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UC:P4 Photograph Album of John Hill (matr. 1859)

John Hill matriculated from University College in 1859, taking his BA in 1864.

On leaving Oxford, he seems to have returned to his native Shropshire, and settled at Felhampton Court, where he devoted himself to farming, and especially to cattle breeding. He also served as a JP. Some letters and papers relating to John Hill and his family are kept at Shropshire Archives, among the papers of the Revd. J. C. Hill.

It is not known when this photograph album which he kept during his undergraduate years was given to the College, but it was found in the archives in the summer of 1993.

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UC:P4/P - PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM

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c.1859-1864

Photograph album kept by John Hill while an undergraduate at University College. Its covers are preserved in good condition.

The greater part of the captions to the album are written partly or wholly in the same hand, which must be John Hill's. However, several of the captions contain errors, some greater than others. It is therefore possible that Hill annotated the album later in his life, when his memory was not wholly reliable. There also appear to be some captions in Hill's hand which were added at an earlier date. In the following description, attempts have been made to distinguish between signatures made at the time and Hill's earlier later comments.

The album contains the following images:

Fol. 1: Photograph signed "John Hill" later inscribed by Hill "University College Oxford 1859-64". The sitter is John Hill. He has a small dog sitting on his lap.

Fol. 2: Photograph later inscribed by Hill "Jos. Oliphant Univ: Coll" with a comment in a later unknown hand "son of the Bishop". Hill has made a mistake here: no one of this name is known at University College or at any other College from this time.

Fol. 3: Photograph signed "R Mainwaring" with later comment by Hill "Univ: Coll". The sitter is Randolph Mainwaring (matr. 1858). See also fol. 45.

Fol. 4: Photograph signed "Robert B. Poole" with later comment by Hill "Rugby and Univ: Coll". The sitter is Robert Poole (matr. 1859; rector of Beckley, Sussex 1900-8).

Fol. 5: Photograph signed "F. Lowry Lightfoot" with later comment by Hill "Univ: Coll". A still later note, probably in Hill's hand, reports that he died on 17 Dec 1917. A newspaper cutting about his death has been pasted into this page. The sitter is Francis Lowry Lightfoot (matr. 1860). See also fols. 32, 34 and 38.

Fol. 6: Photograph signed "John Horsfall" with later comment by Hill "Univ: Coll" The sitter is John Horsfall (matr. 1859). See also fols. 30 and 43.

Fol. 7: Photograph later inscribed by Hill "John Smith Univ: Coll". The sitter is John Henry Smith (matr. 1859). See also fols. 28, 32, 42 and 45.

Fol. 8: Photograph later inscribed by Hill "Sydney [sic] Jenkins Univ: Coll" The sitter is probably William Jenkins (matr. 1860).

Fol. 9: Photograph later inscribed by Hill "J. [sic] Robertson Univ. Coll." The sitter is Gordon Robertson (matr. 1859).

Fol. 10: Photograph later inscribed by Hill "John Collyer Univ: Coll." The sitter is John Monsey Collyer (matr. 1859).

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Fol. 11: Photograph later inscribed by Hill “Kelly Univ: Coll.” The sitter is Francis Hume Kelly (matr. 1859).

Fol. 12: Photograph later inscribed by Hill “S. Linton Rugby and Univ: Coll [sic]”. The sitter is Sydney Linton (matr. Wadham 1860).

Fol. 13: Photograph later inscribed by Hill “Mrs John Hill The Citadel Hawkstone Shropshire”. A note added in different handwriting, states “Mother of John Hill of University College”.

Fol. 14: Photograph later inscribed by Hill “The Revd. John Hill The Citadel Hawkstone Shropshire Harrow and Oriel Coll: Oxford”

Fol. 15: Photograph signed “J. A. Mundy” with later comment by Hill “Univ Coll”. The sitter is John Augustus Mundy (matr. 1860). See also fol. 45.

Fol. 16: Photograph later inscribed by Hill “Walker Univ: Coll”. The sitter is probably James Douglas Walker (matr. 1860).

Fol. 17: Photograph later inscribed by Hill “James Tomkinson Rugby and Balliol Coll: Oxford after MP for Crewe.” A still later note, probably in Hill’s hand, states “born 1840 died April 10 1910 from the result of a fall in the Point to Point steeple chase at Epping ridden by members of the House of Commons- when leading 2 fences from the finish-” The sitter is James Tomkinson (matr. Balliol 1859).

Fol. 18: Photograph of John Hill’s dog, later inscribed by Hill “Jemmy”. Below it is a form stating “Mr Hill is sconced Five Shillings for having a dog in college Nov 24. The Master” This is later inscribed by Hill as “Dr Frederick Plumtree [sic; the Master’s name was Plumptre]”

Fol. 19: Photograph inscribed by Hill earlier in his life “Holmes Univ: Coll:”. The sitter is John Garraway Holmes (matr. 1859).

Fol. 20: Photograph later inscribed by Hill earlier in his life “H. Neville, scout to J.H. University College- 1860–1864”. The photographs on fols. 20–21 are the earliest known images of servants of University College.

Fol. 21: Photograph later inscribed by Hill earlier in his life “The Porter University College”.

Fol. 22: Two photographs, the first inscribed by Hill earlier in life “Groom, Kitchenmaid, Cook, Dairymaid The Citadel 1864”, the second inscribed by Jill later in life “Jane Oakley nurse to John Hill and brother and afterwards until she died, much regretted Housekeeper at the Citadel”

Fol. 23: Photograph signed “C.H. Hill Feb: 8th 1861” with an additional comment, not in Hill’s handwriting, “Brother of John Hill afterwards Sir Clement Hill, MP for Shrewsbury 1906”. Clement Hill (1845–1913) never attended university, but instead had a career in the Foreign Office, working mainly in Africa.

Fol. 24: Photograph signed “B.H. Hill Feb: 8th 1861” with an additional comment, not in Hill’s handwriting, “Brother of John Hill killed in hunting accident.” The sitter is Brian Hubert Hill (matr. 1866), brother of John Hill. See also fol. 31.

Fol. 25: Photograph later inscribed by Hill “Arthur Stanton at Revd. A. Bradley’s Southgate- (Private Tutor) [“Rugby” inserted later] Univ: [later changed to “Trinity”] Coll and afterwards with the Revd. McConokie St. Mary’s [later changed to “St. Alban’s”] London as first Curate &c”. A second inscription, in a different handwriting, reads “ordained 1862 Died March 28th 1913. During the whole of that time he was curate at St Alban’s, Holborn”. The sitter is Arthur Henry Stanton (matr. Trinity 1858). **UC:P4/X1/3** was found here.

Fol. 26: Photograph later inscribed by Hill “R Grey [sic] son of Bishop of Cape Town Univ: Coll.” The sitter is Charles Norris Gray (matr. 1859). See also fols. 28 and 38.

Fol. 27: Photograph later inscribed by Hill “John Hill on Bloomer, Jemmy”, depicts John

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Hill astride his horse Bloomer accompanied by his dog Jemmy, previously shown in the album.

[five pages have been cut out here from the album. On fol. 27v is a note that one of the sitters on a lost photo on the opposite page was Arthur G. Bradley]

Fol. 28: Four photographs, later inscribed by Hill as follows: (1) "John Smith Univ: Coll" [matr. 1859; see also fols. 7, 32, 42 and 45]; (2) "R. Everington Merton Coll: one of the three who rode to Match at Aylesbury against Cambridge" [Edgar Everington, matr. Merton 1860; see also fol. 34]; (3) "Charley Bull Christchurch" [sic; the only Bull at Christ Church from Hill's time was Henry Edward Bull, matr. 1861]; (4) "Grey Univ: Coll" [Charles Gray, matr. 1859; see fols. 26 and 38]. **UC:P4/X1/2** was found here.

Fol. 28v: Newspaper cutting showing one "Sir Villiers Forster" greeting "Master Hawkins".

Fol. 29: Photograph of two men and a dog signed "Charles Forster" to which Hill added in his "early" hand "'Rock' John Hill 'Merton College' 1863". A later hand has added this note: "died July 30 1914 Sir Charles Forster Bart. Lysways Rugeley Master South Staffordshire Hounds 1885–1902." Charles Forster, who is seated on Hill's left, matriculated from University College in 1860. Presumably the photograph was taken somewhere in Merton College, Oxford; it is certainly not possible to identify the background with anywhere at University College. For other images of Forster, see fols. 32, 34 and 37.

Fol. 30: Three photographs, as follows: (1) [in Hill's "later" hand] "John Horsfall Univ: Coll after doctor in Leeds and Bournemouth" [John Horsfall (matr. 1859; see also fols. 6 and 43), seen on a horse]; (2) uninscribed, showing two white dogs, unnamed; (3) [in Hill's "early" hand] "Taylors drag starting for Radley from University College 1864" with comment added later by Hill "John Hill on loose seat". This third photograph shows a coach with cart behind it both drawn outside University College.

Fol. 31: Four photographs, inscribed later by Hill as follows: (1) "Wilson and Kelly Univ: Coll" [Cyril Fitzroy Wilson (matr. 1860; see also fol. 32) and Maitland Kelly (matr. 1861; see also fols. 32 and 42)]; (2) "W. H. P Jenkins Rugby and Merton College and "Mr Merton" as "Gentleman Rider" [William Henry Phillips Jenkins, matr. Merton 1862]; (3) "Kelly Univ Coll: [Maitland Kelly again] (4) "Brian H. Hill afterwards at Univ: Coll:" [Brian Hubert Hill (matr. 1866), brother of John Hill; see also fol. 24].

Fol. 32: Photograph later inscribed by Hill "University College in the Master's Quad [now Radcliffe Quadrangle] (left to right) John Hill, Charles Forster (in window) George Lightfoot — Kelly — F. Lowry Lightfoot — Glaister (standing) Wilson [blank] Smith Allsop (sitting)" The sitters are John Hill, Charles Forster (matr. 1860; see also fols. 29, 34 and 37), George Herbert Lightfoot (matr. 1863), Maitland Kelly (matr. 1859; see also fols. 31 and 42), Francis Lowry Lightfoot (matr. 1860; see also fols. 5, 34 and 38), William Glaister (matr. 1860), Cyril Fitzroy Wilson (matr. 1860; see also fol. 31), John Henry Smith (matr. 1859; see also fols. 7, 28, 42 and 45) and William Henry Allsopp (matr. 1862). Hill was unable to identify the person sitting in the front row second from the left.

Fol. 33: Three photographs, later inscribed by Hill as follows: (1) "John Hampson ["Magdalen College" was added later] Jones with 'Dairymaid' bred by Viscount Hill Hawkstone"..... [John Hampson Jones (matr. Magd. 1860; see also fol. 41)]; (2) "John, groom to J. Hampson Jones with 'Blackcock' by far the best... ever ridden by John Hill..."; (3) "Columbine J.H Jones'".

Fol. 34: Four photographs, later inscribed by Hill as follows: (1) "Charles Forster Univ: Coll: and afterwards Sir Charles: on 'Young Caractus' and Spot" [Charles Forster (matr. 1860; see also fols. 29, 32 and 37)]; (2) "F. Lowry Lightfoot Univ: Coll." (a long account of Lightfoot's riding activities follows) [Francis Lowry Lightfoot (matr. 1860; see also fols. 5, 32

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and 38), apparently on John Hill's mare Bloomer]; (3) "John Hill 1862 on Bloomer with 'Jemmy' in Holfords Yard, Oxford"; (4) "Everington and the horse he rode in the match against Cambridge" [Edgar Everington (matr. Merton 1860); see also fol. 28]. The last photograph appears to be a photograph of a portrait of Everington and his horse.

Fol. 35: Three photographs, later inscribed by Hill as follows: (1) "Mrs John Hill the Revd John Hill 'Dred' George Richards Brian H. Hill" [showing a group outside a house, with Mrs. Hill in a pony and trap]; (2) "Clement Lloyd Hill [brother of John Hill] afterward KCMG and Superintendent East African Protectorate" [added in a later hand "MP for Shrewsbury 1906"]; (3) "The Citadel front door and front yard" showing various members of the Hill household (identified).

Fol. 36: Photograph later inscribed by Hill "Mowbray Hill 1864." A later hand identified Mowbray Hall as being in Yorkshire, and adds "The Gothorpe family Mary (bottom left) married John Hill (bottom right) 1865".

Fol. 37: Three photographs, later inscribed by Hill as follows: (1) "Elwell Univ: Coll" [William Charles Boden Elwell (matr. 1862)]; (2) "Edward Hanmer Magdalen Coll: Cam: after Sir Edward Hanmer Bart." [see also fol. 38]; (3) "Charles Forster Univ: Coll" [Charles Forster (matr 1860); see also fols. 29, 32 and 34].

Fol. 38: Three photographs, later inscribed by Hill as follows: (1) "'Badger' Grey Univ: Coll son of Bishop of Cape Town" [Charles Norris Gray (matr. 1859; see also fols. 26 and 28)]; (2) "Edward Hanmer" [see also fol. 37]; (3) F. Lowry Lightfoot Univ: Coll son of dean of Exeter Coll: Oxford" and is followed by a second inscription giving details of his death in 1917 [Francis Lowry Lightfoot (matr. 1860); see also fols. 5, 32 and 34].

Fol. 39: Three photographs, inscribed as follows: (1) "Mrs Clement Hill daughter of Jack Mytton" [this was in Hill's later hand]; (2) "Mary Gothorp October 1863" [the future wife of John Hill' she herself signed and dated it] (3) "Charles E Fletcher Oct 1864" [the sitter signed and dated it himself]. **UC:P4/X1/1** was found here.

Fol. 40: Three photographs, later inscribed by Hill as follows: (1) "The Rev John Hill"; (2) "The 2nd Viscount Hill"; (3) "Col. Fletcher Kenward Kent".

Fol. 41: Four photographs, all later inscribed by Hill as follows: (1) "J. Hampson Jones Mag: Coll: Oxford" [John Hampson Jones (matr. Magd. 1860; see also fol. 33)]; (2) "John Hill one of these who rode in the match against Cambridge for Oxford University at Aylesbury"; (3) "Charles Ashton Exeter Coll Oxford" [and in a later hand "died 1920 on his 82nd birthday; one of the three who rode the match against Cambridge at Aylesbury" [Charles Ashton, matr. Exeter 1859]; (4) "Phillip J.D Wickham [sic] Exeter Coll: Oxford" [Philip James Digby Wykeham, matr. Exeter 1860]

Fol. 42: Four photographs, later inscribed by Hill as follows: (1) "Kelly Univ Coll" [Maitland Kelly (matr. 1861; see also fols 31 and 32)]; (2) "John Smith, Univ: Coll" [John Henry Smith (matr. 1859; see also fols. 7, 28, 32, and 45)]; (3) "Lindsey Univ: Coll" [Robert Grant Lindsay (matr. 1858)]; (4) "Henry Brassey Univ: Coll" [Henry Arthur Brassey (matr. 1859)].

Fol. 43: Four photographs, later inscribed by Hill as follows: (1) "Henry Davenport Maer Hall Christchurch Oxford after master of North Staffordshire" [Henry Davenport (matr. Christ Church 1859, with an unnamed servant to his right)]; (2) "Charles Wicksted after 20 years Master of the Ludlow" and "Sir Thomas Boughey (then Tom Boughey) 20 years Master of the Albrighton" [Sir Thomas Flertcher Boughey, Bart. (matr. Christ Church 1854)]; (3) "John Hill John Horsfall Univ: Coll: " [John Hill and John Horsfall (matr 1859; see also fols. 6 and 30)]; (4) "Atkinson Univ: Coll" [Arthur Johnston Breeks Atkinson (matr 1861) with two other unnamed men]

Fol. 44: Portrait of an unidentified man.

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Fol. 45: Four photographs, later identified by Hill as follows: (1) "J. A. Mundy Univ. Coll" [John Augustus Mundy (matr. 1860; see also fol. 15)]; (2) "Smith Univ Coll" [John Henry Smith (matr. 1859; see also fols. 7, 28, 32 and 42)]; (3) "Randolph Mainwaring Univ: Coll" [Randolph Mainwaring (matr 1858) see also fol. 3]; (4) "Edward Blacket Ord. Whitfield Hall Northumberland" [Edward Blacket Ord, (matr Christ Church 1861)].

Fol. 46: Two photographs, the first of an unidentified man, the second of which was later inscribed by Hill "William Hill- after Colonel son of Col. Fredk Hill Prees Hall Shropshire".

Fols. 47–50 are all blank.

Fol. 50v–51v: Five university certificates for John Hill, recording respectively his matriculation (24 Nov 1859), his passing Responsions (21 Mar 1860), his passing his two public examinations in Classics and Divinity (28 Nov 1861 and 5 May 1863), and his passing his exams in Jurisprudence and Modern History (26 Nov 1864). All these exams were in the Pass Schools: Hill did not sit for any Honours Schools.

UC:P4/X1 - EPHEMERA FROM JOHN HILL'S ALBUM**UC:P4/X1/1****n.d. [early 1860s?]**

Visiting card for Miss Mary Gothorp (later Mrs. John Hill). Found in **UC:P4/P/1 fol. 39**.

UC:P4/X1/2**17 Mar 1903**

Order of service for the funeral of George Granville Bradley (Master of University College 1870–81 and then Dean of Westminster), held at Westminster Abbey. Found in **UC:P4/P/1 fol. 28**.

UC:P4/X1/3**5 Apr 1913**

Cutting from *The Queen*, with an obituary to Arthur Stanton. Found in **UC:P4/P/1 fol. 25**, alongside the photograph of Stanton.