

## THE SOMERSET RECORD OFFICE

### I. MAIN MANUSCRIPT ACCESSIONS

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#### FAMILY AND ESTATE:

**STRACHEY OF SUTTON COURT** This accumulation may be broadly divided into four sections: (1) estate management records; (2) papers of John Strachey, the 18th century county historian and mapmaker; (3) the Indian papers of Sir Henry, the first baronet, and his sons, including papers accumulated by Sir Henry, first as private secretary to Clive in India and ultimately as one of his executors; and (4) family papers and correspondence, mainly inherited by Lady Strachie, wife of the first baron, from her aunt, Frances Countess Waldegrave, and her grandfather, John Braham, the singer and theatrical manager. Of these, section (2) was deposited in the Record Office in 1949, sections (2) and (3) comprise the bulk of the report on the Strachey MSS which appeared in the *Appendix to the Sixth Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts* (1877), and section (4) has been listed in detail by the National Register of Archives and reported in the latter's *Bulletin No. 12* (1963). The Kirkpatrick papers and the papers of Sir Henry Strachey relating to American affairs and the Treaty of Paris (listed in the *1877 Report*) are not now with the collection and were missing before 1943. Papers in section (4) have been used for O. W. Hewett's *Strawberry Fair* (1956) and *And Mr. Fortescue* (1958) and for Lady Strachie's *Letters of Edward Lear* (1907) and *Later Letters of Edward Lear* (1911).

*Estate management:* deeds, etc., of Buckland Dinham, from c. 1200, Weare, from at least 1350, Chew Magna including Bishop Sutton, Stowey and Stanton Drew, from at least 1639, and Elm, from at least 1591; manorial records for Buckland Dinham, 1657-1726, and Elm, 1677-99; surveys of Buckland Dinham and Elm, 1718-1814; maps of Buckland Dinham, 1737, 1813, Elm, 1813, Stowey and Chew Magna, 1793, 1832, and Stowey tithe map and award, 1840; county maps of Somerset by Strachey, 1736, Day and Masters, 1782, and Greenwood, 1822; Woolley gunpowder mills, agreements, correspondence and accounts, 1733-1809.

*Indian papers:* folios and packets of private, official and political letters to Sir Henry Strachey, 1764-77, copy letters from him, 1765-85; papers, memoranda and correspondence of Lord Clive, 1754-75; letters received and letter book of General Carnac, 1758-67;

papers of second Lord Clive as governor of Madras, 1801-03; papers of Edward Strachey of the Bengal Civil Service, including reports, etc., on magisterial matters, 1800-20, and private memoranda and travel journals, 1801-06; journal of expedition to Nepal, 1767; copy reports, etc., concerning charges against Major-General Sir John Burgoyne, bt., 1783-84.

*Family papers:* Braham personal and professional correspondence, accounts, etc., from *c.* 1816; Waldegrave correspondence, accounts, etc., from *c.* 1833; Fortescue (Carlingford) correspondence, including a long series from Edward Lear, from *c.* 1836.

HOWARD OF CREECH ST. MICHAEL: deeds, etc., of the manor of Creech St. Michael, 1763-1834; surveys, 1761 and 1767, and rentals and presentments, 1754-1918.

ARNEY OF BATCOMBE: deeds, etc., of Draycott in Rodney Stoke and Cheddar, 1633-1756, Badgworth, 1646-1821, Weare, 1651-1842, Mark and South Brent [Brent Knoll], 1749-1863; Arney wills and executorship and genealogical papers, from 1730; notebooks with personal accounts, farming memoranda and some parish accounts, 1809-40.

GILLING-LAX: deeds, etc., of Wells (mainly in East and West Horrington), 1731-1919, Cheddar, 1663-1879, Wedmore, 1659-1812; wills, settlements, executorship papers for Lax of Wells and Gilling of Cheddar, from 1766; paper manufacturers' partnership deed, 1813.

GORDON OF NAISH HOUSE: deeds, etc., of the Naish House Estate in Wraxall, Nailsea and Clapton, 1687-1829, manor, etc., of Easton-in-Gordano, 1599-1880, manor of North Weston, etc., 1648-1845, hundred of Portbury and manors of Portbury and Portishead, etc., 1720-1846, Tickenham, 1608-1829; maps of the manors of North Weston, 1741, 1840, and Easton-in-Gordano, 1824, 1828; surveys, etc., of the manor of Portbury, 1723-84.

SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S COLLECTION: maps of Luxborough Common and Croydon Hill, *c.* 1625, and Nether Stowey (2), *c.* 1775; survey of the manor of Creech St. Michael, *c.* 1675; diary of John Cannon, schoolmaster, of Meare, 1684-1742.

DEEDS, ETC.: Wells, including the manors of Wells Subchantry and St. John and other property of the Sherston family of Stoberry

Hill, 1658-1871; Bagbury in Evercreech, 1679-1843; Godney Farm, etc., in Meare, 1640-1817; survey of the manor of Cothelstone, etc., c. 1741.

PARISH: Maperton: registers, 1559-1837, churchwardens' accounts, 1819-1936, vestry book, 1852-95, overseers' accounts and rates, 1784-1854, school managers' minutes, 1903-21.

OFFICIAL: log books, etc., of schools (now closed) in North Wootton, West Quantoxhead, Compton Pouncefoot, Corton Denham, North Barrow, Fitzhead, Thorn Falcon, North Curry and Taunton, various dates, from 1868.

MISCELLANEOUS: deed of settlement of Wellington Market Co., with plans and elevations, 1832; records of the Conservators of the River Tone, including memoranda, minute and order books, 1699-1947, some accounts, 1698-1719, 1810-30, agreements for repairs, etc., copy petitions for and against the Conservators, plans and sketches, litigation papers, from 1707.

## II. SUMMARIES OF CATALOGUES OF MS. HOLDINGS

These summaries are intended to give more detail of MS. holdings for which catalogues exist in the Somerset Record Office

### WARRE OF HESTERCOMBE:

Deeds, leases, etc., of the Hestercombe Estate, including the manors of West Monkton and Overton and the demesne lands and rectory of Creech, in Kingston St. Mary, Cheddon Fitzpaine, West Monkton, Broomfield, Creech St. Michael and Ruishton, 1552-1819, the manor of Middlezoy, 1619-1770, Guilden Sutton, Chester, etc. (co. Chester), 1681-1768, Bristol (Farell, Jones and Bearpacker families), 1603-1788, and Almondsbury and Olveston (co. Gloucs.), 1609-1788; rentals of the manor of West Monkton, 1714-1811; surveys of West Monkton, 1736-61, Middlezoy, c. 1745-81, Creech St. Michael, 1731 - c. 1740, and Ruishton, 1733; perambulations of West Monkton, 1790, and Middlezoy, 1792; maps of West Monkton, c. 1775, Middlezoy, 1787, and Creech St. Michael, c. 1755; household bills and vouchers, c. 1840-70; inventories of Hestercombe, 1791-1819; letters from Christopher Anstey to Coplestone Warre Bampfylde, 1776-88.

## CHANNER AND CHANNER (SOLICITORS) OF TAUNTON

## FAMILY RECORDS:

*Dodington of Horsington*: deeds, etc., of Horsington, Henstridge and Stowell, 1666-1879, Camberwell and Southwark (co. Surrey), 1625-1846; survey and rentals of the manor of Stowell, 1743-58; records of the manor of Cheddar Parsonage, including leases, customals, surveys, etc., correspondence about farm management and parish affairs and litigation papers, 1651-1838.

*Carew of Crowcombe*: deeds, litigation papers, etc., relating to partition of former Pyncombe estates between the Pyncombe Charity Trustees and the Carew family, 1814-71; survey and rentals, 1756-1841; rentals of Carew estates generally in Somerset, Pembroke and Salop, 1842-84.

*Jefferys Allen*: deeds, etc., of Aller, Fivehead and Hambridge, etc., in Curry Rivel, 1566-1787, Bridgwater, Bawdrip, Stawell, Wembdon and Pawlett, 1615-1872, Burnham, Mark, etc., 1706-1897; Bawdrip rentals and surveys, 1650-1780; Bawdrip inclosure awards and maps, 1797, 1798; rental of the manor of Bridgwater Castle, 1736, 1737.

*Popham of West Bagborough*: deeds, etc., of West Bagborough, 1698-1853, Lydeard St. Lawrence, 1658-1826, and Bishop's Lydeard and Spaxton, 1703-1826.

## MISCELLANEOUS DEEDS, ETC.:

Taunton St. James, including the Elms Estate (Young family), 1810-73; Taunton St. Mary, 1707-1843, and Taunton St. James, including part of the former New Meeting House (Robert Parsons, currier), 1827-54; builder's accounts, 1849-75, and development of building sites in Taunton (John Spiller, builder), 1865-94; Cheddon Fitzpaine, 1601-1837; West Monkton, 1611-1816; Milverton, 1581-1862; Pyleigh in Lydeard St. Lawrence and Ash Priors, 1567-1760; Heathfield, 1754-1872, including abstract of title to the manor, from 1702, valuation with state of cultivation, 1809, and book of reference to [missing] map of the manor, 1811; papers relating to sale or exchange of property in Brompton Regis, Dulverton and Bishop's Lydeard (Lucas family), 1821-26; Taunton St. Mary and Taunton St. James, 1670-1888; Churchstanton, 1784-1863; map of the manor of Tolland, 1768.