



BATTLE AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**INDEX OF THE BDHS ARCHIVE AT BATTLE
MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY**

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INDEX OF THE BATTLE AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY (BDHS) ARCHIVES

Notes about the Archive

1. Papers are in box files in the vestibule outside the Museum office. They can only be viewed by prior arrangement as they are behind locked glass panes for security. The files are labelled HS and then alphabetical suffix. Most of the papers inside each box are in numbered plastic or polythene packs.
2. This index is not a complete statement of the Archive because some documents are reputed to be missing from it, eg rolls of maps about Battle. We have not come across these in the Archive
3. Some early BDHS working papers and minutes are in the possession of Neil Clephane Cameron, BDHS Secretary, but a run of some 20 years from the mid 1950's, is missing .
4. If there ever was a continuous numbering system, many items are now missing. The BDHS Archivist thinks some numbers may have been omitted at the outset.
5. **To consult the Archive** (intended as a resource for Society members) **or find out whether it contains information relating to a particular topic — please contact: Georgina Doherty, BDHS Archivist, at BDHS66@yahoo.co.uk** who will be pleased to help.

HSA Miscellaneous - including anniversaries

- A1 List of oral history tapes re Battle and transcripts of a couple
- A2 Notes on Senlac cinema
- A8 Battle Bread and Cheese Club
- A9 Battle Baptist Church
- A12 Bonfire programmes
- A16 Sacred music/Drama Society, St Mary's 1964
- A20 Battle Choral and Orchestral Society programmes
- A25 History of the Congregational Chapel by DS
- A27 History of the cricket club
- A28 Letter of 1900 about a Battle parade
- A37 Papers about Battle Rangers FC
- A45 Home Guard
- A47 A note on Langton Charity School
- A50 1971 Gondoliers programme
- A103 Two packs of materials about 900th celebrations in 1966 including souvenir programmes for the civic celebration and St Mary's celebration "Battle Remembers". There is also a yellow "Coming events" leaflet which suggests that the BDHS organised an address by the Archbishop of Canterbury.
- A104A Text of sermon for 900th at St Mary's

A104B BDHS Commemoration lunch- programme
A105 Programme for Battle Abbey pageant 1932 plus photo of Gwen Lally, pageant organiser
A106 Battle Coronation Souvenir Programme
A107 Battle and the Festival of Britain, including a guide to Battle
A108 Battle Walk guide

HSAA – presumably extracted from the middle of the HSA file

A51 Marbles in Battle
A52 Battle Mechanics Institution
A59 Clipping about Battle farmers' meat marketing
A61 Service for Battle old comrades
A64 Battle Parliamentary Debating Society
A65 The Hoar Apple Tree: programme for Battle Players
A68 Clipping for Battle police party
A69 Queen's 1968 visit to Battle
A87 Battle Sewing Club 1040's photo
A89 Battle town map
A90 Battle and St Valery 1973
A93 Slater family
A94 The Second First Attempt 1938 humorous magazine

HSB Abbey, High Street

B2 Battle Abbey
B3 Allwork- memories of 75 years, lecture text
B4 Old Thatch
B5 Hospital and assorted clippings
B6 Notes on High Street buildings
B7 Langton House
B8 Lavins Croft
B11 Papers about the mill
Note: B12-26 are in the box file but are yet to be listed here.
B27 Notes on High Street buildings in the early 20th century

HSC Largely St Mary's

C1 Battle church records 1630 in modern MS
C2 Index of baptisms
C4 Index of baptisms
C5/6 Misc Church booklets
C7 List of churchwardens
C8 Letter about the west window
C9 Battle Parish Magazine 1940
C10 1854 Order in Council about Battle churchyard.
C11 Genealogies of Battle

C12 1950's guide to the Church
C16 Marriages 1813- 37
C17 Duplicate of C16?
C18 Memorial inscriptions in St Mary's churchyard
C19 "Snippets" from the story of Battle, published in some form, 1970's?
C20 See the next file HSCC
C24 Plan of St Mary's
C25 Special Prayers 1978 for Queen's jubilee
C23 Extract from an article about St Mary's Church
C26 List of books and papers in the "Parish chest"
C28 Information about "our beloved parish church".
C29 Mothers' Union papers containing also another issue of "snippets"

HSCC St Mary's Church

C26¹ Records of the Church of St Mary, the Virgin, Battle, under 33 Vicars and Deans Signed by the author Lilian Boys Behrens. Undated; last in list of Deans began 1946
C27 Battle Church restoration Fund Fete Programme 22 July 1961
C29² Form of service for the institution of Deans Outram and Bird
C30 Annual Service in Commemoration of the Battle of Senlac 1975; and Service to commemorate in 1994 the 900th anniversary of the consecration of the Abbey
C/31 As for C/31 but a different order of service
C32 PAR.236 Battle: list of documents deposited by the Dean on 27 January 1859: Parish Registers; Licences, Tithes, Terriers, Churchwardens, Vestry, Overseers etc
C33 Photocopy of early 19C Battle parish records at ESRO
C34 Press cuttings about Dean Darby
C35 Media item about the Browne tomb 1966
C36 Undated typescript of a monograph about a 1978 survey of gravestone inscriptions in Battle churchyard.
C37 Notes from an examination of Battle Vestry records. Undated
C38 Notice of 1859 about election of Churchwardens and Overseers
C39 Affirmation by Thos Lord, Cleric, 1696. Not original document
C40 Population of Battle 1760- 1852
C41 Answer by the Archivist, 1999, about Watch Oak
C52 ³ Answer of 2005 from Archivist about query concerning negotiations between the Abbots of Battle and Archbishop Kempe. Not covered in Society's lectures to that date.
C53 Guides to the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin
C54 Photo of Dean Youard

HSD Family histories in the main

D1 Alfrey
D2 Allwork

¹ A duplicate number of another C26 in preceding file

² A duplicate number of another C/29 in preceding file

³ Pack number unclear

D5 Bacon
D6 Beechey
D7 Sterndale Bennett
D8 Bickersteth
D9 Blackman
D9.1 Journal of Louisa Blackman 1880-3; The Industrious Blackmans; Photos of wedding of Mary Blackman and Clive Shrimpton
D10 Blundale
D11 Brassey
D12 Brown (Allen)
D13 Finnes
D14 Burgen
D16 Chevallier
D17 Cleveland
D19 Crouchers
D20 Cummins
D21 Sheehan- Dare
D22 Deeping
D23 Dray
D25 Egerton, Cdr HS
D26 D'Elboux
D27 Tony Emeleus
D28 Markwick
D29 Anderson
At this point in the sequence is an unnumbered section: Anderson Appleton Brodribb
Christmas Clarke Currie Cruse De Wode Dumford Frewen Gausden Gower Kell
Lamborne Metcalfe Sanders Whitelock

Also at this point a letter to NCC from Sussex Family History Group about their database

D31 Fuller (Mad Jack) – about follies + list of his slaves
D32 Funnell
D34 Gates
D35 Glyde
D36 Gottsland
D38/A Survey of battle family names, mainly Hammond
D39 Hartley
D40 Watson- Harvey
D41 Hayes
D42 Hicks
D44 Iles
D45 Ingall
D 4[?]⁴ Johnson
D48 Kendall

⁴ Number partially obscured

D47 Lade
D50 Learmont
D51 Lemmon
D52 Info about Court Lodge farm, Catsfield Manor and Bodiam
D53 Lusty
D []⁵ Martin
D []⁶ Freeland, Mathis and Scott
D56 Muntz
D58 Newbery
D59 Newton
D60 Noakes (clock history)
D62 Pilcher – including an article in Sussex County Magazine May 1942
D63 Ransom
D65 Raper
D66 Ronalds
D68 Misc Battle estate notes
D69 Sargent
C12 About Blackfriars ⁷
D70 Scott
D71 Simon
D73 “Battle Ball” and Sheila Kaye- Smith
D75 Dunk and Stonestreet
D76 Stunt
D77 Taylor
D78 List of members of the Unitarian Church in Mount St 1780-1805
Loose and unnumbered: Stainton, Spriggs
D79 Tew
Unnumbered : Thorpes of Battle (shoeshop?); Till
D81 Ticehurst
D82 Tracy
D83 Frogman ⁸
D85 Paper refers to group in photo- absent
D88 Vinal
Separate unnumbered sheet for Wakeford
D90 Whatlington family and Bermuda
D91 Watts – interesting article for St Thos Hospital
Unnumbered Webster
E1 Webster ⁹
D93 Woodgate
D94 Woodhams
D95 Whistler

⁵ Number has label on top of it

⁶ As for 4

⁷ Appears to be misplaced

⁸ Might be Twyman

⁹ Presumably in this box to be next to other Webster item

HSE Largely Battle Abbey

- E1 1493 document (facsimile – original at ESRO) written by Abbott Tovey
- E2 ESRO catalogue of Battle Abbey estate archives
- E4 Battle Abbey estate auction brochure
- E5 Battle Abbey fire
- E6 The curse
- E7 Roundell account of the Abbey. Holbein?
- E8 Browne and patent roll Henry VIII
- E9 Anthony Browne's tomb
- E10 Episcopal control in 11th century
- E10A Cobbett¹⁰
- E13 History of the Abbots
- E14 Description of Battle Abbey endowments
- E15 Guide to Battle Abbey ¹¹ - three Guides
- E17 Article by Eleanor Searle entitled 'Hides, virgates and tenant settlement at Battle Abbey'
- E18 Article by C T Chevallier about Searle's article in E17: 'a local view' and subsequent response by Eleanor Searle
- E19 Extract from letters written by James Inskip 1793-1804, mainly about Estates administration matters
- E20 Correspondence about Bromham Monastery, Wiltshire 1970
- E21 1969/70 correspondence about Mildenhall, a one-time possession of Battle Abbey
- E22 1969/70 correspondence about St Nicholas' Abbey, Exeter, one-time possession of Battle Abbey
- E23 Nackholt Tile Works, based in the Manor of Wye, owned by Battle Abbey
- E24 Undated notes about the Manor of Pebsham, in the rape of Hastings and apparently unrelated correspondence about Worsham in Bexhill
- E25 1970 correspondence about Battle Abbey estates in Reading
- E26 Undated text of lecture entitled 'The growth of the Battle Abbey Estate during the monastic period 1067-1538'
- E27 letter from Charles Hay Frewen in 1839 addressed to Frank Ellmann, Solicitor re property transactions
- E28 1968 correspondence with Huntingdon Library, California about Battle Abbey records offering grants for visits for research
- E29 Sussex Express, 13 April 1933 reason for storage unclear; Icklesham Church article most prominent
- E30 2002 exchanges about the British Library version of the Battle Abbey Roll with copies of their records
- E31 English Heritage Press Release 2002 about painting of Battle of Hastings in the Great Hall of Battle Abbey School
- E34 ¹² 1889 article about Battle Abbey Roll; extract from Ticehurst 1841; undated Digest

¹⁰ Appears to be misfiled ie in wrong box?

¹¹ Filed out of order as first document

¹² Initially labelled E31 and altered to E34

Unnumbered catalogue of furniture and effects in Battle Abbey 1902

HSEE Battle Abbey and School

E16 Battle Abbey Pageant 1932 programme and some press coverage
Unnumbered extract from letters written by James Inskip 1793-1804
E35 sale of Battle Abbey 1976 press clippings
E36 media coverage about sale to English Heritage 1976
E37 clippings about sale of Battle Abbey 1976
E38 1931 copy of 'The Gateway', Battle Abbey School Magazine: first-hand account of the fire
E39 1934 copy of 'The Gateway', Battle Abbey School Magazine: account of the re-opening ceremony
E40 1936 copy of 'The Gateway', Battle Abbey School Magazine
E41 1937 copy of 'The Gateway', Battle Abbey School Magazine: Coronation Day
E42 Extracts from Battle Abbey School Magazine 1928
E43 1930 prospectus for Battle Abbey School with pre-fire photographs. NB 2 separate folders
E45 1972 speech of tribute by the Headmistress for ex-staff, also 1933 service for Hallowing of a Chapel at the Abbey
E46 newspaper cutting 1946 about the seal of Battle Abbey
E47 1995 article about Tasmanian window from Battle Abbey
Second wallet no E47 contains further information about the Tasmanian window
E48 1976 papers on the 1066 Trust
E49 illegible photocopies about medieval cartularies of Great Britain, 1958
E50 Dean 1978 correspondence with person selling drawings of the Abbey
E51 press cutting of wedding of Miss Evelyn Webster undated but before sale of Abbey. A note refers to abstract of title of Lucy Webster to Battle Abbey 1927

HSF Shops and trades in Battle

F1 Battle in the last 70 years by W C Allwork, 1952; also included are Colonel Lemmon's notes of his lecture to the society in 1958 entitled 'Battle Powder'.
F3 1979 letter about Battle Brewery but prints and photos referred to are missing
F4 and F5 empty wallets
F6 Delinquency in Battle – notes by Mrs P Corbett, undated
F7 Battle Gas Company – notes about shareholders in company as of 1871 and share certificates 104-108 in the name of James Watts, 1838
F8 letterhead of Battlejack Cottage Industry
F9 1976 correspondence about gun flints
F10 articles about Battle gunpowder industry 2002 and 2005
F11 poster about the Battlejack hat
F12 undated notes about Newberry's jam factory
F13 passbook for the Provident Association of London Ltd belonging to Mr A Sharpe of Battle 1904

F14 undated letter to Battle Museum enclosing a sample of roasted ore (sample not included)

F15 notes on Northiam Glass Furnace, 1954

F16 miscellaneous anecdotes and descriptions about tanning, undated

F17 miscellaneous notes about the market in Battle, 1978

F24 1836 receipts for payment of poor rate

F26 1750 document – amounts due on properties in various parishes. Rents?

F27 Frederick Thatcher Place: notes by Sheila Wilkinson on her research into Battle Union Workhouse. Include printouts from Higginbotham website, dated 2001. The photographs on the website appear to be her copyright. Some extracts from Guardian minutes 1835-1840.

F28 sales brochure for Frederick Thatcher Place, 2000

F29 two cheques of 1870 drawn on Whitfield and Molyneux Bankers signed F Ellmann

F30 B H Thorpe, 14 High Street, Shoemakers, leaflet for 175 anniversary with photograph, 1994

F31 1835 receipt from Bonteor and Johnston, Battle and Catsfield

F32 wine list for Star Hotel; undated but older bill for drink from The George; calling cards 1905, 1907 and undated

F34 undated notes about land ownership: Horsepits, Burwash Manor Court; 1833 letter to Mr Bellingham, attorney in Battle, 1833 and other assorted documents

F35 miscellaneous advertisement cards from London and Hastings

F36 media coverage of Tills of Battle closure in 1991, with 1929 article about them

F37 media articles of 1952 about the future of East Sussex railways

F38 Toll ticket for the Lake Gate, Battle Parish

F39 milestones 2000 – media articles about way marks in the landscape: no apparent reference to Battle

F43 recollections by W H G Peters in 1995 about Vickery's since 1931

F44 recollections by Bill Bridges about his time at Vickery's 1928-71

F45 Notes of a meeting re Almonry dated 27 4 2015

HSG East Sussex and beyond

G100 undated notes on the races and languages of the British Isles

G101 undated notes about early railway history in Kent and Sussex

G102 the World's Great Moral Religions. Lecture given to Society 1972 by Rev Francis Coveney

G103 notes for 1973 lecture to the Society on Richard III, apparently by Jean Adamson

G104 1978 lecture notes about the Battle Roll of Honour

G106 Rother District in the 19th Century by Mrs Ann Moore 1986

G106 duplicate

G109 1973 lecture notes about the history of Rye constituency

G112 undated notes of a lecture to the Society about smuggling in Sussex

G114 a history of St Nicholas' Priory, Exeter: a cell of Battle Abbey

G117 handwritten and undated notes for a lecture about the Bayeux Tapestry

G118 correspondence from 1969-81 about tiles in the Museum's cases related to Battle Abbey excavations; some handwritten diagrams but no photographs
 G119 Turnpikes, Tollgates and Tollhouses in and around Battle, 1971 monograph by E J Upton
 G120 query about location of the tollhouse, 2000
 G121 Life in the village of Robertsbridge by D I Martin, 2000
 G123 photocopy of a Sussex County Magazine article about Battle Abbey
 G124 map of Sussex windmills, 1968
 G125 Turnpike Trust Deed ca 1836
 G126 another Turnpike Trust Deed of similar date
 G127 1934 Sussex County Magazine article about a tornado between Bexhill and Pevensey Bay
 G128 Architectural history of Robertsbridge

HSGG East Sussex and beyond

G1 1976 lecture notes on looking at abbeys and royal burial places
 G2 lecture notes 1953 entitled 'The Abbot of Battle vs Bishop of Chichester 1157'
 G3 undated lecture notes on Anderida and Pevensey Castle, 1956?
 G4 Anglo Norman, our father tongue by Lt Col Lemmon, Town Hall, Hastings, 1957
 G5 notes about lectures given to the Society in 1953 concerning archaeology and Roman Provenance
 G7 notes of lecture about Greek and Roman architecture, 1951
 G8 undated lecture notes on local aspects of the Armada given to the Tenterden Historical Society
 G9 lecture notes about the history of royal arms of England, 1953
 G10 Ashburnham forge and furnace, remarks made to the Sussex Archaeology, 1963
 G12 a few lines about Bathurst Wood
 G13 notes of 1967 lecture on 'The changing face of Battle during the last 150
 G14 notes of 1975 lecture about mid-nineteenth century Battle; some material about public health
 G15 History of Battle Abbey, undated
 G16 undated lecture on Battle Abbey in French
 G17 lecture on Liberties and Privileges of Battle Abbey in the Monastic Period
 G18 undated notes on the domestic logistics of Battle Abbey
 G21 undated notes about Bodiam
 G22 and G23 contain copies of Le Chateau de Bodiam in French, 1958
 G24 Church Brasses: note of a lecture 1952
 G25 handwritten notes about brasses in Sussex
 G28 1953 correspondence about Battle Signatories to the Cobbett declaration 1831
 G30 The Story of the Royal Military Canal, undated lecture notes by Lt Col Lemmon
 G31 History of Coinage in Britain up to the Norman Conquest, undated
 G32 Tudor England: the countryside and its problems, lecture notes 1957
 G33 lecture notes on 'Criminal Courts and their worth' 1973
 G34 Curiosities of the Crest, lecture notes, undated
 G35 Crowhurst at the time of the Norman Conquest, undated lecture notes

G36 lecture notes about Manorial Customs, 1953
G39 notes on SE coast defences for the BBC, 1968
G41 Edward the Confessor, 1970 lecture notes
G42 Events and Influences of 17th Century, speaking notes
G43 notes on life in medieval England, undated lecture notes
G44 The English after Hastings: adapting to a Normanised World, 1985
G45 lecture notes about Abbot Hammond, 1971
G46 lecture note, undated, 'Examination of a medieval site on Tower Hill Farm, Battle', with diagrams
G52 'The Victorian Harold', 1978 lecture
G53 'Hastings, the cultural heritage', lecture notes 1976
G54 notes of 1971 lecture on 'Scientific Aids to the study of History'

HSGGG East Sussex and beyond

G57 undated lecture notes on the 'Invasions of Britain by Julius Caesar'
G58 'The Norwegian Invasion of 1066' undated lecture notes
G59 'East Sussex under threat of French invasion 1793-1802', undated lecture notes
G60 'East Sussex under threat of French invasion: the Great Terror' 1960 lecture
G61 Exchanges in year 2000 about forging of first cannon at Buxted
G62 Undated lecture notes on 'Iron industry around Battle, from pre-Roman until the end of the Wealden industry at the end of the 19th Century'
G65 Undated notes about Newberry's Jam Factory
G70 'The Battle of Lewes' 1964 lecture
G71 duplicate
G72 'The Riddle of the Limen and the Rother' undated notes
G74 'Marling in Battle' 1953 notes by Lt Col Lemmon
G75 'History of Battle Post Office' summary and copies of some early documents
G77 Rye Museum Association Newsletter 1961: the story of the Martello Towers
G78 duplicate
G79 Mickelham Priory undated lecture in French
G80 Notes about a lecture on 'English Monasteries on the eve of the Dissolution', undated
G86 1975 lecture notes on 'The Story of the English Parsonage'
G87 Lecture on 'Pevensey: Fortresse romaine et chateau norman' 1965
G90 Notes on the interpretation of Sussex place names, undated
G91 Lecture on same subject, undated
G92 'The Celtic Background of Some Sussex Place names' undated lecture notes
G93 'The Administration of the Poor Law and Local Charities in East Sussex', undated
G93a Documents on levying of Poor Law Rates and also an 1827 Bond by John Frederick Freeland to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of Battle for his fidelity in the office of Assistant Overseer
G95 'Battle Gunpowder Mills' 1974 lecture, plus miscellaneous papers

HSH Largely Battle of Hastings

- H1 Lecture notes on 'The Campaign of 1066' by Lt Col Lemmon, undated
- H2 Lecture notes on 'The Battlefield of Senlac' 1962
- H3 'The Norman Invasion and the Battle of Hastings' 1963
- H4 'The Battlefield of Senlac' undated lecture notes, sign by Lt Col Lemmon
- H5 'Why the Battle of Hastings was fought' undated lecture notes
- H6 Undated article 'Why we should commemorate the Battle of Hastings'
- H7 1966 article by Lt Col Lemmon 'The Battlefield of Senlac'
- H8 Lecture on 'The Battle of Hastings' 1964
- H9 Lecture notes for talk about 'The Battle of Hastings' 1964
- H10 Lecture on 'The Battle of Hastings' 1961
- H11 Notes on the Battle of Hastings for 1967 lecture
- H12 Lecture on 'The Anglo-Saxon Army at the Battle of Hastings' 1960
- H13 'The Field of Hastings' Lt Col Lemmon, undated
- H14 duplicate but with supplementary material added in 1997 in left-hand pouch
- H16 'La Bataille de Senlac' lecture 1964, Lt Col Lemmon
- H15, H17 and H18 are all lecture notes 'La Bataille de Senlac' by Lt Col Lemmon. H18 includes drawing of Battlefield of Senlac with modern roads and landmarks superimposed. H15 1969; H17 1962; and H18 1954
- H19 La Bataille de Hastings by Lt Col Lemmon includes scaled map of Battle contours
- H20 'The Norman Invasion of England and the Battle of Senlac' by Lt Col Lemmon, undated
- H22 'Lillebonne à l'heure de la conquête' 1966
- H23 two copies of 'The Battle of Hastings' by Wilhelm Spatz, translated extracts, undated
- H24 'The Battle of Hastings and the death of Harold' undated
- H25 'The Battle of Hastings' from the Royal Engineers Journal 1907 by Major General E Renouard James

HSHH More Battle of Hastings

- H26 The Royal Engineers' Journal of 1907 article on the Battle of Hastings
- H27 1905 English Historical Review article on the Battle of Hastings
- H28 1837 extract from Wace's Battle of Hasting
- H29 1956 correspondence about Battle of Hastings
- H30 Hastings Castle
- H31 Felix Barker article in Evening News about Battle of Hastings, 1966
- H35 'The Pevensey Problem' undated lecture notes
- H34 Notes on William and Pevensey, 1964
- H36 'The Burial Place of Harold' letter from Lt Col Lemmon, undated
- H37 'Senlac: more about the Battle' lecture notes 1956
- H38 Lt Col Lemmon's comments on article about the Battle of Hastings in Daily Telegraph (weekly illustrated edition) 1966
- H39 Lt Col Lemmon taking issue with article by Montgomery about the Battle of Hastings, Sunday Times, 1966
- H40 Undated map showing movement of Norman army after the Battle of Hastings

H41 exchanges with Lt Col Lemmon in 1950s and 60s about details of the Battle of Hastings
H42 Proof copy of 'The Field of Hastings' by Lt Col Lemmon, undated
H43 Lecture notes to Sussex Archaeological Society 1955 on 'The Battle of Hastings'
H44 1952 lecture by C T Chevallier 'Where was the Malfosse?'
H45 'Where did William land?' article in 1928 Sussex County Magazine
H46 Notes on a lecture of 1985 'The English after Hastings adapting to a Normanised World'
Unnumbered National Geographic magazine 1966: article by Professor Kenneth Setton on the Norman Conquest

HSI Largely clockmaking in Battle

I1 Clockmakers' apprentices, undated
I2 Beeching clock at Ashburnham article
I3 Battle Church Clock and reprint of 'Clockmakers of Battle' by E J Tiler, 1978
I4 Battle Churchwardens' accounts, extracts relating to Church clock, 1973
I5 Further copy of Tiler reprint and unrelated letters from Archivist
I6 Enquiries about Clockmakers of Battle, 1960s
I7 Notes about Battle Clockmakers
I8 List of Clockmakers in Battle
I9 Notes about the Battle Post Office clock
I10 'A Sussex Clock' 1956 article about Cuckfield Church
I11 'The First Electric Clock' article of Antiquarian Horology, undated
I12 'The Clock of St George's Church, Esher'
I13 List of Essex Clock and Watchmakers
I14 Account Book of Tills, Battle, 1719-33
I15 'Sussex notes and Queries' journal of Sussex Archaeology Society November 1961, probably retained for article on Rye and its clocks
I16 Antiquarian Horology article on Rye Church Clock, 1962
I17 Antiquarian Horology 1976 Rye Church Clock
I18 'A Church Clock with one hand' Article 1955 in The Salisbury Times
I19 'The Clock that changed hands: discovered in Cambridge'
I20 winder for watch probably 1811-12
I21 handwritten note about Red Tripoli

HSJ Battle district

J1 Miscellaneous published documents about Ashburnham and Ashburnham Church
J2 Handbooks on Beauport Park Hotel
J3 Two pages about Bodiam Castle and Herstmonceux Castle with pencilled date of 1816
J4 Pages about Brambletye Manor 1827
J5 Photograph of lead casting on Brede Church, no date or substantive description
J6 1972 School Brickwall Magazine
J7 Descriptive booklet about St Thomas a Becket Church, Brightling

J8 Correspondence about possible connection between Buckland family of Tasmania and Battle Abbey

J9 Borough of Hastings booklet on 1966 celebrations to commemorate Battle of Hastings in Hastings and district, together with 1916 minutes of the Hastings Castle Sub-Committee

J11 Late Victorian print of Normanhurst and correspondence with Californian family of fireman who helped fight the blaze; drawings of 1882 special illustrated edition of Hastings and St Leonard's Observer

J12 Normanhurst Hospital 1915-19

J13 Proceedings of Northiam Historical Society 1953

J14 St Hilary's School, Normanhurst Court

J15 Twenty Centuries in Sedlescombe – miscellaneous 1958 publications

J17 Country life article about Sussex

J18 Correspondence about 'Town Creep' a supposed ancient settlement near Penhurst

J19 Historical notes about Whatlington, handwritten and undated

J20 Windmills in East Sussex 1975

J21 1953 correspondence about lost village of Pevensey

J22 Working papers about Society Excavation in Petley Wood 1952; further exchanges in 1979

J23 Photocopy of programme 'The Sleeping Beauty: a fairytale play' performed at Normanhurst 1903

HSK Largely military

K1 Army Baptisms 1778-1816

K2 1972 correspondence about the impact of the army on Battle 1760-1850

K3 Daily Telegraph article 11 November 1939 on Germany

K4 'Siren Songs'- three copies; a booklet produced by Norah Hurdman, Air Raid Warden

K5 Working papers on Battle Barracks, undated

K7 Correspondence 1959 about Barracks and redoubt on Silver Hill

K8 1970 correspondence about Battle Barracks

K9 1970 letter about Spanish Armada beacon on the site of the Blackhorse Inn

K10 undated map of Eastbourne showing 'ordinary bombs'

K11 map showing flying bomb landings in East Sussex

K12 'Hitler passed this way' booklet of pictures post war, London Evening News

K13 'The Invasions of Britain by Julius Caesar' article 1970, Lt Col Lemmon

K14 Papers about the threatened Napoleonic invasion, with photocopies of 1809 documents

K15 photocopies of Victorian plans of Southern Railways routes

K16 Notes of BDHS Lecture about Napoleonic invasion threat, undated

K17 Speaking notes, undated, of a lecture on the Martello towers

K18 'The Story of the Royal Military Canal', speaking notes from Lt Col Lemon, with diagrams, undated

K19 'The Royal Military Canal' 1953 article by Professor Richard Glover

K26 Copies of 4 issues of 'The Tin Hat', dated 1941, a magazine for the Civil Defence Services, Battle District
K27 Annotated report of 1943, about air raid on Battle
K28 Newspaper cuttings about bombings in Benenden in 1944
K29 Essay on the impact of WW2 on Battle, by Andy Lawrence
K30 undated press article about Blitz casualties in Sussex
K31 press article 2005 about the recollections of Peter Garrett, an inhabitant in Battle in WW2

HSS Development of Battle, 19th and 20th centuries

S1 Poverty in Battle 1700-1835, undated, unauthored monograph
S2 Working papers on occupations in Victorian Battle
S3 Battle in 1851, monograph by John Lowerson, University of Sussex 1971
S4 Demographics in Battle 1760-1852
S5 Recollections of Battle, early 20th century, undated and unauthored
S6 Battle in Early 1920's and now, initialled IRAL and undated
S7 Rural District of Battle, Jubilee Review 1894-1954
S8 Proof sheets of 'The History of Battle' by W A Raper
S9 'The Historical Background of Battle' unsigned and undated
S10 Chronological table of events in Battle up to 1876, unsigned, possibly 1966
S11 Notes apparently for a book about Battle, unsigned and undated
S12 Unsigned and undated short article about Battle
S13 The Crecy Report, original copy 1850
S14 19th Century documents about elections
S15 Electoral notices originals 1834 and 1837 (Rye)
S16 Report on Battle and future development by Battle Civic Association 1978
S17 Battle Town Plan 1972
S18 Correspondence about planning permission for a light industry site in Battle 1970
S19 Concerns in 1966 by the BDHS about laying of electricity lines on historical sites in Battle
S20 1971 report by the Society for the local council about the historic background of Battle; also included articles by the Society on industrial development in Battle and 'a road across the Battlefield' both written in 1968
S21 press cuttings 1971 on expansion of Hastings and about approval of a light industrial site in Battle 1970
S22 1975 article on 'Parochial History in Battle'
S23 Document about the moving of the Battle TIC to the Market Site
S24 Battle Town Plan, modern, undated
ESCC consultative documents 1972: A Preliminary Exercise in Public Participation; Battle Town Plan, Technical Appendix; Conservation Area
S25 Correspondence about the Knight Project: an alternative route for the Battle By-pass

HST and U (includes L) Misc including “any questions” transcripts

- T1 Published analysis of sources about the Norman Invasion, pencilled date 3/1/07, no indication of where published
- T2 Short article about Bayeux Tapestry, probably by A P Swan 1988
- T3 ‘The Stoddard Reproduction of Bayeux Tapestry’ leaflet published by the BDHS Museum Trust
- T4 Commentary to the film about the Bayeux Tapestry, shown at the Senlac Cinema, unauthored and undated
- T5 Press article about Reading Museum Tapestry 1992
- T6 Press articles of 1965 about finds at Winchelsea
- T8 Media coverage 1989 of shipwreck find off Hastings
- U1 Photocopies of press articles on creation of BDHS museum 1950
- U2 Battle and District Historical Society suggested design for museum and library, undated
- U3 Battle and District Historical Society suggested design for museum and library, undated
- U4 Running expenses of the Museum at Church House 1960-61
- U5 Leaflets advertising Battle Historical Museum at the Memorial Hall
- U6 1964 correspondence about getting display cases

Folder L:

- L17 Recruitment leaflet for BDHS; notes on ideas for increasing membership of the Society; and other miscellaneous documents from the Society 1962
- L18 Further miscellaneous documents from the Society
- L19 Notes from Working Group on how to commemorate 900th anniversary of Battle of Hastings
- L126 Guide Book to Cowdray ruins

Unnumbered folders:

Contains copies of 4 sessions held by BDHS entitled ‘Any Questions on local places, personalities and events’ held on 23 January 1953; 12 December 1953; 24 January 1964; 29 January 1965

Reminiscences by Samuel Collier Burgess 1827-1908. Mr Burgess was the oldest son of James Burgess of Battle and was born there in 1827. He went to school in Brighton and after living briefly in Leicester went into business in Hastings. Mr Burgess lived in Crawley from 1870. In this context, the contents of the file comprising some 100 photocopies of Mr Burgess’ handwritten reminiscences probably contain little of interest in respect of Battle

HSZ Miscellaneous

- Z1 Correspondence about the Royal Cornwell militia
- Z2 Notice about what to do about ‘Mad Dogs’ produced by Bayley, of Battle, undated
- Z3 1966 correspondence about insurance stamps
- Z4 A couple of 1841 love letters
- Z5 Correspondence about the location of the Malfosse, 1956, Lt Col Burn
- Z6 Introduction to a lecture by Dr Welch re American Indians, appears Victorian

Z7 1066 Commemorative Stamp First Day Cover and correspondence associated with commemoration; also 1903 stamped envelope to Mrs Sharpe, Star Hotel Battle containing greeting card from Mr Arthur Miles

Z8 Queen Victoria's Jubilee card; poem about first day of Penny Post 1840

Z9 Domesday Book: 900th Anniversary Programme at Public Record Office 1986

Z10 Battle to London return coach ticket, undated

Z11 articles about pictures of Battle of Hastings, including one about the painting in Battle Abbey School

Z12 1970 Advisory Booklet on researching the history of a parish or locality

Z13 1840 copy of 'Rules for the Government of the House of Correction in Lewes' signed by Frederic Ellman

Z14 1969 Report on excavations at Belle Tout, near Beachy Head

Z15 Correspondence of 1961 about Netherfield earthworks

Z16 1954 correspondence about siting of Northiam Glass Furnace

Z17 Notes about a talk in 1952 on 'The Stone Age in Southern England'

Z18 London Gazette 28 April 1837

Z19 Original document of brief for prosecution of William Goodsell for barn burning in Ewhurst; also Senlac Forensic Services notes on a case of barn burning in Guestling and the wrongful conviction and execution of Bufford who had been framed by Oliver.

Z20 original 1823 affidavit in respect of burglary at Battle

Z21 Original documents entitled Calendar of Inmates, House of Correction, Lewes 1829-30 with order or sentence of court written alongside in manuscript

Z22 'Tom Cladpole's Journey to Lunnun' in pure Sussex doggerel, no date of publication

Z23 Miscellaneous press cuttings about Piltdown Man

Z24 Article about historic shipwrecks of Sussex, undated

Z25 Four guides to Rye

Z27 Withyham Parish Church Guide

Z28 Guide to Bosham Church and the Bayeux Tapestry, 1995

Z29 'The Village Sign' booklet, largely concerned with Burwash

Z30 Documents contributed to archive in 2003, comprising Esther Martin's Study Group papers, consisting of commentary about Battle Estate maps; notes about English seasons and harvests 1750-1851; photocopy of manuscript description about comparative plans for Battle Town 1754-1859

Z31 Family recollections of 'Sid' some of which relate to Battle, mid 20th Century

Z32 Letter to Mr Barton, Solicitor, Battle re property, probably 1810

Z33 Mementos of Sgt Tom Vidler, 2 First World War Victory Medals, one without ribbon, and two ribbons without medals and copy of New Testament which saved Tom Vidler's life when hit by a shell fragment; account of his saving a man from drowning during the war; photograph of unidentified war grave; account of his funeral; account of Tom Vidler's wedding at Bohemia, 1924 **(medals and photos on display at the Museum)**

Further material added in HSZ/1-7 series in late 2015 arising from checking of miscellaneous papers in the Museum cupboards: see next sheet

HSZ/1

Boxes of Transactions, Newsletter and Journals (sole surviving complete set) with accompanying index, 1950-2015

HSZ/1/a Additional copies of "Transactions", Nos, 17, 19-23, 26,27

HSZ/2

Three blue files of Parish records

HSZ/3

Box of assorted village guides from Sussex and Kent

HSZ/4

One brown ring binder of family history: Mepham; Parks; Veness

HSZ/4

Two sets of Battle Parish magazines : 1924-33; 1934-40

HSZ/5

Miscellaneous items from papers found in the Museum, concerning BDHS activities in the 1980's through to 2003:

HSZ/5/1 BDHS Research Group inc Gregory Martin and Keith Reader

HSZ/5/2 Correspondence about the Battle of Hastings

HSZ/5/3 Research on churches of E Sussex

HSZ/5/4 Family history inc Harney

HSZ/5/5 Correspondence about location of the Malfosse

HSZ/5/6 Correspondence about relations between the Museum and the BDHS

HSZ/5/7 Papers about the "Norman poets" and "World Heritage".

HSZ/6

Items from the 950th celebrations in Battle, 2016: the "Time Capsule".

HSZ/7

Papers , in 4 box files, concerning researches on the 1840 Battle Union workhouse. *For reasons of lack of space in the Museum, the workhouse material is stored under the stewardship of Adrian and Sarah Hall, in the Annex of 3 Frederick Thatcher Place, North Trade Road, Battle Tel 01424 775200*

Papers in the HSZ/8 series below were added in January 2016 by kind donation of the family of Maureen Millar, onetime Vice President of the BDHS. Stored in the Museum with the rest of the BDHS Archive.

HSZ/8 The Millar Archive

HSZ/8/1 Eliza Acton biography, one sheet

HSZ/8/2 Battle 1830 Agricultural unrest, speaking notes, anon
HSZ 8/3 Battle booklets
HSZ/8/4 BDHS Research Group minutes 1997-2005

HSZ/8/5 Press article about Thomas Brassey
HSZ/8/6 Browne Family 1
HSZ/8/7 Browne Family 2
HSZ/8/8 Domesday Commemoration in Battle 1986
HSZ/8/9 Family histories: 17C records + Wigge, Brooke, Hale, Wilson
HSZ/8/10 Langton/Forster families
HSZ/8/11 Lost Ways Group, mainly Ashburnham 1990
HSZ/8/12 William Markwick, Hastings and E Sussex naturalist, booklet
HSZ/8/13 Gregory Martin, monograph , 16C Biblical scholar
HSZ/8/14 Memories of Battle: various authors
HSZ/8/15 Oral history guidelines
HSZ/8/16 Pelhams
HSZ/8/17 Bayeux and other tapestries- booklets, clippings
HSZ/8/18 Watts Family
HSZ/8/19 1966 clippings, articles etc

HSZ/9 BDHS Research Group 1996 – (BDHS file from NC-C 2014)

HSZ/9/1. Letter from John, Precinct, Old Forewood Lane, Crowhurst, to Ken Alderton
cc

David Sawyer 25 9 2000

HSZ/9/2. Letter from John, Precinct, Old Forewood Lane, Crowhurst, to David Sawyer
25 10 00 listing papers sent to him, to be added to his collection:

- Battle and the military
- The inns of Battle
- Battle and its coaches
- Battle roads
- Isaac Ingall

HSZ/9/3. List of contents of file

HSZ/9/4. Folder: citizens of Battle in the 16 and 17 centuries. Broad statement touching on religion, control of the town, high street housing. Five families selected for further study: Foster, Haye, Pilcher, Watts, Gott

HSZ/9/5. The Watts family of Battle

HSZ/9/6. The will of Giles Watts 1657

HSZ/9/7. Senlac House

HSZ/9/8. Letter from John to David Sawyer 19 10 00 covering notes on Watts family

HSZ/9/9. Watts family tree

HSZ/9/10. Packet on Battle High Street:

- Map of Town, probably early 19C
- Same in greater detail for Upper Lake and lower High Street
- Same, greater detail for Lower Lake
- Plot analysis of above

- Ditto, showing numbering code
- Occupation 1569
- Residents of Hundred of Battle
- Rentals 1569

HSZ/9/11. Holdings and rentals 1569, the borough,

HSZ/9/12. Holdings and rentals 1569, the Borough, Maps as in 10

HSZ/9/13. Comparison of 1569 and 1652 holdings

HSZ/9/14. Duplicate of 10.7 (Residents of the Hundred of Battle) dated 1665

HSZ/9/15. Middleborough rentals list 1569

HSZ/9/16. Folder: Samuel Gott c1614-1671

HSZ/9/17. Hale of East Sussex and Battle, including will of Elizabeth Hay 1759

HSZ/9/18. Folder: tradesmen and crafts within the parish of Battle. Various dates, mostly 19C.

HSZ/9/19. Copy of DNB entry for Gregory Martin d. 1582, ditto for Catholic Encyclopaedia and Alumni Oxonienses 1500-1714

HSZ/9/20. Folder: Sir Robert Foster 1589-1693

HSZ/9/21: Uckham: Land holdings 1569

HSZ/9/22. Baptism 1641-49

HSZ/9/23. Marriages 1641-52

HSZ/9/24. Marriage Licenses 1627-1642

HSZ/9/25. Burials 1641-50

HSZ/9/26. Year book of probates Battle references 1630-47

HSZ/9/27. Battle between 1558 and 1660 a) the Deans. Two copies with corrections and further notes

HSZ/9/28. Battle: 37 Mount Street (King's Head) and 36 Mount Street

ADDITIONAL ITEMS HELD AS PART OF THE ARCHIVE

- A box file of 22 cassette voice recordings of oral histories. (seeA1). Four of these are missing (Tapes 8,9,10 and 15). Transcriptions exist of tapes 8 and 9 (Jack Harmer on Ashburnham Woods and Brickyard; Ethel Pilbeam on childhood in Hooe and early teaching career; Donald Newport on Hooe). There is also a partial transcription of tape 15. All tapes have been copied to a digital format.
- Four further cassette tapes of local interest. All have been copied to a digital format.
- Boxes of photographic slides - containing an estimated 200 slides, mostly of the Horticultural Society show
- Index file containing 124 photos of the town taken in the 1980s
- Index files containing details of buildings in the town and their various ownership and uses