

**Agent's Account Book (Brownstown, Termonfeckin, Townrath and others),
1756 – 1762**

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Title: Agent's Account Book (Brownstown, Termonfeckin, Townrath and others)

Dates: 10 Jun 1756 – 09 Dec 1758, (1759), 17 Oct 1761 – 04 Jun 1762

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 Item containing 16 folios and 15 pages

Name of Creator(s): 18th Century Agent-cum-Merchant

Admin/Biographical History: The name of the creator of the account book is unknown; however, it belonged to an eighteenth century agent-cum-merchant with accounts in the book relating to several ascendancy families in Co Louth. The names for whom accounts are included are Stephen Sibthorpe, Wallup Brabazon, Alderman Townly Pattin (Townley Patten), Mrs Mary Ackland, Mr Thomas Jones, Alderman Philip Pendleton, John Urmston, Townrath, Mrs Sarah Foster, Mr Mills, Mr Reed, Mr George Blackburn Junior, and Nathaniel Blackburne.

Stephen Sibthorpe of Brownstown, County Louth married Margaret Foster, daughter of John and Elizabeth Foster. Sibthorpe was an MP for County Louth in the Irish House of Commons from 1767 – 1768 having succeeded his brother-in-law, Anthony Foster. There is correspondence in the Foster-Massereene Papers held in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland about the financial difficulties of the Sibthorpes of Dunany, Co Louth in the period 1760-80.

Wallup (Wallop) Brabazon (1698 – 1767) was the High Sheriff for County Louth in 1731. He was a churchwarden in Termonfeckin parish in the years 1747, 1752 and 1757 – 1764. He acquired much of his estate from his brother Ralph who bequeathed him lands in Togher in 1730.

Townly Pattin (Townley Patten) was an alderman in the Corporation of Drogheda and was mayor of Drogheda in 1741.

John Urmston (b1698) of Rath House, County Louth married Elizabeth Wye, daughter of Reverend William Wye, rector of Drogheda, in 1740.

Archival History:

This item was purchased at an auction in the UK in July 2018 and before that had been purchased by its previous owner at an auction in the UK in November 2015.

Scope and Content:

An account book of an agent-cum-merchant set out in contra form detailing dates, description of item purchased and payment. The names for whom accounts are included are Stephen Sibthorpe (MP for Louth), Wallup Brabazon (and [J Fallan]), Alderman Townly Pattin (Patten), Mrs Mary Ackland, Mr Thomas Jones (for items sold to the Custom House or to Alderman Nichols), Alderman Philip Pendleton, John Urmston, Townrath, Mrs Sarah Foster, Mr Mills, Mr Reed, Mr George Blackburn Junior, and Nathaniel Blackburne. There is an index at the front of the book and the 'Churchwardens of Termonfeckin' are included (reference to Wallop Brabazon's account).

At first, entries refer to barrels of lime sold to Sibthorpe, Brabazon, Patten, Ackland, Jones, Pendleton and Urmston. More general entries are then provided for John Urmston of Rath House such as hearth money payment, employment of a mason, maintenance work in the house such as repair of locks or of windows or painting the house, and the purchase of household provisions such as beef or pork (1 folio). Entries under Townrath include items such as the purchase of wheat, rye and oats, and the payment of horsehire, plowing (ploughing) and labourers (1 folio).

The largest account is Nathaniel Blackburne's (6 folios) and entries include items such as 'a hundred of graves for the dogs', expenses at Ross Fair, bulchins (little bulls) at the fair of Graig, 'my own and man's expence', 'repairs of two guns and powder and shot', 'John Cotterall for 20 stone of wheat', as well as purchases of household provisions and domestic items. There is also an account of bulchins (little bulls) bought at a fair in Ross on 19 October 1761, at the fair of Graige on 28 October 1761 and at Harvey Fair on 12 November 1761.

Subject Index:

Accounts; Blackburne, Nathaniel; Brabazon, Wallop; Business Records; Merchant (Agent); Patten, Townley, Alderman; Sibthorpe, Stephen, MP; Urmston, John; 18th Century

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- Quaile, Declan, '*The Brabazons of Rath*', in Termonfeckin Historical Society: http://www.termonfeckinhistory.ie/the_brabazons_of_rath_36.html
 - Seth-Smith, Helena, '*Urmston-Brabazon Family Tree*' (Cambridge, 2006): <http://www.seth-smith.org.uk/familytree/trees/urmstonbrabazon.html>
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