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ZQ CHESTER QUARTER SESSIONS

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Orders by Quarter Sessions and Chester Sessions for transportation of convicts, 1803-29

Orders from the Clerk of the Peace or the clerk of the Crown to the constable of Chester castle, the Sheriff of the County of Chester and the Justices of the Peace of the County of Chester stating that the convicts named were to be transported to New South Wales.

4 bundles: 1803-18, 1821-22, 1825-26, 1829

Orders by the Secretary of State for transportation of convicts to the hulks, 1802-40

Orders signed by the Home Secretary to the Sheriff of the County of Chester directing that convicts in Chester Gaol under sentence of transportation be transferred to the hulks. The convicts are named in the margin of the orders. The hulks were at Portsmouth, Langstone Harbour, Woolwich or Chatham.

4 bundles: 1802-21, 1822-29, 1831-35, 1836-40

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Reports and returns of convicts transported and under sentence of transportation, 1802-56

The records comprise receipts for convicts from Chester received on board the hulks, lists of convicts despatched from Chester Gaol with details of their physical appearance, age, occupation, character and behaviour, copies of surgeons' certificates, and returns of convicts at Chester Gaol under sentence of transportation.

6 bundles: 1802-6, 1810-18, 1819-21, 1822-27, 1835-36, 1843-56

Circulars and correspondence on the transportation of convicts, 1802-51

Correspondence between the Home Office and the Sheriff of Chester concerning individual convicts, requesting returns of convicts, or financial matters.

1 bundle: 1802-51

Miscellaneous papers, 1726-1857

Select:

List of convicts under sentence of transportation, 1 January – 31 December 1852, sent to the Commissioners of County Rates. (6pp) **Check**

PRIVATE RECORDS

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DBE Bennett Collection

Notebooks and papers of J.H.E. Bennett (d. 1956) of Heswall, including pedigrees and general notes on many Cheshire families.

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DBE 15

Genealogical notes and correspondence (1905-39) concerning the Whittell Family of Chester, London and Australia. The notes are based on parish registers, directories, electoral rolls, probate records, and birth, death and marriage registers at Somerset House. Members of the family included Henry Whittell (1809-1865), who emigrated to New South Wales in 1838, and his descendants.

DBE 29

Genealogical notes and correspondence (1858-1928) concerning the Woolfield Family of Birmingham and Papatoetoe, New Zealand. The members of the family included Samuel Woolfield (d. 1880) who emigrated to New Zealand, and his descendants. The correspondence includes letters from T.R. Woolfield (Papatoetoe) to Bennett, 1901-28.

DSA Stanley Family of Alderley

Alderley Hall near the village of Nether Alderley, Cheshire, was purchased by Sir Thomas Stanley, who was created a baronet in 1660. Sir John Stanley, the 7th Baronet, was created Baron Stanley of Alderley in 1839. His brother Edward Stanley (1779-1849) was rector of Alderley for 32 years before becoming Bishop of Norwich in 1837. His son Owen Stanley (1813-1850) served in the Royal Navy under Phillip Parker King and Sir John Franklin and commanded HMS *Rattlesnake* on its surveying expedition to northern Australia and New Guinea in 1846-50. His other sons were Charles Stanley (1819-49), private secretary to Sir William Denison in Van Diemen's Land in 1846-49, and Arthur Stanley (1815-1881), the Dean of Westminster Abbey.

Select:

75 Journal of Catherine Stanley, 1812-20

The journal records events in the childhoods of her children, Owen, Mary, Arthur and Charles Stanley.

79 Letters of Catherine Stanley to Owen Stanley, 1847-50 (24 letters)

The letters, written to Captain Owen Stanley in Australia, contain family news and refer to the affairs of the Diocese of Norwich, political events, travels in England, the voyage of HMS Rattlesnake, news of Charles Stanley and his death in Hobart in 1849, meetings with Sir Edward Parry, revolutions in Europe in 1848, and the receipt of letters from Owen. There are also letters from her daughter Mary Stanley to Owen Stanley.

92 Correspondence of Charles Stanley and his wife Elizabeth Stanley

Select:

Elizabeth Stanley (Hobart) to Catherine Stanley, 12 May 1847: lack of news from England; illness of Sir William Denison; social events.

Capt. P.P. King (Parramatta) to Elizabeth Stanley, 19 Oct. 1852: arrival of Dr Wolley, friend of Arthur Stanley, at Sydney University; exclusion of theological instruction at the University; views of W.C. Wentworth; social consequences of gold discoveries; difficulty of finding servants; death of his sister Anna Maria Macarthur and her daughter Anna Wickham; conflict between Sir William Denison and the Legislative Council in Tasmania; the publication of the *Voyage of the Rattlesnake*; T.H. Huxley.

T.H. Huxley to Elizabeth Stanley, Jan.-Feb. 1853: Huxley's high opinion of J. MacGillivray's *Voyage of the Rattlesnake*; favourable reviews; Huxley's quest for an academic appointment; book by O. Brierley; Huxley's review of MacGillivray's book; his quarrel with the publisher John Murray. (5 letters)

134/1 Letters from Catherine Stanley to her niece Louisa Stanley

Select:

Catherine Stanley to [Louisa Stanley], 28 Nov. 1834: return of Sir William Parry from Australia; the experiences of the Parrys; strange anomalous state of society in New South Wales. (draft)

Catherine Stanley to [Louisa Stanley], Oct. [1843]: refers to Owen Stanley returning from the East Indies Station. (extract)

134/2 Letters of Catherine Stanley Vaughan, the daughter of Bishop Stanley

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Catherine Stanley to unidentified correspondent, 1844-49: refers to Charles and Elizabeth Stanley leaving for Australia; news from Van Diemen's Land; death of Lady Mary Fitzroy in Sydney; death of Charles Stanley in Hobart.

DWS Wilson Family of Sandbach

16 Petition from passengers on the emigrant ship *Cheapside* to Dr John Ayre, the surgeon-superintendent, seeking an alteration in the serving of tea, July 1849.

19. Journal of John Ayre, surgeon on the barque *Duchess of Northumberland*, on a voyage from Sydney to Calcutta, 16 May-December 1851.

The journal is chronologically confusing: it contains earlier entries on medical cases on a voyage from Port Phillip to England in 1850 and is interspersed with reports on disciplinary and medical cases.

21/4 Hotel and club bills and receipts accumulated by M. Wilson and his wife on a voyage round the world in 1889.

Select:

Bills and other accounts from hotels and clubs in Sydney, Jenolan Caves, Mount Victoria, Tamworth, Newcastle, Melbourne, Healesville, Marysville, Adelaide, Toowoomba, Auckland, Napier, Nelson, Dunedin, Christchurch and Batavia.

23/2 Journal of John Ayre, the surgeon on the *Cheapside*, on a voyage from London to Sydney, June – November 1849 and on the schooner *Lillian* from Sydney to Port Phillip, December 1849.