Overview of the Collection

Title: Battle Abbey Archives

Dates (inclusive): 1077-approximately 1830

Collection Number: mssBA

Creator: Battle Abbey.

Extent: Approximately 3,000 pieces

Repository: The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens. Manuscripts Department

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Abstract: This collection consists of two parts: the records of the Benedictine abbey of St. Martin at Battle, Sussex, England, dating before 1538, and the papers chiefly of the Browne and Webster families, who owned the Battle Abbey properties following the monastery's dissolution in 1538. The collection is particularly rich in monastic and estate accounts, court records, and deeds for lands possessed by Battle Abbey in Sussex and other counties.

Language: English and Latin.

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Provenance

Purchased from the estate of Sir Thomas Phillipps, through the agency of A.S.W. Rosenbach, 1923.

Custodial History

Around 1833, Sir Godfrey Webster, 5th Bart., offered the monastic records still in his possession, together with some family estate papers, to the London bookseller Thomas Thorpe (1791-1851), from whom they were in turn purchased by book collector Sir Thomas Phillipps (1792-1872). After Phillipps' death, the collection, contained in ninety-nine leather-bound volumes, was transferred to the possession of his grandson Thomas Fitzroy Fenwick. With the confirmation of the Court of Chancery, the Huntington Library purchased the collection through the agency of A.S.W. Rosenbach in 1923.

Processing/Project Information

The collection was received by the Huntington in 1923 as 99 bound volumes. Volumes 1-33, 76, and 95-99 have been maintained as received, but most of the materials in volumes 51-55 and all of the materials in volumes 34-50, 56-75, and 77-94, which were scrapbooks of documents, were removed to folders and boxes by Huntington Library staff in the following manner:

- Pre-dissolution deeds were removed from volumes 34-55 and placed in Boxes 1-36 (individual items are identified by ink numbers assigned by bookseller Thomas Thorpe in the 19th century). Note that there are 55 miscellaneous deeds still bound in volumes 51-55
- Pre-dissolution materials (other than deeds) were removed from volumes 77-94 and placed in Oversize Folders 1-28 (individual items are identified by BA numbers between 1-995 assigned by Huntington Library staff)
- The post-dissolution materials in volumes 56-75 were removed and foldered separately in Boxes 37-67 (individual items are identified by Thorpe's ink numbers)
- Note: the empty bindings for volumes 56-75 have been retained; the bindings for volumes 34-50 and 77-94 were discarded.

The calendaring of this collection was done on-site at the Huntington by East Sussex Record Office senior archivist Christopher Whittick from 1991 to 2017.
The Benedictine abbey of St. Martin at Battle was founded by William the Conqueror to commemorate his victory over Harold at Hastings. The first abbot, Gausbert of Marmoutier, was consecrated in 1076 but the church, built on the precise spot where Harold fell in battle, was unfinished when William died, and not dedicated until 1094. The Conqueror bestowed upon his abbey extraordinarily wide lay and ecclesiastical jurisdiction, focused on the banlieu or leuga, a circle of land one league in radius centered at the high altar. Within this liberty (geographically within but legally separate from and comparable to the Rape of Hastings in Sussex) the abbey was free of all feudal dues and customs and was enfranchised to exercise royal judicial and administrative rights independent of both shire and hundred. These privileges, imperfectly recorded at the time they were granted, were confirmed (partly on the strength of forged charters) by Henry II nearly a century later.

The original endowment included, beside the leuga, the six manors of Alciston (Sussex), Brightwalton (Berkshire), Crowmarsh (Oxfordshire), Hoo [also Hou, Hoton] (Essex), Limpsfield (Surrey), and Wye (Kent), and churches at Reading, Collumpton, and St. Olave's, Exeter. Royal grants of two additional manors (Bromholm in Wiltshire by William Rufus and Appledram in Sussex by Henry I), a group of East Anglian churches, and numerous abbey purchases (including Icklesham, Barnhorn, and Marshal in East Sussex, and Bodiam, added to the leuga itself) established Battle's landed estate at ten "home manors" in East Sussex and Kent and additional "income" properties in eight other counties. During the economically troubled 14th century most of Battle's estates were farmed out, and the manors of Marley and Wode "created" to encompass and administer the remaining demesne lands within and adjoining the leuga. The abbey's financial position improved slightly during the 15th century and was on a sound if not overly prosperous basis by the eve of the Dissolution. The last abbot, John Hammond, surrendered his house to the crown in May 1538.

The abbey and its immediately adjacent lands, considered now as the Manor of Battle, together with most of the abbey lands in Sussex and Kent (including the additional manors of Barnhorn and Maxfield, Sussex), were sold in 1538 and 1539 to Sir Anthony Browne, Henry VIII's favorite and Master of the Horse, whose son Anthony was created 1st Viscount Montague in 1554. The property descended in the Browne family, despite a brief forfeiture for recusancy during the Commonwealth, until 1721, when the 6th Viscount sold it to Sir Thomas Webster, a prosperous London merchant who had moved into the land market some two decades before with the acquisition of Copthall in Essex. By 1725, with the assistance of a legacy from Henry Whistler, his wife Jane's grandfather, Webster also purchased the manor of Robertsbridge, Sussex, at which a profitable iron foundry had been located for over a century. He also leased the Beech Furnace ironworks in the town of Battle itself, and thereafter maintained an interest in the industry and contacts with London ironmongers. Sir Thomas was succeeded by his son Sir Whistler Webster about 1750, and thereafter the Battle Furnace ironworks in the town of Battle itself, and thereafter maintained an interest in the industry and contacts with London ironmongers. Sir Thomas was succeeded by his son Sir Whistler Webster about 1750, and thereafter the Battle Furnace ironworks in the town of Battle itself, and thereafter maintained an interest in the industry and contacts with London ironmongers.

Sussex, Berkshire, Essex, Surrey, and Kent.

The records prior to 1538 consist of a complete monastic archive, the product of one integrated religious institution. Document types include obedientiary and estate and manorial accounts; court rolls and other court records; deeds and charters; rentals and surveys, with related papers; and miscellaneous papers.

The papers created after the dissolution of the monastery consist of two major sub-collections, corresponding to Browne and Webster family papers, as well as of Cheke, Jorden, and Whistler. The bulk of this post-Dissolution material pertain to the Webster family, and deals with legal, financial, and estate matters. There is little correspondence. The latest document is dated 1778.

There are also two volumes (volumes 1-2) of paper slips containing handwritten descriptions of the items in the collection. These volumes, dating from approximately 1830, comprise a draft of bookseller Thomas Thorpe’s 1835 published Descriptive Catalogue.

Note: many of the pre-1733 documents in this collection are written in Latin and/or with handwriting, symbols, and abbreviations that present paleographic challenges to most modern readers. The calendar of the Battle Abbey Archives (available as a PDF) provides full extracts, in English, of the substance of each document and in the case of charters includes all personal and place names found in the originals.

Calendar of the Battle Abbey Archives (PDF)

The calendar provides full extracts, in English, of the substance of each document in the Battle Abbey Archives, and in the case of charters includes all personal and place names found in the originals. Entries in the calendar contain the following fields (when applicable): description, witnesses, endorsements, cartulary references, seals, related materials, references numbers, and additional notes.

Calendar of the Battle Abbey Archives (PDF)

The calendar summaries can also be searched online in the East Sussex Records Office catalog: The Keep. Search "heh/ba"

Arrangement

The collection is organized in the following manner:

- I. Pre-Dissolution Records
  - a-b. Accounts (Folders 1-23)
  - c. Court Rolls and other court records (Folders 24-31; Volume 5)
  - d. Rentals and surveys, with related documents (Folders 33-36)
  - e. Cartularies (Volume 29-32)
  - f. Miscellaneous records (Folders 32, 37-38; Volume 33)
  - g. Pre-dissolution deeds (Boxes 1-36, Volumes 51-55)
- II. Post-Dissolution Papers
  - a. Court books (Volumes 15-22 and 26)
  - b. Accounts and rentals (Volumes 3-25)
  - c. Webster papers (Box 66)
  - d. Post-dissolution deeds (Boxes 37-67; Volume 76)
  - e. Manorial court rolls and rentals (Volumes 95-98)
- III. 19th century manuscript catalog (Volumes 1-2)
- IV. Empty bindings for volumes 56-75

Physically, the collection is housed in the following manner:

- Folders 1-28: Pre-dissolution documents (removed from volumes 77-94 and now numbered BA 1-995)
- Boxes 1-36: Pre-dissolution deeds (removed from volumes 34-55)
- Volumes 51-53: Pre-dissolution deeds (55 miscellaneous deeds) retained in volumes
- Volumes 1-33: Various bound pre- and post-dissolution volumes
- Boxes 37-67: Post-dissolution documents removed from volumes 56-75 and foldered
- Volume 76: Miscellaneous post-dissolution deeds retained in volume
- Volumes 56-75: [Empty bindings]
- Volumes 95-99: Post-dissolution manorial court rolls and rentals

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.

**Subjects**
Battle Abbey -- Archives.
Monasteries -- England -- Archives.
Benedictine monasteries -- Great Britain -- Archives.
Great Britain -- History -- Medieval period, 1066-1485 -- Sources.
Great Britain -- History -- 1485- -- Archival resources.
Great Britain -- Church history -- 1066-1485 -- Archival resources.
Great Britain -- Church history -- 16th century -- Archival resources.
Great Britain -- History -- Tudors, 1485-1603 -- Sources.
Great Britain -- History -- Stuarts, 1603-1714 -- Sources.
Great Britain -- History -- 18th century -- Sources.

**Forms/Genres**
Manuscripts -- Great Britain.
Family papers -- Great Britain.
Estate records -- Great Britain.
Property records -- Great Britain

**Additional contributors**
Phillipps, Thomas, Sir, 1792-1872, former owner.
Thorpe, Thomas, 1791-1851, former owner.
Webster (Family)
Browne (Family)

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**Collection**

To view an item-level inventory of the Battle Abbey Archives, see the:

- Calendar of the Battle Abbey Archives (PDF)

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**I. Pre-Dissolution Records**

a. **Obedientiary Accounts**

   **Abbey accounts (BA 139-142 , 144-151, 272). 1346-1383, 1508-1509**

   Note: numbers BA 147-151 not used.

   - Folder 1
   - Folder 18 (BA 141)
   - Almoners' accounts (BA 152-227). 1359-1418

   - Folder 18 (BA 272)

   - Three pages of an abbey account. 1508-1509
     BA 272
     Ink number: 233

   - Almoners' accounts. BA 152-189
   - Almoners' accounts. BA 190-222
## Collection
### I. Pre-Dissolution Records

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I. Pre-Dissolution Records

Manor of Marley (Sussex) accounts (BA 476-494). 1309-1511
Consists of Serjeant's and reeve's accounts and miscellaneous.
Note: numbers 490-494 not used.

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Folder 15 (BA 483)

Manor of Marley accounts. BA 476-482, 484-489
Account of Nicholas atte Se, serjeant of Marshall. 1333-1334 BA 483
Ink number: n/a

Wye (Kent) accounts (BA 495-515). 1361-1526
Chiefly beadle's accounts and accounts of the deputy keeper of the woods.

Folder 20

Wye (Kent). BA 495-515

(c. Court rolls and other court records)
Note
The court rolls have been disbanded.

Battle
Abbot's leuga court rolls (including views of frankpledge called here, misleadingly, "hundred").

Manor of Battle court rolls (BA 546-892). 1406-1537

Folder 24
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Volume 5

Gaol delivery rolls. 1303-approximately 1340 BA 893-899
Excerpts from Battle court rolls, 1247-1580. 1538-1591
Physical Description: 28 x 20 cm
Phillipps number: 9919
Compiled in the 16th century and covering the years 1247-1532, continued contemporaneously through 1580.

Barnhorn (Sussex)

Folder 23

Court rolls, Barnhorn hallmoot (BA 523-545). 1307-1611

Bodiam (Sussex)

Folder 29

Manor of Bodiam court rolls. 1645-1650 BA 900-903

Marley (Sussex)

Folder 30

Manor of Marley court rolls. 1421-1537 BA 904-925

Wode [Atte Wode, Le Wode] (Sussex)

Folder 31

Manor of Wode court rolls. 1369-1403 BA 926-932

(d. Rentals and surveys, with related documents)

Battle

Folder 33

Battle rentals. 1252-1351 BA 943-946

Folder 34

Cellarers' rentals. Approximately 1380-1494 BA 947-954

Folder 36

Sacrist's rentals. Approximately 1380-approximately 1530 BA 968-973

Miscellaneous rentals

Folder 35

Miscellaneous rentals. Approximately 1320-approximately 1530 BA 955-967

e. Cartularies
Volume 29

**Cartulary. [Approximately 1070]-approximately 1560**

Access Information
RESTRICTED. Available with curatorial approval. Requires extended retrieval and delivery time.

**Phillipps number:** 9928

As well as containing the texts of royal and papal charters of grant and privilege, written out in full, the cartulary includes, in summary form, details of the many hundred grants of land which went to form the abbey's estates in eleven counties.

**Additional Guides**

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Volume 30

**Sacrist's cartulary, compiled by Sir John Waller, sacrist of Battle, 10 and 11 H4 [1408-1410]. 1408-1512**

Access Information
RESTRICTED. Available with curatorial approval. Requires extended retrieval and delivery time.

**Phillipps number:** 9929

**Additional Guides**

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Volume 31

**Cartulary Casley Volume I [transcript of BA volumes 29 and 33]. 1727**

Physical Description: 35 x 23 cm

**Phillipps number:** 9930 vol. 1

Transcripts made by David Casley, keeper of the king's and Cottonian library, from manuscripts in the hands of Thomas Webster, bt.

Volume 32

**Cartulary Casley Volume II [transcript of BA volume 30 and Cottonian manuscripts]. 1726-1727**

Physical Description: 35 x 23 cm

**Phillipps number:** 9930 vol. 2

Transcript of BA Vol 30 and Cottonian manuscripts relating to Battle Abbey above by David Casley, keeper of the king's and Cottonian library, from manuscripts in the hands of Thomas Webster, bt.

**f. Miscellaneous records**

Folder 22 (BA 519-520)

**Almoners' rolls of charters of Maxfield. Approximately 1250-approximately 1270**

Folder 22 (BA 521)

**Roll of charters of Webbing and Catermansland in Wartling, including the will of Adam Iwood (1418-1450). Approximately 1450**

Folder 22 (BA 522)

**Treasurer's roll of charters of Snailham in Guestling. Approximately 1450**

Folder 32

**External affairs miscellaneous. Approximately 1450-approximately 1640**

Folder 37

**Documents concerning the liberties of Battle, fines in the royal courts and other legal proceedings. 1427-1514**

Folder 38

**Subsidy returns. 1332**
Volume 33
Records removed from volume of transcripts of judicial and exchequer enrolments concerning the liberties of Battle, 1189-1323. Approximately 1323

Access Information
RESTRICTED. Available with curatorial approval. Requires extended retrieval and delivery time.

Phillipps number: 9931
Volume in illuminated bookhand.

Additional Guides
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Volume 51
Records remaining in volume 51
Physical Description: 48 x 51 cm
Phillipps number: 9894

Box 27
Records removed from volume 51

Volume 52
Records remaining in volume 52
Physical Description: 48 x 51 cm
Phillipps number: 9895

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Battle Abbey Archives: Finding Aid
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Manors of Battle and Barnhorn: draft court baron courtbooks and stewards' papers, with other documents concerning the Battle and Essex estates.
Approximately 1620-1766
Physical Description: 35 x 23 cm
Phillipps number: 9922 volume 5

Volume 22
Manor of Battle view of frankpledge: draft minutes, original presentments and estreats. 1700 September-1727 October
Physical Description: 35 x 22 cm
Phillipps number: 9922 volume 8

Volume 26
Agmerhurst (volume 26)
Manor of Agmerhurst: draft court baron court book interleaved with presentments, original surrenders and steward's papers. 1627 May-1723 October
Physical Description: 33 x 22 cm
Phillipps number: 9925

b. Accounts and rentals
Volume 3
Accounts of the Webster family at Copthall in Essex and Battle and East Grinstead in Sussex. 1710-1739
Physical Description: 22 x 18 cm
Phillipps number: 9917

Volume 4
Accounts of the Webster family at Copthall in Essex and Battle in Sussex. 1724-1737
Physical Description: 26 x 20 cm
Phillipps number: 9918

Volume 6
Accounts of the Browne family at Poynings and Battle, and yearly accounts of the Battle Estate. 1657-1711
Physical Description: 35 x 23 cm
Phillipps number: 9920 volume 1
Note: Part 3 onwards are all Battle.

Volume 8
Half-yearly accounts of the Battle Estate, 1721-1725, furnace accounts, 1723-1729, tithe lists and rentals. 1721-1729
Physical Description: 35 x 23 cm
Phillipps number: 9920 volume 3

Volume 9
Half-yearly accounts of the Battle Estate, tithe lists and rentals. 1725-1729
Physical Description: 35 x 23 cm
Phillipps number: 9920 volume 4

Volume 10
Half-yearly accounts of the Battle Estate, 1729-1734, furnace accounts, 1729-1733, tithe lists and rentals. 1729-1734
Physical Description: 35 x 23 cm
Phillipps number: 9920 volume 5
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Physical Description: 35 x 23 cm  
Phillipps number: 9920 volume 6 |
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| Volume 12 | Half-yearly accounts of the Battle Estate and other accounts. 1736-1775  
Physical Description: 35 x 23 cm  
Phillipps number: 9920 volume 7 |
| Volume 13 | Gathering of accounts and correspondence. 1720-1735  
Physical Description: 35 x 23 cm  
Phillipps number: 9920 volume 8 |
Physical Description: 17 x 11 cm  
Phillipps number: 9921 |
| Volume 23 | Rental of the manors of Battle, Agmerhurst, Swineham and Hastings College  
with its prebends and pensions, Feb 1595, annotated 16 Feb 1639. 1595-1639  
Physical Description: 34 x 22 cm  
Phillipps number: 9923 volume 1 |
| Volume 24 | Rentals of farm rents and quitrents. 1652-1685  
Physical Description: 34 x 22 cm  
Phillipps number: 9923 volume 2 |
| Volume 25 | Rental of the manors of Battle, Swineham, Hastings College with the prebend  
of Hooe, Barnhorn, new cottages built upon the waste [of the manor of Battle]  
and Agmerhurst. 1680 March 26  
Physical Description: 22 x 17 cm  
Phillipps number: 9924 |
| Volume 27 | [Henry] Westall's accounts for Panningridge Furnace [in Ashburnham]. 1546  
January-December  
Physical Description: 34 x 22 cm  
Phillipps number: 9926 |
| Volume 28 | Account book [of Richard Nairn] as rector of Hastings All Saints and St  
Clement, 1729-1740, Hastings tithes, 1650-1655, and accounts relating to the  
manors of Ewhurst, Udimore and Bodiam, 1624-1655. 1624-1740  
Physical Description: 22 x 17 cm  
Phillipps number: 9927 |
| Box 66 | c. Webster Papers  
Records removed from Volume 75. Approximately 1720-1775  
Phillipps number: 9939  
Volume entitled "Webster Papers"; contains genealogical accounts, pedigrees,  
certified extracts, approximately 1720, letter from and notes by Arthur Collins,  
1743, commissions, chancery petition related to the Whistler estate;  
correspondence concerning litigation, 1768; and litigation accounts.  
d. Post-dissolution deeds |
Box 37

**Records removed from Volume 56. 1478, 1558-1603**

Phillipps number: 9899

Contains deeds relating to the Battle Abbey estate, temp Elizabeth 1, including licence to receive in mortmain by Elizabeth [Woodville], relating to Godfrey’s chantry land in the liberty of Pevensey, 24 February 1478; several documents removed.

Box 38

**Records removed from Volume 57. 1603-1638**

Phillipps number: 9900 volume 1

Records removed from Volume 57. 1603-1638

Phillipps number: 9900 volume 2

Contains deeds relating to the Battle Abbey and Bodiam estates, 1-13 Jas 1 (1603-1615), with one deed relating to Lenham, Kent; several documents removed. 1625-1638.

Box 39

**Records removed from Volume 58. 1619-1624, 1646**

Phillipps number: 9900 volume 2

Deeds relating to the Battle Abbey and Bodiam estates, 17-22 Jas 1 (1619-1624); only one document of 1646 remains.

Box 40

**Records removed from Volume 59. 1625-1649**

Phillipps number: 9901

Deeds relating to the manor of Lenham, Kent; a stray Barnhorn court baron presentment, 1631; four Battle copies of court roll; and deeds of the Powell estate in Bodiam; temp Chas 1 (1625-1649).

Box 41

**Records removed from Volume 60. 1626-1742**

Phillipps number: 9902

Deeds of the Battle Abbey estate in Sussex and at Lenham, Kent, and the London estate of the Webster family; many documents removed; temp Chas 1 - Geo 2.

Box 42

**Records removed from Volume 61. 1653-1743**

Phillipps number: 9932

Deeds of estates in Devon, Hertfordshire, Shropshire, Hampshire, Stafford, Surrey Yorkshire and Sussex.

**Records removed from Volume 62. 1640-1712**

Phillipps number: 9933 volume 1

Deeds of estates in London and Middlesex.

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Box 46

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Box 47

**Records removed from Volume 64. 1736-1773**

Phillipps number: 9933 volume 3

Deeds of estates in London and Middlesex.

**Records removed from Volume 65. 1507-1698**

Phillipps number: 9934 volume 1

Deeds of property in Ongar, Stanford Rivers, and the Priory of Berden; four maps of the manor of Gubbions by Thomas Peachy, 1608; map of a house and land called Flips in Marks Tey by JC, 1672; all Essex.
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**Phillips number:** 9938

Volume entitled "Relating to the Hudsons Bay Company"; contains documents relating to Godfrey Webster of London, merchant, as executor of Henry Summers of London, merchant, and of a suit brought against Webster in chancery by the beneficiaries.

Volume 76

**Deeds miscellaneous; Minshull quietus; Langham Chances Land, Battle; early Webster of London; Battle estate. 1620-1760**

**physical description:** 48 x 32 cm

**Phillips number:** 9940

e. **Manorial court rolls and rentals**

Volume 95

**Manors of Bayham and Battle: court rolls. 1553-1559**

**physical description:** 54 x 35 cm

**Phillips number:** 9914

Volume 96

**Court roll, manors of Barnhorn, Bayham and Battle. 1560-1581**

**physical description:** 54 x 35 cm

**Phillips number:** 9915 vol. 1

Volume 97

**Manor of Battle courts baron, views of frankpledge and high court, 1541-1546, 1581-1594; manors of Agmerhurst and Barnhorne, 1584-1591. 1541-1594**

**physical description:** 54 x 35 cm

**Phillips number:** 9915 vol. 2

Volume 98

**Manor of Battle courts baron, views of frankpledge and high court, 1594-1602; manor of Barnhorn courts baron, 1573, 1602. 1573-1602**

**physical description:** 54 x 35 cm

**Phillips number:** 9915 vol. 3

Volume 99

**Manor of Battle courts baron and view of frankpledge, 1615-1631; stray manor of Agmerhurst presentments and drafts, 1604-1641; rental, all manors, badly disordered, 1704 (endorsed 1680, in error); rental, not including Barnhorn, 1639. 1604-1641, 1704**

**physical description:** 54 x 35 cm

**Phillips number:** 9916

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**III. 19th century manuscript catalog**

Volume 1

**Catalogus manusciptorum Bellii Abbatiæ Tom 1. Approximately 1830**

**physical description:** 36 x 22 cm

**Phillips number:** 8774 vol. 1

Volume of paper slips with manuscript descriptions of individual documents and a reference number, pasted onto paper pages; begins with undated material, and then runs in chronological order until 1406; the order at the beginning is not that of Thorpe; documents thought to be of special significance come first. The slips bear the ink numbers, and those on the first 4 pages have been re-numbered serially. The undated deeds annotated in pencil with notes concerning the existence of seals.
Volume 2

**Catalogus manuscriptorum Belli Abbatiae Tom 2. Approximately 1830**

- **Physical Description**: 36 x 22 cm
- **Phillipps number**: 8774 vol. 2
- Same as volume 1, covering 1406-1742.

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**IV. Empty bindings**

Empty bindings for volumes 56-75, each measuring 48 x 32 cm. The documents in the volumes have been removed to boxes 37-67.