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.
Receipts.

Rent

To the Manor of Bignor in Colm.

Kings colt, Freeholder, 1 year to Mich. 1813. 13 6

Copyholders

Mrs. Headley. d. to d. 1

Mr. Munger. 1 d. to d. 2

Mrs. Child. 1 d. to d. 2

Mrs. Nightingale. 1 d. to d. 1

Mrs. Day. 1 d. to d. 1

Mr. Newman. 1 d. to d. 1

Other Rents

Kings flet. Raine Land. 1 d. to d. 1813. 200 12 6

Dullmone. Mr. James Goode. 1 d. to Mid. 12 8

At Land 17 10

Bamflete, Mr. Isaac Medway. 1 d. to Mid. 1 d. 16

Gershipes, Land purchased of Mr. Horsnaps

Mr. Child. 1 d. to Land. 67 15

Harlow, Mr. Buchanan. 1 d. to Mich. 12 2

Nunnham Coft. Mr. Cunningham. 1 d. to d. 1813. 4 14 6

Part of an Allotment on Lamb Field

Mr. Pep. Richardson. 1 d. to d. 1812. 1 10

Kings flet. Mr. Cunningham. 1 d. to d. 1813

Rent for the Ground

Where the Swan stands. 1 d. to d. 10 1 7

To where Tippling House stands. 1 d. to d. 7 11 2

Rent of Land by for one year to d. 1812. 8 2 3

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Expenditure.

Daily Rent to Firm Cell 13s. 6d. to Mic 1913. 9.
Ground Rent to the (s) 1813. 1.
Additional Ground Rent to Firm Cell 1813. 152.
Daily Rent of the Scripture Rooms of the University. 137.
Rent for the garden ground to the University 2913. 6.

Mem.

This Rent is to be paid to 1813, when the lease of the Scripture Ground granted by Oxford Cell to the Uni Hall expires.

Payments in College.

- To the Master
  - Mr. Waterhouse 5
  - Mr. Wood 5
  - Mr. Russell 5
  - Mr. Tucker 2
  - Mr. Lyne 5
  - Mr. Carton 5
  - Dr. Incumbent 2
  - The Chief 2
  - The Tutors 2
  - The Senior 2
  - The Librarian 2
  - The Scholars 2
  - 241.15.1

Lire Commemorations: Students
- To the Preacher at St. John's Common 3. 0 1812. 13.
- To the Master 2. 10. 12. 3 each.
- To the Master for Common 1.
- To the cell 1. 10. 10. 12. 12. 8.
- To the Head 1. 10. 10. 12. 12. 8.
- To the Scholar 1. 10. 10. 12. 12. 8.
- To the Librarian 1. 10. 10. 12. 12. 8.
- To the Librarian's Servant 1. 10. 10. 12. 12. 8.

Endowment to other Colleges.

- To Eton Cell 14. 6. 6. 0 1813. 1.
- To Rents Well 3. 1813. 3.

Total: 2708. 13. 9.
### Disbursements

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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[lege] 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.” 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.

References:
The Architectural History of the University of Cambridge, 1886, by R. Willis
and J. W. Clark.
A History of St. Catharine’s College Cambridge Once Catharine Hall

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