

[The Pracy Family History](#)

Timeline of the Precy family in Bishopstone, 1500-1800

Note: wherever possible, spellings are as in original document or reliable transcription. Even when there was a will, which was of course almost contemporaneous with the burial, spellings invariably differed. Where relevant, I have listed wills and burials in the same entry and given both spellings.

Pre-1752 dates are all in modern format eg baptism of Jane Precy in Jan 1626/7 is listed under 1627.

Unless otherwise stated, events took place in Bishopstone.

Roman numerals I, II and III are not in the originals. I have added them for clarity where adults with the same forename were definitely part of our family.

Unless otherwise stated, parents of baptised children are: 1627-35, Samuel I and Edith; 1656-77, Samuel II and Priscilla; 1696-1716, William and Mary.

*From the baptism of Samuel I in 1593 to the birth of our ancestor Edmund in 1705, there is a direct line, events concerning which are in **bold**. The earlier period is less certain but the historian of Bishopstone, Gwendoline I Parker, concurs with the dates that I have given for the Precys' leasehold of Bishopstone manor.*

1500 Thomas Presey left will.

Early C16 Bishops of Salisbury leased demesne land to members of Precy family.

1523 Harry Preci died and a memorial to him erected in St Mary's church.

1542 Bishop SALCOT leased Bishopstone to John Precy.

1543 Charles Pressey of 'Bishop'S Tonne' born, according to an unsourced FamilySearch entry. It is decidedly iffy, but not inconsistent with the other known facts. He could be the man mentioned in 1583-4/1599/1626, or that man's uncle and also younger brother of Henry (died 1599).

1545 John Precye headed Bishopstone 'benevolence' [*tax*] list, paying 20s.

1548 Bishop leased whole manor to John KNIGHT for 99 years, subject to Precys' interest.

1575 Edward Presye buried 31 May.

1576 Henry Precye third on Bishopstone benevolence list – 1d in 1s on £7 = 11s 8d.

1578 Samuel Pressey or Presey of Wilts, pleb. Magdalen Hall, matric. entry under date 7 July, 1578, aged 17

1581 Thomas Pressie or Presie of Wilts, gent. Oriel Coll, matric. 23 Nov., 1581, aged 14.

1583 Henry Prese of Bisshopston gentleman stood surety at quarter sessions for Thomas WHITWAY of Remesbury gentleman.

1583-4 Ellen, Henry, Samuel and Charles Presse indicted of 'rout, riot etc' at quarter sessions and fined 12s.

1586 Elinor Preasy w of Henry gent buried 22 Dec.

1587 Samuel Preasy buried 14 Sep.

1588 Richard Presy baptised 31 Mar was probably Richard P...y buried 8 Jul 1591.

1589 Thomas Precy student of Inner Temple, as of Bishopstone, Wilts, gent.

1589 Henry Presye baptised 19 Oct was possibly Hairie Precy buried 1 Apr 1620.

1591 Susan Presy baptised 13 Jun was probably buried 29 Jun 1591.

1592 Richard Presye baptised 5 Jul was probably buried 23 Jul 1592.

1593 Samuel Presye I baptised 29 Jul.

1599 Henry Presseye died and left a will – manor passed to Charles Precy.

1600 Mary Precye baptised 20 Sep, 'Elizabeth Precye gent' buried 2 Oct.

1604 Richard Pressie son of Mr Henry buried 5 May, Thomas Pressie buried 2 Nov.

1606 Joan Pressey wife of Thomas buried, probably between 16 Mar and 30 Jun.

1610 Henry Pressey or Presey of Wilts, pleb. Magdalen Coll, matric. 25 Jan 1610 aged 18.

1615 Margaret Peessy married John BASSEDELL gent 9 Jan. It is unclear whether she was connected with the Precys.

1620 Hairie Precy buried 1 Apr.

1626 Probable year of Samuel I's untraced marriage to Edith.

Charles Precy I buried 28 Dec.

1627 Thomas Precy I and Henry SHELLEY sold lease of manor to Thomas KEATE.
Jane Precy baptised 18 Jan and buried 19 Mar.

1628 Charles Precy II baptised 17 Apr.

1629 Samuel Precy II baptised 27 Dec.

1632 Thomas Precy baptised 29 Jan, but I have found no further mention of him.

1633 Sarah Precy baptised 5 May.

Edmund Presse of Bishopstone married Alice RABBESON of Coombe Bissett at Dinton & Cheffont Magna 1 Jul. [No known connection to our family. This was probably the other Bishopstone, near Salisbury, for it and Coombe Bissett are both about ten miles south-east of Dinton.]

1635 Elizabeth Precy baptised 7 Oct, Edith Precy buried 9 Oct.

1636 Priscilla TAYLOUR daughter of William baptised 19 Apr.

1637 Sarah Precy buried 5 Mar, Elizabeth Precy buried 16 Apr.

1639 Jane Precy buried on 6 Feb was a widow, but it is uncertain whose. One possibility would be Henry/Hairie (1589-1620), if they are the same man. The only Jane listed on

the Nimrod Index is Jane GREENE who married Henry Pressy at Downton on 6 May 1633, but that is a completely different branch of the family.

1654 Charles Pressey II gent married Mary BUTLER 26 Dec

1655 Samuel Precy married Priscilla TAYLOR 17 Sep.

Charles II and Mary Precy's first child, Charles, baptised 5 May and buried 19 Jul.

1656 Thomas Precy II baptised 4 June.

1657 Charles II and Mary Precy's second child, also Charles, baptised 29 Jul and buried 17 Aug.

1658 Charles II and Mary Precy's daughter Mary baptised 13 Aug. No further mention.

1659 Sarah Pressey baptised 19 Feb.

1661 Samuel Precy III baptised 4 Apr. No further mention.

1663 Charles Pressey III baptised 8 Jul.

1665 William Precy I son of Sammull II baptised 28 Dec.

1667 Ann Pressey wife of Samuel I buried 20 Aug.

1668 Edward Pressey baptised 29 Oct.

1671 Mary and Elizabeth Pressey baptised 29 Jul. No further mention of Mary.

1672 Vicar's glebe terrier showed Samuel Precy I to be one of the leading landholders in Bishopstone.

Charles Presie II husbandman died and left a will. Charles Pressey buried on 26 May.

1674 Susanna Pressey baptised 15 Jan

1677 Baptism of Priscilla Pressey [bishop's transcripts Presey] 26 Mar. No further mention.

1678 Samuel Pressey I yeoman died intestate. Samuel Precy buried 12 Dec.

1679 Samuel Pressey II obtained administration of Samuel I's estate 1 May.

1680 Mary Pressey widow of Charles II died and left a will. Mary Precy buried 29 Dec.

1688 Charles Pressey III married Hannah CLUTTERBUCK 24 May. Bondsman: John SMITH. Witnesses: John ROWLAND, Susanna HULL, Susanna HARRIS. Location unknown but recorded in the Peculiar Court of Salisbury.

1690 Sarah Pressey married John DORMER of Highworth 14 Dec. Bondsman: Thomas Pressey II, gent of Bishopstone. Location unknown but recorded in the Peculiar Court of Salisbury.

1695 Probable year of William I's untraced marriage to Mary.

1696 Henry Pressey baptised in Aug.

1698 William Pressey II baptised in Jan.

1700 Thomas Pressey III and Anne son [sic] of William [Bishop's transcripts Precy] baptised 26 Mar. No further mention of Anne.

1702 Mary Pressey baptised 17 May.

1703 Edward Prasy married Jane THORNBROUGH 12 Jul at Ramsbury.

Richard Presey buried 12 Oct – no known connection with our family.

Sarah Presey (born 11 Nov, baptised 12 Dec) is not mentioned again.

1704 Elizabeth Presey daughter of Edward and Jane born 13 Apr, baptised 16 Apr.

1705 Edmund Pressey born 16 Oct, baptised 1 Nov.

1706 Priscilla Pressey born 5 Dec 1706, baptised 21 Dec, buried 16 Apr 1707.

1707 Susanna Preice married Henry GREENE 22 Mar at Highworth, with Edward Presey as bondsman.

Edward Presey II baptised at Highworth 29 Jun.

Charles Presey IV born 14 Dec, baptised 26 Dec.

1708 Elizabeth Pressey born 29 Dec 1708, baptised 20 Feb 1709.

1713 Jane Presey born 25 May, baptised 31 May.

1715 Edith Pressy [bishop's transcripts Prescey] born 9 Jan, baptised 16 Jan.

1716 Samuel Pressey II died 2 Feb 'intending but not effecting a will'.

Samuel Presey buried 5 Feb.

Son-in-law Henry Green undertook administration of the intended will 20 July.

Samuel Pressey IV born 24 Aug, baptised 26 Aug.

1717 Approximate year Thomas III apprenticed wheelwright in London.

1722 Edmund Presie apprenticed baker in London 15 Jan.

1723 Thomas Presey II buried 9 Jul.

1724 Priscilla Presey widow of Samuel II buried 15 Jan. Priscilla Pressey left will.

1726 Charles Pracy IV apprenticed dyer in London 2 Mar.

1727 Henry Pracy married Mary PACKER at Lambourn in Berkshire 8 Oct.

He may well have been Henry b. 1696, though no firm evidence either way.

1731 Mary Presey married George CURTIS 12 Oct.

1736 Edith Presey buried 20 Mar. Jane Presey buried 21 Aug.

1738 William Presey II buried 24 May.

Samuel Pracy IV married Mary STOURS 25 Sep at Liddington.

1741 Elizabeth Pressey d. of William and Mary buried 14 Dec.

1746 William Pracy I buried 3 Jan.

1747 Charles Pracy CURTIS son of George & Mary baptised 24 May.

1752 James Precey innholder of Salisbury was a bondsman at the marriage of John LODGE (farmer aged 27) and Sarah GRIFFIN (aged 20), both of Bishopstone. This seems to be a coincidence unrelated to our family.

1754 Henry Presey moved to a cottage near Bishopstone millpond.

1758 Bishopstone map showed Henry Presey's cottage.

1762 Jane Pracy buried 15 Oct.

1770 Henry Precy buried 5 May.

1783 Henry Pracy CURTIS son of Henry & Elizabeth baptised 1 Jan.

1791 Sarah Presey married William NORRIS 22 Mar. Mary Preasy buried 15 Sep.

1817 Henry Preacy CURTIS married Ann SAYER in Highworth.

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