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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 1870

**TITLE:** Collection of Dorset, England legal documents

**DATES:** 1723-1812

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.17 linear feet (1 box) + 5 broadsides

**LANGUAGE:** English (Latin script)

**SUMMARY:** Eighteen manuscript wills, deeds, leases, marriage settlements, and other legal documents for matters taking place in Sutton Poyntz, Dorset, England, 1723-1812. Most documents concern the Willis and Best families.

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f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source unknown.

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### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

## Conditions Governing Use

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## Scope and Contents

Eighteen manuscript wills, deeds, leases, marriage settlements, and other legal documents for matters taking place in Sutton Poyntz, Dorset, England, 1723-1812.

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## Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

## Collection Contents

b. 1 (Oversize), f. 1	Deed: Lydia Crimble to John Best	1723 October 14
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 2	Mortgage: John Best to James Fry	1738 November 15
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 3	Mortgage: John Best to Samuel Braine	1738 November 15
b. 2 (Broadside)	Deed: Robert Gill and Sarah Gill to Charles Willis and others	1761 August 25
b. 3 (Broadside)	Marriage settlement: Thomas Willis and Mary Gill	1761 August 25
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 4	Bond: Charles Willis and Thomas Willis to Captain James Willis	1766 August 5
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 5	Lease: Mary World to Thomas Winzar and Elizabeth Winzar	1780 January 25
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 6	Release of a moiety of a dwelling house: Mary World to Thomas Winzar and Elizabeth Winzar	1780 January 26
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 7	Probate of will: Hannah Cox	1781 January 16
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 8	General release: Charles Willis to Thomas Willis	1783 October 22
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 9	General release: Joseph Longman to Thomas Willis	1787 July 6
b. 4 (Broadside)	Release of dowry of marriage settlement: B. Crocker and Hannah Chapcott	1800 June 9
b. 5 (Broadside)	Deed and further charge: B. Crocker to Thomas Willis	1801-1802
b. 6 (Broadside)	Marriage settlement: Thomas Billett and Elizabeth Notting	1805 January 28
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 10	Will (copy): Tamzy Tooke [?]	1805 March 27
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 11	Will (copy): Thomas Bedloe	1807 June 1
b. 1 (Oversize), f. 12	Lease: Thomas Weld to Richard Cox	1812 May 8

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Genres / Formats**

Deeds  
Indentures  
Leases  
Legal instruments  
Wills

### **Geographic Names**

Dorset (England)  
England -- Economic conditions -- 18th century  
England -- Economic conditions -- 19th century

### **Subjects**

Marriage settlements -- Great Britain  
Real property -- England -- Dorset

### **Families**

Best family  
Willis family