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Dear Mr Williamson,

I have read with interest an account of your lecture 'Bridge and its Families', which you gave to the Kent Family History Society in January.

The item in the K.F.H.S. Journal attracted my attention, as in my ancestor hunt, I have discovered some at Bridge.

On reading about you, my thoughts were that perhaps you might be able to shed some light on my ancestors.

I first came across Bridge on the death certificate

of Elizabeth Prior, wife of William Prior,  
a grocer at Stockbury. She died on 22nd  
October 1844 at Stockbury, but present at  
the death was one Mary Wood of  
Bridge.

later, I discovered that another  
ancestor, Sarah Thompson also died  
at Bridge. Her maiden name was  
Sarah Vile or Woile, born Westwell  
Parish, daughter of Thomas Vile, a  
bailiff. Her date of birth was 1812.

According to my research of old  
family correspondance, Sarah Thompson  
died at Alfred House of Alfred's horse  
at Bridge between 1871 and 1881, when  
the rest of the family emigrated  
to the U.S.A.

You mention in your talk  
the Bifrons Estate, and I wondered  
perhaps if there would be a list  
of bailiffs employed there. You

also list the Conyngham family as  
having lived at Bridge Place; could  
you give me the dates of that  
period of residency?

I do hope you don't mind me  
writing to you, I find it very  
frustrating living so far away from  
the area I need to research, and  
therefore tend to clutch at straws.

I enclose an s.a.e. for