

Extracts from the original deeds and rules and regulations of the William Salt Library in 1873

This very valuable Collection of Books, Manuscripts, Engravings, Ancient Deeds, Autographs etc was accumulated at great labour and expense by the late William Salt Esq. F.S.A. of Park Street, Regent's Park and Lombard Street, London, banker....with a view to provide for the compilation of a history of his native County... [his widow wanted the collection to be preserved in Staffs for public use – salary of Librarian etc – June 1873]

Trustees to include the representative in the male line of the Salt family

Summary of Rules and Regulations comprised in the Trust deed

7. The Trustees shall take care that the Collection is always kept together under the name of the "William Salt Library," and that it is not removed from the County, nor diminished or parted with, though they may sell or exchange or present to other public Libraries duplicate copies of any books, MSS, etc, provided that they apply the proceeds of sale or the results of exchange for the benefit of, or in addition to , the Library.....

9. parts of house can be used for museum

10. The Trustees shall inspect the House and Library from time to time, and provide for the due preservation thereof, and for the free admission of the public, for which they may determine the precise time, subject to the General Rule that the Library be open for six hours on five several days every week during nine months of the year except Sundays and Bank Holidays, and on every week-day (if the Trustees think fit) for any number of hours during Assizes and Quarter Sessions.

13. The Trustees shall keep the Endowment Funds duly invested in the names of four of their number on proper security as may from time to time be necessary, and shall receive the income thereof, and apply the same to the following purposes:- Rates and taxes on the House and Library – expense of lighting and warming the same – insurance thereof against fire – and other incidentals; Salary of Librarian, and of any attendant employed in the Library. Any residue of income shall be duly invested as a fund for the repair of the House and Library.

Librarian

4. He shall take care that the House and Library are kept properly clean, warmed and ventilated, and in good repair; and shall from time to time report thereon to the Trustees

Visitors

Open gratuitously to the public – notes in pencil etc

Deed declaring the trusts of "The William Salt Library" of a Freehold Messuage at Stafford and a Fund of £6,217

40 [p12] ...provided also that the said Trustees may permit such part or parts of the house as may not be required for the Library and use of the Librarian and his servant to be used as a Museum for the County of Stafford and for no other purpose Provided always and it is hereby agreed and **declared that the said Library shall always be kept together and shall be called "The William Salt**

Library” and shall not be removed from the County of Stafford should it become impossible from any cause whatever that the said Library and Collection should be kept in the said house and premises hereinbefore described.....and the Librarian shall always be in attendance at the said house on such days and at such times as the Library shall be open to the public and at all other times necessary for the due care and preservation of the said house and Library and shall take care that the said house Library and premises be kept properly clean warmed ventilated and in good repair and shall from time to time report to the trustees upon the condition of the said house and Library.. [note that this would particularly relates to original collection]

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO.

9. The Collection of Books, Manuscripts, Engravings, Ancient Deeds, Autographs, and Works of Art, forming “The William Salt Library” to be delivered over by the Earl of Lichfield to the Trustees as soon after the date hereof as the house is fitted up for its reception.

10. The Collection to be kept together as “The William Salt Library” in perpetuity.

11. The Collection is not to be diminished and no account to be parted with or removed from the County of Stafford; but any spare rooms in the house may, with the approval of the Trustees, be used as a Museum for the County of Stafford and for no other purpose, and the Librarian may superintend the Museum. The Trustees, however, may sell or exchange or present to other Public Libraries duplicate copies of any books, manuscripts, engravings, or works of art, In the case of sale or exchange, the purchase money or works received in exchange to be applied for the benefit of The William Salt Library or added to it.

12. The Trustees to be at liberty to accept valuable and suitable Manuscripts and Books to be added to the Library

?1870 letter to Advertiser

By the liberality of Mrs William Salt, the county of Stafford has been offered a valuable library of books probably the largest and most costly manuscript collection of genealogical information which has ever been brought together by any single individual.

Mrs Salt [Dec 21 1870 paper] wanted a lasting memorial to her husband – her late husband’s labours during the leisure hours of his lifetime – to be of considerable importance in ages yet to come.
