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HERTFORDSHIRE RECORD OFFICE

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Manorial documents, title deeds,
legal and other papers connected
mainly with manor of Little
Berkhampstead.

Deposited by Major G. Glossop
in 1951.

[Accession 291]

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Introduction.

This collection covers fairly completely the history of the manor of Little Berkhamstead from the lordship of Sir Anthony Denny in the mid - 16th century to that of the fourth Baron Dimsdale who became lord in 1832. A court book covering the period 1750 - 1768 may be found under Herts. C.R.O. reference D/EL/1076. The earlier lords of the manor held also the neighbouring manor of Bedwell Lowthes in Essendon; further court rolls and books of this manor are to be found in the Gorhambury and Longmore collections in the Herts.C.R.O. The connexion with the manor of Goldingtons [see MS4] is obscure. The bundle L1 has been recreated and the result of the cause may perhaps be seen in the lease T8.

The items referred to as steward's papers consist variously of quitrentals, original surrenders, letters of attorney, presentments by homage and leet jury, deputations of stewardship, warrants, precepts, notices of courts, correspondence and other occasional papers.

MANORIAL DOCUMENTS

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Manor of Little Berkhamstead.

M1	Court roll	9 membranes	1436 - 1551
M2	Court roll	4 membranes	1554 - 1612
M3	Court roll	12 membranes	1573 - 1602
M4	Court roll	12 membranes	1603 - 1611
M5	Court roll	14 membranes	1621 - 1636
M6	Court roll	8 membranes	1637 - 1649
M7	Court roll	3 membranes	1649 - 1650
M8	Court roll	3 membranes	1655 - 1657
M9	Rentals	4 membranes	1656 - 1660
M10	Court roll	1 membrane	1657
M11	Court roll	1 membrane	1658
M12	Court roll	2 membranes	1658
M13	Court roll, apparently a copy of part of M12 above.	1 membrane	1658
M14	Court roll	1 membrane	1658
M15	Court roll	6 membranes	1659 - 1663
M16	Court roll	1 membrane	1665
M17	Rentals	3 membranes	1658 - 1709
M18	Court roll	1 membrane	1669

M19	Court roll	1 membrane	1670
M20	Court roll	2 membranes	1671
M21	Court roll	2 membranes	1673
M22	Court roll	1 membrane	1674
M23	Court roll	1 membrane	1675
M24	Court roll	1 membrane	1676
M25	Court roll	1 membrane	1676
M26	Court roll	2 membranes	1677
M27	Court roll	3 membranes	1680
M28	Court roll	4 membranes	1681
M29	Court roll	1 membrane	1682
M30	Rentals	11 membranes	1677 - 1697
M31	Rental	1 membrane	1681 - 1683
M32	Court roll	1 membrane	1684
M33	"The Exact Surveigh of the Severall Tenures and Parcels of Land lying in Barkhamstead Mead. Drawn up for the use of John Barton, Mead - keeper.	1 roll	1685
M34	Court roll	4 membranes	1685 - 1687
M35	Court roll	4 membranes	1688 - 1690
M36	Court roll	5 membranes	1693 - 1697
M37	Court roll	1 membrane	1695 - 1696

M38	Court roll	1 membrane	1698
M39	Court roll	1 membrane	1699
M40	Rental	1 membrane	1699
M41	Court roll	9 membranes	1701 - 1703
M42	Court roll	1 membrane	1702
M43	Court roll	8 membranes	1704 - 1707
M44	Minutes of court and steward's papers	9	1705
M45	Minutes of court and steward's papers	10	1706 - 1709
M46	Steward's papers	26	1715 - 1720
M47	Court roll	1 membrane	1727
M48	Minutes of court and steward's papers	5	1728 - 1731
M49	Court roll	1 membrane	1731
M50	Minutes of court (draft court book)	1 vol	1732 - 1737
M51	Minutes of court and steward's papers	46	1732 - 1735
M52	Minutes of court and steward's papers	24	1736 - 1740
M53	Minutes of court (draft court book)	1 vol	1741 - 1745
M54	Minutes of court and steward's papers	21	1741 - 1745
M55	Minutes of court and steward's papers	38	1746 - 1750
M56	Minutes of court and steward's papers	32	1754 - 1761
M57	Minutes of court and steward's papers	17	1761 - 1767
M58	Quitrental and account of Quitrents received from bailiff	1 vol	1767 - 1792

M59	Minutes of court and steward's papers	17	1768 - 1770
M60	Minutes of court and steward's papers	30	1771 - 1775
M61	Minutes of court and steward's papers	13	1776 - 1778
M62	Minutes of court and steward's papers	24	1781 - 1782
M63	Quitrental and court accounts	1 vol	1786 - 1811
M64	Minutes of court (draft court book)	1 vol	1786 - 1817
M65	Steward's papers	16	1786 - 1784
M66	Steward's papers	41	1796 - 1811
M67	Steward's papers	15	1815 - 1819
M68	Minutes of court (draft court book)	1 vol	1819 - 1834
M69	Terrier book of manor, surveyed by W. Woodcock; reference to D/EG/P1 below	1 vol	1820
M70	Steward's papers	37	1820 - 1830
M71	Steward's papers	35	1832 - 1837
M72	Steward's papers	8	1838 - 1859
M73	"Description Book" [i.e. field book] of manor reference both to 1820 map [D/EG/P1 below] and Mallam's 1844 map [D/EL/P5, Longmore collection]	1 vol	1844
M74	Solicitor's and surveyor's bills in connexion with survey of manor	4	1844
M75	Notes on copyholds of manor; extracts from court rolls. Enclosed in parchment cover endorsed "Mr. Kaye's Notes."	1 bdl	n.d.
M76	Miscellaneous undated steward's papers	13	n.d.

Manor of Bedwell Lowthes, Essendon.

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M77	Court roll (including one court, 38 Henry VIII, of Little Berkhamstead)	11 membranes	1545 - 1607
M78	Rental	1 membrane	1598
M79	Rental	1 membrane	1676
M80	Rental	1 membrane	1696
M81	Affidavit concerning lands in Essendon	1	1821

Manor of Willian.

M82	Rental and estreat roll	1 roll	1716
M83	Steward's papers	2	1763

Manor of Goldingtons alias Thele, Stanstead St. Margaret and Great Amwell

M84	Court roll	16 membranes	1559 - 1622
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Manor of Essendon.

M85	Steward's papers	2	1831, 1833
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LEGAL PAPERS

L1	Papers apparently used in a Chancery cause, <u>ca.</u> 1720, to establish lord of Little Berkhamstead manor's rights to fishing on R. Lee; including 17th and 18th century copies of <u>inquisitiones post mortem</u> , rentals and bailiff's accounts of the manor.	17	n.d.
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TITLE DEEDS

T1	Manor of Little Berkhamstead and parcels thereof	22	1540 - 1653
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T2	Manor of Little Berkhamstead and parcels thereof	22	1655 - 1695
T3	Manor of Little Berkhamstead and parcels thereof	24	1709 - 1750
T4	Messuage called Tuckeys (with many variant spellings) and 23a. in Little Berkhamstead. [copyhold of the manor of Little Berkhamstead]	11	1509 - 1609
T5	Messuage and 5a with other hereditaments in Little Berkhamstead. [copyhold of the manor of Little Berkhamstead]	16	1617 - 1786
T6	Messuage and 5a. in Little Berkhamstead [copyhold of the manor of Little Berkhamstead]	18	1658 - 1740
T7	Various messuages and lands in Little Berkhamstead [copyhold of the manor of Little Berkhamstead]	30	1702 - 1839
T8	Counterpart lease for 99 years of fishing rights at Little Berkhamstead	1	1739
T9	Sale particulars: (1) Tolmers and 200a., Northaw and Hatfield; Newgate Street Farm and 88a; 6 cottages [copyhold of manor of Hatfield]; 2 cottages and 8a. at Newgate Street, all in parish of Hatfield; [plan of Tolmers estate; ground-floor plan and engraving of house]. (2) Mansion and 42a. in Little Berkhamstead, with plan of estate. [freehold and copyhold of manor of Little Berkhamstead]	2	1833, 1842
T10	A toft and 10a. called Goodwyns; 15a. called Redynge; 4a. called Frenches; 3a. called Clodyes; 3a in Brookfield [copyhold of manor of Hertfordingbury]	4	1442 - 1624

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

Z1	Note of legal fees concerning wardship of Sibble Woodwarde	1	1569 - 1571
Z2	Bond to observe covenants; land in ?Hertford	1	illegible [c. 1600]
Z3	Probates: Elizabeth Ann Martin widow and Thomas Mathew of Stowlangtoft, W. Suffolk	2	1830, 1807

Z4	Lists of fields etc, n.d. [18th cent]; 2 receipts, 1823; work done on an estate; undated [20th cent] draft letter to a bishop concerning benefice of Little Berkhamstead.	8	n.d. 1823
Z5	Patent No. 3451: duplicate specification of Messrs. Miller for improvements in the manufacture of elastic gussets	1	1866
Z6	Parish of Little Berkhamstead; poor rates, 1740, 1754, 1763: draft page of rate book [19th cent]	4	1740, 1754, 1763, n.d

MAP:

P1	"Plan of the Parish of Little Berkhamstead in the County of Hertford, surveyed 1820 by W. Woodcock, Clements Inn." Scale: 3 ch. to 1 in. (26.67 in to mile). Dimensions: 60 x 75 in. Names of proprietors and some field names. Fields numbered [reference to field books D/EG/M69 and M73 above]. Coloured.	1	1820
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