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### UC:MA26 PAPERS OF THOMAS WALKER, MASTER 1632-48 & 1660-5

Thomas Walker had been a Scholar and Fellow of St. John's College, Oxford, before resigning his Fellowship in 1631 to marry Sarah, the half-niece of William Laud, President of St. Johns and Chancellor of Oxford. These College and family connections largely explain why Laud recommended to University College that Walker be elected its Master in 1632. Walker was the only Master of the College to have served two terms in office. This was because he was deprived of the post in 1648 by the Parliamentary Commissioners in Oxford, and then reinstated at the Restoration of Charles II (for more on Walker's Mastership, see Robin Darwall-Smith, *A History of University College, Oxford* (Oxford 2008), pp. 156–71 and 183–7).

The extant papers of Thomas Walker include letters, notes and financial papers. The financial papers are of especial interest, because they include Walker's personal accounts for the building of the Main Quad, which was taking place during both his terms in office. These are the most detailed accounts for the building of the Quad which are preserved in the archives. The notes, and several other financial papers, relate to Walker's plans on how to spend the income from Hanley (also Handley) Park, Northants., which had been bequeathed to the College by Sir Simon Benet in 1631. The main collection of papers relating to Handley Park is listed at **UC:E14**, although some related papers, including ones in Walker's hand, were given to the College in the 1960s and are listed at **UC:P164**.

Since another Walker, Obadiah, became Master of the College in 1676, it is not always easy to tell, when a letter was addressed to a "Mr. Walker", whether Thomas or Obadiah is meant.

Recatalogued in November 1996.

### UC:MA26/C1 - CORRESPONDENCE OF THOMAS WALKER CONCERNING FELLOWSHIPS

**UC:MA26/C1/1** **29 Oct 1639**

Letter from Richard, Thomas and Humphrey Benet to Dr. [Thomas] Walker recommending Richard Shalmer to a Fellowship endowed by their kinsman Sir Simon Benett.

**UC:MA26/C1/2** **26 Sep [c.1640?]**

Letter from Arthur Ingram to Thomas Walker recommending Francis Lewis to a Bennett Fellowship.

**UC:MA26/C1/3** **11 May 1648**

Letter from the Earl of Pembroke to the Master and Fellows of University College concerning a breach of trust over Sir Simon Bennett's bequest to the

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College. The Earl claims that the College has not spent the money bequeathed them in the manner in which they were supposed to.

**UC:MA26/C1/4** **16 Jun 1648**

Letter to Thomas Walker from M. Oldesworth, also concerning Sir Simon Bennett's benefaction.

**UC:MA26/C1/5** **27 Feb 1660/1**

Testimonial to Josias Lambert of Brogton in Craven, Yorks., signed by Richard Marshe (Dean of York) and Thomas Bradley and Anthony Elrocke.

**UC:MA26/C1/6** **16 Jun 1664**

Letter from Anthony Freston to the Master and Fellows of University College recommending John Bateman to one of the Exhibitions set up by his ancestor John Freeston.

**UC:MA26/C1/7** **13 Jan 1664/5**

Letter from Sir Harbottle Grimston to Thomas Walker recommending Thomas Lawrence to be a Bennet Fellow.

**UC:MA26/C1/8** **22 Feb 1664/5**

Letter from Sir Harbottle Grimston to Thomas Walker on the same subject.

**UC:MA26/C1/9** **1 Jul 1665**

Letter from Edward Hyde, Lord Clarendon, to Thomas Walker, recommending that one Mr. Laurence be elected as a new Bennet Fellow.

**UC:MA26/C2 - CORRESPONDENCE OF THOMAS WALKER CONCERNING COLLEGE PROPERTY AND LIVINGS**

**UC:MA26/C2/1** **3 Dec 1660**

Letter from Josias Dawson, Joseph Dawson and William Taylor, congratulating Thomas Walker on his restoration to the Mastership, and asking whether or not Mr. Lambert, the current incumbent of Arncliffe, holds his post with Walker's approval.

**UC:MA26/C2/2** **17 Sep 1664**

Letter from Charles Holloway to Thomas Walker, concerning an unnamed tenant of College land.

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**UC:MA26/C3 - CORRESPONDENCE OF THOMAS WALKER CONCERNING THE FINANCES OF COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATES**

- UC:MA26/C3/1** **4 Oct 1647**  
 Letter from Richard Brooke (B.A. 1640) to an unknown recipient (Thomas Walker?) concerning the repayment of his debts
- UC:MA26/C3/2** **11 Sep 1662**  
 Letter from Richard Brooke to Dr. [Thomas?] Walker, again concerning payment of of College debts.
- UC:MA26/C3/3** **9 Sep 1660**  
 Letter from William Offley (Fellow 1651–9) to Samuel Jemmat concerning his debts to the College.
- UC:MA26/C3/4** **19 Sep 1661**  
 Letter from William Offley to Dr. [Thomas] Walker on the same topic.
- UC:MA26/C3/5** **26 Aug 1662**  
 Letter from Anne Clent to an unnamed addressee (Thomas Walker, then Master?), concerning the batells of her son Thomas Clent, in which he still owes £67.
- UC:MA26/C3/6** **26 May 1663**  
 Letter from Anne Clent to the same unnamed addressee (Thomas Walker again?) on the same topic.
- UC:MA26/C3/7** **2 Mar 1663/4**  
 Letter from Timothy Stampe to an unnamed addressee concerning the financial affairs of his nephew Thomas Clent.
- UC:MA26/C3/8** **26 Feb 1662/3**  
 Letter from Robert Norton to an unknown addressee (Walker?) concerning money owed to the College by Mrs. Boddicutt.

**UC:MA26/MS1 - MANUSCRIPTS POSSIBLY CONNECTED WITH THOMAS WALKER**

- UC:MA26/MS1/1** **1625**  
 Latin dedication to the King by Nathaniel Brent. This document was found with these papers, but its connection with Thomas, or indeed Obadiah Walker, is not known.

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**UC:MA26** PAPERS OF THOMAS WALKER, MASTER 1632-48 & 1660-5**UC:MA26/MS1/2****30 Jul 1636**

Receipt from the Vice-Chancellor for £19 10s from the Master of University College towards the entertainment of the King according to an agreement of the heads of houses.

**UC:MA26/MS2 - NOTES BY THOMAS WALKER ON HANDLEY PARK**

It is not clear whether these notes by Walker were made during his first or second term as Master. Smith guessed that some of the proposals for how to spend the income from Sir Simon's Bennet's gift of Handley Park (also spelled Hanley), Northants., dated from the 1660s. For lack of other evidence, Smith's dating is used here.

**UC:MA26/MS2/1****1617**

Imperfect rental (not in Thomas Walker's hand) of College property as it stood in 1617.

**UC:MA26/MS2/2****1638-1640**

Document in Thomas Walker's hand, accurately described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/9 p. 73) as "A Scheme of the whole revenue of the College viz All receipts & payments for the three years as I suppose them last past i.e. 1638, 1639, 1640".

**UC:MA26/MS2/3****1638-1640**

Another copy of **MS2/2** above.

**UC:MA26/MS2/4****n.d. (1660s?)**

Detailed proposals by Thomas Walker on how to spend the money from Sir Simon Bennet's benefaction. The choices were on 8 extra Fellows, 4 Fellows and 4 Scholars, 5 of each or 6 of each.

**UC:MA26/MS2/5****n.d. (1660s?)**

Notes by Thomas Walker on how the new foundation, based on Bennet's money, is to relate to the Old Foundation of the College.

**UC:MA26/MS2/6****n.d. (1660s?)**

Calculation by Thomas Walker of annual revenues for the College in money and in corn.

NB: Smith mentioned here a Pyx JJ fasc. 6 part 2 no. 2, called "A Computation of the old fellows allowances in Dr. Tho. Walker's hand (UC:AR2/MS1/9 pp. 94-98), which appears to

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missing or misplaced. A small piece of paper with these documents, which may well go back at least to C.J. Faulkner's stocktaking of the 1880s, notes it as missing.

**UC:MA26/MS2/7** n.d. (1660s?)

Notes by Thomas Walker on the costing of 4 Bennet Fellows and 4 Scholars.

**UC:MA26/MS2/8** n.d. (1660s?)

Another version of **MS2/7** above.

**UC:MA26/MS2/9** n.d. (1660s?)

Notes by Thomas Walker on the costing of 5 new Fellows.

**UC:MA26/MS2/10** n.d. (1660s?)

Another copy of **MS2/9** above.

**UC:MA26/MS2/11** n.d. (1660s?)

Notes by Thomas Walker on the costings of 4 new Fellows.

**UC:MA26/MS2/12** n.d. (1660s?)

Notes by Thomas Walker on the costings of 8 new Fellows, and no scholars.

**UC:MA26/MS2/13** n.d. (1660s?)

Another version of **MS2/12** above.

**UC:MA26/MS2/14** n.d. (1660s?)

Another proposal (in rather fragile condition) on how to spend the money from Handley Park. On the back is a sketch map of how to get from St. Giles to Wolvercote.

**UC:MA26/MS2/15-16** n.d. (1660s?)

Two further sets of notes on how to spend the money from Handley Park.

**UC:MA26/F1 - ACCOUNTS OF THOMAS WALKER, 1632-1647, MAINLY CONCERNING  
THE BUILDING OF THE NEW MAIN QUAD OF THE COLLEGE**

Some other building accounts by Thomas Walker, dating from February 1641/2, were given to the College in 1965 and are catalogued as **UC:P164/L2/4**.

**UC:MA26/F1/1** 1632/3

Booklet titled "Accounts for M<sup>r</sup> Greenwoods buildinge", containing the formal accounts of Thomas Walker for the new Main Quad. All workmen signed or

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left a mark by their note of payments. Each page is set aside for a different workman.

**UC:MA26/F1/2** 1634-1641

Booklet containing further accounts of Thomas Walker for the new Main Quad. On the inside cover, Walker describes it as "A generall account of all my receipts and expences for the Coll:", which sums up its contents accurately.

**UC:MA26/F1/3** 1634-1635

Accounts for expenses for the West and North side of the Main Quad, described by Walker as: "A particular account of y<sup>e</sup> expences about buildings and Suites of Law, and other necessarie occasions, as they were approved, and subscribed by the fellows of University Coll: in Oxon, where these accounts were exhibited by D<sup>r</sup> Walker Master of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Coll".

**UC:MA26/F1/4** 1634/5

Another set of accounts, very much like those in **F1/3** above, but written on a long strip of parchment.

**UC:MA26/F1/5** 1633-1634

Charges for pulling down buildings to make way for the new Main Quad, and for erecting a partition wall between the college and the new building.

**UC:MA26/F1/6** 1633-1647

Bundle of accounts described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/9 p. 29) as: "Another Acct of D<sup>r</sup> Walkers in loose fol. wh I have sewed together". These mostly consist of building accounts for the West Side of the Main Quad, and accounts relating to the lawsuit over Sir Simon Bennet's benefaction.

**UC:MA26/F1/7** 1647

Duplicate of the building accounts in **F1/6** above, described by Thomas Walker as: "The Copy of my accounts, as it was delivered at y<sup>e</sup> second time, wherein I have distinguished as neere as I could guesse, how S<sup>r</sup> Simon Bennetts monies have bine expended, and how y<sup>e</sup> monies of other Benefacto<sup>rs</sup> &c".

**UC:MA26/F1/8** 1634-1647

Another version of the accounts in **F1/7**, titled "The accounts of Tho. Walker D<sup>r</sup> in Divinity and M<sup>r</sup> of University Coll Oxon: expressing all his receipts of monies from y<sup>e</sup> severall Benefactors to ye Coll And all paym<sup>ts</sup> and expences

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by meanes of y<sup>e</sup> new-buildings in y<sup>e</sup> Same Coll....” Individual benefactors are named.

**UC:MA26/F1/9 1637-1641**

Accounts for money laid out for the new buildings, and for lawsuits relating to the Bennet foundation.

**UC:MA26/F1/10 1634-1640**

Collection of loose sheets tied together by Smith on 29 Sep 1705, consisting of various accounts of Thomas Walker concerning the Main Quad. These include money paid to Abraham van Linge for the stained glass windows in the Chapel.

**UC:MA26/F1/11 1640**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/9 p. 41) as “Dr. Walker’s private acct with y<sup>e</sup> College”. It concerns Walker’s private accounts almost entirely.

**UC:MA26/F1/12 1634-1647**

Described by Thomas Walker himself as “My generall accounts with the College”. As with **F1/11**, these are indeed his general accounts, with barely anything on the Main Quad. Instead they include rents from Hadley Park, Walker’s travelling expenses, interest payments, and some payments for the defence of Oxford in the Civil War.

**UC:MA26/F2 - ACCOUNTS OF THOMAS WALKER RELATING TO MONEY FROM HANDLEY PARK**

Not many of these items are actually numbered by Smith (who describes them in a very cursory manner), so that many of the Pyx numbers have to be conjectural. All the accounts are in Thomas Walker’s hand, and the later ones record a sum of £400, which almost certainly comes from Handley Park, the gift of Sir Simon Bennet. The account-makers are different from the normal Bursars, and the £400 does not show up on the accounts in **UC:BU2** until 1665/6, just after these stop, which suggest that these were the chief record of the Handley Park money.

**UC:MA26/F2/1 1643**

Some rough accounts (written by Thomas Walker) for William Richardson from his bursarship, including lists of money due to him, sums paid out by Walker, arrears of rent, and arrears of batells.

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- UC:MA26/F2/2** **1643-1648**  
 Further accounts by Thomas Walker relating to money from Handley Park (which Walker notes as being too late to look after, because of the Civil War), Caution Money owing in 1646, and also concerning William Richardson's bursary of 1643 (this last item overlaps with **F2/1** above).
- UC:MA26/F2/3** **1657**  
 Accounts (in an unknown hand) listing accounts for money from Mr. Bennet to Mr. Norton, with how it was paid out; each quarter is listed separately. There are annotations (several of them condemnatory), apparently by Thomas Walker.
- UC:MA26/F2/4** **1658**  
 Accounts (written out by Thomas Walker) for Mr, Norton, arranged in two lists, one for the the first three quarters, the other for the last.  
 In each case, there is a total sum of rent (called *Oneratio*) - possibly from Handley Park - and then a list of payments made from it (called *Exoneratio*).
- UC:MA26/F2/5** **1659**  
 Accounts from Mr. Clent, written by Thomas Walker. All 4 quarters done together this time, but then the 4th quarter is written out again. Again there are blunt annotations, ending with the words "Most troublesome accounts".
- UC:MA26/F2/6** **1659**  
 Another set of accounts for Mr. Clent for the same material, partly by Thomas Walker; rather rougher, but in more detail.
- UC:MA26/F2/7** **1659**  
 Accounts by Thomas Walker for Mr. Clent - one for 3 quarters of the year, the other for the 4th, and then over the page a complete account for the whole year.
- UC:MA26/F2/8-16** **1659**  
 Rough notes, almost all by Thomas Walker on Mr. Clent's accounts and debts [9 pages].
- UC:MA26/F2/17** **1660**  
 Accounts by Thomas Walker for Mr. Buxton - just one year given this time.

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- UC:MA26/F2/18-20** 1661  
Accounts by Thomas Walker for Mr. Nurse (i.e. Nourse). 3 pages; mostly on the £400 a year; but some other accounts too,
- UC:MA26/F2/21** 1661/2  
Accounts (mostly by Thomas Walker) for Mr. Norton - done termly this time, and then for Mr. Warren - also termly.
- UC:MA26/F2/22** 1662  
Accounts for Mr. Warren by Thomas Walker - all four quarters put together.
- UC:MA26/F2/23** 1663  
Accounts for Mr. Thomas by Thomas Walker - more or less. On back of the sheet is a description of the Welsh properties and their tenants.
- UC:MA26/F2/24** 1663  
Accounts for Henry Thomas by Thomas Walker - done as in usual manner, but two disbursements from Mr. Bennett recorded here, of £320 and £80.
- UC:MA26/F2/25** 1664  
Accounts for Mr. Norton by Thomas Walker, set out by quarter this time.
- UC:MA26/F2/26** 1664  
Rough accounts by Thomas Walker for "Over-plus money and Mr. Nortons last accounts".
- UC:MA26/F3 - ACCOUNTS OF THOMAS WALKER AFTER HIS REINSTALLATION, MOSTLY CONCERNING THE BUILDING OF THE NEW MAIN QUADRANGLE**
- UC:MA26/F3/1** 1664-1665  
Accounts of Thomas Walker on various matters, including gifts for the new Chapel and the Library, but with other items too.
- UC:MA26/F3/2** 1665  
More accounts of Thomas Walker, following on from **F3/1** above, and containing much the same information.
- UC:MA26/F3/3** 1665  
Accounts for the Chapel, including mention of the use of a bequest of £180 from Catherine Reade.

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- UC:MA26/F3/4** **1661-1664**  
Further accounts of Thomas Walker, described [accurately] by Smith as “containing nothing of moment which is not found in A.B.C.”
- UC:MA26/F3/5** **1661-1664**  
General Accounts of Thomas Walker, concerning a lawsuit and other accounts, and some work on the chapel.
- UC:MA26/F3/6** **1660s**  
Duplicate of part of the accounts in **F3/5** above, in Thomas Walker’s hand.
- UC:MA26/F3/7** **1660s**  
Another duplicate of **F3/5**, in Thomas Walker’s hand.
- UC:MA26/F3/8** **1660s**  
More accounts, like part of those in **F3/5**.
- UC:MA26/F3/9** **1660s**  
Called by Walker “Accounts belonging to both societies”, especially concerning the union of the new and old foundations.
- UC:MA26/F3/10** **1660s**  
An account of the College’s public debts.
- UC:MA26/F3/11** **1660s**  
Account for various matters: Sir Simon Bennet’s foundation, Mr. Greenwood’s business, and some College affairs.
- UC:MA26/F3/12** **1660s**  
Account of money owed to (or by?) Mr. Norton.

**UC:MA26/F4 - ACCOUNT BOOKS OF THOMAS WALKER**

- UC:MA26/F4/1** **1660-1665**  
Accounts of Thomas Walker, begun after his re-instatement as Master on 1 Aug 1660. The book begins with a series of memoranda, including the addresses of Fellows in 1660, and an inventory of the Master's Lodgings when he returned there (inside front cover). Then:  
1) Notes on the duties of College Fellows, Scholars and Servants (p.1).  
2) Lists of elections of College posts during the 1660s (part of page 3/4 has been cut out) (pp. 2-4).

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3) TW's weekly accounts for food and fuel, listing only sums paid on each commodity, from "Term 2 1660 Week 8" to "Term 2 1661 Week 13", then from "Term 1 1664 Week 1" to "Term 4 1661 Week 13" (however, TW did not always keep full accounts for every week) (pp. 5-11).

Pages 12-52 are blank.

p.53 Receipts for dues to Fellows in 1664.

pp.54-6 are blank.

pp.57-8. Rough accounts for payments made to servants and receipts from fellows, 1664-5.

pp.59-60 have been torn out.

pp.61-3. Quarterly receipts for TW's stipend from the Bursar, 1660-5.

pp.64-9. Memoranda of payments and receipt to and from (named) Fellows and others, 1660-5.

At the end of the book, written in with the book inverted, are more memoranda of receipts and payments, 1660-5, and then accounts for payments from College Communion offerings, 1660-5.

The rest of the book (almost half of it) was left unused.

### **UC:MA26/F4/2**

**1660-1682**

Account Book used for the following purposes:

- (1) It was first used by Thomas Walker for his private accounts, which included building work. After his death, accounts were made up from among his papers, again for various matters.
- (2) From 1665/6 the book was used to record accounts for building work in the College, first for the Chapel, then for the East side of the Main Quad, the Kitchen and the Library, and then for the East Window of the Chapel
- (3) Some other accounts were, however, inserted into this sequence, namely a general list of debts, with notes of the Fellowships sequestered to help pay for them, a set of Manorial Accounts for Marks Hall, Essex, from 31 Aug 1671.

Most of the book is unused.

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