

GB 0046 AHH, D/EX315

## Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies

This catalogue was digitised by The National Archives as part of the National Register of Archives digitisation project

NRA 19660



The National Archives



- - FEB 1976

HERTFORDSHIRE RECORD OFFICE  
ST. ALBANS DIOCESAN RECORD OFFICE

RECORDS OF THE  
ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON  
HITCHIN DIVISION

AHH

## INTRODUCTION

The Archdeaconry of Huntingdon first became a separate entity around the year 1110, when the Diocese of Ely was formed. At that date the county of Cambridge was removed from it, but the part of Hertfordshire which was then included within it, remained part of the archdeaconry until 1845. Although in 1837 the county of Huntingdon had been removed to the Diocese of Ely, the Hertfordshire part of the archdeaconry remained, as before, in the Diocese of Lincoln. This situation finally changed in 1845, when the Archdeaconry of St. Albans was reconstituted to include the whole of the county of Hertfordshire. Thus, for most purposes, 1845 is the terminal date for this archive.

Apart from wills and Act Books, there are few records of the Hitchin Division of this archdeaconry of before 1700. In their account of the Records of the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon, compiled in 1921, the Rev. W. Mackreth Noble and S. Inskip Ladds describe something of the working of the archdeaconry, situated as it was by several day's riding from Lincoln.

Hitchin was the centre from which the Hertfordshire parishes were administered, and it was from the offices of the Hitchin solicitors, Messrs. Hawkins, whose earlier partners had been the Archdeacons' Registrars and Officials, that most of the records came. The first group came in the 1930s, soon after the Hertfordshire Record Office had been appointed Diocesan Record Office in 1934, and further records were added as they came to light. A large group of probate records were transferred from Somerset House in 1955. Bishops' Transcripts were transferred from the Lincoln Diocesan Registry in 1952, after another large group had been sorted which came from Messrs Hawkins.

In 1954, the then Archdeacon of Huntingdon, Canon Royle, deposited at Hertford a further collection of records of the Hitchin Division of the archdeaconry which had been found in his Library, and a detailed list of these is available in the Search Room. Other Hitchin Division papers were amongst a deposit made by the St. Albans Archaeological Society in 1951. Mr. Reginald Hine, who was himself a partner in the firm of Messrs. Hawkins, deposited several other items in 1949; these were listed earlier and cross-references to them have been made in this list.

In compiling this list a similar but not identical form of classification has been used to that employed for the records of the Archdeaconry of St. Albans. For similar types of record to those appearing in that list, no general explanatory notes have been added; these will be found under the corresponding class of the ASA list.

Kathleen Major's Handlist of Lincoln Diocesan Records (1953) will also be found to refer to a few classes of records from this archdeaconry.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

Classification and Reference Scheme

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS

- AHH 1 Induction Mandates
- AHH 2 Sequestration Bonds
- AHH 3 Glebe Terrier
- AHH 4 Registrars' Working Papers

COURT RECORDS - GENERAL

- AHH 5 Act Books
- AHH 6 Cause Papers
- AHH 7 Citations

COURT RECORDS - VISITATION

- AHH 8 Visitation Processes
- AHH 9 Visitation Minutes
- AHH 10 Churchwardens' Presentments
- AHH 11 Inventories of Church Goods
- AHH 12 Church Repair-Injunctions and Certificates
- AHH 13 Excommunication and Absolution
- AHH 14 Testimonials
- AHH 15 Transcripts of Parish Registers
- AHH 16 Returns of Parish Registers under the 1812 Act
- AHH 17 Visitation Accounts

COURT RECORDS - NON-CONTENTIOUS

- AHH 18 Dissenters' Meeting House Certificates
- AHH 19 Faculty Papers
- AHH 20 Marriage Bonds and Allegations

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

COURT RECORDS - PROBATE

AHH/HW	Filed Wills and Administrations
AHH/HR	Registers of Wills
AHH 21	Calendars of Wills and Administrations
AHH 22	Inventories
AHH 23	Administration bonds and accounts
AHH 24	Probate and Administration Act Books
AHH 25	Miscellaneous Probate Papers

Provenance

AHH	1/1	Hawkins
	1/2	Archdeacon Royle
	1/3	Somerset House
	2/1	Archdeacon Royle
	2/2	Somerset House
	3/1-2	St. Albans Archaeological Society
	4/1	Somerset House
	4/2	Acc. 1283
	4/3	Somerset House
	5/1-3	Somerset House
	5/4	Archdeacon Royle
	5/5-24	Somerset House
	5/25	Archdeacon Royle
	5/26-27	Somerset House
	6/1	Somerset House
	6/2-6	Archdeacon Royle
	7/1-2	Archdeacon Royle
	7/3	Somerset House
	8/1	Archdeacon Royle
	8/2	Hawkins
	9/1	Hawkins
	10/1-2	Hawkins
	11/1	Hawkins
	12/1-2	Archdeacon Royle
	13/1-2	Archdeacon Royle
	14/1-2	Archdeacon Royle
	15/1-179	Hawkins via Mr. Penn & St. Albans Archaeological Society; Lincolnshire Record Office; Archdeacon Royle
	16/1	Hawkins
	17/1-2	Archdeacon Royle
	18/1	Hawkins
	19/1	Archdeacon Royle
	19/2-3	Hawkins
	20/1-87	Hawkins & St. Albans Archaeological Society

IW	Somerset House
HR	Somerset House
21/1-5	Somerset House
22/1-26	Somerset House
23/1-43	Somerset House
24/1-5	Somerset House
25/1	Somerset House

PARISHES AND CHAPELRIES COMPRISING THE ARCHDEACONRY OF  
HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION, BEFORE 1845

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Deanery</u>
Aldbury	Berkhamsted
Aldenham	Berkhamsted
Ardeley	Baldock
Ashwell	Baldock
Aspenden	Baldock
Aston	Baldock
Ayot St. Lawrence	Hertford
Ayot St. Peter	Hertford
Baldock	Baldock
Bayford (a chapelry of Essendon)	Hertford
Bengeo	Hertford
Benington	Baldock
Great Berkhamsted	Berkhamsted
Little Berkhamstead	Hertford
Bovingdon (a chapelry of Hemel Hempstead)	Berkhamstead
Bramfield	Hertford
Bygrave	Baldock
Caldecote	Baldock
Clothall	Baldock
Cottered with Broadfield	Baldock
Datchworth	Hertford
Digswell	Hertford
Essendon	Hertford
Flamstead	Berkhamsted
Flaunden (a chapelry of Hemel Hempstead)	Berkhamsted
Great Gaddesden	Berkhamsted
Little Gaddesden	Berkhamsted
Graveley with Chivesfield	Hitchin
Harpenden (a chapelry of Wheathampstead)	Berkhamsted
Hatfield	Hertford
Hemel Hempstead	Berkhamsted
Hertford, All Saints with St. John's	Hertford
Hertford, St. Andrews with St. Mary's and St. Nicholas	Hertford
Hertingfordbury	Hertford
Hinxworth	Baldock

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Deanery</u>
Hitchin, including Minsden Chapel	Hitchin
Ickleford (a chapelry of Pirton)	Hitchin
Ippollitts	Hitchin
Kelshall	Baldock
Kensworth (part of Hertfordshire until 1897, now Beds.)	Berkhamsted
Kimpton	Hitchin
Knebworth	Hitchin
King's Langley	Berkhamsted
Letchworth	Hitchin
Lilley	Hitchin
Long Marston (a chapelry of Tring)	Berkhamsted
North Mimms	Berkhamsted
Great Munden	Baldock
Little Munden	Baldock
Northchurch, alias Berkhamsted St. Mary	Berkhamsted
Offley	Hitchin
Pirton	Hitchin
Puttenham	Berkhamsted
Radwell	Baldock
Rushden	Baldock
Sacombe	Hertford
Sandon	Baldock
Shenley	Berkhamsted
Stapleford	Hertford
Stevenage	Hitchin
Tewin	Hertford
Therfield	Baldock
Throcking	Baldock
Totteridge (a chapelry of Hatfield)	Hertford
Tring	Berkhamsted
King's Walden	Hitchin
Walkern	Baldock
Wallington	Baldock
Watton-at-Stone	Hertford
Welwyn	Hertford
Westmill	Baldock
Weston	Baldock

Parish

Wheathampstead  
Wigginton  
Willian  
Great Wymondley  
Little Wymondley

Deanery

Berkhamsted  
Berkhamsted  
Baldock  
Hitchin  
Hitchin

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS

AHH 1	<u>Induction Mandates</u>		
1/1	Induction Mandates	1 bdl	1606, 1668 1699 - 1756
1/2	Induction Mandates [some with certificates of induction; for Great Gaddesden 1615-1820, Little Gaddesden 1682-1829 and Graveley with Chisfield 1662-1820 only]	1 bdl	1615 - 1829
1/3	Induction Mandates [some with certificates of induction]	1 bdl	1610 - 1720
AHH 2	<u>Sequestration Bonds</u>		
2/1	Sequestration Bonds [covering Aldenham, Little Berkhamstead, Northchurch, Stapleford and Welwyn]	6	1713 - 1740
2/2	Sequestration Bonds [including some accounts: for Albury, Ayot St. Peter, Bovington, Ickleford, Kimpton and Shenley]	6	1634 - 1742
AHH 3	<u>Glebe Terriers</u>		
3/1	Glebe Terriers [for Ardeley, Therfield, Tring, Walkern, Wallington, Watton, Welwyn, Westmill, Weston, Wheathampstead, Willian and Great Wymondley; includes a transcript of almost all the terriers by the St. Albans Archaeological Society, who have also numbered these documents 26/29-49 A&B]	1 bdl	1638 - 1828
3/2	Copy of the Aldenham glebe terrier of 1638	1	n.d. [c.1700]

[See also the list of Documents at the Lincoln Diocesan Record Office available in the Record Office Search Room. A large number of glebe terriers of 1638 were fully transcribed in the Hertfordshire Genealogist and Antiquary ed. William Brigg, (3 vols, 1895-1898) Further original glebe terriers were purchased from Messrs. Sotheby's in 1937 and are catalogued as 21328-21333. These are for Ashwell 1638, Caldecote 1638 and Hinxworth 1638, 1686 and 1724]

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

AHH 4 Registrars' Working Papers

- 4/1 A bundle labelled "Papers of the Register Office" [mostly drafts and precedents but including detailed accounts of income and arrears at the Hitchin Registry 1757-1758] 1 bd1 c.1700 - c.1760
- 4/2 Miscellaneous papers from the Registrar's Office [including four citations, three petitions for faculties, correspondence, accounts, drafts, etc. Papers relate to Joseph Sabine's monument at Tewin, among other subjects. Photostat of will and related papers of William Cowper, poet] Acc. 1283 1 bd1 1709 - 1851
- 4/3 Miscellaneous papers from the Registrar's Office [including twelve citations, accounts, correspondence, precedents, etc. Includes a bundle of letters and accounts concerning estates at Barrow and Quarndon, Leicestershire, the property of Thomas Coppin of Acton] 1 bd1 c.1650 - c.1790

[See also D/EHa B26, a precedent book of the Archdeacon of Huntingdon's Registrar, with an index of the types of business dealt with, and containing copies of documents of the 17th and 18th centuries]

COURT RECORDS - GENERAL

AHH 5 Act Books

[The archdeaconry courts presided over in Hertfordshire by the Official and Commissary of the Archdeacon of Huntingdon, exercising his jurisdiction over the Hitchin Division of the archdeaconry, covered the usual wide range of business of such courts, instance and cause, visitation and correction business and the probate of wills. The surviving Act Books nearly all contain records of all types of proceedings, though in the period 1630-1650 there seems to have been some distinction made over the contents of each book. One Act Book dealing specifically with probate has survived for 1634-1639, and this is listed as AHH23/1 together with four other similar volumes covering 1706-1857. There is also one Act Book of 1662-1665 dealing solely with correction; this has been retained in this sequence.

As yet no detailed study has been made of the Act Books of this archdeaconry, except for AHH5/2, for which see below. There are a number of gaps in the series, of varying degrees of importance; what remains shows quite clearly the distinctly separate administration of the Hertfordshire half of this ancient archdeaconry]

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

- 5/1 Act Book [Most sessions held monthly at Baldock parish church. All types of business. This volume (? consisting of a number of former smaller ones) was bound in its present form by J.W. Sargeant, Peterborough, at an unknown date. Titled on the spine, Act Book Arch. Hertford No.1] 1 vol 1566 - 1573
- 5/2 Act Book [Formerly in the library of Mark Newman, who was connected with the archdeaconry court in the late 17th century; deposited at Hertford by the Bedfordshire Record Office. See East Herts Archaeological Society Transactions vol.8 for an analysis and description of this volume by F.G. Emmison. At the front of the volume are two indexes of cases in this volume, one by Newman, 1690, one earlier; the second index is followed by Mr. Leach's recipe for ink. All types of business. Original binding, though the spine is marked Acta 1690 in a later hand] 1 vol Oct 1590 - Nov 1596
- 5/3 Act Book 1 [On f.49v is a copy of an instrument of 28 Apr 1597 in which Otthowell Hill, Commissary and official of the Archdeacon of Huntingdon, appointed James Rolfe of St. Albans and four others as his substitutes. Until July 1597 the court met approximately monthly at Baldock. From then on formal sittings continued at Baldock but there were frequent intermediate sittings at the houses of James Rolfe or Thomas Rockett in St. Albans; these are recorded only briefly. All types of business as in the two preceding volumes, but this one is neater and more legible. There is also a considerable increase of business in this volume. Two original volumes bound as one, the first numbered f.1-268, the second, with some loose papers, f.269-311; some chronological confusion between them. Bound by J.W. Sargeant of Peterborough; spine label reads Act Book Arch. Hertford No.2] 1 vol Dec 1596 - Apr 1599

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

- 5/4 Act Book [This volume became separated from the others at some stage and was amongst the documents transferred from Archdeacon Royle's library in 1954. It contains some testamentary and other business and also some apparitor's accounts. It and all other succeeding Act Books save AHH5/24 and 27 consist of one quire only. This one has 10 folios, unnumbered and several unused] 1 vol 1594 - 1595
- 5/5 Act Book [This and succeeding volumes show a change of style from AH5/1-3, in that business is entered on a day to day basis, giving details of causes heard at all sessions of court, whether monthly or intermediary. Notes are kept of fees paid and due. These volumes are also much rougher and more scrappy in appearance. This may be due to an increase of business or a less skilful clerk, though the Act Books of the Archdeaconry of St. Albans show a similar tendency at the same period. This volume is one full quire, foliated 1-50, and it and most of the succeeding volumes were bound in paper covers at Somerset House and titled on the front at this time, not always accurately. They are clearly similar quires to those from which AH5/1-3 were made up. This volume also contains, probate business, grants of marriage licences and licences to teach, and original subscriptions by clergy and schoolmasters to the 3 Articles of the 36th Canon, signed. Poor condition] 1 vol Mar 1609/10-  
Oct 1610
- 5/6 Act Book [Similar to the foregoing. All types of business. Foliated 1-34 and bound in paper covers] 1 vol Oct 1610 -  
Jan 1610/11
- 5/7 Act Book [Two quires in original parchment cover, being the will of Wyllyam Goppe, miller. Foliated 1-78. All types of business. From end of April 1611, monthly court held at Stevenage] 1 vol Jan 1610/11-  
Oct 1611
- 5/8 Act Book [One quire in paper covers, foliated 1-44. All types of business. Monthly courts now held at Harpenden] 1 vol Jan 1616/17-  
May 1617

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

- |      |   |       |                           |
|------|---|-------|---------------------------|
| 5/9  | Act Book [One quire in paper covers, foliated 1-48. All types of business. Monthly courts now at Wheathampstead. Fragile edges]   | 1 vol | Nov 1626 -<br>June 1627   |
| 5/10 | Act Book [One quire in paper covers, foliated 1-35. All types of business, though fewer probate cases. Courts still held at Wheathampstead. The last volume with James Rolfe as Commissary]   | 1 vol | July 1627 -<br>Jan 1627/8 |
| 5/11 | Act Book [One quire in paper covers, foliated 1-94. No probate business. Courtsheld at Hitchin and Baldock]   | 1 vol | Feb 1631/2 -<br>Nov 1632  |
| 5/12 | Act Book [One quire in paper covers, foliated 1-97, Marked 1632-1633 on first sheet of original in a contemporary hand with the notes <u>Vis. 9<sup>o</sup> Maii apud Hartford and tempore Tho. Morrison 11 Doctore Commissario et Officiali</u> in different contemporary hands. No probate business and no subscriptions to Canons. Grants of marriage licences, renderings of accounts by administrators and instance business and cause. Some monthly courts are held at Hitchin, some at Wheathampstead] | 1 vol | Nov 1632 -<br>July 1633   |
| 5/13 | Act Book [One quire, unfoliated, in original paper covers. Marked <u>1633-1634</u> on the outside in a contemporary hand, with various contemporary jottings. Business as in the foregoing volume with no probates or administrations. Courts held at Wheathampstead until Sept 1633 and thereafter at Hitchin. <u>Note:</u> the marriages by licence in this volume were not included by William Brigg in his series of transcripts in <u>The Herts Genealogist and Antiquary</u> ]                          | 1 vol | July 1633-<br>Apr 1634    |
| 5/14 | Act Book [One quire, foliated 1-87, in paper covers. Marked <u>1634-1635</u> on first leaf in a contemporary hand, with various contemporary jottings and memoranda. All types of business. Courts divided between Hitchin and Wheathampstead]  | 1 vol | Apr 1634 -<br>June 1635   |

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

- |      |   |       |  |
|------|---|-------|--|
| 5/15 | Act Book [One quire, unfoliated, with original paper cover, bearing the title <u>Instantiarum Liber Anno Domini 1638</u> . No probate business or marriage licences. Courts held fortnightly in a variety of places before Sir John Lambe or his surrogate, during a triennial visitation of Archbishop William Laud and the consequent suspension of jurisdiction of the Bishop of Lincoln]                | 1 vol | Apr 1638 -<br>Nov 1640                               |
| 5/16 | Act Book [One quire, foliated 1-36, in original paper cover bearing the title <u>Liber Instantiarum ac aliorum Actorum inceptus 28<sup>o</sup> Februarii Anno Domini Stilo Angliae 1638<sup>o</sup> et terminans 16 to Januarii 1639<sup>o</sup></u> . All types of business. Courts held again in a variety of places and continuing under temporary metropolitan jurisdiction as in the foregoing volume] | 1 vol | Feb 1638/9 -<br>Jan 1639/40                          |
| 5/17 | Act Book [One quire, unfoliated, without covers and in poor condition. Several unused leaves at the end preceded by some brief entries for a court held at Welwyn 10 Mar. 1670/1. All types of business. Courts held in several towns. The jurisdiction has returned to the Bishop of Lincoln and the Archdeacon of Huntingdon]   | 1 vol | Dec 1640 -<br>Feb 1642/3;<br>Mar 1670/1              |
| 5/18 | Leaves from an Act Book [Possibly from a volume subsequent or complementary to the previous one. The first leaf contains copies of the instruments of acceptance of office of the Archdeacon's Official and his surrogates in July 1641. The business recorded relates largely to marriage licences, but also to other varied matters. Courts held mostly at Ayot St. Lawrence]                             | 12    | July 1641 -<br>Jan 1643/4;<br>July 1647-<br>Dec 1649 |
| 5/19 | Act Book [One quire, foliated 1-26, in original parchment covers. Deals only with correction at times of visitation. Several different parishes used as centres for visitation. The minutes are in English throughout]  | 1 vol | Sept 1662 -<br>Sept 1665                             |

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

5/20	Act Book [One quire, foliated 1-52, in original parchment cover made out of an order concerning a dispute over tithes of Feb 1625/6. Correction until Nov 1667, and thereafter all types of business, the minutes reverting to Latin. Courts held in several parishes]	1 vol	Dec 1663 - Oct 1668
5/21	Act Book [One quire, foliated 1-46, in paper covers. All types of business. Courts held mostly at Welwyn and Hitchin, with some at Hatfield and Stevenage]	1 vol	Mar 1670/1- Sept 1675
5/22	Act Book [One quire, foliated 1-37, in paper covers. All types of business. Entries mostly very brief. Courts mostly at Hitchin and Welwyn]	1 vol	July 1674- May 1675
5/23	Act Book [One quire, foliated 1-60, in paper covers. Several loose leaves attached within under the relevant session. All types of business. Courts mostly at Hitchin and Stevenage]	1 vol.	Sept 1676- Feb 1678/9
5/24	Act Book [This much larger volume is in a different form, having a contemporary binding of which, however, only the boards survive. All types of business, with full minutes. Newman much quoted as appearing for the plaintiff, cf. note to 5/2. Courts almost all at Hitchin]	1 vol	Mar 1690/1 - Feb 1702/3
5/25	Act Book [Like 5/4, separated from the main services, and with the same provenance as that volume. Several double foolscap pages sewn together. Largely cause business. Courts mostly at Hitchin]	1	Oct 1711 - May 1712
5/26	Act Book [One quire, foliated 1-29, in paper covers. Several loose leaves of similar date have been bound into this volume. All types of business. Courts all at Hitchin]	1 vol	Nov 1712 - May 1716
5/27	Act Book [A large volume with many original documents pasted in. Foliated 1-75 with blank pages at the end. Bound in contemporary parchment cover using part of the marriage settlement of Frances Hurst and — for the purpose. Entitled <u>Office Court Book</u> on the cover. All types of business. Courts held mostly at Hitchin]	1 vol	1751-1791

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

AHH 6 Cause Papers

- 6/1 Two loose papers from Act Books 2 n.d. [c.1595]  
[found with the Somerset House series but with no obvious connection with any of these volumes. Cause and testamentary business from the Hitchin court]
- 6/2 List of leases of the Berkhamsted School Estate, 1651-1671, and petition of the Master and Usher to be allowed to increase rents 1 n.d. [c.1671]
- 6/3 Petition to the Bishop of Lincoln for the union of the vicarages of St. Ippollitts and Great Wymondley [with reference on dorse to an Act Book of this date, now missing] 1 1685/6
- 6/4 Papers in cause relating to non-payment of church rates in Long Marston 1 bdl 1705 - 1706
- 6/5 Papers in cause (subsequently removed to the Court of Arches) relating to the legality of the election of chapel wardens and the levying of church rates at Bovington 1 bdl 1705/6 - 1715;  
1730
- 6/6 Miscellaneous cause papers [relating chiefly to cases of non-payment of rates and defamation in a variety of parishes] 1 bdl 1597 - 1727

AHH 7 Citations

- 7/1 Citations Quorum Nomina [Citations were issued, often after visitations, to summon people to appear at the Archdeacon's court, in connection with matters that required to be settled in this way. If there were a number of people from one parish to be summoned, one citation was issued to cover them all, which was known from its wording as a citation quorum nomina. This is a separate original bundle from Archdeacon Royle's library, and these citations deal with rates matters, licences for schoolmasters, doctors and midwives and the failure of clergy to provide adequate furnishings in churches ] 8 1673 - 1742

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

7/2 Citations [Some are citations with intimations: this was a different type of document which formed part of the process of obtaining a faculty, and was addressed to those opposing the granting of one; some quorum nomina citations, most in individual matters] 1 bdl 1709 - 1750

7/3 Citations [Including citations with intimations; also some quorum nomina and some for individual business but chiefly relating to probate matters] 1 bdl 1751 - 1796

[See also 4/2 above for further citations]

COURT RECORDS - VISITATIONS

AHH 8 Visitation Processes

8/1 Visitation Processes [Many endorsed with the names of those attending and with details of church briefs collected] 1 bdl 1612 - 1633; 1673; 1691; 1700 - 1733

8/2 Visitation Processes [Normally two for each visitation, one for the deanery of Berkhamsted and one for the deaneries of Hitchin, Baldock and Hertford. Easter and Michaelmas visitations are recorded for a number of years. The visitations of 1846 - 1848 were by the Archdeacon of St. Albans not Huntingdon, the two archdeaconries being merged by that date, and are for the deaneries of Ware, Bishops Stortford and Buntingford] 1 bdl 1780 - 1816; 1846 - 1848

AHH 9 Visitation Minutes

9/1 Visitation Minute Book [giving names of clergy and parish officials present at visitations and sworn in to their duties] 1 vol 1784 - 1788

Note: there are some references to further visitation records at Lincoln in Kathleen Major's Handlist of Lincoln Diocesan Records (1953)

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

AHH 10 Churchwardens' Presentments

10/1 Churchwardens' Presentment [for the years 1765, 1771, 1772, 1774, 1776-1780, 1782, 1783, 1785, 1790: it is doubtful if for any year the series is complete for the whole division. These documents are printed forms stating that the church and parsonage are in good repair and that no one being guilty of sins as enumerated there is nothing to present, with some brief reports when this is not the case. There are earlier churchwardens' presentments for this archdeaconry among the records at the Lincoln Diocesan Registry] 1 bdl 1765 - 1790

10/2 Churchwarden's Presentments [for 1793, 1794, 1801, 1804, 1805, 1809, 1811, 1817, 1819, 1829, 1834, 1836, 1841, 1849. The 1849 visitation was by the Archdeacon of St. Albans, cf. 8/2] 1 bdl 1793 - 1849

AHH 11 Inventories of Church Goods

11/1 Inventories of Church Goods [prepared for visitation; for the parishes of Hertingfordbury, Ickleford, Lilley, Great Munden, Little Munden, Offley, Pirton, Sacombe, Stevenage and Watton] 10 1749

AHH 12 Church Repair - Injunctions and Certificates

12/1 Certificates, signed by clergy and churchwardens, that injunctions issued after visitations have been obeyed 9 1709 - 1713

12/2 Miscellaneous papers relating to church repair [Including archdeacon's injunction with regard to repairs at Aldenham, correspondence over repairs to Offley church tower and Rural Dean's report on Ickleford church, 1839] 5 1812 - 1814; 1839

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

AHH 13	<u>Excommunication and Absolution</u>		
13/1	Schedules of excommunication	10	1700 - 1731
13/2	Commission to incumbent to grant absolution, and certificate of absolution	2	1709 - 1718
AHH 14	<u>Testimonials</u>		
14/1	Incumbents' testimonials and related papers	3	1662 - 1704
14/2	Testimonials and certificates of qualification of schoolmasters, doctors, midwives, a parish clerk and an apothecary	9	1686 - 1709

AHH 15      Transcripts of Parish Registers

[These records came from four different sources: the bulk of them came from the offices of Messrs. Hawkins at Hitchin via the College of Herald's, one of whose members, Mr. Penn, sorted them before they were finally deposited at Hertford. There were further transcripts among the St. Albans Archaeological Society's deposit of 1951: in 1952 the Lincolnshire Record Office sent another large group of transcripts, and a final small batch were included in Archdeacon Royle's deposit of 1954. These groups have all been collated and listed chronologically by parish. Complete lists of all the transcripts in this series for each parish are available in the Record Office Search Room.

Some further, mainly mid-nineteenth century transcripts will be found listed in the inventory of DIOCESAN RECORDS (DSA)]

15/1	Aldbury		1604 - 1849
15/2	Aldenham		1604 - 1847
15/3	Ardeley		1604 - 1850
15/4	Ashwell		1604 - 1850
15/5	Aspenden		1604 - 1850
15/6	Aston		1604 - 1849
15/7	Ayot St. Lawrence		1604 - 1850
15/8	Ayot St. Peter		1604 - 1850
15/9	Baldock		1604 - 1850
15/10	Bayford		1604 - 1850
15/11	Bengeo		1604 - 1850
15/12	Benington		1604 - 1849

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

15/13	Berkhampstead, Little	1604 - 1850
15/14	Berkiamsted St. Peter	1604 - 1851
15/15	Bovingdon	1604 - 1850
15/16	Bramfield	1604 - 1851
15/17	Bygrave	1614 - 1850
15/18	Caldecote	1605 - 1850
15/19	Clothall	1604 - 1852
15/20	Cottered	1604 - 1850
15/21	Datchworth	1604 - 1848
15/22	Digswell	1604 - 1850
15/23	Essendon	1604 - 1849
15/24	Flamstead	1604 - 1851
15/25	Flaunden	1604 - 1849
15/26	Gaddesden, Great	1604 - 1850
15/27	Gaddesden, Little	1604 - 1850
15/28	Graveley	1604 - 1850
15/29	Harpenden	1604 - 1850
15/30	Hatfield	1604 - 1850
15/31	Hemel Hempstead	1604 - 1844
15/32	Hertford, St. John's	1618 - 1639
15/33	Hertford, All Saints	1604 - 1850
15/34	Hertford, St. Andrew	1604 - 1849
15/35	Hertingfordbury	1604 - 1845
15/36	Hinxworth	1605 - 1847
15/37	Hitchin <u>See below for B.Ts of Minsden Chapel</u>	1604 - 1850 [see also D/P list]
15/38	Ickleford	1604 - 1850
15/39	Ippollitts	1604 - 1850
15/40	Kelshall	1604 - 1849
15/41	Kensworth	1604 - 1849
15/42	Kimpton	1604 - 1850
15/43	Knebworth	1604 - 1850
15/44	Langley, Kings	1604 - 1850
15/45	Letchworth	1604 - 1850
15/46	Lilley	1604 - 1850

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

15/47	Long Marston	1604 - 1850
15/48	Mimms, North	1604 - 1852
15/49	Minsden Chapel	1608 - 1641
15/50	Munden, Great	1604 - 1849
15/51	Munden, Little	1604 - 1850
15/52	Northchurch	1604 - 1849
15/53	Offley	1604 - 1849
15/54	Pirton	1604 - 1850
15/55	Puttenham	1604 - 1850
15/56	Radwell	1608 - 1850
15/57	Rushden	1604 - 1850
15/58	Sacombe	1604 - 1851
	St. Ippolyts <u>see</u> Ippollitts	
15/59	Sandon	1604 - 1850
15/60	Shenley	1604 - 1849
15/61	Stapleford	1604 - 1850
15/62	Stevenage	1604 - 1849
15/63	Tewin	1604 - 1849
15/64	Therfield	1604 - 1850
15/65	Throcking	1608 - 1848
15/66	Totteridge	1604 - 1841
15/67	Tring	1604 - 1850
15/68	Walden, King's	1604 - 1850
15/69	Walkern	1604 - 1849
15/70	Wallington	1604 - 1812;1839
15/71	Watton-at-Stone	1604 - 1846
15/72	Welwyn	1604 - 1838
15/73	Westmill	1604 - 1850
15/74	Weston	1604 - 1848
15/75	Wheathampstead	1604 - 1850

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

15/76	Wigginton		1601 - 1832
15/77	Willian		1604 - 1850
15/78	Wymondley, Great		1604 - 1850
15/79	Wymondley, Little		1604 - 1842

AHH 16 Returns of Parish Registers under the 1812 Act

16/1	Returns of parish registers by incumbents to the Registrar of the Diocese of Lincoln at Hitchin 52 Geo 3 c.146 [Varying degrees of detail given, including some descriptions of parish chests]	1 bdl	1813
------	--	-------	------

AHH 17 Visitation Accounts

17/1	Accounts of procurations fees and synodals paid parish by parish, listed by deaneries [Procurations fees were fixed charges made at visitations to cover the expenses incurred on such occasions, and synodals, recorded as having been paid both at Easter and Michaelmas, were small fees paid as a token of obedience to the bishop]	1 vol	1697 - 1706
17/2	Apparitor's accounts of money received at visitations [Called "cash papers" for both archdeacon's and bishop's visitations as occurring. The apparitor was the official of the court who concerned himself with such matters]	1 bdl	1817 - 1837

COURT RECORDS - NON-CONTENTIOUS

18	<u>Dissenters' Meeting House certificates</u>		
18/1	Dissenters' Meeting House certificates	1 bdl	1836 - 1847

[Catalogued elsewhere as 63721/1 is a Register of such certificates for 1808-1836, and under 63721/2-9 further original certificates for 1826-1833: these documents were privately deposited in 1949 by R.L. Hine. A further series of certificates of 1689-1690 occurs in the register of wills, listed below as AHH/5HR]

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

19 Faculty Papers

- 19/1 Petitions, citations, intimations and other papers relating to faculties [These documents reflect the different stages of obtaining a faculty; for a good explanation of these, see Dorothy M. Owen's Records of the Established Church in England, (B.R.A. 1970). Cf. also AHH 7/2 for further faculty papers of this period. This group contains applications for faculties for pews and vaults chiefly, but also for a mortuary chapel at King's Walden, 1687; alterations to Pirton church, 1698; building a vestry and schoolroom at North Mimms, 1716; rebuilding Bramfield rectory, 1718; a gallery at All Saints, Hertford, 1719; the restoration of Bygrave rectory, 1731; a petition for a gallery at North Mimms, 1731, with plan; and a suggestion to move the position of the reading desk at Bengoe, 1736] 1 bdl 1607 - 1748
- 19/2 Intimations for faculties [Some accompanying correspondence and other papers. These again relate mostly to monuments and vaults but include also references to a font at Hertingfordbury 1767; the bells at St. Andrew's Hertford, 1770; a gallery at Hitchin, 1776; the rebuilding of Totteridge chapel, 1790; a new rectory at Welwyn, with plan, 1798; repairs at Stapleford rectory, 1808; galleries at Shenley, 1809, Berkhamsted, 1819 and Hitchin, 1821; the enlargement of Hatfield church, 1822; a new north aisle at Welwyn, 1824; Therfield rectory stables, 1824; Ardeley vicarage, 1828; the enlargement of Little Gaddesden church, 1831, with petition; a gallery at Hatfield, 1840, with plan; and repairs to Kings Langley vicarage, 1845] 1 bdl 1752 - 1845

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

19/3 Petitions for faculties [some accompanied 1 bdl 1796 - 1845  
by supporting resolutions of vestries;  
including plan for the gallery at Shenley  
1809]

[See AHH 4/2]

[See also the appendix of Records at Lincoln  
for further faculty papers. Catalogued earlier,  
as 64394, is a Register of Faculties in the  
Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. This volume contains  
copies of faculties granted for the years 1607,  
1625 and 1728-1845. At the front is a contemporary  
index by name of recipients. The volume was  
rebound in 1935 by D.C[ockerell] and Son for R.L.  
Hine, who deposited it at the Hertfordshire Record  
Office in 1949]

AHH 20 Marriage Bonds and Allegations

[Apart from AHH 20/1 and 20/2, these documents are  
arranged alphabetically by male parties within each  
year.

An index to these bonds, alphabetically arranged,  
and to similar bonds among the Archdeaconry of St. Albans(ASA)  
records has been compiled by Mr. T.F. Allen FSG, and is  
available in the Record Office Search Room. William  
Brigg's Herts Genealogist and Antiquary prints a  
chronological list of marriage licences 1610-1649, taken  
from the Act Books (AHH 5/5-18), which were then at  
Somerset House]

20/1	1682 - 1685		
20/2	1756 (2) and 1758 (5)		
20/3	1757		
20/4	1758 [see also 20/2 above]		
20/5	1759		
20/6	1760		
20/7	1761	20/16	1770
20/8	1762	20/17	1771
20/9	1763	20/18	1772
20/10	1764	20/19	1773
20/11	1765	20/20	1774
20/12	1766	20/21	1775
20/13	1767	20/22	1776
20/14	1768	20/23	1777
20/15	1769	20/24	1778
		20/25	1779
		20/26	1780
		20/27	1781
		20/28	1782
		20/29	1783
		20/30	1784
		20/31	1785
		20/32	1786
		20/33	1787

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

20/34	1788	20/52	1806	20/70	1824
20/35	1789	20/53	1807	20/71	1825
20/36	1790	20/54	1808	20/72	1826
20/37	1791	20/55	1809	20/73	1827
20/38	1792	20/56	1810	20/74	1828
20/39	1793	20/57	1811	20/75	1829
20/40	1794	20/58	1812	20/76	1830
20/41	1795	20/59	1813	20/77	1831
20/42	1796	20/60	1814	20/78	1832
20/43	1797	20/61	1815	20/79	1833
20/44	1798	20/62	1816	20/80	1834
20/45	1799	20/63	1817	20/81	1835
20/46	1800	20/64	1818	20/82	1836
20/47	1801	20/65	1819	20/83	1837
20/48	1802	20/66	1820	20/84	1838 - 1840
20/49	1803	20/67	1821	20/85	1841 - 1843
20/50	1804	20/68	1822	20/86	1844 - 1850
20/51	1805	20/69	1823	20/87	1851 - 1860

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

COURT RECORDS - PROBATE

[Three volumes of bound original wills covering 1585-1608, 60 boxes of original filed wills covering 1557-1857 and 19 boxes of filed administrations and inventories covering 1609-1857 (see AHH22 and AHH23 below) were deposited by Somerset House. Manuscript indexes to these exist, listed below as AHH21/1-5. However, the whole group is at present in the course of being card-indexed, and this index when complete will supersede the older indexes, as each is to have an individual numerical reference. In addition the registered wills will in time be included on the same index. For the moment a combination of the card index and the older indexes should be used in tracing wills]

AHH/HW

Filed Wills

- |     |  |       |                      |
|-----|--|-------|----------------------|
| 1HW | [248 ff. Modern pencil numeration of folios, with evidence of at least three former numerations. The wills are in neither chronological nor alphabetical order. Rebound by J.W.Sargeant, Peterborough, S.H. no.A]  | 1 vol | 1585 - 1596/7        |
| 2HW | [272 ff. Modern pencil numeration of folios, with superseded contemporary numeration totalling 261 ff. The bulk of the wills are proved 1598-1608; one will proved 1613. ff.157 and 165 are inventories, ff.164, 167, 171 and 174 are probate acts. The order is roughly chronological of probate. Larger original wills appear to have been bound in this volume and smaller ones in 3HW. Rebound by J.W. Sargeant, Peterborough, S.H. no B]  | 1 vol | 1586 - 1608;<br>1613 |
| 3HW | [444 ff. Near-contemporary numeration, with traces of another. The bulk of the volume consists of wills proved 1598-1606. ff.6, 373, 391 and 429 are inventories, and there are occasional administrations and probate acts. The order is roughly chronological of probate. Smaller original wills appear to have been bound in this volume and larger ones in 2HW. Contemporary parchment binding, with 17th cent. paper spine label. Contemporary index loose at front, with some Somerset House amendments, and complete S.H. index. S.H. no.4] | 1 vol | 1593 - 1606/7        |

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

[4HW - HW are bundles of original wills filed under the initial letter of the testator's surnames, then in date order under that letter. Many of the wills have inventories, or, less frequently, administration accounts and other papers filed with them (see also AHH 22 and AHH 23)]

4HW 1-82	Wills of testators whose surnames began with the letter A	1609 - 1641
5HW 1-76	A	1642 - 1687
6HW 1-84	A	1688 - 1727
7HW 1-97	A	1728 - 1776
8HW 1-71	A	1778 - 1857
9HW 1-114	B	1600 - 1627
10HW 1-132	B	1628 - 1640
11HW 1-73	B	1641 - 1670
12HW 1-30	B	1670 - 1675
13HW 1-87	B	1676 - 1692
14HW 1-82	B	1693 - 1707
15HW 1-98	B	1708 - 1727
16HW 1-108	B	1728 - 1744
17HW 1-36	B	1744 - 1755
18HW 1-88	B	1756 - 1777
19HW 1-106	B	1778 - 1817
20HW 1-106	B	1818 - 1857
21HW 1-114	C	1557 - 1627
22HW 1-101	C	1628 - 1640
23HW 1-100	C	1641 - 1675
24HW 1-79	C	1676 - 1688
25HW 1-93	C	1689 - 1707
26HW 1-108	C	1708 - 1727
27HW 1-72	C	1728 - 1739
28HW 1-79	C	1740 - 1755
29HW 1-95	C	1756 - 1777
30HW 1-97	C	1778 - 1817
31HW 1-94	C	1818 - 1857
32HW 1-117	D	1609 - 1662
33HW 1-53	D	1663 - 1667
34HW 1-80	D	1668 - 1727
35HW 1-119	D	1728 - 1825

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

36HW 1-32	D	1826 - 1857
37HW 1-84	E	1609 - 1685
38HW 1-61	E	1686 - 1729
39HW 1-79	E	1730 - 1853
40HW 1-107	F	1600 - 1640
41HW 1-75	F	1641 - 1686
42HW 1-90	F	1688 - 1719
43HW 1-91	F	1720 - 1750
44HW 1-21	F	1751 - 1755
45HW 1-108	F	1756 - 1830
46HW 1-26	F	1833 - 1857
47HW 1-116	G	1606 - 1640
48HW 1-72	G	1641 - 1675
49HW 1-94	G	1676 - 1709
50HW 1-92	G	1709 - 1735
51HW 1-19	G	1735 - 1739
52HW 1-101	G	1740 - 1770
53HW 1-122	G	1771 - 1857
54HW 1-112	H	1558 - 1626
55HW 1-116	H	1627 - 1640
56HW 1-116	H	1641 - 1675
57HW 1-71	H	1676 - 1684
58HW 1-20	H	1685 - 1687
59HW 1-108	H	1688 - 1707
60HW 1-72	H	1708 - 1719
61HW 1-129	H	1720 - 1739
62HW 1-71	H	1740 - 1754
63HW 1-91	H	1755 - 1777
64HW 1-71	H	1778 - 1817
65HW 1-41	H	1818 - 1831
66HW 1-11	H	1832 - 1835
67HW 1-17	H	1836 - 1842
68HW 1-14	H	1843 - 1850
69HW 1-12	H	1851 - 1857
70HW 1-82	I/J	1609 - 1687
71HW 1-86	I/J	1688 - 1755
72HW 1-40	I/J	1756 - 1794
73HW 1-14	I/J	1841 - 1854

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

74HW 1-78	K	1610 - 1640
75HW 1-41	K	1641 - 1680
76HW 1-39	K	1682 - 1707
77HW 1-84	K	1708 - 1755
78HW 1-74	K	1756 - 1856
79HW 1-76	L	1598 - 1640
80HW 1-44	L	1641 - 1668
81HW 1-47	L	1669 - 1686
82HW 1-28	L	1688 - 1700
83HW 1-29	L	1701 - 1710
84HW 1-28	L	1711 - 1719
85HW 1-56	L	1720 - 1740
86HW 1-33	L	1741 - 1755
87HW 1-48	L	1757 - 1788
88HW 1-66	L	1790 - 1857
89HW 1-88	M	1610 - 1640
90HW 1-91	M	1641 - 1687
91HW 1-91	M	1688 - 1727
92HW 1-72	M	1728 - 1755
93HW 1-95	M	1756 - 1823
94HW 1-36	M	1824 - 1856
95HW 1-90	N	1609 - 1640
96HW 1-98	N	1641 - 1707
97HW 1-86	N	1708 - 1766
98HW 1-54	N	1767 - 1854
99HW 1-92	O	1614 - 1856
100HW 1-105	P	1603 - 1631
101HW 1-45	P	1632 - 1638
102HW 1-14	P	1640
103HW 1-76	P	1641 - 1675
104HW 1-107	P	1676 - 1707
105HW 1-82	P	1708 - 1727
106HW 1-92	P	1728 - 1755
107HW 1-132	P	1756 - 1817
108HW 1-70	P	1818 - 1857
109HW 1-5	Q	1667 - 1784
110HW 1-80	R	1609 - 1640
111HW 1-112	R	1641 - 1705
112HW 1-106	R	1707 - 1761

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

113HW 1-50	R	1762 - 1810
114HW 1-48	R	1811 - 1856
115HW 1-104	S	1609 - 1628
116HW 1-83	S	1628 - 1638
117HW 1-20	S	1639 - 1640
118HW 1-19	S	1641 - 1645
119HW 1-99	S	1646 - 1675
120HW 1-92	S	1675 - 1691
121HW 1-81	S	1692 - 1707
122HW 1-77	S	1708 - 1719
123HW 1-28	S	1720 - 1723
124HW 1-37	S	1724 - 1729
125HW 1-48	S	1730 - 1739
126HW 1-87	S	1740 - 1755
127HW 1-55	S	1756 - 1769
128HW 1-29	S	1760 - 1777
129HW 1-134	S	1778 - 1836
130HW 1-51	S	1837 - 1857
131HW 1-106	T	1605 - 1661
132HW 1-42	T	1662 - 1683
133HW 1-47	T	1684 - 1707
134HW 1-77	T	1708 - 1738
135HW 1-78	T	1740 - 1777
136HW 1-102	T	1781 - 1857
137HW 1-50	U & V	1616 - 1857
138HW 1-106	W	1604 - 1629
139HW 1-87	W	1629/30-1640
140HW 1-101	W	1641 - 1675/6
141HW 1-80	W	1676 - 1693/4
142HW 1-79	W	1694 - 1710/11
143HW 1-54	W	1711 - 1721
144HW 1-19	W	1722 - 1726/7
145HW 1-86	W	1727 - 1739/40
146HW 1-81	W	1740 - 1760
147HW 1-47	W	1761 - 1770
148HW 1-31	W	1771 - 1780
149HW 1-40	W	1781 - 1806
150HW 1-107	W	1807 - 1857
151HW 1-50	Y	1610 - 1857
152HW 1-32	I & J	(I)1801 - 1839 (J)1795 - 1840

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

AHH/HR Registers of Wills

[See the introductory note to ASA/AR for an explanation of the referencing system used here, and for the filed wills.

Three volumes of registered wills out of the original series of 28 volumes transferred to the Hertfordshire Record Office from Somerset House were sent to the Huntingdonshire Record Office in 1969. These contained a mixture of Huntingdonshire and Hertfordshire entries, but the majority of the wills were of Huntingdonshire testators. Abstracts of the Hertfordshire wills in the third of these volumes, which covers 1579-1614, appear in William Brigg's Hertfordshire Genealogist and Antiquary. The Somerset House index to all the registers (see below, AHH21/3) includes all these three volumes, which cover 1566-1569, 1573/4-1583 and 1579/80-1614 respectively.

One new volume was added to the series, AHH/1HR. This is part of one volume from a different series of registers from the Peterborough Probate Registry, numbered 1-19, and fully indexed in Huntingdonshire Wills 1479-1652 (B.R.S. Index Library vol. 42, 1911). There are few Hertfordshire wills amongst that series but this half-volume was found to consist solely of Hertfordshire entries, and consequently it was split and rebound at Somerset House in 1957.

There are only two major gaps in the registers, 1624-1659 and 1671-1687]

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

- AHH/1HR Register of wills [ff.68-133, contemporary foliation; ff.65-75 blank and upside-down. ff.129-130 blank. This is part of volume 18 of the series removed from Peterborough Probate Registry in 1956, split and rebound at Somerset House in 1957. Includes one will proved in 1556/7 and at the front of the volume an original will proved in 1608. There is a contemporary index to the whole volume (ff.1-133) at the end of the register] 1 vol 1556/7;  
1606/7 - 1609
- /2HR Register of wills [ff.221, contemporary foliation. Includes a few wills of an earlier date, the earliest made in 1557/8, but probate undated. At the end is a copy made in 1699 of the will of Edward Hurst of Hitchin, yeoman, proved at the P.C.C. in 1586. Rebound at Somerset House, 1878. Inside the front cover is pasted part of the original cover, with title. Bound in at the front of the volume is an index, probably near-contemporary, with Somerset House additions and amendments. Original no.4, Somerset House no.5] 1 vol 1609 - 1623  
and other dates
- /3HR Register of wills [115 folios, ff.1-67 in a contemporary hand, ff.68-115 in a modern hand in pencil, f.71r blank. Rebound at Somerset House 1878; original spine-label pasted inside back cover, and original covers, front and back, also pasted on to the outside of the volume. At the front a contemporary index covering ff.1-67, to which entries for the latter half of the volume have been added in pencil by Somerset House. Some duplication of the wills entered. Original no.5. Somerset House no.6] 1 vol 1660 - 1662
- /4HR Register of wills [ff.181, contemporary numeration. At the front a contemporary index, damaged, with later transcription and additions by Somerset House. Rebound at Somerset House 1878. Original spine-label inside back cover and original covers pasted on to the outside of the volume. Original no.6, Somerset House no.7] 1 vol 1662 - 1665

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

- AHI/5HR Register of wills [ff.105, contemporary numeration, one unnumbered. Last will incomplete, followed by three pages of dissenters' meeting house certificates of 1689-1690. Rebound at Somerset House 1878, retaining the original covers. Original spine-label pasted inside back cover. No index. Original no.7, Somerset House no.8] 1 vol 1665 - 1667;  
1689 - 1690
- /6HR Register of wills [ff.36, contemporary numeration. Evidently part only of a larger register, the remainder of which is lost. The probate of the last will is incorrectly dated 1679 for 1669 - see original will. At the end is a contemporary index, partly damaged, and transcribed by Somerset House. Probably rebound at Somerset House c. 1880. Original no.8, Somerset House number missing but probably 9] 1 vol 1669 - 1670
- /7HR Register of wills [ff.280, contemporary numeration. Only one will of 1688 before the main series which begins in Mar 1690/1. At the end is a contemporary index with additions and alterations by Somerset House. Rebound at Somerset House, 1878. Original spine-label pasted inside back cover. Original number missing, Somerset House no. 10] 1 vol 1688 - 1697/8
- /8HR Register of wills [ff.191, of which ff.189-191 are blank, followed by ff.286-290, which are also blank, all numbered in a contemporary hand. At the end is a contemporary index with some Somerset House additions and alterations. Rebound at Somerset House, 1878, incorporating the original covers. Original spine-label pasted inside back cover. Original no.10, Somerset House no.11] 1 vol 1698 - 1701/2
- /9HR Register of wills [ff.84, contemporary numeration. No index. Rebound at Somerset House, 1878. The original spine-label is pasted inside the back cover and the original covers have been used. No original number, Somerset House no. 12] 1 vol 1702 - 1703/4

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

AHH/10HR	Register of wills [ff.184, contemporary numeration, Contemporary index, with Somerset House amendments, Rebound at Somerset House, 1878. Original spine-label pasted inside back cover; original covers used. No original number, Somerset House no. 13]	1 vol	1709 - 1713
/11HR	Register of wills [ff.278, contemporary numeration. No index. Rebound at Somerset House, using the original covers. Original spine-label pasted inside back cover. Somerset House no. 14]	1 vol	1713 - 1721/2
/12HR	Register of wills [ff.329, contemporary numeration followed by ff.330-369 numbered in a modern hand in pencil. The latter section contains wills proved in 1724. No index. Rebound at Somerset House, 1878, using the original covers. Original spine-label pasted inside back cover. Somerset House no. 15]	1 vol	1722 - 1729
/13HR	Register of wills [ff.368, contemporary numeration. Between f308 and f309 6ff. inserted, of which 3 are blank, containing six wills proved May 1738-Feb 1738/9. No index. Rebound at Somerset House, 1878, but the present binding is 20th century. Original spine-label loose within back cover. Somerset House no. 16]	1 vol	1730 - 1740
/14HR	Register of wills [ff.286, modern numeration, several folios being blank or partially blank. No index. 20th century binding. Somerset House no. 17]	1 vol	1741 - 1749
/15HR	Register of wills [590pp., contemporary pagination. At the end a contemporary index with alterations by Somerset House. Rebound 1878, using the original covers. Original spine-label pasted inside back cover. Somerset House no.18]	1 vol	1750 - 1757
/16HR	Register of wills [575pp., contemporary pagination. At the end a contemporary index with Somerset House alterations. Rebound at Somerset House, 1878, using the original covers. Original spine-label pasted inside back cover. Somerset House no. 19]	1 vol	1757 - 1766

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

AHH/17HR	Register of wills [580pp., contemporary pagination. Contemporary index at the front with additions by Somerset House. Rebound at Somerset House, 1878, using the original covers. Original spine-label pasted inside back cover. Somerset House no. 20]	1 vol	1766 - 1772
/18HR	Register of wills [529pp., contemporary pagination. Contemporary index at the front, checked by Somerset House. Rebound at Somerset House, 1878. Original spine-label inside back cover. Somerset House no. 21]	1 vol	1772 - 1779
/19HR	Register of wills [432pp., contemporary pagination, of which pp.416-432 are blank. Contemporary index at the front, checked by Somerset House. Rebound at Somerset House, 1878. Original spine-label inside back cover. Somerset House no. 22]	1 vol	1780 - 1786
/20HR	Register of wills [418pp., contemporary pagination. Contemporary index at the front, checked by Somerset House. Original binding, repaired in 1878 at Somerset House, Somerset House no.23]	1 vol	1787 - 1797
/21HR	Register of wills [457pp., contemporary pagination. At the back is a contemporary index, checked at Somerset House. Original binding, repaired in 1878 at Somerset House, Somerset House no. 24]	1 vol	1798 - 1808
/22HR	Register of wills [361pp., contemporary pagination. At the back is a contemporary index, checked by Somerset House. Original binding, with Somerset House no. 25]	1 vol	1808 - 1815
/23HR	Register of wills [394pp., contemporary pagination. Contemporary index at the back, checked by Somerset House. Original binding, with corners repaired at Somerset House in 1878. Somerset House no. 26]	1 vol	1815 - 1823

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

AHH/24HR	Register of wills [410pp., contemporary pagination. Contemporary index at the end, checked at Somerset House. Original binding, with corners repaired at Somerset House in 1878. Somerset House no. 27]	1 vol	1823 - 1831
/25HR	Register of wills [423pp., contemporary pagination. Contemporary index at the end, checked at Somerset House. Original binding, with corners repaired by Somerset House, 1878. Somerset House no. 28]	1 vol	1831 - 1843
AHH 21	<u>Calendars of Wills and Administrations</u>		
/1	Contemporary index of filed wills [Testator's name and abode, and year of will given. Chronological under each letter of the alphabet. Additions and amendments made by Somerset House. Mostly commencing in 1609, but under some letters earlier wills are noted. Probably begun in the 17th century. This volume was rebound at Somerset House in 1876, and given the number 2]	1 vol	1557 - 1800
/2	Contemporary index of filed wills [Entirely similar to the foregoing, but for the later period. Rebound at Somerset House and numbered on spine,3]	1 vol	1801 - 1857
/3	Index to Registered Wills, 1563-1843 [Compiled by Somerset House as an index to all the registered wills of the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. As well as the registers now numbered AHH/HR2-25, it includes three registers containing mixed wills of Hertfordshire and Huntingdonshire which were transferred to the Huntingdonshire Record Office in 1969, since the major part of the contents related to that county, and also all three bound volumes of original wills, now numbered AHH/1-3HW. Consequently, the numbering system is totally different from the current one. A red tick by the side of a name is said to indicate the presence of an original will in the series of filed wills, though this indication only covers the years 1609-1712. The index is chronological within each letter of the alphabet, giving references to the folio of the register containing the entry, also the testator's Christian name, abode, county (where relevant) and the date of probate of the will or other relevant details. Bound in the same style as 21/1 and 2]	1 vol	<u>c.</u> 1888

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

- |    |  |       |                     |
|----|--|-------|---------------------|
| /4 | Index to Administration Bonds, Inventories and Accounts [including entries in Act Books. Compiled by Somerset House. Possibly a draft only; not chronological within letters, and probably not exhaustive. Covers the period 1610-1700 approximately, with some later entries. Also contains several sketches and comments by the compiler. Somerset House number on spine, 4] | 1 vol | n.d. <u>c.</u> 1888 |
| /5 | Index to probate Act Book numbered 24/1 (see below). [Compiled by Somerset House. Covers the only early Act Book given over wholly to probate business. Chronological under letters of the alphabet, with testator's name and abode, the date of probate or other act, and the folio of the volume containing the entry. Somerset House number on spine,5]                     | 1 vol | n.d. <u>c.</u> 1888 |

AHH 22

Inventories

[No detailed indexing has yet been done of the inventories of this archdeaconry which were filed separately from the wills. However, it was much more commonly the practice at Hitchin than at St. Albans to file an inventory with the will of the person whose goods were listed; the inventories found in this way are recorded on the card index at present being compiled. Consequently the number of separate inventories is far smaller than in the Archdeaconry of St. Albans.

The inventories, like the filed wills, are arranged in bundles under the initial letter of the testator's surname, in date order within the bundles]

- |      |  |     |             |
|------|--|-----|-------------|
| 22/1 | Inventories of testators whose surnames began with the letter A [including administration bond, 1670]  | 49  | 1610 - 1790 |
| 22/2 | B [including renunciation of administration, 1731]   | 155 | 1609 - 1749 |
| 22/3 | C [including two warrants, 1671; seven administration bonds, 1672, 1675, 1726, 1727, 1728; bond of guardianship, 1733; renunciation of administration, 1727] | 151 | 1602 - 1767 |
| 22/4 | D [including bond of guardianship, 1693]   | 65  | 1609 - 1760 |

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

22/5	E	[including renunciation of administration, 1690]	16	1613 - 1690
22/6	F	[including proxy of guardianship, 1687; administration bond, 1718; bond of guardianship, 1726; citation, 1741; will, bond and allegation, 1753]	70	1609 - 1753
22/7	G	[including renunciation of administration, 1730; two bonds of guardianship, 1731; citation and administration bond, 1737; bonds of guardianship, 1748, 1760]	89	1609 - 1760
22/8	H	[including warrants, 1662, 1672; administration bonds, 1693, 1728, 1746, c.1750 (unexecuted), 1755; renunciation of administration, 1730]	157	1609 - 1755
22/9	I and J	[including administration bonds, 1634, 1694; allegation, 1672; will 1684]	34	1609 - 1733
22/10	K		35	1605 - 1701
22/11	L	[including administration bonds, 1617, 1660, 1672, 1720, 1726, 1756 (2); bond of guardianship, 1726; two renunciations of administration, 1729]	70	1609 - 1756
22/12	M	[including account for malt and for nursing a child, 1567-1568; administration bond, 1645]	48	1568; 1609-1763
22/13	N	[including administration bond and renunciation of administration, 1720]	33	1610 - 1753
22/14	O		5	1610 - <u>c.</u> 1680
22/15	P	[including 3 administration bonds and warrant; 1672; administration bond, 1742; allegation, 1748; renunciation of administration, 1732]	86	1609 - 1789
22/16	R	[including warrant, 1663; administration bond, 1672; fragmentary administration bond, 1714; warrant, 1663]	71	1609 - 1721
22/17	S	[including administration bonds, 1669, 1673, 1682, 1742; allegation 1742; renunciations of administration, 1631, 1632; warrant, 1678; bond of guardianship, 1738]	136	1600 - 1754
22/18	T	[including renunciations of administration, 1727, 1728; administration bonds, 1727, 1728, 1742; allegation, 1742]	65	1609 - 1742

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

22/19	U and V [including administration act, 1672]	7	1627 - 1684
22/20	W [including administration bonds, 1661, 1727 (2), 1744; renunciation of administration, 1727; bond of administration and guardianship, 1774; bond of guardianship, 1731; allegation, 1744]	127	1609 - 1774
22/21	Y	3	1610 - 1678

[Bundles AHH22/22-26 below were found separately from the rest of this series of inventories, with other archdeaconry material from Somerset House. The documents within the bundles are in chronological order]

22/22		5	1662
22/23	[including allegation]	49	1664
22/24	[including will, 1682]	51	1681 - 1682
22/25		28	1683
22/26		179	1723 - 1730

AHH 23      Administration Bonds and Accounts

[Inventories are generally included with these papers, and there are a few tuition bonds and renunciations. The documents are arranged chronologically within the bundles. See AHH 21/4 for index to these documents]

23/1	Papers relating to intestates whose surnames began with the letter A	94	1634 - 1857
23/2	B	64	1635 - 1669
23/3	B	27	1670 - 1686
23/4	B	22	1688 - 1699
23/5	B	85	1705 - 1760
23/6	B	89	1761 - 1857
23/7	C	49	1623 - 1662
23/8	C	41	1663 - 1699
23/9	C	68	1705 - 1761
23/10	C	77	1762 - 1857
23/11	D	58	1612 - 1699

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

23/12	D	59	1705 - 1853
23/13	E	56	1635 - 1835
23/14	F	42	1635 - 1698
23/15	F	99	1706 - 1857
23/16	G	49	1635 - 1699
23/17	G	82	1707 - 1855
23/18	H	63	1613 - 1668
23/19	H	54	1669 - 1699
23/20	H	149	1705 - 1856
23/21	I and J	62	1636 - 1856
23/22	K	85	1634 - 1856
23/23	L	96	1613 - 1851
23/24	M	56	1635 - 1699
23/25	M	67	1714 - 1856
23/26	N	80	1635 - 1855
23/27	O	18	1641 - 1853
23/28	P	40	1613 - 1669
23/29	P	26	1670 - 1699
23/30	P	97	1704 - 1855
23/31	R	62	1634 - 1739
23/32	R	45	1741 - 1852
23/33	S	54	1609 - 1670
23/34	S	40	1671 - 1698
23/35	S	78	1705 - 1754
23/36	S	85	1755 - 1856
23/37	T	50	1617 - 1699
23/38	T	74	1708 - 1855
23/39	U and V	12	1634 - 1832
23/40	W	57	1634 - 1670
23/41	W	36	1671 - 1699
23/42	W	130	1707 - 1857
23/43	Y	8	1612 - 1807

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, HITCHIN DIVISION

AHH 24

Probate and Administration Act Books

- /1 Probate Act Book [One quire, foliated 1-48, in paper covers. In a late 17th century hand entitled No.5. Liber Actorum Probacionis Testamentorum aliorumque Negotiorum Commissionum Administracionis super Testamentis Nuncupativis etc. Incipens 30 Januarii 1633<sup>o</sup> ad Annum 1639. The only volume of the series of Act Books of this archdeaconry of this date to be devoted solely to probate business. At the end, a late 17th century index. Also indexed by Somerset House: see 21/5] 1 vol Jan 1633/4 - Nov 1639
- /2 Probate Act Book [Foliated 1-56 and bound in contemporary parchment covers, with the title Administracines ab Anno 1706<sup>o</sup> ad Annum 1726. At the end is a contemporary index with additions and corrections by Somerset House] 1 vol 1706 - 1726
- /3 Probate Act Book [Similar to the foregoing, foliated 1-81. English used from 1733. At the end is a contemporary index with additions by Somerset House] 1 vol 1727 - 1754
- /4 Probate Act Book [Paginated 1-249 and bound in vellum. Index at the end, with Somerset House corrections] 1 vol 1755 - 1827
- /5 Probate Act Book [Paginated 1-116 and bound in vellum. Half of this volume was never used. At the end a contemporary index, checked by Somerset House] 1 vol 1828 - 1857

AHH 25

Miscellaneous Probate Papers

- /1 Miscellaneous Papers from the Hitchin Probate Registry [Chiefly drafts of renunciations of probate by executors, draft of wills and drafts of nominations of guardians. Also includes instructions to a surrogate for proving wills and granting administrations and marriage licences] 1 bdl c.1700 - c.1760

DEC 1976

HERTFORDSHIRE RECORD OFFICE

D/EX 315

Volume of reports of arguments  
in cases in royal courts from  
c 1590 to c 1606. Found among  
records of Archdeaconry of  
Huntingdon; provenance unknown

[Accession 1379]

Inventory compiled  
September 1975

L1

Reports of arguments from cases in Courts of Exchequer, Common Pleas and Wards from 33 Eliz.1 to 4 Jac.1, interspersed with arguments, opinions and other expositions of the law of earlier date. Principally in legal French. [Since a large proportion of the records of the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon, Hitchin Division, were deposited by Messrs. Hawkins of Hitchin, it is possible that this volume belonged to or was compiled by an early 17th century partner in that firm]

1 vol n.d. [c 1610]