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*Parties:* Alice Savage v Mistress Anne Appletree.

*Others:* Anthony Appletree, father of James Appletree; wife of Anthony Appletree; Master James Appletree, husband of Anne Appletree; William Appletree of Deddington, resident 20 years, previously of Northampton for 12 years, of Somerton for 12 years, and of Deddington where born, cousin of James Appletree ('brother's children'); Thomas Archar and his wife; Bignell, (? = 'old Simon Bignell'); Bignell's wife; Thomas Coxe and his wife; Alice Fyner; John Hardy(m) and his wife; Robert Harison; William Harrod and his wife; Humphrey Jeffes and his wife; Job Jones; Master Doctor Lloid; Petronella Manning of Deddington where born and where resident since birth, widow; Henry Maynard(m) of Deddington, resident 12 years, previously of Steeple Claydon, Bucks, for three months, of Thame for three months, Fringford for three years, Northbrook ('Norbroke') for a year, Ardley for a year, Barford St Michael for three years, Deddington for two years and Clifton, Deddington where born, aged about 40; Isabel Merry(m) of Deddington, resident about 31 years, previously of Williamscot for six years, born at Knowle, Warks, aged about 50, widow of Philip Merry; Philip Merry, twice married; John Niccolson(m) of Deddington, resident 60 years, previously of North Aston, where born, aged about 63; Nixon and his wife; Master John Palmer; Edward Savage, husband of Alice Savage; Edward Savage's first wife; Lord Saye and Sele; Master Ralph Shelden, esquire; Anthony Stilgoe(m) of Deddington where born and where resident since birth, aged about 58; Thomas Wallys(m) of Deddington, resident 48 years and more, previously of Hornton where born, aged about 80, husbandman.

*Substance:* Very repetitive evidence at inordinate length about the seat in Deddington church in which Anne Appletree was or was not entitled to sit. Frequent descriptions of the church with minor variations such as '[there were] two rows of seats ... divided by a cross alley leading from the alley which leadeth from the north door to the south up the chancel in the east end of the church so that one row of seats lieth at the north side of the alley leading eastwards and the other to the south side'. All the ancient dwellings in Deddington had certain known seats in the church where the householders and their wives were entitled to sit. Descriptions of the houses of Edward Savage and James Appletree among others (Appletree's was called Bignell's Farm) with accounts of previous owners and with opinions as to which seats their houses entitled them to sit in, with examples of who had sat in which seats in the past and accounts of previous disputes. Some witnesses said that they knew of no custom in Deddington that men and women sat separately but others had known them to do so with lengthy accounts of which seats various women had sat in. Some said that the occupiers of the ancient houses had one seat for the husband and one for his wife. Evidence that Alice Savage had physically prevented Anne Appletree from sitting in the seat to which she considered herself entitled, according to some 'the last seat saving one of the row of seats lying on the south side of the church next saving one to the cross alley going from the north door to the south door in the middlemost room of the seat amongst the women or wives of the parish which sat and used to sit there'; and Edmund Savage's wife '... ought to sit in the uttermost place or room of the seat ....'.

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