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Today dear Lord, I'm 80, and there's much I have n't done.
I hope, dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm 81.
But then, if I haven't finished all I want to do,
Would you let me stay awhile, until I'm 82?
So many places I want to go, so very much to see,
Do you think that you could manage to make it 83?
The world is changing very fast, there is so much in store,
I'd like it very much to live until I'm 84.
And if by then I'm still alive, I'd like to stay till 85,
More planes will be up in the air, so I'd really like to stick
And see what happens to the world when I turn 86,
I know dear Lord it's much to ask, (and it must be nice in Heaven)
But I'd really like to stay until I'm 87,
I know by then I won't be fast, and sometimes will be late,
But it would be so pleasant to be around at 88,
I will have seen so many things, and had a wonderful time,
So, I'm sure that I'll be willing to leave at the age of 89, maybe
Just one more thing I'd like to say, dear Lord I thank you kindly,
But if it's okay with you I'd love to live past 90.

Patience is a virtue
Posess it if you can,
Seldom found in women
And never found in man.

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I'm fine, thanks.

There is nothing the matter with me
I'm as healthy as can be
I have arthritis in both my knees
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin
But I'm awfully good for the shape I'm in.
Arch supports I have for my feet
Or I would'nt be able to walk down the street
Sleep is denied me every night.
But every morning I find I'm alright
My memory's failing, my head's in a spin
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
The moral is this as my tale I unfold
That for you and me who are growing old
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin
Than to let folks know the shape we are in.
How do I know that my youth is all spent
Well my "get up and go" has got up and went
But I don't really mind when I think with a grin
Of all the good places my "get up" has been
Old age is golden, I have heard it said
But I sometimes wonder as I get into bed
With my ears in the drawer, my teeth in a cup
My eyes on the table for when I wake up:
As sleep comes to me, I say to myself
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf
When I was young, my slippers were red
I could kick my heels right over my head
When I grew older my slippers were blue
But still I could dance the whole night through
Now I am old my slippers are black
I walk to the shops, and huff my way back
I get up each morning and dust off my wits
Pick up the paper and read the obits
If my name is still missing I know I'm not dead.
So I get a good breakfast and go back to bed.

A comment to the bald headed man,
'An empty barn needs no thatch'.

A suitable reply,
Grass can't grow on a busy street.

Remember the Blessings

We met, and we married a long time ago,
We worked for long hours when wages were low,
No T.V., no wireless, no bath, times were hard,
Just cold water taps, and a walk in the yard.
No holidays abroad, no posh carpets on the floor,
But we had coal on the fire and we did'nt lock doors,
Our children arrived, no pill in those days,
And we brought them all up with no state aid.
They were quite safe to go out in the park,
Then, old folks could go out in the dark,
No valium, no drugs, and no L.S.D.
We cured most of our ills with a nice cup of tea.
But if you was sick you was treated at once,
No fill up a form and come back in six months,
No vandals, no muggings, there was nothing to rob.
And we were quite rich with a couple of bob,
People were happier in those far off days,
Kinder and caring in so many ways,
Milkman and paperboys used to whistle and sing,
A night at the pictures was having a fling,
We all get our share of troubles and strife,
And we have just to face it, thats the pattern of life,
But now I'm alone, I look back through the years
I don't think of the hard times, the troubles, the tears,
I remember the blessing, our home, our love,
And that we shared them together,
And I thank God above.

Anon.

A verse on the pamphlet giving details of the Flower Festival at All Saints, Trull, on 10th - 11th and 12th July 1998. In celebration of marriage.

Ever wonder why God gives us two?
A right hand to show the left what to do.
One ear to listen and one to hear,
The problems of others,
Their laughter and fears.
One eye to watch and one to behold
The beautiful treasures
That life has to hold.
One foot to travel and one to stand still,
Two feet to land on if we should fall,
One man to stand by a woman's side,

July 1997

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Deeds

Details of a pack of Deeds sent by Every ? Phillips, each with some connection with Luffitt Parish.
In brief and approximate date order.

1 8th October 1672 Indenture
Byrd Mary Byrd to John Byrd,
Assignment of Lackingtons.

2 13th May 1714 Indenture
William Sandford, John Sandford,
Elizabeth Sandford, Combeshedd & Bolpl.
Thomas Corew

3 14th May 1714 Indenture
William Sandford, John
Similar to above but difficult to read.

6 28th March 1719 Indenture
Byrd Tho. Byrd to J. Burrough Lackingtons
One cottage, two plots of ground and garden.

4 27th March 1719 Indenture
David ? Thomas Byrd, James Burrough, John
Burrough son of J.B. Lackington
One cottage, two plots of ground and garden

5 27th March 1719 Indenture
Thomas Byrd & James Burrough Lackingtons
Cottage and two plots

7 1st February 1768 Indenture
Burrough Richard Burrough Robert Blake
Combeshead Bellplace in manor of Luffitt
Brown as Doldichshaugh tenure of
Rogers Joseph Rogers & Mary Rogers Lackingtons
One cottage, two plots and garden

8 2nd February 1768 Indenture
Similar to above with the addition of a
third name mark ? and that the
property was in possession of one
Lackington and then Thomas Byrd.

Church Register 7/6/1768 11 31st May 1768 Release by way of settlement on
Combeshead marriage Richard Burrough to Mary Farrer
Bellplace with four parts Richard Burrough 1st, James
Lackingtons Reed and Samuel Blode 2nd, Mary Farrer and
William Farrer 3rd and John Sandford 4th

Reed 12 31st May 1768 Release Similar to above
Combeshead Richard Burrough to James Reed and
Bellplace Samuel Blode
Lackingtons

11th February 1768 Demand Recovery
Mark Weston of Robert Blake Tenant
of Two messuages five gardens fifty eight
acres of Land five acres of meadow Eight acres
of pasture five acres of wood three acres of
moor and common pasture Combeshead
Ballplace Lackingtons Balhays Croft Luffitt

30th May 1768 Indenture
Richard Burrough James Reed Samuel Blake
Combeshead and Ballplace

6th February 1792 Mortgage of premises in Luffitt
James Burrough to Rev. J. B. Coplestone
Combeshead and Ballplace
Cottage and two plots of ground

3rd December 1793 Indenture
James Burrough to Rev. John B. Coplestone
further charge Combeshead Ballplace

3rd December 1793 Know all men
Bound to John Bradford Coplestone

20th August 1796 Transfer of Mortgage
Rev John Bradford Coplestone and James
Burrough to Mrs mary Ruscombe
Combeshead and premises in Luffitt.

9th July 1800 Transfer of Mortgage
Mrs mary Ruscombe and Mr James Burrough
to Mr John Holway Combeshead Ballplace
One cottage two plots of ground and garden
Lackingtons ½acre merchants Plot - Balhays croft

30th April 1808 Indenture James Burrough 1st
John Farrant 2nd Sarah White 3rd sold to
John Bradford Coplestone Combeshead Ballplace
Parcel of Dolditchshaw One cottage two plots

24th March 1821 Lease for a year
Mr James Burrough to Mr John Moore
Combeshead Ballplace Millplace
Parcel of manor of Dolditchshaw

25th March 1821 Indenture Release
Mr James Burrough to Mr John Moore and Trustee
Combeshead and Lackington

25th March 1821 Assignment of Combeshead & Lackington
Mr Robert Baker and Sarah his wife By the
direction of Mr John Moore to Mr Christopher Flood
in Trust for Mr John Moore

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22 26th March 1821 Indenture
Moore
Mr John Moore the younger and Philip Mules Combeshead and Bellplace heretofore parcel of the manor of Luppitt Dolditchshaw

23 27th March 1821 Bond to accompany mortgage
John Moore to James Burrough

24 27th March 1821 Indenture Conveyance
John Moore the younger to Philip Mules In Trust for Mr James Burrough Combeshead Lackingtons

25 13th July 1833 Abstract of Title of Richard Marker Esq
All that Messuage and Farm called Barnfield situate in the parish of Luppitt containing by estim 46 acres in the occupation of Richard Pearse

26 20th July 1850 Conveyance Mr John Moore to Mr Thomas Moore his son
Combeshead Anthongshayes otherwise Goulds Hensemoor Hurst Penn

27 20th March 1852 Conveyance Mr Thomas Moore to Mr John Moore his son Similar to above
But on to grandson Combeshead Penn Gould

28 29th November 1865 Conveyance
Wright
Mr James Hurford to Mr John Wright Shoemaker
Two cottages Colwood

29 4th March 1884 Conveyance
Mr John Moore, New South Wales to Trustees of Will of Thomas Moore, Peter Holway and John Holway Colwood 3/4 acre in Hinksmoor
Holway
Combeshead Penn (Anthonyshayes) - Goulds Hensemoor Hurst.

30 18th November 1884 Reconveyance Combeshead
Rev. Philip Mules and another Trustees of the will of Thomas Moore

31 24th November 1884 Conveyance of
Combeshead Pen Goulds
Trustees of will of Thomas Moore

32 6th December 1884 Lease of Combeshead Penn Goulds
George Bradley Moore to Mrs Catherine Warren and Mr Josiah Warren
93 acres, 3 roods 35 perches in occupation of Henry Vincent
Full schedule of the nos & field names

33 21st July 1894 Memorandum of Auction Sale
Warren
Lot 7 Josiah Warren on behalf of George Marker Marker Esq and Rt Hon. Lord Digby. No details of area.

34 21st July 1894 For sale at Dolphin Hotel Honiton
3 Lots Uffculme St Mary
In the Parish of Luppitt. Summary

Barnfield

		A	R	P
Lot 4	Barnfield Farm and Lands	26	2	0
" 5	Three closes of pasture and Arable	8	1	2
" 6	Close of pasture	1	2	1
" 7	Two pieces of pasture and coffice	5	2	14
" 8	Two closes of arable "Rye Park"	8	1	24

9 lots in Stockland.

35 August 1894 Abstract of Title of George Marker Marker and the Rt. Hon. Lord Digby to freehold land in Luppitt 6 Parts to named persons 19/5/1859

Details of Barnfield Farm

		A	R	P
418	Hickway Copse Field	2	0	3
419	Hickway Field	3	2	11
		5	2	14

36 2nd July 1895 Abstract of Title
Mr Harry Holway Mr Tom Moore
Combehead Pen Goulds

Bomeshead Combeshead

Tithe no	name & description	Cultivation	A	R	P
172	Building & courtlege			1	10
171	How Barton				22
173	Garden	Garden			11
174	Grinding Stone Orchard	Orchard		2	0
175	Penny Farm Orchard	"		1	36
170	Plot	Pasture	1	3	5
176	Honey Four Acres	"	4	1	25
188	Two Acres	Meadow	2	1	12
192	Path Field Four Acres	"	3	3	8
189	Penny Farm Field	Pasture	3	2	29
190	Common Mead	Meadow	3	1	30
191	Great Land	Arable	7	0	8
200	Long Croft	"	2	3	25
141	Bell Plot	Meadow	2	0	12
139	Hillway	Arable	1	0	7
137	Parks	"	3	0	37
66	Higher Marlands 4-2-26	"			
67	Yorder " 4-1-32	"	9	0	18
164	Down Lane	"	5	0	32
			51	2	7

Pen Tithe no	Name & description		Cultivation	A R P
212	Cottage & garden		Garden	1-33
211	Orchard now cleared		Arable	1-38
209	Stone Burrow	3-0-32		
204	Two Acres	2-2-28	Arable	5-3-20
203	Three "		"	3-1-13
206	Four "		"	4-0-29
				14-1-13

Goulds				
334	Buildings & Courtlage			-32
329	Garden		Garden	-11
330	Orchard		Orchard	-27
331	"		"	-26
283	"		"	-31
333	Ridge mead	2-0-2		
335	Little mead	1-2-38	Meadow	3-3-0
328	Long Orchard		Orchard	1-0-19
327	Wood Close		Pasture	2-3-28
326	Four Acres		Meadow	4-0-30
332	Broad Close		Pasture	6-0-25
218	Husk		"	4-1-38
125	Bowls Breech		"	4-2-28
				28-0-15

Executed by the said Peter Holway and John Holway, and attested.
A similar list of detail is contained in the lease of 6th December 1884

37 27th July 1895 Reconveyance
Rev. H.K. Venn to Messrs Holway and Moore
Mortgage of Combeshead Pen Goulds
Again contains similar schedule as above

38 25th December 1895 Conveyance
messrs H. Holway and T. Moore
to Mr William J. Tarrant of
Combeshead Pen and Goulds in
the Parish of Leppitt

Seen in Readers Digest magazine October 1999 P 119

Life is like a field of newly fallen snow;
Where I choose to walk every step will show.

Newspaper cutting — probably Pulmans Weekly News 1/10/1974

Rev. B.A. Finn dies

Members of Luppitt and Thorverton church congregations were among the mourners at a funeral service in Sidford Church for the Rev. Basil Arthur Finn, of 24 Newlands Close, Sidmouth, who died in a nursing home aged 86.

An address was given by the former Bishop of Crediton, the Rt. Rev. W.A.E. Westall and the service was conducted by the Rev. John Allen Vicar of Sidbury.

Mr. Finn was in the Colonial Civil Service for a number of years and became Assistant Colonial Secretary of Sierra Leone.

He was ordained in 1935, was Vicar of Luppitt from 1937-55, and then Vicar of Thorverton until 1968, retiring because of ill-health.

Since moving to Sidmouth, Mr. Finn had on occasions taken the services at St Peters Church Sidford. He leaves his wife, and a son living in New Zealand. Interment took place at ~~Sidmouth~~ Sidbury Cemetery.

Blackenfields noticed over Blackenfields front doorway.

W. S. 1880

The 1881 and 1891 Census List gives Samuel Summers.

The 1871 Census List indicates that Jonathon was his father's name

A swarm of Bees in May
Is worth a Load of Hay
A swarm of Bees in June
Is worth a silver Spoon
But - A swarm of Bees in July
Is'nt worth a fly.

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Dumpdon visited 3/7/1990 Dig in progress

Dumpdon Hill – Archaeological Dig

4th June 1991

Dear Mr Sage

I have at last been able to arrange a meeting with Professor Todd from Exeter University, who carried out the archaeological dig last summer, and now attach a file note which reports our discussions at the meeting.

Although nothing of any particular interest was found relating to the iron age period, the old site of the beacon was discovered which does at least prove that the hill was used for this purpose

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely
J G Channon FRICS
Land Agent

The National Trust.

Dumpdon

File note Dumpdon Hill
Visit Archaeological Dig

J. Channon met Professor Todd of Exeter University and David Thackray, from the Trust's Advisory Office at Cirencester at Dumpdon Hill on Monday 3rd June in order to discuss the findings resulting from Professor Todd's archaeological investigations on the Hill last summer.

Professor Todd explained that he had largely confined his activities to the southern end of the Hill, i.e. within the beech plantation where beech trees uprooted by the storm provided him with an opportunity to look at the ground immediately beneath the surface of the Hill.

One dig in particular, which was extended from the hole left by the roots of a tree out across the small bank, showed that there was no more than one to two feet of material piled on to the original surface. This is in direct contrast to the ramparts at the northern end and along most of the east and western sides which are far larger in size.

Professor Todd has tentatively drawn the conclusion that the fort on Dumpdon Hill was never completed, let alone occupied, and indeed during the digs at the southern end no artifacts (e.g. evidence of hut circles or pottery, etc) were found