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N.B. At end of entries:
(W.B.) means wooden box
belonging to Elwell and Son.
(C.B.) means cardboard box.

Address of Custodian:

The Hon. Curator, The Museum, Cricklade, Wilts.

Note: This list has been printed by the Cricklade Historical Society as part of its Museum Catalogue and a copy of the latter has been sent to all copyright libraries.

Archives

1. Documents relating to the Borough or Town of Cricklade of which some may be borough records.

(a) Copies of letters patent.

Manuscript copy of letters patent of James I being an inspeximus of a charter of Henry [II, c.1155] to the men of Cricklade. Inspeximus dated 14 August, 10 James I [1612]. Copy undated. Endorsed: "A Copy of Cricklade Charter for Willm. Fawkes of Cricklade".

Manuscript translation of letters patent of James I, presumably the one of which the above is a copy. Endorsed: "To George Pike of Cricklade. A True Copy of Cricklade Charter". [? 18th century].

Photographic copy of letters patent of James I, presumably the one of which the above are copy and translation.

Manuscript
Copy of letters patent of Charles II, being a grant of a market, fairs, courts, etc., to Nevill Maskelyn, Esq., to be held in Cricklade. Patent dated 20 Feb., 15 Charles II [1663]. Copy made c.1855.

(b) Records concerning elections.

Copy of notice by Morgan Byrt, Bailiff of the Borough of Cricklade, of an election of one burgesse to serve in Parliament to be held on 9 June, 1794. 31 May, 1794. (C.B.)

Form of proceedings at the election of a burgesse to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Cricklade. [Late 18th century]. (C.B.)

(c) Drafts of petitions.

Draft petition from the inhabitants of Cricklade to the Thames Conservancy Board for the maintenance of a minimum depth of water of 12 inches in the Thames at Cricklade Bridge. April, 1893.

Ditto to the Thames Valley Drainage Commissioners. April, 1893.

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2. St. Sampson's Church Records.

Volume containing churchwardens' accounts interspersed with vestry orders, 1670-1708; vestry orders, 1708-31; rate assessment, 1684; and vestry orders, 1692-1704 (from end of vol.).

Volume endorsed: "Vestry Orders 1730 And The Other Side The Church Wardens Accounts 1761 ...". Contains; various memoranda, chiefly 1756; vestry orders, 1731-63; and churchwardens' accounts, 1751-61, interspersed with vestry orders, 1758-61.

Envelope containing:-

Manuscript account entitled "Cricklade St. Sampson Tithe Rent Charge to 30th June 1846".

Paper volume being a valuation of the parish of Cricklade St. Sampson taken to assist in valuing the houses. 3 May, 1830. Manuscript.

Volume entitled "St. Sampson's Vicar's Noe Book" being chiefly manuscript notes and newscuttings concerning Cricklade history.

2. St. Sampson's Church Records. (Contd.)

Envelope containing:- (Contd.)

- Two typescript extracts from the Wiltshire Archaeological Magazine, December, 1951, describing the fonts in St. Sampson's and St. Mary's Churches, Cricklade.
Manuscript note of references to Cricklade from records in Westminster Abbey muniment room.
Manuscript receipt for £685.8.9 from the inhabitants of the parish of Cricklade St. Sampson being the costs in a cause between them and the Queen in Queen's Bench. 31 May, 1850.

3. Records on loan from Elwell & Son, formerly Crowdy & Son, Solicitors, of Highworth. (W.B.)

↳ Election agency records

Manuscript poll books for Cricklade electoral districts:-

- [?1784] Highworth, Cricklade and Staple, Kingsbridge and Malmesbury Hundreds. Arranged by hundreds and parishes.
1802 (2) Numerically by freeholders.
1802 Ditto. "Check Poll Book".
1806 Kingsbridge Hundred. By parishes.
[1806] Malmesbury Hundred. By parishes.
1806 Numerically by freeholders. With separate index.
1806 Highworth Hundred. Alphabetically by freeholders.
1806 Kingsbridge Hundred. Alphabetically by freeholders.
1806 Malmesbury Hundred. Alphabetically by freeholders.
1818 Numerically by electors.
1818 Alphabetically by hundreds and parishes.
1818 Alphabetically by electors.

Lists of voters and returns. One large bundle comprising eight smaller bundles, two files, nine paper-bound books and twelve other papers, being chiefly lists of voters in the area of the Cricklade Borough and Hundreds showing pre-election forecasts of voting and post-election returns. 1802, 1806, 1857, 1859 and 1865.

Correspondence:-

- One bundle comprising six smaller bundles and twenty-seven papers chiefly letters concerning elections. 1802-65.
One bundle of fifteen circular letters, some unopened, soliciting support for Lord Andover. c.1806.

Posters, broadsheets:-

- One bundle comprising a smaller bundle and three separate items of broadsheets, the bundle labelled: "Division of the Hundreds in Oxfordshire". 1815-16 and undated.
One bundle comprising thirteen printed broadsheets, cards and posters concerning elections for the borough and hundreds of Cricklade. With many duplicates. 1806(3), 1807(3), 1818(2) and 1865(5).

Newscuttings. One bundle of newscuttings concerning the representation and parliamentary history of Cricklade. 19th century.

Accounts. One bundle of agents' bills, etc., on behalf of Sir Daniel Gooch and Ambrose Goddard. 1865.

One bundle of documents copied for election purposes as follows:-

- Assessment for window and other taxes for Stratton St. Margaret. 1802-3.
- One bundle of copies of land tax assessments for the townships in Highworth Hundred. 1803.
- Land Tax assessments for the town and borough of Tetbury, co. Glouc. 1803.
- Land Tax assessment for the parish of Purton. 1805.
- Two copies of a paper book of copies of land tax assessments for the townships in Kingsbridge Hundred. 1805.
- Paper book of copies of land tax assessments for the townships in Highworth Hundred. 1805.
- Poor rate assessment for the parish of Cricklade St. Mary. 1806.
- Church rate assessment for the parish of Cricklade St. Mary. 1806.
- File of copies of land tax assessments for the townships in the hundred of Highworth Cricklade and Staple. 1817.

Miscellaneous election material. One bundle comprising eight smaller bundles, one file, one paper-bound book and thirty papers, being memoranda, lists of ~~xxxx~~ voters, broadsheets and other documents concerning elections in Cricklade. 1791-1806.

Other records

Three papers: "List of Books in this Box"; a printed official copy of the King's Speech to the Houses of Parliament, 2 Feb., 1801; and a bill to Mr. Crowdy for planting ozers, 1785.

1880 and 1885 election

4. Records of the ~~election~~

Envelope containing letters, posters, newscuttings, a newspaper, and other papers chiefly relating to the election of Nevil Story Maskelyne for Cricklade in 1880 and the candidature of Richard Michell in 1885, both in the Liberal interest. (W.B.)

5. Miscellaneous unrelated records.

Release. William Wickwar to Edward Pleydell and Thomas Weddell. Four acres of meadow ground with appurtenances in parish of Cricklade St. Sampson's in a place called the Spittle. To lead the uses of a recovery. 21 Sept., 1686.

One bundle of 42 deeds. Burgage and other properties in Cricklade St. Mary's parish. 1723/4-1791. [These are said to relate to St. John's Hospital - now the site of the Police Station].

Autograph letter addressed from Dover Castle from William [Duke of Clarence, later King William IV, to Captain Richard Vincent, C.B., R.N.]. 28 Sept., 1819.

Copy of draft feoffment of Cricklade Charity Estates. 19 July, 1836.

Statement of the debts and assets of the Reverend H. Gauntlett, decd. 1849.

Printed Books

- Poll book of the Cricklade Borough and Hundreds election, 1831. (W.B.)
- Poll book of the Cricklade Borough Election, 1859. (W.B.)

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Manuscript and Typescript Copies of Documents and other Notes

General and Miscellaneous

Envelope containing miscellaneous references to Cricklade from Public Record Office documents.

Envelope containing modern manuscript and typescript extracts from the Cricklade part of the British Directory ... of 1797.

Envelope containing typescript copies of documents relating to Cricklade in the Registrum Cirencestre, and other papers.

Three manilla sheets with typescript papers and news-cuttings affixed concerning a robber, William Peare, musters for Cricklade, 30 Hen. VIII, and extracts from other documents of Cricklade historical interest.

Typescript abstracts from Public Record Office documents E178/2423 giving place and personal names connected with Cricklade in 1583.

Specific

Abingdon Court. Envelope containing modern manuscript ~~notes~~ and typescript notes and correspondence concerning the manor of Abingdon Court.

----- Envelope containing modern manuscript transcripts or abstracts of court rolls of the manor of Abingdon Court in the Public Record Office.

----- Envelope containing modern manuscript notes on manorial holdings mostly fields and allotments of the manor of Abingdon Court.

Benfield Family. Envelope containing manuscript and typescript correspondence and notes concerning the family of Paul Benfield, M.P.

Boundaries. Manuscript description of the boundary of the ancient borough of Cricklade and of the division of the parishes of Cricklade St. Sampson and Cricklade St. Mary. [c. 1845]

Bradon Forest. Envelope containing manuscript translations and transcripts of perambulations of Braydon Forest in the Public Record Office, the British Museum.

----- Typescript copy of decree concerning the enclosure of Braydon Forest. ? Trinity Term, 4 Chas. I [1628]

----- Typescript note and letter concerning a link of tenure between Bradon Forest and the Savernake Estates.

Calcutt. Envelope containing modern manuscript notes on the manor and on the owners of the manor of Calcutt in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Colesbourne St. James. File of modern manuscript notes on Colesbourne St. James Church, etc.

- Dennis Family. Envelope containing modern manuscript and typescript copies of wills of the Dennis and Byrt families and other notes.
- Dunch's Charity. Modern copy of Trust Deed establishing Dunch's Charity. Original dated 5 Sept., 1685.
- Ermine Street. File of manuscript notes, printed plan and new-cutting concerning the Roman Road (Ermine Street) from Calcutt to Latton Wharf.
- Family History - General. Envelope containing modern manuscript and typescript notes on Cricklade families, in particular Archer, Cervington, Kemble, Lane, Morgan, Neeld, Nott, Packer and Walrond.
- Glebe. Envelope containing manuscript notes on St. Mary's and St. Sampson's rectorial glebe, typescript copies of cognate documents and typescript correspondence.
- Gough Family. Envelope containing modern manuscript and typescript notes on the Gough family.
- Hill, Bishop Richard. Envelope containing modern manuscript / and typescript notes and correspondence concerning Bishop Richard Hill.
- Hungerford Family. Envelope containing modern manuscript, typescript and photostat copies and notes on wills of members of the Hungerford family.
- Morgan - Pleydell Family. Envelope containing modern manuscript notes on the Morgan-Pleydell family.
- Parish Registers. Volume containing typescript copies of the parish registers of St. Sampson's, 1672-1840, and St. Mary's 1683-1840, Cricklade. With indexes. 1948-50.
- Volume of manuscript copies of the diocesan transcripts of parish registers at Salisbury relating to baptisms, marriages and burials from the earliest to the dates when the surviving parish registers at Cricklade begin; St. Sampson's from 1559, St. Mary's from 1605.
- Peverell Family. Bundle of manuscript and typescript papers and one photostat copy chiefly extracts from archive and printed sources concerning the Peverell family of Sampford Peverell, Devon and elsewhere.
- Pleydell Family. Envelope containing typescript copies of wills of the Pleydell family.
- Thames, River. Typescript copy of petition from the inhabitants of the borough of Cricklade to Sir John Ernle and Sir George Hungerford, Knts., burgesses in Parliament for Cricklade, against an obstruction of traffic at St. John Bridge on the river between Cricklade and Abingdon. Original, dated 2 April 1677, in the records of Roger Money Kyrle Esq. of Whetham, Calne.
- Wydhill. Envelope containing typescript list of documents in the Wiltshire Record Office including some which refer to the manor of Wydhill.

Newspapers and Newscuttings

- Envelope containing news-cuttings of various dates concerning the history of Cricklade.
- Nine manilla sheets with news-cuttings affixed concerning John Macpherson, Member for Cricklade, 1785/6, proceedings in Parliament concerning undue elections for Cricklade, 1780/6, and the life of Stephen Fox (1627/1719). (C.B.)
- Copy of The Sun newspaper commemorating the Coronation of Queen Victoria. 28 June, 1838.
- News-cutting concerning Capt. "Roddy" Owen who won the Grand National in 1891.
- One copy of The Wiltshire Herald and Advertiser, 12 May, 1950, and two of Wilts and Gloucestershire Standard, 13 May, 1950, reporting the opening of the Cricklade Museum.
- One bundle containing copy of The Evening Advertiser, 11 May, 1950, Wilts. and Gloucestershire Standard, 13 May, 1950, and The Wiltshire Herald and Advertiser, 12 May, 1950, reporting opening of Cricklade Museum on 10 May, 1950; poster announcing the opening and manuscript notes of Chairman's opening speech.

Printed Sheets

- Printed page from unidentified topographical work giving table of distances of Wiltshire places one from another and illustrations of the Wiltshire Borough Coats of Arms. [Late 18th cent.]
- Printed notice: By the King. A Proclamation, For a General Fast, for restoring peace, etc. 24 January, 1798. (St. Sampson's Church Records. "The property of the Vicar of St. Sampson's") Framed.
- Single sheet entitled A New Song printed by Pierce of Cirencester and circulated during the election of 1806 in the interest of Thomas, Lord Andover who was not returned. Framed.
- Single sheet addressed To The Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders ... of Cricklade etc. printed by Goodwyn of Tetbury in Lord Andover's interest. 1806. Framed.
- Thirty four printed cards, broadsheets and posters concerning elections for the borough and hundreds of Cricklade. 1806 (14), 1807 (5), 1811 (2), 1818 (4), 1865 (8) and 1880 (1). (C.B.)
- Printed election notice in the interest of Joseph Pitt addressed To The Gentlemen ... of Cricklade. 1818.
- Envelope containing printed papers concerning the establishment of the National and British Schools in Cricklade. 1840-1909.
- One bundle of printed papers chiefly notices of the sale of property by the Feoffees of the Wayland Estates. 1854-1924.
- Envelope containing page for Cricklade from a Wiltshire directory of 1867.

Printed sheet entitled Jones's Evening Party, a song composed and sung by Mr. Cole at The White Horse Hotel, Cricklade, 7 May, 1873.

Printed poster of Cricklade Coronation Celebrations. 3 June [1953].

Printed Notice of the National Flood and Tempest Distress Fund. 5 Feb., 1953.

One bundle of specimens of old Cricklade billheads and other tradesmen's papers.

Bookplate of Fettiplace Nott Esqr. of the Middle Temple, London. Armorial.