

P35 Historical notes on the life of Peter Mews, Bishop of Winchester

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RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators:	Alexander B. Juffiess, 40 Cambridge Road, North Harrow, Middlesex
Administrative history:	<p>Peter Mews, Also known as "Old Patch", attended St. John's College, Oxford. Voluntary soldier in the Civil War, fought in Caithness under the Earl of Glencairn.</p> <p>Mews was born at Caundle Purse in Dorset, and was educated at the Merchant Taylors' School, London, and at St John's College, Oxford, of which he was scholar and fellow.</p> <p>When the Civil War broke out in 1642, Mews joined the Royalist army, and, having been made a captain, was taken prisoner at Naseby; but he was soon released and in 1648 sought refuge in Holland. He became friendly with King Charles I's secretary, Sir Edward Nicholas, and being skilful at disguising himself was very useful to the Royalists during the rule of Oliver Cromwell, undertaking two journeys to Scotland in 1653.</p> <p>Before this Mews had been ordained. Taking the degree of DCL and regaining his fellowship at Oxford after the Restoration, he became archdeacon of Huntingdon, vicar of St Mary's, Reading, and chaplain to the King; then, having obtained two other livings, he was made canon of Windsor, canon of St David's, and archdeacon of Berkshire.</p>

In 1667, when at Breda arranging peace between England and Holland, he was chosen President of St John's College, Oxford, in succession to his father-in-law, Dr Richard Baylie, afterwards becoming Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford and dean of Rochester. Appointed bishop of Bath and Wells in 1672, Mews resigned his presidency in 1673, and in 1684 he was elected bishop of Winchester, a position which this "old, honest cavalier," as Thomas Hearne calls him, filled until his death. The bishop is buried in Winchester Cathedral.

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RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: Letter, photograph and narrative on Peter Mews' life sent to Dr. Frederick Robertson, from Alexander B. Juffiess

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P35	Peter Mews, Bishop of Winchester (1619-1688)	1956
P35/1	Letter from Alexander B. Juffiess, 40 Cambridge Road, North Harrow, Middlesex, to Dr. Frederick Robertson, including rough draft of Peter Mews' Life, and photograph of engraving by Dogger of Mews as Bishop of Winchester [1 sheet]	1956
P35/2	Copy of narrative of Peter Mews' life as written by Alexander Juffiess [1 bundle]	1956
P35/3	Photograph of an engraving by Dogger of Mews as Bishop of Winchester [1 photograph]	1956