

The Life and Times of
Anthony Wood, antiquary,
of Oxford, 1632—1695,
described by Himself

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HIS DIARIES AND OTHER PAPERS

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some raine. June 6, 7, 8, 9, exceeding hot, intollerably hot. June 9 (W.), in the afternoone about 3 and 4, much raine with haile.

‘If it rains on Easter day

There shall be good grass but very bad hay’—

much grass on the ground but cold and wet will hinder the making of it.

[June 3¹, Th., anno 1686, William Burke, esq., only son of . . . Burke or Burgh, lord Dunkallyn (by . . . Bagnall his wife) son of William earl of Clanrickard, died in the lodgings of Dr. John Fell, deane of Ch. Church, of which house he was a student, aged 14 or thereabouts. Whereupon his body was buried in the south isle joyning to Ch. Ch. choire, neare the grave of . . . <Arms²:—> ‘gules on a cross or a fleur de luce of the first: in the first quarter a lyon rampant of the second: over all a file with 3 labells argent.’]

June 3, Th., Ch. Ch. great bell rang out at 5 in the afternoon for Mr. William Burke³, son of <Richard> Burgh, lord Dunkally⁴, by . . . Bagnall his wife (which lord Dunkally is son of William, earl of Clanrickard) who died in the lodgings of Dr. <John> Fell, deane of Ch. Ch., aged 14 or therabouts. Buried in the south isle joyning to the choire of Ch. Ch. cathedral.

June 4, F., paid Mr. Janes my battles for the quarter ending Lady day, 9s 7d.

June 6, Su., St. Peter's bell rung out at 11 in the morning for William Crompt, a Kentish man and commoner of Queen's Coll., who had last Munday taken a surfeit of brandy at Hedendon—son of William Crompt of Wye, gent.; obiit anno aetatis 19.

In the beginning of this month a yonger son of the duke of Saxony was to see the University incognito.

[News⁵ letter, dated, T., 8 June 1686, saith thus:—‘at the intercession of the maids of honour his majestie hath granted a warrant to pardon all the females excepted in the late general pardon.’]

June 9, W., make hay.

[June 10⁶, Th., S. Barnabas eve, 1686, Charles Perot, LL. Dr., fellow of St. John's College in Oxon and parliamentary burges for the University, died in S. John's College, aged 45 or therabouts. Whereupon his body was carried to Fyfield neare Abendon in Berks (where his father hath land) and was buried in the church there among some of his relations. Son of James Perot, gent., who

¹ note in Wood MS. F 4, p. 161.

² a slip with these arms is found also in Wood MS. F 4, p. 156.

³ ‘Burke’ substituted for ‘Burgh.’ Gutch's Wood's Coll. and Halls, p. 514.

⁴ Richard de Burgh lord Dunkellin succeeded his father in 1687 as eighth earl of Clanricarde. Burke's *Peerage* omits this son.

⁵ note in Wood 404.

⁶ note in Wood MS. F 4, p. 162.

hath land at North-Lee and Tetsworth in Oxfordshire, and elsewhere. <Arms:—> ‘gules, 3 pears argent, a cressant for a difference or, on a chief argent a demy-lyon rampant sable,’ granted¹ when Elias Ashmole, Windsore herald, went his visitation journey into Berks, after the restauration of King Charles II.—The said James Perot, the father, who had gotten an estate under a blind knight called . . . Drake of Bucks, is reported by the other family of Perots of North-Lee to be a by-blow from Herefordshire². He died at North-Lee 8 Dec. 1687, aged 80 or more; and was buried at Fyfeild by his son.]

[Convocation³, M., 14 June 1686, Moses Carterius, a corrector of the press 10 yeares at the Theater, was allowed to be M.A.—In the same convocation an acquittance was given for 20*li.* given to Magd. Hall by John Roswell, fellow of Eaton.]

[News⁴ letter dated Tu., 15 June 1686; the attorney-general <Sir Robert Sawyer> renewing his motion against Miles Prance, the court gave this sentence that he pay a fine of 100*li.*; that he stand in the pillory on Munday next <June 21> in the Pallace Yard at Westminster, and the Wednesday after <June 23> at the Exchange, and on Munday following <June 28> at Charing Cross; that he be whipped from Newgate to Tyburne; and be committed till all these things were done.

The same letter tells us that the Queen Dowager hath beg’d of the king the remission of the last punishment, viz. whipping. (Letter dated July 1, Th., saith that Miles Prance hath obtained that part of his sentence of whipping be taken off and is return’d to the church of Rome).]

June 18, F., Dr. William Durham died in his rectory house at Letcomb-basset com. Berks at 4 in the afternoon of an apoplexy. *Fasti* 1669.

June 19, Saturday, Samuel Desmesters, M.A. and bachelor of Physick, fellow of Oriel, died of the small pox and was buried in the College chapel the same day, funerall⁵ solemnised the next. A benefactor to the College; 1000*li.* after the death of his sister. ‘Samuel Des-mastres, son of Peter Des-mastres of Stowlton (neare Tredington) in Worcestershire, gent., aged 16, 1672.’

June 20, Su., Mr. John Massey preached at St. Marie’s post meridiem, for Mr. Obadiah Walker; watch and wait laid whether he uttered popery or anything savouring of it, because suspected to be a papist. Bred up under Mr. Walker; his servitour.

June 23, W., Sir William Coventry, knight, (sometimes secretary to the duke of York when general at sea) died neare Tunbridge in Kent; left to the French

¹ a slip pasted in gives the same coat with the note:—‘granted tempore visitationis com. Berks, 1665, per Eliam Ashmole deputatum Edvardi Bysh.’

² in pencil only as doubtful.

³ note in MS. Bodl. 594, p. 116.

⁴ note in Wood 404.

⁵ in the case of persons dead of infectious diseases it seems to have been customary to inter the body at once and to read the burial service at the grave on such subsequent day as was convenient. Several instances of this occur in this diary.