**Balliol College, Oxford**

**FORMAL ARCHIVES C.23**

**COLCHESTER and TENDRING**

The Formal Archive material concerning the College’s ecclesiastical patronage at Colchester and Tendring is all coded C.23, contained in three boxes.

The College had no ancient regional connection with Essex, and has never held any estates there, but in 1714 was endowed by Henry Compton, Bishop of London (and elected Visitor of the College) with several Advowsons in the Colchester area . Since then there has been extensive evolution (see the VCH Essex vol 9 1994 pp309-336) of church arrangements and patronage in Colchester, with amalgamations, redundancies and creation of new parishes. Along the way at various times the College had patronage at Holy Trinity Colchester, All Saints Colchester, St Nicholas Colchester, St Botolph’s Colchester, St Leonard’s Colchester, St Runwald’s Colchester, Marks Tey and Tendring. There are now (2016) three Balliol-connected benefices in the area derived from all this: Colchester New Town & Hythe; Myland; and Tendring with Little Bentley &Beaumont cum Moze.

There are also two benefices in the area which came under the College’s Patronage through the gift of Lady Lucas in 1921, and which remain (2016) so : Great Horkesley and Fordham, but there is nothing in C.23 concerning them.These two livings had no historical connections with the ones acquired in the 18th century .

Andrew Clark (see C.23.0) gives useful lists with biographical details of the Rectors of Tendring 1720-1908, Marks Tey 1722-1884, All Saints 1751-1851, St Leonards 1761-1870, and Holy Trinity 1766-1839. All of them were Fellows or sometime Fellows of Balliol, presented by the College. Clark’s brief note about the origin of these Advowsons is not accurate, however.

There is copious 20th century correspondence etc concerning the College’s Essex patronage (including the two modern acquisitions Fordham and Great Horkesley) which awaits detailed cataloguing; some of recent date is necessarily closed.

The material in C.23 was re-examined repacked and freshly described as below in January 2016.The existing coding was not entirely logical but was not changed (apart from the addition of C.19.36,renumbered C.23.26a because it had been misplaced) to avoid the possible introduction of confusions, and because some pieces have been cited by existing numbers in the VCH. Apart from soiling, the condition of the material in C.23. is generally good . Most seals are present and intact but almost all lack legible detail.

C.23.0. Copy, Andrew Clark ,“Essex and Balliol College”, *Essex Review*, January 1912,vol XXI, pp 9-15.

C.23.0\*. Copy, Anon [probably FLM Willis-Bund, Chaplain of the College],” The Essex Livings”, *Balliol College Annual Record* 1966,pp8-10.

C.23.1. A Deed (written in Latin in a very neat but small and difficult Chancery hand) in the name of King James I & VI concerning the Advowson of Tendring ,dated 28 November 1615 .With about half of his Great Seal attached , an originally poor impression .It appears that a dispute over ownership of the Advowson between Sir John Drury and John Goodwin and others was resolved in favour of Sir John Drury.

C.23.2. Robert Drury Esq. of Tendring to Sir Thomas Bowes of Much Bromley, conveyance of the Advowson of Tendring, 7 July 1662.

C.23.3. The Will of Simon Boutle of Tendring, proved in the Court of the Bishop of London 11 June 1682. Probate copy, with letter of administration attached . Inter alia, the Advowson of Tendring was to be sold, proceeds to the testator’s sons Simon and Richard Boutle.

C.23.4. Sir Thomas Bowes of Much Bromley to William Bowes his 4th son, conveyance of the Advowson of Tendring, dated 5 October 1666. Signed and sealed by both parties and witnesses by four members of the Bowes family all signing: …. Bowes, S Bowes, P Bowes and R Bowes.

C.23.5 Thomas Bowes Esq of Earls Colne Esex, eldest brother and heir of William Bowes, Clerk, late of Much Bromley Essex, who had died without issue, to Simon Boutle MA of Aldham Essex, conveyance of the Advowson of Tendring, 29 September 1670.

C.23.6. The Will of Simon Boutle of Tendring, proved in the Court of the Bishop of London 11 June 1682. Copy on paper attested as a true copy, after the original had been examined, by Tho Dickins and Tim[ ? ] Dickins.

C.23.7. Henry Bishop of London by the hand of R Newcourt Deputy Registrar , letter of administration dated 5 January 1691 to Richard Boutle , brother of Simon Boutle formerly of Stepney but who had died in the East Indies.

C.23.8. Richard Boutle Mariner of Wapping, son and heir of Simon Boutle MA of Tendring and Joshua Lisle Clerk of Thorpe ,one of the Executors of Simon Boutle ,conveyance of the Advowson of Tendring to Henry Bishop of London .

C.23.9. King Henry VIII to Sir Thomas Awdley, Lord Chancellor, grant of the Priory and Rectory of St. Botulphs Colchester and associated lands and advowsons, 20 May 1537. Copy on paper in a late 17th century hand.

C.23.10. Official extract from the PCC Register, of part of the Will of Sir Thomas Awdley, Lord Chancellor, proved 18 February 1545. The extract is signed by Thomas Welham Deputy Registrar of the PCC, who was in office around 1700.The will was not found in the TNA online wills index on 20 January 2016.

C.23.11. Edward North and Thomas Pope Knights, Edmond Marten Esq. and Thomas Gymblett Gentleman , Executors of Sir Thomas Awdley, and Thomas Awdley Esq. his brother, to Robert Plumpton, Clerk, Rector of All Saints Colchester: conveyance dated 14 May 1544 of tithes etc derived from dissolution of the Priory of St Botolph’s Colchester. Richard Awfield and William Hutton Churchwardens had paid £40. Copy on paper with very detailed particulars of the tithes (copied from a roll of 1466, in six large sheets) sewn attached , all in a 17th century law clerk’s hand .

C.23.12.The title to the Advowson of Tendring 1615-1691 , a summary of changes dated 25 January 1691.

C.23.13, Memorandum by John Dane concerning the title to the Advowson of All Saints Colchester, with a list of Ministers and by whom presented with dates 1569-1662.

C.23.14. Duplicate of C.23.14 in different hand.

C.23.15. Henry Audley Esq of Berechurch Essex to John Dane, Clerk, of Copford [?] Essex, conveyance of the Advowsons of the Rectories of St Botolph’s and All Saints Colchester dated 30 July 1698.

C.23.16. John Dane Clerk of Copford [?] Essex to Henry Bishop of London conveyance of the Advowsons of the Rectories of St Botolph’s and All Saints Colchester dated 12 July 1699.

C.23.17. Hatton Compton, executor and nephew of Henry Compton Bishop of London,to the College ,conveyance (in accordance with Henry Compton’s wishes ) of the Advowsons etc of Tendring, St Botolph’s, and All Saints Colchester ,dated 5 July 1714.

C.23.18. Queen Anne to George, Earl of Northampton , grant of the Advowsons of the Vicarages of Ewell, Surrey, and of St. Nicholas, St. Leonard and Holy Trinity in Colchester, in exchange for the Advowson of Sherncote, Wiltshire, 27 June 1702. Half of her Great Seal (equestrian version; an originally very bad impression) in black wax is attached. With C.23.18 is a packet previously listed by George Parker as C.23.25 containing four large fragments which make up most of the missing half of the Great Seal which is attached to C.23.18.

C.23.19. Queen Anne to George Earl Northampton, grant of the Advowsons of the Rectories (the grant of Vicarages in C.23.18 having been a mistake ) of St. Nicholas, St. Leonard and Holy Trinity Colchester. Her Great Seal in black wax (a good impression, intact in its original skippet, post–Union with Scotland version) is attached. Dated 18 September 1714.

C.23.20. George Earl of Northampton to Henry Compton, Bishop of London, 19 Dec 1702, conveyance of the Advowsons of the Vicarages of St. Nicholas, St. Leonard and Holy Trinity in Colchester .

C.23.21. Copy on paper of C.23.20, with note of Court enrollment.

C.23.22 George Earl of Northampton and Hatton Compton, conveyance of the Advowsons of the Rectories of St. Nicholas, St. Leonard and Holy Trinity Colchester to the College, dated 5 July 1714. It appears that there may have been an original error in dating as this document ought to have been executed after C.23.19.

C.23.23 The Rev Philip Bayles, ALS from Colchester to John Parsons, Master of Balliol, 1 April 1809, enclosing C.23.23a.

C.23.23a. Land Tax assessment for two properties of the Rev Thomas Tanner, namely: (i) the barn with the associated 46 acres in the occupation of Henry Blomfield the Younger in the Parish of Ardleigh, and (ii) the dwelling house and barn with the associated 21 acres in the Parish of Walton within the Soke in the occupation of Thomas Richardson. Issued by the Commissioners of Land Tax for the Hundred of Tendring 1 October 1806. Endorsed by Lords Auckland and Glenbervie, Land Tax Commisioners, on 19 December 1806, freeing the properties detailed on the other side from Land Tax.The Rev Thomas Tanner was Rector of Holy Trinity Colchester; the Rev Philip Bayles was his Curate; the properties were settled on the Rectory of Holy Trinity.

C.23.24. London Gazette 18 July 1873, as printed for pp3391-3394 and 3387-3390 on one folded but uncut sheet. Pp3387-2288 recites a submission to the Queen in Council 17 July 1873 concerning the uniting of the contiguous benefices of St Nicholas Colchester and St Runwald’s Colchester.

C.23.25. See C.23.18.

C.23.26. A packet of letters etc to Henry Wall Bursar of Balliol mainly from Lewis Welsh Owen, as put away by Wall with annotations in his hand concerning a coastal road at Walton, 1845-1853.

C.23.26a. Formerly C.19.36. A detailed large-(but unstated)-scale survey plan of the sea front with the “German Ocean” and close roads and properties at Walton by GR Jay Gt Bromley ,1843.A roll on paper with canvas backing.

C.23.27-29. See C.23.47

C.23.30. Particulars and Valuation of the Advowson of the Rectory of Tendring (Patrons the College, Incumbent the Rev JM Chapman) by Field & Castle of Oxford 10 November 1876.

C.23.31. A schedule of “Deeds and Documents relating to Marks Tey and LittleTey –borrowed from the Muniment Room-Balliol College “from Morrell & Son, 21 August 1877. None of the items noted ever (as far as can be seen) came back to the College and this schedule is the only record that they ever existed. Of particular importance are the indenture between Hatton Compton and the Bishop of London 19 August 1720 and the conveyance dated 31 January 1722 by the Bishop of London to the College.

C.23.32. See C.23.47.

C.23.33. Case for the opinion of Mr Sergt Williams in the dispute between the Rev Peter Wright, incoming Rector of St Nicholas Colchester, and the Rev John Smythies about dilapidations. Annotated on the 6th and 7th sheets with the opinion of John Williams, Sergeants Inn, 1 November 1808.

C.23.34. Wright & Pickering of the Temple 2 January 1809, copy letter to Baker Morrell Esq., concerning procedure in the case set out in C.23.33, as sent to Mr Sergt Williams, with his response dated 16 January 1809 written thereon.

C.23.35 and C.23.36. Rev Peter Wright from Marks Tey, 2ALS to John Parsons, Master of Balliol, 1809.

C.23.37. John Round from Colchester ALS addressed to the Vice Chancellor (John Parsons Master of Balliol) at Balliol 30 June 1809, personal and concerning Round family matters.

C.23.38. A detailed plan showing the proposed addition of a total of 39.5 rods to St Botolph’s Churchyard on the north side of the old Church ruins, taking land and outhouses belonging to Mr Osborne Mr Chignell and MrDowson, who had adjacent houses west of the churchyard on Botolph street, and in partial exchange extending their gardens by moving the Churchyard boundary about 20 feet eastwards. Not dated, but on paper with a dated watermark: 1810. In appearance and style of about that date.

C.23.39. Richard Jenkyns Master of Balliol, draft or copy letter about plans to build a new church, annotated in a later hand (probably Robert Scott Master of Balliol )as concerning St Botolph’s to Mr Hoblyn, possibly 1823

C.23.40. Extracts concerning St Botolph’s from the Will of Mary Montagu Thorley of Colchester Spinster,who died 31 Dember 1861

C.23.41. Rev CS Lock, ALS enclosing C.23.40, from St Botolph’s Colchester, to Robert Scott Master of Balliol, 27 January 1862

C.23.42. Declaration by the College of the Unsaleability of the Advowson of Holy Trinity Colchester in accordance with the Benefices Act 1898 (Amendment) Measure 1923. Sealed with the great St Catherine seal of the College, attested by AD Lindsay Master of Balliol and Edward Hilliard, 9 February 1926. Registered in the Registry of the Diocese of Chelmsford, 15 February 1926.

C.23.43. Declaration by the College of the Unsaleability of the Advowson of St Leanard Colchester in accordance with the Benefices Act 1898 (Amendment) Measure 1923. Sealed with the great St Catherine seal of the College, attested by AD Lindsay Master of Balliol and CS Orwin 22 October 1926. Registered in the Registry of the Diocese of Chelmsford, 29 October 1926.

C.23.44. A packet of letters etc flattened by EV Quinn and labelled in his hand “Colchester All Saints/ Correspondence 1855-63/ Colchester Trinity/ Correspondence 1868”. Numerous ALS from the Rev JT Round to Robert Scott Master of Balliol are included.

C.23.45. A packet of letters etc flattened by EV Quinn and labelled in his hand “Colchester St Leonard’s Correspondence 1860-9” .Numerous ALS from John G Bingley Rector to Robert Scott Master of Balliol are included, with ephemera concerning Bingley’s activities to improve the religious life of Parish.

C.23.46.A packet of letters etc flattened by EV Quinn and labelled in his hand ”Tendring, Essex /Correspondence 1862-5” . Numerous ALS from JM Chapman to Robert Scott Master of Balliol are included.

C.23.47. Eighteenth century schedules of Colchester and Tendring documents in the hands of Joseph Sanford (C.23.32) and John Davey (C.23.27-29 and one previously unlisted) ,and bundle labels in the hand of George Parker .

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