

CLERICS IN COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP CRICKET

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This note gives biographical details of all seventy players who (a) appeared in the 'official' County Championship from its start in 1890 to the present date; and (b) held positions as ordained ministers in Christian churches either during their playing careers or after them.

The details provided for each player comprise, where appropriate: (1) surname, forenames and well-used nicknames; (2) date and place of birth; (3) secondary schools and higher education institutions attended, including theological colleges; (4) details of UK residence; (5) playing methods, as batsman, bowler and fielder; (6) details of counties represented in the championship, seasons played, and playing status; (7) career record in the championship, comprising matches played, runs scored and average, wickets taken and average, catches and stumpings made; (8) highest championship score; (9) best innings bowling return in the championship; (10) other cricket achievements, including Test appearances; (11) major cricket or sports awards received; (12) close relatives who played championship cricket; (13) achievements at national or international level in other sports; (14) a summary of ecclesiastical appointments, including services chaplaincies; (15) other achievements in the public eye, including civilian and military honours; (16) an apposite comment or quotation; (17) date and place of death.

The principal sources for the details of these seventy players are (a) a list headed *First-Class Cricket and the Church* by the late Kit Bartlett in *Journal of the Cricket Society*, Vols 11 and 12, published in 1983 and 1984; and (b) *The Willow and the Cloth*, by C.J.Gray, published in Australia by Winsor Editions in 1999. In addition, there are now many county cricket *Who's Whos* which give useful information, as well as *Crockford's Clerical Directory*, a register of Anglican clerics first issued in 1858.

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BASHFORD, Alfred Myddleton

b 23.vii.1881 Wickhampton, Norfolk: ed Merchant Taylors' S, Northwood: Jesus C, Cambridge; St John's C, Highbury: right-hand lower-order batsman; unknown-hand bowler; outfield: Middlesex 1906, a: cr 2 matches; 27 runs, av 6.75; one for 29; 1 ct: Anglican clergyman, ordained 1904, holding positions at Edmonton, Sudbury, Hounslow and Uxbridge: d 31.vii.1949 Uxbridge, Middlesex.

BATEMAN-CHAMPAIN, John Norman

b 14.iii.1880 Richmond, Surrey: ed Cheltenham C; Gonville and Caius C, Cambridge; Wells Theological C: right-hand lower-order batsman; outfield: Gloucestershire 1899, a: cr 2 matches; 2 runs, av 0.66; did not bowl; 2 ct: younger brother of H.F. (1896, 1902), C.E. (Gloucestershire 1898, 1902, 1907) and F.H. (Gloucestershire 1895-1902, 1904, 1906-1908, 1910, 1914):

Anglican clergyman, ordained 1903, holding positions at Bristol, Pretoria (Transvaal), Newcastle upon Tyne, incl appointment as canon; as suffragan Bishop of Knaresbrough 1938-1948: d 22.x.1950 Bristol, Gloucestershire.

BEASLEY, Robert Noble

b 17.xii.1882 Northampton: ed Daventry GS; Chancellor's S, Lincoln: right-hand middle- or lower-order batsman; outfield: Northamptonshire 1907-1909, 1911, a: cr 10 matches; 109 runs, av 7.26; did not bowl; 4 ct: no fifties: younger brother of R.N. (Northamptonshire 1911, 1919): played rugby union for Northampton: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1908, holding positions at Heckmondwike, Polesworth, Grafton Regis, Potterspury and East Dean (Glos), later joining the Army as a commissioned officer: d 21.i.1966 Northampton.

BENNETT, Hugh Frederic

b 10.xi.1862 Elmley Castle, Worcestershire: ed Bradfield C; Worcester C, Oxford: right-hand middle-order batsman; outfield: Worcestershire 1901, a: cr 2 matches; 63 runs, av 31.50; did not bowl; 0 ct: no fifties: a teacher, later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1901, holding positions at Oswestry and Pirton: d 26.vii.1943 Great Malvern, Worcestershire.

BENTON, William Manstead

b 11.vii.1873 Chelsea, Middlesex: ed Framlingham C; Lichfield Theological C: right-hand lower-order batsman; outfield: Middlesex 1913, a: cr 1 match, one innings, 19*: did not bowl, 0 ct: after leaving school joined the Army in 1896, but deserted and went to Australia and then to South Africa where he worked at Robben Island leper colony; his desertion was later pardoned and he became an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1907, holding positions at Walsall, Springbokfontein (Transvaal), Bearsted and in the Army chaplaincy: d 17.viii.1916 Méricourt-l'Abbé (Somme), France, from wounds received in action.

BIRD, Frederick Nash

b 13.xii.1875 Framlingham, Suffolk: ed Framlingham C; Trinity C, Dublin; Wells Theological C: right-hand middle-order batsman; outfield: Gloucestershire 1899, 1900, a; Northamptonshire 1908, 1909, a: cr 16 matches; 398 runs, av 16.58; did not bowl; 11 ct: hs 61* v Leicestershire, Leicester, 1908: a teacher, later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1907, holding positions at Wellingborough, Cranleigh, Lowestoft, Wembley, Huntisham, Exeter and Buckingham: d 3.iii.1965 Chichester, Sussex.

BLAKE, Peter Douglas Stuart

b 32.v.1927 Kolkata (Bengal), India; UK resident from an early age: ed Eton C; Brasenose C, Oxford; Westcott House, Cambridge: right-hand middle-order batsman, occ right-arm medium-pace bowler; cover field: Sussex 1946, 1948, 1950, 1951, a: cr 21 matches; 598 runs, av 19.29; none for 14; 11 ct: hs 77 v Northamptonshire, Horsham, 1948: later, an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1954, holding positions at Leeds, Leek, Litchfield, Mufulira (Northern Rhodesia) and Hartfield; received into the Catholic church in 2004: 'he was, it seems, a restless man': d 11.xii.2011 Penpont (Dumfriesshire), Scotland.

BLAXLAND, Lionel Bruce ('Bill')

b 25.iii.1898 Lilleshall, Shropshire: ed Shrewsbury S; Oriel C, Oxford; Chancellor's S, Lincoln: right-hand middle-order batsman; occ right-arm fast-medium bowler; outfield: Derbyshire 1925, 1932-1935, a: cr 18 matches; 465 runs, av 16.03; none for 18; 6 ct: hs 64 v Warwickshire,

Derby, 1934: played football for Corinthians: a teacher, later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1960, holding positions at Derby, Matlock and Doveridge: 'a fine club cricketer who hit hard and often': d 29.iv.1976 Temple Ewell, Kent.

BODEN, Cecil Arthur

b 18.xii.1890 Countesthorpe, Leicestershire: ed Christ's Hospital, Horsham; Leeds U; Mirfield C: right-hand middle-order batsman; outfield: Leicestershire 1911-1913, a: cr 10 matches; 190 runs, av 10.55; did not bowl; 4 ct: no fifties: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1913, holding positions at Nottingham, Mirfield, Boxford and Ascot: d 31.iii.1981 Hamstead Marshall, Berkshire.

BRIDGER, John Richard

b 8.iv.1920 Dulwich, Surrey: ed Rugby S; Clare C, Cambridge: Ridley Hall, Cambridge: right hand opening or middle-order batsman; occ right-arm leg-break bowler; versatile field: Hampshire 1946-1954, a: cr 38 matches; 1,725 runs, av 27.82; none for 40; 29 ct: hs 142 v Middlesex, Bournemouth, 1946: played hockey for Wiltshire: a teacher and Anglican clergyman, ordained 1944, holding positions in Marylebone, Marlborough, Uppingham and Ramsgate; warden Tyndale House, Cambridge, a biblical research centre, 1958-1960: d 14.vii.1986 Burley, Hampshire, killed in road accident.

BRIGGS, Charles Edward

b 17.ix.1873 Hartington, Derbyshire: ed Winchester C; Christ Church, Oxford; Wells Theological C: right-hand middle-order batsman; unknown field position: Hampshire 1900, a: cr 6 matches; 158 runs, av 15.80; did not bowl; 4 ct: hs 58 v Sussex, Hove, 1900: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1897, holding positions at Portsmouth, Hatfield and Amersham: 'he proposed to his wife in a canoe': d 16.xii.1949 Sherborne, Dorset.

BROWNE, Francis Bernard Ross ('Tishy')

b 28.vii.1899 Eastbourne, Sussex: ed Eastbourne C; Royal Military A, Woolwich; Emmanuel C, Cambridge: right-hand lower-order batsman; right-arm fast-medium bowler, 'with an extraordinary action'; outfield: Sussex 1919, 1922, 1924-1932, a: cr 45 matches; 213 runs, av 5.91; 125 wkt, av 23.08; 18 ct: no fifties: bb 7-62 v Yorkshire, Bradford, 1925: younger brother of C.R. (Sussex 1919): a teacher, later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1925, holding positions at Eastbourne, Firle, Glynde, Lewes, Marlborough and Salisbury; appointed canon: 'it was a pity he could not devote more time to county cricket': d 11.iii.1970 Pewsey, Wiltshire.

BURRELL, Herbert John Edwin

b 15.xi.1866 Kirtling, Cambridgeshire: ed Charterhouse, Godalming; Magdalen C, Oxford; Cuddesdon C: right-hand middle- or lower-order batsman; occ right-arm medium-pace bowler; outfield: Essex 1895, a: cr 2 matches; 15 runs, av 3.75; none for 0; 0 ct: older brother of R.J. (Essex 1895): an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1890, holding positions at St Albans, Hillingdon, Wigginton, Balsham and Ely; appointed canon: d 22.v.1949 Cambridge.

BURROUGH, John Wilson

b 17.vi.1904 Oxford: ed Lancing C; St John's C, Oxford; St Boniface C, Warminster: right-hand middle- or lower-order batsman; right-arm fast-medium bowler; outfield: Gloucestershire 1924, 1925, 1936, 1937, a: cr 5 matches; 78 runs, av 9.75; three for 131; 2 ct: no fifties: a teacher, later

an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1954, holding positions at Portishead, Claygate and Seale: d 11.ix.1969 Seale, Surrey, killed in road accident.

CALDWELL, William Somerville

b 26.ii.1878 Wilmslow, Cheshire: ed Methodist C, Belfast; Trinity C, Dublin: right-hand opening or middle-order batsman; occ bowler; outfield: Worcestershire 1901, 1903, 1904, a: cr 20 matches; 673 runs, av 21.03; two for 40: 6 ct: hs 133 v Sussex, Worcester, 1903: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1903, holding positions at Macclesfield, Warwick, Bewdley, Ringwood, Bollington and Bradwell; also Army chaplaincy; appointed canon: 'a patient, watchful batsman': d 14.i.1964 Oxford.

COLE, George Lamont

b 5.ix.1885 Hastings, Sussex; ed Sherborne S; Pembroke C, Cambridge U: right-hand middle- or lower-order batsman; outfield: Hampshire 1909, 1911, a: cr 6 matches; 110 runs, av 12.22; did not bowl; 4 ct: no fifties: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1912, holding positions at Farnborough, Banstead, Ash, Holmwood, Weybridge and Bentley; also Army chaplaincy: d 14.x.1964 Boughton Street, Kent.

DAVIDSON, William Watkins

b 20.iii.1920 Poplar, Middlesex: ed Brighton C; King's C, London; Wadham C, Oxford; Westcott House, Cambridge: right-hand lower-order batsman; wicketkeeper: Sussex 1948, 1949, 1951, a: cr 5 matches; 21 runs, av 4.20; did not bowl; 12 ct, 1 st: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1950, holding positions at Nottingham, Radcliffe on Trent, Esher, North Carolina (United States) and Westminster; also Royal Navy chaplaincy: d 26.v.2015 Cirencester, Gloucestershire, aged 95 yr 2 mth, the longest life in this listing. (*In 2010 he completed sixty years in Holy Orders.*)

DOUGLAS, Robert Noël

b 9.xi.1868 Southall, Middlesex: ed Dulwich C; Selwyn C, Cambridge: right-hand middle-order batsman; versatile field, incl occ wicketkeeper: Surrey 1890, 1891; Middlesex 1898-1902, 1904, 1905, a: cr 46 matches; 1,444 runs, av 23.67; did not bowl; 31 ct, 3 st: hs 93 v Nottinghamshire, Nottingham, 1901: younger brother of A.P. (Middlesex 1902), older brother of James (Middlesex 1893-1913) and S. (Middlesex 1906): played rugby union for Harlequins: a teacher, incl head Giggleswick S; later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1930, holding positions at Honiton and Farway: d 27.ii.1957 Colyton, Devon.

FARGUS, Archibald Hugh Conway

b 15.xii.1878 Bristol, Gloucestershire: ed Haileybury C, Hertford Heath; Pembroke C, Cambridge; Wells Theological C: right-hand lower-order batsman; right-arm fast bowler; outfield: Gloucestershire 1900, 1901, a: cr 15 matches; 210 runs, av 9.13; 33 wkt, av 26.54; 6 ct: no fifties; bb 7-55 v Middlesex, Lord's, 1900: medical student, later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1904, holding positions at Gosport, Askham Richard, Valletta (Malta), Huelva (Spain) and Bristol; also Royal Navy chaplaincy: 'a good hammer-and-tongs bowler': d 6.x.1963 Bristol, Gloucestershire. (*Wisden mistakenly published his obituary in its 1915 edition.*)

FIRTH, John D'Ewes Evelyn ('Budge')

b 21.ii.1900 Nottingham: ed Winchester C; Christ Church, Oxford; Westcott House, Cambridge: right-hand lower-order batsman; right-arm leg-break and googly bowler: Nottinghamshire 1919, a: cr 1 match; one innings, 1; 3 wkt, av 30.00; 1 ct: *Wisden* (school) cricketer 1919: a

teacher, later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1929, holding positions at Winchester and City of London; appointed canon; author various histories and biographies associated with Winchester: 'a combination of wisdom, fun and innocence': d 21.ix.1957 Winchester, Hampshire.

FOWLER, Richard Harold

b 5.iii.1887 Islington, Middlesex: ed St Augustine's C, Canterbury; Durham U: right-hand middle-order batsman; right-arm fast medium bowler of doubtful action: Worcestershire 1921, a: cr 4 matches; 72 runs, av 12.00; 7 wkt, av 15.00; 3 ct: no fifties: bb 5-33 v Gloucestershire, Amblecote, 1921: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1910, holding positions at Milton, Windsor, Brisbane and Sydney (Australia), Belbroughton, Kingswinford and Himley: 'only his cloth saved him from being no-balled': d 27.x.1970 Clent, Worcestershire.

GAUNT, Howard Charles Adie ("Tom")

b 13.xi.1902 Edgbaston, Birmingham: ed Tonbridge S; Pembroke C, Cambridge; Cuddesdon C: right-hand middle-order batsman: Warwickshire 1920-1922, a: 9 matches; 112 runs, av 7.00; did not bowl; 4 ct: no fifties: played hockey for Warwickshire: a teacher, incl head of Malvern C; later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1954, holding positions at Winchester; appointed canon; well-known hymnologist, writing ten hymn texts, one of only two chsp players to pursue this interest: 'appeared on Round Britain Quiz in 1949': d 1.ii.1983 Winchester, Hampshire.

GILLINGHAM, Frank Hay

b 6.ix.1875 Kobe (Hyōgo), Japan: UK resident from 1883: ed Dulwich C; St John's C, Highbury; Durham U: right-hand middle-order batsman; occ bowler; versatile field, incl occ wicketkeeper: Essex 1903-1926, 1928, a: cr 173 matches; 8,790 runs, av 32.43; none for 13; 86 ct: hs 201 v Middlesex, Lord's, 1904: radio commentator on cricket 1927, the first in UK; an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1899, holding positions in the Army chaplaincy, and at Leyton, Tidworth, Bethnal Green, Bermondsey, Lewisham and City of London; appointed canon; also chaplain to the Royal Household 1939-1952: 'his driving was as the driving of Jehu, son of Nimshi, for he drove furiously': d 1.iv.1953 Monaco, while on holiday.

GODFREY, Charles John Melville

b 24.xi.1862 Clapton, Middlesex; ed Magdalen College S, Oxford; Hertford C, Oxford; Rochester Theological C: right-hand lower-order batsman; right-arm fast bowler; outfield: Sussex 1890, 1892, a: cr 5 matches; 70 runs, av 10.00; 11 wkt, av 23.81; 2 ct: no fifties: bb 5-22 v Yorkshire, Hove, 1890: a teacher, later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1903, holding positions at Horley, Reigate and Beddington: 'a force in [London] club cricket': d 28.ix.1941 Great Chesterford, Essex.

GREATOREX, Theophilus

b 14.xii.1864 Paddington, Middlesex: ed Harrow S; Trinity C, Cambridge: right-hand middle-order batsman; versatile field: Middlesex 1892, a: cr 2 matches; 13 runs, av 4.33; did not bowl; 1 ct: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1888, holding positions at Beverley, Canterbury, Croydon, Hammersmith, several towns in Western Australia, and Westminster; appointed canon: 'for a player of his undoubted ability, he was seen all too seldom in great matches': d 27.vii.1933 Westminster, Middlesex.

GREIG, Geoffrey George Fenner

b 15.viii.1897 Southwold, Suffolk ed Westminster S; Christ Church, Oxford: right-hand lower-order batsman; right-arm fast bowler; outfield: Worcestershire 1920, 1921, 1925, a: cr 18

matches; 215 runs, av 8.26; 31 wkt, av 39.35: 6 ct: no fifties: bb 7-86 v Lancashire, Manchester, 1920: played football for Corinthians: a teacher, later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1954, holding positions at Windsor, Bramley and Walton-on-Thames: d 24.x.1960 Ewhurst, Surrey.

GREIG, John Glennie ('Jungly')

b 24.x.1871 Mhow (Central India), India: UK resident from an early age: ed Downside S, Stratton-on-the-Fosse; Royal Military C, Sandhurst; Beda C, Rome: right-hand opening or middle-order batsman; right-arm slow bowler; versatile field: Hampshire 1901, 1905, 1906, 1910, 1914, 1920-1922, a: cr 74 matches; 4,148 runs, av 33.72; 64 wkt, av 30.86; 49 ct: hs 249* v Lancashire, Liverpool, 1901: bb 6-38 v Derbyshire, Southampton, 1901: a career soldier stationed in India 1893-1921; secretary Hampshire CCC 1922-1930; later a Catholic priest, ordained 1935, holding positions at Ringwood and Portsmouth: appointed CIE 1911 for services as military secretary to Governors of Bombay: 'an appetite for runs that was gargantuan': d 24.v.1958 Milford on Sea, Hampshire.

HARVEY, Frank Northam

b 19.xii.1864 Southampton: ed Handel C, Southampton; Exeter C, Oxford: right-hand lower-order batsman; wicketkeeper: Hampshire 1899, 1900, a: cr 3 matches; 20 runs, av 7.50; did not bowl; 2 ct, 1 st: a teacher, later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1888, holding positions at Southampton, Whitchurch, Hook and Fawley: d 10.xi.1939 Southampton. (*Played some matches under the pseudonym 'Frank Northam'.*)

HOOK, Arthur James

b 12.ii.1871 Porlock, Somerset: ed Blundell's S, Tiverton: Exeter C, Oxford; Leeds Clergy S: left-hand lower-order batsman; outfield: Somerset, 1906, a: cr 1 match; two innings, 6, 15*: did not bowl; 0 ct: a teacher, later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1908, holding positions at Glastonbury, Wells, Hambridge, Taunton, Chaffcombe, Wrington and Stogursey: he was 'fetched in from village cricket to make up the numbers': d 12.ii.1957 Over Stowey, Somerset, on his eightieth birthday.

JEPHSON, William Vincent

b 6.x.1873 Ayot St Lawrence, Hertfordshire: ed Haileybury C, Hertford Heath; Keble C, Oxford; Salisbury Theological C: right-hand opening or middle-order batsman; occ right-arm bowler; slip field, occ wicketkeeper: Hampshire 1903-1910, 1912, 1913, 1919, a: cr 52 matches; 1,485 runs, av 17.06; one for 13; 33ct, 1 st: hs 90 v Worcestershire, Southampton, 1903: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1897, holding positions at Beaminster, Chilwell, Highclere and Warkleigh; also Army chaplaincy: 'scored a century playing for Hambledon in 1908 on Broadhalfpenny Down against England': d 12.xi.1956 Monkton Combe, Somerset.

JESSOP, Gilbert Laird Osborne

b 6.ix.1906 Kensington, Middlesex: ed Weymouth C; Christ's C, Cambridge; Ridley Hall, Cambridge: right-hand lower-order batsman; right-arm off-break bowler; versatile field: Hampshire 1933, a: cr 2 matches; 16 runs, av 5.33; one for 27; 1 ct: son of G.L. (Gloucestershire 1894-1914): an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1931, holding positions at Cambridge, , Dorchester, Tacarigua (Trinidad), Sydney (N.S.W.), Philip Island (Victoria) and in Jamaica; also Royal Navy chaplaincy: he played 47 matches in the Minor Counties Championship from 1936 to 1954 and was a 'competent cricketer in his own right' at that level: d 16.i.1990 Lambeth, Surrey.

JONES, F.M., see MEYRICK-JONES, F.M. below.

KEMPE, Wilfred Noel

b 10.x.1887 Long Ashton, Somerset: ed King's S, Canterbury; Corpus Christi C, Cambridge; Cuddesdon C: right-hand lower-order batsman; wicketkeeper: Somerset 1919, a: cr 1 match; two innings 9, 0*; did not bowl; 0 ct, 1 st: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1912, holding positions at Derby, Portishead, Flax Bourton, Yatton, Castle Cary and Wells; also Army chaplaincy: d 17.x.1958 Frenchay, Gloucestershire.

KILLICK, Edgar *Thomas*

b 9.v.1907 Fulham, Middlesex: ed St Paul's S, Hammersmith; Jesus C, Cambridge; Westcott House, Cambridge: right-hand opening or middle-order batsman; occ bowler; outfield: Middlesex 1926-1929, 1931, 1932, 1939, a: cr 39 matches; 1,766 runs, av 33.32; none for 31; 19 ct: hs 206 v Warwickshire, Lord's, 1931: played two Tests for England: a teacher, later, an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1930, holding positions at Harrow, Letchworth and Bishop's Stortford; also R.A.F. chaplaincy: d 18.v.1953 Northampton, from heart failure while playing in an inter-diocesan cricket match.

KIMBELL, Ralph Raymond

b 12.vi.1884 Boughton, Northamptonshire: ed Northampton GS; Culham C, Abingdon; St Catherine's Society, Oxford: unknown-hand lower-order batsman; unknown-hand fast bowler; outfield: Northamptonshire 1908, a: cr 1 match; two innings, 0, 4; two for 45; 0 ct: a teacher, specialising in music, becoming head of a training college; later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1950, holding a position at Ledbury: his *Who's Who* entry notes that he 'published a few songs': d 4.viii.1964 Ledbury, Herefordshire.

LEVESON GOWER, Frederick Archibald Gresham

b 20.ii.1871 Titsey, Surrey: ed Winchester C; Magdalen C, Oxford; Wells Theological C: right-hand middle-order batsman; occ right-arm leg-break bowler; point field: Hampshire 1899, 1900, a: cr 2 matches; 45 runs, av 11.25; none for 22; 1 ct: older brother of H.D.G. (Surrey 1895, 1897, 1899-1902, 1904, 1905, 1907-1911): an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1896, holding positions at Portsmouth, Linton and Singleton (Sussex); also Army chaplaincy: 'he took part in but little county cricket': d 3.x.1946 Folkestone, Kent.

LITTLEHALES, Charles Gough

b 20.v.1871 Bulphan, Essex; ed Forest S, Walthamstow: Exeter C, Oxford; Ely Theological C: right-hand lower-order batsman; versatile field, incl occ wicketkeeper: Essex 1896, 1902, 1904, a: cr 6 matches; 109 runs, av 12.11; did not bowl; 4 ct, 1 st: no fifties: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1896, holding positions at Mistley, Goldhanger, Whitchurch-on-Thames, Langford (Essex) and Allensmore: d 28.viii.1945 Wickham Bishops, Essex.

LYTTELTON, Hon Charles Frederick

b 26.i.1887 Marylebone, Middlesex; ed Eton C; Trinity C, Cambridge; Cuddesdon C: right-hand lower-order batsman; right-arm fast bowler; outfield: Worcestershire 1906, 1908-1910, a: cr 9 matches; 67 runs, av 6.70; 19 wkt, av 26.84; 5 ct: no four-wicket returns: younger brother of Lord Cobham (Worcestershire 1924, 1925): an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1912, holding positions at Hawarden and Cranleigh; also Army chaplaincy: awarded MC 1919: 'he missed

getting into the Eleven at Eton': d 3.x.1931 Paddington, Middlesex. (*Styled Honourable from 1889 as a son of the eighth Viscount Cobham.*)

MALDEN, Eustace

b 19.viii.1863 Brighton, Sussex: ed Haileybury C, Hertford Heath; Trinity C, Cambridge: right-hand lower-order batsman; wicketkeeper: Kent 1892, 1893, a: cr 12 matches; 130 runs, av 7.22; did not bowl; 7 ct, 3 st: no fifties: father of W.J. (Sussex 1920-1922): a teacher and private tutor, later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1917, holding a position at Frant: 'Kent lacked a regular stumper in the early nineties': d 3.xii.1947 Ovingdean, Sussex.

MAUNDRELL, William Herbert

b 5.xi.1876 Nagasaki (Hizen), Japan: UK resident from 1887: ed King's S, Canterbury; Cambridge U; St Stephen's House, Oxford: right-hand middle-order batsman; outfield: Hampshire 1900, a: cr 1 match; one innings, 0: did not bowl; 0 ct: a teacher, later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1905, holding positions at Canterbury, in the Royal Navy chaplaincy (including Hong Kong and Malta) and Ringwould; secretary Mission to Seafarers from 1940: d 17.vi.1958 Deal, Kent.

MEYRICK-JONES, Frederic Meyrick

b 14.i.1867 Blackheath, Kent: ed Marlborough C; Trinity C, Cambridge: right-hand middle-order batsman, outfield: Kent 1893, 1894, 1896, a: cr 4 matches; 79 runs, av 13.16; did not bowl; 3 ct: hs 62 v Nottinghamshire, Nottingham, 1893: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1890, holding positions at Elstree, Bristol, and in 'missions' in London; later, headteacher private 'special' school at Holt: also well known for his restoration of Woodlands Manor, Mere in the 1920s, a pioneering attempt at conserving a medieval manor house: d 25.x.1950 Shaftesbury, Dorset. (*Changed surname from Jones to Meyrick-Jones in September 1893.*)

MOSS, Reginald Heber

b 24.ii.1868 Huyton, Lancashire: ed Radley C; Keble C, Oxford: right-hand lower-order batsman; right-arm medium-pace bowler; slip field: Worcestershire 1925, a: cr 1 match; two innings, 2, 0; one for 5; 2 ct: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1893, holding positions at Bletsoe, Woburn, Great Malvern and Icomb: aged 57 yr 3 mth in his only chsp match, while vicar of Icomb, Gloucestershire (and thus probably ineligible for Worcestershire), the oldest player to play chsp cricket: d 19.ii.1956 Symondsburry, Dorset.

NASH, Willam Wallace Hayward

b 22.ix.1884 Quedgeley, Gloucestershire: ed King's S, Bruton; Selwyn C, Cambridge; Wells Theological C: unknown-hand lower-order batsman; outfield: Gloucestershire 1906, a: cr 2 matches; 42 runs, av 10.50; did not bowl; 0 ct: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1909, holding positions at Huddersfield, Randwick, Shirley, Matlock, Glasgow and Seaford: d 24.vii.1971 Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire.

PARSONS, John Henry

b 30.v.1890 Oxford: ed Bablake S, Coventry; St Aidan's C, Birkenhead: right-hand middle-order batsman; right-arm medium-pace bowler; slip field: Warwickshire 1910-1919, 1923-1934, p in 1910-1914 and 1924-1928, a in 1919, 1923, 1929-1934, changing his playing status three times: cr 300 matches; 14,992 runs, av 34.78; 52 wkt, av 35.46; 193 ct: hs 225 v Glamorgan, Birmingham, 1927: bb 4-13 v Lancashire, Manchester, 1925: awarded MC 1918: a professional cricketer, later an Army officer and then an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1929, holding posts at

Rugby, Hodnet, Liskeard and Birlingham; also Army chaplaincy; appointed canon: 'a seriousness of purpose ran through his life' and was 'reflected in his cricket ... where he sought purity of performance in the way he batted': d 2.ii.1981 Plymouth, Devon.

PAYTON, Wilfred Ernest *Granville*

b 27.xii.1913 Beeston, Nottinghamshire: ed Nottingham HS; Emmanuel C, Cambridge; Ridley Hall, Cambridge : right-hand opening or middle-order batsman; outfield: Derbyshire 1949, a: cr 2 matches; 93 runs, av 31.00; did not bowl; 1 ct: no fifties: son of W.R.D. (Nottinghamshire 1905-1931); younger brother of A.I. (Nottinghamshire 1922): played hockey for Nottinghamshire: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1938, holding a position at Heanor, and then in Royal Air Force chaplaincy; chaplain-in-chief RAF. 1965-1969: appointed CB 1965 for his chaplaincy services: d 4.ix.1989 Nailsworth, Gloucestershire.

PEACEY, John Raphael

b 16.vii.1896 Hove, Sussex: ed St Edmund's S, Canterbury; Emmanuel C, Cambridge: unknown-hand middle-order batsman; outfield: Sussex 1921, a: cr 1 match; one innings, 26; did not bowl; 0 ct: a teacher, later an Anglican clergyman ordained 1922, holding positions at Cambridge, Rochester; Shimla, Lahore and Kolkata (all in India); Bristol, Brisbane (Australia): and Hurstpierpoint; appointed canon; hymnologist, writing 18 hymn texts, one of only two chsp players to pursue this interest: awarded MC 1919: d 31.x.1971 Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.

PEREIRA, Edward Thomas ('E.P.')

b 26.ix.1866 Colwich, Staffordshire: ed Oratory S, Edgbaston; Collegio Scozzese, Rome: right-hand middle-order batsman; occ right-arm fast bowler; versatile field: Warwickshire 1895, 1896, a: cr 4 matches; 90 runs, av 15.00; none for 13; 1 ct: no fifties: a teacher and Catholic priest, ordained in 1891, holding positions at Edgbaston and Reading, incl headteacher Oratory S, Edgbaston: president Catholic Headteachers' Conference 1913: d 25.ii.1939 Edgbaston, Birmingham.

PORTER, Albert Lavington

b 20.i.1864 Croydon, Surrey: ed Marlborough C; Trinity C, Cambridge: right-hand middle-order batsman; outfield: Hampshire, 1895, a: cr 1 match; one innings, 7; did not bowl; 1 ct: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1888, holding positions at Fareham, Braishfield and Eldon: of his batting in a local match, 'there are some muscular Christians down there at Fareham': d 14.xiii.1937 Tiverton, Devon.

POWYS-MAURICE, Lionel Selwyn

b 7.v.1899 Brighton, Sussex: ed Haileybury C, Hertford Heath: St John's C, Oxford; Bishop's C, Cheshunt: right-hand middle-order batsman; outfield: Northamptonshire 1922, 1923, a: cr 10 matches; 139 runs, av 7.72; did not bowl; 1 ct: hs 65 v Worcestershire, Northampton, 1922: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1923, holding positions at Blackheath, Offord d'Arcy, Cottenham and Stowe; appointed canon: 'exceptional promise as a schoolboy batsman': d 8.i.1991 Buckden Huntingdonshire. (*Changed surname to 'Maurice' in 1923.*)

RAIKES, George Barkley

b 14.iii.1873 Carleton Forehoe, Norfolk: ed Shrewsbury S; Magdalen C, Oxford; Wells Theological C: right-hand middle-order batsman; right-arm fast-medium bowler; versatile field: Hampshire 1900-1902, a: cr 9 matches; 409 runs, av 27.26; 25 wkt, av 30.24; 10 ct: hs 77 v Yorkshire,

Portsmouth, 1900: bb 4-30 v Derbyshire, Derby, 1901: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1897, holding positions at Portsmouth, Great Ellingham, Welbeck and Bergh Apton: played 49 Minor Counties Championship matches for Norfolk 1895-1913; also football (goalkeeper) for Corinthians and in four internationals for England: d 18.xii.1966 Lamyatt, Somerset.

RASHLEIGH, William

b 7.iii.1867 Farningham, Kent: ed Tonbridge S; Brasenose C, Oxford: right-hand opening, later middle-order batsman; occ right-arm slow bowler; cover or outfield: Kent 1891-1901, a: cr 65 matches; 2,948 runs, av 27.04; none for 29; 26 ct: hs 163 v Middlesex, Tonbridge, 1896: a teacher, later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1892, holding positions at Gloucester, Canterbury, Horton Kirby and Bletchley: 'if an England team had been chosen [in 1895] it is practically certain that Mr Rashleigh would have been asked to play': d 13.ii.1937 Balcombe, Sussex.

RICE, William Joseph

b 15.iii.1883 Aston, Birmingham: ed Douai S, Woolhampton; Hunter Blair's Hall, Oxford; St Anselmo's C, Rome: right-hand middle-order batsman: Warwickshire 1920, a: cr 1 match; two innings, 1, 5; did not bowl; 0 ct: a monk who joined the Benedictine Order 1902, later a teacher and Catholic priest, ordained 1910, holding positions at Douai School, Woolhampton for forty-four years, incl head: 'the only monk to play Championship cricket': d 22.iv.1955 Woolhampton, Berkshire. (*Outside cricket usually known by his monastic title Dom Ignatius.*)

SHEPPARD, David Stuart

b 6.iii.1929 Reigate, Surrey: ed Sherborne S; Trinity Hall, Cambridge; Ridley Hall, Cambridge: right-hand opening batsman; occ left-arm slow bowler; close field: Sussex 1947, 1949-1958, 1960, 1962, a, capt 1953: cr 122 matches; 8,331 runs, av 43.16; none for 15; 109 ct: hs 204 v Glamorgan, Eastbourne, 1949: played 22 Tests for England: *Wisden* cricketer 1953: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1955, holding positions at Islington, Canning Town and Woolwich, and then as Bishop of Liverpool 1975-1997, one of only two chsp cricketers to become a full bishop (see 'Wilson' below); created life peer, Baron Sheppard of Liverpool, 1998: one obituarist wrote, 'The canvas is so large, his life's work so immense, that it is difficult to focus on the cricket appropriately': d 5.iii.2005 West Kirby, Cheshire. (*He was the last ordained minister to appear in the Championship, opening the batting for Sussex v Hampshire at Portsmouth in August 1962, scoring 44 and 32*.*)

SPURWAY, Edward Popham

d 4.iv.1863 Heathfield, Somerset: ed Charterhouse, Godalming; Trinity C, Cambridge; Wells Theological C: right-hand middle-order batsman; wicketkeeper: Somerset 1898, a: cr 1 match; two innings 15, 0; did not bowl; 0 ct: older brother of R.P. (Somerset 1893-1895, 1898, a); father of F.E. (see below): an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1887, holding positions at Pershore, Newbury, Hursley and Heathfield, the only instance of father-and-son clergymen playing in the chsp: also 'manager of a cider-making business, Heathfield Cider': d 8.ii.1914 Heathfield, Somerset.

SPURWAY, Francis Edward

b 8.viii.1894 Winchester, Hampshire: ed King's S, Bruton; St John's C, Oxford; Ely Theological C: right-hand lower-order batsman; wicketkeeper: Somerset 1920-1924, 1929, a: cr 20 matches; 259 runs, av 8.63; did not bowl; 24 ct, 14 st: no fifties: son of E.P. (see above), older brother of

M.V. (Somerset 1929): an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1922, holding positions at Taunton, Birmingham, Titchfield and Holmwood, the only instance of father-and-son clergymen playing in the chsp: d 30.xii.1980 Halse, Somerset. (*Husband of Avis Spurway, a leading figure in the St Dunstan blind people's organization.*)

STAUNTON, Harvey

b 21.xi.1870 Staunton in the Vale, Nottinghamshire: ed Bromsgrove S; Selwyn C, Cambridge: right-hand middle-order batsman; occ bowler; outfield: Nottinghamshire 1903-1905, a: cr 14 matches; 344 runs, av 17.20; none for 11; 6 ct: hs 78 v Middlesex, Nottingham, 1904: played rugby union for Nottingham: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1896, holding positions at Boxford, Pleasley, Normanton-on-the-Wolds, Upper Broughton, and Nagpur (India); also Army chaplaincy: d 14.i.1918 Arzizieh, Mesopotamia, 'from fever' while on military service.

STEELE, John William Jackson

b 30.vii.1905 Wistaston, Cheshire: ed Ellesmere C; St Aidan's C, Birkenhead: right-hand middle- or lower-order batsman; right-hand medium-pace bowler; outfield: Hampshire 1938, 1939, a: cr 16 matches; 382 runs, av 16.60; 57 wkt, av 25.59; 8 ct: no fifties: bb 6-62 v Warwickshire, Portsmouth, 1939: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1929, holding positions at Stalybridge, Breamore, Tarrington and Powderham; also Army chaplaincy (incl service in Singapore and North Africa), where he was appointed OBE 1943, CBE 1945 for military services: 'a Church of England bowler, straight up and down and no funny business': d 29.iii.1990 Powderham, Devon.

SULLIVAN, Arnold Moon

b 30.viii.1878 Kirkbymoorside, Yorkshire: ed St Peter's S, York; Christ's C, Cambridge; Bishop Otter C, Chichester: right-hand middle-order batsman; outfield: Sussex 1901, a: cr 4 matches; 28 runs, av 7.00; did not bowl; 1 ct: a teacher, later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1903, holding positions at Eastbourne, Leeds and Richmond (Yorkshire); also Army chaplaincy: d 27.vi.1943 Eastbourne, Sussex.

TAYLOR-JONES, Edward William Tetley

b 28.v.1866 Sydenham, Kent: ed Herne House S, Margate; Queens' C, Cambridge; Bishop Otter C, Chichester: left-hand lower-order batsman; right-arm fast bowler; slip field: Kent 1894, a: cr 1 match; two innings, 1, 5; none for 12; 1 ct: a teacher, later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1889, holding positions at Worthing, Margate, Chartham, Rodmersham and Milstead: 'there seems to have been no shortage of cricket throughout his life': d 15.ix.1956 Sittingbourne, Kent. (*Changed surname from Jones to Taylor-Jones 1891.*)

TINDALL, Henry Charles Lenox ('Parson')

b 4.ii.1863 Margate, Kent: ed Dane House S, Margate; Christ's C, Cambridge: right-hand lower-order batsman; right-arm fast bowler; outfield: Kent 1893, 1894, a: cr 2 matches; 17 runs, av 8.50; two for 46; 0 ct: older brother of S.M. (Lancashire 1894-1898): AAA 440 yd champion 1888, 1889, and 880 yd champion 1889, setting new UK record (48.5 sec) in the former event 1889; played rugby union for Rosslyn Park: a teacher and Anglican clergyman, ordained 1890, holding positions at Chichester, Ore and Iden: d 10.vi.1940 Peasmarsh, Sussex.

UTLEY, Richard Peter Hugh

b 11.ii.1906 Havant, Hampshire: ed St John's C, Portsmouth; Ampleforth C; Royal Air Force C, Cranwell; St Benet's Hall, Oxford: right-hand lower-order batsman; right-arm fast bowler;

outfield: Hampshire 1927, 1928, a: cr 26 matches; 164 runs, av 6.83; 79 wkt, av 25.49; 8 ct: no fifties: bb 6-43 v Warwickshire, Bournemouth, 1928: an RAF officer who joined the Benedictine monastic order in autumn 1928; later, a teacher and Catholic priest, ordained 1935, holding positions at Ampleforth College for forty years: appointed OBE 1951 for services to the Combined Cadet Force: d 28.viii.1968 Ampleforth, Yorkshire.

WADDY, Ernest Frederick ('Mick')

b 2.x.1880 Morpeth, New South Wales; ed King's S, Parramatta; Sydney U; St Paul's C, Sydney: right-hand middle-order batsman;; versatile field: UK resident from 1915: Warwickshire 1919-1922, a: cr 22 matches; 803 runs, av 24.33; did not bowl; 14 ct: hs 109* v Middlesex, Lord's, 1921: a teacher and Anglican clergyman, ordained 1905, holding positions at Singleton and Parramatta (N.S.W.), Rugby, Coventry, Crathorne and South Littleton: played Sheffield Shield cricket for N.S.W. 1904-1909, the only 'overseas' player in this listing: d 23.ix.1958 South Littleton, Worcestershire.

WARD, Charles Gordon

b 23.ix.1875 Braughing, Hertfordshire: ed Aldenham S; Chancellor's S, Lincoln: right-hand lower-order batsman; occ unknown-hand bowler; outfield: Hampshire 1897-1901, a: cr 14 matches; 186 runs, av 8.08; two for 135; 3 ct: no fifties: younger brother of H.F. (Hampshire 1895-1897): a stockbroker, later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1903, holding positions at Heapham, Lincoln, North Mimms and South Ormsby: played 63 Minor Counties Championship matches for Lincolnshire and Hertfordshire 1907-1922: d 27.vi.1954 South Ormsby, Lincolnshire.

WARD, Leonard Foster

b 24.iii.1866 Oldham, Lancashire: ed Denstone C; Selwyn C, Cambridge: Cuddesdon C: right-hand middle-order batsman; outfield: Derbyshire 1899, a: cr 1 match; two innings, 0, 0; did not bowl; 1 ct: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1893, holding positions at Wrexham, Glossop and St Helier (Jersey), this last post during the German occupation: d 1.ix.1945 St Helier, (Jersey), Channel Islands.

WATSON, Thomas Herman

b 14.xi.1880 Water Orton, Warwickshire: St Bees S; Pembroke C, Cambridge; Egerton Hall, Manchester: right-hand lower-order batsman; right-arm fast-medium bowler; outfield: Warwickshire 1904, a: cr 1 match; two innings 5, 1; none for 73; 0 ct: a teacher, later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1912, holding positions at Blackpool and Singleton; also Army chaplaincy: in his only match, he 'received mixed reviews from the local press': d 15.ii.1944 Singleton, Lancashire.

WEBB, Charles Johnston Bourne

b 24.xi.1874 Bloemfontein (Orange Free State): UK resident from an early age: ed Radley C; Keble C, Oxford: right-hand lower-order batsman; right-arm slow bowler; outfield: Middlesex 1902, a: cr 2 matches; 18 runs, av 9.00; none for 58; 1 ct: a teacher, later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1916, holding positions at Cuckfield, Haywards Heath, Thornbury, Kemsford and in London: d 18.xi.1963 St John's Wood, Middlesex.

WICKHAM, Archdale Palmer ('Bishop')

b 9.xi.1855 Holmwood, Surrey: ed Marlborough C; New C, Oxford; Leeds Clergy S: right-hand lower-order batsman; occ bowler; wicketkeeper: Somerset 1891-1903, 1907, a: cr 69 matches; 567 runs, av 9.45; none for 3; 71 ct, 47 st: an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1880, holding positions at Norwich, Rickingham, Buxton (Norfolk), Ilchester, Burnham-on-Sea, Martock and East Brent: a distinctive player with 'light-brown wicketkeeping gloves, faded Harlequin cap' and a 'legs-apart stance close to the stumps': in match v Hampshire, Taunton, 1899, conceded no byes in an innings total of 672, a chsp record until surpassed in 2002: 'likely to unnerve batsmen by proclaiming Greek and Latin verse ... very loudly': d 13.x.1935 East Brent, Somerset.

WILSON, Cecil

b 9.ix.1860 Islington, Middlesex: ed Tonbridge S; Jesus C, Cambridge: right-hand middle-order batsman; versatile field: Kent 1890, a: cr 2 matches; 46 runs, av 15.33; did not bowl; 1 ct: younger brother of L. (Kent 1890-1895): an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1886, holding positions at Portsmouth, Bournemouth, Melanesia (where he was Bishop 1894-1911), Adelaide (South Australia) and Bunbury in Western Australia, (where he was Bishop 1917-1937): one of only two chsp cricketers to become a full bishop (see 'Sheppard', above): d 20.i.1941 Perth (W.A.), Australia.

WILSON, Clement Eustace Macro

b 15.v.1875 Bolsterstone, Yorkshire: ed Uppingham S; Trinity C, Cambridge: right-hand middle-order batsman; left-arm slow or right-arm fast-medium bowler, an 'exceptional craft'; outfield: Yorkshire 1896-1899, a: cr 8 matches; 225 runs, av 25.00; 11 wkt, av 19.09; 3 ct: hs 91* v Kent, Canterbury, 1897: no four-wicket returns: played two Tests for England: older brother of E.R. (Yorkshire 1899-1900, 1902, 1913-1923): an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1901, holding positions at Whitby, Dunchurch, Rugby, Calverhall, Ecclestone, Sand Hutton and Lichfield: 'he retired from county cricket after his ordination': d 8.ii.1944 Calverhall, Shropshire.

WOOD, George Robert

b 7.xii.1865 Reading, Berkshire: ed Haileybury C, Hertford Heath; Keble C, Oxford: Wells Theological C: right-hand lower-order batsman; outfield: Somerset 1893, 1894, a: cr 3 matches; 84 runs, av 16.80; did not bowl, 1 ct: hs 52 v Kent, Tonbridge, 1893, an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1892, holding positions at Bristol, Almondsbury and Cold Ashton; appointed canon: in his top score, he given out caught 'by the worst decision I ever saw', according to Sammy Woods: d 3.ix.1948 Lyme Regis, Dorset.

YOUNG, Wilfrid Alec Radford

b 5.x.1867 Brighton, Sussex: ed Harrow S; Selwyn C, Cambridge; Lichfield Theological C: right-hand lower-order batsman; outfield: Somerset 1891, 1893, a: cr 2 matches; 13 runs, av 4.33; did not bowl; 1 ct: a teacher, later an Anglican clergyman, ordained 1900, holding positions at Worcester, Rugby and Kimcote: 'remembered by many for his pastoral care and by few for his deeds as a county cricketer': d 19.iii.1947 Kimcote, Leicestershire.

In addition to those listed above, some fifty clergymen played in inter-county matches between 1864 and 1889, in the 'less official' Championship in those seasons.
