



Stratford Tony Church & Rectory Arch Dispute 1702

A memorandum for all those that succeed me Wm. Fawconer.

In May in in year of our Lord 1702 ye Parish & ye Churchwardens raised a dispute whether ye Arch at ye East End of the Church did not belong to ye Rectory, if not all, yet half of it they would have put upon me because it was covered with two Watertables. But after the Workmen had viewed it & satisfied them that no chancel had any end there nor went any further than ye rafters & no church but ended with an Arch there.& that this Arch was but one – Therefore, I say, memorandum est that the Chancel goes no further than the rafters & that four tiles breadth more or less of four or more or less beyond the rafters belongs to the Church & that when they took down the top of the Arch which was a great deal higher than the Chancel they made it almost equal with the Chancel & instead of a double Watertable they raised up but one & when the other went up laid tiles over equal with the Chancel to the breadth of four or more or less sometimes.

Winess by hand Wm. Fawconer, Rector
May 24 1702.

At the north end side it ends at ye great Buttress & the spout which almost touches the Rafters & at the South side it ends at the Rafters & Wall Plate.

Source: Parish Register 1682-1777