

PREFACE

In 1939 the Yorkshire Parish Register Society, of which the Parish Register Section of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society is the successor (the publications having been issued in numerical sequence without any break) published as its Volume No. 108 the entries in the Register of Wensley Parish Church from 1538 to 1700 inclusive. These entries comprised the first 110 pages (and a few lines of p. 111) of the oldest register at Wensley. The present volume continues the record down to the end of 1837, in accordance with our current practice.

The following are particulars of all the register books with which this volume is concerned; the numbers are those which had already been marked on the front covers:—

- No. 1. Parchment, bound in leather, 12 in. x 8 in.:—
Baptisms & Burials 1538 – 1769
Marriages 1538 – 1754
Entries of all three types intermingled. Pages numbered (probably in the 17th century) 1 to 318 but some missing, as I have noted in the appropriate places.
- No. 2. Parchment, bound in leather, 13 in. x 8 in. Stamped in gilt, on a red leather inset on the front cover: 'Wensley Parish Register 1770':—
Baptisms & Burials 1770 – 1812
Marriages 1783 – 1792 (but many omissions; see No. 3).
Entries intermingled. Folios numbered 1 to 37, after which follow 65 blank folios, excluding five which have been cut out at the end of the book.
- No. 3. Parchment, ruled and printed in the standard form of the period, bound in leather, 16½ in. x 10½ in.:—
Marriages 1754 – 1806 (thus the cover, but the entries run into 1807 and, as mentioned under No. 2, above, the ten years 1783 – 1792 are entered in the earlier volume although all have been re-entered here, with a number of additions).
- No. 4. The usual Marriage Register of the period, paper, bound in leather, 15½ in. x 10 in.:—
Marriages 1807 – 1813
Banns 1807 – 1813 beginning at the other end of the book, with the volume reversed; defective, as noted.
- Nos. 5, 6, 8 and 10 are in standard printed form. (Volume 7 contains Banns 1824 – 1955 and Volume 9, Baptisms outside our period.)