



The Broadway/Brind Memorial Tablet in Holy Rood, Swindon

Sale of the Swindon Church and Poor Lands

On Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Henry Smith, of the firm of Messrs. Dore, Smith & Radway, submitted for sale by public auction certain property in the parish of Stratton St. Margaret, known as Swindon Church & Poor Land. The lot consisted of a piece of pasture land called Cannon's Close, containing 3a. 3r. 7p¹., and let at a yearly rent of £8 10s. and subject to charges amounting to £1 4s. 6d. annually; sold to Mr. H. Looker at £245. This land appears to have been acquired by the parish in 1740 at a cost of £120, which sum was derived under the wills of Margaret Brind and Mary Broadway, and which was bequeathed under the following circumstances :-

Margaret Brind, by will, in the year 1740, gave and bequeathed to the minister, churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Swindon, the sum of £100 in trust, that they, or their successors for the time being, should from time to time place out the same at interest. Or lay out the same on the purchase of any lands or tenements; and the interest or produce of such lands so to be purchased should apply for the benefit of, and distribute the same amongst such of the poor of the said parish as the minister, churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish for the time being should think proper, on 20th July yearly for ever.-

Mary Broadway, by will, in 1740, bequeathed to the minister, churchwardens and overseers of the parish of Swindon, the sum of £20 in trust, to place the same at interest, or lay out the same in the purchase of any lands or tenements, and to apply the interest, or the rents and profits for the benefit of, and to distribute the same to and amongst such of the poor widows of the parish of Swindon as the minister, churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish for the time being should think proper, yearly for ever, on the 13th April.

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¹ a. = acres; r. - roods (rods) and p. = perches