

Workmen's Accounts, Heynestown, 1864 – 1866

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Title: Workmen's Accounts, Heynestown

Dates: 1864 – 1866

Level of description: Item

Extent: 1 Item

Name of Creator(s): Estate of Lord Clermont

Admin/Biographical History: The workmen's accounts book relates to the estate owned by Lord Clermont (1815-1887) and span from July 1864 until October 1866 in the Heynestown (Haynestown, Hainstown) area of Dundalk.

The origins of the estate began in the 17th century under an army officer Sir Faithful Fortescue (c. 1581-1666). The property was then owned by successive members of the Fortescue family. Originally called Thomas Fortescue (1815-1887), Lord Clermont rose to the Irish peerage in the year 1852 and gained the title Lord Clermont. Lord Clermont gained the amalgamation of both the Clermont estate and Dromiskin estate in 1854. He was recorded as a great landlord in comparison to his predecessors through his work on relief committees during the Irish famine. He later became a peer of the United Kingdom in 1866 and was given the title Baron Clermont. This gave him the right to sit at the House of Lords. Lord Clermont died childless in 1887. The land was later passed to Chichester Fortescue, 1st Baron of Carlingford (1823 – 1898) until his death at which point a share of the estates were passed to Viscount de Vesci. For further information, see the 'Landowners of County Louth' online exhibition at: <http://www.louthnewryarchives.ie/online-exhibitions/landowners-county-louth/clermont-fortescue.shtml>. Lord Clermont also wrote a book documenting the history of the Fortescue family. Parts of this book can be found at <http://fortescue.org/site/books/clermont/the-history-of-the-family-of-fortescue-in-all-its-branches/>.

The Fortescue papers are held by the Public Record Office for Northern Ireland, see <http://www.proni.gov.ni>.

Archival History: These papers were given to Louth County Archives Service in April 2001 by private donation.

Scope and Content: The document in this collection is of workmen's accounts from July 1864 until October 1866. The accounts are bound into a small book of eight pages; five of the pages are loose.

Subject Index: Clermont Estate; Fortescue, Thomas, 1815-1887, Lord Clermont; Heynestown

Appraisal and Destruction: Retain permanently.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

System of Arrangement: There is no arrangement as the accounts are presented in a single copy.

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Descriptive List

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The accounts feature two workers, John Hodgers and Thomas Hodgers. The days worked, the total number of days worked, wages per day in shilling and halfpenny, the total value of the weeks work in pounds, shilling and halfpenny, cash paid onto the account that week and any observations made about the workers. Each page also includes information in a header including the name of the writer of the accounts and the recipient. The observations note that work took place in both Dundalk and Heynestown.

23 Jul 1864 – 22 Oct 1866

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