**FORMAL ARCHIVES C.15, C.17 & C.19**

**Huntspill**

The Formal Archive material concerning the patronage of and property at Huntspill in Somerset was spread between four boxes when reexamined and relisted in 2015: it is now in three Boxes, C.15, C.17 & C.19 respectively. The 2015 relisting preserves the previous coding on the red-edged labels previously placed on nearly all the documents. Some items have been cited using these codes in the VCH article on Huntspill. The very brief descriptions previously recorded are in several cases inaccurate and misleading; nor is the order of the previous list logical. The 2015 list is new but there has been no change of coding or rearrangement.

C.15.1A Conveyance, 10 December 1701, in the form of a complex Indenture Tripartite between (a) Nicholas Hooper Sergeant at Law & Richard Webb Esq. of the Inner Temple, (b) James Grove Esq. of the Inner Temple, and (c) John Tripp Gentleman of Shipham Somerset, whereby the Advowson etc was conveyed to John Tripp. With a detailed schedule attached of documents pertaining to previous title.

C.15.1B. Conveyance, 10 December 1701, in the form of a complex Indenture Quadripartite between (a) Francis Sambrook, Gentleman of the Middle Temple, (b) James Grove Esq. of the Inner Temple, (c) John Tripp Gentleman of Shipham, and (d) Whitchurch Phippen Mercer of the City of Bristol, whereby a moiety of the third part in the Advowson was conveyed to Whitchurch Phippen.

C.15.2. Conveyance, 18 May 1721, in the form of a complex Indenture Quadripartite between (a) Mary Phippen, Widow and Executrix of Whitchurch Phippen, (b) John Tripp of Taunton Somerset, (c) Charles Prowse Esq. of the MiddleTemple, and (d) Thomas Dyke Gentleman of Lyons Inn Middlesex, whereby the rights in C.15.1B were conveyed to Thomas Dyke.

C.15.3. Conveyance of the Advowson etc, 18 May 1721, John Tripp to Charles Prowse. With a detailed schedule attached of documents pertaining to previous title.

C.15.4. Conveyance of the Advowson etc to the College, 31 December 1724, in the form of a complex Indenture Quadripartite between (a) Charles Prowse Esq. of the Middle Temple, (b) Thomas Dyke Gentleman of Lyons Inn (c) the College, and (d) Charles Hanne Gentleman of New Inn.

C.15.5. Lease, 20 September 1742 the Hon George Bridges Esq, of Avington Hants to William Sanford Clerk, Fellow of All Souls College Oxford of several closes and parcels of meadow pasture and arable land in Huntspill, for 99 years or the lives of Thomas Burges aged 16 son of John Burges Yeoman, Thomas Bath aged 18 son of William Bath Wheelwright deceased, and William Coasier aged 11 son of John Coasier Maltser, all of Kirtlington Oxon. Signed and sealed by George Bridges.

C.15.6. Counterpart to C.15.5, signed and sealed by William Sanford.

C. 15.7. Deed, dated 1705 on the outside as folded (probably 4th of Queen Anne in the text ),in very bad condition ,with much of the text completely lost. Signed and sealed by John Mander. The other parties appear to have comprised : Thomas Bayley DD Principal of New Inn Hall, Edward Strong MA, John Wills MA, and the Fellows of Balliol. Also endorsed, not contemporary, in the hand of Henry Wall “Huntspill and Cannington”. One of the witnesses signed Fan: Wearg.

C.15.8. Lease of lands in Huntspill and Cannington,17 March 1712,Edward Strong and John Wills (surviving Trustess appointed by the Will of Roger Mander)to Roger Dowden Yeoman of Kilton Somerset, who made his mark.Witnesses included John Pain Rector of East Quantock.

C.15.8\*. Agreement, 7 March 1712, made by John Wills(with the approval of the College) with Roger Dowden concerning the property in C.15.8,which was then in the possession of John Mander of Bicknoller Somerset. Witnesses signed Fanshaw Wearg and Richard Ames.

C.15.9. Transfer of the Lease in C.15.6 & 7, 20 August 1746, by William Sanford to the College for a nominal 5s, appointing Joseph Sanford Clerk his attorney.

C.15.10. Not found 2015.

C.15.11. Lease, 4 February 1772, by the College to Ann Boone Widow of Otterhampton of lands in Huntspill and Cannington. She made her mark A.

C.15.12A. Conveyance , 10 March 1775 of lands at Huntspill by James Duke of Chandos Lord of the Manor of Huntspill de la Hayes to the College.Two attached membranes; on the back of the upper membrane is very detailed schedule of documents 1712-1775 pertaining to title cited in the Conveyance, listing all the parties to each; most were complex Indentures Multipartite . Signed and sealed by the Duke: the seal oval 2.5 x 2.0cm, a poor impression but apparently a coronet above a large plain capital C

C.15.12B. Lease for one year, 9 March 1775, of the property in C.15.12A by James Duke of Chandos to the College, similarly signed and sealed.

C.15.13. Lease,6 May 1801, the College to William Cox Yeoman of Stert within the Parish of Huntspill of the following: a 3 acre close called College Three Acres ,a 9 acre close called College Nine Acres with the warth or salt marsh on the east side thereof against the sea or river containing about 1 acre, a 16 acre close called Hurdles and a 5 acre close called Frollicks with the warth or salt marsh on the east side thereof against the sea or river containing about 8 acres ,all within the Parishes of Huntspill Stogursey Cannington and Otterhampton, lately in the tenancy of the Widow Boone .

C.15.14. Lease, 19 June 1820, same parties and properties as C.15.13, witness signing Wm Cox Junr. See C.19.32 for an 1834 lease of these properties.

C.15.15. Contemporary Extract from the Roll of the Manor of the Rectory of Huntspill (Theophilus Leigh Lord of the Manor, Richard Escott Gentleman Steward: both signed). At a Court Baron held on 1 December 1773 homage was presented by Thomas Greenwood and Joseph Crocker who made his mark. Elianor Baggs came (by her Attorney the Revd Richard Tuthill) and surrendered her customary tenancy of a messuage and Riddicott Close. Samuel Cooke Rector of Bookham in Surrey also came with his wife Cassandra late Leigh (by their Attorney Richard Tuthill aforesaid) and surrendered their reversion in the said property. Elianor Baggs,Samuel Cooke and Cassandra his wife were readmitted to customary tenancy of the said property for the longest of their lives according to the customs of the Manor.

C.15.16. Lease, 29 May 1787.same parties and property as C.15.13.

C.15.17. Abstract of Title, November 1774, of the Duke of Chandos to property and manors in many places including the Manor of Huntspill de la Hayes which had devolved to him on the death of Duke Henry. In detail ( a gathering of 13 large leaves) with the opinion of Mat. Duane of Lincolns Inn after perusal of the Abstract, signing 16 January 1775. In excellent order but the paper dry and somewhat prone to tear on handling.

C.15.18. Bill ,nd , MS , concerning Enclosure at Huntspill.

C.15.19. Printed Paper, 16 December 1800, by John Parsons Master of Balliol, concerning the Rectory of Huntspill and the Annuity payable therefrom to the Master of Balliol. Two copies ,one rather soiled . 8 copies were originally listed :two only found 2003 and also 2015 .Seven copies are to be found at C.17.35\*-37: there was probably some muddle resulting in double listing.

C.17.1. Copy, without the Schedule of Deeds, on paper, of C.15.3.

C.17.2. Copy on paper of C.15.2, in the same hand as C.17.1. Folded addressed and sealed for Postage to John Hunt Master of Balliol.

C.17.3.-C.17.12. Contemporary Extracts from the Roll of the Manor of the Rectory of Huntspill (Theophilus Leigh Lord of the Manor, Richard Escott Gentleman Steward: both signed ), 6 October 1767, admitting Cassandra Leigh to customary tenancies in the Manor. Current and late occupancy of the properties sometimes appears; endorsement sometimes give later tenants/occupants.

C.17.13. Contemporary Extract from the Roll of the Manor of the Rectory of Huntspill (Theophilus Leigh Lord of the Manor, Richard Escott Gentleman Steward: both signed ),admitting Samuel Cooke Rector of Bookham in Surrey to customary tenancy in reversion of property in the tenancy of the Widow of John Crippes Gentleman which had been granted to him for the lives of himself and and James Saunders son of William Saunders of Huntspill or the longest liver.

C.17.14. Counterpart Agreement, 25 March 1768, betweenTheophilus Leigh Rector of Huntspill and Richard Tuthill Clerk of Huntspill. On paper: on the back is a schedule of tenants and rents.

C.17.15. Contemporary Extract from the Roll of the Manor of the Rectory of Huntspill (Theophilus Leigh Lord of the Manor signing and sealing but his signature perhaps deliberately defaced), 16 November 1769, admitting Samuel Cook Clerk Rector of Bookham Surrey to customary tenancy of a cottage etc held by Edward Beacham ( a later marginal note records subsequent sale of Beachams Cott. to Ann Jefferey) and another property late Winters, since Woodsons: both properties held for the lives of the said Samuel Cooke, Cassandra formerly Cassandra Leigh and her sister Mary Leigh.

C.17.16. Agreement, 1 February 1775, between William Hillman Gentleman of Andover on behalf of James Duke of Chandos ,Lord of the Manor of Huntspill and the College. Endorsed in the hand of Henry Wall in ink “ 1775 Articles of Agreement for the purchase of Sundry Lands in Huntspill from The Duke of Chandos “, and in pencil in the hand of Benjamin Jowett Master of Balliol “ “Sold 1874 B Jowett”.

C.17.17. Draft Conveyance, 1775, James Duke of Chandos to the College, with the signed approvals of Saml Phipps of Lincolns Inn on behalf of the Duke and Mat. Duane of Lincolns Inn on behalf of the purchaser.

C.17.18. Invoice, nd, giving a very detailed account of work done, monies received and expenses , by Richard Escott as the College’s agent regarding Huntspill September 1776-July 1778.

C.17.19. ALS, 26 December 1778, Richard Escott from Goathurst to John Davey Master of Balliol ,acknowledging receipt of a Childs & Co draft for £86.3.6 , payment as requested in C.17.18.

C.17.20. ALS, 26 June 1779,George White from Huntspill to Theophilus Leigh Master of Balliol, with an annotation dated 5 April 1780 intialled TL that he had received £63.16.0 from Mr White by the hands of Mr Prosser.

C.17.21. ALS, 14 August 1774, Richard Tuthill from Huntspill to the Revd Mr Joseph Sanford at Balliol, with Bristol and Bridgwater postmarks.

C.17.22. Printed Paper, 26 February 1801, written at Huntspill by George White Rector of Huntspill, in response to the Printed Paper by John Parsons, C.15.19 . Printed by W Bulgin, Printer, Broad Street Bristol.

C.17.23. A complete copy ofC.17.22.

C.17.24. Pages 1- 4 only of C.17.22.

C.17. 25. Valuation, 1778, by Richard Escott, of the Revd Mr Cook’s interest in several tenements in the Rectory Manor of Huntspill, made at the joint request of Mr Cook and the Revd Mr White the present Rector of Huntspill for Mr White’s purchase of them.

C.17.26.”A Survey of the Glebe and Manor Lands of the Rectory of Huntspill in 1767” by Richard Escott”. Booklet A3 approx, card covers, written in tabular form on 14pp. Begins fos 1v-2 with a valuation of the “Glebe Lands of the Rectory and Tythes when let to the Revd Mr Tuthill from Lady Day 1767.” Fos 2v-8: descriptions, tenants ,and abstracts of grants from the “Manor Book” for the various tenements and parcels of land.

C.17.27. Lease for two thousand years at nominal rent, 20 December 1642, by Thomas Kempland Yeoman of Charlinch Somerset to John Rich Clothier of Overstowey Somerset, of three closes amounting to 11 acres at Pederhamsmarsh in the Parish of Otterton alias Otterhampton Somerset, then occupied by the said John Rich (formerly by Symon Venn deceased).Thomas Kempland’s wife Barbara is mentioned, and an Indenture of 25 August 1594 is cited, by which John Lawrence the Elder granted part of the property to Symon Venn the Elder for the lives of Symon Venn the Younger, John Venn and Thomas Venn, sons of Symon Venn the Elder.

C.17.28.Previously listed as ”Miscellaneous papers, Huntspill and Cannington 1841-1865. Only one piece so labelled found 2015: ALS 1 August 1865 ,from Wm Tilly addressed Dear Sir ( probably Henry Wall Bursar)sending his rent.The rest of the papers which were at this number are probably now in C.19.

C.17.29b, C.17.29c, C.17.30, C.17.31, C.17.33, C.17.34. “An Act for Annexing a Portion of the Rectory, and of the Rectory Manor thereto belonging, of Huntspill ,in the County of Somerset ,to the Office of Master of Baliol College in Oxford.”, 1778. Printed, six copies : nine were previously listed . Copy C.17.29~~b~~ is annotated in the hand of Theophilus Leigh Master of Balliol that it was received by him with “Handsome Letter” from Mr Page one of the University Representatives on 30 March 1778,having received Royal Assent on Friday 27 March.

C.17.32 .The Bill for the above Act, 1778.

C.17.35\*, C.17.36A, C17.37-C.17.37d. Additional copies of C.15.19.

C.17.38. ALS, 7August 1776, Richard Escott from Goathurst to the Bursar of Balliol, ,concerning Huntspill rents .With Bridgwater and Bristol postmarks.

C.17.39. Certificate of Contract for the Redemption of Land Tax, 4 January 1803 issued by John Acland Esq and Jefferys Allen Esq Commissioners to the College, concerning lands in the Parish of Pawlett occupied by Mr Thomas Greenwood and lands in the Parish of Huntspill occupied by John Hawkins and Jeremiah Board.

C.17.40. ”Statement shewing the Emoluments and Outgoings of the Rectory of Huntspill as obtained by Dr Cornish. May 1878.”

C.17.41. ”Particulars and Valuation of Estates at and near Huntspill in the County of Somerset, belonging to the Master and Scholars of Balliol College, Oxford. April 1841.” Probably by Thomas Bennet Surveyor/Land Agent of Bruton. Found loose, not previously listed.

C.19.1. Valuation of the Rectory of Huntspill, 1764, by Richard Escott, giving a detailed breakdown of lands tenants and rents.

C.19.2. Notes, nd, in the hand of Theophilus Leigh, concerning Huntspill Rectory Manor transactions.

C.19.3. Copy Power of Attorney, 20 July 1767, Theophilus Leigh (in his hand ) appointing Richard Escott.

C.19.4. Opinion, 1767, by J Burland of Sergeants Inn concerning the legality of granting reversionary rights in Manor tenures.

C.19.5. Opinions, 1768-9, concerning the legality of granting reversionary rights in Manor tenures, by J Burland of Sergeants Inn, Jno Short of Exeter, Ja. Booth of Lincolns Inn, and Wm Rivet, forwarded by Richard Escott (with his cover) to Theophilus Leigh.

C.19.6. Notes, nd, in the hand of Theophilus Leigh, concerning Huntspill Rectory Manor transactions.

C.19.7. ALS, 16 May 1772, Richard Escott from Goathurst to Theophilus Leigh. With a good impression of Escott’s armorial seal: oval 2x2.5cm approx. Principal heraldic features: dexter, six scallop shells arranged 3 above 2 above 1; sinister a lion rampant, 2 scallop shells above and 1 below .Escott’s communications mostly have this seal or fragments thereof .

C.19.8. ”An account of Mr Sanford’s Tenement at Huntspill, nd, in the hand of Theophilus Leigh.

C.19.9. Note, nd but possibly 1746, in the hand of Joseph Sanford, concerning Huntspill Rectory rents etc.

C.19.10. ALS, 2 July 1774, Wm Hillman from Andover to Joseph Sanford. Hillman appears from internal evidence in his letters of 1774 to have been agent of the Duke of Chandos who was minded to sell his Huntspill estates.

C.19.11. ALS, July otherwise nd, Joseph Sanford writing in Oxford opening “Dear Sir”.

C.19.12. ALS, 2 July 1774, Wm Hillman from Andover to Joseph Sanford .

C.19.13. ALS, 18 October 1774, Wm Hillman from Andover to John Davey.

C.19.14. ALS, 30 December 1774, Wm Hillman from Andover to Theophilus Leigh.

C.19.15. ALS, 23 December 1774, Richard Tuthill from Huntspill to John Davey.

C.19.16. ALS, 13 November 1774,Wm Hillman from Andover to John Davey.

C.19.17. ALS, 10 January 1775, Richard Escott from Goathurst to John Davey

C.19.18. Notes, nd, in the hand of Theophilus Leigh, concerning Huntspill Rectory Manor transactions.

C.19.19. ALS, 16 November 1778, Richard Escott from Goathurst to Theophilus Leigh.

C.19.20. ALS, 22 May 1779, Richard Escott from Goathurst to Theophilus Leigh.

C.19.21. Copy of C.19.21, 1778, in the hand of Theophilus Leigh.

C.19.22. ALS, 7 August 1779, Richard Escott from Goathurst to Theophilus Leigh at Addlestrop. With Escott’s account enclosed,

C.19.23.ALS, 8 May 1779, George White from Huntspill to Theophilus Leigh.

C.19.24. ALS, 23 May 1780, George White from Huntspill to Theophilus Leigh, with copy of the latter’s response in his hand.

C.19.25. ”Profits of the Rectory of Huntspill from Midsummer 1779 to Midsummer 1780”, nd but obviously 1780, listing about 80 tenants and rents paid .

C.19.26. ALS, 15 July 1780, George White from Huntspill to Theophilus Leigh, with a fair impression of his armorial seal, oval 2.5x3.0cm approx. Heraldic essentials: a shield showing three probable greyhounds running with an engrailed fess between them bearing a fleur de lis between two lozenges; with a probable stork as crest.

C.19.27. Account, 1783, Richard Escott in account with the College.

C.19.28. Further copy of C.15.19.

C.19.29. Further copy of C.17.22 but pp5-11 only and therefore most likely originally the missing part of C.17.24.

C.19.30. ALS, 1 January 1820. Revd S How from Blandford Dorset to Richard Jenkyns Master of Balliol, about the legacy of his late brother the Revd Thomas How Rector of Huntspill for the foundation of two Exhibitions. With an armorial seal impression in black wax. Oval 3.0x2.5 cm approx. Heraldicessentials: dexter, 3 mullets of 6 points on a chevron between 3 standing birds; sinister, 3 lions passant one above the other; a lamb and flag above the shield.

C.19.31. Extract from the Will of Thomas How, in the hand of Richard Jenkyns.

C.19.32. Lease, 20 August 1834, the College to William Cox Yeoman of the Parish of Stogursey Somerset, of several parcels of land in the Parishes of Huntspill Cannington and Otterhampton, named and defined as in C.15.13 and C.15.14. William Cox signed Wm Cox; witness signed John Burnett. Found loosely inserted: John Burnett’s Invoice for surveying an Estate at Steart( Stert) Marsh in Huntspill etc occupied by Mr Wm Cox.

C.19.33. ALS, 25 July 1834, John Burnett from Huntspill, opening “Dear Sir”, concerning C.19.32 and the maintenance of the sea wall.

C.19.34. ALS, 28 February 1840, Noel T Ellison from Huntspill Rectory to Richard Jenkyns about the sea wall, but also with comment on College affairs.

C.19.35. This and “C.19.35end” below were the only items found coded C.19.35 in 2015; “Miscellaneous papers 1851-1873’” were previously entered here: all loose unmarked miscellaneous papers found in box C.19 in 2015 are now at C.19.37.

C.19.35end. [coded sic] Proposal for a College Meeting in the hand of Theophilus Leigh concerning granting reversionary customary tenancies in the Manor of the Rectory of Huntspill, nd; endorsed as rejected by the College.

C.19.36. Plan, 1843, of the sea front at Walton Colchester, surveyed in detail at an unspecified but large scale .A canvas-backed roll. Probably included here in error because it is something to do with sea wall erosion and land loss, an issue at Huntspill.

C.19.37. C.19.37a below was the only item found at C.19.37 in 2015; items now coded C.19.37b-C.19.37k were previously unmarked loose in box C.19.

C.19.37a. ALS, 5 August 1898, JL Strachan Davidson from Chilterman Hills Markfield Leicester to the Revd EJ Palmer at Cuddesdon College, enclosing papers concerning CP Ilbert’s inquiry about Huntspill and asking Palmer to put them in the Archives. In the remains of the original envelope: two ALS , August 1898 from Ilbert to Strachan Davidson are included.

C.19.37b. Circular Letter, 25 July 1861, Solicitors & Surveyors to the Merchant Venturers of the City of Bristol and Thomas Daniel Esq.(owners of land in the Stockland Level subject to flooding) to other owners similarly affected.

C.19.37c. Poster, 27 April 1912, Messrs BC Board & Stiling Solicitors, advertising with details the sale by auction of Swell House and associated buildings and land at Huntspill in four lots on 28 May 1912.

C.19.37d. Copy correspondence, 1896, between White Barrett & Co Solicitors London and SW and Poole & Son Solicitors Bridgwater, concerning copyholds granted for lives in Huntspill Rectory Manor.

C.19.37e. Valuation, 28 October 1889, by Castle Field & Castle Oxford, of the Advowson of Huntspill.

C.19.37f. ALS, 29 February 1912, from WR Le Fanu (Queen Anne’s Bounty Office) to E Hilliard enquiring about the origin and justification for the £300 annuity to the Master of Balliol charged on the Rectory of Huntspill.

C.19.37g.Transcript, made ca 1900, of a Deed by the College 28 November 1807 increasing the annuity to the Master out of the Rectory of Huntspill to £300; signed and sealed by the Visitor of the College(Shute Bishop of Durham) and Richard Bishop of Bath & Wells on 2 December 1807.The location of the original is not indicated.

C.19.37h.Table, nd ca 1900, ”Huntspill Glebe Lands” giving the names, areas rents and tenants of 14 parcels .

C.19.37i. ALS(10), 1911-1912, Revd Charles E Pizey Rector of Huntspill from Huntspill Rectory to E Hilliard Bursar of Balliol concerning Huntspill rents and annuity to the Master of Balliol.

C.19.37j. Correspondence, 1912, concerning Huntspill Rectory finances.

C.19.37k. Miscellaneous papers concerning the minutiae of Huntspill business , mostly letters to Henry Wall Bursar from tenants, receipts for work done etc, mostly ca 1852-1863.

C.19.38.Terrier and Inventory, November 1933, of the Rectory of West Huntspill, completed in detail on the form provided by the Diocese by the Rector RCV Hodge.

C.19.39. Papers concerning a 1933 loan in respect of the Rectory of Huntspill from Queen Anne’s Bounty and the discharge of the same in 1938.

C.19.40. Counterpart Deed of Grant, 28 February 1983, the College to Mr Cleo Frederick Roberts, of rights concerning a sewer. With a plan.

C.19.41. Correspondence of 1986 between John Jones Dean and Archivist and the Bishop of Bath and Wells and others as result of which the College waived its legal right to £300 pa from the Rectory of Huntspill provided the Diocese would credit Huntspill.

C.19.42. “Report on the Sea wall at Cannington and Stockland Bristol Somerset”, March 1870, signed Fras Field Oxford This item was found coded simply C.19. in 2015 when it was added on here.

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