



Illuminated custumal of feudal obligations to Dover Castle, etc (informally known as 'Treaty of Dover'), 1391-c1740
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The Kent History
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University of Kent,
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Kent Archives welcomes the opportunity to introduce two exciting new additions to its collections. First, an illuminated custumal of feudal obligations to Dover Castle (informally known as 'Treaty of Dover'), was transferred by The National Trust, Knole, following permanent allocation to the Kent History and Library Centre by the Arts Council Acceptance in Lieu Scheme Panel 2020/21. Second, Thomas Godfrey-Faussett's collection of 85 charters and deeds relating to Pluckley, Little Chart, Upper and Lower Hardres, Barham etc dating from 1264 onwards, was purchased with the aid of a very generous grant from the Friends of National Libraries. There is a common thread linking the two acquisitions, namely their custodianship at different times by Sir Edward Dering, of Surrenden, Pluckley. Dering made a lasting mark on both the Treaty and the Pluckley charter collection, and our speakers, who include archivists as well as academics, will examine this theme. They will also look at how the Treaty fits into the context of Dover and Cinque Ports history, the archival relationships of the manuscript and charters, the heraldic significance of the Treaty, and aspects of Dering's personal history as a collector of deeds, an ecclesiastical controversialist, and a pedigree compiler.

This two-day event is a collaboration between Kent Archive Service and the Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Studies at the University of Kent

Monday 22 May 2023

12pm – 4pm

Location: Kent History and Library Centre, Maidstone

Exhibition of Documents

Speakers:

Dr Mark Ballard - Kent Archive Service

Dr James Lloyd – The College of Arms

Professor Nick Vincent – University of East Anglia

Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh – Canterbury Christ Church University

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Speakers:

Kaye Sowden - Canterbury Christ Church University

Professor Ken Fincham – University of Kent

Dr Ryan Perry – University of Kent

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