



## Robert Fay to Keep Victualling House

### Quarter Sessions 1605

The minister (George Hunt) and eighteen parishioners of Collingbourne apply for a license (which is granted) to Robert Fay to keep a victualling house, on the grounds that not only in time of harvest but at other seasons some taskers and day-labourers would willingly be provided for of victuals and lodging, besides many travellers that make the village a place of rest in their journey, some willingly, some many times against their wills, losing their way upon the downs in winter, and sometimes in the summer season too. And they recommend Fay as of fittest aptness; they know that, in a house that must lie open to every passenger, the best host may sometimes give entertainment to very bad guests, but they are persuaded that he would not suffer such to rest long in his house, but that he will carry himself for the comfort of the distressed, and not for the maintenance of pot companions.

**Miscellaneous Documents Held by The University of Toronto - The Records of Quarter Sessions in The County of Wilts.**

#### **OPC Note:**

George Hunt was the Perpetual vicar of Collingbourne Ducis from 1581.