



Catalogue of Wills (Lisbon College)

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Introduction

Wills (Lisbon College)

Reference code: GB-0298-LC/A20

1631-1942

Extent: 1 box

Repository: Ushaw College Library

Creator: Lisbon College

Language of material: English and Portuguese

Contents

Wills and associated papers of various staff members of Lisbon College. Also includes four files of papers and correspondence relating to the will of J. Diniz de Azevedo.

About the creator

The English College of SS. Peter and Paul at Lisbon (or, as it is more commonly known, Lisbon College) was founded by Pedro Coutinho in 1624 as a college for English students training for the priesthood and mission work in England. As a pontifical college it was awarded the same privileges and rights as other colleges centrally controlled by Rome, such as the English College in Rome, whose aim was the maintenance of the Catholic faith in England, Scotland and Ireland. The driving force behind the college in its early years was William Newman. Although he was never to become president, Newman founded the college from property entrusted by the estate of the late Nicholas Ashton, a Catholic chaplain in Lisbon. Initial progress was slow until the arrival of a group of English students and teachers from the English College at Douai in 1628. The first president, albeit briefly, was Archdeacon Joseph Haynes who died the following year. The reputation of the college as a centre of academic excellence and its relevance as an English institution in Lisbon attracted patronage from varied sources during the seventeenth century, including Pedro da Costa and Maria de Oliveira Leitoa who transferred important funds to the College in exchange for daily masses for their special intention. In 1679, Pope Innocent XI granted the College the privilege of being considered as a High Altar of Christ on the Cross. In spite of its wealthy benefactors and papal patronage, the college faced a number of challenges in the following centuries. In 1755, Lisbon was shaken by a terrible earthquake in which 20,000 people died and 60,000 houses and 60 palaces and convents were destroyed. The college suffered badly both in terms of the physical devastation of its buildings and the mental well-being of many of its students and superiors who, like most of the population of Lisbon, chose to live under tents in the gardens of the college rather than risk being inside in fear of another quake. The college suffered another setback when it was occupied by French forces during Napoleon's invasion of Portugal in 1807 and, just days before the second French invasion, the president decided to close the college down, with all students being sent to an Anglo-Portuguese school in England until the war ended in 1814. The college was finally closed in 1973. Since the passing of the Roman Catholic Relief Act in Britain in 1829, the college's *raison d'être* had ceased to exist although its high reputation as a teaching and training establishment enabled it to survive for another 144 years.

Accession details

Lisbon College closed in 1973 and this collection, along with the rest of the Lisbon Archive and Library, was transferred to Ushaw College by Mgr James Sullivan the following year.

Arrangement

The papers follow the original arrangement of the collection which is broadly chronological.

Conditions of access

Open for consultation.

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Finding aids

Calendared card catalogue

Form of citation

The form of citation should use the code GB-0298-LC/A20, or the collection name Wills (Lisbon College), followed by the *reference number*

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.

LC/A20/1 7 August 1631

Will of A. Saunders

Includes £325 left to the college to assist in supporting a priest in return for masses.

Language: English

2f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 83

LC/A20/2 1 September [?1637]

Will of Antonio Jorge de Mello

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A20/3 25 April 1679

Endorsed "The Legacies of Mr Wm Lloyd as he determined them whilst a prisoner"

William Lloyd was imprisoned during the Popish Plot scare; he died in prison six days before the appointed day of execution

Language: English

2 items (2 membranes)

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 252

LC/A20/4 6 February 1694

Inventory of Richard Russell's estate

Russell left everything to his nephew, Nicholas Waldegrave

Language: Portuguese

39f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 291

LC/A20/5 4 August 1709

Will of Matthias Watkinson

Endorsed: "Notes received from Mr Matthias Watkinson, how he disposes of things, viz. his Estate, at present, & when Almighty God shall please him to call him out of this world"

Witnesses: John Floyd, Peter Lostock and John Askew

Language: English

2f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 295

LC/A20/6 6 April 1624

Copy of the will of J. Herbert (Vane)

Residue left to the college for the education of priests, as well as for the college's agent in England

Language: English

2f

LC/A20/7 [24] October 1734

(1) Copy of the will of E. Jones

(2) Another version of the will in J. Barnard's hand

(3) Further undated instructions in English, including money for the maintenance of students

Language: Portuguese and English

3 items

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 362

LC/A20/8 20 January - 16 March 1778

Will of John Preston, sealed up by a tabelliao

Also includes a queen's licence authorising him to make the will

Language: Portuguese

2 items

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 168

LC/A20/9 28 June 1799 - 18 September 1809

Copy of the will of Jerome Allen (Portuguese)

Includes a section in English written by Allen revoking previous wills and leaving everything to the college and asking them to look after his sister as far as possible

Language: Portuguese and English

2f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 100

LC/A20/10 21 May 1814

Donatio in vivis of Jerome Allen's property to the college

Language: English

2f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 111

LC/A20/11 26 March 1813 - 25 May 1814

Procurator's receipts of property made over to the college by Jerome Allen

Language: English

2f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 112

LC/A20/12 17 February 1722

Copy of additional instructions for the will of J. Buckley

Leaving £1,200 to the college and directing that masses be said for him, with stipends taken from the interest

Language: English

1f

LC/A20/13 18 March 1824

Copy of a letter from E. Norris to E. Winstanley with a copy of the will of the countess de Font (and details of the bequest of W.V. Fryer's library)

Enclosed: details of the interest

Language: English

3f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 441

LC/A20/14 24 June 1824

Copy of the will of J. Buckley, taken from the registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury Leaving stocks for life to Mrs Cary and thereafter to the college

Language: English

4f

LC/A20/15 22 July 1827

Will of Charles le Clerc

Leaving money and books (with exceptions to the college and property to his mother)

Renewals and additions in 1831, 1833 and 1834

Will opened and read by the British vice-consul after le Clerc's death on 6 July 1834

Language: English

2f

LC/A20/16 20 April 1838

Will of E. Winstanley

Leaving property in Britain to Griffiths, Norris and Ilsley, and property in Portugal to Ilsley

Opened by Jeremias Meagher (British vice-consul), Baines, and Ilsley on 14 August 1852

Language: Portuguese

2f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 461

LC/A20/17 20 June 1844

Extracts from the will of Miss Slack expressing her desire to be buried in the college, preferably in the grave of her sister, Marianna Slack Sampaio, and that she wants to be buried in the Carmelite habit

Leaving 100,000 reis to the president to be distributed to poor British subjects and a further 100,000 reis to Hurst for charitable purposes

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/A20/18 9 April 1850

Winstanley's receipt for 444,440 reis (£100) from William Dogherty's executors (Charles Gould and George Denis Walsh) to be used for needy British subjects in Lisbon (Catholic and Protestant)

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/A20/19 21 October 1851

Letter of instruction by E. Winstanley about the disposal of his property

Language: English

2f

LC/A20/20 17 January 1853

Will of T. Hurst

Leaving everything to IIsley (or, in his default, to Richmond)

Includes a notarised account of its opening (31 January 1855)

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A20/21 8 March 1860

Will of J. IIsley

Leaving everything to P. Baines, W. Browne and R. Duckett

Includes a Portuguese authentication

With an additional draft copy of IIsley's will

Language: English and Portuguese

2 items

LC/A20/22 10 March - 22 April 1860

Instructions to executors by J. IIsley leaving everything to the college with certain stated exceptions

Language: English

1f

LC/A20/23 6 July 1866

(1) Copy of a letter read to Baines at Low Week meeting, 1866, urging him not to act as executor of the Infanta's will because a breach of Portuguese law would be involved

(2) Baines's memorandum of a visit to the Infanta who assured him that there was no breach of law involved

(3) Letter from Baines to Messrs Arnold & Co. on the same subject

Language: English

3 items

LC/A20/24 8 July 1878

Receipt by Peter Jorge to Baines, as executor, for the payment of 4,500 reis owed for *decimus* by Jorge's estate

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/A20/25 26 August 1911

Account of the property left by Mgr Hilton to the college on his death

Drawn up for the superiors

Language: English

4f

LC/A20/26 3 July 1942

Copy of the will of John Cullen

Language: English

1f

LC/A20/27 1728 - 1781

Correspondence and other papers relating to the will of J. Diniz de Azevedo

Correspondents include: J. Diniz de Azevedo, R. de Campos, Edward Jones, Manoel Corea Vascas, Gasper Gonçalves de Arango (dean of Rio), John Manley, Jono Alvez Simois, Joao Pedro Damasio de Aguiar, Francisco Antonio Breco de Sliveira, Manoel de Azevedo Mendonça, the king of Portugal (Joseph I), P. Moreyra Freyre, Manoe Henriquez de Fonseca, and others

Language: Portuguese

4 files

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 48

LC/A20/28 15 January 1841

Papers relating to the will of Manoel Maria Donas Botto, including: baptism certificates for his son and daughters; certification by the French consul; terms of a business partnership with Athalie Veron

Language: Portuguese

1 file