

THE ISLE OF MAN IN THE 17TH CENTURY

The Isle of Man was returned to the control of the Stanleys of Knowsley, Earls of Derby after a dispute between members of the Stanley family, (1595 to 1609), when it was controlled by the English crown. There was a second gap during the English Civil War and the subsequent Commonwealth when the Island was surrendered to Parliamentary forces after the execution of James, 7th Earl of Derby at Bolton in 1651. With the restoration of Charles II to the English throne in 1660 Charles, 8th Earl of Derby, returned as Lord of Mann.

This bibliography concentrates on secondary printed sources but the Library also holds a wealth of original material in the archives: much of this is often difficult to read to the unaccustomed eye due to the style of handwriting prevalent at the time.



ABOVE: William Christian, also known as Illiam Dhone.
Detail from the oil painting on display in the National Art Gallery at the Manx Museum in Douglas

ILLIAM DHONE or WILLIAM CHRISTIAN (1608-1663)

Also known as Brown William, he was Receiver of the Island and negotiated the surrender of the Island to Commonwealth forces. On the restoration of the Stanleys he was tried and executed at Hango Hill near Castletown. A controversial character in Manx history during the civil war period who is commemorated at various sites around the Island. The following are selected from our extensive holdings.

Beach, S.Hicks

The Yesterdays Behind the Door.

Liverpool: University Press, 1956, pp 39-51

Concise account of his life and events of the time.

Library Ref G90CHR

Browne, Rita

Christians of Knockrushen and Scarlett genealogical trees etc / compiled by Rita Browne.

This includes the family of William Christian, it is primarily of use in compiling family histories.

Archive Ref MDL 37

Caine, P.W.

The Second Episode on Illiam Dhone.

In IOMNHAS Proceedings, Vol. IV, (1932-42), pp 136-145

This account considers his conduct in the 1650s during the Commonwealth and details Christian's property in England.

Library Ref L6

Christian, William.

In Manx Museum Journal, Vol. 2,(1934), pp 170-172

Detail of the seizure of his estates by Governor Chaloner and an inventory of his property made after his death reproduced from manuscript sources.

Library Ref L6

Christian, William.

In Dictionary of National Biography

London: Smith Elder and Co, 1887 and subsequent editions. Concise account of his life by Henry Bradley.

Library Ref 920.042

Harrison, Stephen

In 100 Years of Heritage, the work of the Manx Museum and National Trust / devised and edited by Stephen Harrison.

Douglas: Manx Museum and National Trust, 1986.

ISBN 0 948308 04 4

pp 84-88, The National Art Gallery with copies of the portraits of The Earl and Countess of Derby and William Christian.

Library Ref A365/14q

Harrison, William

Illiam Dhone and the Manx Rebellion 1651.

Douglas: Manx Society, Vol. 26, 1877

This volume gives the records and proceedings relating to the case of William Christian, Receiver General, with copies of the various documents and an introductory note relating to the time of the rebellion (see also Kinley below).

Library Ref F64/62

Illiam Dhone papers.

A collection of extracts from official papers: consisting of Kenyon family papers as listed in the Historical Manuscripts Commission 14th Report, Appendix Part IV, 1894 State papers (SP29) and Privy Council registers (PC2/56 & 57) from the Public Record Office. These are cited in Kinley below.

Archive Ref MD 568

Kinley, G.D.

Illiam Dhone's Petition to the King in Council and its aftermath: some new light.

In IOMNHAS Proceedings Vol. VII, No.4. (1970-72), pp 576-601

This supplements Harrison's volume in the Manx Society series with material from Privy Council records and the aftermath of his execution (see also Illiam Dhone papers).

Library Ref L6

Kinvig, R.H.

The Isle of Man: A social cultural and political history.

Liverpool: University Press, 1975

ISBN 085323 483 3

Chapter eight, pp 101-108, Man during the English Civil War. This account includes the portrait of him and a copy of his death warrant.

Library Ref F64/135

Moore, A.W.

A History of the Isle of Man.

London: T. Fisher Unwin, 1900 and later reprints by the Manx Museum and National Trust.

ISBN 0 901106 33 X

This two volume work is still the seminal history of the Island. It deals with this period in some detail at intervals between pages 231 and 391.

Library Ref F64/141

Moore, A.W.

Manx Worthies.

Douglas: S.K.Broadbent, 1901 reprinted by Manx Museum 1971. pp 64-67. Short biographical sketch.

Library Ref G4

DERBY FAMILY

The Derby Papers were deposited in the library in 1967 and are available on microfilm. For a summary list please ask at the Library Reading Room desk. There is some earlier material but most of the documents relate to this period.

Film Ref DP 1-21

Bagley, J.J.

The Earls of Derby 1485-1985.

London: Sidgwick & Jackson, 1985

ISBN 0 283 99152 6

Chapters 5 & 6 pp 78-130 cover this period.

Library Ref F69/47

Coward, Barry

The Stanleys, Lords Stanley & Earls of Derby 1385-1672.

Manchester: Chetham Society, 1983

ISBN 0 7190 1338 0

Library Ref F69/46

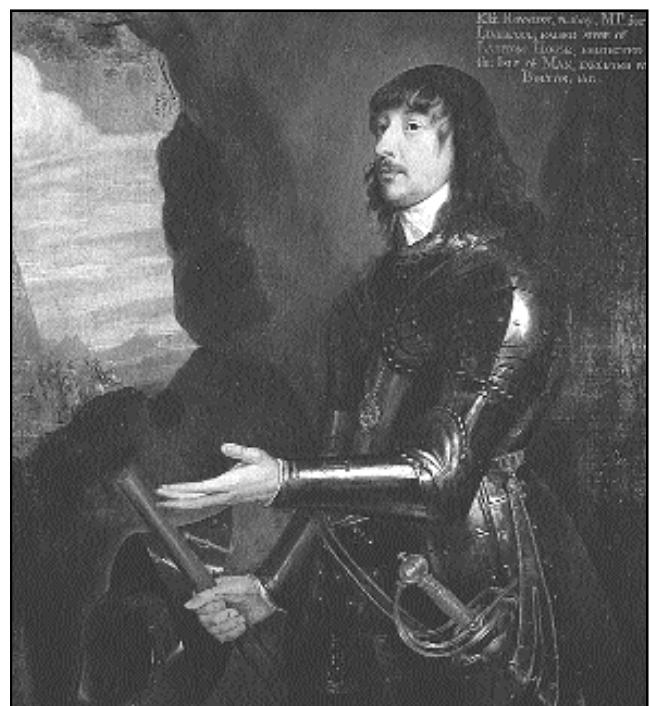
Cumming, Rev J.G.

The Great Stanley: or James 7th Earl of Derby and his Countess Charlotte De La Tremouille... a narrative of the 17th century.

London: William Macintosh, 1867.

Library Ref F69/24

BELOW: "The Great Stanley", James 7th Earl of Derby, Lord of Man. (National Art Gallery, Manx Museum, Douglas.)



GENERAL HISTORY

Curphey, R.A.

The Background to the Disputed Derby Succession 1594-1612.

In IOMNHAS Proceedings, Vol VII, No.4, (1970-72), pp 602-617.

Library Ref L6

Dickinson, J.R.

The Earl of Derby and the Isle of Man, 1643-1651

In Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, Vol. 141 (1992) pp 39-76

Deals with the fortification of the Island and how Derby handled civil unrest.

Library Ref 942.72TRA

Dickinson, J.R.

The Lordship of Man Under the Stanleys: Government and Economy in the Isle of Man, 1580-1704.

Manchester: Chetham Society, 1996

ISBN 1 85936 037 8

A revised version of a Liverpool University Ph.D. which is a comprehensive study from manuscript sources.

Library Ref F69/50

Mackenzie, Rev William

Legislation by Three of the Thirteen Stanleys, Kings of Man/ edited by Rev William Mackenzie.

Douglas: Manx Society Vol. III, 1860

This volume includes the history and antiquities of the Island by James Stanley and deals with the legislation of the 7th Earl of Derby 1627-1647.

Library Ref F64/39

Blundell, W

A History of the Isle of Man / edited by William Harrison.

Manx Society Vols. XXV, XXVII, 1876, 1877

Printed in two volumes

Written 1648-56 and printed from a manuscript.

Library Ref F64/61 & F64/63

Caine, P.W.

Pages from Seventeenth Century Manx History/

In IOMNHAS Proceedings Vol. V, No.1, (1942-46), pp 146-160

Based on the papers of Lord Kenyon published in 1894 by the Historical Manuscripts Commission.

Library Ref L6

Chaloner, James

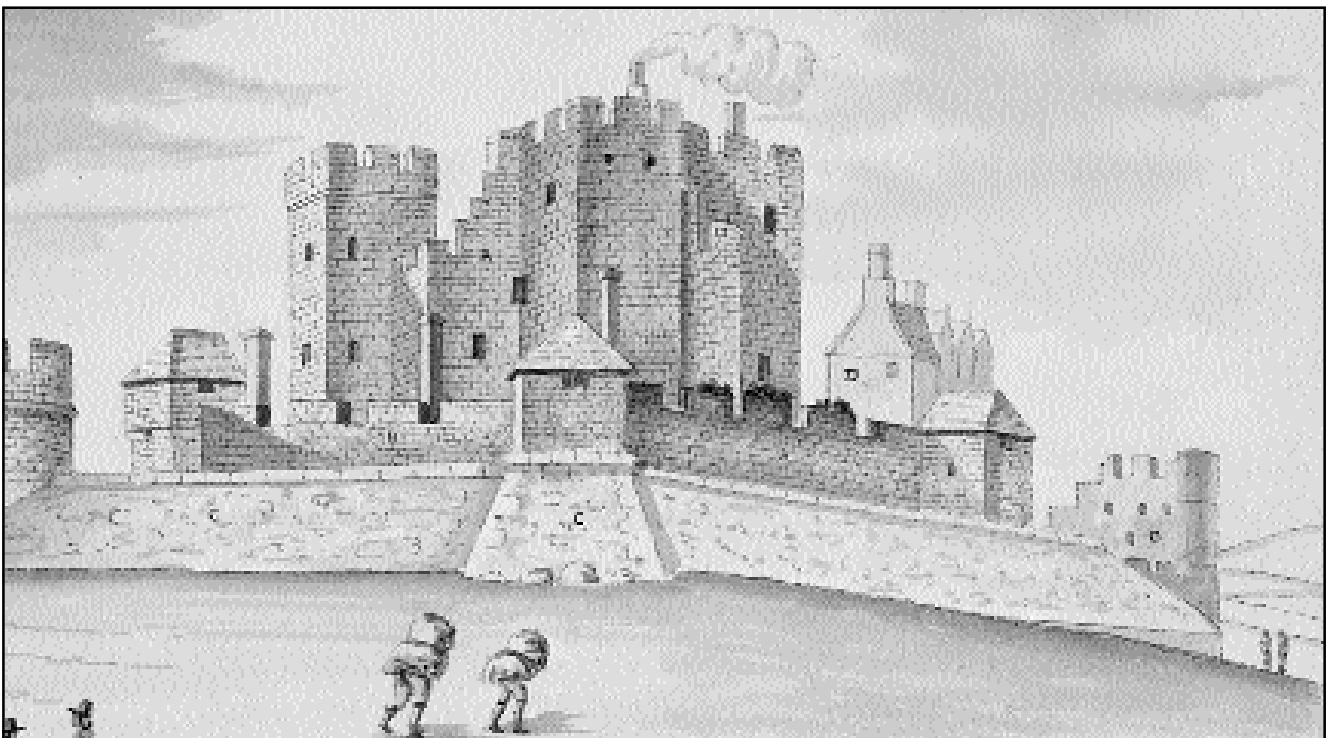
A Short Treatise of the Isle of Man / edited by William Harrison.

Douglas: Manx Society Vol. X, 1864 (written in 1653 originally published 1656). Introduced with extensive explanatory notes by Rev J.G. Cumming.

Chaloner was one of the Commissioners under Lord Fairfax for settling the affairs in the Island in 1652 and afterwards Governor from 1658 to 1660. A contemporary account with some illustrations by Daniel King.

Library Ref F64/46

BELOW: This drawing of Castle Rushen showing the sloping glacis of the castle, is one of the series of sixteen monochrome wash drawings by Daniel King depicting important buildings and natural features on the Isle of Man. Produced between 1643 and 1651 at the height of the English Civil War, these drawings are the earliest known views of the Island. (National Art Collection)



Craine, David

Manannan's Isle: A Collection of Manx Historical Essays.

Douglas: Manx Museum and National Trust, 1955
(see also Craine 'Special Topics' section)

Library Ref F64/121

Moore, A.W.

A History of the Isle of Man.

(as cited in 'Illiam Dhone' section)

The whole of Volume One Books II and III cover the seventeenth century in great detail pp 211-523.

Library Ref F64/41

Sacheverell, William

An Account of the Isle of Man edited by Rev J.G.

Cumming.

Douglas: Manx Society, Vol. 1, 1859

William Sacheverell was Governor between 1693-94 and this is a general history to the end of the century, a reprint of the edition of 1702.

Library Ref F64/37

Solly, Mark

Government and Law in the Isle of Man.

Castletown: Parallel Books, 1994

ISBN 0 9518499 3 X

pp 59-64 summarise the events of this period.

Library Ref D151/94

Statutes of the Isle of Man.

Vol. 1, 1417-1824

London: Eyre and Spottiswoode, 1883 and later reprint pp 69-154. Nearly forty Acts passed by Tynwald during this century give an interesting overview of the social and political conditions of the time.

Library Ref D200/1/1

Waldron, G

A Description of the Isle of Man.

Douglas: Manx Society Vol. XI, 1864.

Library Ref F64/47

SPECIAL TOPICS

Bird, Hinton

An Island That Led - The History of Manx Education Vol. 1.

Port St Mary: The Author, 1991

Chapter one, pp 7-37, the foundations are laid.

Library Ref D426/41/1

Craine, David

Manx Clerical Life 1600-1800.

In IOMNHAS Proceedings, Vol. V, No. 3, (1950-52), pp 368-384

Library Ref L6

Craine, David

Manx Doctors in the Seventeenth Century.

In IOMNHAS Proceedings, Vol. V, No. 2, (1946-50), pp 181-186

Library Ref L6

Cubbon, William

Gleanings from the Books of the Bishop's Barony, 1580-1780.

In IOMNHAS Proceedings, Vol. V, No. 2, (1946-50), pp 88-98

Library Ref L6

Curphey, R.A.(1967)

The Coastal Batteries 1. The Lord's Defences: to the Revestment.

In Manx Museum Journal, Vol VII, No. 83, (1967), pp 50-57

Library Ref L6

Dickinson, J.R.

Criminal Violence and judicial Punishment in the Isle of Man, 1580-1700.

In IOMNHAS Proceedings Vol. XI No. 1, (1997-99), pp 127-142

Library Ref L6

Roscow, J.R.

The Development of Castletown 1601-1703.

In IOMNHAS Proceedings Vol. XI No. 1, (1997-99), pp 5-28

Library Ref L6

Roscow, J.R.

Manx Marriage Contracts 1600-1736.

In IOMNHAS Proceedings Vol. X, No.2, (1991-93), pp 3-16

Library Ref L6

Roscow, J.R.

Development of Women's Rights in the IOM up to 1777.

In IOMNHAS Proceedings Vol. X, No.2, (1991-93), pp 41-54

Library Ref L6

OTHER SOURCES

For additional material in printed sources for this period see:

Cubbon, William

A Bibliographical Account of Works relating to the Isle of Man, Vol. 1.

Oxford University Press, 1933.

General History pp 461-490

Derby Family pp 544-554

IOM Natural History & Antiquarian Society Proceedings.

An index is available at the Reading Room counter.

Manx Museum Journal.

An index is available at the Reading Room counter.

For additional material in Manuscript Sources please consult the card indexes in the Library Reading Room. The two main indexes cover the MS series for items added to stock up to 1957 and the MD series for items added from 1957 to the early 1990s. Alternatively, the library database may be searched on your behalf.

SPECIALIST MANUSCRIPT SOURCES

These are listed for information: more detail on these is available by request.

RECORDS OF GOVERNMENT:

Accounts, including books of charge and allowance, and receipts and disbursements.

Archive Ref 10192

Castle Rushen Papers.

Archive Ref 9782

Derby Papers.

Microfilms DP / Archive Ref MD 401

Libri Irrotulamentorum. (commissions of officials), 1660-1814.

Archive Ref (GR 1) 9864

Libri Juramentorum. (Books of Oaths of officials on receiving their appointments), 1594-1765.

Archive Ref (GR 1) 9864

Water Bailiff's Accounts. (Ingates and outgates, licences and entries) 1576-1755.

Archive Ref 10058

COURT RECORDS:

Enquest Files. (manorial court), 1688-1916

Microfilms RB, RC & GL / Archive Ref 10071

Libri Cancellarii. (actions, decrees etc of the Chancery Court), 1578-1798.

Archive Ref 10071

Libri Placitorum / Plitor. (Books of Common Pleas with court actions), 1496-1898.

Microfilms RB & BM

Libri Scaccarii. (Books of the Court of the Exchequer, judgements on breaches of penal statutes, appeals from Spiritual Court etc), 1580-1916.

Microfilms RB, RC & GL

MANORIAL RECORDS:

(All Archive Ref 10057)

Charge Books. 1587-1690 and 1591-1659.

Composition Books. (describing each tenement and recording fines paid to the Lord) 1610-1704.

Microfilms series GL and RB

Libri Assedationis. (Setting Books or rent rolls with names of landowners and rent paid), 1507-1911.

Microfilms GL, RB and JG.

Libri Episcopi. (Equivalent to Lib. Vast. for Court of Bishops Barony), 1580-1760.

Libri Vastarum. (Wast books containing admissions, entries and titles of landowners, their alienation fines and rents) 1511-1916.

Microfilms series RB and GL

Baronies of Bangor and Sabal. (equivalent to Lib. Vast), 1585-1916.

Libri Monasteriorum or Abbey Books. (rentals of the abbeys and various baronies; the equivalent of Lib. Vast. for Court of Rushen Abbey Barony) 1579-1890.

Microfilms MIC

DIOCESAN RECORDS:

Archidiaconal Wills. 1628-1874.

Microfilms RB & GL / Archive Ref 10216

Episcopal Wills. 1600-1884.

Microfilms EW, GL & BM / Archive Ref 10216

Presentments. (Church Court proceedings, offences against ecclesiastical law), 1659-1874.

Microfilms PRE 1-17 / Archive Ref 10194

Libri Causarum. (Book of causes, details fines etc. from presentments), 1659-1874.

Archive Ref 10194

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