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SEVERAL years ago a very large collection of unsorted papers was removed from the attics of the Council House, Bristol, to the Exchange. In 1936, when some of these papers were being examined, an interesting set of records came to light. They included the original returns for various taxes levied by Commissioners during the seventeenth century. The earliest returns are for the year 1666, when on the outbreak of war with France, the Government, urgently needing money, imposed a poll-tax. The returns for only two Bristol parishes are available for this year—St. Werburgh's and St. Peter's.

In spite of their incompleteness, these records are invaluable for they provide a seventeenth century directory of Bristol, giving the names of all inhabitants, sometimes specifying their relationships, as well as including servants and apprentices. The importance of these lists will be realized, when it is remembered that the earliest Bristol poll-book is for the year 1722, and the first Bristol directory 1775. A large number of well known Bristolians lived in St. Peter's parish and it has seemed worth while to transcribe the 1666 list and give it the permanence of print.

1666

THE RATES FOR POUll MONEYS FOR THE PARISH OF ST. PETERS

	Poull	Wages	Money Title	Totall L.s.d.
<i>Wine Streete</i>				
Mrs Clutterbooke her sonn and 4 daughters	6-0		li. 2	2-6-0
2 apprentices	2-0			2-0
Margaret East her servant 4os per annum	1-0	2-0		3-0

	Poull	Wages	Money Title	Total L.s.d.
Charles Hurford and his wife				
2 children	4-0		li. 1	1-4-0
one apprentice	1-0			1-0
Elizabeth Aldrige servant				
40s per annum	1-0	2-0		3-0
John Snell	1-0			1-0
Widdow Fry and her sonn	2-0			2-0
Rachell Easter her servant	1-0	2-0		3-0
Mr John Chawtry Tabler*				
doctor in Phisick	1-0		li. 5	5-1-0
William Brewer Tabler	1-0			1-0
Paul Methen Tabler	1-0			1-0
Anthony Methen Tabler	1-0			1-0
Mary Rogers Tabler	1-0			1-0
Joseph Lippen and his wife				
and 5 children	7-0			7-0
one apprentice	1-0			1-0
Margrett Valler (?) servant	1-0	2-0		3-0
Mr Pits and his wife				
one apprentice	3-0		li. 1	1-3-0
Dorcas Howard his servante	1-0	2-0		3-0
Mrs Pits and grandchild	2-0		li. 1	1-2-0
Mary Whittington	1-0			1-0
Mr Samuel Clement	1-0			1-0
2 servants	2-0			2-0
Jane Atkins his servant	1-0	2-0		3-0
Mr James Fisher and his wife				
and 2 children	4-0			4-0
one apprentice	1-0			1-0
Frauncis Quille servante	1-0	2-0		3-0
Edward Toplady and his wife				
2 children	4-0			4-0
one apprentice	1-0			1-0
Charles Toplady	1-0			1-0
Margaret Bicketon (?)				
Servante	1-0	2-0		3-0
Alderman Richard Balman	2-0		li. 5	5-2-0
Esq. and his wife, Margrett				
Philips and Alice Humphry,				
servants	2-0	4-0		6-0

* TABLER: One who gets his meals at another's table for payment. (*Oxford Dictionary*)—Editor.

	Poull	Wages	Money Title	Total L.s.d.
Mr John Love and his wife and 3 children	5-0			5-0
one apprentice	1-0			1-0
Mary Winstone, servant 40s per annum	1-0	2-0		3-0
Mr Hurle and his wife and 4 children	6-0		li. 2	2-6-0
2 apprentices	2-0			2-0
Joan Ward and Eliz. Brooke servants 40s a pece per annum	2-0	4-0		6-0
Mrs Withers and one child	2-0			2-0
John Parker	1-0			1-0
Stephen Ashar servant 40s per annum	1-0	2-0		3-0
John Beavon and his wife one apprentice	3-0			3-0
Mary Easyservant 40s per annum	1-0	2-0		3-0
George Dwight and his wife	2-0			2-0
John Butler	1-0			1-0
Joseph Dwight	1-0			1-0
William Massy 50s per annum	1-0	2-0		3-0
Mary Rogers servant 40s per annum	1-0	2-0		3-0
Mary Barnes no wages	1-0			1-0
George Watkins and his wife one apprentice	3-0			3-0
Mary Hopefull servant 40s per annum	1-0	2-0		3-0
Maurice Orchard and his wife and one child	3-0			3-0
Mr John Teague and his wife and 5 children	7-0		li. 2	2-7-0
John Hawkins	1-0			1-0
Robert Rennolds	1-0			1-0
Thomas Pockeridge	1-0			1-0
Joan Houlder 40s per annum	1-0	2-0		3-0
Francis Joans 30s per annum	1-0	1-0		2-0
Jane Stephens 30s per annum	1-0	1-0		2-0
William Ferry	1-0			1-0
Games (?) Lewes	1-0			1-0
Sarah Lewes	1-0			1-0
Henry Lewes	1-0			1-0

	Poull	Wages	Money Title	Total L. s. d.
Rendall Davis and his wife	2-0			2-0
Anthony Lugg and his wife and daughter Mary	3-0			3-0
Thomas Heath and his wife and one sonn	3-0			3-0
Samuel Heath	1-0			1-0
Edmund Lawrence and his wife	2-0			2-0
William Boyse	1-0			1-0
Thomas Bacon and his wife	2-0			2-0
William Holloway and his wife and one child	3-0			3-0
John Hule and his wife and 2 children	4-0			4-0
one apprentice	1-0			1-0
Hester Davis servante no wages	1-0			1-0
John Runninge's wife	1-0			1-0
one Hostler	1-0			1-0
Elinor Nichols servant 20s per annum	1-0	1-0		2-0
Daniel Gibbons	1-0			1-0
William Russell	1-0			1-0
Ralph Cock and his wife	2-0			2-0
John Cox and his wife	2-0			2-0
<i>Wine Streete</i>				
John Morgan and his wife	2-0			2-0
Mrs Hoare	1-0			1-0
Mrs Whitlack	1-0			1-0
Frauncis Bigs servant	1-0	1-0		2-0
Alexander Cooper and his wife one apprentice	2-0			2-0
Jonah Neason and his wife	2-0			2-0
Mrs Whitluck (?) and one child	2-0			2-0
Mary Hickes servant	1-0	2-0		3-0
Thomas Watkins and his wife one apprentice	3-0			3-0
Peter Hawkins and his wife one apprentice	2-0			2-0
John Browne and his wife one apprentice	1-0			1-0
Widdow Packer	1-0			1-0

	Poull	Wages	Money Title	Total L.s.d.
Nathaniel Merry and his wife and 2 children	4-0			4-0
Henry Deddicott and his wife and 2 children	4-0		li. 1	1-4-0
George Williams and his wife	2-0			2-0
Richard Grimsberry and his wife	2-0			2-0
Paskall Williams and his wife	2-0			2-0
Mr John Tiler and his wife	2-0			2-0
Widdow Cooper	1-0			1-0
Widdow Purdue	1-0			1-0
John Roach and his wife and one child	3-0		li. 1	1-3-0
Edward Gibson	1-0			1-0
Sarah Addams servante	1-0	2-0		3-0
William Edmonds and his wife	2-0			2-0
Widdow Millard	1-0			1-0
Beniamin Maynord	1-0			1-0
Gabriell Borne and his wife	2-0			2-0
William Massy and his wife	2-0			2-0
Nicholas Deddicott and his wife	2-0			2-0
William Popely and his wife and 2 children	4-0			4-0
John Browne and his wife and 2 children	4-0			4-0
John Joans and his wife	2-0			2-0
Bartholomew Terrutt and his wife	2-0			2-0
Nicholas Hort and his wife and one sonn	3-0			3-0
Joan Roberts servant 20s per annum	1-0	1-0		2-0
James Bull and his wife	2-0			2-0
Stephen Fudger and his wife and daughter	3-0			3-0
John Davis and his wife and 2 children one apprentice	5-0			5-0
<i>St. Peters Street</i>				
Mr George Larkin and 3 children	4-0		li. 1	1-4-0

	Poull	Wages	Money Title	Total L.s.d.
William Baynard	1-0			1-0
Mary Bradshaw servant 40s per annum	1-0	2-0		3-0
Leonard Whitnee and his wife	2-0			2-0
Thomas Harris	1-0			1-0
Richard Burford and his wife	2-0			2-0
one apprentice	1-0			1-0
Anthony Owen and his wife and one child	3-0			3-0
George Hort and his wife one apprentice	3-0			3-0
John Cole and his wife and 4 children one apprentice	7-0			7-0
William Elliot and his wife and his child and one sister one apprentice	5-0			5-0
Joseph Hide 6 li. per annum	1-0	6-0		7-0
Mary Gazer 40s per annum	1-0	2-0		3-0
Thomas Jefferis and 2 children	3-0			3-0
Mr Simeon Saunders and his wife	2-0		li. 1	1-2-0
Mary Thomas servante	1-0	2-0		3-0
Edward Feild and his wife and one child	3-0			3-0
John Gilman and his wife 2 apprentices	4-0			4-0
Margrett Parker servant 40s per annum	1-0	2-0		3-0
Christopher Alford and his wife and 3 children	5-0		li. 1	1-5-0
Katheren Harris servant 30s per annum	1-0	1-0		2-0
Robert Webb and his wife	2-0			2-0
one apprentice	1-0			1-0
William Dollen and his wife	2-0			2-0
William Ball and his wife and 3 children	5-0			5-0
one apprentice	1-0			1-0
Mary Tyler servante 20s per annum	1-0	1-0		2-0
John Holcomb and his wife	2-0			2-0

	Poull	Wages	Money Title	Total L. s. d.
Mr George Becon and his wife and one child			li. 1	1-4-0
one apprentice	4-0			
Ann Bartlett servant 40s per annum	1-0	2-0		3-0
Mr Samuel Rogers and his wife				
one apprentice	3-0			3-0
Dinah Tayler servant 40s per annum	1-0	2-0		3-0
Phillipp England and his wife one apprentice	3-0			3-0
Mr Edward Feildinge and his wife and one child				
2 apprentices	5-0		li. 2	2-5-0
Mary Bowen and Elizabeth Williams 2 servants 40s per annum a peece wages	2-0	4-0		6-0
Richard Mason and his wife	2-0			2-0
Oliver Cake and his wife and 2 children	4-0			4-0
Elizabeth Wad servante	1-0	1-0		2-0
Widdow Skuse and 4 in the family	5-0			5-0
Grace Smith her maid Mary wages 20s per annum	2-0	1-0		3-0
William Swift and James Johnsy for ye stock in The Sugar House	0-0		li. 3	3-0-0
<i>St. Peter's Streete</i>				
Mr Richard Beachen	1-0	10-0		11-0
5 more servants	5-0			5-0
one maid servante	1-0	2-0		3-0
John Challoner	1-0			1-0
Laurence Albertus and his wife and one child and Mother	4-0	10-0		14-0
Martha Craddock	1-0			1-0
David Phelps and his wife	2-0			2-0
Thomas Legg and his wife	2-0			2-0
Thomas Edwards and his wife	2-0			2-0

	Poull	Wages	Money Title	Totall L.s.d.
Elizabeth Basher servant 20s per annum	1-0	1-0		2-0
<i>St. Mariport Street</i>				
Joseph Joans and his wife	2-0			2-0
Isable Mills servant 20s per annum	1-0	1-0		2-0
Jonah Neason and his wife and sonn	3-0			3-0
John Meredith and his wife one apprentice	3-0			3-0
Mr Anthony Ayliff and his wife and 2 children	4-0		li. 1	1-4-0
one apprentice	1-0			1-0
one servante maide apprentice	1-0			1-0
Mr George Grigson and his wife and one child	3-0		li. 1	1-3-0
one apprentice	1-0			1-0
Ann White servant 40s per annum	1-0	2-0		3-0
Mr Thomas Escourt and his wife and one child	3-0		li. 1	1-3-0
one apprentice	1-0			1-0
Yedith Andross servant 40s per annum	1-0	2-0		3-0
John Wathen and his wife and one child	3-0		li. 2	2-3-0
2 apprentices	2-0			2-0
2 maid servants				
Joan Bayly and Joan Silvester	2-0	4-0		6-0
Thomas Harris and his wife	2-0			2-0
Mary Baker widow a servant maid no wages	2-0			2-0
Mr John Lloyd, Sherife and his wife and 5 children	7-0		li. 2	2-7-0
Margrett Worgan and Mary Watkins servants 40s per annum a peece	2-0	4-0		6-0
<i>The Shambles</i>				
Joan Mabbs Widdow	1-0			1-0
Ann Peacock servant 20s per annum	1-0	1-0		2-0

	Poull	Wages	Money Title	Total L.s.d.
Nathaniell Tompson	1-0			1-0
John Lodwell and his wife	2-0			2-0
Gyles Nurse and his wife	2-0			2-0
William Arnold's wife he beinge at the Horshew Hostler	2-0			2-0
John Cox and his wife	2-0			2-0
Mr Richard Pope and his wife and one child	3-0			3-0
one apprentice	1-0			1-0
Elizabeth Walker servant 40s per annum	1-0	2-0		3-0
<i>The Weare</i>				
George Brittain and his wife and 2 children	4-0			4-0
Richard Streare and his wife	2-0			2-0
James Claxon and his daughter	2-0			2-0
Widdow Fisher	1-0			1-0
Mary Palmer servant no wages	1-0			1-0
Widdow Bawne	1-0			1-0
Lodowick Poole and his wife	2-0			2-0
Roger Painter and his wife	2-0			2-0
Thomas Gibbes and his wife	2-0			2-0
John Bide and his wife and one child	3-0			3-0
Richard Hillier and his wife one apprentice	3-0			3-0
Tobias Brittain and his wife	2-0			2-0
William Andrew and his wife one apprentice	3-0			3-0
Mr Peter Heely and his wife and 5 children	7-0		li. 6	6-7-0
one apprentice	1-0			1-0
Ann Loope servante	1-0	2-0		3-0
Mrs Jennings	1-0			1-0
John Briant and his wife and 4 children	6-0			6-0
2 apprentices	2-0			2-0
Mary Wall servante 20s per annum	1-0	1-0		2-0

	Poull	Wages	Money Title	Total L.s.d.
Thomas Hopkins and his [wife] and one sonn	3-0			3-0
Richard Higs	1-0			1-0
one apprentice	1-0			1-0
Thurston Gyll and his wife and 2 children	4-0			4-0
William Beavan and his wife	2-0			2-0
Mr Richard Baugh and his wife				
2 apprentices	4-0			4-0
Martha Cooke servante	1-0	1-0		2-0
Edmund Baugh	1-0			1-0
Joseph Higs	1-0			1-0
Ann Johnson servant no wages	1-0			1-0
Mr Nicholas Cawse and his wife and one child				
one apprentice	4-0			4-0
Elizabeth Watkins servant	1-0	2-0		3-0
Joan Roager (?) and his wife				
one apprentice	3-0			3-0
Mr Nicholas Tilly and 3 children				
one apprentice	5-0		li. 2	2-5-0
Ann Tylly servante	1-0	2-0		3-0
Stephen Lenerard and his wife	2-0			2-0
John Warren and his wife	2-0			2-0
William Champion and his wife	2-0			2-0
William Tayler and his wife	2-0			2-0
Edward Noble and his wife and one child	3-0			3-0
Thomas Warren and his wife	2-0			2-0

Total li. 80-4s-0d

Nicholas Tilly
Richard Baugh
Simon Hurle
Edward Fieldinge