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UC:P32 Papers of the Hopkinson Family

INTRODUCTION

Several generations of the Hopkinson family have had links with University College. Sir Arthur Hopkinson had been an undergraduate at Lincoln College, winning a First in Classics in 1872, but then was elected to a Stowell Law Fellowship at University in 1873. He there read for a BCL, in which he won a First in 1875. He became a Vinerian Scholar in 1875, and retained his Fellowship until 1880. In later life, he became Principal at Owen's College in Manchester.

Sir Alfred chose to send three sons to University College, namely Arthur (matr. 1893), John (matr. 1895) and Martin (matr. 1901). In turn Martin's four sons James, Amyas, David and Richard all came up in turn in 1927, 1930, 1932 and 1934 respectively. Amyas's son, another Martin, came up to University College in 1965.

The papers in this collection relate to Sir Alfred, Martin and Amyas Hopkinson. They include a letter to Sir Alfred, photograph albums and photographs from Martin and Amyas, and ephemera, musical and sporting, from both men, as well as an original letter from Obadiah Walker (F. 1635–48 & 1660–76; M. 1676–89) given to the College by Martin in 1930.

Both Martin and Amyas Hopkinson were much involved in undergraduate life: Martin was president of the Martlets, a long-standing literary society, at a time when Clement Attlee was also a member, and Amyas was captain of the Utopers Cricket Club, a College club founded in 1929 to play cricket with the local villages in the county. There had been a previous village club, the Univ. Bees, which existed during the 19th century, but which had ceased to exist by the 1920s. The Utopers has led an intermittent existence since then. Both men's activities are well documented in their photographs, and, in particular, their ephemera.

Most of the items in this collection were deposited with the Archives in May 1998 as Acc. No. 63. However, **UC:P32/MS1/1**, **UC:P32/X2/1**, **3 & 5** and **UC:P32/P4/1** had been deposited with the College in 1994, **UC:P32/P4/3-4** and **UC:P32/MS2/1** were given in January 1999 as Acc. No. 105, after A.A.H.'s death in 1998, **UC:P32/C1/1** in February 1999 as Acc. No. 121, **UC:P32/N1/1** in March 1999 as Acc. No. 126, **UC:P32/N1/2** in March 2004 as Acc. no. 504, and **UC:P32/N2/1** in February 2007 as Acc. no. 711. **UC:P32/C2/1–4** were rediscovered in the College in February 2020 and transferred to the archives as Accession No. 1440.

Recatalogued in February 2020.

UC:P32/C1 - CORRESPONDENCE OF SIR ALFRED HOPKINSON

UC:P32/C1/1

6 May 1900

Letter to Sir Alfred Hopkinson from A.V. Dicey (address The Orchard, Banbury Road, Oxford), concerning the newly elected Vinerian Scholar, and inviting Sir Alfred to be one of the examiners for that year's BCL examination. Dicey was currently Vinerian Professor of English Law at All Souls.

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Obadiah Walker originally matriculated from University College in 1633. He was elected Fellow in 1635, and remained in post until 1676, with a gap between 1648 when he was ejected by the Parliamentarians, and 1660, when he was reinstated. He was elected Master. A man of learning and influence within the University, Walker attracted much notoriety when he converted to Roman Catholicism under James II, and he was deprived of the Mastership in 1689, after the Glorious Revolution. Walker's papers at University College may be found at **UC:MA30**.

This donation is mentioned in the *University College Record*, 1929/30, p. 8.

UC:P32/C2/1**26 Apr 1669**

Letter from Obadiah Walker (no address given) to a Mr. Clark (identified in **UC:P32/C2/3** below as Samuel Clark (1620–69), then architypographus to the university). Walker reports on the visit of the Duke of Tuscany, Cosimo III, to England, and the hopes that he will visit Oxford (which he did). He also discusses the possibility of a Mr. Izzard being persuaded to work in Oxford as a printer.

UC:P32/C2/2**29 Nov 1930**

Letter from Martin Hopkinson (address, Long Meadow, Bovingdon, Herts.) to Sir Michael Sadler (M. 1923–34). Hopkinson presents the letter from Walker to the College, and discusses his sons James and Amyas.

UC:P32/C2/3**1 Dec 1930**

Note by Sir Michael Sadler giving his interpretation of Walker's letter.

UC:P32/C2/4**28 Feb 1940**

Letter (with envelope) from Sir Michael Sadler (address, The Rookery, Old Headington, Oxford) to Harold Clifford Smith (matr. 1895). Sadler has just uncovered Walker's letter in amongst his working papers on a life of Obadiah Walker (never written) and forthwith sends it to Smith.

UC:P32/P1 - PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM OF MARTIN HOPKINSON**UC:P32/P1/1****1901-1904**

Photograph album of Martin Hopkinson., inscribed "M.H. 1904" on the front cover. It contains group photographs of the College, of College societies (including the Martlets and the Churchwardens), rowing photographs (both of groups and of races in action), and of College buildings, most notably the Chapel in its Victorian state, and the Hall during and after its restoration and extension.

Almost none of the pictures in this album bear any inscription; however, several are identical with the photographs in **UC:P10/P1**, the photograph album of P.C. Fletcher, which are usually fully inscribed.

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UC:P32 Papers of the Hopkinson Family**UC:P32/P2 - OTHER PHOTOGRAPHS OF MARTIN HOPKINSON**

These photographs were all found in loose in **P1/1** above. They consist of pages taken from another photograph album, different from **P1/1** above.

UC:P32/P2/1 **1902**

Photograph of the 1902 First Eight coming back to the College Barge having just become Head of the River. Another print of this photograph may be found in **UC:P10/P1** (P.C. Fletcher's album).

UC:P32/P2/2 **c.1902-1904?**

Photograph of a rowing race on the Thames, as seen going past various College barges, rowed during rain, as everyone on the barges has their umbrellas up. Undated, but probably depicting an Eights Week tournament, rather than Torpids, because of the size of the audience.

UC:P32/P2/3 **c.1902-1904?**

Photograph of a boat race about to start, with a boat at the landing stage. This was almost certainly taken during a Torpids race, as the ground is partly flooded, and the rowers are well wrapped up.

UC:P32/P2/4 **n.d. (after 1934)**

Photograph of the conversation piece of Sir Michael Sadler (Master 1923-1934) and the Fellows of University College, painted at the time of his retirement.

UC:P32/P3 - PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM OF A.A.H. HOPKINSON**UC:P32/P3/1** **c.1930-1934**

Photograph album of A.A.H. Hopkinson, including College groups, photos of sports teams and societies, and dinners in Hall, as well as pictures of cricket tournaments held at Hopkinson's home during the summer. There are no captions.

UC:P32/P4 - OTHER PHOTOGRAPHS OF A.A.H. HOPKINSON**UC:P32/P4/1** **1929**

Photograph of the first Utopers team. Ronald Blair-Cunynghame was its first president, and J.H. Hopkinson (A. A. H.'s older brother) is seated second on the right.

UC:P32/P4/2 **1933**

Photograph of the Utopers team (captions given). A.A.H. Hopkinson was captain of the side.

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UC:P32/P4/3-4 **1930s**

Two informal photographs of the Utopers team enjoying a beer after a cricket match. A.A.H. Hopkinson is fifth from the right on **P4/3**, and second from the right on **P4/4**.

UC:P32/X1 - EPHEMERA OF MARTIN HOPKINSON

UC:P32/X1/1 **23 Nov 1901**

Programme for a Smoking Concert in the Hall.

UC:P32/X1/2 **22-28 May 1902**

Programme for Eights Week, 1902, when University College went Head of the River.

UC:P32/X1/3 **1903/4**

Termcard for the Martlets (see Introduction).

UC:P32/X1/4 **Oct 1903**

Termcard of the Churchwardens' Society.

UC:P32/X1/5 **1904?**

Menu for a private dinner hosted by "H.L." and "C.R.A.", date and place not given. The College lists of the time suggest that "H.L." was Hugh Linton, and "C.R.A." was Clement [Richard] Attlee, and the dinner probably celebrated their 21st birthdays in 1904.

UC:P32/X1/6 **c.1904**

Postcard of the restored Hall of University College.

UC:P32/X1/7 **28 Jun 1905**

Menu of a Gaudy held in the College to celebrate the presentation to Master J.F. Bright of a portrait of himself.

UC:P32/X2 - PRINTED EPHEMERA OF A.A.H. HOPKINSON CONCERNING THE UTOPERS

See the Introduction to this catalogue concerning the Utopers.

UC:P32/X2/1-2 **1932**

2 copies of the list of fixtures for the Utoper Cricket Club for the 1932 season.

UC:P32/X2/3-4 **1933**

2 copies of the list of fixtures for the Utoper Cricket Club for the 1933 season.

UC:P32/X2/5 **1934**

List of fixtures for the Utoper Cricket Club for the 1934 season.

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UC:P32/X2/6 **1935**
List of fixtures for the Utoper Cricket Club for the 1935 season.

UC:P32/MS1 - REMINISCENCES OF A.A.H. HOPKINSON

UC:P32/MS1/1 **1994**
Notes by A.A.H. Hopkinson on the early history of the Utopers.

UC:P32/MS2 - OBITUARY OF A.A.H. HOPKINSON

UC:P32/MS2/1 **1998**
Obituary of A.A.H. Hopkinson, written by his son, Martin, and submitted to the *University College Record*.

UC:P32/N1 - NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

UC:P32/N1/1 **Feb 1943?**
Cutting from an unidentified newspaper, with an obituary of Derek Rawnsley (University College 1931), a friend of A.A.H. Hopkinson. Rawnsley was an enthusiastic flyer, and was one of the first people to fly solo from Australia to England. He was killed in February 1943. The obituary includes a tribute from Sir William Beveridge, then Master of the College.

UC:P32/N1/2 **6 Aug 1949**
Two cuttings from the *Oxford Mail*, pasted together, concerning the cricketing activities of J. F. ("Jack") Mendl (matr. 1930), including a cartoon of him.

UC:P32/N2 - BOOK

UC:P32/N2/1 **1934**
Copy of a book, *The Longmeadow Bovington Cricket Club 1924–33* (Bovington, 1934), published anonymously, but actually the work of Martin Hopkinson (matr. 1901). The Club was founded in 1924, and the team always included players who were or had been undergraduates at University College. They mainly played against local teams, but from 1928 they also played against the University College Servants Cricket Club. All games are recorded in detail, including their scores.