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For nearly forty years Deirdre Le Faye, one of the world's leading authorities on Jane Austen, has been gathering and organising every single piece of information available about the Austen family before, during and after Jane's lifetime. She has now collected all this material together to produce a unique chronology, containing some 15,000 entries. For the first time, those interested in Jane Austen can discover where she was and what she was doing at many precise moments of her life. The entries, many taken from hitherto unexplored and unpublished documents, are presented in a clear and readable form, and each item of information is linked to its source. The volume includes family trees for the extended Austen and Knight families from the sixteenth to the twentieth century. This is a key work of reference that every scholar and reader of Austen will find fascinating and indispensable.

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1 Map of Southern England, showing places visited by Jane Austen.

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Preface

It is now more than thirty years since I started to research the life and times of Jane Austen, investigating many hitherto unnoticed manuscripts in both public and private collections. This research enabled me to compile a card index of some 15,000 documented facts concerning the Austen family and their contemporary friends and neighbours. All the most important information so gathered went into the composition of my biography *Jane Austen, a Family Record*, published in 1989, and also provided the basis of the biographical and topographical notes to my edition of *Jane Austen's Letters* in 1995. Since 1989, ongoing research by members of the Jane Austen Society in this country, and by members of JASNA across the Atlantic, has brought to light still more facts, and this latest knowledge is incorporated in the second edition, revised and enlarged, of *Family Record* (2004).

But no biography, no matter how detailed, can include every single small scrap of information about its subject's life; and yet such scraps can add up, in a pointilliste technique, to create a picture of the background to Jane Austen's life that is useful alike for biographers or for the particular interests of economic, social or local historians. Even though *Family Record* had been published, I felt reluctant to throw away the card index which had taken me so long to compile, and so decided instead to publish the contents purely as a chronology that could be used as a reference text by other writers. Original research takes up a great deal of time, not to mention the expenses of travelling to libraries, county record offices and private archival collections, and I was very lucky in being able to spend so many years journeying round England and reading through manuscripts at my leisure – a situation which in all probability no other researcher into Jane Austen's life will ever enjoy again.

Sources

- (1) Many entries come directly from unpublished documents, the manuscripts being either in county record offices or still in private collections. Call-marks are given for those MSS in record offices, preceded by a coded identification of the actual document – e.g.,

FCKpb

U.951/F.24/1

stands for:

Fanny Catherine Knight pocket-book, its call-mark at the Centre for Kentish Studies being U.951/F.24/1 [for the year 1804].

Such identification codes are given in the list of Abbreviations, and the sources are identified in the MS Bibliography.

- (2) Some Austen and Austen-Leigh family documents which were extant in the late nineteenth or early twentieth centuries cannot now be found, and may

have been destroyed in the bombing raids on London in the 1940s. In some cases, but unfortunately not all, R. A. Austen-Leigh made MS or typewritten notes or partial transcripts from these documents, and these later copies survive in the Austen-Leigh archive now in the Hampshire Record Office.

- (3) One particular item whose loss leaves a considerable gap in Austenian studies is the 'Memoir Album', a volume bound by Birdsall of Northampton and containing all the correspondence and reviews concerning the first and second editions of the Revd James Edward Austen-Leigh's *Memoir of Jane Austen*. This album was lent by R. A. Austen-Leigh to Dr R. W. Chapman in 1926, but what happened to it thereafter is unknown. Dr Chapman made typewritten extracts from some of the letters, and eventually passed his copies on to the National Portrait Gallery, where they form part of the Gallery's file on the portraits, genuine or otherwise, of Jane Austen. These limited and haphazard extracts are now the only source for several facts concerning Jane Austen's life as remembered by her collateral descendants in the 1860s–70s.

Editorial policy

- (1) Letters, whether published or still in manuscript, are summarised with all salient points mentioned, and sometimes short quotations given as well, within inverted commas, if a summary would lose the flavour of the original.
- (2) Pocket-book and journal entries are quoted verbatim, within inverted commas; though in some cases, if the original is very heavily abbreviated, the contractions are expanded for ease of comprehension. The entries in the pocket-books of Warren Hastings, for example, are much abbreviated as well as being written in a minuscule hand.
- (3) Where financial or civic – especially taxation – records are concerned, the facts are given in running text format rather than the tabulations of the originals, although verbatim quotations may be given occasionally if this seems preferable. Where banking records are concerned, there are many variations in the spelling of the names and titles of creditors and debtors; as it is difficult to decide which is the correct spelling, these differing versions have been reproduced verbatim.
- (4) Some facts concerning JA and her family are now well known and have been published in many earlier biographies and articles. For the purpose of this Chronology, the reference given for the entries may be – depending upon circumstances – either the earliest publication; or the most accurate version; or the publication most accessible to the general reader; but not each and every published reference will be given for any particular fact.
- (5) Although the aim is always to include as much information as possible, nevertheless it is inevitable that some bounds have to be set and some selectivity exercised. There are sixty-three surviving pocket-books and journals written by JA's youngest brother, Admiral Charles Austen, from 1815 until his death in 1852; but by definition there are references to his sister only in the earlier years. Similarly, JA's niece Fanny Knight's pocket-books run from 1804 until 1872, but only the earlier volumes are relevant to JA's life; when aunt and niece are in each other's company, at Godmersham or Chawton, Fanny's daily entries are quoted in full; but when they are apart,

each in their respective homes, then only those entries by Fanny which actually mention the other Austens are quoted.

I hope that this uniquely detailed chronology will be of the greatest use to all future biographers, literary critics and historians, providing as it does accurate documented facts gathered from a wide variety of sources.

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Abbreviations

(for full details of published or unpublished works, see respective bibliographies)

A	Austen
AAS	<i>Almost Another Sister</i> ; Margaret Wilson
AL	Austen-Leigh
<i>Alum Cantab</i>	<i>Alumni Cantabrigienses</i> ; J. A. Venn
<i>Alum Oxon</i>	<i>Alumni Oxonienses</i> ; J. Foster
AMT	Austen Maunde & Tilson
AP	<i>Austen Papers</i> ; R. A. Austen-Leigh
B&M	Baigent & Millard
BC	<i>Bath Chronicle</i> newspaper
<i>BibJA</i>	<i>A Bibliography of Jane Austen</i> ; David Gilson
BL	British Library
BLOIOC	British Library, Oriental & India Office Collection
BoE	Bank of England
BPM	<i>British Portrait Miniatures</i> ; Daphne Foskett
<i>Carm Dom</i>	<i>Carmina Domestica</i> ; Anne Lefroy
CEA	Cassandra Elizabeth Austen
CHL	Chawton House Library
ci	card index
CinC	Commander in Chief
CJA	Charles John Austen
CKS	Centre for Kentish Studies, Maidstone
CMCA Rems	<i>Reminiscences of JA's Niece Caroline Austen</i> ; Deirdre Le Faye
CMO	<i>Chawton Manor and its Owners</i> ; W. Austen-Leigh and M. G. Knight
<i>Context</i>	<i>Jane Austen in Context</i> ; Janet Todd
<i>CP James</i>	<i>The Complete Poems of James Austen</i> ; David Selwyn
<i>CritBib</i>	<i>JA – A Critical Bibliography</i> ; R. W. Chapman
cv	curriculum vitae
CS	Sir Charles Smith
DPLP	<i>Passages from the Diaries of Mrs Philip Lybbe Powys</i> ; Climenson
<i>E</i>	<i>Emma</i> ; Jane Austen
EAK	Edward Austen [Knight]
EdeF	Eliza de Feuillide
EKII	Edward Knight junior
<i>FamRec</i>	<i>Jane Austen, a Family Record</i> ; Deirdre Le Faye
FCK	Fanny Catherine Knight
FCL	Fanny Caroline Lefroy
FCL FamHist	Fanny Caroline Lefroy's MS Family History
FKD	<i>Fanny Knight's Diaries</i> ; Deirdre Le Faye
FMW's Rems	Fanny Maria Walter's MS Reminiscences

List of abbreviations

FP	JA – <i>Facts and Problems</i> ; R. W. Chapman
FPA	Fanny Palmer Austen
FS	<i>Female Spectator</i>
FWA	Francis William Austen
Mr GA	Revd George Austen
Mrs GA	Mrs George Austen
GM	<i>Gentleman's Magazine</i>
<i>Hants Rep</i>	<i>The Annual Hampshire Repository</i>
HC	<i>Hampshire Chronicle</i> newspaper
HEIC	Honourable East India Company
HEP	Harriet Ebel Palmer
<i>HistWither</i>	<i>History of the Wither Family</i> ; R. F. Bigg-Wither
HTA	Henry Thomas Austen
IGI	International Genealogical Index
<i>Index Eccles</i>	<i>Index Ecclesiasticus 1800–1840</i> ; J. Foster
JA	Jane Austen
<i>JABath</i>	<i>Jane Austen and Bath</i> ; Emma Austen-Leigh
<i>JASoton</i>	<i>Jane Austen and Southampton</i> ; R. A. Austen-Leigh
<i>JAStev</i>	<i>Jane Austen and Steventon</i> ; Emma Austen-Leigh
JACAI	<i>Jane Austen, Collected Articles & Introductions</i> ; D. J. Gilson
JACPVAF	<i>Jane Austen – Collected Poems & Verse of the Austen Family</i> ; David Selwyn
JALM	<i>Jane Austen's Literary Manuscripts</i> ; B. C. Southam
JAMT	Jane Austen Memorial Trust
JAOC	<i>Jane Austen's 'Outlandish Cousin'</i> ; Deirdre Le Faye
JA Society	The Jane Austen Society, UK
JASA	The Jane Austen Society of Australia
JASNA	The Jane Austen Society of North America
JEAL	James Edward Austen-Leigh
Mrs JEAL	Mrs J. E. Austen-Leigh [née Emma Smith]
Mr JLP	Mr James Leigh Perrot
Mrs JLP	Mrs Jane Leigh Perrot
JMA	John Murray Archive
jnl	journal
<i>JnlsHoL</i>	<i>Journals of the House of Lords</i>
Jnr	Junior
KF	The Kintbury Family; G. Sawtell
KG	<i>Kentish Gazette</i> newspaper
KGG	<i>A Kent Girl-Graduate</i> ; Margaret Wilson
LCR	<i>Lady Chandos's Register</i> ; C. H. Collins Baker
<i>Letters</i>	<i>Jane Austen's Letters</i> ; Deirdre Le Faye
LG	<i>Landed Gentry</i> ; Burke
LGI	<i>Landed Gentry of Ireland</i> ; Burke
<i>Life</i>	<i>Jane Austen, Her Life and Letters</i> ; William and R. A. Austen-Leigh
LM	<i>Lady's Magazine</i>
LMA	London Metropolitan Archives
LML	<i>Letters of Mrs Lefroy</i>
MAAL	Mary Augusta Austen-Leigh
<i>Memoir</i>	<i>Memoir of Jane Austen</i> ; James Edward Austen-Leigh
MI	Memorial Inscription

MLA	Mary Lloyd Austen
MP	<i>Mansfield Park</i> ; Jane Austen
MS	manuscript
<i>MschP</i>	<i>The Manuscript Chapters of 'Persuasion'</i> ; R. W. Chapman
MW	<i>Minor Works</i> ; Jane Austen
N&Q	<i>Notes and Queries</i>
NA	<i>Northanger Abbey</i> ; Jane Austen
N/L	Newsletter
NLS	National Library of Scotland
NPG	National Portrait Gallery, London
<i>OFH</i>	<i>Old Family History</i> ; Agnes E. Leigh
P	<i>Persuasion</i> ; Jane Austen
P&B	<i>Peerage & Baronetage</i> ; Burke
P&P	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> ; Jane Austen
PAJA	<i>Personal Aspects of Jane Austen</i> ; Mary Augusta Austen-Leigh
pb	pocket-book
pc	personal communication
ped	pedigree
<i>Peda</i>	<i>Pedigree of Austen</i> ; R. A. Austen-Leigh
PH	Pym Hales
Mrs PH	Mrs Philadelphia Hancock
PJ	<i>Powys Journal</i> ; S. P. Marks
PML	Pierpont Morgan Library, New York (now known as The Morgan Library)
pr	parish register
PRO	Public Record Office, London (now National Archives)
PROB.	Probate Office
Ps	<i>Persuasions</i> ; JASNA
PULC	<i>Princeton University Library Chronicle</i>
RAAL	Richard Arthur Austen-Leigh
<i>Report(s)</i>	<i>Report(s) of the Jane Austen Society</i>
RES	<i>Review of English Studies</i>
RO	Record Office
S&S	<i>Sense and Sensibility</i> ; Jane Austen
SB	<i>JA's Sailor Brothers</i> ; J. H. and E. C. Hubback
Shakespeare BT	Shakespeare Birthplace Trust
<i>Stev</i>	<i>Jane Austen's Steventon</i> : Deirdre Le Faye
TBC	<i>The Book Collector</i>
TCS	<i>Two Centuries of Silhouettes</i> ; P. Hickman
TKII	Thomas Knight II
TLS	<i>Times Literary Supplement</i>
TSH	Tysoe Saul Hancock
VH	<i>Vine Hunt</i> ; James Edward Austen-Leigh
WH	Warren Hastings
WHW	William Hampson Walter
ww	widow

A chronology of Jane Austen and her family

— Prologue —

A summary of Jane Austen's direct ancestry

AUSTEN family

The Austens or Austins were sheep-farmers and clothiers in the Weald of Kent. In 1574 the College of Arms allowed the Astyn family at Yalding to bear the coat-of-arms of: *Argent on a chevron between three lions' gambes erased sable three bezants*; other Austen families bear similar arms, including the crest: *On a mural crown or, a stag sejant, argent attired or*.

Jane Austen's paternal ancestry can be traced back with reasonable certainty to the sixteenth century, as under:

(1) William ASTYN of Yalding, Kent (died 1522), and his wife Elizabeth, had three sons.

(2) William's eldest son, Stephen ASTYN of Yalding (died post 1532), married twice, and had in all seven sons and four daughters.

(3) Stephen's eldest son by his second wife, Robert, is probably identifiable with Robert AUSTEN of Horsmonden, Kent (died 1603); this Robert and his wife Elizabeth had three sons and four daughters.

(4) Robert's eldest son is probably identifiable with John AUSTEN I of Horsmonden (1560–1620/1); this John and his wife Joan Berry had eight sons and one daughter.

(5) John I's fifth son, Francis AUSTEN I of Horsmonden (1600–1687/8), and his wife Ellen, had one son and two daughters. Francis acquired the manors of Broadford and Grovehurst, in Horsmonden parish.

(6) Francis I's son John AUSTEN III of Grovehurst, Horsmonden (1629–1705), and his wife Jane Atkins, had two sons and three daughters.

(7) John III's elder son John AUSTEN IV of Broadford, Horsmonden (c.1665–1704), and his wife Elizabeth Weller, had six sons and one daughter: John V, Francis II, Thomas, William, Robert, Stephen and Elizabeth.

(8) John IV's fourth son, William AUSTEN of Tonbridge, Kent (1700/1–1737), and his wife Rebecca Walter (born Hampson, widow of William Walter of Frant, Sussex), had one son and three daughters: George, Hampson, Philadelphia and Leonora.

(9) George AUSTEN of Tonbridge, Kent and Steventon, Hants (1731–1805), and his wife Cassandra LEIGH, had six sons and two daughters: James, George, Edward, Henry Thomas, Cassandra Elizabeth, Francis William, JANE AUSTEN and Charles John.

This descent is taken from *Pedigree of Austen, of Horsmonden, Broadford, Grovehurst, Kippington, Capel Manor, etc.* (compiled by Richard Arthur Austen-Leigh and privately printed in London, 1940), and also includes some corrections kindly provided by Miss Carol Hartley, 2004.

LEIGH family

The Leigh family were originally landowners and soldiers, with estates in Cheshire, but later moved to Warwickshire and Gloucestershire. In 1568 their coat-of-arms was: *Gules, a cross engrailed argent, in the first quarter a lozenge argent*, and their crest was: *An unicorn's head, couped, argent*.

Jane Austen's maternal ancestry can be traced back with reasonable certainty to Hamon de Leigh, Lord of the Moiety of High Leigh, Cheshire, in the middle of the twelfth century. In a junior branch of Hamon de Leigh's descendants was

(1) Sir Thomas LEIGH (died 1571), Lord Mayor of London 1558. He and his wife Alice Barker had three sons – Rowland, Sir Thomas Leigh II of Stoneleigh Abbey, and Sir William of Newnham Regis – and four daughters.

(2) Sir Thomas's eldest son Rowland LEIGH (died post 1596), of Longborough and Adlestrop, Gloucestershire, and his second wife Catherine Berkeley, had one son and two daughters.

(3) Rowland's son Sir William LEIGH I (1585–1632), of Longborough and Adlestrop, and his wife Elizabeth Whorwood, had one son.

(4) Sir William's son William LEIGH II (1604–90), of Longborough and Adlestrop, and his wife Joanna Pury, had one son.

(5) William II's son Theophilus LEIGH I (1643–1725), of Longborough and Adlestrop, and his second wife Mary Brydges, had six sons and six daughters: Emma, William III, James, Theophilus II, Elizabeth, Cassandra, Thomas, Henry, Maria, Charles, Catherine, Anne.

(6) Theophilus I's fourth son, Revd Thomas LEIGH (1696–1764), of Harpsden, Oxon, and his wife Jane Walker, had two sons and four daughters: Anne, James, Jane, Mary, Cassandra, Thomas. James later took the name of LEIGH-PERROT.

(7) Revd Thomas's fourth daughter, Cassandra LEIGH (1739–1827), of Harpsden, and her husband Revd George AUSTEN of Steventon, Hants, had six sons and two daughters: James, George, Edward, Henry Thomas, Cassandra Elizabeth, Francis William, JANE AUSTEN and Charles John.

This descent is taken from Burke's *Peerage and Baronetage* (various editions); from Tucker, *A Goodly Heritage/A History of Jane Austen's Family*; and includes some corrections kindly provided by Miss Carol Hartley, 2004.

— 1600 —

May 20, Tuesday

Horsmonden: Francis Austen I, fifth son of John Austen I and wife Joan Berry, baptised. *PedA* 1–2

— 1603 —

May 27, Friday

Horsmonden: Robert Austen buried. *PedA* vi

— 1604 —

William Leigh II, son of William Leigh I of Longborough and Adlestrop, and wife Elizabeth Whorwood, born. *P&B*

— 1604 —

December 9, Sunday

Horsmonden: Joan Berry, wife of John Austen I, dies aged 36. *PedA* 1
MI Horsmonden

— 1608 —

July 24, Sunday

Horsmonden: Elizabeth, widow of Robert Austen, buried. *PedA* vi

— 1620/1 —

March 5, Monday

Horsmonden: John Austen I buried. *PedA* 2
MI Horsmonden

— 1629 —

John Austen III, son of Francis Austen I and wife Ellen, born. *PedA* 2–3
IGI

— 1632 —

Sir William Leigh I, of Longborough and Adlestrop, dies. *P&B*

— 1643 —

Theophilus Leigh I, son of William Leigh II and Joanna Pury, born. *P&B*

— 1643 —

July 1, Saturday

Sir Thomas Leigh, 2nd bt., of Stoneleigh, Warwicks, created Baron Leigh of Stoneleigh. *P&B*

— 1647 —

Francis Austen I acquires manor houses of Broadford and Grovehurst,
Horsmonden. *PedA* 2

— 1654 —

John Austen III marries Jane Atkins, of Brightling, Sussex. *PedA* 3

— ?1655 —

Broadford: Jane Austen, dau. of John Austen III and wife Jane Atkins, born. *PedA* 3

— ?1665 —

John Austen IV, son of John Austen III and wife Jane Atkins, born. *PedA* 3

— 1672 —

Anne Austen, dau. of John Austen III and wife Jane Atkins, born. *PedA* 3

— 1680 —

May 11, Tuesday

Jane Austen, dau. of John Austen III and wife Jane Atkins, marries Stephen
Stringer of Goudhurst. *PedA* 3

— 1685/6 —

March 2, Tuesday

Horsmonden: Jane Atkins, wife of John Austen III, buried. *PedA* 3
MI Horsmonden

— 1687/8 —

March 15, Thursday

Horsmonden: Francis Austen I, clothier, of Grovehurst, buried. *PedA* 2
MI Horsmonden

— 1688 —

November 7, Wednesday

Anne Austen, dau. of John Austen III and wife Jane Atkins, marries John
Holman of Tenterden. *PedA* 3

— 1689 —

November 28, Friday

London: Theophilus Leigh I of Adlestrop marries Mary Brydges. *LCR* 299

— 1690 —

June 16, Monday

William Leigh II, of Longborough and Adlestrop, dies.

P&B

— 1691 —

November 3, Tuesday

London: William Leigh, eldest son of Theophilus Leigh I of Adlestrop, and wife Mary Brydges, born.

P&B

LCR 299

— 1693 —

October 28, Saturday

Adlestrop: Theophilus Leigh II, third son of Theophilus Leigh I, of Adlestrop, and wife Mary Brydges, born.

LCR 299–300

December 29, Friday

Tonbridge: John Austen IV marries Elizabeth Weller.

PedA 3

— 1695 —

June 16, Sunday

Horsmonden: Elizabeth Austen, dau. of John Austen IV and wife Elizabeth Weller, born.

PedA 5

— 1696 —

August 14, Friday

Broadford: John Austen V, eldest son of John Austen IV and wife Elizabeth Weller, born.

PedA 3, 5

December 16, Wednesday

Adlestrop: Thomas Leigh, fourth son of Theophilus Leigh I of Adlestrop and wife Mary /I/ Brydges, born.

P&B

LCR 300

— 1697/8 —

February 25, Thursday

Broadford: Francis Austen II, second son of John Austen IV and wife Elizabeth Weller, born.

PedA 4, 6

— 1699 —

October 13, Friday

Horsmonden: Thomas Austen, third son of John Austen IV and wife Elizabeth Weller, born.

PedA 3–4

— 1700/1 —

February 3, Monday

Horsmonden: William Austen, fourth son of John Austen IV and wife Elizabeth Weller, born.

PedA 4–5

— 1701 —

Thomas Brodnax, later May, finally Knight, born. LG

— 1702 —

September 16, Wednesday

Horsmonden: Robert Austen, fifth son of John Austen IV and wife Elizabeth Weller, born. PedA 5

— 1703/4 —

January 27, Thursday

Horsmonden: Stephen Austen, sixth son of John Austen IV and wife Elizabeth Weller, born. PedA 5

— 1704 —

September 21, Thursday

Broadford: John Austen IV dies of consumption, leaving debts unsuspected by his wife Elizabeth Weller. PedA 3
AP 1–16
MI Horsmonden

— 1705 —

May 12, Saturday

Horsmonden: John Austen III makes his Will. To his granddaus. Jane, Hannah, Elizabeth, Ann and Mary Stringer, and also Ann, Sarah, Mary and Frances Holman, £100 apiece upon marriage or at age 21. To grandson John Holman, £200 at age 21. To granddau. Elizabeth Austen, dau. of his son John Austen deceased, £400 at age 22. To grandsons Francis, Thomas, William, Robert and Stephen, the five younger sons of John Austen deceased, £40 apiece at age 14 to pay apprenticeship premiums. £10 apiece to friends Mary, Mrs John Sheffield; Anne, Mrs William Court; Margaret Packham his housekeeper; John Osbourne of Horsmonden, clothier. One guinea each to Thomas Lake of Goudhurst and William Finch of Tenterden, to buy mourning rings. All household goods to be divided equally between his eldest grandson John Austen V and his daus. Mrs Jane Stringer and Mrs Anne Holman. The five younger Austen grandsons to receive £200 each at age 21, provided they relinquish any claim upon the Broadford property in Horsmonden and Goudhurst. Dau. Mrs Stringer to receive some lands in Goudhurst; dau. Mrs Holman to have lands in Smarden. Spence 4–14
PROB.11/483/163

↻ All other landed property to go to eldest grandson John Austen V and his heirs; if his line fails, then to go to each of his younger brothers and their heirs in turn, or finally to daughters' children. All other goods and personal estate to John Austen V at age 22. John Austen V to be brought up and educated by the sons-in-law Stephen Stringer and John Holman, the joint executors, who are to receive for this purpose the income from the Broadford estate, which had been in hands of deceased son John Austen IV, as well as £20 apiece annually until he reaches age 22.

Witnesses: Richard Purty, Richard Thorpe, Thomas Birch, William Finch.

July 13, Friday

Horsmonden: John Austen III dies, buried Horsmonden.

PedA 3

MI Horsmonden

September 29, Saturday, Michaelmas

Broadford: Elizabeth Weller notes domestic expenses for her seven children for the past year – clothes, board, schooling, medicine, pocket money – total £84.11s.1d. ‘all my 7 Children this year my care & charge only Jacks [*John Austen V*] board to Mr Richards not so much to me, by reason his Grandfather dyed within ye year.’

AP 1–16

Weller MS

— 1706 —

September 29, Sunday, Michaelmas

Broadford: Elizabeth Weller notes domestic expenses for six children now at home, totalling £72.12s.0d. for the past year: ‘the expence of Cloths ye Less by reason ye gift of Mourning for their Grandfather.’

AP 1–16

Weller MS

⇒ She also writes ‘Memorandums for mine & my Childrens reading, being my own tho’ts on our affairs 1706, 1707, a rough draught in a retired hour.’

— 1707 —

September 29, Monday, Michaelmas

Broadford: Elizabeth Weller notes domestic expenses for six children, totalling £80.14s.1d. for the past year.

AP 1–16

Weller MS

— 1707–9 —

Chawton: Large walled gardens created at Chawton Great House, and repairs carried out to the house itself.

FS 1/2, 3, and 2/1, 7

— 1708 —

June 27, Sunday

Elizabeth Weller lets the Broadford estate and goes to Sevenoaks, where she takes employment as housekeeper to the Master of the Grammar School, in return for free accommodation for herself and cut-price tuition for her five sons. The domestic expenses for her children for last nine months total £66.2s.3d.

AP 1–16

Weller MS

— 1709 —

June 24, Friday, Midsummer

Sevenoaks: Elizabeth Weller notes domestic expenses for six children after first full year at Sevenoaks – total £87.9s.9d.

AP 1–16

Weller MS

— 1710 —

June 24, Saturday, Midsummer

Sevenoaks: Elizabeth Weller notes domestic expenses for six children, total £95.10s.4d. for past year.

AP 1–16

Weller MS

— 1711 —

June 24, Sunday, Midsummer

Sevenoaks: Elizabeth Weller notes domestic expenses for six children, total £100.4s.2d. for past year.

AP 1–16
Weller MS

— ante 1712 —

Chawton: A cottage built or rebuilt by John Alderslade, yeoman; at this time known as Petty Johns. The cottage, with two closes of land (North Pitt 1½ acres and Pyked Close ½ acre) descends between Chawton villagers until purchased by Thomas Knight I in 1769.

Vick, *Reports* iv,
388–91

— 1712 —

June 24, Tuesday, Midsummer

Sevenoaks: Elizabeth Weller notes domestic expenses for six children, total £100.16s.5d. for past year.

AP 1–16
Weller MS

— 1713 —

May 4, Monday

John Austen V admitted at Pembroke College, Cambridge.

Peda 5

June 24, Wednesday, Midsummer

Sevenoaks: Elizabeth Weller notes domestic expenses for six children, total £106.4s.4d. for past year.

AP 1–16
Weller MS

— 1713/14 —

January 15, Friday

Sevenoaks: Francis Austen apprenticed to George Tilden, attorney, of Bedford Row, London, for premium of £140.

Peda 6
AP 2

— 1714 —

June 24, Thursday, Midsummer

Sevenoaks: Elizabeth Weller notes domestic expenses for six children, total £111.9s.8d. for past year.

AP 1–16
Weller MS

— 1715 —

June 24, Friday, Midsummer

Sevenoaks: Elizabeth Weller notes domestic expenses for six children, total £120.9s.7d. for past year: ‘For Frank’s Cloaths ac. ye charge of ye Small-pox all in ye first year of his being Clerk – £29.10s.6d.’

AP 1–16
Weller MS

November 11, Friday

Sevenoaks: Thomas Austen apprenticed to Henry Wells, London haberdasher, for premium of £60. He later became an apothecary and practised in Tonbridge.

Peda 3
AP 2

— 1716 —

June 24, Sunday, Midsummer

Sevenoaks: Elizabeth Weller notes domestic expenses for six children, total £113.12s.11d. for past year – ‘Frank & Tom at London.’

AP 1–16
Weller MS

— 1717 —

June 24, Monday, Midsummer

Sevenoaks: Elizabeth Weller notes domestic expenses for six children, total £108.18s.11d. for past year.

AP 1–16
Weller MS

September 29, Sunday, Michaelmas

Sevenoaks: Elizabeth Weller notes domestic expenses for five sons for past quarter, total £36.19s.6d. ‘Now Betty is of Age to receive what her Grandfather Left her I dont reckon any thing here on her account this qr.’

AP 1–16
Weller MS

⇒ At some time after this, Betty Austen marries George Hooper, attorney of Tonbridge; they live in house ‘Powells’ [*modern name ‘Lyons’*], East Street, Tonbridge.

PedA 5
Wilson, *JATonbridge* 16

— 1717/18 —

February 20, Thursday

Sevenoaks: William Austen apprenticed to William Ellis, of Woolwich, surgeon, for fee of £115.10s.0d.

PedA 11

— 1718 —

September 29, Monday, Michaelmas

Sevenoaks: Elizabeth Weller notes domestic expenses for five sons, total £88.6s.5d. for past year.

AP 1–16
Weller MS

— 1719 —

June 1, Monday

Stephen Austen apprenticed to William Innys, a London stationer, for fee of £105.

PedA 5

September 29, Tuesday, Michaelmas

Sevenoaks: Elizabeth Weller notes domestic expenses for five sons, total £69.15s.3d. for past year; Frank has now reached age of 21.

AP 1–16
Weller MS

⇒ ‘My Son John desires ye Rent at Broadford may be allowed to him as an equivalent for ye Expences he has been at this Year on his brothers account, & repairs, & for his own part in ye Rents.’

— 1720/1 —

February 25, Thursday

Tonbridge: Elizabeth Weller’s body brought from Sevenoaks for burial.

AP 16

— 1721 —

August 14, Monday

Northleigh, Oxon.: James Perrott makes his Will. Various small bequests to friends and charities; his widow to have money, household goods, horses, etc.; his dau. Ann to have £1500, his dau. Sarah £1300; his grandchildren William, John and Jane Walker to have £20, £10 and £10 respectively; his grandchildren Richard, James, Dorothy, Thomas and Catherine Musgrave similarly to have £20 for the eldest, £10 for the others. Son Henry to have remainder of a lease. Son Thomas to have other leases, and to be residuary legatee and sole executor. Witnesses: J. Brooks, Thomas Taylor, George White, Edmund Palmer.

Spence 62–9
PROB.11/601/48

August 21, Monday

Gloucester, St Michael: William Hampson, son of William Walter and wife Rebecca Hampson, baptised.

Hoole & Jarvis, *Reports*
III, 344–6

— 1722 —

Francis Austen sets up as an attorney in Sevenoaks, ‘with £800 & a bundle of pens’. Now or later lives at The Red House, High Street, Sevenoaks.

AP 16–17

— 1722 —

April 15, Sunday

London, Grays Inn Chapel: John Austen V marries his cousin Mary Stringer.

pc FHI Austen 2008

April 28, Saturday

Adlestrop, Glos.: Theophilus Leigh I makes his Will, providing for his younger children. His dau. Anne to be educated by his brothers-in-law Revd Dr Henry Brydges and Edmund Chamberlayn of Mangersbury, at £50 p.a. for her maintenance, and £1500 at marriage or age 21; to his two youngest sons Thomas and Charles £500 apiece; to his dau. Cassandra £1000, with an extra £500 if she does not marry her cousin Thomas Wight. Token bequests to other three children Revd Theophilus II, rector of Broadwell, Mrs Emma Waldo, Dame Mary Hoskyns, to brothers-in-law, and to servants; everything else to eldest son William, who is sole executor. Witnesses: Penyston Hastings, Robert Parsons, George Crawford.

Spence 52–8
PROB.11/604/157

— 1723 —

December 25, Wednesday, Christmas Day

Sittingbourne, Kent: Tysoe Saul Hancock born.

Vick, *Reports* v, 222–6

— 1723/4 —

January 10, Saturday

Sittingbourne: Tysoe Saul Hancock baptised.

Vick, *Reports* v, 222–6

— 1724 —

Northleigh: James Perrott dies.

Spence 62–9
MI Northleigh
PedA 5

Broadford: Jane, dau. of John Austen V, born.

May 31, Sunday

Oxford: Thomas Leigh priested.

Clerus List, Oxon RO

— 1724/5 —

February 10, Wednesday

Adlestrop: Theophilus Leigh I dies.

LG

— 1725 —

Winchester: Richard Willis, Bishop of Winchester, announces an Episcopal Visitation of his see. All incumbents are to reply beforehand to a printed questionnaire.

Ward 2–4

July 30, Friday

Deane: Revd Charles Goldsmith (rector 1717–29), replies to the bishop's questionnaire: area of parish is about 4 miles long by ½ mile wide; population 130; average 3 births, 1 burial and 1 marriage annually; patron is Charles Wither of Hall Place; no chapels, no curate, no Papists, no dissenters; no noblemen, only two gentlemen, Charles Wither and John Harwood; no school; no charities; post town is Basingstoke.

Ward 43

August 16, Monday

Steventon: Revd Richard Wright (rector 1720–7), replies to the bishop's questionnaire: area of parish is about 3 miles long by ¾ mile wide; population 80; average 3 or 4 births, 1 or 2 marriages, 1 or 2 burials annually; patroness is Madam Knight of Chawton; no chapels, no curate, no Papists, no dissenters, no noblemen or gentry, no school, no charities; post town is Basingstoke.

Ward 127

— 1726 —

Horsmonden: John Austen VI born.

Tonbridge: Henry (Harry), son of Thomas Austen and wife Elizabeth Burgess, born.

Irby colln, U.11/v
PedA 4

May 30, Monday

Gloucester, St Michael: William Walter, doctor of physick, buried.

Hoole & Jarvis, *Reports*
III, 344–6

— 1727 —

Thomas Brodnax changes his name to May [*and subsequently changes again to Knight*].

LG

October 4, Wednesday

Henley: Edward Cooper baptised; born family home Phyllis Court, Henley.

pc Clay 1987

— 1727/8 —

January 13, Saturday

London, Liberty of the Fleet: William Austen, surgeon, marries widow Rebecca Hampson.

Ballard & Cresswell
Report for 2009,
70–2; Hale, *Report*
for 2010, 79

They live at 174 [*modern numeration*] High Street, Tonbridge.

Wilson, *JATonbridge* 19

January 27, Saturday

Tenterden, Kent: Robert Austen dies of smallpox; unmarried.

PedA 5
MI Tenterden

— 1728 —

September 11, Wednesday

Horsmonden: John Austen V buried.

PedA 5
MI Horsmonden

September 14, Saturday

Tonbridge: Hampson, dau. of William Austen and wife Rebecca, baptised.

Ballard & Cresswell
Report for 2009, 70–2

— 1729 —

Thomas Brodnax May [Knight] is appointed High Sheriff of Kent.

CMO 145

July

Thomas Brodnax May [Knight] marries Jane Monk, granddau. of Stephen Stringer and Jane Austen.

LG
CMO 145–6

December 10, Wednesday

Ashe, Hants.: Revd Dr Richard Russell, vicar of Overton, instituted to rectory of Ashe.

Thoyts 57, 66

— 1729/30 —

March 6, Friday–March 7, Saturday

Sevenoaks: Mary Austen, widow, of Broadford, Horsmonden, buys The Old House [*modern numeration* 18 High Street] for £650.

Brade-Birks

— 1730 —

May 9, Saturday–May 15, Friday

Tonbridge: Philadelphia, dau. of William Austen and wife Rebecca, born and baptised.

Vick, *Reports v*, 222–6
PedA 12

July 10, Friday

Tonbridge: Hampson Austen buried.

PedA 12
MI Tonbridge

— 1731 —

May 1, Saturday

Tonbridge: George, son of William Austen and wife Rebecca, born.

PedA 12

August 5, Thursday

Harpsden, Oxon.: Revd Thomas Leigh instituted to rectory of Harpsden.

Clerus List, Oxon RO

— 1732 —

- London*: Stephen Austen and associates publish *The Compleat City and Country Cook*, by Charles Carter; later editions up to 1749. SA is now a bookseller at the 'Angel & Bible' in St Paul's Churchyard. GM for 1732
- Kent*: Thomas Brodnax May [Knight] builds new house at Godmersham Park, on site of an earlier one. LG
CMO 142
Nicolson 13
- Oxford(?)*: Revd Thomas Leigh marries Jane Walker. Beachcroft c.570
⇒ Jane Walker's spinster aunt Ann Perrott (1676-1760) comes to Harpsden and lives with the Leighs for the rest of her life. Spence 87
FCL FamHist,
23M93/85/2

April 30, Sunday

- London*: Son born to Stephen Austen and wife Elizabeth (?)Waters. PedA 5
GM for 1732

December 6, Wednesday

- Churchill, Oxon.*: Warren Hastings born. Hastings papers,
[Following the change in the calendar in 1752, he celebrates his birthday on 17 BLAddMSS 39,903
December].

December 15, Friday

- Churchill*: Warren Hastings baptised. Churchill pr

— 1732/3 —

January 25, Thursday

- Tonbridge*: Leonora, dau. of William Austen and wife Rebecca, baptised. PedA 12
Le Faye, *Reports* v,
182-84

February 6, Shrove Tuesday

- Tonbridge*: Rebecca Austen dies. PedA 12
MI Tonbridge

— 1733 —

- Francis Austen of Sevenoaks elected Under-Sheriff for Kent. Keith Lucas 92

November 8, Thursday

- Oxford*: Dr John Walker makes his Will. To be buried near his late wife and son John; his surviving son William to be sole executor and residuary legatee. His dau. Jane, married just recently to Revd Thomas Leigh, to receive token shilling, and William is to carry out the provisions of her marriage articles. Spence 59-61
Witneses: Thomas Sayer, Jonathon Sheppard, James Walker. PROB.11/678/167

December 12, Wednesday

- Cope Freeman, of Salisbury, Wilts., and Guanaboa, Jamaica, makes his Will. Spence 23-9
Trustees George Cure and John Ryles to hold the Jamaican estates in trust for his younger son Guy, and to provide £1000 for him at age 21. His wife PROB.11/668/262
Margaret to receive £300 annuity, his daus. Molly, Stella and Margaretta to have £1500 apiece at marriage or age 21. His wife is to rear and educate their daughters, and if she dies then her sister Jane Hampson must care for them.
His trustees to educate and maintain Guy and elder brother John Cope Freeman; John Cope is residuary legatee.
Witneses: G. Payne, John Wilks(?), James Kniblo(?).

— 1734 —

- Canterbury, Kent*: Mr Thomas Brodnax May [Knight] is elected MP. CMO 145
 ↻ Probably this year, Mr Thomas Brodnax May [Knight] has his portrait
 miniature painted by Christian Friedrich Zincke. Le Faye, *Reports* v,
 135–36
- August 14, Wednesday**
Harpsden: Ann, eldest dau. of Revd Thomas Leigh and wife Jane Walker,
 baptised. Harpsden pr
- September 23, Monday**
 On or about this date, Cope Freeman dies aboard the *Kingston* merchant ship
 when returning from Jamaica, and Will is found in his baggage by servant
 Thomas Woods. Wife Margaret and son Guy died before him. Spence 23–9
- December 9, Monday**
London: George Cure swears to veracity of Cope Freeman’s Will, just recently
 received from Thomas Woods; Cure is now guardian to John Cope Freeman
 until latter reaches age 17. Spence 23–9
 PROB.11/668/262

— 1735 —

- Godmersham*: Thomas, son of Thomas Brodnax May [Knight], born. [Thomas
 Knight II]. LG
- July 15, Tuesday**
Harpsden: James, son of Revd Thomas Leigh and wife Jane Walker, baptised. Harpsden pr
- November 14, Friday**
Tonbridge: William Austen, surgeon, makes his Will. To be buried in same
 grave with late wife Rebecca and infant dau. Hampson. All his estate in trust
 to his brothers Francis and Stephen, who are also his executors, to be used for
 education and maintenance of his three children George, Philadelphia and
 Leonora. Once all the children have reached age 20, remainder of estate to be
 divided equally between them. If they all die under age, estate to go to his
 brother Thomas. Spence 15–19
 PROB.11/686
 Witnesses: Richard Williamson, William Straker, Ann Williamson.

— 1736 —

- Revd Dr Theophilus Leigh becomes Master of Balliol College and Vice
 Chancellor of Oxford University. *Memoir* 11–13
 LCR 299
- April 29, Thursday**
Tonbridge: Marriage settlement between William Austen and Susannah Kelk,
 by which all his property is conveyed to her. Wilson, *JATonbridge* 19
- May 20, Thursday**
Tonbridge: William Austen marries widow Susannah Kelk. Tonbridge pr
 DRb/RT1/371/2
- July 3, Saturday**
London: Dr John Walker now deceased, probate of Will [8 November 1733]
 granted to son William Walker. Spence 59–61
 PROB.11/678/167
- July 17, Saturday**
Henley: Ann Cooper baptised. Boardman 15
- October 9, Saturday**
Harpsden: Jane, dau. of Revd Thomas Leigh and wife Jane Walker, baptised. Harpsden pr

— 1737 —

August 11, Thursday

Barnsley, Glos.: Henry Perrott makes his Will: wife Martha and brother Dr Thomas P to be trustees and guardians of his daus. and estate, and joint executors. Daus. Cassandra and Martha to have £120 p.a. apiece to age of 18 or marriage, thereafter £150 p.a. to age 21 or marriage; to receive equal division of his lands and property, apart from the manor of Northleigh, which is to go to brother Dr Thomas P; other smaller bequests.

Witnesses: Richard Chester, Joseph Gascoyne, Ben Barkley.

Spence 70-8
PROB.11/701/27

December 7, Wednesday

Tonbridge: William Austen dies, aged 36.

PedA 11
MI Tonbridge

December 19, Monday

Probate of William Austen's Will [14 November 1735]: his brothers Francis and Stephen are now trustees for his three children; his widow Susannah not involved. Stephen A takes Leonora into his own household in London; now or later George is sent to live with Aunt Betty Hooper in Tonbridge; no record of arrangements for Philadelphia.

PROB.11/686/264
Lefroy MS
Hubback MS
Le Faye, *Reports* v,
182-4

— 1737/8 —

February 10, Friday

London: Tysoe Saul Hancock apprenticed for seven years to Peter Liege, surgeon, of Holles Street, Cavendish Square; premium 60 guineas.

Vick, *Reports* v, 222-6

— 1738 —

May 14, Sunday

Godmersham: Thomas Brodnax May formally changes name to Knight and is granted permission to bear the **Knight** coat of arms.

Hartley, *Reports* vi,
331-8

August 1, Tuesday

Harpsden: Ann, dau. of Revd Thomas Leigh and wife Jane Walker, buried.

Harpsden pr

October 14, Friday–October 31, Monday

Harpsden: Mary, dau. of Revd Thomas Leigh and wife Jane Walker, baptised and buried.

Harpsden pr

— 1739 —

September 6, Thursday–September 10, Monday

Harpsden: Cassandra, fourth dau. of Revd Thos. Leigh and wife Jane Walker, born and baptised.

Lefroy MS
Harpsden pr

— 1740 —

March 27, Thursday

London: Henry Perrott now deceased, so probate of Will [11 August 1737] granted to ww Martha and brother Thomas.

Spence 70-8
PROB.11/701/27

— 1741 —

Chawton: Thomas Brodnax May Knight, of Godmersham, inherits Chawton estate; detailed survey of the gardens drawn by his two stewards, Edward Randall, father and son. Probably at this date that Mellichamp paints topographical view of the Great House; the west front is covered in white stucco render. *FS 1/2, 3 and 2/1, 7*

Chawton: 630 acres of common land are enclosed, and new roads created accordingly. *Hunt, Reports IV, 101–7*
CMO 8, 47–50

Tonbridge: George Austen enters Tonbridge Grammar School, aged 10; ranked 42nd out of 53 pupils, top of the 9th form. Cousin Harry A. is already 2nd in school. *Southam, Reports v,*
289–94

— 1742 —

Tonbridge: George Austen now top of 8th form, 36th in school. *Southam, Reports v,*
289–94

— 1743 —

Tonbridge: George Austen now top of 7th form, 19th in school. Cousin Harry A. is top of school. Headmaster Revd Richard Spencer resigns, new Head is young Revd James Cawthorn. *Southam, Reports v,*
289–94

Tonbridge: William Hampson Walter grants a lease, as his father's heir; and grants another as executor of his stepfather William Austen. *Hoole & Jarvis,*
Reports III, 344–6

April 15, Friday

London: Probate of Cope Freeman's Will [12 December 1733] granted to John Cope Freeman, who has now reached age of 17. *Spence 23–9*
PROB.11/668/262

— 1743/4 —

February 23, Friday

Oxford: Edward Cooper matriculates, aged 16, at Queen's College. *Alum Oxon*

— 1744 —

Tonbridge: George Austen now 5th in school. *Southam, Reports v,*
289–94

Chawton: Revd John Hinton becomes rector – remains till 1802. *Hunt, Reports IV, 101–7*

— 1745 —

Tonbridge: George Austen still 5th in school. *Southam, Reports v,*
289–94

Tonbridge: William Hampson Walter probably marries Susannah Weaver, of Maidstone, this year. *Wilson, JATonbridge*
32

London: T.S. Hancock has completed apprenticeship and sails to India for employment with HEIC as surgeon's mate. *Vick, Reports v, 222–6*
Le Faye, JAOC 12–13

May 9, Thursday

London: Philadelphia Austen apprenticed for five years to Hester Cole, milliner, of Covent Garden, for premium £45; this sum not paid, nor indentures registered, till **8 November 1748**.

Vick, *Reports* v, 222-6
Le Faye, *JAO* 12

December 16, Monday

Harpsden: Revd Dr Theophilus Leigh visits brother Revd Thomas, and writes home to his dau. Molly praising the wit of his little niece Cassandra Leigh, already writing verses at the age of 6.

Beachcroft c.570

— 1745/6 —

March 20, Wednesday

London: Stephen Austen, of Newgate Street, bookseller, makes his Will: to be buried in Horsmonden church near his father; everything left to his wife Elizabeth, who is the sole executrix; his expenses and losses prevent him from leaving anything to any other relation. Unwitnessed.

Spence 20-2
PROB.11/785/1

— 1746 —

Tonbridge: George Austen 3rd in school.

Southam, *Reports* v,
289-94

April 3, Thursday

John Fermor, heir to Sir Henry Fermor, bt., marries Elizabeth Austen of Sevenoaks [*dau. John A V*].

PedA 5
GM for 1746

April 18, Friday–April 21, Monday

London: Stephen Austen writes two notes to Revd Dr Birch, asking him to edit a preface for a book of Scripture Prints which SA is publishing.

Birch papers,
BLAddMSS 4,300,
fos. 108, 109

— 1746/7 —

January 2, Friday

Francis Austen of Sevenoaks marries Anne, only dau. of Thomas Motley of Beckenham and Dulwich.

⇒ Possibly at this time that he has his half-length portrait painted in oils – modernly ascribed to Ozias Humphrey.

PedA 6
GM for 1747
Sheffield Art Gallery

— 1747 —

Shipbourne, Kent: Revd Harry Austen becomes vicar, and holds living until **1754**.

Jarvis, *Reports* III,
80-2

April 27, Monday

Harpsden: Thomas, son of Revd Thomas Leigh and wife Jane Walker, baptised. 'He was imbecile from birth.'

Harpsden pr
CMCA *Rems* 57

July 2, Thursday

Oxford: George Austen enters St John's College, Oxford, on a Fellowship reserved for a scholar from Tonbridge, aged 16.

Southam, *Reports* v,
289-94
Alum Oxon

August 16, Sunday–September 16, Wednesday

Shipbourne, Kent: Weaver, son of William Hampson Walter and wife Susannah Weaver, born and baptised. Shipbourne pr

November

Oxford: Edward Cooper elected Fellow of All Souls College; retains this Fellowship till his marriage in 1768. pc All Souls

November 7, Saturday

Sevenoaks: Francis Motley, son of Francis Austen and wife Anne Motley, born. *Peda* 6

November 8, Sunday

Sevenoaks: Anne Motley, wife of Francis Austen, dies in childbirth. *Peda* 6

— 1747/8 —

March 3, Thursday

Bath: Thomas Perrot makes his Will: to sister Ann Perrot his estate and goods at Northleigh; to nephew Dr James Musgrave lands and goods in Berkshire; £800 to be shared equally between nieces Cassandra and Martha P. Various minor bequests to the Upton family (relations of his deceased wife Sarah Upton) and to other friends and servants. To nephew Revd Dr Walker, Principal of New Inn Hall, Oxford, £100; to Mrs Jane Leigh wife of Revd Thomas Leigh of Harpsden £100; to nephew Thomas Musgrave £400, to niece Mrs Knightly £100; to James, Jane and Cassandra, children of Revd Thomas Leigh, £100 each; to godson Thomas, another son of Revd Thomas Leigh, £200. Dr James Musgrave and Revd Thomas Leigh to be executors and trustees for the sale of his Berkshire lands and leasehold house in Bath, proceeds to be used for payments of debts, expenses, legacies, etc.; Revd Thomas Leigh to have extra £100 for his trouble in this respect. Any remaining cash to be divided between Dr Musgrave and Revd Thomas Leigh's children.

Witnesses: John Knightley otherwise Wightwick, James Sparrow, Thomas Wightwick.

— 1748 —

India: T.S. Hancock now a surgeon's mate. AP 36

October 25, Tuesday

Bath: Thomas Perrot adds Codicil to his Will [3 March 1747–8]. Sister Ann P has asked him to revoke bequest of Northleigh estate, as she would prefer an annuity of £100. Northleigh estate to go instead to James, son of Revd Thomas Leigh of Harpsden, on condition he takes the name and arms of Perrot, and pays the £100 annuity to aunt Ann P out of the estate. After Ann P's death, James's mother, Mrs Jane Leigh, is to have £60 annuity. Revd Thomas Leigh and Dr James Musgrave to manage the estate until James reaches age 21. Witnesses: John Upton, Lewis Clutterbuck, Edward Darlington. PROB.11/786/89

— 1749 —

London: Warren Hastings leaves Westminster School; already renowned for his ability in classical studies. Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 39,903

April 2, Sunday–April 9, Sunday

Shipbourne: Susannah, dau. of William Hampson Walter and wife Susannah, born and baptised. Shipbourne pr

— 1749/50 —

January

Warren Hastings goes out to India, to take post as writer in HEIC. Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 39,903

— 1750 —

London: Stephen Austen publishes a second edition of John Huxham's *An Essay on Fevers*.

November 30, Friday

Shipbourne: William, son of William Hampson Walter and wife Susannah, baptised. Shipbourne pr

— 1750/1 —

January 7, Monday

Horsmonden: Stephen Austen's body brought from London for burial. *PedA* 5

January 24, Thursday

London: As Stephen Austen's Will [20 March 1745/6] was unwitnessed, friends John Hinton, bookseller, of 34 Paternoster Row, St Paul's, and Robert Brown, printer, swear to veracity of handwriting. Spence 20–2 PROB.11/785/1

February 12, Tuesday

Oxford: George Austen receives his BA. *Alum Oxon*

March 2, Saturday

London: Thomas Perrot has died; probate of Will and Codicil [3 March 1747/8, 25 October 1748] granted to his executors James Musgrave and Revd Thomas Leigh. James Leigh is heir to the Northleigh estate. Spence 79–86 PROB.11/786/89

— 1751 —

India: T.S. Hancock appointed surgeon at Dovecottah, near Fort St David. Tucker 39

July 6, Saturday

Bishopston, Wilts.: Revd Nowys Lloyd becomes vicar here, in addition to being rector of Little Hinton, Wilts. Sawtell, KF CMCA Rems 6–7

November

London: Philadelphia Austen petitions the Court of East India Directors for leave to go to India aboard their ship the *Bombay Castle*. Her sureties are James Adams of London and John Lardner of Southwark. These two men are also sureties for another girl, Mary Elliott. AP 34–5 Le Faye, JAO 12

— 1752 —

Catherine Knatchbull [*later Mrs Thomas Knight II*], born. P&B LG

January 2, Thursday

Bishopston, Wilts.: Revd Nowys Lloyd takes up residence in vicarage. Sawtell, KF

January 18, Saturday

London: Philadelphia Austen sails to India aboard the *Bombay Castle*, part of a group of eleven young women (including the future Lady Clive) all seeking husbands amongst the English community out there.

AP 35
Le Faye, JAOC 12
Tucker 38

Summer 1752

India: T.S. Hancock successfully treats Robert Clive for wounds received in April.

Tucker 39

August 4, Tuesday

India: Philadelphia A, aboard the *Bombay Castle*, reaches Madras.

AP 35
Le Faye, JAOC 12

August 10, Monday

London, St Sepulchre: Stephen Austen's ww Elizabeth marries John Hinton and takes Leonora A with her to the Hinton household.

Le Faye, *Reports* v,
182–4 IGI

December 21, Thursday

Oxford: Edward Cooper, Fellow of All Souls, priested.

Clerus List, Oxon RO

— 1753 —

Chiddingstone, Kent: Revd Harry Austen is curate here from 1753 to 1762.

Jarvis, *Reports* III,
80–2

Sevenoaks: Francis Austen appointed Clerk of the Peace for Kent by the Duke of Dorset, a position which he holds until 1773. Apart from his practice as an attorney at Cliffords Inn, London, and his legal firm in Sevenoaks, FA was parliamentary agent for the Duke and agent for the Duke's estate at Knole, a Governor of Sevenoaks School, a trustee of eleven local Turnpike Trusts, and held other legal posts in Kentish local government.

Keith Lucas
87–102

Tonbridge: George Austen awarded a Smythe Exhibition from Tonbridge School, which enables him to study at Oxford for a further seven years with a view to taking Holy Orders.

Southam, *Reports* v,
289–94

India: T.S. Hancock is the surgeon at Fort St David, at £36 p.a., and stays until 1758.

AP 36
Tucker 39

February 22, Thursday

India: Philadelphia Austen marries T.S. Hancock at Cuddalore, near Fort St David.

BL.OIOC.N/12/1/
fo.259
PedA 12
AP 36
Le Faye, JAOC 12

— 1754 —

Samuel Richardson publishes *The History of Sir Charles Grandison* (7 vols); at some later date JA acquires a copy.

JACAI 86–7

Jamaica: Sir George Hampson dies.

P&B

Steventon, Hants: Revd Thomas Bathurst becomes curate, stays until 1763.

Jarvis, *Reports* III,
80–2

January 22, Tuesday

Oxford: George Austen awarded his MA.

Alum Oxon

March 10, Sunday

Oxford: George Austen ordained deacon, at Christ Church cathedral.

Clerus List, Oxon RO

⇒ From now until **25 March 1757** he combines his Fellowship at St John's College with the post of perpetual curate of Shipbourne, Kent, and also that of Second Master at his old school in Tonbridge, under Headmaster Revd James Cawthorne. He has leave of absence from St John's for the term time, resides in College as Fellow during the summer vacations.

Jarvis, *Reports III*,
11–12, 46
Southam, *Reports v*,
289–94

August 23, Friday

Shipbourne: George Castell, son of William Hampson Walter and wife Susannah, baptised.

Shipbourne pr

September 29, Sunday

Tonbridge: Susannah, ww of William Austen, makes her Will: all personal estate left to her niece Mrs Anna Beard, of St Mildred, Bread Street, London, who is also executrix.

PROB.11/942/253

Witnesses: George Alchin, Thomas Rowley.

— 1755 —

Tonbridge: Francis Motley Austen enters the school.

Hart, 169

May 25, Sunday

Rochester, Kent: George Austen ordained priest.

Jarvis, *Reports III*,
11–12

September 19, Friday

Harpsden: Ann Perrot makes her Will: to be buried in family vault in Northleigh church, and £50 to poor of Northleigh. To nephew Revd Thomas Leigh of Harpsden £200; to nephew Revd Dr William Walker £50; to nephew Revd Dr James Musgrave £50; to niece Catherine Knightly £21; to nieces Jane and Cassandra Leigh, daus. of Revd Thomas Leigh, £200 each; to nephew Thomas, son of Revd Thomas Leigh, £100; to nephew and godson James Musgrave son of Revd Dr James Musgrave £50.

Spence 87–8
PROB.11/863/70

— 1756 —

July 15, Thursday

Harpsden: James Leigh reaches age of 21, and takes name Leigh-Perrot.

Spence 79–86

— 1757 —

March 25, Lady Day, Friday

Revd GA resigns his post at Tonbridge School and returns to St John's College for full-time study for BD degree. Appointed Assistant Chaplain to the College.

Southam, *Reports v*,
289–94

May 14, Saturday

Shipbourne: John, son of William Hampson Walter and wife Susannah, baptised.

Shipbourne pr

December 1, Thursday

India: Warren Hastings's first wife (Mary Elliott, now ww of Lieut Buchanan), has a son, George.

BL.OIOC ci
Le Faye, *JAOC 14*

December 23, Friday

Godmersham: Mr Thomas B.M. Knight writes to his steward Edward Randall at Chawton. The Digweed family are applying to rent Steventon Manor Farm.

Knight archive
39M89/E/B.621

December 26, Monday

Godmersham: Mr Thomas B.M. Knight writes to Edward Randall at Chawton, setting out rent and conditions for the Digweeds to take over Steventon Manor Farm as from **Michaelmas 1758**. Knight archive 39M89/E/B.561/4

— 1758 —

February 10, Friday

Godmersham: Mr Thomas B.M. Knight writes to Edward Randall at Chawton, regarding Steventon Manor Farm. The previous tenant, Hellear, has been mismanaging the property; Randall is to sort matters out before the Digweeds take over. Knight archive 39M89/E/B.622

June 23, Friday

India: T.S. Hancock appointed surgeon at Fort St George, Madras. Parsons, *Reports* vi, 426–34
Le Faye, *JAOC* 13

July 23, Tuesday

Chawton: Edward Randall writes to Mr Thomas B.M. Knight at Godmersham: costs of making a new pond at Steventon Manor Farm. Knight archive 18M61/Box C

August 19, Saturday

Francis Austen of Sevenoaks marries Jane (born Chadwick), ww of Samuel Lennard of Wickham Court, Kent. *PedA* 5
GM for 1758

October 5, Thursday–October 23, Monday

India: Warren Hastings's dau. Elizabeth born and buried. Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 39,903
Le Faye, *JAOC* 15

— 1759 —

Shipbourne: James, son of William Hampson Walter and wife Susannah baptised. Shipbourne pr

Revd GA is his godfather. [*No month or day recorded*]. Le Faye, *N&Q*, 32/3, September 1985, 335
Oxford: Revd GA becomes Junior Proctor of Oxford University – nicknamed the 'Handsome Proctor' during his academic year of office. Southam, *Reports* v, 289–94
Alum Oxon

February 22, Thursday

London, St James's Westminster: John Austen VI of Broadford marries Joanna, dau. of Walter Weeks of Sevenoaks. *PedA* 6
GM for 1759

March 10, Saturday

Jackson's Oxford Journal reports vandalism of newly made fences and hedges on Northleigh Heath, the property of Mr James Leigh-Perrot. Vick, *Reports* v, 41–6

June 12, Tuesday

India: Robert Clive, now Governor of Bengal, obtains for T.S. Hancock the post of surgeon at Fort William, Calcutta. AP 36
Le Faye, *JAOC* 14
Tucker 39

June 19, Tuesday

India: George, son of Warren Hastings and wife Mary, belatedly baptised. BL.OIOC ci
Tucker 28

July 10, Tuesday

Sevenoaks: Sackville Austen, son of Francis A and Jane Lennard, baptised.

pc R. Dunning, 2011

July 11, Wednesday

India: Warren Hastings's wife Mary dies at Cossimbazar.

Tucker 28

Le Faye, *JAOC* 15

October 11, Thursday

Broadford: Mary, (born Stringer) wife of John Austen V, dies.

PedA 5

October 31, Wednesday–November 12, Monday

Steventon: Revd Harry Austen presented and inducted as rector; keeps the living till 1761; non-resident.

Bishop's Act Books
Jarvis, *Reports* III, 12,
81

— 1760 —

Calcutta: Mrs Ellinor Davis lends 5000 rupees to T.S. Hancock for him to invest on her behalf.

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,232

Harpsden: Ann Perrot dies.

Spence, 87

Oxford: Revd GA granted BD.

Alum Oxon

Oxford, Balliol College: Cassandra Leigh, the Master's dau., writes a prose 'Meditation upon the Vanity of all sublunary joys'.

Beachcroft private
archive

January 3, Thursday

Sevenoaks: Mary, only child of John Austen VI and Joanna Weeks, born.

PedA 6

February 8, Saturday–February 9, Sunday

Oxford: Revd GA is one of the parties to the marriage settlement of James Langford Nibbs, aged about 21, and his cousin Barbara Langford; whereby Revd GA and Morris Robinson become trustees of the Antiguan property called Haddon's or Weeks's plantation, containing 294 acres with slaves and stock; proceeds to J.L. Nibbs for life and then to provide his widow with £500 p.a. for life.

Oliver, II, 296

February 13, Thursday

London: James Langford Nibbs marries his cousin Barbara Langford.

GM for 1760

— 1761 —

India: Francis Sykes, a friend of Warren Hastings, escorts his infant son George to England for education. Child is probably entrusted to the Leigh family of Adlestrop, who were old friends of Warren Hastings, and later probably lives in Revd Thomas Leigh's household at Harpsden.

AP 35–6

Sevenoaks: John, second son of Francis Austen and Jane Lennard, born.

PedA 11

Steventon: Revd Harry Austen resigns the living here, in favour of that of West Wickham, Kent, where he stays till 1784.

AP 18–19
Jarvis, *Reports* III, 12
Smithers, *JA Kent* 30–3

July

London: The widowed Mrs Girle and her dau. Caroline retire to a house at Caversham, Oxon.

Marks, PJ 120

September 16, Wednesday

Shipbourne: Philadelphia, dau. of William Hampson Walter and Susannah, baptised.

Shipbourne pr

November

India: T.S. Hancock resigns his post as surgeon at Fort William, on grounds of ill health, and tries instead general trading in partnership with Warren Hastings, dealing in any merchandise that seems likely to be profitable.

Feiling 39–40
Le Faye, JAOC 15
Tucker 39

November 11, Wednesday

Steventon: Revd GA is instituted to the rectory by Thomas B.M. Knight, as patron of the living, but remains in Oxford until 1764. Living valued at £100 p.a.

Bishop's Act Books
PedA 12

↻ Revd GA's cousin Revd Thomas Bathurst is still resident curate of Steventon.

Jarvis, *Reports* III, 81

↻ In 1847 HTA records some garbled family tradition about the changeover at Steventon from Revd Harry A to Revd GA.

Lefroy MS

↻ Probably about this time that Francis Austen of Sevenoaks buys presentations of the livings of Ashe and Deane.

AP 17

December 22, Tuesday

India: The Hancocks' only child, Elizabeth, born in Calcutta.

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,134,
fos.156, 180
Le Faye, JAOC 17

— 1762 —

It is probably at Oxford and probably between 1762 and 1763 that Revd GA meets and becomes engaged to Miss Cassandra Leigh, dau. of Revd Thomas Leigh of Harpsden; at some time before their marriage in 1764 Cassandra visits Steventon and thinks the countryside unattractive compared with that of the Harpsden neighbourhood.

Memoir 21–3

Kintbury, Berks.: Revd Thomas Fowle (1726–1806) becomes vicar here.

Sawtell, KF

January 23, Saturday

Calcutta: Elizabeth Hancock baptised; Warren Hastings is her godfather, and gives her the name of his own dead baby dau.

BL.OIOC,
N/1/2/fo.43v
AP 36
Le Faye, JAOC 17

April 14, Wednesday; April 18, Sunday; April 24, Saturday; April 26, Monday; April 29, Saturday; May 2, Sunday.

Calcutta: Revd Samuel Staveley writes to Warren Hastings, then in Murshidabad, with news of the English community and their children; refers to the Vansittart babies, and to the Hancocks and their baby Betsy.

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,132,
fos. 145, 147, 157–8,
159–61, 163–4, 167–8,
173

Le Faye, JAOC 17–19

May 21, Friday

Bath(?): Revd Thomas Leigh makes his Will: his various leasehold properties in Oxford are to be held by his wife, and after her death to be divided equally between his daus. Jane and Cassandra Leigh for the remainder of the terms. He holds £5050 of South Sea Annuities, of which £600 is in trust for Revd Dr Theophilus Leigh and his family; £1600 is subject to his own marriage settlement; the remaining £2850 is his own. The dividends from this last sum to be paid to his wife for her life; after her death, enough of the holding to be sold to provide £350 in cash, which is to go to son James Leigh Perrot. In

Spence 89–94
PROB.11/896/56

return for this £350, James LP is to provide a £25 annuity for his brother Thomas; or if he does not want to do this, then the £350 is to be used to purchase an annuity for Thomas. Remainder of £2850 of South Sea Annuities to be divided equally between daus. Jane and Cassandra Leigh; also the marriage settlement provided that £275.17s.3d. of the £1600 lump sum was to go to the younger children, hence this is to be divided equally between Jane and Cassandra once he and his wife are both deceased. His copyhold estate at Headington is to provide £300 apiece to Jane and Cassandra, and thereafter go to James LP. To be buried in one of the churches in Bath. His wife is residuary legatee and sole executrix.

Witnesses: T. Paulin, John Spry, William Orchard.

June 12, Saturday

Bath, Princes Street: Cassandra Leigh of Harpsden writes to her childhood friend Revd Tom Powys of Hardwick Hall, congratulating him upon acquiring the living of Fawley, Bucks.

Lane, *Reports* **IV**, 290
Lefroy, F.C., *Temple Bar* **67**, 270–84
Lefroy MS

July 19, Monday–July 20, Tuesday

Northleigh: James LP is one of the parties to the marriage settlement of Caroline Girle of Caversham, Oxon, and Philip Lybbe Powys, of Hardwick, Oxon.

Oxon RO
PL.I/68–70

August 5, Thursday

Philip Lybbe Powys marries Caroline Girle.

Marks, *PJ* 120

September 5, Sunday

Canly: Cassandra Leigh of Oxford writes a poem ‘From Miss Cassandra Leigh to her Sister’ referring to Mary (Molly) Leigh’s engagement to her cousin Revd Thomas Leigh of Adlestrop.

Stoneleigh archive
DR 1098

October 13, Wednesday

Fawley, Bucks.: Revd Tom Powys presented as rector, aged 31.

Marks, *PJ* 120

November 3, Wednesday

Mary (Molly) Leigh, dau. of Master of Balliol, marries her cousin Revd Thomas Leigh of Adlestrop.

Beachcroft c.570

India: T.S. Hancock gives a bond for £1000 to William Summer.

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,226

— 1763 —

Revd Dr William Buller is 12th Prebendary of Winchester Cathedral from **1763** to **1792**; lives at No. 11 The Close from **1764** to **1777**, then at No. 3 The Close **1777–92**.

Crook 159, 166

⇒ It is probably this year that Revd GA has his portrait miniature painted. Cassandra Leigh also probably has her portrait miniature painted at this time, showing her in a blue gown.

SB xiii, 8
CEA, **9 May 1843**,
Pierpont Morgan
MA 4500

Deane: Wither Bramston inherits Oakley Hall [*earlier known as Hall, or Hall Place*].

Jarvis, *Reports* **IV**,
108–12

May 23, Monday

Francis Sykes, the friend of Warren Hastings who brought little George Hastings from India to England, keeps a short account of monies expended on George’s behalf: ‘To Going to Oxford on George’s Acct. & returning, £4.12s.od.’

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,227,
fos.27–8

June 2, Thursday

Bishopstone, Wilts.: Martha Craven marries Revd Nowys Lloyd, vicar of Bishopstone and rector of Little Hinton, Wilts.

CMCA Rems 6
GM for 1763

June 26, Sunday

Little Hinton: Revd Nowys Lloyd makes his Will: to be buried in either Little Hinton or Epping, Essex; small bequests to charity; all else to wife Martha. Witnesses: his brother-in-law Thomas Cox and sister-in-law Mary Bishop.

PROB.11/1178

July 12, Tuesday–1764, February 5, Monday

Deane, Hants.: Almost continuous rain during this period – Deane village awash.

Deane pr
Le Faye, *FamRec* 11–12

July 18, Monday

Revd Thomas Fowle, vicar of Kintbury (1762), rector of Hampstead Marshall (1771), and rector of Allington, Wilts. (1797), marries Jane Craven.

Sawtell, KF

August 4, Thursday

Tonbridge: Revd Harry Austen marries Mary Hooker.

PedA 4

October 21, Friday

Steventon: Revd GA takes his first marriage service here.

Steventon pr

December 2, Friday

Francis Sykes: ‘Paid Mr. Austin on Acct. of George’s Expences, £50.os.od.’

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,227,
fos.27–8

December 28, Wednesday

Francis Sykes: ‘Postage of Letters from Oxford, £o.6s.od.’

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,227,
fos.27–8

— 1764 —

Mr JLP has his portrait miniature painted by John Smart – presumably to exchange with that of his fiancée Jane Cholmeley. His miniature descends in the AL family, hers descends between distant cousins/friends.

Le Faye, *FamRec* 119
AL archive
23M93/ 51/2/1
AL archive
23M93/ 52/3/2

January 20, Friday

Francis Sykes: ‘Paid Mr. Austin his Salary due ye 14th Inst., £100.os.od.; Advanced Mr. Austin Acct. Georges Expences £20.os.od.’

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,227,
fos.27–8

January 24, Wednesday

Bath: Revd Thomas Leigh buried at St Swithin’s, Walcot.

Walcot pr
Clerus List, Oxon RO
FCL FamHist,
23M93/85/2

January 30, Monday

Francis Sykes: ‘To a Handsome Marble Tomb Stone, Expenses of Shipping it & other small expenses, £41.os.od.’

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,227,
fos.27–8

February 5, Monday

Deane: The rainy weather that started on 12 July 1763 at last ceases.

Deane pr

February 17, Friday

London: Probate of Will of Revd Thomas Leigh [21 May 1762] granted, with Administration, to ww Jane Leigh, sole executrix. Spence 89–94
PROB.11/896/56

February 26, Sunday

Chawton: Steward Edward Randall writes to Mr Thomas B.M. Knight at Knight archive
Godmersham. Recent high winds have blown down the timber steeple of 18M61/Box C
Steventon church and damaged the roof.

March 11, Sunday–April 10, Tuesday

Deane, Hants.: Revd GA now living in parsonage at Deane, rented from Thoys 11
absentee incumbent Revd William Hillman, who prefers to live at nearby Steventon pr
Ashe Park. Revd GA copies out old Steventon parish register into a new book.
From 10 April onwards, he signs the foot of every page in the register.

March 15, Thursday

Marriage settlement of Revd GA and Cassandra Leigh. Cassandra, living in AP 333–4
Bath, has leasehold property in Oxford and future £1000 at her mother's
decease. Revd GA has some freehold lands in Tonbridge, and a third share of
other Tonbridge property, all expectant upon the death of his stepmother
Susannah Austen. Trustees are Revd Harry Austen and Mr JLP.

Chawton: Steward Edward Randall writes to Mr Thomas B.M. Knight at Knight archive
Godmersham. Digweed has rheumatism, has not yet paid recent rent due for 18M61/Box C
Steventon Manor Farm; claims he has paid £2.17s.od. towards the upkeep of
the church between 1757 and 1764, but has no proof of this.

April 26, Thursday

Bath, Walcot Church: Revd GA marries Cassandra Leigh; service taken by Revd Walcot pr
Tom Powys, witnesses Jane Leigh and James Leigh Perrot. Cassandra is Hubback MS
married in her travelling dress, and the young couple set off straightaway for Lefroy MS
Deane, with an overnight stop at Andover. FCL FamHist,
23M93/85/2

⇒ Soon after their marriage, ww Mrs Jane Leigh comes from Bath to live with PedA 12
them. There is a family tradition that George Hastings had been living with Memoir 13
the Leighs in Bath, and also now came to Deane, where he died in the autumn
of 1764; there is however no entry for any such burial in either the Deane or
Steventon parish registers.

May 14, Monday

Kintbury, Berks.: Fulwar Craven, eldest son of Revd Thomas Fowle and wife Sawtell, KF
Jane Craven, baptised.

October 9, Tuesday

London, St Martin's in the Fields: James Leigh Perrot marries Jane, third dau. of Hartley, Reports VI.
late Robert Cholmeley and Mrs Workman, latter now wife of Thomas 331–38
Workman of Barbados. GM for 1757, also 1764
⇒ Mr JLP subsequently sells his Northleigh estate and buys instead Scarlets, a Pope 74–6
small country house at Hare Hatch, near Wargrave, Berkshire.

November 8, Thursday

Oxford, Balliol College: Miss Cassandra Leigh composes 'A Meditation wrote the Beachcroft private
morning after a slight shock of an earthquake Nov. 8th 1764'. archive

December

India: Warren Hastings resigns from his post with the HEIC and plans to Tucker 40
return to England. The Hancock family probably sail with him on the same AP 37
ship, the *Medway*. Le Faye, JAOC 19

— 1765 —

Adlestrop: Sir Edward Turner writes a long doggerel poem, ‘Delia to Thyrsis by Express’, supposedly in the character of Jane Leigh of Harpsden, joking that she has sent a letter by dove-post messenger to her beloved Revd Dr Edward Cooper of All Souls. BL.RP.3402(I), 135

February 13, Wednesday

Deane: James, eldest son of Revd and Mrs GA, born and privately baptised. Deane pr
PedA 13
Lefroy MS
Bellas MS
AP 23

March 17, Sunday

Deane: James Austen publicly christened; godparents are James Langford Nibbs, Esq., Francis Austen (father’s uncle), Mrs Jane Leigh (maternal grandmother). Deane pr
Lefroy MS
About two months later he is weaned and sent to be dry-nursed by the Littleworth family at Deane. Le Faye, *Reports* IV, 64–70
Memoir 39

April 24, Wednesday

Revd GA receives £14.10s.od. dividend on £725 of 4% 1763 Stock, to 5 April 1765. He also receives £25 by a bill on Henry Creswick. Hoare’s Bank 70, fo.360

May 6, Monday

Revd GA pays £10 to Edward Pyott. Hoare’s Bank 70, fo.360

May 11, Saturday

Revd GA receives £3.15s.od. dividend on £250 Old South Seas Annuities, to 5 April 1765. Hoare’s Bank 70, fo.360

June

The Hancock family arrive in England from India, a journey which cost them £1500. They renew acquaintance with Freeman cousins upon arrival, then take lodgings in Norfolk Street, Strand, London. Warren Hastings, who may have returned on the same ship, lodges nearby, in Essex Street. AP 37, 61
TSH fo.12v
Le Faye, JAOC 19
↻ *India*: Now that T.S. Hancock is in London, Mrs Ellinor Davis makes him and Warren Hastings her attorneys to manage her 1760 investment of 5,000 rupees. Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 29,232

June 1, Saturday

Revd Thomas Bathurst inducted into living of Welwyn, Herts. Jarvis, *Reports* III, 81

June 25, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £13.19s.od. to Nathaniel Burroughs. Hoare’s Bank 70, fo.360

June 26, Wednesday

Revd GA pays £10 to William Rolfe. Hoare’s Bank 70, fo.360

July 22, Monday

Revd GA receives £53.16s.od. by bill on Henry Creswick. Hoare’s Bank 70, fo.360

July 26, Friday

Revd GA pays £5.16s.od. ‘To Receipt’. Hoare’s Bank 70, fo.360

Late summer

Winchester: Bishop John Thomas organises an Episcopal Visitation; a questionnaire is to be completed in advance by the clergy and handed to the registrar when he calls at their parishes. Returns for Chawton, Deane and Steventon are: Ward 172, 177, 222

Chawton: Revd John Hinton is rector (1744–1802), and resides on his living; church, churchyard and parsonage in good condition; holds services twice every Sunday; no curate; no Dissenters.

Deane: Revd William Hillman is rector (1757–73), and resides on his living; church, churchyard and parsonage in good condition, services and Holy Communion held regularly; no marriage register; no Dissenters; no benefactions.

Steventon: Revd GA is rector (1761–1805), and resides on his living; church, churchyard and parsonage all in good condition, services and Holy Communion held regularly; registers kept; no curate; no Dissenters; no benefactions.

August 2, Friday

Revd GA pays £20 to Edward Lane. Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360

August 9, Friday

Revd GA pays £10 'To Receipt'. Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360

August 10, Saturday

Revd GA pays £9.6s.od. to Edward Lane. Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360

August 15, Thursday–August 16, Friday

India: Randall Marriott writes to Warren Hastings in England, asking him to pass on good wishes to other old Indian friends now at home, and especially to little George Vansittart and Betsy Hancock. Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 29,132, fos.264–75
Le Faye, JAOC 19

August 24, Saturday–September 29, Sunday

India: Lord Clive writes home to wife, casting doubts on Mrs Hancock's friendship with Warren Hastings, and urging his wife to break off acquaintance. Bence-Jones 220
Le Faye, JAOC 19–20

August 27, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £18 to William Rolfe. Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360

September 6, Friday

Revd GA receives £30 from John Cope Freeman. Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360

September 24, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £10 to Thomas Hack. Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360

October 17, Thursday

Oxford: Francis Motley Austen matriculates from Hertford College, aged 17. *PedA* 6
Alum Oxon

October 26, Saturday

Revd GA receives £14.10s.od. dividend on £725 of 4% 1763 Stock, to 10 October 1765. Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360

November

Bishopstone, Wilts.: Martha, eldest dau. of Revd Nowys Lloyd and wife Martha Craven, baptised. Sawtell, *Reports* III, 304–11

November 4, Monday

Revd GA pays £20 to Edward Pyott. Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360

November 19, Tuesday

Revd GA receives £65.13s.od. 'By bill on Messrs. Hoare'. Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360

Godmersham, Kent: Mrs Thomas Knight I dies, aged 55. Godmersham pr

November 20, Wednesday

Kintbury: Thomas, son of Revd Thomas Fowle and wife Jane, born. Sawtell, KF

November 22, Friday

Revd GA pays £10 to William Rolfe, also receives £3.15s.od. dividend on £250 Old South Sea Annuities, to 10 October 1765. Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360

November 23, Saturday

Revd GA pays £16.2s.6d. to Nathaniel Burroughs and £18.12s.6d. to William Simson. Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360

November 27, Wednesday

Godmersham: Mrs Thomas Knight I buried. Godmersham pr
MI Godmersham

December 4, Wednesday

Revd GA pays £15 to William Rolfe. Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360

Kintbury: Thomas Fowle baptised. Sawtell, KF

December 13, Friday

Revd GA pays £12.9s.6d. to Francis Austen. Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360

— 1766 —

Richard Lovell Edgeworth and his first wife come to live at Hare Hatch, and meet the Leigh Perrots. Viveash, *Reports* v, 165–9

January 28, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £10.10s.od. to Thomas Hack. Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360

March 15, Saturday

Deane: Revd GA marries William Blake and Mary Boswell. Deane pr

April 4, Friday

Revd GA pays 4s. for Letter of Attorney to sell £250 Old South Sea Annuities. Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360

April 8, Tuesday–April 30, Wednesday

Bath: Revd John Penrose, vicar of St Gluvias in Cornwall, visits Bath with his wife and eldest dau. Fanny. They take ground-floor lodgings in a house owned by Revd Mr Grant, in Abbey Green, and become friendly with Mrs Mary Leigh and her sister Miss Elizabeth Leigh, who are in the first-floor lodgings. Mitchell & Penrose 24–72

Between **Wednesday** 9 April and **Wednesday** 30 April, when the sisters leave for Oxford, many civilities are exchanged.

April 15, Tuesday	Revd GA receives £217.12s.9d., proceeds of sale of £250 Old South Sea Annuities at 8 ⁷ / ₄ % without dividend. Brokerage ¹ / ₈ % and 3s.6d. transfer fee deducted.	Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360
April 19, Saturday	Revd GA receives £14.10s.od. dividend on £725 of 1763 4% Stock, to 5 April 1766.	Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360
April 21, Monday	Revd GA pays T.S. Hancock £217.8s.9d., being proceeds of sale of £250 Old South Sea Annuities.	Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360
May 13, Tuesday	Revd GA pays £10 to Revd William Hillman; receives £3.15s.od. dividend on £200 Old South Sea Annuities; also receives £66.15s.od. 'By Bill on Hoare & Co'.	Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360
May 20, Tuesday	Revd GA pays £18.5s.od. to Thomas Hack.	Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360
May 23, Friday	Revd GA pays £20 to Edward Lane.	Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360
May 31, Saturday	Revd GA pays £20 to Thomas Hack.	Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360
June 28, Wednesday	Revd GA pays £16.15s.od. to Edward Lane.	Hoare's Bank 70, fo.360
July 21, Monday	Endorsement to Mrs GA's marriage settlement: the moiety of moneys raised by the sale of the leaseholds in Oxford (Mrs GA's dowry) was invested in £1065 of 1763 4% Stock.	AP 333-4
August 26, Tuesday	<i>Deane</i> : George, second son of Revd and Mrs GA, born and privately baptised.	Deane pr <i>PedA</i> 3 AP 28
September 2, Tuesday	<i>Calcutta</i> : Randall Marriott writes to Warren Hastings – has no time to write to the Hancocks as well, so will WH please pass on best wishes.	Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 29,132, fo.308
September 29, Monday	<i>Deane</i> : George Austen publicly christened; godparents are Revd Dr Musgrave, rector of Chinnor (maternal cousin); Tysoe Saul Hancock (uncle); Mrs Cockell. ⇒ At about three months old, is weaned and sent to Littleworth family for dry-nursing.	Deane pr Lefroy MS AP 66 Le Faye, <i>Reports</i> IV, 64-70 <i>Memoir</i> 39
October 5, Sunday	<i>Oxford, Balliol College</i> : Mrs Ann Leigh, wife of Revd Dr Theophilus L, the Master of Balliol, dies, in her 65th year. Thereafter his widowed sister Mrs Cassandra Wight becomes his housekeeper in the Master's lodgings in College.	Beachcroft c.570

October 7, Tuesday

West Wickham, Kent: Elizabeth Matilda, dau. of Revd Harry Austen and wife Mary, born. PedA 4

October 9, Thursday

Oxford, Balliol College: Miss Cassandra Leigh writes a prayer ‘after my dear Mother’s death’. Beachcroft private archive

October 24, Friday

Revd GA receives £21.6s.od. dividend on £1065 of 1763 4% Stock, to 10 October 1766. Hoare’s Bank 70, fo.360

November 3, Monday

London: TSH gives bond for £1000 to William Summer. Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 29,226

November 11, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £20 ‘To Receipt’ and receives £64.13s.od. ‘By Cash’. Hoare’s Bank 70, fo.360

November 14, Friday

Revd GA receives £20 ‘By Cash’. Hoare’s Bank 70, fo.360

November 19, Wednesday

Revd GA pays £21 to James Stuart. Hoare’s Bank 70, fo.360

November 21, Friday

Revd GA pays £18.3s.4d. to Edward Pyott. Hoare’s Bank 70, fo.360

December 3, Wednesday

Revd GA pays £20 to Edward Lane. Hoare’s Bank 70, fo.360

December 24, Wednesday

Revd GA pays £17.13s.od. to Revd William Hillman. Hoare’s Bank 70, fo.360

↻ This entry fills up a page in the bank’s ledger, and Revd GA’s account is c/f to ledger 75, fo. 285. During 1765–6, credits total £618.10s.9d., and debits £609.4s.1d.

— 1767 —

January 22, Thursday

Revd GA pays £9 to Thomas Hack. Hoare’s Bank 75, fo.285

April 18, Saturday

Revd GA receives £21.6s.od. dividend on £1065 of 4% 1763 Stock, to 5 April 1767. Hoare’s Bank 75, fo.285

May 9, Saturday

Kintbury: William, third son of Revd Thomas Fowle and wife Jane, born. Sawtell, KF

May 11, Monday

Edward, 5th Lord Leigh, makes the oddly worded Will which causes problems over the inheritance of the Stoneleigh estate in 1806. AP 331

June 13, Saturday

Revd GA pays £18.18s.od. to John Wyatt.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.285

August 22, Saturday

Revd GA receives £228 from T.S. Hancock.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.285

September 10, Thursday

Revd GA pays £10 to R. Othern.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.285

September 12, Saturday

Revd GA pays £7.11s.od. to James Wheble.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.285

September 14, Monday

Revd GA pays £15 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.285

October 7, Wednesday

Deane: Edward [EAK], third son of Revd and Mrs GA, born and privately baptised. [*In 1812 takes surname of Knight.*]

Deane pr

October 16, Friday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.285

October 22, Thursday

Revd GA pays ten guineas to John Sicker.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.285

October 23, Friday

Revd GA receives £21.6s.od. dividend on £1065 of 4% 1763 Stock, to 10 October 1767.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.285

October 24, Saturday

Revd GA pays £15.4s.od. to Revd William Hillman.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.285

October 30, Friday

Revd GA pays £20 to Richard Owthen.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.285

November 13, Friday

Revd GA receives £86.8s.6d. from sale of £100 Old South Sea Annuities at 86¾%, less brokerage ¼%.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.285

November 19, Thursday

Revd GA receives cash payment of £82.13s.od.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.285

November 22, Sunday

Deane: Edward Austen publicly christened; godparents are Revd Dr Edward Cooper, James Leigh Perrot, Esq. (mother's brother) and Mrs Cassandra Wight (great-aunt).

Deane pr
Lefroy MS

⇒ At age of about three months, weaned and sent to Littleworth family for dry-nursing.

Le Faye, *Reports* IV,
64–70
Memoir 39

November 27, Friday

Revd GA pays £10 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.285

November 30, Monday

Revd GA pays 4s. for Letter of Attorney for ‘Princip. & Int. on 4% 1763’. Also pays £25 to Thomas Hack.

Hoare’s Bank 75,
fo.285

December 14, Monday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe.

Hoare’s Bank 75,
fo.285

December 19, Saturday

Revd GA pays £25 to Richard Owthen.

Hoare’s Bank 75,
fo.285

December 24, Thursday

Revd GA pays £50 to Richard Owthen, and £28.5s.od. to James Pottinger.

Hoare’s Bank 75,
fo.285

December 28, Monday

Steventon: At Court Baron of Steventon manor, William Hellear, wife Catherine and son William Jnr, surrender a messuage with garden, 4 acres of land and site of former barn, formerly held by Arthur Crook deceased. This is granted to Revd GA, with wife Cassandra and son James, for their three lives, at 2s. p.a. rent, and entry fine of £7.10s.od. – this fine afterwards remitted.

Knight archive
18M61/Box C

— 1768 —

Bishopstone, Wilts.: Eliza, 2nd dau. of Revd Nowys Lloyd and wife Martha, born.

Sawtell, KF
CMCA Rems 6

January 2, Saturday

Revd GA takes out insurance policy No. 252581, with the Sun Insurance Office: pays 12s. to cover his household goods at Deane for value £300, and his empty house at Steventon for value £300.

Policy Registers Old
Series, MS.11936/178
Le Faye, *Reports* v, 229
Hoare’s Bank 75,
fo.285

↻ Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe.

January 6, Wednesday

Revd GA receives £268.18s.3d., being £266.5s.od. from 4% 1763 Stock paid off, plus three months’ interest to 5 January 1768.

Hoare’s Bank 75,
fo.285

January 8, Friday

Revd GA buys £296.2s.od. of Old South Sea Annuities at 90%% plus 1/% brokerage – total costs £268.14s.3d.

Hoare’s Bank 75,
fo.285

January 22, Friday

Revd GA pays £25 to Richard Owthen.

Hoare’s Bank 75,
fo.285

January 26, Tuesday

Tonbridge: Susannah, ww of William Austen, dies aged 80.

↻ Revd GA now inherits his one-third share of his father’s Tonbridge property.

PedA 12
AP 333
MI Tonbridge

January 28, Thursday

Revd GA pays £20 to Edward Lane, and £50 to John Limbrey.

Hoare’s Bank 75,
fo.285

February 11, Thursday

Revd GA pays £25 to Thomas Hack.

Hoare’s Bank 75,
fo.285

February 16, Tuesday

Henley on Thames, Phyllis Court: Gislingham Cooper, father of Revd Dr Edward Cooper, dies. pc Clay

February 24, Wednesday

Henley: Gislingham Cooper buried. Burn 147

April 21, Thursday

Revd GA receives £13.19s.6d. dividend on £798.15s.od. of 4% 1763 Stock, to 5 April 1768. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.285

Henley: Ann Cooper, dau. of Gislingham C., marries Revd Dr Ralph Cawley, later Principal of Brasenose College, Oxford. Boardman, *Reports* VI, 201-8

May 4, Wednesday

Revd GA pays £14 to Richard Owthen. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.285

May 31, Tuesday

Revd GA receives £4.8s.9d. dividend on £296.2s.od. Old South Seas Annuities to 5 April 1768. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.285

June 13, Monday

Deane: The parsonage is advertised in the local newspaper, the *Reading Mercury*, as being available for renting from coming Michaelmas. 'An exceeding good House, in every Respect fit for a Gentleman's Family, with 16 Acres of Grass Land adjoining; more Land may be had if required.' Vick, *Reports* IV, 343-5

June 16, Thursday

Oxford: Revd Samuel Cooke, rector of Cotsford, Oxon, marries Cassandra Leigh, younger dau. of Revd Dr Leigh of Balliol; they live at Great Bookham. GM for 1768 Beachcroft c.570

June 20, Monday

Reference to the Will [8 November 1733] of Dr John Walker (died 1736): his son and executor Revd William Walker is now deceased, so the Administration of the provisions still outstanding is granted to William Walker's sister, ww Mrs Jane Leigh. Spence 59-61 PROB.11/678/167

July 8, Friday

Revd GA receives £268.18s.3d. from £266.5s.od. of 4% 1763 Stock paid off, with three months' interest to 5 July 1768; and buys £291.10s.1d. of Old South Sea Annuities at 92 $\frac{1}{2}$ % plus $\frac{1}{8}$ % brokerage, total cost £268.18s.3d. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.285

July 12, Tuesday

Deane: Mrs Jane Leigh makes her Will: to her son James Leigh Perrot £200; to servant Mary Ellis £50; all remaining estate to be equally divided between daus. Jane Leigh and Cassandra Austen. Revd GA and his wife Cassandra to be executor and executrix. Spence 95-6 PROB.11/943/418

Witnesses: Thomas Leigh, Elizabeth Leigh.

July 16, Saturday

Revd GA pays £16 to Thomas Hack. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.285

July/August

The Austen family move from Deane to Steventon; Mrs Austen is not in good health, so makes the journey down the lane on a feather-bed, placed on other soft furnishings in the removal wagon. Lefroy MS *Memoir* 14 FCL FamHist, 23M93/85/2

August 6, Saturday

Revd GA receives £240 from Mr JLP.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.285

August 9, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £25 'To Receipt'.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.285

August 29, Monday

Steventon: Mrs Jane Leigh dies, aged 64.

Lefroy MS
AP 333
PedA 4

West Wickham, Kent: Harriet Lennard, dau. of Revd Harry Austen and wife Mary, born.

August 30, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £20 to John Davies.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.285

↪ This entry fills up another page in the ledger: at the end of the eighteen-month period January 1767 to August 1768, Revd GA's credits total £1,856.9s.od. and debits £1,646.8s.7d. Account c/f to ledger 75, fo.388.

September 1, Thursday

Steventon: Mrs Jane Leigh is buried in chancel of Steventon parish church.

Steventon pr
MI Steventon

September 14, Wednesday

Revd GA pays £70 to Thomas Hack, and £10 to Mary Ellis. Also receives £29 from T.S. Hancock.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.388

September 20, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £20 to Richard Owthen.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.388

September 28, Wednesday

Revd GA pays £25 to Richard Owthen.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.388

October 1, Saturday

Henley: Following death of Gislingham Cooper in February, son Revd Dr Edward Cooper now sells family home of Phyllis Court to Sambrook Freeman.

pc Clay

↪ In later years [23 **September 1835**], Mrs JLP recalls that ww Mrs Ann Cooper rents a house in village of Southcote, near Reading, Berks, from the Blagrove family.

AL archive
23M93/86/3

October 2, Sunday

Henley: Revd GA writes to James Leigh at Adlestrop. James Leigh wrote to JLP, claiming two heriots from Mrs Jane Leigh's estate; as Revd GA and his wife are the executors, he now replies to this claim, promising to arrange payment of £15.5s.od. from tenants.

Stoneleigh archive
DR/18/20/18

October 5, Wednesday

Revd GA pays £25 to Richard Owthen.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.388

October 12, Wednesday

Revd GA receives £276.18s.od., total of £266.5s.od. from 4% 1763 Stock paid off, plus £10.13s.od., being six months' interest on £532.10s.od. Stock to 10 October 1768.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.388

October 17, Monday

Revd GA pays £20 to Revd William Hillman; also spends £276.18s.od. buying £323.7s.8d. of Old South Sea Annuities, without dividend, at 85½% plus ¼% brokerage. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.388

October 22, Saturday

Probate of Mrs Susannah Austen's Will [29 September 1754] granted to Mrs Anna Beard; Revd GA can now claim her life-interest property in Tonbridge. PROB.11/942

October 25, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.388

November 3, Thursday

London: T.S. Hancock gives £1000 bond to William Summer. Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 29,226

November 5, Saturday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.388

November 8, Tuesday

London: Probate of Mrs Jane Leigh's Will [12 July 1768] granted to Revd GA and wife. Spence, 95–6
PROB.11/943/418

November 11, Friday

Revd GA receives £875 'By Cash'. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.388

November 16, Wednesday

Revd GA spends £865 buying £1000 of Old South Sea Annuities at 86¾% plus ¼% brokerage. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.388

November 17, Thursday

Revd GA pays £20 'To Receipt'. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.388

November 23, Wednesday

Revd GA receives £8.16s.3d. dividend on £587.12s.4d. of Old South Sea Annuities to 10 October 1768. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.388

November 25, Friday

Revd GA receives £33.9s.7d. by sale of £39.12s.10d. of Old South Sea Annuities at 86¼% plus ¼% brokerage, a fee of 5s.3d. for a transfer of £900 of the same being deducted. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.388

November 29, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £8 to Mrs Cassandra Wight. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.388

December 29, Tuesday

Wargrave, Berks.: Jane Leigh marries Revd Dr Edward Cooper, Fellow of All Souls. He resigns his Fellowship upon marriage, and they live with his mother, Mrs Ann Cooper, at Southcote, near Reading, Berks. Wargrave pr AP 26

Second half 1768?

T.S. Hancock returns alone to India, leaving wife Philadelphia and small dau. Betsy in London. He takes with him a portrait miniature of Philadelphia, painted by John Smart. AP 37
Le Faye, JAOC 21–2

⇒ Upon arrival in India he keeps a letter-book with copies of his letters to his wife. Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 29,236

↪ Warren Hastings, still in London, has to lend some money to Mrs PH until such time as TSH can send remittances from India. AP 39

— 1769 —

London: Mrs Elizabeth Hinton dies, but does not make any bequest to her foster child Leonora Austen; nevertheless wwr John Hinton keeps Leonora in his household. Le Faye, *Reports v*, 182–4

Chawton: Mr Thomas B.M. Knight buys cottage called Petty Johns, and uses it as a roadside inn, the New Inn. Vick, *Reports iv*, 388–91

India: T.S. Hancock arrives in Calcutta some time in 1769. AP 37
Le Faye, *JAOC* 21

January 7, Saturday

Revd GA pays 4s. for Letter of Attorney to sell £100 Old South Sea Annuities. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.388

January 10, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £268.6s.5d. for £281.5s.5d. of Old South Sea Annuities, at 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ % plus $\frac{1}{8}$ % brokerage. He also receives £268.18s.3d. for £266.5s.0d. of 4% 1763 Stock paid off in full, plus three months' interest to 5 January 1769, of £2.13s.3d. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.388

January 13, Friday

Revd GA receives £87.17s.6d. from sale of £100 Old South Sea Annuities at 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ % plus $\frac{1}{8}$ % brokerage. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.388

January 18, Wednesday

Revd GA receives £107.5s.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. from Thomas Walker per Child & Co. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.388

February 6, Monday

Endorsement to Mrs GA's marriage settlement: £1065 invested in 4% 1763 Stock now paid off; the sum of £1000 due to her upon her mother's death was paid into the hands of her Trustees Mr JLP and the Revd Harry Austen. These two sums, plus money arising from sale by public auction of Revd GA's property in Tonbridge, were invested in the purchase of £3350 Old South Sea Annuities. AP 333–4

February 8, Wednesday

England: Mrs Hancock writes letter No. 6 [*there is no record of her previous five letters*] to T.S. Hancock in India. Mrs Mitchel does not think that Mrs Hancock and Betsy should go to France. [Letter received 3 April 1770.] AP 49–52
TSH fos.4v–5v
JAOC 26

February 14, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £62 to Revd Dr Cooper. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.388

February 25, Saturday

Revd GA pays £20 to Thomas Hack, and £18.2s.0d. to William Rolfe. Hoare's Bank 75, fo.388

February 26, Sunday

Kintbury: John, fourth son of Revd Thomas Fowle and Jane Craven, born; dies infant. Sawtell, KF

March 1, Wednesday

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH, misnumbering her letter No. 6 again. [Letter received 14 April 1770.] AP 49–52
TSH fos.4v–5v

March 4, Saturday

Revd GA pays £30 to Bradley & Co.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.388

March 17, Friday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.388

March 20, Monday

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH in India, letter No. 7. Betsy remembers him, and hopes to see him again in three years' time. PH is sending him Hollands gin, books, newspapers, etc. She would like to take Betsy to France. [Letter received 4 October 1769.]

AP 39
TSH fo.1r-1v
Le Faye, JAOc 23

April 6, Thursday

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH in India, letter No. 8. News of Kentish cousin Sally Walter's engagement. [Letter received 24 January 1770.]

AP 42-6
TSH fos.2r-3v

April 13, Thursday

Great Bookham, Surrey: Samuel Cooke installed as vicar of St Nicholas.

Matts & Fenner 15

April 18, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £40 to Revd Dr Cooper.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.388

Spring

London, Leadenhall Street: James Walter and his sister Sarah come from Kent to visit their distant cousin John Walter, following the death of latter's father in **January 1769**. John's dau. Frances Maria (Fanny) Walter, aged about 6, remembers this as the first time she met her future husband, James, aged about 10.

FMW's Rems

Spring-Summer

Warren Hastings returns to India.

England: Mrs PH writes letters Nos. 9, 10, 11, and 12, to TSH in India. [Nos. 11 and 12 received 3 **January 1770**, Nos. 9 and 10 on 26 **January 1770**.]

↻ Mrs PH and Betsy have a country holiday at Yateley, Hants., probably staying with Hampson cousin Mrs Diggle.

Feiling, 61-3
AP 42-6
TSH fos.2r-3v
AP 51
TSH fos.2r-3v

May 1, Monday

Revd GA pays £15 to William Meade.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.388

May 17, Wednesday

Revd GA receives £50.5s.od. dividend on £3350 Old South Seas Annuities, to 5 April 1769.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.388

May 27, Saturday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.388

June 2, Friday

England: Mrs PH writes unnumbered letter to TSH in India. [Letter received 17 **January 1770**.]

AP 42-6
TSH fos.2r-3v

June 16, Friday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.388

June 22, Thursday

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH in India, unnumbered. [Letter received 17 **January 1770**.]

AP 42-6
TSH fos.2r-3v

September 13, Wednesday

India: Warren Hastings at Fort St George writes to TSH in Calcutta. Hastings has recently received two parcels from Mrs PH, which he has sent on to TSH; now sends on four letters from her. When he left England, Mrs PH and Betsy were in good health; is sorry to hear that TSH continues unwell.

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,125,
fo.4
Le Faye, JAOC 22–3

September 15, Friday

India: Warren Hastings at Fort St George writes to TSH in Calcutta: 'I have written to Mrs Hancock to inform her of my arrival . . .'

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,125,
fo.7

September 27, Wednesday

India: Warren Hastings at Fort St George writes to TSH in Calcutta: surprised at not hearing from him regarding their joint business ventures.

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,125,
fo.9

October 5, Thursday

India: TSH writes a gloomy letter from Calcutta to Warren Hastings at Fort St George. Worried about business and about Betsy's education.

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,125,
fo.13
Le Faye, JAOC 23

October 17, Tuesday

India: Warren Hastings at Fort St George writes to TSH in Calcutta: worried at not hearing from him – needs money from their joint business ventures.

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,125,
fo.11

October 31, Tuesday

England: Mrs PH writes letter No. 16 to TSH in India. [Letter received **4 June 1770.**]

AP 49–52
TSH fos.4v–5v

November 5, Sunday

India: Warren Hastings at Fort St George writes to TSH in Calcutta. Urges him not to be so despondent as in his letter of **5 October 1769**, but to concentrate on doing good business. Agrees that Betsy should have a lady's education, and assures TSH he will do whatever he can to help financially, once his own fortunes enable him to do so.

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,125,
fo.13
Le Faye, JAOC 23

November 13, Monday

Revd GA pays £10 to Thomas Hack.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.388

November 14, Tuesday

Revd GA receives £12 dividend on £800 Old South Seas Annuities, to 10 October 1769.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.388

November 16, Thursday

Revd GA receives £50.5s.od. dividend on £3350 Old South Seas Annuities, to 10 October 1769.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.388

November 20, Monday

Revd GA pays £16 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.388

November 23, Thursday

India: TSH in Calcutta writes to Mrs PH in England. Her No. 7 of **20 March** did not reach him till **4 October**. Sends on to her a letter received from Warren Hastings. Money here very short and difficult to remit; may have to stop the allowance he makes to sister Olivia. Thanks for gin, books,

AP 39–41
TSH fo.1r–1v
Le Faye, JAOC 21–3

newspapers, etc; hopes she and Betsy now in France; is sending some Indian fabrics home to her. Good wishes to her cousins Mrs Stanhope and Molly Freeman. He has been appointed Surgeon Extraordinary to the garrison, which is not the sinecure he had hoped it would be.

November 25, Saturday–November 26, Sunday

India: Warren Hastings writes business letters to TSH.

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,125,
fos.16–17

December 1, Friday

Revd GA pays £20 to Robert Gayer.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.388

December 12, Tuesday

England: Mrs PH and Betsy have both been unwell; Mrs PH now writes No. 17 to TSH in India, to tell him so. [Letter received 3 July 1770.] Betsy also writes.

AP 49–51
TSH fos.4v–5v
Le Faye, JAOc 26

December 19, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £43.10s.6d. to Revd Dr Cooper.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.388

December 26, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £20 to Thomas Hack.

Hoare's Bank 75,
fo.388

↪ This entry completes another page in the ledger; from September 1768 to December 1769, Revd GA's credits total £2009.15s.9½d. and debits £1982.18s.5d. Account continued in ledger 81, fo.298.

December 27, Wednesday

India: TSH in Calcutta writes to Mrs PH in England. One of her letters not yet received, due to slowness of ships. Sends his regards to Mr Francis A of Sevenoaks and to Revd GA. Her former maidservant Diana has come to him sick and begging, and he has given her money. He is arranging to send fabrics, attar of roses and cask of Constantia wine home to Mrs PH. She is to keep the fresh supply of attar, and give her old stock to her cousins Mrs Payne and Miss Molly Freeman. Very difficult to remit bills from India.

AP 41–2
TSH fos.1v–2r

December 30, Saturday

India: Warren Hastings at Fort St George to TSH in Calcutta. Encloses a letter from Mrs PH; 'I am happy to find they were both well, & Bessy improving very fast.'

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,125,
fo.22v

— 1770 —

India: During this year Warren Hastings, at Fort St George, writes frequently to TSH in Calcutta: asking for news of their joint ventures, suggesting business deals, discounting bills, reproaching TSH for not keeping him fully informed and not providing proper accounts. Letters of **9 February; 3 March; 11 April; 8, 20, 23 May; 24 June; 4, 9, 19, 25 July; 6, 18, 26 August; 25 September; 27 October; 1, 2, 30 November; 22, 27 December.**

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,125

January 4, Thursday

England: Mrs PH writes letter No. 18(?) to TSH in Calcutta. [Letter received 22 July 1771.]

TSH fo.9r–9v

January 7, Sunday

England: Mrs PH writes letter No.19 to TSH in Calcutta. [Letter received 8 August 1770.]

AP 49–52
TSH fos.4v–5v

January 11, Thursday

England: Mrs PH writes letter No. 20 to TSH in Calcutta. [Letter received 3 July 1770.]

AP 49–52
TSH fos.4v–5v

January 13, Saturday

Revd GA pays £18 to Thomas Hack.

Hoare's Bank 81,
fo.298

January 17, Wednesday

Revd GA makes his Will: everything to his wife, who is to be executrix as well. Witnesses: William Rolfe senior and junior, John Wisebridge.

PROB.11/1420
Vick, *Reports* IV, 343

January 17, Wednesday–February 6, Tuesday

Calcutta: TSH writes a long letter to Mrs PH in England, added to over several weeks. Acknowledges receipt of four letters from her, Nos. 11, 12 and two unnumbered, from which he learns she was planning to spend the summer of 1769 in the country. Her expenses are £600 p.a., his own here similar. Advises re Betsy's education.

AP 42–6
TSH fos.2r–3v
Le Faye, JAOC 23–4

January 24, Wednesday

TSH acknowledges Mrs PH's letter of 6 April 1769, No. 8, which travelled via Madras, with the news of Sarah (Sally) Walter's engagement.

January 26, Friday

TSH acknowledges two more letters from Mrs PH, Nos. 9 and 10. He is sending £1000 to England via Warren Hastings, and PH is to tell Mr Francis Austen about this. Not surprised that Mrs Hinton left nothing to Leonora Austen, and thinks Mr Hinton has behaved very well towards her; TSH himself will always do his share. His brother Colbron seems to be doing well in business. TSH has sent Indian spices to PH, and attar of roses will follow; is trying to obtain diamonds from Mr Motte in Benares.

January 27, Saturday

India: Warren Hastings writes letter No. 3 to Mrs PH [not copied to file].

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,126,
fo.22v

January 30, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £10 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank 81,
fo.298

January 31, Wednesday

England: Mrs PH writes letter No. 21 to TSH in India. Betsy not very well. [Letter received 3 July 1770.]

AP 49–52
TSH fos.4v–5v
Le Faye, JAOC 26

February 5, Monday

India: Warren Hastings writes to Mr Woodman, Tommy Woodman and Betsy Hancock. [None of these letters copied to file.]

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,126

February 14, Wednesday

Calcutta: TSH writes to Mrs PH: is sending her fabrics and attar of roses, and encloses a letter to Miss Freeman.

AP 46–7
TSH fos.3v–4r

February 20, Tuesday

England: Mrs PH writes No. 22 to TSH. Betsy is thriving. [Letter received early November 1770.]

AP 53
TSH fo.6v

March 2, Friday

Sarah (Sally) Walter, dau. of William Hampson W, dies just before marriage.

FMW Rems

March 15, Thursday

Calcutta: TSH writes to Mrs PH. Warren Hastings is sending some diamonds to her on TSH's account – she must tell Mr Francis Austen. TSH also hopes to spend £400–£500 on more diamonds, as Mr Motte can get this quantity. Her old maidservants Silima and Diana have now become prostitutes. TSH has moved to another house, one where they had lived previously, because it is cheaper even if less comfortable.

AP 47–9

TSH fo.4r

April 11, Wednesday

India: Warren Hastings at Fort St George writes to TSH at Calcutta. Acknowledges several letters from TSH received during past month. Is sending diamonds to value of £1000 to Mrs PH, via Mr Palk.

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,125,
fo.27v

May 2, Wednesday

London, Bolton Street: Revd GA writes to Mrs Walter in Tonbridge. He is staying with Mrs PH in London, and proposes to return to Steventon on **Saturday 12 May**. He suggests that Mrs Walter and little Phylly should come to London and travel back to Steventon with him, as William Hampson W. is going to be away for several weeks.

AP 22

⇒ Revd GA pays 4s. for Letter of Attorney to sell £100 Old South Sea Annuities.

Hoare's Bank **81**,
fo.298

May 4, Friday

Revd GA receives £83.10s.od. from sale of £100 Old South Sea Annuities at 83 $\frac{5}{8}$ % and $\frac{1}{8}$ % brokerage.

Hoare's Bank **81**,
fo.298

May 5, Saturday

Revd GA pays £30 'To Receipt'.

Hoare's Bank **81**,
fo.298

May 7, Monday

Revd GA pays 1 guinea to Messrs Hoare's Clerks.

Hoare's Bank **81**,
fo.298

May 12, Saturday

Revd GA receives £12 dividend on £800 Old South Sea Annuities to 5 April 1770. He probably returns home to Steventon as planned, Mrs W.H. Walter and Phylly travelling with him.

Hoare's Bank **81**,
fo.298
AP 22

May 15, Tuesday

Revd GA receives £50.5s.od. dividend on £3350 Old South Sea Annuities to 5 April 1770.

Hoare's Bank **81**,
fo.298

May 25, Friday

England: Mrs PH writes letter No. 25 to TSH. [Letter received **28 March 1771**, plus a parcel of papers.] Betsy also writes.

TSH fos.7v–8v

June 4, Monday

Revd GA pays £20 to Mr JLP.

Hoare's Bank **81**,
fo.298

⇒ Between **4 June** and **31 August 1770**, the diocese of Exeter proceeds with the collation of Revd Dr Edward Cooper to the prebend of Holcombe Burnell, Devon (a prebend of the diocese of Bath and Wells).

pc dio. Bath & Wells

June 7, Thursday

India: Warren Hastings writes two letters, Nos. 4 and 5, to Mrs PH, giving formal notice that he is sending her £1000-worth of diamonds by Mr Palk.

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,126,
fo.51

June 17, Sunday

England: Mrs PH writes an unnumbered letter to TSH. [Letter received 8 March 1771.]

TSH fos.7v–8v

June 22, Friday

England: Mrs PH writes an unnumbered letter to TSH. [Letter received 8 March 1771.]

TSH fos.7v–8v

end June

Steventon/Tonbridge: Mrs Walter and Phylly return to London and meet Mr WHW and Weaver there; all journey safely home to Tonbridge. Mrs Walter writes to Revd GA to tell him this.

AP 22–3

July 1, Sunday

London, Holborn: Edward, son of Revd Dr Edward Cooper and his wife Jane Leigh, born. Mrs GA travels to London to assist her sister, but only arrives after the birth, as baby was slightly premature. Mrs PH was probably in attendance.

AP 23
pc Clay

July 8, Sunday

Steventon: Revd GA writes to Mrs Walter with news of Edward Cooper's birth; he fears his own second son, George, will never be mentally normal. Hopes to visit the WHWs in Kent some future summer.

AP 22–4

July 14, Saturday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank 81,
fo.298

July 20, Friday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank 81,
fo.298

July 21, Saturday

London, St Andrew's Holborn: Edward Cooper baptised.

pc Clay

end July

Steventon: Mrs GA returns home from London, and brings Mrs PH and Betsy with her.

AP 23

early August

Steventon: Mrs PH and Betsy return to Bolton Street, London; from there go on to a country cottage at Byfleet, near Cobham, Surrey.

AP 25

August 22, Wednesday

Revd GA receives £12 dividend on £800 Old South Sea Annuities to 5 April 1769.

Hoare's Bank 81,
fo.298

August 26, Sunday

Steventon: Mrs GA writes to Mrs Walter in Tonbridge. Mrs GA acknowledges a letter received in London in July. Mrs Cooper and baby Edward now gone to Southcote; the As hope to visit them there, and the JLPs at Scarlets, next month. Mrs PH now gone to Byfleet.

AP 24–6
Le Faye, JAOC 25

August 31, Friday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank 81,
fo.298

Revd Dr Edward Cooper attends at Wells Cathedral for his installation to the prebend of Holcombe Burnell in Devon. Retains this position until his death in 1792.	pc dio. Bath & Wells
September 6, Thursday	
<i>Horsmonden:</i> Jane Austen, dau. of John Austen V, dies.	<i>PedA</i> 5
September 7, Friday	
<i>Calcutta:</i> TSH writes to Mrs PH. Acknowledges seven letters of hers received between April and present date, one dating back to 8 February 1769 and the latest 31 January 1770 . Glad to hear that Mrs PH was well received at Yateley. Warren Hastings sent home last year 2500 pagodas' worth of diamonds for the Hancocks' benefit, and TSH hopes Mrs PH received this in good time. He himself is also sending her diamonds, so that she need not apply to uncle Francis Austen for money. TSH was very ill with fever on 8 August , now recovered. Mr Vansittart has probably been drowned in the wreck of the <i>Aurora</i> off Cape Town. Worried to hear that both Mrs PH and Betsy were ill last December, and fears Betsy may still have the worms. Is sending the diamonds bought from Mr Motte, Mrs PH to use the proceeds of sale in England.	AP 49–52 TSH fos.4v–5v Le Faye, JAOc 26
September 16, Sunday	
<i>England:</i> Mrs PH writes to TSH. [Letter received September/October 1771 .]	TSH fos.9v–10v
September 17, Monday	
<i>England:</i> Betsy writes to TSH. [Letter received 23 September 1771 .]	TSH fos.9v–10v
October 13, Saturday	
<i>India:</i> Warren Hastings writes letters Nos. 6 and 7 to Mrs PH [not copied to file].	Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 29,126, fo.51
October 20, Saturday	
Revd GA pays £20 to Revd William Hillman.	Hoare's Bank 81 , fo.298
October 24, Wednesday	
<i>Kintbury:</i> Charles, fifth son of Revd Thomas Fowle and wife Jane Craven, born.	Sawtell, KF
October 30, Tuesday	
<i>Calcutta:</i> TSH tells Mrs PH all about his frugal lifestyle, hoping to save money for her benefit. Now lodging with Mr Lacam to share expenses. Calcutta much more expensive than when she was living there.	TSH fos.5v–6r
November 4, Sunday	
<i>England:</i> Mrs PH writes to TSH. [Letter received September/October 1771 .]	TSH fos.9v–10v
November 10, Saturday	
Revd GA receives £10.10s.od. dividend on £700 Old South Sea Annuities to 10 October 1770.	Hoare's Bank 81 , fo.298
November 15, Thursday	
Revd GA receives £50.5s.od. dividend on £3350 Old South Sea Annuities to 10 October 1770.	Hoare's Bank 81 , fo.298
November 16, Friday	
<i>England:</i> Mrs PH writes to TSH. [Letter received September/October 1771 .]	TSH fos.9v–10v
December 3, Monday	
<i>Steventon/Southcote:</i> Revd GA and wife, with little James, visit the Coopers at Southcote; Mrs GA has not seen them since Edward C's birth in London last July.	AP 26

December 8, Saturday

Southcote/Steventon: Revd GA and wife, with little James, return to Steventon from visiting Cooper family at Southcote. AP 26

December 9, Sunday

Steventon: Mrs GA writes to Mrs Walter – acknowledges her recent letter, gives latest news of visits past and planned; a pity the Walters are 80 miles away, makes visiting almost impossible. Little George is still with his foster-parents, and had a fit again recently. AP 26–7

December 12, Wednesday

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH. She is worried that Byfleet is in danger of winter floods. [Letter received **September/October 1771**.] TSH fos.9v–10v

December 17, Monday

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH. [Letter received **September/October 1771**.] TSH fos.9v–10v

December 20, Thursday

Calcutta: TSH writes to Betsy, pleased to hear of her studies, and acknowledging hers of **12 December 1769**. AP 52–3
Le Faye, JAOC 26
TSH fo.6r & v

December 22, Saturday

Henley: Mrs GA's girlhood friend Mary Newell of Henley Park marries George Birch of the Middle Temple. In **1788** they live at Barton Lodge, St Leonard's Hill, Clewer, Winkfield, Berks. Burn 147
LG
DPLP 324–5

December 26, Wednesday

Steventon: Revd GA and wife, with little James and Edward, go to visit the JLPs at Scarlets. AP 26

India: TSH writes to Mrs PH. He is presently on the river near Culpee, on a journey to the Sunderbund Woods, where *chunam* plaster is made; as he and Mr Lacam have a contract to supply this, they must oversee the business. Acknowledges Mrs PH's letter No. 22 of **20 February 1770**, received **early November 1770**; glad to know Betsy thrives. AP 53
Le Faye, JAOC 27
TSH fo.6v

— 1771 —

India: Warren Hastings, at Fort St George, writes to TSH in Calcutta – asking for news of their joint business ventures, suggesting deals, discounting bills, reproaching TSH for not keeping him fully informed and not providing proper accounts. Letters dated **11, 20 May; 3 June; 5 July; 8, 24, 25 September; 1 November**. Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 29,125

↪ Oliver Goldsmith publishes *The History of England* (London, 4 vols.); a copy of this goes to Steventon, and is annotated by the young JA, perhaps *c.* **1790**. JACAI 83
BibJA 441

Enborne, near Newbury, Berks.: Revd Nowys Lloyd presented to this living by 6th Lord Craven. Sawtell, *Reports III*, 304–11

Chawton: Estate surveyor Henry Hogben draws maps of all the Knight lands in Hampshire. Hants RO, photocopy 562

early January

Steventon: Revd and Mrs GA, with little James and Edward, return home from Scarlets. Mrs PH probably returns to London from Byfleet, driven away by winter floods. AP 26–7
Le Faye, JAOC 25–6

January 7, Monday

India: Warren Hastings writes to Mrs PH [not copied to file].

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,126,
fo.51v

January 14, Monday

Revd GA pays £18.8s.od. to Mr JLP.

Hoare's Bank **81**,
fo.298

January 18, Friday

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH. [Letter received **September/October 1771.**]

TSH fos.9v–10v

February 6, Wednesday

India: Warren Hastings writes to John Woodman in England: he is to discount TSH's bill for £200 and keep Mrs PH in funds. Hastings also writes same day to Mrs PH to advise her as above, and that he has sent some chintz to her.

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,126,
fo.57

February 8, Friday

Revd GA pays £8 to Cassandra Wight.

Hoare's Bank **81**,
fo.298

February 10, Sunday

Calcutta: TSH has just returned from his trip to the Sunderbund Woods, and tells Mrs PH all about the dangers involved. Is sending her Indian fabrics and spices.

TSH fo.7r

February 18, Monday

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH. [Letter received **September/October 1771.**]

TSH fos.9v–10v

February 25, Monday

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH. [Letter received **1 February 1772.**]

TSH fos.11v–12r

March 12, Tuesday

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH. [Letter received **September/November 1772.**]

TSH fos.14r–16v

March 13, Wednesday–March 28, Thursday

Calcutta: TSH writes to Mrs PH. Acknowledges her letters of **17 and 22 June 1770**, received **8 March 1771**. Disappointed in Betsy's 'hair picture'; remembers that their return to England on the *Medway* cost £1500. Now received her letter of **25 May 1770** plus papers; is sending her a pipe of Madeira and six pieces of muslin, please give some to Miss Freeman. Hopes to do well in latest trading project. Her old maidservants Silima and Diana are now streetwalkers. TSH had previously believed Diana's hard-luck story, and made her an allowance, but has ceased this. Could the Smart miniature, previously sent back to England, be conserved and returned to him. Glad to know that Mrs PH will holiday in Byfleet. His brother Colbron mentions the death of Sally Walter.

AP 53–5
TSH fos.7v–8v
Le Faye, JAO 27–8

March 20, Wednesday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank **81**,
fo.298

March 24, Sunday

India: Warren Hastings writes to Mrs PH [not copied to file].

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,126,
fo.61

March 25, Monday, Lady Day

India: Warren Hastings writes to Waller & Woodman, asking them to pay £200 to Mrs PH. Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 29,227, fo.87
Ashe, Hants.: Revd William Hillman leaves Ashe Park, which is then rented by two young men, Mr James Holder and his brother. AP 26–7

April 8, Monday

Calcutta: TSH writes to Mrs PH: has just received Betsy's letter of **25 May 1770**, and sends her four gold mohurs, English value £6.18s.od. AP 55–6
 TSH fo.8v
 Le Faye, JAOC 28
 TSH fo.9r

↪ Also writes same day to his sister Olivia in Kent: acknowledges hers of **29 November 1769** received **October 1770**. Sorry to hear she is unwell; unlikely they will ever see each other again.

April 9, Tuesday

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH. [Letter received **31 January 1772.**] TSH fos.11v–12r

April 17, Wednesday

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH. [Letter received **31 January 1772.**] TSH fos.11v–12r
Bishopstone, Wilts.: Mary, third dau. of Revd Nowys Lloyd and wife Martha Craven, born. MI Steventon

April 18, Thursday

Kent: Mrs PH and Betsy are visiting relations, and Betsy writes to TSH, possibly from Canterbury – received **4 April 1772.** AP 62
 TSH fo.13r

April 30, Tuesday

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH. [Letter received **6 December 1772.**] TSH fos.10v–11v

May

Bishopstone, Wilts.: Mary Lloyd baptised. Sawtell, *Reports III*, 304–11

May 1, Wednesday

Kent, ?Canterbury: Betsy writes to TSH – received **4 April 1772.** AP 62
 TSH fo.13r
 Le Faye, JAOC 31

May 8, Wednesday

Southcote, Berks.: Revd Dr Edward Cooper's mother, Mrs Ann Cooper, dies. Burn 249

May 11, Saturday

Henley: Mrs Ann Cooper buried. pc Clay
 ↪ Revd GA receives £10.10s.od. dividend on £700 Old South Sea Annuities to Hoare's Bank **81**,
 5 April 1771, and £50.5s.od. for dividend on £3350 of the same to 5 April. fo.298

May 17, Friday

Revd GA pays £15.12s.od. to Jarvis & Co. Hoare's Bank **81**,
 fo.298

June 8, Saturday

Steventon: Henry Thomas, fourth son of Revd and Mrs GA, born and privately baptised. Mrs PH may have been staying at Steventon for the event. Steventon pr
Peda 14

June 27, Thursday

Reading, Berks.: Jane, dau. of Revd Dr Edward Cooper and wife Jane Leigh, born. AP 29
 FCL FamHist,
 23M93/85/2
 ↪ Revd GA pays 4s. for Letter of Attorney to sell £50 Old South Sea Annuities. Hoare's Bank **81**,
 fo.298

July 3, Wednesday

Revd GA receives £43.12s.6d. from sale of £50 Old South Sea Annuities at 87 $\frac{3}{4}$ % and $\frac{1}{8}$ brokerage.

Hoare's Bank **81**,
fo.298

July 9, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe, and £13 to Mrs Hancock.

Hoare's Bank **81**,
fo.298

July 11, Thursday

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH.

TSH fos.14r–16v

July 12, Friday

Steventon: Henry Thomas Austen publicly christened. Godparents are Revd Thomas Leigh, rector of Adlestrop (maternal cousin); Revd Tom Powys, rector of Fawley, Bucks.; Mrs Hancock (father's sister).

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⇒ At age of about three months, he is weaned and sent to Littleworth family to be dry-nursed.

Le Faye, *Reports* **IV**,
64–70
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July 19, Friday

Reading, St Mary's: Jane Cooper publicly christened.

FCL FamHist,
23M93/85/2

India: Warren Hastings writes to Mrs PH [*not copied to file*].

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,126
Hoare's Bank **81**,
fo.298

⇒ Revd GA pays £20 to George Hack.

July 20, Saturday

India: Warren Hastings writes to Betsy Hancock and sends her a packet of Arcot ribbons by hand of Mr Vansittart [*not copied to file*].

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,126

July 21, Sunday

Steventon: Mrs GA writes to Mrs Walter at Tonbridge. Acknowledges Mrs W's letter of congratulations on HTA's birth in June; she and the baby are very well, as also the rest of her family. Announces birth of Jane Cooper, a few days younger than HTA. Mrs PH has written to tell the As she has recently received letters from Warren Hastings, newly appointed Governor of Bengal, and from TSH. Two agreeable young men are now renting Ashe Park following Revd Mr Hillman's departure. The Harwoods at Deane have a new dau.-in-law and are reconciled to their son's choice of wife. William Walter has written recently to Revd GA from the West Indies.

Le Faye, *N&Q* **32/3**,
329–30
Le Faye, *JAO* **C** 28

August 6, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £20 to Thomas Hack and £20 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank **81**,
fo.298

August 13, Tuesday

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH.

TSH fos.14r–16v

August 28, Wednesday

Calcutta: TSH writes to Mrs PH. Received her letter of **4 January 1770 on 22 July 1771**. Has also received her Nos. 23 and 24, with information that Betsy is learning French; she must have masters for writing and arithmetic as well. His trading scheme has been aborted, so cannot yet send Mrs PH any money.

TSH fo.9r–9v
Le Faye, *JAO* **C** 29
AP 56

September 14, Saturday

Revd GA pays £21 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank **81**,
fo.298

- London:* Mrs PH receives £200 from Waller & Woodman. Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 29,227, fo.87
- September–October 24, Thursday**
Calcutta: TSH writes a long letter to Mrs PH, added to over several weeks. Since his last letter he has received seven letters of hers, dating back to **16 September 1770**. Is sending her another pipe of Madeira; glad she likes Byfleet, but if there are floods in winter she should return to London earlier in the year. Uncle Francis Austen is the agent to sell the diamonds. Sorry she gave Mrs Payne all the attar of roses, as it cost 700 rupees. Glad to hear Betsy thrives. Is sending Indian fabrics and shawls, one to be given to maidservant Clarinda. He is in poor health, losing teeth, growing fat and has pains in the stomach; falls ill again just as he finishes this letter. AP 56
TSH fos.9v–11v
- November 12, Tuesday**
Revd GA pays 4s. for Letter of Attorney to sell £450 Old South Sea Annuities. Hoare's Bank 81, fo.298
- November 16, Saturday**
Revd GA pays £40 to Thomas Hack; receives dividends due 10 October 1771 – £9.15s.od. on £650 Old South Sea Annuities, and £50.5s.od. on £3350 of the same. Hoare's Bank 81, fo.298
- November 18, Monday**
Revd GA receives £373.11s.3d. from sale of £450 Old South Sea Annuities at 84¼%, ¼% brokerage. Hoare's Bank 81, fo.298
- November 21, Thursday**
Calcutta: TSH writes to Betsy. He did not receive her letter of **17 September 1770** until **23 September 1771**. Wants her to have a good pony to ride, and glad to hear she is being a good girl. AP 56–7
TSH fo.10v
Le Faye, JAOC 29
- November 29, Friday**
England: Mrs PH writes to TSH. TSH fos.14r–16v
- December 3, Tuesday**
England: Mrs PH writes to TSH. TSH fos.14r–16v
- December 6, Friday–1772, January 27, Monday**
Calcutta: TSH to Mrs PH. He fell ill just as finishing his last letter in the autumn. Has now received her letter No. 39 of **30 April 1771**. Remembers the kindness Miss Freeman (Molly) showed to Mrs PH in past years; he does not much like Miss Stella Freeman. Miss Freeman has sent him a pair of garters worked by herself. TSH falls ill again while writing this letter, and does not finish it till **27 January 1772**. AP 57–8
TSH fos.10v–11v
- December 14, Saturday**
Revd GA pays £8 to Mrs Cassandra Wight. Hoare's Bank 81, fo.298
- December 17, Tuesday**
England: Mrs PH writes to TSH. It is probably in this letter that she suggests bringing Betsy back to India in two years' time. Le Faye, JAOC 29 TSH fos.14r–16v
- December 23, Monday**
Revd GA pays £20 to Thomas Hack. Hoare's Bank 81, fo.298

December 25, Wednesday, Christmas Day

Bath: Rate books for 4th Quarter show Revd Dr Cooper now occupying the tenth house on the list for Royal Crescent; only thirteen houses as yet built/occupied out of eventual total of thirty. No rate given for Dr Cooper, other occupants paying 15s. per quarter [*In the Rate Book for 1773, a modern annotation gives this house as No. 12.*]

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December 30, Monday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank **81**,
fo.298

— 1772 —

London: Widower John Hinton marries Sarah Ivatt; Leonora Austen continues to live in Hinton household until probably 1777.

Le Faye, *Reports* v,
182-4

Welwyn, Herts.: Revd Thomas Bathurst makes his Will: leaves everything to his niece Dorothy, dau. of his brother Edward who died in Jamaica.

Jarvis, *Reports* III,
80-2

January 10, Friday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank **81**,
fo.298

January 14, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £30 to Edward Lane.

Hoare's Bank **81**,
fo.298

January 25, Saturday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank **81**,
fo.298

January 27, Monday

Calcutta: TSH finishes his letter to Mrs PH, which he started **6 December 1771** but had to put aside when he fell ill. Is sending her two more pieces of Malda silk, of which one should go to Miss Freeman, and a piece of flowered shawl to make a warm winter morning gown for Mrs PH.

AP 57-58
TSH fos.10v-11v

January 28, Tuesday

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH.

TSH fos.14r-16v

January 30, Thursday

India, Fort St George: Warren Hastings writes to Woodman family in London. He is sending them a pipe of old Madeira, which please share with Mrs PH.

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,133,
fo.17

January 31, Friday

Fort St George: Warren Hastings writes to Mrs PH: he is leaving Fort St George in two days' time to go to Bengal; is sending some Madeira home to her; best wishes to her and Betsy.

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,126,
fos.97v-99

Calcutta: TSH starts a letter to Mrs PH, not finished till **17 February 1772**. Has received her letters of **9 and 17 April 1771**. Wants her to buy a Kirkman harpsichord for Betsy. Writing by candlelight hurts his eyes. Is remitting her bills for £800. Has just received hers of **25 February 1771**, sorry the material he sent for Betsy's shifts was poor quality; is now sending more fabrics.

AP 58-60
TSH fos.11v-12r

February 5, Wednesday

London: John Woodman writes to Warren Hastings in India. He has received Hastings's letter of **20 July 1771**, with enclosure for Mrs PH; this he delivered, and passes back her verbal message that she is going out of London on business and cannot yet reply.

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,133,
fos.24-5.

- February 10, Monday**
Reading, Berks.: Local paper *Reading Mercury* reports theft of fowls from Mr JLP's henhouse at Scarlets – 10 guineas reward offered. Vick, *Reports* v, 41–6
- February 11, Tuesday**
England: Mrs PH writes to TSH. [Letter received 7 **January 1773.**] TSH fos.17v–18r
- February 17, Monday**
Calcutta: TSH finishes his letter to Mrs PH. Warren Hastings has just arrived in Bengal. TSH fos.11v–12r
- February 23, Sunday**
India, Fort William: Warren Hastings writes to John Woodman: is sending him a parcel to be passed on to Mrs PH. Hastings also writes to Mrs PH, to advise that he is sending her some chintz. Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 29,133, fo.56
- March 10, Tuesday**
England: Betsy writes to TSH in Calcutta. She has not yet started to learn arithmetic. AP 67–8
TSH fo.16v
Le Faye, JAOC 32
- March 18, Wednesday**
Revd GA pays £30 to William Rolfe. Hoare's Bank 81, fo.298
- March 20, Friday**
Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe. Hoare's Bank 81, fo.298
- ↻ This entry completes another page in the ledger; from January 1770 to end March 1772, Revd GA's credits total £788.6s.1½d. and debits £543.13s.od. Account continues in ledger 86, fo. 91.
- March 21, Saturday**
Tonbridge: Thomas Austen buried. PedA 3
- March 23, Monday**
Deane: John Bond of Laverstoke marries Ann Naishon of Deane. Deane pr
- March 29, Sunday**
Calcutta: TSH sends a hurried note to Mrs PH, as the ship is about to sail. Try to see that Betsy remembers him. Also writes a note to Miss Freeman: thanks her for the garters she made, which he received last December; repeats thanks for the kindness the Freemans showed to Mrs PH in her earlier life, and the friendly way in which they welcomed him upon his return to England. He falls ill again at the end of this short letter. AP 60
TSH fos.12r–14v
- March 31, Tuesday**
Revd GA pays £40 to William Rolfe. Hoare's Bank 86, fo.91
- April 4, Saturday**
Calcutta: TSH writes to Mrs PH: introducing Major Morgan and Major Sears – former will bring her some muslin and attar of roses. TSH fos.12v–13r
AP 62
↻ Also writes to Betsy: has received her letters of **18 April** and **1 May 1771**; glad to hear she had a happy visit to Canterbury, and hopes she now has a good saddle-horse to ride. TSH fo.13r
Le Faye, JAOC 31
- April 8, Wednesday**
Calcutta: TSH writes to Mrs PH, enlarging upon his letter of introduction of **4 April**. Apart from what the two majors may deliver, friend Mrs Bowers is AP 62–3
TSH fo.13r–v

sending various items, and he himself is sending a pipe of Madeira and a cask of lime achar – give something of all these to Miss Freeman, Mrs GA and to his brother Colbron Hancock.

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH. [Letter received 22 June 1773.]

TSH fos.19v–20v

April 9, Thursday

India: Warren Hastings writes to Mrs PH [not copied to file].

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,127

April 18, Saturday

Revd GA pays £50 to Thomas Hack.

Hoare's Bank 86,
fo.91

April 19, Sunday, Easter Day

Calcutta: TSH writes to Mrs PH; the bad 'hair picture' of Betsy is going back with Major Sears. Mr Pascal will bring more pieces of material and Indian spices. TSH describes Warren Hastings's present household, which now includes his mistress Mrs Marian Imhoff. TSH in poor health and getting worse.

AP 63–4
TSH fos.13v–14r

April 28, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £100 'To Receipt'.

Hoare's Bank 86,
fo.91

April 29, Wednesday

Revd GA pays 4s. for Letter of Attorney to sell £200 Old South Sea Annuities.

Hoare's Bank 86,
fo.91

April 30, Thursday

Steventon: Revd John Jones, curate of Deane, takes a marriage at Steventon.

Steventon pr

May 5, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £50 'To Receipt'.

Hoare's Bank 86,
fo.91

May 6, Wednesday

Revd GA receives £172.10s.od. from sale of £200 Old South Sea Annuities at 86%% with 1/8% brokerage.

Hoare's Bank 86,
fo.91

May 15, Friday

Revd GA receives £3 dividend on £200 Old South Sea Annuities to 5 April 1772, also £50.5s.od. dividend on £3350 of same to same date.

Hoare's Bank 86,
fo.91

May 20, Wednesday

Revd GA pays £30 to John Harwood.

Hoare's Bank 86,
fo.91

May 29, Friday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank 86,
fo.91

June 11, Thursday

Francis Motley Austen of Sevenoaks marries Elizabeth Wilson, dau. and co-heiress of Sir Thomas Wilson of West Wickham; she has a dowry of £9000, as well as numerous landed properties.

PedA 6
Keith-Lucas 100

June 24, Wednesday, St John Baptist Quarter Day

Bath: Rate book, list for Royal Crescent: 'Dr Edward Cooper, first Qr void 15s'.

Bath rate book

June 26, Friday

Revd GA pays £25 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank 86,
fo.91

July 1, Wednesday

Revd GA pays £20 to Mrs PH.

Hoare's Bank 86,
fo.91

July 31, Friday

Revd GA pays £30 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank 86,
fo.91

August 21, Friday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank 86,
fo.91

August 28, Friday

Revd GA pays £20 to Edward Pyott.

Hoare's Bank 86,
fo.91

August 31, Monday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank 86,
fo.91

September 7, Monday

India: Warren Hastings writes to Mrs PH and to the Woodmans [not copied to file].

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,127

September 23, Wednesday–November 7, Saturday

Calcutta: TSH writes a very long letter to Mrs PH, left open and added to for weeks. He has been ill again; has now received seven letters from her; trade is very bad. Firm that he does not want her to bring Betsy back to India – too many physical and moral dangers involved. He is glad to hear the George Austens are well, but sorry their family increases so fast, especially as his godson George Jnr is incapable. Mr Francis Austen is an inefficient attorney for him; Mr Walter's gifts of books are badly bound. Messages to Lady Tankerville, Major York's family and Mrs Stanhope. Thanks her for the currant jelly and raspberry jam, which latter helped him somewhat in this latest illness. She is not to worry about her living expenses. He is sending her a cask of pickled mangoes, and will try to get Cossimbazar silks. Send him haberdashery and a new seal-die, but no more embroidered waistcoats. Betsy is to have a good music master, and also masters for writing and arithmetic.

AP 64–8
TSH fos.14r–16v
Le Faye, JAOC
31–2

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH. [Letter received 22 June 1773.]

TSH fos.19v–20v

September 29, Tuesday, Michaelmas Day

England: Betsy writes to TSH in Calcutta – acknowledged 9 August 1773.

TSH fo.20v
AP 72

October 1, Thursday

Revd GA pays £20 to Thomas Hack.

Hoare's Bank 86,
fo.91

October 6, Tuesday

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH. [Letter received 22 June 1773.]

TSH fos.19v–20v

November 7, Saturday

Calcutta: TSH finishes his letter to Mrs PH. Also writes separately to Betsy: acknowledges three received from her, glad to hear she acted her part in the play so well, sorry to hear that as recently as last March she still had not started to learn arithmetic.

AP 67–8
TSH fo.16v
Le Faye, JAOC 32

⇒ Revd GA pays £28 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank 86,
fo.91

November 8, Sunday

Steventon: Mrs GA writes to Mrs Walter in Tonbridge. Mrs GA acknowledges a letter just received from Mrs W and is sorry they still have not visited Steventon. Mrs GA herself cannot visit Kent – too far, too many young children. Infant HTA has just returned from being dry-nursed by his local foster-parents, so Mrs GA now has all four of her little boys at home with her; she is pregnant again, baby expected in January 1773; Mrs PH will come to attend her in this confinement. Revd Dr Cooper and wife now have a dau. as well as a son, and are quite settled in Bath. The JLPs have both been ill but recovered.

AP 27–8 *Memoir* 39

Calcutta: TSH has another severe attack of fever.

TSH fos.16v–17r

November 9, Monday

Revd GA receives £50.5s.od. dividend on £3350 Old South Sea Annuities to 10 October 1772.

Hoare's Bank 86, fo.91

November 11, Wednesday

London: John Woodman writes to Warren Hastings: as TSH has already sent Mrs PH two pipes of Madeira, she does not feel she needs to share in the pipe which he is sending to the Woodmans.

Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 29,133, fos.282, 288

India: Warren Hastings writes to Mrs PH [not copied to file].

Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 29,127

November 17, Tuesday

England: Mrs PH writes to TSH. Betsy is happy with her horse and has Mr Berg as her music master. [Letter received 29 June 1773.]

TSH, fos.19v–20v

December 10, Thursday

India: Warren Hastings sends two letters to Mrs PH, 'one concerning China Bills per Packet, the other by Mr Anderson advising of ye Cabinet'.

Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 29,127

December 11, Friday

Calcutta: TSH writes to Mrs PH. Warren Hastings has given TSH a Respondentia Bond for 40000 rupees (£5000) as a present for Betsy. TSH will send this money home at once. He is sending various Indian fabrics to her, of which two pieces are to go to Revd GA for neckcloths, and two to Colbron Hancock; something else of the fabrics is to go to Mrs Walter as well. He has now got a contract to provide ironwork and woodwork for defences at the Fort, and the *chunam* contract is renewed, so hopes to make money from both projects. Sending her pickled mangoes and cassoonduy sauce.

AP 68–9

TSH fos.16v–17r

Le Faye, JAO 33

⇒ Also writes a letter of introduction for Mr Imhoff to present to Mrs PH when he reaches England.

TSH fo. 17v

December 12, Saturday

London: Mrs PH writes to TSH: she is now renting a rather expensive house in Hertford Street, for which she apologises. [Letter received 29 June 1773.]

TSH fos.19v–20v

December 16, Wednesday

Revd GA pays £24 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank 86, fo.91

December 23, Wednesday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe.

Hoare's Bank 86, fo.91

- James Thomson's poetical works are published in four volumes; in later years Mr JLP gives his copy to JA. JACAI 87
BibJA 445
- Sevenoaks*: Francis Austen retires from the office of Clerk of the Peace for Kent, and is succeeded by his eldest son Francis Motley Austen, who in turn keeps the post till 1808. Francis Motley Austen is likewise a governor of Sevenoaks School and trustee of several turnpike trusts. Keith-Lucas 93–5
- Sevenoaks*: John Austen VI sells The Old House [*modern numeration 18 High Street*]. Brade-Birks
- Deane*: The parish is enclosed this year; promoters are John Harwood, Henrietta Bramston, and Revd GA. Context 190
- January 1, Friday**
- Revd GA pays two years' bank charges, at 1 guinea p.a. Hoare's Bank 86, fo.91
- January 7, Thursday**
- Calcutta*: TSH receives Mrs PH's letter of 11 February 1772, and sends off another pipe of Madeira to her. TSH fos.17v–18r
- January 8, Friday**
- Calcutta*: TSH writes to Mrs PH: acknowledges her letter of 11 February 1772 received yesterday. The waistcoat was lost when Mrs Blomers drowned while disembarking. Mrs PH is to distribute some of the Madeira to Revd GA, Mr Walter, Colbron Hancock and the Misses Freeman. He encloses letters to Mr Francis Austen which Mrs PH is to read, seal and despatch. Also encloses a letter for Colbron Hancock on money matters, which Mrs PH is to seal and despatch. TSH fos.17v–18r
- January 9, Saturday**
- Steventon*: Cassandra Elizabeth, elder dau. of Revd and Mrs GA, is born and privately baptised. Mrs Hancock is in attendance to help nurse Mrs GA. Steventon pr
Lefroy MS
AP 28, 72
PedA 21
- January 10, Sunday**
- Steventon*: Mrs PH writes to TSH to announce CEA's birth. She promises to engage tutors to teach Betsy writing and arithmetic. Betsy also writes to TSH. AP 72
TSH fos. 19v–10v
- January 25, Monday**
- Steventon*: CEA publicly christened. Godparents are Revd Dr Theophilus Leigh, Master of Balliol College, Oxford (maternal great-uncle); Mrs Cooper (mother's sister); Miss Elizabeth Leigh (maternal cousin). Steventon pr
Lefroy MS
- January 26, Tuesday**
- Revd GA pays £8 to Mrs Cassandra Wight. Hoare's Bank 86, fo.91
- January 27, Wednesday**
- Calcutta*: TSH writes short note to Mrs PH: is sending her two pieces of best white handkerchief, and will try to get two shawl handkerchiefs as well. Is also sending presents for Mr Mitchell of the India House and Mr Richardson. TSH fo.18r–v
- January 30, Saturday**
- England*: Mrs PH writes a letter of introduction for some acquaintance to present to TSH. [Letter received 7 November 1773.] TSH fos. 21v–22r

February 13, Saturday

Revd GA receives £300 from Mr JLP.

Hoare's Bank **86**,
fo.91

February 27, Saturday

Calcutta: TSH writes to Mrs PH. Mr Imhoff is going to England (leaving Mrs Imhoff with Warren Hastings), and TSH will give him a letter of introduction to PH. He also sends bills to value of £607.10s.od. for Mrs PH to deliver to Mr Francis Austen – remittances are still very difficult. He was ill again last month.

AP 69
TSH fo.18v

?February/March

Steventon: Mrs Cooper and her two children pay a visit.

AP 29

March 2, Tuesday

Calcutta: TSH writes to Mrs PH: a quick note enclosing bills for £500, and a separate letter of introduction for Mr Imhoff to carry.

TSH fos.18v–19r

March 4, Thursday

Calcutta: TSH writes to Mrs PH. Mr Imhoff's departure is now delayed, so TSH is writing to Mr Francis Austen on money matters – Mr FA never gives TSH any accounts.

AP 69
TSH fo.19r

March 16, Tuesday

England: Mrs PH writes a letter of introduction for someone to present to TSH. [Letter received 7 **November 1773**.]

TSH fos.21v–22r

March 19, Friday

Revd GA pays £20 to Thomas Hack.

Hoare's Bank **86**,
fo.91

March 23, Tuesday

Mr Francis Austen bought the presentation of the rectory of Deane from the patron, Wither Bramston, 'for this time only'; and now that Revd William Hillman has died, Mr FA presents Revd GA to this living, which is valued at £110 p.a.

PedA 12
AP 17
Tucker 3
Jarvis, *Reports* III, 13
pc Lefroy

⇒ At some time hereafter Mr FA sells the next presentation of Ashe to Mr Benjamin Langlois for £960.

March 24, Wednesday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Dicker.

Hoare's Bank **86**,
fo.91

March 27, Saturday

Revd GA pays £120 'To Receipt'.

Hoare's Bank **86**,
fo.91

⇒ Archbishop of Canterbury formally approves Revd GA holding the two small livings of Deane and Steventon in plurality.

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GM for 1773

March 28, Sunday

England: Mrs PH writes a letter of introduction for some acquaintance to present to TSH. [Letter acknowledged 7 **November 1773**.]

TSH fos.21v–22r

March 29, Monday

Calcutta: TSH writes to Mrs PH. He has given up all hopes of ever returning to England; his funds are only £20000, which means an income of £700 pa, which she already knows would be far too little to support them. He would like to have more letters from Betsy, and Mrs PH should send a miniature of Betsy to Mrs Bowers. TSH has been ill again, gravel and gout in the stomach constantly recurring.

AP 69–70
TSH fos.19r & v

April 1, Thursday–April 3, Saturday

Deane: Revd GA admitted and inducted to rectory of Deane, void by death of William Hillman. Bishop's Act Book

April 3, Saturday

India: Warren Hastings writes short letter to Mrs PH [not copied to file]. Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 29,127

April 7, Wednesday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe. Hoare's Bank 86, fo.91

early April

Steventon: CEA weaned and put out to be dry-nursed by cottager foster-parents at Deane. AP 29
Le Faye, *Reports* IV, 64–70
Memoir 39

April 29, Thursday

Revd GA pays £20 to Edward Pyott. Hoare's Bank 86, fo.91

May 12, Wednesday

Revd GA receives dividend of £50.5s.od. on £3350 Old South Sea Annuities to 5 April 1773. Hoare's Bank 86, fo.91

May 13, Thursday

Revd GA pays £20 to Thomas Hack. Hoare's Bank 86, fo.91

May 19, Wednesday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe. Hoare's Bank 86, fo.91

May 29, Saturday

Francis Lucius, eldest son of Francis Motley Austen and wife Elizabeth Wilson, born. *PedA* 6

June

Kingston, Jamaica: Sir George Francis Hampson, 6th baronet, makes his Will: to have a plain modest funeral, unlike the usual Jamaican custom. His only son Thomas Philip is already accounted for, as he will get his deceased mother's property immediately upon Sir GF's death. Sir GF's own property, with slaves, in Kingston, is therefore to go to his daughter Mary and his sisters Jane Louisa Hampson and Frances Elizabeth Diggle of Yately. His kinsman John Cope Freeman is to be guardian of Mary and Thomas Philip, and if JCF dies prematurely other kinsmen William Walter and George Pinnock must take over care of the children. Joint executors to be James and Philip Pinnock. PROB.11/1015/17

June 4, Friday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe. Hoare's Bank 86, fo.91

June 6, Sunday

Steventon: Mrs GA writes to Mrs Walter at Tonbridge. Mrs GA acknowledges Mrs W's letter. Revd GA visited Tonbridge recently, but it was a business trip and he had no time to call on the Walters. All her children are well, CEA currently with foster-parents. Revd GA has just taken little Lord Lyminster, aged 5½, as a pupil, and he is very happy playing with Jemmy and Neddy Austen. AP 28–30

June 7, Monday

Steventon: Mr and Mrs JLP are due to come to Steventon today for a fortnight's visit. AP 29

Deane: Revd GA exchanges some small parcels of glebe land with John Harwood, for their mutual convenience. Hants RO,
312M87/T42/1,2,4,5

June 15, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £31 to Thomas Knight, and £20 to Thomas Hack. Hoare's Bank 86,
fo.91

June 22, Tuesday–August 9, Monday

Calcutta: TSH writes to Mrs PH, letter left open and added to for weeks. Has received today her three letters of **8 April, 23 September and 6 October 1772**, advising that Mr Francis Austen has received the Hancocks' £2000; but this is still not receipted to TSH. Rejects her offer of a third waistcoat and religious books. His joint contract with Mr Lacam will probably prove a loss-maker. AP 70–1
TSH fos.19v–20v

⇒ On **29 June** he receives her letters of **17 November and 12 December 1772**; on **4 August** he receives the six pairs of shoes he asked her for, and hopes they will be better than those previously sent, the seams of which split at first wearing.

⇒ On **9 August** he receives hers of **10 January 1773**, announcing the birth of CEA; TSH regrets the continuing increase of the GA family. He is glad to hear that Betsy will have masters for writing and arithmetic.

July 20, Tuesday–September 3, Friday

Calcutta: TSH ill intermittently during this period – fever and diarrhoea. TSH fos.20v–21v

July 22, Thursday

Revd GA pays £25 to William Rolfe. Hoare's Bank 86,
fo.91

August 9, Monday

Calcutta: TSH finally finishes his letter to Mrs PH. Also writes to Betsy, acknowledging hers of **29 September 1772** and **10 January 1773** – glad to hear she enjoys riding, and hopes her writing will improve. TSH fo.20v

August 29, Sunday

Revd GA pays £25 to William Rolfe. Hoare's Bank 86,
fo.91

September 3, Friday–October 11, Monday

Calcutta: TSH to Mrs PH. She forgot to tell him about Francis Motley A's marriage, but TSH does not now think the matter important. He will try to send her more money as she requests, but cannot send any bills at the moment. Her letter No. 57 arrived on **22 August**, when he was ill, and he continues ill at present. Has not heard from Colbron H in answer to request. AP 73–4
TSH fos.20v–21v

October 11, Monday

Deane: Revd GA takes a marriage at Deane, now signing the register as rector. Deane pr

October 28, Thursday

Deane: Revd GA agrees with John Harwood regarding new hedges round the parcels of land they recently exchanged; John Harwood to pay £16.7s.6d. to Revd GA. Hants RO,
312M87/T42/5

November

Steventon: New pupil, William Vanderstegen, comes to the rectory. AP 30

November 7, Sunday

Calcutta: TSH writes to Mrs PH, angry that Mrs Strachey's malicious gossip has caused Lady Clive to withdraw her friendship from Mrs PH. TSH does not want to wear the latest embroidered waistcoat that Mrs PH has sent to him, and is aggrieved at Mr Francis Austen's mismanagement of his financial affairs. He has now received four letters from her, of **10 and 30 January, 16 and 28 March**; three of these are introductions; useless for her to write them, because he is in no position to help anyone. Warren Hastings also does not want to receive any more introductions. TSH will send her some fabrics; is glad to hear of Revd GA's success. A letter from Colbron H has arrived at last, having taken three and a half years to do so.

⇒ He also writes a formal letter to Mrs PH, for her to show to anyone else who asks for an introduction, refusing to accept such requests.

November 11, Thursday

Revd GA receives £50.5s.od. on £3350 Old South Sea Annuities to 10 October 1773.

November 23, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £20 to William Rolfe.

December 10, Friday

Revd GA pays £30 to William Rolfe.

This entry completes a page in the ledger. Since March 1772 Revd GA's credits total £921.3s.0½d., and debits £918.6s.od. Account c/f to ledger **89**, fo. 227.

⇒ *London:* John Woodman writes to Warren Hastings: in a postscript adds they will go to Betsy's birthday party on **22 December**.

December 12, Sunday

Steventon: Mrs GA writes to Mrs Walter at Tonbridge. Sorry to hear, via Mrs PH, that Sir George Hampson has had a bad accident; hopes he will soon recover and be able to take George Walter back to Jamaica with him next spring. Lord Lynington has left Steventon, as his mother has taken him to London to find a cure for his stammer. The new pupil William Vanderstegen is a good-natured boy. CEA now walking very well. Hopes that young James Walter will be able to call at Steventon during the coming holidays.

December 13, Monday

Calcutta: TSH writes a hasty note to Mrs PH, enclosing a bill for £150; a longer letter will follow.

December 18, Saturday

Calcutta: TSH writes to Mrs PH: repeats that he would like the Smart portrait miniature of her to be sent back to him, as he requested on **13 March 1771**. Complains again about Mr Francis Austen's inability to provide proper receipts and accounts, as he holds nearly all TSH's funds. TSH is thinking of asking John Woodman to take over this function – Mrs PH should discuss this with Revd GA and William Hampson Walter. TSH is sending her a hundred white handkerchiefs, fifty shifts, six pieces flowered muslin, one cask pickled limes, one cask mangoes and a bottle of cassoondy. He has lost money on the *chunam* contract, and the contract for repairs at the Fort has been cancelled.

December 20, Monday

Calcutta: TSH writes a letter of introduction for a Mr Higgs to present to Mrs PH. TSH fo.23r

December 22, Wednesday

London: The Woodman family visit Mrs PH to attend Betsy's birthday party, and John Woodman adds a note about this in his next letter to Warren Hastings. Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 29,134, fo.18o
Le Faye, JAOC 35

December 25, Saturday, Christmas Day

Bath: Rate book for 4th quarter shows twenty-nine houses now built in Royal Crescent. Revd Dr Cooper is paying rate of 16s.8d. per quarter for No. 12. The Coopers stay at this house until at least **June 1780**, paying the same quarterly rate. Bath rate books

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It may be this year that Mr JLP has his portrait painted in oils by Francis Alleyne – small oval, three-quarter length, seated, wearing blue coat and buff breeches. private colln Isel Selwyn, *Report* for 2006, 78–81
Stoneleigh Abbey, Warwicks.: Edward, 5th Lord Leigh, officially declared a lunatic. Bearman, *Ps* 10 23

January 11, Tuesday

Revd GA pays 1 guinea bank charges. Hoare's Bank 89, fo.227

January 16, Sunday

Calcutta: TSH writes to Mrs PH, gloomy again about his expenses and lack of proper financial provision for her. During the three and a half years they were together in England, and including the cost of his return to India, they spent £5366, which means £1534 p.a., which at 3½% p.a. needs a capital sum of £44000. In this period he also gave his sister Olivia £143 and lent £50 to William Hampson Walter. He is sending her some money, also more mangoes and cassoondy. AP 75
TSH fos.23r–24r

January 17, Monday

Calcutta: TSH writes formally to Mrs PH and Revd GA, sending a bill for £247 drawn by James Ellis on Robert Mayne & Co., which is to be paid to Mrs PH. Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 29,227, fo.220

January 30, Sunday

London: John Woodman writes to Warren Hastings, with brief mention of Mrs PH and Betsy both being well. Hastings papers, BLAddMSS 29,134, fos.294–5
Le Faye, JAOC 35

February 4, Friday–March 22, Tuesday

Calcutta: TSH writes to Mrs PH. Advises her to bank with Gosling & Clive; an attempt to send her money via Canton has failed; is sending her a box of silver, though its sale in England will only make a loss on what he had to pay for it in India; asks for a map of London, six new razors and various books. Health rather better so far this year. AP 75–6
TSH fo.24r & v

April 23, Saturday

Steventon: Francis William, fifth son of Revd and Mrs GA, born.

PedA 14
Lefroy MS

April 25, Monday

Steventon: Francis William Austen privately baptised.

Steventon pr

May 10, Tuesday

Revd GA receives £50.5s.od. dividend on £3350 Old South Sea Annuities to 5 May 1774.

Hoare's Bank 89,
fo.227

May 12, Thursday

Revd GA pays £50 to Revd Dr Cooper.

Hoare's Bank 89,
fo.227

May 27, Friday

Steventon: Francis William Austen publicly christened. Godparents are Mr William Vanderstegen of Cane End, Oxfordshire; Mr William Hampson Walter (father's half-brother), and Mrs Perrot (maternal uncle's wife).

Steventon pr
Lefroy MS

↻ At age of about three months is weaned and sent to Littleworth family to be dry-nursed.

Le Faye, *Reports* IV,
64-70
Memoir 39

June 28, Tuesday

Calcutta: Warren Hastings and TSH, as attorneys for Mrs Ellinor Davis, are suing Charles Stuart, as executor of James Philip Lyon deceased, for payment of outstanding money and interest, amounting to more than 82000 rupees.

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,232

July 24, Sunday

West Wickham, Kent: Edgar Francis, third but only surviving son of Revd Harry Austen, born.

PedA 4

July 30, Saturday

London: Mrs PH presents the bill for £247.

Hastings papers,
BLAddMSS 29,227,
fo.220

August 26, Friday

Calcutta: TSH is not pleased to think that Mrs PH's cousin Philip Stanhope is coming to India, as TSH will have expense of boarding him. TSH has recently received six letters from her, and intended to answer every paragraph of each, but as she apparently does not want to receive very long letters from him, he will not bother. Mr Francis Austen has at last written and sent proper accounts. TSH has lost 40000 rupees over his aborted works contract.

AP 76-7
TSH fos.24v-25r

November 9, Wednesday

Revd GA receives £50.5s.od. dividend on £3350 Old South Sea Annuities to 10 October 1774.

Hoare's Bank 89,
fo.227

November 29, Tuesday

Revd GA pays £50 to Mrs PH.

Hoare's Bank 89,
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December 3, Saturday

Henry T.C. Freeman makes his Will: to his dear relation Revd GA, £100.

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December 6, Tuesday

Calcutta: TSH writes to Mrs PH. Betsy's picture is spoilt by the Indian climate; he is glad to think Mrs PH intends to keep a carriage; she is not to economise

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