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Jeff Playford,

5<sup>th</sup> September 2002.

Dear Jeff,

I have been continuing my research on your behalf and can now send another report.

**PLAYFORD.**

First I checked some of the Playford baptisms taken from the transcript of the Benenden parish register, as follows:

**Centre for Kentish Studies, Maidstone:**

P20/1/3 - **Benenden** baptisms:

1690 May 21 Jane dau of William & Jane Playford, born October 13 1689.

1691 Dec 10 William son of ditto, born October 21 last past.

My main aim was to confirm that the name of the child baptised in 1691 was William rather than Thomas and I also wanted to check the date of Jane's baptism, which turned out to be in 1690 rather than 1689 as in the transcript.

Having finally ruled out that family I next spread my search for the baptism of Thomas Playford about 1689/90 to surrounding parishes and on a separate sheet I detail the searches made. I went up to at least 1700 to cover the possibility of a late baptism, as that area was a hotbed of non-conformity from early times and there was much child and adult baptism. But no Playford baptisms were found.

I also checked the index to Consistory Court of Canterbury wills 1685-1764, but found none for the surname. I then checked some other printed sources, as on the enclosed sheet.

I have already covered Benenden and Biddenden parish records. William Playford, with two hearths in the area in 1664, was probably William of Benenden who had the family there in the 1660s. Widow Playford was perhaps his mother.

In the Quarter Sessions calendars and Kent Assize records I was hoping to find mention of Playfords elsewhere in the county which would give me some ideas as to where to search, but you can see that none were found.

The Prerogative Court of Canterbury had superior jurisdiction for probate purposes over the south of England and here the only Playfords found in the period 1700-1800 were in Middlesex.

At the next stage I propose to check Sussex wills for any for Playfords and then continue with parish register searches in Kent and Sussex. I can also have searches made in the Marriage Indexes I mentioned in my Email of 26 August. The fees I mentioned are per index.

#### **NEWMAN.**

I searched Tenterden parish register for the baptism of Catherine Newman but in the period 1706-1718, the period during which Catherine must have been born, there were no baptisms there in the surname (ref. CKS: P364/1/1). In the listing of Tenterden gravestone inscriptions made in 1919 there were none for Newman.

I then checked my transcripts of the baptisms at Benenden, Biddenden and Cranbrook but she was not baptised in any of these three parishes.

Can you tell me where your information about Catherine being born in 1712, daughter of Daniel, came from? Then I can follow it up.

This brings you up to date with my latest research. I'll be happy to continue my investigations on your behalf and shall look forward to hearing from you in due course. In the meantime I am enclosing a statement of my account to date.

Yours sincerely,

G.Rickard (Miss)

**Printed/indexed Kent sources searched for Playford:**

**Kent Hearth Tax Lady Day 1664** for Playford:

Hevenden Boro in the Lath of Scray, Hundred of Berkley [covered Benenden and Biddenden]:

Chargeable:

William Playford 2 hearths.

Not Chargeable:

Widdow Playford 1 hearth.

**Calendar of Kent Quarter Sessions Records, Session Papers 1639-1677:** nil Playford.

**Calendar of Kent Quarter Sessions Records: East Kent Order Book 1653/4-1671/2:**  
nil Playford.

**Calendar of Kent Quarter Sessions Records: Sessions Papers 1686-1714:** nil Playford.

**Calendar of Assize Records: Kent Indictments Charles II, 1676-1688:** nil Playford.

**Wills and administrations in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1701-1749** for  
Playford and variants:

Thomas Playford/Plyfott, parts overseas, admon July 1704 - PROB 6/80.

Mary Playford, Middlesex, will proved March 1723 - PROB 11/590, sig. 56.

Ann Playford, Middlesex, will proved July 1743 - PROB 11/11/728, sig. 242.

**Wills in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1750-1800** for Playford and variants:

Samuel Playford, Middlesex, will February 1751, ref. 58.

John Plafoot, parts overseas, admon with will November 1765 - ref. 424.

Henry Playford, Middlesex, July 1782, ref. 372.

CKS - **Centre for Kentish Studies, Maidstone.**

CCA - **Canterbury Cathedral Archives.**

CKS: P308/1/3 - **Rolvenden** baptisms 1680-1700 for Playford: nil.

CKS: P399/1/2 - **Wittersham** baptisms 1680-1700 for Playford: nil.

CKS: P164/1/1 - **High Halden** baptisms 1680-1700 for Playford: nil.

CKS: P400/1/3 - **Woodchurch** baptisms 1680-1700 for Playford: nil.

CKS: Transcript of **Newenden** baptisms, marriages and burials 1559-1812 (gap in baptisms 1664-1691, marriages 1663-1692 and burials 1667-1692) for Playford: nil.

CCA: **Newenden** Bishops and Archdeacon's Transcripts baptisms Lady Day 1680-Lady Day 1693 (missing Lady Day 1683-Michaelmas 1685, Michaelmas 1691-Lady Day 1692): nil Playford.

CCA: **Ebony** Bishops and Archdeacon's Transcripts baptisms Lady Day 1680-Lady Day 1700 for Playford: nil.

(Ebony original parish registers start 1708).

CCA: **Appledore** Bishops and Archdeacon's Transcripts baptisms Lady Day 1680-Lady Day 1700 for Playford: nil.

(Appledore original parish registers start 1700).

CKS: P353/1/2 - **Stone in Oxney** baptisms 1680-1734 for Playford: nil.

CKS: Beth/1/A1 - **Bethersden** baptisms 1680-1700 for Playford: nil.