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In his will of 1586, Thomas Browne, Vicar of Basingstoke and Kingsclere, Hants., left money to endow two scholarships at University College and one at Balliol College. His nephew John Browne (Fellow of University College 1575–1612) was one of his executors, and, after his uncle's death in 1588 he chose to put his wishes into effect by purchasing a property in Rotherwick, Hants., known as Wivolds, with three crofts called Wellcrofts, and one acre of meadow in Stockmore. The property would be subject to two rent charges to the Colleges, to pay for their scholars' stipends. The first Browne scholar at University College, James Harrison (matr. 1592), was appointed in July 1597 (UC:GB3/A1/1 p. 24).

These documents were all found in the archives during the stocktaking of 1993. They differ from the College's other estate records in that they refer not to a property which was owned by the College, but to rights due to the College on a property which was owned by someone else. There are therefore very few papers relating to the property after John Browne had set up the system of quit rents. John Browne's papers (UC:S13) have some more material about his executorship of his uncle's will.

Catalogued in November 2007.

UC:E9/W1 - PAPERS CONCERNING THE WILL OF THOMAS BROWNE

UC:E9/W1/1

4 Jun 1586–24 Jun 1588

Copy of the will of Thomas Browne, Clerk, Vicar of Basingstoke and Kingscleer, Hants. The will is dated 4 Jun 1586. Among other bequests, he leaves, upon sufficient assurances made to his executors, £60 to the Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford, for the exhibition of two poor scholars that shall be of his kin for preference, and after that to two born in Wakefield, or else born within 9 miles of Wakefield, or else to anyone born in Yorkshire, aged between 16 and 20 years old. They will receive 12d a week for 10 years so they can go as far as the rank of MA. The Scholars are to be called Browne Scholars. Browne also gives £24 to Balliol College to support one poor scholar. The scholars are to be selected by the Masters of University and Balliol Colleges, along with his nephew John Browne, Fellow of University College, during his lifetime, after which the Master and Fellows of each College will choose their own scholars. Browne also bequeaths to University College, in addition to the £10 he has given them in books for the library, and £6 given towards the boarding of six under chambers, 6s 8d for gaudies for the Master and Fellows when his scholars were first admitted.

At the end of the will is a note that Browne has checked the will on 27 March 1587.

There are three schedules attached to this will:

- (1) Note of probate, granted 21 Jun 1588.
- (2) Inventory of Thomas Browne's goods, taken 10 Aug 1587.

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(3) Declaration by John Browne and Richard Browne, dated 24 Jun 1588, concerning the intent of their uncle's will.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 1 no. 1]

UC:E9/W1/2

21 Jun 40 Eliz I (1598)

Grant

Parties:

1. (a) John Browne, B.D.
(b) Richard Browne, M.A.
2. George Abbot, D.D., Master of University College, and the Fellows of the same.

Property: An annuity of £5 4s payable from a messuage in Rotherwick, Hants., known as Wivolds, and on three crofts called Wellcrofts, and one acre of meadow in Stockmore, Hants.

Comments: Following the bequest made by Thomas Browne, 1's uncle, to endow two scholarships at University College, grant 2 the right to this rent (although during the tenure of the current occupant, Christopher Stubbs, they can only claim 26s 8d a year).

A transcription of this document may be found at UC:EB1/A1/1 fol. 292.

[Original reference, Pyx V fasc. 1 no. 2a]

UC:E9/W1/3

n.d. (soon after 1598)

Paper copy of **UC:E9/W1/2** preceding.

[Original reference, Pyx V fasc. 1 no. 2b]

UC:E9/W1/4

20 Jan 5 Ja I (1607/8)

Grant

Parties:

1. (a) John Browne, B.D.
(b) Richard Brown, M. A.
2. Edward Lillie, D. D., Master of Balliol College, Oxford, and the Fellows of the same.
3. Thomas Wentworth of Lincolnes Inne, Middx., Esq.

Property: An annual rent of 52s payable on a messuage in Rotherwick, Hants., called Wivolds, and of three closes called Wellcrofts, and one acre of meadow in Stockmore, Hants.

Comments: 1, following the bequest made by 1's uncle, Thomas Browne, to endow a scholarship at Balliol College, grant 2 the right to this rent. 3 is the tenant of these lands in trust for 1.

[Original reference, Pyx V fasc. 1 no. 3]

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UC:E9/D1 - DEEDS CONCERNING THE PROPERTY AT ROTHERWICK, 1342–1608

UC:E9/D1/1

n.d. (early 14th century?)

Grant

Parties:

1. John de Hammond.
2. John le Cubelyr of Rutherwyk.

Property: One part of 1's land Rutherwyk, namely one croft which is called La Brodecrofte, which lies between 1's granary (? - *grana*) and a croft of 1 called La Mardecrofte, extending in length towards the east to the Royal road which leads from Newenham to Hegfelde, and to the west to a croft called Le Wolcrofte.

Consideration: Two and a half marks (33s 4d), and an annual rent of 12d.

Comments: 1 grants the above land to 2.

The deed is in good condition, but its seal is missing.

Witnesses: William de la Cokande, John Wastehose, Geoffrey de Edton, Alan Miller (*de molentino*) of Greswell, Nicholas Bacon, Adam de Parker, Adam Merle, and Geoffrey de Odeham, clerk.

Language: Latin.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 2 no. 1a]

UC:E9/D1/2

Wednesday after St. Michael 16 Edw III (2 Oct 1342)

Grant

Parties:

1. John, son and heir of John le Taillur of Rutherwick.
2. William son of John at Vyffold of Schepenrigge.

Property: 4 acres of land in Rutherwick which lie together towards the east between land once of John atte Rigge, and the Royal road in the west which leads from Rutherwick to Newenham.

Consideration: None mentioned.

Comments: 1 grants the above property to 2. Given at Rutherwick.

The deed is in good condition, but its seal is missing.

Witnesses: Richard atte Cowfold, Hugh atte Henke, John le Parkyr, Nicholas atte Wyfold, Thomas Katehyne, and unnamed others.

Language: Latin.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 2 no. 1b]

UC:E9/D1/3

Monday after St. Andrew 16 Edw III (2 Dec 1342)

Grant

Parties:

1. Johana daughter and heir of Thomas le Dobeler of Rutherwick.

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2.. William Anmenoye of Merston, Chaplain (written as *domino Willelmo capellano Anmenoye de Merston*).

Property: Two crofts of arable land called *Wlcroftes* [*sic; recte Welcroftes?*] lying in Rotherwick in length between land once of John le Taillur to the north and land of Richard atte Rigge to the south, and extending towards the east to the Royal road which leads from Nywenham to Hegfelde.

Consideration: None mentioned.

Comments: 1 gives the above land to 2. Given at Rotherwick. The deed is in good condition, but its seal is missing.

Witnesses: Richard atte Coufold, Henry atte Church, Walter le Harper, Richard atte Rigge, and unnamed others.

Language: Latin.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 2 no. 2]

UC:E9/D1/4**Thursday before St. Valentine 17 Edw III (13 Feb 1342/3)**

Grant

Parties:

1. William Anmenoye of Merston, Chaplain.
2. (a) William atte Wyfold.
(b) Joanne le Dobelers, wife of 2a.

Property: Two crofts called *Wlcrofts*, as in (3) above.

Consideration: Not given.

Comments: 1 gives the above property to 2 and their heirs. If 2a has no heir by 2b, then the property is to go to the heirs of 2b. Given at Rotherwick.

The deed is in good condition, but its seal is missing.

Witnesses: Richard atte Coufold, Henry atte Cherch, John atte Cherche, Walter Le Harpur, John le Parkyr, and unnamed others.

Language: Latin.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 2 no. 3]

UC:E9/D1/5**Sunday after the Conversion of St. Paul 41 Edw III (31 Jan 1366/7)**

Quitclaim

Parties:

1. Henry Stenene.
2. William Wifholder.

Property: 8 acres of land and 2 of wood in Rotherwyke.

Consideration: None mentioned.

Comments: 1 quitclaims his rights on the above lands to 2. Given at Rotherwyke.

The deed is in reasonable condition, but its seal and the bottom fold are both lost.

Witnesses: John atte Burghe, Nicholas de Schene, Henry Lyngeyn, John Bernard, William Dobbe, and unnamed others.

Language: Latin.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 2 no. 4]

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UC:E9/D1/6 Sunday after the Conversion of St. Paul 41 Edw III (31 Jan 1366/7)

Quitclaim

Parties:

1. Emma Dobelers.
2. William Wifholder.

Property: 8 acres of land and 2 of wood in Rutherwyke.**Consideration:** None mentioned.**Comments:** 1 quitclaims her rights on the above lands to 2.
Given at Rutherwyke.

The deed is in reasonable condition, but its seal is lost.

Witnesses: All as in UC:E9/D1/5 above.**Language:** Latin.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 2 no. 5]

UC:E9/D1/7 20 May 20 Hen VII (1505)

Grant

Parties:

1. Edward More, son and heir of Guy (*Guido*) More, formerly of Lylehurst, Berks., *Gentilman*.
2. John Williams, Kt.

Property: All 1's lands in Retherwyke, Hants., called Wyfolds and Welcroftes.**Consideration:** None given.**Comments:** 1 gives the above lands to 2, appointing Thomas Pymbard of Burghfeld, Berks, Yeoman, as his attorney. Given at Retherwyke.

The deed is good condition, but its seal is missing.

Witnesses: None given.**Language:** Latin.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 2 no. 6]

UC:E9/D1/8 25 Jun 20 Hen VII (1505)

Quitclaim

Parties:

1. John Williams, Kt.
2. (a) Katherine More, widow.
(b) John More, son of 2a.

Property: As in UC:E9/D1/7 above.**Consideration:** None given.**Comments:** 1 quitclaims his rights on the above lands to 2.

The deed and its seal (a depiction of a stag) are both in good condition.

Witnesses: None given.**Language:** Latin.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 2 no. 7]

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20 Apr 5 Hen VIII (1514)

Mortgage

Parties:

1. Thomas Haydok of Bampton, Oxon., Esq.,
2. John Moore of Rotherwyke, Hants., Gent.

Property: Lands in Rotherwyke called Wyfoldes with a close adjoining, and lands called Welcroftes, Redlondes, and Hethereddes; also an acre of meadow lying in Stokmede.

Consideration: £22 (from 1 to 2).

Comments: 2 mortgages the above property to 1, agreeing to pay him back £14 at Easter next, and the rest of the money later.

Language: English.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 2 no. 8]

UC:E9/D1/10

3 Feb 15 Hen VIII (1523/4)

Valuations of Wyffoldes, Welecroftes, and Redlondes.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 2. no. 9]

UC:E9/D1/11

18 Dec 4 Edw VI (1550)

Lease for 20 Years

Parties:

1. Thomas Haydok of Gaywell, Hants., Esq.
2. Henry Stubbes, servant of 1.

Property: Lands in Ratherwyke called Wyvoldes, with three crofts called Well Croftes, and one acre of meadow lying in Stockmore.

Rent: 36s 6d a year.

Comments: 1 had leased the above land to Nicholas Payne for 21 years by a deed of 30 May 36 Hen VIII (1544). Now 1 leases the lands to 2 as from St. Michael's Day (29 Sept) 1558.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 3. no. 1]

UC:E9/D1/12

11 Sep 7 Eliz I (1565)

Lease for 80 years or three lives.

Parties:

1. James Haydok of Greywell, Hants., Esq.
2. (a) Hughe Stubbes of Rotherwyke, Hants., Yeoman.
(b) Anne, wife of 2a.
(c) Christopher, son of 2a and 2b.

Property: Lands in Rotherwyke as in **UC:E9/D1/11** above.

Rent: 40s a year.

Comments: 1 lease the above land to 2.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 3 no. 2a]

UC:E9/D1/13

11 Sep 7 Eliz I (1565)

Counterpart of **UC:E9/D1/12** above.

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[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 3 no. 2b]

UC:E9/D1/14**11 Sep 7 Eliz I (1565)**

Bond

Parties:

1. James Haydock of Greywell, Hants., Esq.
2. Hugh Stubbs of Rotherwike, Yeoman.

Comments: 1 is bound to 2 for £30 to perform the covenants set out in **UC:E9/D1/12** above.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 3 no. 3]

UC:E9/D1/15**30 Nov 32 Eliz I (1589)–6 Oct 32 Eliz I (1590)**

Mortgage

Parties:

1. William Haydock of London, gent.
2. William Stynte of Rothericke, Hants., gent.

Property: As in **UC:E9/D1/11** above.

Consideration: £100.

Comments: 1 mortgages the above property to 2 for the above sum.

On the dorse of this deed is a memorandum, dated 6 Oct 32 Eliz I (1590), that William Stynte, for a consideration of £100 from John Browne MA and Fellow of University College, Oxford, has assigned his mortgage on the property to Browne. (Smith numbered this memorandum separately from the main document).

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 3 nos. 6 & 7]

UC:E9/D1/16**27 Jun 32 Eliz I (1590)**

Articles of Agreement

Parties:

1. John Browne, MA, and Fellow of University College, Oxford.
2. Wylliam Stynte of Rotherwyke, Hants., Gent.

Comments: 2 agrees to sell 1 property in Rotherwick for £98.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 3 no. 12]

UC:E9/D1/17–19**n.d. (c. 1590?)**

Three pieces of paper, bearing notes (some of them in Browne's hand) about John Browne's purchase of the Rotherwick estate, mainly concerning checking the title, and finding the whereabouts of various deeds.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 3 nos. 11a–11c]

UC:E9/D1/20**6 Oct 32 Eliz I (1590)**

Bond

Parties:

1. William Stinte of Rotherweeke, Hants., Gent.

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2. John Browne, MA, and Fellow of University College, Oxford.

Comments: 1 is bound to 2 for £100 to perform the covenants in a memorandum of the same date (this is the memorandum written on **UC:E9/D1/15** above).

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 3 no. 13]

UC:E9/D1/21**Morrow of St. Martin 33 Eliz I (12 Nov 1589 - but presumably 1590 is meant)**

Final Concord

Parties:

1. John Brown, MA.
2. (a) William Haydocke, gent.
(b) William Stynte, gent.
(c) Elizabeth, wife of 2b.

Property: 1 messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 20 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, and 4 acres of wood, in Rotherwicke.

Consideration: £40 (from 1 to 2).

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 3 no. 10a]

UC:E9/D1/22**Morrow of St. Martin 33 Eliz I (12 Nov 1589 - but presumably 1590 is meant)**

Counterpart of **UC:E9/D1/21** above.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 3 no. 10b]

UC:E9/D1/23**4 Dec 33 Eliz I (1590)**

Bargain and Sale

Parties:

1. William Stinte of Rotherwick, Hants., Gent.
2. John Browne, M, and Fellow of University College, Oxford.

Property: As in **UC:E9/D1/11** above.

Consideration: £100.

Comments: 1 sells his rights on the above property to 2.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 3 no. 8]

UC:E9/D1/24**10 Dec 33 Eliz I (1590)**

Bargain and Sale

Parties:

1. William Haydocke of London, Gent.
2. John Browne, MA and Fellow of University College, Oxford.

Property: As in **UC:E9/D1/11** above.

Consideration: None given.

Comments: 1 grants the above property to 2.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 3 no. 9]

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Assignment of Lease

Parties:

1. Christopher Stubbes of Rotherwike, Hants., Yeoman.
2. Robert Chambers of Southampton, Merchant.

Property: All as in **UC:E9/D1/11** above.**Consideration:** Unspecified.**Comments:** 1 assigns his lease of 1565 (**UC:E9/D1/12** above) to 2.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 3 no. 4]

UC:E9/D1/26 **28 Oct 44 Eliz I (1602)**

Bond

Parties: As in **UC:E9/D1/25** above.**Comments:** 1 is bound to 2 for £100 to perform the covenants set out in **UC:E9/D1/25** above.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 3 no. 5]

UC:E9/D1/27 **8 Aug 1604**

Letter from Robert Chambers to John Browne concerning a proposal for Browne to buy Chambers' rights to his lease for £63.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 3 no. 14]

UC:E9/D1/28 **15 Aug 2 Ja I (1604)**

Assignment of Lease

Parties:

1. Robert Chambers of Southampton, Merchant.
2. Thomas Wentworth of Oxford, Esq.

Property: As in **UC:E9/D1/11** above.**Consideration:** £63 to 1 (it is not stated from whom).**Comments:** 1 assigns his lease on the above property to 2.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 3 no. 15]

UC:E9/D1/29 **15 Aug 2 Ja I (1604)**

Bond

Parties:

1. Robert Chambers of Southampton, Merchant.
2. John Browne of Oxford University, B.D.

Comments: 1 is bound to 2 for £100 to perform the covenants agreed in **UC:E9/D1/28** above.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 3 no. 16]

UC:E9/D1/30 **19 May 6 Ja I (1608)**

Lease for 21 Years

Parties:

1. (a) John Browne of Oxford University, B.D.
(b) Thomas Wentworth of Oxford, Esq.,

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2. Richard Keepe of Rotherwicke, Hants., Yeoman.
Property: A messuage in Rotherwicke called Wivoulds, lately occupied by Christopher Stubbs, four crofts called Welcrofts, and one acre of meadow in Stocke mede.

Rent: £15 a year.

Comments: Smith recorded as Pyx V fasc. 3 no. 17a a draft lease to one Henry Bate. This was not found in November 2007. This particular deed bears no reference, but it matches with Smith's description of no. 17b.

[Original reference presumably Pyx V fasc. 3 no. 17b]

UC:E9/D1/31

19 May 6 Ja I (1608)

Bond

Parties:

1. Richard Keepe of Rotherwicke, Hants., Yeoman.
2. (a) John Browne of the University of Oxford, B.D.
 (b) Thomas Wentworth of Oxford, Esq.

Comments: 1 is bound to 2 for £10 to perform the covenants set out in the above deed.

[Original reference Pyx V fasc. 3 no. 18]

Smith recorded a Pyx V fasc. 3 no. 19 as "A copy of a letter of Atturney for to distrain yearly for he Rent of anuity of 5 li 4 s 0d as allso for arrears with the penalty of 6 s 8 d forfeited every halfe year for non payment within 40 days of the feaste of Mich' payable at one entire payment". This was not found in November 2007.

UC:E9/C1 - CORRESPONDENCE

UC:E9/C1/1

22 Jul 1733

Letter from E. Broadwood, Lord Craven's Steward (address Comb Abbey near Coventry) to an unnamed addressee (probably Thomas Cockman) about the land at Rotherwick subject to a quit rent to University College. It seems that Lord Craven has recently acquired this land, and Broadwood is making arrangements with the College for payment of the quit rent.

UC:E9/C1/2

4 Nov 1924

Letter from the solicitors of the Tylney estate to A. B. Poynton enclosing the College's quit rent from Rotherwick.

UC:E9/C1/3

25–30 May 1932

Correspondence with a firm of solicitors acting for a Mr. Langridge, owner of part of the Rotherwick estate, concerning how much quit rent, if any, he should pay to the College. The correspondence includes a plan of the area [6 items].

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Note and letter from Arthur Goodhart (Master 1951-63) concerning the quit rent. At this date the quit rent is paid by Middlesex County Council [2 items]

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