

## SCHOOL OF GEOGRAPHY

### INTRODUCTION

In 1886 the Vice-President of the Royal Geographical Society wrote to the Vice-Chancellors of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge offering to contribute to a chair or readership in geography at each university. As a result, the first readership in geography was established at Oxford in 1887 and Halford John Mackinder was appointed to the post. The Reader lectured twice a week on physical geography and historical geography. In the early years of his Readership, Mackinder also lectured on geographical subjects for the University Extension Delegacy.

The School of Geography was established in 1899, under the direction of the Reader, with the assistance of the Royal Geographical Society (RGS). It was overseen by the Committee for the Supervision of Instruction in Geography (later, the Committee for Geography) appointed by the Delegates of the Common University Fund. The committee comprised members of the University and representatives of the RGS. Initially, the School was housed on the upper floor of the Old Ashmolean building, but it outgrew these premises and began renting temporary rooms on Broad Street in 1909. In 1910, made possible by a gift of Sir Abe Bailey, it moved into part of Acland House in Broad Street. In 1922 the School moved to Holywell House on Mansfield Road, formerly a private house built for the Rev JH Mee. The School possessed a library, with books, atlases and periodicals, plus a collection of wall maps, lantern slides and models for teaching purposes.

At the time the School was established geography was taught only as a subsidiary subject in the Honour Schools of Literae Humaniores and Modern History. In 1900 the Diploma in Geography was created, followed in 1903 by the establishment of certificates in Geography and Surveying. The first examination for the diploma was held in June 1901. It was originally intended as a one-year course for post-graduate students, but could be taken by undergraduates if spread over two years, with one of the certificates being taken in the first year and the diploma in the second. In 1907 and 1909 statutes were passed which established the certificates as the equivalent of one group of the Pass School and the diploma as the equivalent of two groups. It was first proposed in 1913 to make geography a full subject in the Final Honour School of Natural Science but this, and a second proposal in 1918, failed.

The diploma and certificates were abolished in 1939 following the establishment of the Final Honour School in Geography in 1932. Until that time, undergraduates could only study geography as a part of the Modern History course or for the additional certificate. With the creation of the Final Honour School a permanent Chair was also founded and the first Professor took up office in 1932. A second Professorship was created in 1971, named after Sir Halford Mackinder.

From 1902 the School was involved in the running of biennial vacation courses in Geography chiefly for schoolteachers. This was a scheme for bringing students to Oxford during the long vacation (in order to coincide with teachers' holidays) for a special course of lectures and practical work in geography, specially designed for teachers.

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These continued until 1932 when the increase in undergraduates necessitated more time for the teaching of the Final Honour School.

The School of Geography building was first extended in 1938 with the building of a lecture hall by Sir Hubert Worthington. It was further extended in 1968-9.

In 1938 the Faculty of Anthropology and Geography was created. The Faculty Board replaced the Board of Studies for Geography, the Committee for Geography and the Committee for Anthropology, taking over all their functions, including supervision of the School of Geography. The Faculty Board was abolished in 2000 on the creation of the Board of the Division of Life and Environmental Sciences.

In 2005 the School joined with two established research centres - the Environmental Change Institute and the Transport Studies Unit – to become the Oxford University Centre for the Environment (OUCE), part of the Social Sciences Division. In that year the School of Geography left Holywell House in and moved into the Dyson Perrins Building on South Parks Road. The Library ceased to be an independent library in 2008 and moved into the Radcliffe Science Library. In 2009 OUCE was renamed as the School of Geography and the Environment.

This material was transferred to the University Archives by the School of Geography in 1972, 1974, annually from 1982 to 1989, and then in 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012, and 2016-17.

### **Directors of the School of Geography**

1887-1905	HJ Mackinder, Reader in Geography
1905-15	AJ Herbertson, Reader and (from 1910) ad hominem Professor in Geography
1915-31	HO Beckett, Assistant to Reader (Reader in Geography from 1919)
1931	J Cossar (Acting Director)

### **Professors of Geography (and Heads of the School of Geography)**

1932-53	K Mason
1953-67	EW Gilbert
1967-8	CFWR Gullick - Lecturer in Economic Geography (Acting Head)
1968-83	IJ Gottmann
1983-4	MM Sweeting (Acting Head)
1984-2003	AS Goudie
2003-4	NJ Thrift
2004-12	DSG Thomas

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### **Heads of the School of Geography and the Environment**

2012-15	SJ Whatmore
2015-	HA Viles

### **Readers in Geography**

1933-47	JNL Baker
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### **Halford Mackinder Professors of Geography**

1974-84	JW House
1984-6	<i>post frozen</i>
1987-95	DW Harvey
1995-2013	Gordon L Clark
2013-	Danny Dorling

### **Bibliography**

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‘The Oxford School of Geography’, statement drawn up on behalf of Committee for Geography by Professor CH Firth, 1918

‘The Oxford School of Geography 1899-1999’ by Ian Scargill (School of Geography Research Papers no 55)

*Compiled 1997*

*Revised 2004*

*Revised 2007*

*Revised 2010*

*Revised 2012*

*Revised 2016*

*Revised 2017*

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- GE 1/1-5 Minutes of the Committee for Geography (1899-1902, Geographical Committee; 1902-13, Committee for the Supervision of Instruction in Geography). 1899-1938
1. 1899-1909
  2. 1910-13
  3. 1913-20
  4. 1920-35
  5. 1935-8
- GE 1/1 includes minutes of the Committee for the appointment of examiners in Geography, 1903. GE 1/3-4 include minutes of the Committee for the nomination of examiners in Geography, 1915-16, 1919-33; and of the Standing Subcommittee for the School, 1915-16, 1919-20.
- GE 1A Agenda papers of the Committee for Geography. 1930-8
- GE 1B Correspondence of the Secretary to the Committee for Geography including committee papers. 1931-8
- GE 1C Correspondence of the Professor of Geography concerning the Standing Sub-committee of the Committee for Geography. 1933-8
- GE 2/1-2 Annual reports of the School of Geography, 1900-11; of the Committee for the Supervision of Instruction in Geography, 1912; and of the Committee for Geography, 1913-37. 1900-37
1. 1900-13
  2. 1913-17; 1924-37
- A note in GE 2/2 states that no reports were issued for 1917-23 inclusive.

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- GE 2A/1-8 Volumes of cuttings, chiefly from the *Oxford University Gazette*. 1899-1995
- GE 2A/1-3 also include newscuttings and papers for Hebdomadal Council and the Committee for Geography. GE 2A/3 also includes, at the back, notices/posters for lectures. GE 2A/4-8 contain *Gazette* cuttings only.
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| 1. 1899-1907 | 5. 1953-63 |
| 2. 1908-21   | 6. 1963-70 |
| 3. 1922-37   | 7. 1970-4  |
| 4. 1937-53   | 8. 1974-95 |
- GE 2B/1-4 Visitors' books. 1905-30, 1961-2002
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| 1. 1905-12             |
| 2. 1912-30             |
| 1931-60 <i>missing</i> |
| 4. 1961-2002           |
- GE 3/1-13 Cash analysis books. 1899-1964
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| 1. 1899-1910 | 8. 1946-51  |
| 2. 1911-20   | 9. 1951-3   |
| 3. 1921-8    | 10. 1953-6  |
| 4. 1928-34   | 11. 1956-9  |
| 5. 1934-7    | 12. 1959-61 |
| 6. 1937-41   | 13. 1961-4  |
| 7. 1941-6    |             |
- GE 3A Wages book. 1934-43
- GE 3B Cash book of receipts and payments. 1976-87
- This appears to be the cash book for the School's Research Training Support Grant account, concerning grants from the Natural Environment Research Council and Social Science Research Council.

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- GE 4/1-2 Scrapbooks of the biennial vacation courses held at the School including timetables, lecture lists, programmes of work, press cuttings and details of excursions. 1908-32
1. 1908-22
  2. 1924-32
- GE 4/1 also includes a small number of informal photographs of the 1922 vacation course.
- GE 4A Course details for the 1904 and 1922 vacation courses and questionnaire for participants attending the 1906 vacation course. 1904-22
- GE 4B Texts of lectures delivered at the 1908 vacation course. 1908
- GE 5 Account book for the biennial vacation courses held at the School. 1912-34
- GE 5A Photographs of a vacation course field trip, nd (1910); with a copy of the exhibition guide for 'John Ruskin and the Geographical Imagination', 2000, for which one of the photographs was reproduced as the cover illustration. undated (1910) and 2000
- GE 5B/1-4 Photographs of the biennial vacation courses. 1924-30
1. 1924
  2. 1926
  3. 1928
  4. 1930
- GE 6/1-2 Transferred to UR 3/5/33/1-2.

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- GE 6A/1-2 Registers of student attendance at lectures, arranged alphabetically. 1890-1912
1. 1890-9
  2. 1899-1912
- From 1890 to 1899 the lectures are those given by the Reader in Geography. From 1899, they are School of Geography lectures.
- GE 6B/1-2 Registers of lecture courses with the names of students attending, including attendance at practical classes and names of diploma and certificate students. 1899-1919
1. 1899-1915
  2. 1915-19
- GE 6C Printed termly schedules and arrangements for the School giving details of lectures, examinations, School events etc. 1901-32
- GE 6D Volume of lecture lists and timetables including notices of public lectures, lecture synopses, and lists of student tutorials. 1907-19
- The volume also includes lecture lists and timetables for the 1908 vacation course.
- GE 6E Notices and posters for lectures held at the School. 1928-33
- GE 6F Typescript termly lecture lists. 1938-57
- GE 6G Register of lectures arranged by date and name of lecturer. 1961-71
- GE 7/1-6 Accessions books of the library of the School, for books, maps, lantern slides *etc*, both purchased and donated. 1899-1922
1. 1899-1903
  2. 1903-5
  3. 1905-7
  4. 1907-11
  5. 1911-13
  6. 1914-22

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- GE 8/1-6                      Accessions books of the library of the School. 1922-56
1. Books and atlases. 1922-37
  2. Blue books and Government publications. 1922-37
  3. Pamphlets. 1922-56
  4. Maps. 1922-39
  5. Lantern slides and photographs. 1923-9
  6. Apparatus and miscellaneous items. 1922-8
- GE 8A/1-2                     Periodicals accession books. 1923-38
1. 1923-34
  2. 1934-8
- GE 9/1-2                      Accessions sheets of the library of the School. 1938-92
1. Books, 1938-63; blue books, 1938-68; and maps, 1940-66. 1938-68
  2. Books, blue books and atlases, 1968-81; maps, 1967-92. 1967-92
- GE 9A                         Register of books loaned to the School by AJ Herbertson, arranged in date order. 1907-14
- GE 9B                         Volume recording property of the School, including property lent to the School, University property within the School and books and maps purchased by and presented to the School. 1899-1902
- GE 9C                         Register of books, maps and atlases ordered from booksellers, 1910-11, with, reversed at back, notes on individual vacation course students, undated (c1910). 1910-11
- GE 9D                         Notebook listing publications presented to the Library by colonial governments. 1916-22
- GE 9E                         Register of books loaned for repair. 1928-35
- GE 10                         Catalogue of wall maps in the School. 1909

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- GE 10A Register of wall maps on loan to members of the University.  
1944-66
- GE 10B Register of maps on loan. 1969-90
- GE 11 Scrapbook kept by Halford Mackinder relating to his tenure of the Readership in Geography, including cuttings from the *Gazette*, lists of those attending his lectures, copies of his annual reports to the Royal Geographical Society and meetings of the electors to the Geographical Studentship. 1887-96
- GE 11A Typescript extracts from Halford Mackinder's annual reports to the Royal Geographical Society as Reader, 1887-95, with a letter to Sir Clements Markham, President of the Royal Geographical Society, March 1895, suggesting the establishment of a school of geography at Oxford. 1887-95
- GE 11B Letter from Sir Clements Markham, President of the Royal Geographical Society, to the Vice-Chancellor concerning the proposed school of geography, with the Vice-Chancellor's reply. 1898
- GE 12/1-5 EW (later Professor) Gilbert's mark books as an examiner in the Final Honour School of Geography, including correspondence and related papers. 1940-2, 1950-2
1. 1940-1
  2. 1942
  3. 1950
  4. 1951
  5. 1952
- GE 13 Professor Gilbert's mark book as an examiner in the First Public Examination in Geography, including correspondence and related papers. 1960

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- GE 14/1-11 Professor Gilbert's desk diaries. 1957-67
1. 1957
  2. 1958
  3. 1959
  4. 1960
  5. 1961
  6. 1962
  7. 1963
  8. 1964
  9. 1965
  10. 1966
  11. 1967
- GE 14A Correspondence and papers of Ian Scargill concerning his entry for EW Gilbert for the Dictionary of National Biography, 2001, including articles by, and concerning, Gilbert and including Gilbert's application for the Professorship of Geography, Jan 1953. 1953-2001
- GE 14B/1-2 Printed texts of the inaugural lectures of the Professor of Geography. 1954-69
1. *Geography as a humane study* by EW Gilbert. 12 Nov 1954
  2. *The Renewal of the Geographic Environment* by Jean Gottmann. 17 Feb 1969
- GE 14C Scrapbook compiled by the Librarian concerning the death of Professor EW Gilbert in 1973 including obituaries, printed ephemera, and details of the memorial service. 1973-4
- GE 15/1-3 Registers of letters sent and received by Professors Gilbert and Gottmann. 1958-70
1. 1958-60
  2. 1960-6
  3. 1966-70
- GE 15A Correspondence of the Professor of Geography concerning staffing and recruitment. 1952-62

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GE 16/6-94

Correspondence files of the Professor of Geography as Head of Department, containing correspondence and papers on a variety of topics. 1951-84

These files are listed below preserving their original order and numbering; the series is incomplete, therefore some file numbers are missing. They include files concerning the urban centrality project, for which see also GE 30/1-12.

6. British Council. 1956-66

7. Meeting at Oxford, 1954, of Section E (Geography) of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. 1953-4

9. Committee for Surveying (from 1958 the Committee for Surveying and Geodesy) including agenda papers; also papers of the electoral board for the Readership in Surveying and Geodesy. 1953-66

See GE 16/84 for agenda papers of the Committee for Surveying, 1967-77.

10. College scholarships in Geography and undergraduate admissions to colleges. 1956-63

11. Conferences and congresses. 1967-72

11a. Computing, including the Computing Laboratory and University Computing Services. 1970-84

12c. Departmental Committee: proposed three term preliminary examination in Geography. 1964-9

14c. *Digress in Geography* (undergraduate departmental newsletter), including a copy of the first edition. 1972-3

17. Expeditions and exploration (Oxford University Exploration Club). 1956-61

18. Field trips. 1967-71

19. Franks Commission of Enquiry. 1964-7

21. Geographical Association, including the Oxford branch. 1957-65

22. Geographical descriptions (part of the Final Honour School regulations). 1959-68

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27a. International Geographical Congress visit to Great Britain. 1960-4

27b. International Geographical Congress visit to Oxford. 1964

30b. Royal Society Study Group on Human Biology in the Urban Environment, especially Professor Gottmann's contribution to a book. 1971-4

31. Historical Geography, proposed new special subject for the Final Honour School. 1962-3

31a. School of Geography Information Pamphlet, including entries for the School in the University prospectus and in the *Geographer's Handbook*. 1959-65

31b. School of Geography Information Pamphlet revision 1968. 1968

32. Visiting lecturers. 1951-67 [later changed to 39a]

33c. Interfaculty Committee on Japanese Studies, including agenda papers. 1980-3

34. Kneale Committee, including consideration by the School of the proposals made on the structure of the first and second public examinations. 1964-7

35. Proposed BPhil in Land Use Studies. 1963-70

36. Latin American Studies, including new lectureship. 1963-73

39. Lectures given by lecturers who are not members of the School. 1963-6

41. Extension of library building. 1958-69

44. Geography of the Middle East (new lectureship in). 1968-9

45. Ministry of Education courses for school-teachers. 1957-61

50. Natural Environment Research Council (allocation of postgraduate research studentships to the School). 1968-9

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Correspondence files of the Professor of Geography as Head of Department, containing correspondence and papers on a variety of topics. 1951-84 *contd*

51g. Urban Centrality Project – conference 1969. 1969-70

55. Pitt Rivers Museum. 1953-71

56. Pitt Rivers Building Committee, including agenda papers. 1964-70

58. Proposed additional professorship in Geography in schedule A. 1962-6

58g. Urban Centrality Project – central Edinburgh. 1969-75

59i. Quinquennial application for 1962-7. 1960-2

59ii. Quinquennial application for 1967-72. 1965-6

60a. Proposed Readership in Transport. 1957

60b. Ad hominem Readerships. 1965, 1969 [This file was formerly numbered 60A although kept separately from GE 16/60a]

60g. Urban Centrality Project – data on Oxford University employees from the University travel survey. 1970

62g. Urban Centrality Project – Oxford land use survey. 1965

66. Research seminars for postgraduates and staff. 1972-84

66g. Professor JW House, Halford Mackinder Professor of Geography. 1974-84

67g. Urban Centrality Project – questionnaires and interviews with various educational establishments in Oxford. 1972

68. Research seminars for postgraduates and staff. 1957-69

69g. Urban Centrality Project – report of a meeting in Oxford in 1969 on ‘Centrality and interweaving of economic activities in modern cities of intermediate size’; a note on the origins of the urban centrality project; also census statistics for 1971. 1969-71

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Correspondence files of the Professor of Geography as Head of Department, containing correspondence and papers on a variety of topics. 1951-84 *contd*

71. Staff Meeting, including agenda papers. 1956-8

See GE 19/1-2 for agenda papers of the Staff Meeting, 1958-67.

72. Interfaculty Liaison Committee for Slavonic and East European Studies, including agenda papers. 1962-7

72g. Urban Centrality Project – various topics including the collection of data, comparisons of employment patterns and travel to work. 1973-5

73. Social Science Research Council. 1966-8

73b. Geography in the Social Science Research Council. 1969-70

74. Teaching of geographers at St Hilda's. 1964

75d. 'Systematic Regional Geographies' (a series of titles of which EW Gilbert was editor). 1960-3

76. Annual staff Christmas dinner. 1957-64

82g. Urban Centrality Project –Dublin. 1971-3

84. Committee for Surveying and Geodesy, including agenda papers. 1967-77

See GE 16/9 for agenda papers of the Committee for Surveying and Geodesy, 1953-66.

92. Urban geography and development, including city planning and the Oxford green belt. 1954-61

93. Vaughan Cornish Bequest, including agenda papers of the board of management. 1957

94. Visitors to the School, chiefly under schemes sponsored by the British Council and Royal Geographical Society. 1956-84

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- GE 17 Correspondence, with a plan, relating to the purchase of land and the construction of a private house, Holywell House in Mansfield Road, which later became the School's accommodation; also correspondence relating to the transfer of these documents to the School. 1893, 1896, 1899, 1945, 1961
- GE 17A Photographic copies of architects' drawings for Holywell House, 1896-7; with correspondence of the School of Geography Librarian with Nikolaus Pevsner, 1969, concerning Holywell House. 1896-7 and 1969
- GE 17B Photographs of the main hall and staircase of the School. undated (c1960s)
- GE 17C Architects' drawing of south-west elevation, with ground floor plan, of proposed house for Rev JH Mee (Holywell House). Feb 1897
- GE 17D/1-6 Contract drawings for Holywell House signed by the architects and builder. 1896
1. Ground floor plan
  2. First floor plan
  3. Attic plan
  4. Sections on lines A:B and C:D
  5. East and north elevations
  6. West and south elevations
- GE 18 Correspondence, papers and plans concerning the construction of a new lecture theatre at the School, including later enquiries about the suppliers of fittings in the lecture theatre. 1936-8, 1956, 1962
- GE 18A Album of photographs showing the construction of the School of Geography lecture hall, 1938, subsequently used for other material, 1916-79. 1916-79
- The additional material comprises: photographs of staff and students of the School, May 1916; a news cutting concerning the centenary of the birth of AJ Herbertson with photographs (and related negatives) of his restored tombstone in St Cross cemetery, 1965; and a photograph of students on a field trip to southern France, 1979.

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- GE 18B Album of photographs showing extensions to the School under construction in 1968-9. 1968-9
- GE 18C Album of photographs showing construction of the 'well' in the School. c1989-90
- GE 18D Plans, with related correspondence, of extensions to the School. 1965-9
- GE 18E Plans, with related correspondence, of internal alterations and proposed extensions to the School. 1971-6
- GE 18F Plans, with related correspondence, of alterations to the general office and reception area of the School. 1986-90
- GE 18G Plan of proposed lecture theatre at the School. 1937
- GE 19/1-2 Correspondence of EW Gilbert concerning the Staff Meeting, including agenda and related papers. 1958-67
1. 1958-61
  2. 1962-7
- See GE 16/71 for agenda papers for the Staff Meeting, 1956-8.
- GE 19A/1-5 Minutes of the Staff Meeting, 1953-69, and the Departmental Committee, 1969-83. 1953-83
1. 1953-7
  2. 1957-66
  3. 1966-9
  4. 1969-72
  5. 1973-83
- The Departmental Committee replaced the Staff Meeting in 1969.

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GE 20-20B relate to the School's involvement during the second World War with the Naval Intelligence Division. In February 1940 Professor Mason was approached by the NID, based at the Admiralty, for assistance with the compilation of geographical handbooks for various areas of action during the war; he and many of the staff of the School were engaged in researching these publications without the knowledge of the University. A branch of the NID (section 5) was opened at the School in early 1941 to compile these detailed geographical handbooks. Its personnel were drawn both from the School (Professor Mason was the Director) and from the NID. Similar branches were opened in other universities at the same time.

GE 20/1-4                      Correspondence and papers of Professor Mason relating to the School's activities during second World War in conjunction with the Naval Intelligence Division. 1940-6

1. General correspondence with the NID including lists of reports and notes on the School's activities. Feb-Sep 1940
2. General correspondence and papers, including notes on the history of the NID work. 1941-6
3. Booklet listing staff of the Naval Intelligence Division, Sep 1942, with a typescript list of Admiralty Geographical Handbooks, 1941-6. 1942-6
4. Working papers of HF Pickard-Cambridge for the geographical handbook on Iraq and the Persian Gulf, including drafts of the report, maps and related correspondence. 1944-5

GE 20A/1-5                      Files of notes and reports compiled by the School for the Naval Intelligence Division, with related correspondence. 1940-2

1. Andalusia; Crete; Italian and Spanish oil refineries; and Sardinia. 1940
2. Madagascar; French Guinea; and British and Italian Somaliland. 1940
3. Petsamo, Finland; northern sea routes; islands in the South Indian Ocean; and the Commander Islands. 1940-2
4. Canaries; duration of snow in Northern Norway; Finland and Russia - railway construction; and Iceland. 1940
5. Russia; Black Sea ports; port of Azovstal; inland waterways of Germany; waterways of France; and the North Sea-Ruhr connection. 1940

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- GE 20B/1-7 Proofs of figures, illustrations, maps and photographs for the geographical handbooks. undated (c1941-5)
- These include lists of photographs detailing where in the handbooks they were used. They also include photographs which were not used in the final handbooks.
1. Dodecanese
  2. Iraq and the Persian Gulf
  3. Turkey
  4. Palestine and Transjordan
  5. Western Arabia and the Red Sea
  6. Norway
  7. Miscellaneous
- GE 20C Air raid precautions instructions for the School. 1940
- GE 21 Correspondence between CFWR Gullick and Professor Gottmann concerning the latter's move to Oxford. 1967-8
- GE 22 Professor Gottmann's general correspondence including connections between the School and African universities, political geography, satellites. 1965-79
- GE 23 Correspondence and papers of Gilbert concerning the Committee on the Preliminary Examination in Geography. 1960-2
- GE 24 Correspondence concerning the Final Honour School of Geography; with related papers including examiners' reports. 1953-7
- GE 25 Correspondence and papers relating to the judging of a DLitt. 1972-3
- GE 26 Committee and miscellaneous circulated papers of Gottman including papers concerning changes to the Final Honour School regulations, minutes of the Committee on Relations with Junior Members, and the report of the Committee on Honour Moderations. 1968-70

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- GE 27/1-5            Departmental newsletters and magazines, including those edited by undergraduates. 1955-94
1. *The Herbo Newsletter*, issues 1, 3-21. 1975-9
  2. *Erratic*, issues 1-4, 6. 1980-2
  3. *Aspect*, issue 1. 1955
  4. *Digress in Geography*, issue 1. 1973
  5. *Geography at Oxford*. undated (c1991) and 1994
- GE 28/1-5            *Bulletin of the Oxford University Exploration Club* issues 6-10. 1954-61
1. 1954
  2. 1955
  3. 1957
  4. 1958
  5. 1961
- GE 29                Agenda and other papers of the Conference of the Heads of UK University Geography Departments; with related correspondence. 1975-80
- GE 30/1-12         Papers and correspondence generated by the urban centrality research project undertaken by Professor Gottmann. 1950-77
1. Summary sheets of data on building floor space and employment in Oxford obtained from the city planning department. [1970-1]
  2. Data on employment in Oxford obtained from the Department of Employment. 1950-[1971]
  3. Data on building floor space in Oxford obtained from the city planning department. [1970-1]
  4. Data on employment. [1970-1]
  5. Summaries of building floor space in selected cities. [1970-1]
  6. Analysis of building floor space in selected cities, obtained from the Department of the Environment; comparison of building floor space in Oxford and Cambridge, obtained from the city planning departments. [1970-1]

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- GE 30/1-12 Papers and correspondence generated by the urban centrality research project undertaken by Professor Gottmann. 1950-77 *contd*
7. Data on hotels in Oxford, obtained from the city planning department. 1970-2
  8. Various sets of data: employment in Oxford, college incomes, University sites and developments *etc.* 1969-74
  9. Interviews with various employers in Oxford. 1971
  10. Correspondence, in French, with Professor FJ Gay, Institut de Geographie, Université de Rouen, and with Professor A Vigarié, Université de Nantes, concerning similar projects. 1973-7
  11. Data on employment trends, obtained from the Department of Employment. [1970]
  12. Summaries of interviews and meetings carried out by the project research assistants; summary of the discussion at a meeting in Oxford in 1969 on centrality and interweaving of economic activities in modern cities of intermediate size; and summary of the proceedings of a seminar on urban centrality held at the School in 1973. 1969-74
- GE 31/1-2 Minutes of the Joint Consultative Committee (to 1990, Staff/Student Committee). 1973-97
1. 1973-80
  2. 1980-97
- GE 31A Minutes and agenda papers of the Library Committee. 1984-90
- GE 32 Correspondence of the Secretary of the Staff/Student Committee. 1985-7
- GE 33 Correspondence and papers of JF Heyes concerning the recognition of geography within the University including his 'Plea for Geography' in the *Oxford Magazine*, December 1886. 1886-1929
- John Frederick Heyes FRGS was a tutor in experimental science at Magdalen College and an early supporter of geography at Oxford. These are his personal papers.

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- GE 34 School regulations and examination question papers for the diploma and certificates in geography. 1901-14
- GE 35 School regulations and fees. 1915-27
- GE 36 Examination question papers for the diploma and certificates in geography. 1912-38
- GE 37/1-5 Examination question papers for the preliminary examination in geography. 1937-71
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| 1. 1937, 1940 | 4. 1958-62 |
| 2. 1948-52    | 5. 1963-71 |
| 3. 1953-7     |            |
- GE 38 Examination question papers for special examinations in geography. 1939-49
- GE 39/1-8 Examination question papers for Honour Moderations in geography. 1972-2004
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| 1. 1972-7  | 5. 1990-2    |
| 2. 1978-82 | 6. 1993-5    |
| 3. 1983-5  | 7. 1996-2000 |
| 4. 1986-9  | 8. 2001-4    |
- GE 40 Examination question papers for the Pass School in geography. 1939-68

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- GE 41/1-17 Examination question papers for the Honour School of geography. 1933-2004
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| 1. 1933-42 | 13. 1991-4    |
| 2. 1943-8  | 14. 1995-7    |
| 3. 1948-52 | 15. 1998-2000 |
| 4. 1953-7  | 16. 2001-2    |
| 5. 1958-62 | 17. 2003-4    |
| 6. 1963-7  |               |
| 7. 1968-72 |               |
| 8. 1973-7  |               |
| 9. 1978-82 |               |
| 10. 1983-5 |               |
| 11. 1985-9 |               |
| 12. 1990-2 |               |
- GE 41A Examination question papers for the Gibbs Prize in Geography. 1981-91
- GE 42 Typescript texts of lectures delivered by AJ Herbertson, 1908-10, with related correspondence, 1950 and 2003. 1908-2003
- These were sent to the Librarian of the School by James Houston, (lecturer at the School, 1945-71) in 2003.
- GE 43 Manuscript of the 'Oxford Geographical Journal', vol 1. 1913
- GE 44 Annotated printed 'Memorandum on the desirability of making Geography a full subject in the Final Honour School of Natural Science'. 1913
- GE 44A Miscellaneous correspondence of HO Beckit including School policy, a proposed Final School of Geography and the development of teaching of geography at Oxford. 1916-25
- GE 45 Correspondence and papers of the Reader in Geography concerning the establishment of the Final Honour School of Geography, including papers of the Committee for Geography. 1928-37

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- GE 45A Papers concerning the present and future position of the School and the development of the teaching of geography at Oxford. 1929-39
- GE 45B Papers concerning the Final Honour School of Geography. 1945
- GE 46/1-8 Correspondence files of K Mason, Professor of Geography. 1932-52
- This filing system appears to pre-date that in GE 16.
1. Syllabus suggestions and honour school regulations. 1932
  2. Drapers' Company Scholarships. 1933-41
  3. Proposed development of research. 1934-5
  4. Barendt, Miss FE. 1937-9
  5. Dicey, Mrs M. 1938-9
  6. Miscellaneous departmental correspondence (file labelled 'Personal correspondence'). 1941-52
  7. Chairmanship of the Committee for Surveying. 1942-3
  8. Proposed professorship of town planning. 1946-7
- GE 46A Proposal for a lecture course in world geography by JNL Baker, with comments on the proposal by academic staff of the School. undated (c1945)
- GE 47 Notices of winners of the Herbertson and HO Beckit Memorial Prizes, signed by the examiners. 1934-67
- GE 48 Typescript copy of letters of Pamela Creek (a student at Lady Margaret Hall and the School, 1942-5) concerning her time at Oxford. 1942-5
- GE 49 Letters containing recollections of the School and AJ Herbertson by JB Reynolds, Diploma student 1901. 1948
- GE 50 Reminiscences of the School in 1926-8 by M Cole, St Anne's College, 1989; and in 1924-8 by Bill Cottrell, Keble College, 1990. 1989-90

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- GE 51/1-3 School of Geography prospectuses and brochures. undated (c1969-2000)
1. Undergraduate prospectuses. undated (c1986-95)
  2. Postgraduate prospectuses. undated (c1984-96)
  3. General School information pamphlets and brochures. undated (c1969-2000)
- GE 52/1-6 School of Geography information pamphlets and booklets for Honour Moderations, Final Honour School, graduate studies in geography and MSc in Environmental Change and Management. 1984-2003
1. Final Honour School. 1991-3
  2. Honour Moderations. 1984-2003
  3. Honour School of Geography 2nd year. 1994-2001
  4. Honour School of Geography 3rd year. 1994-2001
  5. MSc in Environmental Change and Management. 1994-2003
  6. (Post)graduate studies in Geography. 1995-2000
- GE 53 Correspondence and papers of Ian Scargill concerning the centenary of the School including lists of the centenary lectures, and photocopies of articles concerning the School. 1999
- GE 54 Papers concerning the history of the School compiled by Ian Scargill, including photocopies of newspaper and Gazette articles, pamphlets and copies of historical documents covering the period 1899-1995, with related correspondence. 1976-95
- GE 55 Articles, photocopied documents and photographs concerning the history of the School from 1886 compiled by Library staff. undated
- These include obituaries of former members of staff and copies of documents elsewhere in the School's archives plus original correspondence of Elspeth Buxton, Librarian of the School, who chiefly compiled this collection.
- GE 55A Papers of the Librarian concerning the centenary of the establishment of the Readership in Geography in 1887, including the centenary appeal and dinner. 1984-7

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GE 56/1-4                      Albums of School of Geography class photographs. 1933-2006

The photographs are of Final Honour School candidates, 1933-62; preliminary examination candidates, 1963-72; Honour Moderations candidates, 1973-2001; and first year undergraduates, 2002-6. From 2002, the album contains passport-sized photographs of individual students only.

GE 56/1 also includes a copy of a photograph of the first diploma candidates and staff taken outside the old Ashmolean in 1901. Another copy can be found at GE 60.

1. 1933-62
2. 1963-88
3. 1989-96
4. 1997-2006

GE 57/1-26                     School of Geography class photographs. 1934-95

These photographs are chiefly duplicates of those in the photograph albums although some are different shots of the same class.

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| 1. 1934  | 14. 1962 |
| 2. 1935  | 15. 1963 |
| 3. 1936  | 16. 1964 |
| 4. 1937  | 17. 1965 |
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| 6. 1939  | 19. 1967 |
| 7. 1949  | 20. 1969 |
| 8. 1950  | 21. 1970 |
| 9. 1951  | 22. 1971 |
| 10. 1953 | 23. 1972 |
| 11. 1954 | 24. 1977 |
| 12. 1955 | 25. 1993 |
| 13. 1956 | 26. 1995 |

GE 58                             Photographs of MSc students. 1994-2006

These are sheets for each MSc course containing passport-sized photographs of individual students, possibly created for wall display.

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- GE 58A Pamphlets giving biographical details of postgraduate students currently studying for the Masters in Biodiversity, Conservation and Management; the Masters in Nature, Society and Environmental Policy; the Masters in Environmental Geomorphology; and the DPhil. 2003
- GE 59 Commemorative album of photographs of the 1937 School Easter Tour to France. 1937
- GE 60 Copy photograph (plus negative) of staff of the School with the first candidates for the Diploma in 1901 standing outside the old Ashmolean. 1901
- There is another copy of this in the photograph album at GE 56/1.
- GE 61 Sketch of AJ Herbertson drawn by Miss ME Potter. undated
- GE 62 Miscellaneous photographs of staff and students of the School including HJ Mackinder, JNL Baker and HO Beckit. undated (c1916-1980s)
- These include copies of some photographs in GE 18A and GE 56/1.
- GE 63 Photograph of attendees at the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science held in Cambridge in 1938. 1938
- GE 64 Photograph of Professor Goudie's office. undated (1980s)
- GE 65 Photographs of the 1984 staff/student cricket match. Jun 1984
- GE 66 Photographs of the Old Ashmolean building, Environmental Change Unit and School of Geography building. undated (c2000)
- GE 67 Photograph of the interior of the Library. undated (c2000)

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- GE 68                      Floor plans of the School. undated (c1987)
- GE 69/1-3                Photographs of staff of the School, with key to those in the photographs. 1983-94
1. 1983
  2. c1989
  3. 1994
- GE 70                      Metal plaque commemorating the gift of Sir Abe Bailey for the upkeep, rent and furnishing of premises at Acland House for the use of students of geography and colonial history. undated (c1915)
- This plaque commemorates the gift of Sir Abe Bailey in 1910 of £250 a year for five years for the rent and upkeep of Acland House (39-41 Broad Street) plus a further £500 for furnishing it. A stipulation of the gift was that part of the space be given over to the study of the geography and history of the British Empire. The plaque is believed to have been affixed to Acland House and removed before its demolition in 1937.
- GE 71                      Floor plan of the School showing heating and electric lighting. undated (early 20th cent)
- GE 72                      Slide photographs of the visit of the Admiralty to the Oxford. 1943
- It is possible that the visitors also included members of the Norwegian royal family.
- GE 73                      Photograph of the exterior of the School. undated (c 1975)
- GE 74                      Floor plans of the School giving the names of office occupants. undated (c1980)

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- GE 75                      Exhibition display boards illustrating the premises occupied by the School since its foundation with particular reference to Holywell House and its previous occupation by John Mee. 2005
- The boards were created by the Librarian, Sue Bird, for an exhibition held on the occasion of the School of Geography's departure from Holywell House. They include copies of photographs and plans at GE 17C and 17D and GE 18A-B and biographical information on Rev JH Mee, former owner of Holywell House.
- GE 76                      Correspondence and papers concerning departmental archive material including correspondence with the University Archives. 1971-2
- GE 77                      Report on the School of Geography Field Excursion, Easter 1973, to Lorraine and the Rhineland. 1973
- GE 78                      Draft regulations for the proposed first degree in geography and archaeology. 1976
- GE 79                      Cue cards for a speech, possibly given by Elspeth Buxton, at a dinner held at St Hugh's to mark the retirement of MM Sweeting. 1987
- GE 80                      Cue card notes of Ian Scargill for his speech given at the retirement dinner of Ken Warren on 17 April 1991. 1991
- GE 81                      Brochure for the launch of the Environmental Change Unit at the School of Geography, 14 February 1991, including the texts of speeches given. 1991
- GE 82                      Promotional material concerning research at the School of Geography including details of academic staff and their research activities. c1980-93
- GE 83                      Register of visitors to the Library, including visiting students and scholars and University staff . 1983-2004

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- GE 84/1-2            Registers of Library readers. 1950-2004
1. 1950-88
  2. 1988-2004
- GE 85                Library suggestions book, for the purchase of books and other library material. 1965-92
- GE 86                Correspondence and papers concerning the loan of items from the School to the 'Ruskin, Oxford and the Geographical Imagination' exhibition at the Ashmolean Museum. 2000