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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Southwell, Edward, 1671-1730
Creator	Southwell, Robert, Sir, 1635-1702
Title	Southwell family papers on Ireland
Call number	Ms. Coll. 1084
Date [bulk]	1685-1715
Date [inclusive]	1662-1977
Extent	1 box
Language	English
Abstract	<p>This collection consists primarily of documents concerning government administration in Ireland during the tenures of Sir Robert Southwell (1635-1702) and his son Edward Southwell (1671-1730) as Secretaries of State for Ireland. The documents here are largely miscellaneous in nature but are clustered around a few themes. Highlights include lists of rents and financial transactions from the period after Cromwell's invasion and before the Williamite war in Ireland, a 1689 eyewitness letter recounting the battle of Derry, a series of documents related to admiralty, smuggling, and collecting maritime revenue in the first decade of the eighteenth century, an inventory of maps of Ireland, and a substantive series of petitions relating to Richard Blake of Ardfry.</p>

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Biography/History

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The collection Archibald Cameron Elias Jr. (1944-2008) was a literary scholar who wrote extensively on the writer Jonathan Swift and his circle. Dr. Elias' books include *Swift at Moor Park* (1982) and *Memoirs of Laetitia Pilkington* (1997). His collection reflected his interest in 17th and 18th century Irish and English literature and in addition to the materials listed here he also owned a number of bound manuscript volumes which are cataloged separately.

Scope and Contents

This collection was formerly owned by Archibald Cameron Elias Jr. (1944-2008), a literary scholar who wrote extensively on the writer Jonathan Swift and his circle. Elias purchased this collection at Sotheby's (London) in their 4 April 1977 sale, as lot 140. The documents contained within had almost certainly been sold, re-sold, and reorganized in the 150 years since they left the possession of the Southwell family. The Southwell family papers were purchased in bulk by London bookseller Thomas Thorpe and dispersed in a series of sales in the 1830s. Nearly all of these papers were purchased by the famous manuscript collector Sir Thomas Phillipps and many of his distinctive manuscript numbers appear on the documents and volumes in the collection. Phillipps' collection was sold in an extended series of sales over nearly a century from the 1890s onward and it is clear that the present collection consists of the remains of once larger sets, with material removed and sold by bookdealers over the years. Many of the documents have penciled page numbers or other annotations which indicate the presence of other materials not preserved here.

This collection includes documents bearing annotations from the following sales and lots:

Thomas Thorpe: 137, 690, 752

Sir Thomas Phillipps: 10,018; 10,020; 10,035; 10,060; 10,070; 24,227; 24,274; 24,523; 26,291; 29,013

For the catalogs of the Southwell papers sold by Thorpe see

Catalogue ... containing the Greater Portion of the United Libraries of Sir Robert Southwell ... his Son, the Hon. Edward Southwell, and the Late Lord De Clifford (London: Thomas Thorpe, [1834])

Catalogus Librorum Manuscriptorum Bibliothecae Southwellianae ([London]: Thomas Thorpe, 1834)

Catalogue of Ancient Manuscripts .. Several Volumes Relating to Ireland, (Omitted in former Catalogue of State Papers,) from the Southwell Collection (London: Thomas Thorpe, 1835)

Catalogue of upward of Fourteen Hundred Manuscripts...Paston, Sidney, Ormond, Orrery, Southwell, and other Family Papers (London: Thomas Thorpe, 1836)

Supplement to Thomas Thorpe's Catalogue ... and another Portion of the Southwell Papers (London: Thomas Thorpe, 1836).

Arrangement note

These documents were loosely contained in three volumes, often without discernible order or any clear arrangement. They have been organized here according to their physical volume of origin and then by shared provenance to a given Phillipps collection if recorded.

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Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research use.

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Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Archibald Cameron Elias, Jr. (1944-2008) estate.

This collection consists of manuscripts and papers relating primarily to the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries in Ireland and Great Britain formerly owned by A.C. Elias. Archibald Cameron Elias Jr. (1944-2008) was a literary scholar who wrote extensively on the writer Jonathan Swift and his circle.

Controlled Access Headings

CORPORATE NAME(S)

- Ireland. High Court of Admiralty.

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Correspondence
- Financial records
- Petitions

GEOGRAPHIC NAME(S)

- Great Britain--History
- Ireland--History

PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Blathwayt, William, 1649?-1717
- Van Homrigh, Bartholomew, -1703

SUBJECT(S)

- Law
- Tariff

Collection Inventory

VOLUME LABELED "SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL, IRELAND", 1662-1750 AND UNDATED.

DOCUMENTS WITHOUT PHILLIPPS NUMBERS, 1663-1705.

	Box	Folder
Middle Hill green boards with title in pencil reading "Sir Robert Southwell Ireland" and the number "410". The number 24,523 also appears in pencil.	1	1
Copy of an order related to the collection of hearth money in County Cork, 1665. 1 folder.	1	2
Copy of the order making the Earl of Clarendon the Lord Governor of Ireland. Marked "Thorpe 137", April 1685.	1	3
Two letters relating the administration of prize money. Signed by Lord Rochester, 1685 July 27.	1	4
Abstracted instructions to justices of the peace on collecting hearth money, 1685 July.	1	5
Letter writtern at Derry to Robert Southwell describing the battle of Derry. Marked (Co-320) pp. 265-6, 1689 June 7.	1	6
Warrant from King William III at Whitehall providing 240 pounds to Robert Southwell for troop provisioning, signed by William Blathwayt. Marked (Co-318) p.195-8, 1690 December 6.	1	7
Order from King William III at Whitehall providing backpay to soldiers,	1	8

signed by William Blathwayt. Marked (Thorpe 690) p.263-6, 1694 January 24.

Empty folder reading with ink note Lot 314 Paid 11/2/34. Later pencil notes indicate this formerly contained pages 259-61 of Thorpe 690, undated. 1 9

Copy of a petition on financial hardship sent by military officers in Dublin. Marked pp. 321-4, 1696 June 20. 1 10

Documents on the case of Richard Blake of Ardfry in Galway including his various petitions. Marked (Co-332), pp. 239-260, 1698. 1 11

Letter of recommendation from Lord Feversham to Edward Southwell on behalf of Lt. Col. Montaut. Marked Thorpe 752, pp. 417-20, 1703 April 20. 1 12

Letter from Lord Nottingham to Edward Southwell with some news from London and the continent. Marked Thorpe 752, pp. 421-24, 1703 June 12. 1 13

Receipts for letters received from William Blathwayt, 1705 April 27. 1 14

PHILLIPPS 10,035, 1703 AND UNDATED.

	Box	Folder
Attorney and Sollicitor General's reports on a bill for preventing Catholic priests from coming into the Kingdom, undated.	1	15

Copy of a letter from Ormond's Irish council to the Earl of Nottingham relating a meeting in council on legislation., 1703 June 26. 1 15

Copy of a letter from Bartholomew Vanhomrigh at Dublin to the Commissioners of Transportation, 1703 August 3. 1 15

Copy of a letter from Bartholomew Vanhomrigh to Edward Southwell relative to shipping matters in Dublin, 1703 August 7. 1 15

PHILLIPPS 10,060, 1703.

	Box	Folder
Note from Lord Granville relating to a position in Wexford, 1703 November 4.	1	16

PHILLIPPS 10,070, UNDATED.

	Box	Folder
Document entitled "An Answer made by the Irish to the proposal of 40,000 acres", undated.	1	17

PHILLIPPS 24,227, UNDATED.

	Box	Folder
Form letter for setting a day of fasting. Directed to Michael the bishop of Armagh, the bishop of Meath, and the Bishop of Waterford and Lismore. Dating from Queen Anne's reign. Marked as pages 9-12, undated.	1	18

PHILLIPPS 24,274, 1702.

	Box	Folder
Letter to Edward Southwell from Rochester confirming that Southwell had been made Secretary of State for Ireland, 1702 June 13.	1	19

PHILLIPPS 29,013, 1662-1750 AND UNDATED.

	Box	Folder
Detailed list of Irish lands with the revenue they produced in 1661 and estimates of what they will produce in 1662, 1662.	1	20

Declaration from the Privy Council at Whitehall on the matter of hearth money and the charging of rents, 1674 January 15.	1	20
Extract of a letter from the Archbishop of Dublin asking that two new ministers be paid in light of the increased number of French protestants in Dublin, 1699 June 1.	1	20
Manuscript list of books and pamphlets to be sold at Chichester house. Docketed "Irish Catalogue of Books", 1704 October 3.	1	20
Printed broadside announcing Edward Southwell's intention to procure an act of parliament to enable him to sell certain properties. (Dublin: Printed by F. Dickson, at the Union Coffee-House on Cork-Hill), 1709.	1	20
Annotated copy of An Act for Reviewing and Amending an act Entitled an act for Recovery of Small debts, in a Summary Way before the judges of assizes. Dublin 2 George I c.11, 1716.	1	20
Text of an act to prevent the illegal transportation of wool, 1729 October.	1	20
Letter concerning taxation, Irish bounties, and parliamentary legislation. Dated at London, 1750 March 31.	1	20
List of maps and charts of Ireland in the great portfolio, 40 in total, undated.	1	20
French extract docketed "Earl of Ossory's answer to the King of Spain's letter to him", undated.	1	20
Memorial from Mr. Chambers to Robert Southwell asking for the bishopric of Clogher, undated.	1	20
Answer to the Lord Lieutenant's objections against the 5000 a year to the Duke of Ormond, undated.	1	20
Foul copy of a letter to farmers of the hearth money in Irish estates, undated.	1	20
Notepaper with miscellaneous notes. 3 sheets, undated.	1	20

VOLUME LABELED PHILLIPPS 26,291, 1688-1714 AND UNDATED.

	Box	Folder
Middle Hill brown boards to volume labeled 26,291. Ink title on spine reads "MSS Southwell." Also bears sticker reading "126" as well as penciled number B.39.959. Additional pencil note reads "Vol. 4".	1	21
Letter from a Mr. Gwin in London with a list of salaries for Gwin, plantation money taken in and other accounts dated 1683-4. (Co. 535) pp. 191-202, 1688 November 1.	1	22
Letters from Nathaniel Shaw in Dublin on Irish Parliamentary affairs. (Co. 334), pp. 29-40, 1713 December 24 to 1714 January 7.	1	23
Petition of Sir Richard Stephens, recorder of Waterford. (Co. 335), pp. 21-24, undated.	1	24
Letter to the Earl of Pembroke recommending judges for the court of admiralty in Munster. (Co. 336), pp. 45-48, undated.	1	25

	Box	Folder
PAPERS RELATING TO THE IRISH ADMIRALTY COURTS, 1692-1710, AND UNDATED.	1	1

Note

The documents in this volume are arranged here as they were stitched together in the boards.

	Box	Folder
Middle Hill brown boards to volume labeled 10,018 and 10,020. Ink title on spine reads "MSS Southwell, Lettre sur les Vaudois" as well as "Vol 3." Also bears penciled number a.35.412.	1	26
Petition of Daniel DeLagrange and other Swiss refugees. In French. (pp.	1	27

1-3), undated.

Letter from Ralph Freke on illicit goods landing on Irish beaches and other admiralty affairs. Dated old style at Rathbarry. (pp. 5-8), 1709 February 24. 1 27

Copy of a letter of from a Mr. Braconmer on military affairs on the continent. In French. (pp. 9-10), 1692 August 25. 1 27

Letter from Josiah Burchett on admiralty matters. Dated old style, 1710 March 7. 1 27

Letter from Sidney Godolphin to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (Thomas Wharton) on Edward Southwell and admiralty jurisdiction. (pp. 17-20), 1709 September 29. 1 27

Reports of expenses in Admiralty cases for the ship St. Stephen and the Corporation of Galway. (pp. 21-24), undated. 1 27

Admiralty court expenses filed by Richard Crawley and sent to Edward Southwell. (pp. 25-28), 1707 July 31. 1 27

Miscellaneous list of maritime charges mentioning Kinsale and Baltimore. (pp. 27-28), undated. 1 27

Two letters from a Mr. Farren at Cork to Thomas Bocher on illicit shipping. Dated in the old style. (pp. 29-32 and 43-44; pp. 33-42 missing), 1702 January 17. 1 27

From Thomas Southwell at Dublin to unknown about employing persons to investigate wrecks. (pp. 45-48), 1702 March 26. 1 27

Proposal to the Lords of the Treasury relating to the Royal Oak Lottery. (pp. 57-60), undated. 1 27

Receipt for stores put in at Duncannon. Glued to 19th century printed waste mount. (pp. 69-70), 1705. 1 27

Fragment of a sermon or prayer mounted on 19th century printed waste. (pp. 75-78), undated.	1	27
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Transcriptions made by Arch Elias of the first two letters in this series, undated.	1	28
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CORRESPONDENCE ABOUT THE PURCHASE OF THE COLLECTION, 1977.

	Box	Folder
Correspondence surrounding Arch Elias' acquisition of this collection at Sotheby's in 1977, 1977.	1	29