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It has been a very interesting year with regard to my family tree research. No new relatives but some photographs that I hadn't seen before.

I am on holiday this week - the plan being to spend time on my family tree and website, but with sons and grandchildren living close by it may well not go to plan. The grandchildren enjoy playing board games, so we have great fun. I have yet to teach them the game of "Pitt" which I hope some of you still play - but don't think the noise level would make for cordial relations with the neighbours!

Happy New Year.

Liz

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman of the newly formed South West Heritage Trust will be attending the next meeting of the Friends of Somerset Archives Committee on 13th January 2014. I will be giving a presentation on the format and activities of the Friends and he in turn will give a presentation about the Heritage Trust. He is very supportive of the Friends of Somerset Archives and we hope to have a very good close working relationship with the Trust.

I have also been invited to join the Advisory Committee of the Trust and I was honoured to take my seat at the first meeting in December. It was largely a meeting to adopt a terms of reference and to meet and get to know other members from both Somerset and Devon. I shall try and ensure that the views of Users of the Archives and Local Studies Service are represented and would be glad if anyone wishes to give me comments or ideas, good or less so, would contact me by email at chairman@friendsofsomersetarchives.org.uk

This is a new venture and it is the opportunity to move the Archive and Local Studies Service forward. The Trust Board are very much in listening mode and want to hear views and ideas for changes and improvements.

I wish all of our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Malcolm Daniels
Chairman

Talk by Chris Webb on "Know Your Place" 11th October 2014 - from Anne Murch

Chris Webb came to give us a very interesting talk about the exciting developments of the "Know Your Place" mapping project. This project started in Bristol, supported by the City Council and English Heritage, and is extending from April 2015 to Gloucestershire and Somerset if a grant funding bid on November 18th is successful.

The project uses ordnance survey maps, including over 1000 scans of the first edition 1880s held by the British library which are very good quality, and can overlay these with other maps, like tithe and enclosure maps, which have all been converted to the same scale. Other maps and pictures can be placed on the map, (for example a collection of digitised pictures held by Bristol Record office have been placed on the Bristol map), and other layers can be used, if they have strong enough content to merit it or information can be linked into including the Historic Environment records, family pictures, research by local groups, relevant websites, oral history, pieces of research. There is a form online whereby people can add detail which will be moderated and curated by a representative in the relevant region. The project wants the involvement of as many stakeholders as possible, schools doing community learning, local history groups, conservation officers, museums and archives, academic researchers. Local archives in Bristol, Bath, Gloucester, Somerset and Wiltshire and Swindon are all involved. South Gloucestershire Council are the fund holders and Bristol City Council has responsibility for long term maintenance of the project.

Volunteers are being trained to geo-reference the tithe maps. This can be done in archives, libraries or people's homes. A survey is being done to find out the state of existing tithe maps and whether they need repair or conservation.

People will be able to access "Know Your Place" not only on computers but on tablets and smart phones when out and about and might see something that needs amending.

The project is going to be publically available in November and an exhibition company is helping to show people in museums and libraries how to use the resource. They will be looking to extend the partnerships and recruit supporters, volunteers and collaborators to undertake a variety of functions including things like developing exhibitions, walks, interest groups. People can consider joining a Project Board which meets every three months and receive monthly updates.

It will be very interesting to hear about future developments.

Visit to the Fleet Air Arm Museum Archives and Reserve Store - from Malcolm Daniels, Chairman.

Thirteen of us met at Cobham Hall, the Archive Centre and Reserve Store of the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton on Thursday 23rd October 2014.

We were greeted by Barbara Gilbert, the Archivist who has been at the Fleet Air Arm Museum and who had extensive knowledge and experience. Barbara explained that there are many records stored at Cobham Hall, including personnel records of those who had served in the Royal Naval Reserve, the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and the Royal Marines.



Barbara said they had the service record of a number of famous people and showed us the record of Raymond Asquith, son of the Prime Minister who was in the Royal Naval Division when he lost his life at Battle of the Somme near Ginchy in September 1916. Other records included that of Rupert Brooke, who took part in the Royal Naval Division's Antwerp expedition in October 1914. He then sailed with the British Mediterranean Expeditionary Force on 28th February 1915 but unfortunately died of sepsis from an infected mosquito bite.

Barbara explained that the archive system is accessed mainly on the basis of a potential user making a written enquiry and the staff fulfilling that enquiry, but there is also the provision that a member of the public can go along having made a prior appointment. There are charges involved of course.

In addition to the personnel archives there are many other types. Examples of these are log books of aircraft, maintenance records of aircraft and plans of aircraft designs. Of particular interest on the engineering front are the records of landing and catapult takeoff systems employed on board aircraft carriers. With the advent of the vertical takeoff and landing aircraft, these were unneeded and were therefore archived, but now that those aircraft are being retired, hasty consultation of the records has been needed as those who were involved with the original designs are long since retired!

The tour continued through the Small Items Store, although some of the items were far from small! There were models of many things from aircraft carriers to planes and hovercraft, but there were also more mundane things like travelling cases, trunks and a life-raft. The range of items was considerable and included navigational equipment, ship's bells, a considerable collection of medals, ship's plaques, china and silverware from the mess of Ark Royal and operational things such as a range of helmets used in flying.



To complete the tour we were taken to the reserve collection hall where there were many examples of aircraft and helicopters. Buccaneer, Harrier, Sea Harrier and the helicopter in which Prince Andrew learnt to fly are but a few examples of the exhibits. There was also a bomber that had just returned from action in Afghanistan which was still in the condition in which it returned. Apparently it still had a lot of sand in it from the desert.

The visit finished on a very reminiscent note for me. Whilst walking around the exhibits, I spotted a Hercules 14 Cylinder sleeve-valve piston engine. When newly out of school, I started on a Student Apprenticeship scheme which involved six months uni and six months practical work alternatively for three years. This was at Bristol Aeroplane Company which went on to become British Aerospace in later years. In our basic training we stripped an engine exactly like the one at Yeovilton (it may have been the same one.) I was particularly involved as I was 10 stone 8 and exactly the right weight to hang suspended from the end of a spanner to give the correct tightness (torque for the technically minded) to a nut on the crankshaft. Later and blow me if they didn't have the Bristol Olympus Jet Engine on which we learnt the basics of Jet Engines.



This was an excellent visit enjoyed by all

Report on the Manorial Documents Workshop 21st November 2014 - from Anne Murch

This was a fascinating and extremely useful workshop run by Scott Pettit, the Manorial Documents Register project archivist at the Heritage Centre, and Jane de Gruchy, Archivist.

Talk.

Scott started the morning by describing the National Archives Manorial Documents Register which started in the 1920s, overseen by the Master of the Rolls, to identify the nature and location of manorial records. It is now in the process of being computerised. It is a statutory Register which could be used to prove title but today is mainly used for historical interest.

Manors have existed since Domesday. A manor was described by Professor Harvey as "a piece of landed property with tenants over whom the landlord exercised rights of jurisdiction in a private court." Court rolls exist from the mid 13th to the 20th century. The Manorial System formally ended in 1922, though it had gone into decline before this. This was when copyhold was finally stopped.

Manors varied greatly in size, some covering several parishes or parishes having several manors. (Houses referred to today as The Manor may not technically have been that of a Manor). To be regarded as a manor for the purpose of the Register the manor must have historically had a court. There were two types of court. The Court Baron was held every three weeks and dealt with regular business including the terms under which land was held. The Court Leet was held every six months and dealt with more substantial matters, had a jury, twelve householders responsible for law and order, dealt with things like assault and affray and could imprison. The administrative manor records include a variety including court rolls, title deeds, accounts, rentals, maps, surveys, terriers. The original court rolls were written on membranes stitched together and rolled up, succeeded later by volumes.

These records can be very useful for family history as they have lists of names and properties. They also record details like court expenses, which could include for example details of the beef, mutton, bread, nuts, pudding and beer provide for the steward, bailiff and jury! The Lord of the manor might live elsewhere and delegate to his steward and the court could take place in a local public house.

Scott is working through the existing Register for Somerset, evaluating, correcting and revising preparatory to the new one going online next Spring. The old Register had some mistakes and was incomplete. Not all manorial records are in their local record office. Some are in other record offices because the Lord of the Manor lived in another county or the Bishopric was in another county for example. Others are in private hands like those of a number of manors of Glastonbury Abbey which are held at Longleat and some are held by Oxford colleges. Some are even held abroad, for example in the Huntingdon Library in California.

Scott is also writing a potted history of each manor.

Working on Manorial documents held in the heritage Centre.

We then spent the rest of the morning working in small groups looking at seven examples of manorial records from the 16th to the 19th century. Scott had been at pains to explain that they were not as daunting as people might imagine and well worth looking

at and that proved to be the case as they were fascinating documents and not too difficult to decipher. (The medieval documents were in Latin but even they are worth looking at because they are so formulaic and repetitive. There are also very good guides to deciphering them).

The oldest document we looked at was the court roll of Timberscombe in 1599 which listed free tenants, customary tenants and tenants for life and the presentments of the Jury. Presentments were matters to be dealt with by the court. We had to find a presentment about a certain Richard Worthe and discovered he had not taken or carried away a muck or dunghill.

We looked at a survey of the manors of Norton St Philip and Hinton Charterhouse in 1638 where we found the ages of husbands and wives alongside details of the property they rented and its value.

We looked at the Court Book of the manor of Marston Bigot 1690 where we found a Margaret Allen not scouring a ditch, a Michael Beach encroaching on the land of the lady of the manor, a William Singer cutting down 14 young oak and ash trees and a Walter Marchant felling and carrying away 30 timber trees.

A very interesting document was a 1695 map of coal mines in the Manor of Kilmersdon. It showed field boundaries with the shapes of the various coal mines underneath which had been opened by two successive Lords of the Manor. They had interesting names including Anle Bone and Ruth's Arse.

The rental of the Manor of Hillfarrance 1729/30 listed tenants and rents payable. We were able to see what rent individuals paid and heriots paid, in one case a best beast, in another £1. The heriot was a customary payment made to the lord.

Another presentment, this time from Marksbury and Hunstrete in 1738, showed what the jury said about various matters, including the fact that they knew of no bloodshed or felony, that the stocks and whipping post needed repairing, that a fine of 5 shillings was given for putting more than one horse or cow on the common, that William Bishop had to repair and keeps bounds between the common gate and John Brookman's orchard in a fortnight to avoid a 40 shilling fine and that another individual had to scour ditches and cut hedges in Lippent lane in six weeks or be fined 10 shillings.

The most modern document was the Court Book of the manor of Writhlington Prebend 1813. By this time manor courts had few functions beyond tenancy changes known as surrenders and admissions. After the death of an Edith Parsons a man called Walker was admitted to a property which he was to rent with two named others and the names of the tenants of neighbouring properties were given.

We were also given information about the meaning of words found in the records, the Steward who oversaw the day-to-day running of the manor, the Homage which was the Manor Jury, the Lord Farmer who leased a manor owned by the church, a Tithingman who was the head of a group of 10 adult males responsible for the maintenance of law and order with that group and the Hayward responsible for overseeing the repair of fences and enclosures on common land.

Conserving the Dickenson Collection - by Ann Leamon

A report on the Conservation of the Dickenson papers that Martin Cooke and Ann Leamon have been working on - and have now finished:

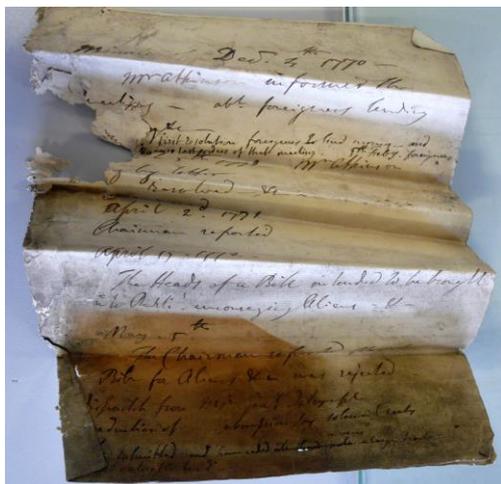
Since our work commenced in April, 2013, Martin and I have conserved some 379 folders or 33,572 documents.



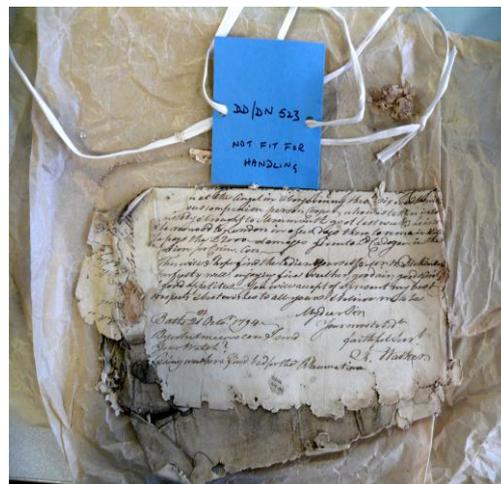
Kingweston House

The documents had been stored in the basement of Kingweston House, originally the home of the Dickenson family but latterly a boarding house for Millfield School. It appeared that the boys used some documents for lighting fires; the mice also found them interesting to read or eat and the documents had become dirty, appeared damp and were generally in a very bad state.

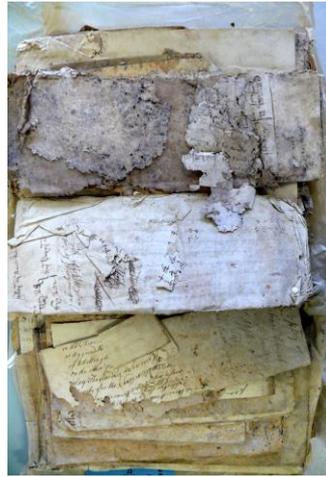
When opening a box, we had no idea of what we were likely to find. It could be a file containing letters with a few tears to be repaired or it could be letters plus a paper folder in which bits of a letter would need to be put together.



A crumpled and dirty letter

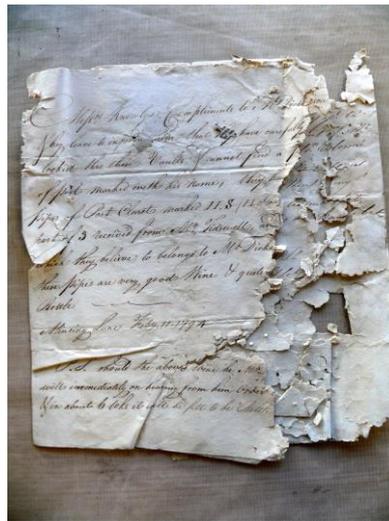
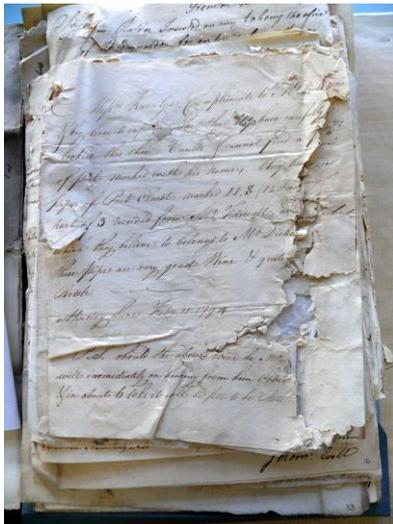


A bundle of documents 'Not fit for production'

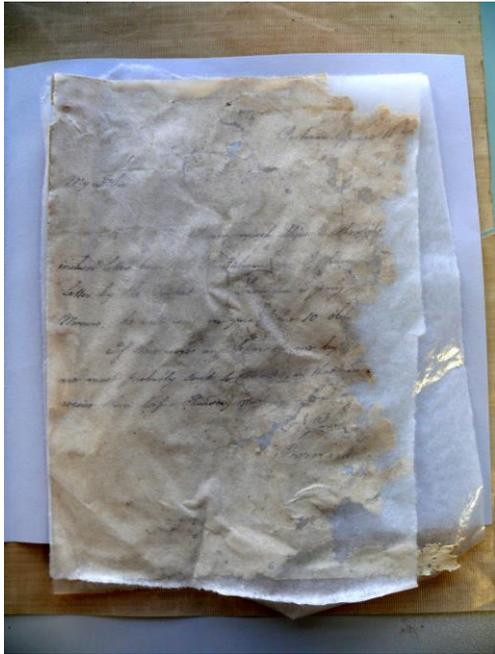


A sample of some of the documents often bundled up in flimsy paper in an attempt possibly to conserve them. Unfortunately this had not worked too well! These bundles of papers took considerable time to be carefully separated using tweezers and a scalpel before any work could be done at all.

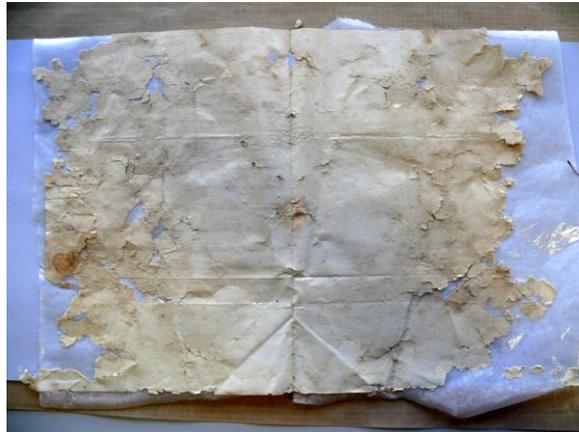
Initially the folders we worked on were designated 'Red Star' folders meaning that the documents they contained were of special importance and considerable care and time was needed to conserve these documents successfully.



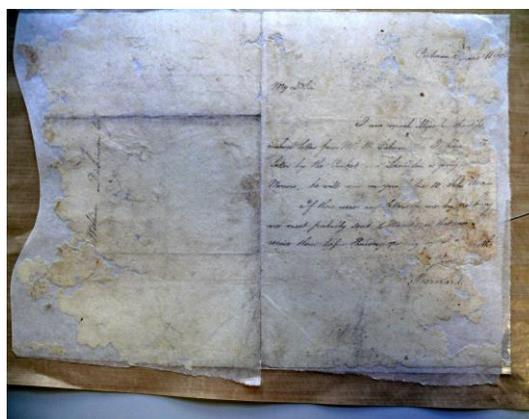
This document needed to be separated from the bundle underneath before ascertaining how much repair was needed.



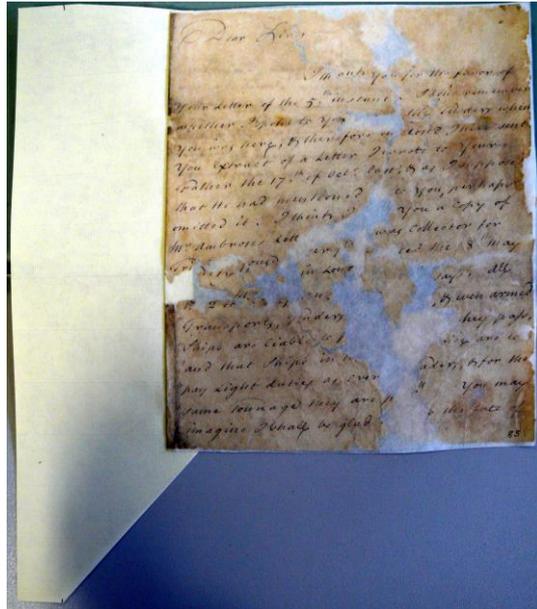
By ironing on acrylic tissue first to the front of the document, then carefully lifting and turning the whole document over, then ironing on acrylic tissue to the reverse, I was able to delicately tease the document open with the aid of a scalpel. Any bits of paper which fell off had to be lifted with tweezers back into place before placing another sheet of acrylic tissue over the whole and then placing the whole document into the hot press.



Document opened out ready for another coat of acrylic tissue to be ironed on.



This document has now been successfully conserved and is ready to have a guard applied prior to inserting into a folder



Once all the documents in a bundle have been conserved, guards have to be glued on, with PVA glue to a fairly thick paper.

The documents are not all glued on the paper in the same position otherwise the finished folders would be too bulky. They are glued working down the paper from top to bottom. The edges of the paper are then cut diagonally as shown so that the documents will sit tidily in the folder

A stiff folder was then created by cutting two pieces of card, slightly larger than the largest document, covering it with material on the outside and paper inside to make it all neat. Having made the front and back covers, 5 holes were drilled in the card. The documents are placed inside the folder and a needle and thread is used to sew the whole together through the drilled holes. The completed folder is then ready to be stored in the strong rooms.

Having conserved the 'Red Star' folders we then had to carry on ironing and conserving the rest of all the documents in the collection. Quite a task which has kept Martin and I occupied from April 2013 until October 2014. Andy Playle has been helping by making up the folders and he has a few left to do. Liz and Graeme have almost completed cataloguing the whole collection very comprehensively.

Two seasonal articles from Jack Sweet

CHRISTMAS 1899

On Friday 22 December 1899 on the front page of the *Western Gazette*, J.J. Brook of 6 Middle Street, describing himself as 'The Oldest Established Butchering Business in the Town' advertised his Prime Prize Christmas Meat - Primest Devon Ox Beef, Exmoor and Down Wether Mutton and a Splendid Lot of Geese, Turkeys and Game at

Prices Defying Competition and declaring that 'The Best is Cheapest.' If you had sampled too much of Butcher Brook's seasonal fare Short's Pleasant Pills 'most agreeable to take and a most effectual remedy for biliousness, sickness, constipation and liver complaints' might be the answer.

History is silent on whether Butcher Brook attended the meeting of shopkeepers and 'others' in the YMCA Hall in Church Street to consider the 'advisability of closing the business establishments in the town until the Thursday following Christmas Day which would fall on Monday.' The *Western Gazette* reported that few tradesmen attended but a large number of shop assistants turned up. It was decided to canvass the town and Mr. T. Clements, Mr. Moffat, junior, and Mr. Denner were asked to undertake this task. Somewhat predictably, the result was against the suggestion and the shops closed for Christmas and Boxing Days and everything was back to normal trading on Wednesday.

Dealers in the town's cattle market held their Christmas Dinner in the Three Choughs Hotel and over 80 sat down to 'a most sumptuous spread of the best Christmas fare.' Toasts were drunk and speeches made. Mr. John Sawtell on behalf of the dealers thought that 'the year was ending much better than it began and taking the good with the bad, there was not much to grumble about.' Another guest, Mr Samuel Harding believed the Christmas trade had been good and would wind up all right. However, a grazier, Mr. Fred Miles was not so sure and said that 'the year had been the worst he ever knew, for during the summer the fields were almost bare of grass as the room in which they were seated, and the stock had to be fed with artificial food, which of course meant a great loss. The good prices realised lately, however, had mended a little of the damage,' he concluded.

By contrast in St. John's Schoolroom, on Saturday morning, 23 December, the Vicar of Yeovil and the Churchwardens distributed meat to 275 poor people under the auspices of Neal's Charity.

The last Christmas of the 19th Century was reported to have passed in 'a most quiet manner. There were the usual special services in the town churches and chapels, all of which were well attended but beyond this there was little to mark the Christmas festival. There were no holiday amusements, with exception of a football match on Boxing Day.' The Boxing Day match at the Pen Mill Ground (opposite Pen Mill Station) was between Yeovil Casuals and Eastleigh Athletic and resulted in a 4 - 1 win for the Casuals. Sadly at Beaminster on Boxing Day, Yeovil Harlequins went down 6 - 1 to the home team.

The *Western Gazette* reported that the inmates of the Workhouse in Preston Road 'spent a very enjoyable time, about £5 being contributed by members of the Board of Guardians and others. A service was held in the morning and the dining hall had been very appropriately decorated, under the direction of the Matron (Mrs Wilton), with mottoes (the lettering for which was done by the Matron), flags, lanterns and

greenery, etc., and the whole presented a charming appearance. At 12 o'clock, the inmates, numbering about 100, sat down to a substantial dinner of good old English fare, and a pint of beer was allowed to each inmate, and coffee and aerated waters for those who desired. Those in the hospital were also well looked after. A capital tea was also provided, and in the evening the usual "sing song" took place, a pleasant evening having been spent.'

On Boxing Night, Mr. Joseph Hyde's Dancing Class held a 'Long Night' dance in the Princes Street Assembly Rooms and over 120 dancers enjoyed the music of Mr. F.G. Ricketts' Quadrille Band in the 'nicely decorated hall'. Dancing commenced at 8 o'clock and went on to four o'clock the next morning with Mr. Fred Wakely and Mr. Hyde as joint Masters of Ceremony.

Robert Tucker spent his Christmas in the lockup at the town police station in Union Street (now the Yeovil Town Council Offices and Council Chamber) for being drunk and disorderly in Market Street on Christmas Eve. When he appeared in the magistrates court, PC Orman described how he had been on duty in Court Ash when he heard cries of Murder and the loud screeching of children. The constable stated that he had 'preceded in the direction of the screams and met the defendant's wife and five children in Market Street. Mrs. Tucker said she was looking for a policeman as her husband, who was in a drunken condition, was knocking her about. The constable spoke to the defendant and he used very bad language and he was then taken to the station. Mrs. Tucker asked the Bench to overlook the case and Tucker offered "Christmas-time" as an excuse. The Bench inflicted a fine of 10 shillings and costs (13s.6d.) or 14 days hard labour, and allowed the defendant until Saturday in which to pay.'

That last Christmas of the 19th century saw Great Britain engaged in the largest conflict since the Crimean War against Imperial Russia, nearly 50 years before, and events were not going well for the British forces in the campaign being fought against the Boer Republics in South Africa.

NEW YEAR 1900

The build up to the new century appears to have received a muted welcome, perhaps most people thought 1900 would be very similar to 1899 so why make a fuss about the new century and in any event, there was a nasty war going badly down in South Africa. In fact the columns of the local newspapers made little reference to the new century and life went on very much as usual in Yeovil as 1899 passed quietly into 1900.

William Smith, described as a tramp, was charged with being drunk but was discharged by the magistrates on promising to leave town immediately. Another tramp, Thomas Cox, on being released from the town lock-up after serving 7 days for begging, was re-arrested for a similar offence in Middle Street - this time he got 14 days inside (at least he had food and a bed during that time). Florence Gill was fined five shillings and James Hillier two shillings and six pence for failing to send their children to school. For being drunk and disorderly in Kingston, George Martin was fined eight shillings or in

default, seven days in the lock-up. The magistrates granted Mr. Pitcher of the Mermaid Hotel, an hour's extension for the *Western Gazette* supper on 13 January. The case of a former Middle Street jeweller came before the local Bankruptcy Court. Owing to a misunderstanding, the debtor failed to attend and the Official Receiver's application for a month's adjournment was granted. The one time jeweller had assets of £46 16s 3d and a deficiency of £637 5s 3d.

The memorial service for the late Alderman Tompkins, a former Mayor of Yeovil, was held in the Princes Street Congregational Chapel on Sunday, New Year's Eve and was attended by the Mayor and Corporation who had walked from the Municipal Offices to the chapel led by the Mace Bearer carrying the black draped town mace. In his sermon, the Pastor referred to loss to the church and the town from the death of Alderman Tompkins who had been honoured, trusted and loved by all classes of people. The Pastor concluded by saying that 'The example of a Sunday School boy working his way up to have the highest honour the town could confer upon him was a splendid example to all.'

On 5 January, the *Western Gazette* reported the sudden death at his home on 29 December, of architect and surveyor, Mr. Edward Vining, the eldest son of the late Borough Surveyor, Mr. Richard Vining. The *Gazette* wrote that Edward Vining 'had lived in Yeovil all his life carrying on a lucrative practice. He was 47 years of age and was married about 18 months ago and leaves a widow and a young child....The deceased was of a somewhat retiring disposition but was esteemed by a wide circle of friends.'

The Rev. J. Phelps, Vicar of Yeovil, had conferred upon him by the Bishop, a Prebendal stall in Wells Cathedral. The collection at St. John's Church on the last Sunday of 1899 was £5 16s 7d and Holy Trinity's collection was £2 16s 7d.

The Hospital reported that nine new patients had been admitted in December, 11 discharged, there had been one death and 36 outpatients had been treated. Gifts to the Hospital during the month, which the 'Matron desired to thank all who contributed,' included magazines, scrapbooks, three bed jackets, medicine bottles and old linen, a bottle of wine, three brace of pheasants, rabbits, apples, pears, oranges, grapes, cakes and a plum pudding.

The Matron and 'inmates' of the Corporation Almshouse desired through the local column of the *Western Gazette* 'to express their thanks for a tea given by Miss Annie Oakley, Middle Street. The treat was keenly enjoyed and much appreciated'.

The Yeovil Fanciers' Association held their last show in 1899 of poultry, pigeons, cage birds and rabbits at the Full Moon Hotel.

On 3 and 4 January *The Joking Girl* a musical comedy was produced at the Assembly Rooms in Princes Street, by Mr. R. Pointer's company. Notice was given in the *Western Gazette* that Mr. Parson's dancing classes would re-commence on 13 January.

On the last Sunday of 1899 special sermons were preached at the Newtown Primitive Methodist Chapel on the South African War and the Salvation Army held a special day of intercession for the troops. The *Gazette* reported that 'In view of the crisis which the country is now passing, a meeting for confession of sin and prayer that God would continue to graciously regard our Empire and give us the Victory, was held at the Baptist Chapel on Thursday evening. There was a large attendance. The meeting was under the auspices of the Free Churches.'

The local Company of Volunteers' orders for the week commencing 1 January 1900 announced Squad Drill for recruits on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7 pm, and *Pulmans Weekly News* reported that 'The following members of the local Company of Volunteers have volunteered for the front - Lieutenant Urwick and Privates Dover, England, Roberts, B. Vickery and Warr.' *Pulmans* also reported that 'Mr. W. Seymour of Hillside, Sherborne Road, has received from his son who is serving with the Somerset Regiment in Natal a letter, in which he says that the Boers are getting sick of the war and are in a state of starvation. It has been reported that the writer of the letter has been wounded but as the Somersets have not yet been in action since their arrival in South Africa, the report is probably unfounded.' (The war would last until May 1902).

Finally, the *Western Gazette* reported briefly on the scenes in London on that last New Year's Eve of the 19th century:

'A rumour was abroad on Sunday that the police intended to prevent any crowd from assembling near to St. Paul's on New Year's Eve and celebrating the advent of the New Year in customary fashion. The rumour was false. The crowds on Ludgate Hill and around St. Paul's were very orderly and the police had no work to do. People began to assemble soon after 11 o'clock, and little processions bearing stone jars marched down Fleet Street, and took up a position as near to the Cathedral as the previous comers would allow.

As the clock of St. Paul's struck twelve those people who had waited for an hour near the railings began to cheer, and then the people standing half way down Ludgate Hill remembered what they had come there for, and they cheered too. A few people sang "Auld Lang Syne," and many more "Rule Britannia." The police allowed the traffic to pass, the crowd melted away, and in half an hour's time the place was as deserted as it usually is at half past twelve on a Monday morning.'

The Dickinson Collection - Mission Accomplished! – from Bob Warren

The end of 2014 will see the completion of the long task of conserving, cataloguing and indexing this important collection of papers originally acquired by the Somerset Heritage Centre over half a century ago. This project began in 2011 with a group of about a dozen or so FOSA members unfolding, flattening and filing each individual document into acid free folders. Once this task had been completed, a smaller group of

seven then carried on with the two separate tasks of indexing the bound business records and conserving individual papers that had been identified as being in serious decline. The indexing team consisted of Sarah Baddeley, Rosanna Barton, Meriel Thurstan, Ted Ewens and myself, supervised by Archivists Liz Grant and Graeme Edwards, who also had the mammoth task of cataloguing the correspondence. The conservation volunteers were Ann Leamon and Martin Cooke, supervised by Senior Conservator Mervyn Richens. In a separate article in this edition of "Snippets" Ann tells how this was undertaken.

The process of indexing the topics found within each separate entry in the letter and account books was often tedious, which meant that mistakes were made and thus a full recheck was found to be necessary to hopefully eliminate an initial error rate of about 2 - 3%. I found I was able to do about 200 - 300 entries in a seven hour day and recheck at about 4 times that frequency. We used our own laptops to do this work and regularly downloaded it on to memory sticks which were kept at the Heritage Centre. Once a volume had been completed it was sorted into categories using a software program developed by the indexing team. A final rationalisation of the compiled entries was then made to ensure consistency in spelling, etc. Then the completed document was then ready for public use!

Notwithstanding the apparent drudgery of the task, our work was enlivened by what we discovered, and many interesting topics and personalities from the past came to light. As regular readers to "Snippets" will know, I have regaled you with tales of some of these finds in previous editions. In addition to these diverting cameos from the eighteenth century, it became clear that some topics were of sufficient comprehensiveness and originality to warrant further serious detailed research, perhaps even at post-graduate level. Examples include the ownership of a ship called the Baltic Merchant by Graffin Prankard, which was built at Bristol in 1732 and was eventually lost to Spanish privateers, recaptured some years later and then restored to the Dickinson family business. Another is the demolition and complete rebuilding of the church at Kingweston during the mid nineteenth century that may have contributed, at least in a small part, towards the eventual decline in the family fortunes later on through the considerable expense and disruption involved. It also meant the destruction of a charming early mediaeval church that, in all likelihood, merely required a degree of restoration. A final, quite intriguing, topic is the surprising proliferation of apparently independent women iron and steel merchants who dealt with the Dickinson family during the first half of the eighteenth century. Many of them were certainly the widows of men who had run their own businesses, but some appear not to have been. However, all of them seem to have flourished in such an unlikely trade.

The completion of this project necessitates the complete restructuring of the reference system for the Dickinson papers, something that Liz and Graeme will be undertaking during the coming months.

So, job done! For me it has been a rewarding project which conveniently fulfilled my interest in the lesser known aspects of eighteenth century England. Now, on to fresh fields and pastures new. For Rosanna, Sarah and myself, this will be the indexing of the Quarter Session court books for 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. We shall see what examples of human fallibility and skulduggery are waiting to be discovered!

Somerset Manorial Documents Register update - from Scott Pettitt

The project to revise Somerset's Manorial Documents Register is in its final days - it finishes on 30 December, after 19 months of hard work and interesting discoveries.

There are now 12,587 entries in the database for over 850 manors (7,000 of these entries are for records from over fifty collections at Somerset Heritage Centre). The records have a wide thematic and chronological sweep; the earliest document in the database is a Glastonbury Abbey account of 1257-1258 for various manors, including East and South Brent, Godney, High Ham, Mellis, Shapwick and Wrington (reference: Longleat House, Glastonbury Abbey Documents, 10762); the most recent is a 1972 court book for the manor of Curland (reference: Somerset Heritage Centre, D\D\M\2882).

The most significant finds in the last stages of the project have been a non-consecutive series of more than thirty court rolls, surveys and valuations (spanning the years 1343-1843) for the manor of Swainswick, which are held at Oriel College, Oxford, the institution which has owned the manor since 1529. A smaller number of documents (sixteenth-century court rolls), for the manor of Yenston (in the parish of Henstridge), have been located among the archives of Eton College. And as I write, I am corresponding by email with a researcher at the Huntington Library in California, who found some previously unknown Somerset manorial documents yesterday afternoon!

There will be a launch event on the afternoon of Saturday, 18th April, here at Somerset Heritage Centre (further details will follow). The Somerset Manorial Documents Database should be available shortly on The National Archives' MDR website: <http://apps.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr/>

The next six months are an exciting time for the MDR as the registers for Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire will also become available online. Work on revising the Devon register, which I will be undertaking, starts in early January for two years.

Adrian Webb has the following volumes of Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society Proceedings which he wants to sell for a nominal fee. They range in condition and he can supply more details if needed:

3, 6, 8-10, 15, 18, 21-24, 26-27, 30-32, 34, 37, 39-43, 46-51, 53-54, 56, 58, 62, 64-65, 67-72, 74-78, 80-81

His contact telephone numbers are 01823 282267 and 07443567136

New Accessions 4 September-18 December 2014

Not all of these collections have been listed, but (unless they have access restrictions) they are all available for research at the Heritage Centre. If you cannot find the details on our online catalogue (www.somerset.gov.uk/dserve), please get in touch and we can give you more information.

Archaeological records

Archaeological reports: Romano-British building, Priory Mead, Hinton St George; trenches on the site of a new pond, Northfield, Dinnington; Priddy Circles, Mendip, 2003-2011 (A\BHF)

Business records

Bridgwater, Bruton and Wells: catalogues of Somerset Group Traders Ltd., Bridgwater, and seed catalogue of Sheldon Jones Ltd, of Wells and Bruton, c.1960s-c.1970s (A\DYL)

Brushford: letter book of Reuben Newton, wheelwright, smith, carpenter and builder, 1908-1913 (A\DYW)

Chard: ledgers of Gifford Fox Mill, Holyrood Street, 1924-1964 (A\BEN)

Evercreech: account books for Home Farm, 1935-1969 (A\DYQ)

Kilmersdon: Colliery accident books, 1928-1938 (A\DYJ)

Shepton Mallet and district: additional papers of Tony Sheldon, architect, mid 20th cent. (A\DFC)

Taunton: Records relating to the cinema, Station Road, Taunton (known as Classic Cinema, Plaza Cinema, Odeon Taunton at different points) and Mr L G Laverock, manager. [1913-1998]

(A\DYN)

Clubs', Societies' and Charities' records

Clevedon: Tennyson Lodge of Master Masons (no. 4947): treasurer's records, including accounts, subscription book, declaration book and address book [some records CLOSED], 1965-2012

(A\DLY)

Langport: Somerset Farmers' [Masonic] Lodge: minute books [CLOSED], 1986-2014 (A\DYP)

Long Ashton: papers relating to Long Ashton (formerly 125th, then Bristol 25th) Scout Troop, c.1960s-c.2000s (A\DYU)

Shepton Mallet: papers relating to the Shepton Mallet Society, c.1950s-c.1970s (A\DYA)

Taunton: programmes of Taunton Choral Society, Taunton Amateur Operatic Society, Somerset Opera, and Brewhouse Theatre productions, c.1980s-c.1990s (A\DYG)

Weston super Mare Archaeological and Natural History Society: minutes, membership lists, correspondence, scrap books and photographs, 1915-2008 (A\DXY)

Somerset and Dorset Railway Trust: additional records (5 boxes), 1967-2011 (A\CWO)

Deeds, wills and family papers

Ditcheat: deeds relating to properties in Ditcheat, 1723-1837 (A\DXZ)

Keene family: correspondence relating to the Revd David Keene and Francis Keene, with poem, 'A Song of Somerset', 1842-1858 (A\AVJ)

Malet family: papers of Dr. Melissa Grenville Malet concerning her uncle, Hugh Arthur Grenville Malet, [1905-2014] (A\DYS)

Worle: deeds relating to land and property in Worle, 1634-1735 (A\CUF)

Worle: deeds relating to various pieces of land, 1780-1881 (A\DXT)

Somerset: miscellaneous deeds and sales particular, 1698-1860 (DD\S\GLY)

Health and hospital records

Butleigh: records relating to Butleigh Hospital and its League of Friends, 1970-2006 (A\DYO)
Taunton: First World War autograph book from Red Cross Hospital, Taunton, signed by patients, c.1914-c.1918 (A\BAV)
Taunton: papers relating to the history of the Harkness Viscometer (invented by Dr John Harkness, Somerset Area Pathologist at Musgrove Park Hospital during the years 1953-1979), 1940s-1980s (A\DYH)
Taunton: League of Friends of Taunton Hospitals: executive committee minutes, 2010-2014 (A\AAH)
Taunton: further records collected as part of the 'Sensing Our Past' project concerning Musgrove Park Hospital, comprising photographs and scrapbook, late 20th cent. (A\DPH)

Local government records

Parish Councils

Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Council: accounts, declarations of acceptance of office, charity papers and other correspondence, 1980s-2000s (D\PC\che.f)
Chiselborough Parish Council: minutes, 2007-2011 (D\PC\chis)
High Ham Parish Council: minutes and maps, 1880s-1990s (D\PC\ham.h)
Hinton Blewett Parish Council: minutes and accounts, 1991-2008 (D\PC\hin.bl)
Norton Fitzwarren Parish Council: minutes, 2001-2006 (D\PC\n.fitz)
Ruishton and Thornfalcon Parish Council: records including definitive maps and minutes, 1895-2013 (D\PC\ruis)
Yatton Parish Council: deeds and associated documents relating to land at Cadbury Hill, Congresbury, 1949-1988 (D\PC\yat)

Borough and Rural and Urban District Councils

Bridgwater: revision of the Burgesses for the Borough of Bridgwater, 1859 (A\AOW)
Sedgemoor District: electoral register, edited edition, 2015 (Q/RER)

Somerset County Council

Minutes of Somerset Education and Cultural Services Committee and Further Education Subcommittee, 1976-1977 (C/EDCE)
Education Department: exclusion registers, covering the whole county [CLOSED], 1982-2000 (C/E)
Education Department: papers relating to Special Schools in Somerset, 2000s (C/E)
Somerset Levels and Moors Partnership Annual Reports, 1994-2004 (C/EPLM)
Somerset Museums Service: acquisitions register [CLOSED], 2006-2013 (A\CNT)
Planning: documents for Lufton, Yeovil, and Stockmoor Village, Bridgwater, 2005 (C/ENPR)
Rights of Way: Hardington Mandeville and West Coker: modification of Definitive Map and footpath diversion, 2014 (C/GP/HF)
Rights of Way: Street: footpath diversion order, 2013 (C/GP/HF)
Rights of Way: Wiveliscombe: footpath diversion order, 2011 (C/GP/HF)
East Somerset Coroner: Inquest files [CLOSED], 2012-2013 (21 boxes) (C/CR/SE)
West Somerset Coroner: Inquest and Natural Causes files [CLOSED], 2011-2012 (38 boxes), (C/CR/W)

Military records and records relating to the World Wars

Somerset Light Infantry

Postcard albums and personal papers relating to Sergeant H. C. Viner and his daughter Eileen, [1872]-2001 (DD\SLI)

Digital copy of a photograph album relating to the 2nd Battalion in India, [c.1897-1907] (DD\SLI)

Copy papers and photographs of Thomas Field, [early 20th cent.] (DD\SLI)

Mounted page from Army Field Message Book, photographs in fabric frame pouches, 'Commune de Templeuve', c.1910s (DD\X\SOM)

Field message books; map of Ypres, Belgium; framed poem, The Homeguard, c.1910s (DD\SLI)

Mounted illustration and magazine cutting, detailing SLI involvement in the First World War, c.1910s (DD\SLI)

Papers of Marcel Bellringer of North Curry, c.1910s (DD\SLI)

Embroidered postcard of Jellalabad emblem, c.1910s (DD\SLI)

Photograph of H C Viner, and photographs of Donald Joseph Hunting, both in the SLI, c.1910s-c.1940s (DD\SLI)

Digital images of Archibald Devonshire, 1/4th Battalion, and the regiment, [1914] (DD\SLI)

Photograph, memorial card and notes relating to Private William George Bede of the 1st Battalion, 1914-2014 (DD\SLI)

Photograph of Private William John Newman of the 1st Battalion, with letter of condolence from Buckingham Palace upon his death, c.1914 (DD\SLI)

Book of Common Prayer of Private Ronald G. Young of 'D' Company, 3rd Battalion, stationed at Crown Hill, Plymouth, c.1914 (DD\SLI)

Records of Private C O King, D Company, 3rd (4th?) Battalion, including pension papers, photographs and memoirs, c.1940s (DD\SLI)

Other military and World War records

Burnham on Sea: certificates issued to Gladys Coome by the British Red Cross, 1939-1945 (A\DYC)

Glastonbury: electronic research files as part of research for 'Glastonbury's Other Legacy', a book regarding Glastonbury during the First World War, [c.1910s] (A\DYT)

Glastonbury: research compiled as part of Glastonbury WW1 Tribute Project, 2014 (A\DYT)

Minehead: exhibition relating to the parents of Dr Peter Cooper of Minehead and their rôle in the First World War, [1916]-2014 (A\DYI)

North Somerset Yeomanry: Papers of F. A. Goodman and his son, John Goodman, c.1910s-c.1940s (DD\NSY)

Taunton: First World War autograph book from Red Cross Hospital, Taunton, signed by patients, c.1914-c.1918 (A\BAV)

Taunton: order of service for a 'Somerset Remembers' civic service of commemoration to mark the outbreak of the Great War, 2014 (DD\X\SOM)

Wiveliscombe: photograph album relating to the Wiveliscombe Mule Depot, National Registration identity card of William Lock, stud groom and foreman of the depot, and other papers, 1915-2014 (A\DIS)

Yeovil Borough Company Home Guard records, including a nominal roll, operational orders, training documents and illustrations, 1940s (A\AXK)

Nonconformist records

Society of Friends: Records of Western Division, Mid-Somerset Division and North Somerset Division, from Bridgwater Quaker Meeting House, 1703-2007 (DD\SFR)

Milborne Port Methodist Chapel: marriage registers, 1958-2000 (D\N\mil.p)
Somerton Independent Chapel: marriage registers, 1940-2001 (D\N\som.i)
South Petherton and Crewkerne Methodist Circuit: records of churches in Crewkerne, Ilminster, Ilton, Martock and South Petherton, 1776-2012 (D\N\sp.c)

Parish and diocesan records

Badgworth: service register, 1976-2002 (D\P\badg)
Bathford: National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS) record of Church furnishings, 2014 (DD\X\NDS)
Combe St. Nicholas: miscellaneous papers, including histories of the church and parish, programmes, faculty paper, copies of maps and other documents, 1872-1988 (D\P\com.n)
Curry Rivel: visitors' book, register of services, banns of marriage and marriage register, 1912-2010 (D\P\cur.r)
Curry Rivel: marriage registers 1987-2009; copy of baptisms, marriages and burials [1654-1721] (D\P\cur.r)
Curry Rivel: deed for school with transcriptions, marriage act of 1653 and certificates of tithe redemption, 1653-1925 (D\P\cur.r)
Enmore: baptism register, 1886-2008, and marriage registers, 1979-2014 (D\P\enm)
Farrington Gurney: PCC minutes, 2001-2013 (D\P\far.g)
Goathurst: marriage registers, 1994-2010 (D\P\gst)
Kilton: National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS) record of church furnishings, 2014 (DD\X\NDS)
Long Ashton: parish magazines and parish plan, 1913-2014 (D\P\l.ash)
Nether Stowey: marriage registers, 1966-2008 (D\P\n.sty)
Nettlecombe: parish magazines, 1928-1949 (D\P\net)
Over Stowey: marriage register, 1994-2004 (D\P\o.sty)
St. Decuman, Watchet: PCC minutes, 1930-1996 (D\P\st.d)
Thorne St. Margaret parish records: PCC minutes, 1993-2012 (D\P\th.m)
Wanstrow: Clarke family papers, including photograph album, maps, common inclosure award and abstract of title, 19th cent. (Revd Clarke was rector of Wanstrow in the 1840s) (D\P\wans)
Weare: PCC minutes, day book and receipt and payment book, 1916-2011 (D\P\wea)
Winscombe: registers of baptisms, 1900-1950, marriages, 1944-2014, and burials, 1903-2014 (D\P\winsc)
Winsham: service register, 1978-1998 (D\P\winsh)
Diocese of Bath and Wells: minutes of Diocesan Committees, including finance, finance and general purposes, development fund, synod, synod standing, Bishop's Council, houses and glebe, redundant churches uses, pastoral, dilapidations board and board of patronage, 1912-2008 (82 volumes) (DD\WBF)

Photographs and postcards

Hatch Beauchamp: copy postcard of illustration of the Coronation Bonfire, [1911] (A\DJG)
Staple Fitzpaine: photographs of Mummers' play at Greyhound Inn, with some tracings to identify people, c.1980s (A\AXN)
Williton: photograph album relating to the Ridgway family, early 20th cent. (A\DYD)
A selection of Somerset postcards, c.1940s (A\DYF)

Research papers and transcripts

Additional papers of the late Rodney Legg, author, campaigner for the environment, and historian of Dorset, comprising: album of copy photographs of the Ensor family of Stalbridge, Dorset, and Milborne Port, Somerset, 1850s, 1895-1975; file of research on Milborne Port,

1876-2004; bundle of deeds for land in Lovington, [1888]-1906; and sales ledger of Bradford and Sons, Limited, builders' merchants, of Crewkerne, 1934-1938 (A\DVM)

Nailsea and district: research into First World War casualties, shopping and the post office; posters, orders of service, etc., relating to Nailsea, Weston super Mare and Wraxall, [1826]-2014 (A\BDY)

Wellington and neighbourhood: volumes comprising manuscript histories and newspaper articles relating to Wellington and elsewhere written by R. L. Thorne, 1950s-1977 (A\BFL)

West Monkton: histories and guides to the parish, with bread token, 1940s-1980s (A\DXX)

Electronic index to 'William Barnes: The Somerset Engravings' by Laurence Keen, [1989] (A\DXU)

Research notes: photocopied documents from The National Archives relating to David Hawking's book, 'Railway Ancestors', [1835]-1990 (DD\X\HWKS)

School and education records

Banwell: records of Banwell School, including admission registers, managers' minutes, stocks and stores books, c.1900s-c.2000s (A\DFN)

Bath: biography of the Revd Fagan, head of Bath Grammar School, [1827-1890] (A\DYR)

Bruton and East Brent: programmes and leaflets relating to Rossholme School in East Brent and Sexey's Grammar School in Bruton, 1960s (A\DVS)

Burrowbridge Primary School: log books, admission registers, minutes and other miscellaneous papers, [1858]-1998 (A\BGF)

Chillington School: log book, 1872-1905 (A\BEN)

Newton St. Loe: notes, etc., relating to the history of the church and school, including correspondence and a CD history of the church, 1950s-2010s (A\DRH)

Staplegrove: records of Staplegrove Church School, 1857-1900 (A\BFV)

Taunton: records of Archbishop Cranmer School (now St James Church School), Taunton, 1977-2012 (C/E)

Wrington: records of Wrington School, including managers' minutes and financial records, 19th cent-20th cent. (A\DXV)

Other records

Bridgwater: typed copy of old folk song, 'Bridgwater Fair', [nd., 20th cent.] (A\DYK)

Chard: schedule of a Chard survey, 1799 (with memorandum dated 1816) (A\BEN)

Clevedon: bills and receipts of H Kiddle and C Tilley, 1872-1899 (A\AUS)

Dillington: map of Dillington and the surrounding area, 18th cent. (A\DXV)

Freshford: Plans of the Peradin Rubber Factory, c.1970s (A\DYE)

Glastonbury and Taunton: two photographs of policemen in Glastonbury and Taunton, c.1890s-c.1940s (A\BAV)

Holton: parish copy of deposited plan for proposed new Bath and Weymouth Great Western Union Railway, 1836 (DD\X\DST)

Radstock: Leave of work certificate of Miss M Parker, born in Radstock, 1917 (A\DYV)

Street: papers and slides regarding Street Heath and Sharpham Moor plots, c.1990s (10 boxes) (A\DYB)

Taunton: motor fuel ration books of Ernest Wright of Staplegrove Road, Taunton, 1950s (A\DYX)

Weston super Mare and environs: maps and plans, photographs, prints and engravings, reports, Weston super Mare Urban District Council contracts, agreements and Abstracts of Title, election material, souvenir volumes, Church of England Men's Society minutes (1923-1958), theatre programmes and postcards, 19th cent.-20th cent. (17 boxes) (A\DYM)

Weston-super-Mare Town Council records, including: signed minutes, April 2001-March 2002; records relating to Town Councillors (including register of interest and declarations of acceptance of office); newspaper cuttings, 2004-2009; alcohol drinking orders, 2002-2006 and many records relating to the former 'Barcode' youth café, 16-18 The Parade, 2001-2008, (D\PC\wsm)

Somerset: printed report of 'The Kenn River and the Bristol Waterworks Company: Important meeting of Landowners and occupiers at Yatton, 1882, and slides of West and Mid Somerset, 1980s (DD\X\LLY)

Miscellaneous Somerset Records: talks and articles by Dr. R. W. Dunning; miscellaneous papers largely relating to the Monmouth Rebellion; and copy of the 'North Curry Chronicle', [19th cent-20th cent] (DD\X\DNQ)

Somerset: memoriam cards for various individuals, 1896-1933 (A\DYY)

Somerset: posters of P. A. Campbell Ltd., relating to sailings, 1950s-1970s, and sales posters, insurance documents and other papers of Rowcliffe, solicitors, of Stogumber, 19th cent, 19th cent.-20th cent. (DD\X\WBB)

Somerset Voices: 27 oral history recordings, master copies and transcripts, 2013-2014 (A\CMQ)

New Additions to the Local Studies Library, September-December 2014

Please note: items marked D were donated to the Local Studies Library

First World War Campaign Medals Index (DVD-Rom), (Duty Archivist Desk)

A Parish at War: Carhampton, Rodhuish and Blue Anchor in WWI (D), (T 940.3 PAR)

Angus, Captain (F) (T 823 ANG)

Brown, A Sailor's Life: The Life and Times of John Short Of Watchet, 1839-1933 (D), (T 920 SHO BRO)

Burnham District Council, *Bunham on Sea Official Guide* (D), (T BUR2 BUR)

Christian, *Census: The Family Historian's Guide*, (929.3 Census, Q)

Christie, *Memories Of Childhood: 1920s - 1940s* (D), (T 920 REW CHR)

Congresbury History Group, *Railway at Congresbury* (D), (T 385 SDR CON)

Congresbury Parish Council, *Rambles Round Congresbury* (D), (T CON CON)

Curry Rivel News Group, *Curry Rivel Past & Present* (D), (T CUR3 CUR)

Greenhill, *Hannah More* (D), (T 920 MOR GRE)

Hardy, *My Ancestor Was a Railway Worker*, (929.3 HAR, Q)

Hegarty, *Archaeology of Hill Farming On Exmoor* (D), (T 930.1 EXM O/S)

Hemyock History & Archiving Assoc., *the Upper Culm Valley Before, During and After the Great War* (D), (940.3 HEM)

Horn, *My Ancestor Was In Service*, (929.3 HOR, Q)

Jay, *Exmoor Dark Skies: Our Window into a Universe of Fragile Starlight*, (T 520 JAY)

Killick, *Wheels Of the West: An Enthusiast's Review of Commercial Road Transport in the West of England*, (388.34 KIL O/S)

Mccahill, *Correspondence of Stephen Fuller, 1788-1795: Jamaica, the West India Interest at Westminster and the Campaign to Preserve the Slave Trade* (D), (306.362 MCC)

Nailsea Town Council, *Nailsea Official Guide* (D), (T NAI NAI)
 Newman, *An English Ghost Story* (F), (T 823 NEW)
 Perry, *Our Boys: The First World War Casualties Listed On Wellington War Memorial* (D), (T 940.467 PER)
 Pevsner & Orbach, *Buildings of England: Somerset; South and West*, (T 720.942 PEV)
 Poole, *A Soldier's Life: A Biography of James Augustus 'Nobby' Wilson* (D), (T 920 WIL POO)
 Raymond, *My Ancestor Was an Apprentice*, (929.3 RAY, Q)
 Ruston, *My Ancestors Were English Presbyterians or Unitarians*, (929.3 RUS, Q)
 Seaton, *Hurds Hill: A Brief History of the Family Home Of Walter Bagehot* (D), (T 728.82 HUR)
 Sessions, *Zion Thrice Happy Place: A Celebration of 150 Years of Witness in Nailsea, 1839-1989* (D), (T 285.3 NAI)
 Somerset Trust for Nature Conservation, *On and Around Brean Down* (D), (T BRE1 SOM)
 Taylor, *A Remarkable Journey. The Ames Family Emigration From Somerset To Massachusetts* (D), (T 929.2 AME O/S)
 Temperley, *Under the Surface: Somerset Floods*, (T 551.489 TEM)
 Tickenham Festival Committee, *Tickenham Domesday Festival June 1986* (D), (T TIC TIC)
 Toms, *Chard Junction Quarry, Dorset: Optical Stimulation Luminescence Dating Of The Proto-Axe* (D), (930.1 DOR, O/S)
 Trivett, *Before the Lamps Went Out: The Somerset Coalfield on the Eve of War* (D), (T 940.3 TRI)
 Waller, *My Ancestor Was an Agricultural Labourer*, (929.3 WAI, Q)
 Watts, *My Ancestor Was In the British Army*, (929.3 WAT, Q)
 Wheeler, *Christ Church Nailsea: 1840 to the Present Day* (D), (T 726.5 NAI)

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