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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your recent letter. I apologise for not replying personally, but without the use of pre-typed letters the office would not be able to respond promptly to the considerable number of enquiries received each day.

Please see the paragraph indicated below for information regarding your enquiry.

- (1) The staff here are unable to carry out research for members of the public. You may consult the documents by appointment in the public searchroom at County Hall, or if that is not possible, you may wish to employ a Record Agent. Details of access and a list of Record Agents are enclosed. Please note carefully the requirements of the new registration procedure, effective from January 1988.

- (2) ~~The parish registers you require are still in the custody of the incumbent.~~

I am afraid that this office does not have, contrary to your information, a copy of the Walspole Society article on Bridge Place published in 1959. You might try the Local Studies Library, address under (5) on leaf. Finally that the British Library will certainly have a copy.

- (3) The Kent Archives Office acts only as diocesan office for parishes within the archdeaconries of Maidstone, Rochester and Tonbridge. The registers you require are the responsibility of:

- (a) Canterbury Cathedral Archives, the Precincts, Canterbury, CT1 2EG (telephone Canterbury 463510)
- (b) Greater London Record Office, 40, Northampton Road, London, EC1R 0AB (telephone 01-633-6851)
- (c) Local Studies Department, Hall Place, Bourne Road, Bexley, DA5 1PQ (telephone Crayford 526574)
- (d) Archives Section, Central Library, High Street, Bromley, BR1 1EX (telephone 01-460-9955)

(e) Greenwich Borough Archives, Local History Library, Woodlands,
90, Mycenae Road, Blackheath SE3 7DD (telephone 01-858-4631)

(f) Lewisham Archives and Local History Department The Manor House,
Old Road, Lee SE13 5SY (telephone 01-852-5050)

(4) The Kent Archives Office only holds registers of baptisms, marriages and burials. The civil registration records of births, marriages and deaths, which begin in 1837, are available at St. Catherine's House, 10 Kingsway, London WC2B 6JP

(5) Microfilm copies of the 1841-1881 census returns for Kent are available at the Local Studies Department of the Kent County Library, Springfield, Maidstone, and can be examined by appointment. (telephone Maidstone 671411 Ext. 3240)

(6) The records you require are not held by the Kent Archives Office. Please contact the following repository:

(7) You may find it helpful to join the Kent Family History Society, whose members can exchange information through the quarterly journal. You should address your enquiry to the Secretary, Mr. J.S. Davis, 8 Malvern Road, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8HP.

Yours sincerely,

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County Archivist.