

**Ref Code: GB 172 SP**

# **Sneyd Purchase List**

If you require this document in an alternative format, such as large print or a coloured background, please contact

[special.collections@keele.ac.uk](mailto:special.collections@keele.ac.uk)

Special Collections and Archives, Keele University Library,  
Keele, Staffordshire ST5 5BG

This material was purchased from a bookseller. It consists of items which have strayed from the Sneyd family archives, items relating to the family collected from other sources, and some items not relating to the family which have been collected because the family name appears on them. To have arranged such material on strictly archival lines would have resulted in a complicated list. For the sake of simplicity the provenance of certain items has therefore been ignored.

The family name has been spelled Sneyd throughout this list except where a variation has been included in quotation.

The material has been arranged in the following order:-

Deeds	Probate, Executors, Guardians and Trustees
Manorial	Public Office
Estate Administration	Military
Household Management	Miscellaneous
Personal	Extraneous
Legal	

---

UNIVERSITY OF KEELE

---

(Lists of Archives)

Accession No. or Code: SP

Name and Address of Owner: University of Keele, Keele, Staffordshire.

Accumulation or Collection: Purchased collection relating to the Sneyd family.

Class: Mainly private.

---

Reference Number:	Date:	Item:
-------------------	-------	-------

---

DEEDS: (i) Relating to places specified.

Abbey Hulton (Staffs.)

- |    |                 |   |
|----|-----------------|---|
| 1. | 22 May,<br>1649 | Deed relating to roaches or seams of coal in the lordship of 'Hulton' [? <u>recte</u> Abbey Hulton].<br><br>Parties: (i) Ralph Sneyd esq., of Keele (Staffs.).<br>(ii) Christopher Chatterley of Shelton. |
|----|-----------------|---|

Aldridge (Staffs.) - See under Bescot (Staffs.)

Bescot (Staffs.)

- |    |                |   |
|----|----------------|---|
| 2. | 4 May,<br>1610 | Copy deed relating to two annuities of £20 and £26.13.4, issuing out of the manors etc., of Bescot and Aldridge.<br><br>Parties: (i) Sir Edward Mountforte of Bescot.<br>(ii) Peter Mountforte, brother of (i) above. |
|----|----------------|---|

Boughton (Cheshire) - See under Church Christleton (Cheshire)

Church Christleton (Cheshire)

3. ante  
1563 Copy deed relating to property in Church Christleton, Boughton and Littleton.

Parties: (i) Henry, lord Stafford, Ursula his wife, Henry his son, deforciant.  
(ii) Sir William Sneyd, plaintiff.

Davenport (Cheshire)

4. 3 Aug.  
1671 Articles of agreement relating to property in Davenport and Somerford.

Parties: (i) William Sneyd esq., of Keele (Staffs.).  
(ii) John Davenport esq., of Marton (Cheshire), Vivian his brother.  
(iii) James Perpont yeoman, of Davenport.

'Hegley'

5. 30 June,  
1659 Agreement relating to a supply of ironstone at the furnace of William Spencer, at 'Hegley'.

Parties: (i) William Spencer esq.  
(ii) John Bowyer esq.

Hulton (Staffs.) - See Abbey Hulton (Staffs.)

Littleton (Cheshire) - See under Church Christleton (Cheshire)

Somerford (Cheshire) - See under Davenport (Cheshire)

Stafford

6. 15 Apr.  
1617 Deed relating to property near St Chad's Church, Stafford.

Parties: (i) Edward Pierson gent., of London.  
(ii) Thomas Sawyer mercer, of Stafford.

Sywell (Northants.)

7. 29 Aug.  
1666 Copy agreement relating to a settlement on the children of William Willmer esq., deceased, and Dame Felicia, now wife of John Beaumont of Sywell, with a reference to woods in Sywell.

Parties: [Not distinguished.] John Beaumont esq., Dame Felicia his wife, and William Sneyd

esq., of Keele (Staffs.), on behalf of themselves and the children aforesaid.

Tunstall (Staffs.)

8. 11 Mar.  
1596
- Deed relating to 'one Iron stone or Boylem stone myne' in the manor of Tunstall, 'one Cole myne lyinge by estimacon two or three yards und[e]r the s[ai]d stone myne' and 'one other cole myne, by estimacon not above one yard thick, & Lying by estimacon foure or five yardes und[e]r the for[e]s[ai]d cole myne'.
- Parties: (i) Ralph Sneyd esq., of Bradwall [recte Bradwell] (Staffs.).  
(ii) William Bowyer esq., of Knypsley [recte Knypersley] (Staffs.).

'Tysterston' - See Tytherington (Cheshire)

Tytherington (Cheshire)

9. 21 Mar.  
1531
- Acknowledgment, by John Chann gent., of the receipt of £4, of Sir Richard Byrches, being part payment of £6.8.4 on a sale and bargain [sic] of lands in 'Tysterston' [? recte Tytherington], 'nowe in the holdyng of on[e] Ri<sup>c</sup> hewart & in the annewte of hamnet Chenn for the rever[s]yon of the sayd landes to be made unto Ri<sup>c</sup> sneyde recorder of chester & to hys heyres for ever[, ] as sur[e] as the sayd Ri<sup>c</sup> can devyse by hys lernet concell or otherwes at any tyme that the sayd Ri<sup>c</sup> or hys eyeres shall demaunde', the same John Chann binding himself etc., to repay the £4 to Sir Richard Byrches 'yf the sayd Ri<sup>c</sup> sneyd of hys yeres refuse the sayd bargyn...'

Walsall (Staffs.)

10. 24 Apr.  
1495
- Bond, William Leycester gent., of Cofton, in the penal sum of £16, to Richard Hopkys of Walsall, to cause the same William to cause Joan [or Jane] Bowdoke, lately wife of John Bowdoke, to make the said Richard a sufficient estate in 4 parcels of land in the manor of Walsall; and to ensure that the same Joan [or Jane], after the death of her husband, 'nother vex ne trowbull the seyde Ric[hard]... for the dowre of the seyde iiiij parcells...'

11. 14 Aug.  
1553 Deed relating to  $\frac{1}{4}$  part of a burgage with appurtenances 'afore the bull ringe', in High Street, Walsall.
- Parties: (i) Richard Hopkes of Walsall.  
(ii) John Otteley esq., John Parkes, John Worsey, Robert Parkes, clerk, John Stone, 'of Alenche'.
12. 26 Mar.  
1635 Deed relating to property in Walsall, conveyance by virtue of a commission in bankruptcy.
- Parties: (i) Richard Dyot esq., Richard Persehouse, and John Birch gent., (commissioners in the bankruptcy of Humphrey Willett of Walsall, chapman).  
(ii) Henry Gorenge [alias Goringe] gent., creditor, and John Peirce, of Kingston.

Wistaston (Cheshire)

13. 2 Aug.  
1654 Bond, William Sneyd esq., of Keele (Staffs.), and Richard Sneyd gent., of Norton, in the penal sum of £1,000, to William Dodd gent., of Buerton (Cheshire), to procure certain rents and to observe covenants in a deed relating to property in Wistaston.

DEEDS: (ii) Unspecified and miscellaneous.

14. 15 Oct.  
1621 Bond, Thomas Chetwind gent., of Rudgley (Staffs.), Walter Coleman gent., of Cannock (Staffs.), and John, son of Thomas Chetwind, in the penal sum of £2,000, to Ralph Sneyd esq., of Lawton (Cheshire), to save harmless.
15. 7 Feb.  
1621/22 Release, of all actions, etc.
- Parties: (i) Sir Anthony Pell of 'Dimblebye' (Lincs.).  
(ii) Ralph Sneyd esq., of Lawton (Cheshire).
16. 14 Oct.  
1640 Bond, Ralph Sneyd esq., junior, of Keele (Staffs.) and William Sneyd gent., of Cold Norton (Staffs.), in the penal sum of £500, to Thomas Addams yeoman, of Birches Head (Staffs.), to observe covenants. [MS. imperfect].
17. 23 June,  
1643 Memorandum, of an agreement to refer to arbitration issues arising out of the estate of Francis Downes of 'Wordley' (Lancs.), Sir Thomas Milward (to be

procured by Mr Sneyd) and Sir Edward Wrightington (to be procured by Sir Cecil Trafford), arbitrators; and of an agreement relating to the rents reserved on any demise of land on the same estate.

Parties: (i) Sir Cecil Trafford, Mrs Penelope Downes.  
(ii) Philip Osborne gent., and Lawrence Hulker yeoman, for themselves and on behalf of Sir Richard Lloyd and Sir Orlando Bridgman and others, trustees appointed by the deceased.

18. 30 Dec.  
1651 Bond, Jane Sneyd widow, of Keele (Staffs.), in the penal sum of £100, to William Sneyd esq., of Keele, to save harmless under the terms of a deed dated 3 May, 1651, relating to the settlement of certain sums of money on the five daughters of Ralph Sneyd deceased, viz:- Mary, Anne, Jane, Felicia and Katherine.
19. 1 Aug.  
1676 Assignment, of personal estate.  
Parties: (i) Dorothy Columbello widow, of Chesterfield (Derby.).  
(ii) Elizabeth Taylor of the same, daughter of (i) above.
20. 8 July,  
1686 Letters of attorney, issued by William Sneyd esq., of Keele (Staffs.), to Thomas Foden gent., of Newcastle-under-Lyme, and Ralph Mounford gent., of Alneton Lodge (Staffs.), to take possession and seisin from Thomas Allen of Kingsley (Staffs.) of property specified in a deed of 8 July, 1686.

#### MANORIAL

Bemersley (Staffs.) - See under Tunstall (Staffs.)

'Brerehurst' (Staffs.) - See under Tunstall (Staffs.)

Burslem (Staffs.) - See under Tunstall (Staffs.)

Chatterley (Staffs.) - See under Tunstall (Staffs.)

Chell, Great (Staffs.) - See under Tunstall (Staffs.)

'Olcote' (Staffs.) - See under Tunstall (Staffs.)

'Ramsliffe' (Staffs.) - See under Tunstall (Staffs.)

Sneyde (Staffs.) - See under Tunstall (Staffs.)

'Stodmoorlow' (Staffs.) - See under Tunstall (Staffs.)

'Thursfelde' (Staffs.) - See under Tunstall (Staffs.)

Tunstall (Staffs.)

21.           Between 1581       Survey, manor of Tunstall, 'had to  
              and 1593                   the same or leete courte kepte twyse  
  in the yeare over xij townes[,]  
  villages or hamlettes[,]  
  that is to say tu[n]stall[,]  
  chatterley[,]  
  burslem[,]  
  sneyde[,]  
  great chell[,]  
  wedgwood[,]  
  bemersley[,]  
  stodmoorlow[,]  
  thursfelde[,]  
  brerehurst[,]  
  olcote[,]  
  and Ramsliffe', including a descent of  
  the manor, and reference to Sir  
  Gilbert Garrarde [alias Gerard],  
  Master of the Rolls, and John Wedgwood  
  esq., deceased.

Wedgwood (Staffs.) - See under Tunstall (Staffs.)

ESTATE ADMINISTRATION

Abbey Hulton (Staffs.) - See under Bradwell (Staffs.)

Alton (Staffs.)

22.           31 Mar.           'The accomptes of George Henshawe[,]  
              1629                   baylive of the Lands[,]  
  tenements and hereditamentes  
  of Francis Trentham Esq<sup>r</sup>[.,]  
  his Ma[jes]tes Ward by the  
  apoyntment of Raffe Snead Esq[.,]  
  Committee [sic] of the bodie and  
  Landes of the saide warde made for  
  one whole yeare ended...' 25 March,  
  1629, in Alton, Denstone, Combridge  
  and Rocester (Staffs.).

'Bradwall' (Staffs.) - See Bradwell (Staffs.)

Bradwell (Staffs.)

23.           1st half           'A note of Robart bagenaldes landes  
              of 17th           lyinge emongest my landes In my  
              cent.           demeanes of bradwall./'
24.           16 Feb.           Bond, Timothy Challenor mason, of  
              1674/75                   [blank]. (Staffs.), in the penal sum  
  of £10, to William Sneyd esq., of  
  Keele (Staffs.), 'to finde a perfect  
  & sufficient Springe to serve the use  
  of the house of Bradwall[,]  
  w[i]th sufficient water winter & summer, or



else he to have nothing for his paines more then thirty shillings[, ] w[hi]ch he had at his begining to sinck', the same Timothy to repay the £5 he has received in addition in the event there should be a failure of the supply.

25. 17th cent.

Notes, on the descent of the 'Bradwall' estate and its purchase by Nicholas, son of Henry Sneyd of Tunstall (Staffs.), (temp.Ed.III), on the Sneyd descent from the same, and on other family estates including Keele, Norton in the Moors, and Abbey Hulton (Staffs.).

Chatterley (Staffs.) - See also under Tunstall (Staffs.)

26. 1st half  
of 17th  
cent.

Rental, Chatterley.

[Endorsed, inter alia, with a note of the arrival in the parish of Stoke-on-Trent (Staffs.) of a female bastard child of Mary Boulton of Longton (Staffs.)].

Cold Norton (Staffs.)

27. Mid.17th  
cent.

Notes, on the descent of the manor of Cold Norton (Staffs.), traced from 1589 to the lifetime of Felicia, widow of Ralph Sneyd, including the information that William Sneyd esq. bought the same from Sir Stephen Slaney in 1607, for £4,500.

Combridge (Staffs.) - See under Alton (Staffs.)

Denstone (Staffs.) - See under Alton (Staffs.)

Huntingdonshire

28. ante  
1733

Notes, by (?) Ralph Sneyd (d.1733) on the family genealogy and descent of certain family estates including unspecified Huntingdon estates of 'Pigot of Chetwyn'd'.

Keele (Staffs.) - See also under Bradwell (Staffs.)

29. 1698

Accounts and rental, 'of what money is disburs[']d for the year 1698 by the order of my Master...', 'of what my MF. hath received for the mannor of Keele for Lady Day & MiChas for 1698', and rental of chief rents in the manor of Keele, Lady Day and Michaelmas, 1698.



35. 29 Nov.  
1677
- Acquittance, by the commissioners authorized for bringing in the rents in arrears due to her late majesty, on payment of £5 by the farmers of Wolstanton rectory, of £11.4.9½ arrears of rent owed by 'Mr Snead' up to Lady Day 1647, in consideration that the latter was engaged with the king in the civil wars and his estate was under sequestration.

Location unspecified or unidentified

36. (?) 4 Nov.  
1671
- Promissory note, by William Sneyd to Thomas Adams the younger, of Birches Head (Staffs.), concerning a close of land called 'Oxe pasture[, ] parcel of young Eaton[']s living as it is now divided, from his Father[']s parte', and its confirmation to Adams on conditions specified.
37. London.  
7 Aug.  
1742
- Letter, M. Spateman to Lady Chester 'at Ham[, ] near Ashborne[, ] Derbyshire'.
- Had received her ladyship's second letter and had acquainted Master Elde that she would not commission him to bid more than £300 for the leasehold. Had done this and her ladyship was now the purchaser. Master Elde was just on concluding his matrimonial affair and if he should not be so punctual at present in his correspondence, her ladyship would, on that solemn occasion, forgive him.
38. Wonastow.  
4 Apr.  
1816
- Letter, T. (?) Swinnerton to Walter Sneyd esq.
- Mr Harding had sent him his letter to [ ]. Was glad Mr Robinson had refused £9,000 and had written to Mr Harding not to repeat the offer, unless he received his [Sneyd's] directions. Considered the bargain at an end and unless it could be purchased at £5,000 or £6,000 at the most, free and discharged of all leases, he really thought the negotiation ought not to be renewed.
39. Wonastow.  
16 Apr.  
1816
- Letter, same to the same in London.
- Above was a copy of a letter to Mr Robinson, in consequence of a letter received by that post from Mr Harding, advising the writer to write to Mr Robinson to propose a reference to two gentlemen to value the estate.

Mr Robinson had given him until the 14th to accept. Mr Harding had also reported that, going to Newcastle, he had overtaken Lord (?) Stafford's Scotch agent, who had asked him where Mr Robinson's estate lay, that was to be sold. The writer knew that the marquis had said that he would not buy any estate which lay near tota gentleman without his consent. Had no doubt but that if Lord Stafford were apprised of their situation he would not interfere.

With (i) copy letter, 9 Apr., 1816,  
T. (?) Swinnerton to Mr  
Robinson.

Thanks him for his offer of his estate and would be happy to purchase at a price agreed by referees.

#### HOUSEHOLD MANAGEMENT

40. 27 Aug. -  
3 Sept.  
1664
- Receipted account, expenses incurred at a [? wedding] celebration, including tips and fees to gamekeepers and others, viz:-
- 2 Sept. 'given to the two Trumpeters' £2.  
3 Sept. 'given to a yong man Came from Sr John Worley[']s[, ] did good service & had his hat stole forth of the kitchen', 5/-.  
3 Sept. 'pd to Ann [?] Hadley for .9. days for helping to fetch & carrey nesasareys in ye toun & home againe & for washing & helping to put the house in redynes', 4/6d.  
3 Sept. 'pd for 4 more Burslem pots & 4 milk pans', 1/4d.  
3 Sept. 'given to the Ringers at ye greate Churtch', 5/-.
41. (?) 1670
- Account, of 'Money Laid out of Lady Day rents', miscellaneous disbursements on behalf of 'my Lady', Mr Wilmer, Hannington church and poor rates, etc.
42. (?) 2nd half  
of 17th cent.
- Account, 'of money that I Laid out for my Lady's use'.
- 1749
- Account, Jane Robinson to Lady Chester, miscellaneous personal and household items, tobacco, coffee, snuff, silk, cambric, Irish cloth, etc.
- [See SP/61 below].

PERSONAL

43. c.1650 Account, Andrew Beech draper, of London, to Ralph Sneyd esq., of Keele (Staffs.), period 1640-1650.
44. 1658/59 -  
1661 Account (6 items), Randle Lovatt to Mr Sneyd, mainly material but some other items including tobacco. [Some MSS. imperfect].
45. c. mid.17th  
cent. Account, [ ] to Mr Sneyd, for attention to horses.
46. 28 Feb.  
1660/61 Licence, to William Sneyd of Keele (Staffs.), and Elizabeth his wife, to eat flesh and to drink moderately in Lent, etc.
47. 1 June,  
1662 Account, [ ] to William Sneyd esq., for material and making clothes.
48. 8 Aug.  
1662 Letter, Edward Checkley to William Sneyd esq., at Keele Hall (Staffs.).  
  
Had therewith according to his commands sent him down his bills, but had forgotten one and therefore humbly begged he would be pleased to certify him in it, 'which I hope you may easily doe p<sup>r</sup>esuming y<sup>o</sup>r worship may have all my receipts by you'; if he had committed 'an erer' by mistake, he humbly begged his pardon. Would wait upon him in a fortnight or three weeks 'and then I shall sett all things wright'.
49. London.  
22 Dec.  
(?) 1687 Letter, Edward Smith to William Sneyd esq., senior, at Keele Hall (Staffs.).  
  
Was sorry his watch 'doe not perform Accordin['] to Expecttasion[,] i hop yousing it it will goe well...', etc.
50. Keele.  
27 Apr.  
1664 Bill of exchange, William Sneyd directing Edward Checkly to pay Thomas Abnett mercer, of Stafford, 'for my use the summe of two hundred & fifty pounds, w<sup>ch</sup> monies I shall acknowledge upon the account of m<sup>rs</sup> Fran: Dryden[']s portion'.
51. 1731 -  
1732 Account, (?) John Barker to Edward Sneyd esq., medicine, hair powder, etc.
52. 1736/37 Account, William Lowe to (?) Mr Charles Gilbert, for material, buttons, etc.

53. 1737 Letter and account, William Lawyer to Mr Ralph Sneyd, at Ham's Hall (Warwickshire), for Lady Chester, for dancing lessons.
54. 1738 -  
1739 Account, William Lowe to Lady Chester, for material, buttons, etc.
55. 1738 -  
1739 Account, Charles Gilbert to Mr 'Dridne' Sneyd, for making and mending clothes, etc.
56. 15 Dec.  
1739 Receipt, of £2.12.6., by (?) Kate Dickson of Lady Chester on behalf of Mrs Ralph Sneyd, for material and a pair of stockings.
57. 1744 -  
1745 Account, Jane Robinson to Lady Chester, for material and dress-making.
58. London.  
6 Aug.  
1745 Letter, John Horton to [(?) Lady Chester].  
  
The many presents he had received from her ladyship commanded more thanks than it was possible to express. Thanks her and Mr Adderley for a present of ~~venison~~ venison which his sister Molly had told him of. His nephew Watt had had some and desired his duty to her. 'I did not know how to ask my Niece and Miss Sneyd to take part with us, Mrs Lalley having orders & many reasons for their not coming here, what those reasons are I should be glad to know,...' Last Sunday Mr Lalley, Miss Sneyd, his niece and nephew had dined with them, and were all very well.
59. 1746 Account, Messrs. Carr, Ibbetson & Bigge to Miss Nanny Sneyd, for material.
60. 14 July,  
1748 Letter and accounts (2 items), Amy and Lydia Peck to [ ], for making clothes, material and washing.
61. 1749 Account, Jane Robinson to Lady Chester, miscellaneous personal and household items, tobacco, coffee, snuff, silk, cambric, Irish cloth, etc.
62. 18th cent. Fragment, of child's letter, thanks for flich of bacon.

LEGAL

63. 26 Apr.  
1605 Writ of right, directed to the sheriff bailiffs of Shrewsbury, on behalf of Edward Owen gent., and Thomas Fawkenor

- gent., relating to six messuages, three tofts, six gardens, one hundred acres of land, fifty acres of meadow, one hundred acres of pasture, and five acres of wood, with appurtenances, in Bicton and Rossall (Salop.).
64. 1640 -  
1661 List, of 'Mr Sneyd[']s Engagm[en]ts for the late Lord Gerrard', summary of debts.
65. 1649/50 File (4 items), outlawry proceedings against Ralph Sneyd of Keele (Staffs.), comprising:-  
(i) rough notes of expenses and debts.  
(ii) list entitled 'Principle Debtes'.  
(iii) certified abstracts of (21) outlawries on Ralph Sneyd, 1641 - 1648.  
(iv) writ, of capias ad satisfaciendum, addressed to the sheriff of Staffordshire, to take Ralph Sneyd esq., of Keele (Staffs.).
66. 1650 List, of R.Sneyd's London debts.
67. c.1650 Deposition, of John Hippisley of Keele (Staffs.), concerning the death of Col. Ralph Sneyd in the Isle of Man. [MS. imperfect].
68. 1st half  
of 17th  
cent. Extract, from the patent rolls, Part 9, 37 Hen.8 [1545 - 1546], relating to a grant of the reversion of the manor of 'Mawdeley alias Madeley' (Staffs.), lately Edward, Duke of Buckingham's, to Sir Edward Bray and Joan [or Jane] his wife, with all appurtenances, together with the rectory and church, and advowson of the same, to be held in chief for 1/20th part of a knight's fee and 13/3d [sic] for the rectory.
69. 7 Nov.  
1651 Receipt, £32, of William Sneyd, by Jo. Smythe on behalf of and for the discharge of fees in the Office of the First Remembrancer and Attorney General, and for the discharge of outlaws against Ralph Sneyd esq.
70. Newcastle.  
21 Jan.  
1666/67 Letter, Thomas Bagnall to William Sneyd at Keele (Staffs.).  
  
Conceived there might be occasion for Mr Millward to consider the deed of trust, as well as the subsequent agreement. Had therefore caused his [the writer's] brother to make a copy of both. Sneyd would acquaint Mr Millward with Mr Beaumont's receding from the agreement, etc. Gives details of monetary settlement under the agreement referred to, and his advice

- as to the best manner in which to proceed.
71. Gray's Inn.  
12 Nov.  
1667
- Letter, William Pargiter to William Sneyd esq., 'att his house att Keele neare Newcastle under line[, sic] in Staffordshire'.
- Had long since received his of the 2nd instant and was sorry to hear that Sir George (?) Buswell, 'who should be a freinde to ye children', deferred putting in his answer. That cause had already suffered under so long a delay. If he pleased to order Mr Wood to call at his [the writer's] chamber that term, he would give him his utmost assistance in it. Comments upon other legal issues, including the lease made by Lady Compton, and her dower.
72. 1669
- Copy letter, [ ] to 'Mr Jervys'.
- The writer asks Jervys to find out certain details concerning the wife of a Mr Rowland Oakeley, a Shropshire man resident in Ireland, and in particular, whether she were alive or not, the writer being doubtful of the validity of a certificate to the effect that the same was alive.
- With (i) copy certificate, that Anne, wife of Rowland Oakeley, was alive on 15 July, 1669.
- [Endorsed, inter alia: 'M<sup>rs</sup> Skrymshire her Request'].
73. 3 Apr.  
1698
- Opinion, on the fee to which a sheriff is entitled for making a warrant on an execution, or executing a writ, etc.
74. 17th cent.
- Copy opinion, on draught settlements of jointure in the marriage of 'Mr Draicot' with Mrs Mary [(?) Boughton].
- [Endorsed: 'See theis delyvered to Mr Philip Draycot, at Moreton'].
75. 15 Dec.  
1734
- Letter, Cha. Wood to [Lady Chester].
- The occasion of giving himself the honour to write to her ladyship and Mr Adderley would better appear from the writings brought by his servant and 'Mr Tollers letter' than from his. Therefore he was persuaded that no objection could be made to their signing the deed of assignment, which he hoped would meet with no delay. [MS. imperfect].



76. 21 Nov.  
1735
- Proceedings in Chancery, Dryden Sneyd esq., by Robert Pigot, next friend, complainant, Anna Sneyd widow, and others, defendants, statement, by Lady Chester, concerning the education and maintenance of the children of (?) Ralph Sneyd [1692 - 1733].
- With (i) certification of Lady Chester's handwriting on the above, annexed.
77. (?) 'Tyford'.  
23 Oct.  
1746
- Letter, Francis Eld to Edward Sneyd esq.
- Had carefully read over the abstract and the deed and was of the opinion that a court of equity would oblige Mr Piggott, the surviving trustee, to convey to him an estate in fee of the lands at Almington (Staffs.), chargeable with the £1,000 given by Lady Noell. Apprehended that might now be done by the consent of Mr Horton and his lady, without the expense of a suit in equity, '& I[,] was it my case[,] should demand of Mr Horton to Joine in such a Deed & if he refused it would file a Bill in Chancery to compell ye Execution of a proper Deed'. Would not have him be too hasty in giving the estate out of his power. His nephew Ralph would be his heir and would take the estate after his death unless he disposed of it by deed or will, 'but do not quit your possession nor do things you can't undo, you have other Nephews equally near to you, Dependance and Expectations of advantage produce respect & Good treatment'. Thought it would do him good to ride over and spend a night with him, to talk the whole thing over. Knew not 'what my Lady means by hir present[.] I have had more of hir favours before than I had any pretentions to, I shall not looke into the inside of the parcell but return it to hir in ye plite I received it...'
78. 18th cent.
- Letter, [ ] to William Sneyd esq.
- Had received his that day and had, according to his order, sent him another bill. Was much troubled that he should have any cause to think that he had occasioned him to expend any unnecessary charge in his nephew's suit. Had done all in his power to save him from much expense. Reports progress in legal affairs, including a declaration against Biddulfe. [MS. imperfect].

PROBATE, EXECUTORS, GUARDIANS, TRUSTEES

79. 29 Mar.  
1667 Receipt, of £1,000, by Katharine [sic] Pigott, of Walter her brother, part payment of a legacy of £1,400 from her father Thomas Pigott of Chetwynd (Salop.), and release of William Sneyd esq., of Keele (Staffs.) and the other executors of her father's will. [MS.imperfect].
80. 6 Oct.  
1675 Letters of administration, granted to Mary, widow of John Burslem, lately of Mould in the parish of Wolstanton (Staffs.).
- 4 June,  
1677 Order, by Ann, Lady Dowager Lovelace, that whereas beforehand, as guardian to Sir Thomas Noell, an infant, she had forbidden the tenants of the estate of Sir William Noell, deceased, in Warwickshire and Leicestershire (sold by him to Edward, lord Ward, and William Ward esq., by indenture of 15 May, 1672, upon trusts), to pay their rents to the trustees, the same were now to pay their rents to the same trustees or to whom they should appoint to receive them.  
[See SP/33 above].
81. 2nd half  
of the  
17th cent. Proposals, of Sir John Monson, to the trustees of William Willmer esq., addressed to 'William Sneyde Esq, at his lodging in Fetter lane[, ] at the next Barbers house to Fleet streete'.
82. 17th cent. Memorandum, concerning certain portions advanced to 'yo<sup>r</sup> Neices', and the manner of conveying their power to levy or distress the lands thus charged to trustees.
83. Late 17th  
or early  
18th cent. Copy letter, [ ] to [ ].  
Supposed he might lie under his censure for having a considerable sum 'of yo<sup>r</sup> sonne Cotton[']s in my hands', and therefore desired he would either inspect and adjust his accounts himself or send his man to do so, to clear him of suspicions. 'As for all my receipts both of the personal estate & Rents since my [sic] son Cotton dyed[, ] til Will Cotton entred upon the whole estate[, ] will appeare by Mr. Robert Gilbert[']s book of acct<sup>s</sup>...'. Describes Will Cotton's extravagances, supposes his correspondent 'may scruple his sisters['] maintenances left by their Father, who had he lived but 3 days longer had given them 1[, ]000li. a peece por<sup>o</sup>ns[, ] and to that end he came to Keel & acquainted me w<sup>th</sup> his intentions & had made a new will...'. Had laid out £100 out of his own pocket on

them. Would expect consideration for Will Cotton's table 'since he came from Oxford[, ] wch is about 7 years[, ] for he occasions more resort to my house then I did myself[, ] for the house was seldom free from taylors[, ] barbers[, ] sadlers[, ] shoemakers[, ] &c...'. Concludes with a description of his concern with the advowson of Houghton.

84. 1709

Account, 'stated betwixt the Lady Frances Skrymsher (as Guardian to Ra. Sneyd Esq<sup>r</sup>.) and John Fenton[, ] Ag[en]<sup>t</sup>. for the said Ralph Sneyd...', comprising (i) rent account, (ii) disbursements on Mr Sneyd's account, including personal, estate and miscellaneous items, viz:-

- 22 Apr. 'Required by Mr to exchange for him halfe a crowne in order to pay a barber for trimming him[.] I gave him 2<sup>s</sup>:6<sup>d</sup> but he forgott to give me the halfe crowne', 2/6d.
- 20 June. 'pd Will: Parkes for mending the Queens Arms in Keele Church', 6/6d.
- 5 Sept. 'pd John Danill in part for tyle & brick had to Keele Hall...', £2.

85. 10 July,  
1745

Letter, Francis Eld to Lady Chester, at Hams Hall (Warwickshire).

It was impossible for him to busy himself with Mr Sneyd's affairs without his desiring it as a favour from him. If he was quite recovered, reason and justice pleaded for superseding the commission, if not, it was in her ladyship's power, 'by not making an Affidavit or opposing his petition[, ] to prevent it'. [MS. imperfect] ...Mrs Eld intended to call on her, setting out a fortnight before him, 'but I believe when it cometh towards the time she will alter her resolutions, & my affaires[, and] render every Scheme of mine uncertain[, ] so as that I can't say at any time what I shall be able to effect'. Had been in hopes she would have brought her grandson by that time to have done something for the benefit of the younger children, the longer that was delayed, the worse and more difficult to get done.

86. London.  
20 July,  
[18th cent.]

Letter, G. Sykes to Edward Sneyd esq., at Keele Hall (Staffs.).

Mr Greenollers having absolutely refused to supply him or his brother with any part of the money in his hands without his positive orders, or the writer's administration, which latter course the writer absolutely refused to adopt, he

hoped he would so far comply with his request and his poor brother's necessities as to send him an order by the next post. Encloses his brother Tom's letter, 'That you may be convinced of my integrity'.

[Verses, beginning 'In my soal I do hate All Pilots of State', written on the back in another 18th cent. hand.].

PUBLIC OFFICE

Lord Lieutenant

87. Whitehall.  
10 Jan.  
1627/28
- Copy letter, Privy Council to the Lord Lieutenant of [(?) Leicestershire], about the need to keep the trained bands in a state of 'warlike preparasion', and the king's intention to inspect the same on 21 April, the Lord Lieutenants and some of their deputies to report in London on 21 May concerning the state of the military forces in their counties. [MS. imperfect].
88. Whitehall.  
26 May,  
1666
- Copy letter, Lord Arlington to Robert (Greville) Baron Brooke, at Warwick Castle [Lord Lieutenant of Staffs.].
- His Majesty had commanded him to give him the trouble of these lines, to know what progress he had made upon the king's letter about procuring him money in the county of Stafford, 'upon the credite of the late Act for the 1[, ]250[, ]000li[, ] upon which many other Countyes have[, ] upon the like invitation[, ] shewen a very great forwardnes[, ] to his great contentm̄t:...' Explains the principle.
- With (i) copy letter, 4 June, 1666, Lord Brooke to Sir John [ ], at Hampstead (Staffs.) and to the rest of the Deputy Lieutenants.
- Thanks him for endeavouring to procure the advancing of the tax for His Majesty's service. Encloses a copy of Lord Arlington's letter and earnestly desires him forthwith to procure what subscriptions he can 'by way of Loane', etc.
89. Whitehall.  
6 June,  
1683
- Copy letter, the Earl of Rochester and others, to the Earl of Shrewsbury, Lord Lieutenant of Staffs.
- There had lately been produced before them a book containing the state of the account taken by the commissioners at 'Brookehouse', by which several Lieutenants, Deputy Lieutenants, etc. were charged or discharged of the tax granted under the Act of 13 and 14 Car.II (for

ordering the forces in the several counties...to raise the sum of £70,000 per annum for 3 years). By the account it appeared that there was 'about the sume of 1[, ]049li:15:4' not answered for for the county of Stafford and city of Lichfield. Desired his lordship to find someone to clear the same, or report upon it for further action by the king.

With (i) copy of the account.

Sheriff

90. Blithfield.  
17 Dec.  
1577.

Letter, Richard Bagott esq., sheriff of Staffs., to Mr John Sneyd at Stafford.

Whereas he had been determined to meet him that day at Stafford, he was 'somewhat trobled wth the Cold' and might not well ride. Had therefore sent his servant to receive the charge of the gaol and all other things from him which were to be delivered by indenture between them, and authorizing the same to seal and deliver for him.

With (i) annexed, deed, 17 May, 1577, between Ralph Sneyd esq., late sheriff of Staffs., and Richard Bagott esq., sheriff of the same, witnessing that the former had delivered to the latter the bodies of the prisoners lying in the Queen's gaol in Stafford, viz:-

Jane Keyleley and Alice Atkynson alias Atkyns, convicts reprieved until the next gaol delivery for pardon without bail.

Jane ['Jahanne'] Palmer, convict, reprieved without judgment and bail.

John Powell, David Jones, judgment in the second degree for rogues and reprieved until the next gaol delivery without bail.

Philip Richardes alias ap Richardes and David Ballyns, reprieved without bail.

George Morrys, Zachary Dawes, Thomas Pycken, Edward Gryffyn, William Toones, Henry Johnson, Robert Bunberye, John Pole, Richard Woodward, William Barrett, Humphrey Cowper, committed for suspicion of felony.

Humphrey Pytt, committed for suspicion of murder.

John Baskyn, William Banaster, Thomas Fareley, Yevan ap Thomas, committed for rogues.

Thomas Smythe, committed by the late sheriff on a writ of capias utlagatum, at the suit of Humphrey Wolverston.

Also delivered to the new sheriff, various writs.

91. 1663 -  
1664
- Accounts (13 items), entertaining by William Sneyd as sheriff of Staffs.
- With (i) bill of exchange, William Sneyd directing Edward Checkley 'at his house overag[ain]st the Devell Taverne[, ] nere Temple barr in Fleetstreete', to pay William Farmer £150, 20 April, 1664.
- (ii) list, of presents 'sent in to sumer sises./'.
92. Whitehall.  
13 Apr.  
1664
- Letter, the Earl of Manchester to William Sneyd, sheriff of Staffs.
- Thomas Challoner, 'one of his Maties: sworne servants', had complained to him 'that by Attachm<sup>t</sup>. out of the Hundred Court of Pyeroll in yo<sup>r</sup> County[, ] Henry Bagnoll. Bayliffe[, ] Attached two of his Horses at the suite of Francis Bayly[, ] whereuppon one John Ford appeared to the said Accon without any Order'. Prayed they might be sent for and punished, and had thought good 'before I proceede any further therein' to desire him to cause the said horses to be restored, to recompense the said Challoner and preventt 'the like Contempt hereafter'.
93. Aug.  
1721
- Draft agreement, concerning the board and lodging of the sheriff of Staffs., and his party, in assize week, the same to pay 4/- for his supper, 4/- for each gentleman's supper and small beer, 1/- for the men's suppers and small beer, sufficient meat, entertainment and small beer to be provided for 30 gentlemen and 50 others, or 4/- a head for each additional gentleman and 1/6d for each additional other, paying £10 for lodgings, £4 per hogshead (60 gals.) of ale and £5 per hogshead of strong beer, stabling at the usual rate, payment to be made within one month, the sheriff to supply one buck, to give the servants a guinea, and to pay £5 for his dinner for the J.P.s, a cellar, with lock and key being provided for the sheriff's wine.
- Parties: (i) Ralph Sneyd, sheriff of Staffs.  
(ii) Thomas Wilson innkeeper, of Stafford.

Justice of the Peace

- 1st half  
of 17th  
cent.

Note, about the arrival in the parish of Stoke[-on-Trent], (Staffs.), of a female bastard child of Mary Boulton of Longton (Staffs.).

[See SP/26 above].

94. 29 Aug.  
1665 Bond, George Emrey yeoman, of 'Fosbrooke' (Staffs.), and Thomas Ward of Newcastle-under-Lyme (Staffs.), in the penal sum of £100, to keep the peace and not depart without licence.
95. 13 Nov.  
1670 Statement, signed by William Sneyd, addressed to Edward Mainwaring esq., at Whitmore (Staffs.), concerning a conventicle in Keele (Staffs.), in the house of Vincent Haywood, including Vincent Haywood, William Haywood, Humphrey Morgan and Katherine his wife, of Keele, John Badley, Isaac Badley and Katherine Lawton, of Knutton (Staffs.) and Humphrey Wolrich and Margaret his wife, of Newcastle-under-Lyme (Staffs.), the same brought before the same William Sneyd by Ralph Reeve, churchwarden, and others, including the information of Ralph Reeve, Thomas Boulton and Thomas Rowley.
96. 3 Oct.  
1671 List, of exceptions made by counsel for the defence of 'J.B.', a Quaker, convicted and fined £10.5. for attending a conventicle at the house of Vincent Haywood, and answers to the same.
97. 27 Mar.  
1683 Account, of the distribution of £7.15., fines imposed on a conventicle held in Keele (Staffs.), including a receipt, dated 22 Apr., 1683, for £3.16.8 from William Sneyd J.P., 'for the use of our selves and the Poore afores[ai]d.'

MILITARY

98. 1794 Lists (2 items), subscribers to the Staffordshire Volunteer Cavalry.

MISCELLANEOUS

99. 1699 or  
later List, of towns in Sicily destroyed or damaged by the eruption of Mount Etna.
100. (?) 1755 Note-book, (?) belonging to Thomas Breck of Keele (Staffs.), rhyming couplets, recipes for dyeing hair, 'Some diverting Questions'.
101. 2nd half  
of 18th  
cent. List, of Members of Parliament for Staffs., 'since the Union 1707' to Sir William Bagot, bart., and Sir John Wrottesley.
102. (?) Late  
18th or early  
19th cent. 'Jenny: An old Song made of the Sessions of Staffordsh<sup>e</sup>.'

EXTRANEOUSPublic Local

103. 27 Sept.  
1610
- Inquisition, taken in the Bishop's Palace, Lichfield, before Walter Bagott esq., and William Skevington esq., 'Commissioners by vertue of his hignes ['] Commission to them and others directed', on the oath of 13 jurors (named), concerning the recusancy of Peter Macklesfeild gent., of 'Mear', Thomas Chetwyne gent., of 'Denson' [recte Denstone] in Rocester, and Walter Coleman gent., of Cannock (Staffs.), and their property. [MS.imperfect].
104. 12 Apr. -  
June,  
1650
- Copy, order from the Committee of Parliament to 'Lyna[cre] Robins[,], Thomas Jarvis[,], Hamerstey [sic] & others, to seize[,], sequester[,], and] distrayne All rentes[,], arrears of rentes[,], goods[,], Chottells[,], debtes & estate' of Ralph Sneyd esq., 'towards satisfacōn of the s[ai]d Assesement' of £2,500, for the 1/5 1/5th and 1/20th part. Subscribed: (i) to the effect that the order was granted after Mr Sneyd's hearing, and a fine of £160 was set, and (ii) by virtue of which order Mr Sneyd's goods had been seized in June 1650.
105. Haberdashers Hall,  
London.  
20 May,  
1652
- Notice, by the Commissioners for Compounding with Delinquents, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations in the County of Stafford, etc., of the discharge from sequestration granted to Jane, widow of Ralph Sneyd of Keele (Staffs.), deceased, of the estate of the same, with an exception to the right of the same in all advowsons, presentations and right of patronage, and provided the composition should not extend to any act of treason committed since 1 February, 1648[/49], and that the same Ralph Sneyd was not in Pendennis Castle at the time of its surrender, 'nor in those Articles'.
- With (i) certified copy, particular of the estate, real and personal, of Ralph Sneyd esq., of Keele (Staffs.), for which his widow, Jane Sneyd, has compounded. Endorsed, to the effect that the document had been 'shewed forth' at a commission at Newcastle-under-Lyme (Staffs.), between [sic] Edward Jones and Katherine his wife, complainants, and Jane Sneyd, defendant, 8 June, 1653.
- (ii) copy receipt, by the Treasurer of the moneys to be paid to Goldsmiths Hall, for £500, in



settlement of the fine of £1,000 imposed on the estate of Ralph Sneyd of Keele (Staffs.), 'over and above one hundred powndes per ann[um] settled on the Ministrey Forever', and £107.15.3 interest. Receipt dated 20 May, 1652.

106. Newcastle-under-Lyme.  
17 Sept.  
1662

Order, of the commissioners for the well governing and regulating of corporations and cities, etc., within the county of Staffs., by virtue of the Act of 13 Car. II, for the removal of Walter Collyer from being a Common Councilman of Newcastle-under-Lyme (Staffs.), and appointment of Thomas Blyth to be a Common Councilman in his place.

[This order has been used subsequently as a draft for further changes, the name Walter Collyer being struck through in another hand, the names Samuel Bagnall and Robert Croxton inserted, and 'Town Clearke' overwritten 'Common Councilman' struck through. In place of Thomas Blyth, struck through, the same hand has overwritten 'leave a blank for a name', followed by 'to be Town Clearke of the sayd Burrough of Newcastle under Lyme', followed by further alterations. Signatories of the original order include E. Bagot, W. Sneyd, Ro. Milward and Row. Cotton].

Private

107. c.1375 -  
1378

Court roll, courts and great courts of Clent (Worcs.), essoins, fines, presentments, surrenders. [MS. imperfect. Single membrane only].

---