

**PASSING THROUGH:
BANBURY in the new
OXFORD DICTIONARY OF NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY**

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One of the facilities of the splendid new *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* is that, as it is available on-line, a search can be made for specific names or words. We entered 'Banbury', and the following is a digest of relevant entries. We have in general omitted those referring to places 'near Banbury', or where 'Banbury' occurs as one of several places. Unsurprisingly, *Cake & Cockhorse* is not quoted as a source. Nevertheless articles relating to some of those listed have been published, and are so indicated. 'B.' = Banbury.

Administrators

Empson, Sir Richard (c.1450-1510).
Constable and steward of B., 1488.

Fisher [Hawkins], Thomas (1515/16-1577). Keeper of B. Castle and bailiff of B. Hundred, 1550.

Architects

Cockerell, Samuel Pepys (1753-1827), architect. Re-built B. church 1792-1797. *C&CH* 5.4, N. Cooper, 'The Building and Furnishing of St Mary's Church'.

Miller, Sanderson (1716-1780), of Radway Grange, son of **Sanderson Miller** (d.1737), a wealthy wool merchant of B., and his wife, Maria, daughter of the Revd John Welchman. *C&CH* 4.6, A.C. Wood, 'Sanderson Miller of Radway', W. Hawkes, 'Miller's Work at Wroxton', 'The Architectural Work of Sanderson Miller'.

Murray, James (1831-1863). Work included the corn exchange at B. (1857).

Civil War

Compton family:

James, 3rd earl of Northampton (1622-1681).

Spencer, 2nd earl of Northampton (1601-1643).

Sir William (1625-1663), defended B. Castle.

Fiennes, John (d. in or before 1710), parliamentary army officer and politician. Besieged B. Castle, 1644.

Hausted, Peter (c.1605-1644), playwright and C of E clergyman. Died 1644 on second day of siege of B. Castle.

Hind, James (1616-1652), highwayman and royalist soldier. Served in garrison of Sir William Compton at B. Castle.

Peyton, Sir Edward, second baronet (1587/8-1657). Incarcerated in B. Castle, 1642.

Turner, Peter (1586-1652), mathematician. Royalist, imprisoned at B. 1641.

Whalley, Edward (d.1674/5), regicide and major general. Laid siege to B. Castle, 1646.

Clergy (Church of England)

Asplin, William (1688/9-1758), Vicar of B., 1717. *Note.* There is also a reference in *ODNB* to Asplin under 'North, George (1707-1772), numismatist.'

Dod, John (1550-1645). Preached at B.

Lancaster, Thomas William (1787-1859), writer. Vicar of B., 1815-1849. *C&CH* 2.4, E.R.C. Brinkworth, 'A Nineteenth Century Vicar of B: Thomas William Lancaster'.

Sudder, Henry (d.1652), clergyman and author. Closely connected to William Whately.