

Reference code(s): GB 0214 DMW

Title: Mathew family of St Kew, Cornwall, and the Caribbean Islands papers

Creation date(s): 1628 -[c. 1973]

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 0.18 cubic metres (9 boxes)

Name of creator(s): Mathew family, of St Kew and the Caribbean Islands

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: The Mathew family is descended from John Mathew of St Kew, Cornwall [c. 1540], and the Mathew family of Llandaff (Glamorgan). From the late 17th century, the family had connections with the Caribbean region, when Abednego Mathew (bap. 1633-d 1681), younger son of William Mathew of Tregildren, St Kew, had attained the rank of Colonel in the army, and was appointed governor of St Christopher (Saint Kitts) and Nevis. Successive generations of the Mathew family purchased estates in Antigua, St Christopher and St Martin, and became involved in the sugar trade. Sir William Mathew (d 1704), was Captain-General of the Leeward Islands; William Mathew (d 1752), his son, grandson of Abednego Mathew, then was Lieutenant-General of the Leeward Islands from 1715, and Captain-General and Commander-in-Chief from 1735. William Mead (d 1702) and Penelope Mead (d 1734) were the grandparents of Ann Smith, wife of William Mathew, and great-parents of Penelope Smith, who married, first, Daniel Mathew, son of William and Ann Mathew, and then William Buckley. Daniel Mathew (? 1719-1777), eldest son of William Mathew, married Penelope Smith, great-granddaughter of William and Penelope Mead, in 1736, and [c. 1744] divorced her on the grounds of adultery with William Buckley. In 1750, he married Mary, daughter of George Byam of Antigua, widow of Joseph Lyons. She died in 1814, aged 84. Abednego Mathew (b. 1724), the younger brother of Daniel Mathew, married Jennett, the only surviving child of William Buckley by his first wife Sarah, who was the widow of Thomas Butler of St Christopher (d 1731). William Buckley (d 1754) husband of Sarah, widow of Thomas Butler, by whom he had two daughters, Mary (died ante 1755), and Jennett, his heir, who married Abednego Mathew. In 1745, Buckley married Penelope, divorced wife of Daniel Mathew, by whom he had other children: George Mathew (1760-1846), son of Daniel Mathew, became Lieutenant-Colonel in the Coldstream Guards; Sir George Benvenuto Mathew [from 1865, Buckley Mathew](d 1879) the son of George Mathew, was a captain in the Coldstream Guards, M. P., C.B. and K.C.M.G. He married three times. His first wife was Anne Hoare, whom he married in 1836, and from whom he was divorced in 1847. His second wife was Rosina Adelaide Handley, and his third Elizabeth Garrard; Brownlow Hugh Buckley Mathew (d 1917), [from 1887,

Brownlow Hoare Mathew Lannowe] was the eldest son of Sir George Buckley Mathew, he became a Major-general. He married Annie Wilson, (who died in 1921) in 1863; Brownlow Henry Hamilton Mathew Lannowe (1872-1964), the son of Major-General Brownlow Hoare Mathew Lannowe, he was himself Lieut-Colonel in the Dragoon Guards and awarded the D.S.O. His wife was Iris Gwendoline Oldrey, whom he married in 1907, and who died in 1972.

CONTENT

Scope and content/abstract: Will of Abednego Mathew, 1682; papers relating to William Mathew, 1702-1764; papers relating to William and Penelope Mead, 1698-1736; papers relating to Daniel Mathew, 1735-1776; papers relating to Abednego Mathew, 1728-1795; papers relating to William Buckley, 1745; papers relating to George Mathew, 1788-1850; papers relating to Sir George Benvenuto Mathew, 1825-1880; papers relating to Buckley's estate, St Christopher, 1876-1943; papers relating to Brownlow Hugh Buckley Mathew, 1862-1911; Brownlow Henry Hamilton Mathew Lannowe, 1894 - [post 1938]; estate plans, documenting the layout and extent of six sugar plantations owned by the Mathew Family on the islands of St Christopher, Antigua and St Martin, [early 18th century]-[mid 18th century]; genealogy containing family tree documents and genealogical notes on the Mathew family 1866-[c. 1973]; photographs of army officers, 1913, 1931; and miscellaneous records, not directly related to the Mathew family, featuring documents on the history of the following Caribbean islands: Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, St Christopher, Jamaica, Nevis and Tobago, 1679-1926. Items of note within this collection are the estate plans of plantations on the islands of St Christopher, Antigua and St Martin in the early 18th century. The most detailed is the plan entitled Plan of a Plantation, the Property of Abednego Mathew Esq. In the Parish of St George, Basseterre in the island of St Christopher, dated 1757.

ACCESS AND USE

Language/scripts of material: English

System of arrangement: The papers of the Mathew family are divided into: (1) family and estate papers, arranged chronologically under the names of successive inheritors of land and property owned by the Mathew family; (2) estate plans; (3) genealogy; (4) pictorial; and (5) miscellaneous records.

Conditions governing access: A few items are extremely fragile and may be consulted only at the discretion of the Glamorgan Archivist.

Conditions governing reproduction: Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

Physical characteristics: A small number of items are in an extremely fragile condition and may be unfit for production.

Finding aids: A handlist is available at the Glamorgan Record Office.

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information: All records which meet the collection policy of the Glamorgan Record Office have been retained.

Accruals: Accruals are not expected.

Archival history:

Immediate source of acquisition: Deposits made earlier and in 1982.

ALLIED MATERIALS

DESCRIPTION NOTES

Note: Title supplied from contents of fonds.

Archivist's note: Compiled by Hayden Burns for the ANW project. The following source was used in the compilation of this description: Glamorgan Record Office, Catalogue for the Family and Estate Papers of the Mathew Family of St. Kew, Cornwall and of the Carribean Islands.

Rules or conventions: This description follows ANW guidelines based on ISAD(G) second edition, AACR2 and LCSH.

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