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Wills on Microfilm at The Hive



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Wills and Probate Records

The main types of probate records are wills, letters of administration and inventories. A will is a legal document in which a person records their last wishes before they die and describes the rights of others over their property after their death. If a person dies without making a will he is described as 'intestate'; in this case the court can grant 'letters of administration' which appoints administrators to administer the estate of the intestate. Letters of administration are sometimes referred to as 'admons'. Up to 1782 it was obligatory for every executor or administrator to return into the registry of the court an inventory of the deceased's goods, although these have not always survived.

Why We Have Wills

Before 1858 proving of wills came within the jurisdiction of courts that were administered by the church. The Prerogative Court of Canterbury (PCC) had over-riding jurisdiction in England and Wales during this time and had sole jurisdiction over those with property in more than one diocese in the Southern Province, which included Worcestershire. The Prerogative Court of York (PCY) had control over the Northern Province. PCC wills are held by The National Archives and PCY wills are held by the Borthwick Institute in York.

Each diocese had a consistory court, and copies of these records can usually be found at County Record Offices. Our collection of wills is for the Diocese of Worcester. This means that it may be possible to find wills in our collection from parishes in other counties that may have been in the Diocese of Worcester.

There are, however, some exceptions as to how and where wills were proved. These include:

- During the interregnum (1653-1660) all wills were proved in London
- If the Bishop owned land and property in some parishes, he could grant special authority to these places and allow them to prove their own wills. These parishes are also known as 'Peculiars'

In 1858 a Principal Probate Registry and 40 District Probate Registries for England and Wales were established. You can view the copied versions of these wills up until 1928.

Using the Handlist

1. If you are searching for a will proved at Worcester, then most wills between 1451 and 1928 can be viewed on microfilm. If you are looking for the will of a particular person, you will first need to use our wills name index to establish whether there might be a will. Remember also that any date given will be a date of probate, not a date of death.
2. This handlist is indexed by type of will and date. Find the section containing the type of will and the date you require, and this will tell you what number microfilm you need to view.
3. Select the film you require. The films are arranged in numerical order. Take out the film, leaving your marker in its place.

Information in Wills

- Names and relationship of family members
- Details of occupation
- Names and description of the contents of a property
- Value of belongings
- Description of the size of the property

Limitations Include

- Some wills have not survived, are badly damaged or illegible
- Many people did not make a will
- Before the Married Women's Property Act (1883) very few women made wills
- Some wills were never proved
- Some records give little information

Other Sources

- General Index to original records
- National Probate Calendar 1858-1943.
- Wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1686 - 1693. Index, collated by Anthony Camp, available in three volumes.
- Greenbank wills 1631-1800. An artificial collection created by Mr Greenbank, the Diocesan Registrar.
- These are not to be found in the main indexes. Instead, the index is available online.
- Peculiars. Certain parishes were exempt from the control of the bishop and archdeacon of the Diocese in which they were

situated. They were subject instead of others such as lord of the manor or Dean and chapter of the Cathedral. Most were abolished in 1840. This Index is available online.

For further background on Wills please see The National Archives (TNA) Guidance on Wills and Administrations at [Wills before 1858](#) and [Wills after 1858](#).

Worcester Consistory Court Registered Wills - 1451-1642

Dates	BA Numbers	Volume Numbers	Film Numbers
1451-1495 1509-1539 1543-1642 (part)	3590/1	1 2 and 3 5 (part)	A
1543-1642 (part)	3590/2	5 (continued) 6 Part 1 6 Part 2 7 (part)	B
1543-1642 (part)	3590/3	7 (continued) 8	C

Worcestershire Wills Proved in London - 1652-1739

Dates	BA Number	Volume Numbers	Film Number
1652-1739	3590/4	Item number 4 on film	C

Worcestershire Original Wills Part 1 - 1493-1693

Dates	Will Numbers	Film Numbers	Notes
1493-1536	1-80	1	
1493-1536 (continued) 1537	81-268 1-130	2	
1538	1-4 5-335	3	
1538 (continued) 1539	335-379 1-110	4	Pages in very poor condition
1540 1541-1542 1543	65-104 1-92 1-103	5	No 80 missing Some pages missing

Dates	Will Numbers	Film Numbers	Notes
1543-1544	2-139		
1543-1544 1544-1545	139-262 1-148	6	
1544-1545 (continued) 1546	89 -398 1-58	7	Filmed out of sequence and some gaps. In correct order
1548-1551 (continued) 1551-1553	12-38 1-74 75-162	9	

Dates	Will Numbers	Film Numbers	Notes
1551-1553 (continued)	162-168 1-114 1-57	10	
1551-1553 (continued) 1554 1555	57-95 1-106 1-35	11	
1554-1555 (continued) 1556	35-71 1-136	12	
1556 (continued) 1557	136 2-126	13	138-165 missing Pages in very poor condition

1557 (continued) 1558	126-242 1-34	14	Pages in very poor condition
1558 (continued)	34-200	15	
1558 (continued)	200-327	16	
1558 (continued)	438-550	18	429-437 missing Pages in very poor condition
1558 (continued)	550-581 582-806	19	
1558 (continued) 1559	807-885 1-75	20	
1559 (continued)	76-155 File 2 1-59 75-59	21	Filmed backwards

1559 (continued)	58 57 76-97 File 3 248- 348	22	
1559 (continued) 1560	348-350 File 4 886- 943 1-72	23	
1560 (continued)	73-227	24	
1560 (continued)	228-325	25	
1561	1-37	26	Pages in very poor condition
1561 (continued)	37-140	27	Pages in very poor condition

1561(continued) d) 1562	141-153 1-89	28	
1562 (continued) 1563	89-123 113-117 2-83	29	
1563 (continued) 1564	84-132 1-44	30	List of names at the beginning
1564 (continued) 1565	44-96 1-43	31	
1565 (continued)	43-101	32	Fragments of 102

1566	1-25		
1566 (continued)	26-126	33	
1567	1-84	34	
1567 (continued)	85-133	35	
1568	1-43		
1568 (continued)	43-90	36	
1569	1-62		
1567-1569 (continued)	62-111	37	
1570-1571	1-29		

1570-1571 (continued)	29-72 2-55	38	Pages missing
1570-1571 (continued)	55-155	39	
1572	1-76	40	
1573 (continued)	30-119	42	
1573 (continued) 1574	120-136 1-47	43	
1574 (continued)	47-77	44	
1574 (continued) 1575	77-134 1-9	45	

1575 (continued)	9-106	46	
1575 (continued)	106-115	47	
1576	1-77		
1576 (continued)	77-106	48	
1577	1-26		
1577 (continued)	26-118	49	
1577 (continued)	119-125	50	
1578	1-90		
1578 (continued)	90-111	51	

1579	1-69		Pages in poor condition
1580 (continued)	56-127	53	
1581	1-34		
1581 (continued)	34-121	54	
1581 (continued)	121-138	55	
1582	1-45		Pages in poor condition
1582 (continued)	45-98	56	
1583	1-40		

1583 (continued)	40-132	57	
1584	1-90	58	
1584 (continued)	90-121	59	
1585	1-40		
1585 (continued)	40-112	60	
1586	1-17		
1586 (continued)	17-85	61	
1586 (continued)	85-103	62	

1587	2-67		
1587 (continued)	67-171	63	
1587 (cont.)	171-208	64	Papers missing
1588	2-32 64-83 33-53		
1588 (continued)	53-63 84-161	65	
1588 (continued)	161-181	66	
1589	1-83		
1589 (continued)	83-111	67	

1590	1-79		
1590 (continued)	79-112	68	
1591	1-97		
1591 (continued)	97-187	69	
1592	1-92	70	
1592 (continued)	92-153	71	
1593	1-71	72	
1593 (continued)	71-147	73	
1594	1-85	74	

1594 (continued)	85-108	75	
1595	1-37		
1595 (continued)	37-112	76	
1596	1-81	77	
1596 (continued)	81-122	78	
1597	1-40	79	
1597 (continued)	40-112	80	
1597 (continued)	112-168	81	

1598	1-70	82	
1598 (continued)	70-152	83	
1598 (continued)	152-186	84	
1599	1-45		
1599 (continued)	45-116	85	
1600 (continued)	75-120	87	
1601	1-21		
1601 (continued)	21-130	88	

1601 (continued)	130-171	89	
1602	1-47		
1602 (continued)	47-134	90	
1602 (continued)	134-142	91	
1603	1-79		
1603 (continued)	79-138	92	
1604	1-19		
1604 (continued)	19-109	93	

1604 (continued)	109-160	94	Pages missing and in very poor condition
1605	2-34		
1605 (continued)	34-139	95	
1605 (continued)	139-168	96	
1606	1-89		
1606 (continued)	89-133	97	
1607	1-125	98	
1607 (continued)	125-151	99	2-3 missing

1608	1 4-74		
1608 (continued)	74-136	100	
1609	1-69		
1609 (continued)	69-163 166-174	101	164-165 missing
1610	1-124	102	
1610 (continued)	124-164	103	
1611	1-15		
1611 (continued)	15-129	104	

1611 (continued)	129-197	105	
1612	1-10		
1612 (continued)	10-73	106	
1612 (continued)	73-176	107	
1612 (continued)	176-226	108	
1613	1-23		
1613 (continued)	131-194	110	
1613 (continued)	194-211	111	

1613 (continued)	211-213	112	Names either torn away or indecipherable due to damp
1613	oddments		
1614	1-100		
1614 (continued)	100-230	113	
1614 (continued)	230-244	114	Some pages missing
1615	5 10 16-70		
1615 (continued)	70-119 121-140	115	
1615 (continued)			120 missing

1615 (continued)	140-226	116	
1615 (continued)	226-255 257-275 oddments	117	256 missing
1616	1-114	118	
1616 (continued)	114-260	119	
1616 (continued)	260-263 oddments	120	
1617	1-14		
1617 (continued)	14-137	121	

1617 (continued)	137-175	122	
1618	1-76		
1618 (continued)	76-165	123	
1619	1-69	124	Pages missing and in a poor condition
1619 (continued)	69-144	125	
1619 (continued)	144-184	126	
1620	3-70		1-2 missing
1620 (continued)	70-182	127	

1620 (cont.)	182-227 oddments	128	
1621	1-19		
1621 (continued)	19-130	129	
1621 (continued)	130-157	130	
1622	6-51		1-5 missing and pages in very poor condition
1622 (continued)	51-146	131	
1622 (cont.)	146-166 oddments	132	
1623	1-28		

1623 (continued)	28-106	133	
1623 (continued)	106-130 189-199 131-164	134	Pages in very poor condition
1623 (continued)	170-188 200-222	135	189-199 missing
1624	1-79	136	
1624 (continued)	79-175	137	
1624 (continued)	175-279	138	
1625	1-119	139	

1625 (continued)	120-226	140	
1625 (cont.)	226-240	141	
1626	1-84		
1626 (continued)	84-186	142	
1626 (cont.)	186-223	143	
1627	1-65		
1627 (continued)	65-160	144	
1627 (continued)	160-187	145	
1628	1-102		

1628 (continued)	100-227	146	
1629	1-85 86-95	147	Pages In very poor condition
1629 (continued)	95-189	148	
1629 (cont.) 1630	189-203 1-111	149	
1630 (cont.) 1631	111-179 1-44 45-49	150	Pages in poor condition
1631 (continued)	49-151	151	

1631 (cont.)	151-217	152	
1632	1-54		
1632 (continued)	54-177	153	
1632 (cont.)	177-259	154	
1633	1-34		
1633 (continued)	34-151	155	
1633 (cont.)	151-179	156	
1634	1-101		
1634 (continued)	101-193	157	

1635	1-143	158	
1635 (cont.)	143-240	159	
1636	1-31		
1636 (continued)	31-175	160	
1636 (cont.)	175-215	161	
1637	1-36		
1637 (continued)	36-136	162	
1637 (cont.)	136-155	163	
1638	1-85		

1638 (continued)	85-198	164	
1639	1-135	165	
1639 (continued)	135-240	166	
1640	1-110	167	
1640 (continued)	110-214	168	
1640 (cont.)	214-245	169	Pages in very poor condition
1641	1-67		
1641 (continued)	67-150	170	
1641 (continued)	150-225	171	

1642	1-118	172	
1643	1-85	173	
1643 (cont.)	85-147	174	
1644	1-19	174	
1644 (continued)	19-110	175	
1644 (cont.)	110-140	176	
1645	1-55		
1645 (cont.)	55-93	177	
1646	1-47		

1646 (cont.)	47-88	178	
1647	1-46		
1647 (continued)	46-179	179	
1647 (cont.)	179-215	180	Pages in poor condition
1648	1-56		
1648 (continued)	56-145	181	
1648 (cont.)	145-172	182	
1649	1-18 20-79		19 missing

1649 (cont.)	79-104	183	
1650	1-36		Pages missing
1651	1-15		Pages missing
1660	90-115	183	Pages out of order
1660 (cont.)	90-78	184	Pages out of order
1661 Jan – May (part)	1-127		
1661 May (part) –Dec	127-292	185	
1662	1-157	186	
1663 Jan – Nov (part)	1-166	187	

1663 Nov (part) – Dec	166-184	188	
1664	1-54		
1665	1-178	189	
1666	1-176	190	
1667 Jan – Sep (part)	1-166	191	
1667 Sep (part) – Dec	166-219	192	
1668 Jan – Aug (part)	1-121		
1668 Aug (part) – Dec	121-190	193	

1669 Jan – Mar (part)	1-74	193	
1669 Mar (part) – Jun	74-184	194	
1669 Jul – Oct (part)	185-290	195	
1669 Oct (part) – Dec	290-356	196	
1670 Jan – Feb (part)	1-49		
1670 Feb (part) – Jun	49-182	197	
1670 Jul – Oct (part)	183-306	198	

1670 Oct (part) – Dec	306-378	199	
1671 Jan – Feb (part)	1-41		
1671 Feb (part) – May (part)	41-146	200	
1671 May (part) – Sep (part)	146-248	201	
1671 Sep (part) – Dec	248-324	202	
1672 Jan – Feb (part)	1-34	202	

1672 Feb (part) – Aug (part)	34-150	203	
1672 Aug (part) – Dec	150-245	204	
1673 Jan – Jun (part)	1-127	205	
1673 Jun (part) – Dec	127-222	206	
1674 Jan (part)	1-24		
1674 Jan (part) – Aug (part)	24-153	207	
1674 Aug (part) – Dec	153-229	208	
	1-44	208	

1675 Jan – Feb (part)			
1675 Feb (part) – Jun (part)	44-157	209	
1675 Jun (part) – Dec	158-266	210	
1676 Jan-Apr	1-107	211	
1676 Apr (pt) – Aug (pt)	107-220	212	161, 196 missing
1676 Aug (part) – Dec	220-328	213	
1677 Jan – May	1-115	214	

1677 Jun – Oct (part)	115-228	215	
1677 Oct (part) – Dec	228-270	216	
1678 Jan – May (part)	1-80		
1678 May (part) – Dec (part)	80-196	217	
1678 Dec (part)	197-205	218	
1679 Jan – Apr (part)	1-87		
1679 Apr (part) – Aug (part)	87-162	219	

1679 Aug (part) – Dec	162-267	220	
1680 Jan– Mar	1-104	221	
1680 Apr – Aug	105-200	222	
1680 Sep – Dec	201-304	223	
1681 Jan – Apr (part)	1-111	224	
1681 Apr (part) – Jul	111-233	225	
1681 Aug – Dec (part)	234-352	226	
1681 Dec (pt)	352-371	227	

1682 Jan – Apr (part)	1-99		
1682 Apr (part) – Jun (part)	99-220	228	
1682 Jun (part) – Nov (part)	220-345	229	
1682 Nov (part) – Dec	345-388	230	
1683 Jan – Mar (part)	1-73	230	
1683 Mar (part) – Jul	73-180	231	

1683 Aug - Nov (part)	180-279	232	
1683 Nov (part) - Dec	280-314	233	
1684 Jan (part)	1-47		
1684 Jan (part) - Apr (part)	47-157	234	
1684 Apr (part) - Jul (part)	157-258	235	
1684 Jul (part) - Oct (part)	258-380	236	
1684 Dec	501-518 1-102	238	

1685 Jan - Mar (part)			
1685 Mar (part) - May	102-222	239	
1685 Jun - Sep (part)	223-336	240	
1685 Sep (part) - Dec (part)	336-445	241	
1685 Dec (pt)	445-454	242	
1686 Jan - Mar	1-88	242	
1686 Apr - Jun	89-211	243	

1686 Jul – Oct (part)	212-325	244	
1686 Oct (part) – Dec	235-377	245	
1687 Jan – Mar (part)	1-65		
1687 Mar (part) – Jun	65-179	246	
1687 Jul – Oct (part)	180-299	247	
1687 Oct (part) – Nov	299-332	248	December 1687 not filmed.
1688 Jan – May (part)	1-79		

1688 May (part) – Oct (part)	79-198	249	
1688 Oct (pt) – Dec 1689 Jan – Mar (pt)	198-245 1-63	250	
1689 Mar (part) – Jul (part)	63-180	251	
1689 Jul (part) – Dec 1690 Jan – Feb (part)	180-271 1-28	252	
1690 Feb (part) – May (part)	28-143	253	
1690 May (part) – Sep (part)	143-256	254	

1690 Sep (part) – Dec	256-340	255	
1691 Jan – Feb (part)	1-30		
1691 Feb (part) – Jul (part)	30-159	256	
1691 Jul (part) – Dec	160-277	257	
1692 Jan-May	1-99	258	
1692 May-Jun 1693 Jan-Apr	99-138 1-90	259	
1693 Apr-Oct	91-216	260	

Worcestershire Original Wills Part 2 – 1694-1857

Year	Dates covered	Film Numbers	Notes
1694	Jan 1 – Mar 18	261	May include other dates in March.
1694	Mar 18 – May 1 Jun 16 – Jun 29	262	May include other dates in May.
1694 (continued)	Jun 29 – Dec 22	263	May include a few dates in March.
1695	Jan 4 – Jun 1	264	
1695 (cont.)	Jun 1 – Nov 6	265	
1695 (cont.) 1696	Nov 6 – Dec 28 Jan 1 – Feb 23	266	Incorrectly described as 1697

1696 (continued)	Feb 23 – Jun 27	267	Incorrectly described as 1697
1696 (continued) 1697	Jul 3 – Dec 30 Jan 1 – Feb 14	268	
1697 (continued)	Feb 14 – Jun 30	269	
1697 (cont.) 1698	Jul 1 – Dec 21 Jan 1 – Jan 24	270	
1698 (continued)	Jan 24 – Jun 30	271	

Year	Dates covered	Film Numbers	Notes
1698 (continued)	Jun 30 – Dec 3	272	Filmed backwards.
1699	Jan 1 – May 25	273	
1699 (continued)	May 25 – Jun 29 Jul 1 – Sep 12	274	
1699 (continued)	Sep 12 – Dec 15	275	Also includes Dec 30.
1700	Jan 1 – May 14	276	
1700 (continued)	May 14 – 11 Nov	277	May filmed out of order.
1700 (continued)	Nov 11 – Dec 31	278	

1701	Jan 1 – Apr 9		
1701 (continued)	Apr 9 – Jun 25 Jul 1 – Jul 18	279	
1701 (continued)	Jul 18 – Dec 29	280	
1702	Jan 2 – May 12	281	
1702 (continued)	May 12 – Jun 6 Jul 1 – Sep 12	282	
1702 (continued)	Sep 12 – Dec 31	283	
1703	Jan 4 – Mar 14		
1703 (continued)	Mar 14 – Sep 24	284	Some filmed out of order.
1703 (cont.)	Sep 24 – Dec 31	285	

1704	Jan 1 – Mar 6	285	March-August missing
1704 (continued)	Aug 2 – Dec 26	286	
1705	Jan 2 – Mar 9	286	
1705 (continued)	Mar 9 – Jun 15	287	Also includes some dates in July.
1705 (continued)	Jul 14 – Dec 31	288	
1706	Jan 1 – Feb 6		
1706 (continued)	Feb 6 – May 25 Jun 1 – Jul 3	289	
1706 (continued)	Jul 3 – Dec 20	290	
1707	Jan 9 – Feb 24		

1707 (cont.)	Feb 24 – Jun 28	291	Also includes some dates in July.
1707 (cont.)	Jul 2 – Dec 26	292	
1708	Jan 3 – Jun 4	293	
1708 (continued)	Jun 4 – Oct 28	294	
1708 (cont.)	Oct 28 – Dec 22	295	
1709	Jan 6 – Mar 18		
1709 (cont.)	Mar 18 – Jun 20	296	
1709 (continued)	Jul 23 – Dec 27	297	Some missing and others filmed out of order.

1710	Jan 2 – May 19	298	
1710 (continued)	May 19 – Oct 21	299	Some missing and others filmed out of order.
1710 (continued)	Oct 21 – Dec 30	300	
1711	Jan 4 – Feb 28		
1711 (continued)	Feb 28 – Jun 16	301	
1711 (continued)	Jul 2 – Oct 24	302	
1711 (continued)	Oct 24 – Dec 28	303	
1712	Jan 1 – Apr 8		

1712 (continued)	Apr 8 – Jun 7	304	
1712 (continued)	Jul 1 – Nov 12	305	
1712 (continued)	Nov 12 – Dec 31	306	
1713	Jan 21 – Apr 27		
1713 (continued)	Apr 27 – Jun 19 Jul 1 – Sep 19	307	
1713 (continued)	Sep 19 – Dec 22	308	
1714	Jan 3 – Feb 16		
1714 (cont.)	Feb 16 – Jun 16	309	
1714 (cont.)	Jul 1 – Oct 13	310	
1714 (cont.)	Oct 13 – Dec 31	311	
1715	Jan 2 – Mar 20		Poor condition.
1715 (cont.)	Mar 20 – Jun 27	312	

1715 (cont.)	Jul 1 – Dec 3	313	
1715 (cont.)	Dec 3 – Dec 6	314	
1716	Jan 1 – May 7		
1716 (continued)	May 7 – Jun 30 Jul 2 – Nov 8	315	
1716 (cont.)	Nov 8 – Dec 31	316	
1717	Jan 4 – May 20		
1717 (continued)	May 20 – Jun 20 Jul 4 – Aug 29	317	
1717 (cont.)	Sep 16 – Dec 30	318	
1718	Jan 2 – Feb 28		

1718 (continued)	Feb 28 – Jun 29 Jul 3 – Jul 19	319	
1718 (continued)	Jul 19 – Nov 11	320	
1718 (cont.) 1719	Nov 11 – Dec 27 Jan 1 – Apr 29	321 321	
1719 (continued)	Apr 29 – Sep 21	322	
1719 (cont.) 1720	Oct 1 – Dec 28 Jan 4 – Feb 18	323	
1720 (continued)	Feb 18 – Jun 39	324	

1720 (continued)	Jul 2 – Oct 29	325	
1720 (cont.)	Oct 29 – Dec 31	326	
1721	Jan 2 – Mar 23		
1721 (continued)	Mar 23 – Jun 8	327	
1721 (continued)	Jun 8 – Nov 1	328	
1721 (continued)	Nov 1 – Dec 27	329	
1722	Jan 1 – Apr 7		
1722 (continued)	Apr 7 – Jun 30	330	

1722 (continued)	Jul 2 – Oct 13	331	
1722 (continued)	Oct 13 – Dec 31	332	
1723	Jan 2 – Apr 13	332	
1723 (continued)	Apr 13 – Aug 26	333	
1723 (continued)	Aug 26 – Dec 31	334	
1724	Jan 2 – May 2	335	
1724 (continued)	May 2 – Jun 29 Jul 3 – Sep 8	336	
1724 (continued)	Sep 8 – Dec 30	337	

1725	Jan 1 – Jan 17	337	
1725 (continued)	Jan 17 – May 8	338	
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1810	Jan 1 – Dec 31	435	Some filmed out of order
1811	Jan 1 – Dec 31	436	
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1813 (continued)	Feb 15 – Dec 30	438	
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1814 (cont.)	Feb 10 – Dec 27	439	

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1820 (cont.)	Jul 1 – Dec 30	445	Some filmed out of order
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1855	Jan 2 – Apr 3		
1855 (continued)	Apr 3 – Oct 8	487	Some filmed out of order
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1856	Jan 1 – May 26		Wrongly called 1855 at beginning of film
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Treddington/ Shipston-on-Stour	1691-1788	Indexes	Not given	18

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