

John Johnson Collection: pre-1960 ephemera

Legal folders (outsize material)

This provisional index is taken from a report by Barbara Tearle, former Law Librarian on the contents of the Law boxes (see separate index) and Legal folders in the John Johnson Collection.

This section has not been catalogued or digitised

Extent: (10 boxes and) 5 folders (outsize material with the shelfmark Legal folders)

Legal folder 1

Juries

Printed lists of jurymen. One list has the name of the parties, Middlesex 1851. Three more lists lack the names of the parties

A resolution about Grand Jury dinners, 1839, Armagh

Sir Richard Phillips's *Golden Rules for Jurymen*, nd London

Miscellaneous, including:

Report of the Justices' Clerks' Society to its AGM, with list of members, 1882

Printed copy of Letters Patent granting the estates of the late Lord Colerane to the Earl of Sherborne, 1763

Copy of an assignment of £5000, 1764

National Cartoons by GEGEEF no 3 Our National Law, n.d.

Proceedings at the trial for high treason at Sterling, printed at North Shields, 1820

Digressions on the Study of the Law Goody Grim versus Lapstone, nd London [a savage attack on cross-examining witnesses]

Blank forms and legal stationery, including:

Advertisement for blank forms, Philadelphia, after 1848

Blank booklet of forms of warrants to distrain, filed in with the name of the agent. Cover title: Distress warrants R G Ibbett's new formula no 1 (entered at Stationers Hall) 1800s

Blank receipt for sale of property, Philadelphia

Blank order to a Sheriff to attend the Master and present a list of special jurymen

Blank Gretna marriage certificate, 1850s

List of bankruptcy forms sold by James Johnstone, London, after 1845

Addendum to Shaw & Sons catalogue 1829 listing highways and alehouse licensing forms

List of forms for magistrates, sheriffs, high constables and parish officers sold by Coles & Galpin, Fleet Street

Abstracts

Towns in various circuits in Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, recording changes made to the circuits in which some were placed

Abstract of several records ... to prove the claim of Katharine wife of Richard Bokenham to the Barony of Berners, 25 pages. A modern note says a writ of summons to a spiritual peer and petition, mid 18th century?

Abstracts of two acts (Uniformity of Process Act 1832, Act for the further amendment of the laws and the better advancement of justice 1833)

Abstract of the laws for the better ordering of society, nd, post 1787.

Short abstract of the deed of settlement of the Laudable Society of Annuitants (established 1766), 1770

Local Government and law, including:

Lists of jurors for cases, 1827, 1839, 1847

Burton on Trent bye-laws 1892

Manuscript, the top half only of an Exemplification of a judgment at Glamorgan assizes about houses in Swansea, 1726. This identification has been written in a modern hand. An exemplification is a copy of a document, often written in a highly stylised legal script and with decoration. This one is decorated with a nice portrait, probably George I,

Notice to innkeepers that a licencing session called by the Cambridge JPs is ultra vires because it falls within the jurisdiction of the University, 1836. [seems to be part of a dispute]

Notice from JPs about a subscription to build a court house and prison in Falkirk, 1814

From the Lord Mayor of London on the method of returning juries, 1825

Note on the mount: a Common recovery in the Mayor's court of Shrewsbury, 1749

Three cause lists for Northumberland summer assizes, showing the plaintiffs, defendants and their attorneys, 1823 and 1824

National Government and the House of Lords

Notice from the Lord Chancellor about giving notice of bankruptcies in the London Gazette, 1793

On the mount: Bishop of Exeter 1820s. Latin. A summons to Parliament?

Report from the Home Office Chambers on the districts to be formed for the recovery of small debts, 12 pages, 1846

Note on mount: appointment of assessors of land tax, 1779

Order from the Exchequer ('In Scaccario') for the appraisal of goods seized at ports and for sale, 1735-6

Various letters about sale of land in Scotland 1750

Handwritten will attached to a printed form granting probate, 1770

Covering letter from the attorney General to the Master in Chancery about a petition in Parliament about high treason and an attack on the royal prerogative in the county Palatine of Lancaster, 1873-5

Respondent's case in an appeal from Chancery to the House of Lords (as the final court of appeal) in the case of *Trent v Trent* 1807

Two acts of Parliament about sale of crown lands between the Tower of London and London Bridge, 1832 and 1833. [The pages are numbered, indicating that they are extracts from the annual volumes of acts.]

Six cartoons and portraits from *The Law Journal*, 1925 and 1928. [coloured]

Legal folder 2

Conveyancing, mortgages

About 50 forms used in these two processes. Items of interest include:

Lease of a watercourse or pipe in London with a note on the verso that Mr Price of Great Russell Street will hear all grievances, 1685 (see also Folder 3). Annotation on the mount: Wing T932++

Mortgages including the names of building societies, e.g. the Borough of Lambeth Benefit Building Society and The Temple Bar Mutual Permanent Building Society

Marriage settlements and inheritance, including

Leaflet about regulations for duties on legacies and residues, [n.d. after 1805]

Deed of revocation from the trustees of Lord Radnor's marriage settlement, enrolled in Chancery, 1789

Apprenticeships

A variety of forms, periods and status of apprentice, including:

Apprenticeships of poor children by the overseers of the poor, 1711, 1807

Blank apprenticeship form used by Leighton & Son and Hedges bookbinders for apprentices, date 18..

Nicely decorated apprenticeship to an apothecary in York, 1742

Draft of an apprenticeship agreement issued by the National Amalgamated Union of Shop Assistants, Warehousemen and Clerks, London, [n.d., after 1918]

Apprenticeship of a girl to a woman, completed in pencil(?) and now very faded, c. George II

A 16 year-old Londoner binding himself apprentice to a Greenock seaman. On the verso, a note that he served his term and how much he was paid, 1859

Petitions

Draft petition to the House of Commons from JPs about the game laws, 1847

Facsimile of 1832 of some signatures on the Edinburgh Petition against the Punishment of Death for Forgery, 1830

Notices to quit

Five documents from the Court of Queen's Bench (i.e. Victorian) or from the agents of private landlords

Articles of the charge of the Wardmote Inquest 1839, with manuscript note 'to read to all the Inquest after the foreman is chosen'. This is a piece of London court procedure.

Legal folder 3

Indentures, leases, letting agreements

About 25-30 forms; mainly English, a few from Ireland; 1617 to 1830s. Interesting features:

A few include a schedule of the fields and their acreage

One Irish lease expresses the annual rent in both 'late Irish currency' and 'Imperial currency', 1789

Several provide a space on the document for a plan of the property

The most interesting or unusual is a lease for a water pipe in London (see also Folder 2), 1617. Annotation on the mount: STC 17869.5

Legal Folder 4

About 50 forms, the majority relating to different stages in bankruptcy proceedings, in cases for discharge by insolvent debtors and assignment of debtors goods to a creditor for sale. These people will appear in the London Gazette where notice was required for stages in the processes of bankruptcy and discharging insolvent debtors.

Also:

Eight reports of consultations on the Bankruptcy Bill (Scotland) c1813-1814

Order of the sessions clerk in Edinburgh that two people could marry, 1770

Bond for payment of the amount decided by arbitrators in a dispute, 1796

Two notices or posters about bankruptcy procedure, 1794. Annotations on the mount: ESTC numbers t192646 and t192647

Notice or poster advertising that goods have been assigned to a creditor for sale, 1835

Legal Folder 5

French agreements, mainly assizes

This file contains c25 posters or public notices emanating from French law courts in the decades around 1800

Twenty are from various cours d'assises (criminal courts operating in every *departement*). The notices name the accused, give a physical description, a list of the crimes he or she has committed and the sentence. Sentences include imprisonment, hard labour, branding on right shoulder, and exhibiting in the *carcan* (similar to the stocks or pillory?). Dates range from 1790s (in republican dating) to the 1820s

The remaining five are orders for the sale of land; some have a second page with extracts from something - possibly the authority for the sale or the people to whom the land was sold. A couple are headed *Par l'Empereur* and president and judges of the civil tribunal of the place.