

Catalogue of VCH Kent files

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PRIMARY SOURCES

Box 1: Agriculture

Earl of Aylesford's estate atlas, early 19th century – CKS U234/E21

Parliamentary Papers: Royal Comm. On Employment of Children, Young Persons and Women in Agriculture XIII.1 (1868-9)

Parliamentary Papers: Sanitary Conditions of the Labouring population – Local Reports, Kent and Sussex XXVII.1 (1842)

Parliamentary Papers: Waste Lands – Inclosure Acts: Returns on Remaining Waste Land (1843)

Parliamentary Papers: Account of the Number of Acres under the Cultivation of Hops, 1807-20, XVII, 345 (1821)

Parliamentary Papers: Miscellaneous Returns on Hops grown in 1830s

Parliamentary Papers: Report of the Select Committee on the Hop Industry (1890)

Articles from the South Eastern Gazette relating to agriculture in the Lower Medway valley c.1868

Parliamentary Papers: Returns of Prosecutions in England and Scotland under the Game Laws, 1857-62 (1864)

Notes on the 1801 crop returns

Box 2: Tithe and Estate records

Tithe awards

Tithe award schedules from Kent Archaeological Society website: Allington, Birling, Ditton, Snodland, Wouldham, Halling, Cuxton, Burham. Aylesford

Photocopies of tithe schedules for Rochester St Margaret, Rochester St Nicholas, Maidstone, Hoo St Werbergh, Frindsbury, Strood

Parliamentary Papers: Extraordinary Tithe Charge – Returns for Kent, 10 Mar 1882

Transcript of Aylesford tithe schedule

Estate papers

Newspaper article relating to the sale of the Preston Hall estate – South East Gazette, 1867

CKS annotated catalogue references for estates in Aylesford

Sales catalogues for properties in Aylesford (Preston Hall estate), 1867

Sales catalogues for properties in Aylesford, Burham and Snodland, 1919 (CKS)

Plan of freehold estate for sale in Aylesford and Burham (1884) (CKS)

Sales catalogues for properties in Rochester, Strood and Frindsbury (1900s) (CKS)

Sales catalogues of properties in Gillingham and Chatham

Business records (to be retained by AH)

Photocopies from City of Rochester apprentice registers: RCA 02/18

CKS catalogue entries for apprentice indentures

Parliamentary Papers: Account of persons applying for discharge under the Acts for Relief of Insolvent Debtors in England, 1814-15 (Kent entries highlighted)

Records of the Court of Insolvent Debtors, Maidstone (1824-1850) CKS Q/CI - Transcripts from account books of insolvent debtors

Notes on Style and Winch brewery

Index of customs records for Rochester (1820-1925)

Articles from the South Eastern Gazette, c.1868 relating to industry especially brick and cement

Box 3: Trade directories [all extracts relating to study parishes only]

Bailey's British Directory (1784)

Universal British Directory (1790s)

Bagshaw's History, Gazetteer and Directory of Kent (1847)

James Phippen – Maidstone directory (1850)

Post Office Directory (1855)

Melville and Co's Directory and Gazetteer of Kent (1858)

Kelly's Directory (1882)

Kelly's Directory (1891)

Kelly's Directory (1903)

Kelly's Directory (1938) advertisements only

Misc. Directory entries for Snodland (1850-1913)

R.J. Goulden, *Kent Town Guides 1763-1900* [extract]

Black's Guide to Kent (1885)

S. Maenpaa, 'Instruments of commerce, trade directories as a source for business history'

Kelly's Directory (1891) – Full print out for Kent

Box 4: Industry - part1

General

Parliamentary Papers: Labour statistics _ Return of rates of wages published between 1830 and 1886 (1887)

Parliamentary Papers: Inquiry into Housing of Working Classes (1884-5) – information on labourers' wages

Parliamentary Papers: Royal Commission on Labour – Appendices (1893-4)

Parliamentary Papers: Children's Employment Commission – 2nd report (1868)

Cement

Index of bankruptcy files relating to Kent cement works (TNA)
A2A archive catalogue reference to cement works archives – mostly relating to Kent
Maps of Halling Manor cement works – late 19th century
Misc notes on cement works, including drawings of cement machinery
Short account of Bridge cement works by C. Down
Notes from a talk by Jim Preston on the industries of the lower Medway valley – Sept 2006
'The birth of a cement factory – Holborough Works', unpublished typescript by Mr Todd of Halling
Parliamentary Papers: Report of the Inspector of Mines, 1895 (1896)
Parliamentary Papers: Report of the Inspector of Mines, 1896 (1897)
Parliamentary Papers: Report of the Inspector of Mines, 1897 (1898)
Parliamentary Papers: Mineral statistics of the United Kingdom, 1895 (1896)
Parliamentary Papers: Committee of Enquiry into Quarrying (1894)
Parliamentary Papers: Committee of Enquiry into Quarrying and its dangers: Appendices (1893)
Wessex Archaeology – 'Cliffe Airport, Hoo Peninsula, Kent: Archaeological Desk-based Assessment' – covers site of Cliffe cement works
'The lime and cement industry' – <http://snodlandhistory.org.uk>

Box 5: Industry - part2

Bricks

PCC will of Thomas Cubitt and other material relating to Cubitt
Correspondence relating to Burham Brickfield, 1860s-70s – CKS U234/T4
Parliamentary Papers: Record of duty on bricks in 1830s and 1840s (1846)
Parliamentary Papers: Children's Employment Commission: Fifth Report – Mr Lord's report on the brickfields, XXIV (1866) [two copies]
Parliamentary Papers: Account of the number of brick and tile manufacturers and excise duty collected (1830-31)
Parliamentary Papers: Report on the Wages of Manual Labourers and Domestic Servants (1890-99) [Includes brick and tile makers]
Parliamentary Papers: Report of Metropolitan Board of Works, 1862-3 (1864) [Records purchase of bricks for building the London sewers from Kent mfrs]
Introduction to David Cufley's Brickmaker's index
Bibliography of brickmaking
Notes on Thomas Brassey and Edward Ladd Betts
Copies of pages from 19th century editions of *The Builder*, with indexes for 1849 and 1852
Misc documents relating to bricks and terracotta
Catalogue of Stanley Bros terracotta manufacturers, Nuneaton

Papermaking

Parliamentary Papers: Children's Employment Commission – Report on Paper Mills (1865)
Parliamentary Papers: Return of volume of paper made and excise collected (1831-33)
Parliamentary Papers: Return of the number of paper mills (1838-56)
Parliamentary Papers: Children's Employment Commission – evidence collected by Major J.G Burns – papermaking (1843)
Notes on Medway valley paper mills compiled by Jean Stirk

Assorted notes on papermaking, particularly Hayle mill, C. Townsend Hook and Henry Hobday

Box 6: Probate – part1

Photocopies of PCC wills for the Milner family of Preston Hall (TNA)

Photocopies of PCC wills relating to the Medway valley, with index (TNA)

Box 7: Probate – part2

Photocopies of Consistory Court probate inventories for Snodland, Strood, Aylesford, Frindsbury, Burham, Cuxton, Halling and Wouldham (CKS)

Transcripts and notes for Medway valley wills and inventories (CKS)

Wets Kent probate index – print out

Index of PCC inventories for Medway valley parishes (TNA)

Box 8: Poor relief and charities

Parliamentary Papers: Commission of enquiry in Charities in England, 30th report (1837) [Kent refs]

Parliamentary Papers: Charity Commissioners, 26th report (1833) [Aylesford entries]

Photocopies of entries from Aylesford churchwardens accounts relating to charitable payments

Notes of workhouse architecture and bibliographic resources.

Old poor law

CKS archives catalogue for Boards of Guardians 1727-1935

Photocopies of Aylesford churchwardens accounts 1780-1850 [selected years]

Photocopies of Aylesford parish overseers accounts, 1750-1824

Graphs showing relief expenditure in the lower Medway valley parishes

An Act for the better relief and employment of the poor (1782)

New poor law

Unpublished paper on Hoo Poor Law Union 1834-1930

Parliamentary Papers: Dietaries in use in Workhouses (1852)

Parliamentary Papers: Returns of poor relief expenditure (1854) [Medway valley parishes]

Parliamentary Papers: Returns on the number of paupers (1870) [Medway valley]

Parliamentary Papers: Expenditure on indoor and outdoor relief (1857-8)

Parliamentary Papers: Listing of parish populations and rateable value of property, 1881

Malling Union correspondence with the Poor Law Commissioners – MH12 files at TNA

Index of Malling Poor Law Union files (TNA)

Box 9: Population and migration, and Transport [This box is at Medway Archives]

Population and migration

Kent Hearth Tax assessment 1664

Transcripts of settlement examinations and pauper removals from North Aylesford Petty Sessions (Frindsbury parish)
Photocopies of settlement examinations for the parish of Aylesford, with indexes and maps showing the distribution of paupers
Photocopies of list of removal order for the parish of Aylesford
Index of removal orders and parish apprenticeships
Printouts from New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957 (taken from Ancestry.com) showing migrants from Eccles, Kent
Marriage register photocopies – Frindsbury and Burham
Transcript of Aylesford marriage register, 1754-1850

Transport

Parliamentary Papers: Report from Select Committee on the Present State of Rochester Bridge (1820) [two copies]
Parliamentary Papers: Inquiry in the state of Roads in England and Wales: Appendix – Returns for Kent (1840)
Parliamentary Papers: Abstract of Shipping Casualties, 1894-5 (1896) – lists Rochester boats which have been lost
Aylesford parish papers: List of Statute money paid for repair of the highways, 1820-21, 1839-41 and related files – CKS P12/21/1
List of sailing barges owned by Burham Brick and Cement Company and Henry and Samuel Peters – Frank Willmott Archive

Box 10: Trade unions, pollution and utilities and public health

Trade unions and friendly societies

TNA fact sheet – sources for labour history
Warwick Modern Records Centre – fact sheet on labour records and co-operative records
Parliamentary Papers: Select Committee on the Combination Acts: Minutes of evidence – Trade unions in papermaking (1825)
Parliamentary Papers: Royal Commission on Labour – Answers to Questions on strikes and lock-outs (1892)
Parliamentary Papers: Register of Friendly Societies, 1876, 1877
Parliamentary Papers: Returns of sickness and mortality experienced by Friendly Societies, 1855-75
Rules of the Amicable Society of Aylesford

Pollution

Parliamentary Papers: Local Government Board report on public health and sanitation, 1878-9 [Section on effluvia from bricks and cement industries]
Parliamentary Papers: Report on injury from noxious vapours, 1862
Parliamentary Papers: Inspector of Alkali Works annual report, 1882
Parliamentary Papers: Report on river pollution from papermaking, 1865
Parliamentary Papers: Report on infectious diseases contracted by paper mill workers, 1882
Parliamentary Papers: Rochester Port Sanitary District – report, 1893

Utilities and public health

Parliamentary papers: Bill relating to Snodland gas works (1888)

Parliamentary papers: Bill to establish Mid-Kent waterworks (1888)

Parliamentary Papers: Medical Officers report on outbreak of cholera in Aylesford, Snodland and Birling, 1866

Notes on the development of water companies in West Kent compiled by Ron Martin

Notes on Strood waterworks and cholera epidemic by Peter Lyons

Information about Mid Kent Water Company

Box 11: Newspapers

Index of Historic Newspapers in England and Ireland

Parliamentary Papers: Returns relating to Newspapers, 1814-88

Catalogue of Medway newspapers in the British Newspaper Library at Colindale

Extracts from Medway newspapers relating to the parishes of Aylesford, Burham, Cuxton, Halling, Frindsbury, Snodland, Strood and Wouldham, plus index

Transcripts of articles from Medway newspapers

References to the Medway valley in *The Times* and copies of articles – from Times online website

Chatham New Index, 1899-1965

History of the Kent Messenger group

Box 12: Maps

Photocopies of Ordnance Survey maps of the lower Medway valley – 1908 and 1939 editions

Photocopies of assorted maps – Rochester and Strood

Photocopies of 1st, 2nd and 3rd edition Ordnance Survey maps of the lower Medway valley

Photocopies of 2nd edition Ordnance Survey map annotated in pen with parish boundaries and the boundaries of the Preston Hall estate and Earl of Aylesford's estate.

Photocopies of Ordnance Survey map 1910 with chalk and sand quarries highlighted in green

Box 13: Village surveys – part1

Snodland record linkage forms – collate documentary evidence for each address

Box 14: Village surveys – part2

Rapid building survey - Eccles

Rapid building survey – Aylesford

Aylesford record linkage forms – collate documentary evidence for each address covered by the village survey

Box 15: Parish files

Aylesford

CKS detailed catalogue entry for Aylesford parish records – P12

Photocopies of Aylesford churchwardens accounts
Photocopies of vestry minutes for Aylesford parish, 1795-1891
Photocopies of miscellaneous parish documents relating to Aylesford
Aylesford parish papers: Listing of owners and occupiers of land, 1824 – CKS P12/5
Papers relating to The Cedars, Aylesford including title deeds, monumental inscriptions, genealogy data etc
Papers relating to the Fowle family of Aylesford
Photocopy of 'Handy Book of Aylesford, 1866', a parish magazine found amongst the parish files at CKS

Eccles

Transcript of the St Mark's school, Eccles log book, 1882-1900
Misc documents relating to Eccles in the 19th and early 20th centuries
Copy of Thomas Buss, 'Recollections of Eccles' – unpublished manuscript
Eccles scrapbook compiled by A. McCrerie

Burham

Janet Parris, 'From agriculture to industry – the extended family in Burham, Kent, 1851 and 1891',
Unpublished dissertation

Frindsbury

Series of hand-drawn maps showing annotated tenements in Upnor in 1848 accompanied by a list of householders.

Halling

Listing of Halling glass plate negatives digitised by Roger Smoothy
Misc files relating to Halling collected by Ted Gowers - photocopies

Snodland

Catalogue of holdings of the Snodland Millennium Museum
Snodland Charity records
Monumental inscriptions in Christ Church, Snodland churchyard
Unpublished dissertation by Debra Petty, University of Greenwich on Snodland and the benefactions of the Hook family

Strood

Extracts from Strood parish magazine, 1869
Transcripts of documents relating to Zoar chapel, Strood

Box 16: General

West Kent parish gazetteer
Sites and Monuments Record entries for lower Medway valley parishes: Post-medieval and industrial sites

Print-out of listed buildings in the lower Medway valley recorded on the Images of England database of listed buildings. Each building is pictured and described.

Celia Cordle, 'Hop cultivation and marketing: Wealden Kent and Southwark, 1744-2000' PhD thesis, University of Leicester (2005)

Carl Griffin, 'Reassessing Captain Swing: Rural Luddism and rebellion in East Kent, 1830-31', *Southern History*, 22 (2000)

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Box 1: Agriculture

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Box 8: Poor relief

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Box 10: Trade unions and friendly societies

John Rule, *British Trade Unionism 1750-1850: The formative years* (1988), Introduction

Martin Gorsky, 'The growth and distribution of English friendly societies in the early nineteenth century' *Economic History Review* (1998)

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Box 17: Industry – cement, bricks and paper

Cement

A.J. Francis, *The Cement Industry, 1796-1914* (1977)

Cement and Concrete Association, *Portland Cement Making*

J.M. Preston, 'Summary and assessment of the industrial archaeology of the Medway Gap' (2006)

F.G. Willmott, *Cement, mud and muddies* (1977) – extract from

C.G. Down, 'Frindsbury cement works', *Industrial Railway Record* (1967)

A. Pearce and D. Long, 'Chalk mining and associated industries of Frindsbury', *Kent Underground Research Group: Research Report 3* (1987)

Peter Pugh, *The History of Blue Circle* (1988)

Brickmaking

S.B. Saul, 'House building in England 1890-1914', *Economic History Review* (1962)

Robin Lucas, 'The tax on bricks and tiles, 1784-1850; its application to the country at large and, in particular, the county of Norfolk', *Construction History*, 13 (1997)

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Box 20: Parishes and Religion

Aylesford

'The families of George Hunt and Thomas Perrin at Aylesford', web document downloaded from <http://communities.msn.co.nz/PerrinFamilyNewZealand>

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Wikipedia entry for Kit's Coty House and the Countless Stones

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Snodland

Andrew Ashbee, 'The changing face of Snodland- Part 5: Holborough' –from Parish magazine

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