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UC:S24 – Papers of David Cox (Fellow 1939-80)

Anthony David Machell Cox (1913–94), known to all as David Cox, was an undergraduate at Hertford College, where he got a First in Modern History in 1937. He was then elected to a Fellowship at All Souls, before becoming a Fellow and Praelector in Modern History at University College from 1939 until 1980, when he retired.

Cox published very little in his lifetime, apart from several important articles in the *University College Record*, although his transcriptions of the College's account rolls from 1381/2–1596/7 were edited and published in 1999 and 2001 by R. H. Darwall-Smith as Volumes 39 and 40 (new series) of the publications of the Oxford Historical Society. On the other hand, he was remembered as a much respected and loved tutor and Fellow, and he did much important work to sort and arrange the College's archives. Outside College, he was a keen and talented mountaineer: he edited the *Alpine Journal* and served as President of the Alpine Club in 1971–3. In the late 1950s he developed polio, and although he managed to recover sufficiently to resume his College duties, he never quite regained his full health and had to cease active mountaineering. More information on his life can be found in *University College Record* Vol. XI no. 3 (1995) 25–9.

The greater part of this collection comprises notes and papers relating to Cox's work on the College archives, including some important working papers for some of his articles published in the *University College Record* and elsewhere. There are also some pieces of ephemera, including an important set of early proofs for the article on University College for Volume III of the *Victoria County History*, and some material relating to the memorial services for Cox and his wife Geraldine, who died in 2002. There are also some other documents written by Cox which form part of the current working lists of the College archives, and are therefore not listed here.

In addition to this material, note also **UC:BU1/MS/1–6**, which comprise four volumes of Cox's transcripts of the account rolls, with an additional two volumes containing his notes on the rolls, and on some seventeenth-century College accounting records.

Some of these items were found in the archives in the summer of 1993, but most were given at various times in 1993–6 before an Accession Register was begun. **UC:S24/X2/4** was given to the archives by Gwynne Ovenstone, former College Secretary, in February 2003 as Accession No. 417.

Catalogued in May 2004.

UC:S24/MS1 - NOTES AND DRAFTS FOR ARTICLES BY COX

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| UC:S24/MS1/1 | Text of an article on the foundation of University College by Cox which appeared in the <i>Times</i> for 1 July 1949. | 1949 |
| UC:S24/MS1/2 | Folder of notes compiled by Cox for his two articles on William of Durham, founder of University College, which were published in <i>UCR</i> in 1948/9 and 1981. Most of the notes were compiled in the late 1940s; the rest date from the 1970s, when | 1948–81 |

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Cox returned to the life of William of Durham. The papers include many transcripts of documents relating to William's life, and an important draft paper by Cox titled "The Historiography of William of Durham". [194 items]

UC:S24/MS1/3**1949–53**

Folder of notes compiled by Cox concerning the College's lawsuits with the heirs of John Gonwardby in 1393–91. Some of this material was used by Cox for an article in *UCR* 1952/3. Like **MS1/2** above, these papers include many transcripts of documents relating to the case, including many items from the Public Record Office, and some draft papers by Cox, including some on the dating of the various petitions submitted by University College to the Crown during the 1380s. Some papers are dated, and these show that Cox was working on this subject at least from 1949 onwards [263 items]

UC:S24/MS1/4**1955/6**

Amended typescript for Cox's article "An Inscription from the Old Library", published in *UCR* 1955/6.

UC:S24/MS1/5**1956**

Typescript of an article by Cox "An Account for the building of the Divinity School", which was published in *Oxoniensia* 21 (1956) pp. 48–60. The building accounts for the School from 1452/3 are in the archives of University College (ref. **UC:P61/F1/1**) perhaps because John Martyn (Master 1441–73)-was for several years a member of the board overseeing the School's construction.

UC:S24/MS1/6**1971/2**

Folder of notes compiled by Cox for two articles on Sir Simon Bennet (d. 1631) and his benefaction to the College, which were published in *UCR* 1971 and 1972 [20 items].

UC:S24/MS1/7**1977**

Folder of notes compiled by Cox for an article on John Elmhirst (Fellow 1621–51) published in *UCR* 1977.

UC:S24/MS1/8**Nov 1980**

Index compiled by Cox of historical articles in *UCR* from 1925–79.

UC:S24/MS2 - UNPUBLISHED PIECES BY COX**UC:S24/MS2/1****1949 & 1983**

An *Outline History of University College*, written by Cox in 1949, with a letter from him dated 14 Jun 1983.

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- UC:S24/MS2/2** **n.d. (after 1953)**
 Typescript article (or lecture?) by Cox titled *University College, King Alfred and Edmund Francis*, a detailed account of the Gonwardby affair of 1361–91. The piece is undated, but must have been written after his *UCR* piece of 1952/3. The piece is copied out as an appendix to **UC:E2** (the catalogue of the Goldsmith/Gonwardby properties). [2 copies]

UC:S24/MS3 - NOTES COMPILED BY COX

- UC:S24/MS3/1** **n.d.**
 Notes compiled by Cox on the Fellows of Univ. to 1509, using information from the College archives, and also from A. E. Emden's *Biographical Register of the University of Oxford to A. D. 1500* [27 items].
- UC:S24/MS3/2** **n.d.**
 MS index compiled by Cox of references to the College Library and books in the account rolls from 1381/2–1596/7.
- UC:S24/MS3/3** **n.d.**
 Notes compiled by Cox on the College's dispute with Osney Abbey in the 1430s.
- UC:S24/MS3/4** **n.d.**
 Typescript list of the portraits then hanging in the Hall of University College.

UC:S24/MS4 - PROOFS FOR AN ARTICLE

- UC:S24/MS4/1** **21 Mar 1948**
 Galley proofs (date-stamped 21 Mar 1948) of part of the article on University College published in Volume III of the *Victoria County History of Oxfordshire* (pp. 61–81). The proofs cover pp. 61–70 (the historical section), and have been annotated and corrected by Cox. There is one curiosity about these proofs: they are titled "Proofs of Mr. H. E. Salter's article on the History of the College for the Victoria County History", but the published article is ascribed to A. Oswald. One can only assume that Salter left the article unfinished, and that it was left to Oswald to revise the historical section, and then write the remainder of the piece, in particular the section on the College's architecture.

UC:S24/X1 - EPHEMERA

- UC:S24/X1/1** **25 May 1948**
 Two copies of the programme for *The Masque of Hope*,

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performed in University College on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth (later Queen Elizabeth II) on 25 May 1948.

UC:S24/X1/2**c. 1947–61**

Small leaflet about Hubberholme Church, presumably collected by Cox on a visit there, or sent him from the church. Written during the incumbency of H. Isherwood (Vicar 1947–61).

UC:S24/X2 - MATERIAL CONCERNING THE DEATHS OF COX AND HIS WIFE**UC:S24/X2/1****1994**

Typescript obituary of Cox by J. D. Armstrong (matr. Univ. 1949) submitted to the *Yorkshire Rambler's Journal*.

UC:S24/X2/2**21 Jan 1995**

Order of service for a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Cox held in the Chapel of University College.

UC:S24/X2/3**21 Jan 1995**

Videotape of Cox's Memorial service.

UC:S24/X2/4**29 Oct 2002**

Address given at a memorial service for Cox's widow, Geraldine, on 29 Oct 2002, by one of their granddaughters, Victoria.

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