

Reference code(s): GB 0214 DNCA

Title: Nicholl Carne Family Papers

Creation date(s): 1842-2002

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 0.18 cubic metres (6 archive boxes, 1 wooden box, 1 roll & 1 packet)

Name of creator(s): Nicholl-Carne family

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: The earliest references to the Nicholl family first occur in Glamorgan in the late 15th century, in connection with the Great House, alias Ty Mawr, and the Ham from 1597, but until the mid 19th century were comparatively modest landowners in Llantwit Major and nearby parishes, notably Coety and Laleston. Their prominence largely develops from the time of the Rev. Robert Nicholl (1763-1849), of the Ham, Llantwit Major, ordained in 1787, curate of Chevenage, Gloucestershire, 1788-1789, and later rector of Port Eynon, Glamorgan, (1795) and Llanmaes, Glamorgan (1824). Robert received bequests in 1783 and 1786, and an annuity of £105 under the will of his father, Whitlock (d 1788). This enabled him to purchase, in 1791, the estate of the late Thomas Lewis in Llanblethian, Glamorgan, but he remained heavily dependent on donations from relatives until his marriage to Mary Woodward, of Chevenage. In 1795, they moved to Llanmaes House, and he paid more attention to the estate in Llantwit Major. From his father, he had inherited 99 acres, mostly near Dimlands and Frampton, but set about concentrating his estate around Dimlands, and began construction of a mansion there in 1799; up to his death in 1849, he continued to acquire property in the nearby parishes of Llanblethian and Llanmaes and further afield: he acquired land at Brynsach, 1817, by exchange, Westfield, by purchase, and Sheeplays farm, 1835, at an auction of Bute property. Through his marriage to Elizabeth Carne of Nash in 1800, he acquired the Nash Estate in 1842, in Nash and Llysworney including Lechmore. He changed his surname to Carne in 1843 by royal licence. On Robert's death in 1849, the Nash estates passed to his eldest son, Robert Charles Nicholl Carne (1806-1869) while the Dimlands estates passed to his younger son John Whitlock Nicholl Carne (1817-1887) FSA, JP, DCL, who married Mary Jane Brackner, daughter of a prominent Liverpool businessman, Peter Whitfield Bracker, in 1844. John, later called John Whitlock Stradling Carne, inherited the Parc Newydd estate, with important coal seams in Llanwynno, 1854, purchased the St Donats estate, 1861, and inherited his brother's Nash estate in 1869. By 1873, he owned 3,217 acres in Glamorgan with an estimated rental of £4,495 which had been built up from 99 acres in less than 100 years. John's son, Mansel Sydney Berkrolles Nicholl Carne (d 1892), left no heirs by his wife

Grace, and the estates passed to the younger son John Devereux Van Loder Nicholl Carne (d 1905), who married Alice Annie Austin in 1881. After her death in 1930, the eldest son Gilbert Stradling Nicholl Carne (b. 1882), died without heirs in 1949, and the estates largely descended to his nephew, James Wallace Austin Nicholl Carne (1914-2000), and his three daughters, Caroline Jane Nicholl-Carne (b. 1928), Clare Nicholl-Carne (b. 1950) and Catherine Sarah Nicholl-Carne (b. 1954).

CONTENT

Scope and content/abstract: Papers of the Nicholl-Carne family, 1842-2002, includes: deeds and papers relating to Great House farm, the Water Hayes and White Cross Acre and other properties in Llantwit Major, 1848-1920; J. W. N. Carne's first marriage settlement and relative deed's including deeds relating to the White Crosses farm, Dimlands and Nash estate, 1845-1893; Copyhold in manor of Boviarton [Boverton] and Llantwit, 1936-1971; Deeds relating to Nash estates, 1893-1921; J. W. N. Carne, 1844-1888; John Devereux Vann Loder Nicholl Carne and others, mortgages etc. and sale of Nash Manor estate, 1896-1954; Nash Manor estate, 1958-1972; Conveyance, etc of property in Llangwm (Monmouthshire), Nash manor, Colwinston manor and property, Dimlands, Castle and manor of St Donats and property in St Donats, Llantwit Major and Marcross, 1897; minerals at Pencoed, 1884-1937, and Parc Newydd, 1906-1948; deeds relating to Plymouth House Farm, 1938-1958; Llysworney School House and Cottage in Llysworney, 1861-1967; Lechmere Farm, 1853, 1915; wayleave agreements, 1933-1961, 1977; Old Police Station, in Llantwit Major, 1852-1929; Hilton farm, Colwinston, 1905-1911; miscellaneous deeds and related papers, 1922-1988; family wills and insurance, 1954-1981; miscellaneous papers and memorabilia, 1860-[late 19th century]; license to the Rev. Robert Nicholl and Elizabeth his wife to use surname Carne instead of Nicholl, 1843; petition of J.W. Carne for recovery of Stradling baronetcy and related letters from Sir Charles George Young, Garter King at Arms, 1862; family pedigree 2002; and schedule of papers, 1996.

ACCESS AND USE

Language/scripts of material: English

System of arrangement: Arranged according to date and type.

Conditions governing access: No restrictions, with the exception of papers less than 30 years old. Items containing information on named individuals may be closed in accordance with the Data Protection Act, but access may be given to such records in accordance with Record Office policy.

Conditions governing reproduction: Usual copyright regulations apply.

Physical characteristics: Good to fair condition

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

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information: All records have been retained with the exception of duplicates which have been destroyed.

Accruals: Accruals are possible.

Archival history:

Immediate source of acquisition: Deposited by private individuals at various dates.

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material: Records of the Carne family and of the Nicholl family of Merthyr Mawr in the Glamorgan Record Office.

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, handlist of records for the Nicholl-Carne family.

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

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