

Reference code(s): GB 0214 DPL

Title: Plymouth Estate records

Creation date(s): 1756-1929

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 4.3 cubic metres (c. 1415 items)

Name of creator(s): Plymouth estate

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: Thomas-Windsor Hickman (c. 1627-1687), son and heir of Dixie Hickman of Kew, Surrey, succeeded to the estates of his uncle, Thomas Windsor, baron Windsor de Stanwell (d 1642) and assumed the surname Hickman-Windsor. After the Restoration in 1660, the abeyance of the Barony of Windsor de Stanwell was terminated in his favour in 1660, and he was created Earl of Plymouth in 1682. The estate at Stanwell, Middlesex, which had been the chief seat of the Windsor family since Domesday, was surrendered by the 1st lord Windsor de Stanwell to Henry VIII in 1543 in a compulsory exchange for Hewell Grange in Worcestershire, part of the lands of the suppressed Bordesley Abbey. The estate at Bradenham, Buckinghamshire, which the Windsor family had held since 1500, was alienated about the middle of the seventeenth century. Other Windsor (1659-1684), son and heir apparent of Thomas-Windsor Hickman, married Elizabeth [c. 1659-c. 1687], daughter and eventual sole heir of Thomas Turvey of Walcote, Worcestershire. The Plymouth family gained a Flintshire estate in 1706 with the marriage of Other Windsor (1679-1725), 2nd earl of Plymouth, to Elizabeth Whitley (d 1711), sister and heir of Roger Whitley of Peel, Cheshire, (d 1702). The estate included the Althrey (or Alrhey) estate of the Ellis family of Althrey, in the parish of Bangor-iscoed, and the manor of Northop, which Roger had purchased in 1670 from the Earl of Bridgewater. Part at least of this Northop property was sold in 1812, although parts of the Flintshire estate were retained until about 1890 at least. Other Windsor (1707-1732), 3rd earl of Plymouth, married Elizabeth Lewis (d 1733) the sole heir of Thomas Lewis [pre 1668-1736] of the Van and St Fagans, Glamorgan, and Soberton, Hampshire. At the time of Thomas Lewis's death, the estate was so encumbered with debts that the interest exceeded the rental, and three Acts of Parliament were obtained to sell the estate. The estate was sold, and the trustees of Elizabeth Lewis's marriage settlement bought in the Glamorgan estate for £47,000. St Fagans castle became the Glamorgan seat of the earls of Plymouth. Other and Elizabeth's only son and heir Other Lewis Windsor, 4th earl (1731-1771) was succeeded by his son Other Hickman Windsor, 5th earl (1751-1799), who was succeeded by his only son and heir Other Archer Windsor, 6th earl (1789-1833, dsp.), on whose

death the barony of Windsor de Stanwell fell into abeyance between his sisters and coheirs. The Rev. Andrews Windsor (1754-1837, dsp.) succeeded as 7th earl, being a younger brother of the 4th earl, and was succeeded by his brother Henry Windsor, 8th earl (1768-1843, dsp.), on whose death the earldom became extinct. In 1855 the abeyance of the barony of Windsor was terminated in favour of Harriet Clive (1797-1869), one of the sisters of the 6th earl, who had married in 1819 with Robert Henry Clive, MP, 2nd son of the 1st earl of Powis. (a marriage which led the family to own, or have an interest in, the Oakeley Park estate in Shropshire). She assumed the additional surname Windsor in 1855. Her son and heir apparent Robert Windsor-Clive, MP, dying before her, Harriet was succeeded by her grandson Robert George Windsor-Clive (1857-1923), who was created Viscount Windsor of St Fagans and Earl of Plymouth (third creation) in 1905. He was succeeded by Ivor Miles Windsor-Clive, 2nd earl (1889-1943), who was succeeded by his son Other Robert Ivor Windsor-Clive, 3rd earl (b. 1923, fl. 1990). In 1812, the chief seats of the family were at Hewell Grange in Worcestershire and Warwickshire, and at Peel Hall in Cheshire.

CONTENT

Scope and content/abstract: Estate administration records, mainly relating to the Van and St Fagan's Castle estates in Glamorgan, including leases, 1756-1880, mineral accounts and papers, 1763-1899, estate plans, 1766-1903, letters and letter books, 1813-1913, rentals, 1819-1912, estate accounts, 1821-1906, tithe records, 1829-1888, farm and property valuations, 1832-73, railway papers, [c. 1840]-1892, papers relating to the development of Penarth and Grangetown, Cardiff, [c. 1842]-1929; stewards's accounts for the Glamorgan, Flintshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire estates, 1830-1876; records relating to the Hewell estate in Worcestershire, comprising rentals and accounts, 1892-1905; to the Oakeley Park estate in Shropshire, including rentals and accounts, 1858-1910; and to the estates in Shropshire, Flintshire and Cheshire, mainly comprising rentals and accounts, 1765-1890; and maps and plans relating to the Flintshire estate, 1814-[c. 1890], and Shropshire, 1820-1870. The archive also includes papers of Robert Forrest (1845-1910), 1879-1926, agent of the Plymouth estate, including papers relating to Anthony Hill's Charity, Merthyr Tydfil, 1879-1926, papers of the Barry Dock Cottage Company, 1896-1906, and papers relating to the Mathews family of Glanely, Glamorgan, 1860-1901. (Robert Forrest married Flora Mathews, daughter of Benjamin Mathews of Glanely, solicitor, in 1879)

ACCESS AND USE

Language/scripts of material: English

System of arrangement: Arranged by record type: estate plans; posters; estate volumes; estate papers; estate correspondence; lieutenancy; out-county Plymouth estates; Robert Forrest papers; Matthews of Glan Ely papers.

Conditions governing access: No restrictions apart from lieutenancy papers (DPL 842) for which special permission is required. Apply via the Glamorgan Record Office.

Conditions governing reproduction: Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

Finding aids: Handlists are available at the Glamorgan Record Office, the National Library of Wales, and the National Register of Archives.

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information: All records deposited at Glamorgan Record Office have been retained.

Accruals: Accruals are not expected.

Archival history:

Immediate source of acquisition:

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material: Further records relating to the Welsh estates of the earls of Plymouth, 14th-18th centuries, and particularly the estates of the Ellis family of Althrey, Flintshire, and the Lewis family of the Van, Glamorgan, are National Library of Wales, Plymouth Estate Records. Further personal papers relating to the earls of Plymouth, late 17th-18th century, are National Library of Wales, Bute Estate Records, deriving from the marriage in 1704 of Charlotte (d 1733), only daughter and heir of Philip Herbert (d. 1683), 7th earl of Pembroke, and widow of John Jeffreys (m 1688, d 1702), to Thomas Windsor (d 1738), son of the first earl of Plymouth.

DESCRIPTION NOTES

Note: Title supplied from contents of fonds.

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