

## NOTES

### BOOK NOTICES

*Somerset Newspapers 1725 - 1960* by L. E. J. Brooke, Yeovil 1960, price 15s., 103 pages (duplicated typescript).

This detailed list of Somerset newspapers, with notes and file locations, an index of publishers, editors, printers, etc., includes also a brief survey of the development of the local newspaper in Somerset and appendices giving sources of information. Apart from its intrinsic interest it should prove of great value to students of Somerset history in the 18th and 19th centuries.

*Some Account of the Parishes of Charlton Adam and Charlton Mackrell* by Carl Hamilton and E. T. Long, 19 pages, 8 plates n.d.

This brief history of two separate, yet closely linked, parishes deals also with the architectural details of the churches and old houses of the Charltons. Proceeds from the sale of the booklet are to be given to the Fabric Funds of the two churches.

*English Place-Names* by Kenneth Cameron (B. T. Batsford Ltd., London, 1961), price 30s., 256 pages, 8 plates.

Dr. Cameron, whose three volumes on Derbyshire Place-Names were added to the Library two years ago, has now written this comprehensive introduction to the study of place-names. After discussing the technique of place-name study, the author deals in turn with the names resulting from Celtic, Anglo-Saxon, Scandinavian and French influences. He has later chapters on place-names with Christian associations, those illustrating social and other customs, and those reflecting geographical features. The book should be of value not only to students of local history, but also to anyone interested more generally in the history of the English language.

*The English Farmhouse and Cottage* by M. W. Barley (Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1961), price 55s., 297 pages, 24 plates, 38 text figures.

In this book Mr. Barley has described the smaller houses of the English countryside — the houses of the majority of the rural population. He combines the results of his practical work as an archaeologist with the detailed study of a vast quantity of little-known material preserved in local record offices. The work covers the whole country and provides a most valuable introduction to the

study of vernacular architecture. It should be mentioned that the date of the sketch plan of the parsonage house at Hardington, Som. is 1606, not 1600 as stated in the caption under a photograph of this plan, which appears as Plate V. But this is a slip which will no doubt be put right in future issues of the book.

At the time of going to press, a copy has just been received of *Somerset, 1625 - 1640, a county's government during the "Personal Rule"* by Thomas Garden Barnes (Harvard Univ. Press, 1961). A fuller notice of this book will appear in the next volume.

#### NOTES ON PUBLICATIONS

The following articles or short reports dealing with archaeological or historical work in Somerset have appeared in *Notes and Queries for Somerset and Dorset*, Vol. XXVII, parts 272 and 273.

1. Napper of Tintinhull.
2. A Royal Visit to Taunton in 1220.
3. Thomas Prowse, Architect of Hatch Court.
4. Moat House Farm, Wraxall — excavations by the Clevedon and District Archaeological Society.
5. Land Measures — Yeovil area.
6. William Lechland of Taunton.
7. The Manor of Hescombe.
8. The Battle of Sedgemoor.

The attention of members is also drawn to the following articles appearing in other journals recently received:

*Medieval Archaeology* Vol. 3 (1959).

"Chantry Priests' Houses and Other Medieval Lodgings" by W. A. Pantin (with illustrated descriptions of The Priory, Stoke-sub-Hamdon; The Chantry, Ilminster; The Chantry, Farleigh Hungerford; Vicars Close, Wells; and houses at Mells).

*Country Life*.

"Earnshill, Somerset" by Christopher Hussey. Two illustrated articles appear in the issues for 13th and 20th Oct. 1960.

"A House built by an Ironmaster" (The Chantry, Nunney) by Mark Girouard is in the issue for 1st June, 1961.

*A Guide to Air-photographic Archaeology in the South-West*

This useful little pamphlet, issued in May 1961 by Regional Group XIII of the Council for British Archaeology, may be obtained (price 6d.) from the Group's Secretary, L. V. Grinsell, Esq., F.S.A., The City Museum, Bristol, 8.

*Change of Address.*

The address of the National Buildings Record is now altered from that given on p. 129, Vol. 104 to:

Fielden House,  
10, Great College Street,  
London, S.W.1.

*Somerset Drawings.*

A collection of drawings of Somerset Churches and other buildings has recently been purchased by the Society. There are about 150 drawings in all, the most interesting being a set of nearly 60 by C. W. Clennell. It is evident that Clennell was engaged on these pictures about the year 1850, but we have no further information concerning him.

Also dating from approximately 1850 are some drawings by W. F. Elliot. Many of these are copies of drawings by Buckler and others, but a number are marked "from Nature". Elliot was a member of the Society from its foundation until his death in 1876. He lived for many years at Osborne House, Trull Road, Taunton, now the offices of the Fatstock Marketing Corporation.

## THE SOMERSET RECORD OFFICE

### I. MAIN MANUSCRIPT ACCESSIONS

JULY 1960 — JUNE 1961

#### FAMILY AND ESTATE:

WHARTON (KEMEYS-TYNTE) OF HALSWELL (ADDITIONAL): estate surveys, rentals and accounts, including survey book of estates (with maps) in West Monkton, Broomfield, Goathurst, Spaxton, Cannington, Enmore, North Petherton and Nailsea, and Shebbear, Buckland Brewer and Woolfardisworthy (co. Devon) and (without maps) in Bishop's Lydeard, Bridgwater, Pawlett, Huntspill, Moorlinch, Chilton Polden, Chelvey, Backwell and Wraxall, Othery (detailed survey of the East and West Fields) and Bitton (co. Gloucs.), 1708-09; maps of Cannington, 1796, and West Monkton, 1812.

Ledgers and law precedent books of Thomas Mullins, father and son, agents for the estate, relating to their private practice, 1786 - c. 1827.

EARL WALDEGRAVE (ADDITIONAL): deeds of Chewton Mendip, 1554 (crown grant of manor), 1685 - 1740; deeds and manorial documents of the Essex estates, 1328 - 1838 (*to be deposited in the Essex Record Office, Chelmsford*).

ST. ALBYN OF ALFOXTON: deeds of Stringston, Kilve and Holford, 1584 - 1803, and of Parracombe, Lynton and Berrynarbor (co. Devon), 1571 - 1727; rent rolls of manors of Alfoxton and Holford, 1718 - 24; litigation papers, including correspondence, surveys and rentals, involving the Trevelyan of Nettlecombe estates, 1672 - 1763 [the trustees included John St. Albyn and Thomas Putt of Combe].

HUGH SEXEY'S HOSPITAL (ADDITIONAL): petitions to the Feoffees for relief, etc., *temp.* Charles II.

DEEDS, ETC.: Bishop's Hull, 1803 - 1912; Martock, 1719 - 1914; Wellington, 1693 - 1883; Ansford, 1788 - 1912; Pitcombe, 1701 - 87, and Wyke Champflower, 1756 - 1889; manors of Knowle *alias* Old Knowle in Carhampton, etc. 1660 - 1825, Imberscombe *alias* Timberscombe and Well and the capital message of Bickham and the prebend of Timberscombe, etc. in Timberscombe, 1714 - 1834.

Earlier deeds of the manor of Old Knowle, 1612 - 1766, and of the manors of Timberscombe and Well, 1564 - 1750, and manorial records of Timberscombe, 1574 - 1617, were received from the same depositor in 1941.

DIOCESAN (CONTINUATION OF DEPOSIT): records of peculiar jurisdictions, consisting of induction mandates, papers in causes, visitation records, register transcripts, marriage bonds and allegations, generally from 1660; certificates of registration of dissenting meeting houses, 1736 - 1851; certificates of schoolmasters, surgeons and midwives, 1700 - 1811.

PARISH: North Curry: tithe maps of parish and of tithings of Knapp, Lillesdon and Wrantage, 1840. Nettlecombe: registers, 1540 - 1794, churchwardens' accounts, 1780 - 1879. Yarlinton: registers, 1655-1813, churchwardens' accounts, 1760 - 1922, overseers' accounts, 1760 - 1836, surveyors' accounts, 1764 - 1808. Compton Dundon (Parish Council): tithe map, 1841.

BOROUGH: Ilchester (*additional deposit*): accounts of the bailiff, 1788 - 1888, minutes, 1873 - 89; accounts, agreements, correspondence, etc. of the Town Trust and Almshouse Charity, 1826 - 1952; certified copies of the tithe apportionment awards of Stocklinch Ottersey, 1840, and Stocklinch Magdalen, 1846.

The earlier deposits consisted of: appointments of bailiffs and burgesses, 1766 - 1818; minutes of meetings of almshouse charity, 1858 - 1937; almshouse account book, 1744 - 1852; admissions of almshouses and applications for pensions, 1858 - 1935; deeds and leases of charity estates in Ilchester, Chilthorne Domer (including Chilthorne Vagg) and the manor of Stocklinch Magdalen, c. 1200-1882<sup>1</sup>; surveys of the manor of Stocklinch Magdalen, 1750 and ?1792 (with map).

OFFICIAL: minutes of the Bridgwater School Board, 1870 - 1904, and of Bridgwater Borough Education Authority, 1904 - 45; minutes of the School Board of the United School District of North Petherton and St. Michael Church, 1875 - 81; log books, etc. of Butcombe, Chapel Allerton, Compton Bishop, Bridgwater (Eastover Council), Charlynch, Fiddington, Goathurst, Muchelney and Weston in Gordano Schools (all now closed), from 1864.

MISCELLANEOUS: 31 business letters concerning Messrs. Fox, woollen manufacturers and others in Wellington and neighbourhood, 1789 - 1852. Minute books, 1811 - 1908, and treasurer's accounts, 1861 - 1903, of the Somersetshire Society (*additional deposit*). Nearly 650 apprenticeship indentures, 1830 - 1912, were deposited by the Society in 1935.

<sup>1</sup> See Rev. W. Buckler, *Ilchester Almshouse Deeds*, 1200-1625 (1866).

## 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

**ASHBURTON (BARING) MSS.** This accumulation consists of the deeds, etc. of estates purchased by Alexander Baring (member of Parliament for Taunton, 1806 - 26; created 1st Lord Ashburton in 1835) between 1823 and 1841, with some subsequent additions. No family seat was ever established in Somerset and the estates were all sold between 1872 and 1894. The estates purchased were: (1) the reversionary interest in the Hestercombe Estate, 1823; the tenant for life, Miss E. M. T. Warre, did not die until 1872, when the estate was immediately sold to Lord Portman; (2) the rectory, great tithes and advowson of Taunton St. Mary Magdalene, purchased in 1825 from Edward Berkeley Portman; (3) the former episcopal manor of Wiveliscombe and Fitzhead, purchased in 1840 from W. F. Beadon; and (4) the former Somerville (Preston Bowyer) estate in Milverton, Wiveliscombe and Hillfarrance, also purchased from W. F. Beadon in 1841.

**DEEDS (*Hestercombe Estate*):** Kingston St. Mary, Cheddon Fitzpaine, Broomfield and West Monkton, 1718, 1755 - 1874, including papers relating to the purchase and sale; map of Yards in Broomfield, c. 1775.

**(*Rectory, etc. of Taunton St. Mary Magdalene*):** 1824 - 52, including tithe rentals, 1824 - 35, and notice of intention to build Holy Trinity Church, Taunton, 1838.

**(*Wiveliscombe and Fitzhead Estate*):** Wiveliscombe and Fitzhead, 1773 - 1856, including detailed sale catalogues, with maps, 1834, 1838; Lydeard St. Lawrence, 1702, 1729 - 1840; map of Fitzhead, c. 1831.

**(*Preston Bowyer Estate*):** the manor of Preston Bowyer, etc. in Milverton and other farms in Wiveliscombe and Hillfarrance, 1563 - 1873; court book of the manor of Preston Bowyer, 1803 - 94; map of Milverton, 1842.

**(*Later acquisitions and disposal of estate*):** Milverton, Wiveliscombe and Bathealton, 1593 - 1880; abstracts of title and sale catalogue (with maps and some illustrations of farms), 1894.

(*Other counties*): Old and New Alresford, Itchen Abbas and Itchen Stoke (co. Hants.), 1663 - 1873, All Cannings, Stapleford, Steeple Langford, Winterbourne Stoke and Berwick St. James (co. Wilts.), 1792 - 1898.

**BAKER AND DUKE (SOLICITORS OF ILMINSTER) MSS.** This collection consists largely of deeds of Ilminster and district. As there was no trace, upon receipt, of any arrangement by clients or families, it has not been possible to distinguish how far the collection represents the records of properties belonging to the Baker family and how far the properties of other families, as clients of the firm.

There are also smaller groups of records representing offices held by the firm as clerks to the Ilminster Turnpike Trustees and the Ilminster School Trustees.

**DEEDS:** Ilminster, 1696 - 1858 (including Baker, Adams and Slatter families); Crewkerne, 1623 - 1806 (Fitchett family); Ashill, 1673 - 1899; Buckland St. Mary, 1703 - *post* 1793; Chard, 1728 - 82; Combe St. Nicholas, 1687 - 1874; North Curry, 1716 - 1814 (Foster and Gutheridge family); Ilton, 1631 - 1788; Lopen, 1754 - 96; Sidmouth and Shute (co. Devon), 1647 - 1823.

Marriage and trust settlements, wills, etc., 1633 - 1880, including reference to the establishment of a boarding school for evangelical dissenters in Taunton, 1810.

Trust and title deeds of Ilminster School properties, 1550 - 1891; deeds of land purchased for road improvements by the Ilminster Turnpike Trustees, 1808 - 36.

**BLATHWAYT MSS.** This small group of records, relating principally to the Porlock estates, was received through the British Records Association. The main accumulation of family muniments has not been deposited.

**DEEDS, ETC.:** Porlock, 1595 - 1724; draft deeds, letters, sketches, concerning sites for a school and chapels in Porlock, 1875 - 1908.

**MANORIAL RECORDS:** rental of manors of Porlock, Cannington, etc., 1604, with notes of leases of property held of the manors, 1604, 1607, and copies of rental and view of frank pledge for the hundred of Cannington, 1521.

**ESTATE RECORDS:** Porlock rentals and accounts, 1821 - 53; surveys, 1796 - 1820, including perambulation, 1820; report on the estate, 1824; map of Charlcombe, 1766 (copied 1770).

MISCELLANEOUS: Porlock New Road tolls, 1856 - 67; agreement, plans, etc. relating to Porlock Weir, 1825 - 1911; Porlock Golf Club papers, 1909 - 11.

CLATWORTHY (BLAKE) MSS. This accumulation typifies the records which might be expected to survive for a small landowning and farming family, in this case the Blake family of Trull.

DEEDS: Trull, Angersleigh and West Buckland, 1586 - 1801.

ESTATE AND FARM RECORDS: maps of estates in Trull, ?1775-1827; farm and household accounts, including recipes (culinary) and remedies (veterinary), 1770 - 1861. One of the farm books was used originally for surveyors' accounts, 1698 - 1742, and tithingmen's accounts, 1696 - 99, for an unnamed parish [?Corfe].

FAMILY PAPERS: commissions in the West Somerset Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry, 1828, 1835; genealogical extracts relating to Blake from the Halse registers and notes of wills of Blake of Halse and Ash Priors; occasional copies of Trull rates and accounts, dating from years when parish offices were held; (printed) case as to Pitminster tithes, 1812.