



# **Catalogue of the Joseph Bamber Papers**

**Date range of material: 1711-1979**

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## Preface

### **Creation of catalogue**

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## Introduction

*Collection title:* Bamber Papers

*Reference code:* GB-0298-UC/P1

*Dates of creation:* 1711-1979

*Extent:* 10 files

*Repository:* Ushaw College Library

*Creator:* Joseph E. Bamber

*Language of material:* Mostly English, with some Portuguese, Spanish, Latin and Italian

### Contents

The papers chiefly relate to Bamber's research interests on the subject of Catholic martyrology in Lancashire. The papers are mostly articles, talks and research notes but they also include historical material, presumably collected by Bamber as part of his research. The historical material includes a manuscript written in 1722 by Christopher Tootell on the martyrs of the 17th century, as well as indentures relating to Catholic-owned land in Lancashire.

### About the creator

Joseph E. Bamber (d.1983), Canon of St. Robert's, Dodding Green (1948-1983).

### Provenance

Presented to Ushaw College by the estate of Canon Joseph Bamber of Dodding Green, January 1985.

### Previous custodial history

Originally numbered by file. Old file numbers are stated in the catalogue where possible.

### Arrangement

A. Research Notes and Papers

B. Historical Material

### Conditions of access

Open for consultation.

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### Catalogues

Card index with summary listing

### Form of citation

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To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0298-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

### Bibliography

Bamber, J. E., "The Venerable Edward Bamber - some new facts", *Downside Review*, 56 (1938), pp. 31-45

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Bamber, J. E., "The Ven. Christopher Robinson martyred at Carlisle in 1597: the evidence concerning his place of birth and the place and date of his execution", *Recusant History*, 4:1 (1957), pp. 18-37

Bamber, J. E., *The Lancaster martyrs* (London: Catholic Truth Society, 1980)

Bamber, J. E., "The skull at Wardley Hall", *Recusant History*, 16 (1982), pp. 61-77

Bamber, J. E., "The secret treasure of Chigley", *Recusant History*, 17 (1984), pp. 307-329

## A. Research Notes and Papers

UC/P1/A1/1-136 16 January 1938 - 27 March 1979

Correspondence between Bamber and others, including M. Blundell, H. Chadwick, P. Park, G.B. Manning, A.G. Rickards, and C.A.G. Mitchell, relating to Bamber's research into Catholic martyrology, mostly re the discovery of a skull at a Preston church allegedly belonging to a martyr.

102 letters

*Ownership history:* Originally located in file 5

UC/P1/A2/1-92; A3/1-105; A4/1-140; A5/1-136 [1930s - 1983]

Notes compiled by Bamber for a book (never published) relating to the lists of 17th century Catholic martyrs. Includes a draft introduction and typescript copies of lists and catalogues.

*Language:* Most of the martyr lists are written in Portuguese, Spanish, Latin and Italian  
4 files

*Ownership history:* Originally located in file 2/1, 2/2, 2/3 and 2/4

UC/P1/A6/1-100 [1930s - 1983]

File of miscellaneous papers and printed items compiled and collected as part of Bamber's research into Catholic martyrology, including notes, typescript extracts from sources, and press cuttings.

1 file

*Ownership history:* Originally located in file 4

UC/P1/A7/1-41 [1930s - 1983]

Manuscript transcripts/notes of a series of talks given by Bamber on Catholic martyrology. Subjects include William Allen, Sir Alex Barlow, Sir Edmund Campion, canonisation, Lancashire, Padley, Claughton and Westby.

1 file

*Ownership history:* Originally located in file 3/1 and 3/2

UC/P1/A8/1-42 [1930s - 1983]

Unpublished draft articles, including:

“The Venerable martyrs”

“Sketches in local history”

“Some notes on Hornby Parish”

“History of St. Mary's Ulverston”

Fr. J. Lenders, “Dodding Green”

5 articles

*Ownership history:* Originally located in file 3/1 and 3/2

## B. Historical Material

UC/P1/B1 1711 - 1817

Indentures and other estate papers, including:

*Ownership history:* Previously located in file 6

UC/P1/B1/1 15 September [1711]

- (1) Nicholas Starkie of Preston, Lancs.
- (2) James Drinkwater of Preston, Lancs.
- (3) Thomas Jackson of Cottom, Lancs., yeoman

Assignment by (3) of a tenement and 20 acres of land near Cottom to be transferred to (1) and (2) for the remainder of the term of a lease of 500 years.

Date: 15 September 10 Anne.

1m

UC/P1/B1/2-3 26 - 27 November [1728]

- (1) Jonn Billesborough of Woodplumpton, Lancs., yeoman, son of William Billesborough, deceased
- (2) Ann Billesborough of Woodplumpton, Lancs., widow
- (3) William Jackson of Cottom, Lancs., yeoman

Lease and Release by (1) and (2) of their pew seat in Woodplumton chapel, and 4 acres of land to (3).

Agreement on condition of the payment of 5s by (3) to (1) and (2).

Date: 26-27 November 2 George II.

2 items, 1m each

UC/P1/B1/4 20 January [1743]

- (1) William Jackson of Cottom, Lancs., yeoman
- (2) William Smith of Broughton, Lancs.

Lease by (1) to (2) of an estate situated in Broughton for a term of 3 years.

Agreement on condition of a rent payment of £18.

Date: 20 January 16 George II

2ff.

UC/P1/B1/5 15 February [1772]

- (1) George Haydock of Ingol, Lancs., yeoman
- (2) Thomas Jackson of Cottom, Lancs., yeoman

Release by (1) to (2) of a chief rent of 9½d payable out of two closes of land (Plumptonfield) in Woodplumpton.

Agreement on condition of the payment of £1 4s by (2) to (1).

Date: 15 February 12 George III.

1m

UC/P1/B1/6 2 October [1786]

- (1) Edward, earl of Derby
- (2) Thomas Barrow of Westbury, Lancs., yeoman

Release by (1) to (2) of a tenement and land at Weeton (Lancs.).

Agreement on condition of a rent payment of £4 4s.

Date: 2 October 26 George III

1m



UC/P1/B1/7 14 February [1799]

- (1) William Nickson of Freckleton, Lancs., yeoman
- (2) John Coulson of Freckleton, Lancs., yeoman
- (3) John Towers of, Warton, Lancs., yeoman
- (4) Thomas Rainford, Weeton, Lancs., yeoman

Assignment by (1) and (2), trustees of (3), to (4) of a leasehold close of land (Little Intack) in Weeton for an annual rent of 9s.

Agreement on the payment by (4) to (1) and (2) of £180.

Date: 14 February 38 George III

1m

UC/P1/B1/8 1801

Abstract of title to an estate situated in Cottom and Woodplumpton (Jackson's tenement).

24ff.

UC/P1/B1/9 5 January [1817]

- (1) Thomas Rainford of Weeton, Lancs., yeoman
- (2) Thomas Sherburne of Kirkham, Lancs., county clerk

Release by (1) to (2) of 1¼ acres of land at Freckleton

Agreement on the payment by (2) to (1) of 5s.

Date: 6 January 56 George III

1m

UC/P1/B2/1-13 [?1722]

Manuscript pamphlet by Christopher Tootell, a Lisbonian priest, with short biographies of a number of 17th century Catholic martyrs.

With a typescript transcript prepared by the Rev. Michael Sharratt.

*Size:* 165 x100 mm

13ff.

*Ownership history:* Originally located in file 1

This transcript was published by the Rev. Michael Sharratt in *Ushaw Magazine* (Dec. 1985).

UC/P1/B3/1-2 19 March 1789

Letter from Miles Stapleton to Robert Bannister questioning the legality of signing the declaration protesting against the Penal Laws.

2ff.

*Ownership history:* Originally located in file 6