Gibbs of London to the Parish Church of N. Elkington upon its restoration – in the western gable. Quoted in Rev. W. Smyth's Journal.

Welton Register: 'The Rev. Edmund William Hughes was buried at Welton le Wold June 9 1854 by Samuel Lodge, Officiating Minister. He was 54 yrs of age.'

Edmund Lawson Hughes, his son was buried at Welton 11th Nov. 1848 by John Waite, Off. Minister. He was 11 yrs 8 mths old. He was killed by being thrown from his horse whilst hunting. A plaque – a memorial to Edmund Lawson Hughes is on the N. wall of Chancel. In consequence of his death the Church was rebuilt & enlarged 1850. The E. window bears initials E.L.H. & the West window in the tower. "O Lord I beseech thee let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servants who desire to fear thy name not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together for now have I chosen & restored this house of mine eyes & mine ears shall be there perpetually."

His wife Catherine Hughes was brought from Putney to be buried with her husband & son June 6, 1890, aged 84 yrs. Their tomb is in the S.W. corner of the Churchyard.

A new rectory built 1853.

George William Murray M.A. 1854 – ceded June 27th 1859

Charles Trollope Swan 8th June 1859 – ceded 1878
Welton registers: First entry was baptism in 15 July 1859.
Employed curates from at least 1868.

Richard Bullock M.A. 9th June 1878 – ceded 1882
Afterwards Canon. He died at Charlton Kings in 1918.
His daughter Francis Alice died at Welton 18th April 1880

William Luther Leeman M.A. 3rd February 1882 – 1905
Qualified at Durham University.
Resided at Willesden, Middlesex. Left curate-in-charge

Edward Evan Whittingham Jones B.A. 26th July 1905 – 1919

William Henry Windle M.A. October 1919 – resigned 1927
Left to become Rector of Upton St Leonards

Philip Walcotts Burton 1927

Aiden C.P. Ward August 1953