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Title: Papers relating to the Mathew Family of Radyr and Llandaff

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Level of description: Fonds

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Name of creator(s): Unknown

Administrative/biographical history

The first member of the Mathew family to use the surname was David Mathew (fl. 1461), son of Mathew ab Ieuan (fl. 1381-97) and Jonet, heiress of Jenkin (or Richard) Fleming of Llandaff. Mathew ab Ieuan was reputedly son of Ieuan ap Gruffudd and his wife Cecil, daughter and heiress of Aedan ap Llywelyn ap Cynfrig (or Cynwrig). David Mathew left seven sons, several of which founded cadet branches of the Mathew family. The descendants of Reinborn, the eldest son, held Llandaff Court, Glamorgan, until the death of Thomas Mathew (1741-1820), who is said to have ruined the estate. He left Llandaff Court to his wife's nephew. The Mathew family of Radyr (otherwise Aradur, Radur), Cardiff, Glamorgan, was founded by Thomas Mathew (d 1470), the fourth son of David Mathew of Llandaff (fl. 1461), who married Catherine, reputedly daughter and co-heiress of Morgan ap Llywelyn ap 'Evan-Gethyn' (or Ieuan Gethin), lord of Radyr. Their descendant George Mathew (d 1636) of Radyr sold the Radyr estate, and emigrated to Thurles, County Tipperary, Ireland. The Mathew family of Thurles and Thomastown ended in the male line with George Mathew (d c. 1760), who left his Irish and Welsh estates, including Thurles and Llandaff, to his kinsman Thomas Mathew (d 1777) of Anfield. Thomas was succeeded by his son and heir Francis Mathew (1738-1806) of Thurles Castle who was created Baron Llandaff of Thomastown (Irish peerage) in 1783, Viscount Llandaff in 1793 and Earl Llandaff in 1797. He was succeeded by his son, Francis James Mathew (1768-1833), on whose death the titles became extinct. He had already sold his Glamorgan estates in 1818, having broken the entail upon them. The bulk of the estate was bought by Sir Samuel Romilly, but part was conveyed to Anthony Mathew (d 1825) of Ty Mawr, Whitchurch, Cardiff, a kinsman of the earl, and agent for the Llandaff estate. Anthony Mathew died without issue and intestate. Administration was granted to his niece and co-heir Elizabeth (née John, d 1851), wife of William Mathew of Fairwater, Cardiff. One of William Mathew's sisters, Eleanor, married William Alexander of St Athan, Glamorgan, and their daughter Eleanor (d 1900), who married Job Davies of Fairwater (d 1876) in 1851, was administrator of her aunt Elizabeth Mathew's will.

Immediate source of acquisition

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Scope and content

Survey of estate lands in Llandaff, Canton, Ely, Llantrisant, Llandough, Michaelston-le-Pit, Peterstone-super-Ely, Radyr, Coychurch, Merthyr Tydfil, Coity and Cardiff.

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Accruals

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Language/scripts of material

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Physical characteristics and technical requirements

Fair condition

Finding aids

Detailed list available.

Related units of description

Mathew Family of Radyr and Llandaff Papers (DMAT)

Archivist's note

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