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**Alternative/previous reference numbers:** C274

**Accession number:** A18

**Extent:** 2939 plans bound into 26 oversize volumes

**Creator:** Isle of Man; Rolls Office; [?]-1965

**Description of series:** This series consists of 2939 individually hand drawn plans showing land held by landowners on the Isle of Man, circa 1840. The plans were originally lodged with the Isle of Man Rolls Office under The Tithe Commutation Act 1839.

The plans were pasted onto paper or linen for binding with each bound volume containing a separate parish. Some parishes do extend over more than one volume. The plans are numbered sequentially within each parish volume. The plans come in a wide variety of shapes and sizes, from two inch square to over two foot by four foot. Some are highly decorated and coloured, while others are very rudimentary. Any plan larger than the volume had to be folded, sometimes several times and in several directions.

**Administrative History:** Tithe Commutation plans were created by an Act for the Commutation of Tithes in the Isle of Man in 1839 (The Tithe Commutation Act 1839).

The Tithe Commutation Act 1839 meant that agricultural tithes paid to the Church were commuted to an annual cash payment based on the valuation of property. Unlike English tithe plans of a similar date, each property on the Isle of Man was surveyed and drawn separately. Although most plans date from circa 1840, some landowners submitted earlier plans. All landowners were required to furnish the valuers with a map, plan or survey of the extent, contents and bounds of any lands under their consideration. The valuers issued a number to every map, plan or survey they received.

All the tithe estimate and valuation information was entered into volumes, one for each parish. The volumes, maps, plans and surveys were delivered to a specially convened Exchequer Court at Castle Rushen on 19 February 1841. The records were then deposited into the Rolls Office and were open to inspection for thirty days to allow the public to register any objections. After any required amendments, the Lieutenant Governor ordered and directed competent persons to divide and apportion the said composition of £5575. This information was then entered into the 'Tithe Composition Book'. The Book after being examined, corrected and confirmed by the Court of Appeal was then deposited in the Rolls Office on 10 April 1841.

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**Custodial History:** Records comprising this accession were originally lodged with the Isle of Man Rolls Office, which in 1965 was amalgamated within General Registry. The records were later consigned at the Public Record Office on 22 Aug 2000 under section 3(8) of the Public Record Act 1999. The records were fully transferred on 13 Jun 2014 under section 3(4) of the Public Record Act 1999.

**Appraisal:** All plans transferred to the Isle of Man Public Record Office have been preserved.

**Accruals:** No further accruals to the series are expected.

**Arrangement of series:** Plans are arranged in numerical order within each parish volume.

**Access Status:** Open.

**Access conditions:** Access to the original plans is restricted due to their fragile condition. Microfiche copies and aperture cards are available for public inspection.

**Physical description:** The Tithe plans vary in quality; some are very faint, some are highly coloured, some are badly marked.

**Copyright:** Crown copyright - 125 years from calendar year of production

## **Related records at the Isle of Man Public Record Office:**

S106 – Records of the Isle of Man Rolls Office: Tithe Parish Registers;

S107 – Records of the Isle of Man Rolls Office: Tithe Composition Book.

## **Related reference material:**

Tithe Parish Valuation Estimates (available on microfilm in the Manx Museum Library)  
Note that the parish valuation estimate for Rushen is missing, location unknown.

Tithe Composition Book (available on microfilm in the Manx Museum Library).

The Tithe Act of 1946 resulted in the redemption of tithe rents.

'Statutes of the Isle of Man', volume II (1824-1859), p 114.

David Craine, 'The Potato Riots, 1825', 'Manannan's Isle' (1955). pp 197-209.  
Background to the act.

Cyril Renshaw, 'Words and deeds in nineteenth century Kirk Michael', Isle of Man Natural History and Antiquarian Society Proceedings', volume IX, no 4, pp 543-565.  
Provides background and a valuable account of a particular surveyor's life and work.

James Woods, 'A New Atlas and Gazetteer of the Isle of Man', (1867).  
Property for which there is a tithe plan is indicated with a superscript.

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**Archivist Note:** Series level description created by James Holmes, UCM Intern, in May 2019 under supervision by Gavin Rowan, Records & Archive Officer.

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<b>S3/1</b> SubSeries	<b><u>Andreas</u></b>	Subseries comprising Tithe volumes for parish of Andreas.	2 volumes	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/1/1</b> Item	<b>Andreas 1-139</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland, smaller intack lands, small amounts of freeholder lands.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/1/2</b> Item	<b>Andreas 140-283</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland, smaller intack lands, and small amounts of freeholder lands.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/2</b> Item	<b>Arbory 1-154</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland, intack and mill rent lands, freehold and bishop's cottage lands.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/3</b> SubSeries	<b><u>Ballaugh</u></b>	Subseries comprising Tithe volumes for parish of Ballaugh.	2 volumes	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/3/1</b> Item	<b>Ballaugh 1-117</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland and intack lands, smaller areas of freehold land, and very small cottage lands.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/3/2</b> Item	<b>Ballaugh 118-209</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland and intack lands, smaller areas of freehold land, and very small cottage lands.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/4</b> Item	<b>Braddan 1-[136]</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland, good sized abbey land (the Nunnery), barony land, good sized mill rent land, and intack, as well as three tiny freehold lands.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open

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<b>S3/5</b> Item	<b>Bride 1-143</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland, small amounts of intack concentrations and tiny freehold lands.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/6</b> SubSeries	<b><u>German</u></b>	Subseries comprising Tithe volumes for parish of German.	2 volumes	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/6/1</b> Item	<b>German 1-120</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland, large areas abbey and intack lands, small amounts of freehold, cottage and mill rent lands, very small amount of barony lands.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/6/2</b> Item	<b>German 121-245</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland, large areas abbey and intack lands, small amounts of freehold, cottage and mill rent lands, very small amount of barony lands.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/7</b> Item	<b>Jurby 1-102</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland, two large areas of bishop's barony, large community of intack, smaller freehold lands.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/8</b> SubSeries	<b><u>Lezayre</u></b>	Subseries comprising Tithe volumes for parish of Lezayre.	3 volumes	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/8/1</b> Item	<b>Lezayre 1-115</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing intack, quarterland, large area of abbey lands, small areas of freehold lands and one tiny cottage land.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open

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<b>S3/8/2</b> Item	<b>Lezayre 116-229</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing intack, quarterland, large area of abbey lands, small areas of freehold lands and one tiny cottage land.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/8/3</b> Item	<b>Lezayre 230-326</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing intack, quarterland, large area of abbey lands, small areas of freehold lands and one tiny cottage land.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/9</b> SubSeries	<b><u>Lonan</u></b>	Subseries comprising Tithe volumes for parish of Lonan.	2 volumes	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/9/1</b> Item	<b>Lonan 1-128</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland and intack, small abbey land community, three tiny freehold lands.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/9/2</b> Item	<b>Lonan 129-236</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland and intack, small abbey land community, three tiny freehold lands.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/10</b> Item	<b>Malew 1-126</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing abbey land, large concentrations of quarterlands, as well as large concentration of intack lands, small communities of cottage lands, freehold lands etc.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/11</b> Item	<b>Marown 1-71</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland, intack land, small amount of barony land, one freehold area (Old Church).	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/12</b> Item	<b>Maughold 1-120</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland, large concentration of intack land, and sizeable amount of barony land across map.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open

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<b>S3/13</b> Item	<b>Michael 1-180</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland, intack land spread across map, and one large freehold (Bishop's Demesne).	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/14</b> SubSeries	<b><u>Onchan</u></b>	Subseries comprising Tithe volumes for parish of Onchan.	2 volumes	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/14/1</b> Item	<b>Onchan 1-100</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland, intack and abbey land, as well as one small freehold land.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/14/2</b> Item	<b>Onchan 101-202</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland, intack and abbey land, as well as one small freehold land.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/15</b> SubSeries	<b><u>Patrick</u></b>	Subseries comprising Tithe volumes for parish of Patrick.	2 volumes	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/15/1</b> Item	<b>Patrick 1-100</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing intack land, large concentrations of quarterlands, baron lands, small freehold lands and one small cottage land.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/15/2</b> Item	<b>Patrick 101-183</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing intack land, large concentrations of quarterlands, baron lands, small freehold lands and one small cottage land.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open



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<b>S3/16</b> SubSeries	<b><u>Rushen</u></b>	Subseries comprising Tithe volumes for parish of Rushen.	2 volumes	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/16/1</b> Item	<b>Rushen 1-[91]</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland, large freehold on Calf of Man, significant intack lands, small abbey lands, and two mill rent lands.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/16/2</b> Item	<b>Rushen [91]-221</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland, large freehold on Calf of Man, significant intack lands, small abbey lands, and two mill rent lands.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open
<b>S3/17</b> Item	<b>Santan 1-73</b>	1 volume comprising pasted plans, detailing quarterland, small amount of intack land incorporating Mount Murray, two small freehold lands.	1 volume	circa 1840	Open



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