

became necessary to have a surname. The name Barville, which still survives in a farm at Tilmanstone, may well be a possible source for the name. Whether it has a connection with Auberville remains to be seen. The Aubervilles also owned land in other counties. It will be interesting to see if the name also has early origins in those areas.

A more remote possible origin for the name may be the French place name Berville, of which there are several in the Le Havre area and elsewhere.

Whilst my expectation of finding smugglers and highwaymen has yet to be fulfilled, there has been the surprising pleasure of finding several 17th and 18th century clerics who were Oxbridge graduates, one being a Six Preacher of Canterbury Cathedral in the Commonwealth period. Perhaps, at some time in the future, I will have the opportunity to record a fuller description of the outcome of these researches.

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