



## Historical Essay on the Rise and Early Progress of the Doctrine of Life-Contingencies in England, Leading to the Establishment of the First Life-Assurance Society in Which Ages Were Distinguished

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