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### UC:P2 Papers of Anthony Wood (1632-95)

Anthony Wood, the great 17th century historian and antiquarian, had no official links with University College. However, he was a friend of Arthur Charlett (Master of the College in 1692-1722), and he made Charlett one of his executors when he died in 1695. In a letter dated 1 December 1695 (Printed in A. Clark, *The Life and Times of Anthony Wood*, Vol III (Oxford Historical Society, Volume 26, 1894), pp.497-499), Charlett wrote "His more private Papers he has ordered not to be opened these seaven years, and has placed them in y<sup>e</sup> custody of M<sup>r</sup> Bisse and M<sup>r</sup> Tanner, of whose Care I am told he makes me overseer". Charlett gave most of Wood's papers to the Bodleian, but he retained a few papers, which eventually found their way into the College Archives, where William Smith included some of them in his list of the archives. Charlett probably did not pass them on to the Bodleian because he thought that their contents, some of which are somewhat derogatory of people then still alive, should not be made public (for example, it is understandable that Charlett preferred to keep back the ill-tempered correspondence between Wood and the translator of the *Athenae Oxonienses* - see **UC:P2/C1**).

Some of the letters have parts underlined in red crayon. It is not clear who did this, although it is not impossible that Wood did it himself, to indicate the start of potentially interesting sections.

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#### UC:P2/C1 - LETTERS BETWEEN WOOD AND RICHARD PEERS

**UC:P2/C1/1-43**

**8 Oct 1670-28 Jun 1674**

43 letters from Richard Peers to Wood, draft letters from Wood to Peers, Dr. Fell and Dr. Yate, and notes, all concerning Peers' translation of *Athenae Oxonienses* into Latin (some of the sheets of paper are very small, and several sheets are undated). A great many of the letters and notes show the depth of Wood's dissatisfaction with Peers' work (even making long memoranda listing what he considered to be Peers' faults), and Peers' own frustration at Wood's dilatoriness and anger at his harsh comments.

#### UC:P2/C2 - LETTERS TO WOOD FROM WILLIAM JOYNER

**UC:P2/C2/1-20**

**9 Mar 1681/2-12 Jun 1694**

20 letters to Wood from William Joyner. The letters discuss assistance with historical research and arrangements to meet. Five letters are undated by year, one of which is only a fragment.

#### UC:P2/C3 - LETTERS TO WOOD FROM SIR PETER PETT

**UC:P2/C3/1-14**

**13 Feb 1693/4-31 Jan 1694/5**

13 letters to Wood from Sir Peter Pett. The letters discuss Wood's financial and legal affairs (including accounts of Pett's meetings with Samuel Pepys to interest him in Wood's

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situation), discussions about the First of Earl of Clarendon (including [correct] rumours that he had written a History of the Civil War, and thoughts on his successful efforts to ensure that Charles II married into the Portuguese royal family).

There are also many discussions about new and old books and pamphlets, and discussions about other contemporaries and recently dead people, including the Earl of Shaftsbury, Bishop Barlow, Henry Brougham, Roger Coke, Sir Robert Howard, the Second Earl of Clarendon, Sir Henry Janson, Judge David Jenkins, Edward Littleton, Sir John Thompson, Wood's nephew Thomas and James Wright.

Wood himself wrote brief summaries of contents on each letter.

**UC:P2/C3/14** are the notes for a speech made by Pett in 1688 to James II.

**UC:P2/C4 - LETTERS TO WOOD FROM OTHERS****UC:P2/C4/1****21 Jan 1684/5**

Letter to Wood from E. Lisle, concerning common friends (viz. Mr. Coxitor, Mr. Knight and Mr. Mountgomery). Part of this letter has been torn away.

**UC:P2/C4/2****30 Jun 1691**

Letter to Wood from Lord Sherburne, thanking him for a copy of *Athenae Oxonienses*, and praising it.

**UC:P2/C4/3****6 Mar (year not given: either 1693/4 or 1694/5)**

Letter to Wood from Henry Wharton (d. 1695), with memories of Archbishop Sancroft (d.1693), especially concerning his death, burial and memorial inscription.

**UC:P2/C4/4****n.d. (c.1692?)**

Draft letter by Wood himself, to an unnamed addressee, with reference to his dispute with the Earl of Clarendon, and Wood's own attempts to settle the case out of court.#

**UC:P2/L1 - DOCUMENTS CONCERNING A LIBEL CASE WITH LORD CLARENDON, 1692**

In Vol. II of *Athenae Oxonienses* (which was published in 1692), Wood reported the generally-rumoured view that Edward, Lord Clarendon, had accepted money in return for handing out jobs, while he was Lord Chancellor. Edward's son Henry, the 2nd Earl of Clarendon, accused Wood of libel, and won the case.

See further A. Clark *The Life and Times of Anthony Wood*, Vol. IV (Oxford Historical Society, Volume 30, 1895), pp.2-46.

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- UC:P2/L1/1-10** **10 Nov 1692-20 Jul 1693**  
10 letters from Thomas Wood (Wood's nephew) to Anthony Wood sending news of developments in the case, and giving advice on how best to act.
- UC:P2/L1/11** **11 Nov 1692**  
Summons from George Gardiner and Henry Aldrich, University Vice-Chancellors, ordering that Wood appear before the Chancellor's Court to answer the charge of Libel against Lord Clarendon.
- UC:P2/L1/12** **18 Nov 1692**  
List of ten charges sent to Wood by Henry Aldrich, relating to relevant passages in *Athenae Oxonienses*.
- UC:P2/L1/13** **n.d. (c.1692)**  
Note in unknown hand giving advice to Anthony Wood on what to do in court.
- UC:P2/L1/14** **19 Nov [1692]**  
Letter to Wood from J. Cooke arranging a meeting to discuss tactics in the case.
- UC:P2/L1/15** **25 Nov 1692**  
Notes of the answer made by Wood to the charges made against him.
- UC:P2/L1/16** **17 Mar 1692/3-19 Oct 1693**  
2 acquittances for fees paid by Wood connected with the libel case, and two bills.
- UC:P2/L1/17** **17 Mar 1692/3**  
Note of documents exhibited in the case.

**UC:P2/MS1 - BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES MADE BY WOOD AND OTHERS**

All these items are alike in consisting of brief biographical notes, of varying length, written either in Wood's hand, or the same unknown hand (who was presumably working under Wood's direction). Where there was a sequence of several pages, Wood used old envelopes from letters sent to him to write a list of the people mentioned.

These pages were found with a sheet of paper with algebraic equations, almost certainly used by Charles Faulkner to wrap them up after his stocktaking of the 1880s.

- UC:P2/MS1/1** **n.d. (c.1680-1690?)**  
Notes (1 sheet, in Wood's hand), on Humphrey Leck.

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- UC:P2/MS1/2** **n.d. (c.1680-1690?)**  
Notes (2 sheets, one each in Wood's hand and the same unknown hand), on Joshua Stopford, Daniel Nichols, and Thomas Pestell.
- UC:P2/MS1/3** **n.d. (c.1680-1690?)**  
Notes (1 sheet, in Wood's hand) on Joseph Glanvill, Rector of Bath.
- UC:P2/MS1/4** **n.d. (c.1680-1690?)**  
Notes (1 sheet, in Wood's hand) on James Halsey, William Simpson, Edward Sermon, Edward Young, and a list of books(?) of Mr. Woodward.
- UC:P2/MS1/5** **n.d. (c.1680-1690?)**  
Notes (3 sheets, in Wood's hand) on Jeremy Taylor, Josuah Silvester, Robert Samitson(?), Alexander Huish, Samuel Clerck, Thomas Hyde and Norton Knatchbull.
- UC:P2/MS1/6** **n.d. (c.1680-1690?)**  
Notes (1 sheet, in Wood's hand), concerning Thomas Whorwood, Obadiah Walker, Robert Whitehall, George Ashwell, Andrew Salle, Edward Fowler, Thomas Turner, and a list of books.
- UC:P2/MS1/7** **n.d. (c.1680-1690?)**  
2 sheets of notes (both in the same hand as 6 and 7; one has notes by Wood), concerning Gilbert Burnet, Thomas Hindmarsh, Thomas Kekyll, Gabriel Richardson, Sir Kenelme Digby, Father Mateson, Bishop William Lloyd, and the nature of Saints.
- UC:P2/MS1/8** **n.d. (c.1680-1690?)**  
Notes (4 sheets, one in Wood's hand, the rest in the same unknown hand), concerning Dr. Richard Holdsworth, Edward Brerwood, Nicholas Fuller, Matthew Wren, Francis Goodman, Albert Gentilis, Henry Holcroft, Edmund Chilmead, Samuel Clerk, Thomas Hyde, Thomas Graves, James Clerk, Edward Pococke, Alexander Hues, Patrick Young, John Fell, Thomas Smith, Henry Hammond, Joseph Caryl, Edward Reynolds, John Smith, John Owen, Francis Potter, Nathaniel Lawson and George Walls.
- UC:P2/MS1/9** **n.d. (c.1680-1690?)**  
3 sheets of notes (1 in Wood's hand, the others in the same unknown one as 6 above), concerning Gabriel Towerson, John Lloyd, Samuel Woodford, Dr. Richard Sherlock, John Harrison, "H.S.", John Cleviland, John Seldon, Thomas Hobbes, Edward

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Crooke, Robert Hearne, Dr. George Hicks, Dr. Edward Fowler,  
William Denton, Judge Hale and Henry Nevill.

- UC:P2/MS1/10** n.d. (c.1680-1690?)  
3 sheets of notes (1 in Wood's hand, the others in the same unknown one), concerning Abraham Cowley, Sir John Berkenhead, Samuel Butler, George Hicks, Nathaniel Tomkins and William Griffiths.
- UC:P2/MS1/11** n.d. (c.1680-1690?)  
Notes on R. Holland.
- UC:P2/MS1/12** n.d. (c.1680-1690?)  
Notes on Thomas Pierce and John Corbet.
- UC:P2/MS1/13** n.d. (c.1680-1690?)  
Notes on Giovanni Florio
- UC:P2/MS1/14** n.d. (c.1680-1690?)  
Notes on Edmund Gayton.
- UC:P2/MS1/15** n.d. (c.1680-1690?)  
Notes (2 sheets, in Wood's hand), on Thomas Willis, William Claggett, Richard Burthogge, William Burton, John Howe, Thomas Pitts and Edward Fowler.
- UC:P2/MS1/16** 4 Oct 1673  
Notes (1 sheet, in Wood's hand), on a vote against the Duke of York's marriage.
- UC:P2/MS1/17** 1691  
Notes on Arthur, 1st Earl of Anglesey.
- UC:P2/MS1/18** n.d. (c.1680-1690?)  
Notes (1 sheet, on Wood's hand), on Henry King and Lozellius Vellerius [sic].
- UC:P2/MS1/19** n.d. (c.1680-1690?)  
Notes (2 sheets, one each in Wood's hand and the same unknown hand), on Sir William Dugdale, the 1st Earl of Anglesey, Richard Alleyn, George Newton, Samuel Woodford and Hezekiah Woodward.

**UC:P2/MS2 - NOTEBOOKS OF ANTHONY WOOD**

- UC:P2/MS2/1** n.d. (c.1680-1690?)  
Notebook containing a list of names, with dates when their wills were proved in the Prerogative Court. The dates are from

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1464 to 1689. At the end of the book are notes taken from the burial registers of some London Churches.

**UC:P2/MS2/2****Dec 1685**

Notebook containing lists of writers graduated from Oxford Colleges and still living, listed by college. At the end of the book is a list of living writers arranged by date of birth.

**UC:P2/MS2/3****n.d. (c.1680-1690?)**

Notebook with list of names, and dates of wills or deaths.

**UC:P2/MS2/4****n.d. (c.1680-1690?)**

Copy (not in Wood's hand) of the memorial inscription of Katherine West, wife of John West and daughter of Richard Seaman, died 1667.