

# Chapter 8

Catharine  
Dawnay  
1768-1821

## 1817-21 Catharine Dawnay; then in Trust until 1832; Let to Mr Champion 1822-3 and Spencer Mackay 1823-32

*In which we learn about some of the furnishings and contents of the house in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century; The house in Trust; and another slave trader*

Calcavella is a sweet wine from Portugal <sup>1</sup>, produced in the Carcavelhos district of Cascais, about 12 kilometres (7.5 mi) west of Lisbon, an area famed for its fortified sweet wine in the 19<sup>th</sup> century <sup>2</sup>

**I**t is autumn 1820 and Catharine is sitting at the mahogany Pembroke table in the library at Bookham Grove looking out of the window at the sweep of the driveway and the front lawn in the gathering dusk.

The Pembroke table had been purchased from Messrs Simson and Co, New Bond Street, London on August 1<sup>st</sup> 1817 for £9 5 shillings. It is described as having 1 cedar lined drawer with patent lock and key, the table top and edge banded with rosewood and white liner, and standing upon shaped claws panelled with black upon good socket castors <sup>3</sup>

She has just finished dinner and the glass of sweet Calcavella wine that she raises to her lips is a fitting end to a lovely meal which had been served in the dining room by Francis. He had used the crimson dragon china <sup>4</sup> that she loved so much.

Francis  
Griffiee  
(servant) <sup>5</sup>

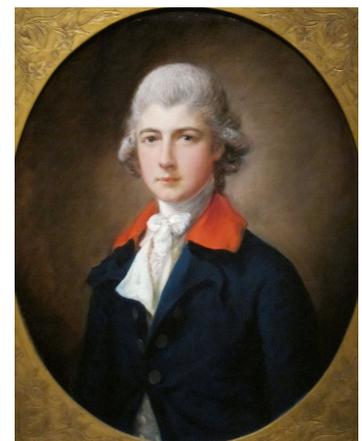
Mary Child  
'now living with  
me' <sup>5</sup>

Mary, her companion, had retired to bed already, but Catharine had a few things to attend to.

She looks up at the sky and notices it is getting dark, so rings the bell for Francis to come and close the curtains. She had owned Bookham Grove for 3 years now (thanks to her darling brother, Marmaduke, who had surrendered the various copyholds to her in November 1817, upon his inheriting the Wykeham Estate from his close friend and cousin, Richard Langley <sup>6</sup>).

However, she had lived there for longer; when her father, Viscount John Downe, and her little sister, Lora, had died in 1781 she had been at a sensitive age (almost 13 years old) and had supported her mother, Viscountess Lora Downe, through her grief. The family had spent time in Cowick Hall, Yorkshire and Berkeley Square, London, but also significant time at Bookham Grove, where she had played with her brothers, and learned to ride.

When her elder brother, John Christopher, had reached 21 years of age and had taken on the full responsibility for Cowick Hall she had spent most of her time with her mother, moving between London and Bookham Grove until she was also deemed an adult in 1789/1800.



John Christopher Dawnay aged 17,  
Thomas Gainsborough <sup>7</sup>

Release to Catharine Dawnay of Bookham Grove estate was noted as having taken place on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1817, with Marmaduke also noted as surrendering the 5 copyholds to Miss Dawnay on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 1817 <sup>8</sup>. the Honorable Catharine Dawnay is resident and owner at the age of 49 years.

She had fond memories of helping her mother in the garden at the Grove during this time and had been keen to live there when Marmaduke's tenant, Anthony Horne, had died and his widow surrendered the lease, and Marmaduke was yet again stuck trying unsuccessfully to sell it.

It is unspecified where Catharine lived between the ages of 21 and 48 (1789-1817), apart from the end of her will which gives her addresses as 'formerly of Charles Street, Berkeley Square, and of Mickleham, but late of Bookham Grove'<sup>9</sup>. Her mother had willed Catharine all of her linen and china and both her own, and her servants', horses and equipment in 1812<sup>9</sup>, so Catharine must have had somewhere to live and keep the horses; she also had been willed £7000 - which would be around £477 000 - £5.8m in 2020 (depending on how this is calculated)<sup>10</sup>; it was possible to purchase a substantial house for £3000 in 1812.

In the summer of 1817, Catharine fitted out Bookham Grove with furniture and draperies purchased from Messrs. Simson and Co., Upholsterers, 4 New Bond Street, London. This indicates that she was already living there prior to becoming the legal owner in November 1817.<sup>3</sup>

### The furniture, furnishings and costs thereof at Bookham Grove 1817<sup>3</sup>

June 2<sup>nd</sup>

- For a solid mahogany chest of drawers, made to fit window recess 3ft long and 1ft 3" deep, all fine Spanish wood finished upon a plinth, best locks and key £5 12s
- A packing mat, packing and books 2s 2d
- Making up 2 blue cloth window curtains and draperies bordered with rich gold colour, silk lace and finished with silk and worsted French fringe, rings, tape etc £3 16s
  - 32 yards of fine blue furniture cloth pressed £6
  - 82 yards of rich gold colour silk lace £8 4s
  - 15 yards of silk and worsted fringe, banded and wound with silk, worsted balls, silk heading £3

August 1<sup>st</sup>

- For 2 curtain sashes with wide fascia cornices to the same, strong plates, putting rich gold colour velvet ornaments shaded upon cornices and covering them in black velvet £2 8s 3D
- 4 pulley curtain rods 18s
- 5 yards of broad gilt moulding finished in burnished gold 15s
- 4<sup>3/4</sup> yards of narrow gilt moulding and finishing cornices with 10s 2d
- 4 rich lacquered and turned Orcans?for ends of cornices finished in burnished gold £2 8s
- 4 ornamental curtain pins 18s
- A mahogany library Pembroke table with 1 drawer, cedar lining, the top and edge banded with rosewood and white liner, shaped claws, panelled with black upon good socket castors, patent lock and key £9 5s
- 6 mahogany frame arm chairs, tablet backs inlaid with a black liner case features in to pattern £16 10s

August 8<sup>th</sup>

- For 4 Hall Settees of the best Spanish mahogany inlaid with black carved patterns at knees and mask head ornaments to match £13
- 4 black cottage shape chairs with such features £1 8s
- A black frame dressing stool with such features 6s
- A mahogany wardrobe with sliding shelves and drawers, good locks and keys £11 5s
- A mahogany dressing table with 2 drawers, upon turned legs £2 5s
- A square mahogany table upon stout pillar and claws £1 10s
- A reversed swing dressing glass 14 by 13 inches £2
- A bottle of furniture oil 2s 6d
- Letters 3s 6d
- 7 packing mats and twine 14s
- 1 thick rug and 2 green baizes
- For a stout close packing case for library table and 2 hall stools, packing, battens etc £1 12s
- For the same for dressing table and 2 hall stools 18s
- 4 strong brackets, 8 turned drop hooks, 30 yards of curtain line and 4 brass side pulleys 11s 3D
- Maintenance fixing up furniture at Bookham Grove 7s
- .... various items of cloth and ornament to curtains
- Mahogany frame dressing stool with hollow seat 18s

**F**rancis enters the library and pulls the drapes. He refills Catharine's glass and bids her goodnight as he closes the door behind him. Catharine listens to his footsteps as they cross the hall and along the passage to the back stairs. The house falls silent, apart from the ticking of the clocks.

### Repairs 1820 <sup>13</sup>

#### January 22<sup>nd</sup>

- <sup>3/4</sup> of a day 2 men to examine pipes and mending gutters upon laundry and well house 7s 6d

#### January 26<sup>th</sup>

- 1 day 3 men to mending and changing pipes in laundry and mending of rain water cistern by ?? And gutters to washhouse 15s

#### March 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 1 day 2 men too laying pipes from garden to the brewhouse, fixing casks etc. 10s
- <sup>3/4</sup> day 2 men to mending lead gutters over the stables 7s 6d

#### July 10<sup>th</sup>

- To 4 <sup>3/4</sup> days work 2 men paid to clean wall to outside of house ready to paint touching bare mason making putty good to sashes ? £2 7s 6d

#### July 11<sup>th</sup>

- 1 sash set of glass in drawing room 5s 6d
- 3 sash set of glass in the bedrooms 13s 6d
- 2 sash set of glass in housekeepers room 7s
- 2 sash set of glass in the pantry and 2 in the hall 18s

#### July 15<sup>th</sup>

- 2 day for man touching some places inside of house 2s 6d

#### July 20<sup>th</sup>

- sash set of new glass in passage 2s

#### August 16<sup>th</sup>

- 2 squares of new glass in scullery 1s 4d

#### August 17<sup>th</sup>

- 1 day 2 men to soldering tops of dorma windows and putting in lead flashing 10s

### Painting outside of house

Relevant items:

lights and 1 cast ? 1 seraphor ? Bell turret rod and manson? 7s

7 sash frames twice in mahogany £3 10s 6d

40 dorma ? sash squares £4

46 sash sills twice in oil £1 3s

10 dorma windows

3 balcony doors, one in green

78 yards once oil and patent green £5 4s

She turns her attention to the papers in front of her. Leafing through the top few pages of Surrey Land Tax Records, and the various repair bills from this year, which need sorting out.

She was assessed for rates of £94 in 1817 <sup>11</sup>, and the Surrey Land Tax Records show payment of £100 in 1818, 1819 and 1820 <sup>12</sup>. (There is also a record for land tax for the year after her death (1822) for her tenant farmer, Mr Brown, which is in her nephew's name William Henry Dawnay, although she is mentioned <sup>12</sup>).

She has never liked this aspect of the paperwork, and whilst she keeps her bank book accounts neat and orderly, bills and receipts tend to be less well kept. That second glass of wine seems like a good excuse and Catharine closes the file, deciding to do it on another day.

**L**eaving the library she crosses the hallway and wearily climbs the winding stairs, gratefully using the mahogany handrail as an aid. She ruminates that she seems lacking in energy this last couple of months. She idly wonders if she ought to call the doctor. Entering her bedchamber, overlooking the garden and paddock, she sighs. She is certainly ready for a good night's sleep.

Catharine died at Bookham Grove House on Monday July 9th 1821, at the age of 53 years <sup>14-17</sup>. She was buried in St Nicholas churchyard in Bookham on July 18<sup>th</sup> <sup>12</sup>. She obviously had a connection with the house and village to be buried here, as the family were usually interred in Yorkshire.

In her will, dated 15th March 1821 <sup>5</sup>, she bequeaths Bookham Grove to her nephew William Henry, who was 9 years old at the time. She appointed 2 trustees (Thomas Byron and John Robinson Foulis) to hold the property in trust until William Henry came of age (21 years) in 1832. The trustees had permission to let it out at the most reasonable rent they could get.

Her brother (and father to the young William Henry) Rev William Henry would inherit Beningborough Hall, near York in 1827, and become the 6th Viscount in 1832 <sup>18</sup>

| Name             | Abode      | When buried | Age               | By whom the Ceremony was performed |
|------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Edward Palmer    | Gt Bookham | Jan 24      | 68                | M. Farley Curate                   |
| Mary Broughton   | Gt Bookham | March 5     | 14                | M. Farley Curate                   |
| Mary Bieldy      | Gt Bookham | March 19    | 93                | M. Farley Curate                   |
| John Whitehead   | Gt Bookham | March 25    | 69                | M. Farley Curate                   |
| Mary Terry       | Gt Bookham | May         | 86                | M. Farley Curate                   |
| William Arley    | Gt Bookham | June 8      | 13                | M. Farley Curate                   |
| Henry Austin     | Gt Bookham | June 10     | 66 <sup>1/2</sup> | M. Farley Curate                   |
| Catharine Downey | Gt Bookham | July 18     | 53                | M. Farley Curate                   |

Burial register, St Nicholas' Church, Great Bookham. 1821 <sup>12</sup>

She also directed that the trees on the estate were to be protected from felling, and that whoever owned it needed to live in it for at least 13 weeks each year and not neglect it otherwise they would forfeit their right to the estate.

In her will, Catharine, also bequeathed the following:

- An annual sum of £20 to a Mary Child 'now living with me'
- 2 years wages to Samuel Riddall
- £100 sum to William Parkin
- To her sister in law Lydia (married to Rev William Henry), all of her jewellery, a pearl pin, rings, fans, books, crucifixes, watches and china.
- She places all of 'the furniture, plate, linen and books which shall be in, or about, or belonging to, my house at Bookham Grove at the time of my decease, and also the picture of my mother, the late Viscountess Downe' in the hands of her trustees to hold in trust until her nephew reaches the age of 21 years. These items were to be kept in Bookham Grove except for when the property was let, in which case they 'shall be removed therefrom and deposited in such place for safe custody as the trustee or trustees for the time being of my will shall think fit'.
- In a codicil to the will, she further bequeathed an annual sum of £17 to Francis Griffee (servant).

Catharine never married. The end of the will describes her as a spinster <sup>5</sup>

The estate in 1821 consisted of about 46 acres of common field land, of which 24 acres were copyhold and the rest freehold, 'and the same under an Act passed in the last session as about being enclosed'. <sup>19</sup>

The trustees expected that the estate, would let for about £300 per year. 'The estate consists of the mansion and grounds of Bookham Grove, which are expected to let for about £200 per annum and a messuage, lands and premises let at £110 per annum, making the total probable income about £300 a year'.<sup>19</sup>

Bookham Grove was let, but just prior, a robbery took place (presumably because the property lay empty). The sole documentation of this is in the accounts bill submitted to Mr Dawnay by the solicitor representing the trust, Mr Hardisty. He refers to a letter to Mr Dawnay that he has written, dated December 17<sup>th</sup> 1821, 'respecting a robbery at the Grove and other particulars in answer to his letter....drawing notice offering a reward of £10 for discovery of the offenders and attending premises therewith...paid for printing 500 thereof and paper....letter to messrs Smallpiece of Guildford and to the servant at the Grove for distributing the same with parcels'<sup>20</sup>

Information about Mr Champion has not been located

**Bookham Grove was rented out to Mr Champion from May 1822 - Midsummer 1823, although negotiations had started at the beginning of 1822, as the account from his solicitor shows:**<sup>21</sup>

- Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Attending you consulting as to your having taken a lease of Bookham in Surrey and conferring as to the terms and as to the state of the premises and fully advising thereon £6 8s
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> writing to Mr Hardisty a long letter thereon, declining to take the premises unless the trustees repaired them 1s 6d
- May 1<sup>st</sup> attending Mr Hardisty as to this lease and as to the inventory and conferring with him thereon. Attending you conferring as to the final arrangement respecting the lease and repairs etc.6s 8d
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> Attending Mr Hardisty in Great Marlboro Street finally arranging and settling the draft lease and as to the repairs and as to your taking possession 13s 4d
- May 16<sup>th</sup> attending you consulting as to your lease and as to your paying the £250 for the things valued 6s 8d
- January 1823 Received £80 of Mr Champion, comprising half a year rent for Bookham Grove House in lease, due Christmas 1822<sup>22</sup>

**But 1 years' rental was enough for Mr Champion**<sup>23</sup>:

- January 1823 Mr Champion had given his notice under the covenants of the lease

**Leasing out was not a cheap option, particularly when someone like Mr Champion insisted on things being repaired and made good, as the accounts show**<sup>22, 24</sup>:

1822

- Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1 day 2 men for repairing of water closet, cleaning and ceiling apparatus etc 9s
- March 29<sup>th</sup> 2 sashes of new glass in garden lights 1s
- 4 sashes of new glass in roof of vinery 6s
- Paid J Roberts for repairing roof of house after damage by storm £6 6s 4d
- Paid J Roberts a bill for bricklayers work at Bookham Grove House £2 5s 2d
- Paid Roberts for repairs at Bookham Grove prior to it being let to Mr Champion £92 3s 4d
- Paid for cleaning brewing utensils £1 4s
- Paid Mr Hall's bill for repairing the fences at Bookham Grove and on the estate £120 10s 3d
- Paid Mr Hall for new fencing around the house and grounds prior to the letting to Mr Champion £261 2s 6d



Bookham House, late Lord Downe, now Champion Esqr. J Hassell 1822. Watercolour <sup>25</sup> © Surrey History Centre



Bookham Grove before wings added 1822 - John Hassell <sup>26</sup>

**T**hese pictures show what the house would have looked like when it was leased to Mr Champion. There appear to be 2 watercolour paintings by John Hassell in 1822 of the same view <sup>25,26</sup>. Note that the top picture has 5 window at the front whereas the bottom picture has only 4. Also note the bay extension is only to 2 floors, with a terrace on top of it, with what appears to be a door onto the terrace. The bottom picture is the correct one, so presumably the top one was painted from memory - or with artistic licence.

Bookham Grove was rented out to Spencer Mackay 1823-1832 <sup>27, 28</sup>

- 1823 Received by cash £80 of Spencer Mackay Esq. 1/2 a year rent for Bookham Grove due Christmas 1823
  - 1823 Received by cash £8 of Spencer Mackay Esq. 1/4 rent of fields due Christmas
  - 1824 Received £160 of Spencer Mackay Esq. one year rent due Christmas 1824
  - 1824 Received £24 of Spencer Mackay Esq. for the fields 3/4 due Michaelmas
  - 1825 Received £160 of Spencer Mackay Esq. one year rent due Christmas 1825
  - 1825 Received £80 of Spencer Mackay Esq. 1/2 year rent due midsummer 1826
  - 1826 Received £80 of Spencer Mackay Esq. 1/2 year rent due Christmas 1826
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  - 1829 Received £80 of Spencer Mackay Esq. 1/2 year rent due Christmas 1829
- Received of Spencer Mackay Esq. for an oak and 2 small trees blown down in plantation and measured by J Wood £8 7s 6d
- 1830 Received £80 of Spencer Mackay Esq. 1/2 year rent due midsummer 1830
  - 1830 Received £80 of Spencer Mackay Esq. 1/2 year rent due Christmas 1830
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  - 1832 Received £80 of Spencer Mackay Esq. 1/2 year rent due midsummer 1832
  - 1832 Received £80 of Spencer Mackay Esq. 1/2 year rent due Christmas 1832
- 1832 Mr Hardwick, surveyor, his charge for survey and report as to repairs required to be done under the covenants of the lease previous to Mr Mackay £12 11s
- Mr Atkins for journey to Bookham to look over furniture and inventory previous to Mr McKay quitting £6 13s
- Messrs Cooper, Plumber, for repairing gutters over the outbuildings £3 11s 3d
- Cash advanced for paying the main in charge of the premises and 2 gardeners subsequent to Mr Mackay's leaving £12

Spencer  
Mackay  
20 Dec 1764 –  
Feb 1846

Spencer Mackay was a London-born plantation owner who made his fortune in British Guiana. He was active in Demerara, Guiana by 1794. By 1799 he owned plantation 'Friends' on the east side of the Berbice river and 'Voorburg', a 250-acre coffee plantation on the west side of the Demerara; and he continued to own plantations until his death in 1846

<sup>29, 30,</sup>

In 1798 he had described how droughts in Demerara had ruined the coffee blossom and wrecked the plantain harvest, obliging him to spend £2500 on provisions for his two plantations. The same drought had reduced the sugar crop on 'Hermitage', near 'Voorburg', to just 40 casks, from its normal 80 to 100 casks, and he predicted that it would reduce the coffee crop in Demerara to a quarter of its ordinary level

<sup>29, 30,</sup>

On the 9<sup>th</sup> July 1812 he married Isabella (Bell) Ryan <sup>30</sup> in St George, Liverpool (in 1807 he had donated £5 to the Liverpool School for the Blind, suggesting an earlier connection with the city). The couple had five children – Spencer (1813-60), Thomas Henry (1815-65), Alexander (1818-47), Isabella (Bell) (3<sup>rd</sup> May 1820-<sup>31</sup>) and Rosanna Louisa (Rose) (9<sup>th</sup> December 1822-<sup>32</sup>) <sup>27, 28, 29,</sup>

In 1844 it was reported <sup>35</sup>:  
'Mrs Spencer Mackay's ball, in Harley-street, on Tuesday, was attended by upwards of 200 fashionables; it was a delightful party'.

In 1803 he bought Holly Grove House, near Windsor, but sold this in 1807 and between 1836 and 1846 he is documented as owning 55 Upper Harley Street, London <sup>29, 30, 31,</sup>



Bell Ryan, wife of Spencer Mackay <sup>29</sup>

In 1818 Spencer received a letter from the colony describing an uprising among slaves which resulted in the killing of two white overseers:

'From 50-100 negroes have absented themselves for some time to the back lands, near Mahaica, but particularly from the estates of Beehive and Greenfield, alleging for cause, that the manager had exacted too much labour. The Greenfield negroes having returned, on condition that the manager should be discharged, and other negro-drivers appointed, and which was complied with, the remaining negroes were occupied during the nights in conveying into the woods plantains and a good many cattle.

Young Van Brucle, and another young man on the estate, had repeatedly attempted to bring home the runaway negroes, and partly succeeded; but, finally, these young men were decoyed by a party of the estates' negroes (who had not absented themselves) to make a last attempt, and in this affair they were murdered in the most savage manner, their bodies being mutilated and their heads and limbs carried in triumph round the camp. This affair took place four days ago (the 16th of March). Every exertion is now making to send a formidable party of whites and Indians to endeavour to destroy them'. <sup>29,30,36</sup>

Spencer Mackay was also the owner of the following estates in British Guiana, which he also managed via his attorney Creswell Spencer (who may have been a relative): <sup>31</sup>

- 1817 La Reconnaissance, growing cotton. 53 female and 75 male slaves
- 1817 Coldingen, growing cotton. 84 female and 100 male slaves in 1817; 99 female and 95 male slaves in 1823; 38 female and 87 male slaves in 1826
- 1826 Annandale, growing cotton. 104 female and 137 male slaves in 1826; 199 female and 237 male slaves in 1832
- 1826 Triumph. 67 female and 99 male slaves in 1826
- 1828 Pin Lusignan, growing cotton. 219 female and 205 male slaves in 1832
- He also owned Cane Grove

He was not in favour of emancipation as he did not want to give up these estates; in 1832, he signed the call for planters and merchants to meet for the preservation of the West Indian colonies <sup>31</sup>

At emancipation between 1835-1837 Mackay received £10,696 7s 8d for his half share of the 408 slaves on plantation *Lusignan* and £12,772 18s 1d for the 240 slaves on plantation *Cane Grove* and £137 4s 4d for the slaves on plantation *Annandale* <sup>29,30,31</sup>. (Equivalent to between £2m-£20m at today's value, depending on how it is calculated <sup>10</sup>).

The slaves, of course, received nothing!

During their tenancy at the Grove, the Mackay's were often staying in London at Ellis's Hotel, St James's street, with frequent announcements in the papers about their moving between the Grove and town <sup>37-53</sup>

And in one case from Liverpool to the Grove <sup>54,55</sup>

The children would have lived up Bookham Grove as they were aged as follows during the 9 years of their tenancy <sup>31</sup>:

- Spencer 10-19 years
- Thomas 8-17 years
- Alexander 5-14 years
- Bell 3-12 years
- Rose 1-10 years

# Some of the Costs of Running the Estate 1821-31

## Money paid out by WH Dawnay as executor to the will 1821 <sup>56</sup>

### July 24<sup>th</sup> 1821 Money Expended:

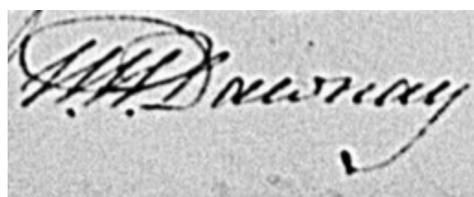
Palmer for the hire of an horse for Miss Dawnay £8 2s  
Given money? At the funeral of Miss Dawnay 10s  
Given money James Marrow 10s  
Given money Parkins the chairwoman? At Bookham Grove £2  
Given money Brixley the labourer in the gardens, these 2 donations in lieu of mourning £2  
Cheeseman, vinegar £2 15s  
Martyn the baker £2 3s 11d 3farthings  
Fuller, the tinman 13s  
Mitchell, the grocer £8 19s  
Willis, grocery £1 12s  
Bird, flowers £1 7s 6d  
Pullen, spades etc. 11s 9d  
Palmer, brooms etc. 19s 9d  
Charman, 5 quarters of oats £6  
Horley, the smith £3 1s 7d  
Moore, leather breeches £2 10s  
Willis, the hire of an horse £12 10s  
Lloyd, the saddler £1 8s 3D  
Hayington, for hay making £2  
Hayington, going to fairs £1 7s 6d halfpenny  
Hayington, for mowing grass £2 10s  
Kemp, the thatcher 8s 2d  
Layton, salt, cheese £3 4s 5d 3 farthings  
For stamps 7s 3D  
Browne, brandy etc 8s

Anscombe, the nurse £1 4s  
Francis Griffee, wages £15 15s  
Mary Child, wages £8 8s  
Hannah Riddall, her wages and legacy £51 19s 6d  
Anne Weston, wages and a present of one years wages as she was not mentioned in the will £17 6s 6d  
William Hayington, wages and a present of one years wages as he was not mentioned in the will £47 15s 6d  
John Steer, and a present of one years wages as he was not mentioned in the will £43 15s  
William Partion, a legacy £100

Bills for 5 weeks housekeeping £20 16s 1 farthing  
Attlee, for mourning £3 12s  
Lister, for mourning £16 2s 4d

### 26<sup>th</sup> August

Dallon, shoemaker £1 7s  
Whitehead, school £1 10s  
A bottle of wine, Mr H? 6s  
Simmonds, Sunday school 14s  
The expenses of Child and J Steer coming to town to swear to the handwriting of Miss Dawnay £1 7s  
The hire of 2 coaches to Doctors Commons 12s  
Simson, the funeral £189 17s



William Henry Dawnay's signature August 11<sup>th</sup> 1821 <sup>24</sup>

Some of the costs of running the estate from 1821-31: <sup>28, 57</sup>

1821

August 30<sup>th</sup>

- Paid Mr Roberts, painters £52 2s 6d
- Paid Bradbury, Tailors bill £33 15s 9d
- Paid wood carpenter £21 17s 4d
- Paid Roberts bricklayers on account £25

Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

- Paid Mr Curtis, apothecary £8 10s

Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Paid Mr Hedio, nurseryman a bill £4 8s
- Paid Mr Stone, maltster £17 7s 6d

Sept 19<sup>th</sup>

- Paid Board wages to Mrs Child to the 19<sup>th</sup> October £7 16s

Oct 20<sup>th</sup>

- Paid Board wages to Hannah Riddatt, Ann Weston and the groom, each £7 16s
- Paid Brown, the tenant his account for work and sundries £36 10s 6d
- Paid Mr Smith, coal merchant a bill £39 4s

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Paid Francis Griffee his board wages £7 16s and annuity £8 10s

Oct 29<sup>th</sup>

- Paid half a year taxes to Michaelmas 1821 £45 12s 8d

Nov 29<sup>th</sup>

- Paid Mrs Child her annuity to Michaelmas half a year £10
- Paid Francis sundries for house and postage to 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 1821 11s 4d
- Paid poor rate to lady day 1822 2 quarters £15 19s 2d

1822

Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

- Paid one years to these Great and Small due at Michaelmas 1821 for Bookham Grove £9 18s

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Paid James Davis on account of the quick fencing round the new allotment £30

Feb 18<sup>th</sup>

- Paid James Pallon for the railing round the tenement? £16
- Paid Joseph Roberts for new lead to part of the roof blown off the 4<sup>th</sup> Feb £7 5s 4d
- Paid C Roberts bricklayer remainder of his bill £33 5s 7d
- Paid for printing 500 bills offering reward in consequence of robbery at the Grove 8s 6d

March 6<sup>th</sup>

- Paid Mr Wood a bill for carpenters work £10 14s 7d

1822

- Paid a quarter window tax to funds 1822 £11 1s 3d

Oct 1822 <sup>26</sup>

- Paid highways and church rate £3 6s 3d

Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

- Paid <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> house tax and <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> a year land tax to midsummer £16 2s 9d

Nov 21<sup>st</sup>

- Paid poor rate £9 3d

1823 <sup>28, 58</sup>

- Trustees moiety of the expenses of lease and counterpart of Bookham Grove to Mr Champion £36 9s 9d

May 13<sup>th</sup>

- Paid Mr Walters his account for survey of Bookham Grove taking account of timber etc £16 8s 6d

May 17<sup>th</sup>

- Paid Mr Hardwick his account for surveying, estimating and settling accounts for repairs and works at Bookham Grove and journeys £16 17s
- Paid for cleaning and brewing utensils at Bookham Grove £1 4s
- Paid John Steer on account of the planting at Bookham in Feb 1823 £4 15s 6d
- Paid for trees for Bookham planted by John Steer £1 8s 6d
- Paid land tax to lady day 1823 £5 1s 3d

Oct 18<sup>th</sup>

- The Hon Revd W H Dawnay. 100 beech trees, 12 silver fir, 12 laurels

Dec 16<sup>th</sup>

- Paid the representative of James Davies deceased, balance of his account for the hedge planting and fences at Bookham Grove by James Brown, being in all £75 (consisting of £66 for 264 rods at 5d per rod as agreed, and £9 for one year weeding and keeping same as agreed, to midsummer 1823 £5
- Received by sale of 2 trees blown down in plantation £1 7s 6d

1825

Nov 15<sup>th</sup>

- Paid Roberts for repair of stabling 13s 6d

1826

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Paid Mr Woods for 3 paddock gates at Bookham Grove and Meadow £8 10s 8d

1828

- Paid C Roberts bill for bricklayer work rebuilding stables £87 8s 21d
- Paid Mr Wood, carpenters bill at same £61 8s 4d
- Paid Pelham, plumber work at same £5 12 s
- Paid C Robert's for repair stables roof at Bookham Grove 11s

1831

August

- C Roberts for repairs and rebuilding the hen house at the Grove £23 17s 6d

# Inventory of the property of Catharine Dawnay 1821

In her will, Catharine requested that an inventory and catalogue be taken on her death and from time to time thereafter, of her furniture, plate, linen, books and pictures 'and specifying the weight of the said plate' in the inventory. This is the inventory of 1821, immediately after her death:

## An inventory of China <sup>4</sup>

Crimson Dragon Pattern  
28 crimson dragon pattern plates & 2 dishes covers etc?,  
4 dishes comparts, 2 partridges  
13 blue and white round dishes with open borders  
4 small coloured Japan dishes  
2 Chelsea trifle dishes  
5 old Chelsea chimney ornaments faulty  
13 dishes various  
3 sauce tureen and covers  
4 Dresden handle teacups and 4 saucers  
A Dresden slop basin  
4 old coloured enamelled bottles  
2 small enamelled beakers  
2 jars and covers  
2 small sea green low waggon?  
A Dresden sugar basin (broke)  
2 enamelled tops for jars  
2 old sea green beakers  
2 high Japan jars & covers (1 faulty)  
1 large sauce? Bottle  
2 small old coloured Japan jars & covers  
A large old coloured enamelled trifle dish  
2 oval crimson dragon pattern dishes  
2 lemon coloured ground jars & covers  
4 coloured fruit baskets with open work borders  
3 large old blue Japan basins  
30 round blue and white dishes  
1 dragon pattern dish  
1 coloured china dish  
2 scarlet handle cups  
14 nankeen? Handle tea cups and 10 saucers  
4 old blue and white jars  
2 blue and white beakers and 9 bottles  
A biscuit bust of Homer on pedestal  
A biscuit bust of Cicero  
4 round china plates  
3 small round china plates with 3 saucers  
2 old cloud Japan slippers  
3 pieces of white ornamental china  
6 round coloured enamelled dishes with scarlet borders  
2 round flat Japan dishes  
1 Japan trifle dish  
10 small dishes - various  
4 octagons Japan fruit dishes  
10 old Japan plates  
5 old brown china tea pots

## List of wines in the cellar <sup>61</sup>

Port wine 328 bottles  
Sherry 17 bottles  
Lisbon 8 bottles  
Calcavella 23 bottles

## Inventory of goods left in the storeroom <sup>59</sup>

2 trunks of linen  
2 cases of books and sundry books and atlas  
2 tea caddy's and 1 sugar caddy  
3 tin canisters  
2 pewter master plates  
1 milk strainer  
1 tea urn  
2 knife trays  
1 meat tin?  
1 slop pail  
200 candle stands  
9 milk pans  
4 button pots  
2 cream crocks  
5 jugs and salad bowl  
1 muffin dish and tureen  
1 dozen galley pots  
10 meat dishes  
6 plates and ? Basins  
6 soap dishes  
2 pie dishes  
1 funnel and wine strainer  
9 stone jars  
1 hand basin  
2 mouth basins  
1 rush? Light pan  
4 chamber ewers  
1 slop pail  
1 mortar  
22 gooseberry bottles  
1 tray and stand  
1 large pickle pan  
3 pair snuffers  
The rest is unreadable

## An inventory of the remains in the Ale Cellar <sup>60</sup>

2 pipes containing 108 gallons each  
8 hogsheads containing 54 gallons each  
4 casks empty in the beer cellar

## Inventory of china, glass and other packages sent to the Hon. Rev. W.H. Dawnay, Sessay <sup>62</sup>

2 crates of china  
A trunk of the best china  
2 cases containing glasses and china  
A trunk of papers  
A case of wax candles  
2 trunks of kitchen things  
A case of soap  
A package of kitchen utensils

Sent by the Jubilee July 29<sup>th</sup>

Inventory of the copper utensils <sup>63</sup>

2 brass pans  
1 copper persevering pan  
6 copper stew pans  
6 copper sauce pans  
2 copper tea kettles  
4 copper coal pans  
1 pair copper scales without weights  
1 brass mortar and pestle  
2 tall brass candle sticks  
2 hand brass candle sticks  
1 pair hurryards?  
1 copper coffee boiler  
1 coffee can  
1 copper beer can

Tools into the

1 small brass pan  
1 small stew pan  
2 hand candle sticks  
2 coal pans  
1 small tea kettle  
1 beer can

List (in pencil) of copper and brass utensils <sup>64</sup>

1 plate warmer  
Tin strainer  
Copper crab leather grain footman?  
Copper tea kettle  
Warming tray  
Tin fish kettle  
2 spits and brass candlestick  
1 flat ??

List of articles removed by Mr Mackay, 1832 <sup>65</sup>

The gilt cornices to windows  
The glass over the console table  
The fender and fire irons  
The drawing room carpet

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