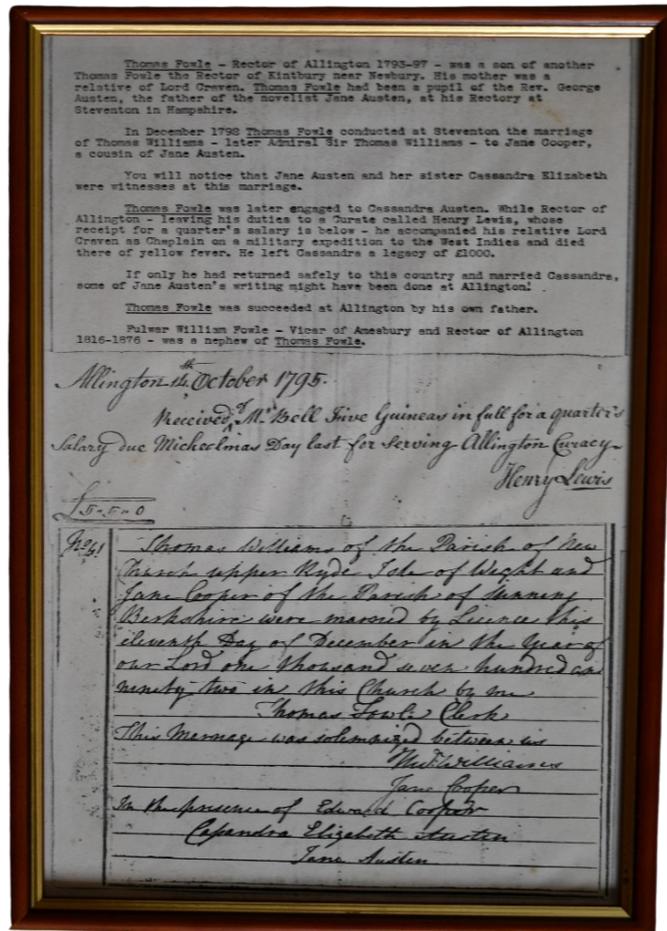


Thomas Fowle Rector of Allington 1793~1797



Thomas Fowle, Rector of Allington 1793~97; was the son of another Thomas Fowle the Rector of Kintbury near Newbury. His mother was a relative of Lord Raven. **Thomas Fowle** had been a pupil of the Rev. George Austen, the father of the novelist Jane Austin, at his Rectory at Steventon in Hampshire.

In December 1792 **Thomas Fowle** conducted at Steventon the marriage of Thomas Williams – later Admiral Sir Thomas Williams – to Jane Cooper, a cousin of Jane Austen.

You will notice that Jane Austen and her sister Cassandra Elizabeth were witnesses at this marriage.

Thomas Fowle was later engaged to Cassandra Austen. While Rector of Allington – leaving his duties to a Curate called Henry Lewis, whose receipt for a quarter's salary is below – he accompanied his relative Lord Craven as Chaplain on a military expedition to the West Indies and died there of yellow fever. He left Cassandra a legacy of £1000.

If only he had returned safely to this country and married Cassandra, some of Jane Austen's writings might have been done at Allington.

Thomas Fowle was succeeded at Allington by his own father.

Fulwar William Fowle – Vicar of Amesbury and Rector of Allington 1816~1876; was a nephew of Thomas Fowle.

Allington 14 th October 1795 Received of Mr Bell Five Guineas in full for a quarter's Salary due Michaelmas Day last for serving Allington Curacy. Henry Lewis £5-5-0.
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No. 41	Thomas Williams of the Parish of New Church Upper Ryde Isle of Wight and Jane Cooper of the Parish of Sunning Berkshire were married by Licence this eleventh Day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two in this Church by me Thomas Fowle Clerk. This marriage was solemnized between us Thos. Williams, Jane Cooper In the presence of Edward Cooper, Cassandra Elizabeth Austen, Jane Austen
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Source: St. John's Church