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D/EPh

Title deeds, business, family and other records and maps and plans deposited by Messrs Passingham and Hill, Solicitors, of Hitchin

Introduction

Accession 1177 contained a number of items created or acquired by members of the firm of Passingham and Hill or their predecessors acting in an official capacity (e.g. as clerks to a school board) and these items evidently of an official nature. Apart from D/EPh O1 and O2 and a number of other items in D/EPh possibly, though not certainly, of an official origin, these parts of the accession have been listed with the records of the appropriate authorities. They may be found in the following inventories:

Hertingfordbury Civil Parish	CP 45
School Records (Letchworth, St Pauls Walden, Hexton, Watford)	SB9, SB10, SB11 HEd 1/62 HEd 1/129 HEd 2/53
Hitchin Board of Guardians	HIT
Hitchin Local Board of Health	LBH
Hitchin Urban and Rural District Councils	UDC 10 RDC 10
North Herts Joint Hospital Committee	NHS

Asper	nden		
T1	$1\frac{1}{2}$ a in Penden field in Berkesden manor	1	1842
Barne	et		
Т2	Property in Chipping Barnet [much damaged]	1	1805
Donin	urton		
Benin	igton		
Т3	Messuage, 2 curtilages, 2 gardens, orchard and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre land	2	1791
	[for Benington, see also T5]		
Brau	ghing		
T4	2 cottages (later 4)	7	1739 - 1794
Codic	cote, Benington and Watton-at-Stone		
T5	2 cottages (later 6) and orchard (three half acres); White Horse at Watton-at-Stone; 7a in Watton and Benington near Mooders Hill; 2 cottages in Watton; messuage at Codicote called Astreys and 3a and a cottage in Codicote surrounded by a ditch	16	1710 - 1826
	[Deed of 1765 is a settlement on the marriage of George Carr and Sarah, daughter of William Crawley, widow of Thomas Gew. Folded into deed of 1792 are 1) sale particulars of butcher's shop and orchard in Codicote, 1825 2) sale particulars of Highgates Farm, New (now Little)		
	Sampford, Essex, 1824 3) letters of administration of William Crawley of Graven- hurst, Beds, 1826]		*
Hatfi	eld		
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Т6	Strip of soil under lands at Hatfield [unexecuted. The conveyance is to the Hatfield Sewer authorities]	1	1871
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T7	Messuage next to the Swan Inn in High Street, formerly Cock Street, formerly Bancroft Street (called The Windmill 1765-1838) and barn.	40	1722 -	1884
	Also (1722-1749) 6a pasture in Silver Street. [Including 1) abstract of title 1722-1750; 2) probate will of Richard Atkins of Hitchin, 1831;			
	3) copy of will of Nicholas Ansell of Hitchin, dated 1722, proved 1723;	80		
	4) copy of will of Francis Crouch of Pirton, dated 1766, proved 1767;			
	 5) papers relating to the succession of W C Sugars of Manchester to the property of George Lewin (died 1883), 1885; 6) probate of will of Edward Pryor, dated 1751, proved 1753, and discharge from four legatees from their legacies. 			
	Deeds of 1750 and 1850 include			
	plans of the property. See also D/EPh B23]			

Little Munden

18	Astwick [part missing]	1	1879
Pirtor	<u>1</u>		
T9	Cottage with wellyard and orchard $(\frac{1}{2}a)$ at Little Green	5	1708; 1782
T10	Permission to Jeptha Odell to build a blacksmith's shop on the waste of Pirton	1	1805

Sawbridgeworth

[See D/EPh B31]

Thundridge

[See T13-T16]

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TITLE DEEDS

St Par	uls Walden		
T11	Whitwell Mill and Farm (40a)	1	1888
Ware	12°		
T12	Dods acre (1a 2r); messuage at Newhall Green and four (named) closes (9a); 2a in Downs	14	1662 - 1855
.T13	Messuage and 2a at Babbs Green called Mills; messuage and garden called Le Kitchin; messuage at Babbs Green called Appletons; 7 (named) closes in Ware and Thundridge (23a); close called Wyldes	11	1708 - 1803
Ware	and Thundridge		
T14	Messuage and orchard (½a) near Swans Hole; 2 (named) pightles (1a) at Bakers End <u>als</u> Babbs Green	2	1815
T15	Lands in Ware and Thundridge [deeds much damaged]	2	1795
	[for T12-T15 see also B20 and B21]		
T16	Yard at Bakers End	1	1749
Ware	and Widford		
T17	3 messuages in Nether Street, Widford; 3 cottages at Widford; messuage and 7p land at Helham Green, Ware [unexecuted]	1	1871
Watto	n-at-Stone		

[See T5]

Widford

[See T17]

Wheathampstead

[See B24 and B11]

TITLE DEEDS

Out	County		
Luto	on, Beds		
T18	Cottage and orchard in the south end of Luton (1832, Park Street, Luton). Also (1655 and 1697) 2a of land at Neeleshill and (1708) 39½ a land at Stopsley, Beds. [Includes 1) abstract of title, 1627-1731; 2) probate of will of Joshua Mead of Luton dated 1742, proved 1743; 3) copy of will of Thomas Smith of Luton, 1820; 4) marriage settlement of Mrs Martha Mead with Thomas Marsom, 1750. See also Z6]	36	1627 - 1832
City	of London		
T19	Abstract of title of two houses at the lower end of the Minories fronting Tower Hill, 1712-1740	1	n. d.
Mid	dlesex		
T20	22 Welbeck Street, St Marylebone	1	1857
T21	Laburnham Cottage, Richmond Road	1	1848
New	South Wales, Australia		
T22	1000 acres at Wolombi, Ellalong	1	1852
	BUSINESS		
В1	Letter Book (indexed) of H E Passingham	1 vol	1935 - 1944
B2	Taplin and Passingham Petty Cash Account	1 vol	1886 - 1888
В3	The Lawyers Commonplace Book [printed volume, with index, completed with manuscript entries. On flyleaf: E Havergal 1875. Wm Armstrong 1822 crossed out]	1 vol	c. 1822 - post 1

BUSINESS

T	e	st	ar	n	ent	a	ry

	ANSELL Nicholas of Hitchin [See T7]		
B4	ARMSTRONG Edmund John of Cheshunt. Letters of administration (admon)	1	1837
	ATKINS Richard of Hitchin [See T7]		
B5	COLEMAN Charles of the Bedford Asylum. Admon	1	1851
B6	COLEMAN Mary, widow of Hertingfordbury. Admon	1	1859
	CRAWLEY William of Gravenhurst, Beds [See T5]		
	CROUCH Francis of Pirton [See T7]		
B7	DINES George of Stotfold, Beds. Probate of will	1	1854
B8	DINES Phoebe of Clifton, Gloucestershire. Probate of will	1	d. 1875 p. 1877
* B9	EVANS Joseph of Canonbury, London. Copy of will and papers in the case of Skinner v Thornthwaite concerning the will	1 bdl	1895 - 1907
B10	GREGORY Thomas of Hatfield. Probate of will	1	d. 1873 p. 1880
	LEWIN George [See T7]		
* B11	LINES Francis. Accounts, bills and correspondence of executors [See also B24]	1 bdl	1905 - 1906
* B12/ 1-2	LINES George. 46 bills relating to the estate	2 bdls	1899 - 1900
B13	LINES George. Correspondence, bills and other executors' papers [including inventories and valuation of fixtures and fittings on the Yew Tree Farms, Gt Hallingbury, Essex as at Michaelmas 1899; sale particulars for sale of farm stock (May 1900)]	1 file	1900

^{*}original bundle

Testar	mentary (cont)		
B14	ODELL Jeptha of Pirton. Probate of will [See also T9 and T10]	1	d. 1860 p. 1861
B15	PARSELL George of Wadesmill, Standon. Probate of will	1	1881
B16	PRICE Thomas of Queen Street, Lincolns Inn Fields, London. Probate of will	1	d. 1826 p. 1827
~	PRYOR Edward [See T7]		
B17	RAYMENT J of Pinner. Residuary account of the estate	1	1877
* B18	SEAR Thomas of Lewsey, Luton, Beds. Copy of will (1794) and certificates of baptism, marriage and burial relating to the family	16	1772 - 1795
B19	SMITH Andrew James of Welwyn. Probate of will	1	d. 1873 p. 1880
	SMITH Thomas of Luton, Beds. [See T18]		
B20	WANT William of Stapleford. Probate of will	1	d. 1877 p. 1878
B21	WRENN Richard of Babbs Green, Ware, Copy of will [See also T12-T15 for Richd Green]	1	d. 1789 codicil 1790 p. 1791
B22	WRENN Thomas of Babbs Green, Ware. 2 copies of will and case for opinion under the will (1834) [See also T12-T15 for Thos Green]	3	d. 1828 p. 1834
Cale T	Particulars		

Sale Particulars

Codicote

[See T5]

Hitchin

*B23	Swan Hotel, 8 cottages and a three- storey house. Also correspondence,	13	1878 - 1879 1915
	agreements, inventory of fixtures and other papers relating to the sale		
	and Finance Act 1910 Inland Revenue		
	Valuation Form, 1915		

Sale Particulars (cont)

New (Little) Sampford, Essex

[See T5]

Great Hallingbury, Essex

[See B13]

Miscellaneous

*B24	Correspondence and other papers relating to the sale of property at Marford, Wheathampstead, including abstract of title (1894-1904) and conditions of sale [See also B11]	1 bdl	1902 - 1906
B25	Appointment of new trustees under the settlement made on the marriage of Mr and Mrs Hendrickson	1	1833
B26	Deed of separation and settlement (Mr and Mrs George Ambrose)	1	1875
* B27	William Green Ree and Henry Ree and Henry Beningfield. Deed of Dissolution of one and Constitution of another Partnership (1863) and papers in the case of Henry Beningfield <u>v</u> William Green Ree	1 bdl	1863, 1870 - 1871
B28	Apprenticeship indenture (unsigned) of Arthur William Potter to William French of Hitchin, carpenter	1	1893
B29	Record of a judgement made in Queens Bench in the case of Philpot and Hierons et al concerning land at Twickenham, Middlesex [with names of jurors]	3	1870
B30	Briefs for the defence in the case of Messrs McMullen v Frank James Chandler [charged with larceny and embezzlement, including stealing an quantity of whisky]	2	1884
* B31	Papers relating to the cases of N J Clarke deceased and the Accidence Insurance Company Ltd and Clarke v Ephgrave [re farm called Tharbies, Sawbridgeworth. Includes copy of lease of Tharbies 1825]	1 bdl	1825, 1873, 1880 - 1882

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Misce	llaneous (cont)		
B32	Copy of correspondence (and one original letter) in the case of All Saints Church, Hertford, and Collins [concerning building works]	2	1865 - 1866
B33	I.F.O. Agents Account Book [?Imperial Fire Insurance Company, or Fire Office]	1 vol	1857 - 1865
	FAMILY		
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F1-4	Diaries of G Passingham [containing very brief notes of events]	4 vols	1881, 1883, 1892, 1893
*F5	Copy of will of George Passingham (dated 2 March 1877); two drafts of appointment of new trustees under the will, and two related letters	5	1877 - 1899
	OFFICIAL		
O1	Hitchin District Pensions Sub-Committee	tee: Vs	
37.74	Letter Book [indexed]	1 vol	1928 - 1938
	[The sub-committee was appointed by the Hertfordshire County Council Local Pensions Committee which existed between 1908 and 1948. See HCC 24 for minutes of the Local Pensions Committee]		**
O2	Byelaws as to open spaces in Broxbourne made by the trustees under the Broxbourne and Hoddesdon Open Spaces and Recreation Grounds Act 1890 [poster]	2	1892
	MAPS AND PLANS		
Baldo	ck		
P1	[Junction of Templar Avenue with the Great North Road] Scale 1" to 30'	1	1927

Broxb	oourne		
P2	Plan of portion of High Road, Broxbourne, drawn by William S Flower Police Constable 41R Scale 1" to 12'	1	1925
Hatfie	eld .		
P3	Plan of portion of Great North Road between Hatfield and Barnet [by William S Flower, as P2. Plan includes positions of trees, hedges, tar barrels and a blood mark] Scale 1" to 20'	1	1925
Kelsh	all and Therfield		
P4/1	Road between Baldock and Royston drawn by William S Flower, Police Sergeant 41R, 29 May 1928, not drawn to scale	1	1928
P4/2	[Printed version of P4/1] Scale 1" to 50'	1	1928
Letch	worth		
P5	[Junction of Norton Road, Croft Lane and Green Lane showing the path of a car] Scale 1" to 60'	1	n. d.
Letch	worth and Baldock		
P6	[Junction of Willian Way with the road from Baldock to Hitchin, showing the path of a vehicle and positions of witnesses] Scale 1" to 16'	2	1912
Bunti	ngford		
* P7	Buntingford RDC plans relating to water undertakings		
	/1 Proposed water supply for the village of Aspenden Scale 25" to 1 mile	1	1930

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Bunti	ngford (cont)		
P7	/2 Proposed new motor pump for the Buntingford waterworks Scale 1" to 2'	1	1934
	/3 Well and pumps at Buntingford waterworks Scale 1" to 2"	1	n. d.
Hitch	<u>in</u>		
P8	[Road between the road from Wals- worth to Baldock and the road from Ickleford to Stotfold, signed by two witnesses] Scale 26" to 1 mile	1	1878
*P9	Tudor House, Hitchin [a housing estate] Robert Bennett FRIBA and Wilson Bidwell LRIBA Scale 1:500	3	n. d.
P10	[Printed copies of the Hitchin tithe map, parts 2, 4 and 5] Scale 13.3" to 1 mile (6 chains to 1")		
	/1 part 2, parish of Hitchin	1	n.d. [post 1844]
	/2 part 4, Langley	1	n.d. [post 1844]
	/3 part 5, Walsworth	1	n.d. [post 1844]
Holw	ell		
P11	[Lordship Farm. On very fragile tracing paper] No scale [25" to 1mile]	1	n. d.
P12	[County boundary between Apsley End (Shillington, Beds) and Wilbury Hill (Norton). Sketch map on very fragile tracing paper] No scale [c. 1" to 1 mile]	1	n. d.
Letch	nworth		
P13	The town area of the Letchworth estate of First Garden City Ltd. Plan of present development, Spring 1910 [surveyed 1909]. Scale 1:7500	1	1909
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P14	The Ashford Map 1893 [Nortonbury Farm. Fields are numbered, referring to a schedule of areas] Scale 9.3" to 1 mile	1	1893
Steve	nage		
P15	[Bowling Green area (Old Stevenage)] Scale 1:500	1	1933
Radw	<u>rell</u>		
P16	[Junction of the Great North Road (forming the western boundary of Radwell) with roads to Baldock, Newnham and Stotfold] Scale 1:500	1	1934
Watfo	ord		
P17	Hertfordshire County Council Watford Area [Printed base map as used for HCC County Plan 1951, with area in SW of Watford between Oxhey Woods and the railway line shaded red] Scale 6" to 1 mile	1	n.d. [post 1951]
P18	[Printed base map of the Borough of Watford, with schools of different types shown in colour] Scale 6" to 1 mile	1	n.d. [post 1950]
West	mill		
P19	[North-east area of the parish. Some field names] Scale 1:5000	1	n.d. [20th cent]
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Out	County		
Clift	on, Beds		
P20	[Junction of roads from Shefford, Southill, Meppershall and Baldock] Scale 1" to 30"	1	n. d.

Architectural Plans and Drawings

[P29 See after P30]

Archit	ectural Plans and Drawings		
Elstre	<u>e</u> _		
P21	"Ridgeway", Woodcock Hill. S B Russell FRIBA Scale 1" to 8'	1	1926
Hitchin	1		
P22	Mr James Holland's house and shop, Grove Mill Road, Hitchin. John Shilcock, surveyor.	2	1903
	/1 Map. Scale 25" to 1 mile		
	/2 Plan. Scale 1" to 4'		
P23	Brewery House, Sun Street, Hitchin, as existing August 1925; proposed alterations. G H Russell LRIBA Scale 1" to 8'	2	1925, 1926
P24	Pair of houses, Hitchin, for Messrs M & F O Foster. S B Russell FRIBA Scale 1" to 4'	1	1923
P25	The Tile House, Hitchin. Alterations for Messrs M & F O Foster and Co Ltd. Robert Bennet FRIBA and Wilson Bidwell Scale 1" to 8'	1	n. d.
P26	New room Mr Sell showing original and altered work. M & F O Foster and Co Ltd, Builders, Hitchin Scale 1" to 4'	1	n. d.
P27	Proposed house W Casbon Esq, Starlings Bridge, Hitchin. M & F O Foster and Co Ltd Scale 1" to 4'	1.	n. d.
Hoddes	sdon		
P28	Hoddesdon UDC. Rye Road Stanstead [?Road] Cranfield [?Road] [Plan of house] Scale 1" to 4'	1	n. d.

Architectural Plans and Drawings (cont)

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P30 Proposed block of six shops
Welwyn Heath Estate, Welwyn.
C W Meek
Scale 1" to 8'

Miscellaneous

Watford

P29 Borough of Watford Static Water 1 1942
Basin
Scale 1" to 16'

MISCELLANEOUS

Z1	Letterbook and notebook of Rev W A Armstrong [W A Armstrong was curate and registrar of the parish of Cheshunt. He was JP for Herts and Middlesex and died in 1837]	1 vol	1813 - 1815
\mathbb{Z}_2	Account book: Mrs Medland in account with J Gardener, Hertford	1 vol	1852 - 1865
Z3	Account book: Mrs Medland in account with J Keatley, Grocer, & Co	1 vol	1864
Z4	Cash book: J B Howard of Wheathampstead	1 vol	1867 - 1869
Z 5	Assurance policy (Mr Samuel Balls of Brickendon insured with the National Provident Institution)	2	1880
* Z6	Certificates of burial: Martha Kirby of Luton (1802) Sarah Horton of Luton (1842) Sarah Smith of Luton (1820) Thomas Cowper of Luton (1813) [See also T18]	4	1802 - 1820

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Z7	Specification of Dilapidation found existing at No 35 Bridport Place, Hoxton, Middlesex	1	1886
Elect	ion business /4		
* Z8	Receipts relating to the Hertford Borough elections	1 bdl	1859
Z 9	Register of Electors, Essendon and Hatfield	1	1882
Z10	Register of Electors, Borough of Hertford	1	1883
Z11	Welwyn and Essendon Polling District Conservative Association. List of members	1 vol	1885
Z12	General Election of 1892. Posters, notices of meetings and leaflets relating to the election campaign of the Conservative candidate for the Hitchin Division of Hertfordshire, G B Hudson	23	1892
Z13	Lists of voters in various parishes	1 vol	n. d.
Z14	Photograph of the offices of Arthur Hill, solicitor, and the offices of Hilliers committee rooms, showing election posters [A P Hillier was Member of Parliament for the Hitchin Division of Hertfordshire, 1910-1911]	1	n.d. [?1910]

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