Sheen - continued:

1526. D. Thomas Wells, prof. of Sheen, guest at Beauvale, d. 9 April 1526.
1527. D. Richard Gyle.
1528. D. William Grove.
1529. D. Henry Caton.
D. John Raymund.
1530. D. George Ware or Warren.
D. Thomas Tarleton, prof. of Sheen, prior of Coventry.
D. James Greenhalgh, prof. of Sheen, guest at Hull.
D. Nicholas Loyre (?Law).
1535. D. Robert Raby, prof. of Sheen - see under London, p.15.
1536. D. John Jonbourne, prior (1503-1535), visitor until 1532.
D. Richard ... ? D. John Ferriby.
1[illegible]. D. Bartholomew Burgoyne, d. at Bruges.

No names are given in Dugdale or elsewhere of those who signed the Deed of Surrender of Sheen. According to M.T.COE,p.440, the oath of succession appears to have been taken on 6 May 1534 (not mentioned in Rymer). The Deed of Surrender must have been signed before March 1538 (op.cit.p.446); and the monks received pensions on 10 October 1539 (p.488). The list is simply given as:

D. Henry Man, prior.
D. Edward Fleetwood, vicar or procurator.
- and seventeen others.

Known names that cannot be traced are:

D. Henry Ball, vicar c.1533 (M.T.COE,p.437).
D. John Pysent (p.442).
D. William, sacrist (p.437)? same as Br. William Howe.

Then there is D. Henry Man, the last prior, whose history, so far as it can be traced, is as follows:

procurator of ~~Witham~~ Sheen (dates unknown);
prior of Witham c.1534, but only for a short time.
prior of Sheen and visitor of the English province, along with Dom John Mitchell, prior of Witham. This was certainly in 1536.

When the monks of Sheen came to be pensioned, Dom Henry Man received what surely must have been the largest pension of all the Carthusians. According to Dugdale, it was not less than £216, roughly ¼ of the revenue of the whole house. Not long after, he was made Dean of Chester, and in 1546 Bishop of Man, continuing to hold the deanery of Chester in commendam. He died on 19 October 1556, according to Dugdale.

Sheen - continued:

The history of Sheen fron now onwards is as follows, as far as we can trace from the various sources:

What happened to Maurice Chauncy after the expulsion of the monks from the London Charterhouse in November 1538 is not too clear. He may, as Hendriks says, have gone abroad, but it is thought now that he stayed in England, haunting the precincts of his old home for some time. What is certain is that he left England for the continent, either towards the end of 1546 or in the early part of 1547, accompanied probably by Br.Hugh Taylor. They were received at the Charterhouse of Val de Grace at Bruges, and by the permission of the General Chapter renewed their vows there in 1547, Chauncy serving for a while as sacrist. On arriving at Bruges, Chauncy found another English monk there namely Dom John Perdon or Berdon, from Coventry, later of London, and Dom Bartholomew Burgoyne of London, who died at Bruges in 1551. Meanwhile, Dom John Fox of London, and Dom Tristram Hickmans, once procurator of Witham, had found their way to Louvain, where they, too, renewed their monastic profession. Dom Richard Crofts, a monk of Coventry, had also left England, and was vicar of Utrecht (Mount St.Gertrude) when Chauncy sent for him to join him in London to re-found Sheen. Unhappily, both Dom John Fox and Dom Richard Crofts died in London shortly after arriving, and were buried in the summer of 1547 in the chapel of the Savoy. 57

It was at Bruges that Chauncy wrote the first recension of his 'narrative' : this version, long thought to have been lost, has recently been re-discovered by H.G.Richardson at the Guildhall in London (Ms.1231) and he is engaged on editing it at the moment (we have a photostat here). For further information on this matter, see David Knowles' third volume of his RELIGIOUS ORDERS IN ENGLAND, recently published. The French account by Dom Palemon Bastin at the Grande Chartreuse is useful, but needs checking. It is useful for the obiits, but many (if not all!) of the English are mis-spelled and hopelessly misleading. They can be verified, however, fortunately from other sources.

Sheen in England again: from 1555-6 (June) until 1559:

It is not certain whether Chauncy returned to England in June of 1555 or 1556. M.T gives the former date, Dom Palemon the second. Whichever year it was, Chauncy and Br.Hugh Taylor arrived in England on 29 June. He was also accompanied by Dom John Fox, who died (this is certain from his obiit) on 24 July 1556. Dom Richard Crofts who had meanwhile come from Holland also died (27 August 1556): both were buried in the chapel of the Savoy - see M.T.COE,p.502.

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Sheen in England - continued

According to M.T.COE, p.503, Chauncy, with Br. Hugh Taylor, shortly after his arrival, was joined by fifteen brethren from other disbanded Charter-houses. These were:

D. John Mitchell, formerly prior of Witham: d.1570.
D. John Wilsodn, formerly prior of Mount Grace: d.1557.
D. Thomas Fletcher, formerly of Hinton: d.1559.
D. Nicholas Balland, formerly of Hinton: d.1578.
D. Tristram Hickmans, formerly of Witham: d.1575.
D. John Cliffe, formerly of Witham: d.1560.
D. Thomas Synderton, formerly of Hull: d.1570.
D. Thomas Low, formerly of Sheen: d.1568.
D. Robert Thurlby, formerly of Sheen: d.1557. [Vicar].
D. Robert Marshall, formerly of Sheen: d.1557.
D. Nicholas Dugmer, formerly of Beauvale: d.1578.
D. Robert Abel (?William Abell of Coventry): d.1558.
D. Leonard Hall or Stofs, (a Steps) formerly of Mt.Grace: d.1575.
Br. Robert Shipley, formerly of Mt.Grace: d.1557.
Br. John Sanderson, formerly of Mt.Grace: d.1560.

Long - p.64 - says they were joined later by:

D. John Thomson, formerly of London.
D. Everard Digby, formerly of London, d.1568.

1555 (17 November) : Sheen made over to the Carthusians by royal authority;
(25 November) : the monks took possession of Sheen;
1556 (31 December) : confirmed by Cardinal Pole.
1557 (23 January) : date of Royal Charter;
ex carta : Chauncy confirmed as prior by General Chapter, and Cardinal Pole told off.
1559 (1 July) : monks expelled - this time finally - from England.

During this period (1555-1559) the following monks died:

1557. D. John Fox, prof. of London, 2 of Bruges (Val de Grace) though apparently Louvain also: d. 24 July 1556, and buried at the chapel of the Savoy.
D. Richard Crofts, of Coventry, vicar of Utrecht: d. 27 August 1556, and buried at the chapel of the Savoy.
1558. D. Robert Thurlby, vicar, d. 11 August 1557.
D. Robert Marshall, prof. of Mt.Grace, 2 of Sheen: d. 10 September 1557.
D. John Wilson, prof. and last prior of Mount Grace (1522-1539), guest at Bruges. The place of his death is not absolutely certain, but it is thought that he died at Sheen in England 10 September 1557, according to Hendriks p.282.

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1558. Br. Robert Shipley / Shirley. conv. prof. of Mount Grace, 2of Sheen: d. 25 September 1557.

1559. D. Robert Abel; d. 24 September 1558.
? the same as D. William Abel, formerly vicar of Coventry, who was among those who received pensions there - see p.23.

1560. D. Thomas Fletcher, formerly of Hinton: d. 2 May 1559: said to have been the last to die at Sheen.

Bruges (Val de Grace) : 1559-1568:

ex [illegible]ta 1561: Chauncy made prior of Bruges.
1568: told to form a separate community.; but still at Val de Grace.

According to Long - p.68 - the English community consisted of:

D. John Mitchel, vicar: d.1570.
D. John Cliffe; d.1560.
D. Thomas Low; d.1568.
D. Tristram Hickmans; d.1575.
D. Thomas Synderton; d.1570.
D. Nicholas Dugmer; d.1578.
D. Leonard Hall or Stofs; d.1575.
D. Nicholas Balland; d.1578.
Br. Hugh Taylor; d.1575.
Br. John Sanderson; d.1560.

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The following died at Bruges during these years:

1560. D. John Hoerdrien; prof. of Coventry, 2 of Bruges.
D. John Cliffe, formerly of Witham, prof. of Sheen, guest at Bruges: d. 29 January 1560.
1561. Br. John Sanderson; conv. prof. of Mount Grace, 2 of Sheen, guest at Bruges: d. 13 June 1560.
1562. D. John Carr; prof. of Sheen, guest at Bruges. ?
1568. D. Everard Digby, prof. of London, guest at Bruges.
1569. D. Thomas Low, prof. of Sheen, guest at Bruges: d. 21 November 1568.
D. Walter Tolbridge; prof. of Perth, guest at Bruges.
D. Alexander Calant or Callard, prof. of Perth, guest at Bruges.

In this connection, it is worth noting that, according to Henry Clifford, the author of the Life of the Duchess of Feria, (p.107) that Chauncy with 'twelve professed monks and three lay brothers' left England with the Duke of Feria for Flanders in 1559, arriving there on 1 July. Clifford is uaually well informed.