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Introduction

The material consists of a transcription of the contents of the parliamentary poll-books for Sandwich, Kent, for the years 1831 to 1868. This period includes 13 elections, four by-elections and nine general elections.

The Parliamentary borough of Sandwich in Kent comprised three ecclesiastical and civil parishes of St. Mary, St. Peter and St. Clement, and the extra-parochial St. Bartholomew's Hospital. In 1832 this area was extended to cover the parishes of Deal and Walmer.

The intention was to trace the voting history of each voter, and to associate any changes with external circumstances - change of occupation, residence, etc - and to identify patterns of change among the voters' political preferences.

Sources

Parliamentary poll-books for the constituency of Sandwich:
1831, 1832, 1857, 1866: Kent Local Studies collection, Centre for Kentish Studies, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent
1835: Sandwich Guildhall archives (a photocopy is held by the Institute of Historical Research)
1837: Society of Genealogists, London (No.2164)
1841: British Library (10361 C 29)
1847, 1852, 1859 (General), 1868: Guildhall Library, London
1859 (Bye), 1865: in private possession (photocopies have been lodged with the Institute of Historical Research)

Candidates

1831 General Election: Marryatt (Liberal), Troubridge (Liberal), Price (Tory)
1832 General Election: Marryatt (Liberal), Troubridge (Liberal), Price (Tory), Owen (Tory)
1835 General Election: Troubridge (Liberal), Price (Tory), Owen (Tory)
1837 General Election: Troubridge (Liberal) Carnac (Liberal), Price (Tory), Brdiges (Tory)
1841 by-election: Fox (Liberal), Lindsay (Tory)
1847 General Election: Paget (Liberal), Grenfell (Liberal), Clinton (Tory)
1852 by-election: French (Liberal), Clinton (Tory)
1857 General Election: Hugessen (Liberal), Paget (Liberal), MacGregor (Tory), Lang (Tory)*
1859 General Election: Hugessen (Liberal), Paget (Liberal), Ferguson (Tory), Lewis (Tory)
1859 by-election: Hugessen (Liberal), Ferguson (Tory)
1865 General Election: Hugessen (Liberal), Paget (Liberal), Capper (Tory)
1866 by-election: Brassey (Liberal), Capper (Liberal)
1868 General Election: Brassey (Liberal), Hugessen (Liberal), Worms (Tory)

* At the 1857 General Election Lang stood as an independent Liberal candidate, but he has been classed as a Tory since he took votes from the official liberal candidates.

Digitisation

The 1831 poll-book was examined, and a record card (see "sources.pdf") was made for each voter. Later poll-books were examined in turn and details either added to an already identified voters' cards, or a new card was made out for a hitherto unidentified voter. Other information

(from census enumerators' returns, trade directories, etc.) sometimes made it possible to identify an apparently new voter as a previously identified one.

Voters enfranchised under the terms of the 1867 Act and who therefore voted for the first time in 1868 are not included in the database.

When all cards were completed, the information was transferred to a database.

Record Structure

In each case each voter is identified by name, occupation and qualifying property (where appropriate and available) and details given of the way his two votes were cast. Where the vote was split, or was a plumper vote, details are given as to which candidates were supported. Non-voters are listed as such. Voters who entered the register for the first time in 1868 as a result of the 1867 Act are not listed.

Each record comprises 56 fields, giving for each voter: serial number; surname; forenames; and voter type (freeman or elector). For each election the fields include: how an individual's votes were cast; the voter's occupation; the residential qualification for electors or the place/parish of residence for freemen; and the parish of the voter.

serialnumber	identification number for each individual
surname	surname
forenames	forenames
votertype	E = elector, F = Freeman, i.e. enfranchised under the 1832 Act
g31vote	1831 General Election (see Vote Field Codes below)
g31occupation	occupation given in the 1831 poll-book
g31street	residential qualification given in 1831 poll-book
g31parish	parish given in the 1831 poll-book (see Parish Field Codes below)
g32vote	1832 General Election (see Vote Field Codes below)
g32occupation	occupation given in the 1832 poll-book
g32street	residential qualification given in 1832 poll-book
g32parish	parish given in the 1832 poll-book (see Parish Field Codes below)
g35vote	1835 General Election (see Vote Field Codes below)
g35occupation	occupation given in the 1835 poll-book
g35street	residential qualification given in 1835 poll-book
g35parish	parish given in the 1835 poll-book (see Parish Field Codes below)
g37vote	1837 General Election (see Vote Field Codes below)
g37occupation	occupation given in the 1837 poll-book
g37street	residential qualification given in 1837 poll-book
g37parish	parish given in the 1837 poll-book (see Parish Field Codes below)
b41vote	1841 by-election (see Vote Field Codes below)
b41occupation	occupation given in the 1841 poll-book
b41street	residential qualification given in 1841 poll-book
b41parish	parish given in the 1841 poll-book (see Parish Field Codes below)
g47vote	1847 General Election (see Vote Field Codes below)
g47occupation	occupation given in the 1847 poll-book
g47street	residential qualification given in 1847 poll-book
g47parish	parish given in the 1847 poll-book (see Parish Field Codes below)
b52vote	1852 by-election (see Vote Field Codes below)
b52occupation	occupation given in the 1852 poll-book
b52street	residential qualification given in 1852 poll-book
b52parish	parish given in the 1852 poll-book (see Parish Field Codes below)
g57vote	1857 General Election (see Vote Field Codes below)
g57occupation	occupation given in the 1857 poll-book

g57street	residential qualification given in 1857 poll-book
g57parish	parish given in the 1857 poll-book (see Parish Field Codes below)
g59vote	1859 General Election (see Vote Field Codes below)
g59occupation	occupation given in the 1859 poll-book
g59street	residential qualification given in 1859 poll-book
g59parish	parish given in the 1859 poll-book (see Parish Field Codes below)
b59vote	1859 by-election (see Vote Field Codes below)
b59occupation	occupation given in the 1859 by-election poll-book
b59street	residential qualification given in 1859 by-election poll-book
b59parish	parish given in the 1831 by-election poll-book (see Parish Field Codes below)
g65vote	1865 General Election (see Vote Field Codes below)
g65occupation	occupation given in the 1865 poll-book
g65street	residential qualification given in 1865 poll-book
g65parish	parish given in the 1865 poll-book (see Parish Field Codes below)
b66vote	1866 by-election (see Vote Field Codes below)
b66occupation	occupation given in the 1866 poll-book
b66street	residential qualification given in 1866 poll-book
b66parish	parish given in the 1866 poll-book (see Parish Field Codes below)
g68vote	1868 General Election (see Vote Field Codes below)
g68occupation	occupation given in the 1868 poll-book
g68street	residential qualification given in 1868 poll-book
g68parish	parish given in the 1868 poll-book (see Parish Field Codes below)

Vote Field Codes

- A vote for both Liberal or Tory candidates at a general election, or for either candidate at a by-election is shown as **L** or **T**.
- A split vote is shown as **S**, with a suffix showing which two candidates were voted for, using the initial letter of the candidate's surname. Thus for the 1859 General Election a vote may be recorded as **Shf**: showing that the voter split his vote between Hugessen in the Liberal interest, and Ferguson in the Tory interest.
- A plumper vote is shown as **L1** or **T1**, again with the candidate's initial to show how the vote was cast.
- Non-voters are shown as **n/v**. This is taken too include those voters who appear on the electoral roll, but who are not mentioned in the poll-book. This is not always reliable; in a few cases voters are listed in the roll who are known to have been dead at the time of the election.
- The election before a voter cast his first vote, or after he cast his last one is marked as **Abs**; which makes it possible to identify those who have joined or left the Register. A voter who appears at an election, does not appear at the next, but reappears at the third will be marked as **Abs** for the second election, if there is a longer gap, he will be marked as **Abs** on both sides of the gap.

Parish Field Codes

- C - Sandwich (St. Clement's)
- P - Sandwich (St. Pete's)
- M - Sandwich (St. Mary's)
- D - Deal
- W - Walmer
- Freemen living in local villages or in Thanet are shown by village or town name

REMARKS.	NAME.	PROFESSION.	RESIDENCE.	P.	H.	M.	L.
	James, Thomas	Clerk	Deal				
	Jarvis, Luke	Publican	do				
	Job, Thomas	Pilot	do				
	Jones, Edward	Chemist	do				
	Jones, Wm. Bentick	Pilot	do				
	Kelsey, James H. G.	Gardener	do				
	Kemball, Joseph Bird	Draper	do				
	Kennett, John	Hair Dresser	do				
	Kent, Frederick	Inn Keeper	do				
	Keys, Richard	Gentleman	do				
	Kidner, Thomas	Victualler	do				
	King, James Jordan	Hair Dresser	do				
	King, Stephen	Schoolmaster	do				
	Kingsford, William	Baker	do				
	Knight, James	Minister	do				
	Ladd, William	Farmer	do				
	Langley, Morris	Auctioneer	do				
	Lawrence, George	Clerk	do				
	Leeson, Jas. Seymour	Surgeon	do				
	Long, George	Cordwainer	do				
	Long, Edmund F.	Shoemaker	do				
	Lownds, Robt. Ramll.	Victualler	do				
	Lush, James Robert	Schoolmaster	do				
	Mackie, William B.	Pilot	do				
	Mackie, Robert Moon	Painter	do				
	Malcome, Russell	Banker's Clerk	do				
	Marsh, Willm. Bailey	Baker	do				
	Marsh, William	Gentleman	do				
	Marsh, Simon	Victualler	do				
	Marsh, Henry W. G.	Ship Agent	do				
	Marsh, James	Victualler	do				
	Martin, James C.	Law Clerk	do				
	Mac Diarmid, John B.	Chemist	do				
	McLeod, Bentley	Brewer	do				
	Mercer, George	Solicitor	do				
	Millen, John Bullock	Pilot	do				
	Moat, George Manger	Carpenter	do				
	Moat, Thomas	Blacksmith	do				
	Mockett, Thos. H. W.	Gardener	do				
	Mockett, Joshua	Victualler	do				
	Mockett, Stn. Foster	Victualler	do				
	Moon, George Wm.	Pilot	do				
	Morse, Edward Geo.	Chemist & Surgeon	do				
	Mose, William James	Coach Maker	do				
	Moses, Joseph	Gentleman	do				
	Moulton, Morris	Pilot	do				
	Mourilyan, Joseph	Gentleman	do				
	Mowle, Richard	Pilot	do				
	Mowle, Thomas Ralph	Pilot	do				
	Mowll, Richard	Pilot	do				
	Mummery, Wm. R.	Currier	do				
	Munday, George	Gentleman	do				

REMARKS.	NAME.	PROFESSION.	RESIDENCE.	P.	H.	M.	L.
	Myhill, Wm. Popkiss	Baker	Deal				
	Myhill, Valentine C.	Pilot	do				
	Myhill, George	Baker	do				

BOOTH B, COMPARTMENT, No. 2.—Voters in respect of Property occupied within the Parish of Deal, whose surnames commence with the letters from N to Y, (both inclusive):—and for Voters in respect of Property occupied within the Parish of Walmer.

REMARKS.	NAME.	PROFESSION.	RESIDENCE.	P.	H.	M.	L.
	Neal, Robert	Gentleman	Deal				
	Nethersole, William	Wine Merchant	do				
	Nethersole, John	Wine Merchant	do				
	Newing, John	Labourer	do				
	Newing, Willm. Hards	Gardener	do				
	Newing, Stepn. Danl.	Baker	do				
	Newton, James	Pilot	do				
	Norman, J. Henry	Gentleman	do				
	Norris, Tom	Pilot	do				
	Norris, Stephen	Pilot	do				
	Norris, Thos. Dixon	Pilot	do				
	Norris, James	Pilot	do				
	Norris, LeonardPattn.	Victualler	do				
	Norris, James Henry	Draper	do				
	Norris, Stephen, senr.	Gentleman	do				
	Nott, Edw. Banberry	Capt R. N.	do				
	Oatridge, William	Mariner	do				
	Packer, Osmond	Draper	do				
	Pain, Luke	Baker	do				
	Pain, John	Pilot	do				
	Pain, Thomas	Clothier	do				
	Pain, Edmund	Gentleman	do				
	Pain, Thomas Henry	Cooper	do				
	Pain, Edmund	Clothier	do				
	Palmer, George	Pilot	do				
	Parker, Stephen Edw.	Victualler	do				
	Parker, David	Butcher	do				
	Parker, Thomas	Gentleman	do				
	Parker, Thomas	Butcher	do				
	Parsons, Henry Wm.	Gentleman	do				
	Parsons, Henry Saml.	Baker	do				
	Paul, Bennet	Gentleman	do				
	Paul, Thomas	Gentleman	do				
	Payne, Iden	Minister	do				
	Pearce, William	Gentleman	do				
	Pegden, Vincent	Watchmaker	do				
	Petley, Robert	Schoolmaster	do				
	Pettit, William	Gentleman	do				
	Philpott, William	Victualler	do				
	Philpot, George	Victualler	do				
	Pittock, Wm. Edgar	Tailor	do				
	Pordige, Robert	Pilot					

NORRIS   Thomas   Dixon   SANDWICH   Ec/E 108

		L1	L2	T1	T2	Reg no	Occupation	Address	W S
1831	G								
1832	G								
1835	G								
1837	G								
1841	B			L			Pilot.	[70 Middle St.] Deal.	
1847	G			C		726	Pilot	12 Union Row Deal.	
1852	B			C		731	Pilot	— " —	D
1857	G		P	M		752	— " —	Park Street	D
1859	G	H		F		766	Pilot	8 Park Street	D
1859	B	w/v				766	Pilot	8 Park Street	D
1865	G	H	P			739	Pilot.	8 Park Street	D
1866	B			C		753	Pilot	8 Park Street	D
1868	G	H		W		639	Pilot	8 Park Street	D
1841			1851	753 A.		1861	543/55a	1871	1003/67

Directory   Pilot 1845, 1847, 1858, 1867

Serial number: 1828
Surname: Norris
Forenames: Thomas Dixon
Voter type: E
G31vote:
G31occupation:
G31street:
G31parish:
G32vote:
G32occupation:
G32street:
G32parish:
G35vote:
G35occupation:
G35street:
G35parish:
G37vote: Abs
G37occupation:
G37street:
G37parish:
B41vote: T
B41occupation: Pilot
B41street: 070 Middle Street
B41parish: Deal
G47vote: T
G47occupation: Pilot
G47street: 012 Union row
G47parish: Deal
B52vote: T
B52occupation: Pilot
B52street: 012 Union Row
B52parish: Deal
G57vote: Spm
G57occupation: Pilot
G57street: 008 Park Street
G57parish: Deal
G59vote: Shf
G59occupation: Pilot
G59street: 008 Park Street
G59parish: Deal
B59vote: n/v
B59occupation: Pilot
B59street: 008 Park Street
B59parish: Deal
G65vote: L
G65occupation: Pilot
G65street: 008 Park Street
G65parish: Deal
B66vote: T
B66occupation: Pilot
B66street: 008 Park Street
B66parish: Deal
G68vote: Shw
G68occupation: Pilot
G68street: 008 Park Street
G68parish: Deal