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Bridge

- T25 27 acres Title Deeds
- T 27 Various, properties including Church Meadow and a Cornmill 1805-1902
- T51 Bekesbourne
- T65 Patrixbourne - manors, rectory with advowson. P'xbourne Court Farm
15 cottages in Patrixbourne and Bridge Messuages and Land in Bridge and Patrixbourne. Woodland
- T65 82 acres Workhouse - all from Taylor
- T66 284 acres Manor of Renville
- T68 Patrixbourne Lodge and Land
- T74 4 Cottages and land in Patrixbourne and Bridge
- T124 -128 Conyngham Wills
- T130 Richard Harris Barham

- E1 Rentals and accounts accompanied by letters of Conynghams etc
- E33 Rental of Bourne Estate
- E44/1 Agreements with local Authorities
- E45 Agreements with local authorities - tenancy Agreement
- Barham Downs Golf Course, 1916
- Bifrons 1919-1920
- E50 Miscellaneous papers relating to Patrixbourne Glebe and list of Vicars of Patrixbourne - 4 documents.
- E54 Letters with estate correspondence - including news of Conynghams

Miscellaneous Estate Papers

- E78-89 Notes on Bridge Brickworks 3 pages 1927
- E82/2 Patrixbourne Camp 1918-19.
- E90 Miscellaneous sale catalogues and particulars - 19th century
Legal papers
- L18 congham v. conyngham Will of 5th Marquis (37 documents).

Official Papers

- Maps
- P.25 Renville Farm, Patrixbourne, Edward Baker 1730.
- P14 Bifrons 25" ord. survey 1902 Patrixbourne
£26,000 mortgage
- P17 Estates of Conynghams 1898. OS maps
- P20 Boundaries of farms in Patrixbourne, Bridge, Lower Hardres, Bishopsbourne.

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U438 Conyngham Manuscripts

Accumulation of estate archives. No family papers have been deposited. Major General Henry Conyngham of Slane, Co Meath married daughter of Sir John Williams of Minster, Thanet, thus creating a connection with Kent of great territorial significance. His son was successively created Baron Conyngham of Mount Charles, 1753, Viscount Conyngham 1756, and Baron and Earl Conyngham of Mount Charles, 1781, with a special remainder to his nephew and heir, Francis Pierpont Burton [Pierpont is a Broadstairs name]. Lord Conyngham m. Ellen, daughter of Solomon Merrett of London, merchant, who survived her husband and died 1816.

On the death of Lord Conyngham in 1781, his last title only of Baron Mount Charles passed to his nephew and he also took the surname Conyngham. His son, who married Elizabeth Denison, served in the army and became successively Viscount 1789, earl 1797 and Marquis 1816. Lady Conyngham was a favourite of George IV and her husband was Lord Steward of the Household during his marquessate. Bifrons in Patricbourne came to the estate from the Taylor family and became the Kentish centre of Conyngham influence.

In the 20th century, the importance of this vast estate stretching between Canterbury and Broadstairs was enhanced by the development of the Kent coalfield. As Lords of the Manor of Minster which covered most of Thanet, the Conyngham family had considerable fore-shore rights from Birchington to Ramsgate and also rights of wreck. Numerous disputes arose over the using of these powers.

The Collection as listed was received from a furniture depository and included a large quantity of Irish material also. With the depositors' consent, the Irish papers have been transferred to the National Library of Ireland in Dublin.

For an article on the history of Bifrons, see *Archaeologia Cantiana* CX 1992

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