

Special Collections, Hartley library

Archives Information Sheet 5 - University related resources

2012 marks a double anniversary for the University of Southampton. It celebrates its diamond jubilee this year as the first university to be created in the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, receiving its royal charter on 29 April 1952. The second anniversary is that of the foundation of the Hartley Institution, the University's predecessor. The Institution was opened on 15 October 1862 by Henry John Temple, third Viscount Palmerston, the then Prime Minister. Henry Robinson Hartley, after whom the Institution was named, had inherited a large fortune from two generations of successful Southampton-based wine merchants. In his will he bequeathed a large proportion of his estate to the Corporation of Southampton for the establishment of an educational institution — and it is this Hartley Bequest that is the foundation of the institution that has become today's University.

University Printed Collection

The University Printed Collection can be found in the Open Access Special Collections, Level 4, Hartley Library, at classification LF 780-789.

The books are listed in the Hartley Library card catalogue, which is on Level 3, with post-1980 acquisitions listed online through the WebCat catalogue.

The collection in its entirety houses approximately 2,000 publications, pamphlets, newsletters and other printed materials. This collection is available during Hartley Library opening hours. Items in the collection cannot be taken out of the library unless there are duplicate copies.

The collection contains books relating to the history of the institution (LF 780), including *The University of Southampton* by A. Temple Patterson, produced for the centenary in 1962. The rest of the collection is divided into three main sections, the Hartley Institution, University College, Southampton, and University of Southampton.

The Hartley Institution (1862-1902) section (LF 780 - 782) contains works relating to the origins of The Hartley Institution such as history books and details of the Hartley Bequest as well as information regarding the library, including catalogues 1865 - 90 (LF 782). There is also information regarding the laws governing the institution, schemes and orders (LF 781.2).

Hartley University College and University College, Southampton, (1902-1952) section (LF 783 - 785) contains a variety of material relating to the college. This includes: the University College Southampton Scheme, constitution and academic relations, also a range of *University Calendars*, 1904-46 (LF 783.2), along with books of proceedings, accounts (783.4), course lists, annual reports, adult education programmes, library acquisition catalogue, course workbooks, research reports, books relating to the history of the period and other one off publications from the time, such as *South Stoneham House Magazine* dating from 1926.

The University of Southampton (1952-) section (LF 786 - 789) contains a large range of material from early student publications such as *The West Saxon* to university publications including staff newspaper, *The Dolphin*. The main components of the collection are: calendars and regulation books (LF 786.25); senate papers (LF 787); prospectuses (LF 787.8); lecture series (LF 788.2); works by or about members of the Hartley Institution, University college of Southampton, University of Southampton (789) and issues of former student publications including *Wessex News* 1936-80s (LF 789.9).

Information on the printed collections is available online at:

<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/library/resources/collections/specialcollections/university.html>

The University Photograph Collection

The University Photograph Collection, which forms part of the Printed Collection, is housed and accessed within the Archives and Manuscripts. An index for the photographs is held in the Open Access Special Collections and the Library card catalogue on Level 3 of the Hartley Library.

University Archive Collection

The University Archive collection is held in the Archives and Manuscripts within Special Collections. The Archives and Manuscripts are open Monday-Friday 0930-1700, by prior appointment: details can be found at <http://www.southampton.ac.uk/archives/>

The University Archive Collection consists of around 1080 boxes of material within the main historical collection, which reflects the official administrative process of university life, supplemented with more recently acquired complementary collections reflecting the experience of staff and students at the University.

MS1 the University Archive Collection contains series of administrative papers for the Hartley Institution, 1862-1902 (MS1/1); the Hartley University College, 1902-14, and University College, Southampton, 1914-52 (MS1/2); and for University of Southampton (MS1/3); faculties and departments, institutes, schools, past and present (MS1/4 and MS1/5); and societies, clubs and other organisations (MS1/7). MS1/MBK consists of series of committee minute books from 1869 onwards, including for the senate, council and faculties, papers for the Institute of Education and staff contract and attendance books. Further committee papers, specifically relating to financial committees can be found in MS1 A4091. MS1 A4090 represents papers of the Academic Registrar's Department, 1923-90.

The main collection also includes the University charter, grants of arms and letters of congratulations on the grant of university status to Southampton in 1952.

Other archive collections associated with the University include: a small collections of papers of university staff, students and associates and student societies (MS101, MS 107, MS 224, MS 264 and MS310); a collection of photographs and programmes of the Nuffield Theatre, 1959, 1962-87, (MS291); the John Garfield photograph collection of performances at the Turner Sims concert hall (MS388); papers of the University of Southampton Concert Society 1960-91 (MS267), papers of the University of Southampton Transport Society 1969-93 (MS282) the papers of several former professors, librarians and Vice Chancellors of the University (MS58, MS84, MS102, MS104, MS105, MS106, MS109, MS110, MS111, MS112, M113, MS114, MS249). Other related material within the Archives and Manuscripts includes an illuminated letter of thanks from the City of Southampton to Henry John Temple, third Viscount Palmerston, for opening the Hartley Institution, October 1862 (Broadlands Archive MS62 BR/IP/20).

Further information about MS1 University Archive Collection is available online at:

<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/archives/cataloguedatabases/webguidemss1.html>