

THE SOMERSET RECORD OFFICE
MAIN MANUSCRIPT ACCESSIONS

JULY 1968 — JUNE 1969

FAMILY AND ESTATE:

SLADE OF MONTYS COURT: deeds, etc., of Norton Fitzwarren and Hillfarrance, 1631-1869; survey and map of North Petherton, 1770, and of Wey Farm in Norton Fitzwarren, 1821; Slade family settlements, wills, commissions and correspondence, 1755-1867.

HANCOCK OF WIVELISCOMBE This collection, which represents only a fraction of the holding of Hancock MSS in the Record Office, contains a large element of the direct records of a solicitor's practice, a few records of other businesses, accumulated in cases of bankruptcy, family and business records, including some of earlier generations of the Hancock family, and Huish Champflower parish, etc., records. The professional records span the working life of Philip Hancock of Ford in Wiveliscombe, initially articulated to Abraham Stevens of Nether Stowey, then in partnership with him for a limited period, but largely apparently in practice alone. There are also a few records of Stevens's earlier activities and later records of Philip's son, another Philip, but the bulk fall between c. 1795 and c. 1835.

Professional records: solicitors' precedent books, accounts, clerks' journals, receipt and payment books, etc., 1769-1842; letter books, of Abraham Stevens, 1772-1776, and Philip Hancock, 1849-1856.

Business records (bankruptcy): ledger, 1777-1786, and inventory, 1786, of David Williams, boat builder and repairer, of Minehead; Wells family records, including shopkeeper's accounts of Catherine Wells, 1765-1778, and accounts of her son, John Wells, as master of ships in the Welsh and Irish trade out of Minehead, 1776-1790, malt, coal, and culm accounts, 1790-1798, and his navigational instruction book, 1773-1774.

Huish Champflower records: overseers' accounts and (occasional) rates, 1769-1814, pay books, 1802-1814, and rates, 1845-1848; churchwardens' accounts, 1844-1870; minutes of enclosure commissioner, 1842-1845; diary of work done and purchases made, Huish Parsonage, 1836-1838; deeds (ultimately Rev. J. Woodhouse), 1783-1867.

Other records: Wiveliscombe Agricultural Society minutes, 1798-1801; West Bagborough enclosure, register of claims, 1807; accounts of (cloth) goods sold, ? by Philip Hancock, 1698-1726, estate accounts of William Hancock, 1795-1812, Hancock personal accounts, 1853-1862; Tudball family, farm and general accounts (originally kept as a tithe book), 1720-1787; Stevens family, ledger, etc., 1783-1786.

RECORDS OF THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS (*Additional deposit*): Bicknoller, court roll, 1367-1368, compotus rolls, 1356-1467; Cheddar Parsonage, court rolls, 1629-1873, manor customs, 1699, survey, 1854.

MISCELLANEOUS ESTATE DEPOSITS: deeds, etc., of Burnham, Huntspill, etc., 1661-1904; Alhampton in Ditchat, 1657-1887; Sock Dennis, 1565-1843, with manor survey, 1657; Wells, 1665-1866. Map of manor of Up Mudford, 1810. Court papers, manor of Ilton, 1701-1743, rectory manor of Batcombe, 1744-1886, and manor of Cathanger cum Stoye in Fivehead, 1660-1710; Muchelney, surveys, 1668-1777. Solicitors' papers relating to parish poor law business (In parish and liberty of St. Andrew, Wells), 1829-1858.

PARISH: Ashill: registers, 1558-1899b (burials), 1921c (christenings), 1837m (marriages); banns, 1823-1893. Beer Crocombe: registers, 1542-1812b, c, 1839m; churchwardens' accounts, 1687-1724; overseers' accounts, 1757-1787. Berkley (*additional*): registers, 1546-1942b, 1865c, 1839m; churchwardens' accounts, 1659-1902; overseers' accounts, 1665-1711; vestry minutes, 1836-1894. Broadway: registers, 1678-1930b, 1916c, 1836m; banns, 1823-1927. Brushford: registers, 1558-1912b, 1894c, 1955m; churchwardens' accounts, 1707-1875. Buckland Dinham (*additional*): registers, 1540-1893b, 1863c, 1837m; banns, 1824-1882; vestry minutes, 1823-1883; churchwardens' accounts, 1891-1937; tithe map and award, 1841. Charlton Adam (*additional*): registers, 1813-1927b, 1813-1877c, 1754-1837m; banns, 1828-1869; overseers' accounts, 1755-1806. Charlton Mackrell (*additional*): banns, 1824-1966; vestry minutes, 1818-1851; building of poor house, 1789-1791. Chewton Mendip (*additional*): registers, 1813-1901b, 1858c, 1837m. Chillington: registers, 1750-1812b, 1913c, 1837m. Culbone: registers, 1683-1784b, 1812c, 1836m. Ditchat: vestry minutes, 1868-1926. Dulverton: registers, 1558-1923b, 1967c, m; churchwardens' accounts, 1739-1877. Elm: registers, 1697-1812b, 1912c, 1958m; churchwardens' accounts, 1829-1896; overseers' accounts, 1743-1837, with rates, 1765-1795, 1831-1833, and rates, 1838-1841; tithe map and award, 1840. Emborough (*additional*): registers, 1814-1930m. Heathfield: registers, 1698-1812b, c, 1837m; drawings and specifications for church alterations, 1869-1870. Hillfarrance: registers, 1701-1950b, 1880c, 1953m; vestry minutes, 1853-1929. Ilchester: registers, 1690-1901b, 1838c, 1837m; banns, 1823-1886; churchwardens' accounts, 1797-1853, overseers' accounts, with rates, 1805-1836, and rates, 1839, 1849-1857; plan of church, 1881. West Monkton (*additional*): registers, 1710-1812b, c, m; vestry minutes, 1736-1766, 1827-1921; constables' accounts, 1587-1622; overseers' accounts, 1637-1770. Northover: registers, 1531-1812b, c, 1836m; churchwardens' accounts, 1697-1852; overseers' accounts with rates, 1787-1835. Oare: registers, 1674-1812b, c, 1826m. Orchard Portman: registers, 1538-1812b, c, 1836m. Podymore Milton: churchwardens' accounts, 1830-1896. Rodden: registers, 1691-1812b, c, 1813-1837m; banns, 1824-1939. Shepton Beauchamp: registers, 1558-1877b, 1913c, 1937m; churchwardens' accounts, 1705-1828; vestry minutes, 1822-1921; overseers' accounts, 1754-1803; surveyors' accounts, 1803-1823. Stogumber: registers, 1559-1890b, 1882c, 1926m; banns, 1793-1893. Stoke St. Mary: churchwardens' accounts, 1791-1941, with rates to 1874; overseers' accounts, 1749-1821, with rates to 1757; rates, 1809-1823, 1868-1904. Stoke under Ham: registers, 1558-1949b, 1965c, 1955m; churchwardens' accounts and rates, 1728-1853. Thurlbear: registers, 1558-1813b, 1962c, 1961m; churchwardens' accounts and rates, 1766-1867; vestry minutes, 1835-1914. Wells St. Cuthbert (*additional*): overseers' rate, Out parish, 1827; overseers' papers, In and Out parishes, including correspondence received (In parish), 1801-1837, and papers relating to building or repair and ultimate sale of vestry room and poor houses (Out parish), 1830-1844. Wiveliscombe: registers, 1558-1843b, 1850c, 1837m; banns, 1754-1935; churchwardens' accounts, 1681-1741.

DIOCESAN: glebe terriers for Muchelney, Stanton Drew, Stanton Prior and Winford, 1607-1639.

NONCONFORMIST: Mary Street Chapel, Taunton: minutes, 1843-1947; accounts, 1843-1939; trust and other deeds of chapel site, 1730-1954, of school site, 1822-1905, and of other bequests, endowments, etc., 1690-1886; papers relating to the building and opening

of the school, 1884-1886. Christ Church Chapel, Bridgwater: minutes, 1815-1955; accounts, etc., 1690-1914; trust and other deeds of chapel, 1656-1830; meeting house licence, 1689; register of baptisms, 1755-1960.

OFFICIAL: log books, etc., of schools (now closed) in West Bagborough, Barrow Gurney and North Perrött, from 1873.

MISCELLANEOUS: W.I. Scrapbooks for 1965 for 21 parishes in Somerset.

REPRODUCTIONS OF RECORDS ELSEWHERE: survey, 1650, manor rental, 1661, and map an reference book, 1776, all for Stoke-under-Ham (originals in Public Record Office or in the Duchy of Cornwall Office); surveys of manor of Kingsdon, 1563, 1599 (Dorset Record Office); Medlycott correspondence with reference to parliamentary representation for Milborne Port, 1732-1733 (Monmouth Record Office); microfilm of survey book of Duchy of Cornwall estate in Somerset, 1650 (H.M. Library at Windsor); microfilm of ministers' and receivers' accounts for the possessions of dissolved religious houses in Somerset, 1536-1540 (Public Record Office).

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.

TURNPIKE TRUSTS (*Continued*)¹

HIGH HAM AND ASHCOTT TRUST:

Order book, 1826-1853.

ILCHESTER TRUST:

Act, 1821; book of maps of roads, 1826.

ILMINSTER TRUST:

Acts, 1803, 1828; minute or order books, 1759-1828, 1848-1879; register of notices issued, with surveyor's annual returns of repairs needed on roads and bridges, 1815-1856; treasurer's accounts, 1782-1820; deeds of properties purchased for improvements, 1808-1836; rough accounts of expenditure on upkeep of Hilcombe and Donyatt roads, 1798-1823.

LANGPORT, SOMERTON AND CASTLE CARY TRUST:

Acts, 1824-1857; order book, 1848-1857; volume of maps, 1830; plans and estimates of proposed alterations in the Muchelney and Aller districts, 1829.

SHEPTON MALLET TRUST:

Acts, 1753-1791; minute books, 1776-1873; deeds of properties purchased for improvements and (occasionally) for toll houses, 1818-1848; contract for removing old and building new toll houses at Downside, 1848.

TAUNTON TRUST:

Acts, 1752-1840; minute books, 1752-1876; account books, 1791-1875; maps of roads, c. 1800, 1806; deeds of site in the Market Place of Wellington, acquired by the Trust, 1721-1822.

¹ See *Proc. S.A.S.*, 112 (1968), 100, for introductory note and report upon the Bath, Bruton and Frome Trusts.

YEOVIL TRUST:

Acts, 1753-1852; minute books, 1753-1875; surveyors' annual reports, 1847-1867; papers relating to new line of road between Crewkerne and Haselbury Plucknett, 1827-1834; plans, etc., of improvements and plan of elevation of toll house, 1826-1838 and undated; deeds of properties acquired for improvements and draft deeds of sale of toll houses, 1792-1875; misc. papers, including contracts for erecting new toll houses, reports on roads, valuations of toll houses, etc., during the winding up of the Trust, and papers relating to improvements, 1785-1875; account books, 1777-1875; litigation papers, 1836-1865; papers of the United Committee of the five Trusts concerned for the improvement of the Shaftesbury/Honiton road, including report by and letters from Thomas Telford, 1825-1827.

OTHER TRUSTS (MINOR DEPOSITS):

Black Dog, Act, 1838; Bridgwater, copy petition for leave to bring in Bill and draft petition against, *c.* 1758; Chard, Acts, 1815-1830; Crewkerne, Act, 1825; printed notices, 1836-1840; Martock, Acts, 1760-1823; Minehead, Acts, 1765-1822; table of tolls, 1807, 1824; papers relating to the establishment of the Trust (for and against), 1765; plans and estimates for toll houses, 1765; weekly returns of tolls taken, 1860-1864; West Harptree, Acts, 1793, 1814; Wincanton, Act, 1756; Wiveliscombe, Acts, 1786, 1806; abstract of (abortive) petition to set up Trust, 1778.

THE SOMERSETSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY'S MSS.

For many years from its foundation the Society received gifts or deposits of private estate and family archives, during a period when the Record Office's holdings were still of official archives and its strong rooms had not been opened to receive unofficial records. A vast holding of varied manuscripts was thus accumulated, representing within its limitations a record office in miniature. From 1935, however, by which time the scope of the Record Office had been extended and the first professional archivist appointed, transfers have been made at irregular intervals of the Society's holdings until now virtually all have been deposited. Summary lists of individual accessions were prepared as they were transferred or existing lists taken over, and within the last twelve months the entire collection has been checked and the lists revised, accession by accession: there remain the formidable tasks of indexing and typing. In the meantime, the records can be made more accessible through the medium of these reports. The present report covers all accessions from 1935 to 1949, when the transfers were mainly of deeds and associated records. The later accessions, which were much more varied in content, will be reported in the next volume.

Deeds, etc. generally within the period, 1600-1850: Backwell, Baltonsborough, including papers relating to the 1720 enclosure, Barton St. David, Bath, Beckington, Bishops Hull, including tithe papers, 1797-1805, Bishops Lydeard, Blackford (Dampier family), West Bradley (including the manor), Bridgwater, Brislington, Brompton Regis, West Buckland, Butleigh, Cannington, Chew Magna, Chilcompton, Churchstanton, Compton Dundon, Cossington, Creech St. Michael, Curry Rivel, Drayton, Frome, from

1529, Glastonbury, Henstridge, Hinton Blewett, Huntspill, Ile Abbots, Ilminster, from 1540, Kilmersdon, Kingsbury Episcopi, Long Sutton, Lydeard St. Lawrence, Lyncombe and Widcombe, Midsomer Norton, Monkton Combe, West Monkton, Moorlinch, Norton St. Philip, Old Cleeve, East and West Pennard, North Petherton, South Petherton, Pilton, including survey, 1791, Saint Decuman's, Shepton Mallet, Somerton, South Stoke, Stanton Drew, Stogumber, Stogursey, from 1550 (Burland family, including militia, etc. appointments), Ston Easton, Taunton, from 1512, including numerous inns, The Baptist Meeting House in East St., 1749, and Gray's Almshouses, 1661-1769, Walcot, Wedmore, Wellow, Wells, from 1539, Weston (Bath), Weston Bampfylde and Lymington (Beaton family), Wincanton, Writhlington, Wootton Courtney, and Yatton.

Customs of the manor of Aller, 1653, and of the manor of Taunton Deane, 1820; map of Aller, 1761; survey, 1725, and court book, 1728-1757, for the manor of Merriott; Visiting Justices' minutes, journals, etc., 1837-1884 (Taunton Prison), 1824-1878 (Shepton Mallet).

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