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Dear Cara + Robert,

Have finally returned from Persia, Greece, Turkey and a month in England.

After a Frames tour of 6 days "All of Wales", we left tour at Bath and went to Cirencester to leave our large bags at a hotel where we would meet next tour ten days later. Went by local bus to Worcester, then to Bridgenorth.

On Saturday at Bridgenorth I expected to read church records. The minister, a young man, couldn't be located. I talked with his neighbors and others in High Town. Went to market and down to low town on Tram.

Our hotel and ancient Black + White a block in front of St Mary Magdalene church gave a wonderful view of the town.

Sunday was the yearly Civic Service. Had services all day but 11 A.M. was the special service. Enclosing papers for you to read.

Couldn't get into records as minister was busy all day.

Did meet Rev. Reeves a retired minister of St Marys. Gave him a retainer fee and told him what I hoped to find - a copy of your list. He said he would copy it for me.

all records were now stored at Stafford. at Stafford we were told they had been transferred to Lichfield.

Rev. Reeves said a Dr. Rhodes and his son had lived on that block but Dr Rhodes had died and the son moved away. no George or Bache family in town. Several George families lived about 20 miles away. at Lichfield I started reading Bishops transcripts - a time consuming

task.

In January I had written Mr. John Griffith of Lichfield, a genealogist. a name advertising in The Genealogical Helper. He didn't answer my letter.

at Lichfield library I asked librarian if she knew Mr. Griffith. Mrs. Griffith was at library. we had a nice visit. She called her husband to ask if he had received my letter. He had but had no information and didn't know how to find out about Sir Owen and Lady Abigail Griffith so had not answered.

Mrs. Griffith told me I would probably find more reading wills. She showed me the books telling in which County place names were located.

I read these wills. Some were so faded I couldn't decipher. Others gave no positive information

1714 Nathaniel Rhodes, 1709 Wm Rhodes, 1685 Robert Rhodes
1747 Robert A Rhodes, 1751 Thomas T. Rhodes, 1815 John A Rhodes

1789 Thomas W. Bache, 1746 Thomas T. George, 1697 Thomas A Hazlewood,
1781 John W. Rhodes, 1776 Thomas W. Rhodes, 1759 Margaret W. Rhodes,
1742 Nathaniel T Rhodes, 1746 Thomas T. Rhodes, 1782 Thomas W. Bache
1779 John W. Bache.

of Warfield W. Rebecca
Thomas Bache (1782) bro. of John Bache. Nephews Samuel, Thomas, Wm
Nieces Hannah, Mary, and Elizabeth wife of George Rhodes of
Bridgenorth, Chymist.

This Thomas Bache left estate, mills, money to nephews to
run mills. \$50 per yr. to Eliz Bache Rhodes for her personal use.
All these children were children of his brother John Bache.
The residue to go to her children at her death.

Thomas George 16 Sept 1746
Nathaniel Rhodes witness

* Nathaniel Rhodes 1742
Son. Nathaniel Rhodes + Thomas

I found a long list of John Johnson but none fit what I knew
about mine. none said Clerk or Rev. He could have died in
another district.

I had a good time right seeing lots of Cathedrals, Stately
Homes and beautiful scenery.

We stayed almost two days in Stafford and two at Lichfield,
after that we went to Stoke on Trent to visit all the pateries. Then we
took local bus to Buxton, Rowsley, to visit Haddon Hall and Chatsworth,
Derby, Leicester, Coventry, Coirencester, Cheltenham, Worcester.
By taking the local bus from one larger town to the other
we passed through all the charming little old English towns.
If they look real fascinating we would get off explore until
the next bus came through. Changed busses five times one
day. The third week we took Gallon tour "Old English Inns"
about same area as we had traveled alone. Fourth week was spent
in East Anglia, Suffolk + Norfolk. Stayed three days in Norwich
reading about Howards.

Traveling is hard work. I was glad to get home to rest. Took
me several days to catch up on my sleep.
Sorry I didn't learn any more about ancestors.
Sincerely, Ruth