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UC:MA48 Papers of Arthur Lehman Goodhart, Master 1951-63

Arthur Lehman Goodhart (1891–1978) was born in New York, and studied at Yale. He then read Law at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, going up in 1912, and after the First World War was elected a Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. In 1931 he was elected Professor of Jurisprudence at Oxford, and thus became a Professorial Fellow of University College. His most important contribution to legal scholarship was his editorship of the *Law Quarterly Review* from 1925–75.

A keen anglophile, Goodhart remained in Britain during the Second World War, among other things arranging special short courses at Oxford for American servicemen on leave, and broadcasting regularly on British and American radio. For all this war work he was awarded an honorary KBE in 1948.

In 1951, Goodhart was elected Master of University College. He had already been invited to put his name forward for the Mastership in 1937, but refused. Goodhart was the first American and the first Jew to be elected head of an Oxford or Cambridge College.

Goodhart was a singularly successful Master: with his wife Cecily he fulfilled the many duties attached to the role with distinction, but he was also a major benefactor to the College, as were members of his family, especially his sister and brother-in-law Helen and Frank Altschul. The most visible results of their generosity are the Alington Room, the Goodhart Building, Helen's Court, and Cecily's Court.

For more information on Goodhart, see his entry in the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, and Robin Darwall-Smith, *A History of University College, Oxford* (Oxford, 2008), pp. 454, 464, 466, 470, 485–91, and 508–9.

The main body of Goodhart's papers is kept in the Bodleian Library (ref. MSS. Eng. b. 2040, c. 2821–3113, d. 2373–2384, e. 2730–2731; Photogr. a. 3, b. 9, c. 20-23, e. 2(R)), and only a few papers of his are preserved in the College's archives.

Of the documents here, **UC:MA48/MS3/1–8** were found in the archives during the stocktaking of 1993. All the other papers were originally found in the College Library, and transferred to the Archives in February 1996.

Recatalogued in February 2021.

UC:MA48/N1 - TESTIMONIALS FOR GOODHART FOR THE PROFESSORSHIP IN JURISPRUDENCE

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1931

Printed pamphlet of Arthur Goodhart's formal application as a candidate for the Professorship of Jurisprudence at Oxford, with testimonials.

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- UC:MA48/MS1/1** n.d. (20th cent.)
Typed notes by Arthur Goodhart on Fuller's *The Law in Quest of Itself* (13 pages).
- UC:MA48/MS1/2** n.d. (20th cent.)
Typed notes by Arthur Goodhart on Castberg (4 pages).
- UC:MA48/MS1/3** n.d. (20th cent.)
Typed notes by Arthur Goodhart on De Tocqueville *Democracy in America*, Chapter 15 (4 pages).
- UC:MA48/MS1/4** n.d. (20th cent.)
Typed notes by Arthur Goodhart on Donovan's *The Inside Story* (3 pages).
- UC:MA48/MS1/5** n.d. (20th cent.)
Typed notes by Arthur Goodhart on *Parliamentary Sovereignty*, by an unnamed author (1 page).
- UC:MA48/MS1/6** n.d. (20th cent.)
Handwritten note by Arthur Goodhart on rules of conduct which a person recognises as being binding on him (1 page).
- UC:MA48/MS1/7** n.d. (20th cent.)
Handwritten notes by Arthur Goodhart on an unnamed book by Ruck on punishment (14 pages).
- UC:MA48/MS1/8** 1973
Typed notes by Arthur Goodhart on J. Finnis' Review of Rawls' *A Theory of Justice* in the *Oxford Magazine* of 28 Jan 1973 (1 page).

UC:MA48/MS2 - LECTURE NOTES BY GOODHART

- UC:MA48/MS2/1** n.d. (20th cent.)
Typed notes (perhaps for a lecture?) by Arthur Goodhart titled *The President*, concerning the role of the President of the USA (5 pages).
- UC:MA48/MS2/2** n.d. (20th cent.)
Typed notes by Arthur Goodhart titled *Lecture to I.D.C.*, on the American Constitution (2 pages).

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UC:MA48 Papers of Arthur Lehman Goodhart, Master 1951-63**UC:MA48/C1 - SOME CORRESPONDENCE OF GOODHART, 1951-1959****UC:MA48/C1/1** 19 Oct 1951

Typed copy of a letter (from Arthur Goodhart) to the Lord Chief Justice concerning the law of trespass (4 pages).

UC:MA48/C1/2 31 Aug 1956

Letter from David D. Raphael to Arthur Goodhart enclosing an offprint of his article *The Consequences of Actions*.

UC:MA48/C1/3 24 Oct 1956

Letter from Raphael to Arthur Goodhart in reply to comments made by Arthur Goodhart on the preceding paper.

UC:MA48/C1/4 3 Oct 1958

Letter to Arthur Goodhart from "Raymond" (last name not given) enclosing a (lost) article by him.

UC:MA48/C1/5 28 Jul 1959

Letter to Arthur Goodhart from Gordon Wallace inviting Arthur Goodhart and his wife to dinner.

UC:MA48/C1/6 29 Jul 1959

Letter to Arthur Goodhart from the President of the New South Wales Bar Association inviting him to a dinner held by the Association.

UC:MA48/MS3 - OFFPRINTS OF ARTICLES BY AND ABOUT GOODHART**UC:MA48/MS3/1** 11 Oct 1955

Offprint from a leading article, "Tolerance Requires Intelligence", from *The Times* of 11 October 1955, which is based on a lecture delivered by Goodhart.

UC:MA48/MS3/2 n.d.

Photocopy of extract from the *New York State Bar Journal* containing the text of an address, "Patience and the Law", given by Goodhart at the Annual Dinner of the New York State Bar Association.

UC:MA48/MS3/3 n.d. (1970s)

Transcript of an interview recorded for Thames Television, "Talking about People", in which Lord Mancroft talks about Arthur Goodhart to Geoffrey Johnson Smith as the person he most admired.

UC:MA48/MS3/4 Oct 1975

Photocopy of an extract from the *Law Quarterly Review*, Vol. 91 no. 364 (October 1975), containing tributes paid to Goodhart on his retirement from editing the *Review*.

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Order of Service for a Memorial Service for Arthur Goodhart, held at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, Oxford.

UC:MA48/MS3/6**Jan 1979**

Copy of the *Law Quarterly Review*, Vol. 95, with an obituary for Goodhart on pp. 1-2.

UC:MA48/MS3/7**20 Mar 1979**

Printed memorial address for Arthur Goodhart delivered at a Stated Meeting of The Association of the Bar of the City of New York by Bethuel M. Webster, with an enclosing note to the Master and Fellows of University College.

UC:MA48/MS3/8**Apr 1979**

Photocopy of an extract from the *Cambridge Law Journal*, Vol. 24 part 1 (April 1979), with a tribute to Arthur Goodhart by C. J. Hamson.

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