

**THE SOMERSET RECORD OFFICE
MAIN MANUSCRIPT ACCESSIONS
JULY 1975 — JUNE 1976**

FAMILY AND ESTATE

ACLAND HOOD OF FAIRFIELD MSS (*continued*): deeds and leases, principally for Stogursey, 1514-1905, and Dodington, 1415-1787, but also for Fiddington, 1620-1756, Holford, 1625-1796, Kilton, 1579-1787, Lilstock, 1601-1838, Stockland Bristol, 1625-1789, Over Stowey, 1659-1793, and Nether Stowey, 1554-1811; agreement for the enclosure of Honibere Heathfield, 1665; estate papers and correspondence of general significance, 1790-1829, and relating to the Dodington estates, 1764-1872, North Petherton, 1818-1831, and West Quantoxhead, 1834-1838; Stogursey poor rates, 1609, 1693, 1755, 1782-1789; personal accounts for Hugh and Hugh Palmer Acland, 1761-1812; papers of (Sir) John Acland relating to Sessions business, 1805-1817; papers and notes accumulated by Thomas Palmer towards his history of the county, 18c.; correspondence relating to investments in Buenos Aires, with some references also to local conditions there, 1824-1863; inquisition *post mortem* and legal proceedings relating to Nethewey family and involving provision of a chapel and priest within Taunton Priory Churchyard, 1513-1517. (*To be continued.*)

MISCELLANEOUS ESTATE DEPOSITS: Carew of Crowcombe MSS (*additional deposit*), including Crowcombe leases, 1637-1843, estate vouchers for Somerset, Salop and Pembroke properties, 1854-1862, papers and correspondence of Thomas Carew, 1735-1765, and journal of a European tour, 1838; court roll for the manor of Ubley, 1375-1376; book of reference to (missing) map of Ditcheat, 1833; journal of N. Grevile Prideaux, 1801-1804; farm wages accounts, 1834-1862; Castle Cary parish surveyor's notebook, 1769.

DODSON, HARDING & COUCH (SOLICITORS): further records of the West Somerset Mineral Railway, including minutes, subscription contracts, deeds of company property, etc., 1854-1920; deeds of Huish Champflower, 1599-1885; portfolio of ground plans of (mainly) urban properties belonging to Taunton Town Charities, 1889.

PARISH: Aisholt (*additional*): register, 1652-1679. Babington: registers, 1725-1812 b, c (burials, christenings), 1911 m (marriages); churchwardens' accounts, 1748-1839; overseers' accounts, 1729-1780. Burnham-on-Sea: registers, 1630-1892b, 1894c, 1889m; banns, 1754-1891; service registers, 1828-1905; churchwardens' accounts, 1767-1905, with rates to 1835, and separate rates, 1863-1868; overseers' accounts, 1817-1867, with rates to 1836, and separate rates, 1836-1873; parish surveys, 1804, 1843; register of apprentices, 1804-1834; surveyors' accounts, with rates, 1754-1836; papers accumulated by Richard Locke, including copies of surveys, rates, assessments, generally 18c. Corfe (*additional*): service registers, 1893-1971. Crewkerne (*additional*): churchwardens' accounts, 1625-1700, 1783-1925, with some rates; overseers' accounts, 1719-1836, with rates, 1719-1814; workhouse accounts, 1773-1779, 1825-1836. Croscombe (*additional*): registers, 1813-1933b, 1953c, 1755-1783 and 1813-1965m; banns, 1755-1783, 1823-1935; service registers, 1918-1965; tithe apportionment award, 1840; churchwardens' accounts, with some rates, 1765-1972; vestry minutes, 1851-1922; select vestry minutes, 1823-1832; Parochial Church Council minutes, 1922-1926; overseers' accounts, 1738-1848, with rates, 1741-1788, and separate rates, 1807-1855; settlement, bastardy and apprenticeship papers, 1702-1799; surveyors' accounts, 1797-1861, and rates, 1836-1862. Dinder: registers, 1578-1637b and 1695-1812b, 1954c, 1836m; banns, 1756-1900; service registers,

1898-1951; churchwardens' accounts, 1702-1763, 1850-1922; Parochial Church Council minutes, 1920-1935; overseers' accounts, 1690-1695 and 1732-1783 (with rates); valuations, 1838, 1873 and rate, 1872; perambulations, 1732, 1767; Sunday School accounts, 1842-1882. Dodington: registers, 1538-1805b,c, 1835m; banns, 1754-1798; tithe apportionment award and map, 1839. Edington: register, 1555-1681b, 1552-1681c, 1571-1681m. Glastonbury (*continuation of previous report*): inventory of vestments and ornaments, 1554; faculties, correspondence and accounts relating to church restoration, structural alterations, organ, etc., 1828-1931; churchwardens' accounts (broken series of accounts for single years), 1366-1650; leases of church lands, c.1300-1703; papers relating to management and sale of church lands, 1840-1921; deeds and papers relating to school and school house sites and buildings, 1845-1919. Hinton Blewett: registers, c.1580-1830b, c.1565-1907c, c.1563-1956m; banns, 1806-1975; service registers, 1919-1963; churchwardens' accounts, 1802-1934; vestry minutes, 1841-1965; Parochial Church Meeting minutes, 1920-1934; school managers' minutes and accounts, 1872-1931; school log book, 1879-1900. Holford: registers, 1755-1814; vestry minutes, 1825-1841; overseers' accounts, 1759-1836, with rates to Kilmersdon: registers, 1653-1888b, 1902c, 1966m; banns, 1754-1823; service register, 1951-1968. Leigh on Mendip: registers, 1566-1888b, 1575-1855c, 1568-1836m; banns, 1755-1814; vestry minutes, 1825-1841; overseas' accounts, 1750-1836, with rates to 1791, and separate rates, 1791-1820, 1838-1842; surveyors' accounts, 1774-1848, and rates, 1821-1841. Lovington: registers, 1677-1812b, 1955c, 1837m; banns, 1755-1958; churchwardens' accounts, 1681-1921, and rates, 1859-1884; faculties, 1862-1972; plan of church alteration, 1862; vestry minutes, 1854-1921; overseers' accounts, 1681-1768, with rates to 1762; charity school accounts, 1716-1893. Midsomer Norton: registers, 1700-1936b, 1916c, 1926m; tithe apportionment map and award, 1841; churchwardens' accounts, 1736-1893. Moorlinch: register, 1653-1726b,c,m, with occasional entries for its chapelries of Stawell and Sutton Mallet, 1653-1656, Chilton Polden, 1722-1723, and Edington, 1653-1656, 1722-1723. West Pennard (*additional*): texts for sermons and notes on the history of the parish collected by the Rev. John Harrison, c.1888-1916. Pitminster (*additional*): churchwardens' accounts, 1851-1973; Parochial Church Council minutes, 1927-1955. Puriton (*additional*): register, 1558-1812b,c, 1774m. West Quantoxhead: registers, 1558-1812b,c, 1966m; churchwardens' accounts, 1757-1920; overseers' accounts, 1783-1818, and rates, 1836-1837, 1853-1856. Stoke St. Michael: registers, 1644-1941b, 1904c, 1837m; banns, 1823-1943; service registers, 1898-1952; churchwardens' accounts, 1802-1899, with rates to 1868; agreement for rebuilding church and subscription lists, 1837-1838; (select) vestry minutes, 1824-1869; overseers' accounts, 1823-1833, and rates, 1824-1876 (broken series); school accounts, 1868-1876; enclosure map and award, 1776. Taunton St. James: registers, 1610-1891b, 1952c, 1955m; banns, 1754-1823, 1852-1964; churchwardens' accounts, 1714-1939, and rates, 1825-1843; vestry minutes, 1778-1899; Parochial Church Council minutes, 1911-1934; overseers' accounts with rates, 1667-1800, and separate rates to 1839; workhouse accounts, 1796-1819; settlement, bastardy and apprenticeship papers, 1613-1821; register of claims and objections to voters in the borough (c.1100 names), 1879-1885. Wellow: registers, 1561-1959b, 1859c, 1966m; banns, 1824-1960; service registers, 1944-1973; communicants' and confirmation registers, 1866-1944; papers relating to vicarage dilapidations and repairs, 1859-1933; churchwardens' accounts, 1809-1917; faculty for new chancel and vestry, 1889; vestry minutes, 1841-1912; Parochial Church Council minutes, 1927-1964; overseers' accounts, 1673-1872, with rates to 1825, and separate rates, 1850-1872; deeds of sites, accounts and managers' Minutes for Wellow and Shoscombe schools, 1850-1954; news-cuttings relating to both parish and general church affairs, 1860-1923; ruridecanal notices, 1903-1940.

PARISH COUNCIL: North Petherton: minutes, 1894-1969; accounts, 1896-1958; Burial Board registers, etc., 1903-1970. South Petherton: minutes, 1894-1954; vestry minutes, 1828-1894, with overseers' accounts, 1827-1836; Burial Board minutes, 1866-1921.

FORMER LOCAL AUTHORITIES: Glastonbury borough (*additional*) abstracts of accounts, 1929-1939; rates, 1851-1857, 1925-1936; valuation, 1899. Taunton borough (*additional*): charters, 1677, 1877; photocopies of charters, etc., c.1135-1627; grant of arms, 1934; council minutes, 1877-1936; minutes and reports of committees and sub-committees, 1877-1945. Burnham U.D.C.: minutes of Local Board of Health and U.D.C., 1850-1933; committee minutes, 1895-1937; ledgers, 1895-1942; rates, 1851, 1905-1960; (Highbridge U.D.C.) minutes and committee minutes, 1897-1933; Burial Board records, 1885-1965. Minehead U.D.C.: minutes of Local Board and U.D.C., 1891-1972; committee minutes, 1944-1968; vestry minutes, 1895-1908. Watchet U.D.C. (*additional*): minutes, 1956-1969; harbour day book, 1944-1969; road safety committee minutes, 1947-1961; rate book, 1914. Wellington U.D.C.: minutes of the Local Board and U.D.C., 1873-1939; committee minutes, 1908-1919. Axbridge R.D.C.: minutes of the R.S.A. and R.D.C., 1872-1967; committee minutes, 1921-1967; ledgers, 1897-1946; valuation lists, 1929; rate books for individual parishes between 1936 and 1940; Highway Board ledger, 1879-1887. Taunton R.D.C. (*additional*): minutes, 1914-1940. Williton R.D.C. (*additional*): minutes, 1947-1971; committee minutes, 1925-1958; Selworthy rate book, 1913.

OFFICIAL: log books, etc., for schools in Bridgwater, Broadway, Donyatt, Ilminster, Taunton, Weston-super-Mare and Yeovil, 1863-1973.

Bridgwater Hospital: management and committee minutes, 1858-1948; patients' registers, 1826-1839, 1867-1948. Minehead and West Somerset (originally Dunster and Minehead) Hospital: minutes, 1913-1968; reports, 1868-1947; patients' registers, admission and discharge books, 1911-1970. Tone Vale Hospital: minutes, 1900-1945; committee minutes, 1897-1914; accounts, 1922-1960; patients' registers, 1897-1955.

NONCONFORMIST: Bridgwater Methodist Circuit: deeds, copy deeds and papers relating to chapel sites, 1836-1924; papers and plans relating to chapel repairs and maintenance, 1860-1961; minutes of quarterly meetings, local preachers, leaders, (various) chapel trustees, etc., 1860-1965; circuit plans, 1898-1970; registers, 1816-1925; circuit and (various) chapel trustees accounts, 1840-1961; Sunday School minutes, 1861-1909.

MISCELLANEOUS: minutes of the Somerset County Rifle Association, 1896-1913; 15 sheets of the 1:500 Ordnance Survey for Yeovil, 1886.

REPRODUCTIONS OF RECORDS ELSEWHERE: microfilm of all the non-parochial registers for Somerset as previously deposited in Somerset House and photocopies of the ecclesiastical census return for the Williton registration district, 1851 (Public Record Office). Photocopies of Shepton Beauchamp rental and compotus, 15c, and court roll, 1560-1561, and of Wambrook charters, c.1200-c.1350, and map, 1808 (various sources *per* Somerset Editor, Victoria County History). Microfilm of Bridgwater (and Minehead) ships' registers, 1824-1873 (H.M. Customs and Excise). Microfilm of Abbots Leigh parish register, c.1539-c.1598 (University of Sydney). Microfilm of surviving pre-1812 parish registers for Ansford, North and South Cadbury, Crewkerne, Huntspill, Martock, Meare, Mells, Minehead, Moorlinch, Ruishton, Seaborough, Taunton St. Mary, Thorn Falcon, Wayford, Wells, Yeovil (Lancs.R.O.). Photocopy of map of Crewkerne, 1772 (private owner).

II. SUMMARIES OF CATALOGUES OF MS. HOLDINGS

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

COMBE OF EARNSHILL MSS.

Deeds, etc.: Aller, 1616-1832; Donyatt and Ilminster, 1701-1876; Langport Eastover, 1709-1803; Pitney, 1690-1869. The remaining deeds, being the great majority, are generally unfit to be handled, but a fairly detailed catalogue has been produced; they relate mainly to Curry Rivel (including Earnshill) and Isle Brewers and Ilminster, Donyatt and Cricket Malherbie, 1547-1862, with lesser groups for Bristol, 1715-1791, and Buckland St. Mary and Churchstanton, 1634-1799.

Estate management records: surveys and valuations of Earnshill and the manor of Hambridge, c.1740, and of Combe estates generally, including Ilminster and Donyatt, 1759-1791; estate correspondence, 1804-1873; memoranda books of questions and answers relating to the administration of the Earnshill household and gardens and the Ilminster estate, 1807-1831; papers relating to Drayton tithes, 1760-1781; stewards' accounts and rentals for the Ilminster and Donyatt estate, 1781-1879; and for the Bristol estate, 1783-1806; accounts for the Hilcombe and Donyatt roads within the Ilminster Turnpike Trust, 1798-1823; maps of Hambridge and Goose Bradon in Curry Rivel, 1820, and of Drayton, 1820, 1822; survey of Langport, 1796.

Family papers and household management: Earnshill inventories, 1780; catalogues of the library, c.1765, 1787; papers relating to repairs, 1865-1880; household, kitchen and cellar accounts, 1800-1879; weather diaries, 1799-1804; pedigree of Broxholme of co. Lincoln, late 16c.

Pyne papers: Pyne wills, 1715-1839, pedigree, biographical information on the family of the Rev. William Pyne and other genealogical papers, 19c.; small groups of letters and papers relating to Colonel John Pyne and his wife Amy, 1648-1688, and to 18c. members of the family, 1712-1768; inventory of John Pyne, 1696; Stawell family accounts, 1682-1691; rental of Stawell, 1621; map of Pitney, with book of reference, 1807.

PARISH

Cheddon Fitzpaine: churchwardens' accounts, 1708-1740; overseers' accounts, 1703-1764, with rates to 1730.

Chilton Polden: tithe composition receipts and moduses, 1737-1838; tithe commutation papers including surveyor's field book, 1838-1842; churchwardens' accounts, 1690-1736, 1829-1909; overseers' accounts, 1634-1826, with rates, 1719-1733(3), 1817-1846(3); parish valuation, 1824; settlement and apprenticeship papers, 1702-1833; surveyors' accounts, 1789-1839; Catcott rate book, 1833.