DE.18 Transferred from the Guildhall Museum, Rochester on permanent loan from Lt. Cdr. H. Blease, Dep. Governor of Hawkins’ Hospital, 2nd April 1990.

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NB: works cited in the introduction are listed in full in the bibliography enclosed.

NBI: the introduction to this list is not intended as an exhaustive or definitive monograph in any respect and serves only as an explanatory guide and background to the collection.
HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION

Sir John Hawkins

Hawkins was born in Plymouth, Devon in 1532, the younger son of William Hawkins, an experienced navigator and merchant known to Richard Hakluyt.

William Hawkins was also a prominent citizen of Plymouth where he served as Mayor 1532-1533 and 1538-1539 and which he represented in Parliament in 1539. John Hawkins' elder brother William was also Mayor of Plymouth 1578-1579.

John Hawkins was therefore brought up in an established seafaring and mercantile family and may also have gained military skills with his father privateering in the English Channel. After his own voyages to the Canaries, Teneriffe, Guinea in West Africa and Portugal, Hawkins looked more ambitiously towards the West Indies. Thereafter, Hawkins alternately clashed or traded with the Spanish Empire.

Hawkins' civil career took after his family's example. In 1556 Hawkins was admitted Freeman of Plymouth and he served as Mayor in 1572.

The Hawkins family coat of arms, augmented by Sir John in 1564, is depicted on an estate plan in the collection (/276A). Interpretation of the inspiration for the crest on the coat of arms varies, although it certainly stems from Hawkins' own voyages.

Arnold describes the crest as comprising a "demi-moor proper, bound captive, with annulets on his arms and in his ears", attributing this to Hawkins commemorating a victory over the Moors achieved on one of his voyages (p.19). Arnold, a Solicitor and responsible figure in the Medway Towns, was clerk to numerous organisations and Deputy Governor of Hawkins' Hospital.

Writing earlier than Arnold and for a more popular readership, Harris describes the crest as a "demi-moor in his proper colour bound with cord" and attributes this to Hawkins' "infamous traffic in slaves, which at that period does not seem to have militated against the feelings of the most enlightened and humane of our countrymen" (p.7).

It is conceivable that at this time physical conditions for enslaved negroes had not yet degenerated to those of the Eighteenth Century. On Hawkins' second slaving voyage, planned in 1564, 120 quarters of beans and peas with shirts and shoes were loaded for the anticipated 500 captives (Williamson 1927/p.95).

Through Hawkins' contact with Benjamin Gonson, Treasurer of the Navy (and a financial backer of his second slaving voyage), he was introduced to Gonson's daughter Katherine whom he married in about 1559. This relationship with Gonson also resulted in Hawkins inheriting on 1st January 1578 the office of Treasurer of the Navy, following this with the Comptrollership of the Navy in 1588, the Armada year. (A B. Gonson is mentioned in /349).

It was during Hawkins' period in office as Treasurer that he established the link with Chatham which was to result in the foundation of the Chatham Chest and Hawkins' Hospital, both of which followed in the wake of the Spanish Armada.

In the period 1578-1588 Hawkins' time as Treasurer saw new influences in the design of warships and in the administration of the navy, with both of which Hawkins has been associated. As Rear Admiral serving in the English Channel against the Spanish Armada, Hawkins distinguished himself in an engagement off the Isle of Wight, following which Hawkins was knighted by Lord Howard of Effingham on board the Arc on 25th July 1588 and was advanced Vice Admiral the following day.

After a period ashore during which Hawkins was closely involved in the founding of the Chatham Chest (1588-1590) and his Hospital (1592-1594), he again took to sea, in an expedition to the West Indies led by Sir Francis Drake. Falling ill and dying off Porto Rico on 12th November 1595, his
body was buried at sea. Originally, memorial tables were erected to his memory at St Dunstan’s in the East, London.

Hawkins’ only lasting and permanent memorial has proved to be his Hospital in Chatham. The Chest, a joint foundation and semi-official, lapsed effectively in 1803. However, except for what can be inferred from the title deeds to his estates, there is little of biographical value in this collection, although item /334 does contain some MS biographical information.

Chatham

Little more than villages in the sixteenth century, Chatham and Gillingham benefited from a tidal range and wide expanses of mudflats on the River Medway but had indifferent winds.

The potential for ship repairing and provisioning and geographical closeness to London, one day’s ride from Chatham, led to the Medway developing as an anchorage and victualling base for the navy in the period immediately prior to 1550.

Strategically, Chatham was close to the Thames Estuary and the dockyards at Deptford and Woolwich. Defensively, Chatham was progressively secured by a bulwark at Sheerness in Edward IV’s reign, Upnor Castle at Frindsbury built on Elizabeth I’s orders by Richard Watts 1560-1564 and the blocking up with piles of St Mary’s Creek at Gillingham in 1574. In 1585 a giant chain mechanism was first extended across the Medway, designed to obstruct a Spanish naval incursion.

Little naval shipbuilding was undertaken at Chatham until the Seventeenth Century although the Sunne was launched there in 1586 (Cull).

By the time Hawkins had founded his Hospital in 1592, and partly through his own presence there as Treasurer of the Navy, Chatham had seen significant building projects ashore in connection with the Armada, further establishing its importance as an anchorage and victualling base.

By Hawkins’ time the Medway area had also acquired certain associations with important personalities in seafaring by birth or upbringing. Sir Francis Drake, Hawkins’ commander on several occasions and also Devonian by birth had spent his boyhood years at Upchurch where his father was minister. Drake’s seamanship and navigational skills would have been gained on the Medway.

Also of local origin was Williaam Adams, born in Gillingham (see the Gillingham parish registers held at this centre P153/1/1). Adams was engaged in far eastern ventures and gained lasting fame as the first Englishman to visit Japan but was also known in England as an experienced seaman and navigator before Hawkins’ death.

The National Historical Context of Hawkins’ Hospital

Now the oldest surviving Naval Charity, the circumstances of how Hawkins came to found a Charity and Almshouse for decayed Mariners and Shipwrights in Chatham are briefly as follows:-

In the centuries prior to Hawkins’ Hospital, sick or wounded English Royal Mariners enjoyed some medical attention when disembarked, under Article 7 of the Laws of Oleron introduced in about 1200 and subsequently recorded in the Black Book of the Admiralty. The Laws of Oleron themselves had originated in the ancient Lex Rhodia of the Mediterranean world.

The acknowledged disadvantages of the Laws of Oleron were that while some financial support for those inured was available in the first instance, there was no guaranteed accommodation or long-term care on dry land. For centuries in the middle ages mariners therefore relied like landsmen on parochial or private charity.

The foundation of Hawkins’ Hospital aimed to redress precisely that failing, but occurred at a watershed period in history, between what Keevil calls “the end of pity and the rise of welfare”.

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Perhaps unkindly and misleadingly, Keevil describes Hawkins’ action in founding his Hospital as “the dying echo of the age of pity” (vol.1 p.52).

In terms of civil legislation, Queen Elizabeth did enable the enacting of laws to relieve suffering among Mariners in the period from 1593 but apparently with little effect (Black p.p. 264-265). Ultimately better universal poor relief was enabled by the great Elizabethan Poor Laws of 1598 and 1601 although even these worked imperfectly due to inequality in Parish finances from place to place.

The momentous national event which inspired Hawkins’ Hospital was the Spanish Armada of 1588. For the first time in English history probably, large numbers of seamen were paid-off, many maimed, ill and destitute. When it became apparent that the Spanish Armada had sailed into the North Sea, the English Fleet had anchored off Margate. Here nearly all crews were disembarked, leaving only skeleton crews to sail the Fleet into Chatham.

The Kent seaside towns were affected by a sudden influx of these seamen. Lord Howard of Effingham, the Fleet’s Commander, grieved “to see them that have served so valiantly die so miserably”. Holden asserts in fact that Effingham was the prime mover behind the Chatham Chest. If this was so, Hawkins may have wanted to make his own contribution to Naval charity.

The Local Historical Context

For several centuries Rochester and Chatham had benefited from St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, founded as a Leper Hospital in the late eleventh century and reputedly the country’s oldest Hospital (see collection CH2 at this Centre). The restored Norman Chapel of St. Bartholomew’s Hospital stands opposite Hawkins’ Hospital.

Immediately prior to Hawkins’ foundation of his Hospital, Richard Watts, the builder of Upnor Castle founded his Charity and Almshouse in Rochester, in 1579 (see collection CH46 also at this Centre). This being the case, the echo referred to by Keevil was certainly louder and more persistent in the Medway Towns.

Reinforcing these developments, William Brook, 10th Lord Cobham in 1598 adapted an existing chantry house at Cobham to serve as an Almshouse known as Cobham College. (The records of Cobham College are held by the Rochester Bridge Wardens at Bridge Chamber, Esplanade, Rochester. The Cobham Parish and Darnley of Cobham Hall family and estate records are held at this Centre, collections P96 and U565 respectively).

In fact, probably contrary to Keevil’s argument, Hawkins’ Hospital was very significant as a sixteenth century charity. In the long term, Hawkins had been encouraged by a period of growth in secular charitable foundations originally caused by the collapse of monastic almsgiving following the Protestant Reformation in religion in Henry VIII’s reign.* The secular response to this in the second and third quarters of the sixteenth century coincided with a revival of religious and economic confidence, exemplified by Watts and Lord Cobham locally, besides Hawkins, himself a merchant. As an almshouse historian puts it, “the reign of Elizabeth had run half its course before major private benefactions began to appear again as a result of more settled times and policies” (Bailey p.90).

Finally, it may be significant that John Whitgift, Archbishop of Canterbury was one of the first Governors of Hawkins’ Hospital. Regarding Whitgift, Bailey states “the first ecclesiastical foundation of real importance after the Reformation was John Whitgift’s Hospital at Croydon [Surrey] in 1598” (p.95). Hawkins’ Hospital therefore had as its most eminent early Governor, an ecclesiastical statesman who was at the forefront of charity in his age.

* Held at this Centre are the records of St. Andrew’s Priory, Rochester, and several other Kent monastic foundations closed by Henry VIII (see collection DRC).
The Foundation of the Hospital

Given the national and local circumstances which enabled Hawkins to act as he did, it only remained to choose the present location of his Hospital in England’s up and coming naval port.

When Hawkins took over as Treasurer of the Navy in 1578, "nearly all the Navy was kept at Chatham" (Williamson 1949/p.255). Hawkins found it necessary to be located at Chatham much of the time, assisted by two Master Shipwrights, Peter Pett and Matthew Baker (see /291), supervising a workforce of 200-300 men. Williamson states "he probably had quarters at the Dockyard, but lived chiefly in the City" (ibid).

Reputedly, Chatham Dockyard originated at a bend in the River Medway near the present Gun Wharf. This being the case, the quarters Williamson speculates on were probably located within view of the Dockyard and in all likelihood comprised the freehold and leasehold estates upon which the Hospital was to be built, acquired from William Barnes, a Master of the Navy, in 1582 (/291-293) and St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, if we are to believe Arnold (p.5), who as Deputy Governor had sight of a deed (now missing) also in about 1582, respectively.

Hawkins’ Hospital is therefore a very good memorial to Hawkins’ presence in Chatham Dockyard as it almost certainly stands on the site of his own home. Specifically, Hawkins’ house was probably that which subsequently became the Deputy governor’s mansion on the corner of Rochester High Street (No. 377) and Boundary Lane. This property was leasehold and the Hospital’s tenancy lapsed in 1790, the premises latterly being used by Featherstone’s as a Department Store**. Alongside the loss of these premises, whose earliest plan is contained in item /276A, the Hospital suffered progressively worse problems with its estates in Essex and at East Wickham until these too were divested early in the twentieth century.

The present Hospital site therefore represents a much reduced portion of its original endowment, but has survived centuries of financial and legal difficulties still to serve the founder’s original purpose.

The Chatham Chest

The foundation by Hawkins of his Hospital in 1592 was preceded immediately by the foundation of the Chatham Chest in the period 1588-1590. This was a completely separate fund, to which originally Royal sailors could make a voluntary contribution for the support of injured and disabled seamen. Later, contributions became mandatory.

In an inquiry into the Chatham Chest, whose foundation documents were lost early on, held at Rochester Castle in 1616, the Chest’s beneficiaries were to be those "who by reason of hurts and maims received in the service are driven into great poverty, extremity, and want to their great discouragement" (the Commissioners quoted by Holden).

The joint founders of this benevolent fund are usually taken to have been Sir Francis Drake and Sir John Hawkins, who as senior commanders in the English fleet against the Spanish Armada were well acquainted with the fate of their sick and wounded seamen. However, Holden attributes the Chatham Chest mainly to Lord Howard of Effingham. Whichever is the case, Chatham ended up with two leading naval charities, both founded as a result of the Armada, both located in the main naval port and both involving Hawkins. Both also benefited equally from proximity to London and both had estates in the area (for the Chest’s estates see MacDougall).

** See local street or trade directories held in the Local Studies Topographical Collections held at this Centre.

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Both Chest and Hospital had similar constitutions although the precise administration and integrity of the Chest was very often in doubt, the Chest ultimately being transferred to Greenwich in 1803 when in theory it became the Chest at Greenwich but in reality ceased to exist as an independent fund altogether.

The similarities and differences between the Chest and Hospital are as follows. Hawkins' Hospital was entirely a private charity although mainly governed by leading naval and dockyard men who exercised discretion as to who was admitted as an almsman pre-1860 and in-pensioner or out-pensioner after 1860. The beneficiaries of the Chest ultimately had an automatic right to relief from that fund but both Chest and Hospital required personal visits to Chatham to make application. Until 1860 Hawkins' Hospital was residential only; the Chest was non-residential and always a branch of the navy.

The eligibility of candidates for relief by the Chest and Hospital varied from time to time but broadly speaking eligibility applied equally to both. Possibly some successful Hawkins candidates tended to be Chest rejects or more likely vice-versa.

Initially Hawkins' Hospital was open to seamen and shipwrights, the latter a higher level of dockyard worker. Perhaps the inclusion of shipwrights was partly due to Hawkins' close association with the Chatham yard, with Pett and Baker in particular and to Hawkins' memory of his own multiple injuries sustained at the launch of Swiftsure at Deptford in 1592, when "we were forced to use great violence upon the tackles, whereof one gave way and brake, so as one end of a cable ran by my leg and hurt me in vi places" (Williamson 1949/pp324-325).

Shipwrights also benefited from the Chatham Chest and in 1704 Marines became eligible. More recently, Hawkins' Hospital has also admitted other dockyard workers besides shipwrights. Most of Hawkins' Hospital's shipwrights had worked at the Chatham or Sheerness yards, as the application records show (/72-109). Hawkins' Hospital admitted wives of candidates and maintained them as widows, but ejected them upon their remarrying.

The administration of the Chest Fund was located at Chatham until 1803 when it was transferred to Greenwich Hospital, the actual chest, which had long been kept in the south porch of Chatham Church (St. Mary's) following it to Greenwich in 1893 where it remains to this day. The demise of the Chest had been brought about by a surge in claims following the Peace of Amiens in 1802 during the French Revolutionary Wars.

There are few records or references to the Chest in this collection as the two organisations were separate, but there is a printed register of leases granted by the Chest c.1794-1803 (/63) and an incomplete lease of Chest land of 1799 (/64), the provenance of which is uncertain but is probably associated with the activities of leading naval officers involved with the Hospital. However the Dr. Plume legacy records in the collection impinge on the Chest 1707-1708 (/190-195) and a separate collection held at this Centre comprises two so-called "smart tickets" or certificates for relief to the Chest for the relief of two seamen 1802-1806 (DE.192).

The records of the Chest are kept at the Public Record Office in London (see below).

The Hospital Buildings

The original and successive buildings, structures, other premises, gardens and many details of fabric and fixtures and fittings are recorded to varying degrees throughout the collection.

The main sources textually are the Governors' Minutes 1617 to date, loose accounts including annual balance sheets noting extraordinary expenditure on repairs, maintenance and building work 1594-1987 (/113-189), the various series of title deeds and for visual material, the numerous plans and architectural drawings (/268, 272, 298, 276A, 308, 329, 344-346, 348, 540, 544 and 545).

Besides the plans mentioned above, further architectural drawings are contained in the Rochester-upon-Medway City Council Archives as noted below in the Section "further archival
sources at this Centre". The authors Arnold and Lear as noted in the bibliography also below, give some information on the development of the Hospital buildings.

The Hospital estates at East Wickham and Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, feature with similar textual and visual records of the buildings at those places, especially the Church and Smith's Forge at East Wickham and Old Garland's Farm, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, for which see their respective sections in the property and estate management section of the list below (and see Contents Section following).

Finally it is possible the Wills and Probate Inventories of successive Deputy Governors or testate almsmen will contain information descriptive of the Hospital buildings and contents and these should be examined at the Centre for Kentish Studies, County Hall, Maidstone or the Public Record Office, London, via the names given in the Minutes or admission records in this collection.

The Governors and Deputy Governors

The Governors and Deputy Governors of Hawkins’ Hospital are mentioned frequently throughout the collection, principally in the Minutes and as witnesses to the annual balance sheets (see Contents Section below). These men were high ranking figures at Chatham Dockyard or in the Royal Navy mainly but also included ex-officio the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Dean of Rochester (who was also Patron of St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, Rochester) besides local Kent aristocrats, whose signatures, movements and opinions are frequently given in the records. In particular, the Governors took an interest in their Essex estates which at least once occasioned a group visit (see Property and Estate Management Section).

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In conclusion, Chatham was an obvious choice for a naval charity and almshouse as it was rivalling Deptford and Woolwich dockyards while Plymouth was declining and Portsmouth by 1550 had begun what turned out to be a gradual loss of its “comparative pre-eminence” (Oppenheim p.102) with the removal of the fleet from there to Gillingham probably to be nearer the centre of government and London merchants.

Hawkins could only anticipate Chatham’s continued development to which he had been directly committed as Treasurer of the Navy in residence.

The Chatham Chest confirmed Chatham as the port of importance and Hawkins could endow his Hospital with his own personal estate there, conveniently located adjacent to the yard. The East Wickham estate was less than a day’s ride towards London and close to Deptford and Woolwich while the Essex estates, near Tilbury, besides having a certain symbolism were also reachable across or around the Hoo Peninsula and River Thames.

These geographical advantages seemed to assure direct political access and convenient management of tenants for future income. Finally Hawkins’ Hospital would be guaranteed a supply of beneficiaries as clearly state charity was not adequate and the Biblical exhortation to care for the poor, recorded in tablets on the Hospital buildings over the centuries, was as valid as ever.
The Collection

The list and collection have been archivally arranged according to the original administrative purpose of the records, in practice influenced by generations of deputy governors whose records they really were. In particular the hand of A.A. Arnold is clearly discernible in the arrangement of the collection and in his annotations and labels, while in the course of time certain court cases, disputes or Charity Commission business have dictated the collating of documents from different series within the collection. Where either Arnold’s bundles or litigation bundles have been restored to series, notes of items so treated are included in the list, usually with Arnold’s labelled notes following at the end of the relevant series. Not all notes are by Arnold and some are inaccurate, eg. /474.

The main level headings are Constitution and Pensioners, Finance, and Property and Estate Management. The contents section following gives a more detailed breakdown of levels and sections to which reference should be made before consulting the descriptive list proper.

Minutes do not seem to have survived earlier than 1616 and it is known that the first governors had to put statutes or ordinances into effect after Hawkins died. Precise details of the government of the Hospital, which varied from time to time, can be found in the royal charter of foundation or copy (/1-2), the minutes (/71-25) and Charity Commission schemes (/8-10, 13-15) and associated documents early in the list, besides printed works mentioned in the bibliography to this list.

Arnold considered it probable that the Hospital’s statutes were drawn up by one of the first governors, William Lambarde, who also had a hand in drafting the statutes of Cobham College mentioned above and of which he was president. Twenty-six governors were allowed for originally with certain qualifications as to residence applying to enable a quorum to be achieved.

Originally twelve almsmen were catered for and although this figure did vary, twelve was the usual number over the centuries, but from 1860 twelve out-pensioners were added. In-pensioners received their pension weekly (two weekly from 1920) besides faggots for their fires, beds, bedding, furniture, medical expenses and funeral fees, all of which are recorded in the Hospital’s accounts or pension books. Out-pensioners received a pension only. Compare the application lists to names contained in the minute book indexes.

The collection has much family history potential to be found in the various series of deeds to properties many of which descended through the same family, the application records which contain basic information such as age, and the accounts or minutes which indicate dates of admission, death or funeral. It is quite possible to ascertain the nature of pensioners' lives through the above records, while the petitions received explain just how independent minded several were (/34-35). Pensioners were governed by strict rules concerning religion and behaviour. Included among the various injunctions was the requirement for the almsmen to appear at the Hospital gate in the event of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop of Rochester, Lord Admiral or Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports passing by and to give them prayers. For copies of the rules, see /4.

Naval history is also traceable through the collection, mainly through the application records which give service details including how injuries were sustained but also in the deeds to which many prominent naval men and officials were party over the years. Of particular importance is the correspondence relating to the sale of the so-called "Chatham Portrait" of Hawkins to the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich in 1944-1945 (/62). One can also speculate that the earliest almsmen were some of England’s earliest naval veterans and naval shipwrights, some of whom may have been Armada veterans, although service records survive only for later applicants.

The social and economic history of Chatham can be studied through the Hospital accounts (especially through accounts /127-189) as these contain many mentions of local tradesmen, clergy who officiated at the Hospital, and the Manor and civil parish of Chatham. The surviving poor rate books for Chatham make particularly useful comparison with the hospital’s records (see collections P85 and CBA).
The title deeds in the collection are worthy of note for various reasons. Firstly there are several which are medieval in formula and which pre-date the Statute of Uses of 1535 while other later items often have archaic initial phases. The oldest item in the collection is actually a deed to the Chatham estate of 1500 and is therefore fifteenth century (1280). Fuller details are contained in the description. Included among the deeds is a late deed of gift of 1577 (1288), examples of multiple cognate chirographs rarely found in the same collection of 1529 (1283-284) and also less usually for the landlord, a series of counterpart leases 1798-1935 (1297-308 passim). The sub-letting of property is also exemplified by the series of assignments of leases 1608-1790 (524-543).

The collection contains detailed information pertaining to Stanford-le-Hope in Essex and East Wickham including East Wickham Church, now in Metropolitan Kent. This is a common characteristic of an estate-owning organisation and means that genealogical, social and architectural records are held for areas further afield.

Also further afield but nearer to the Medway area, Sheerness Dockyard’s history is partly illuminated by records relating to out-pensioners living in Sheerness and by correspondence with naval and Dockyard officials at Sheerness in connection with proxy payments.

Christian names are spelt in the list according to the "Oxford Dictionary of Christian Names", 3rd edition, E.G. Withycombe, 1982 (Rochester upon Medway City Archives Library, ref. 929.4) but surnames are spelt in the list as they occur in the records which will account for any apparent inconsistency in their spelling throughout the list.

All dates occurring in the period 1st January-24th March inclusive prior to 1752 have been modernised to conform with the Gregorian Calendar or so-called New Style as described in "Handbook of Dates for Students of English History" ed. C.R. Cheney 1978, pp.9-10.

Certain item descriptions throughout the list are headed by an underlined sentence or two. Here the underlining is used to indicate a title supplied by the archivist. Elsewhere in this list underlining indicates use of foreign words, ship or public house names or level and section headings.

It should be noted that historical, archival or bibliographical information supplementary to this introduction, is also dispersed throughout the collection at appropriate points, at level or section headings or occasionally with item descriptions.

In conclusion the records of Hawkins’ Hospital probably constitute one of the most important collections of its kind in the country and certainly in Kent. The collection should bear very careful study in comparison with other records of charity or Britain’s naval history, is valuable for genealogical research and is equally useful for local history. In the last regard, as noted throughout this introduction and list following, the Hospital records can be used in conjunction with many other collections held at this Centre for many aspects of local historical research, including architectural, social, economic and political.
Similar Charitable Organisations

Hawkins’ Hospital was by no means unique as a charity for seamen or shipwrights and beside the Chatham Chest were the undermentioned. The following list is not exhaustive:-

1. **Royal Greenwich Hospital**
   This organisation was founded in 1694 as a home for infirm seamen and marines taking such as in-pensioners until 1869. The hospital also supported out-pensioners (Bevan/Duncan).

2. **The Charity for the Relief of Officers’ Widows**
   This organisation was active for at least the period 1734-1929 (Bevan/Duncan).

3. **The Compassionate Fund**
   This was voted by Parliament from 1809 and was available to orphans and dependents of Officers killed in action and not otherwise eligible for assistance. The records date down to at least 1921 (Bevan/Duncan).

4. **Admiralty: Official pensions to the widows and orphans of commissioned officers, masters and warrant officers, records of which commence in 1673 (Bevan/Duncan).**

5. **Royal Bounty**
   This fund made payments to the widows, dependent children or indigent mothers aged over 50, of officers and ratings killed in action, whose records run from 1672-1822.

6. **The Trinity House of Deptford**
   Although navigational skills became the main concern of this foundation dating from 1514, its charter nevertheless mentions an almshouse. Trinity House Deptford, if taken in conjunction with Hawkins’ Hospital and the Chatham Chest, completes a total of three charities founded along the same lines and all located in Kent (Black).

7. **Lord Kitchener Memorial Homes, Chatham**
   Founded in 1917 by Chatham Borough Council, this home is open to ex-servicemen. It is still active and is now administered by Rochester Upon Medway City Council.

8. **Royal Naval Benevolent Trust**
   This national charity administers Pembroke House, Oxford Road, Gillingham.

   This charity has been incorporated into Hawkins’ Hospital by the Charity Commissioners. It relieved widows and orphan children of deceased shipwrights, divided two thirds to those of Shipwrights dying in Chatham and one third to those dying in Gillingham. (Deposit of records pending as at July 1995)

10. **Royal Sailors’ Rest, Portsmouth (Current) * **

* Information supplied by Portsmouth City Record Office.
11. Trafalgar Institute, Portsmouth, Mid-late 19th Century *

* Information supplied by Portsmouth City Record Office.
12. King George's Fund for Sailors, 8 Hatterley Street, London

13. Nore Children's Trust, renamed R.N. and R.M. Children's Trust, located at Pembroke House, Gillingham 1912-1984 when it was transferred to Plymouth. (Deposit of records pending as at July 1995)

14. Medway Mission to Seamen, (Rochester Diocesan Naval Church Institute), Navy House, Clover Street, Chatham (run by the Dean and Chapter of Rochester), now closed.

The records of the Dean and Chapter of Rochester, also held at this centre, including their minutes, DRC/AC may mention this facility (Kelly’s Directory 1936).

15. Chatham Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers' Club, 103 High Street, Chatham, (Kelly’s Directory 1936).

16. The Soldiers' and Seamen's Home and Institute, Military Road, Chatham, founded 1878 (Kelly's Directory 1897-1898 p.78).

17. A report was produced by the Commissioners for the Sick and Hurt Board in 1653, recommending the building of a naval hospital (Clark p.73) see following.

18. Royal Alfred Seafarers' Society, "Weston Acres", Woodmansterne Lane, Banstead, Surrey (incorporated 1977) ( see CE/AD/KH/13Ad.)

Other organisations or hospitals include:-

Royal Naval Hospitals at Haslar, Gosport, Hants (Current) **
Stonehouse, Plymouth, Devon (closed 1995) and Chatham (closed 1961).

Almshouses possibly serving roughly similar purposes to Hawkins' Hospital include London Trinity Almshouses, Mile End Road, Tower Hamlets, London; Trinity Hospital, London administered by the Mercers' Company; and the Dreadnought Seamen's Hospital at the Old Infirmary, Greenwich.

Oppenheim (p.323) also makes mention of "Ely Place" and the "Savoy Hospital" as caring for the sick and maimed at the time of the Commonwealth.

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ORDNANCES AND CHARITY COMMISSION SCHEMES
1594, c.1806-1901
[see also /331-348]

1 Royal Charter of Foundation (Letters Patent) 27 Aug 1594

With seal, seal box and charter box [see also P.R.O.: State Papers Domestic ccxlxi Docquet 4th July 1594].

2 mm

[undeposited as at 17th January 1995]

[See also /2] [For translation see /18]

2 Copy of Letters Patent from Queen Elizabeth I to Hawkins' Hospital. c. 1839

[Latin] [See also /1]

1 item/8 sheets

3 Silver Seal (electrotype) 2" diameter 1809

[Undeposited as at 17th January 1995]

[A silver seal is also held at the Guildhall Museum, Rochester, which holds a broadsheet describing how the original seal was...]

pc9/env/ordindex1.sd (rg)
stolen. The Museum’s seal is the replacement seal, of which item /3 is a replica.

4 Printed notice containing:

Rules to be observed by the Pensioners of Sir John Hawkins’ Hospital in Chatham, comprising 13 rules. Printed by Caddel, printer and stationer, Rochester.

15½" x 9½"

[This item for production]

1p

5 Duplicate of (4)

[These items not for production]

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1 bundle/20pp.

6 Printed Charity Commission scheme and directions.

[See also (8)]

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11 Envelope previously containing items [6-9] 1901

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12 Letter from Charles Hope, Chatham Yard, to E. Twopeny Esq. [Rochester] approving an increase in penalty of 4d. to 12d. in respect of the Articles of Regulation for the Pensioners.

With copy letters from Twopeny to Mr. Lamprey of Maidstone, Solicitor, concerning the Dean and Chapter of Rochester declining to renew a lease 31st August 1807 and to Mr. Commissioner Hope of Chatham Dockyard informing him of his decision not to increase the penalty.

1 item

13 Out-Pensioners and Charity Commission 1858-1875

Draft letters from George Essell, Precinct, Rochester, Dep. Governor to Charity Commissions, London and replies and circulars from the latter to Essell, with other incoming letters from H.M. Dockyards Chatham and Sheerness, concerning alteration of Hospital's foundation rules to allow extension of benefits to out-pensioners with mention also made of proposed extension of premises.

Inc. several copies of Chatham News 1860-1875.
Inc. Chatham News editorial on fall of Ft. Sumter, in the American Civil War, stating "however much of the ludicrous there may be in the first encounter, this Civil War may end less pleasantly" 4th May 1861.

Inc. draft letter from Essell to Charles Longley, Archbishop of Canterbury concerning appointment of Governors, April 1868.

Inc. various synopses of foundation rules and Charter, etc.

1 bundle/67 items

14 Charity Commissioners' Sanction to appointment of 12 Out-Pensioners.

31 May 1861

1 item

15 Printed charity Commission Scheme authorising appointment of 17 Out-Pensioners maximum.

4 Feb. 1876

1 Item

16 Charity Commission Inquiry, Sun Hotel, Chatham, 1882-1883

27th June 1883

Correspondence between George Henry Knight of Precinct, Rochester and Officers of the Charity Commission, Whitehall, London SW1 including William Good, Inspector and officers of
Chatham and Sheerness Dockyards, discussing formal arrangements to modify Governors' powers and layout funds.

Inc. account of annual income as at Easter 1883 giving breakdown of sources, with expenditure, (16/6)

Inc. schedule of Hawkins' Hospital's real and personal property, describing separate premises and funds producing income, June 1883. (16/22)

Inc. letter from Charity Commission approving an increase in no. of out-pensioners but requesting repairs to drainage system be put in hand, 23rd July 1883 (16/23).

Inc. copy of The Chatham and Rochester News 30th June 1873 (16/21).

[see also Charity Commission section]

1 bundle/23 items

Letter from Messrs. Payne and Stone of Chatham Yard to Messrs. Twopeny and Essell of Rochester, Solicitors, covering an account [not attached].

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Draft case respecting the Governors of Hawkins' Hospital drafted 1832
by Twopeny and Essell, Rochester, Solicitors for the opinion of
Solicitor of Admiralty, reciting and translating foundation
charter. Endorsed to effect that Solicitor of Admiralty's reply
entered in minutes 26th March 1832.

1 item

[See also items /1-2]
Portion of draft letter from Essell, Hayward and Essell of Rochester, Solicitors to Admiralty concerning powers of Capt. Suprs. of Sheerness Dockyard to act as Governor. Found with /17-18.

Label associated with documents/2, 17-19, 335A and others, probably written by A.A. Arnold.

1 item

MINUTES [1617] 1847-1949

[Minutes 1617-1846 deposit pending as at 27th January 1995]

Minute Book

1617-1691
c.120pp

[Undeposited as at 17th January 1995]

Minute Book

1691-1846
Inc annual lists of pensioners with date of admission, age, name and age of wives and weekly pay, passim.

Inc annual Deputy Governor's accounts, passim.

Inc Transcriptions of correspondence between dep governor and other organisations, passim.

Inc from about 1894 pasted in correspondence, terriers and rentals, circulars, notices and agenda.

Inc account of E. Wickham Tithe redemption consideration money 1891-1903 (p.494).

Inc stock account (consols) 1889 (p.495).

[See /25 for removed enclosures]
Inc annual lists of pensioners with age, name and age of wife and giving weekly pay, passim.

Inc annual Deputy Governor's accounts, passim.

Inc pasted in terriers and rentals, agenda, circulars and correspondence, passim.

Inc front index to persons and subjects arranged A-Z by initial letter.

Inc record of E. Wickham Rectorial Tithe redemption payments and investments 1922-1936 (pp. 495-496).

Inc record of E. Wickham Tithe Redemption consideration money 1891-1925 (p. 497).

Inc stock account (consols) 1889-1941 (p. 498).

N.B. last minutes pasted in at end papers (pp 499-500)
25 Loose items removed from /23/pp.434-435 comprising circulars to Governors, agenda and terrier and rental. April 1900

1 bundle/5pp

GOVERNORS' BUSINESS AND APPOINTMENTS
c1619-1947

Appointments of Governors 1750-1947

26 Appointment by Thomas Herring, Archbishop of Canterbury of George Hinds of Chatham, gent, as governor. 6 August 1750

1 item

27 Letter from Daniel Devert of the Navy Office to Henry Sheafe at the Chest, Chatham Dockyard discussing proxy to Resident Commissioner. 6 August 1750
Letter from Daniel Devert of Navy Office, London to Henry Sheafe of Strood, attorney-at-law, mentioning "Mr. Ward's good launch " and latter's misfortune in respect of the Newark and stating "you will have much credit in restoring the ancient discipline of Sir John Hawkin's Hospital, which has for above a Century gon [e] out of the right way".
Copy of letter from Robert Taylor of Strood, attorney at law, to Thomas Herring, Archbishop of Canterbury, Lambeth Palace, London, nominating John Fletcher of Rochester, Esq and his brother Thomas Fletcher of Chatham, Esq as governors.

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Appointment by Thomas Herring, Archbishop of Canterbury of John Fletcher of Rochester, Esq as governor.

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Appointment by Thomas Herring, Archbishop of Canterbury of Thomas Fletcher of Chatham, Esq as governor.

1 item

[No not allocated]


[Removed from printed book entitled "History of Sir John Hawkins Hospital at Chatham" by A.A. Arnold 1916, contained in the local studies collection at this centre, ref. CHA 362.6]
Governors' Business c1619-c1806

[See also 335-338]

34 Petition from Richard Morgan, Robert Willison, Edward Conye, John Grippin, Lancelot Mosey and John Bassett, almsmen to George Abbot, Archbishop of Canterbury [Lambeth], containing grievances alleging corruption of successive deputy governors and resulting hardship to almsmen. Endorsed with memorandum by John Wriothesley[?] deputy governor implicating Robert Willison as above as having been "encouraged" by Sir Gilford Slyngsby, Comptroller of the Navy, to make the approach to the Archbishop

Inc: reference to Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports (Sinct Portes).

[See also /136[?] 1 item
35 Petition from Nicholas Stonehouse, deputy governor, to the governors asking permission to let out rooms and kitchen to help reimburse him for his costs in repairing the wharf met from his own pocket. With memoranda granting permission and signatures of William Cooke, Thomas Austen, Henry Goddard, Richard Lee, Phineas Pett and Henry Clarke. First memorandum dated 14th June 1642.

1 item

36 Petition by Susanna Mann, wife of William Mann, asking for commutation of suspension from Hospital to forfeiture [of pension?] consequent to her nonconforming to religious rules of Hospital.

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37 Draft letter from William Twopeny of Rochester, solicitor to the governors, concerning calling a meeting to consider the redemption of Land Tax on E. Wickham property.

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38 Printed booklet as /335-336 but containing MS notes on governors inside front cover to following effect: Elective governors Rev. Dr. M. Irving, John Page, Lt. Col. Robert Turbeville Bingham and Edward Twopeny - last also deputy
governor; naming other attending governors as William Stone, Master Shipwright, Chatham, William Payne, Master Attendant, Chatham, Dean of Rochester, John Gaze, Master Attendant, Sheerness and [·] Fincham, Master Shipwright, Sheerness.

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DEPUTY GOVERNORS' BUSINESS AND APPOINTMENTS
1609-1982

Appointments of Deputy Governors 1609-1762

39 Letters of Appointment (grant of rights) 30 Nov. 1609
(i) Hawkins' Hospital
(ii) Kenrick Edgbury of Chatham

Office of deputy governor and collector of rents at salary of £4 p.a.
Inscribed tape, seal missing

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40 Bond 28 May 1618
(i) John Wryothesley of Chatham, gent
(ii) Hawkins' Hospital

In £100 for the execution of office of Deputy Governor and Collector of rents.

Witnessed by Kenrick Edgbury, Roger Kenrick, Samuel Kenrick.

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41 Letters of appointment (grant of rights) 25 April 1622
(i) Hawkins' Hospital
(ii) Thomas Forde of Chatham

Office of deputy governor and collector of rents.
Salary £4 p.a.

Hawkins' Hospital seal [mutilated] on tape.

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42 Letters of appointment (grant of rights) 17 April 1628

(i) Hawkins' Hospital
(ii) Nathaniel Tearne of Chatham, gent.

Office of deputy governor and collector of rents.
Salary of £4 p.a.

Signed by governors Guilford Slynghisbie, Henry Clarke, Phineas Pett, George Wilson, Richard Harris and Henry Goddard.

Tape, seal missing.

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Bond for due performance

17 April 1628

(i) Nathaniel Tearne of Chatham, gent
(ii) Hawkins’ Hospital

£100

Office of deputy governor and collector of rents.

1 item
Letters of Appointment (in style of bond) 29 March 1638

(i) Governors of Hospital of Sir John Hawkins, kt., in Chatham

(ii) Edward Hayward of Chatham, gent

Deputy governorship and collectorship of the rents of the Hospital.

£4 p.a.

Witnessed by Francis Clark [?], Kenrick Edisbury, Thomas Austen and A. Goddard

1 m [Endorsed "useless papers"]

Letters of Appointment (grant of rights) 29 April 1641

(i) Hawkins' Hospital

(ii) John Hudson of Chatham, gent

Office of Deputy governor and collector and receiver of rents.

£4 p.a. salary

Seal of Hawkins' Hospital [mutilated] on tape
46 Appointment by governors of Thomas Tomlyn of Chatham, attorney-at-law, as Dep. Governor or "Clerk". 8 Feb. 1762
1 item

47 Letter from Henry Mitton, address and designation not stated, to Thomas Tomlyn as covering various Hospital documents and describing them. 9 April c.1762
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48 Letter from James Thompson [?] of St. Saviour's Churchyard, Southwark, London to Thomas Tomlyne of Chatham, attorney at law, asking latter to arrange for collection of rent. 9 August 1762
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Correspondence 1830-1982

49 Appointment and resignation of governors 1830-1924

Correspondence between Edward Twopeny and A.A. Arnold, Deputy Governors and the Archbishop of Canterbury and various other governors and elective governors.

Inc. letter from William Howley, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1830

1 bundle/33 pp

50 Hospital Administration: tithes and modernisation 1891-1958

Correspondence with Charity Commission, London SW1, Kent Education Committee, Springfield, Maidstone, Tithe Redemption Commission, London EC2 and others concerning tithe annuities redemption in respect of land at Welling County Mixed School, E. Wickham, Bexley, with associated documentation 1891-1951; with applicants; and with other charitable bodies, e.g. King George's Fund for Sailors, 1 Chesham St., London, Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, Batchelor St., Chatham and J.H. Durrant & Son Ltd., 282/284 High St., Rochester, builders and others concerning building improvements to the Hospital, 1952-1958.

Inc. tracing of plan of land at E. Wickham, located at May 1976.
Inc. several in-pensioners’ tenancy agreements May 1936.

Inc. letter heading from Featherstones Ltd., 375 High St., Rochester, concerning their own proposed alterations as tenants, 17 July 1954.

Inc. critique of architect’s scheme, filed at Dec. 1955.

1 file/c.250pp

Hospital Administration 1959-1967

Correspondence with the Charity Commission, London, SW1, W.E.R. Randall & Sons, 23 Railway St., Chatham, surveyors, Stigant, Son & Taylor, 134 High St., Chatham and others, discussing rent and insurance of Featherstones’ premises at 377 High St., Rochester and with others concerning governors and finances, etc.

Inc. applications for places.

Inc. valuation of Boundary Wharf, Chatham/377 High St., Rochester, by Randall as above, 2 Feb. 1965.

1 file/c.200pp/items.
Correspondence dealing with routine administrative and financial matters, also containing applications for places.

Inc copy letter from Featherstones Ltd, 375 High Street, Rochester to Letleys Limited, Sufferance Wharf, 359 High Street, Rochester, asking for removal of boat "Loanne" from river frontage at 377 High Street, Rochester, 7th July 1969.

1 file/c.200items/pp.

Correspondence relating to administration, government and finance of the Hospital, with Medway Borough Council, professional firms and "umbrella" organisations, including J.A. Warner and Partners, 12 High Street, Rochester, Chartered Surveyors concerning annual inspection of the fabric with inspection reports, passim.


Inc Letter from Maidstone Antiquarian Society, Maidstone Museum requesting visit to Hospital 1975.

Inc Minutes of Governor's meetings.

Inc applications for places, passim.
1 file/c.150pp

54 File as /53 1976-1979

Inc quotation for repair work at Hospital from Roberts Adlard & Co Ltd, Maidstone, 4th Aug. 1977.

Inc facsimile architect’s plans of ground and first floors of hospital by J.A. Warner & Partners, 12 High Street, Rochester.

1 file/c.200pp

55 File as /53 Jan-July 1980

Containing correspondence with National Association of Almshouses, Wokingham, Berks, Charity Commission, London SW1, Watts’ Almshouses, Maidstone Road, Rochester largely concerning finances and constitution of Hospital and with Michell & Partners, London SW15, Charted Architects, concerning restoration and structural work.

Inc letter listing background of residents 29th February 1980.
Inc facsimiles of Hospital site plan as /54.

1 file/c.75pp

56 Copy outgoing letters contained in *Roneo* "letter book transfer", 1968-1980 with index to addresses at front. Addresses comprise
impensioners, governors, Featherstones, [High Street, Rochester tenants] Official Custodian of Charities, London SW1, Director
General Navy League, Broadway House, London, SW19, Local
Authorities, public utility cos, and others concerning Hospital
business, maintenance, rents and applications for admittance etc.

1 binder/c.350pp

57 Letter from H.C. Hill, Administrative Offices, Hawkins' Hospital, Elham, dep. Governor to Mrs. E. Mitchell RIBA, 16 June 1982
London SW15, chartered architect, concerning a fund raising
leaflet covering facsimile letters received from Anne Jacobson of
Charity Commission, London, SW1Y concerning constitutional
matters [1981-1982].

Inc stamped envelope [1982].

1 bundle/8pp.+envelope

58 Blank letter-headed stationery naming H.S. Wharton as Dep. Governor, c.1940s.
59 Pewter ink pot stand, round, flat-bottomed, inward-sloping side, c.1850.
three circumferential channels in side and rimmed top with
countersunk ledge containing six small holes around large hole.

Diameter 4" Depth 2½".

60 Documentation relating to deposit of records at Eastgate House Museum, Rochester, comprising official receipt, copy inventory of deposit (with draft) transacted between George Payne, director of the museum and A. A. Arnold, Cobhambury on behalf of the Hospital, with transcription [and translation?] of quitclaim by Johanna Sproxton, wife of Thomas Sproxton of Chatham to land described in Chatham.

[See 127,280,293] 1 bundle/5 items

61 Schedule of records in the chest of Hawkins' Hospital with 1919
facsimile and draft corrected by A.A. Arnold, with memorandum from latter to Mr. Jury[?] possibly the compiler, offering advice as to further action.
Sale of portrait of Sir John Hawkins

18 May 1944

Inc report on portrait with valuation prepared by Spink and Son Limited, as above, describing the portrait. With covering letter to Prof. Sir Geoffrey Callendar MA FSA director, National Maritime Museum, 30th May 1945.
Two letters from A. A. Arnold of Cobhambury, Cobham to Bertram Tuff of Rochester concerning estate at E. Wickham and insurance of the Hawkins' portrait and other artefacts including hatchments at the Hospital.

1 bundle/3 items inc envelope

Printed register of leases granted by the Governors of the Chest at Chatham, giving page in Chest register book, to whom granted, description of premises, starting date, no of years granted, annual rent, expiry date, covenants on tenant's part and some for lessors with MS annotations c. 1794-c. 1803. At rear, quit rents and annuity payable out of fee-simple estate of Chatham Chest and leases granted to Chatham Chest. Premises mainly in Medway Towns but some elsewhere in Kent.

Inc annotation mentioning destruction of premises by fire in 1800, Entry no 1.

1 booklet/10pp
Lease [term not evident] 9th May 1799

(i) William Nichelson and John Madgshon of Chatham, gents
Masters Attendant of H.M. Yard and Navy there Edward Sison
of same, gent., Master Shipwright of H.M. Yard and Navy as
above.

Richard Symons of St Margaret's, Rochester, gent, purser of
H.M.S. Irresistible.

Thomas Carrington of Chatham, gent, Boatswain of H.M.S.
Blenheim

Aeneas Aitken of same, gent, Boatswain of H.M.S. Delft.

Thomas McLean of Chatham, gent, Gunner of H.M.S.
Blenheim

William Peckover of Chatham, gent., Gunner of H.M.S.
Irresistible, (governors of Chatham Chest).

(ii) William Goddard of Chatham, gent.

Brick mess. lately divided into 2 dwellings but now used as one
with coach house, stable, outhouses, etc at Heavyside
La, Chatham, adjoining piece of land, a Summer-house, an
orchard or garden of 1 ½a and dwelling house occupied by Thomas Milton.

Rent [not evident]

With labelled plan of site showing. New Road adjacent

[mutilated and incomplete]

64a Print entitled: "The British Fleet Leaving Spithead for the Baltic, c1854 March 1854" with captions naming warships and the no. of their guns. Engraved by E. Landells.

Printed by G. Lawrence, 29 Farringdon St., London

1 item Paper backed in paper.

25½” x 17”


1 item. Paper backed with linen and paper.

Printed by G. Lawrence, 29 Farringdon Street, London

1 item Double-layered paper.

64d  Gouache painting entitled "Old & New Navy" depicting fictional scene comprising two Nelson fashion warships in full sail upper-left and upper-centre, single-funnelled steam warship upper-right and single-funnelled paddle steamer front.

22 1/4" x 14 3/4"
PENSIONERS' APPLICATIONS AND WELFARE
1684-1977

Correspondence concerning Pensions 1866 - 1914

65  Loose items removed from /251 comprising receipt for funeral expenses from Elizabeth King on death of Margaret Wilby, in-pensioner 1866(65/1), letter of authorisation from William May of Sandwich, out-pensioner, for his son George May to receive his pension from time-to-time June 1879 (65/2), letter from John Parris of Blue Town, Sheerness, with covering note from Capt. George L. Carr of H.M. Dockyard, Sheerness, arranging for Parris' pension to be paid through Carr 27th Oct. 1879 (65/3) and letter from Carr as above notifying Hawkins' Hospital of his being replaced by Staff Capt. J.G. Dathan [?] R.N. (65/4)

1 bundle/4items

66  Ann Oliver, Lunatic

Documentation comprising letters from George Buchanan, Clerk of Medway Board of Guardians, Chatham to the governors, asking for reimbursement of cost of maintenance of above woman, previously inmate of Hawkins' Hospital and currently at
County Lunatic Asylum [Barming*] and from R. Cunningham Glen, New Ct., Temple, London, Q.C., concerning enclosed opinion etc., stating that governors have no legal obligation to comply.

Inc. Medway Board of Guardians letter headings

Inc. Letter from Buchanan as above detailing Ann Oliver's furniture, 30 May 1890.

1 bundle/18 items


1 bundle/24 items

68 Letters as /67 removed from /256. 1908-1909
1 bundle/ 9 items

*The records of the County Lunatic Asylum, Barming
are held at the Centre for Kentish Studies
69 Loose items removed from /237 comprising letters requesting extension of leave for in-pensioners or for relatives to stay with them due to ill-health.

1 bundle/8 items

70 Loose items removed from /238 comprising doctors' notes relating to pensioners' health problems, and receipt for two weeks' in-pension from Margaret Waghorn 17 Dec. 1909.

1 bundle/4 items

71 Loose items removed from /257 comprising letters from pensioners concerning arrangements for payment of pensions.

1 bundle/5 items
MS and Printed Application Forms (/72-109)

These documents apparently served the Deputy Governor and Governors as bring-up data on the status of applications for current reference. Each document combines application details from seamen and shipwrights although both categories are usually separately recorded on the forms.

The usual information supplied in connection with each candidate’s application varies according to the period, but usually includes date of application, name and whether married, years of birth of applicant and wife (or ages of applicant and wife last birthday), address and observations, usually relating to physical and mental health and service in the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and H.M. Dockyards, last rating, number of dependent children, number of years service at sea or in harbour, character, pension details, and details of other income.

It appears that some of these documents were compiled retrospectively, perhaps from deleted bring-up forms which were then destroyed. The applications therefore include renewed applications.

It should be noted that details of the admission of candidates are also contained in the Minutes (/21-24)

(Items /72-74 and 80 are individual applications, and items /75-76 are lists of pensioners only)
Applications for Admission as Pensioners (i.e. In-Pensioners) and as Out-Pensioners 1684-1977

72 Petition by David Boulder aged 69 having served in the *Constant Reformation* and other ships to be admitted to the Hospital. 24 March 1684 (endorsed May 1684)

1 item

73 Request from Capt. Richard Vittells of Chatham Dockyard to Capt. T. Manley, Dep. Governor for admission to Hospital of Edward Hubbard, who has served about 21 years on *Royal Sovereign*. 2 Oct. 1684

1 p.

74 Request as /73 for admission of John Story. 28 Oct. 1688

1 p.
List of pensioners admitted, giving date of admission, name, age 9 Aug. 1750 at present, wife’s name and age and weekly allowance.

1 p.

As 75 above 16 Jan 1756

1 p.

List of Candidates for admission. 1853-1875

Inc. index to names at rear

Inc. two applicants who served on the Lakes in America and Canada, nos 4 & 9.

Inc. Miles Jefferson, born 1788, spent 55 years at sea, no. 39.

Inc. John Harding, served 49 years at Chatham Yard excluding apprenticeship, sustained internal injuries falling into a dock, no. 21

Inc. Jacob Hall, impressed in 1812, no. 45

Inc. Samuel Barber, served in Erebus in Sir James Ross’ expedition to S. Pole, no. 94
Inc. Thomas Hardiman, engaged with pirates off China, no. 101

Inc. William Simmonds, in search of Franklin 2½ years, no. 136

Inc. John Hunt Lock, engaged with Barbary Coast pirates, no. 139

[see /82 for removed enclosures]

1 bundle/20pp

78 (as /77) 1855/1859-1861

Inc. index to names

Inc. Henry Dawkins, veteran of Trafalgar 1805 (no. 8)

Inc. Henry Tems, veteran of Copenhagen (no. 21)

Inc. George Woollards, veteran of Copenhagen (no. 49)

Inc. William Clark, veteran of Camperdown (no. 43)
1 bundle/9pp

79 (As /77) [1848] c.1860-1867

Inc. index to names at rear

Inc. dockets relating to Robert Oliver and James Porto (79/2-3)

1 bundle/3 items

80 Individual applications addressed to G.H. Knight, Precincts, 1868-1875
Rochester, Solicitor, some items descriptive of applicants' careers and some with supporting testimonials.

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108 Some inscribed with name of governor by whom submitted and several/year occasionally.

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1903 - 1915


1 file/20 pp./items inc file cover

FINANCE 1598-1987

GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 1598-1987

Central Accounts 1598-1987

Central Accounts-bound 1789-1796, 1926-1980

110 Account book, containing details of payments to named pensioners, income and payments to tradesmen and suppliers, etc.

[Mutilated] 1 vol./c.20 pp. used

1798 - 1796

111 Cash book 1926 - 1948

Receipts including E. Wickham rectorial tithe, E. Wickham tithe redemption annuities, rent from Featherstones', dividends on
consols, etc.

Expenses including payments to outpensioners and in-pensioners (not named), suppliers, rates, funeral arrangements (some names given), public utilities and rent to Conservators of R.Medway, (see collections S/MN, MPA) and St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, Rochester (see collection Ch.2) and caretaker’s wages (named), etc.

Inc. payment to E.F. Cobb, architect, for repairs, etc to Boundary Wharf 23 Jan. 1936 (f.69)

Inc. £5 received from J.J. Wolff (Antiques) Ltd. for photographs of accounts mentioning purchase of chairs, 1791, 13 Feb. 1945 (f.120)

1vol/136ff

112 Hawkins’ Hospital stamp account book as maintained at offices of Arnold, Tuff and Grimwade, Precinct, Rochester, solicitors, also containing Baynard’s Charity postages 1953-1974 and firm’s own postages.

1vol./c.40pp.used

Central Accounts - loose 1614-1987
113 Memorandum to effect that Governors should meet to audit the yearly accounts starting on 28 June 1614 and for everafter.
Signed by Governors Guilford Slyngisbie, Peter Buck, Hugh Merit, Phineas Pett, Thomas Astyn, J. Kinge, John Rockwell[?] and George Mapisden.

[Removed from sequence / 129-177]

114 Loose accounts chiefly comprising receipted bills issued by tax collectors and tradesmen mainly to the Phipp family, tenants of Old Garlands Farm (or Den) at Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, on account of the Governors of Hawkins' Hospital, the landlord, in respect of manorial quit-rents (Manor of Fobbing), militia tax, disbanding the Army and repairs to tenants' houses and farm buildings; tenants: Bruty family c.1643 - c.1653, Neale family c.1653 -c1664, Phipp family c.1674 - c.1685. Inc. account for taxes levied in 1943, mentioning payment of £1,17s. towards Co. of Essex's contribution to providing dragoons (114/1,5)

Inc. receipt for £2.6.6 for two months assessment for Sir Thomas Fairfax 3 April 1645 (114/3)

Inc. receipt to Henry Bruty for 15s.6d for Ireland 3 April 1645 (114/4)

Inc. receipts for taxes for the Militia, Army and disbanding the
Army, 1653-1685 *passim*

*Inc.* bill for glazing with additional accounts and notes implying over-charging by Muster Master, 20 April 1675 (114/19)

*Inc.* receipt for quit-rent for Fobbing Manor naming William Whitemor Esq. as Lord of the Manor, 1 Sep 1675 (114/20)

*Inc.* account of Thomas Phipp’s expenditure for militia rates, uniform and pitchfork, mentioning a red coat, 9 Dec. 1676 (114/23)

*Inc.* receipt for land tax, 14 March 1678, (114/27)

*Inc.* receipt for 2x2s.5d for drums and collars (for the militia), June-July 1685 (114/48-49)

*Inc.* receipt for £2.17s for a soldier in June and July and for powder, 23 Dec. 1685 (114/50)

*Inc.* accounts for a soldier for one month £2.16s and 400 [sic] years arrears for the Muster Master (114/58)

1 bundle/59 items
Loose accounts chiefly comprising receipted bills submitted by tradesmen and the clergy for goods, repairs or other services rendered to the Hospital, as paid by Capt. Thomas Manley, Dep. Governor, St. Margaret's [St.], Rochester.

Inc. Bill from Thomas Crafts for paving the High Street in front of the Hospital. 22 May 1674 (115/8)

Inc. receipts from Mr. John Loton for reading prayers to and conducting Divine Service for the almsmen 1675-1688 passim

Inc. bill from Roger Huse (see also below (115/39) for £2,16s for making the great gates 30 Sep. 1676 (115/16)

Inc. bills for repairing the pump, passim.

Inc. bill from John Clay for painting the gates. 27 Nov. 1677 (115/20)

Inc. bill from Roger Hewes [sic] via Mary Norris for coffin for 'old' George Oliver who died 1 May 1684, 3 May 1684 (115/39)

Inc. bill from John Loton for Oliver’s burial expenses, on which are several memoranda inc. note that Oliver was "so poor that he left nothing to bury him", 30 May 1684 (115/41)
Inc. bill for mending the lock 27 Nov. 1684 (115/47)

1 bundle/6 items.
Memoranda apparently by A.A. Arnold, Dep. Governor, c. Jan. 1914 concerning bundles/114-115 and referring to Cromwell, the Eastern Association and the Co. of Essex's contribution.

1 bundle/2 items

Loose accounts comprising Land Tax receipts, receipts for rent paid to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, receipts for provisions and supplies for the almsfolk, receipts for burial expenses of named almsfolk, receipts for quit-rents due to manor of Chatham, receipts for South Sea Stock transactions, for nursing costs for almsfolk, for Minister's salary for reading prayers, rent due to Hawkins Hospital by their tenant and for tradesmen's workmanship on the buildings.

Inc. draft minute or memorandum by Governors authorising deputy Governor to pay almsfolk to nurse widow Cole, almost blind, in response to their petition to this effect (not present)

c. Sep. 1720 (117/42)

Inc. payment of 1/- to a tenant of John Smith (himself a tenant) for latter's hindering of former's work by keeping her door shut whilst rubbish was removed from hospital yard into "Cook's lighter" by labourers.

3 Aug. 1722 (117/78)
Inc. Bills for Governors' dinner.

3 Dec. 1722 (117/97)

1 bundle/111 items

118 Receipts for purchases of stocks and shares made by Hawkins' Hospital or by their agents; 3% annuities or consols.

1843-1898

1 bundle/43 pp


In account with Westminster Bank Limited, Rochester.

1966-1987

1 bundle/c100 pp/items

1 file/c. 100 items


1 bundle/c.100pp/items

122 Loose accounts comprising deposit books (ordinary and special), in account with London Trustee Savings Bank, 149 High Street, Rochester 1971-1978, interest notifications re. loans from Chief Financial Officer, Medway Borough Council, Riverside, Chatham 1977-1978, records of pensions payments and receipted bills for services and goods etc., together with rate demands and insurances.

1968-1977

1969-1976

1971-1979

[1980]
Inc. stamped envelope 1980.

1 bundle/c50pp/items


1 bundle/c.6 items

124 National Westminster Bank chequebook stub.

1 item

125 Bills from public utility cost. and other suppliers with receipts for issue of pensions.

1 file/c.50 items

126 Public utility co. bills, Local Authority rates demands and receipts for staff salaries and wages and other services.

1 file/c.20 items
Central Accounts Continued:

Deputy Governor's Balance Sheets 1598-1974 [gaps]

Loose income and expenditure sheets arranged roughly annually, [1598] recording mainly (a) income from rents and (b) expenditure on 1607-1665 pensions, salaries, travel expenses, manorial quitrents and repairs to the fabric. Each account is headed by the name of the Dep. Governor at the time. Some accounts have been mutilated by pencil markings. There are numerous references to named almsfolk and local tradesmen. [Archival note: this bundle is highly unusual in having been tied in string but with a double 1½" wide wrapper of light manilla paper sandwiched between the string and documents to prevent the string cutting in, an intelligent expedient possibly employed by A.A. Arnold c.1914].

[see also /113]

Christopher Chapman 25 March 1607

Balance sheet for period 1598-1607, comprising income from Garlands Farm, Wickhams parsonage and hospital house, and disbursements. Signed at the foot by the governors inc. Peter Buck and Thomas Astyn.

[See /60] 1 sheet
128 Christopher Chapman. 1 item [1609-] 1610

129 Kenrick Edgbury. 1610-1616
1 item/2 sheets sewn

130 Kenrick Edbery. [1616-] 1617

Inc. 5/- given to Thomas Willowby to relieve him in his sickness.

Inc. 7/6 laid out for a "great paper book fairly bound - up to enter in the Evidences and other records belonging to the hospital".
[See minute book /21] 1 item

131 Kenrick Edbury [1617-] 1618

Inc. payment of £2 to Mr. John Pa[w]son, surgeon, for curing Goody Griffins' leg.
1 item
132 John Wriothesley. [1618-] 1619

1 item
Inc. £1,10/- for the Governors' dinner 20 April 1620.

1 item
134 Thomas Forde [1620-1621]

Inc. £8 10/- paid to Mr. Andrew Courteman of London, linen draper for 120 sets of roane canvas to make 20 pairs of sheets for the alms folk.

Inc. 2/- for writing letters to the Archbishop of Canterbury and Marquess of Buckingham concerning Sir Francis Leigh's refusal to pay £16 pa for [renting] E. Wickham parsonage.

Inc. £1 10/- for the Governors' dinner 6 April 1621 signed by governors, Peter Buck, William Page, Henry Clarke, Thomas Norreys, Thomas Thompson and George Wilson.

1 item

135 Thomas Forde [1621-1622]

Inc. 10/- paid to Paul Neave, almsman, for reading morning and evening prayers for the year.

136 Thomas Forde [1622-1623]

Inc. 7/6 laid out in journey from Chatham to Lambeth, Sy., for horse hire and boat hire 16-18 July 1622 to answer and give satisfaction to the Archbishop of Canterbury touching a "false and clamorous" petition delivered by John Griffen, Almsman [See /34 for petition?]

1 item

137 Thomas Forde [1623-1624]

Inc. 1/- paid to Richard Hills for travelling to Milton [next Gravesend?] to notify the Coroner of the sudden death of Richard Morgan, who burnt to death in his bed (Christmas Quarter 1623)

Signed by Governors Richard Bingley, Henry Clerke, Phineas Pett, J. King and George Wilson

1 item

[#this is Sir Francis Leigh, Knight, see /155]
138 Thomas Forde [1624-]1625

Signed by Governors Richard Bingley, John Sadley, William Page, Henry Clerke, Joshua Downyng, Phineas Pett, J. King and George Wilson

1 item

139 Thomas Forde [1625-]1626

Signed by Governors John Sedley, Guilford Slyngisbie, Joshua Downying, Phineas Pett, George Wilson and William Cooke

1 item

140 Thomas Forde [1626-]1627

Signed by Governors John Sedley, Guilford Slyngisbie, Joshua Downying, Phineas Pett, George Wilson and William Cooke

1 item

141 Mistress Ruth Forde [1627-]1628

Signed by Governors Guilford Slyngisbie, Henry Clerke, Phineas Pett, George Wilson, Richard Harris and Henry Goddard
1 item

142 Nathanial Terne [1628-1629]


1 item

143 Nathanial Terne [1629-1630]

Signed by Governors Maximilian Dalyson, Guilford Slyngisbie, Thomas Austen and William Cooke

1 item

144 Nathanial Terne [1630-1631]

Inc. £1 3/- for making the double door into the street

Signed by Governors Phineas Pett, Thomas Austen, William Cooke, Edward Boate and Henry Goddard

1 item
145 Nathanial Terne [1631-1632]

Inc. 9/- paid for a tapestry coverlet for John Gunstone - 17 May 1631

Inc. 2/- for broth to comfort Thomas Cooke in his sickness


1 item

146 Nathanial Terne [1632-1633]

Inc. 2/- paid for a shroud for Thomas Cooke's corpse, 24 Sept 1632

Inc. £2.16.2 paid for 10 silver badges of Sir John Hawkins' crest for the Almsfolk to wear [see also /147 below]


[#Dr. Walter Balcanquall was Dean of Rochester at this time, See DNB]
147  Nathanial Terne  [1633-1634]

Inc. 1/- paid to Goodman Hadlow for "leathering the badges"
[see /146 above]

Signed by Governors, P. Palmer, Henry Clarke, Richard Lee,
Thomas Austen, Henry Goddard and William Cooke

148  Nathanial Terne  [1634-1635]


149  Nathanial Terne  [1635-1636]

Inc. 1/4 for making two bonds and inventories for Ambrose Whiting and David Lluellin at their admission to the hospital.

Inc. 4/10 for a new badge for David Lluellin i.e. weight in silver more than the old 16d. and for making 3/6

Signed by Governors Kenrick Edisbury, Thomas Austen and Henry Goddard.
150 Nathanial Terne [1636-1637]

Inc. £1.11.7 paid in legal expenses relating to a suit brought by Robert Cheslin for a driveway through Old Garlands Farm, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, to a marsh of Cheslin's and also in respect of Lt. Garlands Farm, whereby 1/3 of the cost is to be borne by the owner of the latter and 2/3 by Hawkins' Hospital as owners of the former.

Endorsed by Terne to effect that documents withdrawn for use by Counsel in respect of above case should be returned to the chest.


151 Edward Hayward [1637-1638]

Inc. 5/- for recasting the old bell belonging to the chapel being broken, and for the overplus viz in metal

Inc. further accounts relating to Cheslin's suit [see /150 above]
Inc. memorandum concerning death of John Wardell, almsman, 14 March 1638 and pension and funeral accounts relating.

Signed by Governors Henry Clarke, Kenrick Edisbury, Thomas Austen, William Cooke and Henry Goddard

1 item

152 Edward Hayward [1638-1639]

Inc. payment of 6/8 fine upon indictment at Maidstone Quarter Sessions for not paving the highway against the Hospital, "which was since done".

Inc. further accounts relating to Cheslin's suit [see /150]


1 item

153 Edward Hayward [1639-1640]

Inc. 4/- paid to Philip Pew for priming the pump [etc].

Inc. further accounts for litigation concerning Cheslin's suit [see

1 item
Inc 5/6 paid to Ambrose Whiting who had been shut up by order of the Governors to prevent the spread of infection, after catching it in his daughter’s house.


[NB Hayward and Hudson are named both as Deputy Governors]

1 item

Nicholas Stonehouse [1641-] 1642


[#At this time Comptroller of the Royal Navy, and subsequently a Royalist. See D.N.B.]
156 Nicholas Stonehouse [1642-] 1643

Signed by Governors Henry Clerke, Phineas Pett, Henry Goddard and Thomas Rabenett.

1 item

157 Mistress Katherine Stonehouse, Wife of Late Nicholas Stonehouse [1643-] 1644

Signed by Governors Phineas Pett, Thomas Rabenett and Henry Goddard.

1 item

158 Katherine Stonehouse [1644-] 1645

Inc. expenses incurred dealing with the Committee at Ashford.

Signed by Governors Phineas Pett, Thomas Rabenett and Henry Goddard.

1 item
159 Katherine Stonehouse [1645-] 1646

Inc. accounts of taxes and assessments paid to Parliament in respect of Old Garlands Farm, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex and Hawkins' Hospital.


1 item

160 John Jeyes [1646-] 1647

Inc. accounts of taxes paid to Parliament

Inc. 4/- expenses for carrying a letter to the Committee signed by Governors William Cooke, Thomas Rabenett, Phineas Pett and Henry Goddard.

1 item

161 John Jeyes [1647-] 1648

Inc. accounts for taxes paid.

1 item

162 John Jeyes [1648-] 1649

Inc. 2/- paid to a Mr. Maplizden comprising 6 years quit rent
due to the College Church, Rochester [Rochester Cathedral]

Signed by Governors Peter Pett, Thomas Rabenett, Thomas Scott
and John Bryghts.

1 item

163 John Jeyes [1649-] 1650

Inc. 9/3 paid for Ambrose Whiting's coffin, etc
Inc. 4d paid to City of Rochester for quit rents.
Inc. 8d for making bonds for William Bridges and William
Mann on admission, to confirm them to the Orders of the
Hospital.

Signed by Governors Richard Lee, Peter Pett, Thomas Rabenett,
Edward Hall and John Bryghts.
164  John Jeyes  [1650-] 1651

Inc. 1/6 for 2 posts to support "the house of Office".
Inc. £1 allowed to Jeyes [apparently for increased cost] for provisions [for Governors' dinner]

Signed by Governors Peter Buck, Robert Dennis [?] and Thomas Rabenett.

165  John Jeyes  [1651-] 1652

Inc. 10/- paid to Mr. Rabenett for a great Bible
Inc. 8d paid for a claim and two staples to fasten the Bible to the Chapel Table
Inc. 4d erroneously paid to lady Butler for quit vent
Inc. £1 allowed to Jeyes over and above the former allowance for their dinner £1-10 by reason of the dearness of provisions.

Signed by Governors Peter Buck, Peter Pett, Thomas Rabenett [as above], John Taylor and Charles Bowles.
166 John Jeyes [1652-] 1653

Inc. 6d for a messenger to carry a letter to Trinity House inviting one of their masters to audit the accounts.

Signed by Governors Peter Buck, Peter Pett, Thomas Rabenett and John Taylor.

167 John Jeyes [1653-] 1654

Signed by Governors Peter Buck, Peter Pett, Thomas Rabenett and John Taylor.

168 John Jeyes [1654-] 1655

Signed by Governors J. Parker, Peter Pett, Charles Bowles and John Taylor.
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Inc. 1/- paid for a warrant from the Justices to expel widow Smith for her disorderly behaviour.

Inc. £7.7-6 paid to Thomas Wise, carpenter, for making a new double house of office and other work.

Signed by Governors Peter Pett, John Taylor and William Badiley.

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[* A Bible, containing MS notes regarding binding and a MS daily prayer, is held by the Guildhall Museum, in Rochester]

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Signed by Governors J. (?), Parker, Peter Pett, Charles Bowles (?)
and John Taylor.

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169  John Jeyes  [1655-] 1656

Signed by Governors Peter Pett, Charles Bowles (?), Thomas
Rabenett and Thomas Aukenstall (?).

1 item

170  John Jeyes  [1656-] 1657

Signed by Governors Peter Pett, Charles Bowles, Thomas
Rabenett, Thomas Aukenstall and William Badiley.

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1 Item

175 John Jeyes [1661-] 1662
Signed by Governors as /174

1 Item

176 John Jeyes [April-] Oct. 1662

1 Item
177 John Jeyes [Oct. 1662-] 
May 1664
Inc. 6/6 paid for a new Service Book.

Signed by Governors William Batten, St[ephen] Alcocke,
Pensioner, William Badiley, John Cox and G. Woodyeare

1 Item

178 Katherine Jeyes, relict of John Jeyes [1664-] 1665

Signed by Governors William batten, John Brooke, Phineas Pett,
George Newman, Simon Nicholls, St[ephen] Alcocke, Pensioner,
Francis Clerke, William Rand[olph?] and Thomas Manley.

[See /333 for removed enclosures]

1 Item

179 Thomas Manley [1681-] 1682

Inc. 6 months taxes for disbanding the Army £1.7.2
180 Thomas Manley [1681-] 1683

181 Thomas Manley [1691-] 1693

182 Thomas Manley [1693-] 1694

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INCOME * 1707-1869

Benefactions 1707 - 1869

* This section does not include income from the organisation’s estates. For records of rents please see under the various geographical headings in the Property and Estate Management section below or the deputy governors’ balance sheets /127-189 and the governors’ minutes, /21-25.

Archdeacon Dr. Thomas Plume’s Benefaction 1707-1708

[See also /411 and Dartford Parish records for a printed copy of Plume’s will and related papers, P110/25/39]

Letter from Thomas Power of Clement’s Inn, London to John Walsall of Strood concerning the late Dr. Plume’s money in Chatham chest.

1p

Archdeacon Dr. Thomas Plume’s Legacy

Papers associated with the above subject comprising copy of codicil and probate of Plume’s will, 3 March 1705, Prerogative Court of Canterbury [original at Public Record Office, London]
and copy of instrument of assent by governors of Hawkins
Hospital to application of Plume’s legacy to six named poor
seamen at the Hospital.

1 bundle/2 items

192 Letter from Thomas Power of Clement’s Inn, London to John
Walsall of Strood as above concerning the instrument for
Dr. Plume’s legacy.

1p

193 Accounts of John Walsall [of Strood, attorney] in connection with c. Dec. 1707-12
services to Hawkins Hospital concerning Dr. Plume’s legacy. Jan. 1708

1 item

194 Draft trust instrument empowering Jeremy Gregory,
Dep. Governor to administer a fund bequeathed to the poor
seamen of the Hospital, named as John Peterson, John Cole,
Robert Knap, Walter Martin, Robert Arnold and John Sinclair by
Rev. Dr. Thomas Plume.

1p
195 Receipt from Thomas Power to John Walsall (?) for 1 guinea for services in connection with Dr. Plume's legacy.

1 item

William Walter's Benefaction 1753 – 1758

196 Letter from John Fletcher of [Eastgate], Rochester [Esq] to Governors of Hawkins' Hospital, explaining a proposal to offer Hawkins' Hospital the sum of £264,02.01 having failed to apply it as willed by William Walter, Esq, and asking for indemnification.

1 item

197 Draft articles of agreement (i) Hawkins Hospital (ii) John Fletcher of Eastgate St., Rochester, Esq, executor of William Walter of Chatham, Esq, deceased. Indemnifying Fletcher against legal actions for not complying with provisions of Walter's will. As submitted by Robert Taylor (?) passim to a Mr. Knowler.
Articles of Agreement

(i) Hawkins' Hospital

(ii) John Fletcher of Eastgate St., Rochester, Esq, executor of William Walter of Chatham, Esq, deceased.

Donation of £252 comprising Walter’s estate plus interest to Hawkins' Hospital on following premise:–

(a) Impossibility of applying estate towards discharge of debtors from County Sheriff’s Prison and City of Rochester Debtor’s Prison as willed by testator due to there being no debtors in either.

(b) Hawkins' Hospital indemnifying Fletcher against legal actions and costs arising from donation.

Expenses due Robert Taylor of Strood, attorney-at-law, by Hawkins' Hospital for various legal services relating to Mr. Walter’s will, South Sea annuities and Land Tax etc.
Ann Phillips' Charity c.1822-1869

[Further material relating to this charity, taken over by Hawkins' Hospital in 1992 (see item 9 in similar charitable organisations section above) may be found in the Chatham Borough Archives (CBA) and Rochester upon Medway City Council Archives. Please ask staff]

200    Extract from Prerogative Court of Canterbury of will of Ann Phillips of Brompton, Gillingham, wid., proved 28 Aug. 1799
        c. 1822
        1 item

201    Extract from will of Thomas Mitchell of Greenwich, proved at Doctors' Commons, 19 June 1823.
        After 1823
        2mm & pendant wafer seal

        1 item
(i) George Patey Parkin of the Admiralty, Somerset Ho.,
London, Esq.
John Parkin of Battersea, Sy., Esq., acting executors of Thomas
Fordar Hawkes, Assistant of Master Shipwright of
H.M. Dockyard, Chatham.

(ii) Francis James Laire, Master Shipwright of H.M. Dockyard,
Chatham
Oliver William Lang and John Inman Fincham, Assistants of
Master Shipwright as above.

To stand possessed of and comply with trusts of will of Ann
Phillips of Brompton, Gillingham, wid., deceased, subsequent to
deaths of her original executors Edward Sison, Master Shipwright
of Chatham Dockyard, Thomas Mitchell, Master Shipwright of
Sheerness Dockyard and John Peek of Chatham Dockyard,
Painter's Measurer all deceased.

Yearly dividends and interest of £300 3¼ % Bank Annuities for
relief of widows and orphans of shipwrights employed at
Chatham Dockyard at times of their death, apportioned 2/3 to
families of men dying in Chatham, 1/3 to families of men dying
in Gillingham.
204 Bill from Essell, Knight and Arnold [of Rochester, Solicitors] to Phillip Thornton Esq, Master Shipwright of Chatham Dockyard and Robert Dawson Esq, Assistant Master Shipwright of Chatham Dockyard, for business connected with appointment of new trustees of Ann Phillips' charity.

1 item

EXPENDITURE

In-Pensions 1719-1943

In-Pensions were the only category of beneficiary of the charity until 1860 when the Charity Commission approved relief of out-pensioners for records of whom please see items 247-264. For records of payments before the earliest dates in the following sections, please see the Governor's Minutes /21-25 or Deputy Governor’s balance sheets.

In-pensions Payment Books 1831-1943

Records were weekly 1831-1909, thereafter two-weekly. Prior to 1831, records of payments to in-pensioners should be found in the Deputy Governor's annual balance sheets series 1607-1695 or
The volumes provide date money received by pensioner, the amount received and name, signature or mark of pensioner. Some volumes contain the pensioner’s house number.

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244 Loose accounts of payment totals to pensioners and out-pensioners (removed from 254) 1896-c.1896
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245 Loose item removed from /235 comprising letter from C. Harvey 28th Feb 1890 thanking [Dep. Governor?] upon returning home, "for the change". 1p.

246 Loose item removed from /236 comprising page of accounts relating to method of calculating payments to in-pensioners in 1896. 1p

**Out-Pensions 1861 - 1962**

The Charity Commission approved payments to out-pensioners, i.e. relief for non-resident persons qualifying under the terms of the new scheme in 1860.
See also the governors' minutes /21-25 for further information on individual out pensioners.

Out-Pensioners Payment Record Books 1861-1962

The volumes provide date money received by pensioner, name of out-pensioners, amount of payment and signature or mark of recipient. They were weekly until 1954, thereafter two weekly.

Many out-pensioners chose to receive this money by proxy and in such instances their proxies signatures occur instead of the pensioners'.

Numerous letters relating to receipt of the money by proxies survive in this collection, see especially the deputy governor's correspondence 1866-1914/65-71.

Inc. at rear pasted in letter of authorisation from John Beatson, 1861-1865 decayed mariner aged 78, nominating a Mr. Vandipeer of Queen's Head Hotel, Mile Town, Sheerness to collect his own pension.

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262 Receipts from pensioners for pensions, witnessed by Josiah Blandford, Master Attendant Messenger. May 1879-March 1880
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PROPERTY AND ESTATE MANAGEMENT 1500-1972

GENERAL (FREEHOLD AND LEASEHOLD INCLUSIVE)
1599-1972

265 Schedule of title deeds to Hospital property in East Wickham, Old Garlands Farm, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex and Chatham, as received by Edward Combes. 18th February 1599 and 18th April 1599
Inc. "seal of Syllver for the howse"

Inc. "the mowlde for the skuchyne and the skuchine in tine".

1 Item

266 Schedule of title deeds passed by Mary Combs, widow of Edwards Combes, dep. governor (?) dec'd to Christopher Chapman, governor, appended by Mary Combes' explanation of apparent financial irregularity by husband and asking for the governors' forbearance in pursuing the matter on account her straightened circumstances and having five small children.

1 Item

267 Report on Henry Sheafe [of Clifford's Inn, London?] to Governors concerning Hospital estates at Welling, Essex and Chatham, referring to land on which Victualling Office in Chatham is now located.

1 Item

268 Plan of Hawkins Hospital comprising leasehold and freehold premises, with legend to each. Surveyed by S. Bingle. Names William Clarke as occupier/owner of land to east of freehold plot.

1 Item
Scale 10' = 6/10"  19\frac{1}{2}" x 13\frac{1}{2}"

1 m
With label from original wrapper stating leasehold premises reverted to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, on expiry of lease and "very valuable and interesting [...] should be carefully kept".

[See also /540 for similar plan by Bingle and /272].

[For other plans of the Hospital, see also /272, 276A, 298, 308, 344, 345, 346, 348, 544 and 545].

1 bundle/2 items

269 Fire and buildings insurance policies, some with attractive letter headings, relating to Hawkins' Hospital and Boundary Wharf, Chatham 1794-1887 (269/1-4) with Aircraft Policies 1915-1917 (269/5-8) the chancel of E. Wickham Church 1882, 1934 (/10-12) and Gt. Garlands Farm, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex 1779, 1888 (269/13-14). With note relating to Gt. Garlands, 19th C. (269/15). Some occupiers' names given.

1 bundle/15 items

270 Schedule of repairs required to Hawkins' Hospital leasehold and freehold premises, also listing occupiers, drafted by J. Southerden.

[Removed from /540]
I Item

271 Buildings and contents insurance policies, in account with Royal Insurance Company Limited, 8-9 High Street, Maidstone
1946-1972
1 bundle/c. 25 items

272 Hand-drawn and hand-coloured plan of Hospital and adjacent premises in Chatham and Rochester, dividing premises into leasehold and fee simple areas, with legends describing buildings and giving tenants’ names. Also showing roads, alleys, River Medway, adjacent proprietors’ names, gardens, pumps, worksheds and platforms [quays?]. Shows Rochester City boundary stone. Very similar to Bingle’s plan of 1750 (/268) but naming Thomas Adams as owner/occupier of land to east of freehold plot.

Scale = 10’ = 6/10" 19½” x 123/4”

Parchment = 1 m.

[See also 344, 540 for similar plans and for other plans of the Hospital /276A, 308-344, 346, 348, 540, 544 and 545] [A similar plan to /272 is contained in the St. Bartholomew’s Hospital records (Ch2/31)]
273 Docket bearing memorandum probably comprising draft of or amendment to draft of deed. c1800
1 Item

274 Letter from B. Bentham of Chatham Dock to unnamed addressee concerning E. Wickham and Stanford-le-Hope properties and meeting the Governors. c1724
1 Item

275 Report to Governors on conveyancing and litigation in respect of the Hospital’s estates. Compiler not stated. January 9th 1729
1 Item

276 Notes on conveyancing and litigation in respect of Hospital’s estates, possibly related to /275. c1729
1 Item

276A Plans/elevations of estates of Hawkins Hospital, comprising freehold and leasehold premises in Chatham High Street, and freehold estates at Old Garland’s Farm, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex and E. Wickham, both of which are accompanied by faded legends. c1718 x c1725
Plans also annotated. Introductory inscription surmounted by coat of arms, crest and mantle of Sir John Hawkins.

24¾" x 21¼" 1m

[For other plans of the Hospital, see 268, 272, 298, 308, 344-346, 348, 540, 544 and 545]

[A printed reproduction of this estates plan is contained in Arnold p.17]

277 List of Hawkins' Hospital estates. 8th March 1798 1 p.

278 Certificates of redemption and contract of Land Tax on:- 22nd May 1799

(i) Mess. or Tent. near Hospital premises in Eastgate Borough, Chatham, occupied by Thomas Briseley £1

(ii) Cottage behind above premises, occupied by John Calver 8/-

(iii) Cottage adjoining (ii) occupied by [left blank] Shackleton 8/-
(iv) Cottage adjoining (iii) occupied by Joseph Wood 8/-

(v) Cottage adjoining (iv) occupied by David Loweriston 8/-

(vi) A Smith’s forge or shop in E. Wickham £7 15/-

The premises in Chatham lying in Eastgate Borough, Chatham.

1 bundle/3 pp. and envelope

279 Memoranda apparently relating to letters sent to William Spitty of 7th February 1805 Horndon-on-the-Hill, Essex and Christopher Chapman of E. Wickham, concerning exonerating of Old Garland’s Farm, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex and E. Wickham Hospital property respectively from Land and Property Tax.

1 Item

CHATHAM: FREEHOLD 1500-1967 (c1970s)

[See also PROPERTY AND ESTATE MANAGEMENT: GENERAL for relevant freehold and leasehold records combined, /265-279] [See also /353, 356].

These documents relate predominantly to the premises and land currently associated with Hawkins’ Hospital, that is to say the
original land acquired by Hawkins. For the leasehold land which supplemented the above, please see section Chatham: Leasehold below, /524-549 and introduction.

Deeds to Chatham Freehold Estate:

1500-c1730s (c1970's)

280 Quicclaim 25th July 1500

(i) Johanna Sproxtone, wid. of Thomas Sproxtone late of Chatham, dec'd.

(ii) John Hall of Rochester, St. Nicholas

One mess. with garden in Chatham, adjoining the land of St. Bartholomew's Hospital in the west, Thomas Smyth's land in the east, the King's highway to the south and the River Medway in the north.

[See /60] [See also /295-296]

1 m Latin. Seal tape mutilated.
Deed of Gift - [collateral to 282]

6th April 1523

(i) John Wright, clerk, John Hardell, John Forest, Richard Cresfeld, Thomas Mottard and John Fyll

(ii) John Lorkyn of Chatham

Mess. and garden in Chatham adjoining land of St. Bartholomew's Hospital to the west, land of Thomas Smyth to the east of King's Highway to the south and River Medway to north. Reciting purchase from John Halle of the City of Rochester together with other premises in the City of Rochester and St. Margaret's Parish [Rochester]

Consideration £4.6.8

Endorsed to effect that the deed was delivered to John Lorkyn in the presence of John Smethe, Thomas Motthard, Henry Dent, John Clerke, Richard [?] Hendley, William Lorkyn, son of John Lorkyn as above, and Robert [?] Hangcocke, 9th February 1524.

Five seals on tags, two tags with two each, and third with one.

[-N.B. unusual initial phrase] 1 m.

Letter of Attorney to receive full and peaceful seisin [collateral to 6th April 1523/281]
(i) John Wrygth, clerk, John Hardell, John Forest, Richard Cresfeld, Thomas Mottard and John Fill

(ii) John Kyngswodde and John Lorkyn of Luton, attorneys (John Lorkyn attorney to receive)

One mess. and one garden in Chatham late held by John Halle late of the City of Rochester who lately purchased it from John Charbys of Hollingbourne

6 seals on sideways tongues, 3 seals per tongue, third tongue empty.

1m Latin

283 Feoffment: Taylor, Agund, Parker and W. Lorkyn’s copy (chirograph) 2nd January 1529

(i) John Lorkin of Chatham, yeo

(ii) William Taylor of Chatham, smith, John Agund, Robert Parker and William Lorkyn of Chatham
One mess. and garden adjoining the land of St. Bartholomew's Hospital to the west, the land of Thomas Smyth to the east, the King's Highway to the south and the River Medway to the north. Recites deed of 6th April 1523 [see /282]

Consideration = £8 Seal on tag. 1 m Latin

[See also /284 for cognate chirograph]

284  Feoffment: Lorkin's copy (chirograph): [cognate with /283] 2nd January 1529

(i) John Larkin of Chatham, yeo.

(ii) William Talor of Chatham, smith, John Agund, Robert Parker and William Lorkyn of the same.

One mess. with garden in Chatham, bounded by the land of St. Bartholomew's Hospital to the west, Thomas Smyth's land to the east, the King's Highway to the south and the River Medway to the north.

Consideration and conditions of payment: also as /283

Four seals each on a tag. Half-letters A-G endorsed along indented side matching half-letters on /283
Deed of Gift

30th June 1537

(i) Randal Antony of Gillingham (Jelingh [a]m), mariner

(ii) Nicholas Hyll of Chatham, smith and his wife Joan

One mess. and one piece of land in Chatham adjoining land of
St. Bartholomew's Hospital to the west, land of Richard Smyth to
the west, the King's Highway to the south, and the River
Medway to the north.

Consideration = £5.6.8

(Describes Henry VIII as Lord of Ireland and Supreme Head of
the Church of England) [see also /286]
Quitclaim [collateral to /285]  
26 Sep. 1537

(i) Randal Antony of Gillingham (Jelingh [a]m), mariner William Shorte of same, sen.,

(ii) Nicholas Hyll of Chatham, smith and his wife Joan.

One tent, and one garden or piece of land in Chatham, adjoining the land of St. Bartholomew's Hospital near (juxta) the King's Highway (alta via) to the south and River Medway to the north.

Two seals each on a tag. 1 m Latin

Deed of Gift  
5th September 1537

(i) Randal Antony of Gillingham (Jelingh [a]m), mariner

(ii) Nicholas Hyll of Chatham, smith and Joan his wife

Tent, garden and piece of land in Chatham adjoining the land of St. Bartholomew's Hospital near Rochester to the west, the land of John Smyth to the east, the King's Highway to the south, and the River Medway to the north.

Consideration: a certain sum of money [not stated]
Witnesses John Bonnard (?) of Gillingham, mariner, John Henley, John Stortton of Chatham and Thomas Hert of Rochester

1 seal on tag.  I m Latin

288 Deed of Gift [collateral to /289 and 290]  30th January 1577

(i) Peter Hilles of Rotherhithe (Roderiff), Sy., yeo

(ii) William Barnes of the City of London, one of the four Masters of the Queen’s Majesty’s Navy, and Agnes his wife

One mess., one store house, two yards and one garden in Chatham Street, Chatham adjoining the land of the heirs of Richard Smythe to the east, to land of St. Bartholomew’s Hospital to the west, the River Medway to the north and Chatham Street to the south.

Consideration: a certain sum of money [i.e. not stated]

Signed by Hilles (Hylles)
Witnesses: George Bell, Alderman of the City of Rochester, John Pewett, Thomas Robinson, Thomas White, writer and John Williams

Seal on tag 1m. [Inscribed “feoffment”]

289 Assignment of Lease [collateral to /288 and 290] 1 February 1577

(i) Peter Hills of Rotherhithe (Roderiff), Surrey, Yeo. (ii) William Barnes of City of London, a Master of the Queen’s Majesty’s Navy.

Remainder of lease of 79 years originally made by St. Bartholomew’s Hospital to Walter Haite of City of Rochester, tailor in 1545, to ground called the Key adjoining a close called the Tye west, the King’s Highway to the south, River Medway to the north and Nicholas Hillles’ Key to the east with a marsh, orientation also given.

Consideration - not specified.

Witnesses - George Bell, alderman, John Pewett, Thomas Robinson and Thomas White, writer.

Seal with initials P.H. on tag.
Bond for quiet enjoyment [collateral to /288-289]  30 January 1577

(i) Peter Hilles of Rotherhithe (Roderiff), Sy., yeo.
(ii) William Barnes of City of London, one of the Masters of the Queen's Navy.

In respect of sale by (i) to (ii) of Messrs., Storehouse, two yards and garden in Chatham Street, Chatham. £160

Witnesses - George Bell, alderman, John Pewett, Thomas Robinson, Thomas Whyte, writer.

Seal bearing initials P.H.

Non-enrolled bargain and sale [collateral to /292-293]  22 January 1582

(i) William Barnes of Chatham, a master of the Queen's Majesty's Navy and his wife Agnes.
One mess., one storehouse, two yards, and one garden in Chatham near Chatham Street and remainder of lease of 79 years acquired by Barnes from Walter Hayte of Rochester, tailor (as granted by St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester to Hayte in 1545) on land called The Key.

Consideration - £100

Initialed by W. Barnes as above with two pendant seals on separate tapes one also initialled W.B.

Deed witnessed by Thomas Maynent, Walter Portryffe and Miles Toughe. Seizin witnessed by Mathew Baker, Michael Gunson, Thomas Kennte and Henry Streckland 10 March 1582.

2mm

292 Bond for due performance [collateral to 291-293] 22 January 1582

(i) William Barnes of Chatham, one of four Masters of the Queen's Navy.

(ii) John Hawkins of London, Treasurer of the Queen's Navy £200

Witnessed by Walter Portryffe, Miles Toughe and Thomas Maynent.

[N.B. wrong year inscribed in margin of obverse viz. 1682] Seal
Feoffment (collateral to /291-292)  22 January 1582

(i) William Barnes of Chatham, one of the four Masters (Magistrorum) of the Navy, and his wife Agnes [see also/291]
(ii) John Hawkins Esq., Treasurer of the Navy

One mess., one storehouse, two yards, one garden, alongside Chatham Street, Chatham, adjoining the land of Richard Smyth in the east, St. Bartholomew's Hospital in the west, the River Medway (Midway Water) in the north and Chatham Street in the south

Consideration: certain monies [i.e. not stated]

Witnesses: Walter Portryffe, Miles Toughe, Thomas Maynent.
Various endorsements inc memorandum concerning livery of seisin for a Master Barons House, as sold to John Hawkins 24 Eliz I 1581/1582

[see /60] [see also /295-296]
Schedule of conveyances in Chatham High Street, addressed to c. 1730's
Bryan Beatham of Chatham Dock reciting 1578 (Hills) to 1582 (Hawkins). Annotated by Henry Sheafe.

1 Item

295  Deed Box  c.1600

Box with hinged lid and fastening tape originally containing deeds /280-290, 293.

Bears two paper labels on lid top, both nearly contemporary with box inscribed (a) "old deeds and conveyances of the Estate in Chatham" and (b) more descriptively of contents, this latter with a notation by A.A. Arnold, Dep. Governor, 14 July 1914, that several items were passed to "Rochester [Eastgate] Museum" [now Guildhall Museum]. These items have been restored to the collection, viz. /280, 293. At least one other item bearing Hawkins' own signature was misappropriated earlier in the 20th Century (probably the counterpart conveyance mentioned by Arnold, p.5).

Wood, leather and paper composition 9"x6½"x3½"

296  Envelope originating from the Museum Curator, Eastgate House, c.1970's

Rochester ["Rochester Museum" as per /295] and originally
containing items 127, 280, 293 as deposited with the Museum by A.A. Arnold in 1914 and reunited with the main collection in 1994.

1 item

Deeds to Chatham Freehold Estate: Western Plot (Boundary Wharf, Chatham Intra) 1728-1935

[see also correspondence 1847-1967, /309-330]

This site was adjacent to the main portion of the Hospital's land as used for almshouses and consisted of a strip of land with narrow frontage to Chatham High Street extending to a wider wharf area alongside the Medway. The area was rented out to bring in income.

[See also /269/1-4]
Counterpart lease for 40 years  
12 April 1798

(i) Hawkins' Hospital
(ii) George Pemble and Richard Pemble of Chatham, house carpenters.

Land in Chatham High Street, 31' abutting the road, giving other dimensions, mess, lately erected occupied by Thomas Brisley, other messes occupied by David Lowerston, Joseph Wood, John Shiggleton and John Culver, with wharf etc.

Rent: £20 p.a.

Signed by both Pembles as above

Counterpart Lease for 21 years  
29th January 1827

(i) Hawkins' Hospital.

Two messes, warehouses, yard and wharf, etc. near Hawkins' Hospital in Chatham, lately held by James Abbott Lloyd [Under-tenant?] of George and Richard Pemble and lately occupied by [William] Taylor and [William] Manlove, mentioning four messes. recently demolished. Building
operations described in covenant cf. plan as below. Mentions use of memel or riga fir in work.

Consideration = £65 p.a.

Inc. on dorse, plan of almshouses showing Committee room with shaded areas representing (a) present wharf area comprising old wharf, storehouse, cottage, yard and dwellinghouse and (b) proposed storehouse and wharf area with platform and also indicating platform to almshouses, drain, wash-house and new alms-houses, outside area of site plan. Plan about \( \frac{1}{2}" = 10' \).

[For further plans of Hawkins’ Hospital see also 272, 276A, 308, 344-346, 348, 544 and 545].
299 Surrender of Lease 7th August 1827

(i) James Albert Lloyd of Leigh, Essex, Gent.
(ii) Hawkins' Hospital.

Piece of ground adjoining Hospital in High Street, Chatham, orientation given, house lately built standing in above, then occupied by James Brisley and four other houses also lately built, also in above ground, lately occupied by David Loweriston, Joseph Wood, John Shiggeton and John Culver and a yard and wharf, all of which formerly leased to George and Richard Pemble, deceased.

[See also /340] (Paper) Item.

299A Copy of /299.

300 Copy of Agreement [23rd May] c.1856 and

(i) George Essell and William Webb Hayward both of Rochester, 1861 attorneys, acting for Hawkins' Hospital.

(ii) John Roots and George Roots jun. of Luton, brickmakers.

To let mess. fronting Chatham High Street late occupied by
Thomas Marrable with adjoining house and painter's shop, with
storehouses, wharf, and cottages late occupied by William
Thomas Ashenden.

Rent = £60 p.a.

With letter from both Roots as above giving up tenancy, 29th
August 1861.

1 bundle/2 items.

301 Counterpart Lease for 21 years 24th April
1862

(i) Hawkins' Hospital.

(ii) Jesse Thomas of Chatham, Coal Merchant.

Mess., tent, or beerhouse in Chatham High Street, known as
"The British Yeoman", occupied by John Brinsted, together with
another mess., four small cottages, washhouse and wharf,

etc. lately held by William Ashenden and later by John Roots
currently held by Thomas as above.

Rent: £60.

Annotated and cancelled in various places in pencil.
1m.
Licence  
7th June 1881

(i) City of Rochester
(ii) Hawkins’ Hospital, Chatham

For an embankment or wharf extending into the River Medway

Consideration = Rent of 11/1 p.a.

With plan, scale 10' = 6/10"

With pendant wafer seal.

1 item

Counterpart Lease for 14 years  
23rd May 1893

(i) Hawkins’ Hospital, Chatham
(ii) Alfred James Steed of Chatham, Coal Merchant.

Premises comprising messes, storehouse, stables, wharf and platform, etc. in Chatham. [Boundary Wharf]. John Upton named as part occupier.

Rent = £110 p.a.

1 item.
304 Counterpart Lease for 14 years. 4th April 1907

(i) Hawkins' Hospital, Chatham
(ii) Mrs. Laura Steed of Chatham, Wid.

Houses, Stables and Wharf, etc. partly previously occupied by James Steed.

Rent = £125 p.a.

With assignment of Lease to Ernest Henry Haymen and Henry Sherwin Knight both of 90 and 92 High Street, Rochester, coal factors.

1 bundle/2 Items.

305 Counterpart of Lease for 14 years 9th April 1920 [-1925]

(i) Hawkins' Hospital, Chatham
(ii) E.H. Haymen and H.S. Knight as per /306.

Boundary Wharf, Chatham
Rent = £125 p.a.

With correspondence relating to repairs of premises April - October 1925.

1m. + 2pp.
Lease for 14 years 4th April 1907

(i) Hawkins' Hospital, Chatham
(ii) Mrs. Laura Steed of Chatham, Wid. Rent £125 p.a.

With assignment of Lease

(i) Mrs. Laura Steed as above.
(ii) Ernest Henry Haymen and Henry Sherwin Knight, both of 90 and 92 High Street, Rochester, Coal factors. (10th September 1910)

Consideration = £50

With Surrender of Lease

(i) Haymen and Knight as above.
(ii) Hawkins' Hospital (8th April 1920)

Houses, stables and wharf in Chatham [Boundary Wharf, Chatham]

1m. Pendant wafer seal.
307 Deed of grant and covenant

(i) St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester
(ii) Hawkins' Hospital, Chatham and Featherstones' Limited, Rochester

Alterations to 375 and 377 High Street, Rochester, owned by each hospital as above respectively, in favour of Featherstones' Ltd.

Rent: £1 p.a. Hawkins to St. Bartholomew's.

With schedule of alterations and architect's drawings by G.E. Bond (F.T. Goring and J.V.K. Goring) Rochester April 1934, scale 8":1" 28¾ " x 21".

308 Lease for 30 years.

(i) Hawkins' Hospital, Chatham
(ii) Featherstones' Ltd., 62 High St., Rochester

Land, mess. and wharf known as Boundary Wharf, Chatham
Rent: £185 p.a. Inc site plan

[For further plans of Hawkins' Hospital please see /272, 276A, 298, 344-346, 348, 544 and 545]

19th Nov. 1934

17th Oct. 1935
Correspondence: Dispute Between Hospital and Miss Mary Turner 1824-1827

309 Letters from William Stevens variously of 12 Hatton Garden, London and 2 Sion College Gardens, Aldermanbury, London to Edward Twopeny of Rochester, attorney, discussing costs and other matters associated with case of Miss Turner v Hawkins' Hospital, resulting from Hawkins's Hospital "carrying up their buildings to such a height as to impede the light and air and obstruct the prospect" (309/19).

1 bundle/19 items

310 Letter from W. Ashenden of Chatham to George Essell of Rochester stating that the houses belonging to Miss Turner are occupied by Stiles and Culver (?) and were built in 1785, the almshouses in 1789.

1 item

311 Printed circular convening the Governors on 5 November annotated to effect this is to discuss notice of intention from Miss Turner to prosecute for injury to her property and with names of Governors to whom circulated, Charles Cunningham, William Payne, Charles Duncan, George Parkin and the Dean of Rochester.
Notice from Mary Turner to Commissioner Cunningham at Chatham Yard, redirected to Edward Twopeny [of Rochester, Solicitor] giving Hawkins' Hospital an ultimatum comprising (a) offer of sale of her three messes, near Hawkins' Hospital to the Governors but with an annual income or annuity payable to her from the invested proceeds equivalent to the rent or (b) she will take them to court for damages caused by "late erections" made by Governors.

2 items

Letter from Commissioner C. Cunningham of Chatham Dockyard to Edward Twopeny of Rochester giving instructions. 1826

1 item

Letter from Hannibal Sandys* of London to E. Twopeny of Rochester discussing costs in case. 1826

1 item

Letter from Hannibal Sandye* of Sandys and Sons of London to Edward Twopeny of Rochester, attorney explaining that the plaintiff will take the "costs out of pocket" and is not proceeding to trial also referring to ending of abatement of nuisance.
*See DNB vol. 50p.296

316 Draft advertisement for sale of materials from 4 demolished cottages, formerly occupied by a Mrs. Dean, William Manlove, Charles Honeysett and Thomas Brice, near Hawkins' Hospital in Chatham. [Drawn up by Edward Twopeny of Rochester].

2pp

Correspondence: Boundary Wharf, Chatham 1847-1967

[See also deeds 1827-1861, /297-308 and insurances /269/1-4. Some facsimiles of modern O.S. maps serving as site plans can be found at /329/9-12]


1 item
318 Report by Samuel Sidden, surveyor, on mess., wharf, storehouses and cottages, describing premises, estimating annual value and suggesting improvements subsequent to occupation of William Thomas Ashenden.

1 item

319 Letter from William Thomas Ashenden of Chatham to G. Essell of Rochester concerning improvements to sanitation at his premises as ordered by Inspector of Nuisances. Annotation refers to letter book.

[See also records of Chatham Local Board of Health (CBA) and Chatham Manor (CBA/MNR)].

[See also /320]

1p

320 Accounts possibly related to property repairs found with /319 addressed to [W.T.] Ashenden of Chatham, coal merchant.

1p

321 Letter from J. Roots of Luton to Hawkins' Hospital concerning transfer of agreement to Jesse Thomas.

8th [?] June 1861
2 items


1 bundle/2 items

323 Letter from Acworth and son of Star Hill, Rochester, to Essell Knight and Arnold, Precinct, Rochester, requesting Hawkins' Hospital's permission for Jesse Thomas to grant an under lease to the wharf and coal sheds. 1st January 1864

1 item

324 Letter from Jesse Thomas of 32 High Street, Rochester to George Essel Knight and Arnold of Precinct, Rochester, solicitors informing Hawkins' Hospital that their premises are now insured [see /325] 11th January 1864 With flyer advertising Jesse Thomas' business as agent for Caledonian Insurance Co. at Boundary Wharf, Chatham, also describing him as coal merchant.

N.B. Penny red stamp on former.
Letter from James Muir of Caledonian Fire & Life Insurance Office, 39 Lothbury, London to Jesse Thomas, 32 High Street, Rochester explaining fire policies are on way, with memorandum by Thomas.
326 Report by [?] Clements, Surveyor as to completion of repairs to Hospital premises as leased to Jesse Thomas. 28th Feb. 1868

1p

327 Plan, elevation and section of present and proposed platform projecting from wharf into River Medway.

Scale 1 ¼" = 10'  
c.1868

1 item/25"x17"

328 Original label probably written by A.A. Arnold for wrapper c.1900 containing items/294, 298, 300, 309, 310-314, 319-328, 339, 535-536, 538, 541, 544-549.

1 item

329 Papers relating to negotiations with Featherstones' Ltd for sale or continued renting of Hawkins' Hospital freehold property comprising Boundary Wharf to Featherstones, case for opinion of Counsel prepared by Arnold Tuff & Grimwade of Rochester, Solicitors, extracts from Hawkins' Hospital minutes 1933-1965, facsimiles of section of O.S. map of area with annotations (329/9-12) and facsimile correspondence between Hawkins' Hospital and W.E.R. Randall & Sons, 23 Railway Street,
Chatham, Surveyors and Prall & Prall of Dartford, Surveyors, concerning the same.

1 bundle/22pp

330 Featherstones: Lease of Boundary Wharf, Chatham

Case for opinion of Counsel prepared by Arnold Tuff & Grimwade of Precinct, Rochester, Solicitors with opinion by E.A. Bramall, 3 Dr. Johnson's Buildings, Temple, London, EC4.

1 bundle/2 items

Fabric & Architecture 1607-1956

331 Memorandum as to repairs to be done to Widow Erling's room, the kitchen, tiling and for making a gate, apparently by and signed by Sir Peter Buck, with endorsement to this effect by A.A. Arnold, c.1900.

1 item
332  Inventory of bedding and furniture delivered to almshouses, naming pensioners.  c.1640

1 item

333  Receipts from Francis Hills for carpentry work, 22 August and Aug. 1664 from Thomas Francis for masonry work, 25 August, to John Cox, both in respect of work done at the Hospital, paid out of money given by the Archbishop of Canterbury and Trinity House.

[Removed from /178].

2 items

334  MS notebook containing transcriptions from buildings on premises together with abstract of charter of 1594 and list of statutes and ordinances 1598, presumably a draft for /335-336 by deputy governor.

Inc annotations on biography of Hawkins.  c.1806

1 vol./11pp
335 Printed booklet probably produced for distribution to the Hospital's Governors, comprising:

(a) Inscriptions on the building and in "the old Booke 1617" p.3

(b) Abstract of the foundation Charter 27 Aug. 1594 pp. 4-8 and

(c) Statutes and Ordinances made 25 May 1598 pp. 9-13.

Printed by S. Caddel, Rochester Printing Office.

[This item for production] [See also /336]

1 vol./13pp.

335A Draft for printed booklets as /335, bound in parchment fragment of deed (mortgage) relating to unstated premises but mentioning Robert Daniel as a party and also William Villiers, third Earl of Jersey, pre-1805.

1 item

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336 Duplicates of (/335) c.1806

Item /336/4/1 bears signature/inscription "George Essell"
[These items not for production]

1 bundle/14 vols.

[336/4/2] Notes as to income from estates  8th April 1847

(Removed from /336/4/1)

1p.]

337 Printed booklet comprising  1860

(a) Inscriptions on the building and in "the old Booke 1617"

(/21[?]) p.3

(b) Abstract of the foundation charter 27 Aug. 1594 pp. 4-8

(c) Statutes and Ordinances made 25 May 1598 pp. 9-13 and

(d) Rules to be observed by the Pensioners pp. 13-15

[This item for production] [See also /338]
1 vol./15pp

338 Duplicates of (/337) 1860

Item /338/59 inscribed or signed "A.A. Arnold".

[These items not for production].

1 bundle/59 vols.

339 Tenders for purchase of demolition materials of 4 cottages from 7-8th July 1826

T.W. Wood of Chatham, Henry Crosman (?) of High Street,
Chatham, W. Payne, 29 [High Street?], Chatham, L. Levy of
Rochester and Montague Marks of 342 [High Street ?], Chatham,
to Edward Twopeny Esq., College Green, Rochester.

1 bundle/5 items

340 Papers found with /299 comprising letters, memoranda, notes and 1826-1827
accounts chiefly relating to arrangements for surrender of Lloyd's
lease of premises in Chatham as per items /299-299A, several
mentioning taking down of premises.

Inc. memorandum of agreement between Lloyd and E. Twopeny
as to surrender of lease 11 March 1826.
1 bundle/7 items

341 Steel key to water stop-cock on premises, with starched linen label attached as supplied by W. & H. Spencelayh, Chatham April 1861, with two paper wrappers and original twine.

7 ¾” long.

1 bundle/5 items

342 Correspondence between R.A. Arnold, Dep.Governor and H.P. July-Sep 1911 Mann, Town Clerk of Chatham negotiating for the Town Council to fix a motor speed limit sign on the wall of Hawkins’ Hospital, with note from F. Wingent of Rochester approving design, illustrated.

1 bundle/6 items

343 [No. not allocated]

344 Plan as/268 & 540 and see also 272. Also names William Clarke c.1750 as owner/occupier of land to east of freehold plot.

19¾” x 12”. Parchment.
[For other plans of the Hospital, see/276A, 298, 308, 345-346, 348, 540 and 545].

345 Plan, sections and elevation of Hawkins' Hospital showing Sep. 1857 proposed additions by Martin Bulmer, architect, comprising two new homes, new wash house and two privies. Showing area between Chatham High Street, R. Medway, cottages and roadway to west and boundary to east. Annotated with room names, pump etc, and with statement to effected submitted to Governors 8th April 1858.

1 item 34" x 24¼" Paper

[For other plans of Hawkins' Hospital, see 268, 272, 276A, 298, 308, 344, 346, 348, 540, 544-545].

346 Facsimile site plan of Hawkins' Hospital and Boundary Wharf, c.1925 Chatham also showing Chatham High Street and Chatham/Rochester boundary.

1 item 16" x 10"

[For other plans of Hawkins' Hospital, see 268, 272, 276A, 298, 308, 344-345, 348, 540, 544 & 545].
347 Architect’s drawings of elevations, floor plans and site plans of Hawkins’ Hospital, Chatham, as existing and as proposed, by MacAvoy & Baldwin, Rochester.

Scales 8’ = 1” and 1/500 29½” x 21½”

1 bundle/3 sheets

348 Architect’s tracings, facsimile drawings and notes relating to existing almshouses and proposed alterations, prepared by MacIvor & Baldwin, Rochester, architects & surveyors, drawings comprising floor plans and elevations with textual descriptions.

Maximum Size 30” x 22¾

Paper & Halling Paper 1 bundle/24 sheets

[For other plans of Hawkins’ Hospital, see 268, 272, 276A, 298, 308, 344-346, 540, 544-545].

OLD GARLAND’S FARM, STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX: FREEHOLD 1591-1920

[See also PROPERTY AND ESTATE MANAGEMENT: GENERAL section above for records of these and other estates combined and item/114]
Hawkins acquired this estate in 1591 (see/349) and it was finally sold by the Hospital in 1920. It may be significant that this property was close to Tilbury Fort where in 1588 thousands of troops had gathered in anticipation of a landing by the land forces of the Spanish Armada. Elizabeth I visited her forces at Tilbury on 8th August 1588. The other signatories or parties to deed/349 include Edward Fenton and Robert Peterson, the latter possibly the lawyer and poet, both of whom were close acquaintances of Sir Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, "Lieutenant and Captain General of the Queen's armies and companies" who had commanded at Tilbury (DNB).

This being the case, Hawkins chose an estate close to a symbolic bastion of England's defences against the Armada, a transaction further secured at the time by men close to Leicester when the latter had enjoyed the Monarch's confidence.

This surmise leads to the further speculation that in associating his Hospital with Tilbury, Hawkins was not only commemorating himself as a benefactor to seamen and shipwrights but also the victory over the Armada, making him one of the few individuals of his age to appreciate the significance of this victory and to mark it in any significant way.

It may be coincidence that Hawkins' ship on his last voyage in which he died on 12th November 1595, was called the "Garland" (Williamson 1927pp 482-489).
Deeds and Title 1591-1920

349  Defeazance collateral to a Statute Staple  5th March 1591

(i)  Edward Fenton of London, Esq *
     Robert Peterson of London, gent *

(ii)  Ewgeny Gatton of Mucking, Essex, gent.

(iii) Sir John Hawkins of London, Kt. and his wife Dame Katheryn.

(a)  Recites Gatton bound to Fenton and Peterson in £1,200 in trust for both Hawkins, by Statute Staple of same date.

(b)  Recites sale of Manor and Messes, etc. from Gatton to Hawkins by Feoffment dated 28/29 Feb. [1591].

Condition that if Hawkins take possession of property in (b) then defeazance void and Fenton and Peterson agree to make document over to Hawkins on request. Signed by Ewgeny Gatton. Seal on tape (seal impression in form of classical gem.)

Witnessed by Robert [?] Combes, B.Gonson, Humphrey Chiborn and John Brouning.
Bond collateral to a defeazance collateral to a Statute Staple 5th March 1591

(i) Ewgeny Gatton of Mucking, Essex, gent
(ii) Edward Fenton of London Esq *

£1200

Recites Statute Staple [see/349]

[* see D.N.B.]

Seals on sideways tags: one a rose with circumferential inscription, second possibly armorial, third a classical gem (two mutilated).
Memoranda apparently relating to sums bound to be paid by named individuals in conveyances, as follows:


11th July 1587

Ewgeny Gatton bound to Henry Palmer citizen and tailor of London in £40 15th November 1587.

Ewgeny Gatton bound to John Watts citizen and clothworker of London in £80, 22nd October 1590 (/351/1) With a second docket also mentioning Gatton and Palmer as above (/351/2).

Former document endorsed in a later hand "minutes of recognisances acknowledged by Mr. Gatton" and "this to go with the Essex estate".

1 bundle/2 items

Draft lease for 21 years

13th Sep.

1699
(i) Hawkins’ Hospital


Old Garland’s Farm

Consideration:

£20 fee for surrender of previous deed dated 23rd April 1674 and rent of £50 p.a.

1 bundle/5pp

353 Notes apparently on title to property in Chatham c.1707 reciting from deeds dated 1666.

1 bundle/2 items


1 bundle/7 pp
355 Schedule of deeds to Old Garland's Farm reciting 1563 - 1699 with special notes relating to rights, possibly compiled by Dep Governor. c.1724

1 bundle/3 sheets

356 Notes on ½ acre of marsh land at Chatham, reciting title deeds 1546-1666, stating at one point "the half acre is now built on". c.1750

1 item

357 Copy of lease for 7 years 16th April 1914

(i) Hawkins' Hospital
(ii) As /358

Old Garland's Farm

Rent: As/358

1 item/11 pp
Draft Lease for 7 years 1914

(i) Hawkins’ Hospital


Old Garland’s Farm

Rent: £123.7s.6d.

1 item/14pp

Schedule of deeds to Old Garland’s Farm reciting 1599-1920. 28th Sep 1920

1 bundle/2pp

Conveyance 29th Sep 1920

(i) Hawkins’ Hospital

(ii) London and Thames Haven Oil Wharves Ltd, 3 Gt St. Helens, London.
Mess or farmhouse divided into two tents and land, called Old Garland's Farm, Stanford-Le-Hope, Essex occupied by Austin Williams Squier and Samuel Joseph Squier.

Price: £2,700 With plan and schedule 4pp

**Loose Accounts 1644-1920**

361 Loose accounts for management of Old Garland's Farm, 1644, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex (as 1/14) that is to say receipted bills for 1680-c.1750 land tax, Manor of Fobbing quit-rent and rent.

**Inc** draft "to be let" notice for Old Garland's Farm described as mess, barn, stable, 30a upland, 87a fresh marsh land and 15a Salt/waste land, for 21 years lease c1750 (1/361/13).

**Inc** list of bidders for farm as above noting Zachariah Button as "best bidder", c.1750 (1/361/12)

1 bundle/13 items

362 Accounts for hay, oats, beans and dinner expenses. c.1740

1 item
363 Quit-rent and rent receipts issued to John May, tenant of Old Garland's Farm. 1749-1750
1 bundle/3 items

364 Receipts for John May's rent for Old Garland's Farm. 1750-1751
1 bundle/2 items

365 Receipted bill from H & R L. Cobb, Cathedral Chambers, Rochester, Surveyors as submitted to Arnold Day and Tuff mainly for advertising sale of Old Garland's Farm. 20th Sep 1920
1p.

366 Bill from Arnold Day & Tuff, Precinct, Rochester for charges incurred in sale of Old Garland's Farm, with receipt. 20th Sep/26th Oct 1920
1 bundle/4 pp
Correspondence Concerning Leases, Disputes and Conveyancing
1707-1920

367  Letter from Thomas Edwards of Stanford-le-Hope, Essex to 20th Nov. [John] Walsall of Strood, attorney, asking for consideration to be given to the rent for and condition of Old Garland's Farm, with memoranda by Walsall on rear concerning new lease.

1 Item


1 Item

369  Letter from B. Bentham, Chatham Ropery to Henry Sheafe 11th [?] June concerning names of Governors in Trust Deed.

1 Item

370  Old Garlands Farm: Driveway July-August 1724

Letter from David Gansel of Leyton Grange [Essex] to Mr. Bentham, Clerk of H.M. Ropery, Chatham, politely taking
issue with the Governors on a matter of Tenant Right, with memorandum by Bentham minuting the decision of the Governors for him to meet Gansel in London and the result, and draft or covering letter to a Mrs. Edwards, their tenant, explaining the situation, each asserting the Governor’s rights.

Inc. note appended by Gansel to his letter stating "Sir: I desire 4 or 5 days notice when you favour me with yours, for fear of a disappointment, the letters being sometimes detained by neglect of the Penny Post" [spelling modernised].

1 Item

371 Letter from David Gansel of Leyton Grange [Essex], to Mr. Bentham, Clerk of H.M. Ropery, Chatham asserting his rights and protesting against the Governors’ course of action

1 Item

372 Memorandum by B. Bentham and Henry Sheafe that on 19th October 1724 they witnessed John Grew, Robert Jacobs and Thomas Good, servants of Lt. Garland’s Farm, driving 18 cows and six horses along Old Garland’s Farm driveway, that they rebuked them and the next day obtained an apology from their master, Peel, for trespass.
1 Item

(All placenames above stated are in Essex)

2 Sheets

374 Petition from John and Sarah May, tenants of Old Garland’s Farm, to the Governors, requesting they rebuild and relocate the farm and renegotiate the terms of their lease to take into account the dire effects on their livestock and corn of a Thames Flood lasting from 16th February 1735 [sic: presumably the authors mean Old Style i.e. 1736] - 24th June 1737, cattle distemper, the scotting of their marshland by the Commission of Sewers and the Turnpikes’ effect on the price paid for beef by London butchers.
1 Item


15th August [1750]

1 Item

376 Copy of letter from Henry Sheafe of Strood to Richard Hyder, Grays, Essex, asking latter for a revised valuation of the rent for Old Garland's Farm and advising "that a tight new house will be built".

10th August 1750

1 p.

377 Schedule of repairs to be done to Old Garland's Farm with costs.

25th August 1750

1 item
378 Note advising of Zachariah (Zakariah) Button’s intention to offer c1750 to rent Old Garland’s Farm.

1 Item

379 Copy of letter from Robert Taylor of Strood (as /380) to Richard 12th July 1754 Hyder of Grays, Essex indicating the Governors’ preference for William Maling over Jelf and asking for a character reference for the former.

1 Item

380 Letter from Richard Hyder of Grays, Essex to Robert Taylor of Strood, Attorney at Law, recommending Nicholas Jelf of Bull Head, Smithfield, London as a tenant, with memorandum as to how to meet Jelf.

1 Item

381 Copy of letter from Robert Taylor of Strood to Nicholas Jelf of 12th July 1754 Bull Head, Smithfield, London asking latter to submit his proposals for leasing Old Garland’s Farm.
List of proposals or conditions as basis of lease of Old Garland’s Farm from Governors to Nicholas Jelf of Barking, Essex, grazier.

Letter from R. Hyder advising against Malyn as tenant but strongly recommending Jelf and saying "the farm at the expiration of his lease will be a great deal the better".

Memorandum to enquire for character references for John Jaggins of Hutton, Essex and William Maling of Avely, Essex.

Letter from Richard Hyder of Grays, Essex, to Robert Taylor of Strood enquiring on behalf of Jelf whether the farm has been disposed of.
1 p.
386  Letter from Nicholas Jelf [of Bulls Head, Smithfield, London] to Robert Taylor of Strood, asking for advice on John May’s intention to sell the dung at the farm. 23rd Sep. 1754

1 Item


1 item

388  Letter from Nicholas Jelfe of Rippleside, Barking, Essex, to Deputy Governor [?] stating that due to lack of plan of Old Garland’s Farm [?] the lease must state Jelfe’s consent of liability for further repairs to the premises. 13th Dec. 1755

1 item

389  Letter from Thomas Jelfe of Rippleside, Barking, Essex, to Mr. Tomlinson, Attorney-at-Law, Chatham asking for confirmation of whether he is obliged to pay Quit Rent to Old Hall, Corringham, Essex. 10th Feb. 1771

1 item
Letter from George Spitty of Horndon-on-the-Hill, Essex to E. Twopeny of Rochester, Esq., explaining that a railroad has been proposed, the route of which takes it across Old Garland's Farm and that the local farmers are opposed to it and will petition Parliament accordingly. Spitty asks for the Governor's support and further states that as the River Thames is nearby, "there cannot be saved one farthing expense to the occupiers in conveying any produce the land may grow". Spitty also asks advice on rent.

Letter from George Spitty as 390 to E. Twopeny providing further information on the railroad and describing its route.

Tracings of plans of Gt. Garland's Farm, two taken from 1904 1=2500 O.S. map, two with legends naming fields and giving quantities. Neighbouring proprietors, Thames Haven Railway, buildings and other geographical features noted, each plan varying in detail or size.

Inc. Lt. Garland's Farm.
Inc. Mousewell Hole

2 x 34 1/4" x 25 1/4" (392/15/1-2)

1 x 30 1/4" x 21 3/4" (392/15/3)

1 x 19 3/4" x 18" (392/15/4)

Starched linen

[See also 343]

1 bundle/4 sheets

393 Sale of Old Garland's Farm

Correspondence between A.A. Arnold of Arnold Day & Tuff, 1913-1921
Precinct, Rochester, solicitors and A.W. & S.J. Squier of
Horndon-on-the-Hill, Essex, tenants of Old Garland's Farm,
G.W. Cooke of Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, builder (with estimate
and specification for works 1913-1914), H. & R.L. Cobb,
Cathedral Chambers, Rochester, surveyors, Charity Commission,
London, SW1 and others, negotiating for sale of Old Garland's
Farm.

Inc. Copy of report by H. & R.L. Cobb as above on Old...
Garland's Farm, 5 March 1920 (/393/73-74).

1 bundle/118 pp/items

394 Joint statutory declaration by Augustus Alfred Arnold of Cobhambury, Cobham, Esq., and Robert Anthony Arnold of Precinct, Rochester, solicitor, as to freehold land and premises called Old Garland's Farm.

6th Sep. 1920

[See aso /395]

1 item/3pp

395 Draft joint statutory declaration of /394 1920

1 item/2pp

396 Printed particulars and conditions of sale of Old Garland's Farm comprising house, buildings and 137a. With coloured plan. Three copies.

1 booklet x 3
Further copies of 396 each minus plan. 1920

1 bundle/3 items
398  Pencil-drawn plan of ground and first [?] floors of Old Garland’s Farm [?], with pencil annotations and measurements.

21½" x 15" Paper  1 item

399  Charity Commission authority to sell real estate by auction relating to Old Garland’s Farm. Two copies.

1p.

400  Copy of requisitions on title to Old Garland’s Farm received from Deacon & Co., 9 Great St. Helens, London, Solicitors for purchaser.

1 item

401  Draft conditions of sale prepared by Arnold Day & Tuff, Precinct, Rochester, solicitors. With duplicate.

2 items/5 pp. each
Correspondence concerning litigation over right of way over Curry Marsh, Stanford-le-Hope: Bowridge v. Edwards 1707-1709

Letter from Jeremy Gregory of Chatham Dock to John Walsall of Strood, informing him of the Governors' decision to back Edwards, tenant of Old Garland's Farm, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, in asserting his right to common 26 sheep against opposition from a neighbour, on grounds that this practice is "immemorial" and corroborated by all previous leases including predecessor Phipps' lease.

Inc. extract from minutes 16 Oct. 1706
Letter from Thomas Edwards of Grays, Essex to John Walsall of Strood, attorney, anticipating further trouble from the tenant of Curry Marsh, Stanford-le-Hope, who threatens to break down his gate and impound his 26 sheep.
406 Letter from Thomas Edwards of Mucking[ford], Essex to John Walsall at the Red Hart, Fetter La., London, Attorney, detailing history of commoning arrangements and mentioning a reputed case on the subject at Assizes between Phipp and Sanders families.

1 item

407 Letter from Thomas Edwards of Muckingford, Essex to Jeremy Gregory of Chatham Dock asking for advice on how to proceed concerning the breaking down of his gate and the commoning of his sheep.

1p

408 [Copy?] Letter from John Walsall of Strood to Thomas Edwards of Muckingford, Essex, explaining the outcome of former's conversation with a Mr. Philps, Merchant, at his house in Devonshire Square, London, landlord or trustee of Curry Marsh, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, related rights of ways disputes, previous Chancery case in 1636-1640 (Cheslin v. Nathaniel Tearne) [See also /415] recent damage to gate and obtaining information from witnesses. With annotations as to some further information obtained from Edwards and on same subject.
409 Letter from Jeremy Gregory of Chatham Dock to John Walsall of Strood concerning the Edwards case. 1707

410 Accounts similar to /411 as submitted to Jeremy Gregory, Deputy Feb-April 1707 Governor.

411 Accounts of expenses incurred by John Walsall in conducting business on behalf of Hawkins' Hospital in relation to the dispute over the right of way over Curry Marsh, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, and Dr. Plume's bequest. [See also /190, 192-195].

413 Letter from Thomas Edwards of Muckingford, Essex, to John Walsall of Strood, Attorney, recounting problems arising from the actions of Thomas Barker and the digging of a party ditch also on a gate in question.

1p


1p

415 Copy of accounts and charges associated with Governors' defence [1637-1640] of Nathanial Terne [sic], Deputy Governor and tenant of Old Garland's Farm against suit in Chancery by Robert Cheslin concerning a disputed Droveway over Hospital land. [See also /408].

1 item

416 Letter from Thomas Edwards of Grays, Essex to Walsall as above explaining inability to provide information about a previous Court case involving Phipp, and earlier tenant.

8th January 1708


Bishop's Writ endorsed with note to effect he is "ill of the gravell" and with travelling directions and description of
topographical features in vicinity of Hockley and Rayleigh, Essex. (420/1).

1 bundle/3 items


1 item

422 Letter from Thomas Edwards [of Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, tenant] to Jeremy Gregory of Chatham Dock concerning payment or part-payment of fees arising from the Court case. Also mentioning the commoning of sheep.

1p

423 Letter from John Walsall of Strood to Thomas Edwards of 13th December Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, instructing latter not to permit Thomas 1708 Barker to use the way he claims unless he permits sheep commoning as per lease, also mentioning costs, damages and verdict.

[Copy?].
Letter from Thomas Edwards [of Stanford-le-Hope, Essex] to John Walsall of Strood, notifying latter of a fresh trespass by Barker and discussing damages and further actions with copy of/draft reply from Walsall, dated 5th January 1709.

Accounts for subsistence possibly in connection with travel related to litigation.
Rough notes possibly by John Walsall in connection with his c.1708 expenses in Governors' litigation concerning Old Garland's Farm, written on back of draft Latin document also relating to case of Thomas Edwards v. Thomas Barker.

1p

14 Feb. 1709

Letter from Thomas Edwards of Stanford-le-Hope, Essex tenant, to Jeremy Gregory of Chatham Dock, covering subpoena (sepene) [not present] delivered by Barker so Edwards believes as retaliation for last week's verdict in the Assizes, the point of contention on this occasion being a gate and piece of land.

/ item

Letter from Lionel Richardson [no address stated] to John Walsall 17 February of Strood, attorney, consulting on behalf of defendant in case of Bowridge v Edwards.

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1 bundle/21 sheets

430  Subpoena [?] to Thomas Edwards to appear in the Court of Chancery in the case of Edwards as above and William Bowridge, gent, plaintiff.

1 item


2 March 1709
432  Letter from Thomas Harrison [no address stated] to John Walsall, 8 March 1709
Strood discussing Edwards' damages and costs and complaining
of "the toothache".

1p

433  Notice of intention to examine witnesses from Christopher
Digges and [?] Husband to Thomas Edwards, defendant in case
of William Bowridge, plaintiff and Edwards as above said
examination to take place at Crown Inn, Burntwood Essex.

1 item

434  Letter from Thomas Edwards [no address stated] to John Walsall 30 March 1709
of Strood, attorney, concerning the examination of witnesses.
435 Response of Thomas Edwards, defendant to bill of William Bowridge, complainant, concerning disputed rights of way over Curry Marsh. 10 May 1709

1 bundle/2 sheets

436 Letter from Jeremy Gregory of Chatham Dock to John Walsall at the Red Hart Inn, Fetter L., London, attorney, advising latter of details in Lease from Hawkins' Hospital to Edwards. 18 June 1709

1 p

437 Notes on disputed right of way over Curry Marsh, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex. c.1709

lp

438 Brief for the plaintiff in case of Thomas Edwards vs. Thomas Barker concerning disputed right of way in Stanford-le-Hope, Essex c1707 - c1709
1 item

439 Lawyer’s notes on conveyance of Old Garland’s Farm from Henry Palmer to Governors 20 May 1599 with notes as to lights of way associated with.

c1707 - c1709

1 item

440 Further notes found with /439 and on same subject.

c1707 - c1709

1 bundle/3 sheets

441 Lawyer’s notes on disputed right of way at Old Garland’s Farm.

c1707 - c1709

1 bundle/4 sheets
The following sub-divisions or headings' are notional to a certain extent (see /491) as the tithes, rents deeds and general business associated with the running of the E. Wickham estates including the Chancel of E. Wickham church tended to merge, given the nature of the disputes which arose in each connection. The disputes involved the collation of all relevant materials to enable the deputy governor and Hospital’s lawyers to ascertain the facts in total and to prepare cases for settlement in court.

Deeds [1575] 1621 - 1830 (c.1900)

This section is unusual in that the Hospital seems to have retained some of the tenants’ own copies of the leases for permanent preservation in addition to its own or "counterpart" leases. Also illustrated in this section is the formal relationship between the Hospital and its tenants which was troublesome in the long term.

Abstract of title to property at E. Wickham reciting Boughton to Hawkins 1578 to Governors to William Reeves 1764.
1 Item

Schedule of title deeds to E. Wickham property reciting from 1575 - 1576 (Hawkins) to 1710 (Hudson's lease from Hospital).

1 item

contd.
444  Counterpart Lease for 21 years  1st July 1621

(i) Hawkins' Hospital.

(ii) Sir Francis Leighe of Addington, Surrey, Kt.

1a. arable land, 1a. pasture, 1a. woodland in Welling and East Wickham and tithes, formerly occupied by Sir Olliphe Leighe now occupied by Sir Francis Leighe.

Rent = £16 p.a.

1m. with armorial seal on tag.

445  Counterpart Lease for 21 years.  29th April 1641

(i) Hawkins' Hospital

(ii) Sir Francis Leighe of Addington, Surrey, Kt.

1a. arable land, 1a. pasture, 1a. woodland and tithes in Welling and East Wickham, formerly occupied by Sir Olliph [sic] Leighe now by Sir Francis as above.

Rent = £16 p.a. 1m. Seal on tag.

[See also letter from Sir Francis Leighe, 28th April 1641, /474].

446  Counterpart Lease for 21 years.  19th April 1655
(i) Hawkins' Hospital

(ii) Dame Christian Leighe of East Wickham, Wid.

1a. arable land, 1a. pasture, 1a. woodland and tithes in Welling and East Wickham.

Rent = £16 p.a.

1m. [Seal tag mutilated]

Counterpart Lease for 21 years. 8th April 1675

(i) Hawkins' Hospital

(ii) Sir Thomas Leighe of Addington, Surrey, Kt.

1a. arable land, 1a pasture, 1a. woodland and tithes in Welling and East Wickham, formerly occupied by Sir Francis Leighe of Addington, Surrey, Kt. and since of Dame Christian Leighe.

Rent = £16 p.a.

1m. Seal tag [mutilated]
Lease for 21 years. 8th April 1675

(i) Hawkins' Hospital

(ii) Sir Thomas Leighe of Addington, Surrey, Kt.

1a. arable land, 1a. pasture, 1a. woodland and tithes in Welling and East Wickham, formerly occupied by Sir Francis Leighe and now by Dame Christian Leighe.

Rent = £16 p.a.

Signed by governors Thomas Manley, Phinneas Pett, Edward Gregory, John Kirke and Philip Lathy [?]

Im. Seal on tape left side.

Draft Lease for 21 years. 8th April 1675

(i) Hawkins' Hospital

(ii) Sir Thomas Leighe of Addington, Surrey, Kt.

1a. arable land, 1a. pasture, 1a. woodland and tithes in Welling and East Wickham, formerly occupied by Sir Francis Leighe and now by Dame Christian Leighe.

Rent = £16 p.a.

Paper. 2pp. [See also /450]
Bond for due performance cognate with lease /449 8th April 1675

(i) Thomas Leighe of Addington, Surrey, Kt.
(ii) Hawkins' Hospital

£32. Seal on tag. lm.

Counterpart Lease for 21 years. 21st May 1684

(i) Hawkins' Hospital

1a. arable land, 1a. pasture, 1a. woodland and tithes in Welling and East Wickham, formerly occupied by Sir Thomas Leighe of Addington, Surrey. Kt.

Rent = £16 p.a.

1m. Seal on tag
Draft Lease  

(i) Hawkins' Hospital  
(ii) [Christopher] Smith  

1a. arable land, 1a. pasture, 1a. woodland and tithes in Welling and East Wickham.

Rent = £16 p.a.  

with extracts from Governor's minutes 13th September 1699 and 19th July 1689.

N.B. Document written on blank printed form with headed columns possibly relating to admission and discharge of seamen.

1 item.

Surrender of term remaining in Lease for 21 years of 1a. arable land, 1a. pasture, 1a. woodland and tithes in Welling and East Wickham, by Christopher Smith of Addington near Croydon, Surrey, gent. to Hawkins' Hospital.

Wafer Seal. Paper 1 Item.

Counterpart Lease for 21 years.  

(i) Hawkins' Hospital
(ii) Christopher Smith of Addington near Croydon, Surrey, Gent.

1a. arable land, 1a. pasture, 1a. woodland and tithes in Welling and East Wickham, formerly occupied by William Leigh.

Rent = £16 p.a.

1m. Seal on tag.

455 Lease for 21 years. 10 Sep. 1701

(i) Hawkins' Hospital

(ii) Christopher Smith of Addington near Croydon, Surrey, gent.

1a. arable land, 1a. pasture, 1a. woodland and tithes in Welling and East Wickham.

Rent = £16 p.a.

1m. [Mutilated. See also /456 for removed seal fragments]

456 Seal fragments found with /455. At least one fragment bears an impression. 1701

1 bag.
457 Counterpart Lease for 21 years. 7th April 1707

(i) Hawkins' Hospital

(ii) Walsingham King, esq., of Bromley, gent.

1a. arable land, 1a. pasture, 1a. woodland and tithes in Welling and East Wickham.

Rent = £16 p.a.

1m. Seal with impression of running stag.

458 Counterpart Lease for 21 years. 7th April 1707

(i) Hawkins' Hospital

(ii) Walsingham King, esq., Bromley, Gent.

1a. arable land, 1a. pasture, 1a. woodland and tithes in Welling and East Wickham, formerly occupied by Christopher Smith.

Rent = £16 p.a.

1m. [Endorsed "not executed"]
contd.
Lease and release

7-8 March 1726

(party to lease)

(i) Benjamin Rosewell of Chatham, gent., Master Shipwright of H.M. Yard and Navy there, governor of Hawkins' Hospital, only surviving trustee of barn and barnyard, etc., as below

(ii) James Young of Chatham, gent.

Robert Frost of Chatham, gent., Masters Attendant on H.M. Navy at Chatham, also governors of Hawkins' Hospital

Peter Logie of Chatham, gent.

Henry Barrell of St. Margaret's Rochester, gent.

John Sheafe of Rochester, gent.

Henry Sheafe of Strood, gent.

Richard Sheafe, jun., of Rochester, gent.

Barn and barnyard and messes, largely repaired by Edward Hodsdon, at Welling in E. Wickham, formerly occupied by Christopher Smith, deceased, later occupied by John Croucher and since by Thomas Watts, giving orientation.

Consideration = 5/-

(party to release)

(i) Nicholas Claget D.D., Dean of Rochester

Sir Thomas Colby, Bt., M.P. for Rochester, principal officer and commissioner of H.M. Navy
Thomas Kempthorne of Chatham, Esq.
Bryan Bentham of Chatham, gent., Clerk of H.M. Ropeway at Chatham, governors of Hawkins' Hospital.

(ii) Benjamin Rosewell of Chatham, gent., Master Shipwright of H.M. Yard and Navy there, as above.

(iii) Other parties as lease parties (ii) above.

460/1-2 Copy of Royal Grant [20 Jan. 1539]
c.1728

(i) King Henry VIII

(ii) Sir Edward Boughton
Manor and Lordship of Plumstead and Plumstead parsonage, formerly appertaining to St. Augustine's Monastery, Canterbury, together with the tithes etc. of Plumstead and the constituent villages of Plumstead Bestall, East Wickham, Welling, Woolwich, Lesenes, Erith, Bexley and Crayford and the advowson of Plumstead and chapel of East Wickham.
Consideration: manors, lands and rents of Shuldeford, Medegrave, Brodoke and Blakyslonds in Hackington and Sturry.

Covenant: Boughton to pay King £52.10/- in consideration of the greater value of the property granted to him by the King.

1 bundle/2pp
[two copies]

Draft transfer deed [part] [lease of lease and release] 24 June 1734

(i) Benjamin Rosewell of Chatham, gent., late Master Shipwright at Chatham Dockyard and late Governor of Hawkins' Hospital, trustee of premises mentioned below.
(ii) John Ward of Chatham, gent., current Master Shipwright of Chatham Dockyard and currently a governor of Hawkins' Hospital.
James Young of Chatham, gent.,
Robert Aggar of Chatham, gent., both Masters Attendant at Chatham Dockyard and both also governors.
Peter Logie of Chatham, gent., governor.
Henry Sheafe of Strood [attorney at law]

Barn and Barnyard, location not stated.

Consideration = 5/-
Draft transfer deed [part] [release of lease and release] 25 June 1734

(i) Thomas Herring D.D., Dean of Rochester.
Thomas Kempthorne of Chatham, Esq., Principal Officer and
Commissioner of H.M. Navy.
John Marsh of Rochester, Esq., Recorder of City of Rochester
William Walter of Chatham, Esq.,
John Baynard (all governors of Hawkins' Hospital)

(ii) Benjamin Rosewele of Chatham, gent., late Master
Shipwright at [Chatham] yard, trustee of barn etc.

(iii) John Ward of Chatham, gent., present Master Shipwright
and a present governor.
James Young of Chatham, gent.
Robert Aggar of Chatham, gent., both Masters Attendant on
H.M. Navy at Chatham, gent., also governors
Henry Sheafe of Strood, gent.

Barn, etc. in Welling (Wellen) in East Wickham formerly
occupied by Christopher Smith, later by John Croucher and
currently by Thomas Watts, (giving orientation of property).

Consideration = 10/-
1 bundle/6 sheets

462 Counterpart lease for 23 years 5 October 1741

(i) Hawkins' Hospital.
(ii) Henry Barrell of St. Margaret's, Rochester, gent.
Henry Sheafe of Strood, gent., only surviving trustees of
Hospital in respect of barn and barnyard.
(iii) Thomas Hodsdon of Sydenham, gent.,

Barn and Barnyard at Welling in East Wickham formerly
occupied by Christopher Smith deceased since by John Croucher,
Thomas Watts and Edward Hodsdon, la. arable land, la. pasture,
la. woodland and tithes in Welling and East Wickham.

Rent £16 1m

463 Counterpart lease for 21 years 8 June 1754

(i) Hawkins' Hospital
(ii) William Reeves of East Wickham, yeo

Barn, barnyard and tithes at Welling in East Wickham, currently
assigned to under tenants of Thomas Hodsdon.
Rent - £52.10/-

Agreement for lease of Great Tithes of East Wickham. 7 June 1764

(i) William Reeves [of East Wickham, yeo]
(ii) Hawkins' Hospital

Rent £52.10/-

Lease 1783/1824

(ii) Christopher/Henry Chapman of Darenth, gent.,
Vicarial Tithes of East Wickham/Darenth (names of East Wickham lands given possibly as per /468)

Rent = £40/£41 p.a.

[N.B. the former document has been heavily revised and annotated perhaps as the basis or draft of a new lease for property in Darenth. Stroke marks indicate cancellation (former) and superimposition (latter)]
Counterpart lease for 21 years 17 Nov. 1785

(i) Hawkins' Hospital

(ii) Christopher Chapman of East Wickham, yeo.

Smith's forge, shop and tithes at Welling in East Wickham, previously held by William Reeves.

Rent = £89.6/-
467  Lease for 21 years  
17 Nov 1785

(i) Hawkins' Hospital
(ii) Christopher Chapman of E. Wickham, yeo.

Smith's shop or forge and tithes at Welling in E. Wickham

Rent: £89.6/-

[Seal of Hawkins' Hospital]

[See also /466]

468  Lease for 7 years  
1799

(i) Rev. Henry Kipling, clerk, vicar of Plumstead with E. Wickham.
(ii) Christopher Chapman of E. Wickham, gent.

Tithes arising from woodland in Plumstead, comprising Old Park Wood, Kings Hill, Lodge Shaw, Lt. Lodge Field and Old Pond Willows.

Rent £40 p.a  1 item
469     Counterpart Lease for 21 years     1 Sep 1809

(i) Hawkins' Hospital
(ii) Christopher Chapman of E. Wickham, esq.

Smith's forge or shop and tithes at Welling in E. Wickham

Rent: £150 p.a.

470     Licence to alien or assign lease     2 April 1812

(i) Hawkins' Hospital
(ii) Christopher Chapman of E. Wickham Esq

Premises and tithes at Welling in E. Wickham to Thomas Collier Esq.

1 p

471     Counterpart lease for 16 years     15 April 1830

(i) Hawkins' Hospital
(ii) Richard Booth Smith of Huxley Farm, Edmonton, Middlesex,
Farmer.
Smith's forge or shop with tithes at Welling in E. Wickham, formerly occupied by William Reeves and now by Smith as above.

Rent: £160 pa

472 Original label to wrapper containing /299 - 299A, 328, 340, c.1900

1 item

Correspondence and Memoranda Concerning Rents and Disputes
with tenants 1638 - c1835 (1900)

473 Nathaniel Tearne 6 Oct 1638

Accounts for the [half?] year to date [?] relating to legal fees and Sir Francis Leigh's rent.
Letter from Sir Francis Leigh of E. Wickham to Phineas Pett, 28 April 1641

Governor asking for a continuation of his lease of the parsonage of E. Wickham and offering to take a new lease for the "better security of the hospital", mentioning the enclosure of arable land into a park and discussing the payment of rent.

Addressed as follows "to his much respected friend Mr. Phineas Pett one of the Governors of Sir Thomas [Sic] Hawkins' Hospital at Chatham Kent [etc]."

Inc. armorial seal

[See also counterpart lease, 29 April 1641 /445] 1 item

Memorandum possibly by dep. governor concerning 6 Nov 1669

discrepancies in the lease from the Hospital of 1a of arable land in Wickham and Welling formerly woodland, to the Lee family as described in the Hospital's deed and stating that Sir Thomas Lee can be contacted at his lodgings with Mr. Gurlins of Milford La. London, tailor.

1 p
Memorandum as to circumstances of alienation of estate and refusal by Leigh family and later tenants to pay £16 pa rent for E. Wickham tithes and three acres land. Describes Leigh family's enclosure of land as parkland.

1 item

Receipt from Jeremy Gregory [of Chatham Dockyard] to Edward Hodsdon for 1 ½ years rent. 25 Oct 1710

1 item

Memorandum as to circumstances of alienation of 3a land at E. Wickham from Hospital by Leigh family, in connection with possible legal action to restore it. Recites transactions 1620 - 1710, from time of Sir Francis Leigh through to Edward Hodsdon.

1 item

Notes found with /476 comprising notes by Henry Sheafe [?] concerning houses built by E. Hodsdon on property at Welling rented from Hospital in connection with Mr. Rosewell's deed.

1 item
Receipt from Jeremy Gregory [of Chatham Dockyard] to Edward Hodsdon for ½ years rent of E. Wickham parsonage.

Plan of house abutting London - Dartford Road [at E. Wickham] 1723 showing and naming abutting proprietors. Surveyed by D. Watts of Milton [next - Sittingbourne?].

Letter from Bryan Bentham of Chatham Ropeyard to Henry Sheafe of Strood, attorney asking him to expedite the Deed of Trust [in respect of the property at Welling].

1 item
Letter from Henry Sheafe of Clifford's Inn, London to Bryan Bentham of Chatham Dock, giving abstracts of conveyances of premises at Welling (Wellen) in E. Wickham from W. King to E. Hodsdon 28-29 March 1709 and of barn and barn-yard form Hodsdon to Hawkins' Hospital 24-25 May 1710 with opinion as to boundaries and extent of property and asking for further instructions to correct discrepancies.

1 item

Memorandum or extracts from minutes relating to Hospital's course of action in regard to discrepancies in tithes or trusteeship of hospital estates inc E. Wickham and Essex.

1 p
486 Petition from Thomas Hodsdon to Hawkins' Hospital for renewal 14 Sep. 1741
to him of his father Edward Hodsdon's lease of property in
Welling, E. Wickham
1 item

487 Memorandum as to acceptance by Governors of tender by c. June 1764
William Reeves of E. Wickham, yeo., for obtaining lease of
property at Welling at £52.10/-p.a., also naming other tenderers.
1 item

488 Letter from John Bardon of Southwark, London to Tomlin as 21 Sep. 1764
\( 508, \) denying connection between Hodson and woodland, past or
present in respect of lease from Hospital.
1 item

489 Report by Henry Hogben of Chalkwell Hill, Sittingbourne, 12 April 1808
surveyor to Messrs. Twopeny of Rochester, solicitors, giving
quantity of corn grown in E. Wickham and its value.
1 item

490 Memoranda chiefly comprising extracts (some in Latin) from c.1835
records of Hawkins' Hospital, relating to E. Wickham property,
reciting from 1575-1576 (Hawkins) to 1830 (lease to Booth) with
transcriptions of relevant letters especially concerning tithe
disputes and Leigh family.

1 item


1 item

[N.B. this bundle contained items /404-408, 413, 417, 421-424, 434 relating to the Essex estates, probably strays resulting from confusion in the original bundling of the items. These have now been transferred to the appropriate section for the Essex estates.]

The Glebe of Plumstead and East Wickham Church
1672-1898

[See also Tithes section, /506-519]

Terrier and orientation of Glebe land in Plumstead, giving names of adjoining occupiers and proprietors.

1 item
Case of William Leigh concerning granting of lease by Hospital to him, giving background of his title to Welling Parsonage, (property in question).

1 item

c. 1677-c. 1681


1 item

13 March 1690

Copy of induction certificate of Rev. Dr. George Freeman to parish of Plumstead with E. Wickham.

1 item

[16 Dec. 1692]

18th Century

Induction certificate of Benjamin Barnett, clerk, M.A., to parish of Plumstead with chapel of E. Wickham.

1 item

29 March 1693

Inventory of Plumstead Parish Church and terrier of Plumstead glebe land with inventory of E. Wickham Chapel, stating "there is neither glebe nor house nor any benefaction belonging to the said chapel", each section also giving benefactions to the poor.

Endorsed or annotated to effect these have been examined at

9 Sep. 1712
Archdeacon's Visitation.

1 item

498 Docket possibly associated with /497 inventorying a bowl, cover and salver vat (?) belonging to Plumstead (Plumstret) Church. 30 Oct. 1712

499 Terrier of tithes, glebe lands and vicarage house belonging to parish of Plumstead or E. Wickham, signed by Charles Jones, vicar, Robert Goodinch, churchwarden, John Croucher, chapel warden and another. 28 Aug. 1724

[Mutilated]. 1 item

500 Schedule of repairs to chancel in E. Wickham church and forge comprising hospital property, leased to Richard Booth but assigned to Robert Dixon, compiled by S. & T. Lidden. 12 Aug. 1843

501 Report on survey of 26 Nov. on premises as /500 stating repairs since 12 Aug. 1843 as nil, by S. & T. Lidden. With view to arranging fire insurance. 9 Dec. 1845
502 Letter from Richard Jones of E. Wickham House, Welling, churchwarden of E. Wickham, to Deputy Governor [?] notifying him of need to whitewash chancel and repair exterior of chancel and asking for the necessary financial contributions and for a quick reply to take advantage of the fine weather.

1 item

503 Letter from John Colyer of E. Wickham, Welling, churchwarden of E. Wickham church, to Hayward & Essell [of Rochester, solicitors] notifying them of damage caused to chancel by "a great explosion at the Powder Magazine in the Erith Marshes" with builder's estimate of repairs.

1 bundle/2pp.

504 Charity Commission Opinion granting permission to Hawkins' Hospital to make addition to E. Wickham churchyard enabling grant of £10 from Hospital's income from Tithes.

1 item
Repairs to Chancel of E. Wickham Church

Correspondence between A.A. Arnold, Dep. Governor, Arnold Baker & Day of Precinct, Rochester, Solicitors, Pritchard & Sons, 9 Gracechurch St., London, EC, Solicitors, Rev. John M. Beynon, Sandown, Bexleyheath, Vicar of E. Wickham, George Friend of Maidstone, architect and others, negotiating for Governors' contribution towards repairs of Church and for ending of their liability for future repairs, in capacity as Lay Rectors of the church and owners of the inappropriate rectorial tithe rent charge.

Inc several draft undertakings in respect of repairs by vicar and church wardens. Passim

Inc letter from C. Moreton of E. Wickham, Church Warden to W. H. Knight [of Rochester?] Esq., informing him that "we are lighting East Wickham Church with the new paraffin lamps in lieu of the candles", 10 Nov. 1887

Inc elevation drawing of south side of church c. 1897

Inc report on E. Wickham Church chancel by G. Friend as above Jan 1897.

Inc briefs for counsel's opinion on matter prepared by Arnold Baker and Day as above and opinion of Gerald F. Hohler, 17th May 1897.
1 bundle/c.100 items.

505A Two sheets of coloured facsimile architect’s drawings of E. Wickham Church comprising sections, elevations and plan by Gordon P. G. Hills, 4 Adam St., Adelphi, London, architect.

1 roll/2 sheets measuring
25½" x 19¾ & 26" x 17½" respectively.

The Tithes of East Wickham c1709-1935

[See also Glebe Section./492-505]

506 Extract from lease and release of 28-29 March 1709, Walsingham c.1709 King and wife Jane to Edward Hodsdon of mess. in E. Wickham. Notes on rear concerning Hodsdon’s conveyance to Hospital and letting of E. Wickham tithes.

1 item
507 Unsigned memorandum apparently based on interview with Henry Sheafe as above, concerning E. Wickham property, Thomas Hodsdon's alterations to the premise, the tithes payable and renewal of lease.

Inc plan of premises and adjoining garden, showing London - Dartford road.

1 item

508 Letter from William Reeves of E. Wickham to [Thomas] Tomlin of Chatham, attorney asking for clarification of problem about lands and tithes in E. Wickham and mentioning the barn and Hodsdon.

28 June 1764

1 item

509 Letter from William Reeves of E. Wickham to Tomlin as /508 returning draft lease and commenting favourably.

12 sep 1764

1 item
510 Transcriptions from E. Hasted's History of Kent vol 1 p.176 and 1835
of particulars of case (Exchequer of Pleas) between Rev.
H. J. Shackelton, vicar of Plumstead with E. Wickham, plaintiff
and Robert Dickson, defendant
in respect of allegation of non-payment of tithes, with
memoranda as to Hawkins Hospitals' rights to tithes.

1 item

511 Power of Attorney 6 July 1846

(i) Hawkins' Hospital, Chatham


To collect the tithes of E. Wickham

1 item

512 Power of Attorney 24 April 1862

(i) Hawkins' Hospital Chatham

(ii) A.A. Arnold, G.K. Essell and E.L.B. [initials only given]
comprising Messrs. Essell & Co.

In respect of collecting tithes of East Wickham,
1 item
Power of Attorney

2 April 1891

(i) Hawkins' Hospital Chatham

(ii) Messrs A.A. Arnold of Rochester, gents.
To collect tithes of E. Wickham

1 item