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Two account books (1572 and 1595-1613), documents and letters, belonging to the Ayliffe family of Skyres Farm, Wootton St. Lawrence, Hampshire, England. "Instructions for a court leet", by William Guidott. Transcriptions made by S.W. Shelton. His correspondence and research notes are also included.

It is unusual for papers relating to a yeoman family to survive so this collection is of considerable interest. It came into the possession of S.W. Shelton, archivist to the English banking firm, Glyn, Mills & Co., in the 1950s. He retired in 1969 and came to live in Canada. He was a member of the Society of Archivists. After his death his wife donated the collection to the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library.

Inclusive dates: 1561-1974.

Extent: 4 boxes, 3 bound vols. 88 cm.

Accession number: 83:042.

Gift of Mrs. S.W. Shelton in 1983.

*N.B. maincard and subjects
appear in the MSS. cat.*

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HISTORICAL NOTE

The farm of Skyres (Skeyers, Skiers), Wootton St. Lawrence, Hampshire, was leased to the Ayliffe family by Magdalen College, Oxford, from the end of the 15th century to at least 1674. In 1676 it was leased to William Guidott. The Ayliffe family also owned (?) other properties in Hampshire: Boltishams (Bolshams) Farm, North Oakley Farm, Hannington Farm.

The bulk of these papers belonged to the Richard Ayliffe who was born in 1564. He was the grandson of another Richard, and son of Thomas. In 1594 he married Elizabeth Venables. Their children were Joan (b. 1596), Thomas (b. 1597, d. 1644), Richard (b. 1599), Andrea (b. 1601), Jane (b. 1603, d. 1604) and Elizabeth. A cousin was Richard Ayliffe of Ewhurst. In 1611 Richard Ayliffe was forced to move to the parsonage at Ampport, Hampshire, after falling into financial difficulties by acting as guarantor to his nephew, Bernard Calverd. He died there in 1614.

References to the Ayliffes, their properties and many of the names mentioned in the papers can be found in vol. 4 of The Victoria History of the Counties of England: Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (DA/670/H2H5)

The two account books and many of the other documents and letters are in very poor condition and have been extensively repaired.

The pages of the Account book, 1595-1613, have been numbered several times. It now consists of 135 leaves (the numbering referred to throughout this guide is that at the bottom right hand corner of each recto)

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ACCOUNT BOOKS

- Item 1. Account book, 1572 (& earlier) 63 p.
 p. 39-59 include family details, 1593-1603,
 by Richard Ayliffe, Skyres.
- Item 2 Account book, 1595-1613, of Richard Ayliffe,
 Skyres. 135 leaves.
 Besides the accounts, some family details and
 notable events, it includes notes on
 beekeeping (leaves 130r-132r)

Box 3 **TRANSCRIPTIONS OF THE ACCOUNT BOOKS**

- Folder 1. Transcription of the Account book, 1572 (to
 p. 19)
- Folder 2. Transcription of the Account book, 1572, &
 family details, 1593-1603.
- Folders 3-7. Transcription of the Account book,
 1595-1613.
- Folder 8. "To London, Sunday Nov. 3, 1605":
 transcription of leaf 83v of the Account book,
 1595-1613.
- Folder 9. "Iron delyverde to Jo. Knight on Satterday
 the 15 of July": transcription of leaf 128v of the
 Account book, 1595-1613.
- Folders 10-11. Notes on beekeeping: transcription of
 leaves 130r-132r of the Account book, 1595-1613.
 (2 cops.)
- Folder 12. "The measure of Skyres, 1605": trans-
 cription of leaf 133v of the Account book, 1595-
 1613.
- Folder 13. Boltishams Barn, 1597-1598: tran-
 scribed from the Account book, 1595-1613.
 "An estimate of Boltishams, 1608": transcription
 of leaf 134r of the Account book, 1595-1613.
- Folder 14. "Church account for the seconde yeare of
 my churchwardenship, 1601": transcription of leaf
 135v of the Account book, 1595-1613.

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Box 3 TRANSCRIPTIONS OF THE ACCOUNT BOOKS

Folder 15. Hedges, 1595-1612" transcribed from the Account book, 1595-1613. 3 p.

Item 4 Transcription of leaves 2v-47r of the Account book, 1595-1613. 200 p.

Box 5 AYLIFFE CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

Folder 1. Unidentified. fragment.

Folder 2. Undated. Lymestreet Ward. Note concerning bread. N. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

Folder 3. Undated. Richard Beconsall to Thomas Ayliffe. A.L.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

Folder 4. Undated. Bernard Calverd to his Good Ounkell. A.L.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

Folder 5. Undated. Bernard Calverd to his Ounkell. A.L.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

Folder 6. Undated. The house, barnes & stables. N. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

Folder 7. Undated. Memorandum You may please to enquire of a house and landes called Lanibeeds. N. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

Folder 8. Undated. A true and perfect survey of the farme of Hanyton. N. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

Folder 9. [no year] Feb. 22. Richard Venables to Richard Ayliffe, Skyres. A.L.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

Folder 10. [no year] Nov. 1. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres. Bill to pay William Hearne 10 li. D.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

Folder 11. [no year] Nov. 2. Stephen Wellford to Goodman Crose. A.L.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

Folder 12. [no year] Dec. 1. Copy of a letter, unsigned, to Capt. Cooper. L. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

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- Folder 13. [no year] Dec. 8. John Venables to Richard Ayliffe, Ampot, concerning the marriage of his daughter, Dorothy. A.L.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription).
- Folder 14. Undated. 3 li. delivered to Henry Smythe. N. fragment. (& partial transcription)
- Folder 15. Date missing. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres. Obligation to pay Richard Venables. D. 3 fragments. (& partial transcription)
- Folder 16. Date missing. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres. Obligation to pay Richard Venables. D. fragment. (& partial transcription)
- Folder 17. Date missing. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres. Debt to John & William Wig. D. fragment. (& partial transcription)
- Folder 18. 1560/61 Jan. 14. Bill for money received from the estate of John Lamball. D. 1 leaf. (& transcription)
- Folder 19. 1567 April 20. Conditions of obligation: Henry Kyngsmyl; Mary Ketyl and John Fysher. D. (dfs?) 1 leaf. (& partial transcription)
- Folder 20. 1568 May 27. William Domer (?) to Thomas Ayliffe, Skyres. (transcription only; original not found)
- Folder 21. 1570 Nov. 29. James Paget to Thomas Ayliffe, Skyres. (transcription only; original not found)
- Folder 22. 1573 May 11. Thomas Ayliffe, Skyres. Debt of 6 li. 13s 4d to Richard Hore. D.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)
- Folder 23. 1573 July 20. Thomas Ayliffe, Skyres. Obligation to pay Richard Hore 30 li. D.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)
- Folder 24. 1573 or 74 [month missing] 8. Thomas Ayliffe, Skyres. Bill to pay 20 li. to John

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Marchaunt ... tailor. D.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

Folder 25. 1580 Aug. 13. James Paget to Thomas Ayliffe. A.L.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

Folder 26. 1593 Sept. 13. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres. Bill to pay Elinor Leicester. D.S. 2 fragments. (& transcription)

Folder 27. 1593 Oct. 27. William Fysher. Sale of messuage, lands, etc. to Walter & James Knight. N. 1 leaf. (& transcription, 2 cops.)

Folder 28. 1593/94 Jan. 28. Agreement for the exchange of certain lands between Nich. Wither & Wm. Soper. D.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

Folder 29. 1594 Sept. 14. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres, to Elizabeth Venables. L. (photocopy only, 3 cops.; original not found)

Folder 30. 1595 Nov. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres. Debt to [M]archaunt als. Jennens. D.S. fragment. (& transcription)

Folder 31. 1596 March. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres. Debt to Richard Collie. D.S. fragment. (& transcription)

Folder 32. 1596 March 21. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres. Bill for 10 li. owed to John Upton. D.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

Folder 33. 1598 May 24. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres. Note concerning Mr. Smith's land in North Okeley which he unjustly detains. D.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

Folder 34. 1598 July 8. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres. Bill for 4 li. owed to Nicholas Wither. D.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

Folder 35. 1598 July 25. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres. Bill for 7 li. owed to Tho. Josie. D.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

Folder 36. 1599 fragment of a bill or obligation. D.

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- Folder 37. 1599 Nov. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres.
 Obligation to pay Richard Venables 50 li. D.S. 1
 leaf. (& transcription)
- Folder 38. 1599 Dec. 3. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres.
 Obligation to pay Robert Chandler. D.S. 1 leaf.
 (& transcription)
- Folder 39. 1599 Dec. 20. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres.
 Be it known ... [acknowledgement of debt of 20s to
 Thomas Arrowsmith] D.S. 1 leaf. (&
 transcription)
- Folder 40. 1599 Dec. 21. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres.
 Be it known ... [acknowledgement of debt of 20s to
 Thomas Arrowsmith] 1 leaf. (& transcription)
- Folder 41. 1600 Oct. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres. Bill
 for 5 li. owed to William Wig. D.S. 1 leaf. (&
 transcription)
- Folder 42. 1602 June 21. The breefe contentes of
 the Lds. of the Counsellis. D. 1 leaf. (&
 transcription)
- Folder 43. [1602? probably earlier] Right
 Worshipful. [Concerning the farm of Manydown] D.
 (df.?) 1 leaf. (& transcription)
- Folder 44. [1604 March] Trystrame Ayliffe to his
 cousin Ayliffe asking for 10s. A.L.S. 1 leaf.
 (& transcription)
- Folder 45. 1604 April 7. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres.
 Bill for 50s owed to William Beach. D.S. 1 leaf.
 (& transcription)
- Folder 46. 1606 Oct. 8. Bernard Calverd to his
 Ounkell [Richard Ayliffe] A.L.S. 1 leaf. (&
 transcription) On verso: accounts [1609?]
- Folder 47. 1608 Sept. 26. Bernard Calverd to his
 Ounkell [Richard Ayliffe] A.L.S. 1 leaf. (&
 transcription)

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- Folder 48. 1608 Dec. 3. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres, to Steven Taylor. A.L.S. 1 leaf. (photocopy only; original not found) (& transcription)
- Folder 49. 1608/09 Jan. 2. John Miller to Richard Ayliffe, Skyres. A.L.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)
- Folder 50. 1608/09 Jan. 30. Bernard Calverd to Richard Ayliffe, Skyres. A.L.S. 1 leaf. (photocopy only; original not found) (& transcription)
- Folder 51. 1608/09 Feb. 25. William Kent to Mr. Ayliffe. A.L.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)
- Folder 52. 1608/09 Feb. 26 (?) Bernard Calverd to his Ounkell, Richard Ayliffe, Skyres. A.L.S. 1 leaf. (photocopy only; original not found) (& transcription)
- Folder 53. 1609 April 9. To Mr. Proctor [concerning Bernard Calverd] A.L. (dfs.) 1 leaf. (& transcription)
- Folder 54. 1609 April 15. J. Hone to Mr. Ayliffe, Skyres. A.L.S. 1 leaf. (photocopy only; original not found) (& transcription)
- Folder 55. 1609 July 1. Richard Ayliffe, Skyres, to Richard Ayliffe of Uhurst. L. (transcription only; original not found)
- Folder 56. 1613/14 Jan. 26. John Nicholas to Richard Ayliffe, Ampport. A.L.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)
- Folder 57. 1614 Aug. 9. William Gray for Thomas Bilson, Bishop of Winchester (1547-1616) [Letters of administration granted to Elizabeth Ayliffe] (in Latin) D.S. 1 leaf.
- Folder 58. 1614 Sept. 23. John Winckworth (?) to Mr. Springham. L.S. (dfs.) 1 leaf. On verso: Knights created by Q. Elizabeth at Basing the 28th Sept. 1601. (& transcriptions)

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- Folder 59. 1616 Richard Ayliffe of Uhurst. Receipt for 6 li. 13s 4d from Elizabeth Ayliffe. D.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)
- Folder 60. 1622 John Porter to Thomas Worsham. L. (transcription only; original not found)
- Folder 61. 1655 Sept. 14. Edm F----- to ? L. (transcription only; original not found)
- Folder 62. 1656/57 Jan. 14. Anndrea Worsham to Tho. Worsham (her son) L. (transcription only; original not found)
- Folder 63. 1657 Oct. 19. Alexander Hayes. Receipt for 10 li. from Mary Ayliffe. D.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)
- Folder 64. 1659/60 Jan. 24. Robt. Pescod to Tho. Worsham. L. (transcription only; original not found)
- Folder 65. 1662 William Guidott. [Instructions for a court leet] D. 12 leaves.
- Folders 66-67. Transcription of Guidott's Instructions for a court leet. (2 cops.)
- Folder 68. Undated. William Guidott. Petitions to the King. 2 leaves. (transcriptions only; originals not found)
- Folder 69. 1665 April 25. Francis Wither. Quitclaim to Mary Ayliffe. D.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)
- Folder 70. 1678 July 6. Richard Cooper. Receipt for 100 li. from his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Ayliffe, for his sister Katherin's preferment in marriage. D.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

Box 6 (large)

- Folder 1. Undated. [List, in Latin, of houses and owners in the hundreds of Pachestrowe (Pastrow) & Kingsclere] D. 1 leaf.

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- Folder 2. Undated. [Latin text, with confirmations
 in English, concerning the church of Anneport
 (Amport)] D. 1 leaf.
- Folder 3. 1593 Richard Ayliffe, Skyres. Concerning
 the tenancy of Ockley Farm, leased to Nicholas
 Withers in 1576. D.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)
- Folder 4. 1609 Sept. 10. Richard Ayliffe to Mr.
 Fyssher; Condition of obligation: William Fyssher
 to appear to answer a plea of trespass (June
 1608); Bond concerning Hanyngton landes; list of
 deeds & leases. A.L.S.; D.S. (dfs?) 1 leaf. (&
 transcriptions)
- Folder 5. 1636/37 Feb. 10. Petition of Thomas
 Ayliffe to Philip, Earl of Pembroke & Montgomerie,
 Lord Chamberlain, against Roger Wither, and answer
 of the Lord Chamberlain. D.S. 1 leaf. (&
 transcription)
- Folder 6. 1637 May. Petition of Thomas Ayliffe to
 Philip, Earl of Pembroke & Montgomery, Lord
 Chamberlain, against Roger Wither, and answer of
 the Lord Chamberlain. D.S. 1 leaf. (&
 transcription)
- Folder 7. 1664 June 23. George Edwardes. Stating
 that Mary Ayliffe, defendant, has paid for the
 debts and engagements of Roger Wither, father &
 son. D.S. 1 leaf. (& transcription)

Box 7 S.W. SHELTON'S CORRESPONDENCE

- Folder 1. 1955 Sept. 28. S.W. Shelton to J.S.W.
 Gibson. T.L. (copy)
- Folder 2. 1955 Oct. 2. J.S.W. Gibson to S.W.
 Shelton. A.L.S.
- Folder 3. 1955 Oct. 7. S.W. Shelton to J.S.W.
 Gibson. T.L. (copy)
- Folder 4. [1955] Oct. 10. J.S.W. Gibson to S.W.
 Shelton. A.L.S.

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- Folder 5. 1955 Oct. 14. S.W. Shelton to J.S.W.
 Gibson. T.L. (copy)
- Folder 6. [1955] Oct. 15. J.S.W. Gibson to S.W.
 Shelton. A.L.S.
- Folder 7. 1955 Oct. 24. J.S.W. Gibson to S.W.
 Shelton. A.L.S.
- Folder 8. 1956 Feb. 11. J.S.W. Gibson to S.W.
 Shelton. T.L.S.
- Folder 9. 1956 Feb. 14. S.W. Shelton to J.S.W.
 Gibson. T.L. (copy)
- Folder 10. 1956 Feb. 19. J.S.W. Gibson to S.W.
 Shelton. T.L.S.
- Folder 11. 1974 July 24. S.W. Shelton to the County
 Archivist, Hampshire Record Office, Winchester.
 T.L. (copy & df.)
- Folder 12. 1974 Aug. 1. Anne Thick, Assistant
 Archivist, Hampshire Record Office, to S.W.
 Shelton. T.L.S.
- Folder 13. 1974 Nov. 5. S.W. Shelton to Col. Oliver
 Bellasis. T.L. (copy)
- Folder 14. 1974 Nov. 25. Oliver Bellasis to S.W.
 Shelton. A.L.S.

S.W. SHELTON'S RESEARCH NOTES, etc.

- Folder 15. Alphabet of old law hands (photocopy)
- Folder 16. Kingsclere Parish registers: Ayliffe
 entries (typescript)
- Folder 17. Wootton St. Lawrence: Parish accounts
 (photocopies)
- Folder 18. Typed card for an exhibition of the
 Ayliffe papers.
- Folder 19. Jottings from the Account book, 1595-1613.
- Folder 20. Research notes.

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Box 7 **S.W. SHELTON'S RESEARCH NOTES, etc.**

Folder 21. List of Richard Ayliffe's travels, etc.,
 from the Account book, 1595-1613.

Folder 22. Locations of the towns mentioned in the
 Account book, 1595-1613; alphabetical list of
 towns; map. 4 leaves.

Folder 23. Records of attendance of Richard Ayliffe
 at the Sessions, from the Account book, 1595-1613.

Folder 24. Pedigrees, family trees, etc.

Folder 25. Index to servants, etc., appearing in the
 Account book, 1595-1613.