STAFFORDSHIRE

MANUSCRIPTS AND NOTES ON STAFFORDSHIRE COLLECTED FOR TWO VOLUMES, IV AND V, OF THE AGRARIAN HISTORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1500-1760

(Some were collected by Miss Margaret Midgley, some by Dr Stephen Porter, some additional notes are added at the end.)

PROBATE INVENTORIES, NB They come from different record offices. Note also that both Miss Midgley and Stephen Porter collected invs. for the 1660s, and 1690s, so there may be repetitions:

1540s
1560s
1590s
1610s
1630s
1640s
1650s
1660s
1690s
1710s
1720s
1740s

FROM DUDLEY CENTRAL LIBRARY

1730s 3 inventories only. 
Notes by Alan Everitt analysing the probate inventories of Staffordshire after Miss Midgley had collected them.
Map of Staffs. farming regions by J. Thirsk with letter of discussion from Alan Everitt.
Alan Everitt’s map of farming regions.

OTHER MANUSCRIPTS ON STAFFORDSHIRE AS LISTED HERE:

A list by Miss Midgley of all the court rolls and other manorial documents in the William Salt Library.
Her list of books on Staffs. of value (she lived in Stafford).
Her note of terriers that were sorted and straightened in 1958.
Her summary of Standon Rectory terrier from Lichfield Diocesan Registry, 1682.

STAFFORDSHIRE RECORD OFFICE

Note re. Penkridge rental of Fowlke Grevyle, 1598.
Otherton court baron, 1657.
Penkridge, court baron and court of survey, 1633.
Ogley Hall, allotments after enclosure, 1710.
Great court re. encroachment at Huntington, 1555.
Agreement to exchange land in common fields, Huntington, 1541.
Notes re. Pipe and Woodhouses, 1519; Yoxall, 1656; Southerby memo book, 1585-1634.
Account book of Sir Walter Chetwynd of Ingestre, 1623-75, incl. rents, tithes, payments, etc.
Shareshill, court baron, 1596.
Yoxall, rental, 1656.
Note re. documents re. Wall, including book of survey, 1634.
Lease for 3 years for manor of Wall, 1635.
Deeds re. Pipe Woodhouse, 1519.
Note of demesne lands of Pipe, 1683.
Sale of arable, part now converted to pasture, 1637.
Lease of land in Ipstones, 1620.
Survey of manor of Gnosall, 1647.
Survey of Eccleshall manor, 1647.
Extracts from Quarter Sessions rolls, Jas. I, source unclear.
Survey of manor of Wall, 1634.

MATERIAL COLLECTED FOR VOL. V, 1640 onward

A note by Stephen Porter about MSS in the Staffordshire Record Office
From Sutherland papers, misc. accounts of Lady Katharine Leveson, 1661-6.
Account of Lord Gower's steward, 1715 onwards.
Accounts for Trentham farm, 1679 and Trentham day book, 1691-1702.
More Trentham accounts, estate disbursements, etc., 1712-50.
Survey of Kinnersley, "SHROPSHIRE," 1719.
Survey of Hill Charleton, 1729.
Valuation of N. Staffs. estates, 1729.
Survey of Trentham, 1729.
Enclosure agreement for Trentham, 1731.
Misc. agric. correspondence of Lord Gower.
Hatherton Collection, various surveys.
Papers re. Sir Walter Chetwynd's estate incl. list of fruit tree varieties, 1662-1773.
Flooding in 1673 in Oldbury.
Almanack, 1662 with notes re. Eardisley, "HEREFORDSHIRE."
Survey of Ashley estate, 1711.
Survey of Bagot lands, 1744.
Bagot Papers, agric. accounts, 1691, re. Denbigh, "NORTH WALES"
Dyott MSS., misc. re. Freeford, 1750.
Accounts of a farm at Whittington (?), 1744.
Aqualate Collection, expenses on estate, 1727-31, correspondence, stock list, etc.
Yarranton letter and misc. re. waterways, tin manufacture.
Anglesey correspondence on agric. matters and financial accounts re. Paget lands, 1709-38.
Paget correspondence and misc.
Jerningham papers, pp. 82-4, re. Costessey, "NORFOLK. THESE HAVE BEEN REMOVED TO NORFOLK FILE."
Enclosure agreement, Penn, 1685, Lichfield, 1699.
Letter re. horse racing, 1722.
Eld papers, Seighford, letter re. lucerne growing, also crested dog grass, and list of goods of Robert and Mary Slim of Hextall, 1737, 1768.
Two conveyances of Marchington land, 1618/19 and 1639/40 involving Amery family.
Pillaton, last membrane of an inventory, 1546.
Photocopies of documents re. Andrew Yarranton's damages suffered through imprisonment, and a short account of the river Avon, and the manner of settlement.

DUDLEY CENTRAL LIBRARY.

View of account, Dudley Foreign, 1576-7, and Sedgley lordship.
Levy for overseers of poor, town and parish of Dudley, 1649.

A NOTE BY STEPHEN PORTER ABOUT THE MANAGEMENT OF RECORDS IN THE DUDLEY CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Miss Midgley’s notes on Sedgley manor. View of account, 1589.

Re. lands of Edw. Lydiatt in Himley, c. 1690.
Horse fair accounts, 1702.
Articles of agreement with commoners of King Swinford, 1684.
John Ward from London writing re a pit sunk at Belbroughton, 1730.
'Seting book', for 1714, tithes.

LICHFIELD JOINT RECORD OFFICE


WILLIAM SALT LIBRARY

View of Woods of Burton Extra manor, 1595.
Survey of Burton and Burton Extra manor, 1546.
Bailiff's accounts, Eccleshall, Whittington, Rugeley, Cannock, Longdon, Heywood, 1524-5. '
Aqualate collection, Terrier and rental of Mere, Aqualate, Warton, Sutton, etc. c. 1540.
Survey of Town of Burton on Trent,1550.
List of cattle (or stints), Burton town, 16th c.
Note of field book for Stapenhill, 1575.
Title of tenants of Burton on Trent, enrolled, 1575.
Plans for building at Burton, 1559-63, NB materials and wages.
Note re. repairs of schoolhouse and great hall, at Burton,1568.
Rental of Burton, 1592- 1594.
Cropping regime at Mitton agreed, 1603.
Survey of Norbury fields, mid-17th c.
Horton court roll, 1490.
Estreat of court baron, for Whitmore, 1569.
BIRMINGHAM REFERENCE LIBRARY

Pattingham, court of survey, 1623.
Counsels' opinions re. disputes at Elford, 1661 and undated.
List of tenants of Elford manor, 1559.
Rental of Norton in the Moors, 1605.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE RECORD OFFICE

Agreement to enclose common field of Great and Little Bloxwich, 1599.

CHESHIRE RECORD OFFICE

Freeholders of Heaton lordship, Staffs., agree together to lay waste any enclosures of waste
where they have common rights, 1741 (not executed).

N.A. PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON

Notes from various Exchequer Special Commissions and Depositions for Staffs., and one
Chancery Case.
SUFFOLK

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Miss Midgley's working lists of MSS when surveying the Suffolk scene for agrarian archives in 1959.

PROBATE INVENTORIES

From IPSWICH AND EAST SUFFOLK RECORD OFFICE and NORWICH CENTRAL LIBRARY

These are arranged by regions, and within regions by the following decades, 1540s, 1590s, 1610s, 1630s, and a few strays from 1660s.
The regions are: Central Loams and Clays (= CL); Eastern Sands; Western Sands (very few).

SEE ALSO Miss Midgley's list of the parishes for which she collected inventories and the decades..

OTHER ARCHIVES from IPSWICH AND EAST SUFFOLK RECORD OFFICE, AND BURY ST EDMUNDS, WEST SUFFOLK RECORD OFFICE (this list mixes archives from both places.)

TWO PACKAGES OF MIXED ARCHIVES FOLLOW:

PACKAGE 1

Holbrook manor, court rolls, 1382, 1559-88.
Walsham, Court of Survey, 1578.
Postead Hall manor, notes from court rolls, 1498-1648.
Worlingworth, byelaws, etc.
Lackford, indentures of lease, 1588.
Mildenhall survey, jurors' verdict, 1608.
Risby rental, 1626.
Hemgrave and rental, 1575.
Thrandeston, Woodhall manor, view and account, 1561.
Worlingworth, steward's working papers, 1611.
Survey of Hansted and Buckenhams manor, 1581, and 1616.
Bulcamp manor, court roll, 1510-24, 1542-8; Court book, 1530-56, etc.
Woolverston Hall, Court book and rental, 1644-1711.
Cornwallis estates, sundry abstracts, 1580, etc.
Walberswick and Blythburgh, lease 1630, and brief of counsel, 1647.
Custom Roll of Earl Soham manor, 1635.
Fornham All Saints manor, court baron, 1599.
PACKAGE 2

Flempton, common rights enunciated after dispute, 1685/6.
Chevington survey of manor, 1592.
Inquisition into all lands of Thomas Kitson, knight, in Suffolk, 1603.
Icklingham, survey, 1585.
Ixworth, Honingon and Sapiston, survey, 17th c.
Wesley foldcourses, 1573.
Kyrekton Hall, court rolls, 1571.
Brandon, field book, 1584.
Fressingfield court rolls, 1678.
Chelmondston, 19th c. papers with plan of common, a draft agreement, 1847.
Note about Holbrook manor, court book, 1664-90
Worlingworth rental renewal, 1635, and note about extent of manor, 1611.
Ipswich General courts, 1582-1608, 1609-43.
Holbrook manor, court book, 1596-1607.
Kyrtton, alias Shotley manor, file of rental 1594-1690.
Kettleburgh (Ufford?) manor, survey book, 1627.
Blythburgh/Walberswick, Indenture, 1610. Photocopy of pages from Hawstead Hall in
Buckingham survey, 1581.
Mildenhall field book, 1574.
Risby, Charmans manor, 1523.
Hengrave Hall, Household book of Lady Long, 1541-46. See also note about history of
Hengrave by John Gage.
Note of map of Hengrave manor, prob. early 17th c.
Note of map of Great Barton, 1625.
Elmwell manor, note of plan, 1627.

NA, KEW, SOME STATE PAPERS DOMESTIC and EXCHEQUER DISPUTES

Subsidy Commissioners explain why Norfolk has asked for a reduction of subsidy, 1626, due
to economic conditions.
Copyholders of Harst (Harthurst) manor, Suffolk, explain their impoverished condition, 1608.
JPs describe current corn supplies in Suffolk, 1622/3.
Enquiry into disputed ownership of Bawdsay marshland.
Depositions in Exchequer re. transport of malt from Ipswich overseas, 23 Eliz.
Dispute about Trimley common, with warren lodge on it, 37 Eliz.
Exchequer dispute re. fines for selling hides and beasts in Ipswich market, 1600.
Dispute re. market customs and charges in Bury St Edmunds, 36 Eliz.

MSS COLLECTED FOR VOL. V OF AGRARIAN HISTORY, 1640-1750

WEST SUFFOLK RECORD OFFICE

Tithe customs of Bardwell Ash, 1728.
Survey of estate of Robert Russell, of Freckenham, c.1680.
EAST SUFFOLK RECORD OFFICE

Quarter sessions order books, 1649/50.
Description of Alpheton Farm (for a prospective buyer?), 1740.
Particular and valuation of estate near Flixton, near Bungay, 1750.
Particular of Steeple Morden manor, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, early 18th c.
Particular of an estate in Westleton, Suffolk, c. 1748.
Inventory of a widow of Finningham, 1738.
Particular of Francis Clarke's estate, Mildenhall, 1685.
Notes on mason's work, advice on mortar, etc., Letton, Norfolk, 1700-1760.
Tithe cause in Raydon, 1666 and Whitton cum Thurlton, 1665.
Terrier of Sternfield and tithe information, 1729.

KENT ARCHIVES OFFICE

Accounts for Glemham, Suffolk, 1713-14.

JOHN RYLANDS LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

Crutchley papers: letter to Mr Brooke from ?, c. 1675, re. repairs on a Suffolk estate, a reference to unexpectedly high costs and a currently bad market.