

THE SOMERSET RECORD OFFICE
MAIN MANUSCRIPT ACCESSIONS
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FAMILY AND ESTATE

TUDWAY OF WELLS (*additional*): deeds, etc., of Wells, 1409, 1549–1914, Dinder and Croscombe, 1664–1838, Wookey, 1676–1855, West Harptree, 1697–1836, Meare, 1714–1870, Chapel Allerton, 1690–1806, etc.; manor of Chilcote and Dulcote in Wells, court books, 1647–1660 (also for manor of Frocester, Glos.), survey and rentals, c. 1725–1768, abstract of leases, 1583–1720. Tudway family, wills, settlements, executorship, etc., accounts, 1733–1913; inventories of household goods, including books and pictures, 1815–1855. Correspondence on estate and legal business, sales of properties, etc., 1835–1917; reports on farm buildings, with architect's plans (Wells), 1856. Additional records of Antiguan estates, including accounts, 1817–1920, and deeds, 1679–1830. Maps of Wookey, 1772, Dulcote in Wells, 1821, Doulting, 1825, the entire Tudway estate, including Antigua, Wells, Dinder, Croscombe, West Harptree, etc., 1829, and Antigua, 1743–1819(8). Accounts and specifications for building works at Wells, 1756–1761; perambulation of the out-parish, Wells, 1752. Wells election papers, including poll books, 1763–1768.

ACLAND HOOD OF WOOTTON: deeds, etc., of Butleigh, including Butleigh Wootton, Street and Glastonbury, c. 1650–c. 1900.

WINCHESTER COLLECTION: deeds, wills, etc., relating to persons and property in Bath, Walcot and other parishes in the Bath neighbourhood, 1686–1861; deeds, wills, etc., relating to Gifford, Yeatman and Dalton families and properties in Wincanton and Cucklington and in the counties of Dorset and Wiltshire, 1545–1838; estreat book for the hundred of Norton Ferrers, 1625–1630.

SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: sale catalogues of Somerset properties, 1832, 1877–1906, and of furniture, libraries, etc., in Somerset houses, 1890–1951; bound volumes of Taunton Theatre play-bills, 1799–1838; bound volumes of Taunton election addresses, 1800–1894; Oxford University Extension Lectures in Taunton, minutes, etc., 1886–1889, 1914–1928; Taunton borough land tax assessment, 1728; Fivehead survey, 1824; schedules of corporation property, Bath, 1862, 1890; Chaplain's journal, Ilchester gaol, with details of persons executed, 1789–1821; Sweetman's copies of monumental inscriptions in Wincanton, Bratton Seymour, Shepton Montague, Pitcombe, Holton, Yarlinton and South Brewham; *Western Budget*, 1882; *West Somerset Echo*, 1882–3 (part years); *Bridgwater Mercury*, Aug.–Oct. 1869; Theatre bills, press cuttings, etc., relating to Sir Henry Irving, 1872–1905; three letters of Hannah More, 1775–1820, and one of Andrew Crosse, 1844; Walters' notes on Somerset church bells, parishes P–Y.

MISCELLANEOUS ESTATE DEPOSITS: deeds of National Trust properties: Axbridge, 1805–1939, Barrington Court, 1756–1905, the Assembly Rooms, Bath, 1903–1931, Batheaston, 1861–1927, Lytes Cary in Charlton Mackrell, 1906–1950, Glastonbury Tor, 1791–1954, Holford, 1920–1933, Woodspring Priory in Kewstoke, 1919–1948, and Tintinhull House, 1835–1933. Bennett of North Cadbury, wills, trust settlements, abstract of title, 1815–1899. Deeds of Shockerwick in Batheaston, 1657–1772, and Horsington, 1728–1824. Map of Doulting and Stoke Lane, 1766. Othery enclosure award, 1789. Timsbury colliery ledger, 1875–1878.

CHUBB, BERESFORD AND WYATT (SOLICITORS) OF WELLS (*additional*): deeds, etc., of Wells, 1840–1876, Babcary, 1803–1942, North Wootton, 1705–1919, and Westbury, 1820–1919; wills, etc., of Reynolds family, originally of Meare, 1835–1927. Survey of the manor of St. John, Wells, 1841, and lease book, c. 1839, reciting back to c. 1732 and having later additions, correspondence, etc., and many interleaved plans of individual properties; and 18th cent. record of the history of the manor and its rights, probably compiled at the time of

the litigation concerning the breach of enclosure at Priors Hill, Wells, c. 1732. Rentals, 1777–1855, leases, 1797–1831, particular, 1740, and correspondence, 1840–1899, all for the Wells Sub-Chantry Manor. Two plans of small estates in Wells, 1802.

CLARKE, LOUCH, WILLMOTT AND CLARKE (SOLICITORS) OF LANGPORT: deeds, etc., of Aller, 1729–1924, Barrington, 1794–1866, Barton St. David, 1662–1866, North Curry, 1814–1876, Curry Rivel, 1691–1900, including the manor of Langport Westover, Drayton, 1688–1858, Fivehead, 1757–1887, High Ham, 1706–1873, including the manor, Huish Episcopi, 1699–1920, Ile Abbots, 1694–1821, Kingsbury Episcopi, 1650–1822, Langport, 1638–1903, Long Load and Martock, 1728–1899, Somerton, 1793–1888, Stoke St. Gregory, 1795–1902, and Long Sutton, 1800–1914, and small numbers for Butleigh and Walton, Compton Dundon, Curry Mallet, Glastonbury, Knowle St. Giles, Northover (including the mill), Othery, Pitney, Taunton, Wookey and Yeovil, 1766–1881. Wills, settlements, etc., for numerous families, including Alford, Edbrooke, Hillard, Louch, Michell, Parsons, Pierce and Uttermare. Management of the leasehold manor of Fifehead Magdalen (co. Dorset), 1714–1864. Records of the coroner for S.E. Somerset, 1929–1930. Managers' minutes for Huish Episcopi senior and junior schools, 1931–1948.

PROCTOR AND HORDEN (SOLICITORS) OF CHARD: deeds of Chard, 1692–1892, Buckland St. Mary, 1767–1928, Combe St. Nicholas, 1780–1888, and Wambrook, 1733–1869; partnership agreements, etc., as brewers, 1874–1875; Forward family wills, 1749–1858.

VILLAR (ESTATE AGENTS) OF TAUNTON: deeds of Taunton St. Mary, 1745–1902, Staplegrove and Taunton St. James, 1819–1876, Trull, 1825–1871, Bicknoller, 1796–1818, and Publow Rectory, 1610–1788.

MOLE AND FOORD (ACCOUNTANTS) OF CASTLE CARY: draft deeds, sale catalogues, etc., relating to property transactions in the Castle Cary area, from c. 1858, including Galhampton Mission Room, 1887–8; Castle Cary, parish surveys, c. 1819, ?1832, and church rates, 1857–1876; North Cadbury, parish survey, 1826; ledger ?for a general stores, probably in Castle Cary, 1836–1838.

BOROUGH: Taunton (*additional*): local board of health ledgers, 1850–1877; town council ledgers, etc., 1877–1935; electricity, water, education committee, etc., ledgers, 1893–1934; joint burial board minutes and accounts, 1853–1960.

PARISH: Ashill (*additional*): vestry minutes, 1835–1877; overseers' accounts, 1748–1815. Bicknoller (*additional*): incumbents' diaries, 1868–1911; registers, 1557–1638, 1678–1973b (burials), 1557–1906c (christenings), 1559–1953m (marriages); banns, 1824–1966; service registers, 1910–1968; communicants' roll, 1911–1927; transcript of registers, to 1836b, 1815c, 1888m; churchwardens' accounts, 1651–1841 and loose papers, 1576–1587; tithingmen's accounts, 1574–1625 (loose papers); overseers' accounts, 1769–1871, and rates, 1867–1876; apprenticeship register, 1803–1813; demolition of poor house, 1898–1901; surveyors' accounts, 1768–1832; school log book and accounts, 1865–1900. Bradford-on-Tone: registers, 1558–1914b, 1960c, 1836m. Buckland St. Mary: churchwardens' accounts, 1792–1860; vestry minutes, 1849–1886; overseers' accounts, 1626–1653, 1767–1788. West Buckland: registers, 1538–1645, 1673–1687, 1702–1944b, 1678–1924c, 1538–1617, 1682–1967m; banns, 1846–1906; service register, 1909–1929; churchwardens' accounts, 1672–1748; vestry minutes, 1806–1890; overseers' accounts, with rates, 1700–1836, and rates, 1855–1863; settlement and bastardy papers, 1677–1864; apprenticeship indentures, 1711–1842. South Cadbury: registers, 1559–1812b, 1931c, 1837m; banns, 1823–1833; churchwardens' accounts, 1760–1857; vestry minutes, 1770–1820; overseers' accounts, 1693–1760, and loose bills, 1563–1683, 1775–1812; surveyors' accounts, 1783–1821. Chaffcombe: registers, 1680–1812b, 1906c, 1837m; service registers, 1891–1966; vestry minutes, 1850–1886; minutes of Parochial Church Council, 1920–1925; overseers' accounts, 1837–1847; school board accounts, 1877–1898; scrap book, 1927–1935. Churchstanton: registers, 1662–1941b, 1918c, 1837m; banns, 1835–1890;

service registers, 1894–1964; churchwardens' accounts, with rates, 1760–1842; vestry (and, later, Parochial Church Council) minutes, 1818–1964; overseers' accounts, 1775–1867, and rates, 1759–1908; apprenticeship indentures, 1694–1832; surveyors' accounts, 1798–1860; tithe composition receipts, 1760–1797; charity accounts, 1820–1868; inclosure map and award, 1802. Cricket Malherbie: registers, 1732–1792b, 1723–1809c, 1731–1837m. Dinnington: registers, 1759–1812b,c, 1784–1812m; service register, 1913–1932. Farleigh Hungerford: registers, 1673–1813b,c, 1717–1836m; churchwardens' accounts, 1822–1959; overseers' rates, 1859–1884; surveyors' accounts, 1809–1836; school accounts, 1839–1881. Hatch Beauchamp (*additional*): plan of church, ?1867. Hawkridge: registers, 1653–1811b,c, 1748m. Henstridge: churchwardens' accounts, with rates, 1725–1779; overseers' accounts, with rates, 1688–1823. Knowle St. Giles: registers, 1695–1783b,c, 1696–1744, 1813–1940m; banns, 1892–1896, 1924–1954; service register, 1909–1939; vestry minutes, 1844–1876; minutes of Parochial Church Council, 1925–1958; school log book, 1902–1920; tithe map and award, 1842. Langford Budville (*additional*): churchwardens' accounts, 1550–1610; various accounts, including fabric, school, charities, 1856–1931; committee minutes, including Coronations, 1902, 1911, and Refugees, 1941; tithe map and award, 1841; Brushford mill, accounts of sales, 1843–1863, with churchwardens' and surveyors' accounts and rates, 1843. Langport: registers, 1728–1940b, 1857c, 1868m; banns, 1823–1965; preachers' books and service registers, 1840–1965; Church Missionary Society, branch minutes, 1832–1925; churchwardens' accounts, with some rates, 1753–1948, and loose sheets, 1577–1618; inventory of church goods, 1620; mutilated portion of list of communicants, 1619–1622; vestry minutes, 1820–1928; minutes of Parochial Church Council, 1903–1942; deeds of school site, North St., 1891, 1920. Lyncombe (St. Mark): registers, 1843–1863b, 1856–1936m. Martock: registers, 1558–1868b, 1849c, 1837m; register of burials in woollen, 1678–1698; surveys and valuations of the parish and hundred for tithe purposes, 1822–1837; tithe map, 1840; tithe accounts, 1721–1766; churchwardens' accounts, 1733–1888, with some rates; vestry minutes, 1835–1920; overseers' accounts, with rates, 1676–1819; surveyors' accounts, 1675–1818; copy of school endowment deed, directions for conduct of school and some lists of scholars 1662–1765; log book and managers', etc., minutes, for National School, 1863–1927; enclosure maps and awards, 1810–1826; land tax assessments, 1811–1834, 1847. Muchelney (*additional*): diary and scrapbook of the Rev. Samuel O. Baker, 1872–1899. Nynehead: registers, 1670–1812b, 1893c, 1844m; banns, 1825–1947; service register, 1935–1970; overseers' accounts, with rates, 1773–1828; apprenticeship register, 1802–1820; surveyors' accounts, 1834–1837. Otterford: registers, 1558–1812b, 1861c, 1837m; service registers, 1909–1953; roll of communicants, 1909–1918; churchwardens' accounts, 1867–1912; minutes of committee for new church, parsonage house and school at Bishopswood, 1852–1855; vestry minutes, 1818–1840. Pitminster (*additional*): registers, 1542–1966b, 1860c, 1921m; register of burials in woollen, 1678–1705; banns, 1810–1894; service registers, 1867–1927; tithe map and award, 1840; tithingmen's accounts and assessments, 1677–1692 (loose papers); overseers' accounts, copy letters, etc., 1833–1836; apprenticeship register, 1803–1835; school log book, admission register, managers' minutes, accounts, 1862–1921; tax assessment papers, 1697–1707. Runnington: registers, 1586–1812b,c, 1836m; churchwardens' accounts, 1854–1899; vestry minutes, 1828–1942; overseers' accounts, 1684–1743; Clerkencroft charity, accounts and minutes, 1900–1946; school log book, 1863–1904, and accounts, 1867–1872; parish survey, 1838; Parish Meeting minutes, 1894–1933. Sampford Arundel (*additional*): tithe map and award, 1839. Seavington St. Mary: registers, 1741–1812b, 1716–1943c, 1754–1837m; churchwardens' accounts, 1772–1964. Seavington St. Michael: registers, 1559–1812b, 1944c, 1837m; banns, 1824–1969; service registers, 1920–1948; churchwardens' accounts, 1659–1902; minutes of Parochial Church Council, 1920–1954; overseers' accounts, with rates, 1778–1825, and rates, 1847–1863; surveyors' accounts, 1772–1812; Mothers Union minutes and accounts, 1948–1969. Stogumber (*additional*): churchwardens' accounts, 1743–1898; faculties to erect gallery, 1726, and to improve church, 1872–1878; overseers' accounts, 1619–1621, 1662–1698, 1740–1768, 1830–1848, and rates, 1814, 1822, 1839–1863; settlement and bastardy papers, 1657–1838; apprenticeship indentures, 1647–1820; surveyors' accounts and rates, 1837–1863; school accounts, 1885–1904; tithe apportionment, 1840. Tellisford: registers, 1553–1811b, 1538–1811c, 1593–1836m; copy glebe terrier, 1606, valuation of rectory, 1801, and notes on benefice, 1893; churchwardens' accounts, 1873–1943, and rates, 1852–1877; overseers' rates, 1833–1920;

surveyors' accounts, 1836–1841; school, summary accounts, 1814–1861. Wellington: registers, 1683–1944b, 1959c, 1972m; enclosure award, 1820. Widcombe (St. Thomas à Becket): registers, 1813–1847b, 1843–1937m. Withypool: register, 1771–1812b,c; churchwardens' accounts, 1839–1920.

Catcott Parish Council: minutes of Parish Meeting, 1894–1916, and Parish Council, 1894–1946; accounts, 1895–1939; valuation, 1909, and rates, 1920–1925. Dowlish Wake Parish Council: minutes of Parish Meeting, 1885–1932; churchwardens' rates, 1834–1852; Men's Club minutes, 1921–1936. Rodney Stoke Parish Council: valuations, etc., 1882–1916, and rate, 1926; accounts, 1894–1963; bills of mortality and births, 1783–1851.

NONCONFORMIST: Society of Friends (*additional*): minutes of the Western Division of Somerset Monthly Meeting, 1676–1952, the Women's Monthly Meeting, 1706–1773, and the Ministers' and Elders' Monthly Meeting, 1821–1848; minutes of Bristol and Somerset Quarterly Meeting, 1859–1936; minutes of Bridgwater Monthly Preparatory Meeting, 1900–1954; meeting house and burial grounds, deeds and papers, 1694–1959; sufferings book, 1794–1856. Ilminster Old Meeting: minutes, 1913–1954; accounts, 1744–1808, 1913–1963; Sunday School accounts, 1789–1885; register of births and burials, 1776–1896. South Petherton and Crewkerne Methodist Circuit: Circuit books, 1808–1917, and accounts, 1823–1907; local preachers' minutes, 1833–1907; quarterly meeting minutes, 1865–1970; South Petherton Chapel trustees' minutes, 1873–1947; chapel trustees', etc., minutes, Crewkerne, 1884–1941, Stoke-under-Ham, 1906–1961, Ilton, 1912–1961, Netherhay (Dorset), 1923–1957, and Broadway Hill, 1895–1944; Martock Chapel, building and school room accounts, 1868–1886, and Sunday School minutes, 1890–1927.

OFFICIAL: log books, etc., of schools (now closed) in Chard, Ilminster, Shepton Mallet, Staple Fitzpaine, Stawell and Sutton Mallet, 1866–1972; minutes of Hillfarrance, Oake and Heathfield school board, 1877–1903. Records of Wells Blue School: minutes and accounts, 1724–1815; minutes, 1816–1954; accounts, 1682–1949; headmaster's reports to Governors, 1908–1914; admission registers, applications for places, scholarships, 1879–1945; staff registers, 1892–1951; deeds of Wells, Glastonbury, East Pennard and Henstridge, 1639–1900; surveys of school estates, 1788, 1809. Wells Turnpike Trust (*additional*): treasurers' accounts, 1847–1884.

MISCELLANEOUS: Taunton Clerical Society, minutes and rules, 1887–1950; Wiveliscombe Rural Deanery, minutes, 1917–1973.

REPRODUCTIONS OF RECORDS ELSEWHERE: Microfilm of the 1851 census for all parishes in the registration sub-districts of Bishops Lydeard, Bruton, Castle Cary, Coker, Combe St. Nicholas, North Curry, Curry Rivel, Dunster, Huntspill, Ilchester, Ilminster, Langport, Martock, Milborne Port, Milverton, Minehead, North Petherton, South Petherton, Pitminster, Polden Hill, Somerton, Stogumber, Stogursey, Stowey, Taunton St. James, Taunton St. Mary, Williton, Wincanton, Wiveliscombe and Yeovil; ecclesiastical census of all places of worship in the registration sub-districts of Chard, Combe St. Nicholas, Crewkerne and Ilminster, 1851; map of Knowle St. Giles, 1787 (all P.R.O.). Microfilm of court roll, surveys, rentals, etc., for the manor of Aller, 1533–1765, and court rolls for Somerton, 1349–1574; schedule of estates in the manor of Barrington, 1641; court books for Somerton and the liberty of Kingsmoor, 1617–1620, 1701–1796 (Huntingdon Library, California, Devon R.O., and Dorset R.O., *per* Somerset Editor, Victoria County History). Map of Babington and Kilmersdon, 1822; survey of the manor of Crewkerne, 1599; microfilm of volumes 1–19 of the minute and correspondence books of the Bath and West Society, 1777–mid 19th c. (private owners).

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.

GORE LANGTON MSS.

This collection contains the purely estate records of the Gore and Langton families, which were united by the marriage in 1783 of William Gore and Bridget, only child of Joseph Langton of Newton Park, received through the family solicitors. Consequently, although there are interesting records relating to the acquisition of property and the management of estates and manors, both before and after the above union, there are, unfortunately, no personal papers, correspondence, etc., nor any records relating to the building of Newton Park.

Deeds, etc.: Brislington, including the manor and farm, 1575–1767, and the rectory, 1635–1786, Corston, 1594–1912, High Littleton, including Hallatrow Farm, etc., 1607–1910, Marksbury, 1453–1810, Stanton Prior, 1654–1885, Twerton, 1550–1888, Wellow, c. 1290–1741, and Cold Ashton and Doynton (Glos.), 1562–1907; settlements of main estates, 1783–1903.

Manorial records: Brislington, court book, 1586–1598; Newton St. Loe, court book, 1667–1720, including customs, 1672; High Littleton, Farrington Gurney and Stanton Prior, court roll, 1568–1587; Wellow, court papers, 1701–1730, copy customs, 1583, 1687; Pilton, court papers, 1640–1733, including customs, 1640; Norton Malreward, survey, 1693.

Estate management: leases for Newton St. Loe, 1620–1831, Pilton and North Wootton, 1673–1914, and Doynton, 1598–1792; coal leases for Brislington and High Littleton, 1701–1743; maps of Marksbury, 1736, Brislington, 1791, and of major Gore Langton estates, 1869, based on the tithe apportionment maps, but having, additionally, inset plans of Newton St. Loe and Wellow villages.

Other records: deeds, etc., of Curry Rivel, Drayton and Fivehead, 1566–1795, and estate papers and accounts relating to the same, c. 1700–1787 (Pynsent family); deeds, etc., of Stowey and High Littleton, 1618–1839, and surveys of both parishes, 1793 (Jones family).