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EXECUTIONS

The following is a complete list of executions which have taken place in Oxford City.

1778 - 1921

(from "Oliver's City of Oxford Almanack, 1929)

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| 1778 March 9th, Robert Hitchcock, murder. | 1786 March 27th, John Grace, John Cox,
Richard Cox, all sheep stealing. |
| 1779 March 21st, William Hyde, burglary. | 1787 August 6th, Thomas White, robbery at
Blenheim House. |
| 1780 August 30th, Richard Wells, horse stealing. | 1787 August 6th, Charles W Wyatt, stealing
bank notes. |
| 1782 July 16th, Thomas Hadden, robbing mail.
(Hanged himself in his cell). | 1788 March 24th, Charles Smith, horse stealing. |
| 1783 March, Edward Harris, 23, horse stealing. | 1790 March 23rd Thomas Smith, horse stealing. |
| 1783 March, Joseph Wren, 17, stealing a black
gelding, also a bridle and saddle. | 1790 July 19th Charles Evans and John Castle,
murder. |
| 1783 March, Nathaniel Claridge, 29, robbing
from the person on the highway. | 1790 August 3rd James Williams, horse stealing. |
| 1783 March, William Bowler, 23, stealing one
wether sheep at Kiddington. | 1791 March, 7th, Giles Freeman Covington,
highway robbery. |
| 1784 March 8th, Daniel Cato, chimney sweep,
murder. | 1791 March 22nd, John Kelly, highway robbery. |
| 1784 March 30th, Giles Freeman, highway
robbery. | 1792 March 17th, Joseph Tapp, highway
robbery. |
| 1785 March, 7th, John Price, robbery.
(Body gibbeted on Milton Common) | 1792 July 31st, Robert Jenkinson, horse stealing. |
| 1786 March, 27th, Miles Ward, robbery at | 1798 March 26th, James Carpenter, burglary. |
| | 1801 March 24th, Jesse Wiggins, sheep stealing. |

EXECUTIONS - CONTINUED

- 1805 March 25th, Tomas Davis, uttering a forged note.
- 1815 July 10th, James Bannister, murder of his wife.
- 1817 March 26th, William Archer, arson,
- 1818 August 2nd, John Bradley, highway robbery.
- 1818 August 2nd, Richard Wiggins, sheep stealing.
- 1822 August 5th, John Matthews, highway robbery.
- 1824 August 1st, William James, and Henry Pittaway, murder.
- 1827 March 26th, Richard Webbe, horse stealing.
- 1828 March 23rd, Thomas Shaler, highway robbery.
- 1832 March 19th, John Gibbs, arson
- 1832 March 19th, George Lay, highway robbery.
- 1836 March 5th, Thomas Clay, murder.
- 1840 March 23rd, Charles Morley, murder
- 1852 March 22nd William Kalabergo, murder.
- 1863 March 23rd, Noah Austin, murder
- 1872 March 23rd, Edward Roberts, murder.
- 1878, April 1st, Harry Rowles, murder.
- 1887 May 9th Charles Smith, murder.
- 1887 November 15th, Joseph Walker, murder.
- 1888 July 17th, Robert Upton, Murder.
- 1892 March 17th, Frederick Eggleton, murder
- 1892 March 17th, Charles Raynor, murder.
- 1919 February 19th Joseph Rose, murder.
- 1921 March 2nd, George Bailey, murder

Document of the Quarter

Donations of the late Alderman Fletcher to the resident Poor of Yarnton

Meat distributed to 170 Poor Persons on Christmas day 1829 at 2¹/₂ each amounts to £42.5 at 5⁰ p^{ts} — £17.5

Bread for 170 Persons at 1¹/₂ each — 1.. 1.. 3

Jan 7th 1830 —

Bread for 170 Persons at 5¹/₂ each 3.. 10.. 10

Cakes for 70 Children at 3¹/₂ each — 1.. 2.. 9

£ 14.. 19.. 11

Did you know?

Where you can see deer grazing in the centre of Oxford? The Grove in the grounds of Magdalen College is home to a three hundred year old herd of deer. Entering from the busy High Street, through the gate by the porters lodge, and walking through the to the new buildings; the formal garden gives on way one side to the deer park and on the other to the water walks. Since the 1970s young trees have been planted to replace the elms killed by Dutch elm disease.

Document of the Quarter is -

Par 303/13/1F3/1(3)

Yarnton,

St Bartholomew, parish church

List of recipients of bread and meat, and cakes for children, on **Christmas Day 1829**

Have you tried our coffee shop?

Why not pause for a while and have a delicious coffee or tea in the coffee shop? Mull over your research with a piece of cake, some biscuits or crisps. You will go back refreshed, who knows what you will find then?

The Dietary Table of the Prison of the County of Oxford, called the Castle 1867

Class 1

Convicted Prisoners confined for any term not exceeding seven days

Males and Females

Breakfast—One pint of Oatmeal Gruel

Dinner—One pound of Bread

Supper—One pint of Oatmeal Gruel

Class V

Convicted Prisoners employed at hard Labour for terms exceeding four months

Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Males

Breakfast - One pint of Oatmeal Gruel, eight ounces of bread

Dinner - four ounces of cooked meat without bone, one pound of potatoes, and six ounces of bread

Females

Breakfast - one pint of oatmeal gruel, six ounces of bread

Dinner Three ounces of cooked meat without bone, half a pound of potatoes, and six ounces of bread

Monday, Wednesday day and Friday

Males

Breakfast - One pint of Cocoa made of three quarters of an ounce of flake Cocoa-nibs, sweetened whit three-quarters of an ounce of Molasses or Sugar, and eight ounces of bread

Dinner - one pint of soup, one pound of potatoes and six ounces of bread

Supper - same as breakfast

Females

Breakfast - One pint of Cocoa made of three quarters of an ounce of flaked

Cocoa or Cocoa-nibs, sweetened with three quarters of an ounce of Molasses or Sugar, and six ounces of bread

Dinner - One pint of soup, half a pound of potatoes and six ounces of bread

Supper - same as breakfast

Examples of diet for prisoners from “Additional Rules and Dietary Table of the Prison of the County of Oxford, called the Castle 1867”

Cocoa nibs

These originate from the Cocoa tree, which grows in tropical climates. First discovered in Mexico by Cortez. It had long been used by the Aztecs as money or to drink. Large seed pods form on the tree, with the beans (seeds) inside. It takes 5-6 months for the pods to develop. They are then cut from the tree, and laid out covered in banana leaves to dry.

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Publications of the Quarter

The Changing Faces books

Would you like to find out what the place where you live looked like years ago? If so these are the books for you. Covering most of the villages and towns of Oxfordshire, they give an impression of what life was like in the past. If your family lived in the area they may be mentioned, or be in one of the many photographs. Just a few of the places are Bicester, Botley, Cowley, St Ebbes and St Thomas in Oxford, Jericho, Kidlington, Marston, Summer-town and Cutteslowe, Witney, Woodstock, and Yarnton. There are many more available. Prices vary from £8.95 to £9.95.

April 2006

Catalogues completed:

E333 Title deeds for a messuage in Couching Street, Watlington
 PAR151 Kidlington St Mary – additional parish records
 S064/1 Chipping Norton British School
 O189 Sunnyside Homes, Cowley

Catalogues in progress: Oxford Preservation Trust; Early's Blanket Company – additional records; Studley Estate; OCC Clerks Correspondence files; Oxford Jewish Congregation; Oxford Playhouse

May 2006

Catalogues completed:

O25 Records of Oxford Bach Choir
 O190 Records compiled by Cropredy Historical Society
 P428 Diary extract of William Wilson Saunders
 P429 Sale catalogues from A.P. Keegan
 B136 Gillman & Co., photographers
 M4 Bishops Hartwell Manor (additional records)

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June 2006

Catalogues completed:

F12 Barnes family of Brize Norton
 E334 Deeds for land in Hook Norton

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