

## SOMERSET RECORD OFFICE MAIN MANUSCRIPT ACCESSIONS

1 JULY 1986 – 30 JUNE 1987

### FAMILY AND ESTATE

HOWARD OF CREECH ST MICHAEL: survey of the Manor of Creech St Michael, 1785, reference book to a plan of the manor (now lost), 1813.

JENKYNs OF BOTLEY, HANTS: deeds, Lottisham in Ditchheat, 1573–1840, West Bradley, 1674–1760; papers re building of Lottisham Church, 1874–1888; plan of Lottisham, 1795.

LUTTRELL OF DUNSTER CASTLE: deeds, Dunster Castle Estate, 1901–1950.

SOUTHWOOD AND MATTOCK OF LOWTON, PITMINSTER: estate papers, Manor of Taunton Deane, including rental for the hundred of Hull c. 1800 and reeves' book for the hundred of Pitminster, 1746–c.1900; estate papers, Angersleigh, Pitminster and Corfe including reference books to maps, 1810–c.1830, and accounts of auctions of live and dead stock, 1837–1889; survey of the manor of Leighland in Old Cleeve, 1823; notebooks of estate affairs, [1799]–1929.

### PARISH (*all additional to previous deposits*)

*West Bradley*: overseers' accounts, 1777–1838. *Broadway*: register, 1837–1958(m). *Fitzhead*: register, 1837–1861(m); certificate of burial in woollen, 1682; bastardy bonds, 1745–1817. *Glastonbury St John*: church estate, survey, 1841, and papers re management, 1832–1845; survey of the lettings of pews and plan, c. 1830; church restoration minutes, 1857–1860. *West Harptree*: overseers' accounts, 1826–1836, with parish charities' accounts, 1861–1970. *West Monkton*: registers, 1894–1975(c), 1897–1981 (c), Bathpool, 1899–1975(m), *Nynehead*: Alice Weekes' Charity, deeds, Wellington, 1566–1960. *West Quantoxhead*: registers, 1813–1986(c,b). *Seavington St Mary*: register, 1813–1985(b). *Seavington St Michael*: register, 1813–1986(b). *Long Sutton*: overseers' accounts and rates, 1745–1836; vestry minutes, 1836–1894; church rate, 1888; poor rates, 1878–1921. *Vobster*: registers, 1848–1983(c,m). *Withypool*: register, 1813–1985 (c).

### NON-ANGLICAN CHURCHES

*Chard Congregational Chapel (additional)*: register, 1786–1856(c), 1812–1882(b). *Clandown Methodist Chapel*: registers, 1931–1985(m). *Frome Methodist Circuit (additional)*: Coleford P.M. Circuit, quarterly meeting minutes, 1923–1932; Frome P.M. Circuit, roll books, 1950–1966, quarterly meeting minutes, 1928–1952, accounts, 1924–1971, certificates of the use of buildings for P.M. Chapel before 1852, 1860–1865; Frome and Shepton Mallet Circuit, missionary minutes, 1961–

1982, F. & G.P. minutes, 1963–1972; Beckington Chapel, papers re title to the property, 1773–1909; Downhead Chapel, minutes and accounts, 1927–1976; Frome Wesley Chapel, roll books, 1951–1965, trustees' minutes, 1934–1964, school's log books, 1890–1940, managers' minutes, 1941–1977; Frome Portway Chapel, trustees' minutes, 1894–1977, roll book, 1959–1971; Frome Sun Street Chapel, collection journals, 1879–1973, trustees' & leaders' minutes, 1923–1979, accounts, 1912–1972, choir minutes and reports, 1921–1971. Gaer Hill Chapel, papers re appointment and resignation of trustees, 1896–1977; Rode Chapel, school papers and accounts, 1903–1929; Vobster chapel, trustees' minutes, 1878–1896, and accounts, 1897–1982; Wanstrow Chapel, accounts, 1876–1926; miscellaneous records also for Little Elm and Mells chapels, 1835–1950. *Long Sutton Friends Meeting House*: Preparative Meeting minutes, 1896–1968. *Taunton Methodist Circuit (additional)*: registers, 1837–1880(c), 1837–1854(b), 1898–1924(b) at Curland and North Curry; 1848–1883(c) Churchstanton; 1905–1935(c) Bible Christian Circuit; Local Preachers' Meeting Minutes, 1905–1983. *Taunton Convent*: grave register, 1810–1952.

#### PARISH COUNCIL

*Farmborough*: minutes, 1936–1977; accounts, 1895–1975; allotments rental, 1931–1963. *Pilton*: minutes, 1894–1960. *Pitcombe*: minutes, 1894–1946; accounts, 1908–1982; correspondence, etc., 1928–1982. *Nether Stowey (additional)*: accounts, 1935–1981; deeds, burial ground (mortgage), 1934, allotment grounds, 1983. *Long Sutton*: minutes, 1894–1920; financial statements, 1895–1922; various papers, 1891–1923.

#### OFFICIAL

*Vallis First School, Frome*: log books, 1863–1974; managers' minutes, 1903–1958; evening continuation school log book, 1893–1914.

#### FORMER LOCAL AUTHORITIES

*Bridgwater Borough (additional)*: report on measles outbreak and general sanitary condition of the town, 1874. *Clevedon U.D.C. (additional)*: council and committee minutes, 1853–1974; ledgers, 1853–1932. *Dulverton R.D.C. (additional)*: building control plans, early-mid C20. *Frome Local Board*: volume of plans of street sewers, late C19. *Minehead U.D.C.*: committee minutes, 1898–1938; accounts, 1891–1899; water works minutes, 1874–1905; rates, 1890–1894; building control plans, 1895–c.1960. *Portishead U.D.C.*: council and committee minutes, 1895–1974; accounts, 1892–1942; contracts for public utility schemes, 1888–1922; poor rate, 1837. *Watchet U.D.C. (additional)*: building control plans, early-mid C20. *Weston-super-Mare Borough*: commissioners, U.D.C. and borough and committee minutes, 1843–1974; commissioners' copy book of notices, mortgages, specifications, market regulations, etc., 1842–1858; accounts, 1863–1951; burial board minutes, 1855–1947; local tribunal (war service exemption), minutes, 1916–1918; Wrington division sewers rate, 1929; West Mendip Internal Drainage board rates, 1937–1951; Somerset R.F.U. Secretary's letter book, 1896–1911.

#### HOSPITALS

*Bridgwater Hospital (additional)*: Finance Committee minutes, 1924–1948; accounts, 1937–1965; doctors' case notes, c. 1920–1940. *Bridgwater Mary Stanley Hospital*: Queen Victoria Jubilee Institution for Nurses, Bridgwater area district

nurses case registers, 1893–1943. *Taunton & Somerset Hospital (additional)*: annual reports, 1867–1920; Hospital Week Committee reports, 1918–1940; regulations for the U.S.67 General Hospital (Musgrove Park), 1944; Victoria Nursing Institute registers, 1889–1951; Isolation Hospital, Cheddon Road, medical attendants' register, 1915–1946. *Williton Union Workhouse (additional)*: plans, 1837; registers of births, 1838–1943, and deaths, 1838–1956. [Note – classes containing medical or personal information are not immediately available for inspection.]

### MISCELLANEOUS

Co-operative Society: Committee minutes, Taunton, 1902–1961, Bridgwater, 1963–1982, Yeovil, 1967–1982, Weston-super-Mare, 1953–1955, Taunton and Wellington, 1952–1985, Street and E. Somerset, 1962–1977; South West Region group, 1971–1976. Yeovil Labour Party: members, accounts and day journals, 1922–1973; minutes, 1966–1974. Messrs. Glossop, Weston-super-Mare, builders, day books and journals, 1885–1905. Coker Sail Cloth factory, Crewkerne, plans of buildings and engines, 1859–1924. Taunton Art School, plans, 1905. Illuminated book of hours, C15. Bruton and West Harptree turnpike trusts, deeds-poll, 1816–1854. Vouchers of Stephen Price, lime burner and beer retailer of Salmon Parade, Bridgwater, 1852–1859. Diaries of the Bradford family of Martock, 1878, 1883, 1896 & 1898, accounts and recipes, 1898–1926. Royal grant of market, Nunney, 1260. Citizens' Advice Bureau, Frome: day books, 1974–1985 [not available for inspection until 75 years old]. Farm account book [Ditcheat], 1806–1812. Monumental Inscriptions of churchyards: Backwell, Charlton Horthorne, East Coker, Henton, Keinton Mandeville, East Lydford, Odcombe and Methodist and Baptist burial grounds, Sandford Orcas, and Walcot Methodist burial ground.

### REPRODUCTIONS OF RECORDS HELD ELSEWHERE

Abbot Beere's survey of Glastonbury Abbey estates, 1515. Adam of Sodbury's extents of the manors of Moorlinch and Pilton, 1315 & 1316. Deeds, Frome, c. 1240–1437. Manor of Cranmore court rolls, 1514–1515. Extracts from Courtenay family cartulary relating to Crewkerne, Hemington and East Coker, C13–C14. Agreement to enclose Holford Common, 1816. Bridgwater election results posters, 1754–1866. West Somerset Savings Bank, Taunton, abstract of title, 1730–1830, plans of new building, 1829–1830. Account book of the stewards of Sir Ben. Hammet and John Hammet of Taunton, 1799–1807. Plan of Dommet, Buckland St Mary, 1833. Receivers' and bailiffs' accounts, manor of Batheaston and Shockerwick, 1483. Field plan, survey and rental of the Marquis of Buckingham's lands in Rodney Stoke, Draycott, Cheddar and Wedmore, 1665–1775.

### SUMMARIES OF CATALOGUES OF MS HOLDINGS

These summaries are intended to give more detail of major holdings than was possible at the time of their original deposit in light of further cataloguing.

#### HIPPISLEY OF STON EASTON MSS

The Hippisley family acquired a compact estate based almost exclusively on the parishes of Ston Easton, Cameley and Emborough between 1544 and 1570, to which limited additions were made in subsequent centuries. At different dates, either through marriage or inheritance, they acquired also the estates of the

Preston family of Cricket St Thomas, Hooper of Midsomer Norton and Northleigh of Peamore in Devonshire, all of which were disposed of between 1775 and 1800. By Somerset standards, there are noteworthy survivals of medieval deeds for the three main parishes. The family was not generally prominent in national or local public affairs, but John Preston's papers were used by both Barnes (*Somerset 1625-1640*) and Underdown (*Somerset in the Civil War and Interregnum*).

*Deeds, etc.*: Ston Easton, incl. manor of Ston Easton Major, c. 1240-1902; Cameley, incl. manors of Cameley and Temple Cloud, c. 1200-1906; Emborough, incl. manors of Emborough and Whitnell, c. 1297-1834; Hooper inheritance in Midsomer Norton, 1324, 1573-1787, Ashwick, 1320-1350, 1591-1689, and Kilmersdon, 1567-1761; small groups for Binegar, 1788-1845, Chewton Mendip, 1790-1846, Hinton Blewett, c. 1250-1603, and North Petherton, c. 1250-1560.

*Manorial and estate management records*: court rolls, books, papers, surveys, compotus rolls, etc., for Ston Easton, 1346-1672, Cameley, 1460-1672, 1770-1795, and Emborough, 1448-1672; estate maps and surveys (all 3 parishes), c. 1700-1813 (some relating to Tadhill in Downhead and/or Doulling); rentals, 1782-1798; estate papers, 1531-1795; leases for years determinable on lives, admission and assoc. docts., Ston Easton, 1523-1831, Cameley, 1488-1836, Emborough, 1363-1798, Tadhill, c. 1250, 1414-1763, and Midsomer Norton, Ashwick, Holcombe and Kilmersdon, 1619-1807; mineral leases, 1643-1881; Ashcott (Pedwell) estate papers, 1691-1770, incl. proposed enclosure; litigation papers on the subjects of Mendip mining, 1525-1677, Kilmersdon tithes, 1600-1601, dismemberment of manor of Wrington, 1731-1740, and the manor of Pedwell in Ashcott, 1738-1740 (two last named both involving Yorke family), and (extensive series) tithes of Ston Easton as a chapelry in the rectory of Chewton Mendip, 1803-1814, with exhibits from 1639.

*Family papers and household management*: Hippisley settlements, wills, licences, appointments, etc., 1525-1873; corresp., 1588-1669; Ston Easton household management papers, inventories, etc., 1769-1841; Hippisley-Coxe settlements, trust deeds, mortgages, 1739-1808; papers of John Hippisley as sheriff, 1640-1648; the diverse interests and activities of John Hippisley (1804-98) relating to railway, mining and quarrying endeavours, 1846-1895, trust and settlement matters, 1822-1897, local and public local affairs (Parliamentary candidacy, church and school business), 1843-1894, and his personal interests (esp. astronomy), 1847-1888; letters from his sons in Ceylon, 1867-1879.

*Preston of Cricket St Thomas*: deeds and leases of Cricket St Thomas, incl. the manor, 1466-1746, Chard, 1576-1691, and Winsham, 1540-1665; court rolls for Cricket St Thomas, 1459-1647, and custumal for Winsham, 1561; Whitedown Fair accounts, 1637-1649; estate surveys, 1712, c. 1760, and misc. papers, 1601-1780; papers of Christopher Preston as a Justice of the Peace, 1594-1615, and of John Preston as sheriff, 1646-1652, and his involvement in ship money, the militia, the Civil War and local affairs generally, 1608-1668.

*Northleigh of Peamore*: deeds and leases for Dodbrooke and West Alvington, 1281-1774, Exeter and Heavitree, 1433-1765, Exminster and Alphington, 1479-1744, and Bridford, 1389-1747; compotus rolls for the manor of Matford in Exminster, 1398-1505; litigation about Exminster tithes and property, 1603-1671; estate maps, surveys and particulars, c. 1740-1797; Matford estate papers, 1575-1642; papers relating to the disposal of estates, 1773-1798, incl. abstracts of title.

*Miscellaneous records*: Ston Easton churchwardens' accounts, 1701-1780, with isolated rates; Cameley overseers' accounts, with rates throughout, 1635-1685; law precedent books and formularies (Uvedale and Preston families) 16th cent.; theological writings, commentaries, sermons, etc., accumulated c. 1630 [?by a Northleigh].