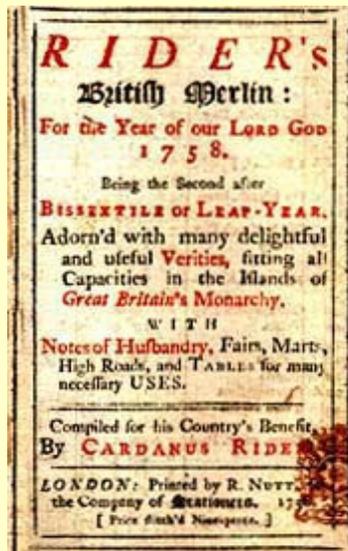
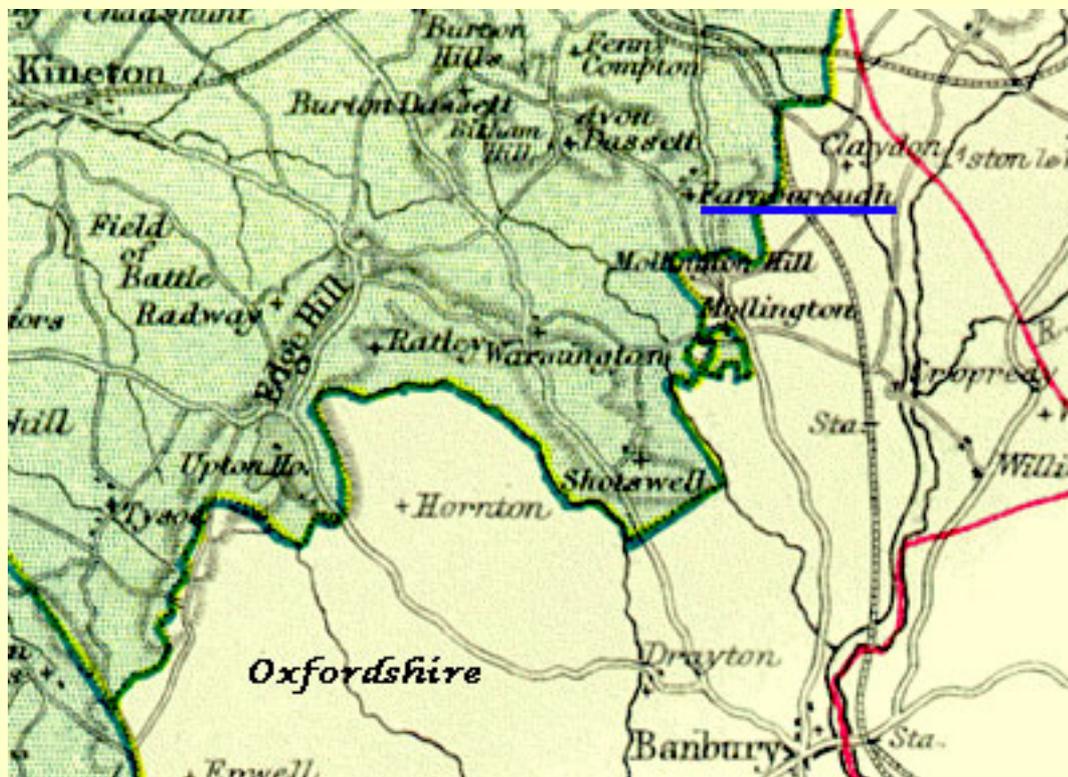


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Farnborough, Warwickshire, 1758-9



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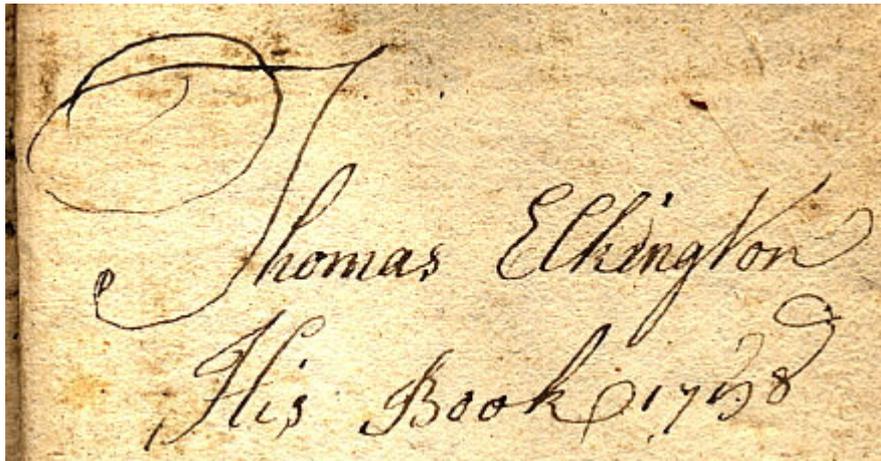
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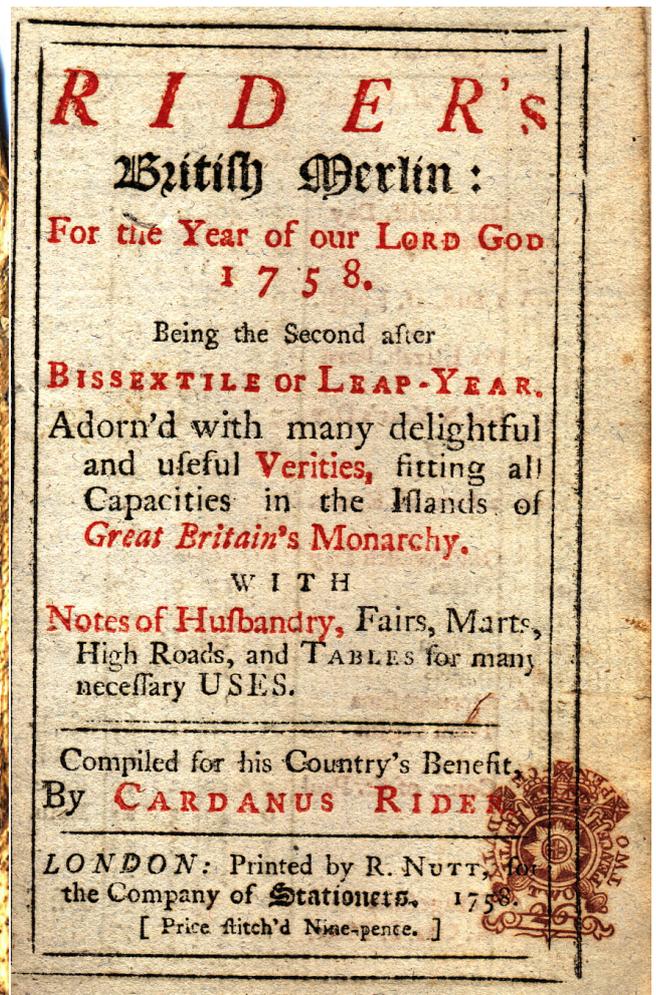
Facsimiles, transcription and additional material prepared in 2005 by Simon J. Bartlett, five times great-nephew of Thomas Elkington. (Member No. 707, Soc. of Genealogists, London).

The original pocket book has been deposited at the Warwickshire County Record Office.



Thomas Elkington
His Book 1758

Notes on Expenses, Reimbursements and Income February 1758 to Feb. 1759 made in his *Rider's British Merlin* by Thomas Elkington (1733-1763?), when in the employment of William Holbech of Farnborough Hall, Warwickshire.



R I D E R ' S
British Merlin :
For the Year of our LORD GOD
1 7 5 8.
Being the Second after
BISSEXTILE OF LEAP-YEAR.
Adorn'd with many delightful
and useful **Verities**, fitting all
Capacities in the Islands of
Great Britain's Monarchy.
W I T H
Notes of Husbandry, Fairs, Marts,
High Roads, and **TABLES** for many
necessary **USES.**
Compiled for his Country's Benefit,
By **CARDANUS RIDER**
LONDON: Printed by R. NUTT, for
the Company of Stationers. 1758.
[Price fitch'd Niae-pente.]

This little pocket book, bound in now wormeaten vellum, measures 3.5" x 5" (9 cm by 12.5 cm.)

Introduction to the Accounts

The following pages reproduce, with transcriptions, payments made and expenses incurred by Thomas Elkington during the period February 1758 to February 1759, and noted by him in the blank pages of his 1758 Rider's Almanac. Thomas appears to have been in the employ of William Holbech of Farnborough Hall, Warwickshire, to this day the residence of the Holbech family, although now owned by the National Trust. To judge from the entries recorded, he was a bailiff or steward, responsible among other things for procuring game for his master's table.

This Thomas Elkington may have been the son of another Thomas, a yeoman farmer of Mollington, Oxfordshire, just over the county border from neighbouring Farnborough. Thomas senior was baptised at nearby Cropredy, Oxon, in 1688, and buried there in 1765, having had at least seven children (three sons and four daughters) by his wife Elizabeth (née Toms). He thus outlived his son Thomas, the possible owner of the pocket book, who was christened at Mollington on April 15 1733 and buried at Cropredy at the early age of 29 or 30 years, on February 18 1763. He appears to have been unmarried.

Names mentioned in the notes

<u>Name of person</u>	<u>Reference date(s)</u>	<u>Page(s)</u>
Barns, Charles	1758: Sep	11
Blincon, Mr	1759: Jan.....	14
Cauncey, Mr	1758: May	8
Chamberlin, Sir James ...	1758: May	9
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Heays, Mr	1758.....	7
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Holbech, Wm	1758: Jun, Sep	10, 12
Holloway.....	1758: Feb	7
King, Mr	1758: Apr	7
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Newmans	1758: Jun; 1759: Jan	10, 14
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Richdson.....	1759: Jan.....	15
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Shurley, his honer ²	1758: May	9
Smith, Anthoney	1758: Feb	7

¹ 2nd Bt Dashwood (bef. 1724-1779), of Kirtlington Park near Oxford.

² The seat of the Shirley family was Ettington Park, Warwickshire.

Place names:

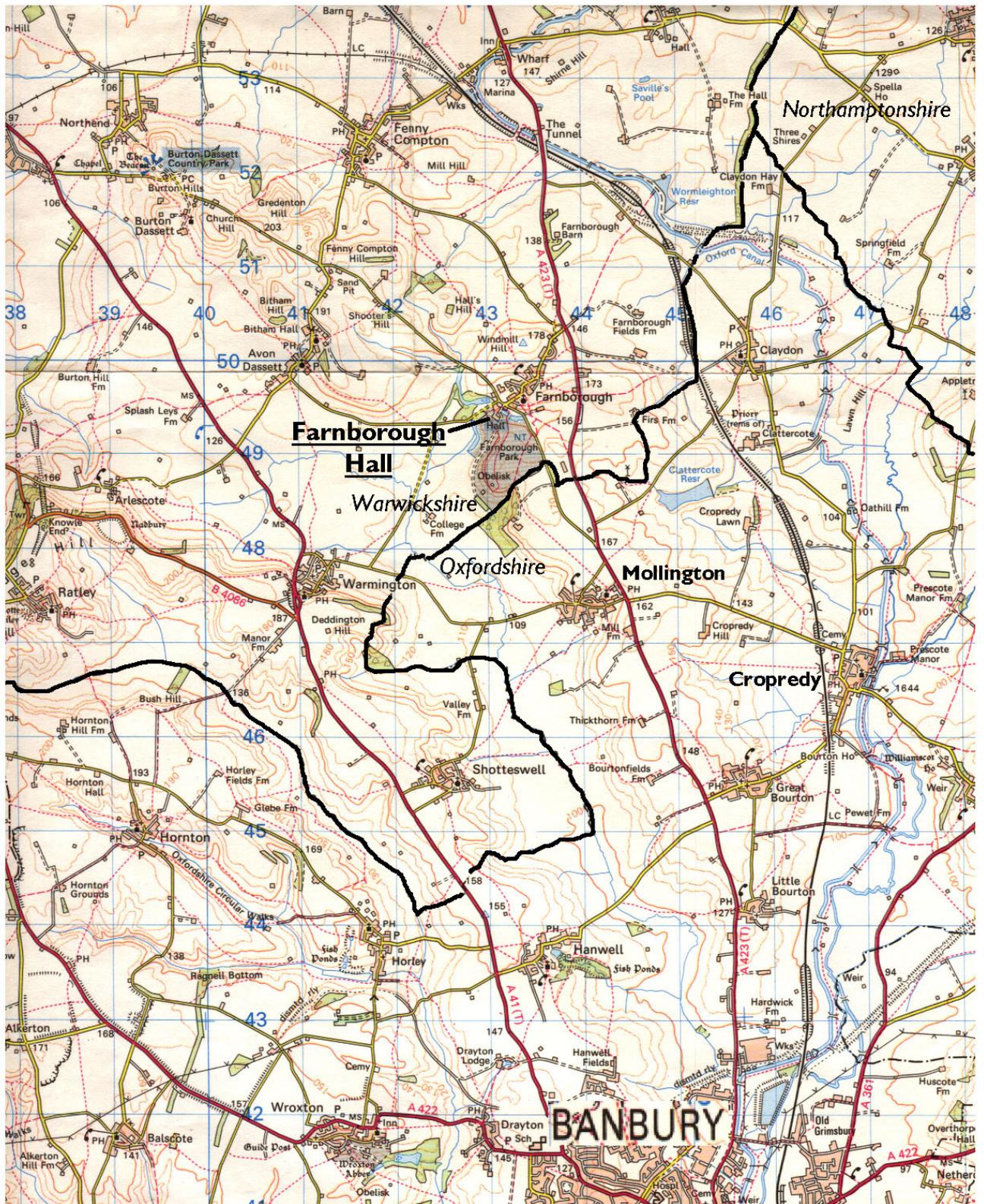
Oxfordshire: Adderbury, Banbury, Mollington, Rousham.

Warwickshire: Coventry, Eadington (Ettington), Edge Hill, Kington (Kineton), Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick.

Other: Sir James Dashwood's seat at "Cortelton" (Kirtlington Park near Oxford); London.

Field names: kempsons G[rounds?], Mollington Closes, nibs clos, nibs Grounes, okel hill

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Farnborough, Warwickshire, and its surroundings