

NOTES ON THE INTRODUCTION OF PRINTING INTO SUSSEX UP TO THE YEAR 1850; WITH A CHRO- NOLOGY OF SUSSEX PRINTERS TO THAT DATE.

HAVING been interested in Sussex bibliography for some years, I have collected from time to time various items relating to printing in that county, and these notes form the basis of this article. They are necessarily very imperfect, owing to the scarcity of material, but they have a certain value as a contribution towards a future history of provincial printing. Only by the compilation of county lists such as this can material be obtained on which to base a general history of printing in the provinces. The following entries are the earliest specimens or notices of printing in Sussex I have been able to trace. My chief source of information has been the very fine collection of books, pamphlets, etc., relating to Sussex belonging to the Brighton Public Library. The articles by the late W. H. Allnutt have also been used, as well as Cotton's 'Typographical Gazetteer' and Power's 'Handy Book about Books.' The dates of the

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introduction of printing into the various places mentioned by these writers have been added to the entries for the purpose of comparison. The British Museum Catalogue has also been consulted. Where a local name appears in the imprint of a book that was not printed in the county, particulars have been given when such imprint is of earlier date than the earliest book printed in that place, in addition to the particulars of the latter. Tunbridge Wells has been included, as it is partly in Sussex and partly in Kent, and is often included in Sussex topographical works.

ARUNDEL.

- 1836 The Report of a Savings' Bank case. Arundel: Mason and Co.
(Power 1756.)

BATTLE.

- 1821 A Lamp in the night, or a watchword for the church. Printed by T. Bayley.
(Cotton 1821; Power 1821.)

BISHOPSTONE.

- 1797 Hurdis (James). The Village Curate: a poem. Printed at the author's own press, Bishopstone, Sussex.
(Cotton 1797; Power 1797.)

BOGNOR.

- 1815 Cotton and Power give 1815 as the date of the introduction of printing into Bognor, but I can find no mention of a press there before 1850.

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BRIGHTON.

- c. 1780 A Description of Brighthelmstone. Printed for J. Bowen on the Steyne.

Printed in London, and sold by Bowen who had an establishment at 40 New Bond Street, London, as well as one on the Steyne, Brighton.

- 1789 Thimble's flight from his shop-board. Bright-helmstone: printed by W. and A. Lee.

(Allnutt c. 1780; Cotton and Power 1812.)

CHICHESTER.

- 1714 Woodford (M.). Sermon upon the murder of Richard Dobell, late of Chichester. London, for Webb, Chichester.

- 1724 According to Negus' List of printing-houses, there was one press at Chichester in this year.

- 1770 Joel (T.). An easy introduction to English grammar. Printed for the use of Mr. T. Joel's School, by W. Andrews.

(Allnutt 1724; Cotton 1724; Power 1724.)

EASEBOURNE.

- 1835 Dudley (Howard). Juvenile researches. Ease-bourne: printed and composed by H. Dudley, aged 15.

EASTBOURNE.

- 1819 A Description of East-Bourne and its environs. Printed for John Heatherly.

Printed in London.

- 1825 Davies Gilbert established a private press in his house at Eastbourne in this year.

- c. 1850 According to Chambers's 'Eastbourne memories,' there was no printing press established at East-bourne until about 1850, when William Mott set

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up a press. Before that date most of the printing required by Eastbourne had been done at Hailsham by George Breads and the successive members of that family.

EAST GRINSTEAD.

- 1792 The Universal British Directory of trade, etc., for 1792 gives Thomas Palmer as a printer at East Grinstead.
(Power 1865.)

GLYNDE.

- 1770 The Summer Day, a descriptive pastoral. (Private press.)
(Allnutt 1770; Cotton 1770.)

HAILSHAM.

- 1828 Hake (Mrs. L.). Something new on men and manners. Printed by G. Breads.

HASTINGS.

- 1794 The Hastings guide. London: printed for I. Stell, at his Circulating Library, Hasting.
1824 Reed (T. R.). Hastings: a rural descriptive poem. Printed by H. Bayley.
(Allnutt 1797; Power 1797; Cotton 1839.)

HORSHAM.

- 1784 Evers (—). Journal from Bassora to Bagdad. Printed by Arthur Lee.
(Allnutt 1784; Power 1862.)

HURSTPIERPOINT.

- 1826 Slight Sketch of a picture of Hurst. By a native of this village. Hurst-per-point: printed and published by W. Randell.

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LEWES.

- 1698 C[rayford] (R.). The christian faith concerning the Holy Trinity. London: printed for J. Wyat; and Thomas Norman, bookseller in Lewes.
- 1745 The 'Sussex Weekly Advertiser,' established and printed at Lewes in this year by William and Arthur Lee.

The earliest book printed at Lewes I can trace is:
 1756 Farriano (N.). Sermon preached on Feb. 6, 1756. Printed by W. Lee.
 (Allnutt 1745; Cotton 1775; Power 1742.)

LINDFIELD.

- 1826 Allen (William). Colonies at home. Printed by Charles Greene at the Schools of Industry, Lindfield, Sussex.

The Schools of Industry were established by William Allen in the latter part of 1825.

MIDHURST.

- 1845 Kelly's Directory for this year gives James Chandler and Henry Goodner as printers at Midhurst.

NORTHAM.

- 1848 A Brief history and description of Bodiam Castle. Printed and published by William Ranger.

PETWORTH.

- 1833 Letters from Sussex emigrants. Printed by John Phillips.
 (Cotton 1839; Power 1839.)

RYE.

- 1773 The Cabinet, or Christian miscellany. Ed. by D. Guy.
 My authority for this entry is George Slade Butler, a former Town Clerk of Rye. He

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published his *Topographica Sussexiana* in the 'Sussex Archæological Collections,' Vols. 15-18, where the above entry occurs. I cannot trace the printer, and there does not appear to be a copy in the British Museum.

STANSTED.

- 1822 Way (Lewis). Poems. Stansted: imprinted at the private press.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

- 1705 Causton (P.). *Tonbridgialia*; or, the pleasures of Tonbridge. Mount Sion: Tunbridge Wells.

WARTLING.

- 1823 Betts (G.). *Select Bible anecdotes*. Sussex: printed by J. Pursglove, Windmill-Hill, Wartling.

WORTHING.

- 1810 Original poetry; by Victor and Cazire [*i.e.* P. B. and Elizabeth Shelley]. Printed by C. and W. Phillips.
(Cotton 1814; Power 1814.)

CHRONOLOGY OF SUSSEX PRINTERS.

ARUNDEL.

- 1836 Mason and Co. 1847 F. Mason.
1845 Thomas Mitchell.

BATTLE.

- 1821 T. Bayley.
1830 Francis William Ticehurst.

BISHOPSTONE.

- 1797 Rev. James Hurdis (private press).

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BOGNOR.

1815 ?

BRIGHTON.

1789	William and Arthur Lee.	1833	E. Burn or Burns.
		1835	W. Carpenter.
1795	H. Robinson Attree.	1835	Christopher Pell
1806	Matthew Phillips.		and — Lind
1807	Richard Sickelmore.	1837	William Heaves
1809	Thomas Dent Rud-		Smithers.
	dock.	1838	Thomas Gardner.
1810	William Fleet.	1839	Peter Gardner.
1811	— Bray.	1839	Charles Peay.
1811	John Forbes.	1839	James Phillips.
1818	G. Sawyer.	1840	John Francis.
1818	Charles Wright.	1841	Henry S. King.
1820	William Leppard.	1841	W. H. Mason.
1821	Edward Hill Creasy.	1841	W. Pearce.
1823	W. Colbatch.	1841	J. Wicks.
1824	Jonathan Whitte-	1842	C. Andrews.
	more.	1842	Arthur Wallis.
1825	J. Cummins.	1843	Charles Fleet.
1826	John Baker.	1843	Charles Gardner.
1826	— Goffe.	1843	H. A. Philips.
1826	C. Sickelmore.	1843	Richard Tickel.
1826	James Taylor.	1844	Frederick Wigney.
1827	John Bruce.	1845	John Frederick
1827	— Elliott.		Eyles.
1829	Charles Christo-	1845	J. F. Spencer.
	pherson.	1845	— Strutt.
1830	Levy Emanuel	1846	E. S. Leppard.
	Cohen.	1847	G. C. Spencer.
1830	T. H. Wright.	1849	C. Verrall.
1832	Brunton and Cock-	1849	C. Wilmot.
	ling.	1850	— Curtis.

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CHICHESTER.

1724	?	1810	William Mason.
1770	W. Andrews.	1820	George Pullinger.
1774	P. Humphry.	1830	James Hackman.
1784	C. Jaques.	1835	William Hayley
1790	J. Seagrave.		Mason.

EASEBOURNE.

1835	Howard Dudley (private press).
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EASTBOURNE.

1825	Davies Gilbert (private press).
1850	William Mott.

EAST GRINSTEAD.

1792	Thomas Palmer.
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GLYNDE.

1770	? (private press).
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HAILSHAM.

1828	George Breads.	1845	Stephen Breads.
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HASTINGS.

1824	H. Bayley.	1840	Henry Osborne.
1825	William Ransom.	1845	E. Bowmer.
1826	G. Wooll.	1845	Henry Winter.
1827	R. L. Jones.	1846	William Diplock.

HORSHAM.

1784	Arthur Lee.	1845	Zechariah Kennett.
1839	C. Hunt.	1845	William Laker.
1845	John Clarke.		

HURSTPIERPOINT.

1826	W. Randell.
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LEWES.

1745	William and Arthur Lee.	1827	Reuben William Lower.
1789	T. Budgen.	1845	George Peter Bacon.
1805	John Baxter.	1845	Frederick Lee.
1822	W. Bull.		

LINDFIELD.

1826	Charles Greene.	1840	W. Eade.
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MIDHURST.

1845	James Chandler.	1845	Henry Goodner.
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NORTHIAM.

1848	William Ranger.		
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PETWORTH.

1833	John Phillips.	1845	Albert Jones Bryant.
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RYE.

1773	?		
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STANSTED.

1822	Rev. Lewis Way (private press).		
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TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

1705	?	1821	J. Clifford.
1780	J. Sprange.	1839	John Colbran.

WARTLING.

1823	J. Pursglove.		
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WORTHING.

1810	C. and William Phillips.	1841	— Cook.
		1845	Duke Paine.
1817	J. Mackcoull.	1849	W. L. and H. Carter.
1823	G. Verrall.		
1832	W. Verrall.		

A. CECIL PIPER.