

The Papers of the Documentary Group of the Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society (formerly Nonsuch Antiquarian Society)

INTRODUCTION

When the Nonsuch & Ewell Antiquarian Society was founded in 1960, work was already under way on making Ewell documents available for historical research. In his long period of tenure as Borough Librarian, John Dent had marshalled a number of volunteers to locate and transcribe records, many of which were used as sources for his *Quest for Nonsuch* (1960). Some of these people, including Charles Titford, came over to the new organisation, and after the opening of Bourne Hall parochial documents were transferred here from Guildford.

In 1968, a Documentary Group of the Society was formally established, under the management of George Wignall, as one of six research groups of the Society. By 1972 the transcription and indexing of parish registers was complete to 1900 and the monuments in the Victorian churchyard were being recorded. The death of John Dent that year, and of Charles Titford the year after, broke continuity with the early days. Throughout the 1970s, the Group continued work in two main areas. George Wignall kept up an interest in the late mediaeval and early modern village, dealing with documents such as Thomas Taylor's survey of 1577; Phyllis Davies and Mabel Dexter worked on parish life in the eighteenth and early nineteenth century.

Under the chairmanship of Norman Nail, the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society (the name had been abbreviated in 1972) had an ambitious remit of studying Epsom, Ewell, Cheam and Banstead. However, with the exception of a few stray notes on Epsom, the Documentary Group confined itself to Ewell. The publication of a new history of the village remained official policy for many years, but in practice work continued on much more clearly defined areas. In the 1980s, attention turned from the parochial records to transcription and analysis of the census. An exhibition, *History on Your Doorstep*, was held at Bourne Hall Museum in 1982 to showcase the work of the Society, including research by the Documentary Group on local farms and the Glyn family. Hazel Wynn Jones was active at this period, one of the 'three women of Ewell' (in conjunction with Phyllis Davies and Mabel Dexter) who published a monograph on women in the census. Phyllis had been the original archivist of the Group, but when she moved to a flat at Grange Mansions there was not enough room for the papers and she passed them on to Mabel, who kept them with a small working library at her house at London Road.

The death of Phyllis Davies in 1986, and of George Wignall the year after, represented another discontinuity in the life of the group. They had been working together on schedule of the manorial papers in the Gadesden and Northey archives, and this had tended to turn the direction of the Group away from demography and towards property descents. The Group, now including Peggy Bedwell and Barbara Abdy, was engaged in a long-term project to identify chains of owners and occupiers for as many buildings as

possible. This reached its conclusion in the Millennium Project, a sequence of property histories prepared for the Villages Project of Surrey Archaeological Society. At the same time an analysis of copyhold properties in the manor of Ewell was prepared from the Northey papers. The papers were drawn on for an occasional paper on Epsom pubs in 2003, but by that time the context of local history research had changed with the establishment of an increasingly active Local & Family History Centre, and the decision was made to merge the Documentary Group with this.

The papers are listed below under the four headings of Schedules, Transcripts, Fieldwork and Studies. They are held at Bourne Hall Museum and can be consulted there.

SCHEDULES

The most ambitious project of the Documentary Group was a schedule of the surviving manorial papers for the manor of Ewell and sub-manors of Fitznells, Bottolphins and Ruxley, which were to be found among the estate papers of the Gadesden and Northey families. The Group's principal concern was with the descent of property, and when making notes from deeds, they recorded the people, property, the nature of the transaction, and its date – more or less the information which would appear on a full archivist's schedule of the document. When it came to manorial documents, especially rentals and lists of tenants, they recorded much more detail than an archivist would, often noting all names and properties in the rental.

1.1 Gadesden

The Gadesden archive (SHC: 940; previously 1094/1), comprising records from the manors of Fitznells, Bottolphins and Ruxley along with later estate papers, was acquired by Surrey Record Office in 1970. As received from the family solicitors, the archive consisted of 23 numbered bundles (of which one, no. 20, was so large it has been broken up into smaller sections for scheduling), with a further three unnumbered bundles (now /24–6), a box labelled 'Ewell Castle – Gadesden Box' (now /27–44), and some papers marked 'Gadesden' (now /45–52). All documents are of the eighteenth or nineteenth century unless otherwise stated.

The Gadesden papers comprise:

940/1 Deeds (1695-1812) and copy of Enclosure Act

940/2 Deeds of Nonsuch Park Estate

940/3 Deeds

940/4 Deeds (Organ Inn)

940/5 Conveyance and abstract of title to manors of Fitznells, Roxley and Bottolphins, with schedule of copyholds of manors of Ewell and Bottolphins, 1675–c.1800.

940/6 Deeds to Gatton Estates

940/7 Act for sale of Gatton Estate

940/8 Deeds of manorial properties

940/9 Deeds of manorial properties

940/10/1-38 Deeds to manorial properties, 1694-1767

940/11 Deeds (sheepwalk in Ewell and Cuddington)

940/12 and 13 Deeds to manorial properties

940/14 Deeds to manorial properties

940/15 Exchanges of land in Common Fields, Enclosure Award, homage of manors of Ewell and Cuddington as to quit rents

940/16 Deeds to manorial properties, grant of tolls of Horse and Pig Fair

940/17 Deeds to manorial properties; lease of part of Ruxley Farm; exchanges of land in Common Fields; particular of Fitznells estate

940/18 Title to manor of Fitznells with abstract of title

940/19 Title to lands in Ewell

940/20/1 Extract of Fitznells court rolls, 1678-1767

940/20/2 Fitznells court book

- 940/20/3a A very miscellaneous section, including letters, deeds to manorial properties, extracts from court rolls, 1678-1787, rental and abstracts of title with copy list of tenants 1678, details of procedure for holding courts, and a survey of the Hogsmill with estimates for making it navigable
- 940/20/3b Again a very miscellaneous section, including rentals and quit rents for Fitznells manor, and court papers
- 940/20/3x Tenants of Bottolphs manor, 1698
- 940/20/4 Entries from Fitznells court rolls, 1601–1757
- 940/20/5a Rents of Bottolphs, Fitznells and Gatton, c.1660-1700
(see also separate note below)
- 940/20/5b, 5x Rental of Bottolphs
- 940/20/6a Fitznells court roll, 1602–94
- 940/20/6b Deeds to manorial properties
- 940/20/7 Fitznells court rolls. 1698–1716
- 940/20/8 Fitznells court rolls, 1753–1757
- 940/20/9 Fitznells court rolls, 1760–1761
- 940/20/10 Fitznells court roll, 1742
(There is no 940/20/11)
- 940/20/12 A large group including Fitznells court rolls 1484, 1519, 1561, 1565, 1575, 1599, 1617, 1621–2, 1640, 1650, and 1663, presentments of homage, 1609, 1612, 1633 1641, and deeds to manorial properties
- 940/20/13 Fitznells court rolls 1705 and 1712
(There is no 940/20/14)
- 940/20/15, 16 Survey of the manor of Ewell, 1577
- 940/20/17 Survey of Ruxley, Fitznells and Bottolphs manors, 1711
- 940/20/18 Fitznells rent roll, C17
- 940/20/18x Another miscellaneous group, including Fitznells quit rental C16, Bottolphs: rentals 1502, 1516, 1544, 1564, 1595, extent of lands of Nicholas Sander in Ewell, 1642, list of Fitznells tenants, 1755
- 940/20/19 Bottolphs rental, 1767
(There is no 940/20/20)
- 940/20/21 List of Bottolphs court rolls 1497–1705
- 940/20/22a Bottolphs and Fitznells rental, 1695
- 940/20/22b Bottolphs and Fitznells lease, 1695
- 940/20/23a, 23b Bottolphs quit rental, 1632
- 940/20/24, 25 Bottolphs court roll, 1497-1694
- 940/20/26 Estates of Thomas Turgis in Ewell
- 940/20/27 Bottolphs court roll, 1698
- 940/20/28 Bottolphs court roll, 1705
- 940/20/29 Deeds (Gallows tenement)
- 940/20/30 Bottolphs rental, 1502
- 940/20/31, 32 Will of Penelope Thomson of Ewell
- 940/21 Admission of trustees of Hector William Bower Munro to estate of Thomas Calverley, including inventory of furniture and effects at Ewell Castle
- 940/22/1-15 Deeds of Ruxley, Long Down and Suckling Farms
- 940/23/1-8 Admission of Thomas Calverley to Fitznells estate

940/24 Pedigree of Calverley family
940/25 Deeds of Ewell Grove estate
940/26 Deeds
940/27 Deeds of land in Mapleton Bush Shot, Ewell Common
940/28 Deeds (Ewell Castle)
940/29 Schedule of copyholds of manors of Ewell and Cuddington
940/30 Deeds of Rae Reid lands in Ewell
940/31 Deeds of Rae Reid lands in Ewell
940/32 Deeds of Rae Reid lands in Ewell
940/33 Deeds of land in Ewell purchased from James Blake
940/34 Land in manor of Lugwardine, Hereford
940/35 Deeds
940/36 Abstract of title of A.W. Gadesden to freehold in Ewell
940/37 Deeds
940/38 Deeds to manorial properties
940/39 Deeds (Gallow Street Lane)
940/40 Plan of Longdown Farm estate
940/41 Deeds
940/42 Title of A.W. Gadesden to various lands in Ewell
940/43 Title of A.W. Gadesden to various lands in Ewell
940/44 Certificates of redemption of Land Tax, 1812-1820, 1892
940/45 Deeds (Ewell Marsh)
940/46 Title of James Gadesden to land in Ewell Marsh
940/47 Deed of Cricket Field, West Street
940/48 Deeds
940/49 Deeds (including Hop Pole)
940/50 Agreement with Railway Company over Fitznells Farm
940/51 Deed by Railway Company of land in Ewell
940/52 Notices by Railway Company regarding purchase of land
940/53 Deeds (North Looe Farm)

1.2 Northey

The Northey archive (SHC: 2238), comprising records from the manor of Ewell along with later estate papers, was deposited at Surrey Record Office by the family in two tranches: manorial papers of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries (2238/10/) in 1932 and those of the nineteenth century (2238/57/) in 1940. The numbers 10 and 57 perpetuate an earlier system used at Guildford; there is no 2238/1–9 or 11–56. The Northeys were lords of the manors of Ewell, Cuddington, West Cheam and East Cheam; the Documentary Group scheduled only those documents relating to Ewell and Cuddington (which were usually treated as one for manorial purposes), and left out papers for Cheam as well as the occasional property in Epsom and some from outside the area. The core manorial papers, /10/169–83, record courts held from 1723 to 1900, while earlier rolls from 1595 onwards survive in an eighteenth-century epitome.

The Northey papers comprise:

2238/10/1. Lease of the manorial rights in Ewell, 1802.

2238/10/3. Lease of lands in Ewell, 1829.
2238/10/5. Lease of land in Ewell, 1824.
2238/10/7. Release of land in Ewell, 1776.
2238/10/8. Lease of Haypark meadow in Ewell, 1754.
2238/10/20. Lease of land in Ewell, 1802.
2238/10/22. Lease of house and lands in Ewell, 1796.
2238/10/25. Lease years of lands in Ewell, 1792.
2238/10/32–3 Quit rents, Ewell and Cuddington, 1850–61.
2238/10/42. Lease of land on Purberry Shot, 1802.
2238/10/44. Land Tax certificate for Cuddington and Ewell, 1800.
2238/10/47–9. Sale of the manors of Nonsuch, Cuddington and Cheam, 1755.
2238/10/58. Lease of Ewell Court Lodge, 1718.
2238/10/61. Lease of Ewell Court House Lodge, 1709.
2238/10/64. Deed poll charging Ewell Court Lodge with £100, 1688.
2238/10/65. Grant of barn and lands in Ewell, 1691.
2238/10/66. Covenant to convey Ewell Court Lodge, 1687.
2238/10/68. Demise of Yowell Lodge, 1676.
2238/10/69. Lease of Ewell Court Lodge, 1680.
2238/10/74. Lease of Kellams Lodge in Ewell, 1675.
2238/10/85. Lease of waste land in Ewell, 1663.
2238/10/86. Lease of Ewell Court, 1633.
2238/10/96. Lease of fishponds in Ewell, 1685.
2238/10/107. Lease of Captain's Meadow in Ewell, 1750.
2238/10/108. Letter book of manors of Ewell and Cuddington, 1849.
2238/10/109. Fee Book of 'Mr. Northey's Manors', 1885.
2238/10/110. Agreement of Lord of the Manor with Philip Rowden, 1776.
2238/10/113. Deed of gift of land in Ewell, 1797.
2238/10/114. Lease of Stray Park in Ewell, 1780.
2238/10/116. Conveyance of cottage, etc. in Ewell, 1835.
2238/10/117. Will of John Bradford, 1825.
2238/10/124. Mortgage of Ewell Court Lodge, 1686.
2238/10/125. Defeasance of a tenement in Ewell, 1687.
2238/10/126. Mortgage of Ewell Court Lodge, 1680.
2238/10/127. Release of Ewell Court Lodge, 1732.
2238/10/136. Covenant settling rights in the manors of Ewell and Buttles, 1583.
2238/10/145. Letters patent granting right to hold a market and fairs in Ewell, 1617.
2238/10/164. Ewell rental, c.1869.
2238/10/165–6. Two terriers of the manors of Ewell and Cuddington, c.1870.
2238/10/167. Minute book and list of tenants in the manors of Ewell and Cuddington, 1824-1871.
2238/10/168. Description of parcels in the manors of Ewell and Cuddington, 1803-1838.
2238/10/169. Epitome of Court Rolls of the manors of Ewell and Cuddington, 19th century.
2238/10/170. Translation of summaries of Court Rolls, manors of Ewell and Cuddington, 1592–1706.
2238/10/171. Court Book, manors of Ewell and Cuddington, 1723-1758, 1725-1765.

- 2238/10/172. Court Book, manors of Ewell and Cuddington, 1733-1752.
- 2238/10/173. Court Book, manors of Ewell and Cuddington, 1759-1773.
- 2238/10/175. Court Book, manors of Ewell and Cuddington, 1774-1802.
- 2238/10/177. Court Book, manors of Ewell and Cuddington, 1803-1839.
- 2238/10/179. Court Book, manors of Ewell and Cuddington, 1849-1891.
- 2238/10/180. Court Books, manors of Ewell and Cuddington, 1892-1900.
- 2238/10/181. Estimate for rehangng the church bells, Ewell, 1889.
- 2238/10/182. Fines paid by copyhold tenants, manors of Ewell and Cuddington, 1840–69.
- 2238/10/183. Memoranda about various copyhold tenements, Ewell, 19th century.
- 2238/57/2. Stewards' fee book of the manors of Ewell and Cuddington, 1848–61.
- 2238/57/6. Surrender of manorial property, 1840.
- 2238/57/7. Surrender of manorial property, 1866.
- 2238/57/8. Admission to manorial property, 1874.
- 2238/57/9. Surrenders and admissions to manorial property, 1849, with Charles Bradford's will, 1840.
- 2238/57/10. Admission to manorial property, 1878.
- 2238/57/11. Surrenders and admissions to manorial property (the Gadesden estate), 1844-1853.
- 2238/57/12. Enfranchisement of manorial property, 1843.
- 2238/57/13. Surrenders of manorial property, 1848–9.
- 2238/57/14. Surrenders and admissions to manorial property, 1848-1860. with abstract of James Waghorn's will, 1842.
- 2238/57/15. Admissions to manorial property, with probate of John Dyneley's will, 1843.
- 2238/57/16. Admissions to manorial propertys, 1849.
- 2238/57/17. Release of manorial property, 1838.
- 2238/57/18. Surrender of manorial property (Charles Hall), 1837.
- 2238/57/19. Surrenders of manorial property, 1845.
- 2238/57/20. Surrenders of manorial property, 1830–56.
- 2238/57/21. Surrenders of manorial property, 1828–31.
- 2238/57/22. Surrenders of manorial property, 1848–9.
- 2238/57/23. Releases of manorial property, 1847, with Samuel Collingridge's will, 1827.
- 2238/57/24. Enfranchisement of manorial property, 1753–1853.
- 2238/57/25. Enfranchisement of manorial property, 1853, with extracts from John Fall's will, 1830.
- 2238/57/26. Admissions to manorial property, 1848, with John Jolliffe's will, 1820.
- 2238/57/27. Enfranchisement of manorial property (Lempriere estate), 1854.
- 2238/57/27. Enfranchisement of manorial property, 1853, with William Jubb's will, 1844.
- 2238/57/28. Admission and surrenders of manorial property, 1831–3.
- 2238/57/30. Admission and surrender of manorial property, 1835.
- 2238/57/32. Enfranchisement of manorial property including the Spring Hotel, 1860, with extract from John Mason's will, 1846.
- 2238/57/33. Enfranchisement of manorial property, 1854–60.
- 2238/57/34. Enfranchisement of manorial property, 1861, with G.M. Dowdeswell's will, 1824.

- 2238/57/35. Enfranchisement of manorial property, 1861, with Charles Hall's will, 1858.
- 2238/57/36. Enfranchisement of manorial property (Walters estate), 1859–60), with D. Showel's will, 1845.
- 2238/57/37 Surrender and admissions of manorial property near Ewell East Station, 1860–1.
- 2238/57/38. Enfranchisement of manorial property (Stone estate), 1860.
- 2238/57/39. Admissions and surrenders of manorial property at Beggars Hill, 1860–2.
- 2238/57/40. Enfranchisement of manorial property (Monger estate), 1846–60, with William Monger's will, 1858.
- 2238/57/41. Enfranchisement of manorial property (Henderson estate), with Charles Hall's will, 1859.
- 2238/57/42. Enfranchisement of manorial property, 1785–1861.
- 2238/57/43. Surrender and admission of manorial property, 1860.
- 2238/57/44. Surrenders and admissions of manorial property, 1861.
- 2238/57/45. Surrenders and admissions of manorial property including Manor Farm and Beggars Hill, with abstracts of Venus family wills, 1825–58.
- 2238/57/46. Enfranchisement and sales particulars of manorial property including shops in High Street, with abstract of J. Western's will, 1862–3.
- 2238/57/47. Surrenders of manorial property (Bridges estate), with extract from will of Henry Bridges, 1847–69.
- 2238/57/51. Surrenders of manorial property, 1840–9.
- 2238/57/52. Enfranchisement of manorial property, 1870–8.
- 2238/57/53. Enfranchisement of manorial property, 1893–4.
- 2238/57/54. Enfranchisement of manorial property, 1848–59.
- 2238/57/55. Enfranchisement of manorial property (Glyn estate), 1868.
- 2238/57/56. Enfranchisement of manorial property, the George or King William IV, 1886.
- 2238/57/57. Surrenders and admission of manorial property including shops in High Street, 1841–63.
- 2238/57/59. List of copyholders and freeholders.
- 2238/57/61. Surrenders of manorial property with extracts from wills of Elizabeth Leigh and Jarman Goldsmith Hope, 1824–56.
- 2238/57/62. Surrenders of manorial property (Charles Warne), 1873–4.
- 2238/57/64. Admissions to manorial property, 1873–5.
- 2238/57/65. Admission and surrender of manorial property, 1845.
- 2238/57/66. Draft court rolls for the manors of Ewell and Cuddington, 1838, 1891, 1842, 1843–5, 1848–50, 1852, 1853, 1856.
- 2238/57/67. Surrender of manorial property, 1861.
- 2238/57/68. Quit rents of the manors of Ewell and Cuddington.
- 2238/57/69. Surrender of manorial property, 1871.
- 2238/57/70. Surrender of manorial property, 1865.
- 2238/57/71. Surrender of manorial property in High Street, 1870.
- 2238/57/72. Admission to manorial property, 1892.
- 2238/57/73. Surrenders and admissions of manorial property, 1863–5, 1867.
- 2238/57/74. Admission to manorial property, 1864.
- 2238/57/77. Admission to manorial property, 1866.

TRANSCRIPTS

For the most part, the Documentary Group made abstracts rather than complete copies of the papers in their care. However, there were some documents for which a full transcript was provided. These were made for a number of reasons. Sometimes a short document, such as a lawsuit or letter, contained detailed information or a story which required a full text rather than a summary; sometimes an old document, such as a lease, was transcribed as an exercise in reading handwriting; sometimes a key document, such as the vestry minutes, needed to be made available for researchers; and sometimes attractive documents, such as early manorial rolls or later estate plans, were copied for display. Whatever the motives behind any transcript, it makes a valuable substitute for research purposes and reduces the need for handling the original. With this in mind, the transcripts have been catalogued by the repository where they are held, grouped under general headings. These begin with estate papers (themselves a miscellaneous category containing accounts and wills as well as records of property) and then proceeding through property, juridical, parliamentary, parochial, ecclesiastical, civil, educational, tax, commercial and private papers. All these transcripts are full typed or handwritten copies unless they are noted as being abstracts or reproductions. Most of the reproductions are photocopies but there are a few photographs among them.

2.1 Estate & Manorial Papers

2.1.1 Estate papers in Surrey History Centre

Strange

K31/1/6. Roll of the manor of Epsom, 1708 (reproduction only of part of the roll).

Loseley

LM/837. Account of Nicolas Modena for gilding and carving work at Nonsuch Palace between Sep 1542 and May 1545 (reproduction only; a transcript was published in Dent, *Quest for Nonsuch*).

LM/1291. Papers in the case of John, Lord Lumley v. Nicholas Saunders and another, concerning Buttaylles in Ewell, 1588/9 (see also below under Northey, 2238/10/136)

LM/1380/9/77. Contemporary summary of returns of recusants for Surrey parishes including Ewell, 1585. This is accompanied by a summary of recusant names from LM/536 and 1291.

Gadesden

940/20/3a/xxii. Plan for rendering the Hogsmill navigable, c.1760 (reproduction only).

940/20/3b(v)/1 to 31. Surrenders in the manor of Fitznells, 1731–1826.

940/20/5a. Rent roll of the manors of Bottolphs and Fitznells c.1660–1700 (to be found in the ledger books, III.1)

940/20/12(xxi)/6 front. Letter from Richard Duithe to ‘Myster Hourde’ about placing his son at school, early C17.

940/20/12(xxi)/6-back. Rough notes from court rolls, 1549–59 (reproduction only).

940/20/12(xxi)/7. Tenants of the manor of Fitznells, 1539/40.

940/20/12(xxi)/12-front. Extracts from Fitznells court rolls, C16 (reproduction only).
940/20/12(xxi)/17. Letter from Bartholomew Rogers to 'Mr. Hoord'.
940/20/12(xxi)/18. Surrender in the manor of Fitznells, C17.
940/20/12(xxi)/20. Surrender in the manor of Fitznells, C17.
940/20/12(xxi)/26. Certificate of character for Robert Cutler, deacon, C17.
940/20/12(xxi)/29. Presentment in the manor of Fitznells, C17.
940/20/12(xxii). Surrender in the manor of Fitznells, 1626 (reproduction only).
940/20/12(xxiii). Surrender in the manor of Fitznells, 1626 (reproduction only).
940/20/12(xxiv). Presentments in the manor of Fitznells, 1633.
940/20/12(xxv). Surrender in the manor of Fitznells, 1640.
940/20/12(xxvii). Presentment in the manor of Fitznells, C17 (reproduction only).
940/20/12(xxviii). Homage of the manor of Fitznells, C17.
940/20/12(xxix). Presentments in the manor of Fitznells, 1641.
940/20/12(xxx). Surrender in the manor of Fitznells, 1650.
940/20/12(xxxi). Surrender in the manor of Fitznells, 1650.
940/20/12(xxxii). Surrender in the manor of Fitznells, 1650.
940/20/12(xxxiii). Surrender in the manor of Fitznells, 1662.
940/20/12(xxxiv). Presentment in the manor of Fitznells, 1663.
940/20/17. Survey of Fitznells, Buttalls and Ruxley manors, 1711 (accompanied by a modern tabulation with names of tenants, acreages and abuttals).
940/20/18/x(i). Quit rents in the manor of Fitznells, C17.
940/20/18/x(x). Extent of the lands of Nicholas Sander in the manor of Fitznells, 1641.
940/21/5. Inventory of furniture and effects in Ewell Castle, 1843.
940/23/2. Conveyance of the Ewell lands comprised in Fitznells, Buttalls and Ruxley manors, 1849.
940/31/7. Plans from conveyances of land in Ewell, 1871.
940/31/9. Plans from conveyances of land in Ewell, 1855.
940/32/5. Mortgage of property in Ewell, 1855.
940/38/1–14. Deeds of property in Gallows Street Lane, 1805–56
940/39/7. Deeds of property in Gallows Street Lane, 1877.
940/41/1–13. Deeds and sales particulars of lands in Ewell.

Northey

2238/10/67. Will of Henry Lloyd, 1696 (with /57/14, will of James Waghorn, 1842; /57/23, of Samuel Collingridge, 1827; and 57/25, of John Fall, 1830).
2238/10/136. Papers in the case of John, Lord Lumley v. Nicholas Saunders and another, concerning Buttaylles in Ewell, 1588/9 (see also above under Loseley, LM/1291).
2238/10/158. Survey of the manor of Ewell by Thomas Taylor, 1577. The section relating to the village was published by Philip Shearman as 'Ewell in 1577', *Surrey Arch. Coll.* 54 (1955) pp102-23. Shearman's article was reprinted by Charles Abdy, again as *Ewell in 1577* (EEHAS, OP48, 2008).
2238/10/170. Summary translation of the rolls of the manor of Ewell, 1594–1706 (reproduction of pages 92–3 only, 1633).
2238/57/39/2. Plan of proposed widening of road at the Eight Bells, c.1850.
2238/57/54/2a. Sales particulars of properties in Ewell in seven lots, c.1870 (reproduction).

- 2238/57/57/1b. Case against Adam Pearson who defrauded John Monger and his children of their legal rights, 1863 (reproduction)
2238/57/70 (1). Deed of property in Reigate Road, 1865 (partial reproduction).
2238/57/73/16, 23 and 24(b). Deeds and copyhold surrenders of property in Ewell, c.1865 (partial reproductions).

Glyn

- 6832/1/3/7. Will of Robert Lewen, 1751
6832/1/4/12. Abstract of title of George Lewen to the estate of Anthony Wood in Ewell, 1732 (reproduction).
6832/1/4/155. Will of Ann Clarke, 1675
6832/1/4/249. Marriage settlement of Robert Rogers and Elizabeth Knapp, 1642 (with reproduction; originally on display with other documents as part of *Your Town in History*, an exhibition in 1958 which also featured 6832/1/1, the 1408 Register or Memorial; /1/4/153–4, the will of Thomas Clarke, 1664; /1/4/155, that of Anne Clarke, 1675; /1/4/233, a lease on a field by the Lower Mill mentioning the proposed Hogsmill navigation, 1706; and /2/1/34–6, proposals for the turnpiking of London Road, 1834).
6832/1/4/272–5. Deed of property in Cheam Road near Ewell East, 1855 (abstract).
6832/3/3/5. Subscriptions in aid of Patriotic Fund, 1854 (reproduction).
6832/3/5/1. Will of Helena Fendall, 1798.
6832/3/6/2. Accounts of the Bonnet and Cloak Fund of Ewell National School, 1843–54 (to be found in the ledger books, I. 9).
6832/4/3/16. Draft of appeal for subscriptions to the Ewell Church Building Fund, with lithograph of the proposed church (reproduction).
6832/4/8/1 and 8. Invitations to the laying of the foundation stone, and the consecration, of Ewell Church, 1848 (partial reproductions).
6832/4/8/10. Newspaper cuttings of the consecration of Ewell Church, 1848 (reproduction).
6832/6/3/3. Certificate of entitlement of Sir George Glyn to baronetcy, 1784.
6832/6/3/11. List of mourners at the funeral of Sir George Glyn, 1814 (reproduction).
6832/6/3/28. Bill for new coach sent to Sir George Glyn, 1809.
6832/6/3/31. Debts due from Sir George Glyn at the time of his death, 1814.
6832/6/5/14. Letter from Sir George Lewen Glyn about Finnish prisoners of war at Lewes, 1854.
6832/6/5/26. Memoranda of parochial work by Sir George Lewen Glyn, 1843–67 (to be found in the ledger books, I. 8).
6832/6/5/30 and 31. Journal of a visit to Russia and Scandinavia by Sir George Lewen Glyn, 1866.
6832/6/5/34. Will of Sir George Lewen Glyn, 1884.
6832/6/6/5. Journal of a visit to Normandy and Paris by Lady Emily Jane Glyn, 1845.
6832/6/9/4. Journal in letter form of a visit to Palestine by Anna Lydia Glyn, 1892 (to be found in SHC as 6832/6/9/5, where the Documentary Group transcript has got mixed in with the original letters) A transcript was published as *The Letters of Anna Glyn, 1892*, edited by Phyllis Davies (NAS, OP13, 1982).

6832/6/9/6 and 7. Journal of a visit to Australia and Ceylon by Anna Lydia Glyn, 1893, followed by a journal of life in Ewell and a visit to Ireland in the same year.

2.1.2 Estate papers in Public Record Office

Crown Estates

LR 2/190. Survey of the manor of Epsom, kept by the Office of the Auditors of Land Revenue, c.1549 (translation from Latin).

LR 2/190. Survey of the manor of Ewell, kept by the Office of the Auditors of Land Revenue, c.1549 (reproduction of first two pages; a translation was published in *Bulletin of the Nonsuch Antiquarian Soc.* 3rd ser 2 (1965) pp32–9. A C18 copy of the same document exists as SHC: 212/46/10).

2.2 Deeds, Property Settlements and Sales Particulars

2.2.1 Deeds in Surrey History Centre

145/17. Deeds of land in ‘Gallowstreete Lane’, 1649.

186/8/5. Deeds of farm in Ewell and Horton, 1654.

212/46/1. Deeds of land in Northcrofte, 1605 (reproduction).

821/3/1. Lease of land in Epsom High Street, 1877.

821/5/1. Sales particulars of properties in Ewell West Street and ‘Green Man Street’, 1886.

821/5/2–3. Sales particulars of building plots in Ewell, 1898.

821/5/5. Deeds of land in Ewell West Street, 1908.

6407/8/2. Plan for developing Ewell Court Farm as housing, 1930 (partial reproduction).

2.2.2 Deeds in Public Record Office

IR 10/21. Lease of properties in ‘Pedlars Lane’, 1683.

2.2.2 Deeds in British Library

Add. Ch. 36439. Marriage settlement of John Mynne and Alice Hale, 1625.

2.2.3 Deeds held by the Borough of Epsom & Ewell

Bourne Hall. Deeds of Bourne Hall, 1796–1954 (with some partial reproductions).

Dorset House. Deeds of Dorset House, 1955 (reproduction).

2.2.4 Deeds held in private hands

Nonsuch Palace. Condition by John, Lord Lumley, binding himself to the repair of Nonsuch, 1591 (this was lot 134 of a sale at Sothebys, 13 April 1981).

Dundas Charity. Deeds to Dundas Charity buildings in Epsom High Street, 1906 (with reproduction of plan).

Northview Villas. Deeds of property in Kingston Road, 1920.

High Street. Abstract of title to 17 Ewell High Street, 1966

2.3 Juridical records

2.3.1 Juridical records in Public Record Office

Chancery Proceedings, Elizabeth B.B. 28/60. Bill of complaint by Saunder Braye against Jane St. John regarding lands in Ewell, c.1558.

Chancery Proceedings, Elizabeth S.S.. 24/55. Bill of complaint by Margaret Saunder against Thomas Jones regarding lands in Ewell, c.1581 (both cases are copies of typescripts headed 'appendix no. 40' and '43', from an unidentified document in Surrey History Centre).

2.4 Parliamentary records and Civil Registration

2.4.1 Parliamentary records in Surrey History Centre

2585/1. Enclosure award for Ewell, 1802 (with partial reproduction of map, annotated with fieldnames). The award, with a commentary, was published by Charles Abdy as *The Enclosure of Ewell in 1803* (EEHAS, OP44, 2006).

2.4.2 Civil registration records in Public Record Office

Marriage certificate of Gervas Powell Glyn, 1898, and death certificates of Lewen Powell Glyn, 1840, George Turberville Glyn, 1891, Anna Lydia Glyn, 1895, and Gervas Powell Glyn, 1921 (modern authorised copies).

2.5 Parochial records

Transcription of Ewell's parochial documents was undertaken in the early 1970s, with occasional references appearing in the NAS newsletter. Much of the material was drawn on for the group's growing interest in genealogies and property descents, but it was also used for more general social analysis in two papers. One is Phyllis Davies, *Ewell Pauper Examinations and Bastardy Papers* (NAS OP12, 1980), essentially an edition of relevant material including Quarter Sessions 1698–1778 and parish register entries as well as SHC: 3831/3/60–116 as noted below. The other is Phyllis Davies, *Caring for the Ewell Poor before 1838* (NAS, OP14, 1983), a study of the Overseers' Accounts and Vestry minutes noted below from SHC: 3831/1/1–3 and /3/1–2.

2.5.1 Parochial records in Surrey History Centre

2374/1/2. Ewell parish registers, book 3, 1723–1807 (transcripts of selected records).

3831/1/1. Ewell Vestry minutes, book 1, 1769–1830 (to be found in the ledger books, I.2).

3831/1/2. Ewell Vestry minutes, book 2, 1830–66 (to be found in the ledger books, I.3).

3831/1/3. Ewell Vestry minutes, book 3, 1866–95 (to be found in the ledger books, II.9).

3831/2/2. Ewell church rate, 1871 (to be found in the ledger books, IV.3).

3831/3/1. Accounts of Ewell Overseers of the Poor, 1759–66 (to be found in the ledger books; 1759–68 in V.1, 1768–70 in I.1, and 1770–6 in II.3)

- 3831/3/2. Accounts of Ewell Overseers of the Poor, 1776–1809 (to be found in the ledger books, II.4; transcribed up to 1800 only).
- 3831/3/5. Valuation for parochial assessment of Ewell, 1839 (to be found in the ledger books, II.2; see 6247 below for the accompanying map).
- 3831/3/6. Poor Rate Book for February 1837 (to be found in the ledger books, I.4).
- 3831/3/7. Poor Rate Book for May 1837, noting only changes since February of that year (to be found in the ledger books, I.5).
- 3831/3/9. Poor Rate Book for January 1838 (to be found in the ledger books, I.10).
- 3831/3/13. Poor Rate Book for April 1839 (to be found in the ledger books, I.11).
- 3831/3/16, 17 or 18 (it is unclear which). Poor Rate Book for 1840 (to be found in the ledger books, I.12).
- 3831/3/20. Poor Rate Book for April 1850 (to be found in the ledger books, I.6).
- 3831/3/23. Poor Rate Book for April 1851 (to be found in the ledger books, III.3).
- 3831/3/35. Poor Rate Book for March 1854 (to be found in the ledger books, IV.2).
- 3831/3/40. Poor Rate Book for January 1857 (to be found in the ledger books, III.7)
- (The Poor Rate Book for November 1873 is transcribed in the ledger books, III.5; it does not appear to be in Surrey History Centre, in which case the transcript is the only surviving record).
- 3831/3/48. Poor Rate Book for April 1878 (to be found in the ledger books, III.8).
- 3831/3/50. Poor Rate Book for October 1881 (to be found in the ledger books, III.6).
- 3831/3/56. Poor Rate Book for November 1885 (to be found in the ledger books, IV.1).
- 3831/3/57. Lighting rate book for 1882 (to be found in the ledger books, IV.10).
- 3831/3/60–116. List of settlement examinations and orders of removal under the Poor Law (a selection, 24 of the original 56 examinations being transcribed).
- 3831/5/1. Charities account book, 1778–1894 (to be found in the ledger books, I.13; opening section only).
- 3831/6/1. Ewell Savings Bank ledger, 1869–81 (to be found in the ledger books, VI.1).
6247. Map for parochial assessment of Ewell, 1839 (partial reproduction; see 3831/3/5 above for the accompanying valuation).

2.6 Ecclesiastical Administration

2.6.1 Ecclesiastical records in Hampshire Record Office

- 21M65. Register of Bishop Waynflete, 1447–86 (reproduction of f.41v–43r, *compositio inter Prioritatem de Newarke et Vicarium Ecclesie de Ewelle* and f.130r–131r, *appropatio ecclesie parochialis de Ewelle*).
- 21M65. Certificate of place of worship from Mary Wallis, 1850.

2.6.1 Ecclesiastical records held by the United Reformed Church, Ewell

- List of papers relating to Ewell Congregational church compiled in 1977 (some, though not all, of these were later transferred to Surrey History Centre as SHC: 2170).

2.7 Civil Administration

2.7.1 Civil records in Surrey History Centre

QS2/1/2–4 Order books of Quarter Sessions, 1664–82 (extracts for 1669–82, taken from a typescript edition of the order books held at Surrey History Centre as 347.2 transcript).

QS2/1/11–26 Order books of Quarter Sessions, 1712–89 (extracts).

QS6/8/505. Proposed route of railway through West Ewell, c.1859 (reproduction).

6000/13/1–3. Minutes of Ewell Parish Council, 1909–27 (extracts).

6000/13/4–6. Letter books of Ewell Parish Council, 1895–1912 (extracts).

6000/13/7. Declarations on taking office as a Ewell Parish Councillor, 1895–1931 (extracts).

2.8 Education

The principal document in this section is the log book of West Street School (formally Ewell National Boys' School). A study of this was published by Phyllis Davies as *19th-Century Boys at School* (NAS, OP16, 1985).

2.8.1 Education records in Surrey History Centre

CES/15/1–2. Log book of Epsom National Boys' School, 1889–1964 (extracts)

CES/17/1–3. Log book of Ewell National Girls' School, 1862–1923 (extracts)

6246/1/1. Log book of Ewell National Boys' School, 1862–98 (to be found in the ledger books, III.4).

2.9 Taxation

2.9.1 Taxation records in Surrey History Centre

QS6/7/82–3. Land tax returns 1780–1832; an incomplete list, missing 1794 and 1797 (transcript omits 1783, 1785–6, 1788–9, 1791, 1793–4, 1796, 1799, 1804–5, 1807–8, 1810–12, 1814, 1816, 1819–20, 1823, and 1825–6, but supplies 1797 from a microfilm copy; with reproduction of 1804).

2.9.2 Taxation records in Public Record Office

E178/2262. Inquisition showing the owners of land in Epsom and their contributions to tenths and fifteenths, 1599.

E179/184/143. Lay subsidy for Epsom, Horton, Cuddington and Ewell, 1524/5 (first instalment).

E179/184/150. Lay subsidy for Epsom, Horton, Cuddington and Ewell, 1524/5 (second instalment).

E179/184/174. Lay subsidy for Ewell, Cuddington and Epsom, 1535.

E179/184/197. Lay subsidy for Epsom and Ewell, 1545.

E179/184/203. Benevolence for Ewell and Epsom, 1545.

2.10 Wills & Probate Inventories

The transcription of wills by the Documentary Group seems to have begun as a project under the direction of George Wignall, part of his proposal for a history of sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Ewell. Coverage of wills from the period from the Archdeaconry Court of Surrey (2.10.3 below) is nearly comprehensive; later wills, and those from other courts, were added on an *ad hoc* basis by researchers interested in particular people. Selected wills are discussed in Barbara Abdy, *Ewell Wills of the 16th–20th Centuries* (EEHAS OP43, 2004). The probate inventories from the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (2.10.4 below) are typed from transcripts made by Marion Herridge and Joan Holman as part of their project to record Surrey probate inventories; this material was discussed, again by Barbara Abdy, in *Probate Inventories for Epsom and Ewell from 1561 to 1834* (EEHAS OP39, 2001).

2.10.1 Probate records in Surrey History Centre

Strays (wills): Alexander Bridges, 1795, K70/4 (reproduction); Charles Banckes, 1690, K167 (with reproduction); William Fox, 1691, 831/1 (with reproduction).
Strays (probate inventories): Thomas Breaks, 1761, 4164.

2.10.2 Probate records in Hampshire Record Office

Consistory Court of the Bishop of Winchester (wills): John Fisher, 1587 B; Thomas Parcar, 1521 B 24; William Wilkyn, 1621 B 64/1 and see below for inventory (all with reproductions).
Consistory Court of the Bishop of Winchester (probate inventories): William Cooke, 1632; Christopher Thorne, 1561 B 207; William Wilkyn, 1621 B 64/1 and see above for will.

2.10.3 Probate records in London Metropolitan Archive

Archdeaconry Court of Surrey (wills): Robert Bignowll, DW/PA/5/1581; Christian Blundell, /5/1593; Ralph Blundell, /5/1593; Richard Blundell, /5/1593; Richard Bright, /5/1587; Henry Collyer, /5/1622; Henry Corfe, /5/1620; William Cruste, /5/1613; Thomas Cuddington, /5/1611; William Cuddington, /5/1616; John Fisher, /5/1587 (a copy will, the original being in the diocesan court, as above); Thomas Gonne, /5/1598/34; Alice Grastye, /5/1595/42; Samuel Hawkins, /5/1743/50; Agnes Hitchin, /5/1614; John Hitchin, /5/1599; Edward Hodskynson, /5/1619; William Homan, /5/1596/36; Arthur Hourde, /5/1593; William Jubb, DW/PA/5/1741/62 and see below for inventory; James Kempe, /5/1630; Christopher Lawrence, /5/1601; John Listney, /5/1609; Hannah Millett, /5/1738/7; Edward Mordin, /5/1593; John Mylls, /5/1614; William Parkesse, /5/1624; Thomas Parkhurst, /5/1684/81; Francis Porter, /5/1627; Thomas Sutton, /5/1630; Allen Taylor, /5/1612; William Tegg, /5/1599; John Walterer, /5/1591; Elizabeth Warden, /5/1626; Steven Wollridge, /5/1593; Richard Woodman, /5/1624 (all with reproductions).
Archdeaconry Court of Surrey (probate inventories): John Benwell, 1741, DW/PA /5/1742/5; Samuel Hawkins, 1743, /5/1743/50; William Jubb, /5/1741/62 and see above for will.

2.10.4 Probate records in Public Record Office

Prerogative Court of Canterbury (wills): Thomas Hersey Barritt, 1817, PROB 11/1602; John Roberts Hawkins, 1779, 11/1071; William Lewen, 1719, 11/584; Henry Nickless, 1750, 11/783; Philip Rowden, 1794, 11/1254 (with reproduction); Francis Saunder, 1613, 11/122; Henry Saunder, 1518, 11/19; Nicholas Saunder, 1588, 11/72 (reproduction).

Prerogative Court of Canterbury (probate inventories): Edward Alder, 1674, PROB 4/9064; Thomas Archer, 1667, 4/8142; Ann Brown, 1823, 31/1194/328; Richard Bushell, 1834, 31/1333/1448; Robert Child, 1661, 4/6993; John Cooper, 1755, 31/379/303; Ann Dixson, 1673, 4/4487 and 5/2185; Margaret Forman, 1696, 4/11771 and 5/5808; Joseph Heyhurst, 1671, 4/1927; Anne Isted, 1670, 4/16779; Thomas Randall, 1685, 4/25571; Thomas Rennalls, 1713, 5/2234; Thomas Rogers, 1670, 4/19051; Thomas Rose, 1773, 31/596/350; Stephen Scott, 1823, 31/1199/860; Audrey Sewer, 1676, 4/4053.

2.10.4 Probate records at Principal Probate Registry

Court of Probate (wills): James Barnard, 1866; Timothy Barnard, 1871; David Evans, 1907 (from copy at SHC: 3178/12); Arthur Robert Glyn, 1935; George Lewen Glyn, 1884 (from copy at SHC: 6832/6/6/34); George Turberville Glyn, 1891; Gervas Powell Glyn, 1904; Henrietta Glyn, 1902; Margaret Glyn, 1944; Richard Carr Glyn, 1868; Leigh Vaughan Henry, 1958.

2.11 Commercial

2.11.1 Commercial records in Bourne Hall Museum

1974.059-001. Account book of W. Killick with Cracknell's butchers.

2.11.2 Commercial records held in private hands

Prescription book, 1893. Running from February 1893 to January 1894, apparently from the practice of Dr. Barrington Mudd (found in Grove Cottage).

Sutton Water District Co. minutes, 1875–1918. Extracts relating to Ewell from the minutes (obtained via Joyce Page, who worked for the Sutton & Ewell Water Co).

2.12 Personal

2.11.1 Personal records held in private hands

Robinson diary. Holiday diary of Kitty Robinson of Birmingham from a visit to Ewell, 1868 (held by Margaret Stubs of London SW5 in 1974). This was published as *Kitty's Diary*, edited by Barbara Abdy (NAS, Nonsuch Extra 7, 2002).

RECORDS MADE THROUGH FIELDWORK

3.1 Monumental Inscriptions

3.1.1 Monuments in the Churchyard of St. Mary's, Ewell

A transcript of monumental inscriptions in St. Mary's churchyard no. 2 (the Victorian churchyard, around the new church) made in 1972. The transcript is divided into four sections (north, south, east and west) with the entry for each gravestone accompanied by an outline sketch; there is also an index of names.

3.2 Oral History

3.2.1 Cracknell

Memories of Ewell village by James Cracknell, recorded in 1977

3.2.2 Pocock

Memories of Ewell village by Tom Pocock, written in 1978. These were published as *The Reminiscences of Tom Pocock of Ewell* (NAS, Nonsuch Extra 2, 1998).

3.2.3 Fausset

Memories of Ewell village by Cecily Fausset, written in 1983. These were published in *Reminiscences of Mrs. B. Peacock and Mrs. C. Fausset* (EEHAS, Nonsuch Extra 10, 2005).

STUDIES OF THE DOCUMENTARY RECORD

4.1 Manorial Studies

4.1.1 Manorial timeline

An index of grants, feoffments, suits, entails and views relating to land tenure in the Ewell manors, from the earliest claimed charter in 959 to the establishment of modern local government (to be found in the card indexes). The concept of a tenurial history, assuming that this was the original plan, has been weakened by the inclusion of miscellaneous notes on other topics.

4.1.2 Manorial custom and practice

Extracts from customals and rolls illustrating the management of the common fields; rights of grazing, turf, timber and firewood, enclosures of waste, dovecotes and warrens roads and paths, and the holding of fairs, with distinctions of demesne from tenant land, and some evidence for manorial incidents such as surrenders, admissions and heriots. They are taken from the court rolls of Ewell (SHC: 2238), Epsom (SHC: K31) and the Vewe and Survey of Cuddington (PRO: E315/414).

4.1.3 Manorial field-names

A partial index to field-names in the Ewell manorial rolls and associated papers (SHC: 2238/10/1–183)

4.1.4 Manorial tenant names

A draft index to holders of land in the manorial rolls of Fitznells, Bottolphs and Ruxley (SHC 940/20/1–30), accompanied by a more comprehensive index of names in all the Gadesden estate papers (to be found in the card indexes). The more comprehensive index covers SHC: 940/1–52. In most cases only the personal name is noted, but for 940/1–4 and for the very large group of documents scheduled under 940/20, there are dates of enrolment and property details.

4.1.5 Manorial copyhold properties

Descents of residential copyholds in the manor of Ewell, from the manorial rolls and tenant lists (SHC 2238/10/166–79). Some 90 properties are traced, in each case collated with an arbitrary number for the property summary as well as a plot number on the 1802 Enclosure Map. The final analysis is supported by two levels of documentation – a first file of notes made from the original schedules (section 1.2 above) and a second file linking these notes into property summaries. Originally about 200 property descents were assembled but not all of these could be identified with awards at the time of Enclosure. The papers are accompanied by an index of names linking them to the summary numbers (to be found in the card indexes). Some of these cards also contain entries linking personal names to the Gadesden estate papers, although given that the lands of the two manors were separate, the uniting factor must be the person rather than the property.

4.2 Studies in Conveyances

4.2.1 Gadesden estate freeholds

Two lists, one of properties and the other of owners, for the Gadesden estate (SHC 940/1–53), mostly freehold, giving the descent of property and making an identification of about 40 properties with a plot number on the 1802 Enclosure Map.

4.3 Studies of Parliamentary records and Civil Registration

Transcription and analysis of census records formed the main focus of work for the Documentary group in the early 1980s, and gave rise to two publications: Phyllis Davies, Mabel Dexter and Hazel Wynn Jones, *Women in Ewell 1841–1871* (NAS, OP11, 1981), and Barbara Abdy, *Victorian Ewell Revealed through the Census* (NAS, OP33, 1997).

4.3.1 Enclosure Award name index

A name index to the Enclosure Award for Ewell, 1802, SHC: 2585/1 (to be found in the card indexes).

4.3.2 Census returns, statistical analysis

A report based on the census returns for Ewell, 1841–81, with data for 1891 added later. The report begins with total population figures (with corrections made to 1881 allowing for the separate identity of the Kensington & Chelsea School). There follow a distribution of population by age and occupation; by age and sex; and by age and occupation. There are notes on in- and out-migration; on anomalies in the age and sex profile over time, which may reflect a bias in reporting and not the actual situation; on the increase over time of domestic service and the professions as occupations. The report is followed by some correspondence with Alan Gillies in 1981 comparing the census data for Ewell with those from Leatherhead.

4.3.3 Census returns, occupations

Lists of people and their occupations in the Epsom, Ewell and Cuddington census returns 1841–91, with a statistical analysis of the most common categories, and supplementary notes on occupations recorded in the Overseers' accounts (in section 2.5.1 above) and among subscribers in aid of the Patriotic Fund of 1854 (SHC: 6832/3/3/5 in 2.1.1 above)

4.3.4 Census returns, properties

A list of the 30 largest houses in Ewell and their occupants in the census returns 1841–91.

4.4 Studies in Taxation

4.4.1 Land Tax name index

A card index of the owners and occupiers of property rated to land tax in Ewell, derived from the abstracts of tax lists (section 2.9.1 above) and therefore covering about half of the years for which the tax is recorded between 1780 and 1832.

4.4.2 Lay Subsidies name index

A name index to the taxation returns of 1524–45, as set out in section 2.9.2 above (to be found in the card indexes).

4.5 Studies in Parochial Records

4.5.1 Vestry records, churchwardens and overseers

Extracts from the Vestry Minutes and the accounts of the Overseers of the Poor (SHC 3831/3/1–3, section 2.5.1 above) with a list of churchwardens and overseers, and of the inns at which they met, from 1759 to 1800.

4.5.2 Parish Registers

A name index to births, marriages and deaths in the parish registers of St. Mary's, Ewell, 1604–1899 (to be found in the card indexes). This is by far the largest index to be worked on by the group, occupying 16 standard card drawers. The core source was Philip Shearman's transcript of the registers up to 1837, supplemented by later transcripts made by the Group. A copy of Shearman's work is, or was, catalogued as 1649 in the Bourne Hall Library collection; the Group's transcripts were included in the same collection but not numbered.

4.6 Studies in Ecclesiastical Records

4.6.1 Rectory of Ewell

A summary account and transcript of documents (most of them presented without any reference to location) outlining the descent of the rectory of Ewell from its impropriation by Chertsey Abbey in 1292 until its acquisition in the early eighteenth century by the Glyn family.

4.7 Studies from published sources

4.7.1 Surrey Archaeological Society

A name index to *Surrey Archaeological Collections* volumes 1–54.

4.7.1 Surrey Record Society

A name index to the publications of the Surrey Record Society, volumes 1–28.

4.8 Studies by Individual Researchers

The Documentary Group was a loose-knit set of researchers, some concerned only with the transcription of material and others planning to build it into more ambitious (and never-to-be-written) histories of the village. After the death of individual researchers, their papers came back to the Group but were kept as the archives of individuals, as in the two collections which follow.

4.8.1 Titford

Charles Titford was the guiding force behind much the transcription of early documents, at first for John Dent in the accumulation of material which lies behind *Quest for Nonsuch*, and then in communication with George Wignall. His studies led to an 'Outline History of Ewell and Cuddington' (which stopped at the late Middle Ages) in 1967; this was his last major project, and he died in 1973. Titford engaged in a long, and occasionally sharp, debate with Philip Shearman over the interpretation of the early topography of Ewell, the fruits of which can be found in the Surrey Record Soc. edition of *Fitznells Cartulary* (1968) and in *Surrey Arch. Coll.* 69–71 (1973–7). Essentially, Titford took the documentary record pretty much at face value in its statements of acreages, fencing lengths and so on, and took any divergences from the modern map as evidence that the outline of roads and fields had changed since the Middle Ages. Shearman took the modern (that is, eighteenth- and nineteenth-century) maps as his baseline for a landscape where the details of the documentary record fitted in as best they could. Shearman was probably right, and certainly more in touch with contemporary thinking in landscape archaeology; by contrast much of Titford's work, such as his paper on Nonsuch Great Park in *Surrey Arch. Coll.* 64 (1967), suffers from an excessively literal attitude. Nonetheless, Titford's work is a necessary starting-point for any attempt to visualise the Ewell surveys of 1577 and 1408 as actual mapped landscapes. His papers also contain valuable material on roads and mills, on medieval field-names (some published in *NEAS Bulletin* for 1964) and on personal names. The challenge of engaging with the topographical detail is compensated by some productive views on issues such as early medieval land clearance and the post-1348 decline. These reveal a sensitivity to real historical questions, beyond mere antiquarianism.

4.8.2 Wignall

George Wignall concentrated on the sixteenth- and seventeenth-century history of Ewell, forming a bridge between Titford's medieval interests and the later documents transcribed by other workers. Wignall was the founder of the Documentary Group and remained its most active member until his death in 1987; he had ambitions of writing a history of Ewell in the Tudor and Stuart period, which would have formed part of a multi-author set of volumes covering the whole history of the village. Unfortunately the surviving notes for this work are very thin. Originally there were two files, one for each century, but that for the 1500s contained very little specifically Ewell material, and was broken up during the lifetime of the Group. The surviving notes for the 1600s listing the content of documents (wills, leases etc.) year by year and form a useful collation of material for this period.