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Records of Pratts' charity, Mathern

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In 1723 Charles Pratt devised his freehold estate in Mathern for the purpose of establishing a school in which the children of the poor were to be taught to read.

A scheme for regulating the charity, by which the vicar and churchwardens of the parish were appointed trustees, was set up in 1862. In the following year new premises for the school were opened in the grounds of the old buildings.

A new scheme was adopted in 1885 and in 1936 the Monmouth Diocesan Trust became trustee.

In 1962 it was agreed that income from the Trust could be used to make an annual grant to the local Sunday school and to assist with expenses of children going to secondary schools.

Mathern Primary School was closed, following protest, in 1988. Under a new scheme of 1995 it was ruled that the Trust was to be run by 9 trustees and that income would be used to promote the education of local residents under the age of 25.

ADMINISTRATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

D3652.1 1853-1925

CORRESPONDENCE FILE including communications with the charity commissioners relating to a scheme for the regulation of the charity and other matters, and attendance figures.

D3652.2 1952-1989

CORRESPONDENCE relating to numerous matters including exchange of land, village playground and administration.
Includes typescript copy of will of Charles Pratt.

D3652.3 1983-1988

CORRESPONDENCE and NEWSCUTTINGS relating to proposals for closure of Mathern Primary School.

FINANCE

D3652.4 1960-1984

CASH Book including details of prizes for attendance at school and further education awards.

D3652.5 1960-1985

CASH BOOK.

D3652.6 1979-1981

BANK STATEMENTS.

D3652.7 1980

REMITTANCE ADVICE relating to wayleave.

D3652.8 1981-1984

BANK STATEMENTS.

OBJECTION DOCUMENTS RELATING TO CLOSURE OF SCHOOL

D3652.9

1986-1987

PETITION against closure of Mathern Primary School.

D3652.10

1986

OBJECTION DOCUMENT entitled Mathern Matters, opposing closure of Mathern Primary School.

D3652.11

1986

OBJECTION DOCUMENT entitled Welsh Street? opposing the closure of Mathern Primary School and the establishment of a new school in Chepstow.