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comprising

**Archives of CHAPTER
Archives of the VICARS CHORAL
Archives of the WELLS ALMSHOUSES
Library PICTURES & REALIA**

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ABBREVIATIONS etc.

- HMC Wells Historical Manuscripts Commission, *Calendar of Manuscripts of the Dean
and Chapter of Wells*, vols i, ii (1907), (1914)
LSC Linzee S.Colchester, Asst. Librarian and Archivist 1976-89
RSB R.S.Bate, who worked in Wells Cathedral Library 1935-40
SRO Somerset Record Office

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ARCHIVES of CHAPTER

Catalogues & Indexes

[late 17th C.] 1874

Indexes to Liber Albus I, Liber Ruber, Liber Albus II by Richard Healy, late 17th C.: printed in *Proceedings* of the Somerset Archaeological & Natural History Society vol.20 (1874), pp.1-66 (section separately paginated)

1885

Historical Manuscripts Commission, *Report on the MSS. of Wells Cathedral*, ed. Revd J.A.Bennett. 1 vol.
superseded by

1907, 1914

Historical Manuscripts Commission, *Calendar of Manuscripts of the Dean and Chapter of Wells*, vols. i (ed. W.H.B.Bird), ii (ed. W.Paley Baildon)

1881

Catalogue of Wells Cathedral Charters by W.de G.Birch. 1 ms. vol.
see also HMC Wells ii, pp.546-724

n.d. [18th C.?)

Catalogue of Instruments:

rough lists of documents, with references to Liber Albus I, II and Liber Ruber. Many pages cut out. Titled by 'TDB' (Canon T.D.Bernard) and noted as 'Imperfect' by 'CMC' (Canon C.M.Church). 1 vol., vellum

These lists occupy the greater part of a volume which started as a carefully written 'Chapter I: Abstract of the History of Athens from the first Beginning of it to the final Subjugation of it to the Turks Anno Dni 1455', sections I-XVI. Linzee Colchester commented that this may be by Henry Mills, headmaster of Whitgift School, Croydon who became Librarian at Wells Cathedral and perhaps reused a book which he had started writing at the school.

1979

The Minor Offices of the Chapter of Wells and their holders. MS list by Michael Windeatt. 1 exercise book
See also Chyles IV

See also typescript indexed catalogues/calendars of individual archive collections.

Cartularies

c.1240-1391

Liber Albus I (Reg. I)

“Ab anno 1240 usque annum 1391”: begun c.1240, with copies of earlier documents. Copies of deeds, records of Chapter business, incoming and outgoing letters. Marginal headings and index by Richard Healy, Deputy Chapter Clerk, Deputy Steward and Librarian 1679/80-1691. 1 vol., cased.

See HMC Wells i, 1-304; index by Richard Healy, late 17th C., printed in *Proc.S.A.N.H.S.* vol. 20 (1874) pp.16-41 (section separately paginated at end).

early 14th C.

Liber Ruber (Reg. II); including Chapter Acts 1487-1513.

At each end, part of the binding, are 4 leaves (and two cut leaves) from a 12th century *Collectarius*; other leaves probably from the same MS are in the binding of Liber Fuscus. 1 vol., cased.

See HMC Wells i, 529-551 and (re the *Collectarius*) Dom Aelred Watkin, *Downside Review* n.s.69 (1951), pp.85-91. Watkin erroneously refers to these leaves as being in the binding of Liber Albus [I or II]. Index by Richard Healy, late 17th C., printed in *Proc.S.A.N.H.S.* vol. 20 (1874) pp.1-15 (section separately paginated at end).

c.1500-1529

Liber Albus II (Reg. III)

“From 1115 to 1240”; compiled c.1500 and continuing to 1529. Includes copies of material already in Liber Albus I and Liber Ruber, but sometimes in fuller versions: i.e. copies freshly made from then still surviving original documents. This cartulary is in fact later than Liber Fuscus (Reg.IV) and recopies the first part of it: see below. 1 vol., cased

See HMC Wells i, 305-528. Index by Richard Healy, late 17th C., printed in *Proc.S.A.N.H.S.* vol. 20 (1874) pp.42-66 (section separately paginated at end).

14th-15th C.

Liber Fuscus (Reg.IV), compiled 13-1400s, including copies of some of the earliest charters, temp. Henry I and John, with later entries of 15th-16th century added. The “dusky” skin wrapper which gives it its (relatively modern) name is stiffened with leaves from a 12th century *Collectarius* (see Liber Ruber, above). Documents in this cartulary were recopied into Liber Albus II when that was compiled at the beginning of the 16th century; Liber Fuscus is therefore compiled before Liber Albus II. 1 vol., cased.

At some time in the 16th century Liber Fuscus went astray, and was only identified in 1919, by Dean J.Armitage Robinson, among MSS in the Bishop’s Registry. It was restored to the Dean and Chapter archives (see *Notes & Queries for Somerset and Dorset* vol.xvi p.208, October 1919). This is why it was given the number

Register IV, while the later Liber Albus II was termed Register III by Healy; and why it does not appear in HMC Wells, published 1907-1914.

Charters

This somewhat old-fashioned classification includes royal, episcopal and other medieval charters, medieval deeds, and a wide range of post-medieval material. For details see HMC Wells ii, pp 546-724 and catalogues

958-1715

Charters, Series I/1-835 (boxes 1-36)

Oversize charters I/1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 15, 41 are in separate portfolios

For calendar and index see HMC Wells ii, pp. 546-714

1332-1812

Charters, Series II/836-922 (boxes 1-3)

For calendar and index see HMC Wells ii, pp. 714-724

1583-1622 and n.d.

Charters, Series II/923-1018 (box 4): file of letters to and from Dean and Chapter

Transferred back from SRO Nov. 1990

1487-1893

Charters, Series III/1-254 (boxes 1-4)

For details see catalogue

12th C.- 1903

Series IV/1-77: Charters, Series IV/1-77 (boxes 1-4): and other documents, inc. many notes, copies, transcripts etc.

For details see catalogue; continued as Series V & VI, which are similarly miscellaneous collections of Chapter archives and other documents, and contain few charters as such

17th century

Copies of Bishop Bekynton's Rules for Choristers 1459, Charters of Henry VIII (1539) and Elizabeth I (1591); at the back are 17th C. notes (by R.Healy?) about the Precentor, a note that "Our books of Chapter Acts between 1513 and 1592 are lost", and notes on Yatton revenues.

1 vol., vellum

1591

Charter of Queen Elizabeth I to the Dean and Chapter of Wells
flat roll

early 17th C.

Transcript of 1591 charter of Queen Elizabeth I to the Dean and Chapter;

paper pad, pp. 1-347, in parchment wrapper

[18th C.]

Copy of 1591 Charter of Queen Elizabeth I to the Dean and Chapter: Dean Creswicke's notebook, 18th C. [Book] A; also includes list of canons residentiary 1591-1799, and a copy of an Act for the establishment of a Deanery at Wells 1 Ed.VI (1547). 1 vol., vellum
Samuel Creswicke was Dean of Wells 1739-1766.

[18th C.]

Copy of 1591 Charter of Queen Elizabeth I to the Dean and Chapter: 'No.1'. Robert Foster, Wells. Rough copy. 1 vol., vellum

[18th C.?)

Copy of 1591 Charter of Queen Elizabeth I to the Dean and Chapter: with other material relating to surrender of Archdeaconry and Deanery of Wells. 1 vol., vellum

19th C.

Copy of 1591 Charter of Queen Elizabeth I to the Dean and Chapter. 1 vol.

19th C.

Transcript of the 1591 Charter of Queen Elizabeth I to the Dean and Chapter, by F.B. and H.W.Barnard; paper covered book, pp.1-102

For other royal, and other, grants see also Charters Series I-IV; for details see calendar and index HMC Wells ii, pp.546-224 and catalogues.

Statutes &c.

15th C.

Statuta Ecclesie Cathedralis Wellensis (Ordinale et Statuta):

The Creyghtone MS., 15th C. 1 vol.

Much used by Nathaniel Chyle. See HMC Wells i, p.vi

c.1490s

Rights & Privileges of the Dean and Chapter: volume of statutes, pages numbered 117-160. Starts on p.117 with a copy of Liber Ruber (Reg.II) fo.31. Bound in a sheet of large MS music, cf. the binding of 1635-1644/5 Chapter Acts, Series III/254. 1 vol.

Described by Dom Aelred Watkin as "a quarto Manuscript of the early 16th century, no title, in the Diocesan Registry, Wells" in Somerset Record Society vol.56 (1941), xxv.

16th-17th C.

Statuta Antiqua 'No. 3', n.d., compiled ?16th C. Bound in a parchment deed of 8 January 20 James I [1623]; starts in the middle of a copy of a deed. Statutes copied from Liber Ruber (Reg.II) fo.41. Includes

miscellaneous notes re appointments, resignations, list of stalls; a rental of Chew [Magna?] and copy extracts of court rolls. 1 vol.

1506

Dean Cosyn's Memoranda Book. Compiled for William Cosyn, Dean of Wells 1498-1525. 'E' on cover. 1 vol.

See Somerset Record Society vol.56 (1941)

c.1300-1350

Perlesvaus or Le Haut Livre du Graal: two leaves detached from the binding of Dean Cosyn's Memoranda Book, where they had been used as pastedowns; with typescript of article by Dr J.P. Carley, and photographs. 2 vols

This article ultimately appeared as 'A Fragment of "Perlesvaus" at Wells Cathedral Library', *Zeitschrift für Romanische Philologie* 108 (1992), pp.35-61

[18th C.]

Copies of statutes, 'No. 2', n.d. Marbled cover. Copies of statutes and other items from Liber Ruber (Reg.II) fo. 40, 41 etc. 1 vol.

19th C.-early 20th C.

Chapter papers inc. constitution and statutes. Part of 5 boxes

ADD/8001-8262

For details see catalogue

Chapter Act Books, 1487-1975

24 vols

[1486-1513/14 in Liber Ruber: see **Cartularies**]

1487-1704 Chronological Summary of Chapter Acts by
Dr Richard Healy and others

18th C. copy of the above

1571/2-1599 H (Box: 1571-1599)

1591-1607 2

1607/8-1621/2 K, 3 (Box: 1608-1622)

1622-1635 L, 4 (Box:

1622-1635)

1635-1644/5⁽¹⁾ 5

(Box: 1635-1645)

1664-1666

6

1666-1682/3⁽²⁾

(Box: 1666-1682)

1683-

1704/5

P⁽³⁾

(Box: 1683-1705)

1705-1725

9

1725-1743/4

R, 10

(Box: 1726-1744)

1743-1760

(Box: 1744-1760)

1761/2-1777

T

(Box: 1761-1777)

10

1777-1792	U	
1793-1817	V	(labelled 1792-1817)
1817-1832	W	
1832-1840		
1841-1855		
1856-1875		(spine: 1855)
1875-1899		
1900-1923		
1924-1954		
1954-1975		(volume left unfinished)

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Notes on the series of Chapter Act Books:

Chapter Act Books apparently ceased to be kept after 1975; subsequent list of sealed documents with the Chapter Clerk.

The earlier volumes have been labelled with a sequence of letters, which suggest that seven volumes A-G, pre-1572, have been lost; and, for a shorter period, also with a sequence of numbers. The letters and numbers confirm the break in the series during the Civil War and Commonwealth. The lettering/numbering system appears to have been discontinued in 1832, about the time that Chapter Minutes started.

Chapter Act Books 1486-1743/4 are listed in HMC Wells ii, pp.vii-viii, and extracts are printed in HMC Wells ii, pp.101-541

⁽¹⁾ The volume 1635-1644/5 finishes abruptly leaving a large part of the volume blank. A 17th century note in the front reads "1644-1664 Acta Capitularii deficiunt", marking the break in records during the Civil War and Commonwealth. The binding is modern; for the former cover, a reused leaf of a medieval large-music sheet (the latest date for the reuse of these medieval survivals), see Series III/254. The number 5 has been copied off this previous cover, which also has the letter M.

⁽²⁾ Chapter Act Book no.7, 1666-1682/3 was missing or went un-noticed in 1885 when Revd. J.A.Bennett edited the first Calendar of Wells Manuscripts for HMC, and in 1914 when HMC Wells ii was published. Its 19th century blue label, matching others, indicates that it had been in place in the series earlier in the 19th century. It had reappeared by c.1935-1941. This volume, ed. Dr D.S.Bailey, was published by Somerset Record Society vol. 72 (1973), jointly with the Historical Manuscripts Commission (vol. JP20).

⁽³⁾ The binding is 18th century, with P presumably copied off the previous cover.

Chapter Minute Books, 1832-1952

17 vols
& 2

binders

1831-1837
 1837-1849
1849-1859
1860-1872
1873-1886
1886-1892
1893-1904
1904-1918
1919-1938
1938-1952
 1953-1964
1964-1976
1976-1981
1981-1984
1984-1987
1987-1990
1990-1991
1991-1992
1993-1994

Later volumes are in the Chapter Clerk's office, Chain Gate

Chapter Clerk's Office

[c.1595]

Precedent book and copy of *Valor Ecclesiasticus*. 1 vol.

See also the following Library volumes:

F.Clarke, *Praxis: On the working of Ecclesiastical Courts* [1596].

Calf bound. 'Clark' on spine. A book of precedents with extensive marginal annotations by Mark Tabor, e.g. fo.151 *scripsi apud Wells xii^o Decembris 1648 Ma: Tabor*, fo. 163v 30 Sept 1650 ref. to *a booke Mr Tristram Towse lent me*, showing the Wells legal fraternity in contact with each other.

[F].Clerke, *Praxis*, 1596. Second copy, vellum bound. Catalogued by C.M.Church 1886 as *Treatise on Civil Law*; reference to Mr Tabor on 3rd folio from end. Much annotated by late 16th/early 17th C. Chapter Clerk or Registrar.

and

N.Chyles, *History of Cathedral Church of Wells* c.1680: Payne copy, 1777. A copy made by Canon Thomas Payne, 1777, with a much fuller index than that in the original book. Included are tables of dignitaries and officers, kept up to date in the Chapter Clerk's and Registrar's Office until c.1974, together with a later list of muniments by Priest Vicar and Prebendary Thomas Ford, 1741 and a copy of Queen Elizabeth I's charter. This book was given to the Dean in 1832 but was subsequently kept in the Registry (Harris & Harris), probably because of these useful lists of officers and dignitaries. It was given back to the Cathedral Library in 1996. Three good drawings of the Cathedral, the West Front, and the Bishop's Eye are loose at the front; the drawing of the Bishop's Eye is dated 1797, but no indication of the artist(s).

The two copies of Clerke's *Praxis* were probably used as reference books by Tabor as Registrar to the Archdeacon of Wells c.1606. The copy of Chyles was certainly used in the Diocesan Registry and Chapter Clerk's Office before being given to the Library in 1996.

1653-1656, 1696

Law Book of "R[ichard] Healy 1696", Deputy Chapter Clerk, Deputy Steward and Librarian 1679/80-1691, d.1713: an alphabetical dictionary of legal practice. [Healy?] MS on spine, [Richard Healy?]; MS on fore-edge.

The book is pre-1696, compiled by another, and subsequently belonged to Healy, who made additions to it (Professor Helmholz, July 1989: pers. comm.).

At the end, reversed: "A note of all the names sworn and approved" by Henry Bonner, J.P., 1653-4, and a Register of marriages solemnised by him at "Waston" [?], 1653-1656. 1 vol.

1857-1875

Fees due to Edmund Davies, Chapter Clerk. 1 vol.

Chapter Administration

1182/3-1872

Documents: deeds and property documents, miscellaneous papers of all kinds, similar to Series V, incl. accounts, legal papers, precedent books, appointments etc. 1 box

For details see catalogue

ADD/1-70

1245-1984

Documents: deeds and property documents, miscellaneous papers of all kinds, similar to Series V, incl. newspaper cuttings, articles and offprints etc. 1 box

For details see catalogue

Series VI/1-79

1434 December

Confirmation by Bishop John Stafford of a pension of £20 p.a. given by Richard Harewell, Vicar of St Cuthbert's, Wells to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the choristers; modern cast of Stafford's seal attached.

Series VI/79

1566-1970s

Documents: deeds and property documents; collations, wills, correspondence, miscellaneous papers of all kinds. 1 box

For details see catalogue

Series V/1-124

1528/9-1866

Chapter Miscellaneous papers including 1853-4 Summaries of Proposals (ADD/2875); Rentals & Statements of Account of Chapter Manors, Parsonages & Farms, Corn Rents, Pensions, Stall Wages and Government

- Securities, n.d. (ADD/2876) [re Ecclesiastical Commissioners' commutation, c.1860?]; 1 box and separate parcel on top of box
ADD/2721-2910
For details see catalogue
- c.1560-c.1690
Chapter Miscellaneous: estates and financial records. 1 box ADD/2601-2720
For details see catalogue
- 16th-19th C
Cathedral Miscellaneous papers. 1 box ADD/2301-2436
For details see catalogue
- 18th C.- to date
Chapter papers: constitution and statutes; appointments, clerical and lay workers; architects' reports; estates papers; correspondence, etc.; modern deposited Chapter records. Mostly late 19th C. onwards.
5 boxes ADD/8001-8262
ADD/8263 to date
For details see catalogue; for ADD/8267 see separate box
- 1815-1865
Miscellaneous Chapter papers. 1 box ADD/2051-2087
For details see catalogue
- 1835-67
Ecclesiastical Commissioners: Commutation. 1 box ADD/2101-2120
For details see catalogue
See also **Estates Administration**: Chapter Miscellaneous 1528/9-1866
ADD/2721-2910
- 1843-1859
Chapter Clerk's correspondence. 1 box ADD/2451-2467
For details see catalogue
- 1851-1903
Miscellaneous Chapter papers, cont'd. 1 box ADD/2131-2160
For details see catalogue
- 1856-1866
Compulsory purchase of Dean and Chapter lands (part of box marked 'Industrial Archaeology') ADD/2201-2209
- 1860-1866
Chapter Clerk's correspondence. 1 box ADD/2468-2476
For details see catalogue
- 19th C.
Chapter Clerk's correspondence. 10 boxes

(cf. ADD/2468-2476)
To be catalogued

c.1976 to date
Papers re enthronements, installations and other special occasions.
1 box

Appointments, resignations, stall lists etc.

16th-17th C.
Miscellaneous notes re appointments, resignations, list of stalls
Included in *Statutes: Statuta Antiqua* 'No. 3'

[18th C.]
List of canons residentiary 1591-1799
Included in Dean Creswicke's notebook, [Book] A. 1 vol., vellum.
Samuel Creswicke was Dean of Wells 1739-1766.

19th C.-early 20th C.
Chapter papers inc. appointments, clerical and lay workers.
Included in 5 boxes
For details see catalogue

ADD/8001-8262

Services

1832-1881
Preaching Turns, 1832-1841, 1842-1881. 2 vols

1878-1908
Weekly Schemes of Cathedral Services & Anthems 1878-1885,
1885-1903, 1900-1908. 3 vols
See below for continuation of this series, 1907 to date

1882-1894
Register of Sermons and Preachers, 1882-1889, 1889-1894. 2 vols

1895-1983
Registers of Services: 1895-1913, 1913-1926, 1926-1936, 1936-1946,
1946-1955, 1955-1968, 1969-1977, 1977-1982, 1982-1983. 9 vols
Later volumes are with the Head Virger

1907 to date
Weekly Schemes of Cathedral Services & Music, bound in annual volumes
missing vols for the years 1909, 1919, 1971, 1984, 1985;

unbound years: 1945, 1962, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970

1908-1951

Vicars Choral Attendance Registers 1908-1912, 1935-1942,
1942-1951. 3 vols

Liturgical Procedure

1850

Ordination Services; stamped 'Exeter Cathedral', signed and used
by Bishop John Warrington 197[6], Bishop John Bickersteth 1976.
1 vol., part of 1 box

1874

The Liturgy, 'for use in the Lady Chapel'. 1 vol., part of 1 box

1899 July

Psalms pointed (by hand) by W.T.Hooper; copy belonging to
Canon T.S.Holmes. 1 vol., part of 1 box

n.d. [mid-20th C.]

Procedure at the Installation of a Prebendary. 2 copies of booklet,
part of 1 box

See also ADD/7044

1917

Book of Occasional Offices, formerly belonging to Edward Henderson,
Bishop of Bath and Wells 1960-1975; details on slip at front. 1 vol.,
part of 1 box

c.1967

Wells Cathedral Customary, 2 copies: Priest Vicar II, Server X;
typescript; 2 ring binders, part of 1 box

1997

Ordination of Priests and Deacons. 1 booklet, part of 1 box

Registers

1664-1812

Register of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

The register was started by James Williams, sexton (appointed 1664),
with a note of his own baptism at Tuyeford [Twyford], Hampshire,
19th March 1634. 1 vol.

On James Williams, see *Friends Autumn Journal* 1995, 1998. Copies of
typed transcript and index 1664-1982 by LSC in MR and West Cloister, and
Virgers' Vestry.

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See also **Chapter Clerk's Office**: Law Book of R Healy - Commonwealth Register
of Henry Bonner, J.P., at "Waston" 1653-6

1864-1961 and n.d.
Marriage and death certificates etc.; part of 1 box ADD/6127-6130

Chapter and Vicars Choral

See also **Keeper of the Estates**; also Handlist of **Vicars Choral Archives: Statutes, Chapter Acts
and Visitations; Estates: Deeds and Leases and Catalogues, Inventories, Lists and**

Indexes

1826-1949
Vicars Choral: disputes, regulations, correspondence, leases etc.;
part of 1 box ADD/2171-2179

For details see catalogue

19th-early 20th C.
Vicars Choral, cont'd.: statutes, schemes, regulations, attendance
sheets, collations to houses, correspondence, disputes and suspensions;
and other misc. papers. 2 boxes ADD/2180-2200

For details see catalogue

1908-1951
Vicars Choral Attendance Registers 1908-1912, 1935-1942,
1942-1951. 3 vols

1950
Letter from Dean Malden re Vicar's Close, 1950; part of 1 box ADD/2211
For details see catalogue

Fabric

1821-1918
Fabric Order Book; vellum bound. 1 vol.
1842-1974
Cathedral Restoration, 1842-1854; Organ 1854-57, 1892, 1908-10;
West Front 1868-73; Organ 1972-74. 1 box ADD/2001-2040
For details see catalogue

1844-1849
Restoration Accounts; vellum bound. 1 vol.

1854
Canon Barnard's Record of the Cathedral Restoration, 1843-1854 and

other historical notes: MS record, in small parchment-bound volume with title 'Account Book from January 1st 1854' and note by Dean Malden that the book was sent to him in 1947 by Canon Barnard's daughter. There are no accounts now in the book, but some pages have been cut out.
1 vol.

Cf. ADD/2001 and L.S.Colchester article in *Trans Anc. Mons. Society* n.s.4 (1956), 79-94

[1867]/1895-1913

Fabric Record Book I: a record of work done on the Cathedral, kept by Canon C.M.Church; started in accordance with Chapter Minutes resolution of 2 April 1894; includes a retrospective record of work 1867-94, and of the West Front Restoration of 1869-74, together with brief notes and extracts re work from 1821 onwards. 1 vol.

Cf. Barnard MS., West Cloister Archive Room Xx(b)2, and L.S.Colchester in *Trans Ancient Monuments Society* n.s.4 (1956) pp.79-94

Transcript and index, 1999-2000 by R.Neale in Archives Room, West Cloister

1913-1917

Fabric Record Book II: a record kept by the Master of the Fabric, Canon T.Scott Holmes, Chancellor of Wells. 1 vol.

Transcript and index, 1999-2000 by R.Neale in Archives Room, West Cloister

1935-1971/2

Yard: Accounts & Record Books kept by W.A.(Bert) Wheeler, Master Mason 30 vols and 1 ring-binder. 4 boxes

Yard Box 1-4: Day Books nos.1-10, 1935-1971

Day Ledgers to accompany Day Books 1-10, 1935-1971

Purchase Ledgers nos. 1-4, 1935-1972

Wages Books nos.1-[3], 1935-1970

Work Books kept by W.A.Wheeler (jobs, materials, accounts, sketch drawings etc., with contents lists), 4 vols. 1949-1969

Stone Books kept by W.A.Wheeler and others, 2 vols. 1935-1973

Materials Book kept by W.A.Wheeler and others, n.d. c.1958-1963 (small indexed ring-binder)

1936-1976

Yard: Reports & Correspondence files of W.A.Wheeler, Master Mason: 3 files. 1 box

Yard Box 5: 1 Architects' reports and correspondence, 1936-1968

2 Special correspondence inward and outward 1950-1969, re fabric, limewater experiments, etc.

3 A.D.R.Caroe reports and correspondence 1954-1976

See also Wheeler Diaries (xerox)

1935-1978

W.A.(Bert) Wheeler, Master Mason: Diaries (xerox copies). 2 boxes (+??)

c.1970s

Files of Keeper of Fabric (Dean P.R.Mitchell), plans of Vicars' Close.
4 boxes, 1 file

1979-1986

Works Progress Committee Minutes, meetings 1-40. 1 ring binder

Architect's Reports

19th C.-early 20th C.

Chapter papers inc. architects' reports. Part of 5 boxes
For details see catalogue

ADD/8001-8262

Plans and drawings

c.1710 to date

Plans, drawings, maps, large photographs, West Front drawings,
plans from Mason's Yard; xeroxes of earlier material

For details see catalogue

PL/1-to date

1883

Tracery lights, south transept, by Roland W. Paul, 1883: four small
drawings, half size, in one mount, framed on wall

PL/97

1891

Sectional drawing of the Chapter House by Charles S.Spooner.
Framed plan.

For details see catalogue

PL/96

1928 July

Measured drawing of one bay of the nave by Robert H.Matthew,
for Pugin Prize. Framed plan

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1973

Plan of marks on Drawing Floor, North Porch by J.H.H. (Dr J.H.Harvey).

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Framed plan

Reproduced in L.S.Colchester & J.H.Harvey, 'Wells Cathedral', *The Archaeological Journal* vol. 131 (1974) f.p.214

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Accounts: Communar

These sometimes including Fabric and Escheator's Accounts, as indicated; there may be further Fabric and Escheator's accounts included in other years and not indicated

1327/8-1681/2

Communar's Accounts; parchment and paper rolls. 1 box

See L.S.Colchester, *Communars' Accounts 1327-1600*: translation and index (1984)

1545/6-1596

Communar's paper account books 1-18. 3 boxes

16th C.

Accounts [Communar's?]; fragments. Box E

1634-1680

Communar's and other accounts; cover: 'Martins Wheat' (16); containing Fabric Accounts 1634, 1637, 1660-63; Escheator's Accounts 1663; Communar's Accounts 1679-80; including (pp.1-3) 1638 detailed accounts of Canon Thomas Walker in furnishing his canonical house. 1 vol.

Contents in fact comprise Fabric Accounts 1633-34, 1637-38, 1660-61, and some rough accounts for 1680, at one end; Communar's Accounts 1679-80 at other end; plus Thomas Walker's personal accounts.

1636-37

Communar's Accounts: 'Liber Magistri Chrichtone', cover marked (15).
1 vol.

1637-1643

Communar's rough accounts: Thomas Walker, cover marked (17) 1638-42.
1 vol.

1644-1840

Receipted bills. 1 box

For details see catalogue

ADD/2501-2560

1661

Communar's rough accounts, cover marked (22). 1 vol.

1661/2 - 1688/9

Communar's Accounts 1661/2, 1663/4, 1664/5, 1669/70, 1670/1,

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1675/6 - 1683/4, 1685/6 - 1688/9, Box C. 1 box.

1663/4, 1664/5, 1678/9
Communar's Accounts, cover marked (20). 1 vol.

1667/8, 1668/9, 1669/70
Communar's Accounts, cover marked (21). 1 vol.

1670/1
Communar's Accounts, cover marked (18). 1 vol.

1674/5
'Communars Booke', cover marked (26). 1 vol.

1675/6, 1676/7
'Communars Booke', cover marked (19). 1 vol.

1677/8
'Communars Booke', cover marked (28). 1 vol.

1680/1
Communar's rough accounts, cover marked (29). 1 vol.

1680/1
Communar's Accounts, including fair copy of (29) and other material. 1 vol.

1681-1684
Communar and Fabric: misc. papers and accounts. 1 bundle

1682
Communar's rough accounts. 1 vol.

1682/3
Communar's & Fabric Accounts, 1682/3, cover marked (33). 1 vol.

1683/4
Communar's Accounts, cover marked (34). 1 vol.

1684/5
Communar's Accounts, cover marked (35). 1 vol.

1689-1725
Communar's & Fabric Accounts, cover marked (B). 1 vol.

1690/1, 1691/2
Communar's & Fabric Accounts. 1 vol.

1692/3, 1693/4
Communar's & Fabric Accounts. 1 vol.

1694/5 - 1696/7

Communar's & Fabric Accounts. 1 vol.

1694/5 - 1698/9

Communar's & Fabric Accounts, including rough accounts of Quotidians. 1 vol.

1700/1-1702/3

Communar's & Fabric Accounts: working account book, with signatures of recipients of allowances, pensions etc.; on spine: 'Dean'. 1 vol.

1703/4-1708/9

Communar's & Fabric Accounts: working account book, with signatures of recipients of allowances, pensions etc.; on spine: 'Dean'. 1 vol.

First book of a pair: see also 1709/10-1712/13

1705-1709

Communar's & Fabric Accounts: Cash Book; Communar's accounts including fabric accounts, necessary expenses, receipts and quotidian payments etc. 1 vol.

1709/10-1712/13

Communar's & Fabric Accounts: working account book, with signatures of recipients of allowances, pensions etc.; on spine: 'Dean'. 1 vol.

Second book of a pair: see also 1703/4-1708/9

1709-1712

Communar's & Fabric Accounts: Cash Book; Communar's accounts including fabric accounts, necessary expenses, receipts, quotidian payments, and payments to choristers. On spine: 'Dean'. Cover is a reused parchment deed, scraped clean and face down; faint mirror image of writing is visible. 1 vol.

1726-1733

Fabric & Communar's Accounts 'B', including rental of Manor of Canons Grange, and notes of salaries etc. in front. 1 vol.

1726-1739

Fabric & Communar's Accounts, also including Escheator's Accounts
1 vol.

1734-1746

Fabric & Communar's Accounts. 1 vol.

1739/40-1740/1

Communar's & Fabric Accounts. Cover marked 'R' on spine and dated 1739-40. 1 vol.

1739-1778

Communar's & Fabric Accounts, 1739-42, 1750, 1754-5, 1756, 1757, 1759, 1759-62, 1763, 1778: duplicate and rough account books (9 books) 1 bundle.

1743-1825

Communar's Private Book of Accounts, including Fabric and necessary expenses; signed annually by the Dean and others. 1 vol.

1745/6-1746/7

"Commoner's Book", working copy, with entries marked off as entered in fair copy accounts. 1 vol.

1746-1760

Communar's Accounts, including Fabric. 1 vol.

1756-1764

Communar's Accounts, including Fabric and Escheator: working account book with signatures of recipients of wages and fees. 1 vol.

1761-1779

Fabric & Communar's Accounts; cover marked 1760-1779. 1 vol.

1764-1768

Communar's working account book. Cover marked 'P'; entries marked off as entered in main volume. 1 vol.

1771/2-1775/6

Communar's Private Account. Cover marked (C). 1 vol.

1776/7-1777/8

Communar's Private Account. Cover marked (D). 1 vol.

1780-1795

Communar's Accounts; cover marked 1779-1795. 1 vol.

1796-1814

Communar's Accounts. 1 vol.

1802-1803

Communar's Accounts, Jan-Dec & Jan-Oct 1802, Jan-Dec & Jan-Oct 1803. Four small paper account books; Jan-Dec have signatures of recipients; Jan-Oct are partial copies. 4 small paper account books. 1 bundle

1814-1826

Communar's Accounts. 1 vol.

1826/7-1839/40

Communar's Annual Accounts. 1 vol.

1826-1894

Deputy Communar's Accounts. 93 paper books
Detailed list with books

1827-1849

Payment vouchers, 1 box
For details see catalogue

ADD/6131-6152

Accounts: Fabric

Communar's Accounts late 17th C. - late 18th C. often include Fabric Accounts, as indicated. There may be further Fabric Accounts in the Communar's account books for other years, which are not indicated: see **Accounts: Communar**. In the 18th century, the two accounts were finally merged.

1390/1-1688/9

Fabric Accounts DC/ACC(F)/1-43; parchment and paper rolls, books. 2 boxes
See L.S.Colchester, *Fabric Accounts 1390-1600*: translation and index (1983)

1634-1663

Communar's and other accounts; cover: 'Martins Wheat' (16); containing Fabric Accounts 1634, 1637, 1660-63; Escheator's Accounts 1663; Communar's Accounts 1679-80; including (pp.1-3) 1638 detailed accounts of Canon Thomas Walker in furnishing his canonical house. 1 vol.

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1681-1684

Communar and Fabric: misc. papers and accounts. 1 bundle

1682/3

Communar's & Fabric Accounts, 1682/3, cover marked (33). 1 vol.

1687-1701

Fabric Bills 1687, 1690, 1692-1701. 1 box

1689-1725

Communar's & Fabric Accounts, cover marked (B). 1 vol.

1690/1, 1691/2

Communar's & Fabric Accounts. 1 vol.

1692/3, 1693/4

Communar's & Fabric Accounts. 1 vol.

1694/5 - 1696/7

Communar's & Fabric Accounts. 1 vol.

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First book of a pair: see 1709/10-1712/13 (X3/16)

1705-1709

Communar's & Fabric Accounts: Cash Book; Communar's accounts including fabric accounts, necessary expenses, receipts and quotidian payments etc. 1 vol.

1709/10-1712/13

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Second book of a pair: see 1703/4-1708/9

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1 vol.

1734-1746

Fabric & Communar's Accounts. 1 vol.

1739/40-1740/1

Communar's & Fabric Accounts. Cover marked 'R' on spine and dated 1739-40. 1 vol.

1739-1778

Communar's & Fabric Accounts, 1739-42, 1750, 1754-5, 1756, 1757, 1759, 1759-62, 1763, 1778: duplicate and rough account books

(9 books) 1 bundle.

1743-1825

Communar's Private Book of Accounts, including Fabric and necessary expenses; signed annually by the Dean and others. 1 vol.

1746-1760

Communar's Accounts, including Fabric. 1 vol.

1756-1764

Communar's Accounts, including Fabric and Escheator: working account book with signatures of recipients of wages and fees. 1 vol.

1761-1779

Fabric & Communar's Accounts; cover marked 1760-1779. 1 vol.

Accounts: Escheator

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1372/3-1688/9

Escheator's Accounts DC/ACC (E1)/1-43, (E2)/1-35. 2 boxes
See L.S.Colchester, *Escheators' Accounts 1369-1600*: translation and index (1988)

1663

Communar's and other accounts; cover: 'Martins Wheat' (16); containing Fabric Accounts 1634, 1637, 1660-63; Escheator's Accounts 1663; Communar's Accounts 1679-80; including (pp.1-3) 1638 detailed accounts of Canon Thomas Walker in furnishing his canonical house. 1 vol.

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1700/1-1822/3

Escheator's Accounts. 1 box

1726-1739

Fabric & Communar's Accounts, also including Escheator's Accounts
1 vol.

1756-1764

Communar's Accounts, including Fabric and Escheator: working account

book with signatures of recipients of wages and fees. 1 vol.

Account Books, Private

1545/6-1596

Communar's paper account books 1-18. 3 boxes

Some of these books, ie no.6, include personal accounts at the back

1638

Detailed accounts of Canon Thomas Walker in furnishing his canonical house; included (pp.1-3) in 1634-1680 Communar's and other accounts; cover: 'Martins Wheat' (16); 1 vol.

1660-1688

Dr Holt's Private Receipt Book: "Wells 1660. A Book of my Receipts begun January 1660". Mostly receipts for sealing leases, receipts of quotidian money, and a dividend out of the Escheatry rents. At the back, a few miscellaneous notes of receipts, 1690-1693. 1 vol.

[Not the communar's accounts, because he receives fees from the Communar].

Accounts Department (Modern)

1917-1968

General and other accounts, including Yard Account, Fabric Account, Vicars Hall & Chapel, Cathedral Offertory Account, Plumtre Fund, Dennison Fund and other short term accounts. Some volumes are marked with Roman numerals as indicated. Years given are those of the General Account in each volume; smaller accounts in the same volume may cover longer periods. 15 vols.

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| Book | 1 | Dean and Chapter Accounts 1917-1932 |
| | 2 | Dean and Chapter Accounts 1932-1938 |
| | 3 | Treasurer's Account (current and other accounts) 1936/7-1940/1 |
| | 4 | Treasurer's Account 1940/41-1945/46 |
| | 5 | Treasurer's Account I 1945/46-1947/48 |
| | 6 | Treasurer's Account II 1948/49 |
| | 7 | Treasurer's Account III 1948/49-1949/50 |

- 8 Cash Book IV 1950/51-1951/52
- 9 Cash Book V 1952/53-1953/54
- 10 Cash Book VI 1954/55-1958/59

- 11 Cash Book VII 1958/59-1962/63

- 12 Cash Book VIII 1959/60-1967/68

- 13 Treasurer's Account (general account) 1962/63-1966/67

- 14 Cash Book IX 1964/65-1967/68 Yard Account
- 15 Treasurer's Account (general account) 1966/67-1967/68

1883-1972

Accounts Box 1: Accounts, Ledgers and Quarterly Summaries.

9 vols. 1 box:

Dean and Chapter Ledger 1944-1950	1 vol.
Dean and Chapter Ledger 1956-1959	1 vol.
Dean and Chapter Ledger 1960-1963	1 vol.
Dean and Chapter Ledger 1963-1966	1 vol.
Quarterly Accounts 1883-1908	1 vol.
Quarterly Accounts Summary no.1 1938-1950	1 vol.
Quarterly Accounts Summary no.2 1956-1961	1 vol.
Quarterly Accounts Summary no.3 1961-1969	1 vol.
[Quarterly Accounts Summary no.4] 1970-1972	1 vol.

1964/5-1985/6

Accounts Box 2, 3: Accounts for the year ending

31st March 1964/5-1981/2 a; 1979/80 a,b,c; 1980/81 a,b,c;

1981/2 a,b,c; 1982/3 a; 1983/4 a,b,c; 1984/5 a,b,c;

1985/6 a,b,c. 2 boxes

For each year there should be three items:

(a) audited accounts, in their own file

(b) general ledger

(c) cash book

Ledgers, cashbooks and papers kept by Mr Halliwell of Wells,

accountant, pre-1976/7 were probably destroyed by him,

and have not been deposited

Estates: see also Chapter Administration

Estates: Surveys etc.

1595

Valor Ecclesiasticus (and precedent book); paper book in parchment cover. 1 vol.

n.d. 17th C.
List of Dean and Chapter estates, framed on wall

ADD/2910

Estates: Commonwealth Surveys

1649
Survey of [Old] Deanery
See also Vicars Choral: Commonwealth Surveys

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Estates: Ledger Books, 1535-1813

Registers of deeds: copies of leases (see HMC Wells ii). 12 vols

1535-1546 Ledger Book D: Register of deeds
1546-1565 Ledger Book E: Register of deeds
1570-1624 Ledger Book F: Register of deeds

Index to Ledger Book F (to f.197 only; marbled card cover)
1624-1681 Ledger Book G, no.4: Register of deeds

1681-1701 Ledger Book: Register of deeds
1701-1739⁽¹⁾ Ledger Book H: Register of deeds
1740-1760 Ledger Book: Register of deeds B

1761-1777 Ledger Book: Register of deeds

1777-1789 Ledger Book: Register of deeds
1790-1807 Ledger Book: Register of deeds
1808-1813 Ledger Book: Register of deeds

⁽¹⁾ Repaired, rebound and mis-labelled as 'H' in 19th century; mis-titled 1682-

Estates: Record Books, 1837-1941

Copies of Chapter leases and other documents. 5 vols

1837-1843 Record Book No. 1
1843-1855 Record Book No. 2
1855-1863 Record Book No. 3
1863-1888 Record Book No. 4
1888-1941 Record Book No. 5
Successors to the series of Ledger Books; there is a gap 1813-1837. The index

suggests that copies of leases come to an end in 1866 (probably related to the takeover of estates by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners). From 1872 onwards the volumes are made up of copies of letters, reports re fabric etc., newspaper cuttings, offprints, printed notices, preaching calendars, copies of presentations, forms of service etc., becoming virtually scrapbooks (cf. **Services & Publicity** series).

Estates: Manorial Court Records etc.

1-2 Henry V [1413-1414] - [c. 1538/39]

Abstracts of the Court Rolls of the Bishop of Bath and Wells, and of Churchland, "first booke"; latest date noted is 30 Hen. VIII (1538/39):

compiled then or thereafter. Bishop's manorial estates, including lead from Priddy, courts at Cheddar, Priddy, Wells, Westbury and a rental.

Box E

Churchland was a manor of the Dean and Chapter, at Wedmore

April 34 - September 38 Hen.VIII [1542-1546]

Court Books for Knapfee, North Curry, Westhatch etc., bound in a reused illuminated MS. Box E

1624-1629

Churchland in [Wedmore] Somerset: Court book. Box E

1690-1711, 1713

Copies of Court Rolls of Manors of the Dean and Chapter: leases, homage etc. 1 vol.

1843-1871

Manorial records, miscellaneous. 4 boxes

For details see catalogue

ADD/6201-6259

Estates: Manorial Customs

1314

Customs of North Curry, parchment roll

See also Liber Albus II fo.55 (1314); printed by F.H.Dickinson in *Proc.SANHS* vol.20 (1874) pp.67-70 (section separately paginated at end); Westhatch feast, 17th C.

n.d., 17th C.

"The manner of the feast at Westhatch for which the Dean and Chapter doe make an allowance to the Reeve there" n.d., 17th century (similar

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to that of North Curry, but simpler; there is some interchange of feasting goods between Westhatch and North Curry, East Curry, Stoke St Gregory and various tenants). Addenda to Arreragia: Book of Arrears 1590-1631

Estates: Manorial Accounts and Rentals

1542-1544

Accounts of Bailiffs and Reeves of various manors, 34-36 Hen.VIII. 1 vol.

c.1560-c.1690

Miscellaneous estates and financial records. 1 box

ADD/2601-2720

For details see catalogue

16th C.

Accounts: fragments. Box E

16th-17th C.

Rental of Chew [Magna?] and copy extracts of court rolls

Included in **Statutes**: Statuta Antiqua 'No. 3'

1612/13

Account rolls for North Curry and Winsham [on top of box]

ADD/2606b-2607

For details see catalogue

1613

Rough notes of rental, [?North Curry] with fieldnames. Addenda to Arreragia: Book of Arrears 1590-1631

1618

Summary rents of Biddisham. Addenda to Arreragia: Book of Arrears 1590-1631

1624

Summary rents of North Curry. Addenda to Arreragia: Book of Arrears 1590-1631

1624

Note of a lease of land [?in North Curry], 2 July 22 James, and its rental. Addenda to Arreragia: Book of Arrears 1590-1631

1664/65 - 1673/74, 1675/76, 1679/80, 1681/82 - 1683/84

Bailiff's and Reeve's Accounts for Dean and Chapter Estates, Box D. 1 box

n.d.[c.1860?]

Rentals & Statements of Account of Chapter Manors, Parsonages & Farms, Corn Rents, Pension, Stall Wages and Government Securities

[for the Ecclesiastical Commissioners?]; parcel on top of box
For details see catalogue

ADD/2876

Estates: Books of Arrears

1590-1631

Arreragia or Book of Arrears: arrears pending in the Minister's Account upon diverse persons 1590, with addenda at the end including:
"The manner of the feast at Westhatch for which the Dean and Chapter doe make an allowance to the Reeve there" n.d., 17th century (similar to that of North Curry, but simpler; there is some interchange of feasting goods between Westhatch and North Curry, East Curry, Stoke St Gregory and various tenants); summary rents of Biddisham 1618, North Curry 1624; rough notes of rental, [?North Curry] 1613, with fieldnames; note of a lease of land [?in North Curry], 2 July 22 James I [1624], and its rental; and miscellaneous estate notes; with a note that this book was produced to Nicholas Dowthwaite and John Gray, 17 Jan. 1667/8, in a case in the Exchequer between the Dean and Chapter, plaintiffs, and Leonard Hardwich, Phillip Ball, Edward Whitinge and others, defendants, before Commissioners George Walrond, Guy Clynton and P. Roynon.⁽¹⁾
1 vol.

⁽¹⁾ Similar notes appear in many other 17th century volumes in the Dean and Chapter archives, and probably relate to lawsuits reclaiming title to the Chapter estates following the Restoration

1631-1643

Arreragia 1631-1643, with index at front. 1 vol.

Estates: Proposals for Leases

See also **Leases etc.**

17th-19th C. (mostly 18th C.)

Proposals for leases etc. for 'Non-Halimote' Manors; 1 box

Allerton	ADD/3001-3071
Bicknoller	ADD/3076-3150
Biddisham	ADD/3151-3215
Bishops Lydeard	ADD/3221-3244
Buckland Abbas	ADD/3251-3252
Burnham	ADD/3261-3316
Congresbury	ADD/3326-3391

East Lambrook	ADD/3401-3413
Kingsbury Episcopi	ADD/3421-3445
Pucklechurch	ADD/3451-3513
Shipham	ADD/3521-3575
Stogumber	ADD/3581-3598
Whitchurch Canonicorum	ADD/3601-3636
Winscombe	ADD/3651-3885
For details see catalogues	

17th-19th C. (mostly 18th C.)

Proposals for leases etc. for 'Halimote' Manors; 1 box	
East Curry	ADD/4501-4779
Knapfee	ADD/4801-4928
Newport Boro'	ADD/4951-4965
North Curry	ADD/5001-5286
North Curry Hundred	ADD/5301-5327
West Hatch	ADD/5351-5436
West Meare	ADD/5501-5512
Wrantage	ADD/5521-5613
For details see catalogues	

Estates: Copyhold Leases - Stewards' Proposal Books (Lease or Bargain Books), etc.

Books of proposals for new copyhold tenancies on Dean and Chapter manors.

Books 32-35, 37-39 and four un-numbered, covering the years 1745-1866, are at SRO: ref. DD/CC 110006-110016, as indicated below

1615-1616	-	Steward's Book: draft proposals. 1 vol.
1660-1661	1	Proposal Book. 1 vol.
1661-1662	2	Proposal Book. 1 vol.
1660-1663	2A	Steward's Book of Proposals; in back, Dr Peirs's Fabric Accounts 1660-61. 1 vol. <i>sic</i> ; in fact, assorted accounts 1660-63 including manorial accounts.
1660-1662	3	Proposal Book 1 vol.
1662-1663	3A	'Liber 3'. 1 vol.
1663-1665	4	Proposal Book 1 vol.
1665-1667	5	Proposal Book 1 vol.
1667-1669	6	Proposal Book 1 vol.
1669-1672	7	Proposal Book; spine, reversed, marked A President Booke, but no sign of any such entries. 1 vol.
1672-1674	8	The Steward's Booke 1 vol.
1674-1676	9	Steward's Book 1 vol.
1676	[9A]	Proposal Book 1 vol.

1676-1678	10	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1678-1680	11	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1678-1680	11A	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1680-1682	12	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1680-1682	12A	Proposal Book, draft for 12.	1 vol.
1682-1684	13	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1684-1686	14	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1684-1686	14A	Proposal Book, draft for 14.	1 vol.
1686-1687	15	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1686-1687	15A	Proposal Book, draft for 15.	1 vol.
1688-1689	16	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1690-1692	17	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1692-1694	18	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1694-1696	19	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1696-1698	20	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1698-1700	[21]	[SRO: DD/CC 110005]*	
1700-1702	22	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1702-1707	23	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1707-1710	24	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1710-1712	25	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1711	25A	'Leases granted'	1 vol.
1712-1717	26	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1717-1722	27	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1723-1727	28	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1727-1733	29	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1733-1740	30	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1740-1744	31	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1745-1755	[32]	[SRO: DD/CC 110006]	
1756-1762	[33]	[SRO: DD/CC 110007]	
1762-1771	[34]	[SRO: DD/CC 110008]	
[1660-1731]		Index to Bargain Books 1-34.	1 vol.
1771-1780	[35]	[SRO: DD/CC 110009]	
1781-1789	36	Proposal Book	1 vol.
1790-1797	[37]	[SRO: DD/CC 110010]	
1798-1815	[38]	[SRO: DD/CC 110011]	
1815-1826	[39]	[SRO: DD/CC 110012]	
[gap: probably 2 volumes missing]			
1847-1850	-	[SRO: DD/CC 110013]	
1850-1857	-	[SRO: DD/CC 110014]	
1858-1862	-	[SRO: DD/CC 110015]	
1862-1866	-	[SRO: DD/CC 110016]	

* see also SRO: DD/CC 110004, described as a Proposal Book "prior to 1698"
See also Estates: Miscellaneous

Manorial Courts: Draft Copies of Court Rolls

Draft surrenders, proposals and admissions of copyhold tenants, including some complete draft copies of court rolls including homage etc. Mostly cancelled or marked "Inrolled", i.e. these drafts precede the fair-copy court rolls and copies. Numbered I-XXXII by Canon D.S.Bailey, Chancellor

[1620]	DCR I	draft proposals for leases	1 vol.
1640-42	II	16-18 Charles I draft of a complete court roll;	1 vol.
1744-1752	III	draft Bargain Book	1 vol.
1745-1750	IV	draft court rolls, draft proposals of leases, notes of deliveries of copies of court roll	1 vol.
1749-1750	V	drafts of copies of court rolls	1 vol.
1755-1760	VI	drafts of copies of court rolls	1 vol.
1757-1760	VII	drafts: entries of copies	1 vol.
1757-1761	VIII		1 vol.
1760-1763	IX	with notes of items "entered in roll book" or "inrolled"	1 vol.
1764-1766	X	(A)	1 vol.
1766-1768	XI	(B)	1 vol.
1768-1770	XII	(C)	1 vol.
1771-1773	XIII		1 vol.
1770-1771	XIV	(D)	1 vol. this should precede XIII in date order
1773-1776	XV		1 vol.
1776-1780	XVI		1 vol.
1781-1784	XVII	(A)	1 vol.
[1785-1786		(B)	1 vol. - missing] <i>[check SRO?]</i>
1787-1789	XVIII	(C)	1 vol.
1789-1791	XIX	(D)	1 vol.
1792-1793	XX	(E)	1 vol.
1793-1795	XXI	(F)	1 vol.
1795-1796	XXII	(G)	1 vol.
1796-1797	XXIII	(H)	1 vol.
1797-1799	XXIV	(I)	1 vol.
[1799-1808		(J-N)	1 vol. - missing] <i>[check SRO?]</i>
1808-1810	XXV	(O)	1 vol.
1810-1811	XXVI	(P)	1 vol.
1811-1812	XXVII	(Q)	1 vol.
1813-1815	XXVIII	(R)	1 vol.
1815[-1818]	XXIX	(S)	1 vol.
1818-1821	XXX	(T)	1 vol.
1821-1825	XXXI	(U)	1 vol.
1825-1826	XXXII	(V)	1 vol.

1853-1854

Summaries of Proposals; part of 1 box
For details see catalogue

ADD/2875

Estates: Stewards' Notebooks & Account Book etc.

[1588/9-1592/3]

Draft court roll entries of copyhold leases, surrenders etc. Anno

xxxj-xxxv [1588/89-1592/93?]: Gilbat & Edgeworth [stewards?]:
draft court roll entries of copyhold leases, surrenders etc., with
detached index inside. 1 vol.

[1592/3-1595/6?]

Draft court roll entries of copyhold leases, surrenders etc. Anno
xxxv-xxxviii [1592/93-1595/96?]: Edgeworth, Gye, Cratyng: as
above. 1 vol.

1629-1631

Steward's notebook of leases and miscellaneous notes re same [not
copies or drafts of court roll entries], "It seems Dr Rivets Book."
Cover marked 1629-1630. 1 vol.

1629-1637

Steward's notebook of copyhold leases, surrenders, acceptances, etc.,
with note at front that it was exhibited to Nicholas Dowthwaite gent
26 March 1668/69, in suit in Chancery between Dean and Chapter and
Reynold Dight. 1 vol.

1637-1640

Steward's notebook, as above. 1 vol.

1640

Steward's notebook, as above. 1 vol.

1665/6-n.d.

Steward's notebook, as above. Cover marked (4) 1 vol.

1672-1673

Steward's notebook, as above. Cover marked Dr Peirs (5) 1 vol.

1673-1686

Steward's notebook, as above. 1 vol.

1680-1682

Steward's notebook, as above. Cover marked 32 Car.2: 1680. A book
of grants with prefatory note dated 11 October 1680, signed by Dean
Ralph Bathurst, John Selleck and Robert Creyghton: "A book of divers
grants to be entered into Court Rolls & to be made out as Copies of the
same, kept by Robert Creightone, steward." 1 vol.

1681-1682

Steward's notebook, as above. Cover marked 33 Car.2: 1681. 1 vol.

1682-1685

Steward's notebook, as above. Cover marked (9), Master Edwin Sandys,
steward. 1 vol.

1662-1676

Stewards' accounts, for signing copies of court rolls. Cover marked
1662-1674. 1 vol.

Estates: Copyhold Leases - Entry Book, Abstracts and Schedules

n.d. [c.1731]

Entry Book of copyhold leases etc., noting rents, heriots etc. of copyhold
leases at Combe, Wellington, Chard and Winsham. Compiled c.1731,
with references back to 17th century, and additions to c. 1765.

Originally arranged by listing tenants in alphabetical order under each
manor. p.166v: Winsham Parish-Houses. Brief miscellaneous sections
on Mark, Wedmore and Wells. 1 vol.

n.d.,18th C. [post-1730]

East Curry, North Curry, Wrantage, Westhatch, Newport, Westmeare,
Knapfee: "copyhold estates to be set right": abstracts for new copyhold
leases. Box E

n.d. mid-18th C.

Schedule of copyhold leases. Box E

1799-1807

Drafts of Dean and Chapter copies of Court Rolls: surrenders, licences,
admissions; all entries cancelled as fair copies made:

Book K, 1799-1801.

Book L, 1801-1802

Book M, 1802-1806

Book N, 1806-1807 4 books. Box E

Estates: Renewals of Leases

1826-1840

Joseph Lovell Lovell, Clerk of the Courts and Deputy Steward:
Accounts of Renewals of leases of Dean and Chapter property. 1 vol.

1840/41-1865/66

Accounts of Renewals agreements. 1 vol in calf slip-case

1843-1858

Letter Books: copies of letters sent re estate matters, chiefly renewals
of leases: 1843-1845, 1845-1847, 1847-1849, 1849-1851, 1851-1853,
1853-1856, 1856-1858. 7 vols

Estates: Leases etc.

See also **Chapter Administration** for miscellaneous collections including estate papers

1340-1703

Manor of Churchland (Wedmore): leases, copies of court rolls,
tenancy correspondence etc.; part of 1 box ADD/1201-1221
For details see catalogue

1550-1732

Manor of Chard: leases, copies of court rolls, tenancy correspondence
etc.; part of 1 box ADD/1126-1196
For details see catalogue

1557-1738

Manor of Winsham: leases, copies of court rolls, tenancy
correspondence etc. 4 boxes ADD/401-943
See also 1595-1809, below. For details see catalogue

1574-1753

Manor of Wellington with West Buckland: leases, copies of court
rolls, tenancy correspondence etc.; part of 1 box ADD/1001-1110
For details see catalogue

1595-1809

Manor of Winsham, cont'd.: leases, copies of court rolls, tenancy
correspondence etc.; part of 1 box ADD/951-990
See also 1557-1738 above. For details see catalogue

16th-19th C.

'Old Leases and Documents' (South Barrow etc.). 1 box

1601-1805

Manor of Combe St Nicholas: leases, copies of court rolls, tenancy
correspondence etc. 2 boxes ADD/71-323
For details see catalogue

1624

Note of a lease of land [?in North Curry], 2 July 22 James, and its rental;
and miscellaneous estate notes. Addenda to Arreragia: Book of Arrears
1590-1631

1667-1781

Manor of [North] Curry, East Curry: leases, copies of court rolls,
tenancy correspondence etc.; part of 1 box ADD/991-1000
For details see catalogue

17th-19th C. (mostly post-1660 and 18th C.)

Manor of Wells or Canon Grange: leases, proposals and estate
papers; part of 1 box ADD/4001-4274
For details see catalogue

17th-19th C. (mostly post-1660 and 18th C.)
Parsonages and Farms: leases, proposals and estate papers; part
of 1 box

ADD/4401-4441

For details see catalogue

1825 April 19
William Bell and others, to Dean and Chapter:
surrender of Rectory or Parsonage of Lovington, Somerset. Box E

Keeper of the Estates (Modern)

1960s-1970s
Estate and Fabric papers re The Liberty Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 25:
correspondence etc. Dr D.S.Bailey, Chancellor, Box I. 1 box

1960s-1970s
Estate and Fabric (Dr Bailey): correspondence. 1 box
[This may be Box II, although not so numbered]

1968-1982
Vicars Close: copy leases, correspondence etc.: file I, 1968-1977;
file II, 1975-1982 (file II includes papers re lease of ground floor of
28 Vicars Close to Freemasons). 1 box

ADD/8267

Estates: Miscellaneous

1777-1792
Pennard Tithe Book. 1 vol.

1719-c.1737
Account book 'A' of John Prat, land-agent for West Buckland,
Glastonbury and West Pennard areas. 1 vol.

Liberty of St Andrew

1830-1892
St Andrew's Liberty: Poor Rate Books. 1 box
For details see catalogue

ADD/6001-6036

1836-1911

St Andrew's Liberty: Poor Rate Books, receipt books etc. 1 box ADD/6041-6099
For details see catalogue

1839-1911

St Andrew's Liberty: Poor Rates, Registration of Electors; part of
1 box ADD/6101-6126
For details see catalogue

1850-1857

Electors' payment vouchers; part of 1 box ADD/6153-6160
For details see catalogue

1910-1926

St Andrew's Liberty: Poor Rate Books, 1910-1926. 8 books ADD/6161-6168
Bundle on top of box ADD/6101-6160; for details see catalogue

Ecclesiastical Commissioners (later Church Commissioners)

1528/9-1866

Chapter Miscellaneous papers including 1853-4 Summaries of Proposals
(ADD/2875); Rentals & Statements of Account of Chapter Manors,
Parsonages & Farms, Corn Rents, Pensions, Stall Wages and Government
Securities, n.d. (ADD/2876) [re Ecclesiastical Commissioners' commutation,
c.1860?]; 1 box and separate parcel on top of box

ADD/2721-2910

For details see catalogue

1835-67

Ecclesiastical Commissioners: Commutation. 1 box ADD/2101-2120

For details see catalogue

See also **Estates Administration**: Chapter Miscellaneous 1528/9-1866
ADD/2721-2910

1856-1866

Compulsory purchase of Dean and Chapter lands (part of box
marked 'Industrial Archaeology') ADD/2201-2209

1866 July 27

The London Gazette: Transfer of Dean and Chapter Estates to
the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. pp.4223-26:

Scheme of Ecclesiastical Commissioners for substituting a money
payment for certain property belonging to the Dean and Chapter of
Wells, with schedules. 1 vol.

Virgers & Sacristy

1877-1921

Visitors Books. Different volumes, placed in different parts of the Cathedral, have overlapping covering dates: 1877-1879, 1881-1888, 1884-1887, 1891-1894, 1897-1901, 1897-1955, 1902-1906, 1906-1909, 1909-1912, 1912-1915, 1915-1919, 1919-1920, 1920-1921. 13 vols, 2 boxes

1970-1973

Diary of Jack Morris, Head Virger, recording Cathedral services, Cathedral and other local events, etc.; also 2 deposit slips for box of Vicars' plate. 1 exercise book

1997 August

Diana, Princess of Wales, d. August 1997: 11 books of condolence, Wells Cathedral; 1 ditto, St Andrew's, Congresbury; flower cards etc.
12 vols, 1 packet. 1 box

Services & Publicity

For Services see also **Services and liturgical procedure**. For miscellaneous publicity material c.1872-1941 see also **Estates: Record Books** Nos. 4,5

1950s to date

Services & Publicity: Cathedral Calendars, subsequently retitled Focus, Chapter & Verse; service sheets, events papers, programmes, newspaper cuttings etc. 1950s-1984; 1985-1987; and 1 box p.a. thereafter.
Development Project and Chapter & Verse in separate boxes.

11 boxes +

For current and previous year see West Cloister Archive Room.

1982

Wells 800 Celebrations. 6 boxes

Service Books and Music

12th century

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Leaves from a *Collectarius*

See binding of **Cartularies**: Liber Ruber and Liber Fuscus

14th C.

Mass fragment for the Octave of Pentecost

This is a Library item: fragment from binding of a book

[14th-15th century?]

Leaves from service books and music

Reused to bind **Accounts**: Communar's paper account books 1-18, 1545/6-1596

[15th century?]

Leaf of a medieval large-music sheet

Cf. leaf below. Reused to bind **Chapter Acts** 1635-1644/5 This is the latest date found for the reuse of these medieval survivals

[15th century?]

Leaf of a medieval large-music sheet

Similar to leaf above. Reused to bind **Statutes**: Rights & Privileges, c.1490s.

n.d.[1479x1507]

Fragment of music by Richard Hygons, Master of the Choristers

1479-1507, Organist 1497-1507

This is a Library item: fragment from binding of a book

Also early secular music ms.:

[early 16th C.]

Part song 'Somewhat Musing' by Robert Fairfax

This is a Library item: fragment from binding of a book; see D.Fallowes, 'The Drexel Fragments of early Tudor song', *Research Chronicle* (The Royal Musical Association) no.26 (1993) pp.5-18

[17th-early 18th C.]

Vicars Choral music books 1-9; see list in Handlist of Vicars Choral Archives

19th century-early 20th century

Service and Anthem part-books, printed, (oversize). 21 vols

Music Department

18th-19th C.

Choir Service and Anthem books, MS. volumes. 59 vols. 9 boxes.

S = service books; A = anthem books:

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Box 1	S/0 - S7 (incl. A28 in S6)	8 vols
2	S8 - S14	7 vols
3	S15 - S20	6 vols
4	S21 - S26 (S27: missing?)	6 vols
5	A1 - A8	8 vols
6	A9 - A17	9 vols
7	A18 - A25	8 vols
8	A26 - A27 (for A28 <u>see</u> S6)	2 vols
9	Other MS volumes:	
	Service Book Treble Decani	
	Anthem Book Treble Decani	
	3 MS Organ pieces (Malan, Turner, Tye)	
		5 vols

See P.Barnes catalogue in *The Music & Musicians of Wells Cathedral to 1859*, thesis for M.Mus, Univ. of Manchester 1984

19th-20th C.

Choir Service and Anthem books, printed.

Boxes 1-20. 185 vols. 20 boxes

Box 1 incl. 2 early 20th C. index-lists of Services and Anthems
For other oversize Service & Anthem books, see Archive Room,
West Cloister.

[1855]-1935 and n.d.

Chant Books. 14 vols. 1 box

Box 21 Chants as used in Wells Cathedral ed. C.W.Lavington,
[1855], no. 436, no. 511 (signed copies) 2 vols
The Wells Cathedral Chant book ed. Lavington &
Buck (1898) 1 vol.
The Male Voice Chant Book [1902] 1 vol.
The Wells Cathedral Chant Book (1935) 9 vols
The Cathedral Psalter chants [n.d., early 20th C.] 1 vol.

1891-1909

Dean Plumptre's Choristers Fund Accounts. 1 vol.

1935-1990

Choristers' Lists. 1 folder

Originals, fragile; xerox copy: see catalogue shelf

1971-1996

Music Department records deposited on the retirement of
Dr Anthony Crossland, Organist & Master of the Choristers, 1996.

Boxes 1-5. 5 boxes

(To be catalogued)

mainly later 20th C.

Material salvaged from clearance of Choristers' Practice Room, 1997.

Box 6. 1 box

(To be catalogued)

See also **AV-IT collection: film, tape, computer discs, video cassettes**

Cathedral School

1884-1909

Cathedral Grammar School Accounts. 1 vol.

Non-Chapter archives

See also **Chapter Administration**, which includes much non-Chapter material

1887

Proclamation, framed

ADD/2334b

mainly late 20th C. to date

Modern miscellaneous (non-Chapter) accessions. 1 box

ADD/7001-7090

For details see catalogue

late 20th C. to date

Modern miscellaneous (non-Chapter) accessions, continued. 1 box ADD/7091+

For details see catalogue

[c.1946?]

Halle Orchestra, conducted by [Sir Adrian Boult], perform a concert under the crossing; said to be Toscanini, but looks like Boult. Oil painting on card, by Frank Duffield. 47 x 36 cms. Associated papers in ADD/7091+ box

ADD/7138

Miscellaneous

c.12th/13th - 15th century

Guard Book 1: MS fragments, most if not all from bindings of Library books. 1 vol.

This is a manuscript Library item

c.14th - 15th century

'Illuminated fragments', most if not all from bindings of Library books.

1 box

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This is a manuscript Library item

n.d.[c.1835 or shortly after]

R.Warner, Scrapbook of "Old MSS papers chiefly pertaining to ecclesiastical matters in the diocese of Bath": 16th-18th century material, with 11 franked postal covers 1801-1835 added.

This is a manuscript Library item, part of the Bath Abbey collection

Inventories

1943

Inventory of Plate and Needlework etc. in Wells Cathedral, by Prebendary G.W.Saunders, Treasurer, with signed checklist, 1941-1950. Handwritten with photographs. 1 exercise book.

1943

Inventory of Plate and Needlework etc. in Wells Cathedral, by Prebendary G.W.Saunders, Treasurer, with signed checklist 1941-1945, 1961-1963, 1965-1966. 1 exercise book.

Duplicated copy of the above, with a considerable number of extra annotations, including earlier references from Chapter Minutes etc., and later notes.

1943

Inventory of Plate and Needlework etc. in Wells Cathedral, by Prebendary G.W.Saunders, Treasurer. Rough copy, no photographs, with amendments to 1967 in several different hands. 1 exercise book

1978 February

Cathedral Inventory no.3, by Canon A.L.Birbeck, Treasurer. Typescript with photographs. Ring binder.

Seals

13th C. - 1943

Seal matrices. 1 wooden box
For details, see seal catalogue

M1-35

1135-1896 and n.d.

Seal impressions and casts. 9 trays
For details see seal catalogue

Seals A-J

Photographic Reference Collection

late 19th C. to date

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Prints, filed by subjects: drawers C1-2

filing cabinet C

late 19th-early 20th C.

Phillips-Southwood photograph collection: glass negatives and prints of the Cathedral, drawers A1-4, B1-4, C3-4.

filing cabinets A, B, C

For details see catalogue. The non-Cathedral part of the Phillips-Southwood collection is deposited in Wells Museum

c.1989-1990

Wells Cathedral: architecture, services and events, people. Collection of colour prints by Fotek of Bath (Fiona Hills). 6 albums

AV-IT collection: Film, tape, computer discs, video cassettes

1951 to date

Film, tapes, computer discs, video cassettes, including Chapter Minutes back-up discs 1995 to date

AV-IT/1- to date

For details see catalogue

1975-1978

Tapes of early choir recordings. 12 boxed reels

Lists and Transcripts, etc.

1759

Copies of Statutes, and notes on documents, by Richard Jenkyns, Wells: vol. 1st. Notes re the functions of the Dean and Chapter, lists of Dignitaries, etc. 1 vol., vellum.

1759

Notes on Visitations etc. from Chapter [Act] Books, by Richard Jenkyns, Wells; including notes from Chyles' History, and (pp.142-3) notes on the ecclesiastical careers of John and Richard Jenkins. 1 vol., vellum

18th C

Library shelf lists: Hooper bequest; part of the library list of the Hooper Collection. 2 parchment rolls.

Probably to hang at the end of the bookstacks; these are properly part of the Library collection

1871

J.T.Irvine, Collections towards a list of Dignitaries & Prebendaries of Wells. 1 vol.

[1880s-1890s]

46

Canon C.M.Church and others, incl. Canon T.S.Holmes, Notes on the history of Wells Cathedral, the Dean and Chapter, and general Somerset history, arranged alphabetically by subject; includes letters, offprints etc. 2 vols

[1880s-1890s]

Canon C.M.Church: Extracts, notes and transcripts 1-3: 3 box files

[1899-1910]

Preb. W.E.Daniel: Transcripts of accounts, lists of canons, Wells Chantries and other notes. 13 exercise books

Superseded by LSC translations and indexes of accounts

[1899-1910]

Preb. W.E.Daniel: Indexes of accounts, canons. 2 exercise books

1937 October

'R.S.B.' (R.S.Bate), Transcripts and translations of charters, and letters of Thomas Ken. 1 exercise book

L.S.Colchester, *Escheators' Accounts 1369-1600*: translation and index (1988)

L.S.Colchester, *Fabric Accounts 1390-1600*: translation and index (1983)

L.S.Colchester, *Communars' Accounts 1327-1600*: translation and index (1984)

COMMITTEES AND OTHER CATHEDRAL ORGANISATIONS

Friends of Wells Cathedral

Established October 1933.

1935-1989

Minute Books of AGMs and Committees:

1 Committees 1935-1953, AGMs 1936-1953

2 Committees 1954-1957, AGMs 1954-1956

3 Committees 1957-1962, AGMs 1957-1962

4 Committees 1963-1968, AGMs 1963-1967

5 Committees 1968, AGMs 1968-1989

6 Committees 1969-1979

6 vols

Current minutes and other records are in the keeping of the Secretary of the Friends of Wells Cathedral.

1953 to date

Friends Reports and (from 1990) Annual Report and Autumn Journal (reserve stock). 6+ boxes (*Check*)

There are no copies for 1955, 1959, 1963, 1972, 1988. The Friends' Secretary keeps all spare copies of current year (2 issues); 50 copies (or what is available) of previous year's issues are deposited in the archives; after 5 years these are reduced to 25 copies

Guild of Wells Cathedral Needleworkers

Established 1938.

1938-1946

Minutes, intermixed in vol. 1 of the Minutes of the Friends of Wells Cathedral

Confraternity of St Andrew

A society, both spiritual and practical, of those who help the Cathedral in various capacities, ie cleaning (Marthas), flowers (Dorotheas), embroidery and sewing (Clares), catering (Zitas), with voluntary virgers, sidesmen and servers. Inaugurated by Dean F.P.Harton.

1951-1982

Minutes, I: 1951-1961

II: 1961-1982 ; closed down 1988 2 ring binders

Dean Malden Memorial Sub-Committee

1952

Minutes, included in vol. 1 of the Minutes of the Friends of Wells Cathedral

Works Progress Committee

1979-1986

Minutes, meetings 1-40. 1 ring binder

ARCHIVES of the College of VICARS CHORAL

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See also Chapter archives: **Chapter and Vicars Choral
Services and Liturgical Procedure**

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Catalogues, Inventories, Lists and Indexes

1622, 1677

Vicars Choral Library Benefactors Book 1622, with Inventory of goods, plate etc. 1677 at back

This is a Library item

[1622, 1677]

Catalogue of the Vicars Choral Library, 1622: typewritten transcript of the above; red ring binder

1882

Vicars Choral of Wells: Catalogue of Documents by W.de G.Birch; manuscript. 1 vol.

19th-20th century

Catalogue, Inventory and misc. lists etc., 19th-20th C. 1 box

[1880s-1890s]

The Dean and Chapter and Vicars Choral: extracts from documents in the Chapter archives, made by the Revd C.M.Church. 1 exercise book

'The manuscript of Canon Church's extracts is in the Cathedral Library'

[possibly Canon Church's Notes ... (2 vols) or Extracts ... (3 box files): see

Chapter Archives: Lists and Transcripts etc.]; this is presumably a copy made

for the College of Vicars Choral. It passed to Canon A.C.Ainslie, from him to

Canon T.Scott Holmes and then to Prebendary H.B.Salmon. The extracts

from Chapter Books were made by Mr Jeayes for Canon Church.

See also 19th century copies of statutes, by R.Harris, Chapter Clerk, in

'The Various Box'

[n.d., c.1930s-1940s]

Catalogue of MSS. of the College of Vicars, Wells 'Series B, C'.

1 exercise book

This relates to the boxes of accounts ('Series B', boxes 1-15) and court

rolls and books ('Series C', boxes I-VI), and is probably by Prebendary

H.B.Salmon, c.1930s-1940s

1975

Vicars Choral Muniments: temporary catalogue. Incomplete handwritten catalogue by Michael Windeatt. 1 notebook

1975

A Handlist of the Principals and Receivers-General of the College of Vicars Choral, 1348-1933. Handwritten list by Michael Windeatt.

1 ring binder

1979

Vicars Choral 1592-1935: handwritten index of names. Alphabetical

50

list with dates and details, handwritten by Michael Windeatt. 1 exercise book

Histories and transcripts

c.1860-1880

John Beauchamp, Vicar Choral 1835-1886: Commonplace book, 'Mr Beauchamp's Book' Transcripts of medieval-19th C. documents re Vicars Choral and other Cathedral matters, re John Beauchamp, and loose enclosed letters. Green vellum. Typewritten list of contents by Michael Windeatt, 1977. 1 vol.

(Scrapbook and sketchbooks of her ancestor John Beauchamp, who was a talented artist, are in the possession of Mrs Ann Currie, 33 Chamberlain Street, Wells)

1917

W.E.Hodgson, MS. History

n.d. [1920s]

H.Parnell, *The Vicars of Wells*: MS. history of the College of Vicars Choral. 1 vol.

1929

H.Parnell, *The Chapel of Vicars' Close* (first pub.1926); booklet

1934

H.Parnell, *The College of Vicars Choral* (first pub. 1926); booklet

1920s

Copies of Parnell booklets; part of contents of 1 tin trunk
From the Gothic dresser in Vicars Hall, deposited 1993
(*To be catalogued*)

n.d. [c.1930s-40s?]

anon., *The Vicars' Close, Wells*; leaflet

1974

L.S.Colchester, *Notes on the History & Development of Vicars' Close*; copy of booklet
For original see ADD/7112

n.d.[pre-1986]

L.S.Colchester, *The Earliest Extant Register of the Vicars Choral of Wells, 1393-1534*; booklet

1986

L.S.Colchester, *Documents of the Vicars Choral of Wells, 1348-1600*

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(Vicars Choral Charters, etc.); booklet

1986

L.S.Colchester, *Act Book of the Vicars Choral of Wells, 1541-1593*;
booklet

[medieval-19th C] *Check covering dates*

Vicars Choral estates in Wells: transcripts of lease books, charters etc.
arranged by properties, by Michael Windeatt. 4 ring binders

Cartularies

1393-1534

Register of the Vicars Choral, '63' 'Original Documents circa AD
1360-1500'; covering dates amended in pencil by L.S.Colchester.
Bound volume in marbled 19th century cover; with remains of
descriptive auction label. Given by Edward Rolle, Vicar Choral to
Thomas Serel, Wells antiquary, who had it repaired and bound. 1 vol.

Translation by L.S.Colchester, *The Earliest Extant Register of the Vicars
Choral of Wells, 1393-1534* (n.d.); booklet

Charters etc.

1348-1840

Vicars Choral Charters

1348-1601	1-40	Box I
1601-1628	41-80	Box II
1630-1661	81-110	Box III
1661-1707	111-140	Box IV
1707-1776	141-190	Box V
1778-1840	191-239	Box VI

6 boxes

Charter 6 and 1591 charter shelved separately: see below. See Catalogue by
W.de G.Birch, 1882. For selected translations, see L.S.Colchester, *Documents
of the Vicars Choral of Wells, 1348-1600* (1986)

1459

VC/Charter 6: Charter of Bishop Bekynton to the College of
Vicars Choral. Parchment roll.

[1459]

Xerox of 16th C version of Bekynton's Ordinances (original in SRO);

part of 1 box

For details see catalogue

ADD/2210

1591 November 25

Charter of Queen Elizabeth I to the College of Vicars Choral.

Parchment roll

[1591]

Printed translation of 1591 charter; in 'The Various Box'

Statutes, Chapter Acts and Visitations

n.d. 18th C.

Vicars Choral of Wells: Charters & Statutes; ms. transcript of various important documents. 1 vol.

1875

Bishop's visitation and report, in 'The Various Box'

1875, 1930 etc.

Sealed Chapter Acts re Vicars Choral. 1 box

19th century

Copies of statutes, by R.Harris, Chapter Clerk, in 'The Various Box'

See also extracts from documents in the Chapter archives, made [1880s-1890s] by the Revd C.M.Church

Act Books etc.

1541-93, 1622-28

Vicars Choral Act Book titled 1593-1628, bound in modern cover.

In fact the contents are dated 1541-1593, 1622-1628. 1 vol.

The first part of this Act Book was translated by L.S.Colchester, *Act Book of the Vicars Choral of Wells, 1541-1593* (1986); booklet

1748-1905

Vicars Choral Act Book. 1 vol.

1992 to date

College of Vicars Choral Commemoration Day signatures book.

A record of the members of the College begun to mark the 400th

anniversary of the charter granted to them by Queen Elizabeth I,
25th November 1591 [date erroneously given as 1592]. 1 vol.

Minute Books

1801-1845
Minute Books 1801-1823, 1830-1845. 2 vols

1845-1881, 1881-1923, 1923 to date
Vicars Choral Minute Books. 3 vols

Letter Book

1843-1847
Letter Book: letters written by Edmund Davies, Steward of the Vicars
Choral. 1 vol.

Accounts etc

1354-1785			
Accounts:	1354-1421	B.1-15	Box 1
	1422-1453	B.16-34	Box 2
	1453-1470	B.35-56	Box 3
	1470-1488	B.57-75	Box 4
	1489-1508	B.76-99	Box 5
	1508-1518	B.100-116	Box 6
	1517-1524	B.117-129	Box 7
	1524-1535	B.130-145	Box 8
	1538-1553	B.146-164	Box 9
	1553-1565	B.165-183c	Box 10
	1564-1578	B.184-195	Box 11
	1577-1616	B.196-208a	Box 12
	1616-1685	B.209-217	Box 13
	1693-1735	B.218-231	Box 14
	1735-1785	B.232-241	Box 15

15 boxes

listed in Catalogue of MSS 'Series B,C'

14th-17th century

Account rolls and papers, and miscellaneous documents: contents of

the 'Black Box'. Box K

17th century
Bills and receipts

1700-1799
Bills & receipts. Box F

1700-1773
Receiver's Accounts, '25' on cover. 1 vol.

1779-1840
Accounts. 1 vol.

1824-1886
Accounts (rough), including accounts of the Receiver 1824/25, 1826/27, 1827/28; Escheatry accounts 1826, 1829-1886 with gaps, miscellaneous rough accounts and balance sheets. 1 vol.

1840-1900
Receiver's Accounts. 1 vol.

Surveys, Commonwealth

1649
Parliamentary Survey of the Properties of the Vicars Choral.
Vellum bound volume, cover marked X Survey Book (17th C.),
'Original Commonwealth Survey' (in blue ink, 19th-20th C.)
Remains of printed descriptive auction label, and label no. 60
stuck on cover. 1 vol.

1649
Parliamentary Survey of the Properties of the Vicars Choral:
typewritten transcript of Y2/19 by Michael Windeatt, 1976;
red ring binder

1649 July
A Survey of the Manor of Newton Plaice [Newton Plecy, now North
Newton, nr North Petherton, Somerset]. 1 sheet, in folder

Manorial Courts

1382-1725
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Court rolls and books:

1382-1507	C.1-30	Box I
1517-1599	C.31-67	Box II
1599-1621	C.68-88	Box III
1542-77, 1577-1599 (2 vols)		Box IV
1613-21, 1615-16, 1620-31, 1630-38 (4 vols)		Box V
1632-1725	C.89-98A	Box VI

6 boxes

listed in Catalogue of MSS 'Series B,C'

1598/99 - 1614/15 [41 Eliz. - 12 James I]
Court Book of the Vicars Choral Manors. Box E

Estates: Lease and Bargain Books

See also original Leases, below

1557-1649
Lease Book (fragmentary). Box H. 1 vol.

1617-1704
Vicars Choral Rent Books: Leases 1617-1661, 1661-1704. 2 vols, case

1706-1741
Lease Books: copy leases 6 vols
A 1706-1741
B 1741-1769
C 1770-1791
D 1794-1819
E 1822-1849
F 1849-1892

1718-1793
Bargain Book. Box H. 1 vol.

1770-1795
Bargain Book 1 vol., vellum

1794-1804
Lease Book. Box H. 1 vol.

Estates: Deeds and Leases

See also deeds and leases under **Charters**, and miscellaneous documents (**Accounts**, Box K); and copy leases in Lease Books, above; see also Chapter archives: **Chapter and Vicars Choral**, and **Keeper of the Estates**

16th-17th century
Deeds and papers. Box L

1632-1662
Leases, 'The Various Box'. 1 box

1665-1720
Lease Book I: 'Notes of Vicars Leases' 1 vol.

1756-1911
Leases, chiefly Close Hall. Box J

[1756-1911]
Handlist of contents of Box J: chiefly Close Hall. Handwritten list
of the above by Michael Windeatt, 1976; beige binder

19th-early 20th C.
Draft leases and estate papers, correspondence re leases etc.
5 boxes and 1 tin trunk, numbered 1-6
material from the Gothic dresser in Vicars Hall, deposited 1993
(To be catalogued)

1892
Lease of Hall to Masons, in 'The Various Box'

1925
Lease of Chapel to Wells Theological College. ADD/2193
In 2 boxes ADD/2180-2200; cf. ADD/8168

[medieval-19th C]
Vicars Choral estates in Wells: transcripts of lease books, charters etc.
arranged by properties, by Michael Windeatt. 4 ring binders

Vicars Choral Library

1622, 1677
Vicars Choral Library Benefactors Book 1622, with Inventory of goods,
plate etc. 1677 at back
This is a Library item

[1622, 1677]
Catalogue of the Vicars Choral Library, 1622: typewritten transcript
of the above; red ring binder

Music

17th-early18th C.

Manuscript Music Books of the Vicars Choral, listed by L.S.Colchester and R.Andrewes, 1969 (9 small vols, 1 box): Vicars Choral Music MS.1-9:

17th C.

Music Ms. 1-3. Fragmentary remains of set of 5 part books:

Music Ms. 1 [Cantus] pp.3-10: fragment ? out of binding

Music Ms. 2 Cover: Tenore V Voc ADRIAN BATTEN
RICHARD BROWNE

Parts of madrigals by [Ruggiero Giovannelli]
and Francesco Soriano. pp. 5-8 and 13-21 and
[22-24] only.

Music Ms. 3 Cover: BASSO V Voc ADRIAN BATTEN
RICHARD BROWNE

Parts of madrigals by Ruggiero Giovannelli and
Francesco Soriano. pp. 1-21 and 3 blanks.

17th C.

Music Ms. 4 Fragment ? out of binding.

Bass part book containing 'Fantatias' by Jo[h]n Ward;
4 'fantatias' all in A minor, using F3 clef; p.5: originally
written out with F4 clef, changed to F3. pp. 5-8 only.

17th C.

Music Ms. 5-6. 2 (out of 3) part books of instrumental 'Airs' by Lawes,
Jo. Jin[kins], Thomas Gibbs and Mr Simpson *et al.*:

Music Ms. 5 Composers (or performers): Mr Simpson, Lawes,
Ramsy, Jo. Jin[kins], Colman, Mr Colliers Choire.
Upper and lower string parts of Suites. List of 12
Vicars who received 7s 6d each. Small leather
book; p.3 stuck to cover, pp. 4-20. Pagination then
resumed other end. 2 pages 35, then pagination erratic,
mixed up with numbering of sections of suite.

Music Ms. 6 Parts of instrumental 'Airs'. Composers: Mr Simpson,
Mr Lawes, Mr Ramsy; Jo. Jin[kins], Mr Colliers
Thomas Gibbs. 'The french trumpett tune 3

Choire,
parts'.

Sections of Suites: Alman, Corant, Sarab: Paven.
Numbering of sections of Suites (which sometimes
corresponds with page-numbering): 2-3 (2 leaves torn
out), end of p.8, pp.9-20, blanks; numbering from other
end: pp. ?2, ?8, 15-45.

late 17th C and early 18th C.

Music Ms. 7-8 . 2 (out of 3) part books of instrumental 'Airs' by Mr Young,
John Banister *et al.*,

Music Ms. 7 Treble parts of Suites mainly by Mr Younge.

Music Ms. 8 Bass parts of Suites by Mr Younge, Mr Clinton,

Mounseer Clayton, Jo[hn] Banistar, Henry/Henery Hall.
Instructions for fingering stringed instrument.
Enclosed: note (20th C) re Henry Hall, organist at Wells
(c.1674) and elsewhere.

late 17th and early 18th C.

Music Ms. 9 A single part book:

'Theatre tunes' in 3 parts, by Mr Banister, Mr Forcer,
'Mercure', John Jackson *et al.* Treble parts of Suites by
Mr Forcer, John Banistar/Banester, Mr Willson, Ro[ger]
Griffin; also Suite in Gamut by Mr Robert Smith; Ayres
for Gamut by Mr John Jackson; Mr Jennings Farewell
Suite; Robert Creighton: An Italian Lute Tune; Robert
Creighton: Jenkins Bells in 4 parts; Overture by Mr
Tunes by Baptist. Tenor part of Anthem for 3

Baptista;
voices:

'Haste Thee O Lord.'

Conserved at S.R.O. 1994-95

Miscellaneous and legal papers

16th-19th century

Papers; 16th C. paper book; 2 notebooks of John Beauchamp, 19th C.
in 'The Various Box'

Cf John Beauchamp's Commonplace Book (see **Histories and transcripts**)

[c.1725-7]

'The Vicars Bill in Chancery against Dr [Claver] Morris about the Way
in Close Hall'. 19th C. transcript; 'B10' (or possibly 'B1Q½') at top of
the spine. Name of Arthur DuCane, Vicar Choral 1858-1865 written in
the front; book ruled as an account book but used for this transcript.

Most of the book is blank. 1 vol., vellum

[c.1725-7]

The Vicars Choral v. Claver Morris re right of way in Close Hall: Bill
in Chancery [c.1725-7]: typewritten transcript of the above by Michael
Windeatt, 1976; blue binder

ARCHIVES of the WELLS ALMSHOUSES

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Catalogues

- c.1881
Calendar of Almshouse Charters 1-550, by W.de G.Birch.
1 red ring binder AH/0
Xerox copy of original which is in Harris & Harris office; superseded
by LSC's calendars
- early 20th C.
Wells Old Almshouse: Index to deeds, documents and papers. 1 vol. AH/565

Charters and deeds

See also **Deeds, Leases and Accounts**

- c.1223x1261
Wells Old Almshouse deed no.1, c.1223x1261, with fine seal of
Bath Abbey. 1 charter *box* (*number box*) AH/1
This document was mislaid in the Bishops Registry, and only rediscovered and
deposited in the archives in 1991, after the compilation of the calendar by LSC.
Conserved and boxed by SRO 1991. For details see catalogue
- 1235/6-1780
Wells Old Almshouse charters: deeds, accounts and related documents.
8 boxes AH/2-551
For details see catalogue
- [There is a gap AH/185-194, with scattered other numbers, where losses
were suffered when documents were in Bishop's Registry. For details see
catalogue. Summary descriptions of the lost charters appear in the Birch
Calendar AH/0 - compiled when they were all present - and are copied into
the full LSC catalogue]
- 1436-19th C
Wells Almshouse Statutes &c: documents and translations collected by
Thomas Serel; 1 vol. ADD/1694
For details see catalogue

Charity Commissioners

1820
Report of the [Charity] Commissioners: Wells. Ms copy, 1 vol. AH/554

1820
Report of the Charity Commissioners: Wells, 1820 (xerox of printed copy)
1 paper file ADD/1695

1901 January 18
Wells Old Almshouse: Charity Commissioners' Order vesting property
in the Official Trustee of Charity Lands. 1 vol. AH/564

Minutes

1840-1887, 1922-1993
Almshouse Minute Books, 1840-1843 (book left incomplete),
1840-1887,
1922-1979,
1979-1993. 4 vols AH/555-558
Volume for c.1888-1921 apparently missing

c.1960s-1970s
Almshouse Trustees: Minutes, papers & correspondence. 2 boxes ADD/1941-2000

Admissions

1699
Admissions to the Manor of Wells Almshouse. 2 docs., part of 1 box ADD/1699a-b
ADD/1699 returned from SRO, Nov.1990

20th C.
Wells Old Almshouse: nominations for admission; in one of 2 boxes ADD/1941-2000
[to be numbered and listed]

Registers

1850-c.1954
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- Wells Old Almshouse Register of Inmates. 1 vol. AH/561
1884-1947
Wells Old Almshouse: Inmates' Pay 1884-1947. 1 vol. AH/562

Accounts

See also **Deeds, Leases and Accounts** (above); and also **Registers: Inmates' pay**

- 1750-1840
Wells Old Almshouse Master's Accounts 1750-1772, 1772-1823,
1823-1840. 3 vols ADD/1697a-c
On top of box containing ADD/1698-9
ADD/1697 returned from SRO, Nov.1990
- 1757-1774
Accounts: 'Journal' 1757-1758, 1766-1774. 2 vols ADD/1698a-b
ADD/1698 returned from SRO, Nov.1990
- 1840-1843
Old Almshouse: Annual Accounts (book only partly used). 1 vol.,
part of 1 box ADD/1696
- 1840-1963
Wells Old Almshouse Accounts 1840-1904, 1905-1963. 2 vols. AH/559-560
- 1919-1969
Wells Old Almshouse Cash Books 1919-1949, 1950-1969. 2 vols AH/566-567

Deeds, Leases and Accounts

- 1575-1943
Wells Old Almshouse records: deeds, leases, accounts and
related documents. 4 boxes ADD/1301-1693
For details see catalogue
- 1617/18-1848
Wells Old Almshouse deeds and leases, 1 box:
Bagley Wood, Wedmore (Still's Almshouse) ADD/1928-1930
Old Wood, Wedmore (Still's Almshouse) ADD/1931-1938
For details see catalogue

1703-1845

Wells Old Almshouse deeds and leases, 1 box:

Wookey, Wookey Hole

ADD/1867-1917

Bagley Wood, Wedmore (Still's Almshouse)

ADD/1918-1921

For details see catalogue

1709-1848

Wells Old Almshouse deeds and leases. 1 box:

Wells

ADD/1778-1797

Cheddar

ADD/1798-1802

Glastonbury

ADD/1803-1807

Melsbury

ADD/1808-1840

Westbury-sub-Mendip

ADD/1841-1866

For details see catalogue

1713-1847

Wells Old Almshouse deeds and leases, 1 box:

Bagley Wood, Wedmore (Still's Almshouse)

ADD/1922-1927

For details see catalogue

1721-1904

Wells Old Almshouse deeds and leases. 1 box:

Wells

ADD/1701-1777

For details see catalogue

Estates: Court Book

1795-1867

Wells Old Almshouse Court Book. 1 vol.

AH/552

Estates: Plans etc.

1809

Wells Old Almshouse estates: Plans, "A Plan & Reference to sundry estates ... belonging to Wells Old Almshouse", by Benjamin Tuthill, Surveyor; with copious later additions, papers attached, etc. 1 vol.

AH/553

19th C.

Wells Old Almshouse Register of Lands, 'A Particular of the Possessions of Wells Old Almshouse' 1 vol.

AH/563

1923

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Wells Old Almshouse Schedule of Property. 1 vol. AH/568

20th C
6" O.S. maps of Almshouse estates (27 sheets). 1 roll AH/569

Miscellaneous

[19th C?]
Old wrappers etc.; part of 1 box ADD/1940
For details see catalogue

HICKS CHARITY

1767-9
Hicks Charity, East Wells; part of 1 box ADD/1939
For details see catalogue

BRICK'S ALMSHOUSE

Endowment

1608-1642
Deeds etc. of the Sutton Montis estate, including bundle of final
concordes 1609-34 on a lace, and bundle of receipts for manorial
dues 1622-42 on a lace. BAH/1-21
For details see catalogue

Foundation charters

1637 September 29
Foundation charter: site of Almshouse. 1 charter box BAH/22
For details see catalogue

1637-1638
Foundation charters: grants re site, foundation of almshouse, trustees,
regulations. BAH/23-27
For details see catalogue

Appointment of Trustees

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1662-1874

Grants, deeds of feoffment, leases and releases to/by attorneys,
appointment of trustees.

BAH/28-48

For details see catalogue. After 1874 trustees are appointed in the Minutes

Minutes and Accounts

1649-1994

Minute and Account books 1649-1807, 1808-1895, 1896-1994. 3 vols.

BAH/49-

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For details see catalogue

Administration

1677, 1681

Letters re Ship Money, rent (2).

BAH/52-53

For details see catalogue

1708-1767

Charitable bequests: wills and legal opinions.

BAH/54

For details see catalogue

1830-1907

Administrative papers, vouchers and bills.

BAH/55-60

For details see catalogue

1910-1914

Valuation for poor rate.

BAH/61

For details see catalogue

1919-1920

Sale of Brick's Almshouse land in Sutton Montacute.

BAH/62

For details see catalogue

1964-1968

Charity Commissioners' Schemes for management.

BAH/63

For details see catalogue

Library PICTURES

Pages

LIB/PIC 1-55

Pictures are listed in date order. For listing in order LIB/PIC 1-55 see **Shelf List**.
Measurements are of the size of the picture within its mount or surround.

Height is given first, width second, in centimetres.

Sizes of framed photographs are not given.

Dates in [square brackets] indicate copies (photograph, xerox etc.) of an original of the date shown.

Most original pictures are included in the **Cathedral Inventory, 1999**. Some original pictures in the West Cloister do not appear to have been included in the Inventory; framed photographs are not included. All pictures, including framed photographs, are listed here as part of the Library & Archives.

A few archives are framed and hung on walls in the West Cloister; these are listed under their appropriate archive group in the Handlist of Archives.

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See also pictures in Old Meeting Room, Vicars' Hall, Dean's Lodgings: listed in Cathedral Inventory and, with additional background information, in Archives **Information File I/9**, West Cloister Archive Room. There are additional pictures in the Cathedral Offices, Chain Gate.

Library PICTURES

[10th C.]
Christ adored by St Dunstan: xerox of Oxford, Bodl. Auct.F.4.32, f.1. LIB/PIC
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[c.1040]
Lanalet Pontifical: drawing of the the old Wells Cathedral: photograph from
Bibliothèque Municipale de Rouen, MS. A27 fo.2v; see G.H.Doble,
Pontificale Lanaletense, Henry Bradshaw Society lxxiv (1936) and
L.S.Colchester, ed.,
Wells Cathedral: A History (1982) p.9, 22-23. Long note on background
information by LSC pasted on back LIB/PIC
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[1217]
Bishop Jocelyn with Richard le Poore, Bishop of Salisbury and Hugh de
Tournay, Chancellor of Chichester, giving absolution to those departing to
fight the French, 1217: photograph from Matthew Paris, *Chronica*
Maiora, CCCC MS.16 fo. 52r; see L.S.Colchester, 'Jocelyn abroad
1209-1213',
Friends of Wells Cathedral Report 1980 p.23
LIB/PIC 43

[1464]
The Cathedral Church and Bishop's Palace at Wells, from Thomas
Chandler's MS., New College Oxford MS. 288. Lithograph from
Archaeologia vol. LIII plate xvii, with note on background information
by LSC pasted on back
LIB/PIC 45

15th C.
Leaf, double-sided from Antiphonal: Antiphons etc. for Saints' days in
August. 50 x 35.5 cms. Given by Mrs ? of Wellesley Farm, Wells,
1979
LIB/PIC 13

15th C.
Leaf, double-sided, from Lectionary: Lessons from the Book of Isiah,
28 v.10-13, 28 v.14-17, 30 v.15-20, 15th C. 38.5 x 28.7 cms. Given
by Mrs ? of Wellesley Farm, Wells, 1979 LIB/PIC

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[1587/20th C. ?]
Printed text of Sir Francis Drake's Prayer on departing for Cadiz, 1587
O Lord God, when thou givest to thy servant to endeavour any great matter,
Grant us also to know that it is not the Beginning
But the Continuing of the same, until it be thoroughly Finished
Which yieldeth the glory. Through him that, for the finish of Thy work, laid down His life.
17.5 x 50 cms LIB/PIC
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1639/[1789]

Dormition of the Virgin: etching by Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669),
bequeathed to Wells Cathedral by H.G.R.Jakins, 1988. 40 x 32 cms.
Thought to be a late print from the 1639 plate: about 150 years after
the plate was made, and showing signs of wear.
The paper might be dateable

LIB/PIC 1

1655

West Front of Wells Cathedral, drawn by Richard Newcourt (of Somerton)
and engraved by Daniel King, for Dugdale's *Monasticon Anglicanum* vol. 1
(sub 'Bath'): engraving. 23 x 16 cms.

LIB/PIC 42

1719

'The Cathedral Church of Wells' - Wells Cathedral from the south: engraving,
based on Hollar's engraving for Dugdale's *Monasticon Anglicanum* vol.1
(1655), artist unknown. 50 x 60 cms. Omits the cloisters. Purchased

and

given by Dean Malden, 1938.

LIB/PIC

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c.1730

Wells Cathedral, a semi-aerial view from the northwest, drawn by
T.Fourd and engraved by Toms, temp. Dean Brailsford (1713-1733).
It shows the first county record office (1616-1874) and the cupola for
the clock-bell (c.1726-1794). 50 x 60 cms. On long loan from the
Palace Trustees.

LIB/PIC

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1733

'The South View of Wells Palace' - the Bishop's Palace: engraving by S & N
Buck. 37 x 19.5 cms.

LIB/PIC 31

[1735]

Plan of the City of Wells, by William Simes (facsimile, 1966). 49 x 69 cms.

LIB/PIC 54

[1736]

North west prospect of the City of Wells, by S. & N.Buck (facsimile,
1968). 33.5 x 85 cms.

LIB/PIC 55

c.1780

Wells Cathedral from the south-east, by Thomas Hearne (1744-1817):
monochrome watercolour, showing the wells, Lady Chapel and The Rib.

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14 x 20 cms. Signed. One of a series to be called *The Antiquities of Britain*.

Purchased at Christie's for the Cathedral Library by public subscription

organised by Patrick Taylor, for £450, 16th March 1982, and given to

the Dean and Chapter, 31st March 1982. Thomas Hearne the artist
is not to be confused with Thomas Hearne the antiquary (1678-1735), to
whom he may have been related. An engraving from this painting was
subsequently made by William Byrne FSA and published in 1802.

LIB/PIC 15

[c.1780]

Photograph of original LIB/PIC 15 in East Cloister Display Room.

LIB/PIC

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[1794]

Sectional drawing of Chapter House and nave by John Carter.

Photograph (reduced) of the original in the Library of the Society of
Antiquaries, London.

LIB/PIC 25

For larger photograph, see PL/112

1812

Retroquire and Lady Chapel, by John Coney: pencil drawing, signed
and dated by the artist. 35 x 45 cms.

LIB/PIC

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1813

Great West Window: *vidimus* by William Eginton of proposed arrangement
of foreign glass, with additional figures by himself, for the centre light
(window WII), to replace the 17th century glass which had been seriously
damaged in the great storm of 1703: watercolour. 44 x 8 cms. The foreign
glass is by Arnold of Nijmegen, from Rouen, and comprises the beheading
of St John the Baptist, and scenes from the life of St John the Evangelist.
Eginton himself designed and painted the figures of St Andrew, St Paul and
St Bartholomew. The light was removed in 1926; the St John Baptist was
moved to the north transept (window NVIII), the St John scenes to
St Katherine's Chapel (window sVII) and the figures of St Paul and
St Bartholomew to the east clerestory window in the south transept
(window SVIII).

LIB/PIC

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1821

Wells Cathedral [from the southeast] by John Buckler: print of a
watercolour in V & A Museum. 50 x 74 cms

LIB/PIC 2

1821

Wells Cathedral Choir, drawn and engraved by John Coney, for Caley,

Ellis and Bandinell's edition of Dugdale's *Monasticon Anglicanum*

(1817-1830) vol.2, following p.274. 38 x 30.5 cms. The east window

is

out of proportion. Given by the Revd Hilton Bothamley, St Stephen's,

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- 37 Lansdown, Bath in November 1881 LIB/PIC
- 1823
Wells Cathedral quire, watercolour, artist unknown. Given by (not 'to'
as stated on the mount) Dean E.H.Plumtre, Dean of Wells 1881-1891.
45 x 32.5 cms. LIB/PIC
- 18 1823
Wells Cathedral from the North-West, coloured engraving by C.Wild, dated
on the mount 1823. 28 x 38 cms. Given by Dean Plumtre, 1891.
Cf. LIB/PIC 19 dated 1829. LIB/PIC
- 28
- [1826]
Photograph of painting of the quire by R.H.Essex showing the choirstalls
before Salvin's restoration LIB/PIC
- 41 1829
Wells Cathedral from the north-west, by C.Wild, published by R.Jennings.
Coloured engraving; dated 1829 on the mount. 27.5 x 37.5 cms. Given by
J.C.G.Hill of Compton Martin, 1981. Cf LIB/PIC 28, dated 1823 on
mount. LIB/PIC
- 19 [1835]
Wells Cathedral. View from north transept: engraving, tinted. 18 x 12 cms.
From Winkles, *Cathedral Churches* vol.1 (1835).
LIB/PIC 22
- c.1849
Wells Cathedral Undercroft, showing clock works, old altar rails, etc.:
watercolour by Henry Stacey Marks, R.A. (1829-1898). 19 x 27.5 cms.
Signed. Given by the Revd and Mrs E.W.Plowright c.1979. Mrs Plowright
was the daughter of H.E.Balch, founder of Wells Museum, who had the
painting and told LSC he intended to give it to the Dean and Chapter. LIB/PIC
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- [c.1849]
Wells Cathedral showing east end of Nave, crossing and old organ,
lithograph by E.T.Dolby. 27.5 x 25 cms. Descriptive note by J.T.Irvine,
being an extract from 1861 paper by Professor Willis, pasted on back. LIB/PIC
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- 1891
Wells Cathedral from the south: print of a pencil drawing by Roland W.Paul,
reproduced from *The Builder*, May 2 1891. 38 x 27 cms.
LIB/PIC 29
n.d. [c.1890s?]
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- 30 The Archdeaconry (now Wells Cathedral School Music School) before restoration for Wells Theological College, watercolour by A.A.Clarke. 38 x 27.5 cms. LIB/PIC
- 46 n.d. [c.1890s?]
The Choristers' House before 1870: photograph of a water colour by A.A.Clarke, said to be in Wells Museum but not now [1997-8] able to be found LIB/PIC
- 47 [n.d., late 19th or early 20th C.]
The Schoolroom, West Cloister: photograph LIB/PIC
- 34 n.d. [late 19th or early 20th C.]
Wells: Gate to Vicars' Close: photograph. LIB/PIC
- n.d.[early 20th C.?
Map showing the chief estates as recorded in Domesday Book, 1086, by Bishop Edmund Hobhouse (d.1904). n.d. 31 x 45.5 cms.
LIB/PIC 32
1911 September 28
Proposed re-furnishing of Wells Cathedral Quire: watercolour by Sir Charles Nicholson, architect to Wells Cathedral. Signed and dated. Given by the artist to Dean J.Armitage Robinson in 1911. Full description (by Nicholson?) on the back. 49.5 x 40.5 cms. In heavy oak frame. LIB/PIC
- 21 1931
Details of the North Porch at Wells drawn by Sir Harold Brakspear for 'A West Country School of Masons', *Archaeologia* LXXXI (1931), pp.1-18: xerox of illustration.
LIB/PIC 27
- 23 1936
Wells Cathedral from the southeast, by Christopher Hughes: drypoint etching. 29.5 x 28.8 cms. Signed. Christopher Hughes, art master at Marlborough College, was a nephew of Bishop Wynne Wilson and frequently stayed at the Palace LIB/PIC
- 48 1938-9
Denys Pouncey and Choristers, Chapter House: photograph LIB/PIC
- 39 c.1987
L.S.Colchester (1914-1989), Archivist & Asst. Librarian 1976-1989 and Secretary to the Friends of Wells Cathedral 1969-1982: photograph taken by G.H.Hall about the time of the publication of *Bell's New Guide: Wells Cathedral* (1987) LIB/PIC
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[n.d.]/1997

3 reproductions of medieval woodcuts of building work etc.;
'Brother Dominic' cartoon by Rick, 1997

LIB/PIC 40 a-d

Photographs of portraits of Library benefactors

[1584]

Polydore Vergil, Archdeacon of Wells 1508-1546: xerox copy of
portrait from A. Theret, *Les Vrais Pourtraicts et Vies des Hommes
Illustres* (1584) ii, f.563

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LIB/PIC

n.d.[early 1600s]

Thomas James, 1573-1629.

Photograph of original oil painting in The Bodleian, Oxford

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LIB/PIC

[1616-1626]

Arthur Lake (1569-1626), Bishop of Bath and Wells 1616-1626.

LIB/PIC 9

n.d.[c.1640-1727]

George Hooper (1640-1727), Bishop of Bath and Wells 1704-1727.

Photograph of original oil painting in Vicars' Hall.

LIB/PIC 11

n.d.[c.1660s-1670s?]

Anonymous, probably Dr Robert Creighton (1637?-1733) when younger
than LIB/PIC 4.

Photograph of painting in Bishop's Palace.

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LIB/PIC

[c.1670-1672]

Robert Creightone (1593-1672), Dean of Wells 1660-1670, Bishop of
Bath and Wells 1670-1672.

Photograph of original oil painting in small contemporary oval frame,
property of Captain C.C.F.Naylor, Knightsland Farm, St Albans Road,
Barnet, Hertfordshire, a descendant through Marshall Brydges,
Chancellor of Wells 1696-1728 who married Frances, daughter of Dr

Robert Creighton, Precentor. Original from which portrait in Bishop's
Palace and others were copied.

LIB/PIC 3

n.d.[c.1670-1672?]

Dr Robert Creighton (1637?-1733), Precentor of Wells 1674-1734; son of
Robert Creightone above.

Photograph of original oil painting in small contemporary oval frame,
property of Captain C.C.F. Naylor (see above) and companion piece to
LIB/PIC 3.

LIB/PIC 4

See also LIB/PIC 10

n.d.[c.1670?]
Ralph Bathurst (1620-1704), Dean of Wells 1670-1704.
Photograph of original oil painting at Trinity College, Oxford. LIB/PIC 8

[c.1670-1704]
Ralph Bathurst, Dean of Wells 1670-1704: xerox copy of engraved
portrait LIB/PIC

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n.d.[c.1685-1691]
Thomas Ken (1637-1711), Bishop of Bath and Wells 1685-1691.
Photograph of painting in Bishop's Palace. LIB/PIC 6

[1688-1689]
The Seven Bishops, inc. Bp Thomas Ken. Photograph of painting in
National Portrait Gallery. LIB/PIC 5

[c.1695]
Dr Richard Busby (1606-1695), Treasurer of Wells 1660-1695.
Photograph of original oil painting at Westminster School. LIB/PIC 7
Said to have been painted posthumously, from a death mask

[c.1695]
Dr Richard Busby (1606-1695), Treasurer of Wells 1660-1695. Another
copy of photograph LIB/PIC 7
LIB/PIC 53

[c.1910?]
Dean J.Armitage Robinson, Dean of Westminster: cartoon by Spy,
shortly before he became Dean of Wells (1911-1933): photograph.
LIB/PIC 51 >From print of original cartoon among the pictures in The Dean's

Lodging

n.d.[c.1978-1985]
Dean Patrick R.Mitchell, Dean of Wells 1973-89, on the West Front in
niche 324: photograph by G.H.Hall
LIB/PIC 52

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Pages

Items are listed in approximate date order. For listing in storage sequence see **Shelf List**. Most items are included in the **Cathedral Inventory, 1999**. Non-historic modern miscellanea (i.e. ring boxes) are included in the Shelf List, but not in this Handlist.

c.1205-15?

Crozier, 13th century:

gold and French Limoges enamel; St Michael, in short skirt, fighting a dragon. Mounted on a modern ash stave, with modern ferrule.

Identified as the crozier of Bishop Joscelin (1206-1242)

See Archives IV/25a; *Notes & Queries for Somerset & Dorset* vol.xv (1917) p.155: item 99 (mis-attributed to Bp Burnell) and *ibid* vol.xvii (1922) pp.126-7 item 104 (mis-attributed to Bp Burnell); *Friends of Wells Cathedral Report 1984* pp.18-23; J.Alexander and P.Binski, eds., *Age of Chivalry* (1987) Cat.257 p.307

c.1206?

Episcopal ring, 13th century:

gold set with a pale uncut ruby, drilled for threading (i.e. re-used; or tied on as a safety precaution?); found with crozier head above, and identified as the ring of Bishop Joscelin (1206-1242). The stone, if reused, is presumably older, and possibly much older

See Archives IV/25a; *Notes & Queries for Somerset & Dorset* vol.xvii (1922) pp.126 and plate f.p.122: item 104 (mis-attributed to Bp Burnell); *Friends of Wells Cathedral Report 1984* pp.18-23; J.Alexander and P.Binski, eds., *Age of Chivalry* (1987) Cat.634 p.481

[c.1235-1243?]

Fragment (12 cms long x 3.5 cms ins wide at 'ward') of iron in the shape of the end of a mock key, with carved ward: presumably from a statue of St Peter. The complete key might originally have been about 30 cms long [ex-West Front?]

[c.1235-1243?]

Small iron sword, 52.5 cms long: presumably from a statue [ex-West Front?]

[c.1235-1243?]

Small iron ?dagger or knife, hilt broken off, 18.5 cms long: presumably from a statue [ex-West Front?]

The above three iron items are probably "attributes" which have become detached from statues, probably from the West Front; if so, they date to c.1235-43 (see J.Sampson, *Wells Cathedral West Front* (1998) p.61) and are extremely important, as well as extremely fragile. They could have come from other, later medieval statuary elsewhere in the Cathedral, now lost; but this seems less likely, as the attributes would have been destroyed as well. Stable, but would be better for conservation.

c.1290

Stained glass: Original roundel from top of window CH St II top light):

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six-lobed roundel, outermost diameter 49 cms. The topmost of the tracery lights on the Chapter House Stair, which are the oldest surviving glass in the Cathedral.

It was removed in 1969 and cleaned and framed by the V & A, who provided a replica which is fitted in its place in the actual window. It was displayed in its frame on the Chain Gate, at eye level, for about ten years; remained there, hidden behind the screens of the Archaeological Exhibition, c.1982-1997, and when that was removed it was deposited with the archivist for safe-keeping, 1997.

c.1292

Crucifix figure, lead, 13th century:

found in tomb thought to be that of Bishop Burnell (1278-1292). The wooden cross to which it was attached is said to have disintegrated when the tomb was opened. The figure is said to have traces of paint

See archives IV/25b; *Notes & Queries for Somerset & Dorset* vol.xv (1917), p.153-155: item 99

13th century

Retable pillar, carved wood:

A three-shafted column with moulded foot and stiff-leaf capital, with gesso and traces of paint and gilding; XI (or IX) carved on back;

24 cms long overall, now in 3 pieces which could be rejoined perfectly.

This is an extraordinary survival and was only identified by Jerry Sampson and Warwick Rodwell with FN, in about 1992. The only other similar examples in England are on the Westminster Retable in Westminster Abbey (c.1270-80) and the Suffolk retable (c.1335) probably originally from Thetford Priory, in Norfolk (see J.Alexander and P.Binski, eds., *Age of Chivalry* (1987) Cat.329 p.340, and Cat.564 p.447-8). Very fragile. Merits expert conservation and display and should be properly published

medieval [13th C.?)

Copper heart casket

See W.J.Rodwell, *Wells Cathedral: Excavations and structural studies 1978-1993* (English Heritage, 2001) pp.14, 579 (Ch.6 n.6)

medieval [13th-15th century?)

Mortuary vessels: 3 chalices, base metal:

- (a) 8cms high, with very shallow cup
- (b) 8.5 cms high
- (c) 9 cms high

See W.J.Rodwell, *Wells Cathedral: Excavations and structural studies 1978-1993* (English Heritage, 2001) pp.523-528

medieval [13th-15th century?)

Mortuary vessels: 2 patens, base metal:

- (a) 9.5 cms diameter plate paten with inscribed rings
- (b) 11 cms diameter in two pieces: rim and disc shaped base

fragment, which might or might not be part of the same paten
Chalices and patens all found in graves in or near the Cathedral; one
label records the finding of one paten when digging a trench at the
West Front, June 1885

See W.J.Rodwell, *Wells Cathedral: Excavations and structural studies 1978-1993*
(English Heritage, 2001) pp.523-528

mid-14th century

4 pieces of lead window ventilator, on a card mount, with a few tiny
loose fragments. Fragile

See W.J.Rodwell, *Wells Cathedral: Excavations and structural studies 1978-1993*
(English Heritage, 2001) pp.483-4

1443

Episcopal ring of Thomas Bekynton, Bishop of Bath and Wells 1443-1465:
silver gilt, with small amethyst. Found in his vault 16 January 1922.

Ring case: 'Wells': Art Treasures of the West Country, Bristol 1937, No.10
See *Notes & Queries for Somerset & Dorset* vol.xvii (1922) pp.124-5
and plate f.p.122: item 103.

15th century

Base and shaft fragment of Rood, 15th century

15th century

Library reading desk, 15th century (part only)

[15th century]

Replica (original in Wells Museum) of slate with music scratched
on it. Found at the Dean's House, Mudgley, Wedmore 1878.

For details, see S.H.A.Hervey, *Wedmore Chronicles* vol.I (1887), p.28; and
Judith Blezzard, 'The Wells Musical Slates', *Musical Times* cxx no.1631
(Jan. 1979), pp. 26-30

n.d., medieval

Gnomon from stone sundial on buttress on south aisle of Nave:
iron with lead sockets attached.

The sundial was replaced February 1958

15th-17th century?

1 large lock: lock plate 11 cms high, 20 cms wide.
Date suggested by Norman Cook, curator of Wells Museum

1618

Fireback, Vicars' Hall

Pediment-headed fireback with Royal arms (James I). Sussex Iron Foundries, 1618; in fireplace.

Photographs show that this fireback was in the fireplace of the Vicars' Hall in the later 19th century. It is not mentioned in the 1677 inventory (which does include the firedogs etc.) It is not shown in Pugin's drawing of 1832, but this is not conclusive: he draws the firedogs, but no other furnishings, being concerned with the architecture (T.L.Walker, *The Vicars' Close, Wells: drawings by A.Pugin, 1832* (1836). Nor is it included in the schedule of furnishings attached to the 1892 lease of the Hall by the Vicars to the Wells Freemasons. This all suggests the fireback was donated after 1677 and possibly after 1892. Moved to the East Cloister Muniment Room 1998. See H.Parnell, *The College of Vicars Choral, Wells* (1934) p.18; photographs: Archives PH/Ref; 1892 inventory: 'Various Box', Lease Book F p.535

1664

Organ: surviving fragments of the carved wooden case of the organ built for the Cathedral after the Restoration by Robert Taunton, organ builder of Bristol. For details: *Organs and Organists of Wells Cathedral* (1998 edn.), pp.4-7. Contract and specification, 1662 survive in the archives: Charter 872. One carved cherub from the same organ case survives in Wells Museum.

A drawing of the 1664 case survives in the archives of the Royal College of Organists: Sperling MSS., II, 237.

17th century

Pewter of the College of Vicars Choral:

Pair of 17th C Candlesticks, octagonal bases, 25.5 cms high, 18 cms diam. base

See R.Homer, 'The Vicars Choral Candlesticks at Wells Cathedral',

Pewter Society Newsletter January 2000 p.16

Pair of Candlesticks, later date, same size, round base, brass/gun metal

2 matching flagons, 25 cms high, 19 cms across base c.1670

1 very large plate 51.5 cms diam inscribed: *This dish was given unto ye haule of ye new Close by Mr Augustin Benford 1670*

8 large plates: details, see Inventory

23 plates, all 24 cms approx. diam

1 shallow dish, 23.5 cms diameter

For details, stamps &c: see Inventory

1686

1 cover-plate of bar from the chained Library fittings, 51 cms long

1688

4 Commemorative medals of the Seven Bishops, 1688 :

one presented by the Revd J.J.Mors; one on long-term loan to the

Dean and Chapter from Bishop John Bickersteth, 1980. See Archives IV/25c

Late 17th century

[Silver chocolate pot, known as Bishop Ken's "coffee" pot:
ht 15 cms, base diam. 6.8cms, mouth diam. 5.75 cms; side spout,
stepped lid with bifurcated scrolled thumbpiece, wooden handle.
No dated hall mark, but maker's stamp RG, not identified as a
British silversmith. Subsequently engraved on the side with coat
of arms of Hawkins family. Belonged to Thomas Ken, Bishop of
Bath and Wells 1685-1691 (d.1711). Ken could have acquired it
during his travels on the continent, as the maker's mark does not
appear to be English. Passed to Ken's nephew William Hawkins.
Left by William Hayter of Salisbury to Revd R.W.Barnes, Vicar
of Probus in Cornwall and Prebendary of Exeter, who gave it to
Dean E.H.Plumptre, 6th August 1884 (see Archives IV/25d);
E.H.Plumptre, *Bishop Ken* (1890) ii pp.208, 230.]

There are references to Ken's liking for chocolate.

Deposited in Sacristy safe, 20th April 2000

17th century

School bench, h 82 x w 108 x d (max) 35 cms; found in former
Schoolroom/Choir practice room, West Cloister, 1997. Joints at one
end show the bench has been shortened.

17th century

1 cannon ball, 17th century, diameter 13 cms

17th century?

1 decorated bronze clasp, detached from an unidentified book
in the Library

17th century?

Key to the Cathedral Tower (1459), 14.5 cms long

17th century?

Key, 9 cms long. Found by Mr Irvine, Clerk of Works for
Cathedral West Front, under the floor in the Muniment Room,
East Cloister, 1873; presented by R.Haires

17th century?

2 leather shoes found in Quire/North Quire Aisle wall, 1849; with
accompanying note by Dean Richard Jenkyns*

(a) 29 cms long, with long toe, square ended, stacked
heel. 17th century in style

(b) 24 cms long, pointed slipper, ?same date or possibly earlier

Both are left shoes, and both very worn: worn left shoes were traditionally

buried in the wall of a building to bring good luck. LSC always insisted that both must be 14th century, because there was no evidence that the aisle wall had been disturbed since its construction; but certainly one and possibly both are later styles, and in much too good condition to be so old. There was doubtless much undocumented work at various times when they could have been surreptitiously inserted, together or separately.

[*note not there 1999: CHECK archives and catalogue papers]

17th century?

4 hand-forged iron nails

17th century?

Pottery and glass fragments, post-medieval

1755-1868 and n.d.[19th C.]

5 pieces of lead sheet with inscriptions, removed from roofs during repairs:

- (a) 30 x 18 cms (irregular): George Stevens 1755
from N.Porch, N end of E slope (noted on reverse in pencil)
- (b) 32 x 28 cms (irregular): Geo. Lovell Woolsorter, Wells.
May 1 1791. Peter Parfitt 1755.
from N.Porch, N end of E slope, seat 87 (noted on reverse in pencil).
[Note (a) and (b) both found close together and both bear date 1755]
- (c) 27/31 x 19/20 cms (irregular) with J [reversed] FILER 1853; no
note of location.
- (d) 46/47 x 18/19 cms (irregular) with various graffiti, principally
a childish drawing of a man with hat, I (or J) G on body, and
holding elongated 'balloon' on which E WINKWORTH 1868
is inscribed; no note of location.
- (e) 54 x 37 cms (irregular) with various graffiti including initials GS in flowing
'copperplate' and WC . 19th century.
From Clerk of Works' office, deposited with archives 1996.

17th-18th century

1 bag of fragments of leather covers of Chapter Act Books

18th-19th century?

1 unidentified key, 10 cms long

c.1830

Triptych

Virgin and Child flanked by SS Nicholas, Peter and Paul and Jerome;
outside flaps: Constantine and Helen; Christ crucified. This triptych
was at one time in a chapel of the Cathedral; there is now no record
of its provenance or date. Another label which would appear to relate
to this same item says that it is a copy dated about 1830, of an earlier
panel made in Crete, featuring both Eastern and Western saints.

1867

Papers and medal from the Paris Exhibition of 1867

c.1881-1891

Private Communion set of Revd S.J.Swainson:
given him by Edward Plumtre, Dean of Wells 1881-1891;
accompanying letter with details

(letter not there 1999: CHECK archives and catalogue papers)

c.1894

Signet ring of George Wyndham Kennion, Bishop of Bath and
Wells 1894-1921: in heart-shaped case, numbered 896

[19th C.?)

Part of metal Sanctuary lamp.

Shown in watercolour of Undercroft c.1849 by H.S.Marks, LIB/PIC 20

19th century

Small seal press, brass and wood

19th century

Pottery ink bottle, 14.5 cms high

19th-20th century

Glass inkwell

19th century

Harden's Hand Grenade Fire Extinguisher: blue fluted glass bottle
decorated with a roundel containing a five-pointed star, containing
water under pressure.

*There is a reference to the acquisition of this, somewhere in 19th C.
Chapter Minutes, which would date it precisely*

19th C.

3 Choristers' music stands, with numerous names and initials inscribed.

19th-20th century

2 Choristers' desk tops: formerly used in the Choristers' Practice Room
at the south end of the West Cloister, now incorporated into the shelving

of the Record Store: heavily covered in carved names and initials.

1919, 1946

2 book-chains removed from Somerset County War Memorial volumes, 1990

1922

Plaster maquette for reredos in St Martin, South Transept: Christ in Majesty flanked by six kings. The reredos, and therefore presumably the maquette also, was designed by Sir Charles Nicholson 1922 and carved by G.Tosi (who also carved the rood figures at the crossing).
26 x 54.5 x 9 cms.

1937

Model of emergency shoring for east end of Quire
by W.A.Wheeler, Master Mason and Clerk of the Works
CHECK: moved to triforium August 2001?

n.d.[mid 20th C.]

Somerset Wing Air Training Corps Banner.

76 cms high x 104 cms wide, excluding pole. Pale blue fabric with gold fringe; gold badge of Air Training Corps with motto *Venture Adventure*. *SOMERSET & SOUTH AVON WING* appliqued in gold letters below. Metal pole in 2 sections each 118 cms long with pointed brass finial at top; gold cords.

Somerset Wing Air Training Corps was formed 1st June 1946. Their banner was laid up at the final parade and service in Wells Cathedral on Sunday 5th September 1999. Deposited in Library Realia 25th September 1999.

[1991

Banner: Madonna and Child. Hanging, 94.5 x 58 cms.

Worked by Mrs Sonia Follows of Freshford, near Bath and presented to Wells Cathedral 1991]

Deposited in Library Realia by order of Chapter, April/May 1999.

On loan to the church of St Matthew, Wookey (October 1999)

Coins and Tokens etc.:

Collection of tokens, coins and one lead Papal Bull:

1 lead Bull of Pope Boniface IX, 1389-1404

1 Nuremberg jetton found in the Undercroft, 1943

1 Shrewsbury woolpack halfpenny token found on Cathedral Green 1942

4 tokens

1 small copper coin [farthing?] of James I, found under floor
of Choir Practice Room (old Grammar School), West

Cloister, 1988
(Bull is in bag; other 6 in envelope)

Collection of framed coins and replicas of all periods, in two
photograph frames:

- (a) 10 coin replicas: Cnut - William III silver penny
- (b) 10 real coins of different denominations, 1844-1966
For details see Shelf List. Source uncertain, but probably collected
by L.S.Colchester, perhaps as a teaching aid