

MANORIAL RECORDS IN THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

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No class of documents is of greater importance to the study of local history, in its social, economic, topographical and even genealogical aspects, than the records of the ancient manors and estates, not a few of which have continued in existence to the 20th century. It seems appropriate, therefore, in this Journal, to print a summary of the more important of such records as are now housed in the Middlesex County Record Office† at the Middlesex Guildhall, Westminster, S.W.1. The list is not complete, as the deposits of private and estate documents in the muniment rooms have not all been fully catalogued. In some cases the dates and descriptions assigned to documents by the depositors have been provisionally accepted and are subject to revision. The summary which follows may, however, serve to indicate to students where useful source material may be found. For some manors, notably that of Harrow (*alias* Sudbury), there are fine series of documents covering many centuries, while for others an isolated membrane records only the transactions of a single court.

Lysons, in his *Environs of London* (Middlesex Vols., 1795-1800), enumerates some one hundred and fifty manors or reputed manors in those parishes which now form the administrative county of Middlesex. Little more than one-fifth of these are represented by any kind of manorial document in the Middlesex Record Office. The records of the Middlesex manors are, perhaps, more than usually dispersed owing to the early disintegration of the large estates in the county. Also, it must be remembered that at various periods the Crown, the church, the colleges of the ancient universities and other corporate bodies have been large land-owners in Middlesex. The Court Rolls and other records of many manors must, therefore, be looked for among the archives of these institutions and are unlikely to come within the orbit of the County Record Office. Up to the present, no comprehensive survey (such as that of the Surrey Manorial Records prepared by the Surrey County Council and the Surrey Record Society in 1928) has been made

† The Record Office is open to students from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and until 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

of the surviving manorial records in Middlesex. This is a work for which there is urgent need and which is likely to be of immeasurable value and interest to students of the history of the county.

Meanwhile, the work of collection is still actively proceeding. During the past year two valuable series of manorial records have been located and deposited in the County Record Office, which is, of course, approved by the Master of the Rolls for the reception of such documents. Normally only documents relating to the present administrative county of Middlesex are accepted on deposit, though occasionally items referring to other counties form part of collections which otherwise belong to Middlesex. Such is the case of the records of one or two manors now in the administrative County of London included at the end of the list.

In the list which follows, the name of the manor is given in its modern form, the earlier spelling only being used if it differs so greatly from the modern as to cause confusion. The parish named is that in which the *caput* of the manor is situated. The manor lands may well spread into neighbouring parishes and counties. An asterisk against the name of the manor indicates that a collection of miscellaneous deeds and papers is associated with the records listed. Covering dates only have been given and do not mean that the series necessarily run consecutively. Gaps of less than fifty years have been ignored.

TABLE OF SOME MANORIAL AND ESTATE RECORDS IN THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

C = Court; C.Bn. = Court Baron; C.Bk. = Court Book; C.R. = Court Roll;
V.F.P. = View of Frank Pledge.

	<i>Covering Dates</i>
Parish: BEDFONT, EAST. Manor: PATES [PAITES].	
C.Rs. (C.Bn.). 2 rolls.	1655-1920
Parish: CHISWICK. Manor: SUTTON COURT.	
Rentals, copies of rentals, and quit-rent rolls.	1662; 1669; 1722 (3); 1726
Parish: COWLEY. Manor: COWLEY PEACHEY.	
C.R. (C.Bn.). 1 membrane.	1632
Steward's copy of C.Bk. (V.F.P. with C.Bn.).	1636-1826
Rental and Rent Bk., including also a Survey of the Manor made in 1738 and an abstract of title, Henry VIII to 18th c.	1734-1808

Parish: ENFIELD. Manor: HONEYLANDS AND PENTRICHES <i>alias</i> CAPELS.	Covering Dates
C.Bk. (C.Bn.). 1 vol.	1519-1909
Bk. of Plans (tracings) including Worcesters Manor. . .	N/D. [prob. 19th c.]
Bk. of Plans (with index) of copyhold property, including Worcesters Manor.	N/D. [compiled after 1856]
Parish: ENFIELD. Manor: DURANTS AND GARTONS.	
C.Bk. (C.Bn.). 1 vol.	1689-1905
Parish: ENFIELD. Manor: ENFIELD.	
An abstract of all the lands and tenements belonging to the estate of Nicholas Raynton, Esq., in Enfield, including the demesne lands of the Manor of Enfield and also of Forty Hall.	1656
Parish: ENFIELD. Manor: WORCESTERS.	
C.Rs. (C.Bn.). 2 rolls.	1599-1732
Abstract of C.Rs.	1599-1759
C.R. of C.Bn. and Court of Survey, including a rental or survey made on 27th October, 1658; also abstract of the survey (arranged alphabetically).	1658-1659
Rental and Survey.	1604-5
Quit-rent Accounts.	1690-1707; 1768
Bk. of Plans, with index of plots of copyhold property (including manor of Capels).	N/D. [compiled after 1856]
Bk. of Plans (tracings), including Capels Manor. . . .	N/D. [prob. 19th c.]
Parish: FINCHLEY. Manor: *BIBSWORTH, <i>alias</i> FINCHLEY.	
C.Bk. (C.Bn.). 1 vol.	1847-1936
Estate Bk. containing abstracts from the C.Rs. of admissions and surrenders and of grants and acquisitions of land chiefly by Thomas and Edward Allen from 1716-1825. 1 vol.	19th c.
Valuation of the Manor by Peter Potter, including farms belonging to the Old Fold Estate in South Mimms.	1834
Reports of a perambulation of the Manor.	1847
Account Bk. of the Receiver of the Finchley Estates (including Bibsworth) belonging to the Trustees of the Will of the Revd. Edward Cooper, deceased.	1833-45
Rough Rent and Cash Account Bk.	1834-45
Rent Bk. (including Old Fold in South Mimms). . . .	1834
Estate plan by John Johnson, surveyor.	1727
Parish: FRIERN BARNET. Manor: FRIERN BARNET.	
C.Rs. (V.F.P. and C.Bn.). 3 membranes.	1528/9-1532
Parish: FRIERN BARNET. Manor: HALLIWICK [Holwick, Hollick], "called by mistake in former Courts the Manor of Colney Hatch."	
Entries relating to three special Cs.Bn. (contained at back of a C.Bk. for Great Stanmore Manor).	1810-1815

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Parish: HARROW-ON-THE-HILL. Manor: *HARROW (or "Harrow <i>alias</i> Sudbury").	
C.Rs. (Cs.Bn. and Leet, including 21 Cs. 1438-58 for Harrow Rectory Manor and 1 C., 1529, held at Roxeth). 17 rolls.	1315-1558; 1689-1721
C.Bks. (Cs.Bn. and Leet). 2 vols.	1687-1750/1
Draft C.Rs. 13 pieces.	1629; 1755-1760; 1808-1809
Steward's Notebk. containing Extracts from C.Rs. and from the Customs of the Manor (including Harrow Rectory Manor).	1493-1617
Minute Bks. and Minutes of Cs. Leet, Bn. and Special Cs.Bn.	1712; 1754-60; 1808-11
Minute Bk. and Customal.	1752-54
Presentments to Cs. Leet, Bn. and Special Cs.Bn. . .	1618; 1655; 1712-58; 1808-11
Recital of Customs and Precedents (with references) and Index of the names of customary tenants occurring in the C.Rs. from I Ed. III to Geo. I (Harrow Rectory Manor from I Ed. III to James I). 1 vol.	[1327-1727]
Certified copy of the Customs dated 1610 (with Harrow Rectory Manor).	1801
Customs and Usages of the Manor (including Harrow Rectory Manor) set out as an answer to a Bill of Complaint against Sir John Rushout.	1724-5
Survey (copy).	1547
Terrier of Head Tenements in Pinner.	[? temp. Eliz.]
Survey of Wastelands (including Harrow Rectory Manor). Particular of the Wastehold grounds and cottages (including Harrow Rectory Manor) in Weald, Roxeth, Alper-ton, Pinner, Wembley, Sudbury, Kenton, with the names of occupiers and dates of admission.	1681
Account Rolls. 7 rolls.	1700-1799
(1) Accounts of reeves and beadles of Harrow Manor and of the farmers and collectors of rents of Pinner Park, Sudbury, Woodhall, Hoggeton [Headstone], Hayes, Tring (Co. Herts), Burstowe (or Bristowe). 66 membranes.	1485-1509
(2) Accounts of the bailiffs, reeves, farmers, collectors and other officers and ministers of the lands and possessions in Middlesex of Edward, Lord North. 30 membranes.	1552-3
(3) Account of William Gerrard, particular receiver of Edward, Lord North of Kyrtlyng, for lands and possessions in Middlesex. 3 membranes.	1553-4
(4) Account of the reeve and beadle of Harrow Manor and of the farmers, bailiffs and collectors of other Middlesex properties. 9 membranes.	1554-5

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- (5) Summary of the accounts of the bailiffs, reeves, farmers, collectors and other officers and ministers of the lands and possessions of Edward, Lord North, in Middlesex. 8 membranes. 1555-6
- (6) Account of William Gerrard, particular receiver of Margaret, Lady North, for the Manors of Harrow with members and of Harrow Rectory. 2 folios. 1569
- (7) Account of the lordships, manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments of Dudley, Lord North, in the Counties of Cambridge, Suffolk and Middlesex. 14 membranes. 1609-10

Note: The following manors and properties are referred to in some or all of (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7):—Co. Middx: Manors of Harrow, Harrow Rectory, Hayes, Headstone, Roxeth, Woodhall; Pinner Park and Wood, Weald Wood, Sudbury Court; properties in Clerkenwell, Islington, St. Botolph without Aldersgate; the Liberties of Harrow and Hayes. Co. Cambridge: Manors and Rectories of Kirtling and Stetchworth, Manors of Ashley and Silverley and of Pattnore and Mattfreis; Leets of Colinge and Brinckley; Ravinsholte. Co. Suffolk: Manor of Shardeloes. Co. Herts: Tring. Unidentified: Burstowe (or Bristowe).

Rentals, Quit-rent Rs. and Account Bks. 1629-96;
1756-1802

Accounts of Profits of the Court 1677-8; 1692;
1725; 1833
[1401]

"A Note of the Claymes of the Libertyes of Harrow," an office copy, probably 17th c., of an extract from the Memoranda Rolls of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer (E.368/174 m.16 *et seq.*) for Michaelmas Term 3 Henry IV, recording the confirmation of diverse grants to Archbishops of Canterbury, and their successors, of certain fines and other issues and profits of various Courts, including King's Bench, Common Pleas, Chancery and Exchequer, of pleas before the Clerks of the Market of the King's Household and before itinerant justices for common pleas and pleas of the forest, in so far as they relate to the men, tenants and residents of the archbishops' lands.

Account Rolls for the "Liberty of Roger Lord North" and of Dudley, Lord North, in account with the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, in respect of certain fines and amerciaments from the Courts of Common Pleas, King's Bench and Exchequer of Pleas, and from pleas before the Clerks of the Markets of the King's Household held at Uxbridge, New Brentford and Edgware. 2 rolls. 1595-6; 1605-8

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Account Roll of the Liberty of Harrow of Joseph Herne and others and Sir James Rushout. 1 roll.	1667-9; 1695-6
Acquittances (being extracts from the Pipe Roll) respecting payments made in discharge of the Liberty of Harrow by Dudley, Lord North, George Pitt, Alice Pitt, Joseph Herne and others, and James Rushett [Rushout]. 14 rolls.	1620-76
Parish: HARROW-ON-THE-HILL. Manor: *HARROW RECTORY.	
C.Rs. (Cs.Bn. and Leet). 4 rolls.	1349-[1377]; 1438-58 (on rolls for Harrow Manor); 1461/2-1481/2; 1629-78
C.Bk. (possibly Steward's copy).	1629-1729
Draft C.Rs.	1754-60; 1808-10
Minutes of Court	1712; 1808-10
Index to the names of Customary tenants occurring in the C.Rs. (with Harrow Manor).	1 Ed. III- Jas. I
Steward's Notebk. containing extracts from C.Rs. and from the Customs of the Manor (with Harrow Manor).	1493-1617
Presentments to Cs. Leet and Bn.	1712-58
Survey of Wastelands (with Harrow Manor).	1681
Certified Copy of the Customs dated 1610 (with Harrow Manor).	1801
Customs of the Manor (with Harrow Manor).	1724-5
Particular of the Wastehold ground and cottages (with Harrow Manor).	1700-1799
Account Rs. (See under Harrow Manor).	1552-1556; 1569; 1609-10
Quit-rent R. (with Harrow Manor).	1760
Parish: HARROW-ON-THE-HILL. Manor: FLAMBARDS.	
Certified copy of Inquisition Post Mortem of William Gerard, 21st October, 1609.	1609
Parish: HARROW-ON-THE-HILL. Manor: HEADSTONE [HOGGETON, HEDGESTON].	
Account Rs. (See under Harrow Manor).	1485-1509; 1552-56; 1609-10
Parish: HARROW-ON-THE-HILL. Manor: ROXETH.	
C.R. (See under Harrow Manor).	1529
Account Rs. (See under Harrow Manor).	1552-56; 1609-10
Parish: HARROW-ON-THE-HILL. Manor: WOODHALL.	
Account Rs. (See under Harrow Manor).	1485-1509; 1552-56; 1609-10

Parish: HARROW-ON-THE-HILL. Manor: WOXENDON, <i>alias</i> UXENDON.	
C.R. of C.Bn. 1 membrane.	1608
Parish: HAYES Manor: ‡*HEESE, <i>alias</i> HAYES.	
C.Bks. (V.F.P. and C.Bn.). 10 vols.	1652-1930
Draft C.Bks. (with Norwood from 1842). 2 vols.	1830-70
Draft Minutes of Cs. Leet and Bn. 55 pieces.	1800-1822
Survey of Manor.	1657
Perambulation of Manor.	1744
Accounts of the Farm of Hayes Manor and of the office of Bailliff of the Liberties of Hayes (and Harrow). See	1485-1509; 1552-56; 1609-10
under Harrow Manor.	
Rent Bks.	1649, 1701-1787
Accounts of Profits of the Court	1816-18
Parish: HENDON. Manor: HENDON.	
C.Bks. (V.F.P. and C.Bn.). 27 vols.	1688-1934
Index Bks. to C.Rs. and C.Bks. 5 vols.	1 Ed. IV-1849
List (typewritten copy) of admissions to waste, 1700- 1886.	N/D.
Plan of the Manor and Parish, surveyed by Isaac Messeder, senior, in 1754 and copied by Isaac Messeder in 1783.	1783
Plan (printed) of the Manor and Parish; drawn and engraved by John Cooke of Hendon.	1796
Printed Bk. of Reference (Photostat copy) to the above plan (from an original in the British Museum).	[1796]
Parish: HESTON. Manor: *HESTON.	
Draft Entries of Special Cs.Bn. 43 pieces.	1792-1820
Parish: ISLEWORTH. Manor: ISLEWORTH SYON.	
MS. copy of a decree in Chancery dated 10th July, 1656, setting out the customs of the Manor.	[? 18th c.]
Parish: MIMMS, SOUTH. Manor: *OLD FOLD.	
Estate Plan by John Johnson, Surveyor...	1727
Parish: NORTHOLT. Manor: *DOWN BARNES.	
C.Rs. (C.Bn.). 6 rolls.	1659-1756
C.Bks. 4 vols.	1739-1929
Parish: NORTHOLT. Manor: NORTHALL.	
Draft Entries of special Cs.Bn. 6 pieces.	1787-1806
Parish: NORWOOD. Manor: *NORWOOD AND SOUTHALL.	
C.Bk. (C.Bn.). [Copy, fragment.]	1511-1540
C.Rs. 4 rolls.	1560-1714
C.Bks. 2 vols.	1686-1930
Draft C.Bk. (with Hayes Manor). 1 vol.	1842-70
Index to C.Bk.	1837
Rent Bks. 10 pieces.	1702-1755
Survey & Rental.	1778

‡ Hayes.—Since this list was compiled C.Rs. from 1381 to 1728 have been located in the vaults of Messrs. Glyn Mills in Lombard Street.

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Parish: RUISLIP. Manor: *RUISLIP.		
Draft C.Rs. (V.F.P. and C.Bn.) and Presentments.	..	1575-1615; 1742
Customal.	.. .. .	1521
Customs of Inheritance by Tenants (copy).	.. .. .	1640
List of Amerciaments or Penalties due to the Manor.	..	1748-59
Quit and Composition Rent Bks.	.. .. .	1727-83
Parish: STANMORE, GREAT. Manor: *STANMORE, GREAT.		
C.Bk. (V.F.P. and C.Bn.). 1 vol.	.. .. .	1666-81
C.R. 4 membranes.	.. .. .	1737
C.Bk. 1 vol. (contains table of fees taken by the Steward of Stanwell Manor as well as of Great Stanmore Manor; also entries of 3 special Cs.Bn. for the Manor of Halliwick. 1810-15).		1784-1839
Plan (with Little Stanmore Manor).	.. .. .	1827
Parish: STANMORE, LITTLE, <i>alias</i> WHITCHURCH. Manor: *STANMORE, LITTLE.		
C.Bk. (V.F.P. with C.Bn.). 1 vol.	.. .. .	1717-36
Plan (with Great Stanmore Manor).	.. .. .	1827
Parish: SUNBURY. Manor: CHARLTON.		
C.Bks. (C.Bn.). 3 vols.	.. .. .	1801-[1933]
Account Bk. of Fines, Reliefs, Heriots, Quit-rents and Fees.		1833-39
Parish: SUNBURY. Manor: COLKENNINGTON, <i>alias</i> KEMPTON.		
C.Rs. (V.F.P. with C.Bn.). 2 rolls.	.. .. .	1676-1747
Duplicate of C.Rs. 24 membranes.	.. .. .	1733-45
Survey. 5 membranes.	.. .. .	1681
Parish: TEDDINGTON. Manor: TEDDINGTON.		
C.Bks. (General and Special Cs.Bn.). 7 vols.	.. .. .	1764-1874
Index to C.Rs.	.. .. .	1655-1870
Plan of Estate, the property of Barton's Trustees.	..	1861
Parish: TWICKENHAM. Manor: TWICKENHAM.		
C.R. (C.Bn.). 3 membranes.	.. .. .	1789
OLD MIDDLESEX, NOW IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF LONDON		
Parish: CHELSEA. Manor: CHELSEA.		
C.R. (V.F.P. and C.Bn.). 4 membranes.	.. .. .	1337-1340/1
Parish: HACKNEY. Manor: HACKNEY [? KING'S HOLD].		
C.R. (V.F.P. with C.Bn.).	.. .. .	1531
Parish: ISLINGTON. Manor: HIGHBURY.		
Plan of a Survey made by John Johnson.	.. .. .	1718
Parish: ST. BOTOLPH, ALDGATE. Manor: EAST SMITH-FIELD.		
C.R. (Court Leet). (1 membrane—contains only the election of constables, headboroughs and jurymen.)		1793
Parish: STEPNEY. Manor: RATCLIFF.		
Rentals (Particulars).	.. .. .	[Late 17th or early 18th c.]