

Documents relating to John Symonds, Watchmaker of Reepham (1734?-1815)

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This first record shows John's wife as Sarah Buddifut. Her surname has been transcribed as Buddipet, Buttiful, Buddifant & Buttifant.

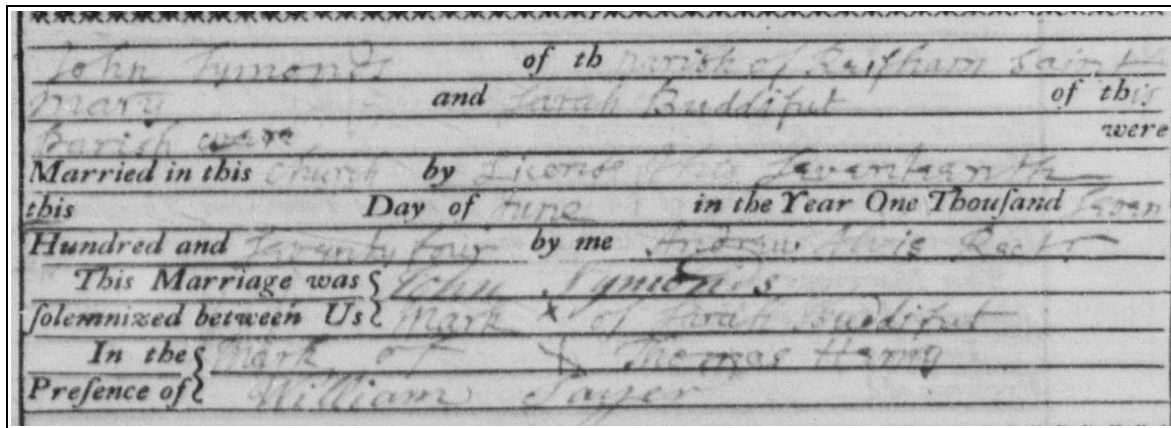
1774 Marriage by licence in Thursford parish

John Symonds, of Reifham St. Mary, & Sarah Buddifut, *lic.* 17 June 1774

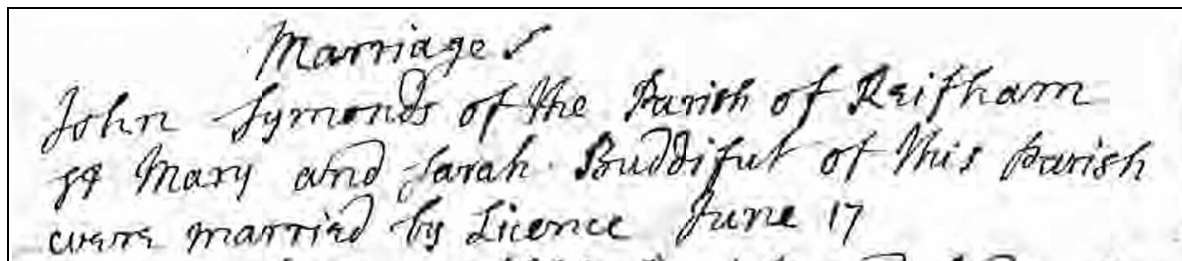
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Parish Thursford: County Norfolk :

Volume Norfolk Marriage Registers, Vol 6; Year 1692-1837; Image number 107



Source : Find My Past : Norfolk Record Office ; PD 624/4; 1754-1854



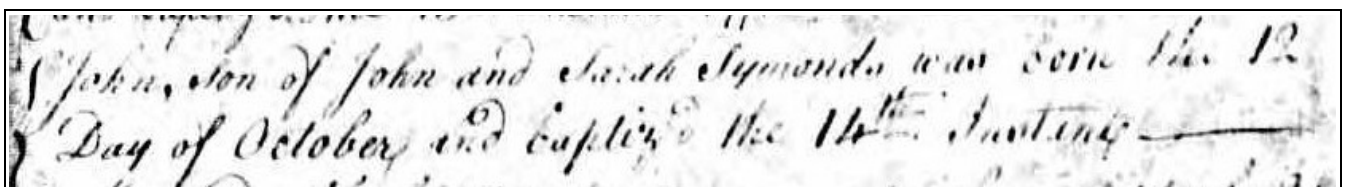
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Reference: nro_register_bills\atthursford

Source Information

Ancestry.com.Norfolk, England, Transcripts of Church of England Baptism, Marriage and Burial Registers, 1600-1935

1775 Son John born & baptised in Hackford



Source Citation Norfolk Record Office; Norwich, Norfolk, England; Norfolk Church of England Registers;

Reference: PD 441/3

Source Information Ancestry.com. Norfolk, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812

Aug 1776 Symonds delivered new long case clock to Parson Woodforde in Weston Longville from Parson Woodforde's diary

Sep 1779 Hackford : Whitesmith : new apprentice : James Christmas

Source Citation The National Archives of the UK (TNA); Kew, Surrey, England;
 Collection: Board of Stamps: Apprenticeship Books: Series IR 1; Class: IR 1; Piece: 61
 Source Information: Ancestry.com. UK, Register of Duties Paid for Apprentices' Indentures, 1710-1811

30 1779	17	James Dunn	of			
30 1779	18	Edw. Boulger	of	Wrowse Norton in Co Norfolk	Goldsmith	Mr James
1 Sep 1779	19	John Symonds	of	Hackford	Dish Turner	Mr Pantly
3 1779	20	John Heyman	of	the City of Norwich	Whitesmith	Mr Christmas
					Surgeon	John Merriman

1784 Entry in Bailey's British Directory [for 1784]; or, Merchant's and Trader's Useful Companion for the year 1784

Name: John Symonds

Dates: 1776-1800

Location: Reepham Norfolk

Occupation(s): watch maker silver smith watch/clock making(m) jewellery/precious metals(m)

Gender: Male

Address(es): Reepham, Norfolk

Source Date: 1784

1793 Reepham : Whitesmith : new apprentice : Benjamin Mandall

17 d ^o	9	John Symonds	Reepham,	d ^o Whitesmith &c	Benj ^o Mandall
d ^o d ^o	10	Simon Harbo	Handwritten	d ^o T. Harbo	Handwritten

Source Citation; The National Archives of the UK (TNA); Kew, Surrey, England;
 Collection: Board of Stamps: Apprenticeship Books: Series IR 1; Class: IR 1; Piece: 67
 Source Information Ancestry.com. UK, Register of Duties Paid for Apprentices' Indentures, 1710-1811

1794

58 / NORFOLK & NORWICH CLOCKS & CLOCKMAKERS		
SUN LIFE INSURANCE M.S. 11937		
Volume 1	£	
	21 December 1793	
622829	John Symonds of Hackford in Norfolk	
15s.	Clock/watchmaker	
Christmas 1794	On his now dwelling house only as aforesaid	
Taylor N.	thatched not exceeding £150	150
15s. 3d.	Household goods therein not exceeding £60	60
	Utensils of stock plate included therein only not exceeding £60	60
	Cottages only at Wood Norton in Norfolk private not exceeding £30	30
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Difficult to know whether this statement refers wholly to insurance for John Symonds property. The suggestion of a thatched house is highly probable and he did appear to have property elsewhere.

1795 Evidence of property in Wood Norton

Symonds John, clockmaker	Hackford	Wood Norton	○
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Source Information Ancestry.com. UK, Poll Books and Electoral Registers, 1538-1893

1803 Hackford : Watchmaker : new apprentice : James Hunt
Includes son John in masters column

Source Citation: The National Archives of the UK (TNA); Kew, Surrey, England;
Collection: Board of Stamps: Apprenticeship Books: Series IR 1; Class: IR 1; Piece: 71
Source Information Ancestry.com. UK, Register of Duties Paid for Apprentices' Indentures, 1710-1811

1806 Evidence of property in Thwaite (also 1802)

Symonds John, watch-maker, Thwaite

Source Information Ancestry.com. UK, Poll Books and Electoral Registers, 1538-1893

1806 Death of Sarah Symonds, nee Buttifant

Source Citation Norfolk Record Office; Norwich, Norfolk, England;
Norfolk Church of England Registers; Reference: BT ANW 1805-06 a-1
Source Information Norfolk, England, Transcripts of Church of England Baptism, Marriage and Burial Registers, 1600-1935

1806 Local newspaper report of Sarah's death

1810 Death of son John

1814 John Symonds retires & James Shreeve Woolmer takes over the business

J. SYMONDS,
WATCH-MAKER,

HAVING declined Business, returns his sincere thanks to his Friends and the Public for the favours he has received, and begs leave to recommend to their support and attention **J. S. WOOLMER**, who has succeeded him.

J. S. WOOLMER takes the liberty of assuring his Friends and the Public, that every exertion in his power will be used by him for their Orders to be executed to their wishes, and for him to deserve their encouragement and support.

Persons standing indebted to **J. Symonds** are requested to discharge the same immediately.

Reepham, Jan. 3d, 1814.

Norfolk Chronicle 08 January 1814

6 March 1815 : Burial : John Symonds, Widower, age 81 : Hackford

BURIALS in the Parish of <i>Hackford</i>				
in the County of <i>Norfolk</i> in the Year 18 <i>15</i> .				
Name.	Abode.	When buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
<i>John Symonds Widower</i>	<i>Hackford</i>	<i>1815, March 6th</i>	<i>81 years</i>	<i>St John Priest A.M. Rector of Reepham</i>
No. 25.				

Source Ancestry.com. Norfolk, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1990
Original data: Church of England Parish Registers. Norfolk Record Office, Norwich, Norfolk, England.

1815 John Symonds effects sold by auction

To be SOLD by AUCTION,
By **W. CHAPMAN**.

On Wednesday, March 22d, 1815,

ALL the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Effects, of Mr. JOHN SYMONDS, Reepham, deceased, consisting of three four-post and other bedsteads, with chimneys and cheney hangings, excellent feather-beds and bedding, mahogany dining, Pembroke and other tables, ditto and other chairs, ditto writing desk, with brass cornices, modern mahogany secretary and bookcase, valuable collection of Books neatly bound, comprising Hall's Encyclopedia, 8 vols. Spectator, Sturms Reflections, Don Quixotte, Gil Blas, Arabian Night's Entertainments, Count Fathom, Tom Jones, Telemachus, Moral Tales, Robinson Crusoe, British Tourist, Views of Italy, 24 volumes of entertaining Novels, and a variety of other books bound and unbound, two clocks, two brass jacks, copper and furnace, copper kettles and saucepans, beer, brewing, and other tubs, variety of glass and earthen ware, and many other household requisites.

Sale begins at eleven o'clock.

On account of the number of lots an early attendance will be esteemed a favour.

The creditors of the late Mr. Symonds, are requested to deliver their accounts to Mr. Wm. Mays, of Foulham, or Mr. T. S. Woolmer, Watch-maker, Reepham, that they may be immediately discharged, and all those who stand indebted to the late Mr. Symonds, are particularly requested to pay the same as above, within one month from the date hereof, (without fail).

Norfolk Chronicle 18 March 1815