

Andrews and Drury, Collingbourne Kingston map, 1773, showing Dr. Macham's house at Brunton

Joseph Macham and his son, Dr. William Macham Brunton House

Andrews and Drury 1773 Map shows Brunton House with the name Dr. Macham recorded. The revised version, dated 1813, does not give Dr. Macham's name.

The House is described in Victoria County History:

At the south-west end of the street Brunton House on the south-east side was built in 1692 for William Vince (d. 1697). It has a regular west front of seven bays, chiefly of brick and with a central Tuscan porch, and has other elevations of banded brick and flint with alterations in brick. It was rectangular, with a central hall and staircase and a room at each corner on each of its two floors: the original staircase survived in 1995. About 1840 the east half of the south front was extended southwards and a new chimney stack was built against the east wall. East of the kitchen, which was in the north-east corner of the house, additional service rooms were built mostly in the 19th century. Terraced gardens were made east of the house, and from the upper terrace an avenue of yew trees led across a small park which had been made south of the house by c1773: traces of the terraces survived in 1995. At the farmstead north of Brunton House a red-brick farmhouse was built in the earlier 19th century. Brunton manor passed from that William (William Vince) to his son William, whose administrators sold it in 1714 to Joseph Macham (d. 1752). It descended to Macham's son William, at whose death in 1789 it passed to his kinsman and heirat-law John Delmé. In 1794 Delmé sold the manor to William Ludlow.



Brunton House, from the south-west



Brunton House, West Façade

One of the earliest records of the Macham name in Collingbourne Kingston, is a further charge on a mortgage, dated 17 May 1706, between William Vince of Collingbourne Kingston, Doctor in Physic, and Elizabeth Macham of Southampton, widow, referring to a farm called Heath in Collingbourne Kingston, indenture dated 18 January 1704, and another messuage in Collingbourne Brunton, which was demised to Elizabeth Macham for 500 years.

27 March, 1711 - Transfer of mortgage by assignment of term of 1000 years, (1) William Vince, Doctor in Physic, son and heir of William Vince, late of Collingbourne Kingston, gent., deceased, (2) Joseph Macham of London, gent. Farm in Brunton, in the parish of Collingbourne Kingston. Originally mortgaged by William Vince, the father, 29 September 1694 and later transferred to Thomas Gery and Robert Slaney. They, with others, have now exhibited their bill in Chancery to compel Vince to redeem the premises or to lose the equity of redemption, and now (2) intends, at request of (1) to redeem premises and take an assignment thereof from Gery and Slaney. Consideration: £100 paid by (2) to said Gery and Slaney; and (2) also agrees to pay them the residue of all sums due for principal, interest and costs.

Easter 1714, there are records of right and left hand indentures of a fine, - the plaintiff, Joseph Macham, and the deforciants, William Vince, Doctor of Medicine, and Frances, his wife, which refers to three messuages, 5 cottages, a dovecote, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 377 a. of land, 24 a. of meadow, 84 a. of pasture, 18 a. of wood, 20s of rent and common of pasture, in Collingbourne Kingston. The consideration is £460.

2 June 1714. Marriage settlement by lease and release, (1) Joseph Macham of London, merchant, (2) William Parrott of London, merchant, and Sarah Parrott, spinster, his only daughter, (3) Luke King of St. Martin in the Fields, Middlesex, gent., and Peter Delme of London, merchant.

New-erected dwelling-house in Collingbourne Brunton in which William Vince, Doctor of Physic, lately dwelt, with out-houses, gardens and lands belonging. Also a messuage with out-houses and lands in Collingbourne Brunton, called Blakes Bargain, and parcels of arable, meadow and pasture called the Heaths, also in Collingbourne Brunton. All which premises are in the parish of Collingbourne Kingston. conveys to (3). Consideration: Intended marriage between (1) and Sarah Parrott; and £2,000 paid to (1) by William Parrott as his daughter's marriage portion.

The Career of Joseph Macham

Records held in Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre show the career of Joseph Macham in the Port of London, where his appointments were recorded in Treasury documents.

1728 Mr. Joseph Macham appointed Land-waiter on the old Establishment in the Port of London, in the Room of Richard Sankey, Esq.; and, Mr. Hucks appointed Land-waiter on the new Establishment in the same Port, in the Room of Mr. Joseph Macham.

September 18, 1733: Treasury warrants. Joseph Macham, surveyor of the warehouses, London port, loco Samuel Grice, deceased; Francis Manning to succeed Macham as landwaiter in the superior list, ibid;

By Dec 1841, Joseph Macham was one of the Commissioners to Customs Commissioners as evidenced by a record "Concerning Lawrence Barrow's claim on the Commissioners for the sale of the Spanish prize, "St. Joseph," for part of the cargo of said prize. 1 page. Appending: — (a) Robert Paul, Joseph Macham, and Francis Jackson, 3 of said Commissioners to the Customs Commissioners, dated from the Custom House, London, 1741, December 23, forwarding (b). 1 page. (b) Copy of an inhibition and monition. dated 1741, Dec. 1, from the High Court of Delegates on said Barrow's appeal. 4 pages."

Collingbourne Kingston Parish Records

1776 Mrs. Mary Macham, daughter of Mr. Joseph Macham¹, buried September the 17th Dr. William Macham, Esq.. L.L.D. buried August 30.²

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¹ Mr. Joseph Macham, Surveyor of the King's warehouse in the port of London, and son of Cornelius Macham, of Southampton, merchant: born July 20, 1684; died Jan 12, 1752. Mary his widow died Sept 1776, aged 63. (Epitaphs)

² Died Aug 25, 1789, aged 66.