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Dear All,

I apologise for the delay in sending out the latest edition of Snippets and also that it is not quite so many pages as usual.

I have had a bit of fun with my family tree just lately as I took out a special offer with Ancestry. Mum always referred to an "Auntie Nellie" and was adamant that this was her name - I found her as Ellen. I also found that quite a few records on the site have transcribed "Chard" as "Charlton Mackrell" . I need to sit down and send them all the examples I have found - but as there are quite a few it is going to be quite a task.

I know that you will join with me in wishing Malcolm a return to good health.
Kind regards

Liz

Forthcoming Friends Events - from our Chairman, Malcolm Daniels

The first event to tell you about is in fact not a Friends event as such but one organised by the South West Heritage Trust. This is the official launch of the Somerset Manorial Documents Register. This follows an introductory talk given to the Friends last year by Scott Pettitt and Jane de Gruchy. The event runs on Saturday 18th from 2 pm. For more details see <http://www1.somerset.gov.uk/archives/Manors.htm>

On April 22nd at 7.30 pm. Dr Janet Tall will talk on The Hyltons of Ammerdown. The Joliffe family held extensive lands in the Kilmersdon area of Somerset. Their fascinating lives range from coal-mining, to politics, engineering and local history. They also had family feuds and the archives reflect all of these stories. Janet will tell us about their fascinating story
Please put this one in the diary.

Final details need to be confirmed, but a visit to Kingweston House, the home of the Dickenson family is being arranged for June 3rd at 2.30pm. The Dickenson Project is one that has been well-reported by Bob Warren and we are grateful to him for arranging this visit on our behalf. Look out at our website for details in the near future.

The Friends Annual General Meeting will be held on October 10th. After the AGM David Greenfield will give a talk about Isambard Kingdom Brunel (one of my heroes of history).

On 3rd November at 2 pm. Sue Berry will give a talk on Crime and Punishment
Other events are in the planning stages and these will be announced when the final arrangements have been made. Please keep your eye on our website at <http://friendsofsomersetarchives.org.uk>

A Warning and Two Heroes - with thanks to Jack Sweet of Yeovil

The parish church of Combe St Nicholas, was built at the beginning of the 13th century, was enlarged in the 15th on the proceeds of the wool trade, and has remained little changed since that time.

However, the church of St Nicholas and its setting against the background of hills and woods, becomes a little sinister following the warning inscribed on the tomb of William Aplin in 1815 which tells the reader that:

Dangers stand thick through all the ground
To rush us to the tomb
And fierce diseases wait around
To hurry mortals home

For two brothers, Maurice and Edward Bethell, remembered on the wall of the north aisle, there were dangers thick enough to daunt the strongest heart a century later on the watery wastes of the North Sea and in the mud and blood of the Western Front.

The Battle of Jutland was fought on the North Sea during the afternoon and evening of 31 May 1916 and was the only time during the First World War, when the great battle fleets of the British and German Empires met in conflict. At about 3.45pm on that day the battle cruisers scouting ahead of both fleets opened fire on each other, and so began the contest which both navies had eagerly awaited. When the battle was over some eight hours later, the German High Seas Fleet returned to harbour claiming a tactical victory because it had sunk more of the Royal Navy's ships, but in turn the British claimed a strategic victory because the Germans had been forced to retire, and never challenged the Royal Navy again during the war.

It was during the early stages of the battle, that HMS Nestor, a 1,000 tons destroyer, on which Maurice Bethell was serving as First Lieutenant, found fame. The twelve ships of the Royal Navy's 13th Destroyer Flotilla, led by Commander The Hon. Edward Bingham in Nestor, were launched in a torpedo attack on the enemy battle cruisers, but at the same time fifteen German destroyers led by a light cruiser, attacked the British. A fierce engagement took place and two German destroyers were sunk. The rest were driven off with no loss to the Royal Navy, but the British destroyers were scattered over a wide area thereby reducing the weight of their torpedo attack on the enemy battle cruisers. However, Commander Bingham returned to the attack and Nestor, supported by HMS Nicator and HMS Nomad, charged at top speed towards their huge opponents. Each ship fired two torpedoes but no hits were registered as their aim was thrown out by the pitching and rolling of the sea churned up by the great warships and exploding shells. The 6 inch guns of the German battle cruisers' secondary armament soon found the range and shells poured down on the audacious little ships. Nomad was hit and stopped dead in the water with her engine room a shambles, but Nestor and Nicator, now joined by HMS Petard, pressed on. More torpedoes were fired, but only Petard scored a hit on the German battle cruiser Seydlitz, and then Nestor was hit. A shell exploded in her engine room, and as clouds of steam poured from smashed boilers, the crippled destroyer swung hard to starboard narrowly avoiding colliding with Nicator. She wallowed helplessly some four miles from the disabled Nomad, but as the battle moved away, the two ships were spared further damage; however the reprieve was short, because over the southern horizon came the German High Seas Fleet.

Remorselessly, the huge battleships bore down on the two small destroyers lying in their path, and once again shells fell around them. Nomad was smashed into a hulk and sank; then came the turn of Nestor. With German shells bracketing his ship, Commander Bingham defiantly ordered

the last torpedo to be fired even though there was little chance of it finding a target. Hits were now being registered on Nestor, turning her into a shambles of torn metal and, as she began to sink, the order was given to abandon ship.

In his book, "Falklands, Jutland and the Bight", Edward Bingham wrote that during the last moments of Nestor, Lieutenant Bethell had been organising the launching of boats and life rafts, and had reported the successful completion of this operation. Commander Bingham recalled that he had called out to his first officer 'Now where shall we go!' to which Bethell's reply was, 'To Heaven I trust Sir!' This answer, Bingham wrote, 'was characteristic of that gallant spirit and at that moment Bethell turned aside to attend a mortally wounded signalman and was seen no more amidst a cloud of fumes from a bursting shell.' Commander Bingham and eighty members of Nestor's company survived and were eventually rescued by a German warship to spend the rest of the war as prisoners.

For his courage in leading the attack on the German battle cruisers, Commander Bingham was awarded the Victoria Cross, one of four won at the battle of Jutland.

The death of Captain Edward Bethell seems doubly tragic. After being severely wounded near Ypres in 1914, and surviving the horrific first battles of the first months of the war, he returned to active service in July 1918, only to die within weeks of its end. On 21 September 1918, The Queen's Regiment (Royal West Surreys), in which Edward Bethell was a company commander, was taking part in the great assault on the German Hindenburg Line south west of Cambrai, and together with the London and Eastern Counties Battalions, fought their way into the enemy's outposts and defensive systems in the villages of Epehy and Ronssoy. By mid-day on 21st, they had established a line on some three miles in length, but during the afternoon, in rain and oncoming darkness, the Germans launched fierce counter attacks, and recaptured much of their lost territory. The British put in a new attack and by early dawn on 22 September, had succeeded in retaking about a mile of the German trenches. It was during this savage fighting that Captain Edward Bethell fell leading his men, and on 21 September 1918, the brothers were no longer divided.

In July 1685, the 'Queen's Regiment,' recently returned from hard campaigning in Tangier and commanded by Colonel Percy Kirke, formed part of the Royal Army which fought the Monmouth Rebels at Sedgemoor, and gained notoriety for the severity with which they pursued and dealt with the defeated followers of the ill-fated Duke. 'Kirke's Lambs,' nicknamed after the Pascal Lamb shown on the regimental colours, became The Queen's Regiment (Royal West Surreys) - Edward Bethell's regiment.

Having read the article by Jack, I looked for details of the church on the web. The church is a Grade 1 listed building and should be worth a visit. Relatives of mine married and were buried here - so I feel a visit coming on!! (Liz)

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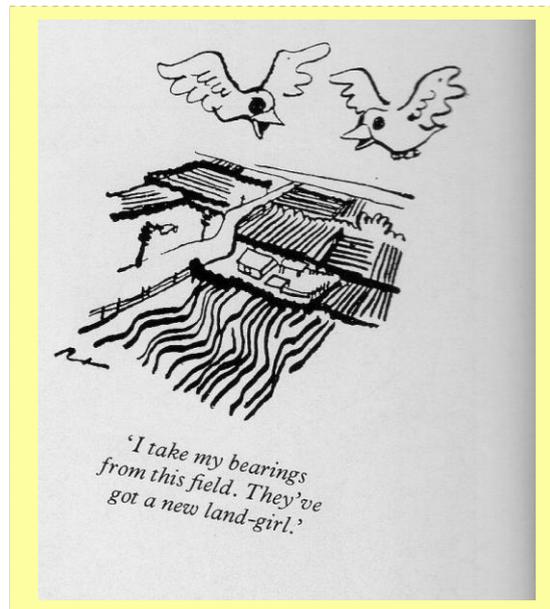
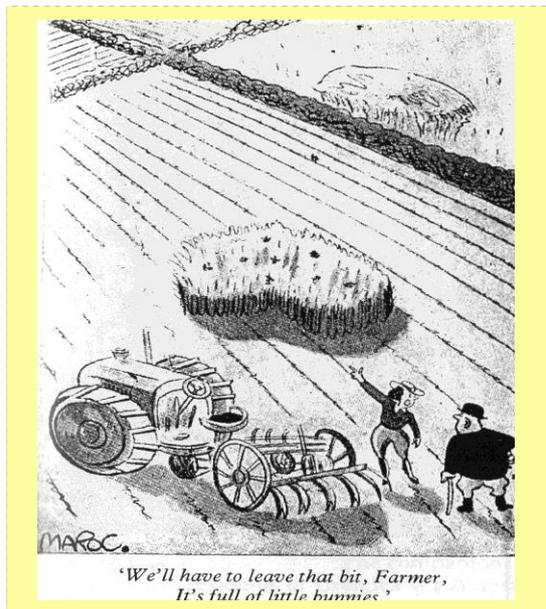
Report of the talk by Sue Berry on 18th February on "Digging for Victory: the land army in Somerset in the Second World War"



Sue gave us a very informative and interesting talk about the land army both nationally and locally in Somerset. She explained that nearly twenty years ago she and Hilary Binding had advertised for women who had been in the land army to tell them about some of their experiences. The original idea was to use the information for a Record Office project with primary schools but so much was received that it had wider uses. Some sent a sheet of A4, others wrote essays and one came to visit the record office. They shared their treasured memories including photos.

Sue gave us some background to the land army, how it began in 1917 during the First World War when there were 23,000 women recruited nationally. That experience served as a model for the much larger Land Army of the Second World War which very quickly exceeded that number considerably. Somerset had the eleventh largest group of Land Army women in the country 163 by December 1939, 1794 by December 1943. They were aged between 17 and 40, were interviewed and had to pass a medical and could then be sent anywhere. In theory they all received uniform but at the beginning of the war this could be in short supply because the armed forces had to be clothed first. If over 18 they were paid 48s for a 48 hour week out of which they paid 21s 6d for lodging. They had a week's annual holiday. Their manual recognised that living in the country could be quite a challenge for girls only used to town life with its cinemas, High Street shops and Palais de danse.

Initially there was some prejudice against them and Sue showed us two cartoons, one of two pigeons looking at a field with very wavy ploughing saying "I take my bearings from this field. They've got a new land girl." The other showed a circle of crops not cut and a landgirl saying "We'll have to leave that bit farmer. It's full of little bunnies."



She then talked about how a minority of the Somerset girls were given training at Cannington College, Pilton, Curry Rivel or Long Ashton. At Long Ashton they learnt about dairy work, poultry and pigs. Milking started on artificial udders on a canvas bag full of water before going on to a real cow.

A list was produced which gave the percentage of work at a particular task which a girl could do compared with a man. Loading dung was only 45%, ploughing 65% but fruit picking was 95% or more and looking after poultry better than men at 101% and pulling peas 103%! The letters described all kinds of work including driving tractors, working with horses, harrowing, side racking and ploughing (one accidentally ploughed up a public footpath but repaired it.) Potato sowing led to backache, picking sprouts to chilblains. Other jobs included smelly jobs with fertiliser, greasebinding and grafting trees. Some, rather than being on farms, worked in the timber corps all over the country.



Their living conditions varied and could involve loosing being in a shed with a bucket or needing an umbrella. Some lived on isolated farms, others in hostels which could vary from castles to converted stables and often involved bunk beds. Food varied as well from good farmhouse food to food more reminiscent of *Oliver Twist*.

They sometimes worked with POWs, both Italian and German who were sometimes very good workers. They had welfare officers who visited them and were concerned for their moral welfare. They usually managed some social life with dances with local camps, parties and singsongs, though they could have a problem finding suitable clothes (curtains came in useful) and sometimes local girls thought landgirls were pinching their blokes.

They appear to have worked very hard and got on with the job and enjoyed it and some married into the local farm communities.

I know that there were Land Army girls working on the family farm, New Cross near South Petherton. I was fortunate to be able to copy a photograph album - and found the photo and cartoon below:



(Liz)

This is a transcription of part of the Somersetshire Michaelmas Session 1829 - regarding my maternal 3 x great grandmother, which makes for interesting reading. I had very little information on this side of the family until a cousin in Australia got in touch and provided the transcription for me - not all the words are transcribed but I believe you will get the gist of the story. I never dreamt of finding a bigamous marriage in the family - it could almost be a modern day soap opera!!

Churchwardens (?) of Streatham Appellants
Churchwardens (?) of Bishop's Hull Respondents
Messr's Langslow and Bear Counsels for Appellants

Roger and Moody ditto for the Appellants

Respecting the removal of Ruth Hayne Wife of James Hayne and their five children.

Appellants called upon to prove Notice of Appeal after arguments Notice proved.

Appellants called upon to prove chargeability in support of which they call:-

George Bond.

I am an inhabitant of Bishops Hull. On the 3rd of July last I was Chairman of a meeting of the select Vestry of that Parish. At that meeting the Pauper Ruth applied for relief. She said her husband was out of work. I gave her 8/-

Being cross examined he said

I believe that she said she wanted Relief for her son with a bad arm namely William. She certainly spoke of William. I will not swear that she did not ask for Relief only for the Boy William from Exeter, mention was made of the intention of Bishop's Hull to remove. I do not remember her saying if you intend to remove us I will have Relief. I will not swear that she did not say so. Money had been paid by Bishop's Hull on acct of the parish of St. Thomas Devon for years previous to her marriage with Player.

To rebut this evidence the Appellants call the Pauper

Ruth Hayne

I remember going to the pay tables at Bishop's Hull on the occasion stated by the last witness. Besides last witness there were present Mr Brigand the bursary his Brother and other persons. I swear (unreadable)

Ruth Hayne

I have lived in Bishop's Hull from my birth with the exception of the time of my Removal with my Husband and family to Tiverton and the two periods of my being removed on his desertion of me to St. Thomas' about 12 years ago and my late Removal with my children to Streatham. With these three exceptions I have always lived in Bishops's Hull. I had three children when James Hayne my Husband deserted me about 12 years ago. About 4 years ago I married Jacob Player and have lived with him as his wife until my Removal to Streatham. I have now five children the youngest aged about two years.

On being asked whether she had seen her Husband since his desertion of her the question was objected to by the Court as tending to shew by her evidence non acces.

Mr Langslow contending that he has a right to ask her how long it was since she had seen her Husband the Court decided against the admissibility of such evidence from the Wife.

The following Witnesses were then called

Jacob Player

I have lived with Ruth Hayne as her Husband for about 4 years during the whole of that time I have never left her except within the last 10 months subsequent to the birth of the youngest child. During the same period I have never seen James Hayne in Bishop's Hull.

On cross examination he stated

I have no objection to keep the two younger Children

Ruth Hayne

On that or any other occasion for Relief for any other Person than William. I had previously namely on the 24th June been directed by Mr Bryant to attend before the magistrates at Taunton. After leaving the Magistrates I met Mr Bryant who told me he should remove us all to Brixton upon which I said that if I must be removed I would have Relief. At that time Mr

Bryant gave me 4 sixpences. While I was being examined by Mr Pinchard the magistrates Clerk he asked me if I and my Children were chargeable I replied that I had had no Relief. Mr Pinchard desired a fortnights notice to be sent to Brixton. On the 3rd of July when I attended the pay table Mr William Bryant said Well Ruth I suppose you have come for William's money and for some for yourself. I said no not for myself but for William. I had for some years received 2/- a week for William which was paid to me by the Officers of Bishop's Hull. I also told Mr Bryant that if I must be removed to Brixton I would have money. I swear most positive that I did not say that my Husband was out of work the contrary was the fact with him as well as my two Daughters by Hayne. I swear that previous to June 24th last I had not applied for Relief for myself or any of my family except for William some weeks previous when he was removed by Mr Briant to St. Thomas's

Being cross examined she stated

I had been previously paid 2/- per week for William. My other two Children by hayne were in work. I told Mr. Bryant that if I must go I would have Relief the 8/- stated by Mr Bind (?) to have been paid to me were given to me on the Friday or Friday week after Midsummer Day.

Counsel for the Appellant submitted that there was no proof of chargeability. After consulting the Court decided that chargeability was established.

Mr. Rogers then proceeded to open his case and to state that he should establish a Settlement by Renting a tenement for a year in the Appellant parish and called the following Witnesses.
William Spooner

I am a Carpenter and reside in the parish of Streatham. I know James Hayne I have several houses in Cowper's Place in the Parish of Streatham. James Hayne when I first knew him followed the trade of Plasterer and was employed by me in his trade. On the 72 2r before Mich (??) 1827 James Hayne took one of the houses in Cowper's Place at a Rent of L25 per annum payable quarterly and resided therein until Midr Cash?? (1829) when he left suddenly and without giving me notice. I have seen him once only since. He paid me L12.10/- by a Bill at 3 months and worked out the Rest. I know Mr. Breant the Overseer of Bishop's Hull I saw him at Haynes's house. I remember Mr. Turner the Constable of Lambeth apprehending James Hayne at the request of Mr Briant and Hayne's leaving Brixton in the Custody of Mr. Turner and Mr. Briant. This was about June 1829.

On being cross examined he stated

I am perfectly well acquainted with the Boundaries of that part of the parish of Streatham where there Houses are situated. I have paid rates to Sthm Parish for the House that Hayne occupied as well as for others adjoining. I am not the Landlord of the House but only the agent of the Landlord who is a Solicitor residing in Oxford. There was no positive agreement to take the House of me for a year. he took it from Quarter to Quarter. Nothing passed as to Notice on leaving. he worked for me not for the Landlord. I employed him in plastering a house which I had to build on my own account. I have not rec'd a 72 2rs ?? Rent independent of and one prwr? to the Bill for L12.10/-. There are no accounts between us as to rent and Work but they are to this time unsettled the balance has not been agreed upon. There has been no adjustment of account at all between us. I saw Hayne generally every day at Brixton for the whole of the time he occupied my house and for some time previous having employed him before he became my Tenant.

On his Re examination he stated

I know Hayne has something peculiar in his appearance a cast in one eye.

Edward Turner

I am Constable of Lambeth. In consequence of an application from Mr Bryant I apprehended James Hayne about 3rd June last and accompanied him with Mr. Bryant to town where I left him in Custody of Mr. Bryant. I saw once since about 3 weeks afterwards.

Other evidence being offered to prove the Identity of James Hayne as James Hayne late of Bishop's Hull the same was admitted.

To prove the marriage the following Witnesses were called

William Pile

I produce a Copy of a Register of Marriages between James Hayne and Ruth Crocker by Banns in the Parish Church of Bishop's Hull. I have examined it and swear it is a correct Copy.

Hannah Lane

I reside in Bishop's Hull I have known Ruth Hayne from her Birth. I know James Hayne her Husband and of their having lived together as Man and Wife. I was not present at the Marriage. Ruth Hayne has now five Children. She had only three when Hayne left her.

On her cross examination she states

I know Jacob Player he has for about four years been living with Ruth Hayne as her Husband and by him she has two children. I have never seen James Hayne from the time he deserted his Wife about 12 years ago until the present year in the neighbourhood of his Wife's residence when he was brought over from Brixton.

The Respondents having closed their case

Mr. Langslow objected to the Order

1st that it was bad as to the three elder Children inasmuch that the order setting out their ages above the age of 7 years had not negatived the fact that they had not gained a settlement in their own rights.

2nd that William not having come to inhabit in the parish of Bishop's Hull was irremovable.

3rd that from the evidence of Spooner no taking of the Tenement in Streatham for a year as required by the Statute had been proved.

The Court having overruled the two first objections expressed it to be their opinion that the taking was for a year. The Case of the Appellant was then opened and the following Witnesses were called.

Joseph Green Bidwell

I have acted as Overseer and am still the acting Overseer of St. Thomas Devon. I remember on my return home after an absence of a few Days seeing about the month of May last an order for the removal of William Hayne from Bishop's Hull to St. Thomas in the City and County of Exeter. That order was served on Mr Hotton and Mr Brock who were then Churchwarden and Overseer of St. Thomas by Mr Bryant Overseer of Bishop's Hull who brought the Boy over with the order.

The Witness being called upon to produce the order and all correspondence relating thereto in obedience to notice served upon him for that purpose stated that he had searched for the order and could not find it and that the correspondence had been most probably destroyed as he could find no trace of it.

The Respondents having been served with similar notice were called upon to produce the order and declined doing so.

Joseph Green Bidwell

I considered the order bad (??) as being addressed to the Churchwardens Etc. of St. Thomas in the City of Exeter whereas the Parish of St. Thomas to which the Child was brought was in the County of Devon. I therefore refused to adopt the Pauper and returned the order to Mr Briant. The Boy continued in St. Thomas's about 9 weeks.

William Hayne

I am nearly 14 years old I remember being taken the spring of this year by Mr. Bryant from Bishop's Hull to Exeter. He first took me to Mr. Bidwell's House. He being out Mr. Briant took me to the Overseers Mr Brock and Mr Hotton and gave them a paper. Mr Briant told Mr Brock and Mr Hotton that he was come down with me with an Order. I remained there 9 weeks at my Uncle's House where Mr. Briant Mr Brock and Mr Hotton took me. I once accompanied my Uncle to Mr Bidwell and he gave my Uncle 5/-. I afterwards went to Mr. Bidwells House for my money 2/- per week. Mr. Bidwell gave me an order on the Governess of the Workhouse to receive from her 4/- which I received.

On cross examination he states

That Mr. Briant told Mr. Brock and Mr. Hotton that he had brought me with an order and he have them a Paper..

Samuel Hayne

I am the brother of James Hayne and Uncle of the Witness William Hayne who was brought to my House by Mr Briant of Bishop's Hull and Mr. Brock and Mr. Hotton overseers of St. Thomas the parish in which I reside. The Boy continued at my House about 9 weeks during which time I received money three times from Mr. Bidwell for his support.

Jane Hayne (*my 2 x Gt Grandmother*)

I am the daughter of Ruth Hayne and am about 16 years old. I was never away from my Mother except for two nights in November last. I have a slight recollection of my Father leaving my Mother. I never saw him from that period until he was brought down by Mr Briant to Taunton this summer. Had I seen him I should have known him.

On cross examination she states

I am 16 years old I have worked at a silk factory in Bishop's Hull for nearly two years. I returned home to every meal. I slept with my Mother constantly after my Father left until she married Jacob Player. I never used to go to bed before my Mother. We generally went to bed about 9.

William Hayne

I saw my Father at my Uncle's at Exeter this summer. I had never seen him before since he left my Mother earlier in Bishop's Hull.

Ruth Hayne (recalled)

Mr. Langslow having called her to proceed with her examination as to not having seen her Husband Hayne. The Court refused to admit such evidence.

William Spooner (recalled)

I generally saw James Hayne regularly every day while he lived in my House

Appellants case being closed Mt Bere summed up the evidence and recapitulated the points before enumerated by Mr. Langslow and after some deliberation the Court confirmed the Order.

A Case was asked for by Counsel for the Appellants **immediately after the Decision of the Court was pronounced and as the Court were about to adjourn** the application in ??? was postponed to following Morning
Unfortunately the transcription stops here.

Liz

New Accessions at the Heritage Centre - 18 December 2014-31 March 2015

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.

Business records

Langport: Kelways printed ephemera, estimate envelopes, c.1970s (A\DZN)

Rode: ledger of E. Silcocks, carpenter and joiner, 1850s-1860s (A\EAE)

Stogumber: correspondence sent to Messrs Rowcliffe and Son, 1825-1852 (DD\X\WBB)

Somerset and elsewhere: Great Western Railway agreements, 1924-1974 (DD\X\WI)

Somerset and Dorset Joint Railway: index of signal instructions (electronic PDF copy), 2015 (A\DZS)

Clubs', Societies' and Charities' records

Frome: records of the Royal Somerset Masonic Lodge, 19th cent.-20th cent. (13 boxes) (A\DLY)

Iilton: records of Whetstones Almshouses including minutes and accounts, 1914-2008 (DD\X\WAI)

Long Ashton: Scout records, including minutes, newsletters and newspaper cuttings, c.1960s-c.1980s

Taunton: photograph album of the Thorn family, comprising mainly of photographs of members of Taunton Operatic Society, early 20th cent. (A\EAB)

Wiveliscombe: records relating to the Reading Room and Library, c.1970s (C/LIB)

Woolavington: records relating to Woolavington Girl Guides, 1930-1980 (A\DZC)

Red Cross, Somerset branch: records relating to British Red Cross and WWI, including detachment register, certificate, copy register, project book, manuals, etc., [1914-1918] (A\DUE)

Somerset Bowls Association: additional papers, including programmes, results, newspaper cuttings, photographs, History of Congresbury Bowling Club and History of Taunton Bowling Club, 1914-2015 (A\DET)

Somerset and Dorset Railway Trust: papers relating to railways in Wells; station plans, [c.1850s]-c.1990s (A\CWO)

Somerset and Dorset Railway Trust: Additional papers, including correspondence, reports, members' papers and digital copies of *Swift and Delightful*, 1965-[2007] (A\CWO)

Deeds, wills and family papers

- Axbridge: solicitors' papers relating to Phoebe Beecham, 19th-20th cent. (A\DZX)
- Crowcombe: receipts, bills and associated papers received by John Francis Carew of Crowcombe Court concerning the maintenance and running of his estates, 1825-1833 (A\DZE)
- Dulverton and Marston Bigot: inventory books of Lewis Dymoke Grovesnor Tregonwell, late 18th cent. (A\DZI)
- Fitzhead and Brompton Ralph: diaries of Emily Jane Dunn (d. 1946), 1906-1937 (A\DZY)
- Frome: additional papers of Mr David Massey, mainly photographs, 20th cent. (A\DKZ)
- Frome and Compton Dando: deeds and associated papers, 1880s-1914 (DD\X\WI)
- Glastonbury: deeds and associated papers of Bartlett, Gooding and Weelen, Solicitors, with some business papers of the practice and of Messrs. Austin and Bath, Solicitors, 17th-20th cent. (13 boxes) (A\CMA)
- Hale & Orchardleigh: papers of the Prior and Champney families, 19th cent.-20th cent. (DD\X\WI)
- Kingweston: photographs and illustrations of the Dickinson family, Kingweston House and Church, scrapbook of newspaper clippings relating to the Dickinson family, 19th cent.-20th cent. (DD\DN)
- Malet family: additional family papers, [1116]-2014 (A\DYS)
- South Petherton: papers relating to the estate of Mr James England of South Petherton, late 19th cent.-early 20th cent. (8 boxes) (A\EAC)
- Stoke St Gregory: deeds of property in Curload, 1883-1924 (A\DZW)
- Watchet: notebook of Fred Inkerman Bond, of Roadwater, 1879-1912 (A\AXB)
- Weston super Mare: deeds of Sydny House, Weston super Mare, 1859-1981 (A\DZK)
- Winsham: account book of Leigh House, early 20th cent. (A\BAV)
- Yeovil: diaries and correspondence of Mr John Phillips of Yeovil, 1978-2004 (A\DZP)
- Somerset: Papers of Ken Barnard of Burnham on Sea, including details on his naval service and employment by Somerset County Council, [1917]-1972 (DD\X\HWKS)
- Somerset: history of the Rosewell family entitled 'Rosewell: Notable People', 2015 (A\DUK)

Health and hospital records

- Wells and Somerton: pharmacy records, including prescription books and labels for medicines, 20th cent. (A\EAD)
- Weston super Mare: ledgers of Greenslade Opticians, High Street, 1940s-1960s (A\DZM)
- Somerset Health Authority: estate portfolio/information manual providing condition surveys of hospitals in Somerset, 1988 (A\DZH)

Local government records

Parish and Town Councils

- Barton St. David Parish Council: minutes, 1895-2010 (D\PC\b.st.d)
- Barton St David Parish Council: parish plan and questionnaire, 2009 (D\PC\b.st.d)
- Fivehead Parish Council: parish copy of tithe apportionment, 1838 (D\PC\fiv)
- Fivehead Parish Council: minute books, accounts books, records relating to the cemetery, footpaths, street lighting, etc., c.1980s-c.2000s (D\PC\fiv)
- Godney Parish Council: minutes, accounts, correspondence and planning records, 1990-2008 (D\PC\gdy)
- Nailsea Town Council: minutes of the Planning and Environmental, Policy Finance and General Purposes, and Leisure Facilities Committees; Annual Town Meetings minutes; Town Council Meetings minutes, 1999-2014 (7 boxes) (D\PC\na)
- Shepton Mallet Town Council: minutes, 1937-2009 (D\PC\she)
- Winsham Parish Council: photographs, newspaper cuttings book, posters and other records, 1980s-2004 (D\PC\winsh)

Borough and Rural and Urban District Councils

Clutton Rural District Council: rate book, 1941 (D\R\clu)
Keynsham Urban District Council: rate book, 1969-1970 (D\U\keyn)

Somerset County Council

Somerset County Council: committee minutes and reports (ongoing accession for 2015)
Somerset Historic Environment Service records: Mendip Hills Archaeology; inquiry report into objections to the Somerset Minerals Local Plan, 2001-2002; Minehead Sea defences; Parrett flood defences, 1990s-2000s (C/ENAH)
Somerset County Council: reports of the County Children's Officer, 1954-1957 (DD\X\PYS)
Oake: footpath diversion order, 2014 (C/GP)
Somerset County Farms: administrative files, including tenancy agreements, holding files, M5 Motorway/Iminster bypass files, 1950s-1990s (16 boxes) (C/PCSC)
Somerset Library Service: library accession registers and statistics, 1918-1963 (C/Lib)
Somerset Record Office: correspondence and research files, 1918-2007 (A\CVL)
West Somerset Coroner: inquest and natural causes files for 2013 (also some 2011) (CLOSED) (19 boxes) (C/CR/W)

Other local government records

North Petherton: composite maps showing change of parish boundaries and footpaths, 1880-2010 (A\DZU)
Somerset Drainage Board Consortium: records of Upper Brue; Upper Axe; Allermoor; King Sedgemoor and Cary Valley; Langport; Othery Middlezoy and Westonzoyland; Stockland; Lower Brue; Lower Axe; Ecology Steering Group drainage boards, including minutes, members' declarations, attendance records, post records and water level management plan meeting, 1961-2010 (7 boxes) (A\DGG)

Military records and records relating to the World Wars

Somerset Light Infantry

Papers of Bugler A Townley, 1891-1931 (DD\SLI)
Copy service records of Eli Palmer, early 20th cent. (DD\SLI)
Three photographs, 1900s-1930s (DD\SLI)
Papers of Lord Harding of Petherton, c.1910s-c.1950s (DD\SLI)
Personal papers of Private Douglas Macmillan, 1915-1921 (DD\SLI)
Notes on the life and career of Sergeant A. E. Crew, 2015 (A\DGC)

Other military and World War records

East Brent: postcard of war memorial, 1926 (A\BAV)
Lydeard St. Lawrence: military papers of Roland Barker of Handy Cross, including his diary, release papers, ration books, etc., c.1930s-c.1940s (A\DZE)
Royal Air Force papers of Wilfred A. Miller of Wiveliscombe, 1940s (A\DIS)
Watchet: lease for Watchet War Memorial site, 1924 (A\DZO)

Nonconformist records

Rode Wesleyan Methodist Chapel: baptism register, 1838-1960 (D\N\frc)
Worle Methodist Church: marriage registers, 1988-2008

Parish and diocesan records

Backwell: service registers, alms register, cash book, faculty papers, etc., 1908-1988 (D\P\back)
Blackford: account books and associated papers, c.1980s (D\P\bla)
Bridgwater Holy Trinity: parish records, including baptism register 1977-1999, marriage and banns registers 1975-2014 and service registers 1981-2008 (D\P\bw.ht)

Brockley: service register, 1974-1992
Crewkerne: parish records, including baptism, marriage and banns registers and service registers, 1967-2014 (D\P\crew)
Hinton Blewett: records relating to Hinton Blewett Village Hall, c.1970s-c.1990s (D\P\hin.bl)
Horton: parish records, including PCC minutes, 1991-2005 (D\P\hort)
Long Ashton: parish magazines, 1939-2015 (D\P\l.ash)
North Petherton: marriage registers, 1980-2012 (D\P\pet.n)
Old Cleeve: marriage register, 1958-2008
Portishead: parish records including banns register, service registers, minutes, parish magazines, accounts, papers relating to the Revd Roger Fry (rector of Portishead in the 1970s), papers of the late Rodney Challands; records relating to St Barnabas' Church and St Augustine's Church, 1800s-2000s (12 boxes) (D\P\pthd)
Priddy: parish records including correspondence and service sheets, 1953-2009 (D\P\prid)
Ruishton: marriage register 1916-2014, PCC minutes, 1937-2014 (D\P\ruis)
Stoke St. Mary: parish magazines, registers, accounts, surveys, electoral roll and other records, 1934-2008 (D\P\stoke.s.ma)
Stoke St. Mary: accounts, minutes, quinquennial reports and faculties, 1972-2010 (D\P\stoke.s.ma)
Tatworth: service register, 1997-2002 (D\P\tat)
Wick St. Lawrence: parish records including faculties and parish magazines, 1960s-2000s (D\P\wick)
Worle St. Mark: service registers, 1980-2008 (D\P\wor.m)
Worle St. Martin: parish registers, banns register, service registers, churchyard rules, correspondence, faculties and other records, 1958-2008 (D\P\wor)

Quantock Towers Benefice: Records of Bicknoller, Crowcombe and Sampford Brett Mothers' Unions, and Quantock Towers Benefice Mothers' Union, 1978-2011 (D\D\MU)

Photographs and postcards

Chiselborough: electronic copies of photographs, with index, 2012 (A\DZD)
Crowcombe: photographic negatives of the parish, 1986-1994 (A\DZT)
Ilminster: Heritage of the Ile photographs, 2007 (A\AQO)
Minehead and Bristol: photo-postcard sets, c.1940s (A\DZQ)
Watchet: digital copy of a photograph of Liddymore Camp, [1925] (A\EAA)
Wells: stereoview photographs of Wells Cathedral, nd., late 19th cent. (DD\X\PLY)
Wells and Clevedon: postcards, c.1940s (A\CHQ)
Glass plate negatives of the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society, 19th-20th cent. (84 boxes) (A\DWX)
Photographic items transferred from the Somerset Studies Library, 19th-20th cent. (4 rolls, 5 portfolios, 8 boxes) (A\DIF)
Slides of Somerset taken by Graham Dalling, c.1990s (A\DYZ)
Somerset Churches Trust: photographs of Somerset and Dorset churches, c.1980s (A\DZF)

Research papers and transcripts

Langport and Curry Rivel: research into the Podger family, carried out by Robin Bush, [1540-1820] (A\DZR)
Monumental Inscriptions: Ash Priors, Brompton Ralph, Brompton Regis, Brushford, Clatworthy, Fitzhead, Hillfarrance, Huish Champflower, Norton Fitzwarren, Skilgate, Taunton St James, Taunton St Mary, Tolland and Upton, 2014 (DD\X\MDT)
Somerset: Histories of the Civil War in Somerset, 1980s (A\EAF)

School and education records

Taunton: plans of Original Infants' School, Mary Street, 1894-1970 (DD\X\LIL)
Taunton School: photograph of staff and students, 1922 (A\AUS)
Taunton: school reports of Frank Hake at St. Andrew's school, 1933-1938 (A\DZA)

Other records

Bridgwater: two letters regarding a grandfather clock, and the Anstice family of Bridgwater, early 2000s (A\DRB)
Chard: printed work entitled, *Selected poems and monologues by Win Chubb (born 1918)*, c.2015 (A\DZZ)
Glastonbury: biography of Cecil Hamilton-Miller, former mayor of Glastonbury, [1910-2001] (A\DZL)
Norton sub Hamdon: Norton newsletters and edition of *The Nortonian*, 2015 (A\BPB)
Street and Glastonbury: correspondence, reports, photographs, programmes and other records, 20th cent. (A\DZB)
Taunton, Trull: photographs and newspaper articles relating to Dr J A Purves and the Dynasphere, 1932-1998 (A\DZV)
Withypool: notice regarding the removal of stones from the Common, 1927 (A\AUS)
Somerset: Programmes for the Minehead and District Choral Society, Somerset County Orchestra and Somerset Chamber Choir, 1987-2014 (A\DZJ)
Somerset: Street Yearbook, billeting poster, Duke of Edinburgh Booklet, Royal Horticultural Society Certificate, photograph of schoolgirls, commercial map of Frome, 'Somerset Goes to War!' newspaper supplement, 1909-2014 (A\DOB)
Somerset Voices oral history archive: oral history recordings (interviews 824-827 and 829), digital photographs and licences, 1990s-20002 (A\CMQ)
Somerset: various 2nd and 3rd edition Ordnance Survey maps, c.1904-1980s (C/)
Master negatives of Somerset newspapers, 2014 (CLOSED) (T\PH\tbl)

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