

**Bankruptcy 1827-1867 of Samuel Churchill, solicitor (died 1840)**

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**List of Deddington claimants in bankruptcy file**

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Folio no.

10. Proof of debt (form) sworn 30 March 1827 by Robert Kirby of Deddington, linen and woollen draper, and his partner, Timothy Sedgeley, for £77 9. 7½ for drapery and cloths.

42. Proof for the late John Allen of Deddington, for £500 loan in 1825 and £30 interest. Sworn 8 May 1827 by executrix, Elizabeth Richardson, wife of John Richardson of Old Bond Street, cheese monger.

54. Proof sworn 7 June 1827 by Thomas Waite [illiterate] of Deddington, labourer, for £200 loan made 1824 and £2 13s. interest.

68. Proof sworn 12 May 1827 by William Catch of Deddington, blacksmith, for £27 loan in 1820 and £2 3s. interest.

102. Proof sworn 8 December 1827 by William Hudson of Deddington, grocer, for £1,504 12. 9. balance of account.

111. Proof (form) sworn 11 December 1827 by Edward Hatten of Deddington, gentleman, for £1,406 17s.

Claim for work and labour & care and diligence done and bestowed / [journies] done and performed and money paid laid out on [land] [ ] [ ] / as the land Agent and Surveyor of the said bankrupt [ ] [ ] [ ] / [ ] buying selling and letting of divers farms lands and dwelling houses and other Business of the said bankrupt And for the use / and hire of divers Horses Chaises and special Messengers [ ] / [and] [furnished] by this Deponent to the said Bankrupt [to] his request And / also for money lent and advanced by this deponent to the said Bankrupt and for Goods sold and delivered / by this deponent to the said Bankrupt at his request And this Deponent / saith that he hath not, nor [ ] [person] by his order or to his / knowledge and belief [ ] [ ] or received any manner / of satisfaction or security for the said debts or any part thereof whatsoever.

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200. 4 June 1830 Deddington Friendly Benefit Society £218 4. 7.

230. Proof sworn 13 April 1830 for the late Solomon Buller of Deddington, tailor and staymaker, by Daniel Bennett of Banbury, baker, and Sarah his wife (late Sarah

Buller, widow) for £212 10s. loan and £16 4. 2. interest. Promissory Note (1812) for £400 and interest.

236. Proof sworn 10 April 1830 by Catherine Dolley of Deddington, spinster, for £1,000 loan. Bond (1825) in penal sum of £2,000.

237. Proof sworn 10 April 1830 by Sarah Winkingham of Deddington, spinster, for £90 loan and £1 13. 9. interest. Promissory Note (1825) £90 and interest.

257. Claim (undated) by William Bygrave of Deddington, plumber, as executor of Mary Bygrave, late of Aynho, widow, for £3,750 4. 2. loan and interest.

Bond (1812) for £1,000 and 5% interest, Promissory Note (1809) for £500 and Promissory Note (1812) for £200 and interest.

262. Proof sworn 29 June 1830 by Richard Sessions of Deddington, labourer, for £40 10s. wages for 1½ years for his services as Groom and general servant, and for £5 laid out and expended for SC.

265. Proof sworn 25 June 1830 by George Whetton of Deddington, cordwainer, for self and Thomas Whetton, co-partner, for £165 6. 1. balance of account and £12 13s. interest.

267. Proof sworn 10 April 1830 by Samuel French of Deddington, sawyer, for £8 12s. for sawing wood and other work and labour.

344. Proof of debt sworn 13 June 1844 by Thomas Lymath of Little Tew, blacksmith, as executor of Joseph Lymath the elder, late of Deddington, blacksmith, for £67 1. 4. for work and labour done by late Joseph Lymath.

351. Proof sworn 10 June 1844 by Thomas Heritage of Deddington, clog maker, for self and James Whitelock as Stewards of the Three Horse Shoes Friendly Society for £200 loan and £8 5s. interest. Promissory Note (1826) £220 and interest.

354. Proof sworn 13 June 1844 by William Freeman of Deddington, slater and plasterer, for £23 18. 9. for goods sold and delivered and for work and labour done and performed.

355. Statement of account of carpentry work by Robert Franklin in 1825 and 1826.

356. Proof sworn 13 June 1844 by Robert Franklin of Deddington, carpenter, for £99 8. 5. for goods sold and delivered and for work and labour done and performed.

363. Proof (form) sworn 12 June 1844 by William Bygrave of Deddington, plumber and glazier, for £167 15. 2. balance of account for work done and labour and money lent and advanced 1825-1827. Promissory Note (£100).

364. Proof sworn 31 August 1830 by Elizabeth Sessions of Deddington, wife of Richard Sessions, labourer (previously Elizabeth Watkins, spinster) for £18 4s. for 1¼ years wages as cook in the family.

366. Proof sworn 14 June 1844 by George Eustace Petty of Deddington, brewer and maltster, for £24 19. 9. for goods sold and delivered 1825-1827.

369. Proof sworn 21 October 1831 by Catherina Rolls of Somerset, widow, as executrix of late Mrs. Mary Weston of Deddington, widow, for £394 19. 8. due on the balance of the accounts between SC and the deceased.

371. Affidavit sworn 4 April 1844 by Charles Faulkner of Deddington, gentleman. SC was surviving trustee of £700 under marriage settlement established by deponent's father, Rev. John Faulkner, in 1794. Deponent surviving beneficiary following death of mother, Elizabeth Faulkner (née Dolly) on 13 May 1836. Claim for £700 and interest.

387. List of 2 further claims includes Catharina Rolls, executrix of Mrs. Mary Weston above for £3,941 9. 8.

394. Affidavit sworn 11 April 1853 by William Baylis of Enstone, farmer, as surviving executor of will of Richard Taylor proved 5 February 1853. SC was trustee of will of late Thomas Curtis of Deddington. Beneficiary Sophia Curtis, widow, who married Richard Taylor of Neat Enstone, both now deceased. SC indebted to estate for £1,061 13s. on account of £1,000 legacy under will trust (no date given).

417 - 422. Affidavit sworn 11 April 1853 by John East of Deddington, farmer, and Robert East of Deddington, [draper]. Late father William East of Clifton, yeoman [died 1814]. Annexed receipts and releases of legacies paid under father's will to the 2 deponents and their brothers Henry East, James East, Thomas East, and sister Mary East (married John Stilgoe).

Leasehold estate valued at £7,500 in 1815 (assuming lease just renewed for 21 years).

Deponents confirm statements in above affidavit sworn 30 December 1851 by Joseph East (otherwise Gardner) of Clifton, farmer, and William Gardner of Hanley, farmer.

Lease should have been renewed in April 1816. £859 5. 6. 'fine' paid for renewal of lease, which not renewed until June 1827.

512. Affidavit sworn 30 December 1851 by Joseph Slatter of Ilbury, in the parish of Deddington, farmer, as surviving executor of will of David Fortnam, late of Great Barford, horse dealer, for £100 loan and £50 2. 10. interest. Promissory Note 24 December 1814 to Mrs. Ann Fortnam.

526. Dividend Warrant November 1854 to pay total dividend of £95 17. 2. (4/10¼d. in pound) to Thomas Robbyn, administrator of late Mrs. Mary Weston of Deddington.

534. Affidavit sworn 2 August 1854 by Samuel Field of Deddington, solicitor. SC had been receiver and treasurer of Deddington Charity Feoffees from 1811 until his bankruptcy in 1827. SC held £300 belonging to the feoffees, on which he duly paid

4% p.a. interest. Deponent receiver and treasurer from 1827 to present time. SC indebted to Feoffees for £86 10. 10. at time of bankruptcy.

### **Claims by families of Elizabeth East and John Gardner of Clifton**

401 - 415. Affidavit sworn 30 December 1851 by Joseph East (otherwise Gardner) of Clifton, farmer, and William Gardner of Hanley, farmer.

William East of Clifton died 1814, leaving a widow, Elizabeth, 6 sons and 1 daughter. 21 year lease of lands in Clifton from Dean and Canons of Windsor. Elizabeth East continued farming business, and deposited profits totalling £1,685 with SC for account her late husband's estate as follows:

15 Mar 1815	£100
28 Mar 1815	£100
2 Sep 1815	£300
11 Sep 1815	£160
25 Sep 1815	£120
30 Sep 1815	£165
9 Oct 1815	£210
14 Oct 1815	£200
16 Oct 1815	£100
4 Nov 1815	£100 minus £32 15s. advanced to son.

Monies to be held by SC to pay the 'fine' for the renewal of the lease. Transpired some years later in June 1827 that SC had neither paid the 'fine' nor renewed the lease. SC had misapplied and converted to his own use the sums deposited with him. When discovered, the 21 year term had nearly expired.

In September 1822 Elizabeth East married John Gardner. Following SC's bankruptcy in March 1827, John Gardner agreed to procure the renewal of the lease and pay the 'fine' out of his own pocket, as well as paying to William East's children the sums they would otherwise have received under their father's will trust.

William and Elizabeth's children were John East, William East, Henry East, James East, Thomas East, Robert East and Mary East.

John Gardner paid the £600 legacy to William East's children when the youngest attained 21, although son William had pre-deceased.

Of the 4 original trustees:

- James East died shortly after the death of the testator;

- John Stilgoe died 1839;
- SC died 1840;
- John Gardner died 1850.

Joseph East (otherwise Gardner) was the illegitimate son of John Gardner and Elizabeth East before they married.

On 3 September 1846 John Gardner settled assets in family trust. beneficiaries wife, Elizabeth, and then Joseph East and William Gardner (John Gardner's brother). Elizabeth pre-deceased John Gardner, who died in April 1850. Accordingly, William Gardner entitled to £1,685 deposited with SC and 5% interest, upon trust for Joseph East.

417 - 422. Affidavit sworn 11 April 1853 by John East of Deddington, farmer, and Robert East of Deddington, [draper]. Late father William East of Clifton, yeoman. Annexed receipts and releases of legacies paid under father's will to the 2 deponents and their brothers Henry East, James East, Thomas East, and sister Mary East (married John Stilgoe).

Leasehold estate valued at £7,500 in 1815 (assuming just renewed for 21 years).

Deponents confirm statements in above affidavit sworn 30 December 1851 by Joseph East (otherwise Gardner) of Clifton, farmer, and William Gardner of Hanley, farmer.

Lease should have been renewed in April 1816. £859 5. 6. 'fine' paid for renewal of lease, which not renewed until June 1827.

459. Proof sworn 25 June 1855 by William Gardner of Hanley Mill, miller, for £160 owing to late John Gardner of Clifton, farmer, and Elizabeth his wife (formerly Elizabeth East, widow).

Elizabeth Gardner died 12 December 1848, intestate.

John Gardner died 28 April 1850, intestate.

Administration of John Gardner's estate granted 2 June 1853 to William Gardner, since deceased, brother of John Gardner.

William Gardner died 9 July 1854, intestate.

Administration granted 19 February 1855 to son, William Gardner.

Promissory Notes by SC to Mrs. Elizabeth East for £60 12 December 1818 and for £100 21 April 1821.

466. Proof, probably sworn 1855, by William Gardner, of Hanley Mill, miller, only first page extant, for £400 owing from SC to John Gardner deceased, late of Clifton, widower, who died intestate on 2 June 1853. Administration granted to William Gardner, brother, since deceased.

502. Affidavit sworn 11 April 1853 by William Gardner of Hanley, Oxon, farmer, and Joseph East (otherwise Gardner) of Clifton, farmer.

William Gardner referred to account of self and his brother, John Gardner (now deceased), with Messrs. Gibbins and Gillett, bankers, Banbury. Debit £1,827 17s. on 26 June 1827 to pay fine for renewal of lease mentioned in affidavit by self and Joseph East sworn 30 December 1851 [see *folio 401*]. Sum repaid by John Gardner to bankers out of own moneys.

Joseph East said John Gardner, his late father, told him many times not worth submitting his claim whilst interim dividends being paid, although he was unaware of the creditors' meeting before 3rd dividend declared.

505 - 510. Affidavit sworn 30 December 1851 by William Gardner of Hanley, Oxon, farmer, and Joseph East (otherwise Gardner) of Clifton, farmer. Latter's mother, Elizabeth East of Clifton, then widow, made below loans to SC:

£60 Promissory Note 12 December 1818

£100 Promissory Note 21 April 1821

In September 1822 Elizabeth East married John Gardner, and the above moneys therefore became the property of John Gardner.

12 March 1825 Loan by John Gardner to SC of £400 and interest, evidenced by Promissory Note.

3 September 1846 Family settlement by John Gardner.

Elizabeth Gardner predeceased husband, who died April 1850.

William Gardner now entitled to above £560, in trust for Joseph East.

532. Dividend Warrant 6 July 1855 for £135 18. 4. in favour of William Gardner, as administrator of John Gardner and Elizabeth Gardner; part claim as trustee of Joseph East (otherwise Gardner).

**BANKRUPTCY of SAMUEL CHURCHILL 1827 - 1867****INDEX of NAMES****Part A - Deddington creditors**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Amount of Claim</b>	<b>Date of claim</b>	<b>Other information</b>
Allen, John deceased	N/A	£500 loan (1825) + interest	1827	Widow Elizabeth Richardson (remarried)
Buller, Solomon deceased	Tailor and staymaker	£212 10s. loan (1812) + interest	1830	Widow Sarah Bennett (remarried)
Bygrave, William	Plumber and glazier	£167 15. 2.	1844	Trade debts
Do	Do	£3,750 4. 2. loan + interest	1832	As executor of Mary Bygrave of Aynho, widow
Catch, William	Blacksmith	£27 loan (1820) + interest	1827	
Curtis, Thomas deceased	N/A	£1,000 legacy	1853	Widow Sopia married Richard Taylor of Neat Enstone (both now dead)
Dolley, Catherine	Spinster	£1,000 loan	1830	
East, John	Farmer	£600 legacy		} 2 of 7 children of William East of Clifton, yeoman (died 1814)
East, Robert	Draper	£600 legacy		
Faulkner, Charles	Gentleman	£700 legacy	1844	Son of Rev. John Faulkner (d.1821) and Elizabeth Faulkner (née Dolly) d.1836
Franklin, Robert	Carpenter	£99 8. 5.	1844	Trade debts
Freeman, William	Slater and plasterer	£23 18. 9.	1844	Trade debts
Hatten, Edward	Proprietor of King's Arms, land agent and surveyor	£1,406 17s.	1827	Trade debts
Heritage, Thomas	Clog maker	£200 loan (1826) + interest	1844	Joint Steward of Three Horse Shoes Friendly Society

Hudson, William	Grocer	£1,504 12. 9.	1827	Trade debts
Kirby, Robert	Linen and woollen draper	£77 9. 7½.	1827	Trade debts. Partner of Timothy Sedgeley
Lymath, Joseph the elder, deceased	Blacksmith	£67 1. 4.	1844	Trade debts. Executor Thomas Lymath of Little Tew, blacksmith
Petty, George Eustace	Brewer and maltster	£24 19. 9.	1844	Trade debts
Sedgeley, Timothy	Linen and woollen draper	£77 9. 7½	1827	Trade debts. Partner of Robert Kirby
Sessions, Richard	Labourer	£40 10s.	1830	1½ years wages as Groom and general servant to Samuel Churchill
Sessions, Elizabeth (née Watkins)	Cook	£18 4s.	1830	1¼ years wages as cook to Churchill family
Waite, Thomas	Labourer	£200 loan (1824) + interest	1827	Illiterate
Weston, Mrs. Mary deceased	Widow	£394 19. 8.	1831	Balance of accounts Executrix Mrs. Catherine Rolls
Do	Do	£3,941 9. 8.	1844 (?)	Will trust
Whetton, George	Cordwainer	£165 6. 1. + interest	1830	Trade debts. Partner of Thomas Whetton
Whetton, Thomas	Do	Do	Do	Trade debts. Partner of George Whetton
Whitelock, James	N/A	£200 loan (1826) + interest	1844	Joint Steward of Three Horse Shoes Friendly Society
Winkingham, Sarah	Spinster	£90 loan (1825) + interest	1830	



**Part B - Clifton creditors**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Amount of Claim</b>	<b>Date of claim</b>	<b>Other information</b>
Gardner, John deceased (d.1850)	Farmer	£400 loan (1825)	1851	Per claim by William Gardner of Hanley, Oxon, farmer (brother) and Joseph East (otherwise Gardner) of Clifton, farmer (son)
Gardner, John deceased (d.1850)	Farmer	£1,685 paid to renew 21 year lease (1827) + interest	1851	Per claim by William Gardner of Hanley, Oxon, farmer (brother) in trust for Joseph East (otherwise Gardner) of Clifton, farmer (son)
Gardner, Elizabeth deceased (d.1848)	Wife of John Gardner (d.1850), formerly widow of William East of Clifton (d.1814)	£60 loan (1818) and £100 loan (1821)	1855	Per proof by William Gardner of Hanley Mill, Oxon, miller (nephew of John Gardner)