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Mrs A Williamson,
" Beechmount "

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Conygham,
BRIDGE Near Canterbury,
Kent, C T 4 5 J X

Dear Mrs Williamson,

I thought that I'd write and got your name & Address from a September 1998 Parish Officers Book that I sent for which gives names & Addresses of Church secretaries etc for East Kent Churches.

However I thought that as St Marys church Patricbourne has a 1 Manual organ by G M Holdich circa 1879 I thought the church and your organist might like a Free couple of Photos in B & W 5 x 7 and 6½ x 8½ that I printed. There is a Mrs Marie Higginbottom of Coal Aston Derbyshire who for nearly 15 years has been researching into G M Holdich the late Organ Builder & Organist and from some of his descendants she managed to borrow an old Photo of G M Holdich which she got a few Laser prints done and she sent me one which I've photographed so I have it on negative which I've got the prints done from since I have a Darkroom outfit in the loft at home.

Holdich & His organ firm built loads of Organs all over England some of which are no longer. There isn't many in East Kent only Hothfield St Margare and Dover Unitarian Church and St Mary Fordwich which is now Redundant and Christ Church Broadstairs which I think the church is now Redundant as it's not listed in the Parish Officers book. However the photos I'm sending one would look nice in a frame hung on the organ case so that any Organists or Organ Enthusiasts like me will know who not only built the organ but what the organ builder looked like. I doubt very much if the church and your organist might like a Photo of The grave of Holdich which is in Ladywell Cemetery at Lewisham, London S E 13 but if you do and others need some I will print some.

However hope your church and your Organist like the Photos and if anyone feels they want to send me something just send me 5 or 6 2nd Class stamps which will be enough.

Yours Sincerely
Michael Watcham
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P S A couple more spare photos are available if
Required,



GEORGE MAYDWELL HOLDICH
Organ Builder & Organist
Born 14th August 1816
Died 30th July 1896
At his home in Forest Hill
London S E 23 and Buried
in Ladywell Cemetery at
Lewisham, London S E 13

Photograph taken from the
Original Courtesy of Mrs -
Margaret Holdich, Mrs Marie
Higginbottom(Nee Holdich)
of Coal Aston, Derbyshire
of The Holdich Family
History Society.

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