

THE SOMERSET RECORD OFFICE
MAIN MANUSCRIPT ACCESSIONS
JULY 1974 — JUNE 1975

FAMILY AND ESTATE

ACLAND HOOD OF FAIRFIELD MSS.: settlements, etc., of main estates of Wroth, Palmer and Acland families, 1656-1807, including manors of Fairfield and Durborough in Stogursey, Hillfarrance, Huntspill Vernay, Lyng, Aller and Oath in Aller, Buckland Chadmead, Buckland Sororum and Wolmersdon in North Petherton, with some references to the manor and park at North Petherton; deeds, leases, etc., for Aller, including Aller Court, 1593-1776, Cannington, 1651-1836, Dodington, including manor, 1599-1833, Hillfarrance, 1632-1784, Huntspill, 1653-1794, Kilton, 1691-1878, North Petherton, 1587-1804, West Quantoxhead, including manor, 1775-1837, Stogursey, 1637-1856, Nether Stowey, including manor 1663-1883, and Stringston, including manor, 1717-1879. Vernay family, wardship and marriage, 1560-1571. Map of West Quantoxhead, 1817. Court book for the manor of Stringston, 1651-1796; court papers for the manor of Hillfarrance, 1730-1771; draft court books for many manors including Huntspill Vernay and Parsonage, Stowey Fee, Manor and Borough, etc., 1507-1523, and Porlock and Old Cleeve, 1507-1515. Roll of Statutes for the parliament of 1305 (c. 12 to end), with part of a treatise on husbandry on the dorse. Palmer (Sussex) estate rental, 1602-1610. (*To be continued.*)

EVERITT MSS.: deeds, etc., of the Hody and related Chichester family estates in Northover, including manor and advowson, 1615-1890, Crewkerne, 1656-1817, Yeovilton, 1779-1854, and Chilthorne Domer, 1655-1853; deeds of Norman and Chichester family estates in Stoke St. Michael, including the paper mill at Stoke Bottom, 1638-1865; deeds of Chichester estates in Devon, mainly Goodleigh, 1543-1841, and Trentishoe, 1574-1911; wills and personal papers for the families of Hody, Chichester, Norman and Burnard, 1702-1898.

PARKES MSS.: deeds of properties in Drayton acquired from 1650 onwards by successive generations of the Meade and related Eastment families, 1610-1955.

HAKE MSS.: deeds of Crewkerne, 1600-1835; ledgers, day books, labour book, etc., of John Budd of Crewkerne, maltster, or his executor, 1825-1865; wills, etc., of French, Baker, Palmer and Budd families of Crewkerne, 1679-1861.

MISCELLANEOUS ESTATE DEPOSITS: deeds of Ashill, 1711-1886, Beckington, 1666-1880, Chard, 1865-1911, and Wambrook, 1588-1893; court roll of the manor of Pitney Lorty, 1544-1546, court books for the manors of Luxborough Eve†, 1531-1556, and Blackford in Wedmore, 1661-1663, and compotus rolls for the manor of Wells, 1458-1495; map of Hinton Charterhouse, 1785; Viscount Hawarden's rental of estates in Lyncombe and Widcombe, Monkton Combe and Walcot, 1795-1798; journal of Edmund Crocker of Frome, 1798-1801; journal (accounts) of Dr. John Westover of Wedmore, 1685-1700.

CANNING AND KYRKE (SOLICITORS) OF CHARD: deeds of Chard, 1700-1919, including Nimmer Mills and Cuff family properties, including the Perry Street lace factory, and 1891-1920 (Garden Suburb Building Estate Co. Ltd), Combe St. Nicholas, 1744-1919, Otterford, 1629-1904, Musbury and Yarcombe (Devon), 1800-1930, and Thorncombe (Dorset, formerly Devon), 1627-1907; deeds and executorship papers of the Wallbridge family of Dowlish Wake and Cudworth, with property interests in Stoke St. Mary, 1773-1912; wills and administrations, alphabetically arranged, 1767-1899.

† Mistakenly assigned to Luxborough Everard in *Main Manuscript Accessions 1973-1974*

DODSON, HARDING AND COUCH (SOLICITORS) OF WIVELISCOMBE: records from the Stogumber office relating principally to the practice of Charles Edward Rowcliffe, his successor and their major clients. West Somerset Mineral Railway, draft deeds, correspondence, reports, draft minutes, litigation papers, 1857-1924. Watchet Harbour, correspondence, reports, draft minutes, c. 1858-1888. Ebbw Vale and Brendon Hill Iron Ore Cos., correspondence, litigation papers, mining leases, etc., c. 1859-1885. Trevelyan estate, draft leases, correspondence, from 1865. Crowcombe charities (including school), accounts and some minutes, 1817-1891. Ashley Combe (Porlock), estate and household accounts, etc., 1740-1841. Deeds of Lydeard St. Lawrence, 1679-1770, and Milverton, 1674-1725. 19c translation of court rolls for the manor of Wootton Courtney, 1538-1553. Draft deeds and leases, including inns, mills, school and chapel sites, mainly W. Somerset parishes, 1817-1908.

PARISH: Badgworth: registers, 1671-1812b, c (burials, christenings), 1688-1838m (marriages); banns, 1754-1812, 1863-1939; churchwardens' accounts and rates, 1673-1779, and accounts, 1840-1946, with rates to 1847; vestry minutes, 1794-1889; overseers' accounts and rates, 1756-1797; settlement, bastardy and apprenticeship papers, 1707-1854; surveyors' accounts, 1839-1843; school managers' minutes, accounts, correspondence relating to school premises, 1902-1971; anti-invasion returns for Badgworth, Biddisham, Chapel Allerton and Weare, 1803. Biddisham: registers, 1621-1812b, c, 1755-1837m; churchwardens' accounts, 1836-1918; vestry minutes, 1819-1937; overseers' accounts and rates, 1738-1836; school managers' minutes and accounts and log book, 1860-1938; enclosure award, 1796. East Brent: churchwardens' accounts and rates, 1677-1692, 1738-1775; overseers' accounts and rates, 1761-1776. West Camel (*additional*): overseers' accounts, 1813-1838. Castle Cary (*additional*): churchwardens', overseers', lighting, etc., rates, 1846-1911. Corfe: registers, 1566-1812b, 1894c, 1840m; banns, 1779-1939; transcript of registers, 1566-1840; vestry minutes, 1792-1921. Corton Denham (*additional*): registers, 1813-1937b, 1761-1865c, 1754-1836m; banns, 1784-1812, 1824-1900; overseers' accounts, 1701-1746. Fivehead (*additional*): registers, 1654-1812b, 1898c, 1837m; churchwardens' accounts, 1833-1922, with rates to 1868. West Hatch (*additional*): vestry minutes, 1841-1857, with surveyors' accounts, 1839-1841. Langridge: registers, 1763-1812b, c, 1756-1970m; tithe map and award, 1840. Martock: overseers', etc., rates, 1860-1911. Misterton (*additional*): churchwardens' accounts, 1911-1967; vestry and P.C.C. minutes, 1920-1971. Nettlecombe (*additional*): registers, 1794-1812b, 1925c, 1754-1872m; banns, 1754-1809. Oare (*additional*): churchwardens' accounts, 1797-1964; overseers' accounts, 1734-1836, with some rates to 1773. Pawlett: registers, 1667-1904b, 1943c, 1688-1837m; banns, 1754-1812, 1824-1952; service registers, 1918-1967; churchwardens' accounts, 1735-1952, with rates to 1846; vestry minutes, 1788-1920; select vestry minutes, 1824-1830; overseers' accounts, 1774-1868, with rates, 1785-1836; surveyors' accounts, 1739-1862, and rates, 1837-1843. Penselwood (*additional*): registers, 1721-1924b, 1892c, 1837m. South Petherton (*additional*): banns, 1823-1959; service registers, 1904-1969; churchwardens' accounts, 1715-1887, with rates to 1795; P.C.C. minutes, 1920-1932; overseers' accounts and rates, 1658-1692; charity accounts and papers, 1746-1932; charity school accounts, minutes, etc., 1738-1895; school accounts, managers' minutes, plans, etc., 1828-1947; papers relating to repairs, etc., to church and vicarage, 1830-1966. Podymore Milton: curates' licences, 1827-1880; registers, 1654-1812b, 1635-1812c, 1744-1836m; service registers, 1923-1941; churchwardens' accounts, 1830-1896; overseers' accounts, 1766-1848, and rates, 1838-1849. Puriton: registers, 1813-1904b, 1816-1912c, 1754-1837m; banns, 1754-1956; list of persons responsible for repair of churchyard walls, c.1700; churchwardens' accounts, 1700-1763, 1805-1898, with rates to 1854; overseers' accounts and rates, 1728-1776, 1826-1828; settlement, bastardy and apprenticeship papers, 1702-1837; surveyors' accounts, 1755-1821, with rates, 1807-1815; enclosure award, 1798; land, etc., tax assessments, 1767-1781. Sampford Arundel (*additional*): registers, 1695-1826b, 1874c, 1837m; banns, 1755-1812,

1824-1915; service registers, 1897-1959; plan of new vicarage, 1906; churchwardens' accounts, 1856-1908; faculties, 1867-1964; vestry minutes, 1838-1864, 1909-1947; bell fund accounts, 1927-1950; charity papers, 1866-1959; school log book, 1880-1900. Stoursey: registers, 1598-1621b, 1629m, 1611-1627c, 1653-1878b, 1953c, 1971m; churchwardens' accounts, 1502-1546, 1707-1889; vestry minutes, 1819-1840; overseers' accounts, 1658-1836, all with rates, and rates, 1841-1906 (broken series); settlement, apprenticeship and bastardy papers, 1681-1825; surveyors' accounts, 1769-1863, and rates, 1847-1862; New Friendly Society subscription book, 1845-1939; charity accounts, 1875-1914; almshouses, clothing distribution book, 1828-1924. Stratton-on-the-Fosse: registers, 1641-1930b, 1867c, 1965m; banns, 1755-1788, 1825-1930; overseers' accounts, 1712-1835, with rates to 1810; settlement, bastardy and apprenticeship papers, 1770-1857; surveyors' accounts, 1758-1863, with rates, 1838-1863. Swainswick: registers, 1557-1889b, 1948c, 1945m; banns, 1754-1811, 1823-1943; service registers, 1902-1952; tithe map, 1839; churchwardens' accounts, 1631-1712, 1842-1965; church inventory, 1823; vestry minutes, 1819-1966; overseers' accounts, 1660-1823, with some rates to 1740; charity papers, 1858-1965; school managers' minutes, 1895-1943, and papers relating to land and building, 1898-1960.

FORMER LOCAL AUTHORITIES: Glastonbury borough: minutes, 1837-1938. Wells city: minutes, 1938-1967; ledgers, etc., 1935-1960. Yeovil borough: rate books, 1914-15, 1955-56, 1960-61; valuation lists, 1890-1934; highway rate, 1856; *Western Gazette*, 1905-1908. Frome U.D.C.: minutes, 1898-1966, and committee minutes, including Food Rationing, 1917-1920; local board minutes, 1880-1892. Frome R.D.C.: minutes of the R.S.A. and the succeeding R.D.C., 1872-1965; ledgers, etc., 1874-1928; letter books, 1875-1919; highway board, minutes, ledgers and letter book, 1863-1881; Union Assessment Committee minutes, 1886-1907, and letter books, 1896-1914; Frome parish overseers' accounts and rates, 1715-1719, 1735-1741, and workhouse accounts, 1739-1742; Selwood Parish Council, letter book, 1895-1909. Shepton Mallet R.D.C.: minutes of the R.S.A. and R.D.C., 1872-1966; ledgers, 1892-1969; letter books, 1898-1941; rate books, 1939-40, 1951-1971; valuation lists, 1929-1964; Union Assessment Committee minutes, 1914-1927; Lamyatt parish, overseers' accounts with some rates, 1783-1790, 1818-1836, rates, 1885-1918, and surveyors' accounts and rates, 1794-1836. Wells R.D.C.: minutes of the R.S.A. and R.D.C., 1872-1964; ledgers, etc., 1891-1963; Union Assessment Committee minutes, 1862-1913.

Bridgwater borough (*under examination*): broadly speaking, all records of the former corporation to 1926 have been deposited, with the exception of the corporation charters and certain court records from the 18th century. The deposited records consist of two elements: a series of 2341 numbered documents or bundles of documents (which include the records edited in vols. 48, 53, 58, 60 and 70 of the Somerset Record Society publications) dating to the early 19th century; and unnumbered items, generally volumes dating from the 18th to the 20th centuries. MS. catalogues for the former were received with the deposit, which treat the records in five divisions under a chronological arrangement within each division: deeds; legal documents; accounts and surveys; wills, etc., correspondence and documents relating to other places in Somerset; and documents relating to other counties. The unnumbered items include council and committee minutes, 1785-1926, court books for the court of record, 1729-1784, and corn and grain prices, 1758-1775, and market minutes, etc., 1826-1926.

OFFICIAL: log books, etc., for schools in Bridgwater, Chard, Newton St. Loe and Weston-super-Mare, 1877-1974.

NONCONFORMIST: West Somerset Methodist Circuit (*additional*): a further deposit of records of the former Dunster (later Minehead and Dunster) and Williton Circuits and their constituent chapels, comprising: minutes of quarterly meetings, general and chapel trustees, leaders, preachers, etc., 1826-1963; circuit plans and directories, 1827-1959; circuit and

chapel accounts, 1811-1952; circuit schedules, 1836-1940; registers, 1803-1923; building and maintenance accounts, plans, etc., 1839-1939; Sunday (and some Day) School, minutes, 1897-1932, reports, 1870-1928, and accounts, 1844-1950; Missionary Society, minutes and accounts, 1826-1946.

MISCELLANEOUS: bound files of printed bills, posters, etc., relating to Taunton affairs, chiefly entertainments and elections, c.1800-1955; minute books of the Winscombe and District Civil Defence Force, 1914, and of the Somerset Guild of Craftsmen, 1933-1969; accounts, etc., of a Taunton medical practice, from 1828.

REPRODUCTION OF RECORDS ELSEWHERE: microfilm of the 1851 census for all parishes in the registration sub-districts of Bampton, Bedminster, Bitton, Dulverton, Keynsham, Long Ashton, Newton, St. George, Oldland and Yatton, and xerox copies of the same for the parishes of Freshford, Goathill, Marston Magna, Misterton, Poyntington, Rimpleton, Sandford Orcas, Seaborough and Trent (Public Record Office). Photocopies of depositions in re Gardner v Loder in a matter of debt, 1691, and of court rolls for manors in Lopen, South Petherton, Martock and Chiselborough, scattered periods between 1442 and 1533, and microfilm of survey of Seymour estates in Axbridge, Cheddar, Hatch Beauchamp, Lymsham, Shepton Beauchamp, etc., 1536 (various sources *per* the Somerset Editor, Victoria County History). Photocopy of parish diary kept by successive incumbents, 1872-1907 (Shepton Beauchamp parish). Photocopies of court book, 1705-1717, surveys, various dates between 1650 and 1824, papers relating to the harbour, c.1700-1770, and school, 1872-1874, all for Porlock (Blathwayt MSS., Gloucestershire R.O.). Photocopy of survey of Frome, 1813 (private owner).

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.

PARISH

Taunton St. Mary: banns, 1898-1926; service book, 1849-1857; Sunday school registers, 1874-1899; churchwardens' vouchers, 1817-1921, and rates, 1755-1864; vestry minutes, 1774-1896, and select vestry minutes, 1819-1825; constables' duty book, 1843-1845; overseers' rates, 1740-1861, pay books, 1744-1836, and vouchers, 1805-1862; workhouse accounts, 1821-1836; children's work accounts, 1821-1828; pauper registers, 1819-c.1837; large numbers of settlement, bastardy and apprenticeship papers, 1653-1859; surveyors' rates and vouchers, 1815-1836; charity school minutes, 1809-1830; minutes, log book, deeds, vouchers, correspondence, etc., relating to the Central National School, 1836-1907; militia orders and payments, 1803-1816; accounts of saddler, tailor and coachbuilder (?bankrupts), 1790-c.1819; 1831 census papers; claims to be entered on electoral register for both borough and county constituency, 1832-1840; detailed register of those qualified for (or disqualified from) voting in the borough, 1820.