

**Settlement: James & Sarah Button, 1757. Great Oakley to Thorpe-le-Soken.**

To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Thorp in the Soken in the County of Essex or to any, or either of them.

To wit: we whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, being the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Great Oakley in the County of Essex aforesaid, do hereby certify, own and acknowledge James Button and Sarah his wife to be our Inhabitants legally settled in the Parish of Great Oakley aforesaid: In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals, this Twenty ninth Day of August in the Thirty first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of GOD, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith; and in the Year of our Lord 1757.

Attested by Us, Charles Manyon, Jonathan Maskell, Joseph Salmon (Church wardens), Robert Gentry, Hazl. Salmon (overseers).

We whose Names are hereunto subscrib'd, two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Essex aforesaid, do allow of the above written certificate; and do also certify, that Charles Maning one of the Witnesses who attested the Execution of the said Certificate, hath made Oath before Us, that he saw the Church-Wardens and Overseers, whose Names and Seals are to the said Certificate subscribed and set, severally sign and seal the said Certificate; and that the names of the said Charles Manyon and of Jonath. Maskell whose Names are above subscribed, as Witnesses to the Execution of the said Certificate, are of their own proper Hand-Writing.

Dated the Twelfth Day of Septemr. in the Year of our LORD 1757

W. Evans, Mau. Gough.

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