

## 1900

### February 1900

#### **Taunton Courier and Western Advertiser: Wednesday 21st February 1900**

Taunton M.P.'s: In Savage's "History of (*missing*)" the first mention made of members of Parliament elected for the borough Taunton is after the Restoration, when Thomas Goyes and William Wyndham were returned, and owed their seats to the management and cause of the Crown. In the General Election of 1714, the dissolution of Parliament after the death of Queen Anne, resulted in the election of Sir Francis Warre, Bart., and Henry Portman Esq. These gentlemen were afterwards unseated, and William Pynsent, Esq., and James Smith, Esq., were elected in their place. The General Election 1722 resulted in the return of Mr. Trenchard and Mr. Smith. In 1774, the next date mentioned, Nathaniel Webb and Edward Stratford were returned as members for the borough. The Somerset County Herald Almanac for this year gives a complete list of Taunton Election Polls and their results from 1784 to the present time.

### April 1900

#### **Western Gazette: Friday 13th April 1900**

BURTON PYNSENT MONUMENT AND TWO AVENUES: THE PUBLIC are Requested to TAKE NOTICE that in future no Trespassing will be allowed on this Estate, and that no Person or Persons will be permitted to go there without a duly authorised duplicate, printed pass, or permit, and on the following terms: — For 1 or 2 Persons, 1s. For a Party exceeding 2 and not exceeding 10 Persons, 2s. For a Party exceeding 10 Persons, 2s 6d. For School Treats and Picnics of 20 and upwards, 3s 6d. If there is any money hand from above sources, after paying expenses, it will be devoted to a local Charity. Persons will not be allowed beyond the wire fence on the south-west side enclosing the East and West Avenue Woods adjoining the Monument, nor to leave or Scatter Glass, Bottles, Papers, or other refuse, nor cut, deface, injure any of the Trees, Woods, Monument, or other Property, nor bring any Horses, Vehicles, Dogs, or Animals thereon, nor ride Bicycles on the Grounds. No Person allowed to remain after sunset nor before sunrise. Duplicate Pass or Permit to be obtained on application to Messrs. Cuff, Burton Pynsent Farm (Sundays excepted), who will issue same on above payment, and such Pass must be produced whilst on the Estate when demanded. These Regulations will be strictly enforced, and all persons found thereon without permission will be prosecuted. Order. C. R. MORRIS, SONS, & PEARD, Agents. Dated, North Curry, April. 1900.

May 1900

**Taunton Courier and Western Advertiser: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1900**

Correspondents' Replies to Queries: 677: Burton Pynsent Monument is situated on a hill three miles west of Langport, and 11 east of Taunton, on the turnpike road between these places and in the parish of Curry Rivel. In Morris's Directory and Gazetteer of Somerset, 1872, appears the "Burton Pynsent is a hamlet and tything of Curry Rivel, which was given to the first Earl of Chatham when Prime Minister, by Sir William Pynsent to whose memory the Earl erected a column here." Only a portion of the original house remains, but its situation commands extensive and magnificent views of the surrounding country. The column is well worth a visit; it is about 120 feet high, and from the top it is said three different counties may be seen. — AGRICOLA. 677. — Burton Pynsent Monument is between two and three miles from Langport, on the Taunton Road, in the parish of Curry Rivel. It is a stone column 140 feet high, and was erected by William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, to the memory of Sir William Pynsent. For many years the property belonged to the Jennings family, and passed to Sir W. Pynsent on his marriage with Mary, daughter and co-heiress of Thomas Jennings, Esq. She died without children, and on the death of her husband in 1754, he left the estate to Pitt, to whom he was an entire stranger, "in veneration of a great character of exemplary virtue and unrivalled ability," and also, it is said, on account of Pitt's opposition to the cider tax. When Earl of Chatham, Pitt occasionally resided at the large mansion on the property, of which but little now remains. Countess of Chatham made it her permanent home after the death of her husband, and died there in 1803. Subsequently, the estate passed into the Pinney family, who are still the owners. Permission to visit the monument can be obtained on application. It occupies a grand position overlooking Sedgmoor, and the views are exceedingly fine. A visit to the spot on a fine day is not likely soon to be forgotten, especially by one who knows something of the history of the district over which the eye can roam from the vicinity of the monument: — Sedgmoor, the scene of the last battle fought on English soil; Athelney, and its famous neighbourhood, so closely associated with the name and fame of glorious King Alfred; Glastonbury, the site of the first English church, and one of the most renowned of British Abbeys etc. ... LANGPORTIAN

July 1900

**Western Daily Press: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1900**

THOMAS ANDREWS RAWLINS: DECEASED: Pursuant to the Act Parliament 22 and 23 Victoria cap. 35. Notice is hereby given that all Creditors and other Persons having CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or affecting the estate of THOMAS ANDREWS RAWLINS, late of No. 1, Caledonia Place, Clifton, in the City and County of Bristol, Colonel of the Army, retired, died on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1900 and whose will was proved in the Bristol Registry of the Probate Division of the High Court Justice on the 17th day of July, 1900 by Colonel Sebastian White Rawlins of 3, Westfield Park, Redland, in the City and County of Bristol, Reginald Sparrow Pynsent Rawlins, of 1, Caledonia Place, aforesaid, gentleman, and William Alford, of Netley House, Clifton, aforesaid, solicitor, the executors therein named), are hereby required to send the particulars their Claims to me, the undersigned, the Solicitor for the said Executors, before the 24th day August, 1900, after which date the said Executors will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the Claims and

Demands which they shall then have notice; and they will not be liable for the assets the said deceased or any part thereof distributed to any person or persons whose Claims and Demands they shall not then have had notice. Dated this 20th day of July 1900 WILLIAM ALFORD, Clifton, Bristol: Solicitor for the said Executors.

[see also Bristol Mercury: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August 1900]

## September 1900

### **Taunton Courier and Western Advertiser: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1900**

Taunton Field Club: The members of this Club had a very pleasant “outing” on Thursday, the arrangements for which were well carried out by the President and the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. D. P. Alford and Mr. R. Barnicott ... *(description of outing includes)* ... Then there was a pleasant drive to Burton Pynsent where the fine monument charming grounds and extensive view were duly appreciated. The Rev. D. P. Alford gave a most lucid outline of the history of the Burton property, referring to the connection therewith of the Jennings family, Sir William Pynsent, William Pitt (Earl of Chatham), *(etc.)* ...

### **Western Gazette: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 1900**

Agricultural and Dog Show: the show annually promoted by the Agricultural Society has now become one of the most important gatherings of its kind in Somerset and the surrounding counties ...

Horses: ... Class 32: Light weight hunter *(cont having won a prize exceeding £10 previous to last day of entry)*, the property of resident within 15 miles of Yeovil: 1<sup>st</sup>, £5, Ernest Brown, 2, £2, A Tyrwhitt Drake; r. Miss Ethel Palmer, Bower Hinton; h.c., T. S. Cable; Cuff Bros., Burton Pynsent; W. Corry, Over Compton; John Day, Huxham, Shepton Mattet; and J. W. Munckton, Long Sutton. ....

### **Lyttelton Times: Friday 21st September 1900**

Express Passenger List: ... Passengers for the South: Front: Christchurch: ... *(list includes)* ... Mr. R. B. Pynsent ...

[GRO0744 Hennock]

## October 1900

### **Western Times: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1900**

Emmanuel Church of St. Thomas: The Consecration: The new Church of Emmanuel, St. Thomas' was yesterday consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter, the ceremony being attended by a large number of the inhabitants of the apostolic parish. The Archbishop of Canterbury graced the proceedings with his presence and those also present included ... *(list)* ... *(description of event)* ... Presentation of Purses: In the afternoon Lady Helen Vincent received purses. There were also present with Lady Helen, Lady Anna Maria Courtenay, Sir Edgar Vincent, K.C.M.G., M.P., the Dean of Exeter, the Sheriff of Exeter and Mrs. Gratwicke. One hundred purses were presented to her Ladyship, the total sum amounting to £217 16s 3d ... *(list of presenters includes)* ... Miss Charlotte Paramore (Mr. Pynsent Mathews) ...

## December 1900

### **Taunton Courier and Western Advertiser: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 1900**

Hunting Appointments: Taunton Vale Foxhounds: Friday, Burton Pynsent – at 11.

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## 1901

### January 1901

#### **Cheltenham Looker On: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 1901**

Cotswold Hunt Ball: ...

... The following is a list of the company, the names marked with an asterisk (\*) being those of such Subscribers as were present: ... Rawlins, Mr. R. S. Pynsent ....

[see also Cheltenham Chronicle: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 1901]

[GROxxxx Hennock]

### March 1901

#### **Western Gazette: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 1901**

Labourer Wanted: Good house and garden provided: - Cuff Bros. Burton Pynsent, Curry Rivel, Taunton.

#### **Field: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 1901**

Foxhounds: Taunton Vale: Monday, The Kennels; Friday, Burton Pynsent:

### April 1901

#### **Overland China Mail: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1901**

Hong Kong: ... Passengers: ... Arrived: ...

Per: Kasuga Maru, from Sydney, & for Hongkong ... (*list includes*) ... for Yokohama, ... (*list includes*) ... Mr. R. B. Pynsent, ... ..

[GRO0744 Hennock]

### September 1901

#### **Western Times: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 1901**

Northam Council: At Thursday's monthly meeting of the Northam District Council, the Rev. Preb. Churchward presided ... The Clerk read a letter from the official solicitor stating that the Pynsent Trustees in consequence of a decision recently formed would withdraw their action for trespass brought against the Council but not admitting that any right of way existed over the road in question ...

[see also Western Times: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 1901] [GRO0835 Hennock]

### **Western Times: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 1901**

Chudleigh: ... Vooght Reed, a pupil of Chudleigh National School, and the son of Mr. Richard Henry Reed, was the successful candidate for a free scholarship at Pynsent's Grammar School. The scholarship extends for three years. ...

## **October 1901**

### **Taunton Courier and Western Advertiser: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1901**

Visit to Athelney: The excursion organised by the Somersetshire Archaeological and Natural History Society to the district of the count known as "King Alfred's country" was of a highly successful and enjoyable character and was joined in by over a hundred members and their friends ... (*discussion*) ... Within sight from the spot ["the Mump"] were Glastonbury, the home of King Arthur, the home of the great Earl of Chatham at Burton Pynsent and the monument to the Duke of Wellington on the Blackdown Hills ....

[see also Taunton Courier and Western Advertiser: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1901]

### **Tablet: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 1901**

Notes: In its issue of September 21 The Times devoted nearly three of its columns to a letter entitled "The English Benedictine Nuns in Rome." To see so much precious space devoted to the affairs of half a dozen nuns was in itself something of the strangest, and at once suggested that the letter in question contained very unpleasant tidings. And in fact it was a sad record of the consequences of incapacity, credulity, and unbusiness-like ways. The nuns had contracted a debt of £24,000, and when the time came for payment found they had no funds. A rich novice had left them under disgraceful circumstances, and the Abbess was of opinion that the Vatican ought therefore to have stayed the hands of the creditors. The whole story was written in a spirit of bitter partisanship, and common fairness seemed to require that we should allow the Irish Augustinians, whose conduct was complained of, an opportunity of defending themselves before giving the publicity of our columns to the wholesale accusations brought against them. Even The Times seems to have felt some hesitation about giving such a one-sided story to the world, so that, though the letter bore the date August it appeared only on September 21st. We decided therefore, before reproducing the letter of the ex-Abbess, to make some inquiries, and specially as to the accuracy of the statement that an Italian Court of First Instance had decided that the Benedictine community were entitled to retain possession of the property they had acquired from the Augustinians, although admittedly it had not been paid for. Meanwhile a letter in The Times of Monday, from the Bishop of Clifton, seems to make further inquiry superfluous and to supply a complete vindication for the position taken up by the authorities at the Vatican. But Miss

Pynsent censures the ecclesiastical authorities for not interfering to prevent the expulsion from the convent. Your readers will be surprised to learn that Miss Pynsent does not believe in the Christian religion. She confided this to me in May 1900, but begged me not to let anyone know. Early in this year she wrote to release me from my promise of secrecy and said she did not care if all the world knew her unbelief. Many of your readers will not think any the worse of the lady for being an Agnostic, but I think they will all acknowledge that the Roman authorities of the Church could not assist to avert the dispersion and expulsion of a community which was presided over by an Abbess who did not believe in Christianity. Probably, on reflection, Miss Pynsent will admit that it is hardly reasonable to complain that the authorities at the Vatican did not actively exert themselves to perpetuate the rule of a lady who has ceased to be a Christian over a community of Catholic nuns. Perhaps, too, it may some day or other occur to Miss Pynsent to wonder whether, being in fact an Agnostic, she was justified in writing to *The Times* as though she were still only a disappointed Catholic. We need hardly point out that the suggestion of *The Times* that the suit brought by the Irish Augustinians against Miss Pynsent's community was the only instance of an appeal by Catholic ecclesiastics to the Italian Courts in secular matters is very wide of the mark. To go no further back than a few weeks ago, our readers will remember the victorious way in which Mgr. Campbell vindicated his honour in those same Courts against some journalistic traducer.

[GRO1138 Hennock]

### **Western Evening Herald: Friday 11th October 1901**

The Priest and the Nun: Some time ago we gave some extracts from a letter to "The Times" by the Abbess of the ladies who had been evicted from their convent in Rome. The Roman Catholic Bishop of Clifton wrote a reply in which he acknowledges that the main facts of the story of the priest and the nun were true. But he championed the subsequent action of the ecclesiastical authorities in Rome, and added that Miss Pynsent, the Abbess, was not a Christian, but an Agnostic. Rome: Yesterday Miss Pynsent replied in "The Times" she admits the charge of Agnosticism this Bishop made against her. She declares that it could not have been the cause of the attitude of the Vatican and the Inquisition towards the sisterhood, for they did not know it and even several of the nuns who remain around her did not learn it until they read the Bishop's letter. Miss Pynsent had desired to conceal her change of view from the world until she had secured some help for these survivors of the wreck but now that the Bishop has made the public charge, she says boldly that "When sad experience convinced me that injustice and immorality are, in Rome the rule rather than the exception, and that the Church instead of being a purely spiritual organization is practically a huge political machine worked for mundane ends by worldly-minded men, I lost the belief which I had cherished during 26 unhesitating years of Catholic life." No Punishment for the Priest: With regard to the elopement of wealthy nun with a priest, Miss Pynsent thinks perhaps "fellow culprit" would better describe her than the term "Poor victim." which the Bishop of Clifton had used, and she complains that the guilty priest, whom the Bishop rightly called a "scoundrel," has received no punishment beyond that of being sent for an eight day's retreat to the country house, of the religious congregation to which he belongs. He has continued his usual work in Rome and has during the annual octave of the Epiphany at Sant Andrea della Valle been the soul of the services conducted there according to the service rites. Another Charge: The Bishop suggested laxity by the Abbess was responsible for the erring sister's conduct and said that he heard criticisms in 1896 as to the way in which the Benedictine nuns were allowed to go about in public. Miss Proem retorts: —"It is to be regretted

that the hundreds of nuns walking about the principal streets of Rome to-day in a manner unworthy of a religious habit, are not obliged to observe the caution and modesty practiced by the English Benedictines. Although the letter had only a terrace on which to take exercise they never went into the streets of Rome on foot."

[GRO1138 Hennock]

### **Liverpool Daily Post: Thursday 17th October 1901**

The English Benedictine Nuns in Rome: Defense of the Irish Augustinians: Father O’Gorman writing from Hythe (Kent) gives the “other side of the story”, relating to the alleged harsh eviction of the English Benedictine nuns from their home in Rome as related by ex-Abbess Pynsent. After telling how the Irish Augustinians labored to collect money to build a shrine in honour of St. Patrick in Rome and succeeded in building a monastery out of the funds, Father O’Gorman, who writes on the highest authority of the Order, proceeds: - *(long discourse)* ...

Father O’Gorman concludes: “Miss Pynsent has endeavoured to arouse racial animosities by hinting that the Irish Augustinian Fathers have acted with undue severity towards her and the members of her community for no other reason than that they are Englishwomen. I will leave it to the good sense of your readers to decide whether such a course of action was ever likely to be pursued by a bod of Irish gentlemen, more especially when we bear in mind that some of Miss Pynsent’s own subjects were themselves, either by birth of descent. ...

[GRO1138 Hennock]

### **Tablet: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 1901**

The National Church of St. Patrick in Rome: The Times of Wednesday published the following letter from the Rev. Richard O’Gorman, O.S.A., in answer to Miss Pynsent’s let of complaint against the Irish Augustinians in Rome. Sir, In common with many other Catholics in the United Kingdom, I read with surprise and equal pain a letter from Miss Pynsent under the above heading which appeared in your issue for September 21<sup>st</sup> and on which you commented on in some length in the course of a leading article ... *(very long letter laying out facts and ending as below)* ...

As to the animus displayed in Miss Pynsent's levels against the ecclesiastical authorities in Rome. I have nothing to say here. Such diatribes may produce the effect intended on the Protestant gallery here in England, but most thoughtful and reasoning people will appraise them at their real value. Miss Pynsent has endeavoured to arouse racial animosities by insinuating that the Irish Augustinian Fathers have acted with undue severity towards her and the members of her community for no other reason than that they are Englishwomen. I will leave it to the good sense of your readers to decide whether such a course of action was ever likely to be pursued by a body of Irish gentlemen, more especially when we bear in mind that some of Miss Pynsent's own subjects were themselves Irish either by birth or descent. YOURS faithfully, Richard A. O’Gorman O.S.A Hythe, Kent, October 12: MISS PYNSENT'S CASE: We print below the portions of Miss Pynsent's letter which present her case against the Irish Augustinians: The number of the community and their work increased so much they began ... *(largely illegible)*

[GRO1138 Hennock]

### **Evening Mail: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1901**

The English Benedictine Nuns in Rome: To the Editor: Sir, — Bishop Brownlow is quite right in the quotation he makes from one of my letters to him in December, 1900. Could I have foreseen that such private correspondence would ever be made public, I should have sent him a second letter next day, explaining that, reconsidered the matter, I did not send to the Inquisition the communication to which I referred in writing to him, and which lay sealed on my table ready to be taken to its destination at the time his own letter was posted. I enclose the proof of this statement to you, Sir, for your own satisfaction. It is, however, perfectly evident that, even had the communication referred to in my letter to Bishop Brownlow been sent to the Inquisition, it could not have affected the position of the community. By December 1900, all the nuns except four had been dispersed and provided for by me as far as I was able, and the community was practically at an end. The final decision of the Inquisition with regard to the guilty priests had long since been arrived at. As I said in my former letter, I have proof that as lately as last spring the Inquisition was unaware of my change of view. But even supposing it to have been aware, would such knowledge have justified it in countenancing the long campaign of persecution, petty it may be, but none the less cruel, of which others besides myself were made the objects? Bishop Brownlow, who knows most of the facts, is surely joking when he suggests that motives of charity restrained the Inquisition from taking severe measures against me. Nor, seeing that it was unaware of my "apostacy," is the supposition valid that on this account the Inquisition allowed the Augustinian, to invoke the aid of the Italian Courts in their attempt to recover the monastery. Bishop Brownlow takes exception to what he calls my "sweeping assertion" that sad experience has convinced me that injustice and immorality are the rule rather than the exception in Rome. I am prepared to substantiate this, as well as the other assertions I have felt it my duty to make; though, Sir, I hardly imagine your columns to be open to statistics of the kind it would be necessary to produce. It is perhaps needless to point out that neither Bishop Brownlow nor any other critic has been able to impugn the facts of my statement, and that, in default of better arguments, refuge has been taken in personal accusations. I am, Sir, yours faithfully, L. A. M. PYNSENT. October 15<sup>th</sup>.

[GRO1138 Hennock]

### **Limerick Echo: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1901**

The National Apostle: Writing upon the recent discussion in the Times between Mother Pynsent and the Trish Augustinians, the Tablet says — "It is certainly strange that among the many churches in Rome there should be none dedicated to the Irish Apostle (St Patrick), the Spiritual Father of so many saints. The foundation stone of the church, which now seems destined never to be completed, was laid with much ceremony in February 1888. The occasion was made remarkable by a sermon by the present Arch. bishop of Philadelphia, which was preached in the open air."

GRO1138 Hennock]

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## 1902

### January 1902

#### **North Devon Journal: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1902**

Rawlins: January 1, (suddenly), at Berrow, Somerset, Jane Augusta, widow of Colonel T. A. Rawlins (youngest daughter of the late Thomas Pynsent, Esq. of Westward Ho), aged 52 ...

[GRO0472 Hennock] [GRO0835 Hennock]

### March 1902

#### **Western Gazette: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1902**

Shepherd Wanted for a Down flock, also a Carter: Cuff Bros., Burton Pynsent, Curry Rivel, Taunton.

#### **Stalybridge Reporter: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 1902**

Epitaph and Anagram: The following is an epitaph at Romsey Abbey Hampshire, upon the father of a country gentleman who, early the eighteenth century, built what was afterwards to be Broadlands, the house of the Palmerstons: - John St. Barbe, Esq., son of Henry St. Barbe, Esq., and Grissel his wife, the daughter of John Pynsent, Esq., He died about 47<sup>th</sup> year of his age, and she in the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of her age, "*leaving fower sonnes,*" Henry, John Francis and Edward, slept in the Lord: "*Earth's rich in mines of precious dust/ whom nature wedlock grade did tie/ and Faithful ones/ since in her bowels rest these just/ In one fast chain of unity/ Whose silent bones/ Dead here doe rest et left not earth/ because such righteous and their seed/ In fame and state/ But brought fower sons to perfect birth/ Shall flourish here and shall in Deed/ Tryumph o're fate.*" An anagram upon their names: John, Grissel St. Barbe: *Be is shares blest glorie: The memory of the wicked shall rott, but the remembrance of the just shall live for ever.*" Buried 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1658: Their son John was created a baronet September 1663, and died at Broadlands, 7<sup>th</sup> September 1723 ...

[DRO0054 Combe] [DRO0057 Combe]

### August 1902

#### **Evening Despatch: Saturday 16th August 1902**

Mr. Balfour's Fortune: If Mr. Balfour shares with Mr. Pitt the peculiarity as a Prime Minister of celibacy, he certainly had not remained a bachelor for the reason with it is believe weighed strongly with his great predecessor – inadequate means. ... (*continued discussion*) ... Pitt's private fortune was but a few thousand pounds, and his eldest brother was obliged at his mother's death to part with Burton Pynsent, the estate which Lord Chatham owned to the freak of an eccentric baronet, and which, except his pension, was about all he had. ... (*continues*) ...

[DRO0076 Combe]

## September 1902

### **Taunton Courier and Western Advertiser: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 1902**

Queries: ... 1074: Somerset Monuments: How many monuments are there of the Wellington, Burton Pynsent and Cranmore kind? Perhaps some contributor can give a complete list? W. Hornblotton...

[see also Taunton Courier and Western Advertiser: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 1902 and Taunton Courier and Western Advertiser: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1903]

## December 1902

### **Lyttelton Times: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 1902**

Australian Shipping: ... Fremantle: Dec. 13rd: Arrived: Oruba, from London: Passengers for New Zealand: Mesdames Taylor and Pynsent and two children, Miss Young, Messrs. Beveridge and Halts.

[GRO0364 Hennock] (?)

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# 1903

## April 1903

### **Central Somerset Gazette: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 1903**

Fashionable Wedding at St. Benignus' Church, Glastonbury: Marriage of Capt. Barth, A.D.C. and Miss Mabel Carew Lyons. Seldom of late years has a wedding created so much interest in Glastonbury and the neighbourhood ... (*continues*) ...

The two middle aisles of the church had been reserved for the principal wedding guests. Amongst those invited were The Rev. and Mrs. Paramore, Mr. and Mrs. Pynsent Mathew, Mrs. G. £Bulleid, Miss Bath, Miss A. Mathew. Dr. and Mrs. C. Mathew, Mrs. Norris, Mrs. Lansdown, the Rev. G. M. Terry-Messiter-Terry, Miss Venn, Miss Wybrants, General Patton, C.B , ... (*continues*) ...

... the first of the bridal party to arrive was the groom, who was dressed in the conventional wedding-garb, and his best man, Mr. Pynsent Mathew; and at two o'clock the bride, attended by her brother, Captain R. de Courcy Lyons, of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, who gave her away, arrived at the West door of the church, where the clergy and choir were in waiting; ... (*continues*) ...

## May 1903

### **Gentlewoman: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 1903**

Wedding: Mr. Robert Bath to Miss M. C. Lyons: Lovely flowers from Cannes decorated the Church of St. Benedict, Glastonbury, on April 21<sup>st</sup>, when Miss Mabel Carew Lyons, daughter of

the late A. de Courcy Lyons, M.D. and Mrs. de Courcy Lyons of St. Dunstan's Glastonbury was married to Mr. Robert Bath, son of Mr. T. S. Bath and Mrs. Bath of The Hollies, Glastonbury ... *(continues)* ...

The bridesmaids' gowns were of blue Oriental satin with Paris lace and black chiffon hats. The bridegroom's presents to them were sheaves of arum lilies and pearl brooches, and he was supported by Mr. Pynsent Mathew as best man ...

### **Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1903**

BURTON PYNSENT ESTATE: Close to Village of Curry Rivel, 3 miles from the Market Town of Langport on the Durston and Yeovil G.W.R., and 9 miles from Taunton, Somerset: Healthy Sheep and Dairy Farm with a Superior farmhouse, Cottages, and Agricultural Buildings. TO LET BY PRIVATE TREATY, from the 25th March, 1904 (with a free pre-entry on the arable after harvest), all that exceedingly Desirable and Productive FARM known as "BURTON PYNSENT," with ample and most excellent Homestead and Buildings, and kindly and productive Meadow, Pasture, Orchard, and Arable LAND, classified as: Residence, Farm Buildings, Gardens, Dairy House, and 7 Cottages - 5a 2r 23p: Meadow and Pasture - 184 a 2r 12p: Orchard - 16a 1r 29p: Arable 179a 1r 15p [Total] 620a 0r 4p: - recently occupied by the late Mr. Thomas Cuff and now by his family, who, with their predecessors, have occupied the farm for three generations. For particulars apply to Messrs. C. R. MORRIS, SONS, & PEARD, Estate Agents, North Curry, Taunton, and on Wednesdays their office at the Royal Clarence Hotel, Bridgwater, and on Saturdays at their offices, 6. East Street, Taunton. May, 1903.

[see also Western Times: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1903, Taunton Courier and Western Advertiser: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1903; Exeter and Plymouth Gazette; Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1903 and others]

## June 1903

### **Central Somerset Gazette: Saturday 13th June 1903**

Marriage of Miss M. F. Barker and Mr. Courtenay Stevens: A large and fashionable gathering assembled at St. John's Church, on Tuesday ... *(description)* ... A largely attended reception was afterwards held at the Priory, the residence of the bride's mother, a large number of guests being entertained. The invited guests were ... *(list includes)* ... Mr. and Mrs. Pynsent Mathew ... *(continues)* ...

## September 1903

### **Lyttelton Times: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1903**

Australian Shipping: ... Sailed: Whangape, for Wellington: Fremantle, September 4: Arrived, Omrah, from London; passengers for New Zealand: Mr. and Mrs. Usman, Mrs. Manner, Miss Cheeseman, Messrs. Stevenson, Wallace, Legallois, Bull, Hardwicke, Burrell, Pynsent and Cheeseman. ...

[GROxxxx Hennock]

## November 1903

### **Taunton Courier and Western Advertiser: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 1903**

Curry Rivel: Successful Sale by Messrs. C. R. Morris, Sons, & Pead: Messrs. Morris, Sons, & Pead have added another to the list of successful sales of the contents of mansions and other residences by the auction which they recently conducted at Wiltown Place, Curry Rivel. The sale was conducted by Mr. C. R. Morris and Mr. R. S. Morris, and the lots numbered 620. They were the property of the representatives of the late Mr. Charles Fry, and comprised unique furniture, rare and ancient specimens of carved black oak, valuable oil paintings and coloured prints ...

... Amongst the valuable articles included in the sale was a most perfect and genuine example of a Chippendale pier glass of exquisite design, in scrolls, flowers and pendants, surmounted by a bird, measuring 6ft 4in. long and 3ft wide. It once formed a part of the furnishing of the Earl of Chatham's old residence at Burton Pynsent and the lightness and elegance of the article was most charming. For some unknown reason the setting of the glass was not gilt, but, notwithstanding this there was a keen contest to secure the article. There were several competitors up to £70 and the contest was then continued by Mr. W. Kelway of Langport, Mr. Oatway of London, who was acting for an American gentleman whose name did not transpire; and another London dealer. When £100 was bid by Mr. Oatway, there was a round of applause, and the article was eventually knocked down to Mr. Kelway at £161, amid great excitement. ... (*other items include an*) ... Oriental sexagonal lantern, richly carved, with gilt and coloured glass decorations, which once formed the hall lantern on the Earl of Chatham's Burton Pynsent house, £1 5s ...

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## 1904

### January 1904

#### **Surrey Mirror: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 1904**

Marriage: Feltham: Scott: On Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, at Cape Town, Alric ("X"), second son of H. J. Feltham, of Stellenberg, Kenilworth, Cape Colony, to Beatrice, eldest daughter of Fred. W. Good, of Richmond Surrey, and widow of the late A. Pynsent Scott, of Adelaide, Australia.

### February 1904

#### **Morning Leader: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1904**

Recent Wills: Charles Pitt Pynsent, of Hobson St., Wellington, New Zealand (English Estate): £32,797

[GRO1214 Hennock]

#### **Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 1904**

Death: Wybrants: At Dawlish, 15<sup>th</sup> Feb., Anne, widow of the late J. Wybrants, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S., of Shepton Mallet, and daughter of the late J. Pynsent Mathew, Esq., of Rydon, Ottery St. Mary: Funeral at Shepton Mallet Cemetery, today, the 19<sup>th</sup>, at 1 o'clock.

## March 1904

### **Taunton Courier and Western Advertiser: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1904**

BURTON PYNSENT FARM: CURRY RIVEL: About Three Miles from Langport and Nine from Taunton, Somerset: ATTRACTIVE and UNRESERVED SALE of 140 cross-bred grazing sheep, 44 head of shorthorn and cross-bred grazing cattle, about 100 swine, modern agricultural implements, 7 h.p. portable steam engine, threshing machine, and other machinery, dairy utensils, hogshead of new cider and casks, and a portion of the household furniture and effects. MESSRS. C. R. MORRIS, SONS, & PEARD will SELL by AUCTION, at the above Farm, Tuesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1904, at 1.30 p.m., the above-mentioned LIVE STOCK, AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY, DAIRY UTENSILS, etc., of Messrs. Cuff, who are quitting and dissolving partnership: Dated, North Curry, February 19<sup>th</sup> 1904.

## April 1904

### **Devizes and Wilts Advertiser: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 1904**

Marriages: Feb. 11, at Valley Home, the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. T. B. Hill, Raglan, New Zealand, by the Rev. S. J. Gibson, - Herbert, William, son of T. T. Cuff, of Burton Pynsent, Somerset, to Susie, youngest daughter of P. Hill, Trowbridge.

## May 1904

### **Western Gazette: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1904**

BURTON PYNSENT MONUMENT AND TWO AVENUES: THE PUBLIC are Requested to TAKE NOTICE that in future no Trespassing will be allowed on this Estate, and that no Person or Persons will be permitted to go there without a duly authorised duplicate, printed pass, or permit, and on the following terms: — For 1 or 2 Persons, 1s. For a Party exceeding 2 and not exceeding 10 Persons, 2s. For a Party exceeding 10 Persons, 2s 6d. For School Treats and Picnics of 20 and upwards, 3s 6d. If there is any money hand from above sources, after paying expenses, it will be devoted to a local Charity. Persons will not be allowed beyond the wire fence on the south-west side enclosing the East and West Avenue Woods adjoining the Monument, nor to leave or Scatter Glass, Bottles, Papers, or other refuse, nor cut, deface, injure any of the Trees, Woods, Monument, or other Property, nor bring any Horses, Vehicles, Dogs, or Animals thereon, nor ride Bicycles on the Grounds. No Person allowed to remain after sunset nor before sunrise. Duplicate Pass or Permit to be obtained on application to Mr. G. K. Weaver, Burton Pynsent Farm (Sundays excepted), who will issue same on above payment, and such Pass must be produced whilst on the Estate when demanded. These Regulations will be strictly enforced, and all persons found thereon without permission will be prosecuted. Order. C. R. MORRIS, SONS, & PEARD, Agents. Dated, North Curry, April. 1900.

### **Western Gazette: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1904**

Dairyman Wanted to manage 30 to 40 cows: Apply Weaver, Burton Pynsent, Curry Rivel, Taunton:

### June 1904

#### **Cheltenham Chronicle: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 1904**

Guild of the Cheltenham Ladies' College: Biennial Gathering: Performances of Scenes from Chaucer: The close of the present week witnesses the eleventh biennial gathering of the members of the Guild of the Cheltenham Ladies' College, a reunion which has come to be regarded as one of the most important and interesting events in the social and educational annals of the town ... *(description of the event)* ... The names of the old pupils present were as follows .... *(includes)* ... Lillian Willoughby, Mrs. Willoughby (M. Pynsent) ...

[GRO0618 Hennock]

#### **Wells Journal: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 1904**

Funeral of the Late Mrs. Wybrants: The internment of the late Mrs. Anne Wybrants, widow of Mr. Jonathan Wybrants, M.D., F.R.C.S., of Shepton Mallet, who died at Dawlish, Devon, took place at Shepton Mallet Cemetery on Friday, the rector (the Rev. R. L. Jones) officiation. ...

The principal mourners were Miss Mary Pynsent Wybrants, (daughter), Mrs. Bath (niece), Mr. Walter Mathew (nephew), Mr. Robert Bath, Mr. Campbell Craven and Mrs. Panting (nurse). Many beautiful wreaths covered the coffin, from the following, among others; "Her loving daughter," Mr. and Mrs. Pynsent Mathew, the Hon. Mrs. Pennefather and Miss Pennefather ... *(continues)* ...

### August 1904

#### **Taunton Courier and Western Advertiser: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1904**

SOMERTON: Church and Bible Classes: — On Thursday the scholars of the above school, and Mrs. Valentine's Young Women's Bible Class, together with the Young Men's Bible Class had their annual "outing" when they journeyed to Burton Pynsent. The weather was beautifully fine. After tea various games were indulged in, and most enjoyable time was spent. Church Sunday School Treat: — On Thursday afternoon the annual outing of the St. Michael's Church Sunday Schools and Mrs. Valentine's Bible Class took place at Burton Pynsent. The weather was beautifully fine, and all left the Monteclete School in brakes and waggonettes supplied Mrs. Coomer and Mr. Manning. After tea the evening was spent in a variety of games, and altogether the "outing" was much enjoyed.

### September 1904

#### **Taunton Courier and Western Advertiser: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 1904**

North Curry: Wesleyan Sunday School Picnic: A large party of scholars and friends in connection with the above place of worship, numbering about 120, had a very pleasant afternoon's picnic on Thursday. The party were conveyed by brakes, etc., to the Burton Pynsent Monument and grounds, where in the course of the afternoon various games were indulged in ...

## December 1904

### **Western Times: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1904**

Pretty Wedding at Honiton: At St. Paul's Church, Honiton, this afternoon, the marriage took place of Mr. Cecil William Stickland, formerly a master at All Hallows' School, and Miss Norah Maxwell Stanford, only daughter of Mr. Edward Stanford, who has been for many years the manager of the National Provincial Bank at Honiton ... *(description) of event* ... Following were the guests invited: ... *(includes)* ... Mr. and Mrs. Pynsent Mathew ...

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## 1905

## April 1905

### **Yorkshire Factory Times: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 1905**

In 1765 Sir William Pynsent died, leaving his estate at Burton Pynsent, in Somerset and nearly £3,000 a year to Chatham, who he had never met. This was after Chatham's fall from power. A cousin of Pynsent disputing the will, was unsuccessful. ...

## May 1905

### **Cheltenham Examiner: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1905**

Cheltenham Ladies' College Jubilee ... *(feature article)* ... A List of Visitors: Appended is a list of former pupils and members of the staff, representatives of educational institutions, and other visitors who had accepted invitations. In addition, many parents of present pupils and other leading local residents were present at the functions. In the list visitors' names are followed by their towns of resident; where no town is mentioned, Cheltenham is understood; ... *(very long list includes)* ... Mrs. Willoughby (nee Pynsent), Charlton Kings, Miss Lilian Margaret Willoughby, Charlton Kings ...

[GRO0618 Hennock]

### **Western Gazette: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 1905**

General Servant Wanted, to assist help in farmhouse: G. ... Burton Pynsent, Curry Rivel, Taunton. ...

*(also)* ... Help: Wanted: Respectable Farmer's Daughter: Another kept: - B., Burton Pynsent, Curry Rivel, Taunton.

## July 1905

### **Bexhill-on-Sea Chronicle: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 1905**

Visitors List: ... Hotel Riposo: ... (*list includes*) ... Mrs. Pynsent, Mr. Robert Pynsent, Misses Pynsent & maid. ...

[see also other dates – Misses Pynsent & maid gone by mid-July]

[GRO0744 Hennock] [GRO0364 Hennock]

## September 1905

### **Bexhill-on-Sea Chronicle: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1905**

Hotel Riposo: ... Mrs. Pynsent ...

[see also other dates to 7<sup>th</sup> October 1905]

[GRO0364 Hennock]

### **Cheltenham Examiner: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 1905**

Cheltenham Arrivals: ... (*long list includes*) ... Queen's Hotel ... Mr. Pynsent ...

[GRO0744 Hennock]

## October 1905

### **Cheltenham Looker On: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 1905**

The following list, which is corrected to date, comprises the names of visitors to the Town now residing in the principal Boarding and Lodging Houses and Hotels: Visitors' List: Hotels: E. M. Soyer's Private Hotel: Wolseley House .... (*list includes*) ... Pitt-Pynsent, Mrs.

[see also Cheltenham Looker On: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 1905 and Cheltenham Looker On: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1905]

[GRO0364 Hennock] (?)

## November 1905

### **Field: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 1905**

Golf: Mid-Surrey G.C. Autumn Meeting: Oct. 26, 27, and 28: ... Juniors ... include ... R. B. Pynsent, 93 -11 = 82 ...

[GRO0744 Hennock]

### **London Daily News: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 1905**

The Queen's Unemployment Fund: Her Majesty, Queen Alexandra has made the following appeal on behalf of the unemployed ... First List of Donations ... (*list includes*) ... R. B. Pynsent Esq. ... £10 0s 0d ... (*continues*) ...

[GRO0744 Hennock]

## December 1905

### **The Queen: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1905**

Bazaars, Sales etc. ... Mrs. Lionel Walrond, a member of a family very highly esteemed throughout Devonshire generally and East Devon in particular opened a very pretty bazaar at Clyst Hydon in aid of the building fund of the old parish church ... (*continues*) ...

Mrs. Sherwin, wife of the rector, promoted the affair with the help of some of neighbours and she won kudos for the confectionery and sweets modelled by her by hand, these comparing favourable with exhibits by London and Exeter experts. Mrs. Pynsent Mathew, Miss Wybrant, Mrs. Stuart King, Mrs. Walrond, Miss Venn, Mrs. Purvis, Mrs. Tracey, Miss Harris, of Woodhayes and Mrs. Gordon were among the ladies whom one saw making purchases at the pretty stall.

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## 1906

### April 1906

#### **Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 1906**

St. Margaret's School Exeter: Prize Distribution: Yesterday afternoon, at the small Barnfield Hall, the annual prize distribution in connection with St. Margaret's School, Southernhay, Exeter, took place. ...

... Among those who accepted invitations to be present were: ... (*includes*) ... Mr. and Mrs. Pynsent Mathew (Ottery St. Mary) ...

#### **Western Times: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 1906**

Chudleigh: Parish Council Meeting: ...

At the annual Parish Meeting which followed, the accounts for the various charities were passed, that for Eastchurch's Gift showed that there was a balance in hand of 12s 2d; 12s 6d had been expended on Bibles and a guinea divided among the three sunder schools, while the Central Education Committee at Exeter received £2 6s 3d. The accounts for Pynsent's Grammar School showed that the receipts totalled £137 16s 10d, and that there was a balance in hand on the year of £40 12 10d. ...

### June 1906

#### **Barnet Press: Saturday 16th June 1906**

Northaw: Marriage of Mr. Pynsent and Miss Addie: At Northaw Church on Tuesday the marriage was solemnised of R. B. Pynsent, of Ashley Gardens, London, and Miss Addie, only daughter of Mrs. Addie of View Park, Huddingston, Lanarkshire. Specially interest attached to

the wedding locally, as the bride is the niece of Mrs. Kidston, of Nyn Park, a lady who is loved and respected in every home in Northaw. Many friends the bride and bridegroom in London and Scotland were present in church, and there was large attendance of villagers, who made a point of attending the ceremony as a special compliment to Mrs. Kidston. The chancel and altar, also the pulpit and lectern, had been beautifully decorated with choice flowers by the head gardener at Nyn Park. The bride, a charming young lady, was met at the church door by the choir, and as she passed up the aisle festal music was played by the organist. The service, which was choral, was conducted the Vicar (the Rev. E. B. B. Kitson), assisted by the curate. The "Voice that breathed o'er Eden" was one of the hymns sung by the choir. At the conclusion of the service, and as the bridal party were leaving the church, the organist played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." The bride was given away by her uncle (Mr. L. P. Jardine), and the bridegroom's brother acted as best man. The bridesmaids were two nieces of the bridegroom. The bride was handsomely gowned in white silk crepe de chine, with Brussels lace, tulle veil, and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white roses. Her chief ornament was a beautiful necklace of diamonds and sapphires, the gift of Mrs. Kidston. The bridesmaids were attractively dressed in white silk with Valenciennes lace, and each carried a bouquet of sweet peas. After the ceremony there was reception at Nyn Park, when the toast to "The Bride and Bridegroom" was submitted by £P. Jardine, and enthusiastically honoured. The happy couple left in the afternoon for the honeymoon, which is be spent abroad. In honour of the interesting event the employees the Nyn Park Estate, with their wives, were entertained at an excellent tea on Wednesday by Mrs. Kinston. The health of the Bride and Bridegroom" was proposed by the butler (Mr. Lane), and the company received the sentiment enthusiastically.

[GRO0744 Hennock] [GROxxxx xxxxx] (*Bridegroom's Brother?*)

## July 1906

### **Cheltenham Looker On: Saturday 7th July 1906**

The Ladies College Guild: the Guild of the Ladies' College is again holding its Biennial meeting in Cheltenham, and great numbers of "old girls" have assembled from afar and near to once more greet their Lady Principal and in innumerable ways to revive happy memories of the years spent within the college walls ...

The living interest taken in the guild cannot be better shown than by perusing the following list of members who are taking part in the present meeting ... (*list includes*) ... Mrs. Willoughby (L. Pynsent) ... Lillian Willoughby ....

[GRO0618 Hennock]

### **Radnorshire Standard: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1906**

Notice: The following lists of visitors is, with the exception of the three leading hotels, arranged in strictly alphabetical order: ... Pump House Hotel: ... (*list includes*) ... Mr. and Mrs. Pynsent, London. ...

[GRO0744 Hennock] [GRO0617 Hennock]

September 1906

**Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News: Saturday 15th September 1906**

Mixed foursomes at Dieppe were won by Miss M. Malcolmson and Mr. R. B. Pynsent with 94 less 13, 81; Miss M. Cox and Mr. Bereton (13), being second with 87, and the next two couples tied at 88 net.

[GRO0744 Hennock]

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February 1907

**Cheltenham Examiner: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 1907**

Fine Art Society's Exhibition – II: ... As a painting and probably as a likeness, "Mrs. Pitt Pynsent" (98a), by Gwenny Griffiths, deserves much praise. The flesh tints are pure, and the black silk and lace of the dress are rendered realistically, while the background is pleasant in tone. ...

[GRO0364 Hennock] (?)

March 1907

**Maidenhead Advertiser: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 1907**

A Dressmaker's Claim: Mr. John Pynsent Matthews of 76, Ashworth mansions, W., disputed liability for a dressmaker's account in respect of which he was sued at Marylebone, on Wednesday, on the grounds that the lady who had contracted the debt was not in reality his wife. Mr. Walhouse appeared for the plaintiff, and M. Nonweiler for the defendant, who was unable to be present. The plaintiff was Mrs. Louisa Jones, who said she traded as Maude Ainsworth, at Queen's-road, Bayswater. Some time ago a lady representing herself to be the defendant's wife was introduced to plaintiff, from whom she purchased goods to the value of £15. She said that her husband was a director of the Neurolite Company, who supplied the tiles for the "Bakerloo" Tube and allowed her £10 a month for dress. She was expecting a cheque from Japan. Subsequently, plaintiff searched the records, and found that defendant had 2,850 shares in the Neurolite Company, and was managing secretary to that concern. Mr. Walhouse: What rent does he pay? Plaintiff: £100 a year, and in the summer he lives at Cookham. He swore in court, in January, your honour, in a case brought by a man named Boules, that he was married. Mr. Nonweiler: Not to her, though, did he? Miss Catherine Brain, who introduced Mrs. Matthews to the plaintiff, said that she had visited Mr. and Mrs. Matthews for some time, and never doubted for a moment that they were man and wife. Sir William Selfe: You wouldn't have known her if you had thought otherwise, I expect? — No, indeed. — (Laughter:) Mr. Walhouse: Did she tell you who his father was — She said he was a squire at Ottery St. Mary, and that the defendant was afraid to let him know of his marriage, because he would have been cut off. Do you know what the lady was before she was married? — A music-hall artist. We did not know it at the

time, and we were sorry we knew her when we found out. She said she was married at High-street, Kensington. Mr. Nonweiler: You know that they are not living together now? — I don't know so much about that. I know that when I called to try and get back the £5 I lent her she has always been out, according to the servants, but peeped at me through the windows when I left. — (Laughter). Mr. Nonweiler said he was instructed that his client was not married to the lady, and that therefore she had no right to pledge his credit. Sir William Self: But he allowed her to assume that honourable position, and she could therefore clothe herself with his authority. Mr. Nonweiler: He has had other judgments against him for debts which this lady has contracted, and it is rather hard for him to have to pay over again when he has made her what I submit is a sufficient allowance. Sir William Self: People often have to pay for these little luxuries twice over. — (Laughter.) An order for £1 monthly payments was made, with liberty to apply for a new trial.

## April 1907

### **Devizes and Wilts Advertiser: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 1907**

The Annals of Devizes: ...

... 1689: (William III) – Walter Grubbe, Tory, and Sir Wm. Pynsent, Whig, elec. Members.

*[Members of Parliament]*

[DROxxxx Combe]

## May 1907

### **North Devon Journal: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 1907**

The funeral took place here on Saturday of Mrs. Ann Westall, formerly of Northam, but lately of Newton Abbot. The late Mr. Westall was for some years superintendent of the Congregational Sunday School at Northam, and both took an active interest in religious work. The Rev. C. Whiteford officiated, members of the chapel acting as bearers. The chief mourners were Mrs. Bridgeman (sister), Mr. Pynsent (brother), Mr. Bridgeman and Mr. Billings (brother in law) ...

[GROxxxx xxxxx]

## July 1907

### **Western Chronicle: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 1907**

It is stated that Burton Pynsent estate, which has been for some time past in the market, has changed hands. It has been purchased by a syndicate for £20,000 and will be split up into small holdings. The beautiful Burton Woods, it is reported, will fall to the axe and the timber be sold.

## August 1907

### **Exeter and Plymouth Gazette; Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1907**

By order of F. W. Pretor-Pinney, Esq. and his Trustees: BURTON PYNSENT, SOMERSET: 9 ½ miles from Taunton and from Langport: Important Collectors of Genuine Antique Furniture. William J. VILLAR & Co. are instructed to SELL by AUCTION at the Residence, near Burton Monument, on Thursday and Friday September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 1907 at 12 noon each day, the whole of the GENUINE ANTIQUE and other FURNITURE, amongst which will be found charming examples Hepplewhite, Sheraton, and Chippendale work, Empire articles, Louis XV, bual, Adams' designs, Old Italian Work, Articles of the Jacobean and Georgian periods, Fine Old Steel, etc. The above include most rare specimens. The whole is in excellent, preservation: Illustrated catalogues (price 6d each) obtainable of the Auctioneers, 10, Hammet Street, Taunton.  
[see also Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 1907]

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## 1908

### February 1908

#### **Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1908**

Death: Mathew: On 2<sup>nd</sup> February, at 8, Colleton Crescent, on the eve of his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday, John Pynsent, son of the late J. Pynsent Mathew, of Rydon House, Talaton: No flowers, by request.

[see also Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 1908]

#### **Western Times: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 1908**

Funeral of the Late Mr. J. P. Mathew, at Whipton: The funeral of the late Mr. J. P. Mathew of Colleton Crescent, and late of Heavitree took place on Wednesday at Whipton Churchyard. The cortege left the residence at 1.45, and upon its arrival at Whipton was met by the Rev. T. J. Ponting (vicar of Heavitree), and the Rev. F. Simmons (rector Trinity), who officiated. The principal mourners were Mr. J. W. Mathew, Miss A. Mathew, Mr. P. Mathew, Mrs. C. P. Mathew, Mr. and Mrs. Pynsent Mathew, Rev. J. R. Paramore. There were also a large number of friends assembled at the graveside to pay a last mark of respect to the deceased. The remains were encased in a shell upholstered in lambskin with lace frillings, the outer coffin being of fine English elm, polished and mounted with handsome brass furniture. The breastplate inscription was follows: — "John Pynsent Mathew died February, 1908; aged 86 years." Messrs. Warren Brothers, of 53, Magdalen-road and 39, Queen-street were entrusted with the funeral arrangements, and Mr. Maries supplied the hearse and carriages.

#### **Cheltenham Looker-On: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 1908**

Queen's Hotel: Promenade: ... (*visitors include*) ... Pynsent, Mr. and Mrs. ... Rawlins, Mr. ...

[GRO0744 Hennock] [GRO0617 Hennock] (?)

## March 1908

### **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 1908**

One of the most interesting old residences in Somerset has just been sold: Viz. the Old House, Burton Pynsent, near Langport. It at one time belonged to and was the residence of Lord Chatham. It stands in a grand timbered part and other lands of about 250 acres, in one corner of which Lord Chatham erected a monument to commemorate the former owner, Sir William Pynsent from whom he received the estate.

### **Westminster Gazette: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 1908**

... Privately business has been a little better, but not much. The Wergs Hall estate of 700 acres, near Wolverhampton, which failed to change hands last autumn, has now been sold to Sir Alfred Hickman, Bart., by Messrs. Barnett and Son, and the old house, Burton Pynsent, near Landport, Somerset, with 250 acres, has been placed by Messrs. Nicholas Denver and Co. Once Lord Chatham lived on and owned this latter estate. In a corner of its grounds still stands a monument erected by him and commemorating a former owner, Sir William Pynsent, from whom he derived the property. ...

### **Western Chronicle: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March: 1908**

One of the most interesting old residences in Somerset has just been sold viz., the Old House, Burton Pynsent, near Langport. It at one time belonged to and was the residence of Lord Chatham. It stands in grand timbered park and other lands of 250 acres, in one corner of which Lord Chatham erected a monument to commemorate the former owner, Sir William Pynsent, from whom he received the estate.

[DRO0076 Combe]

### **Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 1908**

Instow Beagles: The fixture was Sidmouth Junction by the kind invitation of the Silverton Hunt. An immense crowd greeted Mr. Turner, (the Master), Mr. Pike (whip), and Mr. Berry (Hon. Secretary), at 11.30. ...

Among those present I noted ... (*includes*) ... Messrs. Pynsent Mathews, Jenkins, J. D. White ...

## May 1908

### **Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 1908**

Chudleigh Charities: Pynsent's School: An interesting position: Mr. G. G. Phillimore, barrister at law, conducted an inquiry at the Chudleigh Town Hall, yesterday, into the various charities of the place on behalf of the Charity Commissioners. ...

Lord Clifford stated that there was a proposal to purchase the schools by the County Council, but the matter had been left over, pending the present inquiry ...

Col. Walcott gave particulars concerning Pynsent's Grammar School, which is endowed with £30 per annum for the maintenance of the schoolmaster, and for repairs to the buildings. There are twelve governors and four scholars, three of whom receive tuition free, and one pays. Mr.

Crofton Green is the master, and Col. Walcott pointed out that repairs had to be paid for before Mr. Green received anything. ...

Mr. Spry was surprised that the people of Chudleigh had not taken advantage of the magnificent opportunity they had of sending their boys to the school (appease) – and spoke very highly of the tuition given ...

[DRO0054 Combe]

### **Morning Post: Monday 18th May 1908**

Mid-Surrey Club: The spring meeting of the Mid-Surrey Club was brought to a close at Old Deer Park, Richmond, on Saturday. For the gold scratch challenge medal and memento Mr. S. H. Fry and Mr. H. E. Taylor, each 75, tied. The senior handicap prize and medal and club prize for the best net score of the day fell to Mr. P. Brown, with 76, less 3 — 73. For the junior handicap prize and medal Mr. R. B. Pynsent, 89, less 11—78; Mr. W. Hall Danby, 92, less 14—78; and Mr. A. W. Tilley, 88, less 15—78, tied. ... (*continues*) ...

[GRO0744 Hennock]

## June 1908

### **Cheltenham Looker On: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1908**

Cheltenham Eye, Ear and Throat Fee Hospital: Report for week ending May 31st, 1908. Attendances, 177; new cases, 45; operations, 11; accidents, 6; hospital, 7; admitted during week, 8: The Committee gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following for the use of the patients: Illustrated papers from Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son, Promenade; magazines from Miss Ashley, Arundel House; inhaler and medicine bottles from Mrs. Pitt Pynsent, Douro Lodge; vegetables from a grateful patient.

[GRO0364 Hennock] (?)

## November 1908

### **Barking, East Ham & Ilford Advertiser, Upton Park and Dagenham Gazette: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 1908**

Between-Maid required, at once: must be strong and active; good references – Mrs. Pynsent 23 Cornwall Gardens, Kensington, S.W.

[GROxxxx Hennock]

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## 1909

## January 1909

### **Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1909**

Colonel Rawlins was a member of a family which has been settled for many generations in West Somerset, having it is said, come originally from South Wales to avoid religious persecution when Rawlins (White) suffered Martyrdom at Cardiff in 1555. The Rawlins' is essentially a military family. The late colonel's father was a colonel in the Madras Staff Corps, five of his uncles were associated with the Army, one was a major general in the Bengal Staff Corps., another was in the 41<sup>st</sup> and 86<sup>th</sup> Regiments, a third was also associated with the 41<sup>st</sup>, still another with the 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars and the Welsh (69<sup>th</sup>) Regiment. A sister of the late colonel married the Rev. F. King, M. A. late vicar of Southmolton, while an uncle married a daughter of the late Thomas Pynsent of Pitt House, Chudleigh, and Lakenham House, Northam. ...

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### **Western Times: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 1909**

College of Preceptors: December Examination Results in Devon: The certificate and lower forms examinations of the College of Preceptors took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of December at 182 centres. The total number of pupils examined was 6,557. The following is a list of candidates who obtained certificates at centres in Devon and Cornwall: ...

Newton Abbot: Boys: First Class (or senior): Pass Division: W. B. Spry, Pynsent's Grammar School, Chudleigh ...

Third Class, Pass Division: ... T. S. Nosworthy, Pynsent's Grammar School, Chudleigh ...

[see also Western Times: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 1909]

## February 1909

### **Bedfordshire Mercury: Friday 26th February 1909**

Births: Pynsent: Feb. 15, at 23 Cornwall Gardens, London, the wife of R. B. Pynsent of a daughter.

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## April 1909

### **Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1909**

Chudleigh Vestry: School Accommodation Question: The Lady Day Vestry meeting held in the Town Hall of Chudleigh. Mr. A. T. Stooke was in the chair. There were also present ... most of the members of the Parish Council, the Rev. Prebendary Dangar, D.D. ... Ellicombe, and a fair number of parishioners. The accounts of the Charity Governing Pynsent's Grammar School, and Eastchurch's Gift were presented and passed ...

## July 1909

### **Exeter and Plymouth Gazette; Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1909**

Proposed New Secondary Schools: ... Weare Gifford Church School: ... Sir Thomas Acland presided at the monthly meeting of the Devon Education Committee at the Castle of Exeter yesterday ...

A report from the Board of Education recommended that Pynsent's Grammar School, Chudleigh, be continued for the present. The Committee concurred in the recommendation ...

### **Middlesex Gazette: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 1909**

Wedding of Captain Cuthbert Whitaker: Whitaker – Dinham: On Saturday Captain Cuthbert Wilfrid Whitaker, of Elysage Cottage, Forty Hill Enfield, son of the late Mr. Joseph Whitaker, F.S.A., for many years resident at White Lodge Enfield, was married at St. Paul's Church, Avenue Road, Hampstead, N.W., to Miss Beatrice Ella Dinham, elder daughter of Mrs. Dinham and the late Mr. Charles Dinham of "Louvain," 33, Broadhurst-gardens, Hampstead. Capt. Whitaker, as all Enfield people are aware had taken some share in the public life of Enfield as Captain in Command of the Enfield Lock Volunteers, or Territorials as they are now styled ... *(continues) ... (description of wedding and list of presents includes) ...* Miss F. Pinsent: Travelling Watch:

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### September 1909

#### **Cheltenham Looker-On: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 1909**

Weddings: Mr. E. C. Willoughby and Miss D. H. Ryland: [photographs of both] Charlton Kings Parish Church was the scene of a pretty and fashionable wedding on Thursday afternoon when Miss Dorothy Helen Ryland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney P. Ryland of 31, Promenade, Cheltenham, was married to Mr. Edwin Charles Willoughby, son of the late Capt. Charles Willoughby (60<sup>th</sup> King's Royal Rifles), and of Mrs. Willoughby, of Courtfield, Charlton Kings. The bridegroom will be remembered for the prominent part he used to take in the amateur theatricals arranged for Mr. Redford's benefit. ...

The service was fully choral. The officiating clergymen were the Rev. A. H. Willoughby (uncle of the bridegroom), the Rev. Cannon W. Flory (uncle of the bride) and the Rev. E. Neale (Vicar of Charlton Kings) ... *(detailed description of ceremony) ...*

The following is a list of the present: ... *(from numerous Willoughby, Reynolds-Reynolds, Rawlins and Ryland relations and also from) ...* Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pinsent, cauldron china dinner service ... Mr. and Mrs. Burton Pynsent, old Dutch silver ...

[see also Cheltenham Examiner: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 1909]

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