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A collection of papers of the Prior-Wandesforde family of Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny, consisting of estate papers relating to lands and property in counties Kilkenny, Clare, Limerick, and Cork city, and business records of the family's collieries at Castlecomer. 132 boxes, 1605 - 1965.

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Introduction

The Prior-Wandesforde family

The Wandesforde family originated in Kirklington, near Richmond in Yorkshire. While the family's lineage can be traced back to the 13th century, the first member of the family to settle in Ireland was Christopher Wandesforde, who came to Ireland with the earl of Strafford around 1636, and held the posts of Master of the Rolls, Lord Chief Justice, and Lord Deputy of Ireland. In the period 1637-39 Christopher acquired an estate at Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny, where the family generally resided until the second half of the 20th century.

Christopher's son, Christopher (of Kirklington), was created a baronet, and in 1706 his grandson, also Christopher, was elevated to the Irish peerage by Queen Anne as Baron Wandesforde and Viscount Castlecomer. The titles remained in the family until the death of the 5th Viscount, Sir John Wandesforde, in 1784. His only son having predeceased him, the titles became extinct, and the estates devolved on his daughter, Anne. Lady Anne Wandesforde married John Butler, and on the restoration of the Ormond earldom to her husband in 1791 she became Countess of Ormonde and Ossory. Her third son, Charles Harward Butler-Clarke-Southwell-Wandesforde (1780-1860, and referred to throughout the list as C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde), inherited the estates and continued the Wandesforde name.

C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde took an active part in the running of the estates, and it is from the period of his tenure, mainly 1830-60, that the greater part of the estate material derives. In the 1830s he began to curb the role of middlemen, by breaking leases, reducing rents, and giving assistance to tenants. The estate also frequently assisted with the emigration of tenants.

Following the death of his grandson (also Charles), C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde's daughter, Sarah Prior-Wandesforde inherited the estate. Sarah was the wife of Rev John Prior, rector of Kirklington and son of Rev Thomas Prior, Vice Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. The last member of the family who contributed significantly to the present collection of papers was Richard Henry Prior-Wandesford, who succeeded to the property in 1894 on the death of his grandmother, Sarah. Richard Henry developed the colliery into a modern business, and was at the forefront of the campaign to develop a railway in the district. He was also involved in many other local improvement schemes. The Prior family is relatively absent from the collection; in effect the only family material relates to the Wandesfordes.

H.B. McCall has provided an extended history of the family, portraits and a pedigree in his 410-page book, *The Wandesfordes of Kirklington and Castlecomer*, 1904 (IR 9292 W31). In addition, the book includes a calendar of all the early documents relating to both the Irish and English properties and family affairs in general. An indication of the content of the book is given in a box label (c.1904), probably by H.B. McCall (Ms 35,470(5)); it reads:

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'All the documents older than the 21st year of Elizabeth (1579) and a selection of the more recent papers, being the most interesting, historically. The earliest paper is of date about 1228 & relates to multure at the mill of Hipswell. Of all the papers having a number on the back in pencil, transcripts or abbreviates have been printed in the Appendix to the Wandesforde family history. Those without numbers contain information also embodied in that book, though not in the Appendix'.

Items in the collection that are calendared by McCall have their calendar number included in this Collection List entry.

The Estates

The Prior-Wandesforde papers relate to the estates held by the family in counties Kilkenny, Limerick, Clare and Cork city. Material relating to the English estates (Hipswell, Hudswell, Kirklington, and Ulcombe) has been removed and is now deposited in North Yorkshire County Record Office. The English material is listed in Appendix 1, and some of the earlier deeds are calendared in 'McCall'.

Castlecomer Estate

The Wandesforde's main estate in Ireland was located at Castlecomer, an area in the barony of Fassadinin, Co Kilkenny originally known as Brenan and later as Idough. The estate of 20,000 acres was purchased by Christopher Wandesforde in the period 1637-39 in the face of opposition from the original inhabitants of the area, the Brenans, the issue of ownership being finally decided by the courts in 1683. Although the Wandesfordes retained a home in Kirklington, the main residence was at Castlecomer. The original house was destroyed during the 1798 rebellion; it was rebuilt by the Countess of Ormonde and Ossory, but is now in ruins. The estate remained intact over the years and in 1876 was listed in *Landowners of Ireland* as consisting of 22,232 acres, with a rateable valuation of £11,745. The estate was eventually disposed of to the tenants in the usual way under the terms of the 1903 Land Act.

Limerick & Clare (Southwell) Estate

The Southwell estate came into the Wandesforde family on the marriage in 1750 of Sir John Wandesforde, 5th Viscount and 1st Earl to Agnes, widow of Richard Southwell. The estate was situated in the barony of Lower Connello, Co. Limerick, and in the barony of Clonderalaw, Co. Clare. *Landowners of Ireland* (1876) lists the estate as 4,137 acres, with a valuation £2,190.

Newtown & Mount Juliet Estate

The Wandesforde collection also includes some 19th century estate records from the Newtown and Mount Juliet estate, near Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, which belonged to the Carrick family. This arose from the marriages of C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde to Sarah, daughter of the Earl of Carrick in 1812, and later to her niece, Lucy, Countess Dowager of Carrick, as result of which some of the Wandesfordes resided at Mount Juliet. In addition, on the death of C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde in 1860, his grandson and heir Charles, a minor, was entrusted to the guardianship of the 5th Earl of Carrick (son of Lucy, Countess Dowager of Carrick through her first marriage). Lord Carrick administered the Castlecomer estate in addition to Newtown and Mount Juliet; this accounts for the intermingling of what were in effect two distinct archives. The Mount Juliet estate was relatively small, being listed in *Landowners of Ireland* as amounting to 1,368 acres, with a valuation of £1,182.

Cork City property

The Cork property consisted of a small number of city premises at St. Dominick's, Charters Lane, Crosses Green, and Tuckers Lane. The property came into the Wandesforde family through Susannah Griffith (d.1757), grand-daughter of Epenetus Cross, who married George, 4th Viscount Castlecomer. The Wandesfordes used this property to finance Eleanor and Grace Kavanagh, grand-daughters of the Countess of Ormonde. The property was the subject of a dispute involving the Wandesforde, Cross, Wallis and Colthurst families. A family tree of those involved with the properties is given following the Wandesforde pedigree.

The Colliery

From the early 17th century onwards commercial iron mining was carried out in the Leinster area, and the industrial possibilities were among the attractions of Castlecomer for Christopher Wandesforde, who had extensive mining interests in Yorkshire. The colliery established at Castlecomer by Christopher in the late 1630s operated more or less continuously until the late 1960s. The mines were worked partly by the Wandesfordes themselves and partly on contract, most notably by Joseph Dobbs in the period 1874-1905. In addition, individual tenants were granted pits, petitions for which are listed under Estates: Castlecomer: Tenant Administration.

On the sale of the Castlecomer estate under the Irish Land Act (1903), Captain Richard Henry Prior-Wandesforde retained the mineral rights and founded Castlecomer Collieries Ltd. From around 1900 to 1918 he was deeply involved with a number of campaigns to extend a railway line to the coalfields. The colliery reached its peak during the 1950s, but escalating costs of power, and the increased use of oil and mechanisation eventually resulted in its closure in the late 1960s. The records reflect the administrative, financial and general operation of a unique Irish mining operation.

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The collection of Prior-Wandesforde papers at Castlecomer was surveyed by Sir John Ainsworth, Inspector of Manuscripts, in the early 1950s on behalf of the Irish Manuscripts Commission. He produced two reports (Reports on Private Collections Nos. 146 and 498). Part of the collection, mainly consisting of pre-20th century material, was purchased by the National Library of Ireland in 1964 (Accession No. 2401). The other material is held by Castlecomer Demesne Company Ltd on loan. A preliminary list was compiled by Ms Deirdre Heaphy in Nov 1997 (NLI Special List No. 429).

The bulk of the material in this collection is administrative documentation from the Castlecomer estate and colliery, and dates from the 19th century. Most correspondence was generated during the period of the estate agent, Richard Eaton, who was employed 1815-47. The largest single category of material is made up of Castlecomer estate account vouchers, and colliery sales records (notably clerks' tickets). There is almost no private Prior-Wandesforde family material, nor is local government documented in much detail. Nevertheless, the archive is a major resource for the study both of the extensive estates and of the historic mining operation.

Arrangement of the collection

The collection was rather disordered and had to be almost completely rearranged. The main divisions are: Family, Estate, Colliery, Local Government and Miscellaneous (material found within the collection but not relating to it). Each division is subdivided into groups representing various administrative functions, as indicated in the Table of Contents. A series of one hundred large 20th century volumes relating to the colliery (listed by Bernadette Walsh) is incorporated into the list (Mss. 32,730-829). In addition, a number of estate and colliery volumes and some other Prior-Wandesforde items previously listed in Richard Hayes, *Manuscript Sources for the History of Irish Civilization* (Mss 14,171-214) have been included in the list at the appropriate points. Other related items in the National Library and in other repositories are listed below in Appendix 4.

The collection is in good condition for the most part. Items are composed of paper unless otherwise stated. Early parchment documents are generally in good condition, although some require surface cleaning, and a small number are damaged. Tenants' petitions tended to be written on small pages of poor quality paper, which has become quite fragile and worn. Some low-grade estate and colliery documentation is quite soiled and dusty. Colliery clerks' tickets, recording totals of each day's sales at each colliery, are in very small, tight rolls, of which there are over 1,000. These will require some conservation treatment before they can be examined. Volumes are generally in good condition but many require surface cleaning.

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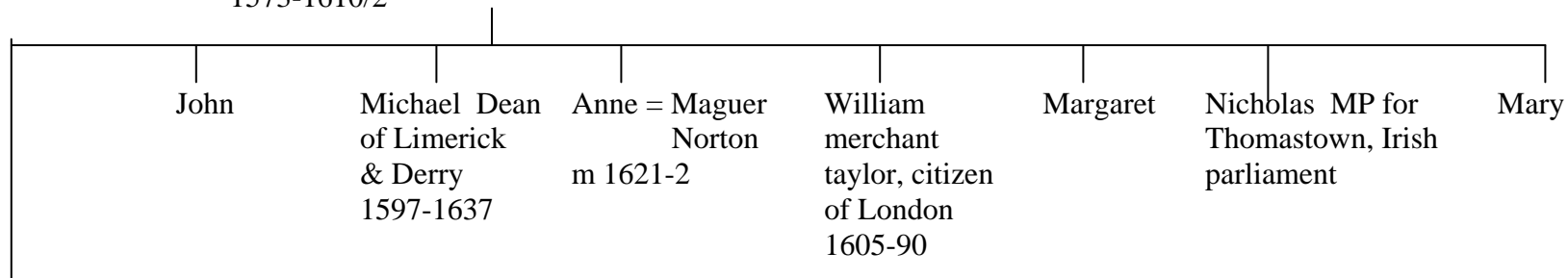
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Pedigree

Wandesforde family:

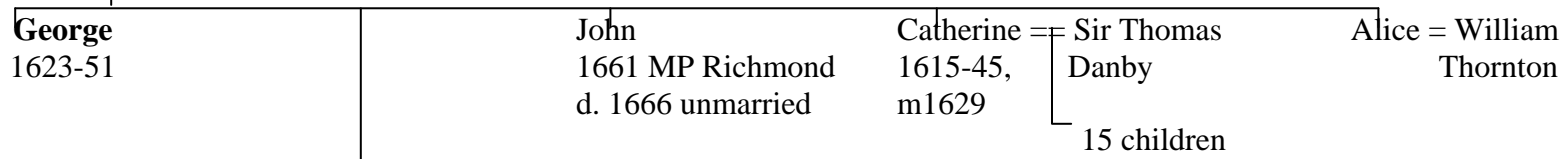
Catherine Hansby == Sir George Wandesforde of Kirklington == Mary Pamplin
 1573-1610/2

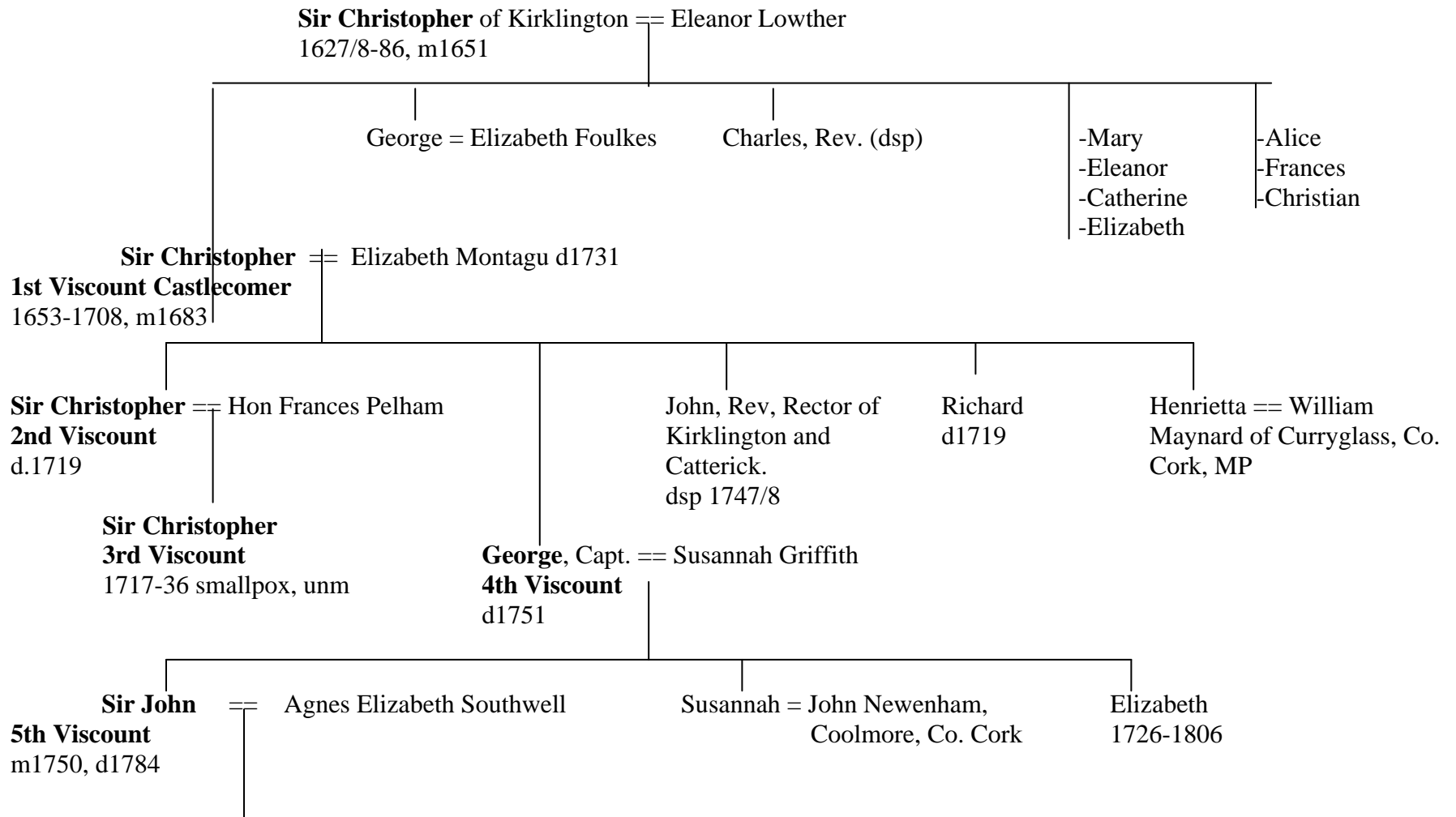


Christopher == daughter of William Ramsden

Master of the Rolls & Lord == Alice Osborne

Deputy of Ireland
 d.3 Dec 1640





Henry Wallis = Mary Anne Collis

Sarah Butler

Sophia Elizabeth == Major-Gen
HFW Ely

Charles Butler == Dora Phillips d1936
1840-73, m1866



Charles Butler Prior
1872-1935

Harold Astley Somerset Prior
b1874

Mary Caroline
Wandesforde
b1867

Sarah Emily Edith
b1868, d unmarried

Charles
Francis
Robert Richard
John Henry
Dora

Charles
Dorothy

Richard Henry == Florence Jackson Von Schwartz
Prior-Wandesforde
1870-1956, m1895



Christopher Butler
1896-1917
(Killed in action)

Richard == Emily Ina Sinclair
Cambridge Hancock
d1950

Vera = Geoffrey
Jameson

Florence = Edward Arthur
Penderell Loftus
Townsend.

Ferdinand Charles Richard == Florence Sylvia Phillips
b1897



Christopher Richard
b.1930

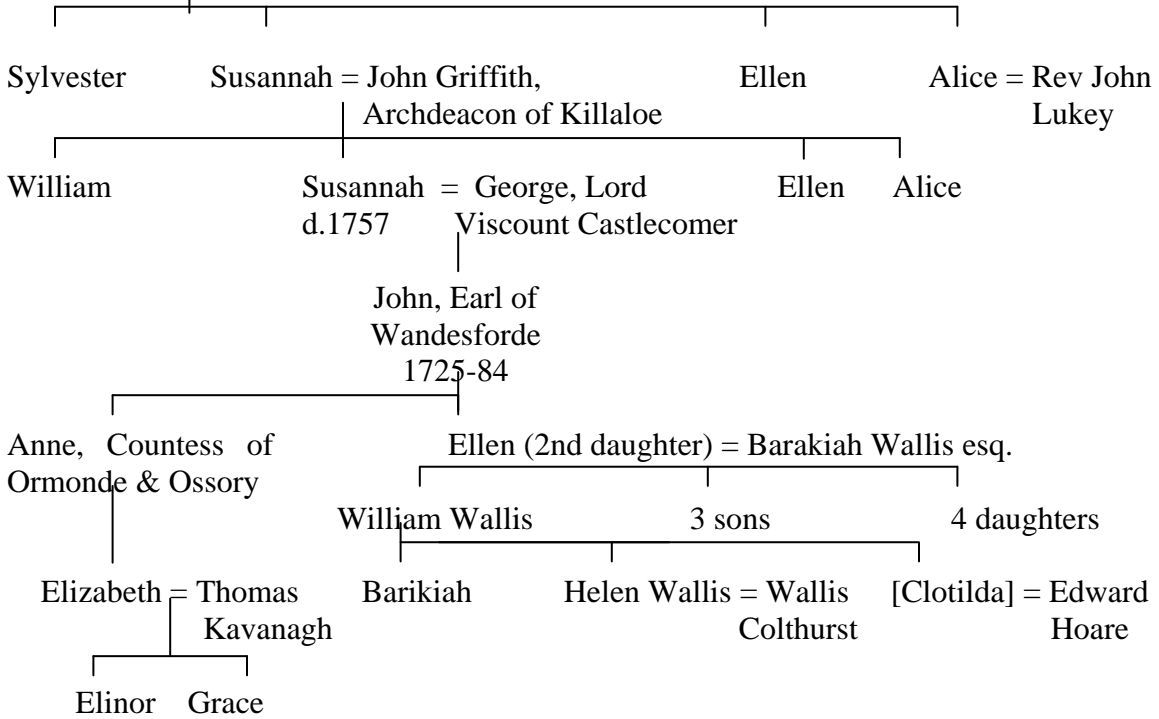
Geoffrey Walter
b.1935

Phyllis Margaret = Hubert Harry Glenn
b1933

Cork Estate

Epenetus Cross,

Chrishchurch, Cork city



I. WANDESFORDE FAMILY

The material relating to the family mainly concerns land ownership and succession as represented by marriage settlements, wills and records generated in the course of litigation (notably between C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde and his brother, James Butler 1st Marquis of Ormonde in the 1830s). It also documents financial arrangements made for family members, such as Eleanor Butler (sister of C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde following her divorce from Lord Lismore in 1826. There is a large amount of solicitors' correspondence and costs relating to both family and estate affairs. Kenny Purcell dealt with estate matters concerning tenants, especially eviction, while Cardale & Bramley (later Cardale, Cardale & Iliffe) dealt with family and English and Irish estate matters, and Franks & Son dealt with family and Irish estate matters.

Few family members had significant roles in public life, with the exception of Christopher Wandesforde, who held important posts, including that of Lord Deputy, in the 1630s. A number of the family served in the army, including George Wandesforde (see Ms 35,460(1-3)), and Captain R.H. Prior-Wandesforde, who served in World War I (in which his son Christopher Butler was killed), but there is remarkably little documentation relating to their military careers. There is little correspondence between family members, or material relating to their private lives.

Documents that have been calendared in H.B. McCall's *The Wandesfordes of Kirklington and Castlecomer* have their calendar number (No.) included in their entry.

I.i. Marriage & testamentary material

I.i.1. Marriage Settlements

- Ms 35,457 (1) Marriage settlement of Christopher Wandesforde and Elizabeth Montagu No. 219, parchment (12 membranes); 1 item.
24 Apr 1683
- (2) Copy of above marriage settlement; c.20pp.
24 Apr 1683
- (3) Draft of Articles for Intermarriage of John Wandesforde with Agnes Elizabeth Southwell; 12pp.
c.1750
- (4) Draft (with alterations) Marriage Settlement of John Butler of Garryricken and Lady Anne Wandesforde (to be dated 1769); 7pp.
31 Dec 1768
- (5) Copy Marriage Settlement of Charles Butler (C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde) with Lady Sarah Butler; 13pp.
30 Sep 1812.

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- (6) Marriage Settlement between John Butler Clarke Southwell Wandesforde and Emily Mc Clintock, Drumcar, Co. Louth, spinster, daughter of John Mc Clintock. Parchment (11 membranes); 1 item.
15 Nov 1841.
- (7) Marriage Settlement of C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde and Lucy, Countess of Carrick, widow. Parchment (5 membranes); 1 item.
5 Aug 1842

I.i.2. Wills

- Ms 35,458 (1) Probate copies of will of Lord Deputy Christopher Wandesforde; Nos. 196 & 196A, paper (loosely bound); 2 items
Orig. 2 Oct 1640; copies made Apr 1647 & Dec 1659
- (2) Copy will of Christopher, Lord Viscount Castlecomer; 3pp.
9 Sep 1718

Draft will of John, Earl Wandesforde; (7pp) 1 item.
1722

Copy will of Richard Southwell; (3pp) 1 item.
9 Sep 1729

Will of Elizabeth, Viscount Dowager of Castlecomer, extracted from the registry of the prerogative court of Canterbury. No. 235; (3pp) 1 item.
Orig. 26 Apr 2Geo2 (1729); copy made 6 Dec 1731.
 - (3) Will of George, Lord Castlecomer. No. 237, parchment (3m); 1 item.
1741.
 - (4) Copy will of George, Lord Viscount Castlecomer; (16pp) 1 item.
3 Jul 1746
 - (5) Will of George Wandesforde, Lord Viscount Castlecomer, with smaller piece added by William Dixon Dep: Reg., stating that his executors 'verbally renounced the Execution of the said last will and testament ... (and) we confide to ask demand recover and receive all and singular'. No. 239, parchment, oval seal attached; 1 item.
30 Apr 1751 / 17 Feb 1752

Copies of above will, one extracted from the registry of his Majesty's court of prerogative in Ireland; (2pp each) 2 items.
Orig. 30 Apr 1751; copies made 2 Sep 1751
 - (6) Draft will of John, Earl of Wandesforde; 4pp.

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19 Dec 1769

Copy wills of John, Earl of Wandesforde; (4,5 & 7pp) 3 items.

28 Nov 1772

Also abstract of above will of John Earl of Wandesforde, relating to Cork estate mortgage debt, with note by Edward Cullen (early 1800's), Agent; 2pp.

c.1772

- (7) Draft will of Lady Elizabeth Wandesforde, widow of John; 5pp.

1773

Copy will of Elizabeth, Countess of Wandesforde; 3pp.

3 Jan 1781

Microfilm Ref. No.: n4118 p3789

- (8) Copy will of Walter, Marquis & Earl of Ormonde comprising his real and personal estate in Ireland; 1 item.

28 Feb 1820

Copy will and codicil of Anne, Countess Dowager of Ormonde and Ossory (7pp each) 2 items.

Mar 1825

I.ii. Other family deeds & agreements

I.ii.1. Appointments

Ms 35,459 (1) Appointment of Christopher Wandesforde as Master of the Rolls in Ireland under Privy Seal. Latin text, parchment (2m), large seal attached; 1 item.
17 May 1633

Confirmation of Master of the Rolls granted to Christopher Wandesforde for life by patent under the Great Seal. No. 187, Latin text, parchment (no seal attached); 1 item.

17 May 1639

(2) Memorandum that Sir Christopher Wandesforde Barronet was sworn freeman and free Burgess of the Corporation of Irishtown, Kilkenny; parchment; 1 item.

15 Sep 1692

Letter from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castlecomer, to R.H. Prior-Wandesforde informing him of his appointment as High Sheriff of Co. Kilkenny; 1p.

21 Nov 1893

I.ii.2. Commissions

Ms 35,460 (1) Appointment of George Wandesforde as Captain of Foot. Seal is crumbling, parchment; 1 item.
22 Jul 1715 (1Geo1)

(2) Parchment-bound handwritten volume titled 'Old papers & Accounts of the Castlecomer estate', and on inside cover 'Capt George Wandesfordes book when in the Army'. Text is a handbook on soldiering, with various guidelines for officers, for example 'Instructions for all field Officers and others which they are to observe and see put in execution both in Camp and Garrison', with receipts at the back of the volume dated 1715; (32x20x1.5cm) 1 vol.

c. 1715

Originally contained Colliery profits and expenses book 1717-8, Ref: Ms 35,649(1)

(3) 'George Wandesforde esq., Captain in Co. Montagu's Regt of Foot. Afterwards Lord Viscount Castlecomer.' Appointment as Captain. Parchment; 1 item.

26 Dec 1726

Copy of Appointment of John Lord as Clerk of Regiment of Foot,

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commissioned as Chaplain by John Waldegrave (army of Ireland).
Parchment; 1 item.
16 Dec 1752

- (4) Membership year-book of the First or Grenadier Guards Club, which lists C.H.B. Wandesforde as a member; 1 item.
1880

I.ii.3. Other Agreements

Ms 35,461 (1) Agreement between Christopher Wandesforde and Diggory Willes, re work to be carried out on grounds of the old castle Kildare. No. 182; 1p.
17 Oct 1635

Copy of rough draft agreement between Christopher Wandesforde and William Wandesforde (his uncle), 19pp.
4 Mar 1661

- (2) Articles of agreement between Christopher Wandesforde and William Wandesforde (his uncle), in pursuance of an award of Solomon Swaile, that a decree shall be made in the high court of Chancery. No. 204, parchment; 1 item.
18 Jun 1662.

Article of Agreement between dame Eleanor Wandesforde, widow; George Wandesforde, Mary Wandesforde and Eleanor Bush, younger children of Sir Christopher Wandesforde; and her eldest son, Sir Christopher Wandesforde. Parchment (2m); 1 item.
16 Jul 3Jac2 (1687)

- (3) Indenture quadrupartite between Dame Eleanor Wandesforde and her children & Trustees. Parchment (3 m); 1 item.
20 Jun 1694.
- (4) Draft Release by R.H. Prior-Wandesforde to Henry Wallis Prior which acquits, releases and discharges Henry Wallis Prior and his heirs 'from all actions suits accounts reckonings claims and demands whatsoever'; 3pp.
1893

I.ii.4. Bonds & Discharges

Ms 35,462 (1) Discharge of dame Mary Wandesforde, widow of Sir George Wandesforde to her son-in-law Christopher Wandesforde, for debt owed by Sir George's executors. No. 147, parchment; 1 item.
27 Nov 1616.

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Printed bond of Christopher Phillipson of Grays Inn gent., Arthur Warde (predice) Grays Inn to Elenor Wandesforde; poor condition, 1p.
1694.

Bond of Mary Wandesforde to Dame Eleanor Wandesforde (her mother); 1p.
30 Dec 1695.

'Mrs Mary Wandesforde's discharge for the 500 pounds', which she received from dame Eleanor Wandesforde, exec. of Mary's late father Sir Christopher Wandesforde. No. 229; 1p.
14 Jun 1699.

Bond of George Wandesforde and Elizabeth Mallory to Mary Wandesforde. Also refers to Eleanor Wandesforde; 1p.
20 Sep 1699.

Acquittance or discharge by Abraham Whitehead, Coolnaleen, Co. Kilkenny, farmer, to the Earl of Wandesforde for sums owed; 1p.
16 Apr 1774

I.ii.5. Letters of Attorney

Ms 35,463 (1) Letter of attorney from Dame Eleanor Wandesforde, executrix of the will of Sir Christopher Wandesforde, to Christopher Phillipson of Grays Inn in the parish of St Andrew's Holborn, and appointing John Bradley of the coal pits, Co. Kilkenny 'to account for all such debts'. With notes added. No. 226, parchment; 1 item.
Jul 1694

Letter of attorney from Dame Eleanor Wandesforde to John [Buck] of the city of Dublin, for the purpose of Lady Wandesforde obtaining a decree in the High Court of Chancery in Ireland against Richard Reddy. No. 231; 1p.
1 Mar 1707

I.ii.6. Financial Arrangements

Ms 35,464(1) Quitclaim of Simon Moffatt, city of Dublin, for property leased from John Smith, Dublin, and concerning building work for Sarah Thomlinson, Dublin, to be paid for by William Parkinson, and Christopher Wandesforde, Master of the Rolls, for whom Thomlinson is servant; parchment.
21 Jan 1637

'Turnpike Debenture No. 120.' Printed signed document re Turnpike Road from Athy, through Castlecomer, Old Leighin to Leighin Bridge, financed by John, Earl of Wandesforde, concerning payment of tolls and duties to Anne, Countess Dowager of Ormonde and Ossory; parchment; 1 item.

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1 Feb 1803

Statement of property disposable by Countess Dowager of Ormond & Ossory, including debts due; 1p.

1818

- (2) Jointure/Appointment of Trustees for Lady Sarah Butler Clarke, containing three indentures; parchment (11m); 1 item.

1823/30

- Indenture between Charles Harward Butler Clarke; Sarah Butler Clarke; Lieutenant Col John Carrington Smith, Richmond, co. of Surrey; and Rev Samuel Mence, Rector of Highgate, co. of Middlesex, clerk and William Cardale of Bedford Row, co. of Middlesex esq., appointing a [rent] charge of £1000 as a Jointure on Lady Sarah Butler Clarke...

6 Sep 1823

- Indenture between Charles H. Butler Clarke Southwell Wandesforde, Revd Samuel Mence and Mr John B. Cardale, appointing a trustee of the said sum of £10,000 trust money and term for raising the same with Assignment to [vest] the same - in the surviving Trustee and newly appointed provision of Tester and Assignment to Mr [Bramley] [...] to reassign.

22 May 1830

- Reassignment from Bramley to Messrs Mence and Cardale.

24 May 1830

- (3) 'Thomas Kavanagh esq. Administrator of Elinor Kavanagh deceased to the Honble Henry Edward Butler. Assignment of legacy, under the Will of late Dowager Lady Ormonde.' Parchment; 1 item.

8 May 1834.

Assignment of portion of annuity between Lady Eleanor Butler, Sackville Hamilton Eaton, and Kenny Purcell; 2pp.

9 Jun 1835

- (4) [Draft] Release of annuity. Indenture between Miss (unnamed) Whitehead, Castlecomer; David Ryan; John Butler Clarke Southwell Wandesforde; and John Arthur Wynne; 1 item.

1839.

L.iii. Family accounts

Ms 35,465 (1) Summaries of accounts between Lord Castlecomer and John Wandesforde; 2pp.
13 Feb 1710; 29 Aug 1739

Bill of Tom Cogan, taylor, to Lord Castlecomer; 1p.
1715-6

- (2) Various accounts of Lord and Lady Lismore, before and after their divorce, with:
Copy account of balances due by Lady Ormonde to the trustees of Lord and Lady Lismore (1808-12);
Summary of account of Lord Lismore with Messrs Ransom Co. (Sep 1819-Aug 1821);
Account of sums due and payments made on foot of Lady Lismore's separation (Sep 1819-Feb 1825);
account of Eleanor, Viscountess Lismore with Herries Farquhar & Co. (1821-2);
account of Richard Eaton with Lady Butler (1 Nov 1833); and
summary of account of Lady Eleanor Butler (1 Nov 1835); 6pp.
1812-35

See also Ms 35,466(5), 35,469(6).

- (3) Material relating to expenses incurred at the death of Lady Ormonde, including 'Stamps Office Receipts for the Duties on the Miss Kavanagh's, Mrs Caulfields and Miss Wills and J. Hewetson's Legacies'; c.15pp.
1830
- (4) Accounts arising out of the death of Lady Ormonde, recording residuary property, amounts due to debtors and trustees, account of payments to Marquis of Ormonde, specification of sales, and Richard Eaton 's account with the Trustees (3 Oct 1832); 17pp.
1830-32
- (5) Account of the Trustees of the will of the late Countess Dowager of Ormonde and Ossory (Thomas Kavanagh of Borris, and Rev Henry Richard Dawson, Dean of St. Patrick's), with Richard Eaton, with account of rent and arrears of Irish and English estates; roughly bound pages; 1 item.
1830-33
- (6) Richard Eaton in account with Miss Grace Kavanagh ending 31 Dec 1841 and other note concerning Miss Kavanagh's finances; 2pp.
1841, c.Jan 1843

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- (7) Shares in Government Stock, of C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde and John B.C.S. Wandesforde; 19pp.
1837-55

Bank account book of C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde; (15.5x10x1cm) 1 vol.
Feb 1847-Jul 1858

- (8-14) Receipts for personal expenses of John Wandesforde (subscriptions, clothing and other expenses); one folder per year, c.30-50pp per folder.
1849-55

I.iv. Legal documentation

I.iv.1. Legal cases

Ms 35,466 (1) 'Copy of the case of the Rt Honble George Lord Viscount Castlecomer with copys of the several opinions of Robert O'Callaghan esq., Peter Daly esq., Mr Prim Serjt Singleton, Simon Broadstreet esq.', containing summaries of leases, releases, provisions of wills etc.1715-9; 2pp.
3 May 1740

(2) Deposition by John Wandesforde concerning a bill demanding payment from the estate of George, late Lord Viscount Castlecomer, the deponent's father. Contained in envelope dated Mar 1826; roughly bound, 2 items.
13 Nov 1762

(3) Letters and papers concerning case of Anne Countess of Ormonde and Ossory & James Butler (Pts) against Thomas Hutchinson (Deft). Includes: copy of general report in Chancery (7 May 1813); copy of defendant's exceptions to the general report (5 Jun 1813); copy of order for the defendant to pay into court the balance of £4112:8:2 due from him (28 Jun 1813); and correspondence between Edward Cullen (Agent) and Cardale & Sons Solrs (Jul-Aug 1813); 6 items.
May-Aug 1813

(4) 'In Chancery... Beauchamp vs. Marq. of Huntley and Clarke v Lord Ormonde. Copy Title and Ordering part of Decree.'
17 May 1821

Extract from petition of Lord Ormonde to House of Lords relating to the sale of English estate and application of produce to purchase Irish estate, with notes by Richard Eaton (Agent); 4pp.
Apr 1822

(5) Material relating to the separation and divorce of Lord and Lady Lismore, with:
Copy [draft] deed between Cornelius Lord Viscount Lismore, Eleanor Viscountess Lismore, John Carrington Smith (3rd part), relating to the separation of Lord and Lady Lismore; 6pp.
1822
See also Mss 35,465(2), 35,469(6)

Transcripts (from 'Mr Gurney's shorthand notes') of divorce bill proceedings in House of Lords, with evidence given by family members; 5 items.
6-29 Mar 1826

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(6-11) Wandesforde against Ormonde

- (6) 'A copy of the Attorney General & Mr Blacker's opinion on the case of the Honorable Mr Wandesforde', concerning disputes over the Irish and English [Wandesforde and Ormonde] estates as interpreted through the wills of the Earl of Wandesforde and Lady Ormonde; 2pp.
Mar-Apr 1832.

Also rough notes concerning disputes over the Ormonde estate, author unknown; 4pp.
[early 1830's]

- (7) Copies of Mr Maxwell Blacker's opinion on behalf of Mr Wandesforde; 3 items.
21 May 1834 ; 31 Dec 1834

- (8) Copy of statement to the. Lord Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal of Ireland by 'your suppliant John Wandesforde, Marquis of Ormonde', concerning bill filed by James Wandesforde, late Marquis of Ormonde in Aug 1834 against Hon. Charles Harward Butler Clarke calling himself Charles Harward Butler Clarke Southwell Wandesforde, and 'your suppliant then the honorable John Butler commonly called John Earl of Ossory' and also against. Abraham Earl of Erne, concerning circumstances arising out of the death of John late Earl of Wandesforde; 31pp.
26 Jul 1838

- (9) Copy of opinion of Mr Blackbourne in case of the Marquis of Ormonde against Wandesforde and others; the Marchioness of Ormonde against same, in which he calls for the withdrawal of demurrers of John, Walter and Henry Wandesforde (20 Oct 1838);
and copy of letter from Francis Blackbourne concerning Mr Frank's intention to 'apply to the Court to dismiss Lord Ormond's Bill', and concerning a proposal for an amicable settlement 'for the purpose of putting an end to all further litigation between our families' (24 Jun 1839) 4pp.
1838-9

- (10) Copy Judgement of the Right Honble the Master of the Rolls on argument of demurrers in the case of The Marquis of Ormonde against C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde, John Butler Wandesforde, Henry Thomas Wandesforde and Walter Wandesforde.
[1839]

Syllabus of petition of appeal of Marquis of Ormonde against Wandesforde; 2pp.
21 Jan 1840

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- (11) 'Deed of covenant for production of deeds', between John, Marquis of Ormonde and C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde; parchment (2m); 1 item.
10 Apr 1841
- (12) C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde and others against Thomas Comerford, notice to produce deed of 9 Nov 1793; 1p.
2 Mar 1840.
- (13) Close copy bill in the case of the Countess Roscommon against Lord Castlecomer, concerning land in the barony of Clonderalaw, Co. Clare; 42pp.
[1845]
- (14) Wandesforde against Earl of Carrick and others.
Bill of complaint (Jun 1870) and answer of the defendant, Lucy, Countess of Carrick (Nov 1870, both printed); and copy of counsel's opinion on case submitted to him to advise as to appeal (Robert Franks, 5 Aug 1871); 3 items.
1870-1

See also Legal Correspondence below.

I.iv.2. Legal Correspondence

- Ms 35,467 Kenny Purcell Solicitor, Kilkenny (and Oliver Shortall probably employed
(1-2) by Purcell)
Letters relating to legal work carried out for the Wandesforde family in the locality, mostly re arrangements for leases and ejectments; 67pp
1825-52
- (3-4) Cardale & Bramley Solicitors (later Cardale, Cardale & Iliffe).
(3) Includes: letter from John B. Cardale to C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde advising him 'that the less you have to do with Lady Ormonde's Estate, the better, & certainly her executors should not be let to suppose that you do not intend making any claim until at least you know definitely the course which Lord Ormonde will adopt', adding as a postscript, 'I am not surprized that a gentleman whose motto is 'Tout pour l'Eglise' should have so much of the [triumph] of veneration according to the phrenologists as to prefer his name as spelt 200 years ago'. Eaton adds on the envelope 'Letter from Mr Cardale most important as a notice to the Executor not to pay any of Lady Ormonde's debts or legacies [...] Lord Ormonde's claims should be finally settled' (12 Jun 1830); 9pp
1822-38
- (4) Majority of letters to C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde and Eaton concern the legal dispute with Lord Ormonde (Feb-May 1841). Also includes: letter to

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C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde with a 'copy of the instructions we laid before Mr Koe', re claim by Lord Ormonde that 'the Wandesforde estate was required as evidence to rebut the Cause made by his bill', and urging Wandesforde not to destroy related correspondence with his deceased brother James (19 Nov 1839); and copy letter from Eaton informing the Cardales that Wandesforde 'is ready to transfer the charges affecting the Eaton and Ulcombe estates to the estate of Castlecomer' (20 Jan 1843); 16pp.
1839-43

- (5) Correspondence between C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde, Rev Robert Butler and Richard Mence (mostly from Mence to Wandesforde), negotiating a settlement between the Wandesfordes and the Ormondes. Includes letters from Edward Cardale to Mence, forwarded to Wandesforde; 65pp.
Feb 1839-May 1841

Note accompanying bundle: 'These letters are chiefly about the Ormonde controversy & one of the books the other accounts about things cattle &c at Newtown... S.P. Wandesforde May 10 '83'.

(6-13) Franks Solicitors, Dublin

Letters from various members of the firm of Dublin solicitors (mostly Mathew Franks) re legal matters of the Wandesforde family and estate. There is a large amount of letters from 1823-4, principally concerning financial affairs of the Wandesforde estate, notably arrangements for Eleanor Butler (Lady Lismore), and also concerning Richard Eaton and William Handcock's Galway property.

- (6) 23pp.
1816-22;

- (7) 18pp.
1823

- (8) 13pp.
1824;

- (9) 20pp.
1825-7

- (10) Includes: letters to Franks and Eaton from George Langford concerning case of Rathbourne against C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde (19 & 21 Apr 1831); letters relating to proceedings involving Lord Lismore and Lady Ormonde, leasing arrangements etc; letter from Franks re arrangements for signing of leases for Cork property by Wandesforde (6 Aug 1834); letter with note by David Aher re deed of submission between Wandesforde and Mr Bryan, 'and I regret much that it had not been executed... I have at length been obliged to

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discontinue the working of my steam engine' (20/27 Mar 1835); 18pp.
1831; 1834-5

- (11) Includes: letters re Wandesfordes vs Marquis of Ormonde (1838-9); letters to C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde re documentation for marriage settlements of John Wandesforde and Mr Prior (Oct-Dec 1841); letters to Cardale, Cardale & Iliffe Solicitors and to [Eaton] re deeds of settlement of Ulcombe and Eaton estates (1 Apr; 27 Jul 1844); 21pp
1837-55
- (12) Letters to Lord Carrick concerning financial arrangements for estate; 11pp.
1864-5
- (13) Correspondence between Messrs Thomas Franks & Son, Solicitors, Lord Carrick, English & Scottish Law Life Assurance Association and others concerning the financial arrangements for estate, notably C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde's attaining life assurance (5 Nov 1874). Includes letters from family members (detailing investments and dates of deaths of past family members), letters from Iliffe, Russel and Iliffe solicitors (formerly Cardale, Cardale & Iliffe) and others concerning previous legal cases and agreements, notably Wandesforde v Ormonde (1841), searches carried out in various registries (including Chancery and House of Lords) for deeds and other documents relating to the family, ('English & Scottish Office & Wandesforde'); c.50pp
1873-6
See also various Costs 1860's.

Letter to R.H. Prior-Wandesforde from Thomas Franks & Son, noting return of his draft will for re-approval; 1p.
12 Aug 1910

Liv.3. Costs

Ms 35,468 (1) [Draft] schedule of costs of [Kenny Purcell] (1831-6, furnished 1838); and detailed costs for work carried out by Kenny Purcell, (mostly costs of ejection at Court of Common Pleas.), with synopsis of costs Jan 1841 - Oct 1846. Also includes costs in relation to the case of James Walshe, contractor of Wandesforde against John Edge, Benjamin Booker Edge, William Edge and Michael Neill (1841-2); 31 items.
1831-6; 1841-46

Costs of C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde to Kenny Purcell -Plaintiff's costs between attorney and client of proceedings in this cause down to consent to arbitrate, in the case of defendants; 1 item.
1841-2

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- (2) Costs of Cardale & Cardale for English and Irish suits, general work on Wandesforde estate, Ulcombe tithes and 'general matters after termination of our agency'. A cover letter refers to these suits which resulted from the death of James, late Marquis of Ormonde, to the presentation of the petition of appeal to the House of Lords; 5 items.
1836-40
- (3) Costs of Messrs John and Charles due in the case of Lord Viscount Midleton and Henry Boyle Bernard against John Thomas William Massy, paid by Lord Carrick through Messrs Franks Solicitors; 1 item.
1863
- (4) Costs connected with marriage settlement of Charles Butler Prior with Miss Dorothea Phillips (Dec 1865-Feb 1866); 2 items.
Jan 1869
- (5) Trustees and executors of the will of the late Mr Wandesforde. Costs of arbitration of Fenlon with trustees of Wandesforde, and miscellaneous costs; 2 items.
Apr 1871
- (6) Wandesforde v Carrick. Costs of Countess of Carrick, and Costs of the Earl of Carrick; 2 items.
1870-73
- (7) The Trustees and Executrix of the late C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde to Thomas Franks. Miscellaneous costs; 2 items.
1857-63; 1869-74
- (8) Costs of Mrs Prior, Executrix of Charles B. Wandesforde esq to Edward Fetherstonhaugh; 1 item.
1881-83

Mrs Wandesforde to Edward Fetherstonhaugh. Miscellaneous Costs; 1 item.
1881-83
- (9) Mrs Prior-Wandesforde, administratrix of the late Charles B. Wandesforde to Edward Fetherstonhaugh. Miscellaneous and other costs; 4 items.
1883-87
- (10) Costs of Mrs Sarah Butler Prior Wandesforde to John P. Hartford (Oct 1882-Oct 1883); 1 item.
Mar 1885

I.v. Correspondence

Letters to and from family members

(All items from 1600s are very fragile, some are torn.)

Ms 35,469 (1) Letter marked as 'a true copy of the letter sent to Sir Thomas Danby by John Keblethwaite, servant to the said Sir Thomas 5 Dec 1638', with text of letter signed by 'your most affect. Father CW' [Danby's father-in-law]; 2pp.
23 Nov 1638

'[] of my wife [Lother] to my uncle William Wandesforde'; (very fragile)
1p.
23 Dec 1662

Letter to 'the Lady Wandesforde at Kirklington' from her husband Christopher in London.; 1p.
17 Oct 1672

Letter addressed to Sir Christopher Wandesforde at Kirklington, from Christopher Wandesforde; (top and bottom of letter worn away) 1p.
[1673]

Letter from Christopher Wandesforde to 'my dear' [his wife]; 2pp.
28 Jan 1679

Letter addressed to Lady Wandesforde, 'by way of London', from 'your dutiful son Christ. Wandesforde'; 1p.
[1670's]

Letter signed 'I am your dutiful C.W.', which refers to coal pits, including 'Aggamucky found the Coals less than a foot thicke'. Appears to be addressed to 'Maddam'; 1p.
1692

(2) Letters from James Butler, to [Richard Eaton], concerning finances; 3pp.
c. Jun 1819

Letter to Countess Ormonde from [C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde], Geneva, writing of his travels with Sarah, and of 'James ... intended petition to Parliament', writing that he has been advised 'to sign a power of attorney authorising some person to appear in the House of Lords to give my assent'; 2pp.
7 Jun 1823

Notice by C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde to John Wandesforde and John Wynne, announcing his intention to quit possession of Walton's Grove in the parish

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of Jerpoint, Co. Kilkenny; 1p.
16 Feb 1850

Letter from Mary [Wandesforde], Kirklington Rectory, to 'Richard' [R.H. Prior-Wandesforde], in which she writes of 'B', who she believes has established 'a rival Church' in the district, and 'has feathered his nest at the expense of your family'; 2pp.
[late 1890's- early 1900s]

- (3-7) Letters from others to family members and those close to the family:
(3) Letter from Francis Maude to [Lady Wandesforde] in Kilkenny, recommending Richard Roth; 1p.
3 Jan 1678

Letter from William Ogilby, London, to Mr Wandesforde, advising him on settling of debts in London, and on keeping down expenses; 2pp.
18 Jun 1751

- (4) Letters concerning Lieutenant James Larive, with:
Copy letter from General [Stehelin], Woolwich, to Col. Whitmore introducing Lieutenant Larive 'who is removed from the Third Battalion of Artillery to the Invalid Corps' (9 Feb 1790); letter from Larive, Lt Invalid Artillery, Guernsey, to Messrs. Cox Greenwood Esqs., Agents, Craigs Court, Charing Cross, Westminster, London, re his own finances (15 Apr 1801); [draft] letter from [J. LaRive] to Lady Ormond after a recent visit by her and Lord Ormond to England (c. 1790's); 3pp.
c.1790-1801

- (5) Letters to Anne, Countess of Ormonde & Ossory:
letter from Mary Austin concerning the burial of the Countess' aunt, Elizabeth Wandesforde of Fulham, noting that she has sent four family portraits to her (19 Feb 1801); letter from Lieutenant Charles Ganaway in thanks for a letter of recommendation, having recently arrived in the country (2 Sep 1802); letter from Thomas [Comber], who is compiling a life of the Lord Deputy Wandesforde's daughter, Mrs Thornton, 'from whom I am immediate descended' (sic), and who's father printed the memoirs of Lord Deputy Wandesforde (5 Jun 1815); letter from Michael Cullen noting enclosure of a printed letter re Mr Grattan's 'intention to bring the subject of poor rates in Ireland before Parliament', and relating the issue to Castlecomer (31 Mar 1825); letter from [Lord] Beesborough to Countess Ormonde, informing her that his son [George Posenby] 'is desirous of retiring from Parliament ... I therefore hope at the General Election your ladyship will not disapprove of his brother Lord [Duneadon] coming in for the County of Kilkenny' (20 Mar 1826); letter from Martha Cullen seeking assistance for a school, and inviting Lady Ormonde to dinner (4 Jan [1820's]); letter from

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Bryan Butler Maguire, a Major-General, who has been commissioned to gather 100 men for the Constitutionalist cause in Spain, seeking assistance [early 1800's]; 7pp.

c.1800-30

- (6) Correspondence relating to the divorce and financial settlements of Lord and Lady Lismore. Correspondents include Lord and Lady Lismore, J.M. Wills (a friend of Lady Ormonde), Edwin Taylor, John Carrington Smith (Eleanor Butler's trustee) and others, with most letters addressed to Richard Eaton. Following her divorce Lady Lismore was known as Lady Eleanor Butler, and lived in Italy.

Includes: torn, half copy letter from Messrs William, Broadhurst and Powell, Lincoln's Inn, informing Lady Lismore 'of the total failure of Lord Lismore paying your income' (24 Aug 1820); letter from Lord Lismore to Mathew Franks, who, having heard that Lady Ormonde has commenced a suit against him, writes 'I hope her Ladyship would see, as explained to her, that by proceeding against me, the property of her grandchildren would be destroyed' (2 Jul 1821); letter from Eleanor Butler to [Richard Eaton], asking 'would it not be possible to oblige him to pay £550 regularly quarterly?' (4 Jan 1831); 38pp.

1820-41

See also Mss 35,465(2), 35,466(5).

- (7) Letters concerning financial and other business arrangements for Wandesforde family, mostly addressed to Richard Eaton, with:

Letters from Samuel Armory, London to Eaton re the settlement of the various estates amongst the family (30 Aug 1822, 22 Feb 1825); letter from John Kelly concerning Butler Clarke's standing for election, recommending the retention of a barrister 'of proved talent and who has been in the habit of conducting contested elections', namely Joshua Phelan, Ballinakill (2 Sep 1825); letters from John King Irwin, Rutland Square, one to the Marquis of Ormonde concerning the swearing of Lord Ossory under the Commission of the Peace for Kilkenny (25 Sep 1829), and others to Eaton arranging for the purchase of ground in Kilkenny by the Marquis from Mr Lamphier (includes a list of occupying tenants; Nov 1829-Sep 1830); letter from John Carrington Smith concerning the change in Eaton's position following the death of the Countess of Ormonde (15 Aug 1830); copy letter from Eaton to Mr Morris, requesting that he postpone resigning as Trustee to Mrs Prior's marriage settlement (6 Feb 1843); 11pp.

1822-43

- (8) Other miscellaneous letters to members of the Wandesforde family, with:
Letter to John Wandesforde from G.A. Cator, Selby, Yorkshire, enclosing a memorandum on 'the advantage to be gained by a landowner in cultivating flax on his own estate (5-6 Dec 1851); circular letter seeking subscriptions to the proposed National Memorial to the Prince Consort (signatories include

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Arthur E. Guinness; Jun 1862); three letters from [Richard] Maxwell, Virginia, Cavan, to Lord Carrick, concerning the letting of Newtown (30 Mar-16 Apr 1863); letter, possibly to Lord Carrick, from James Irving, Stockbroker, offering to sell their shares in the Siloth Railway, with report of the railway and statement of accounts (13 Mar 1872); letter from C. Fitzgerald, Ardmore, Co. Waterford to R.H. Prior-Wandesforde, writing that his father's sister Sophia Odell was Rev. John Prior's first wife [early 1900's]; letter to R.H. Prior-Wandesforde from Frank Bale, Suva, Fiji, a former employee, offering his condolences on the death of Prior-Wandesforde's son, killed in action (2 Jul 1918), and other odd items of correspondence; c.25pp. c.1851-1918

I.vi. Other

Ms 35,470 (1) Exemplification of charter from the Prioress of Lismolyn granting the manor of Turvey to Theobald Walter, Chief Butler of Ireland. No. 241, parchment, Latin text; 1 item.

Orig. c.1227; exemplification made 1513

[Draft] notice to the inhabitants of Castlecomer, informing them of the restoration of the Ormonde Estates; 1p.

orig. c.1791

Petition from the nobility, gentry, manufacturers and landholders of the county and city of Kilkenny, to Parliament, addressed to Mr Butler Clarke (C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde), calling for the passing of 'a measure enabling joint stock banking companies to give notes payable on demand or at any date or sight at places fifty miles from Dublin, and to conduct their negotiations and the other branches of their business as bankers, through their managers, agents or brokers with all parts of the United Kingdom'; parchment; 1 item.

c.1821

(2) Miscellaneous invitation cards, to dinners and other occasions, mostly to Countess Ormonde; 17pp.

c.1800-30.

(3) Two large pages commemorating 'the grand polo match, Castlecomer against All Ireland. Game off at Castlecomer, on the 9th of July 1877, with victory for Castlecomer by four to one.' With colour drawing of identified players, and a long poem which refers to Squire Wandesforde, 'the founder of Irish polo', and other players. By O. Byrne; 2pp.

Jul 1877

(4) Notes by R.H. Prior-Wandesforde on a scheme for Agricultural and Technical Instruction in Co. Kilkenny; 7pp.

Dec 1900

(5) Folder containing miscellaneous notes pages etc. from the Wandesforde family. Includes:

Directions on the use of a telescope and microscope and the 'three foot glass' (1661); sample of family seal on cardboard, bearing motto 'Tout pour l'église'; lyrics of various songs, by T. Moore (n.d.); notes on publications, including list of Bonaparte's generals; 'A list of papers & parchments of Lord Castlecomer' (dated 1686-1714), stored in a drawer; and 'list of deeds and papers in their respective places in the closet', with later notes by Richard Eaton of removals (1819-25); notes on 'printing from negatives' [1870's]; very small sepia photograph, showing three boys standing in woodland

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(3.5x3.5cm, [1890's]); rough print of elaborate coat of arms which contains, among other images, the Wandesforde lion rampart, a church, and the family motto 'Tout pour l'église'. Also a box label, possibly by HB McCall; 25pp + 1 item.

1700's-1900's

See Introduction and GO M29.

I.vii. Prior family & their Tipperary estate

This material relates mainly to the administration of the Prior family estate at Crossoge and Lisnacilly, in the barony of Kilnamanagh, Co. Tipperary. It also includes letters of Rev Thomas Prior, Trinity College to his father John Prior, and the later letters of Rev John Prior to his father Rev Thomas Prior.

I.vii.1. Rentals

Ms 35,471 (1) Rental of Moneydass, with notes by agent; 1p.
Jan 1813

Rough list of tenants and subtenants (land not named,); 1p.
Undated

I.vii.2. Estate Administration

Ms 35,472 (1) Letter of Attorney from John Armstrong to Rev John Prior of Crossoge, authorising Prior, to demand and receive the interest money due on a mortgage of the lands of Crossoge; 1 p.
6 April 1769

Note by William Armstrong concerning [rent paid to John Prior] for land at Farney Bridge Hill (part of page missing); 1p
c.1779

(2) Correspondence of Rev Thomas Prior, and after his death Rev John Prior, re land at Crossoge and Lisnacilly, Co. Tipperary. Letters mostly from Major William Armstrong of Farney Castle, re his various attempts to take the farm at Monedass and Prior's Lodge (1839-41). Letters from 1843 concern the sale of Prior's Lodge; 23 items.
1802-51

(3) Legal documentation re ownership of Crossoge and Lisnacilly (numbered copies of mortgages, wills, leases etc., dating back to 1669) involving the Prior and Armstrong families. Includes copy of grant of lands of Lisnacilly to George Wallis (2 Mar 1669); 7 items.
c.1844

(4) Legal documentation arising from a dispute between the Prior family and Major William Armstrong, Farney Castle, over Crossoge and Lisnacilly (costs, power of attorney, copy of related marriage settlement etc., dating back to 1803). Includes documentation of the Morris and Journeaux families and others; 19 items.
1849-50

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- (5) Other legal documentation: copy draft deed appointing new trustees for the children of Rev John Prior (1849); certificate of search made for judgement in Rev John Prior and Thomas Young Prior against John Butler Wandesforde in 1847 (24 Feb 1854); copy of queries on case re lands of Crossoge on behalf of Rev John Prior (Nov 1858); and rough copy of will of Rev John Prior, Rector of Kirklington, with notes (15 Apr 1867 (orig. 26 Jul 1865)); 4 items.
1845-67
- (6) Costs of various cases, namely in relation to the marriage settlement of Rev John Prior and Miss Wandesforde (1836-7), costs of appointment by Rev Mr Prior and Mrs Prior in favour of Charles B. Prior esq., prior to his marriage (1866), and costs of partition of Lisnacilly and of passing legacy and succession duty accounts (1874-7); 3 items.
1836-7, 1866, 1874-7
- (7) Copy of Primary Valuation of the Barony of Kilnarnagh, Upper, with handwritten notes on Crossoge and Lisnacilla; 1 item.
Aug 1851

I.vii.3. Estate Management & Accounts

- Ms 35,473 (1) Rough accounts of Prior Lodge, recording account with William Jones; 3pp.
1831-7
- (2) Bundle containing notes of accounts, including account of trust fund (1851), scraps of paper, Executors Stock Account (1843-4), and 'Executors of Dr Prior in account of Legatees' (1843-4). Also receipts for subscriptions to Spiritual Schools at Thurles and Holy Cross, paid by Revs. John and Hugh Edward Prior in memory of their late father (23 Jan 1844); 24pp.
1843-45; 1851
 - (3) Material concerning the painting and decoration of Crossoge House, Thurles, with letters from painter, estimates and bills; 12pp.
1863-4

Workmen's account book, listing workers, days worked and observations; 1 notebook.
Dec 1867-Jul 1869
 - (4) Large volume recording cattle and subsequent offspring at Crossoge, listed alphabetically by animal (bred or purchased by Rev John Prior or C.B.

Prior). Also contains printed list of livestock for sale at auction at Crossoge on 7 Mar 1853; 1 vol (42x37x0.5cm), 4pp (outside).
1867-72

I.vii.4. Private family material

Ms 35,474 (1) Occasional pages from the journal of Rev Thomas Prior. They include the following:

An account of the deaths of Dr George Lee and Dr Hall, 'the learned and pious Bishop of Dromore' (22-6 Nov 1811);

An account of the death and burial of 'my beloved son Robert Young Prior', with a draft of a prayer written for his son (3-18 Sep 1823);

An account of the death of his son John Prior's wife Sophia (née Odell), 'a very amiable young woman'; his disapproval of a proposal of marriage to his daughter, and his son John's grief at the death of his wife, with the possibility of taking a year's leave of absence (Jun - Aug 1834); and other, undated pages. Also includes momentos of Robert Young Prior; 11pp.

1811-c.1834

(2) Letters from Rev Thomas Prior, Trinity College, to his father John Prior, Prior Lodge, Tipperary, mostly re family finances. Includes:

Letter in which Thomas writes 'the joint bond of you and me is not a good security, because we are both equally restrained from insuring the next heir... on examining your marriage settlement Mr Thompson assures me it is so drawn up that if I were to think of marriage I could not even with your assistance make a settlement, much less the ground be affected by our debts; as matters now stand Simon will inevitably after you and me enjoy the lands of Crossoge free from all incumbrances except £250 which you have the liberty of imposing on it, and if we three should die without legal issue it will go to the Elys of Balaghmore' (5 May 1795);

Letter concerning Thomas' efforts to get title deeds of Crossoge from William Armstrong, who refuses to send the deeds until the account is settled (24 Oct 1806, *see Ms 35,472(4)*);

Letter in which Thomas writes of the possibility of being offered 'a benefice belonging to the College' in a parish about 120 miles from the College, which would give 'much better opportunities of educating John and his brothers' (10 May 1809); 4 pp.

1795-1809

(3) Letters from Rev John Prior, mostly to his father Rev Thomas Prior, Trinity College. In 1835 John writes while travelling in Italy. On 10 Aug 1836 he writes from Castlecomer of negotiations re marriage settlement. In 1840-41 he is travelling again, this time with his family. On 4 May 1841 he writes from Florence of his son Charles, 'a beautiful child now past six months old. He is the admiration of every person who sees him'. He later

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writes of the engagement of John Wandesforde to Miss McClintock (18 Oct 1841), and in Sep 1842 he writes of being canvassed by candidates in College elections. (After his marriage to Sarah Wandesforde letters are written mostly from Newtown Stoneyford.); 18pp
1829; 1835-43

- (4) Pages cut from a volume containing the text of a letter from Rev Dr William Baillee to Rev Hugh Edward Prior, following the death of the Vice Provost (Thomas Prior) (28-9 Apr 1844), and text of a long letter from Rev. John Prior to his mother (27 Apr 1844); 8pp.
Apr 1844
- (5) Letter from John Prior, Paris to [Richard Eaton], principally concerning finances. He also refers to the recent 'loss of our dear baby'; 2pp.
9 Nov 1843

Letter [to Rev John Prior] from [Wllm Thomas Cooke, Italy], writing of his studies of the Catholic Church; 2pp.
4 Mar 1846

I.vii.5. Other

Ms 35,475 (1) Account of 'The most illustrious Mr Prior to Natali Ussi, painter for restorations done to some pictures belonging to him, and articles sold to him...' in Italian, with English translation; 1 item.
Sep 1840-Jan 1841

Printed pages, with a drawing of the monument erected to Rev Thomas Prior in the Chapel of Trinity College Dublin, and text of inscriptions; 2pp.
1846

'An address of condolence to Mrs Prior relict of the late John Prior A.M. Rector of Kirklington, agreed to at a meeting of the Parishioners of Kirklington ...', signed by parishioners; parchment, 1 item.
1 Jan 1868

Note on the coat of arms of the Wallace family, with print of the arms; 2pp.
n.d.

II. ESTATES

The greater part of this material is from the 19th century, notably the years 1818-47, when Richard Eaton acted as estate agent. There is also a large amount of material relating to Eaton's work as agent and advisor to others. Agents whose tenure is covered in this collection are: Edward Cullen (-1818), Richard Eaton (1818-47), Richard Cooke (1847-81) and N.G. Richardson (1882-). Charles-Harward Butler Clarke Southwell Wandesforde played an active part in the administration of the estate from the death of his mother in 1830, and after the death of his son, John, in 1856. In the early 1850s both Charles and John oversaw the estate. The Earl of Carrick oversaw the estate from 1860 until Charles Wandesforde came of age in 1874.

Most of the records in this section are accounts, notably vouchers. These detail the everyday receipts and disbursements of the estate. Also notable are summaries of accounts, dating from 1819-1926.

II.i. The Castlecomer estate

The material from this the principal estate is arranged as deeds, leases, rentals, accounts, agents' correspondence, and maintenance records, with low-grade rough estate administration documentation listed at the end.

The deeds outline land ownership in the area (also referred to in early deeds as Brenan and Idough), with deeds of the O'Brenans dating back to 1605 outlining ownership until the property was acquired by the Wandesfordes in 1637-39 (Ms 35,477(7)).

The estate was made up of the following townlands, as given in J. Healy's map of the Castlecomer estate, dated 1812 (Ref: 21 F 139):

Ardra	Coolnaleen	Lower &
Aghamucky	Crutt	Upper Donagile
Ballycoma	Cruttencrough	Moneenroe
Ballyhimin	Drumgoole	Moyhora
Ballylinnen	Gurteen	Skehana
Castlecomer	Kill	Smithstown
Clashduff	Killtown	Tourtane
Cloneen	Knocknadoag	Tularea
Coolbawn	Lowan	Uskerty

II.i.1. Deeds pre 1600

Many items are noted as having been examined by Ffrancis Swift and Randolph Henshawe for the case between Charles Brenan, Donogh Brenan and others Plts, and Sir Christopher Wandesforde, Deft. (April 1682 and Oct 1683)

Ms 35,476 (1) Indenture between the [Sovaigne] portress Burgess and Commons of the town of Kilkenny and James [Briy] re part of the manor of Castlecomer; parchment.
[23] Feb 1605

Indenture between 'ffir mc Donogh O'Brenan of [Cruttencrough], Co. Kilkenny, his son Donogh mc ffirr O'Brenan, and his son Teige; and Edmund Tobin of [Raleishe], Queen's County, granting to Tobin one half of the town of Aghamucky; parchment, 2 seals attached.
31 Aug 1614

'Sciant presentes...' [feoffment] of Moroghoe O'Brenan Mc Cillparticke, mc donyll doroghoe of Cruttencrough; parchment.
May [1616]

(2) Indenture between McLaghlin mc ffirr O'Brenan and Donogh mc ffirr O'Brenan, both of Aghamucky, Kilkenny; and Theobald Purcell Fitzpatrick of [Cloneen], co. Kilkenny, re land of Aghamucky; parchment.

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10 Dec 1617

Statement by [McLaghlin] mc ffir O'Brenan of Cruttenclough and his brother Donogh mcc ffir, concerning the granting and confirming to Theobald Purcell Fitz Patrick of Clone, property in Aghamucky, Co. Kilkenny, and conditions; parchment.

10 Dec 1617

Bargain and Sale between ffir Mc Donough Brenan of Cruttenclough, Co. Kilkenny, his son Donnogh Mc ffir O'Brenan, and his son [Teige] Mc Donnogh O Brenan, both of Coolbawn, and Theobalde Purcell Fitz Patrick of Cloneen, of the town and land of Cruttenclough; parchment.

4 Mar 1618

'To all christian people...' McLoghlin mc ffir O'Brenan, Aghamucky, Co. Kilkenny, his brother Donogh mc ffir by [os] several deeds indented dated 10 Dec 1617 did give grant and confirm unto Theobald Purcell Fitz Patrick Cloneen Co. Kilkenny, the lands of Aghamucky; parchment.

7 Oct 1618

'Mortgage of Cruttenclough by Donogh mc ffir O'Brenan to Theobald Purcell of Clone 1621.' No. 154; parchment.

Jun 1621

- (3) 'Deed of Sale of the 3rd part of Idough by Sir Henry Perse to Lord Londonderry 1622.'; parchment, text in Latin.

1622

Deed of Sale of two parts of Idough by Walter Archer, Kilkenny city and Turlough Fitz Thomas, Kildargan Co. Kilkenny to the Lawrence, Earl of Desmond and his brother Patrick Esmond. Includes a list of the townlands and previous holders; parchment.

6 Dec 1622

'The Deed of E Tobin to Robert Prendergast and lands of Coolnaleen.' Edmund Tobin, Rathlesse Queen's county and Robert Prendergast, Ballybeg, Co. Tipperary., [re land in Tipperary]. Also refers to Priors Butler of Castlecomer. Examined for Brenan case; parchment.

6 Jul 1624

Indenture between James Kevan/Kyvan of Castlecomer and Thomas Earl of Londonderry, member of the Privy Council re assignment of land of Castlecomer; parchment.

20 Feb 1Ch (1625)

- (4) 'To all Christian people...' (quitclaim). Richard Tobin Fitz Edmond of

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[Kalish], Queen's county, son of Edmond Fitz Walter Tobin, late of [Kalish], deceased, his brothers James and John Tobin, re land in the town of Aghamucky (previously held by ffarr mc Donogh O'Brenan of Cruttenclough and his sons); parchment.
20 Feb 1625.

Indenture between '[Honor] Brenan, late wife of Dermott Mc Garrett O'Brenan of Crutt, Co. Kilkenny, and John Rotchfort, Kilrowey, Queene's County, and his wife Rose Rotchfort, also O'Brenan, daughter heir of Dermott O'Brenan; and Thomas Earl of Londonderry, relating to Crutt; parchment.
10 Oct 1625.

- (5) 'Nicho: Comerfordes Assignment.' Indenture between Thomas Earl of Londonderry; and Nicholas Comerford, Cooleroe, Co. Kilkenny, re lands of Kilnebulne [Killtown], Skehana and others in Idough; parchment.
10 Apr 1628.

Agreement between Donogh mc ffirr O'Brenan, [Cruttenclough], Co. Kilkenny and Teige mc Donogh O'Brenan, son and heir, and Theobald Fitz Patrick Purcell, [Cloneen], Co. Kilkenny, granting him one quarter of Cruttenclough; parchment.
Jul 1628.

Indenture between Henry Fitz Turlagh Laughlin of Corbetstown Co. Kilkenny, and Donnogh mc ffirr O'Brenan and Teige Mc Donogh O'Brenan, Cruttenclough, re lands in Cruttenclough; parchment.
21 Jul 1628.

Sale by [] Thornton, St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, to Sir George Sexton, Dublin, of land in St Andrew's parish, Dublin, with endorsements recording transfer of property to Sir Richard Scott (1635), and Sir Christopher Wandesforde (1636); parchment.
May 1629

- (6) Indenture between Owen mc Edmond O'Brenan, and James O'Brenan, brothers, both of [Ballygowan] also Smithstown, Co. Kilkenny; and James Shortall Fitz Thomas of [Pegastowne], Co. Kilkenny, re land in Drumgoole in Idough; parchment.
20 Oct 1630.

Lease of Crutt from Robert, Earl of Londonderry, to Barnaby Dempsey [Knockeardogowre], Queen's Co; parchment.
6 Jul 1632.

'James Purcells bond of [performance] to Oliver Wheeler ' (i.e. James Purcell

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Fitz Theobald) ; parchment.
Jul [1634].

- (7) Lease of iron furnaces, Ballinakill, Queen's County and Clanmaghogue, Co. Kilkenny, by Elizabeth Blacknall, widow and executor of Richard Blacknall, Macrom, Co. Cork to Christopher Wandesforde Master of the Rolls and Sir George Radcliffe, formerly held by Robert, Earl of Londonderry. No. 178, parchment, seal attached.
31 Mar 1635

Assignment to Christopher Wandesforde, Master of the Rolls, of the lease of the manor of Kildare, from Sir Charles Coote, Castle Cuffe, Kings Co., and Bartholomew Peasly, [Punchestown], Co. Kildare. No. 179; parchment.
8 Apr 11Car1 (1635)

'To all Christian people...' James, Earl of Ormonde and Ossory, Robert Earl of Londonderry, Lawrence Lord Esmond Baron of Limerick, Sir Henry Peerce of [Perce Court], Co. Cavan, knight & Baron, Henry Archer of Kilkenny esq., Patrick Esmond of [Clonengan] in Co. [Carlow], John Edgworth of Cranelagh in Co. Longford and Thomas [fe Phirlaugh], re land in Idough. 8 signatures and seals. No. 183; parchment.
14 May 1636.

II.i.2. Deeds 1636-1800

Ms 35,477 (1) 'An estimate what I am to pay for Edough before May next and how I hope to rayse the moneys towards it', by Christopher Wandesforde; 1p.
29 Oct 1636.

'The case concerning the territory of Idough'. ... ' Case to answer: Richard Butler's petition to Parliament'. Recording background information, evidence given in case, and notes on decision made; 1 item (fragile).
c. 1636.

(2) [Quitclaim] of James Purcell, [Cloneen], Co. Kilkenny, to Sir Charles Coote of Castlcrutt, Queens County, of the lands of Aghamucky; parchment.
2 May 1637.

Release of Oliver Wheeler Downmore, Co. Kilkenny to Sir Charles Coote for 3 [parts] of Cruttenclough; parchment.
26 May 1637.

(3) 'The Indenture from the Earl of Ormond to Sir. Char. Coote for the Master of the Roll'. No. 184; indenture triptite, parchment (2m).
25 Jul 1637.

'Article betweene the Master of the Rolls in Ireland and Mr Browne and Captain Steele ... Relative to Manufacturing Iron in Castlecomer'; parchment.
27 Jul 1637.

(4) 'My lord of Ormonds [Covenants] to save the Master of the Rolls...'
Indented article of agreement indented between James, Earl of Ormond and Ossory; and Christopher Wandesforde, Master of the Rolls; parchment.
29 Jul 1637

Articles of agreement between Christopher Wandesforde, Master of the Rolls in Ireland, and Sir George Radcliffe, member of Privy Council; and John Browne, of Spelmandie, co. of Kent and Captain Richard Steele, for some Iron works in Ballinekelly, formerly held by Earl of Londonderry; parchment.
10 Aug 1637.

(5) Release from Owen Mc Donagh O'Brenan to Christopher Wandesforde of [Rathcally], Co. Kilkenny; parchment.
15 Feb 1638.

'Deed of Annuity from the Hon Christopher Wandesforde esq., Master of the Rolls on his sons, on Idough.' Indenture between Christopher Wandesforde and 'the Right Reverend ffather in god John by divine providence Lord

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Bishopp of Derry, Sir Edward Osborne Barronet vice President of Yorke, Maior Norton of Clowbecke, co. of Yorke gent., and William W of the city of London, Drap[er]'; parchment.

10 Aug 1638.

'An Acquittance', refers to Carol Coote Barronnett, Ballycom, Castlecomer, and Donnell Ballagh O'Brenan; Latin text. parchment.

19 Dec 1638.

- (6) Article of agreement between William Wandesforde, Drougheda, Co. Louth and Ralph Wallis, city of Dublin, and William Graham, Oldross, Co. Wexford, concerning land held by William Wandesforde; parchment (2 m).
10 Feb 1639.

- (7) 'Patent for the Territory of Idough'. No. 188, vellum, Latin text, with coloured artwork, and Royal Seal attached, in excellent condition (3m).
10 Sep 1639

- (8) Richard Foster's observations on the defects of the building at Castlecomer, with a draft of the pond head; 1p.
20 Oct 1639

'The order of or discharge of the ould rent upon the former Pattent.' Re rent received by Christopher Wandesforde, and listing lands held by Christopher Wandesforde in Kilkenny; 1p
1639.

- (9) 'Easter aquittance', refers to Christopher Wandesforde, the manor of Ballycomer, and Charles Coote of Ballycomer. Three paragraphs of Latin text; parchment (eaten).
27 May 1640

'A [recicacion] of the deed made by the Earle of Ormond and others by Mr Lascells and Mr Parry.' Revocation by Christopher Wandesforde, refers to indenture between James Earl of Ormond and Ossory and Sir Charles Coote in 1638, and indenture between them and Christopher Wandesforde; and Christopher Lasscells and Thomas Parry, both of the city of Dublin, re lands in Idough. No. 185; parchment.

3 Sep 15Ch (1640)

'A Grant from King Charles I to Christopher Wandesforde of the Manor of Castlecomer &c.' A True copy, made 23 Nov 1749. Text in Latin. No. 188.
10 Sep 15Ch (1639/40)

- (10) Revocation of the deed of annuity made to the bishop of Derry and others for 91 years, but Christopher Wandesforde for land in Idough. No. 191;

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parchment.
23 Sep 1640.

Lease of two years of the territory of Idough, from Christopher Wandesforde to Robert, Lord Dillon, Sir George Ratcliffe, and Sir George Wentworth; parchment.
25 Sep 1640.

Deed of intaile of Idough from Christopher Wandesforde, Robert Lord Dillon, Sir George Ratcliffe and Sir George Wentworth; parchment.
26 Sep 1640.

- (11) 'The Case concerning the Territory of Idough in the County of Kilkenny in Irelande & certaine lands therein now the inheritance of George Wandesforde Esqr sonne & heire of Christopher Wandesforde Esqr late Lord Deputy of Ireland deceased concerning which lands one Richard Butler hath preferred a petition to the Commons house of Parliament' - outlines the history of the land, from Richard Strongbow (2 copies, in different writing). Two paper copies, one with the endorsement 'The Case of Geo Wandesforde Esq. preferred to the Comons house concerning the Territory of Idough in Ireland'; 2 items.
c. 1640's
- (12) List of 'The particular denominations of the general parcels as then near measured in [Idough] with the several sums of [] Irish and English acres annexed'; very fragile, torn at seams; 1 item.
c. mid C17th.
- (13) Draught of a report concerning Castlecomer, examining the validity of the properties tithe to the lands and other premisss, in petition of William Wandesforde, concerning the late Abbey of Saint Dominick and Lawrence Lord Esmond, Sir Gerrard [Lawther], Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, Sir Charles Coote; paper, 8pp
25 Jun 1653
- (13) Two items together with note by Sir John Ainsworth: 'Proceedings for recovery of Castlecomer 1653-4 i.e. the rebels had it up to that time since 1641. Very interesting' (*See Report on Private Collections No. 146, Vol.5*). These outline the case put forward by William Wandesforde for the return of his land, following its seizure by rebels: .
'The Case of Geo: Wandesforde esq. for his lands in Idough.'
c. 1643, and

Report to the Commissioners of the Commonwealth of England for the affairs of Ireland by Mr Wallis
True copy made 19 Nov 1674.

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Ms 35,478 (1) 'Deed of Trust. Manor of Castlecomer.' Sir Thomas Bramhall to William Michell and John Hall; parchment.
29 Jun 1664 (16Car2)

Indenture declaring the lease of the recovery of Castlecomer and other lands in Ireland; parchment.
25 Jan 1674.

(2) Indenture between Sir Christopher Wandesforde, Kirklington; and Ferdinando Brenan, Cruttenclough, Co. Kilkenny, re land in Cruttenclough. Many endorsements on back; parchment.
5 Aug 28Car2 (1677).

Lease of land in Idough, from Ralph Wallis, Dublin city, Balthazer Cramer, Ballyfoyle, Co. Kilkenny, and Thomas Prickett, Castlecomer, for and on behalf of Christopher Wandesforde of Kirklington; and Thomas Purcell, [Turtane], Co. Kilkenny; parchment.
22 Nov 28Car2 (1679)

(3) 'Abstract of the long brief', concerning the case of Brenans against Wandesforde, claiming certain legaices under the Will of Lord Deputy Wandesforde.
c. 1683

(4) 'Sir Christopher Wandesforde's Settlement.' Indenture tripartite between Sir Christopher Wandesforde of Kirklington; Conyers Lord Conyers Baron ____ (blank) and Sir John Champante, Dublin; and John Beilby of Mickelthwayte Grange, co. of York; and William Greene, [Carlow], Co. [Carlow]. No. 218; parchment (3m, slightly eaten).
11 Aug 1682

(5) Receipt for payment of crown rent paid by Sir Christopher Wandesforde (Castlecomer); parchment.
17 Oct 1685.

'Crosse Interrogatories to be administerd to witnesses that shall be produced to be examined on the part & behalf of Margaret Brenan also Shee Donogh Brenan Margaret Egan also... members of the Brenan family ... complaints against Sir Christopher Wandesforde Barrt. Defendant in a case in his Majestys High Court of Chancery in Ireland; parchment.
Sep 1688.

(6) 'William the Third... know ye that whereas Christopher Wandesforde esquire heretofore lord deputy... rightfully intituled to the territory of land called Idough .. (which was) siezed & possessed he did on the 2 Oct 1640 make his

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last will & testament', and leased land (24 Sep 1640). No. 227; parchment (3m), great seal suspended with cord, part missing.
6 Jun 7Wllm3&Mary2 (c.1696)

- (7) Counterpart of lease of the island of Ardra, in the manor of Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny to John Peele of Kilrush, Co. Kildare, yeoman, with bond of John Peele, and three counterparts of demise of Ardra to John Peele for 31 years; 5 items (1 parchment (2m)).
5 Jan 11Wllm3 / 1699
- (8) 'Recovery of [the] Irish estate' in the reign of Anne; parchment, Latin text, difficult script, seal attached (cracked and fragile).
(1702-14).
- (9) Admission to Christopher Wandesforde as free-burgess of the Corporation of Irishtown, Co. Kilkenny. No. 230; parchment, seal crumbling.
13 Sep 1706

Lease of Killtown from Leonard Hatfield, Killinure, Co. Westmeath and Thomas Wild Killtown, Co. Kilkenny, for 12 years; parchment.
6 Nov 1719.

[Fine]; mentions Kilkenny. [Latin] text, difficult script; parchment.
1736.

'Deed detailing the uses of Lord Castlecomers Fine and Recovery.' Indenture tripartite between George Lord Viscount Castlecomer and his wife Susanna Lady Viscountess Castlecomer; Edward Worth and Edward Deane, both of Dublin city; James French, Dublin city, re listed townlands in county of Kilkenny; parchment.
17 Feb 1736.

II.i.3. Leases and other property agreements

- Ms 35,479 (1) Surrender and assignment by Abraham Whitehead of his indenture of lease etc. to Henry La Rive in trust for the Earl of Wandesforde during Abraham Whitehead's term; 1p.
16 Apr 1774
- Transcripts of 5 leases from Countess of Ormonde to John Brenan, all on 6th Aug 1794, for 3 lives, with notes made on those evicted, dead or emigrated. Land in Smithstown, Moyhora and Skehana (with notes referring to Richard Eaton); 3pp.
1794 / [1850's]
- Lease for 3 lives of a lot of ground in Castlecomer, from Anne Countess of Ormonde to Margaret Bergin otherwise Corrigan of Castlecomer, widow. Includes map of lot; parchment.
3 Nov 1795
- Surrender of property by Bartholomew Brophy, Castlecomer, to the Countess Dowager of Ormonde and Ossory, of 'two lots of ground belonging to the manor mill of Castlecomer together with the said manor mill and the different houses or cabins built on said lotts ..' (the previous indenture made 6 Aug 1794); parchment; 1 item.
4 Mar 1806.
- Deed of Assignment of Judgement between Patrick Den esq. of Chatsworth, Co. Kilkenny, to Edward Cullen esq. of Castlecomer; 1 item.
2 Dec 1806.
- Proposed exchanges of property between Lady Ormonde and Joshua Coates; 1p.
1808
- Ms 14,181 List of freeholders; c.20pp (outside).
1809-19
- Ms 35,479 (2) Lease book of Castlecomer, containing summaries of leases between Countess of Ormonde, Earl of Wandesforde and others, dated 1758-1803. Most are dated 6 Aug 1794. Loosely bound, no covers, fragile; 1 item.
c.1813
Microfilm Ref. No.: n4118 p3789
- (3) Printed (copy) Recovery by Mathew Franks, of lands in Cruttenclough, from John James; 1p.
6 Nov 1818

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Deed of Surrender by Rev Henry Irwin, Ballincollig, Co. Cork, Ellen Garraway, Castlecomer, Sarah Garraway, Corballis Co. Dublin, and Thomas Proctor, Birmingham, Co. of Warwick; to the Countess Dowager of Ormond and Ossory, of a house in Castlecomer (formerly held by Rev James Hawkins); 1 item.

13 Mar 1821

Lease of part of the lands of Donagile from George Scott to James Traverse, for three lives; 2pp (very fragile).

16 Sep 1825

Conveyance from the Countess of Ormonde and Ossory to the Church Wardens of the parish of Comer (John McLaughlin and Augustine Boothe), of two roods of ground for the site of a church at the Colliery and Church yard; parchment, 1 item.

19 May 1826

Deed of Surrender by James Cotney, Castlecomer, shoemaker, to the Countess of Ormonde and Ossory, of part of the land of Cruttenclough; 1 item.

13 Jun 1827

Sale by Barcroft Houghton, Castlecomer to Richard Eaton on behalf of the Countess of Ormonde and Ossory, of a strip of ground leading to the garden of Rev James Despard; 1 item.

10 Dec 1827

'Counterpart of endorsement on B Brophy's and Mary Ward's lease of mill garden in which that portion of it which forms a part of Mr Despard's garden is reserved to Lady Ormonde and the remainder with a renewal of lives demised to B Brophy and M Ward at the reduced yearly rent of 2/6 commenced 25 Mar 1829'; 1 item.

1 May 1829

- (4) 'Assignment and release of premises in Castlecomer', between Edward Cullen, Hebron; Richard Eaton; Anne Countess of Ormonde and Ossory; Mathew Franks, Dublin city, re: lot of ground in Castlecomer, with memorial of deed; parchment, 2 items.

Feb 1830

- (5) Summaries of leases held by tenants (dated 1770-1829), with rents due 25 Mar 1831; 2pp.

Mar 1831

Lease of part of the lands of Moyhora for 3 lives, from C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde to John Wandesforde; (printed) 1 item.

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28 Jun 1836

Draft notice that John Brenan shall be allowed to hold part of the lands of Kill, formerly held by his father; 1p.

21 Jul 1836

'Copy certificate written on the back of John Love's lease of the house in Bowden's Row'; 1p.

5 Mar 1838

'Copy notice to be served upon Mr Eaton as the agent of Mr Wandesforde ... relative to Traights holding, Castlecomer' from Samuel, Thomas and Leland Crosthwait to Wandesforde; 2pp.

16 Aug 1843

Recovery of lands in Ardra, formerly in the possession of Thomas Earle, and lands of Moneenroe formerly in the possession of Rev Henry R. Dawson and lands of Killtown and Castlecomer (3 copies); (printed) 3pp.

1849

List of leases set aside, listing tenants, date of taking up holding (1841-50), date of original lease, rent payable and compensation received; 2pp.

c.1850

Draft release from C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde to Keating of lands in Ballylinnen and Moyhora (very rough draft); 5pp.

[1850's]

Weekly tenancy agreements, between the Castlecomer Colliery Ltd., and tenants, for plots in various townlands;

- (6) Moyhora; 7 items
 - (7) Moneenroe; 23 items
 - (8) Gurteen; 12 items
 - (9) Cruttenclough; 3 items
 - Tourtane; 1 item
 - Aghamucky; 1 item
 - (10) Cloneen; 27 items
 - (11) Coolbawn; 7 items
 - (12) Ardra; 3 items
 - Skehana; 1 item
 - (13) Ballylinnen; 10 items
- Jan-Apr 1918

(14-15) Rough notes of agreement of terms and conditions of leases (most dated 1874); c.25pp.

1830-79

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- (16) Blank printed agreements (leases, certificates of freehold and recoveries);
8pp.
c.1800-50
- [Ms 14,174] Lease book; 1 vol.
Early 1820's
- [Ms14,177-80] Journals of rent receipts, mainly Castlecomer; 4 vols.
1819-32; 1844-53; 1880-1
- Notes on Leases
- Ms35,479 (17) Report by Lullum 'upon his inspecting and examining the State and
Condition of his lordships estate & collieries and other affairs at
Castlecomer', outlining the current conditions at the collieries, principal
tenants in the estate, rents paid and recommendation on issues that need
resolution; 1 item.
6 Jan 1746
- (18) Notes made by Richard Eaton on numbered leases, giving information on the
lease holders, the type of lease held, size of property etc., but not naming the
tenants or land; 10pp.
[1830's]
- (19) Statements by Lord Carrick [and Richard Cooke] in reply to 'Mr Marum's
Pamphlets', with background information on the changes to leases on the
estate since the 1830's, such as that of John Brenan of Moyhora
(also contains part of rough rental of Donagile and Drumgoole (Mar 1858));
2 items.
c.1858.
*For transcription of part of statement, see Appendix 2.1,
Microfilm Ref. No.: N.4118, P.3789*
- (20) Rough notes concerning unidentified tenants leases (numbered), including
notes on numbered leases referred to in an annexed rental [1810's]; 7 pp.
[1810's-50's]

II.i.4. Rentals

II.i.4.(1) Castlecomer Area Rentals

Ms 35,480 (1) Rent rolls. One in poor condition; 2 items.

1773

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(2) Half years rent rolls. Loosely bound, one rough; 2 items.

1803

(3) Rental; 1 item (very poor condition – not to be issued without prior consultation with conservator).

c.1807

[Ms 11,063/13] Castlecomer Rental; 39pp.

1808

[Ms 14,175] Index to Rental; 1 vol.

[Mar 1814]

Ms 35,480 (4) Part of large Rental; 1 item.

1817-8

Ms 35,480 (5) Roughly bound rentals, rents due Jul and Sep 1819; 2 items.

1818-9

[Ms 14,172] Rental; 1 vol.

1819

[Ms 14,173] Rental; 1 vol.

1819-26

[Ms 14,176] Rental; 1 vol.

1827-45

Ms 35,480 (5) Rough rental, loosely bound; loose pages from rough rental; 2 items.

c.1830

(6) Rental, listing leases dating 1790's-1820's. Includes advice from Maxwell Blacker on ejectment of tenants (3 Apr 1834); 1 item.

c. 1834

See also Mss 35,466 (6-7).

(7) Rental and Particulars of the Leases made by the Late Countess of Ormonde

on the Castlecomer Estate', loosely bound; 1 item.
c.1836

(8) Rough rental, loosely bound; 1 item.
1838

(9) Rough rental, Uskerty tenants, with supposed reductions; 3pp.
1843

(10) Rough rental, loosely bound; c.20pp.
c.1854-5

[See Ms 35,479 (19)] Part of rough rental of Donagile and Drumgoole.
Mar 1858

Ms 35,480 (12) Rental roughly bound; c.20pp.
1863

(13) Rental book, partly filled, for half year ending 25 Mar 1868; 1 vol
(20.5x17x1cm).
1868

(14) Half years rent and arrears ending 25 Mar & 29 Sep 1883; 2 items.
1883

(15) Half years rent and arrears ending 25 Mar 1884, with alterations; 1 item.
1884

(16) Large, oversized rent roll; 1 item, badly torn with fragments.
Undated.

(17) Various undated rough rentals; c.50pp.
c.1830-70's

Ms.32,726 Rental of Lannatt bog; details the number of holdings, tenants'
names, arrears, rents, totals, and amounts received.
Volume, 34x21x2 (cm), quarter-bound, cloth on card.
1881-99

II.i.4.(2) Other Tenants lists

Ms 35,481 (1) A list of arrears of rent due from Castlecomer tenants; 1f.
Mar 1743

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- (2) Register of freeholds in Co. Kilkenny.
Handwritten, loosely bound, no cover, first few pages missing, some damage from damp; 1 item.
1796 - 1809

- (3) 'An abridged account of different holdings in [Barrack] Street in the town of Castlecomer showing the Rents payable in 1812, the Rents raised to in 1813 and the Rents intended to be reduced to in 1820'; 1p.
c.1820

List of Freeholders in Castlecomer area, registered between 1807-21; 5pp.
c.1821

- (4) Printed copy of entries of the Registry of Freeholds in the Registry Books, of the baronies of Co. Kilkenny. Loosely bound out-sized; 13pp.
1 Jan 1826

- (5) Account of tenants in arrears to 1 Mar; 2pp.
1832

Pages ripped from small volume, listing new valuation of tenants properties, along with original rents, and related notes by Richard Eaton; 8pp.
c.1835

Rough list outlining changes in rent charges to tenants; 2pp.
May 1844-Aug 1848

- (6) List of tenants on the Wandesforde estate, and Poor Rate paid; 8pp.
May-Jun 1854

- (7) Volume listing tenants of each townland, with comments on some, such as number in family, non-attendance at church, tenants who drink etc; 1 vol (18x11x1 cm).
[1850's]

- (8) Roughly bound [Poor Law Valuations] of Castlecomer Division, detailing occupiers, size and value of holding, 2 items.
[1840's]

- (9-11) Rough undated tenants lists, including list of old and new holders of property (noting page numbers of [Rental]), and other low grade notes on tenants property; c.60pp.
1840's-50's

II.i.4.(3) Tithes

Ms 35,482 (1) List of named individuals (but no addresses given), with amount of tithes due. Pages torn from volume; 4pp.
1818

Applotment book, listing Rectoral and Vicarial tithes due. Loosely bound, no cover; 1 item.
May 1834

Letters from John Price to Richard Eaton, with account of Rectoral tithes for Knocknadoge (parish of Dysart) due; 2 items.
7 Mar 1836; 20 Feb 1837

Account of Vicarial tithes due by Misses Catherine and Isabella Brenan, out of holdings in Smithstown (parish of Dysart); 1 item.
Nov 1837

- (2) Accounts of rent charges (converted tithes under the Tithe Abolition Act) due on townlands in parishes of Darra, Rathasbeck, Kilmocar, Dysart and Muckalee, to clergy and to lessees of tithes, including Rev. Dean Dawson of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Nov 1838. Also includes Notices Served for Rent Charges on Castlecomer Estate; 14 items.
1838-40

See also Local Government: Church of Ireland documentation

II.i.5. Accounts

II.i.5.(1) Castlecomer Estate Vouchers

Vouchers for estate accounts, gathered into bundles and totalled at half-year endings, at Ladyday (25 March), Michaelmas (29 September), 30 June and 31 December. From the 1880s onwards the year endings were June and December only. Early accounts contain vouchers for all Irish estates, with that of Sep 1820 including English estate vouchers. Accounts vouchers are more comprehensive from 1849 onwards, and especially so from the 1870s. The vouchers were gathered into numbered accounts, labelled under, for example: Personal, Stables, Garden; Office, Estate House, Rabbits, Game, Forest, Demesne, Sundry Repairs, Interest, Pensions & Annuities, Schools, Clothing Fund, Miscellaneous, Subscriptions, Fire Insurance, Workmen's Insurance, Farm, Poor Rates. In the 1850s the vouchers are only numbered, and are often not identified further (the number is usually found written at the back of the last voucher of each bundle, and the size of bundles varies greatly). March vouchers were often found with General Accounts ending in December of that year, and September vouchers were gathered with General Accounts of the following June, and have been listed as such. General Accounts contain only a few pages of vouchers, and from the 1870s onwards are contained in the last folder of each half-year's account. Very few years have a complete set of vouchers, especially the earlier years, and there are gaps in years, notably the 1860s. Vouchers without numbers have been filed at the end of each year's accounts.

Account books and other outsize volumes are listed under Outsize Volumes. While there are account summaries (See below), vouchers are probably the best source of detailed information about estate administration and expenses, and on those who were employed or contracted at the estate. Related letters may be found under Traders and Local Contractors, and Agents Office Correspondence.

NOTE: Please ensure that the vouchers remain in the order in which they are filed. In most cases the vouchers are in their original order within each Account, and it will facilitate easier reference to account summaries.

(Early years include vouchers for all Irish and English estates combined)

- Ms 35,483 Irish account ending [25 Mar 1820]; c.120pp.
 (1-2) 1819-20
- (3-4) Irish and English account of rents ending 25 Mar 1820 and [disbursements]
 ending 29 Sep 1820; c.100pp.
 c.Apr-Sep 1820
- (5) Irish account of half year rents due Sep 1821, and disbursements to Mar
 1822; c.80pp.
 1821-2

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- (6-7) Irish accounts ending Mar & Sep 1822 (mixed); c.140pp.
1821-22
- (8-9) Irish account of rents to Sep 1823, with disbursements to Mar 1824.
Includes printed copy of document re fee-farm grant of land in
Cruttenclough from Countess Ormond to John Bradley, and ejectment from
land (1818); Costs of His Majesty against Sarah Carroll, late postmistress at
Castlecomer, Countess Ormond and Robert Kane esq., her securities
(Michelmas 1823); c. 100pp.
1823-4
- (10) Irish account of rents ending Mar 1824, with disbursements to Sep 1824;
c.80pp.
1824
- (11) Irish account to Mar 1825; c.60pp.
1824-5
- (12-13) Irish accounts to [Sep 1825] (two sets of vouchers); c.140pp.
1825-6
- (14) Irish account to Mar 1826; c.70pp.
1826

Ms 35,484 Castlecomer Accounts; c.80pp.

- (1-2) [Mar & Sep 1827]
- (3) Castlecomer and General Accounts (small number of vouchers from each
half year); c.40pp.
Dec 1832; [Sep] 1833-Jun 1834; [Sep] & Dec 1834;
Sep 1838; Dec 1839; Mar 1840
- (4) Castlecomer Accounts (small number of vouchers from each half year);
c.60pp.
Mar 1841 -Mar 1845
- (5) General Accounts; 28pp.
Jun 1840-Dec 1845

Castlecomer (and General) Accounts:

*General Accounts vouchers are listed in parenthesis, estimates are given in
[].*

Ms 35,485 (1-4) Mar 1849; c.300pp.

- (5-10) Sep 1849; c.600pp.

- (11) Dec 1849; c.50pp.
- Ms 35,486 (1-2) Mar 1850; c.80pp.
 - (3-5) Sep 1850; c.300pp.
 - (6-9) [Mar / Sep 1850] - mixed vouchers, found loose and unnumbered (possibly also includes General Account vouchers); c.400pp.
 - (10) Dec 1850; c.40pp.
 - (11) (Apr 1850-Jun 1851); c.50pp + 4 notebooks.
- Ms 35,487 (1-3) Mar 1851 - includes receipts for interest and annuity and Kenny Purcell's costs for year 1851; c.350pp.
 - (4-8) Mar (& Dec) 1852; c.300pp.
 - (9-13) Sep 1852 (& Jun 1853); c.300pp.
- Ms 35,488 (1-7) Mar (& Dec) 1853; c.400pp.
 - (8-14) Sep 1853 (& Jun 1854); c.400pp.
- Ms 35,489 (1-9) Mar (& Dec) 1854; c.600pp.
 - (10-17) Sep 1854 (& Jun 1855); c.600pp.
- Ms 35,490 (1-6) Mar (& Dec) 1855; c.400pp.
 - (7) [Mar] 1856 [Castlecomer]; c.40pp.
 - (8-10) Mar (& Dec) 1857; c.250pp.
 - (11-12) Dec 1857; c.80pp.
 - (13) Sep 1859; c.70pp.
 - (14) (Dec 1857; Dec 1859-Jun 1860); 4pp.
- Ms 35,491 (1-3) Mar (& Dec) 1861; c.160pp.
 - (4) Sep 1861; c.40pp.
 - (5-10) Mar (& Dec) 1873; c.300pp.

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- (11-17) Sep 1873 (& Jun 1874); c.300pp.
- Ms 35,492(1-6) Mar (& Dec) 1874; c.300pp.
- (7-11) Sep 1874; 300pp.
- (12-21) Mar (& Dec) 1875; c.400pp.
- Ms 35,493 Sep 1875 (& Jun 1876); c.400pp.
- (1- 10) *(Note Vouchers no. 64(folder 17), dated Sep 1876, probably incorrectly.)*
- (11-19) Mar (& Dec 1876), (and Personal Bills paid for Charles B. Wandesforde ending Dec 1876); c.400pp.
- (20) Sep 1876; 12pp.
- (21) [(Jun 1883)]; 7pp.
- (22) Dec 1884 ([Castlecomer] Account, Stables vouchers); c.50pp.
- Please note: vouchers from 1885/6 Accounts were found in no order, and their arrangement has been based on the numbers written on the reverse of the vouchers.*
- Ms 35,494 (1-2) [Dec 1885]; c.80pp.
- (3-8) [Jun 1886]; c.200pp.
- (9) [Dec 1886]; c.15pp.
- (10-14) Jun 1888; c.400pp.
- Ms 35,495 (1-6) Dec 1892; c.400pp.
- (7-10) Jun 1893; c.400pp.
- (11-12) Dec 1893; c.200pp.
- Ms 35,496 (1-6) Jun 1894; c.400pp.
- (7-14) Dec 1894; c.400pp.
- Ms 35,497 (1-8) Jun 1895; c.400pp.
- (9-13) Dec 1895; c.300pp.

Ms 35,498 (1-6) Jun 1896; c.350pp.

(7-16) Dec 1896; c.400pp.

(17) Petty Cash receipts; c.30pp.
Dec 1896-Jun 1897

Ms 35,499 (1-10) Dec 1897; c.400pp.

(11-14) Farm Account; c.150pp
Dec 1897

Ms 35,500 (1-9) Jun 1898; c.400pp

(10-18) Dec 1898; c.250pp.

Ms 35,501 (1-10) Jun 1899; c.400pp.

Ms 35,502 (1-10) Jun 1900 (including Colliery vouchers); c.300pp.

Ms 35,503 (1-5) Dec 1915; c.200pp.

(6-7) Farm Account; c.150pp.
Dec 1915

(8-15) Jun 1916; c.300pp.

Ms 35,504 (1-8) Dec 1916; c.400pp.

(9-15) Dec 1919; c.250pp.

(16-18) Farm Account; c.100pp.
1919

Ms 35,505 (1-7) Dec 1921; c.250pp.

(8-14) Dec 1922; c.250pp.

Ms 35,506 (1-5) Dec 1925; c.250pp.

(6-10) Apr 1926 (for 4 months); 250pp.

Detailed Receipts and Disbursements of Castlecomer Accounts at periods ending:

Ms 35,507 (1-3) Jul (duplicated) - Oct 1882; 9 items.

(4-6) Jul - Dec 1883; 16 items.

- (7-10) Jan - Jun 1884; 16 items.
Ms 35,508(1-6) Jan - Dec 1885; 22 items.
(7-10) Jan - Jul 1886; 18 items.
(Paper needs to be relaxed)

II.i.5.(2) William Somerville's Castlecomer accounts vouchers (farm)

- Ms 35,509 (1) Jun 1849; c.150pp.
(2) Dec 1850; c.80pp.
(3-4) [Castlecomer]
Jun & Dec 1851; c.120pp.
(5) Dec 1852; c.150pp.
(6-7) Jun & Dec 1854; c.230pp.
(8-9) Jun & Dec 1855; c.120pp.
(10) Dec 1856; c.100pp + 3 notebooks.
(11-12) Dec 1857; c.80pp.
(13) Jun 1859; c.100pp.

See also Estates: Newtown and Mount Juliet

II.i.5.(3) Abstracts and Summaries of Castlecomer half year accounts

ending Ladyday (25 Mar), Michaelmas (29 Sep), and General Accounts ending 30 Jun and 31 Dec.

- Ms 35,510 Accounts Rent paid in Irish Estates
(with Disbursements to the following half year ending):
(1) Jul & Sep 1819 (Supplemental Account)
(2) Mar & Sep 1820;
(3) Sep 1821; Mar & Sep 1822
(4) Mar & Sep 1823
(5) Mar & Sep 1824
(6) Mar 1826, Mar 1827; Sep 1828-Mar 1830 (rough draft)
18 items
- Ms 35,511 (1) General Accounts ending:
Jun 1835
Jun 1836 (from the Accounts of Sep 1835)

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Dec 1844 (from the Accounts of Mar 1844)
Dec 1845 (from the Accounts of Mar 1845)
4 items

From 1847 General Accounts included in Castlecomer Accounts

Castlecomer Accounts ending:

- (2) Sep 1835, Sep 1837, Mar & Sep (rough draft)1838
 - (3) Mar & Sep 1839, Mar & Sep 1840
 - (4) Mar 1841, Mar & Sep 1842
 - (5) Mar & Sep 1843
 - (6) Mar (2 copies) & Sep 1844
 - (7) Mar (2 copies) & Sep 1845
 - (8) Mar & Sep 1846
- 21 items

Castlecomer (with General) Account ending:

- (9) Mar 1847 (Dec 1847)
Sep 1847 (Jun 1848)
Sep 1848 (Jun 1849)
 - (10) Mar 1849 (Dec 1849) (2 copies)
Sep 1849 (Jun 1850),
 - (11) Mar 1850 (Dec 1850),
Sep 1850 (Jun 1851)
Mar 1851 (Dec 1851)
Sep 1851 (Jun 1852)
 - (12) Mar 1852 (Dec 1852)
Sep 1852 (Jun 1853)
Mar 1853 (Dec 1853)
Sep 1853 (Jun 1854)
 - (13) Mar 1854 (Dec 1854)
Sep 1854 (Jun 1855) (2 copies)
 - (14) Mar 1855 (Dec 1855)
Mar 1856 (Dec 1856)
Sep 1856 (Jun 1857)
 - (15) Mar 1857 (Dec 1857)
Sep 1857 (Jun 1858)
Mar 1858 (Dec 1858)
Sep 1858 (Jun 1859)
 - (16) Mar 1859 (Dec 1859)
Sep 1859 (Jun 1860)
 - (17) Mar 1863 (Dec 1863)
Mar 1865 (Dec 1865)
Sep 1866 (Jun 1867)
- 33 items

- Ms 35,512 Castlecomer Account ending:
- (1) Dec 1883
Jun 1884
Jun 1885
Dec 1885
 - (2) Jun 1886
Dec 1886
Jun 1887 (duplicated)
Dec 1887
 - (3) Jun 1888
 - (4) Dec 1889
Jun 1890
Dec 1890
 - (5) Jun 1891
Dec 1891
 - (6) Jun 1892 (duplicated)
Jun 1893
17 items

 - (7) Summaries of Farm Accounts for years:
1896;
1908;
1912-23.
12 items

 - (8-9) Accounts of Expenditure on Emigration from Castlecomer Estate (listing the head of each household, the number of family members, property given up and amount given 1840-8). Also annual totals of expenditure on Assisted Emigration and total numbers of emigrants 1840-55; 11 items.
1840-55

See also Estates: Castlecomer: Tenant Administration: Assisted Emigration:

II.i.5.(4) Agents' Accounts

- Ms 35,513 (1) Various summaries of accounts of Agents (notably Richard Eaton) with members of the Wandesforde family, and other rough summaries of accounts; 15pp.
1818-67
- (2) Summaries of:
Arthur Mc Clintock in account with the Administratrix of the late Charles H.B.C. Wandesforde Esq. for Rents & Arrears of Rent due 25th Mar 1881 (Newtown); Arthur Mc Clintock in account with Mrs Sarah B. Prior for rents received on account half year ending 29 Sep 1881 (includes list of rents due); Richard Cooke in account with Mrs Prior half year ending 31 Dec 1881;

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N.G. Richardson in account with R.H. Prior Wandesforde to Dec 1892; 4 items.
1881; 1891

II.i.5.(5) Other Miscellaneous accounts

Ms 35,514 (1) 'Market house receipts' - vouchers for estate expenses, including improvements to property, wages, accounts with contractors; c.50pp.
1819

(2) Temporary Receipts and Disbursement Book; 1 vol.
Sep 1819-Oct 1820
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(3) Receipts for expenses paid by Eaton; c.20pp.
1821-6

(4) Bound pages listing Receipts and Disbursements of half year commencing Mar 1846; 1 item.
1846

(5) Summaries of miscellaneous accounts, with lists of receipts and disbursements (Mar 1845; Jun 1846); rent account with representatives of the late Tobias Grace (1844); and other odd accounts; also estimate of expenses for month (May 1911); 6pp.
1840's; 1911

II.i.6. Agents' Correspondence

II.i.6.(1) General Administration

There is a large amount of agents' correspondence, especially of Richard Eaton, mainly from c. 1810s-90. It includes letters to Richard Eaton, Richard Cooke, Kildare Dobbs (clerk/ bookkeeper) and others employed at the agent's office. The type of letter and subject matter varies greatly, and relates to all aspects of estate management - legal arrangements, payment of rent, annuities, interest and tithes, development of estate and tenants' holdings, finances and accounts, as well as Wandesforde family finances, and local issues. Eaton's own personal business affairs are also sometimes referred to, and there are many copies of letters by Eaton from the early-mid 1840s. The type of letters become less consistent after Richard Cooke became agent in 1847.

For material relating to evictions *see Estate: Castlecomer: Tenant Administration*.
c. 1808; 1819-75

Those from whom there is a considerable amount of correspondence have been filed individually in Ms 35,517.

Ms 35,515 Includes:

- (1-9) Letter from C. Wallace relating to the route of coaches, with Clonmel and Waterford passengers preferring a route via Carlow, and not 'round that bleak colliery road which they seem to detest' (25 Apr 1823, see also 18 Mar 1823); copy letter from [Eaton] to Peter Besnard, enquiring as to whether Besnard can find for them 'a Tenant of respectability and consequence' for a mill and property, in an attempt to 'promote the culture and manufacture of Flax and establish as far as possible the Linen Business in Castlecomer' (26 Aug 1823), with reply; approx 20pp per folder.
1808; 1814; 1819-29

(10-14) Includes:

Arrangements following the death of Lady Ormonde in April 1830, such as instructions for property in Cavendish Row, Dublin (see copy letter by Eaton to Mrs Butler Cooper 15 Apr 1830); letter from R.B. Fowler to Eaton re arrangements for taking over Newtown wondering 'if I take Newtown whether china and glass are to be let with the house, which is usual' (5 Apr 1831); letter from Dobbs to Eaton, writing 'I am sorry to inform you that Capt. Rock is not dead in the neighbourhood yet - a party of ruffians attached George Dormer's house in Pherodah [Firoda]last night ... The cholera is very bad in Kilkenny. Miss Prior sister to Mrs Alcock died in a few hours', and noting other deaths (7 Jun 1833); application from Rev Benjamin Morris to rent Newtown House, with copy reply from Eaton (8-9 Aug 1834); list of those permitted to cut turf in various bogs (8 Jul 1836); letter from [Walter Molony], Belfast, re document 'in relation to Pott's murder' (5 Dec 1836, *See Colliery, Administration, Colliery Office Correspondence*); approx. 20pp per

folder.
1830-9

Ms 35,516

(1-7) Includes:

Replies to demands for rent given to middlemen, notably James Brenan (5 Dec 1840); letters concerning an episode involving a dispute with a local Catholic over the Gazabo Temperance Band, with copy letter from C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde to the editor of the *Kilkenny Moderator* (7 Dec 1843, see also *Local Government: Local unrest, crime*); correspondence concerning boundary disputes between tenants and John Edge (1844); letter from [George Studdent, Clonmallon] to Eaton, who comments 'The prospect of Famine is dreadful to anticipate. Everyday the potatoes are getting worse' (8 Sep 1846); approx 28pp per folder.

1840-9

(8-12) Includes:

Printed open letter to C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde from tenants, all named, expressing their support for C.H.B.C.S. and John Wandesforde in the wake of anonymous letters printed in the *Kilkenny Journal* condemning their administration of the estate (early 1805's); opinion of Edward Cassin, postmaster and executor of Margaret Comerford deceased, concerning an agreement between Michael Comerford and C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde over property in Kilkenny Street, Castlecomer (30 Sep 1872); letter from unidentified tenant to Mrs Prior, writing of the control which he feels the Dobbs family has on the management of the estate: 'You say Mr Cooke is agent, true but only nominally so. Willie Dobbs was the master and manager and gradually allowed the arrears to arise and debts to accumulate for a selfish motive, namely that he and his brother some day might have bid for the estate and become owners of it. The whole plan has been cunningly devised by their father as may be easily seen by the placing one of them as manager of the estate and other as proprietor of the best part of it namely the coal mines' [1870's];

Undated letter from E.H. Walsh informing Eaton of a planned 'assemblage of a large body of people at [Termahoe] tomorrow' in the Castlecomer area (n.d.).

Also includes one folder of undated letters, and one folder of letters in very poor condition; 5 folders (20-40pp per folder).

1850's-80's, 1908, n.d.

II.i.6.(2) Correspondence of individuals involved with the administration and management of the estate.

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- (1-6) Letters from members of the Wandesforde family to Estate Agent, mostly issuing instructions on estate administration.
- (1-3) C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde to Eaton, and one letter each from Lord and Lady Ormonde (13 May 1822; 24 Dec 1824); 55pp.
1820-34
- (4) John B. Wandesforde to Eaton; 24pp.
1839-45; 1851
- (5) C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde and John B. Wandesforde to Eaton; 37pp
Undated (1830's-50's)
- (6) C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde and Lord Carrick to Cooke; 4pp
1854-74
- Estate Employees
- (7) Letters from John Hewetson, Dublin and Castlecomer re administration of property in Dublin, and later re colliery administration. On 21 Mar 1826 he notes that 'the name of this place has been changed by the Commissioners of Wide Streets' (from North Strand to Amiens Street). He also refers to enquiries he has made about flaxseed (21 Mar 1826); 10 pp.
Feb 1826-Feb 1841
See also Colliery: Colliery Office Administration Ms 35,567
- (8) Letters from James Despard who managed the House Account, the account of Benevolent Society, the Castlecomer and Colliery schools and the Loan account; and oversaw construction work; 13 pp.
Nov 1828-Sep 1842
- (9) Correspondence of James Healy, Surveyor, Kilkenny, relating to mapping of the Castlecomer area (eg. 19 May 1835), and relating to a dispute involving John Edge and James Brenan in the 1840's, with 'copy of Healy the Surveyors letter respecting disputed Boundary Cloneen' (27 Apr 1840) ; 6 pp.
May 1835-Jul 1843
For occasional letters from John Edge, see Estates: Castlecomer: General Administration.
- (10) Letters from James Mc Greevey, Provincial Bank of Ireland, Kilkenny re estate account and other finances; 7 pp.
Sep 1829-Feb 1837
- (11-16) Requests for payment of rent or interest due from the Wandesforde estate

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For material relating to payment of remittances / tithes to Church of Ireland clergy, See Estates: Castlecomer: Rentals: Tithes, and Local Government: Church of Ireland documentation.

- (11) Requests from J. [Sutton], Waterford for interest due to the executors of his father on Lord Ormonde's bond.
Nov 1821-Feb 1823 8 items
- (12) Request from Thomas Murray, Edenderry for payment of rent due to Lord Downshire for Clonderalaw; 11 items.
Nov 1821-Jun 1840
- (13) Requests from J. [Borris], Kilkenny Castle [Agent] for payment of rent for Gillingstown and Clashduff. Also requests assistance in local investigations (such as a house break-in, and attempts to track down a collier, Isaac Foster, from whom there are two letters to Eaton in the main body of general correspondence (4 Dec 1822, 10 May 1824)), and references to the building of a new road (Apr; Jul 1830);
also request for payment of rent from Castle Office (May 1837); 9 items.
Nov 1822-Jul 1830; May 1837.
- (14) Requests from C. Doyne, Newtown Park, Dublin for payment of Mr Powell's rent due to Lord Aldborough and settlement of accounts including that of Miss Kavanagh. Includes copyletter from Eaton to Doyne concerning arrangements for Cork property for the Misses Kavanagh (30 Oct 1840); 22 items.¹
Oct 1823-Oct 1842
- (15) Requests from Samuel Downing, Leighinbridge, Co. Carlow for payment of rent; 14pp.
Aug 1827-Feb 1831
- (16) Letters from Edwin Taylor, Clogheen, Co. Tipperary re payment to Taylor (agent of Lord Lismore); 6pp.
Feb 1828-Jan 1842
- (17-19) Letters from middlemen to agents.
- (17) Edward Cullen
Cullen worked as Lady Ormonde's estate agent before Richard Eaton. He acted as a middleman, based in Wexford.
Includes: 'Particulars of Mr Cullen's holdings and let to Mr Eaton.' (n.d.); Deed of assignment of judgement between Patrick Den esq. of Chatsworth, Co. Kilkenny, to Edward Cullen esq. of Castlecomer (2 Dec 1806);

¹ Doyne acted as Agent to Thomas Kavanagh, husband of Elizabeth, daughter of Lady Ormonde. After Kavanagh's death, Doyne collected rents for his daughters from Cork property.
See also Estates: Cork

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Correspondence between Cullen and Cardale & Sons, Solicitors (1813));
query by Cumming & Law, Public Notaries, concerning Cullen's holding of
land in Castlecomer (28 Dec 1820);

Assignment and release of premises in Castlecomer, between Edward
Cullen; Richard Eaton; Anne, Countess of Ormonde and Ossory; and
Mathew Franks (1 Feb 1830), with memorial of deed; material concerning
Cullen's attempts to collect rent from a tenant after being issued notice to
quit himself (1838-41);

copy of letter from Eaton to Cullen issuing notice to quit, 'a measure which
Mr Wandesforde is now adopting in cases where holdings in the town and
neighbourhood are not occupied by the persons deriving immediately under
himself, or where such holdings stand in the way of improvements which he
is, and has been for some time making' (18 Sep 1838);

letter from Cullen, who, having been served with notice to quit, requests that
his tenants 'be warned they would not be allowed to remain in their holdings
unless they settled with me' (6 Oct 1838);

letter from Cullen, handing over deeds and leases of property he held in
Donagile and Castlecomer (21 Nov 1840, correspondence with Cullen
concerning his former tenants continues up to 1841); 17pp.

1820-41

*See Appendix 1 for letters to Edward Cullen re English estate administration
and Estates, Castlecomer, Agents Correspondence, Agents Personal
Material.*

(18) David Aher

Very general content. A number of letters refer to land held by Aher's family
in Killtown, while others contain references to Aher's meetings with Lady
Ormonde. Includes references to the burning of a police barracks near
Doneraile, Co. Cork (6 Feb 1822); local issues such as the building of a new
road to Ballinakill (26 Jul 1822); research carried out into flax seed in 1823-
4 (e.g. 12 Apr 1824). 1841 letters relate to rent due for land in Killtown.
Includes copy of notice to quit issued by Eaton to David Aher for lands in
Pulltown and Cruttenclough (24 Sep 1840); 17pp.

1821-7; 1841

See also Colliery: Administration: Colliery Office Correspondence, and
letter from M. Franks (20 Mar 1835, Ms 35,467(10)).

(19) Nathaniel Hayes

Hayes was friendly with Lady Ormonde, and for over twenty years he writes
to Eaton about his tenants, his own holdings and general estate matters,
including the death of Lady Ormonde in 1830. In the early 1840s the
difficulties facing the middleman is apparent from his letters (e.g. 6 Jan
1842), and later he writes of being forced to consider selling his farm at
Knocknadogue (3 Feb 1845); 18pp.

Mar 1826-Feb 1846

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For legal correspondence, including material relating to ejection and evictions (Kenny Purcell), see Wandesforde Family, Legal Documentation.

II.i.6.(3) Agents' Personal Material (estate-related and private)

Ms 35,518 (1) Notebook, possibly of estate agent, with rough daily notes of sales and purchases such as sheep or cattle, or, for example: 'May the 19th 1769 Eleanor Brion entered her service at nine shillings per quarter'. 1 item.
1748; 1766-9; 1771-2

- (2) Material of Edward Cullen, concerning a case involving Richard Dunn and the lands of [Ballintlea], including costs of case and appointment of power of attorney to Cullen; 5pp.
1808

Richard Eaton

Prior to his employment at the Wandesforde estate, Eaton acted as agent to a number of estates on behalf of business associates and family friends, as well as his own family. This work continued for some time after moving to Castlecomer. Many correspondents write from Bath, England, and refer to each other. Early letters are addressed to Clonahilly, Cashel or Thurles Co. Tipperary; Abbeyleix, Queen's County; and Dunmore or Tuam, Co. Galway. From July 1819 letters began to be forwarded or addressed to Castlecomer.

Tipperary

Eaton appears to have acted as Agent for Captain Richard Roberts, Bath, England. Material relates to administration of land in the Cashel area (Kedra, Ballyalavoe, North and South Rathangan, in the barony of Iffa and Offa; the parishes of Cloher and Clonoulty, all in Co. Tipperary S.R).

Ms 35,518 (3) Rental of Kedra estate (Sep 1809), and draft lease of the lands of Kedra;
2 items
c.1809

- (4) Account of Henry George Houghton, Receiver in the cause of Thomas Pleasants against Anne Roberts, widow, listing tenants of Kedra and elsewhere; very poor condition, 1p.
20 Dec 1809
- (5) Proposals and agreement of terms of leases by tenants of Richard Roberts, with account of execution of leases; some in poor condition, c.25pp.
1812-13
- (6) [Harrowgate farm] account books; very poor condition, 5 items
1809-14

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- (7) Correspondence and related items re Tipperary estate, with copy of lease from Eaton to Patrick and Daniel Dwyer of lands in Clogher (near Cashel, Co. Tipperary) (3 Apr 1808); applotment of Cloher, parish of Clonoulty (poor condition, Jun 1813); notes of expenses of constables and watchmen (1813); letters from 'Captain Justice' to Eaton concerning the treatment of tenants (29 Apr 1815, and undated), with [copy reply by Eaton concerning the treatment of tenants]; letter to Eaton from his 'old friend and cousin P. Lloyd', concerning leases of land in Ballagh, Co. Tipperary (22 Feb 1833); c.30pp
c.1808-19; 1833

Galway property (Eaton & William Handcock)

Material relating to the administration of property held by Eaton and William Handcock in Carrintrilly, Garteen, Clanmore and Woodfield, near Tuam, Co. Galway. Letters from those acting as agents for Eaton and Handcock, such as Thomas and John Kenny, John Dillon, and James Henderson, and letters from tenants.

- Ms 35,519 (1) Letters to Handcock from tenants, addressed to Carrintrilly and later Rathmayle near Abbeyleix; very poor condition, c.15pp.
1810-13

- (2) Letters to Eaton mostly signed 'W.H.' or 'H.'. Handcock is a personal friend of Eaton, and writes of the management of land held by himself and Eaton in Carrintrilly, near Dunmore in Co. Galway.
Also includes letter from Handcock's son, Robert, to Eaton, from school (Jun 1825). Many letters are undated; c.30pp.
1815-25
See also M. Franks letters to Eaton in Wandesforde Family: Legal Documentation: Legal Correspondence Ms 35,467 (6-11).

- (3-7) Correspondence and material relating to estate admin.
Includes: Rental May 1811; [copy] of Thomas Kenny's appointment as Bailiff (6 Aug 1813); letters from James Henderson to Eaton concerning arrangements for tenants of Handcock (May 1825).
Also includes: approved proceedings for the Ballagh Dispensary (near Tuam Co. Galway Rev. RC Armstrong: Treasurer), with list of subscriptions (1813-4, very poor condition), and copy of letter from Armstrong to Rt Hon Robert Peel in which he writes: 'Multitudes of men to the number of several hundreds assemble regularly every week on the neighbouring mountain under the pretext of hunting, but it is scarcely disguised that their business is organising and rebellious preparation. That some frightful horrid scheme is in agitation in this country no thinking man in it can now doubt, and there is reason to dread a very speedy and calamitous development of it if not, under Providence, prevented by the immediate & vigorous interference of Government for its defence' (2 Aug 1815). Many letters from 1824 concern

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the Rochfort family, who also hold land in the area; c.120pp
1811-29

See also M. Franks letters to Eaton in Wandesforde Family: Legal Documentation: Legal Correspondence Ms 35,467 (6-11).

- (8) 'Conveyance of Land Called Jackson's Plot' (Tuam).
Indenture between 'Valentine O'Connor & James Kelly of the City of Dublin Esquires assignees of the estate and effects of the Honourable Charles Ffrench (now Lord Ffrench), Henry Edmond Taaffe, Michael Morris, William Keary the Honourable Thomas Ffrench and the Honourable Martin Ffrench of the City of Dublin and town of Tuam in the County of Galway Bankrupts' (1st part), Edward Brett (2nd part), and Richard Eaton of Castlecomer (3rd part). Plot: 'six slated houses on the Dublin road leading from the town of Tuam and one thatched Cabin adjoining Lawrence White's plot ... at the rere of said houses commonly called John the Baptists plot'. Originally leased to George Jackson on 1 May 1802, now being granted to Eaton; parchment (3 membranes); 1 item.
30 Apr 1822

Ms 35,520-1 Eaton family and close business associates.

Ms35,520(1-2) Eaton family

Letters from various family members (mainly siblings). Includes draft will of Dorothea Eaton (n.d.); draft agreement between family members (1801), papers re disagreement with Samuel Eastwood over property in Peters Row, related to case of Lydia Eaton widow against Michael Nowlan and others (1805); and statement on the lands of Newtown, near Tallaght, Dublin, held by Rev. Matthew Eaton (2 Mar 1840); c.70pp.
1801-4; c.1817-40

- (3) Kinsale property (Eaton family)
Letters to Richard Eaton from Eaton Caldbeck, who appears to have acted as agent [for Eaton family property] in Cork and Kinsale; also notebook recording rents paid for Cork and Kinsale property 1818-21, summaries of accounts of Caldbeck with Eaton 1821-7, proposals from tenants for leases, and Cork rental ending 25 March 1827 and Kinsale rental ending 29 Sep 1826; c.40pp + 1 notebook.
c.1818-29
- (4) Lord family
Letters from Rev. Arthur Lord, 'AL', 'EAL', Arthur Wolfe Lord, and other members of the family, who were friends of Eaton. Includes rough draft of will of 'AL' [Arthur Lord] (23 Oct 1807); costs of carpenters work carried out for Eaton at the house of Rev Lord (Nov 1830); c.60p
1807; c.1817-30
- (5) Cavanagh & Browne, Bankers, Bath

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Letters to Eaton from [Nathaniel] Cavanagh, a close friend of Eaton, and other members of the firm, re financial arrangements for Eaton and Eaton's business associates, notably Emmanuel Bayly; c.25pp.

1808-27

(6-9) Usher and Richard Beere

Letters, mostly from Richard Beere, concerning work carried out for and with Eaton in his capacity as agent for various estates, such as case of Powell against Garnett, in which Eaton acted as receiver; and the O'Hara Sligo estate. There are occasional references to work carried out for Lady Ormonde's Limerick estate, and for Eaton in his position as agent over Lord Lismore's property (e.g. see 9 May 1823). Includes bond as security for loan of money by C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde to Eaton, Usher Beere and Mathew Franks (n.d.); c.100pp

1816-38

(Usher Beere is listed in *Who's Who* as an Attorney.)

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Bayly estate

(1-4) Material concerning the Irish estate of Emmanuel Bayly for which Eaton acted as agent and later executor. Letters from Emmanuel Bayly, his daughter Letitia Bayly, and also from: Major Cavanagh, Josiah Dunn, Mr Bennett, Hugh Cuming and George Silk. Rents were collected from the Custom House and other premises in Dublin, Rockville Kilgobbin (Barony of Rathdown, Co. Dublin), Newtown Park, Kinsale and elsewhere, while rent was paid for the Rogerson Cork estate to the Incorporated Society and elsewhere.

Includes: Cheque book for account of Robert Shaw, made out to those involved with Bayly estate (1808-16); draft deed of trust between Bayly (of Listoke, Co. Louth); and Nathaniel Cavanagh, Fairy Hills, Co. Wexford, and Richard Eaton, Dorset St., Dublin (1807); summaries of Eaton in account with Bayly (1805-14; 1817; 1821-2; 1825 (with rental); 1830 (rough)); c. 100pp

1805-32

(5) JC Besnard, Cork

Letters from Edward Vaughan and JC Besnard to Eaton re leasing arrangements and payment of rent for land in Rathynan/Ballyadeen, for which Eaton is receiver. Includes letter from Robert Maddock (18 Jun 1828); 19 items.

Oct 1816-Jun 1828

(6) Charles O'Hara [Snr and Jnr]

Letters from O'Hara [snr] to Eaton re O'Hara's estate in Sligo (1819-22). In Dec [1820-1], O'Hara writes of what he feels is the 'inconvenience in bringing such a multitude of people to Sligo, so far from home'. He also writes of the collection of rents at Coolaney. Also letters from Abraham

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Boyd, with a copy letter to Messrs Williams Whitmore & Co. re the mortgages of Abraham Boyd 'on the Sligo Estates of Charles O'Hara'. Eaton appears to have been appointed Agent of the estate by the Trustees of Tontine Annuities. Also includes copy letters to Charles O'Hara [jnr] and Whitmore & Co. resigning 'the Agency to your Estate which I have for some years held under the appointment of the Tontine Annuitants. Mr Beere, who has constantly recd the rents for me, & I believe acted for you in other respects' (Oct 1830); 25pp
Dec 1819-Jan 1822; Feb 1829; Oct 1830

(7-8) Powell / Garnett

Material relating to the Powell property in Kilgobbin and Ballinatona, Co. Limerick, and Great Connell, Co. Kildare [Newbridge]. Eaton acts as receiver in the cause of Catherine Garnett (ptff) against Eyre Powell & others (dfts), and in the earlier cause of Frances Garnett & wife against Robert Powell & others. (Catherine Garnett and Eyre Powell are siblings.) Letters mostly from Eyre Powell to Eaton (majority from 1820-1). Includes Rental accounts for Kilgobbin and Ballinatona (1806; 1812-8), and Great Connell (1817-9); copy of will of Rev Francis Garnett, husband of Catherine Garnett (orig. 9 Oct 1807); rough rentals and rental notebooks kept by Eaton as Receiver; c.60pp + 2 notebooks.
1806-38

- (9) Correspondence with and concerning the Bouchier family, of Baggotstown, near Bruff [Co. Limerick], principally re case of Lord Donegal vs Whaley & Bouchier and other legal matters; 18pp.
1826-39

(10-13) Eaton - Other personal material.

- (10) Receipts issued to Eaton for payments made on behalf of business associates; poor condition, c.60pp
1807-16

- (11-12) Other letters to Eaton re business interests and private matters. Many fragile pages. Includes:
letter from George Moore, Dundalk, to Eaton, in Cashel, who writes 'I wish to God we could seduce you from that Land of Ruffians to a more civilized country' (poor condition, 9 Mar 1816);
copy notice of agreement between Gorges Hely the elder, Violet Hill, Co. Kilkenny, and Gorges Hely the younger, Woodland Lodge, Co. Westmeath; Richard Eaton, Harrowgate Co. Tipperary; Rev Arthur Lord; and others, re grant of land in Kilkenny to Richard Eaton (orig. 8 Feb 1816); 2 copies, paper, partly eaten (copies made 2 Aug 1819 & 4 Feb 1820);
pages listing items sold at 'Mr Eaton's Auction' (17 Dec 1846); c.80pp
c.1801-46

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- (13) Rent receipts, for rent paid by Eaton on behalf of Nathaniel Cavanagh and others. Most in poor condition; c.40pp.
c.1807-20's

[Ms35,673(1)] Appointments of Richard Eaton as Justice of the Peace.
See Local Government, Local Government Appointments

Ms 35,522 (1) Eaton's Licence to Keep Arms; 1 item.
Jan 1844

- (2) Bankbooks recording transactions involving personal and estate finances (one mostly relating to Bayly); 3 items
c.1807-18; 1835-6
- (3) Used chequebooks from Viscount Newcomen & Co., issued by Eaton; 2 items.
1819-21

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(4-10) Richard Cooke

- (4) Letterbook, written from Moffat, prior to Cooke's employment at Castlecomer; (very fragile) 1 item.
Jul-Sep 1846
- (5) Hand-written circular letters by Cooke seeking support for the establishment of a 'Patriotic Fund' in aid of families of soldiers and sailors killed in the war, listing donors; 5pp.
Nov 1854
- (6-9) Diaries, containing daily entries of work carried out and some personal information; 12 vols.
1858; 1860-4; 1867-9; 1871-2; 1874
- (10) Passbook in account with Provincial Bank of Ireland (1847; 1855-6), and Bills of Exchange record book (1849-50); 2 items
1840's-50's
- (11-13) Other
- (11) Personal letters to Kildare Dobbs from friends and family. Includes letters from his nephew, Joseph Dobbs (later colliery proprietor) and letters from those who now live abroad, such as that from John Brenan, serving with the British Army in India and Afghanistan (24 Oct 1842); 33 items.
1828-45
- (12-13) Notebooks, containing rough notes by agent or others, recording rent

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payment and other tenant information, petty expenditure, and other
unidentified accounts; 16 items
1830-58

II.i.7. Tenant Administration

This section mainly consists of petitions or proposals from tenants for assistance, leases of holdings or colliery pits. Many are written by various writers on behalf of tenants, generally on poor quality paper. Most are from the 1840s. There is also material relating to evictions, assisted emigration and charity.

II.i.7.(1) Petitions, proposals

Petitions for aid (clothing, day and night covering) and for assistance to emigrate, notably in the mid- to late- 1840s; proposals for leases; proposals for colliery pits; petitions for work; requests for permission to make improvements to property; proposals for improvements to holdings and roads; pleas for arbitration between disagreeing tenants (over land boundaries, or with John Edge, a neighbouring land and colliery owner) etc., mostly from the 1850s (*See also* Local Government: Local unrest, crime, *for cases dealt with in court*)).

Almost all letters are from tenants on the Castlecomer estate. Most letters are addressed to the agents, Kildare Dobbs, C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde, John Wandesforde (up to his death in 1857), Mrs Wandesforde (to whom female tenants generally applied for clothing assistance in early winter), and Lord Carrick (who oversaw the administration of the estate 1860-74), many with instructions scribbled over the text.

Most of these pages were found roughly gathered in bundles, and as a result it was not possible to apply a more exact date to undated items than the estimates given. In the years 1841-3 petitions for assistance were numbered according to type of request. However, in the following years the records were not kept in such order, but were completely mixed and in disarray (and quite soiled). They have been arranged chronologically.

In general applications for assistance to emigrate were made in early spring, while applications for day or night covering were made in early winter (Estate: Castlecomer: Tenant Administration: Charity). From the early 1850s the volume of letters is reduced, with the subject matter more varied.

- Ms 35,523 (1) Bids for land, and other petitions; 11 pp.
1819-28
- (2-8) Mixed petitions and proposals; 8 folders (c.30-50pp per folder)
1832-9
- (9-10) Mixed petitions and proposals; 2 folders (c.30-50pp per folder).
Jan-Dec 1840 Mixed proposals
Nov-Dec 1840 Mostly requests for pits
- (11) Mostly requests for pits, assistance, and for timber to make repairs to property; c.50pp.
c.Jan-Dec 1841

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- (12-18) Petitions for day and night covering (numbered); c.30-50pp per folder.
Dec 1841; Dec 1842

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- (1-7) Petitions for assistance to emigrate (numbered and not numbered); c.30-50pp per folder.
Jan-Apr 1842; Feb-Mar; Jul 1843
- (8-11) Mixed petitions and proposals, mostly pit applications (Jun-Jul; Oct-Nov 1843); c.30-50pp per folder.
1842-3
- (12-15) Mixed petitions and proposals. Includes petitions for day and night covering (Jan 1844); c.30-50pp per folder.
Jan 1844 Requests for day and night covering
Jan-Dec 1844 Mixed petitions
Jan-Dec 1845 Mixed petitions
Undated 1845 Mixed petitions

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- Mixed petitions and proposals; c.30-50pp per folder.
- (1) Jan-Mar 1846 Mixed petitions
(2) Apr-Aug 1846 Mixed petitions
(3) Sep-Dec 1846 Mixed petitions
- (4-7) Mixed requests for work on roads (mostly Jun and Sep 1846); c.30-50pp per folder.
1846
- (8) Mixed petitions and proposals, addressed to Eaton and others, undated; c.50pp.
Early- mid 1840s
- (9-11) Mixed petitions and proposals, in very poor condition; c.100pp.
1840s

Ms 35,526

- (1-8) Mixed letters, includes many petitions for relief and assistance to emigrate. Example: letter from John Wilson, Kill, Castlecomer to John Butler Wandesforde (22 Nov 1847) in which he explains his situation in detail. He inherited his farm from his father and has always paid all rents and debts, 'till within the last ten years, when the entire loss of my potatoe and oat crops, so completely left me without food, as to deprive me of the power of getting on.' C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde adds a note to the page: 'Wilson entered into an agreement to pay so much rent for his farm. Whether it was a high rent or a low rent does not now [...]. If it was high, he might have given it up. As

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to Mr Wandesforde refunding part of it, the idea is ridiculous. Mr Wandesforde does not make roads for tenants through their own farms, so that any allowance [...] to him for that [...]. No farmer depending upon the potatoe crop is fit to hold a farm.... I think the rent is fair. If he does not the sooner he leaves the farm the better. Mr Wandesforde must get his rent. Nov 23 C.B.C.W.' (The 'Mr Wandesforde' referred to is his son John, 22 Nov 1847); c.30-50pp per folder.

1847

(9-11) Mixed petitions and proposals; c.30-50pp per folder.
1848

(12-13) Mixed petitions and proposals. Includes petitions for day and night covering (Sep-Nov 1849); c.30-50pp per folder.
1849

Ms 35,527

(1-8) Mixed petitions and proposals, undated. Includes two folders of material in very poor condition; c.30-50pp per folder.
Late 1840s-early 1850s

Ms 35,528

Mixed petitions and proposals. Includes folder containing letters to John Wandesforde from tenants and colliers, and related notes. Originally bundled together. Most items relate to colliery, with proposals for pits and boundary applications (1852-6); c.30-50pp per folder.

- (1) Jan-Dec 1850 Mixed petitions
- (2) Sep 1850 Requests for day and night covering
- (3) Jan-Dec 1851 Mixed petitions
- (4) Oct-Nov 1851 Requests for clothing
- (5) Jan-Dec 1852 Mixed petitions
- (6) Jan-Dec 1853 Mixed petitions
- (7) Sep-Oct 1853 Requests for clothing
- (8-16) Jan 1854-Dec 1856 Mixed petitions.

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(1-28) Mixed petitions and proposals. Includes petitions for assistance from women to Mrs White (not identified further, c.1857); c.30-50pp per folder.
1857-82

(29) Mixed petitions and proposals. Undated, mostly addressed to Cooke; c.80pp.
[late 1850s-70s]

II.i.7.(2) Eviction / Ejection - Warrants and Notices to Quit

- Ms 35,530 (1) Rent demands and notices of payment of rent- printed and handwritten; and notices of sale of tenants property distrained for rent. Includes instructions by Richard Cooke on disposal of land, rent payments etc (12 Feb 1869); c.20pp.
c.1838-69
- (2-4) Lists and notes of ejectments served on tenants (mostly from 1850s); c.50pp per folder.
c.1829-64
- (5) Notebooks, roughly recording ejectment summonses served and possession of holdings. They also contain other tenant information (lodgers, rent agreements etc.). Includes roughly bound pages recording tenants of clergy and others served notices to quit (early 1840's); 7 items.
c.1794-1801; 1858-9; 1861-3; 1867

Ms 35,531

- (1-17) Ejection notices / notices to quit; 17 folders.
1830-64

Ms 35,532 Ejection warrants and related court documentation; c.30pp per folder.

- (1-9) 1819; 1831; 1836; 1838-63
- (10) Court of Common Pleas, bills of costs for ejectment; one in poor condition, 2 items.
1821; 1848-9
- (11) Notices served on Relieving Officers [of Castlecomer Union] re intended ejection and taking possession of land; 7pp.
1849
- (12) Incomplete draft statement on an Act before Parliament on the times when an eviction may be carried out; 1p.
[early 1850s]
- (13) Related blank printed notices; 16pp
c.1830s-50s

II.i.7.(3) Assisted Emigration

- Ms 35,533 (1) Letters from and concerning emigrants:
Letter from R. Corrigan, Southampton to her grandmother Bridget Machall, Castlecomer (who has been enquiring as to the Corrigan family's whereabouts through the war office), writing of the death of her parents and

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her brother, leaving her 'to the care of strangers', and of her current circumstances (Jul 1835); letter from Richard M. Boyle, Niagara District, Upper Canada, to Richard Eaton, laying claim to a legacy (27 Jul 1837); letter from Rev Salmon to T.M. Ray, Secretary of Repeal Assoc. (18 Apr 1844 *); letter from James Purcell, Geelong, Australia to Bridget Brennan (10 Aug 1846*); unsigned letter from emigrant in Melbourne, writing of another emigrant, who 'is living with a man not married'; letter from Patrick O' Shea, Seven Mile Creek, Juneau County, Wisconsin to his wife, authorising her to sell his house and premises in Barrack St., Castlecomer (25 Jul 1868); 7 pp.

**See Appendix 2.2.*

c.1835-68

- (2) Letters from James and Roderick Miley, American and Colonial Emigration Office, Eden Quay, Dublin, to Kildare Dobbs, concerning arrangements for the passage of tenants, with information poster outlining fares and requirements for passengers bound for Australia; and accounts of James Miley with Wandesforde, with lists of emigrants forwarded by Miley; 32pp.
1843-56
- (3) Other correspondence concerning the arrangement of passage for tenants to Quebec and Australia. Includes: extract from Mr Buchanan's Weekly return of vessels arrived at the port of Quebec (1843); letter from Colonial Land and Emigration Office, Westminster to C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde concerning arrangements for the passage of the children of James Purcell to New South Wales (5 Jun 1847), notice issued by the Colonial Land & Emigration Commissioners on clothing required for the voyage to Australia (1 Jun 1847), and information poster on another line sailing for Australia; 11pp.
1840-53
- (4) Receipts for sums paid by C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde to tenants as assistance to emigrate; 30pp.
Feb-May 1841
- (5) Rough emigration accounts, with lists of emigrants; c.50pp
c.1841-51
- (6) Notebooks recording emigrants from Castlecomer estate, listing emigrants and amount given; 3 items.
1841-2; 1844
- (7) Draft replies to questionnaire completed by C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde on the effects of emigration on the estate and on tenants (14 Jun 1847);
Copybook containing information on sums paid to the 4,854 individuals assisted to emigrate and other sums spent on land improvement up to 1869, and reasons for changes made to leases by C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde ('reason why Mr Wandesforde broke the leases granted by Lady Ormonde'); 2 items.

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c.1869

See also Estate: Castlecomer: Accounts: Abstracts and Summaries of Castlecomer half year accounts, *for Accounts of Expenditure on Emigration from Castlecomer Estate 1840-47*, Ms 35,521(8-9), *and also* Estates: Castlecomer: Accounts: Castlecomer Estate Vouchers, *for vouchers for amounts given to emigrants (1850s)*.

II.i.7.(4) Charity

Ms 35,534 (1) Note addressed to Eaton from [M. Lange] concerning a recent report in the *Leinster Journal* on the provision of relief for the poor of Castlecomer, and treatment of Catholics in the district; 1p.
[1820s]

Receipt for contributions of C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde to the Benevolent Society; 1p.
Jun 1839

(2-3) Charity Books -

listing those receiving charity from deacons; 4 vols (average 18x11x1.5cm)
1827; 1828-31; 1828-33; 1836-41

Apr 1840-Apr 1842 (colliery charity, totalled fortnightly with Summaries of daily and fortnightly sales of culum Jun-Aug 1843); 1 vol (30x15x2.5cm)

[Ms 14,182] Volume listing details of those receiving charity; 1 vol (binding missing).
1833-40

Ms35,534(4-5) Debentures of Castlecomer Charitable Loan Society (John B. Wandesforde and Richard Eaton among the Trustees), with rules and regulations; c.100pp.
Dec 1836-Feb 1837.

(6) Appeal for donations to the Castlecomer Clothing Repository [early 1840's]
Instructions issued by C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde concerning those unable to pay for clothing they receive (21 Oct 1839); 2pp.
c.1839-40s

(7) Summary of Clothing accounts for winter of 1839-40 and periods ending 31 Oct 1854 and 3 Nov 1856; 10pp.
1839-40; 1854; 1856

(8) Pages torn from volume, listing subscriptions to clothing fund (1843-6), and recording name of female tenants seeking clothing, person recommending tenant and item of clothing given (Oct-Nov 1844); 15pp
1843-46

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- (9-10) Clothing distribution lists (including blankets, in reply to tenants petitions for assistance,); c.70pp.
1839-43; 1848-52
See Estate, Castlecomer, Tenants Administration
- (11) Low grade clothing vouchers and receipts issued to tenants; c.70pp
1848-52
- (12) Notebooks and page recording distribution of meal; 1p + 2 notebooks
1846; 1854
- (13) Rough lists of tenants, possibly those applying for aid to emigrate, for charity, or those to be evicted; c.50pp
1840's-50's

See also Estates, Castlecomer, Accounts, Castlecomer Estate Vouchers, and Abstracts & Summaries of Castlecomer half year accounts for Charity Accounts; and Estates, Limerick, Administration, Charity.

II.i.7.(5) Schools

Ms 35,535

Castlecomer male, female and infant schools, and Crutt Colliery school

- (1) Rough material concerning schools, including:

Letter to Countess Ormonde from James Martin, Vicar of Kilkenny, requesting 'some aid towards building a parish school house at Kilkenny' (6 Oct 1821);

Letter from David Ryan concerning the establishment of a spinning school (19 Dec 1823);

Account of repairs to Coolbawn (colliery) schoolhouse (21 Sep 1838);

Copy of opinion of Francis [Blackburne] concerning Wandesforde's entitlement to issue notices to quit to the Dean of St Patrick's and to the masters and mistresses of the schools (24 Sep 1839), and notice to quit issued to the master and mistress of the male and female schools, Moneenroe, parish of Castlecomer (27 Sep 1839);

Copy of letter from Eaton to Rev James W Despard (acting for the Dean of St. Patrick's [Dawson]) re schools funding by Wandesforde (14 Oct 1839);

Signed appointments of female and infant school teachers (Oct 1839);

Reference for a teacher (Jun 1842);

list of best attendants of boys and infant schools (c.Dec 1851);

Hand-written notice by C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde 'that my schools are Private and unconnected with government or any establishment whatever, and without my written permission I do not allow any person to intrude, interfere, inspect or meddle in any way with either school master or mistress' (1 Jan 1860); 24pp .

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c.1821-60

- (2) Account book containing expenditure on all schools (1840-46) and also net profit of Castlecomer Colliery (1830-32); and notebook listing expenses of Colliery school (1845-50); 2 vols.
1830-2; 1840-50
 - (3) Attendance lists of Male school (incomplete); 30pp
1859-65
 - (4) Attendance lists of Girls school; 37 pp.
Jan-Jun 1862; [1860's]
- [Ms 14,183] Register of Crutt school, giving totals of classes, not names; 1 vol.
1845-9

II.i.8. Estate Maintenance

These records relate to routine expenditure of the estate and household, arising from staff, purchases, traders, contractors, and improvements.

II.i.8.(1) Household staff

- Ms 35,536 (1) Reference for maid, written and sealed by Anne, Ormonde and Ossory (5 Sep 1814); draft agreement between Alicia Quintus, Millbrook, Old Kilmainham, Co. Dublin, widow, and C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde, Mount Juliet, Co. Kilkenny, agreeing to apprenticeship of Mrs Quintus' stepson to C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde as servant or attendant (Sep 1845); Also indenture between Thomas and John Quirk, formalising the apprenticeship of John Quirk to his father, a baker (10 Jan 1821); 3pp. 1814; 1821; 1845
- (2-3) Household staff wages books (unbound, rolled, very poor condition); 4 items.
c.1821-30

II.i.8.(2) Workmen and other staff administration

- Ms 35,537 (1) Rough orders for payment of workmen, including account of wages paid to Edward Brenan (1789-97); payment order by Anne Ormonde (2 Dec 1800); Certificate for killing game, issued to George Nesbitt, estate sportsman (15 Sep 1828); pages from a wages book, listing account of Samuel Whitmore Cooke (1820-30); and rough wages slips for work on estate (1840's); 21pp. 1797-1848
- (2) List of applications for labour on estate; c.80pp.
c.1846
- (3) Applications for situation of rent warner; c.20pp.
Aug 1856
- (4-10) Weekly returns / labourers bills for work on estate such as drainage of rivers, road work, forestry work; 9 folders (c.20-30pp per folder).
c.1822-9 (*poor condition*); Jul-Dec 1834; Jul-Dec 1835;
Jan-May 1836; Jul 1840; Jan-Jun 1841; Jun-Oct 1855
- (11) Workmen's accounts (weekly), listing employees and tasks carried out each day; 3 vols (large).
Jan-Jun 1886

- Ms.32,727 Farm workmens' accounts; details in 3 sections: labour, cash and sales accounts. Labour accounts detail date, work carried out, number of days worked, wages per day, plus extended columns under which the total value of the work performed is shown, i.e. on crops, stables, livestock, gardens, house, plantation, game, grounds and total. Cash accounts detail date, particulars, cash paid and extended columns showing the total value. Sales accounts detail date, purchaser's name, particulars of sale, cash received and extended columns showing the total value.
Volume, 41x27x2 (cm), quarter-bound, embossed card.
1887-91
- Ms.32,728 Manager's or steward's diary; give number of men carrying out daily tasks.
Volume, 32x 21x1 (cm), card binding with advertisements on the inside cover.
1897-98
- Ms.32,729 Weekly expenditure accounts for house, garden and farm including labour; details date, particulars of work, number of days, rate per day, total and extended columns showing the total value.
Volume, 41x26x2 (cm), quarter-bound, embossed card with leather finish.
Jan 1898 - Jan 1899

II.i.8.(3) Crops & Produce

- Ms 35,538 (1) Roughly bound pages recording flaxseed account (possibly charity); 1 item
[1840's]
- (2) Notebook recording Castlecomer timber account.
1847-9. 1 item
- Valuation of timber at Moyhora and Ballylinan in the possession of Mr Marum; 1p.
[1850's]
- (3) Account book of Timber sales in Sawney's Hill, Castlecomer Demesne, Cockers Plantation, and Donagile Plantation. Also includes accounts of falling and pruning of trees and repairs of roads for half year ending 30 Jun 1872); 1 vol.
Jul 1872 - Aug 1877
- (4) Various rough accounts of timber sales, including bound pages recording sales of timber at Demesne and Donagile plantations (Oct 1873, Aug 1874); 7 items.
1819; 1836-7; 1840-1; 1849; 1873-4

II.i.8.(4) Household Accounts

- Ms 35,539 (1) Odd account books (notebooks/small volumes and loose pages), recording expenses on bread (1842), drainage (1842-1845), meat (1847-8, 1875), meal and candles (1847-8; 1851-2), windows, latches and wire etc. (1847-55). Also includes Lady Ormonde's and John B. Wandesforde's coal account (1827-30; Oct 1851-Apr 1852), and other odd accounts; 11 items.
1820's-50's
- (2) Receipts for delivery of coal to Borris House; c.30pp.
1827-8

II.i.8.(5) Traders & Local Contractors

Ms 35,540

- (1-10) Estimates of costs, bills for repairs of property and roads, and for items purchased, proposals and agreements to repair property and roads, and related correspondence from traders and contractors who supplied and serviced the estate and colliery. Local contractors include Anthony Mc Gowan, Michael Walsh and *The Kilkenny Moderator* Office, Kilkenny (for printing works).
Includes: account of expenditure for building work on various properties including Lady Ormonde's house (1829-30); bill of materials bought for Lady Ormonde's servants at the time of her death (Apr 1830); list of expenses for 'when Mr John and his bride came home', for example £32.12.0 due to Mrs Boyle for dinner for tenantry (Dec 1841); Account of all works by Anthony Mc Gowan, with receipts and vouchers (Aug-Nov 1844); and accounts with various iron works. Also two estimates for proposed water supply project (8-10 Aug 1914); (c.30-40pp per folder).
- (1) 1812-26
(2) 1827-30
(3) 1831-6
(4) 1837-9
(5) 1840-1
(6) 1842-4
(7) Account of Anthony Mc Gowan with Wandesforde;
Aug - Nov 1844
(8) 1845-9
(9) 1850-9
(10) 1862-5, 1914, undated
Some of these pages may have originally been part of annual accounts vouchers (Estate: Castlecomer: Accounts: Castlecomer Estate Vouchers).
- (11-12) Numbered bills, receipts and accounts for work carried out on Wandesforde's garden; c.80pp.
Dec 1836-Dec 1837

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- (13-15) Bills and receipts for expenses, taken from rough admin files (*See Ms 35,543-6*); c.100pp.
1824-67

II.i.8.(6) Land and Property Improvements / Valuations

- Ms 35,541 (1) Part of a report by Charles Ffrizele Snr., on methods to improve the different soils on the estate (typed copy); 6pp.
Orig. Mar 1760

- (2) Copybook containing notes by [C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde] on developments on the estate between 1813-15. One page per named and numbered field, with small map of each field, basic description, and notes of plants and crops sown; 1 item.
1813-15

Rough report on the tidiness of land in each townland, concerning weeds, ditches etc.; 2pp.
Late 1840s/early 1850s

Measurement of ditches from Cruttyard bridge to Cloneen bridge; 1p.
6 Nov 1829

- (3) Material relating to Labouchere Drainage of Fassidinnin, awarded to C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde by the Commissioners of Public Works, with 2 copies of award and circular letters from the Office of Public Works and from the Paymaster of Civil Services Offices, and printed memoranda as to the course of proceeding with Drainage, Navigation and Water Power Acts as regards drainage alone (1846); 10 items.
1846; Dec 1848 - Apr 1851

- (4) Draining Returns, listing tenants, quantity of land drained and money advanced; 5 items.
1848-54

- (5) Valuations and costs of land improvements to the holdings of Kyran White, Ballycoma, John Wilson of Kill, and others; 19pp.
1845-69

- (6) List of tenants whose houses were repaired; 3 items.
1883

- (7) Material relating to repairs made to Little Castle farm, near Castlecomer, with inventory of furniture at Little Castle, estimate of Poor Law valuation, specification of repairs required (occupied by 'N.G.R.' [Richardson, Agent]),

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and painting costs; 12pp.
c.1884-6

For more estimates and bills for improvements to tenants property by contractors, see Ms 35,540.

- (8) Letter from Land Loan Services, Office of Public Works, to Edward Fetherstonhaugh (solicitor to Mrs Prior-Wandesforde), rejecting an application for a loan to improve cottages in Castlecomer; 1p.
23 Nov 1893
- (9) Correspondence of R.H. Prior-Wandesforde and William Dobbs, Estate Agent with John H. Ryan, Engineer and others, re survey work carried out on estate for Land Commission (Estates Commissioners). Includes blank sale agreements of land to tenants under the terms of the Irish Land Act 1903 (1905); 18pp.
Jan 1904-Dec 1905; Feb 1908
See also Colliery, Railway for other work carried out by Ryan
- (10) Draft Affidavit of R.H. Prior-Wandesforde for Irish Land Commission, Estate Commission; 2pp.
24 Jun 1912
- (11) Rough surveys/ valuations, with surveys of land in Skehana (Sep 1815) Uskerty (13 Nov 1852); answers to examination by Land Commissioners, and Griffiths Valuation of Cloneen [1850's], and analysis of Castlecomer Spa waters (n.d.); 16pp.
1815-1850's
- (12) Copies of OS Valuation of Smithstown, with one marked as 'Reduced'; 4pp.
[1850's]
- (13) Various maps and drawings of tenants holdings (land and buildings), with petition from inhabitants of Lower Uskerty seeking a road (undated, addressed to Richard Eaton); 10pp.
c.1811-49
- (14) Notices of Registry of Trees, instructions on tree planting covering the years 1807-37, and valuation of trees on lands of Moyhora; 9pp.
c.1777-1840
- (15) Drawings of [planned] building, possibly workhouse; very badly eaten; 3pp.
1845

Also drawing of elaborate gates, possibly at the entrance to estate house; 1p.
n.d.

II.i.8.(7) Inventories

- Ms 35,542 (1) Lists/ inventories of household items destroyed or taken by the rebels from the house at Castlecomer on 24 Jun 1798, some quite detailed, with letters from suppliers and costs of replacement items. Includes bound pages with detailed inventory of all 30 rooms; c.40pp.
1798-9
- (2) '1820 list of guns, pistols and blunderbusses in the gun case at Ulcombe place'; and list of glass and linen in a house (possibly Castlecomer, n.d.); 8pp.
1820
- (3) Account of Stock taken at Castlecomer store (9 Mar 1833); Inventory of tools and sundries belonging to the Forester at Castlecomer (25 Jun 1849). And notebook containing rough (pencil) inventory of house contents. [1850's]; 3 items.
1830's-50's

II.i.9. Estate administration: Rough documentation

This rough documentation is low-grade material, not listed in detail, covering most of the 19th century. It consists of notes written to Kildare Dobbs and the estate agents requesting settlement of accounts or payments to the bearer, very rough receipts (acknowledgements of rent paid by tenants), cash notes, reminders, and other general, ephemeral material. Some of it may have originally been part of annual accounts vouchers, as may also have been the case with receipts of Traders and Contractors. Many items are in poor condition.

Ms35,543(1-5) Rough administration correspondence, taken as samples from those listed below, with mixed notes from traders and tenants addressed to Eaton, Cooke and Kildare Dobbs (filed separately). Includes notes from Dobbs authorising supply of slates and timber to the bearer (1835; 1840; 1846); c.40pp per folder.
1818; 1832-62

Ms 35,544-35,545(7) Low grade unsorted material, some in poor condition; c.50-80pp per folder.
1800s-70s

Ms 35,544 (1-14) Very mixed, general pages.

Ms 35,545 (1-17) Mostly bills and receipts.

Ms 35,546 (1-6) Mostly printed rent receipts
(Ms 35,546(2) contains receipts in very poor condition);

(7) Leftover scrap pages.
1800's-70's

(8) Returned paid cheques by C.H.B. Wandesforde, and receipts for amounts paid by Wandesforde; c.100pp.
1877-80

(9-11) Cash notes issued by Kildare Dobbs and Richard Cooke; c.140pp.
1833-7; 1847-8; 1853

Ms 35547 (1-15) Rent docketts - very rough receipts, recording tenants' payment of rent mostly on poor quality paper; c.20-50pp per folder.
1840's-60's

Ms 35548 (1-16) Rent docketts; c.20-50pp per folder
1840's-60's

II.ii. Limerick & Clare (Southwell) Estate

This estate of over 4000 acres was acquired through the marriage in 1750 of Sir John, 5th Viscount Wandesforde and the widow of Richard Southwell, Agnes. It was situated in the barony of Lower Connello, Co. Limerick, and in the barony of Clonderalaw, Co. Clare. The records include deeds of Sir Thomas and Richard Southwell, account vouchers, and summaries from the 1840s-50s. There is also some administrative correspondence, mostly of Edmund Hinchy, local agent, with Richard Eaton. Most correspondence relates to Limerick tenants.

The following lands are referred to; some are not in the *Index to Townlands* (1851).

Land in the baronies of Lower Connello and Coshlea, Co. Limerick:

Ardbohill	Castlematrix	Rapla
Ballinacourty	Glangort	Rathkeale
Ballinlyny (referred to throughout the list as Ballinalina)	Kilfinnan	Spittle
	Kilmallock	Gortnacreehy
		Ballyshane

Land in the barony of Clonderalaw, Co Clare:

Ardagh	Doneales
Ballyarney	Donogorgile
Ballywinterourke	Knockhery
Carrowlongford,	Knocknahooan

II.ii.1. Deeds (all parchment)

Ms 35,549 (1) Counterpart of lease of [Ballywinterourke and Lisaddeen] from Sir Thomas Southwell, Callow, Co. Limerick to George Serle, Ballybrown, Co. Limerick, of land in the barony of Connello for three lives.

11 May 1694

Indenture between Sir Thomas Southwell, Callow and Isaac Dolier, Ardbohill, Co. Limerick, re land of [Castlematrix], barony of Connello.

19 May 1694

Lease and counterpart of lease from Sir Thomas Southwell of Callow, Co. Limerick, to Ffrancis Taylor of Ballinlyny, Co. Limerick, for three lives.

21 May 1694

Lease from Sir Thomas Southwell, Callow, to Ellin Fitzgerald, Ardagh, Co. Limerick, of lands in Ardagh for 3 lives.

21 May 1694

(2) Ecclesiastical document, which refers to County Clare, archbishops of Armagh, Dublin, Inchiquin, Drogheda, and elsewhere; Edward Southwell. [1702-14]

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Lease and counterpart of lease for twenty one years, from Sir William Courtenay, Powderhan, co. of Deavon to Richard Southwell, Calloe, and Patrick Lacy, Rathcahill, Co. Limerick, of land in Glangort and others in the parish of Killeedy, barony of Connello; 2 items.

20 Jun 1706

Lease for a year from Nicholas Bourke, Ballywillaim, otherwise Bourk's Borough, Co. Limerick to Sir Thomas Southwell, Castlematrix, of lands in Ardagh.

27 Dec 1706

- (3) Conveyance from George Haddert, Arleman, Co. Limerick, to Richard Southwell, Clonderalaw, Co. Clare of farm and lands in Ballinlyny; paper, very fragile.

2 Oct 1712

Indenture between Richard Southwell, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick; and Mountyfort Westropp, Artiflin, Co. Limerick, concerning the town and lands of Donogorgile and Carrowlongford, Daoneales, Knocknahowne and Knockhery, in the Barony of Clonderlaw and [Moyarta], Co. Clare.

20 Nov 1716

Indenture between Lord Southwell Dublin city, and Richard Southwell Enniscough, Co. Limerick, concerning the lands of Enniscough.

28 Jun 1717

- (4) Indenture between Lord Southwell, Castlematrix, Co. Limerick and Richard Southwell, Enniscough, re land in Ardbohill and [Gortstrebades], barony of Connello.

18 Jul 1721

Indenture between Richard and Agnes Southwell, Enniscough; and David Barclay, Ballyartney, Co. Clare, concerning the plowland of Ballyartney, part of the estate of Clonderalaw, Co. Clare.

25 Sep 1728

Lease from Sir William Courtneay, Powderham Castle, Co. of Devon to Agnes Southwell Co. Limerick of plowland in Glangort, parish of Killeedy for twenty one years.

7 Nov 1730

- (5) Bargain and Sales for a year from Thomas, Lord Southwell Baron of Castlematrix, Co. Limerick, John Coke, Bagrave, Co. of Leicester, Hugh Henry and Henry Rose of the city of Dublin, and Walter Stephens, Master of the High Court of Chancery of Ireland to Agnes Southwell, widow of Richard Southwell, each concerning the following lands, in the Barony of

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Conello.:

- the town and lands of Arbohill and Goatstreesbodes and part of Castlematrix commonly called Inchematress.
- The town and lands of [Skahanard].
- Part of Enniscouch.
- The town and lands of Rierasty and Garribane, also Rathgrograne, Gortnabolly and Faghabane.
- The house and garden in Ardagh, commonly called Garrybreedy, and land of Grotnaghapoll, in the parish of Ardagh.
- The lands of Grimahy, part of lands of Ardagh (damaged); 6 items.

28 May 1731

- (6-7) Fee farm grants from Thomas Lord Southwell, Baron of Castlematrix and others to Agnes Southwell widow of Richard Southwell, late of Enniscouch, Co. Limerick, for the following lands in Co. Limerick:

- Ballywinterourke
- Grimahy
- Garrybreedy
- Ardbohill
- Ballinlina; 5 items.

29 May 1731

- (8) Bargain and sale for one year from Agnes Southwell to Lord Chief Thomas Marley, of land in the barony of Conello.

8 May 1732

Counterpart of the deed of mortgage from Agnes Southwell to the Lord Chief Baron Thomas Marley; 3m.

9 May 1732

- (9) Fee farm lease from Agnes Southwell to Henry Peacock of Ryastry and other lands (Grimahy & Garrybreedy) in the barony of Connello.

29 Jul 1743

Lease from John, Lord Viscount Castlecomer and Agnes Elizabeth Lady Viscount Castlecomer to Jonas Leake, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick, for lands in Ballyshane, barony of Coshlea.

30 Aug 1753

- (10) Renewal of lease from Anne Countess of Ormonde, Castlecomer, to Thomas Scanlan, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick for the plowland of lower Gortnacraha, barony of Connello, previously let by Richard Southwell, Enniscouch to Patrick Hayes, Ballyea (20 Oct 1726), then in the occupation of Thomas Sullivan and his undertenants.

24 Mar 1804

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Lease from Countess of Ormonde to Frederick Massy and Michael Keys of the slate quarry of Spittle, with ten acres of land, barony of Costlea for 61 years, with endorsement reading 'Surrendered this lease this 29th day of Nov 1813.'

19 May 1804

Fee farm grand from C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde, Mount Juliet, Co. Kilkenny to Christopher Delmege, Castle Park Co. Limerick of lands of Lower Gortnacreehy in the County of Limerick.'

(Original lease between Richard Southwell and Patrick Hayes 20 Oct 1726).
24 Mar 1852.

For Rentals See Estate, Limerick, Accounts Summaries.

II.ii.2. Accounts²

Ii.ii.2.(1) Vouchers of half year accounts

Ms 35,550 (1) Mixed rent receipts; c.25pp.
1815-42

Limerick & Clare Accounts

- (2) Sep 1849; c.40pp.
- (3) Mar 1850, with rent charges due May and Nov 1850; c.50pp.
- (4) Sep 1850 (rental); c.40pp.
- (5-6) Mar 1851 (rental), with rent charges to May and Nov 1851; c.100pp.
- (7) Sep 1851; c.60pp.
- (8) Mar 1852, with rent charges to May and Nov 1851; c.60pp.
- (9) Sep 1854, with some vouchers dated years ending Mar and Sep 1855; 30pp.
- (10) Mar 1855, with Poor Rate receipts (dated 1854), receipts for rent charges, and receipts for years interest 1855; c.100pp.
- (11) Sep 1858; c.150pp.

Ii.ii.2.(2) Abstracts and Summaries of half year accounts

Ms 35,551 (1) Rough summaries of rents received; 2pp.
1818, n.d.

Limerick & Clare Accounts (including Rentals) ending:

- (2) Sep 1835, Mar 1844
 - (3) Mar 1845, Mar 1847
 - (4) Mar & Sep 1849
 - (5) Mar & Sep 1850
 - (6) Mar 1851, Sep 1852
 - (7) Mar 1853, Sep 1855
- 12 items

[Ms 14,171] Rental; 1 vol.
1802-19

See also Ms 35,553(3) for list of tenants.

² For early Vouchers and Account Summaries, *See Estates, Castlecomer, Accounts, Vouchers and Abstracts and Summaries*

II.ii.3. Administration

II.ii.3.(1) General Administration

Ms 35,552 (1) Outline of plot of land, with note stating that it is the holding of Daniel Sullivan, Mount Stoderd, Ballinlyny, Co. Limerick, three acres and two roods, signed by Owen O'Neill; 1p.
18 Aug 1710

Notice of receipt of documents 'deposited by Mrs Southwell in her chest which were to be delivered up to 'Lady Castlecomer on her Marriage', signed by George Rose; 1p.
1 Sep 1755

Letter from [Matthew Connoly] to the Earl of Wandesforde, concerning the administration of the estate, referring to tithes in East Craggs and the parish of Killmoylan, arrangements for holdings, sale of livestock, and other issues; 1p.
16 Aug 1775

Results of Registry search on the lands of Ballyarney, Clonderlaw and elsewhere, Co. Clare, with summary of leases held by Richard and Agnes Southwell, George Rose and others, from the years 1743-88; 4 pp.
12 Oct 1815

Small map of Ballinacourty wood, surveyed by M. Brazill, Kilfinnan; (18x24cm) 1pp
May 1847

II.ii.3.(2) Correspondence

Ms 35,553

(1-4) Letters from Edmund Hinchy, principally to Richard Eaton concerning the administration of the Limerick and Clare estate.
The letters are often quite long, with Hinchy writing of his work, of tenants and of other general matters relating to the area.

(1) 16 items.
1827-33

(2) Includes: letter re doctors 'proposing for the situation' at Kilfinnan Dispensary, and of hunting in the area (21 Jan 1834); letter in which Hinchy comments 'I am sorry to say the cholera is still prevailing' in Bruff and Kilfinnan (1 Mar 1834); 17 items.
1834-5

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- (3) Includes: letter containing list of tenants of Rapla, Ballinacourt and Spittle (12 Aug 1837); letters re disagreements amongst tenants over turf on Rapla mountain; with one informing Eaton of 'the direction of the magistrates at Kilfinnan Petty Sessions concerning cutting turf on Rapla mountain illegally' (13 Sep 1837); 21 items.
1836-7
- (4) Includes: petition from Hinchy to C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde for allowance on a farm he holds (2 Apr 1840); copy letter from Eaton to Hinchy in which he refuses to pay a bill submitted by Hinchy for felling trees (2 Jul 1842); 12 items.
1838-45
- (5-11) Bids for land in
Aghamucky (1818-9);
Rapla, including report on tenants and subtenants land up to 1818 (1818-9);
Ardbohill and Ballinlyny, including list of accepted proposals (1820-1);
(poor condition) c.20pp per folder.
1818-21
- (12-20) General letters to Richard Eaton from tenants and others re estate administration. There are few petitions for assistance, most letters relate to estate management, occasional petitions for land, local events, situations etc.
- (12) 10 items.
1819-21
- (13) Includes: Letter from James Moore, Ballinacourty relating to his lease, and also writing that 'I have lately discovered a conspiracy to take away my life, proposed and managed by Kelly ... & the Casey'. He also fears for his safety from 'the family and inmates of Mr Franks!' (12 Aug 1822);
Letter from Joseph Jones, Ballinacourty, requesting an abatement in rent on behalf of the tenants of Ardbohill and Ballinlyny 'in consequence of the great fall in the times, & the little prospect there is of any improvement taking place in the hereafter' (17 Aug 1822);
Letter from Richard Murray, Rathkeale, writing of the injuries of 'the three men who were beat by the Legislators of this unhappy country', who had been carrying out a valuation of property/land. Henry is applying both to the police & the Magistrates for assistance and is not getting any' (1 Nov 1822);
14 items.
1822
- (14) Includes: letter from Richard Murray, Surgeon 2nd Irish Brigade, Rathkeale (not the above Richard Murray), detailing the treatment given to men attacked, challenging Eaton 'to suppose my medical account and attendance

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- were illegal, as you obliquely hinted in your letter' (2 May 1823); 13 items.
1823
- (15) Includes: list of 'vouchers wanting for the account of March 1825', listing expenses; 11 items.
1824-5
- (16) Includes: letter from Richard Murray, Surgeon, seeking payment for services, observing 'I have also seen your instruction to Richard Murray desiring that they should not want medical attention or anything else necessary to preserve their lives and now after all is accomplished, you object to a paltry account' (11 Jun 1827); 13 items.
1827-9
- (17) Includes: letter from Joseph Jones recounting the Surveying of the Ballinlyny Bog (20 Sep 1831), and letter enclosing map of the bog (10 Oct 1831); 14 items.
1830-2
- (18) Includes: petitions from six tenants from Loughbeg, Rathkeale, asking for representation against their landlord, Francis Browne, who is 'beginning to use coercive measures in threatening to throw us out' (7 Mar 1836); 14 items.
1836
- (19) Includes: letters re dispute between Father Moore and Father Buckley re land in Ballinacourty (Buckley threatened with eviction) (Mar-Oct 1840); 17 items.
1837-40
- (20) 10 items.
1841-3

II.ii.3.(3) Charity

- Ms 35,554 (1) Letters mostly to Richard Eaton from Rathkeale/Kilfinnan area, concerning assistance to the area, appointment of doctors to Kilfinnan Dispensary, etc .
Includes:
Letter to Countess Ormonde from the secretary of a group of Glenwilliam/Ballingarry nobility and gentry, soliciting aid for 'prompt and [lucitable] measures for relief of the poor of said parish who are in a famishing state for want of food and potatoes for cultivation' (21 May 1822), and a similar request from Kilfinnan (20 May [1822]);
Circular to Countess Ormonde from Richard Peppard, Rathkeale town committee, seeking aid for 'families who are literally pining to death under that most dreadful of all diseases, Famine' (20 May 1822, see also 1 Oct 1822 copy letter by Eaton outlining the Countess' assistance to Rathkeale and

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Letters concerning election of doctor to Kilfinnan (15 & 25 Jan 1834, see also letter from Hinchy 21 Feb 1821);

Letter from Thomas Hogan P.P., Rathkeale, seeing support for a new national school for 500 male and female children (29 Nov 1836); and

Letter from John Brown, Castle Matrix, Treasurer of Rathkeale Dispensary, writing 'As Mr Wandesforde has considerable property in the Parish of Rathkeale and many of his tenants are constantly receiving relief at the Dispensary, I think it right he should give us some help towards the keeping of it up' (20 Apr 1842);

Letter from Michael Bourke, Ballinacourty (11 Oct 1846), who writes: 'Your plan for employing the poor people on Mr Wandesforde's Estates in this part of the country is a most excellent one, and you may be sure none, but the people of the townlands you mention shall be employed; I beg leave to acquaint you that there are a few very poor creatures on this Estate, who have no one to work for them, and who will consequently desire no benefits from your kind and generous conduct, in ordering the work and I trust and hope you will consider them, in this their great distress'; 13 items.

1821-46

II.iii. Newtown & Mount Juliet

Newtown & Mount Juliet Estate

The occurrence of some records of the Newtown and Mount Juliet (Lords Carrick) estate in this collection is due to the marriages of C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde to Sarah, daughter of the Earl of Carrick in 1812, and later to her niece, Lucy, Countess Dowager of Carrick; and also to the guardianship in the 1860s of Charles Wandesforde (while a minor) by the 5th Earl of Carrick . The records mainly consist accounts vouchers and summaries.

II.iii.1. Accounts

II.iii.1.(1) Vouchers of half year accounts

Ms 35,555 (1) Jun 1849; c.50pp.

(2) Dec 1849; c. 60pp.

(3) Dec 1850; c.30pp.

(4) Jun 1851; c.50pp.

(5) Dec 1851; 20pp.

(6) Jun & Dec 1852; c.60pp.

(7) Jun 1853; 33pp.

(8) Jun 1854; c.30pp.

(9) Dec 1854; c.30pp.

(10) Jun 1855; c.25pp.

(11) Dec 1855; c.25pp.

(12) Dec 1856; c.40pp.

(13) Dec 1857; c.20pp.

(14) Jun 1859; c.25pp.

(15) Newtown Poor Rate receipts dated 1865-7; 8pp.

II.iii.1.(2) Abstracts and Summaries of half year accounts

Ms 35,556 (1) Summaries of William Sommerville's Accounts, including Newtown and

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Mount Juliet; 12 items
Mar 1837
Mar 1839
Mar 1840 (rough draft)
Sep 1841
Sep 1842
Mar & Sep 1843
Mar (with rough draft) & Sep (rough draft) 1844
Jun 1845 (rough draft)
Dec 1854 (rough draft)
Jun 1860

See also Estates: Castlecomer: Accounts: William Somerville's Castlecomer Accounts Vouchers

- (2) Newtown Accounts- Summaries of Rents received and Disbursements:
Mar 1863
Mar 1866
Mar & Sep 1874
Mar & Sep 1875
Mar & Sep 1876
8 items

II.iii.2. Administration

Ms 35,557 (1) Letters from William Somerville, agent to Newtown and Mount Juliet (1829, 1854) to Castlecomer agent, and other miscellaneous material relating to the administration of the Limerick estate, including bond of indemnity from James and William Somerville, land stewards to Charles Butler (18 Oct 1815), part of Newtown house insurance certificate (2 Jun 1823), accounts of sheep killed at Mount Juliet and notebook containing bread account (Jul-Nov 1860); 11 items.
c.1815-54

- (2) Requests for payment of interest and rent of Newtown due to John Cronyn. Also letter from Thomas Franks to Lord Carrick concerning lease of Newtown (11 Apr 1863); 24pp.
1827-30; 1831-5; 1840; 1863

See also correspondence of C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde and Lord Carrick (guardian of Charles Wandesforde, oversaw administration of estate 1860-74) for letters written from Newtown and Mount Juliet concerning Castlecomer administration, in Estates: Castlecomer: Agents' Correspondence: Individuals Correspondence Ms 35,517 (1-6)

II.iv. Cork property

Material relating to the property in St. Dominick's, Charters Lane, Crosses Green and Tucker's Lane, acquired through the marriage of George Wandesforde, 4th Viscount Castlecomer and Susannah Griffith (d.1757), grand-daughter of Epenetus Cross. The property was the subject of a dispute involving the Wandesforde, Cross, Wallis and Colthurst families.

See Genealogy page ix.

II.iv.1. Leases

Ms 35,558 (1) Account of leases 'as have been made contrary to the intent of the will of Epenetus Crosse esq. in St Dominicks'; 1p.
early 18th

II.iv.2. Rentals

Ms 35,559 (1) Memorandum and rent roll of the Cork estate (St Dominick's and Tucker's Lane), and account of Mr Crook's holding; 2pp.
c.1712

Rent roll of the Cork estate of the Crosse family; 1p.
8 Jan 1730

Rental of premises at St. Dominicks, Crosses Green and Tobin St., city of Cork; 1p
1844

II.iv.3. Accounts

II.iv.3.(1) Abstracts and Summaries of Half Years Accounts

Ms 35,560 (1) Summaries of accounts of Cork estate representatives (Francis Hodder, John Adam Malet) with Earl Wandesforde, with accounts of rents received; 9 items.
1758-66;
1774-80

(2) Summary of the account of William Charles Connell; 2pp.
1894

II.iv.4. Administration

Ms 35,561 (1) Letters from Francis Hodder, estate representative for Cork property, principally to Earl of Wandesforde. Most letters relate to payment of rent, notably attempts to get rent from refractory tenants, following the death of the Dowager Viscountess Castlecomer (Sep 1857-Sep 1758), arrangements for leases of property, such as St Finbarr's, near Crosses Green to James Lill (Dec 1759), and occasional references to wine and china recently arrived in port; 21pp.
1756-74

(2) Letters from John Adam Malet principally to Earl of Wandesforde. In early letters Malet writes of luxury goods which have recently arrived in port, which he supplies to Wandesforde, and from 1774, he acts as estate representative, and writes of rental arrangements and other administrative issues. Includes reference to disagreement between Jane Crosse and Mr Coulthurst (5 May 1780); 27pp.
1767-85

(3) Legal documentation relating to property disputes, involving the Wandesforde, Cross, Wallis and Colthurst families, with:
Extracted will of Epenetus Cross, St. Dominick's, Cork (orig. 9 Jul 1702, copy made [1764]), incomplete account of descendants of Epenetus Cross, which traces the ownership of property purchased in 1648; outline of case stating title to Cork property by the Wandesforde family [1740's]; various copies of opinions relating to Cross property, and a case made by Mr Wallis (1730's-40's); copy of the will of Silvester Cross (21 Jul 1720); memorial of lease and release of premises in Tucker's Lane, from Rev. John Lukey, Bridgefield, Co. Cork, his wife Alicia (née Cross) and Silvester Cross, City of Cork, to John Raymond, Cork city, merchant (26 & 27 Aug 1714); and affidavit of Zebulon Upington, in the case of John, Earl of Wandesforde against Wallis Colthurst, his wife Helena (née Wallis) [Edward] Hoare, his wife [Clotilda], and others (22 Feb 1775); 10 pp.
c.1702-75

Letters from those holding property in Cork, members of the Gifford, Cross and Wallis families, with:

letters from Dr Richard and Mary Gifford, concerning property held under Rev Mr Lukey (3 & 29 Jul 1747); letter from Lullum Batwell, sent to Cork to settle affairs (25 Sep 1747); letters from William Wallis re rent of St. Dominick's (Feb-Nov 1748); letter from Silvester Crosse, outlining his family's holdings since his grandfather's settlement in Ireland (22 Sep 1766) with later letters from Jane Cross seeking financial assistance (4 Dec 1770; 29 Jun 1779; 1 Apr 1783); 12 pp.
1747-83

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Letters from Michael Barry and J Carnegie, Cork, to Eaton, concerning payment of rent and interest by Lady Ormonde to Major Wilmot. The property is not named; 13 pp.

Oct 1821-Dec 1829

General items and correspondence re administration of property in the Cork area, principally letters to Eaton, with some references to private business (e.g. Besnard, *see Estates: Castlecomer: Agents Correspondence: Agents Personal Material Ms 35,521(5)*). Correspondents include Robert Maddock, John Croker, James Mc Creevy, Robert Robinson and William Sheehy, with references to arrangements between the Kavanaghs and Lady Ormonde's estate.

Includes: letter from representatives of Colonel Breen, who is 'entitled to some portion the property left the late Miss Eleanor Kavanagh by Lady Ormond' (28 Aug 1833); report by 'GO' on 'the Cork trade', mostly referring to coal (1712); copy letters by Eaton concerning arrangements for the Misses Kavanaghs,³ with opinion of Robert Franks on the issue (Dec 1840; 6 Feb 1846); 31pp.

1712-85; 1820-46

See also Estate: Castlecomer: Agents Correspondence for letters from C.Doyne, Ms 35,517(14), and Wandesforde Family: Marriage and Testamentary Material, for abstract will of John Earl of Wandesforde relating to Cork Estates c.1772 Ms 35,458(6).

³ Granddaughters of the late Lady Ormonde, who received one fifth of the Cork estate, for whom individuals including Charles Doyne collected rent.
(*See also Wandesforde Family: Family Accounts, for Account of Eaton with Miss Grace Kavanagh, Ms 35,465(3,6).*)

II.v. Other lands

Various deeds, leases and other documents relating to other estates but found in this collection.

Ms 35562 (1) Foeffment by Sir Richard Graham, Lynanstown, Queen's County, to Sir Roger Jones, Sir Adam Loftus the younger, George Graham, Ballynewre, Co. Wicklow and Thomas Crooke, Queen's Co., concerning the lands of Ballylynan (also Lynanstown), Rahinderry, Shangangh and other lands in Queen's Co.; parchment.
10 Feb 1624

Deed of Edmond Tobin, Rathlesse, Queen's Co., and Robert Prendergast, Ballybeg, Co. Tipperary, concerning lands of Coolnely, [Co. Tipperary].
Also refers to Priors Butler of Castlecomer, gent. Examined for Brenan case (*See Estates: Castlecomer: Deeds pre 1636 and 1636-1800*); parchment.
6 Jul 1624

Lease from Thomas Graham, Kilberrie, Co. Kildare to William Graham, Killballyowen, Co. Wicklow, of land in Rahinderry, Queen's Co., for 1000 years; parchment.
15 Dec 1635

Deed poll whereby William Wandesforde and Ralph Wallis, both of the city of Dublin, bargain and sell to Nicholas White all interest in a lease for 1000 years of the lands of Rahin, Aghanure, and others, [Queen's Co.], which they acquired from William Graham, Old Rosse, Co. Wexford. No. 190, parchment.
18 Aug 1640

[Lease] from George Rose, Limerick city; and Rev Dr Zachary Ormsby, Limerick, re land in [Ballyrone] the Barony of Owny and Arra, co. Tipperary.
18 Dec 1712.

'An Old Lease not executed', between Edmund Lord Viscount Mount Garrett, and John Kelly, of Co. Carlow, farmer; parchment.
Apr 1754

(2) Rent roll of part of the estate of Sir Charles Dillon, baronet, situated on the banks of the river boyne within two miles of Trim, Co. Meath (leases dated 1760-1815); 1f.
Late 1810s

Rental of lands in Co. Westmeath; 5pp.
Late 1800s

- (3) Printed rental, valuation and maps of fee simple estates situate in the baronies of Ierrin, Eliogarty and Slievardagh, Co. Tipperary and the barony of Gowran, Co. Kilkenny, to be sold by auction, in the matter of the estate of Somerset Arthur, Earl of Carrick, owner, and Edward Cane, petitioner (Incumbered Estates Court); 1 item.
Jul 1851

III. COLLIERY

While the colliery was established by Christopher Wandesforde in the late 1630s, the records in the present collection only relate to colliery administration and exploration in the 1820s-30s and the early 1900s, accounts of the 1820s-90s and 1920s-50s, and campaigns to extend the railway to the colliery in the early 1900s. The letters of Matthias Dunn, John Hewetson and others employed in the 1820s-30s give an insight into the management of the colliery, and also document unrest in the district during that period. There is little correspondence from the remainder of the 19th century. There is a large amount of material concerning developments made to the colliery by R.H. Prior-Wandesforde in the period from 1905 to the mid-1950s. There is also notable material relating to staff welfare.

The involvement of R.H. Prior-Wandesforde's in various railway schemes is well documented, including his opposition to the Kilkenny, Castlecomer and Athy Railway Bill of 1909, and his own proposals for a district railway. Prior-Wandesforde gathered considerable information on the colliery, its history, production rates etc., which he prepared for various reports made to the Vice-Regal Railway Commission (1907) and other parliamentary committees. Related background material is listed under Ms 35,670.

III.i. Administration

III.i.1.Pre 19th Century

Ms 35,563 (1) Note by George Brenan to Mr Prickett concerning iron ordered to be drawn out; 1p.
22 Jul 1677

Letter from A. Emerson, CoallBawn to 'The Rt. Hon George Lord Viscount Castlecomer at his house in Kirkleington near Beedall in Yorkshire, by way of London', re work at the collieries (Moninroe and Cloneen); 1p.
'2 Mar 1742-3' [1742]

Agreement of tenants with Lord Castlecomer, that 'we will not expect any more than the cullum and picking of it for the use of our firing and that we will give up the perks that we formerly had and all pretensions to selling of them and desire no more than the cullum allowing his Lordship the use of what cullum he wants for himself. And also that Lord Castlecomer will let us enjoy the lands we now have provided we work with him...' 3pp.
9 Dec 1755

[Ms 35,479 (17)] Report by Lullum Batwell on the state and condition of Lord Castlecomer's Estate and Collieries; 1 item.
1746

For pre 19th century sales, see Other Accounts Ms 35,649.

III.i.2.Leases

- Ms 35,564 (1) 'The Honourable Charles Harward Clarke Southwell Wandesforde to John Edge Esquire. Lease of Coal Mine in the County of Kilkenny.' Lease of 'all that part of the Lordship Colliery called and known by the name of Pullough and Styra Collieries', with map of collieries attached (John Edge of Clonbrock, Queen's County); parchment (4 membranes), 1 item.
26 Jan 1849

III.i.3.Colliery Office Correspondence

- Ms 35,564 (1) Material of John Curr, who appears to have been employed as an advisor and collier at the Wandesforde's English collieries near Sheffield:
Letter from John Curr, Sheffield, to James Butler, Ballyduff near Kilkenny (third son of Lady Ormonde, later 19th Earl of Ormonde), writing of his work and his account, and of filling a position of resident agent at Castlecomer (8 May 1804);
Letter to the proprietors of Castlecomer Collieries recommending action which should be taken against corrupt employees (7 Oct 1805);
Report on coal yard and wagon roads at Castlecomer, with estimate of expenses for one month and account of experiment on the breakage of coal made under Sergeant Coldwell's Agency (5 Nov 1805); 3 items.
1804-5
- (2) Applications for pits to David Aher, bundled into those whose applications were accepted and those who were not;
Accepted: c.50pp.
1819-26
- (3) Not accepted: 17pp.
1820-26
- (4) 'Copy Case respecting the Collieries', produced by Franks Solicitors. Case outlines the administration of the collieries by Mr Aher 'an Eminent Engineer and Land Surveyor', and the wish of the proprietors of the colliery 'make some new arrangement for working the collieries', following the decline of profits in recent years, which they blame on 'plans that had been pursued under Mr Aher's directions', including a number of contracts made by Aher with individuals.
Includes proposals by a number of contractors to work land, followed by William Saurin's opinion on the options available to the proprietors. 1 item
28 Dec 1826.

For material concerning David Aher as tenant of the Wandesfordes, See Estate: Castlecomer: Agents Correspondence: Individuals Correspondence Ms 35,517(18).

For further correspondence of tenants/pit holders, see Estates: Castlecomer: Tenant Administration: Petitions and proposals.

Ms 35,566

Letters of Matthias Dunn. Employed from 1827-33 as Colliery superintendent/director, Dunn was based in England (most of his letters were written from Jarrow Colliery near Gateshead, and Newcastle-upon-Tyne), with occasional visits made to Castlecomer. He advises and instructs on the management and development of the colliery. Throughout his letters he gives his opinion on the possibility of developing railways and canals, as well as the colliery, and on the current political situation in Ireland, especially in letters to C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde (at this time known as Charles Harward Butler Clarke, with letters written to him in London while he sat in the House of Commons).

- (1) Letters from Dunn to C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde and to Thomas Bermingham, advising on management of the colliery. The letters from Apr-Jul are copies, used in a report produced by Dunn. These include 'suggestions as to fund for the preventative of misery so far as regards the families of the working classes' (19 Jun 1827). In December Dunn writes that 'I see a splendid [plan] in agitation about your Ship Canal - I am strongly tempted to write to O'Connell to suggest as a much more advantageous and practicable scheme, to move a rail road from your Collieries to Athy' (8 Dec 1827); 10 pp.
Apr-Jul; Oct-Dec 1827

- (2) Letters from Dunn to C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde.
Includes: Drawing of a section of Bone Yarrow pit, in which he comments 'I should imagine from the little I hear about claims, that you must be pretty clear of these troublesome appeals, the property is now beginning to appear as if it was your own, and under circumstances too which seem cheering, and cannot fail to be satisfactory to the mass of population dependant upon its successful management. I anticipate considerable amendment in the appearance of the people at my next visit'. He adds 'I should hope Her Ladyship's prejudices will begin to weaken, as the condition of the people and prosperity improves' (20 Nov 1828); letter written from Newcastle, which mentions the death of 14 colliers in an accident at a neighbouring colliery (22 Nov 1828).

As well as advising on the colliery ('It has long struck me ... that [if] you and your partners should leave that Colliery it could be entered (if at liberty) with a comparatively small capital and if any spirited and well-guided Co. were to get possession of it, it might prove a great thorn in your sides'), Dunn writes of possibilities of developing the Grand Canal, and also of the feasibility of a rail road from Athy to Dublin. He also refers to current political developments regarding emancipation (24 Jan 1829); result of Boneyarrow sinking and other comments on sinking and borings (6 Mar 1829); 'I congratulate you on the triumphant majority of 180 on the Catholic Question'; (22 Mar 1829); 16 pp.

Nov 1828-Jun 1829

- (3) Notes taken by Dunn during time spent at the Castlecomer Collieries in July 1829. They concern the transfer of work to the Boneyarrow pits, with notes taken on issues decided on by Dunn, such as claims investigated, pensions to be awarded to individuals, charity payments etc. (9 Jul 1829); memorandum from Dunn to Johnson, 'In consequence of great theft being carried on, as between the Master Colliers and the carmen, I do hereby require you to suspend the working of any pit or pits whence any car is detected going away loaded without being under the care of a conductor' (9 Jul 1829); notice issued that 'any colliers who may claim to belong to Castlecomer Lordship, and do not within a week offer their services to the Boneyarrow pit that they will not hereafter be recognised as having any claim upon the Proprietors for employment' (10 Jul 1829); minutes outlining 'future proceedings' and instructions on jobs to be carried out (17 Jul 1829); agreements with workers 'to the utmost of our power defend the works from injury and protest the persons employed with Management'; c.20pp.

Jul 1829

- (4) Letters from Dunn to Richard Eaton, principally regarding the development of Rail Yard and Curragh pits, and of finding a replacement for Johnson, who has moved to Scotland. As before, Dunn gives his opinion on current political situation in Ireland. In Apr 1831, Dunn writes seeking a raise in payment. He outlines his employment since undertaking the management of the collieries in 1827: 'I had all the charge of correspondence, the appointment of managers, the purchase of engines and other stores'. (19 Apr 1831).

He writes from Castlecomer, informing Eaton that the development of Rail Yard and Curragh is not yet complete, 'and unless Geo Wilson's Skehana, Crutt etc. be opened the Colliery produce must at once fail and with it profit and the support of the people ... The Colliers have addressed me seriously on the consequences of the decline of the work which are but too obvious' (8 Sep 1831).

There is trouble in the Yorkshire collieries, with one collier murdered. '...the dispute with our colliers have driven me home in search of head miners to supply their places and to make room we are turning a great many families out ... we are scarcely a degree better than Ireland.' Later he writes, 'I agree with you quite as to the leaving alone at present of the Curragh and also of the absolute necessity of the whole Old Colliery being opened if the people are to be kept alive and free of rebellion' (25 Apr 1832).

He later suggests that Irish colliers be sent to work in the English collieries, 'I do not see how the Curragh can be won nor the Colliery carried on so as to induce any new settlement ... I regret it for the sake of the people, who must in that case be driven to starvation. I am sorry to hear that in addition to all your other evils you have got the cholera' (24 Jun 1832).

Dunn also raises points which have to be decided on regarding the colliery,

and on finding a replacement for Johnson (overseer), who has moved to Scotland: 'I confess to you that I have racked my mind in vain for a suitable one to suit the job and humour the people. Potts' death is still a remembrance here, and few persons can be had to risk the undertaking' (5 Aug 1832)⁴. (Includes two undated letters, one to Kildare Dobbs.); 13pp.
Aug 1830 - Oct 1832

- (5) Release from Mathias Dunn to C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde, outlining Dunn's conditions of employment at the collieries ('to superintend, manage, direct and carry on certain coalmines'), and renouncing all claim or demand on Wandesforde; 1 item.

9 May 1833

Ms 35,567

Letters from John Hewetson, cashier of the collieries, to C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde. Hewetson was responsible for day-to-day administration of the collieries. The letters contain work updates, informing Wandesforde of account balances, payment of dividends to Wandesforde, the Marquess of Ormonde, Thomas Kavanagh and Lord Lismore, and the accounts of Wandesforde with John D. Latouche & Co., sinkings and borings, contracts and workers. Other subjects covered include: legal claim made by Thomas Breen, for damage sustained through not being allowed to work the Collieries (Nov 1828 - Jan 1829); progress of work on the Boneyarrow pit following the discovery of coal, and efforts to transfer work and colliers to the new pit (Feb-Jun 1829); material relating to the dismissal of John Henderson, a clerk (Apr-Jun 1829); and growing unrest and attacks on the English employed at the colliery (May-Jun 1829).

- (1) Includes: letter concerning James Comerford, almost destitute, who identified coal in Crutt, and who Hewetson feels deserves a reward - 'it is he who pointed out the present work at Crutt to Mr Dunn, when every one else in that neighbourhood said there was none there. James Comerford lived on part of the ground belonging to Clough Colliery, and was deprived of his house, he cannot get any work at Clough ... his family are very destitute and he from his appearance is I fear almost without support - he had three of his children in fever and a fine boy of nine years old is at the point of death from this malady..' (7 Nov 1828); 8 pp.

Sep-Nov 1828

- (2) Includes: letter in which Hewetson writes of his response to an order from the War Office: 'As a faithful subject I am always ready to serve my King, but situated as I am now I do not think it would be for my family's advantage to be called out now - and as well as I since learned am told that declining to serve will not affect an officers' half pay on the advantages of pension etc. to his family.' (5 Dec 1828); he also writes of arrangements for Christmas, with

⁴ For material concerning the murder of Thomas Potts, see *Mss 35,567(8), 35,675(3), and Appendix 1: English Estate: Management: Administration Correspondence: General Correspondence*.

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plans for 'a feast for the Englishmen, they seem to wish to have the Clerks invited that they may all feel an interest for the welfare of the Establishment' (16 Dec 1828); 10 pp.

Dec 1828

- (3) Includes: summaries of Boneyarrow sinking and boring accounts; 13 pp.

Jan 1829

- (4) Includes: report by Mr T. Bermingham on 'the account of the Castlecomer Collieries from the period of Mr Hewetson's undertaking the situation of Cashier' (4 Feb 1829); 13 pp.

Feb 1829

- (5) 6 pp.

Mar 1829

- (6) Includes: comment from Hewetson that 'I do not hear of any emigrants for America from the Colliery this season and daresay that the prospect of employment may keep many at home' (9 Apr 1829); 9 pp.

Apr 1829

- (7) Includes: references to the growing unrest at the colliery and colliers' unwillingness to move to Bawn Yarrow pits, with Hewetson having been 'stopped by a fellow of the name of Daniel Langton on the high road who is a menacing manner and with some stones appeared determined to do me injury only Dobbs and Cantwell came to my assistance and seized him' (24 May 1829); 20 pp.

May 1829

- (8) Includes: letter containing text of threatening letter sent to Thomas Potts from Ribbonmen: *'Thomas Potts Thomas Johnson James Scott and all your Country men, ye managers of the Castle Comer Colliery we Ribbon men give ye timely notice that if ye don't drop year dominering tyrannising ways and let poor Collars have midling good wages tradesmen likewise have the same wages they had labourers the same and be vearey civil with the people if ye don't do that after a little time again we give ye timeley notice to quit this countrey or we will give ye the same usage as Hanlon and his Bad Managers got or worse.'* (19 Jun 1829), see also letter of 17 Jun 1829; 10 pp.

Jun 1829

Ms 35,568 (1) Letters to C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde, mostly from Richard Eaton, principally concerning the administration of colliery (but also references to estate administration). Includes:

letter from Kildare Dobbs (clerk/book keeper) stating that 'I consider there are 40 pits at work or about to work in the Old Colliery', with 240 men employed, and 25 in Crutt Contractor Pits (13 Nov 1828); copy of statement

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by Anthony Mc Gowan concerning his meeting with Patrick Purcell to settle his compensation claim for damage caused to his land by the colliery (23 Feb 1829); letter from Eaton writing that 'we have succeeded in obtaining the presentments for the new roads' (21 Mar 1829); letter from Thomas Johnson, writing on the possibility of all colliers moving to work on two new pits recently sunk by Aher (13 Jun 1829); copy of depositions by Thomas Johnson (overseer) and Thomas Potts (assistant overseer) concerning a walkout by Irish colliers from Bawn Yarrow Pit [formerly workers at Old Lordship colliery] and their refusal to accept the terms and conditions being offered, and Potts' receipt of a threatening letter (23 Jun 1829); and letter from Eaton following an attempt to assassinate an English worker, writing of the actions of the Irish workers and their threats to destroy the works. He plans to draw 'the attention of the Government to the unprotected state of this town and neighbourhood' (24 Jun 1829); 11 pp.
Nov 1828-Jun 1829; 19 Oct 1842

- (2-7) Letters between colliery staff, estate agents, machinery suppliers, those seeking information on the colliery, etc.
- (2) Includes: instructions on administration of colliery, from Thomas Bermingham to Kildare Dobbs and Thomas Johnson; letter from Thomas Potts to Bermingham on the progress at Boneyarrow and Crutt, reporting that 'Mr Johnson has taken the Contract out of the Crutt Colliers hands ... I think we will be able to do a good deal more business this way than if the Colliers had it, for they never agreed amongst themselves two days together'; 9 pp.
1827-9
- (3) Includes: letter from John Hewetson to Kildare Dobbs, having left employment at the colliery, giving final instructions, including ordering a headstone for 'the late poor Peter Buston' (23 Aug 1830); letters from Johnson to Eaton, including letter regarding a proposed road which would cross an area in which coal has been found (29 Jan 1831); 9 pp.
1830-31
- (4) Includes: letter from Johnson to Dobbs, written from Jarrow colliery, England. Johnson has left Castlecomer, and has decided to work for Matthias Dunn in Scotland. He writes of the colliers 'folly', and of the English colliery he writes: 'Numbers of additional men are employed who are not in the Colliers Union ... Military and police are stationed in most of the Collieries for the protection of those who are willing to work. The police here have no uniform, like the police of Ireland they are a dirty, greasy, stinking set of Riff-Raff... There are nearly 5000 Colliers idle at present' (11 & 14 May 1832);
Application made to Eaton for appointment as 'Ranger in General' at the Colliery, detailing how coal is being robbed, and outlining how he will oversee the other Rangers, 'and take their reports, and see that each and every

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one of them is on his station, not drunk' (30 Oct 1833); query from George Moore to Eaton concerning colliery (see Eaton Private Correspondence letter 9 Mar 1816); letter from Secretary of Railway Commission, Dublin Castle, requesting 'statistical information... on the population and resources' of the Castlecomer colliery district (6 Dec 1836); 8 pp.
1832-6

- (4) Includes: letter from Johnson to Dobbs, written from Ruses Company, Glasgow, where Johnson now works. He writes of the collieries in Scotland and in Castlecomer, and of the other Irish he has met. He comments: 'I have both heard and read of the Progress of Temperance in Ireland. It seems to be a great blessing, I am sure in more ways than one. I hope it will not be made subservient to political ends. Father Matthew could not do better than pay a visit to Glasgow' (19 May 1840); also undated items relating to disagreement between Wandesforde and John Edge over the removal by Wandesforde of the engine from Styra⁵; 12pp.
1837-46

- (6) Includes: letters from Johnson to Richard Cooke following his return to the Castlecomer Collieries, with report by Johnson on the conditions in the colliery following complaints by colliers in the old colliery 'that they and their families are in great distress and in a most starving condition', with 'strangers' brought in to work in the pits (29 Jan 1849); also letter to John B. Wandesforde from Michael Brenan on behalf of all colliers and tenants in Cloneen and Moneen, calling for 'a weekly pay ... if something this way is not done for us we must submit to extortion, monopoly and in fact slavery as long more. If we had the handling of your earning we would make Castlecomer and the colliery the better of us by putting our money in free circulation. But, if we have again to submit to slavery under the monopolizing system that we had to submit to for the last 3 years we would almost wish the Lord would put an end to us before we'd suffer again what we are after passing' (18 Oct 1850); and copies of letters from P Walshe (colliery administration employee) to Dobbs and Wandesforde, highlighting grievances against individuals which have arisen from his advancing £100 to colliers 'disemployed' by the closure of Jarrow pit 'to keep them and their families' of which only £50 has been repaid, with replies from Wandesforde and Dobbs (22 May 1851); 16 pp.
1847-51

- (7) Includes: letter from Alexander Bradley, protesting against 'the deplorable

⁵ John Edge was the proprietor of a neighbouring colliery. There are a number of items from members of the Edge family throughout the collection, and also from those whose pits lie on the boundaries of the Edge property (1840's-50's, in this section and in Colliery: Administration: Letters from Contractors and Pit holders).

state of affairs in connection with the regulation of our sales in Skehana ... the public are completely turned against our colliery' (26 May 1854); letter from the Museum of Irish Industry, seeking information on the quantity of coal and culm raised in the coal mines of Boneyarrow, Jarrow, Skehana and Old Lordship (3 May 1855, also 20 Mar 1852); and letter from Edward Fetherstonhaugh to Mrs Prior Wandesforde, with note on page that letter concerns 'the colliery strike & agreeing he had better not meddle' (21 Sep 1885); 28 pp.
1852-85

III.i.4. Letters from Contractors and Pit holders

Ms 35,569 Letters from contractors and pit holders to the administrators of the colliery.
(1-6) Mostly applications for pits (notably in Sep 1831 and Nov 1834), petitions for charity and pensions, claims against damage caused to land, and other queries re pits and work. Many letters are from those whose pits are on the boundaries of the Edge property (notably 1852, 1854).

N.B. See also Estate: Castlecomer: Tenant Administration: Petitions, proposals, for applications for pits.

- (1) 1827-30; 21 pp.
- (2) Includes: letter from tenant seeking compensation for the collapse of his house, due to colliery work beneath it (18 Mar 1831); letter from pit holder seeking a safe house, following threats being made to him the previous evening (22 Nov 1831); 20 pp.
1831
- (3) Includes: address of colliers to C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde, appealing 'to your bounty and feelings to remove that cause which disorganise society order and conduct of people, viz, oppressive and cruel contractors designated Master colliers. We hope to have no Master but your honour, no employer but you.'(16 Jul 1834); statements made against James Betts testifying to his being 'an unfit person to hold any public situation' (c. Sep 1834); 24 pp.
1832-34
- (4) 1835-47; 12 pp.
- (5) Includes: [draft] memorial from Castlecomer miners to the Board of Ordnance tendering for the supply of coal to public establishments, such as workhouses, police barracks (15 May 1849); statements of complaint by pit holder against another, with judgement by arbitrators (21 Dec 1861); 25 pp.
1848-76
- (6) Includes: 'A list of desperadors names that waylaid and cruelly [...] Mr

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Price's men from the Queen's County the day they came for culum to Clough Colery' (sic, n.d.); and signed petition from contractors, rangers and other employees, protesting against claims of theft from the colliery (n.d.); 10 pp.
Undated

III.i.5. Colliery Administration and Developments

Ms 35,570 (1) Copy letters (in pencil) from R.H. Prior-Wandesforde to financial institutions, one to the Manager of the National Bank, Castlecomer branch, concerning a mortgage he wishes to take out [Feb 1904]; and one (possibly to the same bank) concerning an overdraft he wishes to obtain (3 May 1905); letter forwarded by H.A.S. Prior, Leap, Co. Cork, from Hand in Hand Fire & Life Insurance Society, re WCA Proposal (23 Jun 1906); 3pp.
1904-6

(2-5) Letters from J.H. Marr, Colliery Mining Engineer, to R.H. Prior-Wandesforde, informing Wandesforde of every aspect of colliery developments, including borings, sinkings, and other engineering work. Includes: account of Marr with R.H. Prior-Wandesforde 1904-5, and many letters from May-Jun 1911.

- (2) 1904; 6pp
- (3) Jan-Feb 1905; 13pp
- (4) Mar-Jul 1905; 20pp
- (5) 1909-13 (mostly 1913) ; 27pp

(6) Correspondence of J.H. Marr with others re developments at colliery. Includes: copy of letter to [a pit holder], offering to buy him out, following the termination of a contract (26 May 1905); correspondence relating to the production of briquettes (Feb 1908; Feb 1909); 20pp.
1904-10

(7) Letter-book containing duplicates of letters by J.H. Marr , from mining office to William Dobbs and others, concerning his work at the colliery, and related memoranda and notes; 1 item
May 1907-Apr 1910

Also contains duplicates of two letters from 'Isaac' to Mr Whitacker, concerning general administration at the colliery (14,18 Oct 1921).

(8) Notebooks of J.H. Marr containing notes of developments at pits, payments made etc.; 2 items
Oct 1904-Feb 1905; Feb 1906-Apr 1907

(9) Material relating to the taking over of collieries from Joseph Dobbs, with correspondence between Dobbs and R.H. Prior-Wandesforde, between Prior-

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Wandesforde and Thomas Franks, Marshall & Wilkinson Solicitors, Newcastle on Tyne and others concerning the negotiations and agreement of terms.

Includes: extracts from [1874] lease of Collieries to Joseph Dobbs for 31 years (1884); copy of contract of Robert Hall and Joseph Dobbs to work Monteen Colliery (which includes part of the lands of Kilgory, Queen's County, purchased by R.H. Prior-Wandesforde from Sir John Edge) (18 Jun 1903); Draft of Affidavit of Joseph Mc Carthy Meadows (mining engineer and colliery manager) to the Irish Land Commission Estates Commissioners re the estate of R.H. Prior-Wandesforde (5 May 1904); draft Agreements between Joseph Dobbs and R.H. Prior-Wandesforde as to surrender of colliery leases etc. (Mar 1905); also reference by Joseph Dobbs for a former employee, recommending him for work (9 May 1905), and draft agreement for lease of mines, drawn up by Wilkinson and Marshall Solicitors (mines or parties to agreement not named, 22 May 1906); 48pp.

1884; 1903-06

- (10) Draft agreement between R.H. Prior-Wandesforde and Robert Hall as to working the Engine Pit, Skehana; 1 item.
1905
- (11) Correspondence relating to negotiations between R.H. Prior-Wandesforde, E Shackleton (Solicitor, Barrow Mills, Carlow) and Edward Dowley (Carrick-on-Shannon) with Acheson Company for joint working of British Patents; 28pp.
1905-06
- (12) Report on Castlecomer coal royalties (original Feb 1915, revised Oct 1925); Private report on Castlecomer collieries, giving general overview of the company (Oct 1925); (multiple copies) 34pp.
Oct 1925

(Originally with material re taking over of colliery from Joseph Dobbs.)
- (13) Correspondence (principally of John Lanigan, Solicitor) relating to the purchase and exploration of the colliery underlying the lands of Kilgory, adjoining Monteen colliery, from Sir John Edge. Includes plan of area (27 May 1915); 28pp.
Feb 1903; Jan 1910; May 1911; May-Nov 1915; 12 Jan 1917
- (14) Correspondence (principally of John Lanigan, Solicitor) concerning negotiations for the lease of mining lands on the Lecky Estate in Clonbrock and Co. Mayo, although in 11 Oct 1915 Lanigan writes to Sample, 'it is clear that there will be no possibility of boring until the War is over and for many a long day afterwards', and on 29 Jun 1917 he writes of the death of 'poor young Wandesforde'; 10pp.

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May-Oct 1915; 29 Jun 1917

- (15) Correspondence relating to claim made by Brenan family against Colliery re land in Cruttencloough. Includes abstract of title of Miss Mary Brenan to part of lands of Cruttencloough; 4pp.
Dec 1920
- (16) Draft agreement between Kilkenny County Council and R.H. Prior-Wandesforde re repair work on colliery roads; 3pp.
1917
- (17) Completed company registration forms of Castlecomer Collieries Ltd.; 4 items.
1921-56

Ms 35,571

- (1-4) Correspondence concerning proposals for coal-fired steam-electro generating station near Castlecomer Junction. Divided into three sets of correspondence, between R.H. Prior-Wandesforde and the following:
 - (1) Government departments and the Electricity Supply Board, including copy of proposal for electricity power station put before the Minister for Industry and Commerce (5 Feb 1937); 12pp.
Mar 1930; Oct 1936-Mar 1937
 - (2) Delap & Waller (Chartered Engineers, Dublin); 12pp.
Oct 1936-Feb 1937
 - (3) E. Ivor David (Consulting Engineer, Cardiff), with specifications and tenders from International Combustion Ltd. Includes plans of River Nore power station and of Castlecomer Junction Power Station; 45pp.
Feb 1936-Apr 1937
 - (4) Rough, private notes made by R.H. Prior-Wandesforde relating to power station scheme, with related newspaper cuttings; c.30pp.
1936-7
 - (5) Technical plans for Deerpark ESB substation, with layout of electrical equipment, layout of ironwork, floor plan and building details (1937-8), and plans for substation extension (Jan 1943); 6 items.
1937-8; 1943
 - (6) Rough work notebooks of [R.H. Prior-Wandesforde], with observations, notes, reminders etc.; (both approx. 17.5x11.5x1.5 cm, one in poor condition) 2 vols.
1938; 1944-5

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- (7) Other rough notes by R.H. Prior-Wandesforde; c.20pp.
c.1893-1909

See also rough notes by R.H. Prior-Wandesforde re railway Ms 35,662 (6).

- (8-9) Correspondence (and related notes) between Colliery, John Lanigan & Nolan, Solicitors, the Office of the Prices Commission, and the Minister for Industry & Commerce, following complaints about the price charged for stove nuts; c. 70pp.
Apr - Sep 1937
- (10) Correspondence between Colliery, Tedcastle McCormack & Co. coal merchants and the Dept. of Supply (Prices Branch), concerning a request from the colliery to increase the price of coal sold, with details of coal prices in Nov 1939 and other related notes; 18pp.
Jan - Feb 1940
- (11) Handwritten copies of letters from R.H. Prior-Wandesforde to M.V. O'Brien, Geological Survey, Department of Industry and Commerce, and reply, concerning provision of records and specimens resulting from boring carried out by the Castlecomer Colliery between 1904 and 1947, with information on boreholes attached (*ripped pages*); 8pp.
Feb - Apr 1955
- (12) Envelope noting contents as 'copies of Accounts and Balance sheets for years 1951, 1953-6 as sent to Prices Branch, Dept of Industry and Commerce. 1953 & 54 following an interview with Mr Murphy, Dept of Industry and Commerce, Griffith Barracks in connection with the rise of coal prices and particular a 6/8 per ton rise to Irish Sugar co.' These accounts have been filed with other company accounts and balance sheets; 1 item.
1 Jun 1955
- (13) Promotional material from services and suppliers of the colliery; 6 items.
1905-50's

III.i.6. Boring work, Surveys & Analysis

Ms 35,572

- (1-5) Borebooks. Small volumes containing information on borings that were made in areas, listing type of rock found and at what depth. Some also contain notes on those employed, with 1843 Massford borebook containing notes on the boundaries with Edge's land, and other rough notes. A note on an accompanying envelope reads: 'copies and graphic sections of these are in the possession of the Geological Survey. W.B. Wright June 1915' (who also made notes on some borebook covers, as did Joseph Dobbs in 1905). There

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is also a page with a note by Sir John Ainsworth (Inspector of Manuscripts, NLI).

- (1) 1808-12 9 items
- (2) 1813-19 5vol
- (3) 1840-43 4vol
- (4) 1846-54 6vol
- (5) 1859-72 5vol

- (6) Miscellaneous items re boring: agreement of Jeffrey Brenan and John Close to sink pit in Crut (late 1820's/early 1830's), and 'Jeff Brenan's account of boring. He was an old borer and has given undermentioned account from memory, not very reliable information' (1877); account of strata bored in holes on Woodveiw Farm, Castlecomer (Dec 1903- Sep 1904); rough notes on boring, including cost (c.1905); notes on Castlecomer borings by R.H. Prior-Wandesforde (Oct 1934); results of borehole at Copley's Bridge (15 Oct 1945); and section of strata in bore hole in G. Raynor's field near Vera Pit (n.d., typed); and other rough notes on boring (1944; 1948); 28pp. late 1820's/early 1830's - 1948.

- (7) Booklet containing report and analysis of the New Jarrow Coal, Massford Colliery, Castlecomer (owned by Joseph Dobbs), with comparative analysis of best Welsh anthracite, by Edward T. Hardman; 1 item.
1878

Printed analysis of Arigna coal, Ballinamore, Co. Limerick; 1 item.
4 Feb 1889

- (8) Report on the coal under the Castlecomer Estate, by Henry Louis, Professor of Mining, Durham College of Science, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; (2 copies) 18pp.
Oct 1900
Duplicate in Ms 35,661(1)

- (9) Correspondence between R.H. Prior-Wandesforde and Henry Louis, consulting Engineer, with: letters concerning boring work being carried out in Castlecomer and in Durham (Jan-Jun 1903); copy letters concerning R.H. Prior-Wandesforde's dissatisfaction with boring workers in Durham, working under F. Coulson (Oct-Nov 1903); also copy of report on the colliery submitted by Louis to the Manager of the Castlecomer branch of the National Bank, in connection with R.H. Prior-Wandesforde's application for an overdraft (3 Apr 1905); and letter giving advice on dealing with the partnership with Hall [Robert, associate of Joseph Dobbs] and on fire insurance (7 Apr 1905); correspondence re Railway Commission (1907) and Railway Bill (1909); and later advice re sinkings. Analysis from 1911 relates to the railway scheme; 44pp.

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1903-14

- (10) Letters from those involved with the analysis and sales of Castlecomer coal (mostly for arsenic content); 28pp.

1902-13

- (11) 'Department of Agriculture's Report on Fireclay from near Little Castle - Coolbawn'; 2pp + envelope.

16 Dec 1903

- (12) Letter from James Probert, advisor in matters relating to railway companies, Swansea, to R.H. Prior-Wandesforde, enclosing correspondence with Dr E.R. Moritz, who has analysed a sample of coal to determine its suitability for use in malting; 5pp.

20-28 Nov 1905

- (13) Rough work notes relating to Jarrow pits, including summary of yearly totals (1895-1904) and notes of lease and royalty arrangements; 18pp.

c.1905

- (14) Plans and figures for Jarrow Colliery Jun 1886 - Aug 1904 by F.H. Wynne (27 Feb 1905); detailed list of destinations of coal and culm from Jarrow No. 6 & 7, Rock and Gurteen collieries (1905); and rough report on Jarrow seam collieries for half year ending 30 Jun 1908; 3 items.

1905; 1908

- (15) Analysis of coals from Jarrow and Skehana seams (detailing percentage of components), made by Messrs Pattinson and Stead of Middlesborough; (all duplicates) 4pp.

[1911]

- (16) Notes of address given by R.H. Prior-Wandesforde to colliers at the sinking of a new shaft, referring to recent sinkings and other work at the colliery; 4pp.

21 Mar 1910

- (17) Letter from J.H. Marr to R.H. Prior-Wandesforde, which accompanied the map of Richmond below; 1 item.

29 Aug 1909

Ms Map 21

OS of England map of Richmond, Yorkshire (Sheet 41, scale one inch to one mile), highlighting the boundaries of the Hipswell and Hudswell estates and showing the area beneath which there may be coal, noted by Henry Louis, with accompanying; 2 items.

1909

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- Ms Map
22 (a-c) Draft plan of Vera shaft; tracing map showing Rock, Gurteen and sinking area; and long outsize plan of all mines (showing West Skehana, Deerpark, Jarrow Pits, Rock (bog) and Vera); 3 items.
Early 1900's
- Ms 35,572(18) Report by J.B. Sample (employee at mining office) on Castlecomer pits, produced for Henry Louis; 6pp.
Mar 1915
- Ms 35,573 (1) Valuations:
The opinion of Mr Justice Andrews on Coal Mines Valuation (one handwritten and one typed copy, 28 Apr 1896);
Correspondence re mineral valuation of land by General Valuation Office (Aug-Oct 1916)
12pp
- (2) Letters to J.H. Marr from J.H. Pollock, Royal College of Science for Ireland, concerning analysis of Castlecomer coal, with Certificates of Analysis; 10pp.
Feb-Aug 1914
- (3) Correspondence of those testing and analysing collieries' fireclay, with report by H.L.C. Gille, Chatelet, Belgium (including Mon. H. Gille; Treharne & Duncan, Analytical & Consulting Chemists, Cardiff; British Embassy Commercial Dept. (giving background information on individuals); Clarence A. Seyler, Analyst, Swansea; Marie-Louise de [Meeres]); c.30pp.
Apr 1937 - Oct 1939
- (4) Guidelines on precautions to be observed in drilling for coal; 2pp.
[1940's]
- (5) Confidential comment on the Powell-Duffryn Technical Services Report, produced for R.H. Prior-Wandesforde, author not named. Includes memorandum on coal cutting in the Skehana seam at Deerpark Colliery (10 Jan 1941); 24pp, with cover.
Mar 1951
- (6) Confidential mining agent's annual report for the year ending 25 Dec 1954, with map of Deerpark mine, Skehana seam (scale: 1/5000 or 1 inch = 416.66 feet); 44pp.
Dec 1954

III.ii. Colliery Employees / Contractors

III.ii.1.Contracts

- Ms 35,574 (1) [Draft] blank contract agreement for contractors 'to raise what coal and culum may be found'; 1 item.
n.d.
- (2) 'Contractors in Old Lordship Colliery with dates, terms and expiration of each'; 2ff (damaged).
29 Aug 1827
- (3) Bond of Thomas Anderson Snr and Jnr, Gurteen, farmers, Sarah Smith, widow, and Samuel Smyth of Moneenroe, ranger, to the proprietors of Castlecomer Colliery (listed as James, Marquis of Ormonde, Cornelius O'Callaghan, Viscount Lismore, C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde and Thomas Kavanagh), the sum of £20; 1p.
17 Nov 1829
- (4) Colliery Office Journal, recording appointments and dismissals, price rises etc. Includes signed agreement with carmen concerning work at Bawnyarrow; 1 item.
Sep 1828 - Jan 1833
- (5) List of contractors, and date of termination of contract (c.1830, damaged);
List of pit holders, Styra (n.d.); 2pp.
[1830's]
- [Ms 14,192-4] Contract books, recording agreements between the proprietors and contractors for the raising of coal from pits; 3 large vols (no binding on Ms 14,194).
1828-43
- Ms 35,574 (6) Colliery contract book (on printed pages); 1 vol (41x27x3).
Aug 1847 - Jul 1853
- (7) Lists of day and night rangers; 1p.
n.d.
- List of colliery officers, servants and tradesmen employed, giving their position and salary; 1p.
n.d.
- List of men employed under Mr Hall in colliery; 1p.
29 May 1852

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- (8) Notebooks listing rental of equipment by contractors, insurance arrears etc.; (larger vol: 18x11.5x1 cm) 2 vols.
1919-23; 1924-52
- (9-11) Colliers' time books; (21.5x14x1 cm each) 5 vols.
1953-6

III.ii.2. Staff welfare

- Ms 35,575(1) Outsized page listing details of persons receiving charity from the proprietors of Castlecomer Colliery; (poor condition, ripped) 1 item.
14 Jul 1827
- (2) Copy of *Coal Mines (Eight Hours) Bill*, to limit the number of hours worked below ground (1906); circular letter by R.H. Prior-Wandesforde [to MPs] urging them to use them to prevent legislation similar to the Coal Mines (Eight Hours) Bill being introduced to Ireland: 'Hasty legislation on the lines of this bill would do much to hamper, if not prevent, the development, and increase the peculiar difficulties which already exist in this coalfield' (13 May 1908); with related newspaper cutting; 3 items.
1906-8
 - (3) Notebook listing sums collected for Nurse Fund, operated by the Nursing Association; (17.5x11x1 cm) 1 vol.
1914-19
 - (4) Bill and receipt of payment to building contractors 'for building six cottages at Deerpark, Castlecomer'; 2pp.
Feb - Mar 1920
 - (5) Accident report books; (larger vol: 18x11x2 cm, has loose pages of clerks tickets stuck to cover) 2 vols.
1924-45
 - (6) Doctor's report book, recording examinations carried out on workers, and results; (20.5x13x2 cm) 1 vol.
1950-54
 - (7) Notebooks listing compensation paid to workers at each week; (18x11x1.5 cm each) 3 vols.
1909-25

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- Ms 35,576-9* Workers Compensation Claims Files - containing accident reports, doctors notes and receipts for compensation payments (sick pay). Numbered and unnumbered
- Ms 35,576* 1938; c.40pp per file.
- (1) No. 1-9 (c. Jan - Oct)
 - (2) No.10-19 (c.Jan-Feb)
 - (3) No.20-29 (Jan-Mar)
 - (4) No.30-39 (Mar-Apr)
 - (5) No.41-49 (Apr-May)
 - (6) No.50-58 (May-Jul)
 - (7) No.60-69 (Jun-Aug)
 - (8) No.70-79 (Aug-Sep)
 - (9) No.80-89 (Sep-Oct)
 - (10) No.90-101 (Nov-Dec)
- Ms 35,577* 1939; c.40pp per file.
- (1) No. 1-9 (Dec 1938-Jan 1939)
 - (2) No.11-19 (Nov 1938-Feb 1939)
 - (3) No.20-29 (Feb-Mar 1939)
 - (4) No.30-39 (Feb-Apr)
 - (5) No.40-49 (Apr-May)
 - (6) No.50-59 (May-Jun)
 - (7) No.60-69 (Jun-Jul)
 - (8) No.70-79 (Jul-Aug)
 - (9) No.80-89 (Aug-Sep)
 - (10) No.90-99 (Sep-Oct)
 - (11) No.102-109 (Oct)
 - (12) No.110-[119] (Oct-Nov)
 - (13) No.120-125 (Nov-Dec)
- (14) 1942 (with one page from 1941); 8pp.
- Ms 35,578* 1943; c.40pp per file.
- (1) No. 1-9 (Jan)
 - (2) No.10-19 (Jan-Mar)
 - (3) No.20-29 (Apr-May)
 - (4) No.30-39 (May-Jun)
 - (5) No.40-49 (Jul)
 - (6) No.52-59 (Jul-Aug)
 - (7) No.60-69 (Aug-Sep)
 - (8) No.70-89 (Sep-Oct)
 - (9) No.90-101 (Oct)
 - (10) Unnumbered (Sep-Oct)
 - (11) Unnumbered (Nov-Dec)
- (12) 1944; 26pp.

(13) 1945; 18pp.

(14) 1946 (with one page from 1947); 19pp.

Ms 35,579 1948; c.40pp per file except (13), c.25pp.

(1) No. 1-9 (Jan-Feb)

(2) No.10-19 (Feb-Mar)

(3) No.20-29 (Mar-Apr)

(4) No.30-39 (Apr)

(5) No.40-49 (Apr-Jun)

(6) No.50-59 (Jun-Jul)

(7) No.60-69 (Jul)

(8) No.70-79 (Jul-Aug)

(9) No.80-89 (Aug-Sep)

(10) No.90-99 (Sep-Oct)

(11) No.100-108 (Oct -Nov)

(12) No.110-114 (Dec, and other loose and unnumbered pages)

1949 Unnumbered; c.20-30 pp per file

(13) (1) (Jan)

(14) (2) (Feb)

(15) (3) (Feb)

(16) (4) (Mar)

(17) (5) (Poorly dated)

(18) 1950 (poorly dated); c.50pp

Ms 35,580 (1) Compensation correspondence and related pages, with copy letters to doctor and lists of cases referred to doctor for examination, lists of men paid compensation, and loose accident report sheets; c.30pp.
1940-50

(2) Specifications of cottages for colliery workers on Ballyragget road; 12pp.
c.1930

Map Ms 23 Plan of Castlecomer Colliery cottages (for specifications see Ms 35,580(2));
1 item.
Jul 1930

Map Ms 24 Plans for rural cottages; 1 item.
Apr 1932

Map Ms 25 Book of house designs issued by Dept of Local Government and Public
Health; 1 item.
Jan 1933

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- Map Ms 26 Plan of proposed housing scheme at Chatsworth, Clough by Kilkenny County Health District; 1 item.
21 May 1939
- Map Ms 27 Plan of unidentified houses, on tracing paper; 1 item.
n.d.
- Ms 35,580 (3) Documentation issued by the Miners Welfare Committee, including information leaflet on the provision of pithead baths out of the Miners Welfare Fund, and bathers handbook; 16pp.
[1938]
- (4) Pithead baths daily cash book; (20x13x1 cm) 1 vol.
1949-54
- (5) Letters and promotional literature from the Canada Life Assurance Company re prospective pension scheme for employees; 13pp.
Aug - Oct 1945
- (6) Handwritten notes by R.H. Prior-Wandesforde on the 'Big Strike', which appear to have been used in an address to striking workers, on conditions at the colliery, cost of living; 5pp.
28 May 1949
Also undated note on striking colliers; 1p.
[1870's]
- (7) Booklets containing Rules of the Castlecomer Colliery Welfare Society, with handwritten amendments; 2 items.
c.1950-4
- (8) Correspondence between Secretary of Castlecomer Collieries Ltd. and Angus Slater, landscape gardener, concerning the draining, levelling and re-sodding of the field at Moneenroe, which is to be used as a hurling field. Includes plan of proposed lay-out (Nov 1950); 35pp.
Oct 1950 - Nov 1952

III.ii.3. Other

Ms 35,581

- (1-3) Material relating to Damage caused to land by colliery work.
- (1) Small volume recording colliery damage accounts, for years ending Mar 1816 - 1821, listing townland, occupiers, nature of damage, size of land and amount paid (with plan of Dunmore area);
Small volume recording payments to tenants for damage caused to property,

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reclaiming costs, road work etc. (Mar 1827-Mar 1834); 2 vols
1816-21; 1827-34

- (2) Rough account of damage caused to James Booth's colliery by the proprietors ending Mar 1836;
Lists of costs of land burned in 1836;
Survey of damage to Patrick Brennan's land, Cloneen ending Dec 1848;
Vouchers for payment of compensation to those claiming for damage to land (1848-50); 17pp.
1836; 1848-50
- (3) Work journal of Anthony Mc Gowan, recording (periodically) agreements with tenants re reclaiming of roads and land, for work on pits and damage caused; 1 vol (18x11.5x1.5cm).
Jul 1828-May 1832
- (4) Rough day and night watchmen's journal (1826);
Night rangers report books (Feb-May 1836; Jun 1836-Mar 1837); 3 items.
1826; 1836-7

[Ms 14,201] Night Rangers report book; 1 vol.
1832-7

[Ms 14,204-5] Cash books, recording various transactions including proposals for contracts, watchmen's wages and charitable donations; 2 vols.
1827

Ms 35,581 (5) Inventories, of Colliery tools (1827), and materials removed to Curragh from Castlecomer store (30 May 1834); 3pp.
1827; 1834

Public notice, disclaiming responsibility for any injury caused at any pit or mine on the Castlecomer estate; 1p.
[1840's-50's]

'Examinations of persons sinking pits fraudulently', with three accounts of men sinking pits; 1p.
[1840's]

Rough Questions (from Mr Wandesforde) and Answers concerning breakage of coal for transport (after 1852), remarks relative to the erection of Massford engine upon Bawnyarrow pit [1850's] and other rough comments on the colliery; 5pp.
1850's

Letter from William T. Mulvany, Prussia, to Peter Purcell and Martin

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Dormer, offering them employment at his mine works; 3pp.
12 Jun 1855

- (6) Rough pit drawings and plan of engine; 3 items.
n.d.

- (7-18) Storekeeper vouchers - issued by clerks to storekeeper (John Brenan M'Owen), authorising distribution of supplies, and related pages. Low grade, roughly sorted by year; c.20-40pp per folder.
 - (7-8) 1827
 - (9-11) 1828
 - (12) 1829
 - (13) 1830
 - (14-15) 1831
 - (116) 1833-5
 - (17) 1837
 - (18) 1841-4; 1853

III.iii. Colliery Accounts

III.iii.1. Clerks Tickets, Bills & Disbursements

From the 1830s onwards, colliery accounts were gathered together per fortnight. They consist of accounts of sales (known as Clerks' Tickets), accounts of labourers' work carried out (Bills), and receipts for expenses paid (Disbursements).

Clerks Tickets: made up of small pages, each giving a daily total of sale at each pit. Each days sales are pinned together (usually three pages per day, one for each pit), with all sales for a fortnight gathered together into a small and tight roll (c.42pp). Only a small number have been unrolled and all will require treatment by the conservation department to make them presentable for readers. Pins are rusty and need to be removed, and the paper needs to be relaxed, unravelled and cleaned.

Ms 35,582 Labourers' Wages Bills - relating to landing, contingent, sinking, road works, reclaiming work, tradesmen, watchmen and incidental charges; c.10pp per folder.

1824

- (1) Jan
- (2) Feb
- (3) Mar
- (4) Apr
- (5) Jun
- (6) Jul
- (7) Aug
- (8) Sep
- (9) Oct-Nov
- (10) Dec

- (11) Sinkers bill; 1pp
Jul 1826

Clerks Tickets – totals of daily and fortnightly sales 1827

Ms 35,583 (1) Mar; c.40pp
 (2-5) Apr; c.100pp
 (6-8) May; c.100pp
 (9-10) Jun; c.60pp
 Ms35,584 (1-3) Jul; c.90pp
 (4-6) Aug; c.90pp
 (7-9) Sep; c.60pp
 (10-11) Oct; c.90pp
 (12) Nov; c.50pp
 (13-14) Dec; c.90pp

- (15) Very rough account/roll of men's days worked at Tourtane; 5 pp.

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Sep-Oct 1827

- (16) Loosely bound volume containing weekly bills of watchers wages in New and Old collieries; no covers, 1 item.
1827-8; 1830-1

Clerks Tickets 1828

- Ms 35,585 (1) Jan; c.60pp
(2) Feb; c.60pp
(3-4) Mar; c.60pp
(5-6) Apr; c.60pp
(7) May; c.20pp
(8) Jun; c.20pp
Ms35,586(1-2) Jul; c.90pp
(3-4) Aug; c.60pp
(5) Sep; c.60pp
(6-7) Oct; c.60pp
(8) Nov; c.50pp
(9) Dec; c.30pp

Roughly bound pages listing daily culum sales; 3 items (c.20pp per item)

- Ms 35,587 (1) Jul-Aug 1828;
(2) Sep 1828-Jan 1829.

(3) Account of bankwork at Crutt pit; 9 items.
Dec 1827-Aug 1828

(4) Various other bills from Crutt pit; 12pp.
Jan-Jul 1828

(5) Account of bankwork at Boneyarrow sinking pit; 11 items.
Sep 1828-Apr 1829

Clerks Tickets 1829

- Ms 35,588 (1) Jan; c.40pp
(2-3) Feb; c.80pp
(4-5) Mar; c.60pp
(6-7) Apr; c.80pp
(8) May; c.60pp
(9) Jun; c.20pp
(10) Jul; c.20pp
Ms35,589(1-2) Aug; c.60pp
(3) Sep; c.40pp
(4-5) Oct; c.80pp
(6-7) Nov; c.80pp
(8-11) Dec; c.120pp (including Disbursements)

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- (12) Return of rangers and watchmen for old and new colliery; 1 item.
1-14 Feb 1829

List of wages paid to workers on New Line; 1 item.
9 Aug 1829

Very rough colliery account book, recording pay (of Master colliers and other labour bills), charity, disbursements etc. ending 5 Dec 1829; 1 item.
1829

- Clerks Tickets, Bills & Disbursements
- Ms 35,590 (1) Jan 1830 (payment slips); 10pp
(2-4) Nov 1830; c.100pp
(5-6) Dec 1830; c.80pp
- (7) Accounts of bankwork at Railyard pits; 5 items.
Jan-Dec 1830
- (8) Accounts of bankwork at Curragh pits; 9 items.
Oct 1830-Dec 1831
- (9) Accounts of bank work at Railyard pits; 11 items.
Jan 1831-Feb 1832
- (10) Clerks Tickets
Mar 1832; c.20pp
- Clerks Tickets, Bills & Disbursements
- Ms35,591(1-2) May 1835; c.60pp
(3) Dec 1835; 11pp
- (4) Account for making drains at Skehana (31 Jan 1835), and
Returns of contractors in Curragh district giving free coal to the engine
(fortnightly, Sep 1835-Jul 1836); 5pp.
1835-36
- (5) Clerks Tickets
Jan-Dec 1836; c.40pp
- (6) Clerks Tickets, Bills & Disbursements
Jul 1837; c.50pp
- (7-8) Roughly bound pages with totals of daily sales; 2 items
Jan 1833-Aug 1834;
Jan 1838- Oct 1842

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- (9) 'An Account of different bids of work in boring at Massford'; 1p.
1840-1
- Rough account and summary of (fortnightly) pay; 3 items.
20 Aug; 17 Sep 1842; 14 Mar 1846
- (10) Totals of days' sales, by colliers and contractors; 1 vol (fragile).
Oct 1843-Feb 1844
- (11) Roughly bound pages listing coal sales of colliers and contractors; 3 items
(in very poor condition).
1845
- (12) Diary roughly giving totals of daily sales, and daily summaries; 1 item
1846
- Ms 35,592 (1-11) Bills and Disbursements, c.30pp per folder;
(12-14) Clerks Tickets (5 unrolled),
and 18 rolls.
1849
- Ms 35,593 (1) Totals of fortnightly sales for each pit for year; 1f.
1850
- (2-9) Bills & Disbursements; c.30pp per folder.
(10-13) Clerks Tickets (7 unrolled)
and 10 rolls.
1850
- Ms 35,594 (1-12) Bills & Disbursements; c.20-30pp per folder
(13) Clerks Tickets (2 unrolled)
and 22 rolls.
1851
- Ms 35,595 (1-12) Bills & Disbursements; c.20-30pp per folder
(13) Clerks Tickets (7 unrolled)
and 19 rolls.
1852
- Ms 35,596 (1-12) Bills & Disbursements; c.20-30pp per folder
(13) Clerks Tickets (2 unrolled)
and 24 rolls.
1853
- Ms 35,597 (1-12) Bills & Disbursements; c.20-30pp per folder

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- (13-18) Clerks Tickets (14 unrolled)
and 12 rolls.
1854
- Ms 35,598 (1-12) Bills & Disbursements; c.20-30pp per folder
(13-16) Clerks Tickets (9 unrolled)
and 16 rolls.
1855
- Ms 35,599 (1-3) Bills & Disbursements; c.20-30pp per folder
(4-6) Clerks Tickets (7 unrolled).
Jan-Mar 1856
- Ms 35,600 (1-4) Disbursements; c.30pp per folder.
1857
- Ms 35,601 (1-4) Disbursements; c.30pp per folder
Clerks Tickets; 10 rolls.
1858
- Ms 35,602 (1-3) Disbursements; c.30pp per folder
Clerks Tickets; 27 rolls.
1859
- Ms 35,603 (1-4) Bills & Disbursements; c.30pp per folder
(5) Clerks Tickets (1 unrolled)
and 21 rolls.
1860
- Ms 35,604 (1-12) Bills & Disbursements; c.20pp per folder
Clerks Tickets 25 rolls.
1861
- Ms 35,605 (1-12) Bills & Disbursements; c.20pp per folder
Clerks Tickets; 20 rolls.
1862
- Ms 35,606 (1-12) Bills & Disbursements; c.20pp per folder
Clerks Tickets; 23 rolls.
1863
- Ms 35,607 (1-12) Bills & Disbursements; c.10-20pp per folder
Clerks Tickets; 21 rolls.
1864
- Ms 35,608 (1-4) Bills & Disbursements; c.30pp per folder

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- Clerks Tickets; 20 rolls (and part of 3 rolls).
1865
- Ms 35,609 (1-3) Bills & Disbursements; c.30pp per folder
Clerks Tickets; 24 rolls.
1866
- Ms 35,610 (1-4) Bills & Disbursements; c.30pp per folder
Clerks Tickets; 23 rolls.
1867
- Ms 35,611 (1-4) Bills & Disbursements; c.30pp per folder
Clerks Tickets; 25 rolls
1868
- Ms 35,612 (1-4) Bills & Disbursements; c.30pp per folder
Clerks Tickets; 22 rolls
1869
- (5) Clerks Tickets; parts of 4 rolls
Mar 1860; Feb 1862; Dec 1865; Jun 1869
- Ms 35,613 (1-4) Bills & Disbursements; c.30pp per folder
(5-6) Clerks Tickets (3 unrolled)
and 25 rolls.
1870
- Ms 35,614 (1-4) Bills & Disbursements; c.30pp per folder
Clerks Tickets; 23 rolls (and part of one unrolled).
1871
- Ms 35,615 (1-2) Bills; 2 folders, c.20pp per folder
(3) Clerks Tickets; (part of one unrolled)
and 20 rolls.
1872
- Ms 35,616 (1-3) Bills & Disbursements; c.30pp per folder
(4-6) Clerks Tickets; (5 unrolled)
and 18 rolls.
1873
- Ms 35,617 (1-3) Bills & Disbursements; c.30pp per folder
Clerks Tickets; 26 rolls.
1874
- Ms 35,618 (1-4) Bills & Disbursements; c.30pp per folder

- Clerks Tickets; 19 rolls.
1875
- Ms 35,619 (1-2) Bills & Disbursements; c.20pp per folder
Clerks Tickets; 23 rolls.
1876
- Ms 35, 620 (1) Disbursements; c.30pp
(2-7) Clerks Tickets; (13 unrolled)
and 12 rolls.
1877
- Ms 35, 621 (1) Disbursements; 1 folder (c.50pp)
(2) Clerks Tickets; (2 unrolled)
and 14 rolls.
1878
- Ms 35, 622 (1) Disbursements; c.15pp
(2) Clerks Tickets; (part of one unrolled)
and 22 rolls.
1879
- Ms 35, 623 (1) Disbursements; c.50pp
Clerks Tickets; 24 rolls.
1880
- Ms 35, 624 (1) Disbursements; c.30pp
Clerks Tickets; 22 rolls.
1881
- Ms 35, 625 (1) Disbursements; c.30pp
Clerks Tickets; 22 rolls.
1882
- Ms 35, 626 (1) Disbursements; c.30pp
(2) Clerks Tickets; (one unrolled summarising fortnightly sales for whole
year)
and 24 rolls.
1883
- Ms 35, 627 (1) Disbursements; c.20pp
(2) Clerks Tickets; (3 unrolled)
and 19 rolls.
1884
- Ms 35, 628 Clerks Tickets; 26 rolls.

- 1885
- Ms 35, 629 (1) Disbursements; c.20pp
Clerks Tickets; 25 rolls.
1886
- Ms 35, 630 (1) Disbursements; c.20pp
Clerks Tickets; 26 rolls.
1887
- Ms 35,631 (1) Disbursements; c.30pp
(2-7) Clerks Tickets; (13 unrolled)
and 14 rolls.
1888
- Ms 35,632 (1) Disbursements; 5pp
Clerks Tickets; 26 rolls.
1889
- Ms 35,633 (1) Disbursements; c.15pp
Clerks Tickets; 27 rolls.
1890
- Ms 35,634 (1) Disbursements; 5pp
Clerks Tickets; (1 unrolled)
and 26 rolls.
1891
- Ms 35,635 (1) Disbursements (including Rock Colliery Quaterly Returns); c.40pp
Clerks Tickets; 27 rolls.
1892
- Ms 35,636 Clerks Tickets; 29 rolls.
1893
- Ms 35,637 (1) Disbursements; c. 20pp
Clerks Tickets; 24 rolls.
1894
- Ms 35,638 (1) Disbursements; c.15pp
Clerks Tickets; 22 rolls.
1895
- Ms 35,639 (1) Clerks Tickets; (3 unrolled)
and 30 rolls.
1896

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- Ms 35,640 Clerks Tickets; 26 rolls.
1897
- Ms 35,641 Clerks Tickets; 26 rolls.
1898
- Ms 35,642 Clerks Tickets; 25 rolls.
1899
- Ms 35,643 Clerks Tickets; 29 rolls.
1900
- Ms 35,644 Clerks Tickets; 26 rolls.
1901
- Ms 35,645 (1) Clerks Tickets; (1 unrolled)
and 26 rolls.
1902
- Ms 35,646 Clerks Tickets; 24 rolls.
1903
- Ms 35,647 (1) Clerks Tickets; (2 unrolled).
1904
- Ms 35,648 (1) Low grade cover pages of clerks tickets, undated notes of sales; c.60pp
1850's-1900's
- (2) Volumes listing daily totals from each pit; 3 items.
Oct 1922-Mar 1928

III.iii.2. Other Accounts

- Ms 35,649 (1) Bound pages : 'A Book of Heads from Michas 1717 to Michas 1718',
recording profits and expenses of William Smithwick esq. of Clough
Colliers; Rossnowle Colliery; Coolbane Colliery and others; 1 item.
1717-8
(Originally found in Army journal of George Wandesforde: Ms 35,460(2).)
Microfilm Ref. No.: n4118 p3789
- (2) Arrears due from sundries from the proprietors of Castlecomer collieries
(Feb 1806), and colliery accounts for period May-Jul 1806 (salaries,
sundries, cash account), on loose pages; 2 items.
1806

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- (3) Summaries of Account of C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde (referred to as Charles Butler Clarke) with John D. Latouche & Co. (account of interest on debentures lodged as security on account, Castlecomer Collieries); 4 items.
1827-36
- (4) Small volume containing Iron Account of James Hanlon, Blacksmith; 1 vol.
1831
- (5) Account of John Hewetson with Richard Eaton - vouchers and summary of account; 10pp.
1834
- (6) Unused diary and almanac, listing monies received, possibly for sales of coal; 1 vol.
May - Dec 1843
- (7) Rough summaries of colliery balances for 5 and 7 years, with account of Poor Rate to be deducted, and Income Tax returns for 1862-3, 1867; 23pp.
1848-54; 1858; 1862-6
- (8) Tilery receipt book; (12x12x2 cm, no covers) 1 vol.
Jan 1851-May 1852
- (9) Colliers tonage pay (listing colliers); 1p
Feb - Mar 1852
- (10) Accounts Bawn Yarrow colliers tonage pay (Feb-Jul 1852), and Account of expenses incurred at Rock colliery (Jun-Jul 1852); c.25pp
1852
- (11) Abstract account of Pullough Colliery sales for half years ending 23 Jan 1852 and 21 Jan 1853; 2pp.

Summary of coal and culum sold at Rock colliery for year ending 1888; 1p.

Account of three months sale of coal and culum at Jarrow colliery ending 24 Oct 1891; 1p.
- (12) Small thick volume containing abstracts of fortnightly sales in Jarrow; 1 vol (16x10.5x4cm, fragile).
1876-1900
- (13) Long narrow volume listing fortnightly sales of coal; 1 vol (37x12x2.5cm).
1887-1902

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- (14) Long narrow volume listing coal sales, pay and timber sent from Castlecomer to colliery; 1 vol (37x12x2.5cm).
1895-1904
 - (15) Table of basic wages paid to colliers working in Durham; 1p
May 1900
 - (16) Account of advances made to employees and paysheet for week; 2pp.
2 Nov 1907
 - (17) Abstracts of mechanics wages bills; 15pp
1905-6; 1909
 - (18) 'Abstract of work', Deerpark, pit, Skehana seam bill (lists all employees); 4
outside pp.
2 Sep 1944
- [Ms 14,202-3] Landing and sales accounts; 2 vols.
1806-8; 1815-29
- [Ms 14,186] Accounts of sundry charges in the working of the colliery, and of landing
and sale of coal; 1 vol.
1808-14
- [Ms 14,187] State of stock reports and accounts of expenses in working collieries; 1 vol.
1827-31
- [Ms 14,184-5] Accounts relating to purchase of material for use in the coal mines; 2 vols.
1828-32
- [Ms14,208-14] General account books; 7 vols (large).
1827-34; 1839-41; 1845-63
- [Ms 14,199-
200] Reports of state of stock at Old and New Lordship Collieries; 2 vols (front
cover missing from 14,199).
1829-36
- [Ms 14,206-7] Pay books; 2 vols.
1846-51
- Ms35,650
(1-2) Fortnightly leading bills, listing those to be paid and totals; 16 items.
Jan-Dec 1940;
Apr-Oct 1942
- (3) Fortnightly [summaries of] accounts of pay, giving stock totals, colliery
consumption and other totals; 15 items.

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May-Dec 1942

- (4) Loan account book; (17.5x11.5x1 cm) 1 vol.
1925-34
- (5) Pages, possibly from ages book; 1 outsize p.
1963-64
- (6) Bank pay outs to employees; (soft volume, 21.5x14x1 cm) 1 vol.
1965-69
- (7) Summary of Colliery royalties (1898-99; 1893-1904);
Details of duff sales, Deerpark colliery (1936-43);
Summary of sales of employees coal (1948)
List of debtors (13 May 1950)
6pp.
- (8) Odd, miscellaneous accounts, including:
Account of tolls due on turn pike road from Castlecomer to Carlow and Athy
(Sep 1836-Feb 1837); statements of timber supplied to colliery (Aug 1844,
May-Aug 1847); sums detailed at the last settlement with the late proprietors
of Castlecomer (n.d.); estimate of holing two faults and sinking a deep pump
(n.d.); 27pp.
1824-1950
- (9) Very rough accounts and notes; c.60pp.
1800's

Ms 35,651(1) Customer Ledger, listing all sales with each customer, filed alphabetically;
large item, c.500pp, loosely bound with metal bars and stored in box.
1924-57

Ms 35,652

(1-23) Customer Ledger, listing all sales with each customer, filed alphabetically.
Most sales date from 1954-66; (large, loose pages, some missing) c.475pp.
1926-66

- (1) A; 8pp
- (2) B; 23pp
- (3) C; c.60pp
- (4) D; 19pp
- (5) E; 4pp
- (6) F; 14pp
- (7) G; 14pp
- (8) H; 19pp
- (9) I; 6pp

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- (10) J; 4pp
 - (11) K; 30pp
 - (12) L; 12pp
 - (13) M; 29pp
 - (14) Mc; 23pp
 - (15) N; 6pp
 - (16) O; 19pp
 - (17) P; 18pp
 - (18) Q; 3pp
 - (19) R; 15pp
 - (20) S; 38pp
 - (21) T; 16pp
 - (22) V; 1p
 - Y; 1p
 - (23) W; 33pp
- (24) Annual summaries of coal sales (listed by type of coal); 11pp (outside).
1939-49
- (25) Sundry sales; 1 vol (22x14x2 cm).
1954-69

III.iii.3. Account books

Ms 35,653

- (1-4) National Bank, Castlecomer branch in account with R.H. Prior-Wandesforde (No. 2 Account); (largest: 21.5x14x3cm, smallest 19.5x13.5x1cm) 12 vols.
1905-07
- (1) 1907-09
 - (2) 1909-16
 - (3) 1916-19
 - (4)
- (5) National Bank, Dublin branch, in account with Castlecomer Collieries Ltd. (No. 2 Account); (15x10x1.5cm and 17.5x11.5x2) 2 vols.
1931-34;
1942-55
- (6) National Bank, Dublin branch in account with Castlecomer Collieries Ltd.; (15x10x1cm) 1 vol.
1918-32
- (7) Castlecomer Collieries Ltd. account books with the National City Bank, Dublin; (both 16x10x1cm) 2 items
1933-38

- Petty Cash books; (largest 19.5x13.5x2.5 cm) 5 vols;
- (8) 1905-13
 - (9) 1909-29

III.iii.4. Abstracts of Accounts

- Ms 35,654 (1) Colliery monthly abstracts of sales; 13ff.
Jan 1807; Dec 1807-Sep 1808
- (2-6) Abstract Account of the Produce and Expense of Working the Castlecomer collieries (four-weekly):
Feb - Nov 1813; 11ff
Jan - Dec 1818; 12ff
Jan 1819 - Jul 1820 (incomplete); 12ff
Jan - Dec 1822; 13ff
Jan - Dec 1823; 13ff
- (7) Summary of Expenses of Old and New Lordship collieries (rough). Roughly bound pages, no cover; 1item.
1829
- Accounts of expense and produce from Old and New Lordship Collieries; 6 vols (front cover missing from Ms 14,190).
[Mss14,195-8] 1827-9;
[Mss 14,188-91] 1831-32
- Ms 35,654 (8) Rough totals of Old colliery accounts for 1829; 1f.
New colliery return for two weeks ending 7 Aug 1830; 1f.
Abstract of Transactions of Old and New Lordship collieries for period; 1f.
Arp-Oct 1830
- (9) Abstracts of Accounts of Old and New Lordship collieries (fortnightly); 12ff.
Jan - Jun; Aug 1829
- (10-15) Detailed Accounts of Old and New Lordship collieries (with Abstracts, fortnightly), prepared for C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde; 11 items (with 6ff in each item).
Jan - Jun 1829
- (16) Abstracts of Accounts of Old and New Lordship collieries (fortnightly) ; 7ff.
Oct - Dec 1831

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- Ms 35,655 Abstracts of Accounts of Old Lordship colliery (fortnightly):
(1-32) Aug - Dec 1834; 9ff
 Aug - Dec 1835; 9ff
 Jan - Dec 1836; 28ff
 Jan - Dec 1837; 27ff
 Jan - Dec 1838; 25ff
 Jan - Dec 1839; 27ff
 Jan - Dec 1840; 27ff
 Jan - Dec 1841 (Two sets of abstracts, includes summary of one year ending
 10 Jul 1841(torn and soiled)); 52ff
 Jan - Dec 1842; 27ff
 Jan - Dec 1843; 26ff
 Jan - Dec 1844; 27ff
 Jan - Dec 1845; 17ff
 Jan - Nov 1846; 16ff
- Jan - Dec 1851; 26ff
 Jan - Mar 1856; 7ff
 Jul - Dec 1861; 13ff
 Jul - Dec 1873; 15ff
 Jan-Dec 1874; 13ff
 Jan - Dec 1875; 27ff
 Jan - Dec 1876; 26ff
- Feb - Nov 1889; 4ff
 Jan - Dec 1890; 25ff
 Jan - Dec 1891; 27ff
 Jul-Nov 1892; 9ff

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Ms 35,656-8 Handwritten monthly and annual summaries of trading accounts

Ms 35,656

(1-13)	1920;	c.40pp
	1921;	c.40pp
	1922;	c.60pp
	1923;	c.60pp
	1924;	c.70pp
	1925;	c.60pp
	1926;	c.20pp
	1927;	c.80pp
	1928;	c.50pp
	1929;	c.50pp
	1930;	c.50pp
	1931;	c.50pp
	1932;	c.50pp

Ms 35,657

(1-12)	1933;	c.50pp
	1934;	c.50pp
	1935;	c.50pp
	1936;	c.50pp
	1937;	c.50pp
	1938;	c.50pp
	1939;	c.50pp
	1940;	c.50pp
	1941;	c.70pp
	1942;	c.60pp
	1943;	c.60pp
	1944;	c.50pp

Ms 35,658

(1-14)	1945;	c.40pp
	1946;	c.60pp
	1947;	c.60pp
	1948;	c.50pp
	1949;	c.50pp
	1950;	c.50pp
	1951;	c.50pp
	1952;	c.50pp
	1953;	c.50pp
	1954;	c.50pp
	1955;	c.50pp
	1956;	c.60pp
	1957;	c.50pp
	1958;	c.30pp

Profit and Loss Accounts

- Ms 35,659 (1) Half year Report for period Dec 1904-Jul 1905, and Income Tax assessment for year 1904; 10pp.
Jul 1905
- (2) Profit and Loss Accounts of the Colliery for years 1905-10 (handwritten); 7pp.
1905-10
- (3) Profit and Loss Accounts of the Colliery for years 1914-19 inclusive, as rendered to Inspector of Taxes, produced by Monkhouse Goddard & Co., Newcastle upon Tyne, with 1920 balance sheet (handwritten); 10pp.
1914-20
- (4) Annual Shareholders Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Accounts, produced by Price Waterhouse (typed); 12 items.
1921-24; 1926-32; 1934
- (5-10) Statements of Accounts produced by Craig Gardener (typed), with accompanying coverletters for many years, especially in 1940s; 29 items.
1935-59; 1963-5; 1967
- (11) Printed Shareholders Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss accounts, produced by Monkhouse, Goddard & Co. (1919-22), and Price Waterhouse (1923-31); 13 items.
1919-31
- (12) Related correspondence - between colliery office and J. Longstaff of Monkhouse Goddard & Co., and Price Waterhouse, both of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Monkhouse Goddard & Co. amalgamated with Price Waterhouse in 1921), Craig Gardener of Dublin, and others relating to colliery accounts, notably re income taxes. There are also cover letters from Craig Gardener accompanying statements of accounts above; 61pp.
Oct 1920- Sep 1937
- (13) Dividend book, listing final and interim dividends, directors, interest paid on loans etc; 1 vol (foolscap).
1919-49
- (14) Cash sales lodgement slips; 25pp.
1950-51

III.iv. Large Volumes

A set of 115 bound volumes relating to Castlecomer Collieries Ltd, 1900-1965. (Mss. 32,730-829).

This collection of bound volumes includes minute books, sales records, customer address books, reports on operations and outputs, and material relating to staff, including records of injuries, wages and insurance. As these volumes are all 20th century and part of various series of volumes held on loan by the Castlecomer Demesne Company Ltd. (listed by Ms Deirdre Heaphy in Nov 1997 (NLI Special List No. 429), they have been kept together, and are listed as follows:

III.iv.1. Agenda and Minutes (Mss. 32,730 (1-5))

Volumes concerning the general administration of the Collieries; consisting of material relating to meetings of the board of Castlecomer Collieries Ltd.
5 items; 1920-57.

- Ms.32,730 (1) Agenda book; details the dates and agenda of meetings of directors of Castlecomer Collieries.
Volume, 32x20x1 (cm); patterned card binding.
1920-40
- (2) Drafts detailing date and minutes of directors' board meetings.
Volume, 32x20x1 (cm); patterned card binding.
1926-33
- (3) Drafts detailing date and minutes of directors board meetings.
Includes various loose letters and notices re meetings. Volume,
33x21x1 (cm), patterned card binding.
1933-38
- (4) Drafts detailing date and minutes of directors board meetings.
Includes various loose sheets re resolutions and proposals.
Volume, 32x20x1 (cm), card binding.
1939-46
- (5) Draft detailing date and minutes of directors board meetings.
Includes various loose sheets re resolutions and proposals.
Volume, 32x20x1 (cm), card binding.
1946-57

III.iv.2. Works operations (Mss. 32,731-734)

Material concerning the operation of the Castlecomer Collieries consisting of records [probably] produced by the Works Manager. The volumes include a diary; most contain loose material.

11 items; 1924-1963.

- Ms.32,731 Manager's works diary; includes advertisements relating to coal manufacturing, a trades index, lists of government acts, names of owners of collieries and mining associations. Diary has only occasional entries.
Volume, 32x21x1½ (cm), card binding with advertisements.
1924
- Ms.32,732(1) Manager's records re workings of Colliery; includes details of pay reckonings, deputations, meetings, plus loose sheets re Castlecomer Collieries Ltd.
Volume, 32x21x1½ (cm), embossed card binding.
1953
- (2) Manager's records re workings of Colliery; includes details of accidents, pay reckonings, deputations, plus loose sheets re working conditions.
Volume, 32x20x1½ (cm), embossed card binding.
1954
- (3) Manager's records re workings of Colliery; includes details of deputations, pay reckonings, meetings, plus loose sheets re the Irish Transport and General Workers Union.
Volume, 32x20x1½ (cm), embossed card binding.
1956
- Ms.32,733(1) Manager's records re workings of Colliery; includes details of explosive checks, meetings, deputations, pay reckonings plus loose sheets re workers.
Volume, 32x20x1½ (cm), embossed card binding.
1957
- (2) Manager's records re workings of Colliery; includes details of pay reckonings, deputations, plus loose sheets re pay and daily reports.
Volume, 32x20x1½ (cm), embossed card binding.
1958-59
- (3) Manager's records re workings of Colliery; includes details of pay

reckonings, deputations, plus loose sheets re pay and daily reports.
Volume, 32x20x1½ (cm), embossed card binding.
1959-60

- Ms.32,734(1) Manager's records re workings of Colliery; includes details of pay reckonings, deputations, plus loose sheets re pay.
Volume, 32x20x1½ (cm), embossed card binding.
Jan 1960 - Jan 1961
- (2) Manager's records re workings of Colliery; includes details of pay reckonings, deputations, plus loose sheets re pay.
Volume, 32x20x2 (cm), embossed card binding.
Jan 1961 - Jan 1962
- (3) Manager's records re workings of Colliery; includes details of pay reckonings, deputations, plus loose sheets re contracts, daily workings.
Volume, 32x20x2 (cm), embossed card binding.
Jan 1962 - Jan 1963
- (4) Manager's records re workings of Colliery; includes details of pay reckonings, deputations, meetings, plus loose sheets re the Irish Transport and General Workers Union.
Volume, 32x20x2 (cm), embossed card bindings.
1963

III.iv.3. Output (Mss. 32,735-742)

Volumes relating to the production and output of the Castlecomer Collieries; includes 1 volume of daily outputs represented by graphs.
8 items; 1923-58.

- Ms.32,735 Outputs at Deerpark Colliery; includes details of date, weight, rate and total; also includes various loose sheets.
Volume, 32x20x1 (cm), card binding.
1923-7
- Ms.32,736 Daily output represented by graphs; includes details of date and output (by ton), plus corresponding averages for previous year.
Volume, 36x43x3 (cm), binding is cloth on card with metal screw and spine attachment.
1933-42

- Ms.32,737 Outputs at Deerpark Colliery; includes details of date, name, weight, rate and total.
Volume, 32x21x1 (cm), embossed card binding.
1940-51
- Ms.32,738 Output and production records; include details of date, wagon number, weight, rate, total and total coal sold. Expanded columns detail m/c beans, m/c cobbles, m/c cuts, m/c peas, washed nuts, washed beans and grains.
Volume, 33x27x3 (cm), cloth on card binding.
1943-58
- Ms.32,739 Output for various districts; includes details of colliery shift output with a comparison for the years 1941-46. Extended columns detail individual output, pay and total.
Volume, 32x21x1 (cm), marbled card binding.
1947-8
- Ms.32,740 Output for various districts; includes details of date, district, daily output, total and remarks. Volume, 32x21x1 (cm), embossed card binding.
1949-50
- Ms.32,741 Outputs for various districts; include details of date, district, daily output, total and remarks, plus loose sheets re yearly earnings.
Volume, 32x21x1 (cm), embossed card binding.
1951
- Ms.32,742 Output for various districts; includes details of date, district, daily output, total and remarks. Volume, 32x21x2 (cm), embossed card binding.
1951-3

III.iv.4. Sales (Mss. 32,743-759)

Volumes of sales records of Castlecomer Collieries; a number of volumes include breakdowns of specific types of coal and details relating to lodgments.
17 items; 1905-65.

- Ms.32,743 Sales account book; includes details of date, name and total, plus

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- 3 loose credit receipts from the National Bank Ltd.
Volume, 32x19x2 (cm), binding is patterned card with cloth spine.
1905-16
- Ms.32,744 Sales account book; includes details of date, name, address and total.
Volume, 32x20x2 (cm), binding is patterned card with cloth spine.
1933-5
- Ms.32,745 Sales account book (with a-z index) includes; details of date, name, particulars of goods, weight and date of delivery.
Volume, 31x15x1½ (cm), binding is patterned card with cloth spine.
1933-6
- Ms.32,746 Sales accounts (creditor ledger with a-z index); includes details of date, name, total and balance.
Volume, 33x22x4 (cm), quarter-bound, binding is embossed card with leather spine.
1933-6
- Ms.32,747 Cash book re sales; includes details of date, name, total and lodgment details.
Volume, 33x20x3 (cm), cloth on card binding.
1933-40
- Ms.32,748 Cash book re sales; includes dates, names, addresses, ledger folios, sundries, discounts, allowances, total, and lodgment details.
Volume, 33x26x5 (cm), quarter-bound, cloth on card.
1934-7
- Ms.32,749 Sales account book; includes details of date, name, address, ledger folio, weight, rate, and total. Extended columns re stone nuts, m/c beans, m/c peas, m/c cobbles, m/c nuts, and breakage.
Volume, 33x31x2 (cm), embossed card binding.
1937-8
- Ms.32,750 Sales account book; includes details of date, ledger folio, weight, rate and total. Extended columns re stone nuts, m/c beans, m/c peas, m/c cobbles, m/c nuts, and breakage.
Volume, 33x31x2 (cm), embossed card binding.
1938-9
- Ms.32,751 Sales account book; includes details of date, name, ledger folio,

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- weight, rate and total. Extended columns re stone nuts, m/c beans, m/c peas, m/c cobbles, m/c nuts, and breakage. Also various loose papers re to the Castlecomer Collieries Ltd.
Volume, 33x31x2 (cm), embossed card binding.
Jan 1939 - March 1940
- Ms.32,752 Sales account book; includes details of date, name, ledger folio, weight, rate and total. Extended columns re stone nuts, m/c beans, m/c peas, m/c cobbles, m/c nuts, and breakage.
Volume, 33x31x2 (cm), embossed card binding.
Dec 1939 - March 1940
- Ms.32,753 Sales account book; includes details of date, name, address, ledger folio, sundries, discounts, allowances, balance, total and lodgments.
Volume, 42x34x2 (cm), quarter-bound card with leather spine.
1943-48
- Ms.32,754 Sales account book (with a-z index); includes details of date, name and total.
Volume, 32x20x1 (cm), marbled card binding.
1943-9
- Ms.32,755 Sales account book; includes details of date, name, address and total.
Volume, 32x20x3 (cm), embossed card binding.
1947-51
- Ms.32,756 Sales account book; includes details of date, name, address and total.
Volume, 33x21x3 (cm), embossed card binding.
1954-6
- Ms.32,757 Sales account book; includes details of name, address, date, ledger folio, transport method, rate and total. Extended columns re turf, m/c nuts, m/c beans, m/c cobbles, grain, breakage, wood, and sea coal.
Volume, 32x31x4 (cm), cloth on card binding.
1956
- Ms.32,758 Sales account book; includes details of name, address, date, ledger folio, transport method, rate and total. Extended columns re turf, m/c nuts, m/c beans, m/c cobbles, grain, breakage, wood, and sea coal.
Volume, 32x31x4 (cm), cloth on card binding.
1959-63

Ms.32,759 Sales account book, mainly re orders for coal (with own transport); includes details of date, name, address, date promised and date supplied. Extended columns re m/c cobbles, m/c nuts, m/c beans, m/c peas, grains, and breakage.
Volume, 33x21x2 (cm), card binding.
1960-5

III.iv.5. Customer books (Mss. 32,760-779)

Collection of customer books; each containing an a-z index, which refers to individual accounts; a separate page is usually given for each customer. Details included are; date, name, address, particulars of goods, weight, rate, payment method and delivery details. Also 2 address books re customers . Volumes are a standard size, c. 33x19x6 (cm), all quarter-bound card bindings.
20 items; 1927-55.

Ms.32,760	1927-29
Ms.32,761	1929-31
Ms.32,762	1931-32
Ms.32,763	1933-34
Ms.32,764	1936-37
Ms.32,765	1937
Ms.32,766	1937-38
Ms.32,767	1939
Ms.32,768	1940
Ms.32,769	1940-41
Ms.32,770	1942
Ms.32,771	1942-43
Ms.32,772	1943
Ms.32,773	1945
Ms.32,774	1949
Ms.32,775	1950
Ms.32,776	1952-54
Ms.32,777	1955

Ms.32,778 Address book for customers of Castlecomer Collieries.
Volume, 32x15x.5 (cm), card binding.
c. 1940-50

Ms.32,779 Address book for customers of Castlecomer Collieries.
Volume, 40x16x2 (cm), card binding.
n.d.

III.iv.6. Sales summaries (Mss. 32,780-792)

Volumes giving various forms of summaries of sales; a number of volumes relate to particular types of coal.
13 items; 1905-1959.

Ms.32,780 Summaries re cash sales; includes details of date, name, address, sundries, ledger folio and total.
Volume, 32x20x2 (cm), patterned card binding.
1905-06

Ms.32,781 Summaries re bituminous coal received and sold; includes details of date, wagon number, to whom sold, weight, rate and total, plus summaries of lodgments and sales (1927-32), also detailing wages, expenses and totals.
Volume, 32x26x3 (cm), cloth on card binding.
1924-33

Ms.32,782 Summaries re Skehana coal received and sold; includes details of date, wagon number, particular of goods, to whom sold, weight, rate and total.
Volume, 32x27x3 (cm), cloth on card binding with suede spine.
1924-43

Ms.32,783 Summaries re Skehana coal received and sold; includes details of date, wagon number, to whom sold, weight, rate and total.
Volume, 32x26x3 (cm), cloth on card binding.
1928-34

Ms.32,784 Summaries re breakage and duff received and sold; includes details of date, to whom sold, weight, rate and total.
Volume, 32x27x3 (cm), cloth on card binding with suede spine.
1928-39

Ms.32,785 Summaries re various coal received and sold; includes details of

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- date, wagon number, to whom sold, weight, rate and total.
Volume, 32x27x3 (cm), cloth on card binding with suede spine.
1928-47
- Ms.32,786 Summaries re bituminous coal received and sold; includes details of date, name, wagon number, weight, rate and amount, plus summaries of lodgments and sales (1933). Extended columns re firewood, American coal, Welsh anthracite, and washery breakage.
Volume, 33x26x3 (cm), cloth on card binding.
1933-59
- Ms.32,787 Sales summaries; includes details of date, name, wagon number, weight, rate and total, plus summaries of credit, cash and total sales.
Volume, 32x27x3 (cm), cloth on card binding with suede finish.
1934
- Ms.32,788 Sales summaries; includes details of date, ledger folio, invoice number, total, carriage, cartage, screening, Deepark details, bagging and commission.
Volume, 42x30x4 (cm), quarter-bound, embossed card with suede spine.
1934-55
- Ms.32,789 Summaries re receipts and expenditures of the Collieries (with a-z index); includes details of date, name, destination particulars, rates and totals. A profit and loss account is also included.
Volume, 38x27x4 (cm), quarter-bound, embossed card with suede spine.
1936-42
- Ms.32,790 Sales summaries re turf received and sold; includes details of date, wagon number, to whom sold, weight, rate and total.
Volume, 32x27x3 (cm), cloth on card binding.
1941-3
- Ms.32,791 Sales summaries re duff received and sold; includes details of date, wagon number, to whom sold, weight, rate and total.
Volume, 33x27x2 (cm), cloth on card binding.
1948-52
- Ms.32,792 Stock and sales summaries book for turf, cannals and anthracite; includes details of date, wagon number, weight, rate, to whom sold and total. Volume, 33x28x2 (cm), cloth on card binding.

1952-9

III.iv.7. Rents (Mss. 32,793-795)

Volumes relating to the rental [of property by Colliery staff?]; each volume has an a-z index and includes weekly and annual rent figures.

3 items; 1926-33.

Ms.32,793 Rent account book (with a-z index); includes details of weekly and annual rent, name, address, payment method, total paid, details of arrears and balance.
Volume, 33x17x4 (cm), quarter-bound, embossed card.
1926-8

Ms.32,794 Rent account book (with a-z index); includes details of weekly rent, name, address, contract, payment method and total.
Volume, 33x21x3 (cm), quarter-bound, embossed card with suede finish.
1929-31

Ms.32,795 Rent account book (with a-z index); includes details of date, weekly rent, contract, name, address, payment method and total.
Volume, 33x23x5 (cm), quarter-bound, embossed card with suede finish.
1932-3

III.iv.8. Expenditure (Mss. 32,796-810)

Volumes relating to the expenses incurred in the running of the Collieries; a number of volumes mainly relate to wage expenses whilst 2 volumes concern the Colliery baths and canteen.

15 items; 1904-1966.

Ms.32,796 Accounts re expenditures (mainly for wages); includes details of date, cheque number, destination and total. Also includes a leaflet advertising 'Polarite, Nobel's non-freezing gelignite'.
Volume, 33x21x2 (cm), card binding.
1904-07

Ms.32,797 Accounts re expenditure (for wages, taxes, advertising,

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- explosives, etc.); includes details of date, destination, rate and total.
Volume, 32x21x4 (cm), quarter-bound, embossed card binding.
1905
- Ms.32,798 Accounts re expenditure on various accounts; includes details of date, name, particulars and total.
Volume, 32x20x½ (cm), marbled card binding.
1918-26
- Ms.32,799 Accounts re expenditure [petty cash?]; includes details of date, particulars and total.
Volume, 22x15x2 (cm), embossed card binding with leather spine.
1924-7
- Ms.32,800 Accounts re expenditure (mainly for wages); includes details of deductions, rents, loans and insurance.
Volume, 32x21x2½ (cm), embossed card binding with cloth spine.
1938-43
- Ms.32,801 Accounts re various expenditure; includes details of date, particulars, invoice number and total.
Volume, 37x26x4 (cm), quarter-bound cloth with suede finish.
1941-54
- Ms.32,802 Accounts re various expenditures; includes details of date, name and total.
Volume, 37x16x2 (cm), cloth on card binding.
1942-8
- Ms.32,803 Accounts re various expenditure; includes details of date, particulars, invoice number and total.
Volume, 33x16x2 (cm), cloth on card binding.
1942-61
- Ms.32,804 Accounts re expenditure (for wages, compensations, loans, advertising, revenue, etc.); includes details of date, particulars and total. Also includes profit and loss and current account figures.
Volume, 38x25x3 (cm), quarter-bound, cloth with suede finish.
1943-47 (Also has entries for 1917.)
- Ms.32,805 Accounts re purchases; includes details of date, particulars, invoice number and total. Extended columns re wages, insurance, provisions, discount and sundries.
Volume, 32x20x1 (cm), card binding.

1943-66

- Ms.32,806 Accounts re various expenditure; includes details of date, particulars, cheque number, total, also wages records. Volume, 38x27x4 (cm), quarter-bound, cloth with leather finish. 1944-55
- Ms.32,807 Accounts re various expenditures; includes details of date, particulars and totals. Also includes figures re the workings of the Colliery. Volume, 38x27x4 (cm), quarter-bound, cloth with leather finish. 1947-53.
- Ms.32,808 Expenditure accounts re the Colliery baths and canteen; includes details of date, particulars, total and lodgment. Volume, 32x20x1 (cm), card binding. 1948-62
- Ms.32,809 Expenditure accounts re the Colliery baths and canteen; includes details of cheques issued, date, particulars and total. Extended columns re discount, creditors, lodgment, petty cash, sundries and wages. Volume, 32x20x1 (cm), card binding. 1952-64
- Ms.32,810 Accounts re purchases, mainly stationery; includes details of quantity, particulars of goods, date of order, date received and total. Volume, 32x20x1 (cm), marbled card binding. 1954

III.iv.9. Wages (Mss. 32,811-815)

Volumes relating to staff wages.
5 items; 1952-66.

- Ms.32,811 Wages and time book for various trades; includes name, date, employee's card number, number of days worked and total. Volume, 33x24x3 (cm), cloth on card binding with leather spine. 1952-9

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- Ms.32,812 Accounts re staff wages; includes name, date, total number of days worked, overtime, Sunday, total paid, rate and subscription. Volume, 21x14x1 (cm), card binding. 1954-5
- Ms.32,813 Accounts re staff wages; includes name, shift worked, rate and gross. Volume, 32x21x1 (cm), card binding. 1958
- Ms.32,814 Accounts re staff wages; includes name and particulars of wage. Volume, 32x21x1 (cm), card binding. 1963-6
- Ms.32,815 Accounts re staff wages; includes details of contract and wage rate. Also includes loose sheets. Volume, 32x21x1(cm), card binding. 1965

III.iv.10 Insurance (Mss. 32,816-824)

Volumes showing evidence of financial support for employees, the volumes detail contributions by the employees and Colliery towards unemployment, National Health insurance and widow's pension. 9 items; 1926-55.

- Ms.32,816 Summaries of unemployment and National Health insurance Contributions; includes details of employee number, stamps, worker and Colliery contribution, rate, boy's stamp, and total contribution. Also includes figures for widow's pension. Volume, 32x20x1 (cm), marbled card binding. 1926-52
- Ms.32,817 Accounts for unemployment and National Health insurance Contributions; includes details of name, employee's card number and contributions. Volume, 34x21x3 (cm), card binding. 1942
- Ms.32,818 Accounts for National Health insurance and widow's pension Contributions; includes details of name, date, employee's card number, and contributions. Volume, 34x21x3 (cm), cloth on card binding with leather spine.

1943-4

- Ms.32,819 Accounts for the Castlecomer Colliery Welfare Society; includes details of name, date, employee's card number and contributions. Volume, 34x21x3 (cm), cloth on card binding with leather spine. 1943-55
- Ms.32,820 Accounts for unemployment and National Health insurance Contributions; includes details of name, date, employee's card number and contributions. Volume, 34x21x3 (cm), cloth on card binding with leather spine. 1945-6
- Ms.32,821 Accounts for the Castlecomer Colliery Welfare Society and National Health insurance contributions; includes details of name, date, employee's card number and contributions. Volume, 34x21x3 (cm), cloth on card binding with leather spine. 1946-7
- Ms.32,822 Accounts for unemployment, National Health and wet time insurance contributions; includes details of name, date, employee's card number and contributions. Volume, 32x20x1 (cm), card binding. 1946-53
- Ms.32,823 Accounts for unemployment and National Health insurance Contributions; includes details of name, date, employee's card number and contributions. Volume, 33x21x3 (cm), cloth on card binding with leather spine. 1948-50
- Ms.32,824 Accounts for unemployment and National Health insurance Contributions; includes details of name, date, employee's card no and contributions. Volume, 33x21x3 (cm), cloth on card binding. 1950-2

III.iv.11. Staff injuries (Mss. 32,825-826)

2 volumes relating to injuries received and treatment given to employees of Castlecomer Collieries.

2 items; 1949-51.

- Ms.32,825 Dispensary book for minor treatment and accidents; includes details of name, nature of injury, treatment given, and date. Volume, 32x20x1 (cm), embossed card binding.
1949-51
- Ms.32,826 Staff injuries book; includes details of name, nature of injury, treatment given, date, doctor, residence details, and occupation of injured person. Volume, 32x20x1 (cm), card binding.
1950

III.iv.12. Miscellaneous (Mss. 32,827-829)

Miscellaneous volumes
3 items; 1900-51.

- Ms.32,827 Volume listing names, figures and dates; purpose unknown. Volume, 37x12x2 (cm), embossed card binding.
1900
- Ms.32,828 Volume of forms for recording convictions; has only one entry (12 Sept 1916). Volume, 32x20x1 (cm) card binding.
1916
- Ms.32,829 Records of the transportation of staff; includes signatures of staff accepting tickets for travel in accordance with conditions; conditions pasted inside cover. Also includes simple line drawings and measurements for the various mines. Volume, 32x20x1 (cm), card binding.
1951

III.v. Railway

Material relating to the involvement of R.H. Prior-Wandesforde in various railway schemes, including his opposition to the Kilkenny, Castlecomer and Athy Railway Bill of 1909, and his own proposals for a district railway.

III.v.1. Early material

- Ms 35,660 (1) Printed material concerning early attempts to bring the railway to the Castlecomer area, with memorial to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland from those supporting the petition of E.P. Mulhallen Marum MP for *Irish Light Railways Bill* in the district of Leinster coalfield, Co. Kilkenny, Queen's County and Carlow (1889); printed circular letter by Hon Sec of Castlecomer Railway Committee, seeking contributions to the campaign to bring the railway to Castlecomer and Portarlinton, of which R.H. Prior-Wandesforde is the main contributor (22 Nov 1895); statement giving information on the Leinster Coalfield, detailing mining situation, commercial prospects etc. (May 1891), and prospectus and application for shares in the Kilkenny Junction Railway Ltd., which intends to link with the Kilkenny and Waterford railway (n.d.); 6 items.
1889-96
- (2) Letters to R.H. Prior-Wandesforde from those advising on the campaign to bring the railway to Castlecomer, with 3 letters from Robert [S. Cosby] (Dec 1895-Feb 1896); three letters from Edwin Liller including an estimate of traffic on a Castlecomer to Stradbally and Portarlinton railway (27 Dec 1895; 2, 10 Nov 1897); letter from W. Lecky (5 Jan 1898); letter from Cork Bandon & South Coast Railway providing information on the recently erected ropeway between Ballinhassig and Ballinphellic (8 Oct 1901). Also handwritten [draft] Memorial to Royal Commission on Irish Public Works, on the benefits of constructing a tramway from Castlecomer to Athy (undated); and rates charged by Great Southern & Western Railway of goods trains for a distance of 15 miles (1889). 10 items.
1889-1901
- (3) Includes: list of main roads in Castlecomer Rural District (11 Nov 1902); newspaper cuttings re developments in Kilkenny coal (for motive power), documentation relating to industries of Kilkenny (especially quarries), and development of railway; comparative tables of rates paid to Kilkenny County Council for the years 1900-02, and rough notes; 12pp.
1902
- (4) Copy of Railways (Ireland) Bill (Jul 1896); copy of Ireland Development Grant Bill (Apr 1903); 2 items.
1896; 1903

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- (5) Includes: copies of resolutions passed by Kilkenny County Council. (Apr, May 1903); copies of letters received re proposed deputation to Chief Secretary (May 1903); copy letters R.H. Prior-Wandesforde, seeking support for the railway, with information statements on the Castlecomer coalfield, and replies - correspondents include George Morris (Secretary Kilkenny Co.Co.), MPs Pat O'Brien, James O'Mara and John Hammond (May-Jun 1903), and Lord Ormonde; Also proofs of correction of Parliamentary Debates, containing text of question put to Chief Secretary Wyndham by O'Mara, MP for Kilkenny regarding the Castlecomer and Kilkenny Tramway (Jun 1903); copies of reply letter from Chief Secretary Office, Dublin Castle stating that 'under the circumstances Mr Wyndham does not think that any advantage would be gained by arranging for a deputation to wait upon him' (13 Oct 1903); c.50pp.
1903
- (6) Three letters concerning rail rates and charges for damage against the GS&W Railway; 5pp.
Jan; Jul 1905
- (7) Includes: rough notes and correspondence on rates charged; letters from Welsh railway companies giving information on their own companies, with one from the Secretary of the North Wales Narrow Gauge railway advising on essential points to be used in any negotiations made with a main line in reference to traffic to and from a light line (18 Jun 1906); 31pp.
1906
- (8) Mostly correspondence relating to negotiations with GS&W railway re rates, including correspondence with Lord Arthur Butler (Feb; Jun 1907); 36pp.
1907

III.v.2. Vice-Regal Commission on Irish Railways

- Ms 35,661 (1) Notes compiled by R.H. Prior-Wandesforde on evidence given to Vice Regal Commission on Irish Railways, in their original numbered order. Includes: printed draft of Memorial to Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and to Chief Secretary for Ireland, seeking support for local railway (1896); letter from GS&W Railway re suggested construction of a railway from Castlecomer to Ballyragget station: 'my Directors do not see their way to undertake the construction, but if the line is made on the ordinary gauge and to the satisfaction of their Engineer, the Company will be prepared to work it at cost price' (10 Sep 1901); copies of resolutions passed by Castlecomer RDC, Kilkenny County Council and Kilkenny Corporation (Apr-May 1903; Jan-Feb 1907); copy of letter from Prior-Wandesforde to G. Wyndham, Chief Secretary of Ireland, and reply that Wyndham 'sees no immediate prospect of being able to allocate any portion of the Irish Development Grant towards

the provision of communication in this district' (6-13 Oct 1903); cuttings from *The Iron and Coal Trades Review* (1907); various information on transport of coal by rail, destinations, rates charged etc.; report on coal under the Castlecomer estate, by Henry Louis (Oct 1900, duplicates elsewhere); letter from James Probert, advisor on railway transport, forwarding results on analysis of anthracite by Thomas Williams, Sons & Behanna, Swansea, and writing 'Mr Behanna is incredulous that the sample of coal is a fair one as the results turn out so remarkable' (8-9 Feb 1907); and notes on communications with GS&W; c.80pp
1896-1907

- (2) Correspondence with Vice Regal Commission on Irish Railways, with versions of abstracts of evidence, printed proof of Minutes of Evidence given on 23 Apr 1907, by J.T. Noble Anderson, railway engineer, Prior-Wandesforde and other local representatives, and revised appendix (9 Aug 1909); 44pp.
Dec 1906-Aug 1909

III.v.3. Kilkenny Castlecomer and Athy Railway Bill / Castlecomer District Railway⁶

III.v.3.(1) Mixed Correspondence

- Ms 35,662 Mixed Correspondence relating to both railway projects, 1908-9
- (1) Includes copies of printed report by P.J. McAndrew on the viability of a railway in the district and correspondence with McAndrew; 11pp.
Aug-Sep 1908
 - (2) Includes correspondence with S.G. Fraser MICE (for whom Mc Andrew produced the report), Denis O'Carroll (clerk of Castlecomer Union and Rural District Council), MPs Pat O'Brien and J.J. O' Shea, J.P. Fogarty, to whom R.H. Prior-Wandesforde outlines his objections to the 'too ambitious' proposed railway (19 Oct 1908), and others; 30pp.
Oct 1908
 - (3) Includes letters from George D. Perks re McAndrew's report, and J. Wilson, who originally instructed McAndrew to carry out his report; 22pp.
Nov 1908

(Much correspondence from this period was made through national newspapers. *See Ms 35,668*)

- (4) Includes copy of letter from R.H. Prior-Wandesforde to Prof Henry Cole,

⁶ For a summary of individuals involved, *see Appendix 3*.

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Geological Survey Office, Dublin, querying points of McAndrew's reports, with reply (21-23 Feb 1909); copy letter from Prior-Wandesforde to [editor of *Kilkenny People*], in response to articles written by Denis O'Carroll (under his pseudonym 'Patricius') about Prior-Wandesforde's petition of opposition to the railway bill (27 Feb 1909); draft circular seeking local opinion on proposed Bill, and asking 'whether you desire me at my own expense to represent your and my own objections to the withdrawal of the right of appeal' (8 Apr 1909); letters from those working with and advising Prior-Wandesforde, including John Butler, Chairman of Kilkenny Co Co, AW Samuel, and Walter Kavanagh, Borris (12-14 Apr 1909); resolutions passed by Kilkenny Co Co (19 Apr 1909); 26pp.

Feb; Apr 1909

- (5) Includes: notes of evidence to be presented by R.H. Prior-Wandesforde in his petition against the bill [May 1909]; copy of Report of County Surveyor as to roads affected by proposed Kilkenny, Castlecomer and Athy Railway (3 Apr 1909); 21pp.
[May]-Aug 1909 (and undated)
- (6) Rough notes by R.H. Prior-Wandesforde, with observations, calculations and other notes regarding railways. Includes notebook containing rough notes on railway developments, including personal observations, reports of meetings etc. (c.Oct 1908-Apr 1909); c.25pp + 2 notebooks.
c.1900-9
- (7) Draft of terms of settlement of opposition of R.H. Prior-Wandesforde railway bill, and draft of clause to be inserted to Railway Act (see also copy of Railway Act below); 7pp.
[Jul] 1909
- (8) Printed circulars by R.H. Prior-Wandesforde, with letters by Prior-Wandesforde concerning the *Kilkenny, Castlecomer and Athy Railway Bill*, and extracts of letters printed in local newspapers; 3 items.
Mar-Apr 1909

Ms 35,663

- (1-8) Two different indexed sets of transcripts of correspondence, reports, newspaper extracts etc. relating to railway scheme. Many are duplicates of correspondence in collection. One set is incomplete.
- (1-5) Oct 1908-Mar 1909 c.160pp
- (6-8) Dec 1908-Apr 1909 c.90pp
- (9) Other transcripts of material relating to 1909 Bill; 20pp.
1908-9

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III.v.3.(2) Parliamentary material

- Ms 35,664 (1) Copy of *Kilkenny, Castlecomer and Athy Railway Bill* (as amended in Committee); 1 item.
1909
- (2) Petitions of those opposed to bill, including draft of petition from R.H. Prior-Wandesforde; 4 items.
1909
- (3) Statement to House of Commons of the promoters to the Select Committee on Standing Orders
Statements to House of Commons and House of Lords on behalf of opponents against dispensing with the standing orders (R.H. Prior-Wandesforde and others) to be considered on 2 & 11 Mar 1909 respectively. Statement in Parliament of Robert Ruskell and William P. Hade against dispensing with the standing orders not complied with; 4 items.
1909
- (4) Memorial of R.H. Prior-Wandesforde and others complaining of non-compliance with the standing order; 1 outsize item.
1909
- (5-6) Minutes of proceedings of Select Committee on Private Bills, relating to the *Kilkenny, Castlecomer and Athy Railway Bill*, to whom R.H. Prior-Wandesforde and others gave evidence; 5 items.
4-7; 19 May 1909
- (7) Report from the Committee relating to *Kilkenny, Castlecomer and Athy Railway Bill* and other railway bills; 1 item.
19 May 1909
- (8) Petition of R.H. Prior-Wandesforde and others to House of Lords against railway bill (one draft); 2 items.
1909
- (9) Copies of the *Kilkenny Castlecomer and Athy Railway Act*; 2 items.
Oct 1909

III.v.3.(3) Castlecomer District Railway material

- Ms 35,665 (1) Printed and bound Memorial of R.H. Prior-Wandesforde to the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council in Ireland re Castlecomer District Railway and Tramways Order 1909 Also Book of Reference to Deposited Plans, containing schedule of townlands, their owners and occupiers through which planned tramway will pass; 2 items.

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Apr 1909

- (2) Letter from Edward Shackleton, Carlow to R.H. Prior-Wandesforde, suggesting motor powered canal boats as an alternative to rail transport (27 May 1911); letter from R.H. Prior-Wandesforde to the editor of *The Irish Times* refuting a report that a new seam had been discovered in the colliery (8 Aug 1911); letters from William M. Murphy regarding support for the railway, notably among those in GS&W Railway (12,16 Aug 1911, 9 Nov 1911), letters from Walter Kavanagh, MP for Carlow, who suggests that R.H. Prior-Wandesforde come to an arrangement with Parkinson and Perks. He adds that 'I write this privately to you, as of course my late constituents were strongly opposed to the line ... and in any further negotiations I should have to watch their interests' (27 Oct 1911); there is also the occasional note from J.J. Parkinson, Curragh Camp; 49pp.
May-Dec 1911

See also Mss 35,572(8-9)

- (3) Transcripts of evidence given [to Board of Works Public Enquiry] by R.H. Prior-Wandesforde, Lanigan and others (including J.H. Marr, J.H. Ryan (Engineer of Castlecomer District Railway project), Henry Plews, George J. Morris (Secretary Kilkenny Co Co)) giving background information on the Castlecomer estate and colliery, and information on the railway project; 26pp.
undated, after Dec 1911 [1913]
- (4) Material concerning R.H. Prior-Wandesforde's change from proposing a broad gauge district railway to a narrow gauge tramway, and the establishment of Castlecomer Tramway Company Ltd. Includes: letters and telegrams from those whom Prior-Wandesforde is seeking support (Mar 1913); two share certificates of Prior-Wandesforde in the Tramway Company (6 May 1913); Report of Board of Works Public Inquiry into the Castlecomer Tramway, and resulting approval (30 May 1913); printed circular by Prior-Wandesforde to members of Kilkenny Co Co (similar to that of Jul 1909) concerning the application for approval of the proposed tramway between Dunmore West and Moneenroe (14 Jul 1913); advice and discussion in letters from M.A. Ennis, Monkstown, Dublin (Aug 1914); estimate from Delap and Waller, Civil Engineers of cost of constructing district railway (30 Sep 1914); 46pp.
1912-14
- (5) Memorandum and Article of Association, of Castlecomer Tramway Co. Ltd.;
1 item.
31 Mar 1913
- (6) Rough notes by R.H. Prior-Wandesforde; c.30pp.

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c.1912-14

- (7) Printed circulars re proposed Castlecomer District Railway, with reports of County Surveyor and of Board of Works; 4 items.
Apr-Jul 1909
- (8) Copies of statements of members of deputation to Chief Secretary in favour of a branch line connecting with GS&W Railway line (members include R.H. Prior-Wandesforde and local authority representatives); 18pp.
c.1914-8

III.v.3.(4) Correspondence of advisors, experts and others involved

Ms 35,666

- (1-20) Letters from John Lanigan, Solicitor, Kilkenny to R.H. Prior-Wandesforde. Lanigan acted as Wandesforde's solicitor, and advised him in every aspect of business. The vast majority of letters from Lanigan relate to the Kilkenny, Castlecomer and Athy Railway, and to the Castlecomer District Railway / Tramway, which was set up as a company by Wandesforde and for which Lanigan acted as company Solicitor. Also contains letters written to Lanigan from others involved in schemes (Bell, Perks, Ryan, solicitor for GS&W railway and others), which were forwarded to Wandesforde. Letters from these individuals to Wandesforde himself are found in listed below.
- Includes: correspondence relating to the progress of the Bill through parliament (which Prior-Wandesforde is objecting to), with copy of agreement between promoters of the Kilkenny, Castlecomer and Athy Bill 1909, and Messrs C.H. Walker & Co Ltd (14 Dec 1908) and copy notice of opposition of the GS&W Railway Co. to Prior-Wandesforde's application for approval to construct light railway/tramway (19 Aug 1909);
- Memo of agreement between Lanigan and Prior-Wandesforde re costs of work to be carried out, in which Lanigan agrees to 'carry out all legal professional work relative to the sealing by the privy Council of the Castlecomer Light Railway Order, the preparation of the Memorandum and Articles of Assoc, the registration and incorporation of the Company and all other legal work... for a sum not exceeding £400'; negotiations between Ryan and GS&W railway for agreement on the district railway (Nov 1911),
- Most correspondence from 1912 relates to district railway
- Correspondence relating to objections from the local government board, with copy of notice of objection to application of Castlecomer Tramway Company Ltd for an order in Council, issued by solicitors for the Local Government Board (T.T. Mecredy & Son), principally on the grounds that it would encroach on the land of the workhouse (21 Jan 1913), printed application for an order in council by Lanigan to construct a tramway (Apr 1913).

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The correspondence also concerns other legal and business matters, with letters relating to income tax in 1910, a motor bus scheme which Prior-Wandesforde is considering investing in (Jan 1914); correspondence relating to the possibility of obtaining a telephone connection (throughout 1914); occasional references to the Land Commission (e.g. 25 Apr 1914); local politics, with Lanigan writing of the possibility Prior-Wandesforde opposing the appointment of an individual as RDC returning officer ('if the voters are in favour of Mrs Wandesforde, O'Carroll can do little or nothing to hurt her chances', 11 May 1914); references to the estate of Sir John Edge (1914-15); investigation of the mineral rights of Towlerton townland; and the purchase of the Mayo and Clonbrock estate (formerly owned by Wartpole, now by Mrs Leckey).

- (1) Apr-May 1909; 37pp
- (2) Jun 1909; 45pp
- (3) Jul 1909; c.40pp
- (4) Aug-Nov 1909; 11pp
- (5) Apr-Nov 1911; 36pp
- (6) Mar-Aug 1911; 16pp
- (7) Oct 1911; 26pp
- (8) Nov 1911; 52pp
- (9-10) Dec 1911; 76pp
- (11) Jan-Feb 1912; 30pp
- (12) Mar-Dec 1912; 21pp
- (13) Mar 1913; 23pp
- (14) Apr 1913; 41pp + catalogue
- (15) May-Jun 1913; 23pp
- (16) Jul-Dec 1913; 47pp
- (17) Jan-Mar 1914; 26pp
- (18) Apr-Jun 1914; 25pp

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(19) Jul-Dec 1914; 32pp

(20) Jan-Apr 1915; 46pp

Ms 35,667 (1) Copies of letters written by R.H. Prior-Wandesforde, and duplicate book containing pencil copies of letters written by Prior-Wandesforde from Richmond, Yorkshire in Oct-Nov 1911, mostly to John Lanigan Solicitor concerning railway. Small number of letters from 1908; 9pp + 1 soft vol. 1911

(2) Michael Buggy, Solicitor, Kilkenny
Correspondence between R.H. Prior-Wandesforde and Buggy, principally from 1907, relating to Prior-Wandesforde's negotiations with landowners and Land Commission re purchase of land for proposed railway line; letter from Buggy to John Lanigan re settlement of terms of railway bill with Perks (3 Jul 1909); 26pp
Apr-May 1903; Feb-Jul 1907; 3 Jul 1909.
See also Maps and Plans for maps of area

Henry Louis, Consulting Engineer and advisor

See Colliery: Administration: Boring work, Surveys and Analysis Mss 35,572 (8-9)

(3-6) John H. Ryan, Consultant Engineer, Dublin

Advisor to R.H. Prior-Wandesforde for District Railway.

(3) Circular letter by Ryan seeking funds in support of proposed railway through Castlecomer (15 Apr 1891); correspondence with R.H. Prior-Wandesforde, mostly re memorial and deputation to Lord Lieutenant and Chief Secretary and negotiations with Western and Central Ireland Railway Company; 14pp. Apr 1891; Jul 1896-Feb 1897

(4) Correspondence re survey work carried out for proposed railway. Includes: estimates of traffic from Castlecomer to GS&W line; 20pp. Feb 1906-Nov 1908

(5) Includes: copy of Ryan's evidence given to [Select Committee on Private Bills] (May 1909), receipts for expenses paid by Ryan for tracing of maps, and survey work, and estimate of expenses of undertaking of Castlecomer District Railway; 28pp. Apr-Jul 1909

(6) Correspondence re plans and land required for District Railway (incl 2 plans), negotiations with GS&W Railway (1911), and estimates of expense for undertaking the Castlecomer Tramway (1913); 25pp. Nov-Dec 1911; Mar-Apr 1913

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See Maps & Plans.

See also Estates: Castlecomer: Estate Maintenance: Land and Property Improvements/ Valuations Ms 35,541 (9) for correspondence relating to survey work carried out by Ryan for Land Commission (1905)

- (7) Henry Plews - General Manager of Great Northern Railway Co. Ireland, Advisor to R.H. Prior-Wandesforde.
Letters to Prior-Wandesforde advising on type of line to build, materials to use, estimates of passengers and goods to be transported, and writing of his progress in negotiations and meetings with representatives of GS&W Railway on behalf of Prior-Wandesforde, notably with E.A. Neale. Includes letter from Neale to Plews concerning arrangements at Clinstown for transfer of traffic to and from Castlecomer railway (26 May 1913); 31pp.
Nov 1911-Jan 1912; Apr-May 1913
- (8-13) W.&W.M. Bell, Parliamentary Agents to R.H. Prior-Wandesforde.
Letters from Bell to Prior-Wandesforde and occasionally to John Lanigan, with some copy replies from Prior-Wandesforde. Includes: expenses bill of Chief Clerk and draft head of terms (in settlement of opposition of Prior-Wandesforde and others, Jan 1909); list of members of House of Lords Standing Order Committee (Mar 1909); copy letters to and from George D. Perks (Apr 1909); bill of expenses due to R. Elliott Cooper CE and of W.&W.M. Bell (Oct 1909).
- (8) Nov-Dec 1908: 24 items
 - (9) Jan 1909: 34 items
 - (10) Feb 1909: 20 items
 - (11) Mar 1909: 32 items
 - (12) Apr 1909: 22 items
 - (13) May-Oct 1909: 18 items
- (14-18) Great Southern & Western Railway
Correspondence between R.H. Prior-Wandesforde and GS&W Railway, notably C. Dent, General Manager and E.A. Neale, Traffic Managers Office (both up to 1907), and Sir William Goulding, Chairman, and Croker Barrington, Solicitor (from 1909). The correspondence principally covers negotiations on proposed line, rates charged etc. Includes copy of notice of objection of GS&W Railway to Castlecomer Tramway & Light Railway (18 Jul 1913), and draft of clause for protection of GS&W Railway (17 Oct 1913).
- (14) 1901;1906: 10 items
 - (15) Jan-Mar 1907: 16 items
 - (16) Apr-May 1907: 16 items
 - (17) [24 Oct 1908]; Mar-Apr 1909: 10 items
 - (18) 1911-13: 7 items

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- (19) George D. Perks, Solicitor for those proposing Railway Bill.
Correspondence with R.H. Prior-Wandesforde and others re negotiations on Heads of Terms in settlement of Railway Bill. Includes: copy of letter from Prior-Wandesforde in which he outlines his reasons for opposing the Railway Bill, following recent newspaper reports (5 Apr 1909), and copy of letter from Perks to Michael Buggy solicitor, in which he suggests 'that if Mr Wandesforde withdraws his Petition against our Bill, that the Promoters should give him an undertaking not to oppose his scheme' (28 Jun 1909); 41pp.
Oct 1908-Jun 1909

III.v.3.(5) Maps & Plans

- Ms Map 28 Plan of existing railway lines in Kildare/ Kilkenny/ Waterford area, with proposed Kilkenny and Castlecomer Light Railway marked; 1 item.
1904
- Ms Map 29 (a-d) Tracings of area of proposed line, passing thorough the land of Lalor and White, near Jenkinstown, drawn up by J.H. Ryan; 4 items.
c.May-Jun 1906
See correspondence of Michael Buggy Ms 35,667(2).
- Ms Map 30 (a-c) Tracings of general plan of junction at Jenkinstown, and proposed arrangement of junction; 3 items.
c.1913

III.v.3.(6) Newspaper cuttings

- Ms 35,668 Newspaper cuttings from local and national newspapers relating to railway schemes.
- (1) Nov 1895; Nov 1900; c.1901: 18pp
 - (2) May-Jun 1903: 16pp
 - (3) Includes one copy of the *Freeman's Journal* (24 Apr 1907)
1907: c.10pp + 1 item
 - (4) Feb; Oct 1908; c.60pp
 - (5) Nov-Dec 1908: c.50pp
 - (6) 1909: c.60pp
 - (7) 1910-11: c.40pp
 - (8) 1912-13: c.40pp

III.v.3.(7) Unrelated railway material

- Ms 35,669 (1) Copies of *Sligo & Bundoran Railway Bill*, and minutes of speech made in House of Lords concerning Wembury (Plymouth) Commercial Dock and Railway Bill, which both came before Parliament at the same time as the

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Kilkenny, Castlecomer and Athy Railway Bill (1909); printed rough draft outline of proposed Drogheda, Cavan and Leitrim Railway (undated); 3 items.

c.1909

III.v.4. Background information on the Colliery

Ms 35,670 (1) Front pages of *Freeman's Journal* (4 May 1917) and *Irish Independent* (6 Jun 1917), containing large advertisements for Castlecomer Collieries, with photographs of pits, and one large poster containing same advertisement; 3 items.

1917

(2) Copy of Report of the Irish Coal Industry Committee (of which R.H. Prior-Wandesforde is member), presented to Parliament, on the position of and conditions prevailing on the coal industry in Ireland; 1 item.

Oct 1919

(3) Handwritten information by R.H. Prior-Wandesforde on each year's sales totals, opening and closure of pits, and other developments in Castlecomer Collieries for the years 1871-90, and 1905-34; 31pp.

c.1934

(4) Various notes on the coal mining and colliery work in Castlecomer, with memorandum of colliers' rates in Clonbrock Colliery (1893); report on the produce of Castlecomer (produced for railway submission, c.1905); general information (Jun 1906 and Oct 1918); and notes of history of coal mining in the Irish Free State, with related newspaper cutting on Castlecomer Collieries [1930's]; and diary of events for 1937; 16pp.

c.1893-1937

(5) Two black and white photographs, undated, both of groups of people (colliers and guests), gathered at what appears to be the turning of the sod on a new building site; 2 items.

[1950's]

(6) Press cuttings relating to the coal industry; c.50pp.

Apr 1951-Aug 1952

IV. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

There is a small amount of material relating to local government, including Grand Jury, Board of Guardians, police and military. It includes material relating to the involvement of Richard Eaton (agent 1818-47), who acted as local counsellor and Justice of the Peace. There is also some Church of Ireland documentation.

IV.i. Grand Jury / Petty Sessions

Ms 35,671 (1) Presentments of the Grand Jury of the County of Kilkenny Assizes; 3 items. Summer 1819; Spring 1821; Spring 1823

(2) Schedule of Applications for Presentment at Grand Jury of County of Kilkenny. Summer 1821; Summer 1824; Summer 1827. Also sessions for roads, bridges etc. previous to Summer Assizes 1832; 4 items. 1821-27;1832

(3) Registers of Summonses issued from Castlecomer Petty Sessions. Jan 1828-Apr 1830; Aug 1831-Aug 1832; Jun 1835-Feb 1836. 3 items. 1828-36

(4-5) Copies of Government legislation. Acts relating to: the establishment of fever hospitals (1818), the election of members to Parliament (1829), laws relating to Grand Juries in Ireland (1833), authorisation of issue of money in aid of public works in poor districts (1846), Irish Petty Sessions (c.1851); schedule of oaths to be taken by rent charger, freeholder and juror (1829); bill for consolidating and amending the laws relating to the presentment of public money by Grand Juries in Ireland (1836); abstract of the provisions of and act concerning the sale of arms (c.1843); 8 items. 1818-43

(6-12) Depositions, bail bonds, notes on evidence given to Richard Eaton, Justice of the Peace for the County of Kilkenny; c.10-20pp per folder. 1826-38

(13) Summonses to appear at Court/Petty Sessions 3 completed; 7 pp. 1841; 1843; 1846; 1868

Ms 35,672 (1) Letters from Harvey Devereux, Secretary of Grand Jury of the County of Kilkenny, to Eaton.

Includes: 'Observations etc. of H. Devereux, Kilkenny', containing 'Suggestions for the better preservation of the peace and improvement of local officers in Ireland' (Feb 1824); letter from Harry Devereux to Eaton, with questions on the Castlecomer Poor House Funds (5 Apr 1825); letter from Harvey Devereux concerning forthcoming Kilkenny city elections, seeking Eaton's attendance and assistance of the committee 'to ensure Mr Doherty's return' (14 Feb 1828); c.20 items.

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Sep 1822-Aug 1837

- (2) Letters from John [Flood] to Richard Eaton, written from various locations concerning local registrations and election campaign; 11 items.

Feb 1823-Aug 1825

- (3) Letters from William Hayden, Kilkenny to Eaton concerning Warrants, and the consequences 'Young' Mr Wandesforde [John] becoming High Sherrif of Co Kilkenny; 8 items.

Jul 1836-Feb 1838

- (4) Applications to the Grand Jury Presentments by local tradesmen (including Anthony Mc Gowan) for the repair of roads; 5pp.

Nov 1845

- (5) List of county cess rates presented at summer assizes, listing properties of C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde; 3pp.

1855

- (6) Notice of application to Quarter Sessions for certificate for publican's licence, by Mary McCormack (signatories include R.H. Prior-Wandesforde as High Sheriff and JP); 1p.

2 Dec 1893

Also Copy of 1902 Licensing Act (printed); 9pp.

1902

- (7) Public notices, issued by Estate and by local authority:

A schedule of fines issued by Castlecomer Petit Sessions (c.1796);

Rules for the regulation of Castlecomer Market (n.d., ripped);

Rules for thorough draining (n.d.);

Printed notice issued to named individuals, prohibiting the cutting of turf for sale, in Cruttenclough (8 Feb 7Wm4 (1837));

Notice on the maintenance of the neighbourhood, issued by C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde (8 Jul 1844);

Notice issued by C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde (from Coolum Lodge, Dunmore East) concerning 'a system of annoyance (that) has been pursued on his estate towards some persons who have exercised their liberty by petitioning Parliament against permitting the Pope to exercise territorial jurisdiction in the British dominions. As this persecution has been carried on in such a way as to evade the penalties of the law, Mr Wandesforde gives notice to his tenants and all in his employment, that if it does not immediately cease, he will consider what steps are requisite for him to take in order to check it. (June 28th 1851);

Notice on the Preservation of Game on the Wandesforde estate (25 Nov 1853);

Handwritten notice that stray dogs going among sheep will be shot (7 Apr 1854);

Notice of times and places of Co. Kilkenny Presentment Sessions, with list of Cess payers, Summer Assizes (Mar 1857);

Abstract of applications for presentments, and notice of receipt of tenders for execution of works (Nov 1893); 13pp.

c.1796-1893

IV.ii. Local Government appointments

Ms 35,673 (1) Commissions of the Peace, Richard Eaton, for Co Kilkenny (6 Jun 1820), and Queen's County (21 Jan 1830), and Appointment of Eaton as Justice and Keeper of the Peace, Co Kilkenny, with certificate, and oath (18 Jan 1831); parchment, 3 items.
1820; 1830-1

Copy letter from Eaton to Lord Ormonde resigning from his position of Commissioner of the Peace; 1p.

7 Jan 1836

(2) 'Lord Castlecomer Co. Kilkenny. Appointment of Magistrates in the Co. of Kilkenny'; parchment, with seal appended, 1 item.
3 Mar 28Geo2 (1755)

County of Kilkenny Commission of the Peace for Richard Cooke; 1 item.
c.1847

Bond of Peter Mc Dermott and John P. Hartford, Parliament St., Kilkenny to Charles HB Wandesforde, Sheriff of the County (appointing Mc Dermott to be under sheriff; 1 item.

18 Jan 1879

[Ms 35,459 (2)] Letter from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castlecomer, to RH Prior-Wandesforde informing him of his appointment as High Sheriff of Co. Kilkenny; 1p.
21 Nov 1893

IV.iii. Police/Military

Ms 35,674 (1) Note to Eaton from a local barracks re instructions to receive the arms of the Fassadineen Corps of Yeomanry, of which Eaton is Captain (1 Nov 1828); Copy of letter to Lord Castlecomer from Dublin Castle, informing him that while the Military Detachment at Castlecomer will remain, a permanent

Military Quarters will not be established (18 Jan 1831);
Letter to Colonel Osborne, Chief Magistrate of Police, Castlecomer, from [HW] Thompson, with drawings of a fortified building (14 Jun 1832);
Circular from Dublin Castle to the officer commanding the Corps of Yeomanry, concerning the application of former soldiers for a pension or retired allowance (2 Jun 1834);
Circular issued from Dublin Castle to the Magistrates of Petty Sessions, stating that no communication must be conveyed by Constabulary officers 'which is not of so urgent a nature as to require a more speedy delivery than through the Post Office' (Jul 1834);
Letter from tenant concerning a house on his land which has been used as a police barracks (27 Oct 1838);
Memorandum of agreement between C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde and Richard Cane, Receiver of the Constabulary of Ireland, re the taking of a house in Castlecomer for use as a constabulary barrack (14 Nov 1840); 12pp.
1828-40

IV.iv. Local unrest, crime

- Ms 35,675 (1) [Summons] issued to Thomas Comerford and his sons to appear before Lord Castlecomer or any other Justice of the Peace in relation to stolen cattle; No. 238 in H.B. McCall's *The Wandesfordes of Kirklington and Castlecomer*; ver poor condition, 1p.
29 Mar 1742.
- (2) Material relating to local unrest. Includes:
Note concerning the murders of Richard Butler, Edmond Butler and others committed in the Castlecomer area (fragile and torn) [C17th];
'Prophetic letter to B. Leslie' concerning Mr Jacob, a member of the Wexford Militia, formerly a magistrate and a deputy governor, who encountered a gentleman who foresaw (among other events) a rebellion in England and Ireland, and the defeat of Bonaparte 'but England will have no share in it' (n.d.);
printed circular by '*Observer*', Kilkenny, addressed to Eaton, writing, 'It is the duty of every gentleman to discountenance, by every means in his power, the march of crime' (10 Oct 1822);
Letter from William Baker to John Mc Laughlin, postmaster, Castlecomer, to be forwarded to Eaton, enclosing a threatening notice from 'Captain Rock' found posted to a tree (27 Feb 1829);
Letter from [Wm Kemmis] & Carmichael to Eaton giving opinion on a case concerning 'seditious and treasonable language attributed to a person named Patrick Moran', on consultation with the attorney general (19 Apr 1831);
List of men in certain areas and number of guns held [1850s]; 8pp.
[1600s-1850s]

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- (3) Letters, mostly to Richard Eaton, relating to crime, evidence given etc.
Includes: letter from Edward Walsh concerning 'lewd' women in Castlecomer, requesting 'as a favour for the sake of the morality and the health of the Parish, that you will cause the beast Lalor to be confined' (n.d.); appeal from Sarah Mc Donnell for action against neighbours who 'abused me and my daughter and us both in bed' (n.d.); copy of statement issued 'to the Barons etc.', claiming that Eaton 'siezed, took and drove away a certain cow' of Daniel Phelan 'a Debtor of our Lord the now king ... and disposed of the same to his own use and other wrongs ... to the damage of the said Danl of £200' (17 May 1827); letter from Frederick Trench JP for Co. Kilkenny, with deposition on the injuries of two children in Ballynakill, Queen's Co., 'in consequence of a cruel flogging received from Abel John Caulfield Warren' (24 May 1828), and asking in the letter that he may 'direct that parties complaining to attend your court at Castlecomer' (4 Jun 1828); information of James [Meagher] against Patrick Kenny, who 'accused him of being a Blackfoot and beat him severely', written by Eaton (2 Oct 1832); material concerning evidence given by Samuel Smyth, witness to the murder of Mr Potts (colliery employee) (Jul 1834); petition signed by James Ryan PP and John Salmon RCC, Clough, on behalf of Catharine McDonnell alias McEvoy, 'We regard her as a model of piety and sincerely sympathise with her in the undeserved persecution she is suffering from her misguided husband ... we hope to see her again in her own house' (12 Nov 1842); c.40pp
c.1822-53
- (4) Material concerning disputes amongst tenants over land which were brought to court. Includes, for example: Memorial by Patrick Comerford of Kill concerning a dispute with James Butler 'a pauper', over land in Cruttenclough (c.1845); deposition by Michael Comerford, Castlecomer, containing information on leases of properties, for a case with Richard Gross (22 Jan 1846); and material concerning dispute between John Sutcliffe and John Ryan over the supply of stones for building work (1853-4); and other disputes over land and property; 18pp.
1836-82
- (5) Material concerning disputes between Wandesfordes and others over land, notably boundaries.
Includes: notes on those being called as witnesses in dispute with Major Bryan (n.d.); printed pro-forma letter from Boundary Dept, Ordnance Survey of Ireland, requesting a meeting between Wandesforde and Messrs Bowen and Lackey to settle boundaries between Cloneen and Clonbrock, with reply from Eaton that Wandesforde believes that there is no dispute, 'nor does he wish to have any survey made of them' (Aug 1831); notice to Queen's Bench of the case of Wandesforde and others against Patrick Cormack concerning land in Lisdalleen [Co. Tipperary](2 Jul 1844); blank summonses to appear

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as witnesses in John Edge against Wandesforde (Jan 1846); and transcript of correspondence of Major Roberts with Richard Eaton and C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde concerning disagreements over property rented by Roberts (1843; c.Mar 1851); 24pp.
c.1831-51

- (6) Other legal documentation:
Deposition of Thomas Mealy, made in the Police District of Dublin Metropolis, that Countess Ormonde owed him a sum of money (7 Dec 1830); committal form for Margaret Nowlan, Castlecomer to Carlow District Lunatic Asylum (18 Jan 1844); 2 pp.
1830, 1844

IV.v. Castlecomer Union/ Board of Health/Board of Guardians

Ms 35,676 (1) Correspondence relating to government's provision of relief in the period 1832-3, with standard letters from Secretary of Central Board of Health for Ireland to various members of the Castlecomer Board of Health, mostly re finances. Includes: warrant appointing Board of Health in Castlecomer (9 Jul 1832); memorandum of the treatment of cholera (25 Jul 1832); petition signed by residents of Clough to members of the board, requesting that 'you will get the magistrates to give directions to the police stationed here to keep away all strangers from the village... who might convey the seeds of the dreadful pestilence now spreading so fast' (7 Sep 1832); expenditure of Castlecomer Board of Health (31 Oct 1832); c.30pp.
Jul 1832 - Apr 1833; May 1839

See also Local Government: Church of Ireland documentation for letters of Rev Dawson Ms 35,678(4).

- (2) Unused circulars, letters, and expenditure forms issued by the Central Board of Health; c.13pp
c.1832-3
- (3) Castlecomer fever hospital receipts and order book (kept by C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde, only 3pp used, 1838); copies of statements by Richard Eaton, treasurer of Castlecomer fever hospital, re finances (undated), and summary of account of receipts and disbursements for the Castlecomer fever hospital (Jun 1838-Jun 1839); account of Thomas Bradley, late treasurer to fever hospital (17 Jun 1841); receipt for subscription to fever hospital paid by John Wandesforde (1 Apr 1846); note detailing symptoms of 14 year old female, suffering from a stomach complaint (8 Aug 1846); blank admittance form to County Hospital (n.d.); 20pp.
c.1838-46
- (4) Castlecomer Dispensary: blank attendance ticket; solicitation for vote in

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election for medical attendant (13 Jun 1836); Report for year ending 31 Mar 1851; Medical Relief Ticket Check Book (only 6 pp used Jun 1852-Aug 1855); 4 items.

c.1836-55.

- (5) Kilkenny Union, Castlecomer electoral division, return of those receiving relief. 15 Apr 1848, and various lists of persons receiving indoor and outdoor relief; 14pp.
c.1846-50
- (6) Board of Guardians / Poor Law correspondence.
Includes: letters from Poor Law commissioners office, Dublin; letters relating to Poor Rate; copy of letter from C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde to the Chairman and Board of Guardians concerning the services of a printer (8 Jan 1852); petition from local ratepayers re appointment of rate collectors (23 Sep 1853); and tenders for collection of Poor Rate (17 May 1854); return of the rates paid in Killadysart Union, Co. Clare (Nov 1860); c.40pp.
1833-67
- (7) Roughly bound handwritten Poor Rate book for Castlecomer area; 1 item.
Nov 1852
- (8) Copies of Castlecomer public notices (printed and handwritten) with circulars concerning Castlecomer Penny Clothing Society (n.d.); voluntary subscriptions to Relief Committee (4 May 1847); blank vouchers for relief from Curragh Soup Kitchens (1847); 'A few words of advice respecting cholera' (16 May 1854); and note on the treatment of epilepsy (n.d.); 5 pp.
1840s-50s
- (9) Small volume listing library inventory, and information on Castlecomer Union, with notes on rating officers and salaries, outdoor relief, and rough estate accounts; 1 item.
1849-53

IV.vi. Elections

Ms 35,677 (1) Castlecomer Union printed notices:

Breakdown of electoral divisions, by townland (n.d.)

Notice of forthcoming election of Board of Guardians (25 Feb 1860)

Notice of out-going Board of Guardians (25 Mar 1862)

3 items (2 ripped).

- (2) Nominations to the Board of Guardians of Anthony McGowan and Samuel Bradley (16 Jul 1839); vote registration applications (Jul 1839, all blank) and one completed (undated); blank voting papers (pre 1847); blank objection/

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complaints forms [objections to voters] (1848); notices of objection to voters (17 Aug 1853, 14 Aug 1854); solicitations for support from election candidates (incl. Standish O'Grady, 20 Nov 1832); 9 items.
1832-54

See also Wandesforde Family: Correspondence, for solicitations addressed to Countess Ormonde, Ms 35,469(5).

- (3) Notebook listing Register of Voters by townland in Castlecomer area; 1 item.
18-19 Mar 1852.
- (4) Election of Members of Parliament July 1852.
Election poster for Lord James Butler, and related circulars re campaign of Butler; notice issued by CHBCS Wandesforde calling on his tenants support in the election; 5 items.
July 1852
- (5) Material re 1852-3 Board of Guardians elections, with reports by those soliciting votes for Wandesforde's nominees, telling of intimidation by local Roman Catholic priests, who have also made nominations. Also notes on counting of votes and notices from Mr Wandesforde to his 'tenants who acted so friendly a part towards him in support of his wishes with regard to the late election of guardians' (12 Apr 1853).
One report states that Castlecomer Union comprises the estate of C.H.B.C.S. Wandesforde with the exception of two townlands of Mr Bryan of Jenkinstown (non-resident). It returns 5 elected Guardians, all nominated by and including Wandesforde. In Mar 1852 nominations were also made by the parish priests of Clough and Castlecomer (Revs Edward and John Aylward), but Wandesforde's nominees were elected. 'From March 1852 to March 1853 scarcely a Sunday passed in which the Revd Mr Aylward of Clough or his curate did not harangue the people and denounce the persons who voted for the nominees of Mr Wandesforde and two of the elected guardians the Messrs Foley were subjected nearly every Sunday to the grossest abuse.' In March 1853 Wandesforde and Rev. Aylward made nominations again. On this occasion 'the priests took the fields', soliciting votes on the day of delivery of voting papers (18 Mar 1853). Those soliciting votes for Wandesforde's nominees were met by the priests and 'mobs', with one reporting of a priest refusing to anoint a sick parishioner unless he voted for the priest's nominee; c.20pp.
c. Mar-Aug 1853

IV.vii. Church of Ireland documentation

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- Ms 35,678 (1) Circular notices, booklets and pamphlets, and other material from various societies, such as the Protestant Orphan Society (1841-50) and the Irish Society, which promoted the education in scripture through the medium of Irish (1841; 1856); protest material against the disestablishment of the Church; and a church hymnal of R.H. Prior-Wandesforde (1896); c.60pp.
c.1801-68
- (2) Letters from Henry Irwin, Ballincollig and later Cullenswood to Eaton mostly concerning payment of remittances to Irwin.
Includes: bound pages containing text of sermon given by Irwin (16 Oct 1803); letter in which he writes of attacks by 'the immense numbers of Whiteboys who have been encamped for several days near Macroon' (Aug 1814); letter containing the comments, 'The appearance of crops in this neighbourhood is so cheering, that I do not anticiapte any insurrectionary novements, notwithstanding the broad hints which the agitators give at their various aggregate meetings. I am persuaded that if employment could be made out for the peasantry, Mr O'Connell might rave and roar in vain'. He also mentions 'Phelan's evidence before the Committee of Inquiry' (something to do with a pamphlet against the Bible Society (16 Jun 1825); letter concerning a married man whom Eaton has recommended as schoolteacher - 'I greatly fear that his large family will operate against his being employed ... the cares of a master's family are supposed to distract his attention' (22 Nov 1830); c.30pp.
1803; 1819-30; 1849
- (3) Letters from [Fenton Hort], concerning payment of tithes due his uncle, John Aylmer (rectorial tithes of Dysart, Co. Kilkenny and elsewhere); 8 pp.
Jan 1835-Nov 1839
- (4) Letters from Rev H.R. Dawson, local vicar and later Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral mostly to Eaton. His letters mostly concern local events and activities such as church administration, charities, disturbances (see 12 Jan 1831), and later his acting as trustee of Lady Ormonde's will.
Includes: sworn depositions before H.R. Dawson, informing Eaton that 'plunder & great regularity has been going on for some time in Lady Ormonde's house (23 Apr 1827)'; letter informing Eaton that 'the Charitable Labours are now drawing to a close ... the Dublin Committee sent us £20 more, the effect of which has been that Clough is declared in a state of starvation, & eleven pounds have been allocated to Miss Martin & Brenan for the purpose of improving it's squares streets & alleys', along with other news (18 Aug 1822); letter writing that 'The Archdeacon also wishes that her ladyship should state to you [] her intention of contributing the £500 to the Church, as it might be necessary either in the case of her death or mine' (20 Apr 1827); letter from Mrs Frances Dawson, Glebe, to Eaton, 'requesting that you will endeavour to obtain her (Lady Ormond's) approval and consent to the establishment of an Infant School at Castlecomer ... but fear that Lady

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Ormonde has some prejudice against schools of this description' (27 May 1828) , and also letter thanking him for his assistance (n.d.); letter in which Dawson expresses concern about recent unrest in Castlecomer (which includes efforts by 'certain individuals to raise a fund for O'Connell by the intimidation of those who are disinclined to subscribe', and the planned response by the authorities (12 Jan 1831); notebook recording Account of Payments made to Rev. Dawson (Dec 1830-Dec 1836); letter from Dawson re filling position of Colliery Curate. (4 Nov 1837); list of those who gave subscriptions for the erection of monumental tablets to the memory of the late very Rev Dean Dawson [1840s]; c.25pp
Aug 1822-Sep 1840

- (5) Correspondence of Rev Robert O'Callaghan, Rector of Castlecomer, with letters to estate agents concerning rent and other finances, and letters from other clergy. Also includes a letter from 'a Parishioner', and printed pamphlet by John B. Wandesforde (31 Oct 1846) objecting to sermons given; 10pp.
late 1840s-1869
- (6) Other church correspondence and related items. Includes: notice issued by the Crown Solicitor to Kildare Dobbs and John Sutcliffe, Church Wardens of the parish of Castlecomer, ordering a levy of £50 in the matter of a claim of the commissioners of treasury against the parish (12 Mar 1841); notebook recording account of Castlecomer Church building fund (1845-7) with simple watercolour painting of [Castlecomer church]; and journal of member of Scripture Readers Society, recording meetings with and portions of scripture read to local Roman Catholics, and observations (1870); 11 items.
c. 1834-70

For clergy's involvement in distribution of charity, see Estates: Castlecomer: Tenant Administration: Charity

V. Miscellaneous items

Material found among the Collection but not obviously related.

Ms 35,679 (1) Words of untitled song or poem; 1p (poor condition).
n.d.

Short account of the victorious entry of the Marquis of Anglesea to a city;
1p.
n.d.

Letter from Dr R. Smith, Rathmines to Dr Croker, Merrion Sq. Dublin,
seeking assistance for 'a poor incurable' from Kilkenny; 1p.
n.d.

Handwritten statement (unsigned) on non-payment of rent by tenants (estate
not named); 1p.
1700s

Appointment of John Talbot as Deacon, by John, Bishop of Clonfert and
Killmaiduagh; parchment (soiled and torn), seal in very poor condition.
16 Nov 1741

Receipt from Thomas Radcliff for ground rent paid to the executors of the
late Bishop of Elphin by Thomas McCready, for holding in Peter's Row; 1p.
4 Sep 1795

(2-3) Scrap-books compiled by Mary Price, containing newspaper cuttings of
sensational reports of gruesome and chilling crimes, society gatherings,
poems and songs, etcl; 2 vols.
1798-9; 1800-1

(4) Documentation relating to financial arrangements between John Arthur,
Bath, England and John O'Donnell, Ennis, Co. Clare; 4pp.
Jun-Aug 1810

Copy notice by Mathew Franks Solicitor, served in the case of Lord Lorton
and others against the Earl of Kingston (a lunatic) and others, possibly re
Mitchelstown estates; 1 item.
Apr 1815

Assignment of arrears of portion of annuity, from Robert Sterne Tighe, late
of Mitchelstown, Co. Westmeath, and Thomas Quarrington, Cheltenham,
England, concerning lands in Westmeath; 1 item.
6 Jul 1829

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Abstract of marriage settlement of Henry Shaw with Wilhelmina Mc Mahon;
1 item.
16 Apr 1844

Notice of the abatement on the rent of tenants of Mr Humphys, [Ballyhain],
'anxious to share with his tenants the loss they must sustain from the
calamity which it has pleased the Almighty to afflict this country with'; 1p.
6 Oct 1846

Printed notice on the area of Pallas, near Clonakilty, Co. Cork, with rental
and particulars of four tenants; 1p.
[mid 1800s]

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Printed Matter

- (1) Miscellaneous printed promotional literature, such as advertisements for companies and services. Includes booklet on *The Horrors of Transportation* of prisoners to Australia, by W. Ullathorne, Vicar General of New Holland and Van Dieman's Land (Jul 1838); insurance company literature (1850's); revised constitution of the Irish Unionist Alliance (c.1893); c.20 items.
c.1820s-50s

- (2) Facsimile copy of the *Belfast Newsletter*, reproduced as a supplement in Sep 1887; 1 item.
6 Mar 1738

Hunts Yachting Magazine; 1 item.
1 Mar 1881

- (3) Copies of *The Daily Mail* and *The Times*, marking the launch of the Cunard White Star vessel; and of two days editions of *The Daily Mail*, on the death of King George V; 4 items.
25 Sep 1934; 28-9 Jan 1936

Ms 35,681

1 box containing unlisted material, condition too poor to list. Parchment and paper, badly soiled, damaged from damp, torn and fragmented.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - English Estate (eighteenth-nineteenth century)

Lands held in Hipswell, Hudswell, Kirklington and Eaton in Yorkshire, and Ulcombe in the County of Kent. For a list of early English material, see the Calendar in H.B. McCall, *The Family of Wandesforde of Kirklington and Castlecomer*, 1904 (Ir 9292 w 31).

1.i. English Estate Rentals:

Hudswell; 1p.
1708

Hipswell, Hudswell & Kirklington, with summaries of accounts of Ralph Hutchinson;
(roughly bound) 11 pp.
1760-9

Rent rolls and accounts of receipts and payments of Bateman Robson, Receiver of Rents and profits of the York estates of Wandesforde; 7 items.
1760-6

Yorkshire (Hipswell, Hudswell & Kirklington)

(1) Ladyday 1822, Sep 1824, Sep 1825, Ladyday 1826, Michaelmas 1829, Mar 1831, Mar 1833 (Hipswell & Hudswell only); 7 items.

(2) Sep 1835, Mar & Sep 1836 (*badly torn*), Sep 1838; 5 items.

Some rentals are contained in letters from Daniel Tuke and Paul Burgess to Richard Eaton. Also rough account of sums to be returned to tenants, having been erroneously collected (Jan 1837).

See also Agents Correspondence.

Kirklington, Hipswell & Hudswell Rental with General Account of Paul and Mary Burgess for half years ending Aug 1843 and Feb 1844; 2 items.

Kirklington, Hipswell & Hudswell Estates Rentals with Accounts of Thomas Bradley
(1) 25 Sep 1849; 1 vol (20.5x13.5x 0.5cm).

(2) 25 Mar 1852, Sep 1855, Mar 1856; 3 soft vols (22x18x0.5cm)

(3) Sep 1856, Mar & Sep 1857 ; 3 soft vols (22x18x0.5cm)

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Eaton Rental (and account of Henry Chawner) Michaelmas 1841, Michaelmas 1842, Ladyday 1843, Ladyday 1844; 4 items.

See also Abstracts and summaries of Accounts for more Rentals.

Report and Valuation of Hipswell & Hudswell estates, giving details of the geographical features, type of farming carried out, condition of properties etc, and indexed; 1 vol (24x19.5x1cm).
1833.

Small volume recording half year rents paid for numbered accounts of Hipswell & Hudswell tenants; 1 vol (16x10x1.5cm).
1821-4.

Printed notice on 'Special Conditions on which the Farms ... at Hipswell, Hudswell and Kirklington in the County of York are let', outlining the terms and conditions which tenants must follow; (poor condition) 1p.
[1830's]

1.ii. English Estate Accounts

1.ii.1. Vouchers of half year accounts

See Castlecomer Estate accounts for early English account vouchers.

Cash notes, rent and tithe receipts; 20pp.
1715; 1737; 1739; 1743

Vouchers for English Supplemental Account ending Sep 1819, with account of John and Daniel Tuke (representatives of the Countess of Ormonde) 1806-19;
22pp.
1819

Parts of English Accounts for the half years ending:

Mar 1822; 11pp.

1824-5; 34; 26pp.

Mar & Sep 1839; 15pp.

Sep 1841-Mar 1845; 18pp.

Hipswell Hudswell & Kirklington Accounts for half years ending:

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Mar 1849 (Hipswell & Hudswell only); c.40pp.

- (1-5) Jun & Dec 1850 with Rental vouchers to Sep 1850; c.50pp per folder.
- (1-2) Mar & Sep 1851 Rental vouchers only, with Ralph Whites's vouchers for rental Sep 1851; c.100pp
- (1-2) Mar & Sep 1852 Rental vouchers only, with voucher's of Ralph White's wood account for rental Mar 1852; c.80pp

Ralph White Accounts for Rental Sep 1851; c.60pp.

Ralph White Wood Account for Rental Mar 1852; c.50pp.
See also Estate Maintenance.

- (1-2) Mar 1855 (Hipswell, Hudswell & Kirklington, main body of vouchers labelled as 'Yorkshire'); c.150pp.
- (1-4) Mar & Sep 1856 (Hipswell, Hudswell & Kirklington); c.100pp.
- (1-3) Mar 1857 (Hipswell, Hudswell & Kirklington); c.100pp.
- (1-2) Sep 1857 (Hipswell & Kirklington); c.50pp.
- (1-4) Mayday 1884 (Hipswell, Hudswell & Kirklington); c.100pp.

Eaton Accounts for half years ending:

Mar 1849; 3pp.

- (1-3) Jun & Dec 1850, with Rental vouchers to Sep 1850; c.120pp.

Mar & Sep 1851 (Rental vouchers only); c.60pp.

Mar 1852 (Rental vouchers only); 28pp.

Jan 1855; c.30pp.

Jul 1855; c.40pp.

Ulcombe Accounts for half years ending:

Tithe Receipts; 2pp
1840;1843

- (1-3) 1 Jul 1849 & 1 Jan 1850; c.90pp.

- 1 Jul 1850; c.35pp.
- (1-2) 1 Jul 1851 and Jan 1852; c.80pp.
- (1-2) Jul 1852 and Jan 1853; c.50pp.
- Jul 1853; c.40pp.
- Jan 1855; c.50pp.
- (1-2) Jul 1855 and Jan 1856; c.50pp.
- Mar 1858; c.35pp.
- Returned cheques from Swaledale and Wensleydale Banking Company,
Richmond; c.100pp.
1887-9

1.ii.2. Abstracts and Summaries of Half Years Accounts

English Estates Summaries of Accounts ending:

- (1) Jul & Sep 1819 (Supplemental Account, 2 copies (one rough)), Mar & Sep 1820; 5 items.
- (2) Sep 1821 (with sums received to Mar 1822), Mar 1822 (with sums received to Sep 1822) (2 copies); 3 items.
- (3) Mar 1824 (with sums received to Sep 1824)
Mar 1825 (with sums received to Sep 1825)
Sep 1825 (2 copies); 5 items.
- (4) Mar 1826, Mar & Sep 1827, Mar 1828; 4 items.

Hipswell & Hudswell Accounts (including Rentals) ending:

- (1) Sep 1833, Sep 1835, Sep 1836, 3 items.
- (2) Mar 1843, Sep 1843 (rough draft), Mar 1844, Mar 1845; 4 items.
- (3) Mar 1847, Mar 1849; 2 items.

Kirklington Accounts (including Rentals) ending:

- (1) Sep 1833, Mar 1835, Sep 1835; 3 items.

(2) Mar 1843, Mar 1844 (2 copies); 3 items.

(3) Mar 1845, Mar 1847, Mar 1849; 3 items

Eaton Rentals and Accounts of Henry Chawner ending:

(1) Mar & Sep 1843, Mar & Sep 1845, Sep 1846; 5 items.

(2) Mar & Sep 1847, Mar & Sep 1848, Mar 1849,
Summary of Eaton Account ending Mar 1849,
Sep 1855; 7 items

Ulcombe Rentals and Accounts of James Hatch ending:

Sep 1855-Jul 1859

13 items

Rough drafts and calculations for half years accounts; 9pp.
1830-44

1.ii.3.Agents Accounts, and other Accounts

Edward Ranshorn; 1p.

1741

Paul Burgess, Hipswell, Hudswell & Kirklington; 8pp.

1837- 38, 40

See Paul and Mary Burgess, Hipswell, Hudswell & Kirklington
Rentals Aug 1843, Feb 1844

See Thomas Bradley, Hipswell, Hudswell & Kirklington
Rentals Sep 1849, Mar 1852, Sep 1855, Mar & Sep 1856, Mar & Sep 1857

See Henry Chawner, Eaton
Rentals Michaelmas 1841, Michaelmas 1842, Ladyday 1843, Ladyday 1844

Accounts of :

William Westgarth, Accountant (17 Feb 1693)

Mr Gibson for writings [early 1700's]

William Routh, Overseer of the Poor (1731-2)

Hudswell Church of England School (Jun 1888); 4pp
1693-1888

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Accounts and related letters of Messrs Hutton & Co., Richmond, Bankers, with accounts 1819-25, Jun 1830 and other records of transations; 17pp.
1819-35

Summary of Account of the Executors of Mr Flint with Wandesforde; 1p.
1838-45

See also Rentals for Summaries of Agents Accounts.

1.iii. Administration Correspondence

1.iii.1.General Correspondence

General letters, mostly to Castlecomer agent, from those involved with estate administration, including the gamekeeper, local clergy, and tenants.

- (1) Includes: notice issued by Master of Kirklington school, that 'Thirteen poor children are put to school by the benevolent Countess of Ormond... and are carefully taught the Principles of the Christian Religion' [1820's]; 16 pp.
1812-28
- (2) Includes: letters from John Lloyd, Hudswell Grange, concerning his difficulties in paying his rent (Jan-Dec 1831); various objections to notices to quit, such as that from the tenant of Hipswell Lodge (22 Oct 1833); letter from S Haworth, clergyman, Richmond objecting to the appointment of 'a decided Methodist' as teacher in Hipswell school (7 Feb 1834); petition from tenants of the townships of Hipswell and Hudswell, appealing for a reduction in rent in the current market situation (Jun 1835); 13 pp.
1830-6
- (3) Includes: two letters from Margaret Potts, Moorsley, to Mr Dobbs, regarding her allowance, which appears to have been stopped in Mar 1840 (30 May 1837, 2 Mar 1840); 14pp.
1837-44
- (4) Includes: Copy of letter from Ellen E Stevenson, seeking assistance with funding for a new school room for Hipswell School, writing that it 'is of as much importance to Mrs Wandesforde's tenants as to mine', and attached background notes on the school (c.Feb 1871); and a number of letters from Charles Beckwith, Kirklington Post Office, with an inventory of the books and furniture of the Hall, Kirklington (4 Jul 1882); 14pp
1868-83

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Letters from William R L'anson, Clerk of the Courts of Hipswell, Hudswell & Kirklington. Includes: appeal for protective measures to be taken for those who impound animals, following a violent attack (22 Jun 1822); and bill for expenses due to L'anson from the representatives of the late Countess Ormonde (23 Aug 1830); 7 items.
1822-33

1.iii.2.Agents Correspondence

Letters from English agents to Castlecomer agents and members of the Wandesforde family concerning estate administration.

- (1) Daniel and John Tuke, York; 4 pp.
Nov 1825-Nov 1832

Paul Burgess, Thirsk; 1 p.
16 Sep 1837

See also Rentals for letters from Tuke and Burgess.

- (2) Henry Chawner, Sudbury, Uttoxeter; 18 pp.
Nov 1837-Sep 45; 5 Feb 1846
- (3) Thomas Bradley, Richmond. Includes copy letter from Richard Eaton; 3 pp.
Oct-Nov 1845

James Hatch, Chigworth Farm, Broomfield (Ulcombe). Includes bond of James Hatch and John Thomas Dennett, Cranbrook, Co. of Kent, bookseller, as security for Ulcombe rents (16 Aug 1839), and letter from unidentified person concerning Ulcombe rent and administration (1 Mar 1848); 6 pp.
Aug 1839; Mar 1848; Aug 1856-Feb 1859

[JM] Bradley, Richmond to Mrs Prior-Wandesforde.

- (1) 1883; 17pp.
- (2) 1884; 46pp.
- (3) 1885; 31pp.
- (4) 1886; 15pp.
- (5) 1887; 19pp.
- (6) 1888; 28pp.

(7) 1889; 12pp.

See Rentals for Accounts of Agents.

1.iv. Legal documentation

Copy will of Richard Stoney, Kirklington (13 Dec 1718); rough draft of pension agreement for former employees (1 Nov 1842); Copy Probate of Will of Rev. Peter Ewart, Rector of Kirklington (Will 12 Jul 1841; Probate 17 Jan 1853); 3 items.
1718; 1842; 1841/53

1.v. English Estate Maintenance

Various estimates and bills for repairs on English estates.
Includes: estimate of charge for repairing Kirklington mill [mid 1700's, *very badly torn*]; bills for the repair of house of Edward Penty, Kirklington (1836-7); bill for work carried out on the property of Mr Smith Carrington, Eaton (1855); and accounts of work carried out in Ulcombe (1856-8); 22pp.
[mid 1700's]-1858

Bills and vouchers of Ralph White, Woodman, mostly cash notes for sums paid out by White to others (Feb-Jun 1846); c.40pp.
1835-46

See also Hipswell Hudswell & Kirklington vouchers.

Accounts of sales of timber (Yorkshire and Ulcombe), notably auction sales(1854-8); 7pp.
1834-7; 1851; 1854-8

Hipswell and Hudswell drainage returns, with cover letter from Thomas Bradley to Earl of Carrick (2 Jan 1864); 4pp.
1861-4

Appendix 2 - Transcriptions of letters

2.1. Transcription of statement by Lord Carrick c.1868

'...In 1831 there were 713 immediate tenants under Mr Wandesforde, and these had 2067 tenants under them. The I extract from a rental is September 1831, giving the names of all the tenants and undertenants. Mr Wandesforde, fearing that these undertenants and subtenants would be reduced to poverty, and the Estate utterly ruined, determined to break the leases which Lady Ormonde had no power to make; for the sole purpose of benefitting the under and subtenants. What Mr Wandesforde feared actually did happen in the famine of 1848 on those townlands still held under lease up to 1850. In 1796 T Denn (this is the man who through his influence with the family obtained a lease of the townland of Ballylinnen in 1794 at 6s per acre when it was worth 26s) obtained a lease of the townland of Cloneen 491 acres at £230 15s 5d per annum. In 1850 Mrs [Keating] held the lands as [Rep.] of T Denn, but had not a single acre in her own hands; she having 67 tenants under her, and these 67 had 129 subtenants under them. Of these 129 subtenants 90 held cabins without a single perch of land. In 1831 there were only 70 tenants in all on this townland as is shown by the rental above alluded to. Can anyone imagine such a state of affairs during the famine times? The consequence of all this was that Mr Wandesforde instead of being benefited as Mr [Marun] states, lost thousands of pounds. It appears from the accounts of the Estate that the sum lost was at least £34,282, viz cost of emigration 4854 persons all at their own request £14,525. Unrecoverable arrears of £4,652. Mr Brenan held land in Ballylinnen as undertenant to Mrs Keating, part of which lands he let to 17 subtenants. On the breaking of this lease 1850 Mr Wandesforde continued these subtenants as tenants under him, and these are now 1868 the worst paying tenants on the estate.

I think I have clearly shown that Mr Wandesforde's sole object in breaking the leases was to benefit the undertenants, and that he himself was the only one who lost by doing so, as most of the lease holders were only too glad to be rid of tenants who could not pay rent in the bad times; and all who had any claim to compensation were paid it as is proved by a paper in Mr Wandesforde's own handwriting, which shows that £4,652 was paid to persons holding under Lady Ormonde's leases, besides annuities granted for the lives of others. Out of this £4,652 the Brenan family received £641.'

2.2. Emigration

Letter from Rev Salmon, Cruttyard, Gazebo Chapel, to TM Ray, Secretary of Repeal Assoc (18 Apr 1844)

My dear sir,

your letter of the 14th inst. in reference to the numerous emigrants from this parish reached me only yesterday. The report you have received of them is, in almost all respects utterly false. It is true that many hundreds have left the parish of every age and sex, but it is false that any compilation has been used towards them; it is not less false that they have been removed to 'make room for Protestants and if their houses have been levelled'. This is a condition they voluntarily assented to when applying for means to emigrate. Of what use would these cabins be to individuals who abandoned them for

America? The true state of the case is, having no employment here, they naturally looked for it elsewhere; and their landlord the Honble CB Wandesforde, has afforded them the means of carrying their purposes into execution. It is cruel to charge him with harshness or bigotry where he is entitled to praises for his generosity.

This statement I make as an answer to your letter to Revd Fr Aylward.

Your humble servant,

Fr Salmon

Letter to Bridget Brenan from James Purcell, Geelong, Australia (10 Aug 1846)

Dear Bridget,

I take the opportunity of writing these few lines hoping to find you and Eliza Martin & Bidy in good health as this leaves us at present thanks be to God for it. Government is giving a free passage to the children left at home until the end of the year 1841. I had to consent to bring our children, our master and Mary going so hard on me five times I declined and our master still kept to me. However, this cheque of ten pounds you will get it cashed as (I) expect you did the other I sent you. It is for supplying them with clothing and the necessaries for the voyage. I am also paying your passage of twenty one pounds. Its gone sealed in a letter of our employer to Mr Wandesforde to Castlecomer and you will hear from it in the office you will enquire from Mr Dobbs. I am certain he will agree for your passage and get you the tickets. If you will not come any one you will recommend can come on the ticket. I suppose it is likely to be Mick. If he can come he could do very well if Mick do not come send Patt Brenan my sister's son. It's not wise of you if yourself do not come. You need look for no service. I have plenty. This country is real good now and likely to continue so I think there is not a better country in the world and no hard work for man or woman here. Wages mens up to 30L and will very soon more than 40L, woman's up to 20 and 25L.

Dear Bidy the necessaries requisite is as follows: two suit of clothes each. Have one good dress for each landing any kind and can be worn in the ship have shoes without nails and in the hot climates keep light dress and mostly on deck and in rough weather keep down and at all times have care. There is good care wanting in a ship, the danger can be easily seen. Look sharp at all places. Next tin [panniars] tin plates knives and forks spoons a good sized tin for making grewel or such and a tin made in the form of a jar for keeping spare water for the use of drinks about six quarts in size or more. Bring about 3 or 4 stone of good oatenmail and a few lb of sugar also have a bottle of castor oil mixed with peppermint water in case of purgeing or such to take a slight dose of it you will want I suppose 2 good sized chests and keep them stocked and also I believe 2 small ones to hold anything most necessary as you cannot get at the large boxes but seldom. There will I am certain be a man appointed in Kilkenny to direct this and do according his directions, he will be giving more orders then he need to I am certain. Patt Purcell wrote to me that he was sending for his two children. Care them too, as well as you can if no one be with them. If you have a few bottles of wine a little of it would be useful at times. Buy a few Carlow made spades you will bring me they would be handy about a vegetable garden.

Dear Bidy this is also a fine climate its the finest winter climate in the world and also a very handsome country. There is ten times as much of this country under beautiful plains then is under timber, about Christmas being the cheapest time of stock here. I am

determined to go down to Melburn to buy two breeding mares. They are very profitable here. I will buy two with [trained] foals and be with foal. They bring a foal every year and broken to saddle and harness before two years old. Mr Acrey thinks he will go down about that time to buy some cows to send up to the upper station. If he does I will buy about twenty cows that I will send up with his lot. Their keep will be no loss to me, tell Garrett Brenan, he could do very well here or any other person money and value plenty here and easy earned. If Mick could come he could be ploughing about four months after 6 bullocks easy to plough here too. Our master would employ him yearly at good wages. Dear Biddy all I say in this you may rely on to be real true. But I will take one chance more for home. That is if Mr Dobbs be getting us home or myself I would pay Marys passage and go and then should tell Mr Dobbs to let Mr Wandesforde to hold the twenty one pounds until I would go home and you could have the ten pounds look sharp at this if any disappointment should happen in ye not coming notice Mr Wandesforde of it, if not I will expect ye from May out, I have space to say no more my children and friends farewell untill I see them. Jas Purcell.

Tell my sister Winny I will send her money in short.

Appendix 3 - Kilkenny, Castlecomer and Athy Railway Bill

Those involved with Bill, brought before Parliament Session 1909

Presented by Joseph Devlin, Dennis Kilbride, Michael Meagher, Patrick O'Brien and John O'Connor;

Solicitor - George D. Perks

Parliamentary Agent - John Kennedy

Opposed by:

R.H. Prior-Wandesforde and others (Marquis of Ormonde, George Leopold Bryan);

Solicitor: Thomas Franks & Son (House of Commons), John Lanigan (House of Lords)

Parliamentary Agent: W.&W.M. Bell

Others involved:

GS&W Railway Co.

Solicitor: Croker Barrington

Parliamentary Agent: Sherwood & Co.

Kilkenny Co. Co.

Solicitor: James Harte

Parliamentary Agent: James T. Southgate & Co.

Appendix 4 - Related lists and items in the National Library and elsewhere.

Special List No. 429: Box list giving an outline of the records on loan to the Castlecomer Demesne Company Ltd., listed by Deirdre Heaphy in November 1997.

For information on members of the family see:

Articles referring to the Wandesforde family noted in Richard Hayes, *Periodical Sources for the History of Irish Civilisation* (1970):

1. 'An arbitration case (Coal mine at Clough Co. Kilkenny)', *The Irish Builder*, Vol. X no. 212, p.261, 15 Oct 1868.
2. Moore, Rev. Philip, 'Note concerning portraits of General Vallency and Sir Christopher Wandesforde', *Royal History and Archaeological Assoc. of Ireland Journal*, Series 4, Vol III, part 2, pp437-8, 1875.
3. Upton, Henry A.S., 'A list of the Governors and Deputy Governors of Counties in Ireland in 1699', *Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland Journal*, Series 6, Vol XV, pp36-53, 1925.

Other related items in the National Library:

1. GO Ms 174 Pedigree of Prior of Lisnesallagh, also Crossogue, Co. Tipperary, also pp518-9 of Mount Dillon, Co. Dublin.
c.1700-1843
2. GO Ms 170 Pedigree of Wandesforde of Kirklington, and of Co. Stafford, Baronets pp237-41 and Viscounts, Castlecomer.
1345-1808
3. GO Ms 110 Copy of exemplification of arms to Richard Henry Prior of pp167-8 Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny, eldest son of Charles Butler Prior and grandson of Rev. John Prior, by Sarah, daughter of the Hon Charles HBCS Wandesforde of Castlecomer on his assuming under Royal Licence the name and arms of Prior-Wandesforde.
16 Jun 1894
4. GO Ms 153 Copy of royal licence to Mrs Sarah Prior, that she may take the name pp433-8 Wandesforde in addition to and after the name Prior.
30 Aug 1882
5. GO Ms 110 Copy of grant of arms to Sarah Prior, widow of Rev John Prior of pp35-6 Mount Dillon, Co. Dublin, and only surviving daughter of the Hon

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Charles Harward Butler Clarke Southwell Wandesforde of Castlecomer Co. Kilkenny, on her assuming under Royal Licence the name and arms of Prior Wandesforde.

10 Oct 1882

6. Ms 726A Down Survey Maps; Maps 15-23: barony of Fassadinin (Map 21: part of Castlecomer)
7. 21 F 139 Atlas of 24 coloured maps with names of tenants of the manor and lordship of Castlecomer, the townlands of Tomascotha and Julianstown, Co. Kilkenny, the property of the Dowager Countess of Ormonde, by J. Healy, 1812
8. Ms 32,511 (1-3) Notebooks relating to the Leinster Coalfield, including colliery notes by Joseph Dobbs and a commonplace book, mostly concerned with collier matters, also containing recipes and remedies, and notes of royalty dues payable to landlords, signed by J.H. Lamphier (Feb 1876); 3 items, c.1870-1912
9. EC314 Box no.3245 Land Commission Index - RH Prior-Wandesforde: notes on content of box in Land Commission Archives.

Material in the National Archives:

Business Castlecomer Collieries wages books, labour books, etc.; 152 items.
Records KK44

Material in University College, Dublin:

S6/58 Deeds and other title documents relating to the administration of the estates of the Wandesford family, particularly Richard Henry Prior-Wandesford, in Castlecomer, county Kilkenny, Limerick, Yorkshire and Kent, including material relating to mining and mineral rights on the Castlecomer estates; 2 boxes.
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