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A862 Papers of Sidney H.Somper

*Personal papers*

1/1 [C]*	Notebook diary of Sidney Somper whilst serving in the RAF, with loose, black and white photographs and negatives of people, some RAF colleagues, and places	Sep 1943 - Apr 1944
1/2	Correspondence, some in French or Hebrew script, including a letter from the Board of Education, Whitehall, London, informing Somper that he is recognised as a certified teacher for public elementary education; correspondence during his service in the RAF; correspondence relating to a law suit against Philip Harris and to Somper's retirement from the Solomon Wolfson School; copy of the birth certificate of Sidney Somper; school reports from Owen's School, Islington; curriculum vitae of Somper; ketubah, in Hebrew script, of the marriage of Sidney Somper and Janie Manne at Dalston Synagogue, London, 27 Dec 1936; wills of Sidney and Janie Somper; office copy of the grant of probate of the will of Janie Somper; <i>Third supplement to the London gazette</i> listing honours granted to persons serving in the armed forces, 20 Aug 1943	1931-83
1/3	Correspondence, some in Hebrew script; black and white photographs, mainly of individuals, but also including a group photograph of the Jewish youth study groups, 1956; postcards	1935-90
1/4	Black and white photographs, mainly of Sidney and Janie Somper	c.1930s-60s
1/5	National Health Service medical card and National Insurance card of Sidney Somper; two joint passports of Sidney and Janie Somper	1948-78
1/6	Invitations to barmitzvahs, together with correspondence and photographs	c.1948-88
1/7	Invitation from Lady Chain to the wedding of her daughter Judy	31 Mar 1985
1/8	Programmes for theatre, film, ballet and music concerts; pocket guide <i>Chagall</i>	1930s; 1957
1/9	Masonic papers: reunion dinner menu, toast list, table plan and list of brethren of the Anglo-Foreign Lodges Pilgrim Lodge 238; circular with agenda for a meeting of the Pilgrim Lodge; menu and toast list of an installation meeting of the Lodge of Israel 205; circulars with agendas for meetings of the Lodge of Faith and Friendship 7326	1971-3
1/10	Pass book for an account at Barclay's Bank, Newington Green	1931-8
1/11	Correspondence, estimates, invoices, land registry note of an entry of mortgage, mortgage (called legal charge) and contract for the purchase of the property between Janie Somper and John Laing and Son, <i>Rules of the Cumberland Co-operative Benefit Building Society</i> all relating to the purchase of 17 Blackwell Gardens, Edgware, Middlesex; particulars of a law suit between Sidney Somper and Jacob Hyman Taylor at Willesden County Court	1937-43

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concerning alleged damage incurred to furnishings and other items at 17 Blackwell Gardens, which the latter had rented from Somper

1/12 Telephone books of Sidney Somper for his home and office, with loose papers and business cards n.d.

*Papers relating to education and teaching*

2/1 MA thesis 'The London school board and the development of evening education 1870-93' for the University of London, together with related correspondence 1951-4

2/2 Correspondence; cards; applications for jobs; contracts; testimonials; papers relating to registration for the MA degree; circulars; newspaper cuttings; booklets; accounts; curriculum vitae; obituary 1931-94

2/3 Volume containing details, including name, address, date of birth and date of starting tuition, of boys taught for barmitzvah 1946-86

2/4 Solomon Wolfson Jewish School papers: correspondence; notes; photographs; circulars; testimonials of staff; invitations; telegrams; card 1953-70

2/5 [C]\* Solomon Wolfson Jewish School papers: correspondence relating to assisted fee places to Carmel College 1961-2

2/6 Solomon Wolfson Jewish School papers: school reports; headmaster's reports; speeches; correspondence 1948-67

2/7 Letter on Somper's retirement from the Inner London Education Authority to Somper thanking him for his service to London education 25 Feb 1969

*Papers relating to synagogues*

3/1 Dalston Synagogue: copies of *The synagogue review* Nov 1929 - Sept 1930

3/2 Edgware Synagogue: correspondence, including material relating to Joint Emergency Committee for the Religious Education of Jewish Children from London; circulars; list of members; report of the special committee on secretarial duties; order of service; memorandum on synagogue services; report of interview between L.Lewis and I.L.Maltz with Philip Goldberg, Secretary of the United Synagogue; copy notes of R.F.Levy 1935-46

*Notes, working papers*

4/1 Volume containing manuscript notes relating to Jewish history 3 Dec 1930

4/2 Manuscript notes, with a précis of Parker *The dissenting academics in England*; Schachner *The medieval universities*; Nunn *Education*: n.d [1940s ?]

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| 4/3 | Commonplace book   | 1955-65          |
| 4/4 | Notebook containing lists of books, together with loose lists of books | n.d. [1950s-60s] |

*General papers*

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| 5/1 | Four guidebooks: <i>Chiltern round walks; Country walks; Ramsay, Isle of Man; Rustic rambles on the Surrey uplands: part III - the neighbourhood of Dorking</i> | 1954-74, n.d. |
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