Archives and Modern Papers for Social Sciences and History

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Special Collections in the Weston Library

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- Post 1800
- Personal archives
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- An archive may relate to a single subject area, but often falls into more than one
- When seeking relevant material, need to be aware how archives may be organized and arranged
- Need to think creatively about where relevant material might be found
Personal archives

- Politicians
- Journalists
- Diplomats
- Public servants
- Scientists
- Historians
- Academics
- Writers
- Poets
Archives of organizations

- Businesses
  - Marconi Archive
  - Publishers and printers
- Charities
  - Oxfam
- Academic organizations
  - British Association for the Advancement of Science
  - Society for the Protection of Science and Learning
- Political organizations and activist groups
  - Conservative Party Archive
  - Anti-Slavery Society
  - Anti Apartheid Movement
Finding archival resources: national

• National Archives Discovery
• Archives Hub
National Archives Discovery

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- Wills
- Royal Navy service records
- RAF combat reports

What is Discovery?
Discovery holds more than 32 million descriptions of records held by The National Archives and more than 2,500 archives across the country. Over 9 million records are available for download.

Frequent searches
- World War One army service records
- Escape and evasion reports
- Passenger lists

Research guides
Our guides are a great place to start your research. What are you looking for?
- Family history
- First World War
Search results for Herbert Henry Asquith

Filter results

Held by
- The National Archives (19)
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- Dates unknown (19)
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HERBERT HENRY ASQUITH

BARNETT, SAMUEL AND HENDRETTA. CORRESPONDENCE. HERBERT HENRY ASQUITH

Held by: London Metropolitan Archives: City of London
Date: Dates unknown
Reference: None stated

OXFORD & ASQUITH, Herbert Henry Asquith, 1st Earl of

Private Papers. Personal and semi-official papers of the 1st Marquess of Reading, Viceroy of India 1921-26.... Files of letters arranged alphabetically by correspondent. OXFORD & ASQUITH, Herbert Henry Asquith, 1st Earl of

Held by: British Library: Asian and African Studies (previously Oriental and India Office Library)
Date: 1926
Asquith, Herbert Henry (1852-1928) 1st Earl of Oxford and Asquith, statesman

This page summarises records created by this Person
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| 1864-1928: corresp and papers | Oxford University; Bodleian Library, Special Collections | MSS Asquith   | NRA 12685
|                         |                                              |               | See Hazeldene, Whitehead & Woodland, Guide to the papers of British cabinet ministers 1900-1954, 1956 |
| 1864-1928: corresp and misc papers | Oxford University; Bodleian Library, Special Collections | MSS. Eng. c.6714-12, d.3314-15, d.3204, d.3206-8, d.3211-13 | NRA 42917 |
Finding archival resources: Archives and Modern Manuscripts

- LibGuide to finding aids
- Quarto catalogues
- Summary Catalogue
- New Summary Catalogue
- Card indexes
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- Online catalogues
- Subject guides
Summary catalogues

• Summary Catalogue of WMSS
  —Collections acquired to 1916

• New Summary Catalogue
  —Collections acquired 1916-1975
| Murray (David Leslie) 1888–1962. Correspondence concerning Folly Bridge, 41570. |
| Murray (Elizabeth Agnes) d. 1922. Letters to, 48956. |
| Murray (George) Bishop of Rochester, 1784–1860. Letters to and from, 51119 (fols. 155–7), 51125 (fols. 116), 51471 (fols. 53–4), 51472 (fols. 34), 51473 (fols. 161). |
| Murray (George Gilbert Aimé) 1866–1937. Address by (1940), 40981 (fols. 63–9). Copies of letters to, 42905 (fols. 41, 46, 51), 52645–6, 52650, 52657–8, 52671, 52693, 52706–7. Letters, 40062 (fols. 95, 108, 143), 41281 (fols. 79), 41282 (fols. 156–7), 41283 |
| 55774 (fols. 7, 13, 29, 42), 55776 (fols. 34), 55778 (fols. 112), 55779 (fols. 42–3), 55780 (fols. 21), 55781 (fols. 114), 55800 (fols. 27, 98), 55802 (fols. 16), 55803 (fols. 118), 55825 (fols. 43). Letters to and from H. A. L. Fisher, 46958–9, 47051 (fols. 52, 73–4, 80, 89, 91, 146, 155), 47106 (fols. 96), 47108 (fols. 142), 47117 (fols. 7), 47119 (fols. 13–328 passim), 47125 (fols. 135–7, 140); Sir J. L. Myres, 49257 (fols. 12–32), 49313 (fols. 171–2), 49317 (fols. 1–8, 10, 12, 43, 45), 49319 (fols. 68). Papers, 48476–49060. |
| Murray (Sir George Herbert) 1849–1936. Letters, 45180 (fols. 158–9), 47419 (fols. 7). |
| Murray (George Robert Milne) 1858–1911. Letter, 43326 (fols. 196). |
| Murray (Gilbert), see Murray (George G. A.). |
GILBERT MURRAY PAPERS

48476–49060 Papers of Gilbert Murray (1866–1957), classicist and internationalist, Regius Professor of Greek at Oxford, and of his wife and executors. The papers were extensively used in Sir Duncan Wilson, Gilbert Murray, O.M. (Oxford, 1988). They are described in the following order: (48476–652) correspondence; (48653–850) papers relating to international affairs; (48851–72) general political papers; (48873–921) academic and literary papers; (48922–61) family correspondence; (48962–49008) personal papers; (49009–46) papers of Lady Mary Murray, and (49047–60) papers of Murray's executors. A fuller description and detailed index are available in the Library and at the National Register of Archives. Given by Stephen Murray, Rosalind Toynbee, Isobel Henderson and Arnold Toynbee, 1958. (MSS. Gilbert Murray 1–568; Gilbert Murray adds. 1–14)

General correspondence (48476–591)


| 48476 (1) | 1886–Sept. 1889 | 176 leaves. |
| 48478 (3) | 1892–4 | 229 leaves. |
Card indexes

- WMSS 1975 onwards
- Commonwealth and African archives
- *Currently offline*
Online catalogues

Online Catalogues of Archives and Manuscripts

Introduction

The Online Catalogues of Archives and Manuscripts represent only a part of the manuscript holdings in the Bodleian Library. Here you will find descriptions of archives and manuscripts which have been catalogued after 2001; some retrospective digital conversions of earlier unpublished catalogues; and collection-level descriptions of most of the collections catalogued in our published hardcopy catalogues.

Visit the Special Collections LibGuides for further information, including details of other relevant finding aids.

For a list of recent additions to the online catalogues, see the revision log.

Search Electronic Catalogues

Manuscripts c. 1500 - c. 1900

The Ahlberg Papers
Correspondence and papers of the Godwin and Shelley families, chiefly William Godwin (1756-1836), philosoper and author; with the correspondence and papers of his family, including his wife, the novelist and essayist Mary Wollstonecraft (1759-97); daughter, the author Mary Shelley (1797-1851); her husband, the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822); and Mary and Percy Bysshe Shelley's son Sir Percy Florence Shelley (1819-89), and his wife, Jane, Lady Shelley (d. 1899).
See also A conspicous from 'Tip' to 'Ms. Ahlberg'.

Additional Ahlberg Papers
Additional papers of Henry Wentworth Acland and his daughter, Sarah Angelina Acland, 1852-86

Papers Regarding the Baronetcy of Sir Henry Wentworth Acland (Collection Level Description)
Papers regarding the Baronetcy of Sir Henry Wentworth Acland (1815-1900), 1st Baronet and physician, 1890.
Online catalogues – Isaiah Berlin

Catalogue of the papers of Sir Isaiah Berlin, 1897-1998, with some family papers, 1903-72

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Online catalogues – Burdon-Muller

Muller (Rowland Hurdon-), 1940-54
Shelfmark: MS. Berlin 268
Extent: 268 leaves
Scope and Content:
Contains original letters both to and from Burdon-Muller, those from Berlin having been returned to him after Burdon-Muller's death
Includes letters about
- (passim) politics and international affairs, especially in the United States, Britain and the Middle East
- (fols. 43-44) a dinner with Winston Churchill attended by Berlin, and British politics, 1949
- (fols. 72-80) Berlin's impressions of Bernard Berssenzon, 1950
- (fols. 153) Toscanini concerts in London, 1952
- (fols. 222-56 passim, 241-4) Mendel Berlin's last illness and death, 1953

Muller (Rowland Hurdon-), 1955-79
Shelfmark: MS. Berlin 269
Extent: 291 leaves
Scope and Content:
Contains original letters both to and from Burdon-Muller, those from Berlin having been returned to him after Burdon-Muller's death
Includes letters about
- (passim) politics and international affairs, especially in the United States, Britain and the Middle East
- (fols. 55-85 passim) the Suez Crisis, 1956-7
- (fols. 88) Berlin's reactions to the offer of a knighthood, 1957
- (fols. 113-14) a visit by Dmitri Shostakovich and Poulsen to Oxford to receive Honorary Degrees, 1958
- (fols. 119-30) a dinner party at 10 Downing Street for Vice-President Nixon, together with a description of Stravinsky, 1958
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- (fols. 216-24) the Profumo scandal, 1963
Modern Political Papers

History and scope of the modern political collections

The Bodleian Library holds one of the largest concentrations of modern British political manuscripts and archives, providing a breadth of coverage which makes it a resource of national and international significance. The collections have been drawn from the private papers of politicians from all three major political parties, as well as from public servants (mainly diplomats), print and broadcast journalists, and others active in public life. In scale the collections range in size from over 2000 boxes to a single diary.

Prime Ministers and the Cabinet

This unrivalled resource includes the papers of six of Britain’s twentieth-century Prime Ministers: H.H. Asquith (1852-1928), Clement Attlee (1883-1967), Harold Macmillan (1904-1986), Harold Wilson (1916-95), Edward Heath (1916-2005) and James Callaghan (1912-2005), and one from the nineteenth century, Benjamin Disraeli (1804-81) (see also our...
Ordering archives and manuscripts

• Use green order slips for many archives
  – Takes about 2 hours

• Staff-mediated orders for archives stored remotely
  – 24 hours minimum
Using the reading rooms

- No food or drink
- Pencils only
- Limited amount of archives at one time
- Ensure order is kept
- Gloves for photographic materials
- Digital photography (conditions)
Useful web pages (1)

- Weston Library home page
  - [http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/weston](http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/weston)

- Subject guide – Modern Political Papers
  - [http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/weston/finding-resources/guides/political](http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/weston/finding-resources/guides/political)

- LibGuide – Finding aids for Archives and Modern Manuscripts

- Special Collections catalogues and finding aids
  - [http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/weston/finding-resources/catalogues](http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/weston/finding-resources/catalogues)

- Online catalogues of Archives and Manuscripts
  - [http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/dept/scwmss/wmss/online/online.htm](http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/dept/scwmss/wmss/online/online.htm)
Useful web pages (2)

- WMSS card catalogues
  - [http://viewer.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/western/index.php](http://viewer.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/western/index.php)

- Commonwealth and African Studies card catalogues
  - [http://viewer.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/rhodes/index.php](http://viewer.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/rhodes/index.php)

- National Archives Discovery
  - [http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/](http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/)

- Archives Hub
  - [http://archiveshub.ac.uk/](http://archiveshub.ac.uk/)