

Drapers' Company Estate Archive (D363)

Summary

The Drapers' Company archive documents the history of the Drapers' 'adventure' to Ireland, and their settlement in Co. Londonderry, from the early 1600s until the sale of their estates in the late 19th century. From the arrangement of the archive three broad categories can be discerned:

Records relating to the management of the estates, including minutes of the Company's courts and committees, c.1820-1891 (D3632/C); reports of Deputations, 1817-1884 (D3632/D); records of agents, 1827-1894 (D3632/D), and their correspondence, c.1780-1900 (D3632/G); financial records, c.1750-1900 (D3632/F); and litigation records, mainly c.1800-1900 (D3632/H).

Records of land tenure, and of the Drapers' dealings with their tenants, including some 2,000 leases, c.1820-1880 (D3632/B); rent records, 1813-1890 (D3632/K); and petitions and memorials, 1808-c.1900 (D3632/J).

Records reflecting the growing diversity of interests of the Drapers' Company in such matters as: education, 1807-1906 (D3632/S); medical care, 1817-1889 (D3632/T); and philanthropy, 1829-1882 (D3632/U).

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