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Reference code: GB 214 D138

Title: JOHN BISHOP AND FAMILY OF SOUTH WALES
AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Date(s) 1847-2002

Level of description: Fonds (level 2)

Extent: 0.001 cubic metres

Name of creator(s) John Bishop and family of South Wales and Gloucestershire

Administrative/Biographical history

The Bishop family originated from Horsley, Gloucestershire. John Bishop came to south Wales to work as a gamekeeper at Penlline Castle, Fonmon Castle and for the Earls of Dunraven. A detailed history of the family is given in Martin Bishop's article, see D138/13/1-9.

Scope and content

The collection includes letters from Sarah Bishop to her brother John, whilst he was working as a gamekeeper at Penlline Castle, the appointment of John Bishop as gamekeeper at Fonmon Castle, and also letters between family members in America and south Wales, including details of the Temporary Home for the Destitute in Boston. The collection also includes a recent article on the family history by Martin Bishop.

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information

All records offered have been accepted and listed

Conditions governing access

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Language/Scripts of material

English

Physical characteristics and technical requirements

Good condition

Finding aids

Detailed list available.

Date(s) of descriptions

July 2003

- D138/1 Sarah Bishop (Langley Farm, near Winchcomb, Gloucestershire) to her brother John Bishop. 17 May 1847
Mentions family news and brief note of work being done on the farm 'we have wheat, barley, oats, peas and potatoes out in the fields all looking very well. ...send and tell us how much the bread is a quarter in Wales. It is elevenpence here.'
[1 paper]
- D138/2 Sarah Bishop (Upper Lutheredge Farm, Horsley, Gloucestershire) to her brother John, while he was working as a gamekeeper for John Homfray of Penlline Castle. 27 Jan. 1848
Gives family news and wants to know when he will visit them. Mentions the 'Horsepool Ball'.
[1 paper]
- D138/3 Appointment of John Bishop, parish of Penmark, as gamekeeper by Robert Oliver Jones of Fonmon Castle. 12 June 1860
[1 paper]
- D138/4/1,2 John Bishop (Picketstone Cottage, Llanmaes) to son Sidney, concerning his wife having sprained her wrist and the for Sidney's help to get help from the chemist. Postmarked 26 Jan. 1892
[1 paper, 1 envelope]
- D138/5 Frances Williams (Philadelphia, previously of Cowbridge) to her aunt [? Mrs. Annie L. Gwynne of Swansea]. 20 Jan. 1850
She expresses her concern that she has not heard from her family for a long time and fears that someone may be ill. She mentions her cousin Ann Gwynne who is in Boston. Ann's sister, Elizabeth has died of cholera. Elizabeth was in charge of a home for destitute children, but now Ann runs the home. She is keen for Frances to join her in Boston, but Frances, who is currently looking after children, is keen to find a different position as a seamstress.
[1 paper; end of letter is missing]
- D138/6 Frances Williams to her aunt [? Mrs. Annie L. Gwynne of Swansea]. 7 Oct. 1850
Mentions that her mother has died and expresses her regret that she was not home to see her one last time. She reveals that she is homesick and intends to sail home the following spring.
[1 paper]

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| D138/7/1,2 | <p>Printed pamphlet sent to Mrs. Annie L. Gwynne of Swansea [from Frances Williams?] relating to the Temporary Home for the Destitute, (for children aged 2-10), 24 Kneeland Street, Boston. The pamphlet mentions that Ann L. Gwynne is working in the Home. It gives the background to the founding of the charity in 1847 and details of the number of children it has had in its care.</p> <p>[1 paper; printed; 1 envelope]</p> | <p>Pamphlet dated, 16 June 1866
Letter postmarked, 20 Aug. 1867</p> |
| D138/8 | <p>Photograph of punchbowl used (and broken) at the christening of John Bishop (father of John Bishop, the gamekeeper), in 1777 at Horsley, Gloucestershire. The note made on the photograph is written by Sidney Bishop, his grandson.</p> <p>[1 photograph]</p> | n.d. |
| D138/9/1-7 | <p>Netta Bishop to Martin and Paola Bishop, giving them some further details on the family history. Mentions John Bishop who left Gloucestershire for Wales and mentions his marriage to Alice Williams of Cowbridge. It was believed that Alice Williams' uncle was John Thomas (1826-1913) who was harpist to Queen Victoria.</p> <p>Enclosed : newscutting relating to a television programme about John Thomas, harpist to Queen Victoria.</p> <p>Also enclosed: copy of <i>Morning Chronicle</i>, 19 June 1805, page from <i>Detroit Free Press</i>, 1895 [relevance to family history is not certain] and printed story 'Going to be Bishop'd'</p> <p>[7 papers]</p> | 19 Feb. 1988 |
| D138/10/1-4 | <p>Papers relating to the Will of Mrs. Annie Bishop of Porthcawl, who died 9 April 1950, sent by her solicitors in Bridgend to John Bishop (Chester), including a list of nephews and nieces who were bequeathed a share of her estate in the Will.</p> <p>[4 papers]</p> | June 1950 |
| D138/11 | <p>Helena Bishop to Martin and Paola Bishop giving some details of the family history.</p> <p>[1 paper]</p> | 27 Jan. nd. |
| D138/12 | <p>Note recording that on 'Daddy's birth certificate his father is Sidney Augustus and seems to be referred to</p> | n.d. |

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as Sidney elsewhere'.
[1 paper]

D138/13/1-9	Draft article and notes on the family of John Bishop, gamekeeper, compiled by Martin Bishop. Also a copy of photograph of headstone on grave of John Bishop of Lutheredge Farm, Horsley, Gloucestershire (died 1860) and Elizabeth, his wife (died 1880). [9 papers]	n.d. c.2002
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