



Guide to the Estridge Family Papers, 1779-1901

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Summary

Collection Title:

Estridge family papers, 1779-1901

Creator:

Estridge family

Abstract:

The Estridge family owned The Hill, Lower Estridge's, and Bramble estates in St. Kitts, West Indies, as early as 1660 and through the nineteenth century. They originally hailed from Wiltshire, England. The collection consists of six volumes of plantation records, mainly account and expense books, as well as a scrapbook compiled by Henry Whatley Estridge collecting clippings from his father, George Estridge, and images of St. Kitts from 1896.

Extent:

3.0 Linear Feet (6 volumes in 5 boxes)

Language:

English

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Materials in English

Collection ID:

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Background

Scope and Content

Collection consists of six plantation volumes: five account books (1779-1827) and one scrapbook compiled by H.W.E. (Henry Whatley Estridge) around 1901.

Biographical/Historical

According to Bernard Burke's *Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Colonial Gentry*, Henry Whatley Estridge (of Estridge Estates, St. Kitts, and Minety House, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, England) was born in 1837 to George Estridge and Grace Male. Henry had four siblings: Edward (1833-1866), George Taylor (1835-1862), Anne Marin (1834-1840), and Grace Elizabeth (1843-1882).

Henry's father, George, was the third son of Joseph Estridge (1777-1814) and Ann Taylor (1776-1854). In all, Joseph and Ann had eight children: Joseph (d. 1802), Charles (1803-1851), George, Susannah (1806-1807), John (1809-1829), Joseph (1811-1890), and Henry (1812-1852).

Burke traced the family's presence in St. Kitts back at least four generations, to John Estridge (c. 1640-1701), and in 1895 wrote that they had "held the same estates ever since."

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Arrangement

Collection is boxed by volume.

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Names and Subjects

- Saint Kitts and Nevis -- History
- Slavery -- West Indies
- Plantation owners -- West Indies, British
- Ledgers (account books)
- Scrapbooks
- Estridge family

- Estridge, George
- Estridge, Henry Whatley

Collection Inventory

Volume 1, 1779-1783	Box 2
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Scope and Contents

Account book for Hill Estate, including sundry accounts; Capesterre Estate; and personal accounts.

Volume 2, 1784-1793	Box 4
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Scope and Contents

Invoice account book

Volume 3, 1785-1801	Box 3
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Scope and Contents

Account book with personal expense accounts

Volume 4, 1789 Dec. 31-1805 Dec. 31	Box 1
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Scope and Contents

Account book for The Hill Estate and the Lower Estate of John Estridge. Includes entries for purchase of slaves. Back cover includes entries on marriages and births.

Volume 5, 1814-1827	Box 1
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Scope and Contents

Account book with expenses for individual family members

Volume 6, "St. Kittiana", 1832-1901	Box 5
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Scope and Contents

Scrapbook titled "St. Kittiana: Letters to various St. Kitts' Papers by George Estridge, 1832-1860. Photographs taken 1896. Collected by H.W.E." Volume with assorted newspaper articles and columns from St. Kitts' newspapers, dating 1832-1860, some identified as authored by George Estridge, and others with no identified author. Topics include agricultural reports, plantation worker riots, economic prospects of St. Kitts (also known as St. Christopher), literature, poetry, and society news. Volume also includes photographs, some printed

and some on photographic paper, featuring St. Kitts landscapes, Basseterre, lepers and local people, and other landmarks on the island. Finally, there are two newspaper clippings laid in from *The Queen*, *The Lady's Newspaper*, with columns about Caribbean life dated from 1900 and 1901.