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<u>D E E D S</u>			
		<u>Abbott's Charity</u> (Maintenance of organ and chimes in Corfe Castle Church).	7
*1/1	1728-1770	Leases and surrenders of 12 tenements on east side of West Street (sometimes described as a shop with a chamber over it), known as Thompson's Tenement, in Corfe Castle.	
*1/2	1767	Lease and releases of garden on north side of East Street in parish of St. Peter, WAREHAM.	3
		<u>Church Lands Charity</u>	
1/3	1682-1779	Leases and releases of burgage near the churchyard, known as Robert Webber's Tenement, in Corfe Castle.	7
1/4	1759-1866	Lease of burgage called Churchouse or late Henry Marsh's on west side of East Street, Corfe Castle, 1759; with notes on leases, 1858, and plan ? of this burgage, 1866.	3
*1/5	1767, 1770	Surrenders and lease of Vivers Tenement on east side of West Street in Corfe Castle.	3
1/6	1779, 1821	Releases of Thos. Pyke's Tenement on west side of East Street bounded by churchyard, in Corfe Castle.	2
		<u>Henry Dackombe's Charity</u> (Linen garments for 10 of poorest people).	
1/7	1720	Release of meadow called Little Merriefields in Corfe Castle.	1
		<u>Uvedale's Charity</u> (For poor of almshouse)	
1/8	1747-1828	Leases of tenements with houses and closes called New-mills, Sharpford and Derby lands, with common of pasture and turbary; land tax exemption papers, 1814.	9
		<u>Woolgarston Lands Charity</u> (Lands bought by the Corporation, the rents to go towards relief of the poor)	
1/9	1602-1825	Deeds and leases of lands called Smead Croft, Harmer's Croft and Taylor's Hay. (Before bought by Corporation in 1700, deeds also concern tenement called Jerard's Hay). Tax papers, 1814.	15
<u>M I N U T E S</u>			
2/1	1869-1916	Charity Trustees' minutes.	1 vol.

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3/1	1836-1928	Accounts of Corfe Castle charities. At front: lists of recipients of Harden's Bread, 1836-9. Lists of recipients of almshouse pay, 1836-8. List of charities, premises, objects, trustees, revenue. Letter of Sam. Smith, Commissioner appointed to enquire into charities, 1836, to Henry Castleman of Wimborne. At back: accounts of Abbott's Charity, 1845-1863. Recipients of Harden's Bread, 1847-1861. Proceedings before the Master of the Rolls concerning the Church Lands and Abbott's Charities, 1859.	1 vol.
3/2	1858-1867	Statements of account of various charities.	10
3/3	1859, 1862-4	Statements of account of Abbott's Charity.	4
3/4	1892-1899	Statements of account, various charities.	6
3/5	1837-1867	Charity bills and receipts.	1 bundle
3/6	1881-1899	Charity bills and receipts.	1 bundle
<u>M I S C E L L A N E O U S</u>			
4/1	1762-1855	Vestry resolution concerning appropriation of charity funds, 1762. (Copy). Table of charity gifts, undated. (18th cent.) Particulars of property belonging to the poor, 1855. Comparative statement of old and new valuation of charity lands, undated.	4
4/2	1835-1867	Correspondence and other papers concerning the charities including many legal papers concerning cases about Abbott's Charity and Church Lands.	1 bundle
4/3	1837-1869	Lists of recipients of charity bread.	1 bundle
4/4	1841-1903	Abbott's Charity: plans of property in High Street, Bayhog Lane and Church Street, POOLE, 1841; reports on Poole properties, 1882, 1895 revised 1903, and 1898.	4
4/5	1853-1899	Communications from the Charity Commissioners.	1 bundle
4/6	1857-1867	Clothing given to the poor.	1 vol.
4/7	1858-1867	Memoranda of agreements of churchwardens to let charity cottages, 1858, with notes of rents received to 1867.	1 vol.
4/8	1889-1903	Letters concerning charities.	

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CORFE CASTLE CHARITIES

1 DEEDS

- 1/1 Abbott's Charity  
For the maintenance of the organ and chimes in Corfe Castle Church
  
- 1/1/1 Deeds relating to a garden on the north side of East Street, St Peter's, Wareham  
Parties mentioned: Gover, Amies, Price, Bowring and Bankes, (5 docs) 1658-1767
  
- 1/1/2 Deeds relating to tenements on the east side of West Street known as Thompson's tenement, Corfe Castle  
Parties mentioned: Poulden, Dolling, Dowdall Clarke, Butler, Summers, Bankes, Mayor, Ham, Kent, Baker, Barnes, Cox, Price, Gover, Bowring and Cull (8 docs) 1728-1770
  
- 1/2 Church Lands Charity
  
- 1/2/1 Deeds relating to a burgage near the churchyard known as Webber's tenement, Corfe Castle  
Parties mentioned: Collins, Stickland, Webber, Hayward, Whiffen, Dowdall, Bankes, Barns, Price, Gover, Bowring, Cull, Hart, Kent and Gould (7 docs) 1682-1779
  
- 1/2/2 Deed relating to a burgage on the west side of East Street known as Churchouse or late Henry Marsh's, Corfe Castle 1759  
Parties mentioned: Dowdall, Baker, Barns and Cox  
With notes on leases 1858, and plan of [? burgage] 1866 (5 docs) 1759-1866
  
- 1/2/3 Deeds relating to a tenement on the east side of West Street, known as Viver's tenement, Corfe Castle  
Parties mentioned: Bankes, Price, Gover, Bowring and Cull (5 docs) 1767-1770
  
- 1/2/4 Deeds relating to a tenement on the west side of East Street bounded by the churchyard known as Pyke's Tenement, Corfe Castle  
Parties mentioned: Hart, Kent, Gould, Bankes, Taylor and Wills (3 docs) 1779, 1821

## 1 DEEDS

1/3 Henry Dackombe's Charity

For linen garments for ten poor people

1/3/1 Deed relating to a meadow called Little Merriefields, Corfe Castle  
Parties mentioned: Pyke, Summers, Benfield, Mott and Bowles  
(1 doc)

24 Jun 1720

1/4 Uvedale's Charity

For the poor of the almshouse

1/4/1 Deeds relating to tenements and closes called Newmills, Sharpford and Derby lands near Sharpford Bridge, Corfe Castle [sometimes known as 'Poors Land']  
Parties mentioned: Poulden, Dolling, Benfield, Dowdall, Clarke, Steel, Bankes, Hanham, Brune, Baker, Kent, Janson, Hayn, Briggs, Osmond, Filleter, Dean, Price, Hart, Taylor, Coker, Pickard and Bond  
With land tax exemption papers 1814  
(12 docs)

1747-1828

1/5 Woolgarston Lands Charity

Lands bought by the Corporation in 1700, the rents going towards the relief of the poor

1/5/1 Deeds relating to lands known as Smead Croft, Harmer's Croft Jerard's Hay and Taylor's Hay, Woolgarston, Corfe Castle [also sometimes known as 'Poors Land']  
Parties mentioned: Seward, Bullocke, King, Heather, Guy, Dackombe, Summers, Hayward, Jones, Browne, Frampton, Webber, Smith, Saunders, Hanham, Bankes, Brune, Janson, Benfield, Poulden, Clarke, Dolling, Moss, West, Osmond, Roe, Fish, Phippard, Kent, Ham, Gover, Filleter, Pickard, Dean, Taylor and Calcraft  
With tax papers 1814  
(15 docs)

1602-1825

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**CORFE CASTLE CHARITIES**

**2 MINUTES**

2/1 Charity Trustees' minutes  
(1 vol)

1869-1916



## 3 FINANCE

3/1 Accounts

3/1/1	Accounts of Corfe Castle charities At the front: lists of recipients of Harden's Bread 1836-1839; lists of recipients of almshouse pay 1836-1838; list of charities, premises, objects, trustees and revenue; letter from Samuel Smith, Commissioner appointed to enquire into charities to Henry Castleman of Wimborne 1836 At the back: accounts of Abbott's Charity 1845-1863; recipients of Harden's Bread 1847-1861; proceedings before the Master of the Rolls concerning the Church Lands and Abbott's Charities 1859 (1 vol)	1836-1928
3/1/2	Account book of the almshouse Welfare Guild (1 vol; 4 docs)	1948-1973
3/2	<u>Statements of accounts</u>	
3/2/1	Statements of account of various charities (10 docs)	1858-1867
3/2/2	Statements of account of Abbott's Charity (4 docs)	1859, 1862-4
3/2/3	Statements of account of various charities (6 docs)	1892-1899
3/2/4	Statements of accounts of various charities (3 docs)	1900-1903
3/2/5	Statements of accounts of various charities ( 9 docs)	1915-1921
3/3	<u>Vouchers</u>	
3/3/1	Vouchers (26 docs)	1837-1839
3/3/2	Vouchers (134 docs)	1840-1849
3/3/3	Vouchers (161 docs)	1850-1859

3      **FINANCE**3/3      Vouchers

3/3/4	Vouchers (124 docs)	1860-1867
3/3/5	Vouchers (234 docs)	1881-1889
3/3/6	Vouchers (209 docs)	1891-1899
3/3/7	Vouchers (54 docs)	1900-1904
3/3/8	Vouchers (41 docs)	1920-1921



4	<b>CORRESPONDENCE AND PAPERS</b>	
4/1	Papers containing a vestry resolution concerning the appropriation of charity funds 1762; table of charity gifts n.d. [18th cent]; particulars of property belonging to the poor 1855; comparative statement of old and new valuation of charity lands n.d. (4 docs)	1762-1855
4/2	Correspondence and papers concerning the charities including legal papers referring to cases about Abbott's Charity and Church Lands (188 docs)	1835-1867
4/3	Lists of recipients of charity bread (36 docs)	1837-1869
4/4	Correspondence and papers referring to Abbott's Charity including plans of property in High Street, Bayhog Lane and Church Street, Poole 1841; reports on the Poole properties, 1882, 1895 revised 1903, and 1898 (5 docs)	1841-1903
4/5	Correspondence from the Charity Commissioners (48 docs)	1853-1899
4/6	List of clothing given to the poor (1 vol)	1857-1867
4/7	Memoranda of agreements of churchwardens to let charity cottages 1858 With notes of rents received to 1867 (1 vol)	1858-1867
4/8	Correspondence and papers concerning the Charities including the rebuilding of the almshouses; maintenance of the properties; tenancy agreements; schedule of dilapidations; the sale of the Poole properties; estimate of repairs; and a conveyance (193 docs)	1880-1925
4/9	Correspondence and papers concerning the charities including estimates for repairs; vouchers and tenancies (130 docs)	1889-1903

5      **LEGAL PAPERS**

See also D.178/4/2

5/1      Corfe Castle Charities v E G F Smith

Mr Smith was the clerk to the trustees. He had failed to submit accounts since 1915 but refused to hand over account books, vouchers and deeds relating to the Charity. A High Court action took place which ordered Smith to submit accounts and return all documents to the trustees.

5/1/1      Correspondence and papers concerning the legal action between Corfe Castle Charities and Smith including Trustee minutes 1921; demands for Mr Smith to submit accounts from 1915; Charity Commissions approval to take legal action; statement of claim; court order requesting that accounts are to be submitted and that Mr Smith return all documents to the trustees; the threat of an attachment of the defendant for contempt of court; and Mr Smith's compliance (109 docs)

1921-1922