iSkills - Archives and Modern Manuscripts for Social Sciences and History

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Structure of Special Collections

Medieval & Early Modern Manuscripts, inc. Rare Books

Oriental Manuscripts

Archives & Modern Manuscripts (inc. University Archives)
Archives and Modern Manuscripts: Summary of holdings

• Post 1800
• Personal archives
• Archives of organizations:
  – Businesses
  – Charities
  – Academic organizations
  – Political organizations and activist groups
Archives and Modern Manuscripts:
Summary of holdings relevant to the Social Sciences

- Politics
- Economics
- International Relations
- International Development
- Other Social Science disciplines
Archives and Modern Manuscripts: Factors to consider when using archival material

- The extent and quality of the collection
- GDPR and other access restrictions
- The format/accessibility of the material
- Palaeography issues
- The level of detail of the written record
- The level of detail of the descriptive catalogue
- Lack of subject classification
- Availability of complementary material
Finding archival resources:

The options

- **Published guides:**

- **Bodleian Archives & Manuscripts**
- **National Archives Discovery**
- **LibGuide to finding aids**
Finding archival resources:
Published guides to holdings

The Bodleian Library
A SUBJECT GUIDE TO THE COLLECTIONS
Edited by
GREGORY WALKER,
MARY CLAPINSON
and LESLEY FORBES

modern political papers
in the BODLEIAN LIBRARY
Finding archival resources:

The options

- Published guides:
  - Modern political papers in the Bodleian Library (1996)
  - A subject guide to the collections (2004)
- Bodleian Archives & Manuscripts
- National Archives Discovery
- LibGuide to finding aids
Search the Bodleian Libraries’ archives and manuscripts

Enter your search terms
Catalogue descriptions

Search
Advanced search

What is included?
Descriptions of archives and manuscript material created between c. 1500 and the 21st century. Material described is predominantly in manuscript form, but also includes photographic material, audiovisual items and born-digital content.

- Archives and manuscripts (post-1500) held in the Bodleian Libraries
- Medieval Manuscripts (see Medieval Manuscripts in Oxford Libraries)
- Manuscripts in oriental languages (see our LibGuide for Oriental Manuscripts)
- Administrative records of the University itself (see Oxford University Archives)

New additions
For a list of recent additions to the online catalogues, see our new additions page.

What am I searching?
- Full descriptions of all items catalogued after 2001
- Collection-level descriptions of most collections described in our published printed catalogues
- Full descriptions of some collections catalogued before 2001 are being added as they are digitised

This catalogue does not yet provide a comprehensive search of all holdings, but we are working towards this goal.

Need help?
Take a look at our help page for details of how to consult the materials described in Bodleian Archives & Manuscripts, and for links to further information about how to use our services.

This catalogue is currently in beta, while we do some testing and bug-fixing. Please take a look around, and tell us what you think! From January 2020 the Bodleian Libraries' Online Catalogues for Archives and Manuscripts will be replaced by this catalogue.

https://archives.bodleian.ox.ac.uk
Finding archival resources: National Archives Discovery 1
Finding archival resources: National Archives Discovery 2
Finding archival resources:
National Archives Discovery 3

Asquith, Herbert Henry (1852-1928) 1st Earl of Oxford and Asquith, statesman

This page summarises records created by this Person
The summary includes a brief description of the collection(s) (usually including the covering dates of the collection), the name of the archive where they are held, and reference information to help you find the collection.

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Record creator
- Asquith, Herbert Henry (1852-1928). 3rd Earl of Oxford and Asquith, statesman

Catalogue description

corresp and papers

Reference: MSS Asquith (click here to view this record in archive's external catalogue)

Description: corresp and papers

Date: 1864-1929

Held by: Oxford University: Bodleian Library, Special Collections, not available at The National Archives


NRA catalogue reference: NRA 12685

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Bodleian Archives & Manuscripts

Archive of Herbert Henry Asquith, 1st Earl of Oxford and Asquith

Collection

Collection overview Collection contents Collection index

Correspondence and papers of Herbert Henry Asquith, mainly as Prime Minister, 1908-1916.

Dates
1892-1928

Extent
15.2 Linear metres (152 physical shelfmarks)

Language of Materials
- English

Conditions Governing Use
For conservation reasons, microfilms are to be consulted in place of the original papers.

Preferred Citation

Navigate this collection

Search this Collection

From year To year

Search

Archive of Herbert Henry Asquith, 1st Earl of Oxford and Asquith
Correspondence, 1891-1928
Miscellaneous letters and memoranda arranged chronologically, 1893-1918
Irish papers, 1909-1918
Papers by Asquith, 1892-1928
Finding archival resources: The options

- Published guides:
- Bodleian Archives & Manuscripts
- National Archives Discovery
- LibGuide to finding aids
Finding archival resources:
LibGuides

Special Collections Reading Rooms
- Special collections reading rooms

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First steps
The first place to search for a catalogue is online. The online catalogues page includes full online
catalogues for collections catalogued after 2001, plus brief descriptions of many collections catalogued
prior to 2001 which point towards the appropriate printed catalogue. Note that many of our most
important printed catalogues have now been digitised and are also searchable online. The digitised
Quarto series of catalogues cover key early modern collections and the digitised Summary Catalogues
cover all collections acquired up to 1975 which were not catalogued in the Quarto series.

If you don’t find what you’re looking for on the online catalogues pages, it is worth checking the printed,
unpublished catalogues in the Rare Books and Manuscripts Reading Room. These cover collections
catalogued between 1975 and the introduction of online catalogues in 2001. Brief descriptions of
papers can also be found in an unpublished card index which covers manuscripts acquired by the
Library between 1975 and 2004 (the card index is kept in the Rare Books and Manuscripts Reading Room
Reference Area).

For further information on the Summary, Quarto, and online catalogues, see the General catalogues
tab above. For more specific finding aids for different periods or subject areas (e.g. literary archives),
see the Collections tab above.

You can also email us for advice at specialcollections.enquiries@bodleian.ox.ac.uk.
Finding archival resources:

Requesting material

- Manual system **not** on SOLO!, using traditional order slips available in the reading room:

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- Takes about 2 hours (or order in advance via email)
- Staff-mediated orders for archives stored off-site: 24 hours minimum
Using the reading rooms

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

Weston Library home page:
http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/weston

Subject guides to Bodleian archives & manuscripts:
https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/collections-and-resources/special-collections/finding-aids-and-catalogues

LibGuide – Finding aids for Archives and Modern Manuscripts:
https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/modern-sc

Bodleian Archives & Manuscripts:
https://archives.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/

National Archives Discovery:
http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/

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