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E5/ Royds of Falinge, Rochdale



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Correspondence and Papers of the Royds Family of Rochdale.

This collection was acquired in two parts, in 1979 and 1984, the earlier portion containing 1/1-3, 3/2 4-5, 12-18, 4/2-3, 15-26, 5/1-6, 7/3,5. Seven letters, 1/1-3, 3/2, 4/2-3, 5 had been gathered together, ostensibly because of reference to the Rochdale Canal Company, and arrangement only justifiable for E5/1/1-3. The other four have been integrated with the rest of the correspondence.

The great majority of the letters are written to only four people, Judith Smith nee Berkin, James Royds the elder, Clement Royds and Jane Royds nee Hudson, and have been so divided. Included in these sections E5/2-5 are the few copy or original letters by the person concerned or to the person acting for them and in the case of Clement Royds the drafts prepared by him when a Parliamentary candidate. Brief biographical details of all four and those mentioned in the letters and papers can be found in the printed "*Pedigree of the Family of Royds*", a copy of which is held by the Record Office.

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- E5/1/1-3 Correspondence concerning the Rochdale Canal
- E5/1/1 Letter from James Lees to James Royds accepting an invitation to attend the committee for "the intended canal".
n.d. 1790-2
- E5/1/2 Letter from Ralph Shuttleworth in London to R Hamon covering a draft of the Bill (not present) and explaining delays in printing and proceeding in Parliament. Annotated by J.E., 16 Feb 1792 that draft fails to safeguard mill owners interests.
n.d. 1792
- E5/1/3 Letter from George Travis (Archdeacon of Chester) in London, requesting unnamed addresses to canvas sentiment about the proposal by the chief opponents of the Bill - Lords Derby and Grey de Wilton - to cease objecting if the line of the canal is modified away from Oldham toward Bury. Travis explains his reasons for opposing the proposal.
24 Mar 1792

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- E5/2/1-11 Correspondence of Mrs Judith Smith
- E5/2/1 Letter from Mary Berkin, her mother urging her to arrange a marriage settlement in case her husband dies.
12 Jan 1807
- E5/2/2 Letter from Mary Berkin to Charles Smith (as her daughter is ill) informing him that as Mr Grosvenor of Bristol another son-in-law has gone bankrupt she cannot continue her daughter's quarterly allowance.
2 Apr 1807
- E5/2/3 Letter from C.B. (?eauchamp) her sister with news of the family and life in Pengreep, Truro.
10 Feb 1816

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- E5/2/4 Letter from Campbell Bowden of London, Life Insurance Agent, detailing his rates. 16 Feb 1816
- E5/2/5 Letter from Mrs Catherine Maitland of Sloane Terrace, Chelsea, after a lapse of some years with news of her children. 11 Feb 1817
- E5/2/6 Letter from H Berkin of Weston her brother and executor of her mother's will to defend his conduct of the estate and show why her claim cannot be met. He himself is poor and can scarcely pay his curates, especially as he had to share the expense of setting up a new church in the Forest of Dean. 20 May 1817
- E5/2/7 Letter from M D Phillips, servant at Pengreep, with family news, including that his/her mistress has fits. 21 Jun 1817
- E5/2/8 Letter from H Berkin, reiterating the contents of E5/2/6. 4 Jul 1817
- E5/2/9 Letter from Gabriel ? Giltash of Clifton refusing a loan disclaiming any obligation to her mother's family. 23 Jul 1817
- E5/2/10 Letter from Charles de la Gorde of Jersey to Miss Alice Sutcliffe in Rochdale companion of Judith Smith, decd, insinuating that foul play and attempts to conceal assets that would cover Mrs Smith's debts in Jersey have occurred. 2 Jun 1818
- E5/2/11 Letter from job Pierce of Southampton on behalf of his parents who wosh to hear from Mrs Smith whom they have not contacted for over nine years, since when they have moved from Yorkshire, presumably in service and had a large family. 16 Dec 1819

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E5/3/1/1-18 Correspondence of James Royds the elder.

E5/3/1/1 Letter from James Royds the elder to Lt James Royds of 1st Royal Lancs Militia at Evesham complaining of his son's indolence, unreasonableness and bad handwriting. Refers to Clement Royds wedding.
13 Dec 1810

E5/3/1/2 Letter from William Redfern, on behalf of Oliver Holt, regarding the closure of a footpath leading through Tenterfield at Town Mill, Rochdale which had been made superfluous by the turnpike road.
16 Apr 1811

E5/3/1/3 Letter from T Hewitt of Ardwick, to Mr Ferrand of Rochdale concerning a mortgage deed that Lt Stott had signed and requesting the direction of Mr Royds.
2 Mar 1813

E5/3/1/4 Letter from Carr and Hargreaves, solicitors of Blackburn, concerning the right of James and Thomas Royds to a copyhold estate at Goodshaw under their father's will, and stating that the eldest brother, John, should therefore surrender it to Charles Nuttall.
2 Mar 1813

E5/3/1/5 Two memoranda, one by James one by Thomas concerning the best method of proceeding with the matter outlined in E5/3/4 and also with John Royds letter about stock
19 Feb & 5 Mar 1814

E5/3/1/6 Letter from Walt William Fell, son of the Rector of Brereton who while wishing to retire does not wish to leave the parish under a paid curate. Fell proposes that as Royds has purchased the next presentation for his son Edward his father would be willing, in effect, to resign and place Edward as curate in possession of the glebe, tithes, etc. Also mentions an exchange of lands between the rector and the Hall.
25 Jan 1818

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- E5/3/1/7 Letter from James Hey of London concerning the arrangements of financial backing - as a speculative investment - for Mr George Leigh, seeking to claim a title (Lord Leigh) and substantial estate, and discussing the trustworthiness of Leigh.
6 May 1820
- E5/3/1/8 Letter from his bankers Messrs Jones Loyds and Company of London covering a power of attorney. Endorsed with two copy letters from James Royds in reply. (1) dated 14 Oct 1824 instructing them to sell £7,00 (stock) and credit him with £1,000 and his sons Clement James and Edward with £6,000 in trust account, and to credit his other son Charles Smith Royds with £4,800 (2) dated Oct 1824 asking for a reply.
11 Oct 1824
- E5/3/1/9 Letter from Clement Royds to his father at Cheltenham, giving news of acquaintances his father will meet in London, and of Mr Newall's perfectly disgraceful will.
16 May 1828
- E5/3/1/10 Letter from Edward Royds at Brereton to his father at Cheltenham giving news of his family and especially of Charles Smith Royds and the rectory at Houghton.
16 May 1828
- E5/3/1/11 Letter from Clement Royds, anticipating his father's return from London and giving news of horses and a groom, together with family news.
14 Jun 1828
- E5/3/1/12 Letter from Charles Smith, nephew, accompanying a gift of a "waiter" as a token of gratitude for care and advice.
23 Sep 1828
- E5/3/1/13 Letter from John Elliot at Townhead, announcing his arrival at Mount Falinge and his disinclination to business.
4 Oct 1831
- E5/3/1/14 Letter from Edward Royds on his fathers birthday with family news and thanks for some unspecified deeds that his father has sent.
30 Dec 1834

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- E5/3/1/15 Letter from John Elliott at Townhead, enclosing a document and mentioning Royds as a benefactor to St Mary's Chapel.
16 Jan 1837
- E5/3/1/16 Letter from Jane Royds, enclosing a keepsake of his grandson Edmund.
19 May 1838
- E5/3/1/17 Copy letter from James Royds to William Ingledeu of Cheltenham, husband of his neice, inviting him and his family to Rochdale and giving news of himself and Fanny.
16 Jan 1840
- E5/3/1/18 Letter from William Ingledeu, reply to E5/3/17, declining the invitation and describing the development and social life of Cheltenham.
Second sheet missing. n.d. 1840

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- E5/4/1-26 Correspondence of Clement Royds.
- E5/4/1 Letter from Josh Hudson, with details of the Rochdale Offices debits to Royds 1807-14 and a personal note possibly concerning sale of property.
4 Apr 1815
- E5/4/2 Copy letter from Royds to his brother James vigorously defending himself against charges of cheating James and requesting him to cease repeating these charges to others, as they are baseless.
4 sheets 1 Apr 1822
- E5/4/3 Copy letter as E5/4/2 in which the quarrel has been resolved but Clement still disputes that a friend of James could have "lost £10,000 by that swindling crew the Rochdale Canal".
2 sheets 9 Apr 1822
- E5/4/4 Letter from J Elliott, reporting the unsatisfactory result of his research into the origin and present rightful payer of a sum originally a tenth to the crown, from the Whalley Abbey estate. Advises Royds not to pay.
13 Feb 1827
- E5/4/5 Letter from James Royds, his father, expressing his concern about the possibility of a dispute between Mr Robert Peel's executors and the Rochdale Canal over unpaid rent on land that the Canal's agents had mishandled reaching court.
12 Dec 1828
- E5/4/6 Letter from Shepley Watson of ?Hiendley nr Pontefract, requesting a short-term loan to pursue his case against the Aire and Calder Canal Company, who have all but admitted their liability by the content of their Act of Parliament, having attempted to discredit Watson.
17 Dec 1828
- E5/4/7 Letter from Shepley Watson, thanking Royds for the loan.
24 Dec 1828
- E5/4/8 Letter from Shepley Watson, concerning the loan.
2 Jan 1829

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- E5/4/9 Letter from Shepley Watson with news of his wife, and renewed thanks for the loan which he is now repaying.
7 Sep 1829
- E5/4/10 Letter from Jane Royds, written over a letter to her from her brother Josh Hudson in which he explains his conduct of their mother's estate in the payment of an annuity to their aunt, over which he and Clement had disagreed. Jane forwards the letter with news of the health of their son William Edward.
nd shortly after 23 Sep 1830
- E5/4/11 Letter from Edward Hemingway, postmarked Wakefield, giving his reasons for requesting that he is allowed to delay payment of the £1,000 principal due to Royds wife under Hemingway's uncle's will. Enclosed is a copy acknowledgement from Royds agreeing.
2 docs 1 and 5 Dec 1832
- E5/4/12 Letter from Edward Hemingway, at Oulton, announcing that he is now able to pay the principal. Enclosed with coy acknowledgement.
25 and 26 Sep 1834
- E5/4/13 Letter from Sarah Molyneux, sister-in-law to Edward Royds, giving the numbers of the watch that Edward bought in Liverpool in 1817, and thanks him for his action which saved the Rectory for Edward.
17 May 1836
- E5/4/14 Letter from J Todd Naylor of Liverpool, reporting that he had defended Clement and his son Albert from the adverse reports circulating after the robbery of Clement's sons. Approves of Clement's action to take statements from "men lately executed" at Shrewsbury (which clear his name).
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- E5/4/15 Letter from ? R Butler Wilbraham at House of Commons, inviting Royds to allow himself to put forward to succeed the dangerously ill Mr Entwisle, as next M.P. for the borough, because Royds would fight with a "strong feeling of delicacy towards (the) present member who alone has reduced himself to the helpless state he is now in". With separate envelope.
2 items 5 Apr 1837
- E5/4/16 Draft open letter, explaining his motives for standing for Parliament
. 9 Apr 1837
- E5/4/17 Eulogy on the character of a Conservative.
n.d. ? 1837
- E5/4/18 Copy, perhaps from a newspaper, of an article on "The Late Scenes of Confusion and Terror occasioned by the appearance of a deluded mob."
n.d. 1830's
- E5/4/19 Draft open letter to the electors, in case of his election.
18 Apr 1837
- E5/4/20 As E5/4/19, in case of his defeat.
18 Apr 1837
- E5/4/21 Letter from L Edward of Pye Nest, with condolences on the death of the Royds son Edmund.
22 Apr 1838
- E5/4/22 Letter from William Howley, Archbishop of Canterbury, introducing and recommending Dr Molesworth, new vicar of Rochdale.
24 Dec 1839
- E5/4/23 Letter from James Butler of London, regretting that he was not aware that his brother John Had been loaned money by Royds, and promising to guarantee repayment terms.
4 Feb 1842
- E5/4/24 Letter from Miss Hitchcock, with thanks for a gift.
n.d. 1841 in period

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E5/4/25 Letter from Sarah Taylor, Pontefract. Personal note to
the Royds accompanying a parcel,

n.d.

E5/4/26 Letter from Joseph Hudson, reporting a fall from his
horse and being laid up in Littleborough after leaving
Rochdale.

n.d. c 1830-40

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- E5/5/1-6 Correspondence of Jane Royds.
- E5/5/1 Letter from A Wood esq, (? Clement Royds clerk) with Royds family gossip and advice on William Edward Royds's leg.
27 Mar ? 1830
- E5/5/2 Letter from M Walton (? companion to Jane Royds' aunt) of Wards End with family news.
n.d. before 1837
- E5/5/3 Letter from M Walton of Wards End, regretting Clement Royds failure to be elected (of E5/3/15-20), and discussing arrangements following Mrs Hudsons death.
28 Apr 1837
- E5/5/4 Letter from Harriet Dyson of Willow Field, with condolences on the death of Edmund Royds.
23 Apr 1838
- E5/5/5 Letter from Henry Edwards, declining an invitation, accompanied by a poem.
n.d. 1830-40
- E5/5/6 Letter from A.A.E. "sister" at Llanblethian, with family news and enquiries.
n.d. 1830-40

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- E5/6/1-6 Commission in the army or public service.
- E5/6/1 Of James Royds of Brownhill, Rochdale, esq as Deputy
Lieutenant of Lancashire.
7 Jun 1798
- E5/6/2 Of Clement Royds of Greenhill, Rochdale, esq as Deputy
Lieutenant of Lancashire.
30 Dec 1830
- E5/6/3 Of Albert Hudson Royds of Brownhill, Rochdale, as Deputy
Lieutenant of Lancashire.
6 Sept 1852
- E5/6/4 Of Edmund Albert Nuttal Royds, gent as cornet in the Corps
of the Queens Own Worcestershire Yeomanry Cavalry as a
reserve.
23 Jan 1864
- E5/6/5 Of Edmund Albert Nuttal Royds, esq, as Lieutenant in same
corps as E5/6/4, still as reserve.
16 Jul 1866
- E5/6/6 Of Edmund Albert Nuttall Royds, gent, as Lieutenant in
1st Regiment of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Militia.
16 Feb 1869

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E5/7/1-5 Miscellaneous Papers.

E5/7/1 COPY WILL 10 Oct 1745

Copy will dated 7 Feb 1744/5 of Nathan Stock of Rochdale, clerk, devising all his property in Hundersfield and Spotland, some mortgaged to John Starky of Heywood, to his wife, Henry Barlow, his brother, clockmaker of Oldham, for their lives in succession then the male heirs of Henry Barlow remainder to the female heirs, and the legal heirs of Henry Barlow the younger, eldest son of Edward. A tenement called Highlec to Benjamin Taylor of Ogden and Butterworth, natural son of Benjamin Stock and Hannah Taylor, the tenements in Ashton under Lyne leased for lives from the Earl of Warrington to his wife for life then Miles Greaves, half brother of Henry and Edward Barlow.

Codicil dated 19 Apr 1745, revises arrangements following death of Jane Stock, his wife and Henry Barlow the elder, without issue.

E5/7/2 SETTLEMENT BEFORE MARRIAGE 28 Jan 1843

- 1 John Gil Royds of Cheltenham, Co Gloucs, esq
- 2 Frances Royds of Cheltenham, late of Mount Falinge, Rochdale.
- 3a Clement Royds of Mount Falinge, esq
- 3b Hugh Robert Entwisle of Marlboro' Grange, Co Glam.

Settlement before marriage of 1 and 2. 2 has in her own right £12,000 and 5 shares in the Rochdale Canal and makes 3 her trustees, with the consent of 1 to keep this and any other property that might be bequeathed to her for her own absolute use.

E5/7/3 Letter from D Sillar to Maggie giving detailed account of travels in Malta, Egypt and the Red Sea.

29 Jan 1844

E5/7/4 Summary of expenditure (by Clement Royds, High Sheriff of Lancaster) during 1850 shrievalty.

n.d. after Jul 1850

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Verse inscription on, and note of purchase in 1804 of
painting titled "The Nursery" by J Allen, "now in Falinge".
1854