

**Elizabethan Ireland & The Settlement Of Ulster**  
**The Carew Papers At Lambeth Palace Library**

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## George Carew 1555 - 1629

Sir George Carew went to Ireland in 1574 in the service of his cousin, Sir Peter Carew. In 1576 he was appointed Lieutenant Governor of the County of Carlow and Vice-Constable of Leighlin Castle. He successfully repelled the forces of Rory Oge O'More in 1577. He became head of a regiment of Irish infantry, and later of cavalry, in 1579 - 1580. He held various post posts, mostly in Ireland, but in 1592 became Lieutenant General of the Ordnance in England. In 1598, he returned to Ireland as Treasurer at War, and the following year became President of Munster. He retired in 1603, but returned in 1610 to report on the condition of the country, with a view to a resettlement of Ulster; and in 1611 as Commissioner to reform the army and revenue of Ireland.

During his various terms of office in Ireland, he carefully preserved and annotated letters and papers of the period, and also purchased many ancient documents. The papers cover the administration of Ireland and the Settlement of Ulster in the 16th and early 17th centuries.

The Papers of George Carew are to be found as Manuscripts 596 - 638 at Lambeth Palace Library.

The printed Calendar is also available. "Calendar of Carew Papers in the Lambeth Palace Library". Editor J.S. Brewer and W. Bullen. London, 1867 - 1873 (reprinted).

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This list has been condensed from the description of the Carew Manuscripts in H.J. Todd's "A Catalogue of the Archiepiscopal Manuscripts in the Library at Lambeth Palace"; London 1912 (pages 94 to 146). The descriptions in quotation marks are taken directly from Todd.

The full description of each manuscript in Todd has been microfilmed at the beginning of each reel.

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1	596	An old French metrical fragment describing the first three years of the conquest of Ireland (14th century)
	597	Letters and papers of Sir William Pelham, Lord Justice of Ireland, 1578 - 1850. They are concerned with the government of Ireland during this period
2	598	The two main items are: Thomas Bray's "The Conquest of Ireland", and a description in French of Richard II's secondary journey to Ireland
	599	Irish genealogy to the time of Henry II. 1617
	600	Letters and papers relating to the government in the late 16th and early 17th centuries
3	601	Correspondence and papers of the Council of Ireland 1533 - 1541; further papers and correspondence from the period 1575 - 1601, including those of Queen Elizabeth and the Earl of Essex
	602	Early records from the time of Edward II to Henry VIII; mainly correspondence and papers of Henry VIII on Irish affairs
	603	Records of King Henry VIII by many Irish Lords, including a few from earlier reigns. Also various other official papers
4	604	"Part of Secretary Cecil's Letters, which were left unburnt, to the Lord President of Munster during his three year government there" (1599 - 1602)
	605	Correspondence and papers of Sir Peter Carew (George Carew's cousin), in whose service George first went to Ireland in 1574. 1574 - 1579. Also correspondence and papers of George Carew himself. These cover the period 1581 - 1602, together with a few later items
	606	Records and papers of the Carew family from the time of Edward III. These include the details of Sir Peter Carew's acquisition of land and titles in Ireland
5	607	Papers and correspondence relating to the government of Ireland under Henry VIII and also some papers from the period 1608 - 1618
	608	Early records of English involvement in Irish affairs, from the time of Edward I. Includes copies of proclamations, Acts of Parliament, etc.
	609	"The Opinion of the Earl of Sussex, Lieutenant General of Ireland, relating to the government of that Kingdom, after the Expulsion of Shane O'Neal; what the yearly Charges might be... sent by the Earl to Her Majesty, 1562"
	610	"Extracts of Records concerning Ireland... from the time of Richard I, King John, Henry III, etc."; together with further Records up to the time of Henry VIII

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	613	Early records of Ireland from Edward I to Henry VI, and records and letters of the time of Elizabeth. At the end is "a Book of the Plantation of Ulster"
	614	Papers, records and correspondence in the time of Elizabeth
7	615	Carew's official correspondence and papers as Lord President of Munster, 1599 - 1602
8	616	A few early records to the time of Henry VIII, followed by papers mainly relating to the condition of Ireland in the late 16th Century
	617	Papers, correspondence and records mostly between 1594 and 1602
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	621	Papers, records and correspondence relating to various aspects of Irish affairs during the reign of Queen Elizabeth
	622	The Works of Giraldus Cambrensis, in four parts: "Topographiem hibernei" "Dei mirabilibus hibernei" "Dei incolis hibernei" "Dei ex pugnatione hibernei"
10	623	The Book of Howth Part One: The genealogy and early history of Ireland Part Two: "An Old Book of the Conquest of Ireland (by the English)..."; "Sir John Plunket's Book relating to Ireland"; "A confused Collection relating to Ireland"; followed by various other early histories and records relating to Ireland
	624	"Copies of all the (Correspondence between) the Lord Deputy and Council of Ireland and the Lord President of Munster". 1599 - 1602
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11	626	"A Book of Pedigrees, wherein most of the Descents either of the mere Irish, or of the English families in Ireland, are mentioned". In Lord Burghley's handwriting

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	634	Plantation of Ulster. "A survey of the estate of the plantation of the County of Londonderry taken in 1624 by Sir Thomas Phillips, ...being particular draughts of all the buildings, lands, etc. belonging thereunto"
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