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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: A collection of manuscript deeds, wills, leases, letters, and other legal and financial documents concerning eighteenth- and nineteenth-century estates and plantations on islands in the British West Indies.

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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source unknown. Possibly formerly owned by James Coleman, genealogical and antiquarian manuscripts vendor, London.

Custodial History

Most of the manuscripts are listed in Volumes II and III of Vere Langford Oliver's six-volume compendium *Caribbeana, being Miscellaneous Papers Related to the History, Genealogy, Topography, and Antiquities of the British West Indies* (London: Mitchell Hughes and Clarke, 1910-1919). Footnotes in

those volumes associate the documents with James Coleman, a dealer who specialized in genealogical and antiquarian manuscripts active in London and Tottenham from 1862 to 1905; most of the documents have printed descriptions clipped from a sales catalogue attached to their versos.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Scope and Contents

A collection of manuscript deeds, wills, leases, letters, and other legal and financial documents concerning eighteenth- and nineteenth-century estates and plantations on fourteen islands in the British West Indies: Antigua, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Carriacou, Haiti, Jamaica, Nevis, New Providence, Saint Christopher (Saint Kitts), Saint Vincent, Tobago, Tortola, and Trinidad. Prominent among the landowners represented in the collection are Clotworthy Upton, Lord Templetown, who owned estates on Grenada, and Christopher Bethell Codrington of, who owned Clare Hall on Antigua. Several of the documents in the collection include references to, or contain schedules of, slaves on the estates. Most of the manuscripts are listed in Volumes II and III of *Caribbeana*, edited by Vere Langford Oliver, and have printed descriptions clipped from a sales catalogue attached to their versos.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by island and chronologically thereunder.

Collection Contents

Antigua

b. 1, f. 1	Royal decree by George III concerning income from Antigua With royal seal.	1818 April 25
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 53	Schedule of the 322 slaves at Clare Hall plantation owned by Christopher Bethell Codrington	1828

Barbados

b. 1, f. 2	Deed between William Green, of London, and Nicholas Wilcox, of the Island of Barbados Seal of William Green.	1731 November 15
b. 1, f. 3	Deed between Benjamin Duce, of St. Niclastice, Barbados, and John Fridenburg, of the City of London Seals of Benjamin Duce, and Thomas and Ann Davies.	1767 November 12
b. 1, f. 4	Letters Patent to Thomas Carter by George III to be Provost Marshall General of Barbados Signed by William Pollock; with royal seal.	1801 August 28
b. 7 (Oversize), f. 60	Original will of Henry Bishop, of the island of Barbados	1803 July 29
b. 1, f. 5	The Administration with the will of Valentine Clark, of St. Michael, Barbados	1803 December 17
b. 1, f. 6	Power of Attorney from William Ewart, William C. Rutson, Archibald Maxwell, et al. to William Barton, of Liverpool to obtain possession of estates on Barbados Engraved document with manuscript insert and several seals, including mayoral seal of Liverpool; signed by mayor Thomas Molyneux.	1807 February 3
b. 1, f. 7	Administration, with will, of goods and chattles of John Bedford, Judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court of Barbados	1808 July 8

Dominica

b. 6 (Oversize), f. 54	Deed between Garrett Burton, of Rosare, and John Woodville, of the City of London About "Woodford Hill," an estate in St. Andrew parish, Dominica; seal of Garrett Burton.	1768 September 29
b. 7 (Oversize), f. 61	Original grant by George III, with plan, for certain lands on Dominica to James Laing, Robert Reid, and John Lucas	1804 July 28
b. 1, f. 8	Copy of the will and codicil of John Gillon, late of Dominica	1809 December 13
b. 1, f. 9	Deed between John and Mary Laidlaw, of Dominica, and John Bruce and Dugald Laidlaw Seals of John and Mary Laidlaw.	1823 July 9

Grenada

b. 1, f. 10	Deed between John His of Hamburg, and Peter Texier of London Seals of John His and Pierre Texier.	1765 June 6
b. 1, f. 11	Notarized statement certifying Peter Texier's arrival in St. George in August 1765 Seal of Alexander Lymson.	1765 September 6
b. 1, f. 12	Three deeds between John Cross, Robert Bogle, and John Baird, all of Glasgow, and Charlton Palmer, and James Oswald, of London Seals of John Cross, Robert Bogle, and John Baird.	1766 May 20
b. 1, f. 13	Copy of deed between Joseph Disilles and his wife Margaret E. Cavalier Thain, and Alexandra Wilson Regarding the sale of the David plantation, including land, buildings, slaves, and livestock.	1767 May 19
b. 1, f. 14	Deed between John Cross, Robert Bogle, and John Baird, all of Glasgow, and Charlton Palmer, and James Oswald, of London About plantation on Grenada; seals of John Cross, Robert Bogle, and John Baird, including seals of mayors of Glasgow and London.	1768 September 3
b. 2, f. 15	Bond between James Tourneissen, of Switzerland, and Anthony Colombies, of London About lands and plantations in Grenada; seals of both parties.	1771 January 4
b. 2, f. 16	Probate of the will of Pontius Pintard, of the town of St. George	1774 October 24
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 55	Deed between John Porteus, Deputy Provost Marshall of Grenada, and Alexander Wilson for the sale of Mount Alexander estate Seal of John Porteus.	1775 October 20
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 56	Copy of deed between Andrew Irwin, James Campbell and George Leonard Haunton, and Roume de Saint Laurent and William Donaldson	1776 July 17
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 57	Deed between Sir Alexander Crawford, James Hay, Samuel Wood, and William Wise to William Junor, release of Grenville Vale estate Seals of Hay, Wood, and Wise.	1789 April 9
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 58	Deed between William Wise, of St. George, and William Junor, of St. Patrick Seal of William Wise.	1789 April 28
b. 2, f. 17	Accounts of estates under the management of Robert Orme, 1795-1799	1799 February 28
b. 2, f. 18	Fair copy of two letters from Thomson Hankey of London, to Richard Mauly of Grenada Regarding production of sugar and movement of slaves on the plantations.	1807 July
b. 2, f. 19	Sketch of Lord Templetown's Account, prepared by Thomson Hankey "Mr. Hankey's statement of the Grenada property."	1817 May 27

b. 2, f. 20	Account of the extent and history of the Grande Bras, St. Cloud, and Chantilly estates in the parish of St. Andrew An historical account starts with the deaths of Peter Simond (1785) and John Hankey (1792), with a description and accounting of slaves, pounds of sugar, and gallons of rum produced 1800-1818; includes an "Abstract from the Register of Slaves"; signed by James McNure. Accompanied by a letter from [Thomas?] Bridgewater to William Wilkinson of London, dated March 15, 1819.	1819 March
b. 2, f. 21	Note of the late Lord Templetown's account in Thomson Hankey's hand	1820 April 20
b. 2, f. 22	Accounts of Grande Bras estate current to the 30th April 1820, signed by Thomson Hankey	1820 April 30
b. 2, f. 23	Lease indenture between William Johnstone, late of Grenada now Paris, and John Ross, late of Grenada now of Aberdeen Relating to the coffee plantation Granton, formerly known as Colebrook, , in the parish of St. George. Appended is a schedule of the estate's 119 slaves listing each name, age, colour, country of origin, and conspicuous marks or physical condition.	1825 May 24
b. 2, f. 24	Lease between Samuel Amy Severne, of Northampton County, and George Edward Anson of London For the estate New Hampshire in the parish of St. George.	1839 April 12
b. 2, f. 25	Deed between Samuel Amy Severne, Catherine Julia Stuart, Maria Elizabeth Stuart, Catherine Juliana Stuart, Charles Ford, and George Edward Anson About estates in the parish of St. George. Seals of Samuel A. Severne, Catherine Julia Stuart, Catherine Juliana Stuart, Maria Elizabeth Stuart, Charles Ford, and George Edward Anson.	1839 April 13
b. 2, f. 26	Accounts of Grand Bras, St. Cloud Chantilly estates, current to 30th April 1839, prepared by Thomson Hankey	1839 April 30
b. 2, f. 27	Accounts of Grand Bras, St. Cloud Chantilly estates, current to the 30th April 1842, prepared by Thomson Hankey	1842 April 30
b. 7 (Oversize), f. 62	Abstract of the title of Anthony Percy Upton, Mary Howard, James Singleton, and Sophia Upton to their share of the Grand Bras Estate under the will of Lord Templetown, and agreed to be sold to Thomson Hankey	1857 September 22
Carriacou		
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 59	Indenture between John Reid of Carriacou, and Jacob Van-Wylick and James Ballmer of the City of London Regarding Bellair, a cotton plantation; seals of all parties.	1772 November 16
Haiti		
b. 2, f. 28	Administration of the goods unadministered of Alexander Cranfurd, of Mole-Saint-Nicolas	1800 May 13
b. 2, f. 29	Probate of the will of John Pillon, formerly of St. Domingo then City of Orleans	1855 August 17
Jamaica		

b. 2, f. 30	Six letters and notes relating to the Booth, Barrett, Mason, and Pye families, who had estates in Jamaica Letters from Edward Booth to John Holliday, John Thomson Mason to Charles Pye, and Charles Pye to John Thomson Mason, regarding Booth family wills and estates.	1747-1800
b. 7 (Oversize), f. 63	Appellants case between Henry Thomas Broughton and Phillis Roper Broughton, and Elizabeth Jackson and others, the creditors of Charles Kelsall, Esq. Report of a law case which recites deed of 1776 between Charles Kelsall and Rebecca his wife of the 1st part and George Clarke, Esq., and Susannah his wife, daughter of Charles Kelsall, by which one third was settled on the Clarks; Thomas Stephen and Rose Fuller, of the City of London, are mentioned largely in this case, and the plantations are in the parish of St. Mary in Jamaica. Report printed in London by Sabine and Son of, Shoe Lane.	circa 1800
b. 7 (Oversize), f. 64	Accounts of Samuel Hilton concerning Bounty Hall Sugar Plantation covering 1827-1830	1830 June
Nevis		
b. 3, f. 31	Lease between Anne, David, and Richard Gardner, all of Nevis, and Alexandra Houston, John Clerk, William Crichton, William McDowall, all of City of London For a plantation, Rawlins's Land, in the parish of St. James; lists names of slaves included with the property. Seals of Anne and David Gardner.	1769 May 3
b. 3, f. 32	Deed between Patrick O'Flaherty, late of Nevis now Westminster (London), and Rev. Richard Neate of Holborn, of Middx., and Archibald Thomson, of Nevis Seals of O'Flaherty and Thomson.	1769 October 28
New Providence		
b. 3, f. 33	Probate of the will of Robert Rumer, of New Providence	1828 April 12
Saint Christopher (Saint Kitts)		
b. 3, f. 34	Articles of agreement and letter of attorney between Henry Slingsby, of London, and Henry Brouncker, of St. Christopher, appointing the former as collector of the parts of Old Road and Sandy Point Seals of both parties on agreement. Seal of Slingsby on Letter of Attorney.	1736 December 10
b. 3, f. 35	Deed between Lord James, Lady Sophia, and William Cranstoun and John Banister, James Hammond, and William Manning, of London, about grant and demise of lands and slaves for 99 years Seals of James, Sophia, and William Cranstoun.	1770 June 21
b. 3, f. 36	Marriage settlement between Charles Philips and Elizabeth Spence Seals of Charles Palmer, James Spence, and Charlton Palmer.	1772 August 13
b. 3, f. 37	Two deeds between Charles Philips, late of St. Christopher, and William Smith, Ingam Foster, and Charlton Palmer Seals of Philips and Palmer. Includes inventory of slaves and cattle.	1777

b. 3, f. 38	Deed between Charles Philips, late of St. Christopher, and William Smith, Ingam Foster, and Charlton Palmer about plantations and lands in the Parish of Trinity, Palmeto Point Seal of Charles Philips. The lands mentioned formerly belonged to Sir John Boye.	1777 July 29
b. 3, f. 39	Letter of Appointment of Joseph Paice as trustee of lands under the will of Thomas Lucas, deceased, with the consent of John J. and Elizabeth Angerstein, John Beach, and William Withers Seals of Joseph Paice, John Beach, John J. and Elizabeth Angerstein	1789 March 11
b. 3, f. 40	Lease between Elizabeth Angerstein, Joseph Paice, and John Beach and William Withers, all of London Seals of Angerstein, Paice, and Beach.	1789 March 12
b. 3, f. 41	Release of plantations of the late Thomas Lucas to John J. and Elizabeth Angerstein, Joseph Paice, John Beach, and William Withers and Oliver Cromwell, all of London. Seals of J. and E. Angerstein, Paice, Beach, and Cromwell.	1789 March 13
b. 3, f. 42	Deed between William Temple Pole, Scrope Berdmore, Andrew Berkeley Drummond, George Templer, Owen Putland Meyrick, and William Lowndes Stone, for several plantations and lands in several parishes Seals of all parties.	1807 June 23
Saint Vincent		
b. 4, f. 43	Letter of attorney between Michael White and John Suvanion regarding the sugar plantation Chateau Bellair Seal of Michael White.	1788 May 1
Tobago		
b. 4, f. 44	Deed between the devisees of John Walker and John Anderson et al. Conveyance of the Providence Plantation on Tobago to a term of 1,000 years. Indenture of fifteen parchment sheets; fourteen seals of all parties. Parties include Joanna Thomson, Andrew Hunter, Thomas Davidson (formerly Thomas Randall) of Edinburgh; James, Margaret, and Jane Walker of Edinburgh; John Anderson of Tobago; Christopher William Irvine of Bath; and many others.	1804 May 5
b. 5, f. 45	Deed between John and Janet Learmont, of Dumfries, and John Learmont Jr. to sell slaves and land Contains a schedule of slaves with name, age, colour, country, and "usual employment," with seals of John and Janet Learmont.	1820 December 22
Tortola		
b. 5, f. 46	Two deeds between Payne Georges, William Manning, and John Proctor Anderson, all of London Two deeds in one document; seals of Payne Georges.	1813 December 18
Trinidad		

b. 5, f. 47	Official copy of letters patent issued by George III to Thomas Picton to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Trinidad With royal seal.	1801 May 29
b. 5, f. 48	Deed between David Park and Robert Orr, both of Trinidad, and William Lushington of the City of London Seal of David Park.	1817 October 6
Other Documents		
b. 5, f. 49	Deed between Mary Jorden, of Alnwicke, widow of Robert Jorden, late of Hullbrook, Thomas Jorden, of Wittney, and Richard Jorden, of Hullbrook and William Jorden, of the city of London	1664 December 19
b. 5, f. 50	Deed of distribution of the estate of John Taylor, Bristol Multiple signatures and seals.	1726 June 1
b. 5, f. 51	Official copy of letters patent issued by George III to Sir James Gambier to be Consul-General in the Portuguese Dominions in South America Royal Seal.	1803 May 2
b. 7 (Oversize), f. 65	Letter of Attorney by Stanley Bullock, of Rolls Bridge, and Robert Bullock, of Madras in the East Indies, to Robert Langley Appleyard Seals of Stanley and Robert Bullock.	1825 December 20
b. 5, f. 52	Receipt [for Robert Langley Appleyard]	1826 August

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Administration of estates -- West Indies
Plantation owners -- West Indies
Slaveholders -- West Indies
Slavery -- West Indies

Hankey, Thomson, 1773-1855
Mason, John Thomson, 1765-1824
Picton, Thomas, Sir, 1758-1815
Upton, Clotworthy, Baron Templetown,
1721-1785

Geographic Names

Antigua -- Economic conditions -- 18th century
Barbados -- Economic conditions -- 18th century
Carriacou Island (Grenada) -- Economic conditions -- 18th century
Dominica -- Economic conditions -- 18th century
Great Britain -- Colonies -- Administration
Grenada -- Economic conditions -- 18th century
Haiti -- Economic conditions -- 18th century
Jamaica -- Economic conditions -- 18th century
Nevis -- Economic conditions -- 18th century
New Providence Island (Bahamas) -- Economic conditions -- 18th century
Saint Kitts and Nevis -- Economic conditions -- 18th century
Saint Vincent -- Economic conditions -- 18th century
Tobago (Trinidad and Tobago) -- Economic conditions -- 18th century
Tortola (British Virgin Islands) -- Economic conditions -- 18th century
Trinidad -- Economic conditions -- 18th century

Genres / Formats

Deeds -- West Indies -- 18th century
Financial records -- West Indies -- 18th century
Financial records -- West Indies -- 19th century
Parchment (animal material) -- England -- 18th century

Names

Angerstein, John Julius, 1735-1823
Codrington, Christopher Bethell, 1764-1843
Coleman, James, active 1862-1887 -- Ownership
Gambier, James, 1772-1844