

THE SOMERSET RECORD OFFICE
MAIN MANUSCRIPT ACCESSIONS
JULY 1973 — JUNE 1974

FAMILY AND ESTATE

STRACHEY OF SUTTON COURT (*additional*): Kirkpatrick family: official papers and writings of William and James Kirkpatrick, successively residents at Hyderabad, including (*inter alia*) virtually all the items listed in the Historical Manuscripts Commission's *Appendix to the Sixth Report*, pp. 404-407, 1782-1811. Wilkieson family of Woodbury, Cambridgeshire, and elsewhere (related by marriage to Strachey): wills, executorship and family papers, correspondence, etc., 1754-1868. Strachey: deeds and abstracts of title, relating to the Sutton Court estate in Chew Magna, Buckland Dinham, Elm, Weare, etc., 1568-1837; surveys and particulars of Sutton Court and various properties in Stowey, 1641-1858; maps and surveys of Buckland Dinham, 1803, and Elm, 1804; wills and inventories of Strachey and related families, 1630-1793; accounts, etc., relating to work done at Sutton Court, 1852-1862; journals of a tour in France, 1768, and of a voyage to New Zealand, 1851-1852; correspondence and household accounts of Sir Henry Strachey, 1826-1858, and Sir Edward Strachey, 1842-1886; personal and literary correspondence and papers of Sir Edward, 1838-1901, including his MS. autobiography. Frances, Countess Waldegrave: domestic, etc., accounts for herself and her third and fourth husbands, including various relating to Strawberry Hill, 1848-1887; personal correspondence received 1851-1885; correspondence, etc., relating to Radstock affairs, management and produce of collieries, associated road and railway matters and the day and Sunday schools, 1848-1861.

SANFORD OF NYNEHEAD (*additional*): correspondence of Edward Clarke, 1673-1704, and his MS. and printed papers as M.P., 1693-1709; Nynehead estate rentals, 1821-1871; correspondence, bills and vouchers, largely during the life-time of Edward A. Sanford, c. 1830-1870, limited numbers of papers involving him as M.P., 1825-1837, and notebooks, probably as Chairman of Quarter Sessions, 1839.

LYTE OF LYTES CARY: the commonplace book of Thomas Lyte containing abstracts of numerous documents relating to the family and their estates in Charlton Mackrell, Charlton Adam, etc., largely 16th and early 17th centuries, but reciting from the 13th century, compiled c. 1620, and two decorated pedigrees of the Lyte family compiled by the same Thomas Lyte, one being dated 1633 (*See H. C. Maxwell Lyte The Lytes of Lytescary for all three items*).

SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: Brompton Ralph surveyors' accounts, 1840-1845; naval journals of J. C. Evered, 1848-1854; Taunton registers of electors, 1856-1857, 1868-1870, 1891-1896, 1913; *Taunton Journal*, 1725-1727; *Taunton Courier*, 1808-1864; *Somerset County Gazette*, 1854-1951; *Pulman's Weekly News*, 1878-1889; *Western Gazette*, 1863-1884; *Western Flying Post; or Sherborne and Yeovil Mercury*, 1786-1862 (broken series).

MISCELLANEOUS ESTATE DEPOSITS: deeds of Glastonbury, 1706-1868, and Wells, 1610-1807; court roll of the manors of Luckington in Kilmersdon and Standerwick, 1619-1624; letters from a serving soldier in the Somerset and Shropshire Light Infantries, 1915-1919.

FORMER LOCAL AUTHORITIES: Chard: corporation accounts, 1723-1763. Taunton R.D.C.: Rural Sanitary Authority, minutes and general ledgers, 1872-1897; Taunton Highway Board, minutes and ledger, 1869-1891; Taunton Union Assessment Committee minutes, 1862-1927; Wellington Union Assessment Committee minutes, 1896-1927. Watchet

U.D.C.: minutes and ledgers, 1902-1955; rate books, 1955-1963; committee minutes, 1931-1968; Watchet Harbour, commissioners' minutes, 1857-1964, sailings register, 1867-1882, ratepayers, 1861-1894. Wellington R.D.C.: R.S.A., minutes, accounts and letter book, 1872-1894; R.D.C., minutes, committee minutes and accounts, 1896-1951; general rates, 1931-1960; parish rates, Ashbrittle, Bathealton, Bradford-on-Tone, Fitzhead, Kittisford, Langford Budville, Nynhead, Raddington, Runnington, Sampford Arundel, Stawley, Thorne St. Margaret and Wiveliscombe Without, 1921-1926, Chipstable, 1847-1859, 1897-1901, 1923-1926, Milverton 1825-1926, Oake, 1909-1926 and West Buckland, 1914, 1926; housing registers, 1921-1956; 1st edition 25 inch O.S. maps for the whole area; Wiveliscombe Local Board of Health, minutes and accounts, 1865-1896; Wiveliscombe U.D.C., minutes, committee minutes and accounts, 1895-1933; Milverton Highway Board ledger, 1875-1877. Williton R.D.C.: R.S.A., minutes, accounts and letter books, 1873-1898; R.D.C., minutes, committee minutes, letter books and accounts, 1898-1947; St. Decumans parish, vestry minutes, 1859-1894, and parish council minutes, 1902-1947.

OFFICIAL: log books for schools in Oake, 1879-1960, and Ilminster, 1872-1971; managers' or governors' minutes for schools in Oake, 1944-1972, Rockwell Green, 1891-1952, and Taunton (Askwith), 1951-1965.

Minutes of former gas undertakings (*additional*): Bath, 1913-1919; Bridgwater, 1905-1915; Bruton, 1836-1837; Burnham, 1893-1916; Martock, 1898-1910; Milverton, 1861-1917; Taunton, 1907-1916; Weston-super-Mare, 1913-1918.

West Somerset Water Board: Taunton Waterworks Co., minutes, 1858-1877, managers' reports, 1885-1947, ledger, 1858-1877, letter books, 1889-1922, shareholders' registers, from 1858, water order book, 1862-1875, and registers of new services, 1910-1948.

PARISH: Ashill (*additional*): rates, 1673, 1798, 1863-1925; settlement papers, 1687-1832 (limited nos.); school log books, school board minutes and accounts, 1871-1921; evening class admission register, 1903-1914; syllabus and class record books, 1918-1933; scattered rate and tax assessments, 1646-1780. Bickenhall (*additional*): churchwardens' accounts, 1757-1892; vestry minutes, 1818-1860; poor rate, 1874-5. Chelwood: registers, 1720-1973b, c (burials, christenings), 1738-1973m (marriages); inventory of church, 1909. Churchstanton (*additional*): church seating plan, 1654. Cloford (*additional*): tithe apportionment map and award, 1841. Compton Dando: registers, 1653-1965b, 1895c, 1973m; banns, 1824-1925; new parsonage house, 1848. Compton Martin: registers, 1559-1894b, 1856c, 1965m; banns, 1857-1961; churchwardens' accounts, 1743-1825; vestry minutes, 1831-1934; overseers' accounts, 1737-1834. Congresbury: registers, 1543-1900b, c, 1941m (including original paper register); banns, 1874-1894; service registers, 1882-1961; churchwardens' accounts and bills, 1800-1882; vestry minutes, 1800-1939, and select vestry minutes, 1825-1836; Parochial Church Council minutes, 1920-1925; overseers' rates 1836-1878; settlement, bastardy and apprenticeship papers, 1704-1860; surveyors' accounts, 1821-1858, and rates, 1841-1857; school log books and managers' minutes, 1863-1949; enclosure award, 1809; inspeximus of customs of the manor of Congresbury, 1582; census figures, 1821, 1831. Croscombe: registers, 1558-1812b, c, m; settlement, bastardy and apprenticeship papers, 1642-1862. Curland (*additional*): school accounts, 1857-1890. Dinnington (*additional*): registers, 1592-1612, 1692-1752b, c, m, 1813-1837m. Glastonbury St. John: registers, 1603-1921b, 1891c, 1956m; banns, 1754-1972; service register, 1889-1903; parochial rolls, 1901, 1909; churchwardens' accounts and rates, 1757-1874; vestry minutes, 1819-1908 (united parishes of St. John and St. Benedict from 1835); select vestry minutes, 1819-1834; Parochial Church Council minutes, 1909-1940; overseers' accounts and rates, 1719-1846; survey and valuation, ?1822; charity accounts, 1692-1802; map and lease register of parish lands, 1818 (*remainder of deposit under examination*). Hinton St. George: registers, 1632-1955b, 1844c, 1837m;

churchwardens' accounts, 1679-1789; overseers' accounts and rates, 1764-1833. Long Load: registers, 1749-1820b, 1878c, 1837m; vestry, etc., minutes, 1851-1951. Lopen: registers, 1693-1925b, 1866c, 1754-1837m; churchwardens' accounts, with some rates, 1803-1944; vestry minutes, 1824-1866; overseers' accounts and rates, 1700-1767. Merriott (*additional*): registers, 1646-1952b, 1876c, 1924m. Misterton: registers, 1558-1894b, 1906c, 1971m; banns, 1824-1928. Norton St. Philip: registers, 1585-1973b, 1951c, 1968m; banns, 1823-1874; service registers, 1898-1958; survey and valuation of rectory, 1800; tithe books, 1740-1813; tithe apportionment map and award, 1839; rebuilding of vicarage, 1801; churchwardens' accounts, 1686-1926; vestry minutes, 1828-1894; Parochial Church Council minutes, 1913-1927, and Committee minutes, 1919-1953; overseers' accounts, 1729-1796; surveyors' accounts, 1755-1800; charity accounts, 1809-1890; school managers' minutes, 1903-1946. Nynhead (*additional*): vestry minutes, 1837-1869; highway rates, 1837-1844. Staple Fitzpaine (*additional*): service registers, 1891-1927; vestry minutes, 1848-1896; charity accounts, 1853-1898; school managers' minutes, 1900-1903; medical club accounts, 1878-1904. Long Sutton: registers, 1559-1665b, c, m, 1710-1933b, 1899c, 1973m; banns, 1823-1935; service register, 1895-1916; churchwardens' accounts and rates, 1729-1744, 1798-1880; Parochial Church Council minutes, 1920-1946; school deed, 1872, and managers' minutes, 1888-1966; enclosure award and maps, 1814. Ubley: registers, 1671-1812b, 1917c, 1972m; vestry minutes, 1824-1896; overseers' accounts, 1749-1817; surveyors' accounts, 1802-1831. Wayford: registers, 1704-1812b, 1896c, 1837m; churchwardens' accounts, 1684-1894. Whitestaunton: registers, 1659-1815b, 1883c, 1837m; banns, 1824-1916. Wilton (*additional*): banns, 1842-1966; churchwardens' accounts, 1712-1933; church inventory, 1907; Parochial Church Council minutes, 1903-1963; survey and valuation, 1821; school building minutes and accounts, 1915-1924; notes on history and other papers relating to Wilton and Galmington Schools, 1883-1934.

NONCONFORMIST: Ilminster Old Meeting (*additional*) chapel committee minutes, 1893-1913. South Petherton and Crewkerne Methodist Circuit (*additional*): circuit plans, 1851-1970. West Somerset Methodist Circuit (*additional*): Minehead and Dunster Quarterly Meeting minutes, 1885-1926, circuit accounts, 1953-1969, and circuit directories, 1909-1919; Williton circuit accounts, 1928-1969; chapel minutes, Bossington, 1920-1958, Minehead, 1874-1887, and Winsford, 1883-1889; chapel accounts, Carhampton, 1839-1866, and Brompton Regis, 1961-1969; manse accounts, Minehead, 1947-1964, and Porlock, 1960-1967; Sunday school teachers' minutes, Dunster, 1856-1893, and Minehead, 1914-1941; local preachers' quarterly meeting minutes, 1903-1933. Taunton Methodist Circuit: quarterly meeting minutes, 1894-1955; circuit plans, 1930-1944; trust schedule books, 1860-1918; local preachers' meeting minutes, 1845-1905; Taunton Benevolent Society minutes, 1886-1942; Temple, certificate of registration, 1809, chapel accounts, 1799-1813, leaders' minutes, 1954-1960, pulpit notices, 1959-1965; Victoria Street Chapel, accounts, pew rents, stewards' accounts, 1839-1860; subscription book, 1839; blanket fund subscription book, 1867-1899; Hillcommon Chapel minutes, 1919-1956.

REPRODUCTIONS OF RECORDS ELSEWHERE: microfilm of the 1851 census for all parishes in the registration sub-districts of (Bath) Abbey, Axbridge, Banwell, Batheaston, Bathwick, Blagdon, Burnham, Chew Magna, Clutton, Evercreech, Frome, Glastonbury, Harptree, Kilmersdon, Lansdown, Lyncombe, Midsomer Norton, Nunney, Road, Shepton Mallet, Stoke Lane, Twerton, Walcot, Wedmore, Wells, and xerox copy of the same for Exmoor (Public Record Office). Photocopies of compotus rolls for manors of Chillington and South Harp, 1493-1497, survey of manor of Witcombe and Coat in Martock, 1672, and court rolls for manors of Banwell, Charlton Adam, Priddy, South Petherton and Ston Easton (Bruton Abbey estates), 1513-1514, 1530-1531 (Bradford Public Libraries and Gloucestershire Record Office, *per* Somerset Editor, Victoria County History). Maps of Long Load and Seavington St. Michael, 1815 (Winchester College). Survey of South

Petherton, 1786 (Bristol Archives Office). Chesterblade chapel wardens' accounts, 1800-1870, Whitelackington apprentice register, 1807-1817, court book for the manor of Luxborough Everard, 1532-1543, and Bridgwater poll-book, 1741 (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.

DICKINSON OF KINGWESTON MSS.

Briefly, this deposit consists of a typical estate accumulation built up during the century after the family's acquisition of its seat at Kingweston in the middle of the 18th century, augmented by an extensive series of business and personal correspondence covering five generations of the family, records of the family's Jamaican plantations, business records of Graffin Prankard, a Bristol merchant, and the personal and official records of the (related) Fuller family of Sussex, which also had Jamaican interests.

Deeds, etc.: Kingsweston, 1545-1807; Babcary, 1635-1841; Baltonsborough, 1566-1831; Barton St. David, 1704-1841; Berrow, 1689-1838; Charlton Adam and Charlton Mackrell, 1670-1858; Glastonbury, 1662-1845; East Lydford, 1674-1809; Lympsham, 1676-1840; Somerton, 1665-1839.

Family, estate management and manorial records: Dickinson settlements, wills, etc., 1726-1845; court book for the manors of Charlton Mackrell and Cary Fitzpaine, 1610-1719; maps of Charlton Mackrell, 1757, Lympsham, 1758, and King's Sedgemoor (by Richard Locke), c.1780; papers relating to Baltonsborough roads and rating, c.1710-1789; particulars, accounts, correspondence, etc., relating to estates and timber in Charlton Adam and Charlton Mackrell, 1774-1811, Glastonbury, 1617-1818, East Lydford, 1672-1793, and Lympsham, 1689-1802; journals of travels between India and the Near East, 1836-1838.

Correspondence: business, estate and personal correspondence of Caleb Dickinson, initially a Bristol merchant, having also estates in Jamaica and (from c.1744) an interest in the Flat Holm Lighthouse, 1736-1778; correspondence of William, son of Caleb Dickinson, 1763-1806, including letters from Rye, Sussex, which he represented in Parliament 1777-1790; letters and papers of William's son William, 1795-1836, including some bearing on sessions and parliamentary business; letters of Francis H. Dickinson, reflecting his wide ranging activities as an M.P., J.P., and a man with interests at national and local level in the church, education and church architecture, 1833-1857; personal correspondence of a third William Dickinson, 1874-1907.

Business records: letter books and accounts of Graffin Prankard (father-in-law of Caleb Dickinson), a Bristol merchant trading with Northern Europe and America, 1712-1755; accounts of William Alloway, merchant of Minehead and Bridgwater trading with S. Ireland, 1683-1704; management of the Dickinson family's Jamaican plantations, 1716-1849; business and estate accounts, 1737-1805.

Fuller family of Rose Hill, Sussex: personal and business correspondence and papers, 1745-1767; official papers of Stephen Fuller accumulated as agent for Jamaica, c.1752-1799.