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Hunting diaries of Nicholas  
Parry (1796-1879) Master of  
the Puckeridge, purchased in  
1970 of Mr. David Ferrow of  
Great Yarmouth

[Accession 1281]

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### Introduction

"Mr. Parry, during his thirty-six years of office as master of [the Puckeridge] hounds, and also previously, kept a regular hunting diary." Thus wrote Charles T. Part in volume I of the Victoria County History in 1902. By the time Michael F. Berry wrote his History of the Puckeridge Hunt in 1950 the diaries had disappeared: "Mr. Parry's diaries, alas! cannot be found." Their history, between their removal from Little Hadham Place to their possession by the Walter family of Dudwick, Cottishall, Norfolk (from whom Mr. Ferrow purchased them), cannot be traced.

The diaries give a detailed and frequently spirited account of every chase which Parry joined between 1827 and 1869, whether with the Puckeridge or with other hounds, revealing in the process an intimate knowledge of the topography of the country he hunted over typical of the dedicated foxhunter.

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Nicholas Parry of Little Hadham Place (1796-1879), Master of  
the Puckeridge Hounds 1838-1875

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Hunting diaries

7 vols

1827 - 1869