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A small collection of mainly estate papers of the Bellingham family of Castle Bellingham, county Louth, 1681-1912.

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Introduction

The family

The Bellingham family of Castle Bellingham, county Louth are descended from Robert Bellingham, who towards the end of the 17th century migrated to Ireland from Westmorland (now part of Cumbria in the north of England). His grandson Henry Bellingham purchased lands in county Louth and Henry's son Col. Thomas Bellingham built Castle Bellingham house around 1700. His descendant William Bellingham (d. 1826) was an MP, secretary to William Pitt and a Commissioner in the Navy, and was created a baronet in 1796. After his death the title passed to his nephew Alan Bellingham (1776-1827), and later his son Alan Edward Bellingham (1800-1889).

The estates

The Bellingham family held property in county Louth and Dublin city. In the mid 19th century they purchased the Palmer estate in county Mayo. The Louth estate of Sir Alan Edward Bellingham, 3rd Bt was estimated at around 4,100 acres with an annual valuation of £4,300 while the Mayo property comprised almost 12,000 acres with a valuation of £295 in *The Great landowners of Great Britain and Ireland* (1883, reprinted 1971).

The Papers

The Bellingham Papers were acquired by the Library from Miss K. England in 1957. The collection consists of six boxes of papers, the majority of which relate to the Bellingham estates. There is one box of personal papers.

I. Estate papers

I.i. Title Deeds

- 1703
MS 45,900 /1 Certified copy of part of record of 'Patent Roll/Chancery Ireland 2 Anne Part 3' 1703, relating to the conveyance of lands of Port, county Louth to Sir William Robinson pursuant to an act relating to the sale of forfeited estates. Copy dated 1871; 3 pp
- 1802
MS 45,900 /2 Conveyance under decree of lands of Dunany and Port, county Louth, held under a lease of 1753 for ever, by John Foster, John Page Jnr, William Bayly and others to Wallop Brabazon; 3 membranes
- 1814
MS 45,900 /3 Release of charge of £500 created by the will of Alan Bellingham (d. 1800) on property at Strand Street, Jervis Street and Abbey Street, all in Dublin city; 2 membranes
- 1818
MS 45,900 /4 Bargain and sale by John Crosbie Granes, Edward O'Grady and Willcocks Huband, all Commissioners of Bankruptcy against Elizabeth and Michael Bird, to James Grogan of property in Drogheda, county Louth (held by Elizabeth and Michael Bird); 1 membrane
- 1821
MS 45,900 /5 Articles of agreement for the conveyance of Port, Dunany and Corrstown, all in county Louth by Wallop Brabazon to William Bellingham, 1st Bt, with related rental of property. Includes related conveyance and deed of release; 3 items
- 1823
MS 45,901 /1 Copy settlement of the lands of Painstown, Nicholstown, Lurganbry, Cruestown, Termonfeckin and Meagher's Farm, all in county Louth by Wallop Brabazon; 63 pp
- 1832, 1837
MS 45,901 /2 Conveyance of tithes by James Sweeny and Hester Frances Bellingham (widow of Sir William Bellingham, 1st Bt) to Alan Bellingham, 3rd Bt with related items: 2 items
- 1841
MS 45,901 /3 Conveyance of part of the lands of Fern, county Donegal by Elizabeth Brown to her son John Brown; 1 membrane
- 1877
MS 45,901 /4

Copy conveyance by Sir Thomas Pierce Butler and Richard Altamont Smythe (trustees of the marriage settlement of Alan Henry Bellingham and Lady Constance Noel, daughter of the 2nd Earl of Gainsborough, 1874) of the part of the lands of Dunany and Draghanstown, county Louth to Alan Edward Bellingham, 3rd Bt; 11 pp

I.ii. Leases

I.ii.1. Castlebellingham, county Louth

- MS 45,902 /1** 1769
Lease by Alan Bellingham to his son Obryen Bellingham of a house and garden in Castlebellingham; 1 p
- MS 45,902 /2** 1780
Lease by Alan Bellingham to John Petty of premises in Castlebellingham; 1 p
- MS 45,902 /3** 1784
Lease by Henry Bellingham to Hugh and Henry Bevan of a house and garden in Castlebellingham; 1 p
- MS 45,902 /4** 1790
Lease by Alan Bellingham to Patrick Graham of lands at Castlebellingham; 1 p
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- MS 45,902 /5** 1797
Lease by Alan Bellingham to Lawrence Gennity of property in Castlebellingham; 1 p
[needs conservation treatment]
- MS 45,903 /1** 1802
Lease by Alan Bellingham to Nicholas Crawley of lands near Castlebellingham; 1 p
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- MS 45,903 /2** 1803
Lease by Alan Bellingham to Richard Tooth of part of the lands of Dromenagh in the townland of Castlebellingham; 1 p
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- MS 45,903 /3** 1805
Lease by Alan Bellingham to Thomas Magrath of property in Castlebellingham; 1 membrane
- MS 45,903 /4** 1807
Lease by Alan Bellingham to John Plunkett of fields near Castlebellingham with house and garden; 1 p

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- MS 45,903 /5** 1810
Lease by John Worsley to Bryan and Michael Thomas of 17 acres in Castlebellingham; 1 p
- MS 45,904 /1** 1810
Lease by Alan Bellingham to Patrick McGill of a house in the town of Castlebellingham; 1 p
- MS 45,904 /2** 1811
Lease by Alan Bellingham to Lawrence McCormick of property in the town of Castlebellingham and lands in the townland of Dromena; 1 p
- MS 45,904 /3** 1811
Lease by Alan Bellingham to Jane and Patrick Relley of a house and workshop in the town of Castlebellingham; 1 p
- MS 45,904 /4** 1811
Lease by Alan Bellingham to Peter McShane of land at Seabank in the parish of Castlebellingham and a house in Castlebellingham; 1 p
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- MS 45,904 /5** 1832
Lease by Hester Frances Bellingham (widow of William Bellingham, 1st Bt) to Alan Edward Bellingham, 3rd Bt of part of the lands of Castlebellingham and part of the demesne lands of Castlebellingham for his life; 1 p
- MS 45,904 /6** 1836-1837
Lease by Hester Frances Bellingham (widow of William Bellingham, 1st Bt) of plot of ground in the town of Castlebellingham to Michael McCormick, 1836. Includes map of ground and plan of proposed house. Assignment of interest in the lease by Michael McCormick to Alan Edward Bellingham, 3rd Bt, 1837; 3 items
- MS 45,904 /7** 1842
Lease by Hester Frances Bellingham (widow of William Bellingham, 1st Bt) to Alan Edward Bellingham of ground and houses in the town of Castlebellingham, with map; 1 p

I.ii.2. Port, County Louth

- MS 45,905 /1** 1760
Lease by Stephen Sibthorpe to James Morgan of lands at Port; 1 p
- MS 45,905 /2** 1779
Lease by Robert Sibthorpe to Philip Murtha of part of the lands of

Port; 1 p

- MS 45,905 /3** 1781
Lease by Robert Sibthorpe to Bryan Roark of part of the lands of Port, with a note on a lease by Sibthorpe to William Robinson of property at Port; 2 pp
- MS 45,905 /4** 1812
Lease by Wallop Brabazon to William Callaghan of part of the lands of Port, with map and survey of demised lands; 1 p
- MS 45,905 /5** 1815
Lease by Wallop Brabazon to Thomas Butterly of part of the lands of Port, with map; 1 p
- MS 45,905 /6** 1820
Lease by Walter Brabazon to Andrew and Patrick Belton and John Hardman of part of the lands of Port, with map; 2 pp
- MS 45,905 /7** 1838
Renewal of lease by Hester Frances Bellingham (widow of William Bellingham, 1st Bt) to Henry Lambert Brabazon. Original lease dated 1791 of part of Port for 3 lives renewable for ever by Robert Sibthorpe to Henry Brabazon (both deceased) and all the estate title of Sibthorpe later became vested in William Bellingham, 1st Bt; 1 membrane (2 copies)
- MS 45,905 /8** 1853
Renewal of lease of part of the lands of Port by Alan O'Bryan Bellingham to Jane Jones. Original lease dated 1790 by Stephen James Sibthorpe to George Jones; 1 membrane (2 copies)

I.ii.3. Other areas in county Louth

- MS 45,906 /1** 1697
Lease by William Robinson to Thomas Bellingham of lands called the Boolies; 1 membrane
- MS 45,906 /2** 1779
Leases by Robert Sibthrope of lands at Corstown to Philip and Patrick Callon; Luke Hartford (2 copies); James Carrell and Owen [Commerfort] (2 copies); James Taaffe; 6 pp
[some items are badly damaged and require conservation treatment]
- MS 45,906 /3** 1790
Lease by Stephen John Sibthorpe to John, James and George Hodgers of lands at Johnstown; 1 p
- MS 45,906 /4** 1791
Leases by Robert Sibthorpe to Matthew Belton and Thomas

- Hardman of lands at Dudstown; 2 pp
- MS 45,906 /5** 1792
Lease by Robert Sibthorpe to Richard Campbell of part of the lands of Draughtenstown; 1 p
- MS 45,907 /1** 1811
Lease by Alan Bellingham to Patt and Laurence Neacy of part of the lands of Seabank; 1 p
- MS 45,907 /2** 1815
Lease by Wallop Brabazon to William McCormick of part of the lands of Draughtenstown; 1 p
- MS 45,907 /3** 1818
Lease by Wallop Brabazon to James Kavanagh of part of the lands of Corstown; 1 p
- MS 45,907 /4** 1818
Lease by Wallop Brabazon to John Levins of part of the lands of Corstown, with related map; 1 p
- MS 45,907 /5** 1820
Copy lease by Wallop Brabazon to James and Patrick [Mullen] of part of Dunany; 4 pp
- MS 45,908 /1** 1824
Lease by William Bellingham, 1st Bt to Henry McClintock, Port Surveyor of part of the lands of Dunany 'for the use of His Majesty's Preventative Water Guard' for 60 years, with map of the property; 2 membranes
- MS 45,908 /2** 1832
Lease by Hester Frances Bellingham (widow of William Bellingham, 1st Bt) to Peter Segrave of part of the lands of Dunany, called Roadstown, with map; 3 pp
- MS 45,908 /3** 1873
Copy draft lease by Alan Edward Bellingham, 3rd Bt to the Commissioners for executing the office of the Lord High Admiral of part of the lands of Dunany 'laid out for the Coast Guard Service' for 90 years; 9 pp
- MS 45,908 /4** 1896
Lease by Sir Thomas Butler and others to John McDowell of a farm at Dunany and Draghanstown, with map of demised lands. Also with 'Copy memorandum of fixtures on premises demised by with lease' and related letter; 3 items

I.ii.4. Other counties

- MS 45,909 /1** 1681
Lease by William Smith, Bishop of Killalla to John Bayly of property at Strand St., Dublin for 99 years; 1 membrane
- MS 45,909 /2** 1705
Lease by James Smith to Martin Tucker of property at Jervis Street, Dublin for 198 years; 1 membrane
- MS 45,909 /3** 1753,1755
Certified copy of will of Tristram Fortick, 1755 (copy dated 1912) with attested copy of memorial of leases of 1753 by Tristram Fortick to Elizabeth Handcock and George Meares of premises in Jervis Street; 3 items
- MS 45,909 /4** 1880
Lease by Alan Edward Bellingham, 3rd Bt to Brigid McManmon of Gortbrack South with a house in the barony of Erris, county Mayo, with map; 2 pp

I.iii. Legal estate papers

- MS 45,910 /1** 1797
'Copy warrant of attorney to acknowledge satisfaction on judgement...' in suit of John Bellingham V Alan Bellingham; 2 pp
- MS 45,910 /2** Undated, c. 1800
'Stating the situation of Alan Bellingham [d. 1800] under his father's will'; 7 pp
- MS 45,910 /3** Undated, [c. 1802]
'Summary of title to lands of Dunany and Manor etc of Port in Co. Louth'; 15 pp
- MS 45,910 /4** [c. 1821]
Statement of title of Wallop and William Brabazon to the lands of Salterstown, county Louth; 15 pp
- MS 45,910 /5** Undated, [c. 1832]
'Statement of title Sir A[lan] E[dward] Bellingham Bart. to the fee of Lots of Ground in Strand Street, Jervis Street and Abbey Street and to a term of years in premises on Ormond Quay in the City of Dublin', with copy; 2 items
- MS 45,910 /6** 'Observations as to the Leases delivered to Jossens, etc, June 16th 1834' by Thomas Baker with 'Copy of Joy's opinion on the title' to Dunany and Port; 1834 & undated

MS 45,910 /7 1892, 1901, 1912
'Copy opinion of Counsel as to the power of the trustees of the will of Sir Alan E[dward] Bellingham to grant a 99 year lease of this property' [property in Jervis St. and Denmark St., Dublin], 1901, with 'Draft abstract of Title of Eudo Alan Bellingham [son of William Claypon Bellingham, second son of Alan Edward Bellingham, 3rd Bt] to the fee of all that parcel of ground situate in Jervis Street and Denmark St in the City of Dublin', [1892] and with attested copy of memorial of lease dated 1746 by Dorothea Tucker to William McCausland of ground in Jervis St, copy dated 1912; 3 items

MS 45,910 /8 1906
'Schedule of Deeds lodged' in the suit of Governors of Lifford Endowed Schools V Joseph Knox; 1 item

I.iv. Rentals, accounts and other financial papers

MS 45,911 /1 1791
'Rentals of the Estates of Robt Sibthorpe Esq in Port & Dunany 1791'; 1 item

MS 45,911 /2 1800-1825
Estate accounts, receipts and vouchers; c. 75 items

MS 45,911 /3 1822-1823
Rent rolls of the Dunany and Port estate; 3 items

MS 45,911 /4 1825
'Smith's Pass Book 1825'; c. 20pp

MS 45,912 /1-2 1826-1831
Estate accounts and vouchers; c. 150 items in 2 folders

MS 45,912 /3-4 1830-1842 & undated
Estate accounts and vouchers; c. 100 items in 2 folders

MS 45,912 /5 1843-1855, 1871, 1877
Estate accounts and vouchers; c. 25 items

MS 45,912 /5 1869-1870, 1892-1894
Rentals of the Burnshead estate, county Mayo; 7 items

I.v. Farm and Stewards' accounts and papers

MS 45,913 /1 1829-1839
'Farm demesne cash book 1829'; c. 250pp

MS 45,913 /2-3 1835-1856 & undated
Stewards and labourers papers including some letters to Alan

Edward, 3rd Bt; c. 60 items in 2 folders

- MS 45,914 /1-8** 1836-1838
Farm reports as follows:
June 1836; 21 items
July 1836; 21 items
Aug 1836; 22 items
Sept 1837; 21 items
Oct 1837; 26 items
Feb 1838; 16 items
Mar 1838; 26 items
May 1838; 29 items
8 folders
- MS 45,915 /1** 1840-1841, 1840-1843
Farm ledgers; 46ff, 41ff
- MS 45,915 /2-3** 1840-1843
Stewards and farm accounts; c. 40 items in 2 folders
- MS 45,915 /4** 1843-1846
Farm accounts; c. 20 items

I.vi. Maps & Surveys

- MS 45,916 /1** 1813
'A Map & Survey of the Glebe land at the point of Dunany...',
county Louth, by James and John Frain; 2 items
- MS 45,916 /2** 1869
Volume of printed maps of part of the estate of Sir William Palmer
in county Mayo which is to be sold by the Landed Estates
Commission: Knockmayleen, Gortbrack South, Sheeanmore,
Bunmore East, Owenglass, Shragederdaowen and Tarsaghaunbeg
South, all in the barony of Erris; 6 items
- MS 45,916 /3** 1874
'Map of Tenants Holdings situated on the Estate of Sir Alan
Edward Bellingham Bart. in the Townland of Cortbrack and Barony
of Erris, Co. Mayo' by Arthur M. Smyth; 1 item
- MS 45,916 /4** Undated, [c. late 19th cent.]
Map of the Bellingham Estate showing property on Denmark St,
Chapel Lane and Jervis St., all in Dublin city, by Hinde & Cheeke,
Civil Engineers, Dublin; 1 p

I.vii. Estate Correspondence

- MS 45,917 /1** 1820-1824
Letters by Townley B. Hardman, agent to William Bellingham, 1st

- Bt concerning estate matters, with some related accounts; 11 items
- MS 45,917 /2** 1822-1823
Letters to Alan Bellingham (later 2nd Bt) from his uncle William Bellingham, 1st Bt with one copy reply concerning legal matters; 3 items
- MS 45,917 /3** 1825-1863
Letters to William Bellingham, 1st Bt, Alan Bellingham, 2nd Bt and Alan Edward Bellingham, 3rd Bt concerning estate matters; 16 items
- MS 45,917 /4** 1835
Notebook 'Thomas Baker May 6th 1835' containing copies of letters, mainly from Baker to John Gregson and W.S. Gillett; 60 pp
- MS 45,917 /5** 1837-1858 & undated
Letters to Alan Edward Bellingham, 3rd Bt from his cousin Alan O'Bryen Bellingham, agent; 46 items
- MS 45,918 /1** 1839
Letters to Alan Edward Bellingham, 3rd Bt from Thomas Skeffington, 2nd Viscount Ferrard; 6 items
- MS 45,918 /2** 1840-1841
Letters to Alan Edward Bellingham, 3rd Bt from J. Sweeny concerning financial and other matters; 6 items
- MS 45,918 /3** 1845-1846
Letters to Alan Edward Bellingham, 3rd Bt from Joseph Russell, London concerning financial matters with some copy replies; 5 items
- MS 45,918 /4** 1869-1870, 1873
Letters relating to the Palmer estate, county Mayo, with related accounts; 27 items
- MS 45,918 /5** 1871-1872
Letters from M. Pidgeon, agent, to Alan Edward, 3rd Bt relating to the estate matters including the trial of Robert Henry Smithwick and Alexander Edward Malley for the murder of Martin Cleary, a poacher, July 1871; 23 items
- MS 45,918 /6** 1871-1872
Letters from Robert Henry Smithwick with some copy replies concerning estate matters in county Mayo and his trial for the murder of Martin Cleary, a poacher; 24 items

I.viii. Other papers

- MS 45,919 /1** 1808, 1819, 1838, undated

- Letters relating to brewing and wine business; 4 items
- MS 45,919 /2** 1816
Ejectment writ; 1 membrane
- MS 45,919 /3** 1820
Bundle of 'Certificate(s) for a 40s Freeholder'; 6 pp
- MS 45,919 /4** 1823
'Report on the State of the Tenentry of Dunany & Port, March 22nd 1823'; 3 pp
- MS 45,919 /5** 1824, 1825
Copy of William Bellingham's (1st Bt) letters to Margaret McCormick regarding a lease of a garden in Draughanstown, county Louth and her notice to quit. Copy endorsement on lease in handwriting of David Alexander (agent) relating to Margaret McCormick. With survey of property [unnamed and undated]; 3 items
- MS 45,919 /6** 1827, 1833
Notices to quit; 3 pp
- MS 45,920 /1** 1831
Copy will of Peter McShane; 4 pp
- MS 45,920 /2** 1831-1835
Papers relating to George Dunbar and Dr Joachim de Prati and a house in Castle St, Dublin; 11 items
- MS 45,920 /3** 1832-1833
Papers relating to an arson attempt on the house of Lady Hester Frances Bellingham, widow of William Bellingham, 1st Bt at Castlebellingham including letters and printed notices; 9 items
- MS 45,920 /4** 1837
'Names of Persons who signed the 3 Petitions (King, Lords & Commons) adopted by Protestant meeting of 24 Jan 1837' with printed petitions; 4 items
- MS 45,920 /5-6** 1839-1846
Papers relating to the Castlebellingham Loan Fund including letters and accounts; c. 53 items in 2 folders
- MS 45,920 /7** c. 1850s & 1860s
Notebook containing 'Summary of Title to lands of Dunany and Manor etc of Port in Co. of Louth' 1668-1802, with legal opinion. Also contains texts of deeds, letters, memoranda, rent rolls and notes on estate matters, including seaweed; c. 70pp

- MS 45,920 /8** 1880
Papers relating to a loan to Alan Edward Bellingham, 3rd Bt for land improvement in county Mayo; 12 pp
- MS 45,920 /9** 1882
Papers relating to tenants in the Mayo estate; 4 items
- MS 45,920 /10** Undated
Part of a deed which is very badly damaged; 1 item

II. Family and personal papers

II.i. Marriage and testamentary material

- MS 45,921 /1** 1794, 1795
Marriage settlement of Alan Bellingham and Mary Smyth (daughter of Ralph Smyth of Barbavilla, county Westmeath), with additional settlement of the same date and deed disclaiming the uses of a fine; 3 items
- MS 45,921 /2** 1800
Copy will of Alan Bellingham; 26 pp
- MS 45,921 /3** 1825
Will of William Bellingham, 1st Bt; 10 membranes
- MS 45,921 /4** 1835
Letters of administration of the estate of William Caines Bellingham (brother of Alan Bellingham, 2nd Bt) which were granted to his nephew Alan Edward Bellingham; 1 membrane
- 1841-42
Copy will of Hester Frances Bellingjam (widow of William Bellingham, 1st Bt); 8 pp
- MS 45,921 /5** 1886, 1890
Probate of the will of Alan Edward Bellingham; 3 membranes

II.ii. Family correspondence

- MS 45,922 /1** 1803-1817
Letters from Henry Bellingham to his brother Alan Bellingham, 2nd Bt and his sister-in-law Elizabeth (nee Walls) concerning family and other matters. With one letter to Alan Bellingham, 2nd Bt; 5 items
- MS 45,922 /2** 1834, 1837
Letters to Alan Edward Bellingham, 3rd Bt concerning family matters; 3 items

II.iii. Papers relating to Frederick and Harriet Darrah

Alan Edward Bellingham, 3rd Bt was executor and trustee of the estate of Rev. Frederick Darrah, a chaplain with the East India Company who died in 1836.

- MS 45,923 /1-4** 1824-1826 & undated
Love letters from Rev. Frederick Darrah to Harriet Zouch with replies; 133 items in 4 folders
- MS 45,923 /5** 1836-1843

Accounts of the estate of Rev. Frederick Darrah; 6 items

- MS 45,923 /6** 1838-1840
Letters to Alan Edward Bellingham from Latouche & Co, Dublin bankers with some copy replies relating to the estate of Rev. Frederick Darrah and the East India Company; 8 items
- MS 45,923 /7** 1839, 1853, 1858, 1861, 1870-1871
Letters from Annie Harriet Darrah (daughter of Frederick and Harriet Darrah) to Alan Edward Bellingham, 3rd Bt with some copy replies mainly asking for financial assistance. Includes 2 letters from her aunt Elizabeth Shanklin; 31 items
- MS 45,923 /8** 1839-1843
Letters to Alan Edward Bellingham, 3rd Bt from Ouchterlong & Co., Madras and London, and others relating to the estate of Rev. Frederick Darrah and the East India Company, with some copy replies; 31 items
- MS 45,923 /9** 1840-1845
Letters to Alan Edward Bellingham, 3rd Bt from Puget, Bainbridge & Co., London bankers relating to the estate of the Rev. Frederick Darrah and the East India Company and the purchase of stocks, with some copy replies; 22 items