



ANY FURTHER COMMUNICATION
SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO
THE TREASURER.

CHRIST CHURCH,
OXFORD.

3rd November, 1917.

Dear Sir,

Wickhamford Tithes.

I am sorry I have been unable to answer your letter of the 11th September earlier, but I have been very pressed, and knew that the matter would take some looking up. I have been back in the Christ Church books and I find that prior to 1882 the Wickhamford Tithes were collected by a firm of Agents, and only the totals appear in our books up to that time, without any details as to the Tithe payers. We commenced the collection direct from Christ Church in 1882, and the name appearing in our books at that time is Richard Smith. In 1885 William Smith's name was substituted, and it is from him that Christ Church still collects.

Since writing the above, in the Wickhamford drawer, I have come across a single statement of the Tithe rentcharge for the year ending 1 January 1880, which I enclose. Please return it. This gives the name of William Keyte as one of the Tithe payers. I notice that the Apportionment in 1843 gives John Kite as occupier. As a matter of fact in our collection book for 1882 William Keyte's name was first entered, but has

been struck out and Richard Smith's substituted, so presumably the Kite family were tenants up to about 1882.

You are of course aware that a Clergyman's Tithe would not lapse until non-payment for 60 years. The fact that the Christ Church Tithe had always been paid would not prove that yours had. I should have liked to have helped you further, but I cannot see that I can do ~~so~~.

I wonder if you could kindly tell me if Mrs R. Bent is still the owner of No. 1.a., a tracing of which I enclose. It has been paid by her for some years, but although I have applied repeatedly for the year's tithe due 1 January 1917 I can get no answer, although my last letter threatened her with a summons. If it should be ascertained that she is still the owner I shall certainly take steps for recovery without delay.

Yours faithfully,

J. G. Gidd

Clerk of Accounts.

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