

**Reference code(s):** GB 0214 DTD

**Title:** Tyrwhitt Drake of St Donats Castle Collection

**Creation date(s):** [c. 1260]-1845

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 0.04 cubic metres (27 items)

**Name of creator(s):** Tyrwhitt Drake family of St Donats Castle

## CONTEXT

**Administrative/Biographical history:** Sir Peter de Stratelinges (? 1304), originally from Strattligen, near Thun, Switzerland, reputedly came to England and Wales with Sir Otto de Grandison who was returning from a crusade. Sir Peter married Joan de Hawey, heiress of the St Donat's estate. He also acquired estates in Somerset and Devon. By 1316, the head of the family was Edward Stradlyng, who was knighted in 1327. Edward was one of the chief patrons of Neath Abbey in the 14th century. The estate then descended in the male line; the last Stradling to live at St Donats was Sir Thomas Stradling, who died without issue in 1738. Following lengthy litigation, the estates were divided into three parts. The St Donats portion went to the Tyrwhitt family, by virtue of a deed made between Sir Thomas and Sir John de la Fountain Tyrwhitt whilst travelling abroad. The estate subsequently passed to the Drake family, and then by purchase to the Nicholl-Carne family.

## CONTENT

**Scope and content/abstract:** Papers relating to Neath Abbey, [c. 1260], 1343; deeds of the St Donats estate, 1378 and 1657-1845; and papers relating to the Stradling family, 1439-1442, 1641-1649, and [c. 1750].

## ACCESS AND USE

**Language/scripts of material:** English, Latin

**System of arrangement:** Arranged chronologically into: Neath Abbey, St Donats estate, and Stradling family.

**Conditions governing access:** No restrictions

**Conditions governing reproduction:** Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

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

## ARCHIVAL INFORMATION

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

**Accruals:** Accruals are not expected.

**Archival history:**

**Immediate source of acquisition:**

## ALLIED MATERIALS

**Related material:** Further papers relating to the St Donat's estate are Glamorgan Record Office, DX 927.

## DESCRIPTION NOTES

**Note:** Title supplied from contents of fonds.

**Archivist's note:** Compiled by Mair James for the HMC/NLW Family and Estates project. The following sources were used in the compilation of this description: *Dictionary of Welsh Biography down to 1940*, (London, 1959); Nicholas, Thomas, *Annals and Antiquities of the Counties and County Families of Wales*, vol II (London, 1872); "The Stradling family website, (<http://www.stradling.org.uk/>), viewed February 2002."

**Rules or conventions:** This description follows ANW guidelines based on ISAD(G) Second Edition; AACR2 and LCSH.

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