

Cork City and County Archives

Item Level Description

Hely Hutchinson Cork Electors MS. (Ref. IE CCCA/SM/768)

Identity Statement

Reference Code:	SM768
Title:	Hely Hutchinson Cork Electors MS.
Dates:	c.1783
Level of Description:	item
Extent:	230pp

Context

Creator

Hely-Hutchinson, John (b.1724 - d.1794)

Archival History

Purchased by Archives in March 2011. The MS. was acquired at auction by De Burca Rare Books, in Wiltshire, England. Originally part of the library of John Hely-Hutchinson.

Biographical / Administrative History

Son of Francis Hely, gentleman. Born Gortoe, Mallow, County Cork. Educated at TCD. In 1751 married Christiana Nixon (heiress to her uncle Richard Hutchinson) later Baroness Donoughmore. MP at Irish House of Commons for Cork City, 1761-1790. Privy Councillor and serjeant at law. Provost Trinity College Dublin from 1774. Advocate of free trade and Catholic relief and education. Secretary of State 1777. Elected fellow of Royal Society 1794. His son, Richard (b.1756 d.1825) became Viscount Donoughmore later 1st Earl of Donoughmore of Knocklofty near Clonmel. From 1790, another son, Hon. John Hely-Hutchinson (b.1757 - d.1832) served as MP for Cork City in the Irish Parliament, and later in the Westminster Parliament up from 1801-1802 and 1826-1830. Another son, Christopher Hely- Hutchinson (b.1767-1826) served as MP for Cork City 1802-1826.

Cork City returned 2 MPs to the Irish Parliament. Before the Act of Union in 1800, the electorate comprised the Freemen of the city, including non-residents, and the Forty Shilling Freeholders of the County of the City.

Content and Structure

Scope and Content

MS. possibly drafted by an election agent of John Hely Hutchinson MP (b.1724-d.1794), for the 1783 Irish Parliament election in Cork City. Contains lists of names, addresses and occupations of over 756 Freemen, and approx. 200 40 shilling (£2) and £10 Freeholders of the City of Cork, including those resident in the County of the City of Cork, as well as non-resident Freemen such as Members of Parliament. Some entries contain family details or details of informants. All persons listed are Protestant, as Catholics and others were unable to qualify for the vote until 1793.

Freemen include; '117 Richard Butterworth, Major Royal Irish Artillery Dublin'; '137. William Coles, Sand Quay, Burgess'; '152. Francis Creed, Blarney Lane appoint[ed] to the Milk Market - Chandler'; '179. William Collis, Castlemaine Tralee [informed] by Lord Glandore' ; '221 Richard Daunt, Daunt's Bridge, Atty.' (Attorney) ; '279 Roger Green, Youghal, Merchant' ; '313. Andrew Hill, North Abbey, Cooper [informed] by Mathew Church Sunday's Well Road, Merchant, and George Newsom...Mathew Church was made free by Burgess Brown' ; '478. John Monk Mason, Dublin, MP'; '649. Philip Stevens, London, Admiralty' ; '756. Benjamin Williamson son-in-law to Aldn.(Alderman) Philpott'.

Freeholders include; '£10...Robert Atkins, Waterpark, Carrigaline, Esq. House in Main St.' ; '£10...William Alexander...Mallow Lane, Shoemaker...married to a Papist Rathmore' ; '40s George Mannix, East Indies, Gent. , Banduffe in [Liberties]' ; '40s Hugh Somerville, Barrack Street, House and Linney, Linen Weaver'.

With alphabetical index to Freemen.

Arrangement

1 bound volume 230pp.

Conditions of Access and Use

Access: Open by appointment to those holding a current reader's ticket.

Language: English

Finding Aids: Item Level Description.

Allied Materials

Related Material

CCCA:

U.196 & U.196A, Colthurst Estate Papers

U.11 Index to Council Books of Cork, list of Freeman

SM/600 Linehan Donation, including Certificate of Freeman

Elsewhere:

National Library of Ireland, Bolton MS.; Donoughmore MSS.

Trinity College Library, Mss. 1770-73 (T. 6 7-10)

National Archives of Ireland: M. 372

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