

## STONE FAMILY DOCUMENTS

### THE STONES OF CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET

These family documents were found in the estate of Elizabeth Boyd Bond Evans of Cambridge, England (deceased December 2012). They were obtained at auction at Cheffins of Cambridge for John C. Stone II by Elizabeth Howard in July 2013.

Most of the documents relate to descendants of Richard Stone of Clayhanger, Devon and Chipstable, Somerset, who died in 1653. Richard's estimated date of birth is late 1570s, e.g. 1579. His will was obtained from the UK Archives and names his descendants. The will of the widow of his eldest son John (Richard Parkhouse Stone) also was obtained from the UK Archives and helps define some of Richard's descendants.

Richard was married twice. The name of his first wife, whom he married about 1600, remains unknown. Six children were born to this first marriage, of whom four married and three produced heirs. The two female lines of descent have been difficult to establish, but the lone male heir who had offspring, Emanuel Stone, had nine or ten children. The line of descent from Emanuel's oldest son and heir, Richard Stone 1640 (baptized in Chipstable), can be traced to the present day. The absence of 16c parish records and paucity of 17c records in Chipstable and Ashbottle (due in large part to the civil war of the 17c) have made it impossible to determine accurately the lines of Emanuel's other eight or nine children with any accuracy.

Richard's second marriage was prior to 1640 to a woman named Eleanor (possibly Eleanor Farthinge who was born in Clayhanger in 1604). Richard and Eleanor had two children – Richard 1640 (baptized in Clayhanger) and Hannah 1647. Both married and had children. Hannah married John Burge, who is a party to one of these documents. Richard married Thomazine Waldron of Ashbottle and they had five children. Four of the children are named in some of these documents. Richard died before 1680 (at less than 40 years of age) and Thomazine died in 1684, presumably quite young also. The descendants of one of their two sons, Robert Stone ca 1665, can be followed with considerable accuracy to the present day (Robert ca 1665/Robert 1713/Captain 1756/Robert 1789). Robert 1789 and his family immigrated to Tasmania, Australia and New Zealand in the mid-1830s. The other (second) son of Robert 1665, William 1716, remained in Chipstable. These documents appear to have been retained by this William's descendants through the marriage of Anna Stone to Alfred Bond, and from Alfred down through the Bond family until they surfaced in the estate of Elizabeth Boyd Bond. As is so often the case, it has been more difficult to trace the descendants of the daughters in each generation. The will of Eleanor Stone, Richard's second wife, was also obtained from the UK Archives and helps define the descendants of both of Richard's marriages.

Many of these documents involve one fourth interests in various Chipstable properties. The same is true of similar documents available at the Somerset Heritage Society. Reading and understanding these many "fourth parts" can become quite confusing. The division into fourth parts was caused by the division of the Manor properties in Chipstable and adjacent parishes among the four daughters of Sir John Bluet who died in 1634. The Bluet family had been major landholders and had many manor properties in parts of Somerset and Devon

since the 13c or earlier. The last male owner of the manor properties involved in these documents was Sir John Bluet who died in 1634 with no male heir. He left four daughters, and the signatures of them and/or their husbands and their children and grandchildren appear on some of the indentures. (The Bluet name is sometimes spelled with two “t”s.)

Ann Bluet married Cadwallader Jones; son Cadwallader Jones; grandson John Jones.

Mary Bluet married (1) Sir James Stonehouse and (2) Sir John Lenthall; son William Lenthall, grandson John Lenthall.

Dorothy Bluet married Henry Wallop; son John Wallop, grandson John Wallop aka Viscount Lymington and Earl of Portsmouth.

Susan Bluet married John Basset; son John, grandson John

The documents are presented in chronological order as best can be determined. The “EH” number provided in each abstract is the number initially assigned by Elizabeth Howard who obtained them for me at the Cambridge auction and then viewed and abstracted them in the summer of 2013. Here are the latest abstracts in order of date when known or estimated.

## 1

1571

EH-1, Parchment, 12 x 5, one side

Document headed Peaton. Names include Robert Tanfield, John Crympe, Fillysham in the parish or parishes of Bampton and Cleyhanger. John Potten, deceased. Francis Tanfield, armiger. Admission of John Crympe. Signed Robert Tanfield. Connection to Stone family of Clayhangeer and Chipstable and Ashbrittle has not yet been found. If there is a connection, perhaps it is through the female line, e.g. the mother or wife of Richard Stone ca 1579.

## 2

1649

EH-7, 14 x 4, 2 sides, in Latin

Richard and Hannah Stone, the children of Richard Stone (ca 1579 – 1653) and his second wife Eleanor, are admitted to the Venn property in Chipstable by Ann Bluet Jones and her husband Cadwallader Jones. They were nine and two years old at the time and were baptized in Clayhanger but later lived in adjacent Ashbrittle. Eleanor’s husband Richard Stone was still alive. He died in 1653. The Venn messuage had been in the Stone family prior to 1602, probably in the late sixteenth century.

## 3

16 April 1656

EH-5, parchment, 15 x 7, 2 sides.

Manor court deed; on the outside, Richard Stone 1640 – 1679 and his sister Hannah Stone 1647 - ?, their copy of Venn, Chipstable. “to this court came Richard Stone and Hannah Stone, the son and daughter of Eleanor Stone of Cleyhanger, widow. And have taken of John Bassett and Susannah Bassett his wife reversion of one fourth of the manor, in the tenure of Eleanor Stone, for the term of their lives. Susannah was Susannah Bluet Bassett, the fourth daughter of John Bluet, Gentleman.

## 4

1659

EH-9, paper, 12 x 9, one side

Fragile paper indenture which binds William Slocombe to Eleanor Stone of Cleyhanger for Venn. Witnesses: John Winter, Richard Stone (1640-1733) of Chipstable and the mark of John Knight.

## 5

1663

EH-10, paper. 8 x 7, one page, note on back

Fragile and stained indenture, further on William Slocombe of Bagborough and money.

## 6

1666

EH-30, paper, 9 x 12, one side

Will of Thomazine Waldron, widow of Ashbrittle, the mother of Thomazine Waldron who married Richard Stone (1640 - ca1679). All goods and chattels were left to her son-in-law Richard Stone. Thomazine Waldron was born Thomazine Wyne and was the wife of Anthonie Waldron of Ashbrittle.

## 7

1673

EH-3, paper. 15 x 12, one side

Legal document involving the widow Eleanor Stone, Edward Melton, John Burge (husband of Eleanor’s daughter Hannah), a release to Eleanor of £20 plus goods.

## 8

1 July, 1675

EH-16, fragile medium weight paper, 16 x 12, 2 pages

Articles or Covenants and Agreements between Richard Stone (1640 – 1679) of Ashbrittle, yeoman, and William Franch of Chipstable, husbandman, £29 to be paid to Richard Stone quarterly for Venn with all houses, buildings, edifices, etc., for the term of seven years.

## 9

13 May 1680

EH-6, parchment, 21 x 11, one page, notes on back

Indenture between Anne Jones of Greenham, widow, one of the daughters and co-heirs of John Bluet of Holcombe, and John Langdon of Holcombe and John Brooke of Ashbrittle, trustees for the said Anne Jones, and Thamsin (Thomazine) Stone of Ashbrittle, widow of the other part, that Anne Jones let to Thamsin Stone all that tenement or fourth part of Venn on the lives of William Stone and Robert Stone, the sons of Thamsin Stone. Thamsin (Thomazine) being a widow documents the death prior to 1680 of her husband Richard Stone, who was baptized in Clayhanger in 1640. The probate inventory of Thomazine Stone herself was dated 1684.

## 10

1684

EH-11, paper, 8 x 7, one side

Fragile paper document marked "Chipstable". For £20 fine to be paid at Lady Day etc., granted by John Bassett to John Norman of Cleyhanger, Richard Stone (1640 – 1734) of Chipstable and Richard Hill of Ashbrittle, for the 4<sup>th</sup> part of Venn tenement late in the occupation of Thomazine Stone, widow, assigned for the term of 99 years on the lives of Robert Stone, William Stone and Grace Stone, sons and daughter of the said Thomazine Stone. (After the deaths of Richard Stone (1640 – 1679) then of Ashbrittle, and his widow Thomazine Waldron Stone who died in 1684, the deceased Richard's nephew - who was actually a few months older – i.e Richard Stone (1640 – 1734) of Chipstable - acted as a guardian and trustee for the children of his younger uncle Richard Stone (and his wife Thomazine) of Clayhanger and Ashbrittle. The Richard Stone who was appointed guardian was a grandson of Richard 1579 by his first marriage and the eldest son and heir apparent of Emanuel Stone. Re: Richard Hill, I believe he may have been an uncle or possibly the father of Elizabeth Hill who married Robert Stone 1665 in 1705. )

## 11

30 December 1684

EH-14, 10 x 9, one page, note on back

Agreement between William Davye of Chipstable, husbandman, bound to John Norman of Cleyhanger, Richard Stone (1640 – 1734) of Chipstable and Richard Hill of Ashbrittle, for £100. Witnessed by John Govier, George Talbot, and signed with the mark of William Davye.

## 12

25 March, 1685

EH-17, parchment, 24 x 12, one page, notes on back

Indenture made between John Bassett of Heanton Punchardon and John Norman of Cleyhanger and Richard Stone of Chipstable and Richard Hill of Ashbrittle for the sum of £70 paid to him the said John Basset by the said John, Richard and Richard, for the demesne known as Venn formerly in the occupation of Thomazine Stone, deceased, for 99 years on the lives of Robert Stone, William Stone and Grace Stone.

## 13

9 September 1685

EH-15, parchment, 28 x 15, one page, pencil notes on back

Indenture between John Wallop of Downthurstbourne, Hampshire and John Norman of Cleyhanger, Richard Stone of Chipstable and Richard Hill of Ashbrittle, in consideration for the sum of £70 paid to the said John,

Richard and Richard, to have all that messuage called Venn late in the occupation of Thomazine Stone, widow, deceased, for the lives of William Stone, Robert Stone and Grace Stone, sons and daughter of the said Thomazine Stone, for 99 years, at a yearly rent of one shilling and two pence.

## 14

11 December 1685

EH-2, parchment? 24 x 11, 2 sides

(On the outside: Chipstable: Esq Lenthall's lease to Mr. John Norman and Richard Stone for Venn tenement). Indenture between William Lenthall of Burford, Oxfordshire, and Richard Hill of Ashbrittle and John Norman of Clayhanger in the county of Devon and Richard Stone, yeoman, of Chipstable in the county of Somerset: for the sum of £70 paid to Lenthall by Hill, Norman and Stone, for the release of the property known as Venn for 99 years, yielding unto William Stone, Robert Stone and Grace Stone, sons and daughters of the late Thomasin Stone deceased. William Lenthall was the second husband of Mary Bluet, who himself died the following year. William and Mary Lenthall's son John Lenthall eventually sold most of the family's Chipstable property by 1707. These three 1685 documents involve three of the four Bluet daughters: Susan, Dorothy and Mary.

## 15

19 July 1692

EH-12, paper, 4 x 2, 2 sides

Tiny fragile fragment of paper appears to be part of a letter: on one side "I came to Mr. Kingsford's the 19<sup>th</sup> July 1692", and on the other side "end and brother Stone".

## 16

Early 1700s

EH-4, paper, 7x7, two sides

Small, fragile two-sided and torn undated piece of paper with abundant calculations and summations on both sides, and mentioning the price of weights of tobacco. Similar in style to the papers of Robert Stone ca 1665 or his son Robert 1613 of the 1700 – 1730s period.

## 17

Early 1700s

EH-13, paper, 6x2, 2 sides

Small undated 2x6 piece of paper being a receipt of payments for various items, one of which reads "Hailstorm", one "Kingswood", one "oxstead", the total coming to 14 shillings 11 pence.

## 18

Early 1700s

EH-19, paper, 6x3, two sides

Undated slip of paper with notes on how to cure lame sheep, etc. Similar to but slightly larger handwriting than number 19 (EH-18).

## 19

Prior to 1705

EH- 18, paper, 6x3, two sides

Small rectangular piece of paper somewhat like a letter: on one side, addressed to Mr. William Hill of Chipstable. On the other side mention of John Timewell and note "Elizabeth Hill is my name". Also a Recipe about how "to make bird lime". Probably written by Elizabeth Hill prior to her 1705 marriage to Robert Stone 1665.

## 20

2 June 1701

EH- 45, parchment, 30x28, one page, note on back

Indenture of lease between John Jones of Burlescombe, Devon, and Robert Stone of Chipstable in consideration of a payment of five shillings to John Jones by Robert Stone for Venn for six months, formerly in the occupation of Thomazine Stone. Robert (ca 1665 – 1728) was a son of Thomazine Stone. John Jones was the grandson of Anne Bluet who married Cadwallader Jones. Their son was also Cadwallader Jones, father of John.

## 21

3 June 1701

EH-61, parchment, 30 x 30, one side, notes on back

Indenture of lease between John Jones and Robert Stone (ca. 1665 – 1728) for one fourth part of Venn and Bibolds Hill and Heddons and other properties. Good quality indenture.

## 22

6 October 1703

EH-60, parchment, 27 x 16, one page, note on back

Indenture of lease between Richard Stone of Chipstable, yeoman, and Robert Stone son of the said Richard Stone, the property being the same Woodworthy and Pinkhouse as previously leased by John Jones to the said Richard Stone. Signed Richard Stone and witnessed by Robert Stone. This father and son Richard and Robert were descendants of the first marriage of Richard Stone ca1579 – 1653. Although the Venn property was part of the senior Richard Stone's holdings, it became tied to the second line of descent in the mid sixteen hundreds. The first line of descent from the elder Richard thereafter occupied various other properties in Chipstable (including Charles Cottage, Wester and Easter Above Church, Larcombes, Woodworthy, Pinkhouse, Biballs Hill, Withycombe Farm, and more.

## 23

16 November 1706

EH-62, heavy parchment, 28 x 23, 2 pp

Indenture of lease between Baldwin Malet and his son William Malet and others, and Robert Daw regarding the debts of Baldwin Malet which by Act of Parliament have to be cleared by the sale etc. of his lands in Somerset

and Devon and those of his sons, etc. Witnessed by Robert Stone according to Elizabeth Howard (I have not yet found the signature). Mention of Sir John Trevelyan and others. Malet family members were extensive landholders in Somerset and Devon and elsewhere. There are hundreds of Malet family documents at the Somerset Heritage Center. I do not yet know the Stone family relationships involved here.

## 24

18 November 1707

EH-51, parchment, 20x12, one page, notes on back

Indenture between John Lenthall of Burford, Oxfordshire, son of William Lenthall late of Burford, deceased, who was the son and heir of Sir John Lenthall and Mary his wife, deceased, who was one of the daughters and co-heirs of John Bluet, also deceased, and Robert Stone of Venn in consideration of five shillings paid by Robert Stone to John Lenthall for one fourth of the four parts of Ven.

## 25

19 November 1707

EH-63, 29x26, parchment, one side, notes on back

Indenture of lease between John Lenthall of Burford, Oxon and Robert Stone of Venn in consideration of £41 for the fourth part of four of Venn.

## 26

1 February 1709

EH-50, parchment, 21 x 10, one side, notes on back

Indenture of lease between John Periam of Milverton and Richard Stone of Chipstable and Robert Stone of Chipstable, son of the said Richard, in consideration of five shillings paid to the said John Periam and Richard Stone by the said Robert Stone the fourth part of four of Champions property and more. Signed Richard Stone. This relates to the first line of descent of Richard Stone 1579.

## 27

29 Feb 1709

EH-64, heavy parchment, 26 x 23, one side, note on back

Indenture of lease between Mr. Periam and Richard Stone to Robert Stone, purchase deed of one 4<sup>th</sup> part of Champion property. This relates to the first line of descent of Richard Stone 1579.

## 28

1710

EH-31, paper, 8x4, one side

Receipt for half a year's land tax from Robert Stone of Venn.

## 29

6 June 1711

EH-34, paper, 8x11, 2 separate but related documents

Letter to Robert Stone of Venn, a demand for money for Venn and for the building of a hatch or wicket adjacent to the church, and a threat to take Robert Stone to the Consistory Court at Wells “to see yourself excommunicated for your contempt”; and another solicitor’s paper itemizing the bill of £3.3.6d. In Latin.

## 30

1711

EH-32, paper, 9x10, 2 sides

Letter to Mr. Stone from Robert Quicke in answer to Mr. Stone’s letter regarding customs and the law and payment due and advising Robert Stone to get a solicitor or counsel’s opinion. On reverse in a different hand (that of Robert Stone ?) to say that “if I cannot pay it they will seize my goods and make sale of it for payment and ... and most they can do is commit me at prison.”

## 31

1711?

EH-8, paper, 6x7, two sides

Another undated small document of perhaps similar age to EH-4, two sided, mentioning “about ye rates” but including two pages of handwriting. Mention of churchyard, hatch and wicket. This document appears to be contemporary with the 1711 small documents relating to Robert Stone’s debt problems and the construction of a hatch and wicket at the churchyard. They look like comments made by Robert to state his points on the issue.

## 32

October 1711

EH-27, paper, 8x10, 2 sides

Single sheet of paper requesting Mr. Stone to pay three guineas at the churchwardens.

## 33

1716

EH-33, paper, 8x3, one side, figures on back

Receipt by the Collectors of Chipstable for £22.3.4d.

## 34

1 Aug. 1718

EH-65, heavy parchment, 30 x 27, one side, note on back

Indenture of lease between John Perratt of Chipstable and Jane his wife and Robert Stone and Mary his wife of Chipstable, for the Champions and associated properties. Good George I coat of arms drawn at the start of the indenture.

## 35

1722

EH-28, paper, 8x11, 3 documents

Three separate and similar documents, all written by Mrs. Elizabeth Norman, widow of Ashbrittle. These are bonds applied to Elizabeth Norman to pay to Susanna Norman her daughter of Maryslifton, Devon, spinster, £40, to be paid at the dwelling house of John Hill in Ashbrittle within a month of the death of Elizabeth Norman. The other two documents are exactly the same, one being for her other daughter Elinor and one for her son Hugh. Witnesses were Robert Stone and John Hill. The Norman family is connected to the Stone family in various indentures and when William Stone 1716-1801 married Elizabeth “Betty” Norman in 1775. Prior to that they appear to have been close friends for the most part, although document number 43 has nothing good to say about a Mary Norman. The Hill, Norman and Stone family are mentioned in many of the 17c and 18c documents.

## 36

1724

EH-35, paper, 8x12, one side, note on back

Bond of William Hosegood of Badelton, husbandman, who is indebted to William Hill of Chipstable for £40 on the condition that William Hosegood and Mary his wife keep the peace of King George against the body of William Hill the elder and William Hill the younger not to commit wilful trespass or seek any revenge or instruct any person concerning the King’s game or fishing or carrying guns, nets or other “ingions” whatsoever. Witnessed by William Stone and Robert Stone. William and Robert might have been the sons of Richard Stone 1640-1679 of Clayhanger and Ashbrittle. There are many documents related to Robert Stone ca 1665 - 1728, but the history of his brother William Stone is obscure. He was admitted to the Venn property as late as 1685, but thereafter this is little or no mention of him. There is no known marriage for William Stone ca. 1665.

## 37

5 Jan 1727

EH-41, paper, 8x9, one page, note on back

The will of Charles Stone, yeoman of Cleyhanger. To my son Charles Stone, one shilling. The rest of my goods and chattels to my son William Stone who I make my sole executor. Witnesses were Robert Stone and Richard Norman. The position in the family of Charles Stone is not known. He may have been a grandson of Emmanuel Stone of the first line of descent of Richard Stone 1579. The witness Robert Stone could have been Robert ca. 1683 – 1765 of the first line or Robert ca. 1665 – 1728 of the second line.

## 38

11 July 1727

EH-25, paper, 7x3, one side

A small fragment of paper certifying that Robert Stone (of Venn I assume) is not qualified to serve as a juror. This determination may relate to the financial problems in documents presented earlier and the threats that ensued or it might be related to illness because Robert Stone died the following year.

**39**

1728

EH-42, paper, 7x8, one side

Undated draft notes containing notes as to the wording of a will, “my estates called Ven”, mentions my son and my three daughters, Eliz, T (Thamzen) and A (Ann), and legacies. These notes appear to have been written by Robert Stone 1665 – 1728 who died intestate on 19 May 1728. His son Robert’s will and his grandson Captain Stone later note that this Robert Stone died intestate. It led to disputes in the family over the Venn property that are documented by these Cheffins auction papers and others in our possession.

**40**

3 June 1728

EH-24, paper, 9x11, one side

Inventory of the goods of Robert Stone of Chipstable, late deceased, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1728 and witnessed by Thomas Stone and William Stone and William Hill, Jr. Total value £343.14.6d. The precise identity of the two Stone witnesses is not obvious. Thomas Stone 1716 was only twelve years of age. A relative Thomas Stone who died in 1739 is a likely choice. William Stone 1713 was only fifteen years of age. The witness William might have been Robert’s brother (if he was still alive), or the son of Charles (see 1727 Will above) or a son of William Stone ca 1665, who was a son of Richard Stone 1640 – 1734 (no marriage or family for William Stone ca 1665 has yet been identified).

**41**

1720s – 1730s?

EH-20, paper, 13x9

Undated sheet of paper signed several times by “Elizabeth Stone”. Poem ‘tis when the seas are ? With a hollo blast of a wind a damsel lay on the ? Rock Wide ? Those rolling billos she cast a wishful look.....” etc. Plus recipe “this for a cold or cough..” For cold or glanders. How to save a horse from stinging of flies in summer. For dimness of sight or blindness. This interesting little family document is from the family of Robert Stone and Elizabeth Hill Stone of the second line of descent from the elder Richard Stone. The document could have been written by Mrs. Elizabeth Hill Stone, but it is perhaps more likely that it was written by their daughter Elizabeth Stone who was baptized in June 1708 and did not marry. The exact date of the document is unknown but compares to documents written by Robert Stone (1713 – 1787) in the late 1720s and into the 1730s which are among this collection.

**42**

1720s - 1730s

EH-21, paper, 9x13

Undated sheet of paper headed “Mr. Stone’s answers”. Numbered notes on Articles of Faith. Like the document above, this appears to have been written by Robert Stone 1713-1787.

## 43

1726 +/- – 1736

EH-22, paper notebook, 5x8

A fragile paper notebook owned by Robert Stone 1713 – 1783 containing a variety of notes, agricultural in large, including cures for animals, notes of payments made and due, and including the dates of his father's death and burial. His father died 19 May and was buried 31 May, which seems like a long delay. The document probably was written before Robert became an officer in excise. This is a very interesting document for the second line of descent of Richard Stone 1579. Quotes from Elizabeth Howard: "The second is the middle page of Robert Stone's commonplace or notebook which is just heaven..." "Father dyed May ye 19<sup>th</sup> and was buried May ye 31<sup>st</sup> Ann Dom 1728. And his text was I the third Chap of ye Second book of Pitter in ye 14<sup>th</sup> verse. It also says "Mary Norman is a damnael hoore that William Norman is shore." And "for a horse that hath the butts give him two or three pips of tobackow in a few oats and if he refuse to eate them then give him a pipe full on some beer and drinck him with it.. July 20<sup>th</sup>. These two remedys are held to be very good.." There is so much more !! the thoughts of the Stones! Wonderful! (comment by Elizabeth Howard).

## 44

1 November 1728

EH-59, fragile paper, 15 x 12, one side

Fragile paper document being an agreement between Ralph Elwall of Whitchurch, Hampshire, on behalf of John Lord (Viscount) Lymington and Elizabeth Stone of Chipstable, widow, for £98 to convey in fee simple to Elizabeth Stone the messuage and tenement known as Venn except an estate by lease determinable on the death of William Stone formerly granted. This William Stone might have been Elizabeth's brother in law, brother of Robert Stone 1665, but very little is known of this William and perhaps he did not marry. He is last identified in the indentures dated 1685. Possibly he was the same person as the witness William Stone mentioned in document # 40. It is also possible that William was Elizabeth's son, William 1716, because we know he continued to occupy Venn with his mother and after her death. Witness William Hill, Jr. Lord Lymington was John Wallop, grandson of Henry Wallop and his wife Dorothy Bluet. I suspect that the witness William Hill Jr. was a brother of Elizabeth Hill Stone.

## 45

25 March 1729

EH-66, parchment, 26x19, one page, note on back

Indenture of lease between Sir Nicholas Hooper of Fulbrooke and others and Elizabeth Stone, widow, in consideration of £50 for that fourth part of Venn in Chipstable.

## 46

15 April 1729

EH-52, parchment, 18x10, one side, note on back

Indenture of lease between John, Lord Lymington, and Elizabeth Stone, for Venn, she paying him a peppercorn rent. Properties Heddon, Lydon and Biballs Hill also mentioned. Fine intact seal of Lord Lymington.

**47**

16 April 1729

EH-67, parchment, 26x17, one side, notes on back

Indenture of lease between John, Lord Lymington and his heirs and Elizabeth Stone of Chipstable, widow, in consideration of £100 paid by the said Elizabeth to the said John Lord Lymington, for Venn. This document and the one just above need to be studied and reconciled.

**48**

1732

EH-29, paper, 7x3

Receipt from The Reverend Simon Richards to Elizabeth Stone for £1.2.6d being the tithes from Ven.

**49**

20 September 1736

EH-57, parchment, 24x12, one side

Indenture of lease between Robert Stone of Chipstable and John Stone of Chipstable for five shillings for that messuage known as Woodworthy and Pinkhouse. Document is torn. This is the first of four consecutive documents regarding the marriage of John Stone 1711 and Joan Timewell. They are from the first line of descent from Richard Stone 1579.

**50**

21 September 1736

EH 23, parchment, 30 x 22, one side with notes on back

Second document regarding the marriage of John Stone and Joan Timewell. For £100 paid by John to his father Robert Stone of Chipstable, Robert releases to John all his three fourth parts of Woodworthy and Pinkhouse that Robert had purchased from his father Richard Stone 1640 and others. Note on the back regarding the retention by Robert of a small portion of the land.

**51**

22 September 1736

EH-56, heavy parchment, 26 x 12, note on back

Third document regarding the marriage of John Stone and Joan Timewell. Indenture of lease for one year between Robert Stone of Chipstable and Thomas Timewell of Wiveliscombe and John Timewell of the same, in consideration of the sum of five shillings paid to him John Stone by them the Timewells for Woodworthy and Pinkhouse. Signed John Stone.

**52**

23 September 1736

EH-68, parchment, 30x22, one page, note on back

Final document regarding the marriage of John Stone and Joan Timewell. Marriage settlement for John the eldest son of Robert Stone 1683. Indenture of lease between John Stone of Chipstable of the first part and John and Thomas Timewell of Wiveliscombe of the second part and Joan Timewell of the third part; whereas marriage is shortly to take place between John Stone and Joan Timewell, in consideration of the sum of £300 paid by Thomas Timewell as a dowry in exchange for a portion of Venn released by Robert Stone, father of the said John Stone. Good Royal coat of arms in the Indenture heading. Good group of signatures on the reverse side. This document confirms that the descendants of the first line of descent from Richard Stone 1579 (Richard/Emanuel/Richard/Robert) maintained a 1/4th interest in a portion of the Venn messuage at least until this date. There are other documents in this collection wherein Venn, Woodworthy and Pinkhouse are involved together in transactions. Venn was for the most part leased or owned by descendants of the second line of descent from Richard 1579 from the mid 17c, i.e. Richard/Richard/Robert/Robert.

## 53

8 September 1739

EH-58, fragile stained parchment, 17 x 13, one side, note on back

Badly stained indenture of lease between John Basset of Heanton and John Stone of Chipstable for the sum of five shillings paid by John Stone to John Bassett, in consideration for Woodworthy and Pinkhouse. This relates to John Stone 1711 – 1783 of the above marriage settlement. These two farm properties are located north and above Venn farm and Biballs Hill.

## 54

28 September 1739

EH-46, parchment, 18 x 12, one page, note on back

Indenture of lease between John Basset of Heanton Court, Devon, and Elizabeth Stone, widow of Chipstable. Witness John Stone. These are Elizabeth Hill Stone, widow of Robert Stone circa 1665 originally of Ashbrittle and then of Venn – and of the 2<sup>nd</sup> line of descent from Richard Stone circa 1579; and his cousin John Stone 1711, son of Robert Stone of Chipstable and of the first line of descent from Richard circa 1579.

## 55

28 September 1739

EH-47, parchment, 18x11, one page, note on back

Indenture of lease between John Bassett of Heanton Court, Devon and John Perratt of Chipstable, yeoman, for the messuage known as Champions in Chipstable. John Perratt was a sixth great grandfather of John C. Stone II. His daughter Betty married Thomas Stone 1716 – 1789.

## 56

29 September 1739

EH-48, parchment? 28 x 20, one page, several notes on back

Indenture of lease between John Bassett and Elizabeth Stone, widow – his release of a fourth part of Venn and a cottage in Chipstable to Elizabeth. Witness John Stone.

**57**

29 September 1739

EH-49, parchment, 29 x 20, one side, notes on back

Fragile and stained indenture of lease between John Bassett and John Stone, releasing a fourth part of Woodworthy for the consideration of £81. Witness: Robert Stone (John's father). These are descendants of the first marriage of Richard 1579. It looks as though Bassett came to town to do a number of transactions in September 1739.

**58**

1 August 1740

EH-36. 15x13, paper, one side

Indenture of lease and release. For the consideration of £200 paid to Elizabeth Stone, widow of Chipstable, by William Hill of the same (probably her brother) for Venn for 99 years for the rent of one shilling. The mark of Elizabeth Stone. Witness: Robert Stone (probably her son).

**59**

19 September 1745

EH-55, parchment, 18x13, one side, notes on back

Indenture of lease between Robert Stone, now of Dulverton, of the one part and John Stone of Chipstable, son of the said Robert of the other part, in consideration of the sum of five shillings paid by John to the said Robert, a lease of Champions being the fourth part of a whole in four parts in the parish of Chipstable. Also mentioned are Heddon, Lydon and Biballs Hill. Signed by Robert Stone. (Descendants of the first marriage of Richard Stone 1579.)

**60**

20 September 1745

EH-69, parchment?, 30x24, one side, several notes on back

Indenture of lease between Robert Stone, now of Dulverton, and John Stone of Chipstable, son and heir of the said Robert Stone: whereas by lease and release of 1687 between Richard Stone of Chipstable father of said Robert and John Jones and others of the messuage in the occupation of John Parratt of Champions. Signed by Robert Stone. A witness was John Timewell. The 1687 indenture to which reference was made is among the Capel Collection at the Somerset Heritage Center.

**61**

9 January 1754

EH-53, parchment, 20x11, one side, notes on back

Indenture of lease between Elizabeth Stone of Chipstable, widow, and Edward Manley of Uffculme and James Townsend of Luppitt, in consideration of five shillings paid to Elizabeth by Edward Manley... etc... Lease for one year, two fourth parts of Venn.

**62**

10 January 1754

EH-70. Parchment, 30x25, one side, note on back

1754 Indenture of lease between Elizabeth Stone of Chipstable, widow, and Edward Manley and others and William Stone son of the said Elizabeth Stone. Whereas to make provision for William Stone, Elizabeth Stone, spinster, Thomasin wife of John Lane of Comstock and Anne wife of John Parrott of Cleyhanger, son and daughters of the said Elizabeth Stone who leases and releases the fourth part of Venn To Edward Manley.

**63**

13 Nov 1776

EH-54 parchment, 20x13, one page, note on back

Lease Indenture: Townsend paid 5s to Manley for Ven late in possession of Elizabeth Stone, Widow, deceased.

**64**

1 August 1783

EH-40, parchment, 30x26, 2 pages plus probate seal and notes on back

On the outside: Mr. John Stone' Will and Testament, and Probate of the Will of John Stone, dated 17 May 1783, proved 1 Aug 1783. Probate of the will of John Stone of Bibold Hill, Chipstable. Trustees William Stone the younger of Withycombe and Robert Stone of Venn, officer in excise. To my son in law Thomas Parratt one shilling, to my son in law ---- Scott one shilling. To my seven grandchildren Thomas, John, William Robert, James, Abraham and Jane, £5 each; to my four grandchildren "Jory?", Sarah, Betty and John Stone, children of my son Thomas Stone, £5 each; To my trustees an annuity of £5 each. Mention of my daughter Thomazin Parratt, my daughter Joan Scott, my wife Joan Stone, my sons Thomas and Robert Stone. I appoint my wife Joan and my sons Thomas and Robert as my joint executors. (John Stone was my sixth great grand uncle, the older brother of Thomas Stone. John's choice of trustees, one (Robert 1713) being of the second line of descent from Richard 1579, documents the closeness between the two lines. That is not surprising, because they continued to live in close proximity).

**65**

1 March 1787

EH-37, parchment, 30x18, one page plus probate seal and note on back

On the outside: The Probate of my father's will 1787 (written by Captain Stone). Will dated 1 August 1785, Proved 1 March 1787. Probate of the will of Robert Stone 1713-1787, son Captain Stone, executor. The will was dated 1 August 1785. Names his loving wife Jane (Westcott), his son Captain Stone, and his late father Robert Stone ca 1665 – 1728 who died intestate. Seal in good condition. Sworn value under £100. Captain Stone was the only child of Robert and Jane Stone. Captain's son Robert Stone 1789 and family immigrated to Tasmania and then to Australia and New Zealand.

**66**

11 July 1796

EH-39, heavy paper, 16x12, 2 pages plus probate seal and note on back

Somewhat fragile. Probate of the will of Joan Stone of Chipstable, widow (of John Stone whose 1783 will is listed earlier in this document - # 64). To my daughter Thomasin wife of Thomas Parratt, my daughter Joan Scott, Robert Stone my son and my executor. Codicil to Mary Stone, daughter of my son Robert Stone, one gold ring, and to Betty Stone, daughter of the said Robert one other gold ring. Her eldest son Thomas, a retired officer in excise, had died in 1785. Sworn value under £300. John Stone was a descendant from the first marriage of Richard Stone ca 1579.

## 67

18 August 1796

EH-26, paper, 13x16, one page, note on back

Apprentice indenture between Mr. Arscott and Mr. Stone for £15.15.0. Stained and fragile paper sheet. Agreement of terms between Robert Stone of Chipstable and Thomas Arscott of West Buckland, butcher, and conditions of apprenticeship. This probably was Robert Stone 1778 who would have been eighteen at the time. He married Sarah Rogers. I believe the Arscotts also have marriage relationships with the Rogers family.

## 68

4 June 1797

EH-71, parchment, 31 x 25, one page with note on back

(This document missed the date-sort exercise.) Lease for a year between William Standerwick, Mrs. Sarah Stone, widow, of the first part and Mr. John Stone (1770-?), sergemaker of the second part (all of Culmstock, Devon, and Mr. Robert Stone 1749, yeoman of Chipstable of the 3<sup>rd</sup> part. Standerwick, Sarah Stone and John Stone for various considerations, including “ten shillings”, “five shillings” and a “peppercorn rent” lease several pieces of land related to Pinkhouse Farm to Robert Stone 1749 – 1739, who was the second son of John Stone 1711 – 1783 (deceased). Apart from Standerwick, whose role or connection to the family I do not know, all of the others are descendants of the said John Stone 1711. John Stone of Culmstock was Robert Stone’s nephew and Sarah Stone (1742 – 1819) was John Stone’s mother. Clear signatures and good seals.

## 69

5 June 1797

EH-44, parchment, 30x22, 6 pages

On the outside: Mr. John Stone and Mr. Robert Stone: Deed of Exchange of diverse hereditaments and premises in Chipstable in the County of Somerset, 5 June 1797. Named are John Stone 1770 of Culmstock, his uncle Robert Stone 1749 of Chipstable, John’s mother Sarah Pook Stone, widow of Thomas Stone 1742, of Culmstock, Devon, and Mr. Standerwick of Culmstock. John, Robert and Thomas are descended from John Stone 1711 and Joan Timewell Stone of Chipstable. Properties Woodworthy and Pinkhouse are named. This is a massive parchment document. It involves families descended from Richard 1579’s first marriage.

## 70

24 June 1798

EH-43, parchment, 27x20, one side, note on back

Indenture between John Stone of Culmstock, Devon, the eldest son of Thomas Stone late of Lydeard St. Lawrence, officer of Excise, deceased, and Robert Stone (1749) of Chipstable, uncle to the said John Stone.

“Whereas John Stone of Chipstable, the grandfather of the said John Stone had one fourth part of two messuages known as Hattons and Easter Scirdle in the parish of Chipstable.....”. This indenture relates to several of the same persons as the one the previous year described just above. It documents that John Stone 1711 of the first line of descent from Richard 1579 was part owner of the same properties that were partially owned by Robert Stone 1713 and his wife Elizabeth Hill Stone of the second line of descent. It may help explain why the Cheffins collection has several documents related to John Stone 1711 but none to his younger brothers William 1713 and Thomas 1716.

## 71

25 June 1798

EH-72, parchment, 30x25, one side, title on back

Covenant to produce deeds: Mr. James Rogers to Mr. Robert Stone and his wife Mary to produce deeds from 1707 – 1797 for Woodworthy, Pinkhouse, Pinkwood and Champion. Loose paper inside dated 9 George IV. Good summary of property transactions. This Robert Stone, with wife Mary Hill, is the same Robert Stone (1749) as in document 69.

## 72

7 November 1801

EH-38, heavy paper, 14 x 12. 5 pp plus probate seal

(This document missed the date-sort exercise.) Probate of the will of William Stone (1716 1801), late of Chipstable. The will was written in 1798 but William did not die until 1801. This is the William Stone who was the younger brother of Robert Stone 1713 – 1787, officer in excise. Both were born at Venn farm. Robert supposedly was given priority to the Venn property as the eldest son. His father Robert ca 1665 - 1728 died intestate, however, and when Robert retired from the excise he found his grandmother and his brother William occupying the land. A settlement of sorts ultimately was arranged whereby Robert and then Captain received part of the messuage, and the land and other records confirm Captain’s occupancy of portions of Venn, in particular Wadhams Cottage, in the late 18c. This is the subject of the document usually referred to as “Captain Stone’s letter”.

## 73

7 March 1804

EH-74, parchment?, 22x17, one side, title on back

Indenture between Charles Winter of Bishops Lydeard, Somerset, gentleman and Captain Stone, yeoman, late of Chipstable but now of Taunton, Somerset, joiner, and John Hellings of Wadham in the parish of Chipstable, joiner. Lease for a year. Nice clear signature of both Charles Winter and Captain Stone. Wadhams Farm was part of the eastern portion of the Venn Messuage. It had been occupied by Captain Stone after his retirement from the Excise as an attempt to settle the family’s property dispute over the Venn messuage, as described in “Captain Stone’s letter” (a separate document from the Cheffins auction documents.)

## 74

28 March 1806

EH-76, parchment, 31 x 25, 1 page, title on back

Indenture. On the outside Mr. Stone and Mr. Yeandle, Mortgage, 1806. Concerning payment of £270 to Robert Stone of Chipstable by John Yeandle of Raddington for certain lands and tenements, namely Woodworthy, Pinkhouse, Pinkwood, and Pink meadows, to be farmed. This would be Robert Stone 1749 – 1839, son of John Stone 1711 and Joan Timewell.

## 75

28 March 1806

EH-75, paper, 15x12, 2 sides

Bond related to above transaction between Robert Stone and John Yeandle, beginning 28 March 1806 and listing payments through 1828.

## 76

9 July 1806

EH-78, parchment, 28x20, 1 page, title on back

Demise and grant of land for £100 for 1,000 years from Robert Stone to Mary Hill of Chipstable and Mary Hill Stone and Elizabeth Hill Stone of Chipstable, the two natural children of the said Mary Hill and Robert Stone, “out of the natural love and affection I bear toward my children...”. This is the same Robert Stone 1749 – 1839 as above. The daughters were born to Robert Stone and Mary Hill in 1790 and 1792, but the marriage of Robert Stone and Mary Hill did not take place until 1827! Both daughters married. Elizabeth Hill Stone Warren and her family moved to Canada. This Robert Stone was a son of John Stone 1711 and Joan Timewell, of the first marriage line of descent from Richard Stone ca 1579.

## 77

20 May 1813

EH-79, paper, 12 x 8, one page, note on back

An Agreement between Edward Rogers of Wiveliscombe and John Harvey, steward of the manor in Wiveliscombe, concerning the copyhold property called Newtons. Edward Rogers 1786 was a younger brother of Sarah Rogers 1783 who married Robert Stone 1778 of the second line of descent from Richard Stone 1579. This document is peripheral to the Stone family.

## 78

5 January 1825

EH 83, 26x24, parchment or heavy paper, 2 pages plus probate certificate

Probate of the will of Edward Rogers of Wiveliscombe who died in December 1824. He was the father of Sarah Rogers Stone and Edward Rogers named relative to the previous document.

## 79

4 December 1829

EH-86, heavy parchment, 32x24, four pages plus notes

Release by way of Settlement of certain messuages in the parish of Chipstable between Mr. Robert Stone, yeoman, and Mary his wife, and Mr. Robert Stone, clothier and Mr. John Davys. Names Mary Hill and Mary Hill Stone, now wife of James Wellstead, and Elizabeth Hill Stone, now wife of James Warren. Robert Stone 1749-1839, yeoman, was the second son of John Stone 1711. Robert Stone, clothier, might have been Robert Stone 1744, a son of Thomas Stone 1716, a younger brother of John 1711.

## 80

1829

EH-80, heavy paper, 13 x 8, 10 pages

Accounting of Mr. Philip Hancock, solicitor, for legal services for Mr. Robert Stone, 1827 – 1829.

## 81

1829

EH-81, paper, 12 x 8, one page

Note from one Robert Stone to another Robert Stone giving permission to take as many Stones as will be necessary for putting up a hedge against the Turnpike Road. The turnpike between Taunton and Bampton marked the southern boundary of the Venn Farm, but it also could have been the southern boundary of other Chipstable properties. I have not yet identified the two Robert Stones, but the elder one might have been Robert 1749-1839.

## 82

8 June, 1829

EH-82, paper, 12 x 8, one page

Note from Robert Stone settling a dispute between himself and John Stone with John being paid £20 for costs. Robert Stone might have been Robert 1749-1839. John Stone might have been his nephew of Culmstock, Devon (with Chipstable properties) John Stone 1770 - ?. This John was a grandson of John Stone 1711. There may be other possibilities for these two individuals.

## 83

1829

EH-84. Parchment, 30x17, one page plus notes on back

Assignment of the remainder of the 1,000 year lease on land in Chipstable from John Yeandle, son and grandson (?) of the original lessee to Robert Vickery, trustee for Robert Stone 1749-1839.

## 84

29 September 1834

EH-85, paper, 8 x 3. 1 page

Invoice for parts for a cider press, mentions “apple roalers”, brakes and plates, for £4.4.0.

## 85

2 Nov 1836

EH 87, parchment, 30 x 25, one page, plus probate seal and note on back

Probate of the will of Benjamin Rogers. Benjamin Rogers was not a member of the Stone family except through marriage connections. He himself was a bachelor, and he chose as the executor of his will his nephew William Stone 1803 – 1867. See also Document No. 88, the “Debt Brief” that provides a detailed description of the rather mundane life of Benjamin Rogers

## 86

1 April 1837

EH-88, paper 16x15, 18 pages

This big document is labeled “Debt Brief”. It is a detailed and lengthy description of a dispute between (1) William Stone 1803 – 1867, plaintiff, and (2) Sarah Rogers, defendant. William Stone was the nephew of Benjamin Rogers and executor of his will. Sarah Rogers was the widow of George Rogers (a younger brother of Benjamin) and executor of his will. William Stone claimed unpaid amounts from the estate of George Rogers. Interesting reading, with much testimony from family members and servants regarding the living condition and habits of the various parties. The connections of this document to the Stone family are the involvement of the plaintiff William Stone, a son of Robert Stone 1778 of the second line of descent from Richard 1579, and testimony from William’s younger brother Edward Rogers Stone and Edward’s wife Caroline Stone.

## 87

13 December 1839

EH-77, parchment, 14 x 12, one page plus probate seal

(This document missed the date-sort exercise.) The probate will of Robert Stone, 1749 – 1839 of Biballs Hill in Chipstable, second son of John Stone 1711 – 1783. I believe his wife Mary Hill had died, and he leaves 200 pounds each to his daughters Elizabeth Warren and Mary Wellstead. Mary is the executor. He charges his lands, goods and chattels to assure the legacies. He does not mention disposition of the lands and I assume he had previously provided for their ownership and use.

## 88

1845

EH-89, paper, 8x12, 3 pages with address on back

Copy of extracts from the 1785 will of Thomas Stone of Lydeard St. Lawrence, officer in excise, who left his messuage both copyhold and leasehold to his wife to hold in trust for his son John until he attained the age of 21, and John paying to his sisters Joanna, Sarah and Elizabeth the sum of £200 each. Thomas appointed his wife Sarah executor. Handwritten notes dated 1845 were appended to the final page of this extract provide the following information: “The marriage of James Wellstead and Mary Hill Stone March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1809, James and Elizabeth Warren April 10<sup>th</sup> 1812, the marriage of Robert Stone with Mary Hill June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1827; the death of Mary Stone Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1831, the death of James Wellstead April 6<sup>th</sup> 1834, the death of Robert Stone Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1939. The death of Sarah Stone of Culmstock, the woman named in the will that I have sent: July 31, 1819, aged 79. I am your humble servant Mary Wellstead. The final page was folded and used as an envelope addressed to Mr. Densom, solicitor, Bampton, and franked Wiveliscombe, Dec. 17, 1845. These Stones are descended from John Stone 1711 in the line of descent of the first marriage of Richard Stone ca 1579.

**89**

13 January 1847

EH-91, parchment, 31x24, one page, notes on back

Deed of appointment between Mrs. Elizabeth Warren, daughter of Robert Stone and Mary Hill, now of Yarmouth, London District, Upper Canada, with her husband James Warren, to register her three sons Robert Stone Warren, John Warren and James Warren to any benefit from the settlement of Robert Stone, her father's affairs.

**90**

1847

EH-90, parchment, 19x16, one side plus title of document on back

Disclaimer of Mr. Davys of the trusts of Robert and Mary Stone's settlement to Robert Stone, clothier.

**91**

9 March 1849

EH-92, parchment, 24x18, one page, title on back

Indenture confirming that Nathaniel Palmer of Cleyhanger and Mary his wife, late Hawkins, and Edward Hawkins of Washfield and Robert Gear of Culmstock and Anna his wife late Hawkins, Sarah Hawkins of Marsh Farm, Tiverton, Elizabeth Hawkins of Marsh Farm, Tiverton, and William Hawkins of Marsh Farm, Tiverton, and William Stone (1803) of Huntsham in the second part. Their mother Elizabeth Hawkins being the daughter of the elder Benjamin Rogers and William Stone being the nephew of the younger Benjamin Rogers.

**92**

1851

EH-93, paper, 16x13, one page

Bond for £1,600 paid to Robert Stone by William Stone, to be paid unto the said Robert Stone at the rate of 3 ½% . (£800). Notes on the back: 1852 paid to Mr. R. Stone, £300 of the enclosed bond toward the principal; 1853 paid to Mr. R. Stone £200 of the enclosed bond and remains due £350. £350 paid to Mr. R. Stone from Mr. W. Stone 9<sup>th</sup> May 1853. This document requires further study and clarification of relationships.

**93**

24 January 1855

EH-94, paper, 12 x 8, two pages

Bond for £2000 between brothers William Stone 1803 – 1867 of Pinkhouse and Edward Rogers Stone (1808 – 1880) of Bickleigh, Devon. Interest paid record through 1863. They are from the 2<sup>nd</sup> line of descent.

**94**

1862

EH-95, heavy paper, 16 x 13, 16 pages

Abstract of title of John Pyne to parts of Collards property in Wiveliscombe. Not a very important document but should read to determine Stone relationship.

## 95

1865

EH-73, paper, two sheets

Two undated character references for Sophie Stone, daughter of Edward Rogers Stone. Sophie was born about 1850 and was single in the Stone household in Stoke-Canon, Devon in 1861.

## 96

28 May 1867

EH-96, parchment, 19x13, one page plus 2 probate seal pages

Probate will of William Stone 1803 – 1867 of Pinkhouse, Chipstable, giving all to his brother Edward Rogers Stone and his family. William was married twice but no children are known.

## 97

1872

EH-97, parchment, 30x21, one page, title on back

Marriage settlement for Eliza Stone, a daughter of Edward Rogers Stone, and William Lang, engineer of Manchester. (Lang died before the 1881 census, i.e. less than nine years following the marriage.)

## 98

Early 1900s

One page on “modern” ruled paper, 9 x 11

Handwritten list of descendants of William Winter, born 1814, and also of Anna Williams born 1787 who married (first) Edward Rogers and (second) James Stone who died in 1869. James Stone’s ancestry and position in the family has not yet been determined.

## 99

April 1933

EH-99, 9 x 11, paper, one page

Invoice for £0-15-0 (fifteen shillings) from G. R. Ryder of Torquay, Devon to Mrs. Lang for attending to the grave of “Miss Stone” for 12 months until Easter 1933. Mrs. Lang would have been in the family of Eliza Stone who married William Lang, who then died before 1881 (see above.)

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