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### Papers of John Bancroft (Master 1610-32)

John Bancroft originally was a student of Christ Church College, matriculating there in 1593 aged 18, and remaining there until he was elected Master of University College in 1610.

He was the nephew of Richard Bancroft, Archbishop of Canterbury in 1604-1610. A supporter of Laud's Arminianism, Bancroft held various other ecclesiastical posts, being a Canon of St. Pauls from 1609, Rector of Finchley, Middx., from 1601, Rector of Stourmouth and Orpington, Kent, from 1608, Rector of Woodchurch, Kent, from 1609, Rector of Biddenden, Kent, from 1610, and Vicar of Cuddesdon, Oxon., and of Bray, Berks., in 1633. Bancroft resigned the Mastership in 1632, when he was created Bishop of Oxford, he remained until his death in 1641 See further Robin Darwall-Smith, *A History of University College, Oxford* (Oxford, 2008), pp. 126-31).

Of the documents about Bancroft which survive in the archives, one is the original copy of his formal resignation of the Mastership in his election as Bishop, another is a lease of his parsonage in Kent, and the remaining documents concern two lawsuits in which he was involved.

Catalogued in October 1996.

#### UC:MA25/1D - LEASE OF THE PARSONAGE AT ORPINGTON, KENT

**UC:MA25/1D/1**

**2 Dec 11 Ja I (1613)**

Lease for 21 Years

Parties:

1. John Bancroft, Clerk, and Rector of the parish of Orpington, Kent.
2. Christopher Hampton of Wendover, Bucks., Esq.

Property: The Rectory and Parsonage of Orpington, with the mansion house of the same, with tithes, from Cray, Doune, Hayes and Nockhold.

Rent: £40 a year.

#### UC:MA25/L1 - BANCROFT'S RESIGNATION AS MASTER

**UC:MA25/L1/1**

**23 Aug 1632**

Original copy of the Resignation of John Bancroft as Master of University College, on his election as Bishop of Oxford.

#### UC:MA25/L2 - PAPERS CONCERNING A LAWSUIT INVOLVING THE TIGHE FAMILY

Bancroft was involved in this case as the guardian of John Tighe.

**UC:MA25/L2/1**

**27 Jan 15 Ja I (1617/8)**

Order in Chancery for a case between John Tighe and John Bancroft, Professor of Theology, his guardian, plaintiffs, and William Tigh, defendant. This case concerned John Tighe's claim to his father's inheritance, which lay in Lincolnshire and Longon, and which was disputed by William Tighe.

This Order concerns whether the case is to be heard in Lincolnshire or London.

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Another Order from Chancery concerning the same case, concerning the behaviour of William Tighe.

**UC:MA25/L2/3****16 Apr 1623**

Petition of John Tyhe concerning a rent of £4. a year bequeathed him by his late brother Dr. Tyhe. This will was overthrown by Sir John Benet and Dr. Bancrofte, "broker" of Tyhe.

**UC:MA25/L2/4****n.d. (dated by Smith to c.1626)**

Report of a petition of Mary, late wife of Leonard Bawtrie, previous wife of Dr. Tyhe, and sister of John Bancroft.

The first part of this document is missing, but it clearly concerns debts left by Leonard Bawtrie.

**UC:MA25/L3 - PAPERS ON A LAWSUIT INVOLVING THE POWLE FAMILY**

In this case, Bancroft was invited to arbitrate in the lawsuit.

**UC:MA25/L3/1****Easter Term 3 Cha I (1627)**

Report on a case between Joseph Powle, plaintiff, and George Powle, defendant, on a charge of defamation. George accused Joseph of stealing sheep from Edward Staples and John Wakeburghe. The case was referred to John Bancroft for arbitration.

**UC:MA25/L3/2****n.d. (1627?)**

A further report on the case between Joseph and George Powle.

This report is incomplete, only containing fols. 14-18, whereas **L3/1** above consists of fols. 1-13, of which the last page is slightly fragmentary. Despite the similarity in page numbering, they do not appear to go together.

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