

# College Accounts, 1812-1813

The College has good accounts for at least the period from 1640. The length and detail of the College accounts has changed over time - receipts and expenditure have increased with each passing year! Here we focus on the College income and spending 200 years ago, looking at the accounts for the 1812-1813 period, when C. W. Burrell was Bursar.

The Accounts of W. Burrell, Bursar,  
from Mich 1812 to Mich 1813.

	£	s	d
Receipts.			
Chamber Rents with Taxes for the Year	143	19	9
Payments made by the Members	21	19	6
Admissions.			
Two Fell Com; Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Norris	10		
Six Burs; Wood - Miles - Hodgson - Harrison Duckle and Corrid	15		
Three Sch; Bolton - Roberts and Humberstone	4	6	
Degrees.			
Four B.A. S. Raymond, S. Phillips, S. Galland & S. Procter	2	13	4
Three M.A. Mr. Harrison - Mr. Yorke and Mr. Rudge	2		
Compositions.			
Four B.A. Degrees	2		
Corn-Money.			
Reserved for the College	50	19	1
Vacant Fell <sup>ts</sup> .			
One vacant $\frac{1}{2}$ y <sup>r</sup> (excl of Stipend & Commons)	83		
Vacant Shirnes Fell <sup>ts</sup> and Sch <sup>ts</sup> and Forfeitures for Non-Residence.			
Mr. Verelot non res 51 Weeks	42	10	
Mr. Goldart non res the whole year	43	6	8
Mr. Harrison non res 40 Weeks	40		
One Sch <sup>t</sup> vacant the whole year	15		
One B. <sup>t</sup> $\frac{3}{4}$ y <sup>r</sup> 11.5.0 One B. <sup>t</sup> $\frac{1}{2}$ y <sup>r</sup> 7.10.0	18	15	
S <sup>r</sup> Gilly non res the whole year	13		
S <sup>r</sup> Galland non res 26 W	6	10	
Whitson non res the whole year	13		
Whitby non res 13 W	3	5	
Barker d <sup>o</sup> 11	2	15	
Bottemans d <sup>o</sup> 7	1	15	
Dixon d <sup>o</sup> 12	1	0	
Burbank d <sup>o</sup> 8	2		
in Term-time			
Repaid half the sum borrowed for the payment of Burrough and Dallingham Fine	20		
S <sup>r</sup> by the Tutor part of the money exp <sup>d</sup> in Repairs	10	10	
	549	17	10

Receipts.

£ s d

Quit Rents

To the Manor of Dingayne in Cotw.

King's Coll, Freeholder, 1 Year to Mich 1813 —

— 13 6

Copyholders

Wm Headley ——— d<sup>o</sup> to do —  
 John Hungier ——— 1 d<sup>o</sup> to d<sup>o</sup> —  
 Wm Child ——— 1 d<sup>o</sup> to d<sup>o</sup> —  
 Wid Nightingale ——— 1 d<sup>o</sup> to d<sup>o</sup> —  
 Wm Day ——— 1 d<sup>o</sup> to d<sup>o</sup> —  
 John Newman ——— 1 d<sup>o</sup> to d<sup>o</sup> —

— — —  
 — 1 —  
 — 2 —  
 — 1 3  
 — 1 3  
 — 3 4

Men

Other Rents.

Adlingfleet — Shirne Land — 1 d<sup>o</sup> to Land 1813

200 12 6

Bull Inn, Mr James Gotobed, — 1 d<sup>o</sup> to Mids d<sup>o</sup>  
 2<sup>d</sup> Land Tax b. 1800

80 — —

Braintree, Mr Isaac Medcalf — 1 d<sup>o</sup> to Mich d<sup>o</sup>

48 — —

Garthorpe, Land purchased of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Worsops  
 Mr Child ——— 1 d<sup>o</sup> to Land d<sup>o</sup>

67 15 —

Harlow, Mr<sup>s</sup> Buchan ——— 1 d<sup>o</sup> to Mich 1812

20 — —

Newnham Croft, Mr Comings — 1 d<sup>o</sup> to d<sup>o</sup> 1813

414 6

Part of an Allotm<sup>t</sup> in Lamb Field  
 Mr Step<sup>o</sup> Richardson — 1 d<sup>o</sup> to d<sup>o</sup> 1812

1 10 —

Trunch & Gunningham ——— 1 d<sup>o</sup> to d<sup>o</sup> 1813

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Rent for the Ground  
 where the Swan stood ——— 1 d<sup>o</sup> to d<sup>o</sup> —

10 1 7

do — where Triplov's House stood — 1 d<sup>o</sup> to d<sup>o</sup> —

7 11 2

Am<sup>t</sup> of Land Tax for one year ——— to d<sup>o</sup> 1812

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503 10 1

549 17 10

1053 7 11

		Disbursements.		£	s	d
d		Quit Rent to Trin Coll: 1 y <sup>r</sup> to Mich	1813		9	
		Ground Rent to the Corp <sup>n</sup> : 11 d <sup>s</sup> to d <sup>s</sup>		1	3	
b		Unenclosed Ground Rent to Queen's Coll fr <sup>m</sup> Mich 1810 to 1813		152	6	
		Paid: Queen's Coll the Purchase Money of the s <sup>t</sup> Ground on which part of the Master's Lodge &c. stands, & also of a piece of Garden Ground adjoining thereto to the South		137	2	
		Rent for the s <sup>t</sup> Garden Ground to the University				
3	Mem:	2 y <sup>r</sup> to Mich	1813	6	6	
3		This Rent is to be paid to 1812				
4		when the Lease of the s <sup>t</sup> Garden Ground granted by Queen's Coll to the Univ <sup>y</sup> will expire.				
		Payments in College				
b		To the Master		7		
		M <sup>r</sup> Waterhouse		5	13	4
		M <sup>r</sup> Wood		5	13	4
		M <sup>r</sup> Burrell		5	13	4
		M <sup>r</sup> Starke		2	16	8
		M <sup>r</sup> Joyne		5	13	4
		M <sup>r</sup> Turton		5	13	4
		The President		2	0	6
		The Dean		2	5	
		The Bursar		4	2	
		The Lecturer		2	0	6
b		The Steward		4	0	
		The Librarian		4		
		The Scholars		24	15	1
		Three Commemoration Sermons		3		
		To the Preacher at St. Goslyn's Commem <sup>n</sup> in 1812			13	4
		To the Master 2 Fell 3/4 each	Scholars		6	8
		To the Master for Commons &c		3	2	15
7		To five Fell 27.6.6 each	136.10.0 & to one d <sup>s</sup> 13.13.0 for d <sup>s</sup>	150	3	
2		To the Shirne Fellows		4	0	8
		To St. Gilly	2.13.4			
		To St. Galland	11.6.8			
1		To St. Procter	20.			
		To Thorns	2.13.4			
10		To Whitely	13.4			
		To Barber	16.6.8	98		
11		To Baternan	17.13.4			
		To Dixon	19.6.8			
		To Furbank	7.6.8			
		To the Master's Servant		4	5	
		Exhibitions to other Colleges.				
		To Eman Coll	1 y <sup>r</sup> to Mich 1813	4		
		To Pemb Hall	4 d <sup>s</sup> to d <sup>s</sup>	3		
				2708	13	9

Disbursements.

Bills			£	s	d
Attor <sup>y</sup>	Mr Finch 36.11.2	Mr Ludlow 2.2.0	3	8	13 2
Bricklayers	Bradwell		6	3	16 2
Carpenters	Stumpsey		9	0	10 10
Gardener's	Rowe		3	19	-
Glazier's	Greep		1	7	17 7 1/2
Printers	Spode		2	8	7 -
Stone Masons	Tomson		6	16	1 -
Surveyers	Truslove 3.15.6	Wetford 6.8.0	1	0	3 6
Upholsterer's	Smith		7	11	6 -
Whitesmith	Fuller		2	0	16 -

Taxes and Assurances.

Poort <sup>y</sup> Tax for Payments made by the Memb <sup>r</sup> s to the College, Admissions, Degrees, & Compositions.			£	s	d
D <sup>y</sup> for the Skirne Land		1812 to £L 1813	1	17	2
D <sup>y</sup> for the Braintree Estate		1 d <sup>y</sup> to d <sup>y</sup>	3	15	2
D <sup>y</sup> for the Bull Inn		1 d <sup>y</sup> to d <sup>y</sup>	7	6	-
D <sup>y</sup> for Newham Croft		1 d <sup>y</sup> to Mich	-	6	-
D <sup>y</sup> for Chesterton Redeemed Land Tax		1 d <sup>y</sup> to £L	-	12	9
D <sup>y</sup> for Coton		1 d <sup>y</sup> to d <sup>y</sup>	1	8	5 1/4
D <sup>y</sup> for Paxton		1 d <sup>y</sup> to d <sup>y</sup>	-	1	10 1/2
D <sup>y</sup> for Ridgwell		1 d <sup>y</sup> to d <sup>y</sup>	1	-	-
D <sup>y</sup> for Coton Money reserved for the Coll <sup>y</sup>		1 d <sup>y</sup> to Mich	5	19	10
Garthorpe Land Tax		1 d <sup>y</sup> to £L	-	15	5 1/2
Assurance of Buildings at Braintree		1 d <sup>y</sup> to £L	-	19	3
D <sup>y</sup> of B <sup>y</sup> at Coton		1 d <sup>y</sup> to £L 1814	7	3	9
D <sup>y</sup> of the College		1 d <sup>y</sup> to Apr 1813	1	8	1 9

Other Disbursements.

Advanced to, and accounted for, by the Steward			3	2	4 11 9 1/2
At Waterhouse for a Sermon at Mercers' Chapel			2	2	-
Interest to Mr Matthews		1 Y <sup>r</sup> to Candt.	2	1	-
D <sup>y</sup> to Mr Dixon		1 d <sup>y</sup> to £L 1813	1	5	-
D <sup>y</sup> to Mr Finch		1 d <sup>y</sup> to Nov 23	1	0	-
Allowed Mr Adams a late Tenant to. Wid. Rivers 15.12 to Mich.			3	5	12 -
Subscription for the Relief of the Russians			2	6	5 -
Ridgwell: - - - - - Thatcher's Bill			3	1	1 -
Paxton Fencing &c			8	0	1 -
Loans for the Hall 12.15.9		Car of d <sup>y</sup> 7.9	1	3	3 6
Paid for Lopping Trees			-	5	-
Letters 3.13.6		Stamps 1.5.0	5	1	2 6
		Wine for Tenants 14	-	-	-

966 2 5 1/4  
 2708 13 9  
 3674 16 2 1/4

	L	s	d
Amount of Receipts	1053	7	11
Surplus of Mrs. Ramsden's Estate	1100	5	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Due to the College last year	755	10	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
	2909	4	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
	3674	16	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
Due to the Bursar	765	11	11 $\frac{1}{2}$

Audited Nov<sup>r</sup>. 23. 1813.

J. Procter, Master  
R. S. Jognes.  
Thomas Turtou

The accounts detail receipts and disbursements, or expenditure. At only 5 hand written pages long, they are very different to those for the College today (see <http://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/home/?m=page&id=289>).

The following entries are particularly interesting:

Within Receipts:

Lists of those being admitted to the College can be seen on page 1, along with their rank in College. In the 1812-13 period, two Fellow-Commoners, six pensioners and three sizars were admitted. Interestingly, both Norris (admitted as a Fellow-Commoner) and Humberston[e] (a sizar), came to St. Catharine's having previously matriculated at Oxford, at Exeter College and St. Edmund Hall respectively. Of the six pensioners admitted, one was George Elwes Corrie who went on to be Senior Tutor at St. Catharine's and then Master at Jesus College, and for whom a large collection of letters received by him is held by the College (see <http://janus.lib.cam.ac.uk/db/node.xsp?id=EAD%2FGBR%2F1934%2FT%2F3> for a full listing). For a full explanation of these College ranks see the glossary available on the Janus website: <http://janus.lib.cam.ac.uk/db/node.xsp?id=Glossary>.

The Colleges estates can also be traced using the account books (page 2), as each year rents received are listed. Within the estates section, tenants are also listed.

#### Within Disbursements:

'Paid Queen's Coll[ege] the Purchase Money of the sd. [said] Ground on which part of the Master's Lodge &c [etc] stands &[and] also of a piece of Garden Ground adjoining thereto to the South . . . £1372' (page 3)

According to the National Archives' currency converter, £1372 would be the equivalent of about £46,500 in today's money (<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/currency/>). The land purchased is on the Queens' Lane side of College, approximately where the Fellows' car park is today.

'To the Preacher at Dr Gostlyn's Commemn. [Commemoration] in 1812 . . . 13s 4d' (page 3)

In 1626, Dr Gostlin of Gonville and Caius College, left the Bull Inn to St. Catharine's College in his will, and in each subsequent year there has been a Commemoration of that bequest. Today a Chapel Service and Dinner is held in his memory in November each year.

Within the 'Bills' section of the disbursements (page 4), there is reference to payment to a Whitesmith of £20 16s 0d. The Oxford English Dictionary has two definitions of Whitesmith: "One who polishes or finishes metal goods, as distinguished from one who forges them; also, more widely, a worker in metals" and "A worker in 'white iron'; a tinsmith."<sup>1</sup> It seems likely that the payment was to one who polishes or finishes metal goods as the need for a tinsmith would have been very unusual in Cambridge.

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<sup>1</sup> "whitesmith, n.1". OED Online. September 2012. Oxford University Press.  
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