Guide to the Journal of Sir Simonds d’Ewes (Transcripts)

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CREATOR: D’Ewes, Simonds, Sir, 1602-1650

TITLE: Journal of Sir Simonds d’Ewes (transcripts)

DATES: 1642-1645

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.5 linear feet (5 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection consists of typewritten transcripts of the journal of Sir Simonds d’Ewes (1602-1650), First Baronet and member of the Long Parliament (1640-1648) for Sudbury in Suffolk. The transcripts are for volumes 4-6, the unpublished volumes of d’Ewes’ journal, and are dated from September 1642 to November 1645. The journals were transcribed and edited by Anne Steele Young, co-editor of The Private Journals of the Long Parliament.

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Biographical / Historical
Sir Simonds d’Ewes (1602-1650) was an English politician, First Baronet, and member of the Long Parliament for Sudbury in Suffolk. D’Ewes was educated at St. John’s College, Cambridge, and studied under Richard Holdsworth. Though he was called to the English Bar as a barrister in 1623, d’Ewes did not pursue a legal career, and instead pursued a career as an antiquarian. In 1639 d’Ewes became High Sheriff of Suffolk, and was elected to the Long Parliament the following year. He was given a baronetcy by the King in 1641. At the outbreak of the English Civil War, d’Ewes joined the Parliamentarians (also known as “Roundheads”), and he remained a member of parliament until 1648 when he was expelled as part of Pride’s Purge. Following the purge, d’Ewes left politics for good and devoted the remainder of his life to his work as an antiquarian, for which he was very well known.

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Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.
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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.

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Great Britain -- Politics and government --
1642-1649

Names
D’Ewes, Simonds, Sir, 1602-1650

Corporate Body
Great Britain. Parliament -- History