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INVENTORY OF THE RECORDS

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The inventory is mainly concerned with the Ashburnham Collection which includes a remarkably fine series of manorial and family records. They relate to Barking cum Needham and the neighbouring estates, which were acquired by the Ashburnham Family through the inter-marriage of John Earl of Ashburnham with Elizabeth Crowley.

Barking Hall and Needham, together with some copyholds in Baylham and mills at Creeting, came to Elizabeth Crowley's father John, who died in 1728, by marriage with Theodosia Gascoyne. During his brief married life, Crowley added to the estate various lands in Darmsden and Barking, Hitcham and Buxhall. His son Ambrose in 1735 purchased from Richard Gipps the manors of Badley and Columbine Hall with lands in Stow Upland and Creeting St. Mary, and he also bought from Orlando Bridgman the manor of Combes with lands in Creeting St. Olaves.

Apart from the settlements made by the Ashburnham family who eventually inherited the whole property through the deaths of Elizabeth's brothers and sister, the records consist of the title deeds to these properties together with some very remarkable papers arising from the families to which the estates had formerly belonged. The records of Barking Hall go back to 1509 only; but they include a copy of a rental dated 16 Edward IV, and a good series of court-rolls from 1509 to 1690.

The most interesting of the Barking Court Rolls is that which contains the first court held by Francis Nedham on 13th August, 1611. It is adorned with his coat of arms very finely coloured. Nedham also compiled for the use of his steward a book about the manor which must be one of the earliest attempts to write the history of a Suffolk manor. It is particularly entertaining because of the caustic remarks upon the administration of the estates by Queen Elizabeth's officials, Thomas Seckford and others. The writer's own short-comings are represented by Exchequer Proceedings after his death, arising from his failure to erect a free school and almshouse at Needham in accordance with his grant of the manor from the Crown.

The documents from Badley and Columbine Hall are of earlier date and have a peculiar interest because they include so many of the personal papers of the Poleys of Columbine Hall. The Badley deeds go back to 1346 and include one of Edmund Hackluyt son to the Geographer and a memorandum of purchases made by Edmund and his father. Court Rolls make a somewhat imperfect series from the second year of Henry VII to 1723. The Columbine Hall deeds begin in 1331. There is a rental of 4 Edward VI ; but no court rolls of this manor occur. The will of Sir John Poley of Columbine Hall proved in 1635, is among the most entertaining of the personal papers. He bequeaths to his son the " Guilt Cales bedstead " which he had brought back as loot from Spain, and also the covering which he had wrought for it with his own hands, the one to remind his son of his prowess, the other of his industry in times of peace.

The records relating to Combes Hall include a consecutive series of court rolls from 1559 to 1700 and the deeds begin in 1560. There is also a map of the estate of Orlando Bridgman in Combes surveyed by Tallemache and showing a good picture of Combes Hall.

The abundant papers of the Crowley family indicate vividly the life of this family in the eighteenth century. They are especially numerous in the case of Theodosia (Gascoigne) Crowley, who outlived her husband and sons and frequently appears as " Madam " Crowley, for example in the records of her rebuilding of Bosmere Bridge as an act of grace. The personal affairs of the family are so closely combined with the business of the Suffolk estates, and the story of Barking Hall depends so closely upon the family disputes, that it would be risky to contemplate any separation from the Suffolk papers of the records relating to the other properties of the Crowleys. These were scattered over a large part of the country. There are very voluminous Chancery Proceedings between Ambrose Crowley and his mother, which incidentally include detailed inventories of the family's ironmills in the North and the Midlands, and the stock in their warehouse (where Mr. Crowley occasionally slept) in Thames Street, London, which is set out down to the last hole in the smallest mousetrap. On the other hand, the documents in A14 relating to various properties of the Ashburnham family have no essential bearing on the Suffolk estates.

The inventory here printed gives in detail the items in the Ashburnham Collection, all of which have been sorted and labelled ; but each section would be well worth more detailed listing and study.

The remaining records, which were deposited at the same time, have not been examined thoroughly. The most notable among them is the fine series relating to Great Saxham, which include the personal papers of the Eldred family. There are also numerous deeds which should be calendared and are of especial interest because of their early seals. Members owe gratitude for the zeal of their Secretary in securing these for the use of the student. In these times, when destruction at the hand of the waste-paper merchant threatens so closely, it especially behoves every individual member of the Institute to try to prevent the loss of irreplaceable records of this kind.

A. ASHBURNHAM COLLECTION.

A1. DEEDS AND PAPERS, GENERAL ASHBURNHAM ESTATE IN SUFFOLK, 1544-1832.

A1/1. *Deeds.*

1-13. Settlements and Mortgages, Suffolk estate of the Ashburnham family 1804-1827.

Barking cum Needham manor ; mills in Barking ; Barking Hall and site of manor ; lands in Barking, Needham, Darmsden ; Badley Manor, Hall and Rectory ; Columbine (Thorney Columbers) Manor in Stowmarket ; Dodds Farm in Creeting, Badley and Battisford ; lands in Badley, Battisford and Stowupland ; Combes manor and rectory with lands in Combes and Hitcham. (2 bdles.)

14-46. "Old Deeds." "Bdle 1." 1631-1670.

Barking Manor, Darmsden Chapel, mills in Barking and Needham. Divided as:—

14-33. Settlements of the Needham family, 1631-42, including articles (15th May, 1639) between Thos. Needham, Esq. and John Penrice of Lincoln's Inn (for John Wenham of More Hall, Suss.) ; deeds as to interests of Dame Anne Middleton and the Corsellis family.

34-38. Deeds, chiefly conveyances to Francis Theobald. Tenements in Barking (endorsed "Winters"). 1643-47.

39-41. Deeds (Theobald, Greene and Chester families). Rectory and advowson of Barking. 1641-48.

42-45. Deeds (Theobald, Nightingale and Chester). Barking cum Needham Manor. 1649-70.

46. Lease. John Goodwin of Badley to Fras. Huggin of Ipswich. Lands called Hemingston Read in Barham. 1657.

(1 bdle.)

47-81. "Old Deeds." "Bdle 2." 1544-1722.

Barking Manor, Barking Church, Darmsden Chapel, Barking Mills and lands.

47. Lease. Site of Barking Hall Manor. Bishop of Ely to John Bugge of Barking. 1544.

(*Bishop's Seal, imperfect.*)

48. Assignment of Crown Lease. Site of same manor. Thos. Broke, "clerk of the Backhouse to Queen Elizabeth" to John Bugge. 1575.

49. Letters patent. Exemplification and renewal of Crown Lease to John Bugge ; site of the manor. 1592.

(*Great Seal of Queen Elizabeth.*)

50. Letters patent. Grant of Barking cum Needham Manor, etc., to Francis Nedham, of Melborne, Derby, Esq. 1611.

(*Great Seal and Portrait of James I.,*

51-52. Contemporary copy and translation of 50. Endorsed by Fras. Nedham "Copy of the Patent of my Manor of Barking cum Nedham." c. 1611.

53-65. Deeds (Nedham and Theobald families). Barking cum Needham Manor. 1619-46.

(Numerous Seals).

66-81. Deeds. Advowson and watermill, Barking; tenements in Barking and the Creetings. c. 1625-1722.

82. Leases, by John Crowley, Esq., for terms of years, viz. to :— Thos. Robyns, gent, part of Barking Hall, 1718; Sage, Mess. in Creeting All SS. 1718; Edmd. Moore, the Fox at Barking, 1721; Baker, mess. and lands, Darmsden and Baylham, 1724; Thos. Holden, the like, Barking, 1724; Saml. Moyes, the like, Monk Soham, 1724 (1 bdle.)

A1/2. *Legal Papers. Ashburnham Estates in Suffolk.* 1817-32.

1. Abstract of Title for Counsel's opinion on a mortgage. 1817.
 2. Schedules of records (Barking, Combes and Columbine Hall) delivered to H. Browne, of Diss, by Frere and Fosters, 1831-2; draft terriers of same, 1831. 1831-2.
 3. Schedules of deeds of estates mortgaged to Charles Boone, Esq. 1817.
- (1 bdle.)

A1/3. *Memoranda on the Barking Estate.* 1717.

A1/3/1. Memoranda (probably by John Crowley) of repairs to be done at Barking Hall and agreements with tenants. (1 bdle.)

A2. DEEDS AND LEGAL PAPERS, CROWLEY FAMILY. 1726-82, 1843.

A2/1. *Title Deeds.* 1726-1782.

1. Copy will with Probate (P.C.C.) and Exemplification. John Crowley, Citizen and Alderman of London, 16 May, 1726, pr. 17 Jan. 1727/8, bur. at Barking. Reciting marriage settlement with Theodosia only dau. of Dr. Gascoyne, of Enfield, and sister of Theobald Gascoyne, then late of Gray's Inn, 7 Dec. 1715. 1726-8.

2. Agreement, Theodosia Crowley, of St. Martin in the Fields, widow, and Joseph Gascoigne Nightingale, of Enfield (executors under No. 1) with Ambrose Crowley, of East Greenwich, Esq. eldest son and heir of John Crowley. Personal estate of John Crowley, "who was a very great merchant trading in many sorts of goods and merchandizes, chiefly in making and vending iron wares and having many forges, mills and warehouses in several counties."

The agreement includes a transfer to Ambrose Crowley (inter alia) of the "Ambrose" and the "John" (formerly the "Newcastle Merchant") and the "Crowley," ships lying in the Thames, the pink

"Theodosia" in H.M. Service in America, and other vessels (fully described), mooring chains and anchors (in detail) near Blackwall Dock, houses and ground in E. Greenwich, Kent, bonds on voyages, shares, etc., acquired in 1691 by Sir Ambrose Crowley. 1740.

3-5. Lease and Release to uses (two counterparts). Theodosia Crowley, of St. Martin in the Fields, relict of John Crowley to Boulter Tomlinson of the same, Doctor in Physic.

Badley Manor, Hall and Rectory, Grettiford in Badley, Columbine Manor and Hall, lands in Stowmarket and Stow Upland occupied Nicholas Boby, Dodd's Farm in Creeting St. Mary, lands (described) in Barking, Creeting and Badley, farm and water corn-mill in Badley, farm in Badley and Battisford, potash ground in Badley, mess. in Stow Upland, woodlands in Badley and Stow Upland purchased by Theodosia, and all hereditaments late of Richard Gipps and purchased by her in Badley, Combes, Battisford, W. Creeting, Creeting St. Mary, All SS., St. Olave and St. Peter, Barking, Needham Market, Stowmarket, Stow Upland, Darmsden. 1740.

6. Marriage Settlement. Sir William Stanhope, K.B., second son of Philip late Earl of Chesterfield, widower and Miss Mary Crowley of the Privy Garden, Whitehall. The parties include Joseph Gascoigne Nightingale of Enfield Esq. and Ambrose and John Crowley of East Greenwich, Esquires.

Manors of Wing Ascott Eythorpe and others in Bucks, Beds, Herts. 1745.

(Signature and Seals).

7. Bonds for performance of covenants in No. 6. 1745.

8. Marriage Settlement. Joseph Gascoigne Nightingale of Enfield Esq. with Lady Elizabeth Shirley, eldest dau. of Washington, Earl Ferrers.

Enfield Rectory and other properties outside Suffolk. 1725.

9. Faculty, directed by Thos. Tanner, Official of the Bishop of Norwich to churchwardens of Barking, for Theodosia, widow of John Crowley Esq. of Barking, to make a tomb for him and her family in Barking Church. 1728.

10. Will (original), Theodosia Crowley, widow, of Berkeley Square, Middx; bur. in "My Family Vault" at Barking; bequests, including one-third of the business of Crowley and Company, to son-in-law John, Earl of Ashburnham; £100 each to Enfield, Needham and Barking for the poor. 1781.

11. Copy of No. 10 with Probate Act (P.C.C.), to John Earl of Ashburnham, executor. 1782.

12. Marriage Settlement, John Crowley of E. Greenwich Esq. with Theodosia Gascoigne.

Barking cum Needham, lordship and hall, mills in Barking, lands in Barking, Needham, Darmsden, Creeting, the advowson of Barking. 1715.

13. Marriage Settlement (indres. 17, 18 June), John Earl of Ashburnham with Elizabeth Crowley.

Mills at Gateshead, property at E. Greenwich. 1756.

(5 docts. in a long roll).

14. Memorandum. Articles for No. 12. 1715. (1 bdle.)

A2/2. Agreements.

Mrs. (Theodosia) Crowley and her children concerning effects and estate of her late husband, John Crowley Esq. 18th c. (1 bdle.)

A2/3. Papers in Chancery Proceedings, Crowley v. Crowley.

1-3. Proceedings, Ambrose Crowley v. Theodosia Crowley and executors of John Crowley, deceased, including unengrossed schedules of the estate. c. 1739. (3 bdles.)

4-8. Engrossed Schedules, attached to Defendants, Answer, including (4) Inventory of goods of John Crowley at E. Greenwich, Jan. 1727/8; (5) debts desperate at E. Greenwich; (6) goods in the London warehouse; (7) book debts of the business; (8) tools and implements at Swallowwell, co. Durham. (6 rolls.)

A2/4. Personal Estate of Crowley Family.

1. Copy inventory, household goods and wares of John Crowley at E. Greenwich (in house and warehouse, with debts), and at the dwelling-house in Thames Street; wares at the "Doublett" warehouse in Thames Street, and at warehouses in Hertfordshire, at Blackwall, Essex, Wolverhampton, Staffs., Walsall, Staffs., Stourbridge, Worcs., Mill No. 1 co. Durham, at Winlaton and at Swallowwell Manufactory, co. Durham; four ships (all "needed in the business") and $\frac{1}{8}$ of a ship; leaseholds at London, Greenwich, Blackwall, Stourbridge, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Ware and "in the North"; including water-corn-mills erected by (Sir) Ambrose Crowley. 2 Jan. 1727-8.

2. Executors' Account of the Estate of John Crowley, 1732, compared with 1739. 1732-9.

3. Bill for enabling the Queen to acquire land for enlarging H.M. Dockyards (pr.). 1843.

A3. MANORIAL RECORDS AND TITLE DEEDS, BARKING CUM NEEDHAM.

A3/1. Rentals and Surveys, Barking cum Needham. 16 Ed. IV-1769.

1. Survey Book, compiled by Francis Nedham, and including an account of the manor at and before his purchase of it.

Contains a history of the manor from Saxon times to 1611, copies of a survey 3 Aug. 1607, rentals 16 Edw. IV, 36 Hen. VIII, and 31 Elizabeth (with additions); and the following, added later:—rental, 7 Chas. I; Counsel's opinions concerning copyholds in the manor, t. Chas. I. 1611-1632. (Paper book; parchment cover).

2-10. Rentals, 1637, 42, 89; 1720, 26-46, 42, 44-54, 54, 54-69. Barking cum Needham.

(9 documents in a wrapper, printed plan of cemetery at Battle, Sussex).

A3/2. *Court Rolls, Barking cum Needham.* 1509-1690.

Courts baron with leet. Nos. 5-18 have an index nominum.

1. Courts of Dom. William Falliat, Prior of Ely, *sede vacante*, 28 Ap. 7 Hen. VIII, and first court of Thomas Godric, Bishop of Ely, Wed. after Holy Trinity, 26 Hen. VIII.

2. The like, 28 Aug. 1535-18 Aug. 1546.

3. The like, 22 March, 1547-8 July, 1558.

4. The like, 10 Sep. 1561-9 Oct. 1586.

5. The like, 9 Oct., 1588-3 March, 1603.

6. The like, 19 Sep., 1603-27 Sep., 1608.

7. The like, 13 Aug., 1611-8 Nov., 1621, including a finely illuminated coat of arms of Francis Nedham, in the initial P of *Prima curia*, 13 Aug., 1611.

8. The like, 22 Oct., 1623-30 Mar., 1627, including first court of Thomas Middleton knt. Alderman of London, 27 Ap., 1625.

9. The like, 29 Mar., 1627-28 Dec., 1630. Courts of Baron Middleton and of Sir Thos. Middleton, knt.

10. The like, 20 Ap., 1631-10 Jan., 1638/9, including first court of Dame Anne Middleton, widow, 29 Sep., 1631.

11. The like, 2 Ap., 1635-1639.

12. The like, 2 Oct., 1639-19 Oct., 1641, including first court of Fras. Theobald, Esq., 2 Oct., 1639.

13. The like, 23 Ap., 1644-2 Ap., 1646, courts of Fras. Theobald, Esq.

14. The like, 20 Ap., 1647-3 Oct., 1648, courts of Fras. Theobald, Esq.

15. The like, 12 Ap., 1653-1655 (English), including first court of Fras. Theobald, Esq., after the death of Fras., his father.

16. The like, 10 Ap., 1656-10 Ap., 1660 (English), courts of Fras. Theobald, Esq.

17. The like, 9 Oct., 1660-12 Oct., 1675, courts of Fras. Theobald, Esquire; of Fras. Theobald, knt., from 1670.

18. The like, 1676-14 Oct., 1690, courts of Fras. Theobald, knt., to 4 Oct., 1679; of Robert Theobald, Esq., from 6 Ap., 1680.

(18 rolls, parchment)

19-21. Draft Court Books, 1622-1663, viz: 19. 1622-26; 20. 1639-43; 21. 1647-1663. (3 books; paper; parchment covers).

A3/3. *Miscellaneous Deeds* :—relating to various properties in Barking, Bosmere, Creeting St. Mary, Ipswich and Needham Market.

1a, 1b. Bungeons and lands in *Barking*, purchased of Mr. Burroughs, 1726. (2 bdles).

2. A "little" estate in *Barking* and *Ipswich* (Old Fleshmarket), bought by Mrs. Theodosia Crowley from William Studd of Bramford, perriwig-maker, 1734. (1 bdle.)

3. Freehold house and lands in *Barking*, purchased by the Earl of Ashburnham from John Medows Theobald, Esq., 1788; with certificate of Redemption of Land Tax, 1799. (1 bdle.)

4. Freeholds and copyholds in *Barking* and *Creeting St. Mary*, purchased from Miss Parish, 1801. (1 bdle.)

5. Freeholds and copyholds in *Barking*, purchased of Hayward, 1801. (1 bdle.)

6. Tenements in *Barking*, purchased of Esther Dove, 1806. (1 bdle.)

7. Blacksmith's shop in *Barking*, purchased of S. Woollard, 1859. (1 pkt.)

8. Tenements in *Barking*, purchased from Trustees of the Rev. I. Bond. (1 bdle.)

9. Tenements in *Barking*, purchased from R. C. Button. (1 pkt.)

10. Tenements in *Barking*, purchased from R. Marriott. (1 pkt.)

11. Tenements in *Needham Market*, purchased in reversion from the Ecclesiastical Commrs. (1 pkt.)

12. Copyholds of *Barking cum Needham Manor*, acquired by John Crowley, 1707-41; with the certificate of his admission to the Freedom of London, 1713. (1 bdle.)

13. Copyholds of *Barking Overhall Manor* (King's College, Cambridge, lords), being admissions of the Ashburnham family 1846, 1879, 1898, and enfranchisement, 1898. (1 bdle.)

14. *Barking Town Lands*, held in trust for the poor. Deeds relating to enfranchisement and an exchange between the Trustees and Lord Ashburnham, 1810. (2 deeds)

15. Leasehold lands in *Bosmere* near Needham, held of the Dean and Chapter, Ely. Deeds relating to assignment of lease by Mrs. Theodosia Crowley to the Earl of Ashburnham, and renewal of lease by the Dean and Chapter (*Seal*), 1776. (1 bdle.)

A4. DEEDS. DARMSDEN (WITH BARKING).

1. Lands in *Darmsden and Barking*, purchased of Roycroft's assignees. 1. Deeds before 1700. 2. Modern. (2 bdles.)

2. Property at *Darmsden*, purchased from A. B. Cobbold; modern. (1 bdle.)

3. Lands in *Darmsden*, purchased of John Kirby Moore, Esq., 1856; modern. (1 bdle.)
4. Tenement called Beldames in Darmsden, with copyholds of manors of *Baylham* and *Claydon* in Darmsden, wills of Thos. Baldry of *Needham Market*, innholder, pr. 1746, and Ric. Clarke the Elder of *Barking*, pr. 1743. 1651-1780. (1 bdle.)
5. Copies of Court Roll of *Bridge Place, Coddendam*, 1691-1755, including admissions of Neave, Roycroft, Crowley and Boone to a cottage and lands in *Darmsden*, and to Bridge Pightle there, with enfranchisement awards of the same to the Earl of Ashburnham, 1897-1898 (cf. A5/4, A6/1; and for Roycroft, A14/2). (1 bdle.)

A5. BADLEY DEEDS AND MANORIAL RECORDS.

1. *Badley Manor* and lands, of Poley family, c. 1654-1700. (1 bdle.)
2. The like, c. 1663-1675; with original wills of Poley family, 1548-1607. (1 bdle.)
3. The like, c. 1587-1700; including a deed of Edmund Hackluit, gent., of Trinity College, Cambridge, relating to land in Creeting Field or Holmfield in *Creeting All SS.* (*good signature, poor seal*), and will of Edmund Poley, 1714. (1 bdle.)
4. The like, c. 1595-1738, including memorandum (undated) of lands sold by Wm. Meadowe to Mr. Richard Hackluit and Edmund his son, parcel of manor of *Bridge Place, Coddendam*; also wills of Mary Poley, 1595, Henry Poley, 1704, settlements of Poley estates, papers of Gipps family to 1738 (cf. A4/5, A6/1). (1 bdle.)
5. The like, lands in *Badley*, 1346-1700; being title deeds of the Badley estate purchased of Mr. Gipps, 1735. (1 bdle.)
6. The like, *Badley* and neighbouring estates of Poley and Gipps families, 17-18c. (1 bdle.)
7. The like, *Badley*, c. 1700-1749. (1 bdle.)
8. The like, *Badley*, c. 1700-1735. (1 bdle.)
9. Release, Geo. III to Earl of Ashburnham, 1796. Manor of Badley for which £8 2s. had been paid to Honour of Clare upon any descent or alienation. *Seal of Duchy of Lancaster*. (1 doct.)
10. Survey. Manor of Badley. 1621. (Quarto Book, rolled)
11. Copies of Court Roll and Deeds, lands in Badley; including marriage settlement, Sir Edmd. Poley, 1648. 17th c. (1 bdle.)
12. Court Rolls, Badley Manor, with some copies of court rolls, c. 1486-1723, viz: 1. Court Roll, c. 1486-c. 1624. 2. Ditto, 1638-1664. 3. Ditto, 1691-1700. 4. Court Book, 1714-1723, in covers, courts for *Combes* manor, 1642. 5. Court Book, 1714-1723. (5 items)

13. Copies of Court Roll, 17-18c, with enfranchisement deed, 1898; lands of Gipps family, held of manors of *Badley* and *Battisford* (St. John) cum *Badley*, 15c.-1898; extent of lands of John Leyngge, senr., c. 1459. (1 bdle.)

14. Acquittances relating to *Badley*, 16-17c.; including receipts for procurations for *Badley Parsonage*, and for dues paid to Honour of *Clare*. (1 bdle. papers)

A6. TITLE DEEDS, BAYLHAM LANDS.

1. *Copies of Court Roll* of Baylham manor, 1612-1766, including copyholds of Neave family, descending 1766 to Theodosia Boone on death of her mother, Theodosia Boone, formerly Crowley, who was admitted 1756 as one of the sisters and heirs of John Crowley (the younger); also admission, 1723, of John Crowley, 2nd son of John and Theodosia Crowley, under a bequest (of Enfield parsonage and all testator's lands in Suffolk) by Sir Robert Nightingale, failing heirs male of his cousin, Robt. Gascoigne; with copies of court roll of Bridge Place, *Coddenham*, touching a tenement and Bridge Pightle, *Darmsden*, also of the Neave family, cf, A4/5, A5/4. (1 bdle.)

2. *Copies of Court Roll* of Baylham manor, copyholds of Ashburnham family, 1879-1898; also memoranda, 1879, and enfranchisement award, 1898. (1 bdle.)

A7. COMBES MANOR AND LANDS.

1. *Rentals*. Combes Hall Manor, 1565/6-1689. The earliest bound in two pages of a service book, with music. (1 file; 3 rolls)

2/1-4. *Court Rolls*. Combes Hall Manor, 1559-c. 1700. Courts Baron with View of Frankpledge.

1. 1559-1602, including first court of Nathl. Bacon, Esq. and wife Anne, 8 Ap., 1579; first court of Thos. Daundye, gent. 9 Oct., 1594.

2. 1603-1625, including first court of Martha Dandye, wid. of Thos. and guardian of Edmund, his son, 26 Ap., 1608.

3. 1625-1659.

4. c. 1660-1700, a number of membranes in disorder. (4 rolls)

5. 1683-1686, presentments. (1 bdle.)

3/1-4. *Deeds*, Combes Hall.

1. Combes Manor and Lands, 1560-1739; with *Map* of the Estate of Orlando Bridgeman, surveyed by Tollemache, 1710, showing fields and good picture of Combes Hall. (1 bdle.)

2. Combes Manor and Lands. 1722-1749. (1 bdle.)

3. Chiefly relating to Taverners Close and Taverners Meadow, Combes. 1636-1690. (1 bdle.)

4. Combes Manor and Lands, with wills of Bridgeman family, 1636-1732. (1 bdle.)

A8. COLUMBINE HALL MANOR AND LANDS IN STOWMARKET AND
STOW UPLAND.

1. *Rental*, Columbine Hall, 4 Edw. VI. (1 roll, paper)

2/1-8. Evidences of Title, Columbine Hall :—

1. *Deeds*, c. 1465-c. 1610, including : Mem. that this and bundle 2 (A8/2/2) concern the title of the manor of Columbine, "to the time of Sir Robert Cary's purchase ;" lease of cap. mess. and site of "Collobine Hall alias Thorney Columbers in the parish of Stowe Markett" by Sir Robt. Carey, knt., a Gentleman of the Privy Chamber to Giles Keble of Newton, yeoman, 4 Oct., 1609 ; note of evidences remaining in hands of Mistress Gardiner to be delivered to Sir Robert at her decease ; valuation of a farm in *Shotley* purchased from — Rycroft by John Crowley, (out of place) ; 1726 ; abstract of title (18th c.) to Columbine Hall, converted into a calendar to deeds in this bundle, 4 Edw. IV-c. 25 Eliz. ; certificate of depositions in Gardiner v. Halenutt, Hales, Stanbridge and Tyrrell, taken at Colchester, and sealed by Bailiffs of Colchester, 21 Eliz. (*seal broken*) ; deeds and exemplifications of legal proceedings, 26 Hen. 8, 25 Eliz. (1 bdle.)

2. *Deeds*, chiefly of Carey family, relating to Columbine Hall, 1582-c. 1602. Including, Exemplification of Chancery Proceedings, Carey v. Gardiner ; Valuation, 27 May, 1582 ; Abstract of Title, 1582-c. 1602, ending "And a Box with a great many other old deeds belonging to Columbynes and Badley Manors." (cf. A5/1-14). (1 bdle.)

3. *Deeds*, chiefly of Poley family, with conveyances Carey to Poley, and with will (with probate) of John Poley of Columbine Hall, knt., 1634, pr. 1635. 1608-1669. (1 bdle.)

4. *Deeds*, relating to Columbine Hall and lands in Stowmarket and elsewhere, viz : Deeds relating to Columbine Hall, 1557-1595 ; Abstract of Title, Columbine Hall, 17th c. ; Will of John Baldry of Stowmarket, 1504 ; Order in Chancery, Hales v. Standbridge, (cf. A8/2/1) ; Deeds as to lands in *Combes*, *Freston*, *Badley*, *Beddingfield*, *Rishangles*, *Aspall*, *Gislingham* and *Thornham Pilcok* (t. Edw. III) ; Crown Lease to Lord Wentworth of *Bosmere* pond and fishery, 1591. 1331-1595. (1 bdle.)

5. *Deeds and Legal Papers* concerning Columbers Hall or Thorney Manor, with Poley correspondence, e.g., Archdeacon of Suffolk to Edmund Poley as to procurations of Badley, and also of Brandeston and Woodbridge, where Poley was acting as executor to Mr. Chas. Seckford ; mem. on lands alienated from the Thorney estate by John Gardiner, 16c. ; proceedings in King's Bench and elsewhere, Tyrrell v. Gardiner, 1582, with relative depositions ; Chancery Proceedings, John Coleman of Ipswich v. Edmund Poley, knt., 1668. 1558-1668. (1 bdle.)

6. *Deeds of Poley family* concerning Columbine Hall, with copy will of Katherine Webb (a mortgagee), 1675. 1669-1692. (1 bdle.)

7. *Legal Papers* concerning Columbine Hall, with Mr. Crowley's abstract of title, 1608-1742; schedule, court-books and court-rolls of *Barking with Needham, Combes and Columbine Hall*, property of Earl of Ashburnham and Chas. Boone, Esq., 1690-1755, in the hands of the steward, Richard Mott of Carlton, 1775; office copy will of Edmd. Poley, bequeathing Columbine Hall to his nephew Richard Gipps, 1714. 1608-1755. (1 bdle.)

8. *Lease and Release* of Columbine Hall, Earl of Ashburnham to Sir William Turner, 1821. (1 bdle.)

A8/3. STOWMARKET RECTORY.

1. *Deeds and Abstracts of Title*, Rectory of Stowmarket and tithes of St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Stowmarket. 1546-1823. (1 bdle.)

A9. DEEDS, MILLS AND LANDS IN THE CREETINGS.

Concerning (a) *Lands in Creeting St. Mary*, (b) *Mills in Creeting St. Mary* and (c) *lands in Creeting St. Olaves*; (a) being part of the Poley-Gipps estate and purchased by Ambrose Crowley; (b) being part of the Theobald-Crowley estate; (c) being part of the Bridgeman estate.

1. *Book of the Copyholds* of Edmund Poley, containing abstracts of his title to copyholds held of the manors of Creeting St. Mary, Battisford St. John and Bushops Hall, Brockford cum Wickham, Thornham and Stoke, Wickham Skeith, Bryseworthe in Thornham. c. 1621. (paper book)

2. *Deeds* concerning two mills at Creeting St. Mary leased by Francis Theobald, Esq., from Eton College, 1 Mar. 1643/4-1651. (1 bdle.)

3. *Purchase deeds*, Ambrose Crowley from Jacob Garrard Downing, Esq., of lands in Creeting St. Mary. 1743. (1 pkt.)

4, 5. *Deeds and papers* concerning lands in Creeting St. Mary purchased by A. Crowley from J. G. Downing (see A9/3), including deeds and papers concerning lands of Wilton, Walpole and Bridgeman families in Creeting, Holbrook, Tattingstone, Kirton, Freston and Stutton, the manors of Wilby and of Beckhall, Norf., and the manor and advowson of Creeting, Suff. 1610-1702. (2 bdles.)

6. *Copies of Court Rolls* of manors of Creeting St. Mary and St. Olaves, concerning copyholds of Gascoigne, Crowley and Boone families, with bonds and relative papers. 1704-1757. (1 bdle.)

7. *Copies of Court Roll* of manor of Creeting St. Mary, concerning copyholds of Earl of Ashburnham, enfranchised 1899. 1879-1899. (1 pkt.)

8. The like, Creeting St. Olaves, enfranchised 1898. 1879-1898. (1 pkt.)

9. The like, manors of Creeting St. Mary, Old Newton and Coddendam, copyholds of Earl of Ashburnham. 1820-1836. (1 pkt.)

A10. HITCHAM AND BUXHALL.

1. *Deeds and abstract of title* concerning lands in Hitcham, including a tenement called Nectons, and in Buxhall, including a tenement called Gynners, purchased by John Crowley of Greenwich from Dr. Ruty in 1723. 1608-1703. (1 bdle.)

A11. VARIOUS.

These should eventually be sorted into relevant sections.

1. "*Old Suffolk Documents found in Ashburnham Muniment Room*," including:—Rental, Combes Manor, 1757. Copies of Court Roll, copyholds of Bridge Place Manor, Coddendam, 1754. The like, Creeting St. Mary, 1761. The like, Creeting St. Olaves, 1755, 1757. The like, Overhall in Barking, 1760, 1768. The like, Battisford with Badley, 1782. Extracts from Marriage Settlement, Boone-Crowley, 1756, 1762. Letters, Ambrose Crowley to Abell Pooley, attorney of Needham, concerning purchase of Moore's Farm, 1748; and other similar correspondence. Notice as to tithes in Stow Upland, Hen. Johnston to Madam Crowley and others, 1737. Lease of Barking Hall, 1795. Deeds concerning lands in Creeting St. Mary, 1749. Certificate of receipt from Exchequer of weights avoirdupois to be kept by the Earl of Ashburnham and Chas. Boone, lords of the manor of Barking, 1774. Articles of Agreement (not executed), Crowley and Clarke, underwood in Barking, 1748. Notices to trespassers by Ambrose Crowley and his gamekeepers at Barking and Combes, 1745, etc. Acknowledgment by parishioners of Barking, Needham and Darmsden that Mrs. Theodosia Crowley rebuilt Bosmere Bridge as an act of grace, 1728. 1728-1774. (1 bdle.)

2. "*Suffolk Old Miscellaneous Documents, exd. 4/12/61*." Deeds concerning:—lands in Coddendam, 1647; lands in Creeting St. Mary, St. Olaves and All SS., 1659. Manor and lands, Barking, 1669/70. Copy will, Robert Theobald of Barking, pr. 1690. Exchequer Proceedings, Rex v. Needham and others, concerning the alleged failure of Sir Fras. Needham to erect a free school and almshouses at Needham, the value of the manor of Barking cum Needham, of the advowsons of Barking, Frostenden, Blaxhall and Eyke, and of Bosmere Mills, c.1634. 1634-1690. (1 bdle.)

3. "*Ancient Deeds relating to the Suffolk Estate, Bdle.1*." including :
 (a) *Deeds* of the Poley, Theobald and other families concerning :—Assignment of lease, Needham to Middleton, demesnes of Barking Hall Manor, 1624; lands in Badley, 1317-1653; mortgage by Lady Poley, 1000 ac. in Badley and Combes, 1675; lands in Battisford, c. 1586-1599; lands in Bradleigh Parva and Magna, c. 1436; lands in Barking and Creeting St. Mary, 1588-c.1611; land in Bosmere, lease by Dean and Chapter of Ely to Sir Bridges Nightingale of Barking, bt., 1709; lands and tenements in Creeting, c. 1574, Creeting St. Mary,

1667, Creeting All Saints, 1648, Creeting St. Olaves and Needham, 1633; lands and tenements in Needham and Creeting, chiefly of the Jacob family, 1438-1641; Balls Farm, Darmsden, 1741; lands in Combes, c. 1382-1458; lands in Worlingworth, c. 1454, with a lease of land there by John Crowley to Isaac Churchyard, 1741; house in Stowmarket, c. 1600; Cranele Hall Manor in Eye, etc., c. 1532; Bealings Hall, Grt. Bealings, lease to Robt. Theobald, 1682; lands in Benacre, Barrow to Smith, 1633; Cresseners Manor in Icklingham (Poley), 12 Hen. VII; lands in Trimley St. Mary and St. Martin (Poley), 40 Eliz.; cottages in Emneth, Norf. (Theobald family), 6 Chas. I; agreement, Hobart and Theobald, 1635; assignment of debts by Gascoigne Laysinby of Sockborne in Bishopric of Durham, 7 Chas. I.

(b) *Bonds*, 1456-1459, viz.—Bakke to Alcock and Poley c. 1459; Rosshebroke to Alcock c. 1458; Prior of Walsingham to Richard Docket of Copdock in 1000 marks, c. 1456 (*seal of the Prior*).

(c) *Letter*, c. 1739, Daniel Walter (dismissed from one of Crowley's factories near Newcastle), to John Wells, attorney: as to the injustice of his dismissal, and reasons why he did not go to Winlaton during riots.

(d) *Extracts from Ipswich Corporation Records*, taken from Bacon's "Annals," concerning the repairing of County Bridges, 1651.

(e) *Memorandum* on measurements of certain lands at Badley, 1669. (1 bdle.)

A12. COPYHOLDS IN OLD NEWTON CALLED GADDYES.

1. *Copies of Court Roll* with enfranchisement deed (1898). 1879-1898.

A13. PERSONAL PAPERS OF THEOBALD AND GASCOYNE FAMILIES.

1. *Theobald*.

1/1. Latin verses on death of Judith wife of Francis Tibalds.

2. *Gascoigne*.

2/1. Correspondence, Sir Bridges Nightingale and Theobald Gascoigne, as to a pew in Needham Chapel, 1713.

A14. ASHBURNHAM ESTATES OUTSIDE SUFFOLK.

1. *Cambs*. Deeds as to lands in Crowland and Whittlesea and Prior's Fen, 1664-77. (1 bdle.)

2. *Cheshire*. Abstract of Title, John Roycroft's estate at Appleton and Hull, 1622-99 (cf. A4/5 for Roycroft). (1 document)

3. *Wales*. Depositions and papers concerning estates of the Earl of Ashburnham in Llangennith, co. Glam., and Gower, 1840-41. (1 pkt.)

4. *Beds, Bucks, Herts, Dorset, Sussex*, with a label:—"Sussex Deeds and papers relating to the cottage and land in Ashburnham purchased of Findall Vine." 1714-1813. (1 bdle.)

B. THE MILLS COLLECTION,

not yet examined in detail, containing records relating to :—

1. *Great Saxham Hall and Rectory*, including also a bundle of deeds found with C, and relating to the Eldred and Mills families. (13 bdles.)
 2. *Stutton*, records of the Mills family, possibly associated with C below. (4 bdles.)
 3. *Hargrave*, freeholds of the Mills family. (2 bdles.)
 4. *Brandeston Hall* with lands in Acton, Great Waldingfield and Lavenham. (1 bdle.)
 5. *Gislingham in Bedingfield*. (1 pkt.)
 6. *Kenton Hall*. (3 bdles.)
 7. *Debenham*. (3 bdles.)
 8. *Barrow*. (3 bdles.)
- (29 bdles., 1 pkt.)

C. DEEDS CONCERNING ARGENTS IN STUTTON,

possibly associated with B2, but found separately.

(Seven small bundles containing about 99 deeds, numbered, with good seals, 13th c.—1534.)

D. VARIOUS DEEDS, BONDS, WILLS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS.

1. *Brundish, St. Edmund's Manor*, of Downing, Wyard (cf. 4) and Devereux families, including 17th c. copy of a deed relating to Phelippes Chantry, Brundish, c. 1609 onwards.
2. *Stradbroke, Hoxne and Westhall* including Stradbroke Rectory House and various tenements of the Carver, Girling, Glover, Perry and Salter families, c. 1683 onwards.
3. *Yoxford and Benhall*, various tenements of the Copland family, including a Copland marriage settlement, c. 1669, c. 1669 onwards.
4. *Worlingworth*, release of lands late of Capt. Robert Wyard, 1710 (cf. 1).
5. *Reydon*. Bond of Edward Gyle of Barking, concerning lands, 1597.
6. *Bury St. Edmunds*, recovery touching tenement in, 14 Geo. III.
7. *Easthaddon Rectory*, co. Northants. Attornment of tenants to lessee of tithes, 1693.

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