

MS 864

A. Documents relating to Ebenezer and Cornelius Robins

- MS 864/A/1a Book of plans of Birmingham Streets and parts of surrounding parishes, 19th century with loose enclosures:
- 1b. Plan of Alcester High Road at junction with Pack Horse Lane,
? 1876.
 - 1c. Plan of land between Vauxhall Lane and River Rea, 1816.
 - 1d. Plan of land bordering The Coventry to Birmingham Turnpike Road. ?1840.
 - 1e. Plan of land between St. Clements Road and Nechells Place.
1888.
 - 1f. Plan of the Hill Estate, belonging to Richard Gough, Esq.,
1778.

1g. Final Concord, February, 1819.

- 1. John Tipson, plaintiff
- 2. William Hughes and Elizabeth, his wife, deforciant.
- 3. Richard Mapton and Jan, his wife, deforciant.

Property : part of lands and a messuage shop and garden in the parish of Yardley.

Consideration: £60.

1h. Final Concord, February, 1827

- 1. Charles Taylor, plaintiff
- 2. Joseph Martin and Eleanor his wife, Aaron Lee and Helen his wife, William Hill and Susanna his wife, Richard Kemp, and Sarah his wife and Ann Kemp, deforciant..

Property: Messuage, brewhouse, garden, shop, cowhouse, land etc. in the parish of Yardley.

Consideration: £60.

Yardley Estates

MS 864/A/2a Deed of surrender, and of admittance to the tenancy 2nd February, 1839.

- 1. Ottiwell Wood, John Wood, Samuel Duckworth and William Duckworth.
- 2. Cornelius Robins

Property: Copyhold lands in the Manor of Yardley.

Consideration: £20.

MS 864/A/2b Copy of Yardley Enclosure Act, 1833.

- /2c Abstract of Title of the Trustees of the Rev. William Hawkes, to a copyhold farm and lands at Yardley, co. Worcs. 1771-1822.
- /2d Extract of the burial record of William Hawkes, 1796, from the register of Saints Peter and Paul, Aston, 1838.
- /2e Declaration, by George William Wood, of the burial in 1820, the Revd. William Hawkes, 1838.
- /2f Declaration, by Jerom Murch, of the burials, in 1837, of Esther and Margaret Hawkes. 1838.
- /2g Extract from the Declaration of Mr. John Walker, concerning William Hawkes of Birmingham, the Rev. William Hawkes of Birmingham and the Rev. William Hawkes of Manchester, 1838.
- /2h Declaration of Mr. John Palmer, concerning the title to copyhold lands in the parish of Yardley, 1838. (See also MS 864/A/9)
- /2i Copy of an entry of the birth and baptism, in 1759, of William, son of William and Sarah Hawkes, [1838.]
- /2j Copy of an entry of the marriage, in 1758, of William Hawkes and Sarah Lakin, taken from the Register of Saints Peter and Paul, Aston. 1838.
- /3 Copy of Will of Cornelius Robins, 1848, with endorsement, 1850.
- /4 Copy of Will of Mr. Ebenezer Robins.
- /5a Receipts for fees and charges incurred in the administering of the copyhold estate of Cornelius Robins, deceased, 1859.
- /5b Admittance, to copyhold lands at Yardley, of the Trustees of the Will of Mr. Cornelius Robins, and Surrender of one moiety to Mr. Ebenezer Robins, and his admittance thereto. 1859.

- MS 864/A/5c Admittance of the Devisees in trust of the late Mr. Ebenezer Robins to a moiety of copyhold premises at Red Hill, Yardley, 1890.
- /5d Deed of Enfranchisement, 1890
1. Arthur James Taylor, Esq.
2. The Trustees of the Wills of Mr. Ebenezer Robins and Mr. Cornelius Robins.
Property: Copyhold tenement at Yardley.
Consideration: £102.
- /6 Valuation of land at Red Hill, belonging to the Trustees of the Elmdon Road. 1840.
- /7 Copy of Lease, 1892
1. Trustees of the late E. & C. Robins
2. Guardians of the Poor of the Solihull Union.
Property: Three pieces of land at Red Hill in the parish of Yardley, co. Worcs.
Rent: £40 p.a.
- /8 Copy of Will of Mr. William Napton, 1811.
- /9 Particulars of sale, and plans of freehold and copyhold estates situate at Sutton Coldfield and Wishaw, co. Warwicks and Yardley co. Worcs. by E. and C. Robins, 1838.
(See also MS 864/A/2h).
- /10a Robins pedigree (1792-1931). Holland v Gillam re Ebenezer Robins deceased.
- /10b Obituary notice of Elizabeth Robins, widow of Cornelius Robins.
Notes on the family of Cornelius Robins, (1794-1885), 1908.
Robins v Gillam and Holland v Gillam - particulars relating to the genealogy of the late Ebenezer Robins and Cornelius Robins and their respective descendants. [1914].
- /11 Williams v McCardie. Deed of partition concerning the trusts under the wills of Cornelius and Ebenezer Robins.
(With plans), 1911.

B. Yardley Estate Sale.

- MS 864/B/1 Particulars of sale, with plans, of the Yardley Estate, by the direction of A. J. Taylor, Esq. 1913.
- /2 Abstract of Title of Arthur James Taylor, Esq. to land in the Parish of Yardley, Worcs. (1878-1913), 1913. [Printed]
- /3 Supplemental Abstract of Lease, affecting Lot 52, Taylor to Robins, 1913.
- /4 Supplemental Abstract of discharged mortgage, Lot 52, Taylor to Robins, with plan, 1913.
- /5 Supplemental Abstract of discharged mortgage, Lot 52, Taylor to Robins, 1913.
- /6 Requisitions and Observations on title to Lots 33 and 52, and replies thereto, 1913.

C. William Henry Robins

- MS 864/C/1 Certificate of examination awarded to William H. Robins by the Committee of Council on Education, 1868.
- /2a Letter of recommendation of William Henry Robins for the Whitworth Exhibition from David Ramibach, Headmaster of the Government School of Art, to the General Purposes Committee of Birmingham Town Council, 1868.
- /2b Letter of recommendation for the Whitworth Exhibition from R. A. Kemp, 1868.
- /2c Letter of recommendation for the Whitworth Exhibition from J. U. Zimmermann, 1868.
- /2d Letter of recommendation for the Whitworth Exhibition from Ebenezer Robins, 1868.

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Application and Testimonials from William Henry Robins to Balsall Heath Local Board of Health in connection with the election of surveyor, 1872.

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Birth Certificate of William Henry Robins, 1877.

/5a

Authorisation by the Charity Commissioners to the Governors of King Edward's School, for the selling of lands etc., in consideration of the granting and conveyance in trust to the School of annual rent charges, 1880 [with plan]

/5b

Authorisation by the Charity Commissioners to the Governors of King Edward's School for the sale of a rentcharge, 1880.

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Red Hill Allotments

MS 864/D/1a

Lease, 1928

1. Rosa Fanny Robins, spinster, of "Ashfield", Valentine Road, Kings Heath, and William Henry Robins, civil engineer, of the same, lessors

2. Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Birmingham, lessees

Land at Hay Mills, Yardley, City of Birmingham.

Term: 3 years

Rent: £58 p.a.

Plan.

/1b

Further lease as per Principal Deed in 1a, 1934.

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Lease, 1937

1. Rosa Fanny Robins, spinster, of Ashfield, Valentine Road, Kings Heath and William Henry Robins, civil engineer, of the same, lessors

2. The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Birmingham, lessees, Land at Hay Mills, Yardley, City of Birmingham.

Term: 7 years

Rent: £63 p.a.

Plan.

MS 864/D/3 Copy of licence granted to Messrs. Sheffield Ltd. to utilise the Red Hill Allotments for advertising hoarding, [1937.]

/4a Agreement between William Henry Robins and Messrs. Sheffield Ltd. concerning the letting of Redhill Allotments, Yardley, for advertising purposes, 1951.

/4b Plan of Hay Mills, Yardley [1913, annotation 1956]

/5 Notice concerning the assignment of the residue of a 99 year lease on land at Hay Mills, Yardley, by The Premier Aluminium Casting Co. Ltd. to Jones Engineering Co. Ltd., 1956.

/6 Copy of consent by Rosa Fanny Robins and William Henry Robins to the assignment of a lease of land at Hay Mills, Yardley by The Premier Aluminium Casting Co. Ltd. to The Jones Engineering Co. Ltd. 1956.

/7a Letter concerning the development value of land at Amington Road and Coventry Road, Yardley, 1951.

/7b Notice of Determination of Development Value of land at Amington Road and Coventry Road, Yardley, 1951.

E Mrs. Fanny Louisa Robins

MS 864/E/1 Insurance policy issued by The General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation concerning liability for domestic servants, 1910.

/2 Agreement of tenancy between Fanny Louisa Robins, landlady, and William Henry Goffe and Walter Allen Goffe, concerning 32-36 Duke Street, Birmingham, 1920.

/3 Copy of particulars and valuation of freehold properties in the City of Birmingham belonging to the estate of the late Mrs. Fanny Louisa Robins, 1927.

/4 List of Stocks and Shares of Mrs. Fanny Louisa Robins, deceased, 1927.

- MS 864/E/5 Copy of memorandum of agreement between William Henry Robins and Rosa Fanny Robins, landlords, and Walter Henry Perks, cornmerchant, concerning land known as the 'Spinney', in Yardley, 1928.
- F. W. H. Robins and Miss R. F. Robins
- MS 864/F/1 Copy of an agreement between Mr. W. H. Robins and Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. being a grant of a right of way in Bordesley Green, 1920.
[with plan]
- /2 Plan of land between Moseley Street and Highgate Park, 1920.
- /3a Memorandum of Agreement between William Parrot and Antrobus (agents for Mrs. F. L. Robins), and Tom Hughes, concerning 'Melbourne House', Warwick Road, Acocks Green, 1924.
- /3b Letter from T. Hughes to Messrs. William Parrott and Antrobus, 1927
- /4a Sheffield's Ltd. Notes on cost of advertising Station. 1933.
- /4b Letter from Sheffield's Ltd. to Messrs. Ludlow, Briscoe and Hughes, agreeing to terms of easement, 1933.
- /4c Letter from Ludlow Briscoe and Hughes to Messrs. Sheffield Ltd. setting out terms for easement over land at Yardley, 1933.
- /5 Copy of Will of Wilfred Armitage Brown, Esq., 1935.
- /6a Notice requiring Information as to Interests in Land etc. under the Housing Act, 1930, concerning property in Moseley Street, 1936.
- /6b Letter from the Town Clerk accompanying Notice of Birmingham (Moseley Street) Clearance Order, 1936, 1936.
- /6c Notice of Birmingham (Moseley Street) Clearance Order, 1936, served upon William Henry Robins, 1936.

- MS 864/F/7 Plan of drainage of land adjoining Pack Horse Lane, 1950.
- /8a Declaration concerning the purchase of Imperial Chemicals Ltd. Stock by Miss R. P. Robins, made by W. H. Robins, 1952.
- /8b Acknowledgment from the Stock and Share Dept. of Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd. 1952.
- /9a Letter from the Town Clerk to William Henry Robins concerning a Compulsory Purchase Order for Melville Road, Edgbaston, 1953.
- /9b Notice of Compulsory Purchase Order with schedules of properties in Edgbaston, Quinton, Northfield, Longbridge, & West Heath, attached, 1953.
- /10a Letter from Slatter, Son and More to W. H. Robins, Esq., concerning ground rents, 1955.
- /10b Accounts from Slatter, Son and More to W. H. Robins, concerning ground rents, 1955. (7 items; 1950-1954).
- /11a Copy of Will of W. H. Robins, Esq. 1959.
- /11b Summary of Estate of William Henry Robins, deceased, 1964.
- /12 Letter from Slatter, Son and More to W. H. Robins concerning the Sale of 62, Southam Road, Hall Green, 1960.
- /13a Statement of account from Slatter, Son and More to W. H. Robins concerning properties at Goosemoor Lane, Erdington, Yardley Wood Road and Selly Park Road, 1960.
- /13b Letter from Slatter, Son and More to W. H. Robins concerning 121, Selly Park Road and other properties, 1960.
- /13c General Statement of Account, Slatter, Son and More to W. H. Robins, Esq.
- /13d Statement of Account, Slatter Son and More, re 209, Longmoor Road, Shirley and other properties, 1960.

- MS 864/F/14 Copy of Draft Will of Miss R. F. Robins, 1964
- /15 Copy of Will of Miss R. F. Robins, 1968.
- /16a Copy of letter from Bournville Village Trust to COPEC House Improvement Society, Ltd. concerning 19 Valentine Road, Kings Heath, 1969.
- /16b Copy of letter from COPEC House Improvement Society Ltd. to Messrs. Grey and Willcox, 1969.
- /16c Plan of 19, Valentine Road, Kings Heath, 1969.
- /16d Letter from Grey and Willcox to Miss Robins, concerning COPEC, 1969.
- /17 Draft Will of Miss R. F. Robins, 1971.
- /18 Copy Will of Miss R. F. Robins, 1971.

G. James Mott

- MS 864/G/1a Insurance policy, issued by The Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co. Ltd. on "Ashfield", Valentine Road, Kings Heath, 1916.
- /1b Two receipts for premiums to The Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co. Ltd. 1921.
- /1c Letter from The Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co. Ltd. to J. Mott concerning the cancellation of insurance policy, 1921.
- /2 Copy Will of James Mott, Esq. 1926.
- /3 Statement and receipt of Succession Duty due on "Ashfield", Valentine Road, Kings Heath, 1928.
- /4a Inventory of personal effects of James Mott, 1927.
- /4b Estate Accounts of the late James Mott, 1927.

MS 864/G/5 Copy of list of charges incurred by the Executors of the Will of James Mott, deceased, 1928.

H James Mott

864/H/1 Schedules of Stocks and Shares held in trust, and otherwise, [1903.]
a-c

/2 Four items concerning Birmingham Corporation Water Annuities.
a-d 1914 - 1926.

/3 Six items concerning The Southern Railway Co. Stock. 1925-1927.
a-f

/4 Three items concerning purchase of Brighton Corporation Stock,
a-c 1923-1924.

/4 Notification of purchase of London Brighton and South Coast
d-e Railway Stock, 1920. [2 items]

/5 Six items concerning purchase of Birmingham Corporation Water
a-f Annuity Stock, 1922-1927.

/6 Receipt from James, Barton and Kentish, Solicitors, for deeds
concerning properties in Valentine Road, Kings Heath, from
James Mott, 1921.

/7 Note of items to be added to, and removed from Deed Box, 1920.

/8 Notice to trustees from the Board of Education of the intention
to make an Order for the establishment of a Scheme for the
Protestant Dissenting Charity School in Graham Street, 1922.
[2 copies.]

/9 Notice of Transfer of Stock of Eastbourne Corporation to James
Mott, Esq., 1909.

/10 Death Certificate of Herbert Brown, endorsed with the stamps of the
South Staffordshire Water Works, Great Western Railway, and London
and North Western Railway Company, 1900.

- MS 864/H/11a Receipt to James Mott, Esq., and Mrs. F. L. Robins, from Harcourts Ltd.
Moseley Street. 1913.
- /11b Blank request form for cheque book from the Midland Bank. [N.D.]
- /12 Three items concerning transfer and sale of stock, 1915.
a-c
- /13 Correspondence and Notices concerning the value of 16 and 18 Ashfield
a-c Avenue, Kings Heath. 1914.
- /14a Deed of Appointment of New Trustees, under the will of Samuel
Brown, 1907.
- /14 Three items concerning the appointment of new trustees, 1907, 1908.
b-d
- /15 Four schedules of deeds and shares, 1880.
a-d
- /16 Five items concerning investments, 1909 - 1915.
a-e
- /17a Prospectus of The London Association for the Prevention of Premature
Burial, [1907.]
- /17b Receipt for subscription to The London Association for the Prevention
of Premature Burial, 1907.
- /17c Certificate of Personal Authorisation for Death-Verification from
The Association for the Prevention of Premature Burial, 1908.
- /17d Three items of correspondence with The Association for the Prevention
of Premature Burial, 1907, 1910.
- /17e Bundle of ten newspaper cuttings concerning premature burial and
vegetarianism, 1907 - 1923.
- /18 Correspondence with Inland Revenue, and notes, concerning personal
a-e taxation, 1920 - 1923. [five items.]

- MS 864/H/19
a-e Five receipts for premiums from the Liverpool and London and
Globe Insurance Co. Ltd. 1920.
- /20
a-h Eight items concerning Eastbourne Corporation Stock, 1927.
- /21
a-e Five pages of rough draft of alterations to the Will of James
Mott, 1908.
- /22 Envelope labelled "Copy - Latest Will of James Mott, 11 February,
1922", 1922.
- /23a Memorandum concerning the ownership of some furniture by James
Mott, from John Harcourt, 1884.
- b. Photograph (subject unnamed) by Cooper of 82a New Street, 1885.
Both 23a and b contained in a Post Office "Official Paid"
envelope.
- /24a Papers concerning properties and investments in trust under
Herbert Brown's will, 1900 - 1903 [9 items.]
- /24b Letters concerning investments in trust under Herbert Brown's
Will, from Harry S. Brown to James Mott, 1900-1901. [10 items]
- /25a Income Tax Declaration, 1920-1921, of James Mott, 1921.
- b. Schedule of income from investments, with tax paid, [1921.]
- /26 Bundle of receipts, 1921 - 1927 [20 items.]
- /27 Bundle of receipts, and a charity appeal, 1921 - 1926.
[28 items]
- /28 Bundle of receipts, 1924 - 1925 [11 items]
- /29a Inland Revenue form for claim of "Housekeeper" allowance. 1925.
- b. Notes and Instructions for the completion of Income Tax Return.
[1925.]
- /30
a-d Four items concerning the "making up" of Ashfield Avenue, Kings Heath
by Kings Norton and Northfield Urban District Council, 1905-1907.

- MS 864/H/31
a-b Two receipts from J. B. Clarke & Co. for costs concerning
codicils to Mr. Mott's will. 1922, 1926.
- /32a Notes and papers concerning Income Tax, 1925-1927, [6 items.]
- /32b. Receipt from Midland Bank of dividend, 1927.
- /32c Papers concerning Income Tax, Investments, and the Income
Taxpayers' Society, 1925.
- /32d Income tax papers, [1924 - 1925]
- /33 Tax assessment, 1924.
- /34 Bundle of papers concerning the Valuation of several properties
in Handsworth Wood Road, 1914. [11 items.]
- /35 Diaries, 1915 - 1927.
- /36 Diaries, 1851, 1852 [Isaac Mott]
a-b
- /37 The Birmingham Joint Stock Bank Ltd. Deposit Account Book of
Herbert Brown and James' Mott, 1889 - 1890.
- /38 The Birmingham and Midland Bank Ltd. Deposit Account Book of
James Mott, 1879 - 1894.
- /39 The London and Midland Bank Ltd. Deposit Account Book of James
Mott, Esq., 1894 - 1903.
- /40 The London City and Midland Bank Ltd. Account Book of James
Mott, 1914 - 1923.
- /41 Four petty cash books: 1914 - 1919
a-d 1919 - 1922
1922 - 1926
1927
- /42 Account Book of Assets and Sharedealings, 1880 - 1900.

- MS 864/H/43 Rent receipt book, 1915 - 1926
- /44 Cheque Book Stubs, 1910 - 1927 [21 items]
- /45 The London City and Midland Bank Ltd. Paying In Book
a-b Stubs, 1906 - 1926 [2 items]
- /46 The Midland Bank Ltd. Paying In Book Stubs, 1926 - 1927

I Miscellaneous

- MS 864/I/1 Hoppus's Measurer, inscribed Ebenezer Robins, 1814, 1809.
- /2 Notebook of engineering drawings, inscribed William H. Robins,
47 New Street, [1870]
- /3 Box containing unopened packet of business cards for William
H. Robins, Assoc. M. Inst. C.E., F.S.I., with copper plate, [1870]
- /4 Book of geometrical problems, inscribed Ebenezer Robins, [1815][MS]
with enclosures
- a. Map of Birmingham, Aston & Erdington surveyed by Josiah
Robins, showing the means of water supply to Birmingham, 1810.
- b. The Title and setting for the first scene of a play 'The
Newcastle Ryder', early 19th century.
- c. Scrap paper list of two items of building materials, early
19th century.
- /5 Book of geometrical definitions and problems. [1815] [MS]
- /6 Arithmetic notebook, 1805
- /7 Geometry Notebook, [1805]
- /8a Agreement for the Hire of Dustbins from the Birmingham Salvage
Department, for properties in Coventry Road, 1926.
- /8b Notice from the Birmingham Salvage Department concerning a
Voluntary Hire Scheme for Dustbins, 1926.

MS 864/I/8c Order form for Standard Dustbins, with list of approved suppliers,
1925

- /9 Specifications for proposed extension of main shop for Mr. W. H. Robins, 1937.
- /10 Plan of Red Hill Estate, Yardley, [1913] [3 copies]
- /11 Plan of "Red Hill Cottages", Yardley showing sanitary arrangements, drainage and paving, 1913.
- /12 Plan of 32 Duke Street, Birmingham, showing proposed partition and sliding door, 1937.
- /13 Plan of Coventry Road area at Yardley, 1937.
- /14a Notice of offer of Southern Railway Company Stock, 1939.
- /14b Application Form for Southern Railway Company Stock, 1939.
- /15 Certificate of membership of The Institution of Surveyors, concerning William Henry Robins, 1881.
- /16 Letter from The Surveyor's Institution accompanying a Diploma-Certificate, 1883. [printed]
- /17
a-h Plans and notes concerning improvements to Ashfield, Valentine Road, Kings Heath. [1894]

J Miscellaneous

- MS 864/J/1 Double-sided illuminated Resolution of The City of Birmingham Allotments Committee, showing appreciation to Mr. W. H. Robins and Miss R. F. Robins, 1957
- /2 Double-sided illuminated Resolution of The Birmingham City Council accepting land at South Yardley from Mr. W. H. Robins and Miss Robins, 1950.
 - /3 Scrap album of newspaper cuttings etc. mostly of local interest, [1900 - 1912]

- MS 864/J/4 Scrap album of newspaper cuttings etc. mostly royalty and aristocracy, [1910 - 1962]
- /5 Newscuttings Album, [1902 - 1945] [with loose cuttings]
- /6 Diary of W. H. Robins, 1952
- /7 Letter Book of W. H. Robins, 1920 - 1922
- /8 Income Account of The Executor of Mrs. Fanny Louisa Robins' Will, 1947 - 1953.
- /9 Insurance Policy for Burglary etc. on Ashfield, Valentine Road, with Renewal Receipt, and Endorsement, 1907, 1947, 1960.
- /10 Insurance Policies re domestic servants, 1908
a-b
- /11 Insurance Policy on Contents of Ashfield, Valentine Road, Kings Heath, with endorsement, 1909, 1944
- /12a Notice of a Committee Meeting of The Speedwell Bicycle Club, 1925
- /12b Letter of invitation to the Old Members Lunch of The Speedwell Bicycle Club, 1960
- /13 Two diaries, principally concerning a garden, 1899, 1901.
a-b
- /14 Receipted account to Miss Robins from Maple and Co. Tottenham Court Road, London, 1907
- /15 Postcard of Moseley Village 1868
- /16 Programme for Christmas amateur dramatics, 1903
- /17 Coal order form [unused] of Henry Lee, Coal and Coke merchant [1890]
- /18 Copper plate letter heading of W. H. Robins, [1890]