

## MS 29 Fownes/Tighe Manuscripts

### About the collection:

This collection consists of one rent book for properties owned by the Fownes family between the years 1731 to 1747, and nine account books for the Woodstock Estate in Co. Kilkenny which date from between 1790 to 1810. Sir William Fownes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet had inherited a large estate near Inistioge in Kilkenny from his maternal grandfather in 1725, while still a minor. He subsequently had Woodstock House constructed in the mid-1740s. By 1790 ownership of the estate passed into the Tighe family when Fownes' only child, Sarah, married William Tighe of Rossana. Sarah would later transfer ownership of the estate to her son William Tighe sometime in the 1790s.

The rent book mentions properties near Fownes Court (a mansion owned by the Fownes family near College Green in Dublin), Kinsale, Hayes Town (Hayestown), Whites Town (Whitestown), Rath and Balscadon (Balscaddan) in County Dublin, Fasaroe (Fassaroe) in County Wicklow, Enistioge (Inistioge), Ballyshane, Ballygub, New Ballygub, Coolnemuck (Coolnamuck) and Kilcros (Kilcross) in County Kilkenny, Kilnatogue in the King's County (County Offaly), Denbyshire (Denbighshire) in Wales, and contains the details of tenants and records of payments received between the years 1731 and 1747.

The account books cover the following years; 1790, 1797 to 1798, 1798 to 1799, 1799 to 1806, 1800, 1802, 1804, 1809 and 1810. Eight of these ledgers contain details of the estates finances, including payments to workmen and money spent and received on the purchase and/or sale of various crops, livestock and products. The other volume is a house book, detailing the day-to-day expenditures of Woodstock House from 1799 to 1806.

The Fownes/Tighe collection was donated to the University by the late Irish historian J.C. Beckett, who was part of the history faculty at Queen's from 1945 to 1975.

### MS 29 Outline

[\*\*MS 29/1\*\*](#) Fownes' Rent Book

[\*\*MS 29/2\*\*](#) Woodstock Estate Accounts

### MS 29/1 Fownes Rent Book

**A rent book for properties owned by the Fownes family covering the years 1731 to 1747.** Properties in the following locations are mentioned; Fownes Court in Dublin City, Kinsale, Hayes Town (Hayestown), Whites Town (Whitestown), Rath and Balscadon (Balscaddan) in County Dublin, Fasaroe (Fassaroe) in County Wicklow, Enistioge (Inistioge), Ballyshane, Ballygub, New Ballygub, Coolnemuck (Coolnamuck) and Kilcros (Kilcross) in County Kilkenny, Kilnatogue in the King's County (County Offaly) and Denbyshire (Denbighshire) in Wales. 308pp., text on pages 1-50, 53, 57, 58, 129, 139, 155, 19, 194, 303, 305, 307

## MS 29/2 Woodstock Estate Accounts

Eight account books detailing the finances of Woodstock Estate in Co. Kilkenny, and one detailing the day-to-day finances of Woodstock House itself.

- MS 29/2/1** **Account Book for Woodstock Estate, 1790.** Details money spent purchasing or received from selling various crops, livestock and products as well as other expenses involved in the running of the estate. 82 leaves with text, rest of book left blank.
- MS 29/2/2** **Account Book for Woodstock Estate, 1797 to 1798.** Details money spent purchasing or received from selling various crops, livestock and products as well as other expenses involved in the running of the estate. 92 leaves with text, plus 2 leaves at the very back of the book.
- MS 29/2/3** **Account Book for Woodstock Estate, 1798 to 1799.** Details money spent purchasing or received from selling various crops, livestock and products as well as other expenses involved in the running of the estate. 102 leaves with text plus 1 double-page at the back of the book.
- MS 29/2/4** **Accounts detailing general expenditures of Woodstock House, 1799 to 1806** 99 leaves with text, rest of book left blank.
- MS 29/2/5** **Account Book for Woodstock Estate, 1800.** Details money spent purchasing or received from selling various crops, livestock and products as well as other expenses involved in the running of the estate. 92 leaves with text, rest of book left blank.
- MS 29/2/6** **Account Book for Woodstock Estate, 1802.** Details money spent purchasing or received from selling various crops, livestock and products as well as other expenses involved in the running of the estate. 115 leaves with text, plus additional text on the inside of back cover.
- MS 29/2/7** **Account Book for Woodstock Estate, 1804.** Details money spent purchasing or received from selling various crops, livestock and products as well as other expenses involved in the running of the estate. 118 leaves with text, rest of book left blank.
- MS 29/2/8** **Account Book for Woodstock Estate, 1809.** Details money spent purchasing or received from selling various crops, livestock and products as well as other expenses involved in the running of the estate. 84 leaves with text, rest of book left blank.
- MS 29/2/9** **Account Book for Woodstock Estate, 1810.** Details money spent purchasing or received from selling various crops, livestock and products as well as other expenses involved in the running of the estate. 80 leaves with text, rest of book left blank.