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### UC:E16 The Living of Headbourne Worthy, Hants., 1786-1935

Headbourne Worthy is a village just outside Winchester, to the north-east. The church is small, and largely Saxon. The living was purchased by Dr. John Radcliffe (matr. 1666), University College's great benefactor, in 1693, and in 1694 he appointed to it a member of University College, namely Joseph Bingham (matr. 1689; F. 1689–95).

By his will of 1714, Dr. John Radcliffe made two bequests which concerned University College. One was a large estate at Linton-on-Ouse, in Yorkshire, income from which was to be used partly to endow two travelling Fellowships in Medicine, and partly to create a fund for the purchase of advowsons, and which was formally transferred to the College by Radcliffe's trustees in 1744. Documents relating to the Linton estate are catalogued in **UC:E17**.

The other bequest was the living of Headbourne Worthy, although it was not actually given to University College outright. Radcliffe asked that the Vice-Chancellor, the two Professors of Divinity, the Master of University College, and the Rector of Lincoln College (where he had been a Fellow) should act as joint patrons. In nominating to the living, he stipulated that they should give first preference to a member of University College, and 'if they should be deficient', then to a Fellow of Lincoln College. Needless to say, for the next two centuries, there was always a member of University College willing to fill the vacancy (see list of incumbents in the Appendix).

The documents in this collection were all found in the archives in the summer of 1993. They relate largely to the patrons' dealings with the financial aspects of the parish, especially in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Catalogued in November 2008.

### UC:E16/L1 - PAPERS ON THE ENCLOSURE OF HEADBOURNE WORTHY

**UC:E16/L1/1**

**9 Dec 1786–2 Mar 1789**

Letters and papers concerning the enclosure of Headbourne Worthy, with regard to the effect which it will have on the glebe land of the living. The letters are addressed to various Bursars of University College. The last item in the collection is a valuation of the Rectory of the living. [6 items]

**UC:E16/L1/2**

**1788**

Copy of the printed Act of Parliament for the Enclosure of Headbourne Worthy.

### UC:E16/L2 - PAPERS ON AN EXCHANGE OF LAND

**UC:E16/L2/1**

**16 Aug 1853**

Order of Exchange of lands

**Parties:**

1. Charles Carr, Rector of Headbourne Worthy, Hants., Clerk.

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2. (a) The Warden and Scholars of Saint Mary College of Winchester.  
 (b) Bennes Scard of Winchester, lessee of 2 (a).

**Property:** Two pieces of land in Headbourne Worthy, as described in a schedule, and depicted on a map drawn on the deed.

**Comments:** 1 and 2 (a) are given permission to exchange these pieces of land with each other.

**UC:E16/L2/2****15–17 Feb 1854**

Bundle of solicitors' bills relating to the above exchange. They show that the exchange took place in order to build a new parsonage house [5 items]

**UC:E16/C1 - MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS AND PAPERS****UC:E16/C1/1****18 Jun 1797**

Specification by Daniel Harris of work to be carried out on a new house on the Glebe of Headbourne Worthy as specified on a plan (now lost). Harris also makes a note on this document about proposals for building a parsonage house at Tarrant Gunville, Dorset (where the incumbent had just died).

**UC:E16/C1/2****n.d.**

Extract from the will of John Radcliffe (in the hand of A. B. Poynton) relating to the living of Headbourne Worthy.

**UC:E16/C1/3****12 Oct 1905**

Declaration by the Bishop of Winchester recording the resignation of John Henry Slessor as Rector of Headbourne Worthy on 7 September, and arranging for him to receive a pension.

**UC:E16/C1/4****20 Oct 1905**

Letter to the Master of University College concerning the method of appointing to the living of Headbourne Worthy in the event of the resignation, as opposed to death, of the incumbent.

**UC:E16/C1/5****27 Sep 1906 & 30 Sep 1908**

Two letters to A. B. Poynton from Vernon Storr (Rector 1905–1910), on arranging his attendance at College meetings. In one of them he talks of meeting Hubert Burge and James Bright.

**UC:E16/C1/6****15 Aug 1916–22 Mar 1917**

Envelope containing correspondence between R. W. Macan, A. B. Poynton and T. Harold Davies (Rector 1910–47),

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concerning Headbourne Worthy House. The house had been built by John Slessor (Rector 1861–1905) for a ward of his, and charged with a ground rent. The current tenant wished to purchase the Ground Rent, and, if possible, the reversion to the freehold, but negotiations seem to have foundered. There are also suggestions from Davies that the rectory could be sold, as being very difficult to keep up [13 items].

**UC:E16/C1/7****16 Dec 1918**

Letter to the Bursar of University College concerning the village's cricket and sports ground and the leasehold on Headbourne Worthy House.

**UC:E16/C1/8****31 Oct 1919–23 Oct 1920**

Envelope containing correspondence between R. W. Macan, A. B. Poynton, T. Harold Davies, and the other patrons of Headbourne Worthy, concerning plans to sell off some of the glebe land, and lease the remainder out [12 items].

**UC:E16/C1/9****13 Oct–29 Nov 1920**

Envelope containing correspondence between R. W. Macan and T. Harold Davies concerning plans to sell some of the glebe land at Headbourne for development. The envelope also contains two small plans of the area in question [12 items].

**UC:E16/C1/10****14 Oct 1920–14 Mar 1923**

Envelope containing correspondence between R. W. Macan, A. B. Poynton, T. Harold Davies, and the other patrons of the living of Headbourne Worthy, concerning plans to sell off some glebe land, and also the Rectory. Some of this material overlaps with that in **C1/9** above and **C1/11–12** below [20 items].

**UC:E16/C1/11****11–15 Mar 1923**

Envelope of letters to and from R. W. Macan concerning a proposal from T. Harold Davies to sell the existing rectory at Headbourne Worthy and purchase another, smaller, house in the village, and seeking the approval for this from the Rector of Oriel and the two Professors of Divinity [4 items].

**UC:E16/C1/12****13 Mar 1923**

Letter to the Master of University College from the then Vice-Chancellor (Lewis Farnell) concerning the proposed purchase of the above house.

**UC:E16/C1/13****6 Oct 1923**

Letter to the Bursar of University College concerning the sale of the glebe of Headbourne Worthy.

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UC:E16/C1/14

24 Mar (no year given)

Letter to A. B. Poynton from T. Harold Davies declining an invitation to dinner in the College

UC:E16/C1/15

6 Apr 1923–24 Jun 1935

Folder inscribed *Headbourne Worthy Rectory*, containing general correspondence between R. W. Macan, Sir Michael Sadler, A. B. Poynton, T. Harold Davies, and the other patrons of the living, about the living from these years. This mainly details with financial matters, such as the sale of more portions of glebe, obtaining the agreement of the other patrons for proposed courses of action, and possible unions with other parishes [125 items].

## UC:E16/AD1 - ARCHITECTURAL DRAWING

UC:E16/AD1/1

Nov 1870

Plan of first and second floors, with south-east and north-west elevations, of proposed new Rectory at Headbourne Worthy.

**Architect:** John Colson

**Scale:** 1 inch to 16 feet

**Size:** 465 by 350 mm

**Inscribed:** Proposed Dwelling House / Headbourne Worthy, Hants. [the plans are extensively labelled, with all the rooms identified. On the back has been added in another hand "Headbourne Worthy / New Parsonage"]

**Signed:** John Colson arch / Winchester Nov 1870

**Dated:** [see above]

**Medium:** Black ink, with pencil annotations.

**Support:** Paper

**Format:** 1 sheet

**Notes:** This rectory was indeed built.

## UC:E16/M1 - MAPS

UC:E16/M1/1

April 1824

Map of the parish of Headbourne Worthy, showing the glebe lands.

**Surveyor:** James Biddle

**Scale:** 1 inch to 6 chains.

**Size:** 1170 by 960 mm

**Inscribed:** Plan / of the / Parish / of / Headbourne Worthy / in the / County / of / Hants / April 1824 [all the fields are named, and there is a note: "N.B. The Glebe Estate is coloured Lake / other Arable Lands Yellow / Other Grass Lands Green"]

**Signed:** John Biddle Sur<sup>r</sup>

**Dated:** [See above]

**Medium:** Ink with several coloured washes.

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Book of reference compiled by James Biddle to accompany his map of Headbourne Worthy.

**APPENDIX - INCUMBENTS OF HEADBOURNE WORTHY SINCE 1694**

1694–1728	Joseph Bingham [matr. Univ. 1684; Fellow 1689–95]
1728–1738	Samuel Lindsay [matr. Univ. 1694; Fellow 1703–29]
1738–1757	Robert Eden, Prebendary of Winchester and Archdeacon of Winchester. [matr. Brasenose 1717; Fellow 1721–40]
1757–1772	Thomas Nelson [matr. Univ. 1726; Fellow 1737–60]
1772–1778	Robert Dale [matr. Lincoln 1762; Fellow 1768–72]
1778–1780	John Alleyne [matr. Univ. 1749; Fellow 1754–80]
1780–1781	Philip Fisher [matr. Univ. 1766; Fellow 1770–88]
1781–1805	Henry Ridley [matr. Univ. 1770; Fellow 1775–82]
1805–1824	Francis John Allen [matr. Univ. 1775; Fellow 1783–1806]
1824–1861	Charles Carr [matr. Univ. 1811; Fellow 1817–25]
1861–1905	John Henry Slessor [matr. Univ. 1840, Fellow 1847–62]
1905–1910	Vernon Faithfull Storr, Canon of Winchester Cathedral [Fellow 1895–9, and 1905–13]
1910–1947	Thomas Harold Davies [matr. Univ. 1886]
1947–1967	Lionel Howe

Since 1967, Headbourne Worthy has been held in plurality with that of King's Worthy.

1967–1974	Walter George
1974–1983	Matthew Lyme
1983–1990	Anthony Willmont
1991–1992	Charles Hall
1993–2002	Ronald Corne
2002–	Alan Gordon.

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