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TALK TOPICS

Development of the University Collection

Potted History of the University
Institutional Record Collecting

Types of records

'Name Rich' Family History Resources
Contextual Records
Locating the Records

Stories from the Archives

Stories from the Archive – What can be uncovered?
Researching in the University Archive

Questions?



University Environments/ Universities within their environment

Changing Places



- William Whyte (Redbrick, 2015) described university history as a kind of Rorschach blot:
 - External view: Unchanging and static.
 - Internal view: Chaotic, transitory, new 'generation' every 3 years.
 - A profession steeped in the textual world existing within an oral and aural environment.
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- Old institutions vs. new institutions, motivations for their foundation
 - Keith Vernon (Universities and the State in England, 2004) discusses 'civic ideal' of 19th century institutions: philanthropy; access to HE; by, for and in their locality vs 60s 'new unis'



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PAST TO PRESENT – FORWARD THINKING



1861 – The first dedicated MI building was built in town



1825 – Failed attempts at member libraries etc.

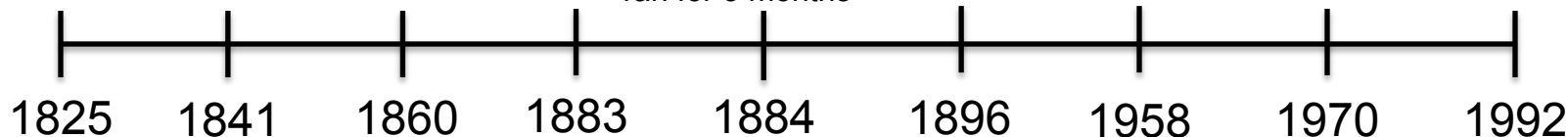


1883 – A Fine Art and Industrial Exhibition ran for 5 months

1958 – Institution is re-branded as the College of Technology



1992 – After being granted a charter, the University of Huddersfield was created.



1841 – First classes taught at Outcote Bank, by 1850s a Mechanics Institute



1884 – The new building was created and the institution renamed the Technical School and Mechanics Institute

1896 – Changes in educational policy meant the institution became Huddersfield Technical College



1970 – Institution became a Polytechnic, and other institutions, e.g. Oastler (1970) and Holly Bank (1974), merged with it.

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PAST TO PRESENT



DEPARTMENT OF TEXTILE INDUSTRIES
1920 - to date



NEW EXTENSION
1939 - to date



OLD GATE - 1844 - 1848

Changing the Landscape of Huddersfield



DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY
1848 - 1849



QUEEN STREET
1850 - 1861



MAIN BUILDING
1864 to date



NORTHUMBERLAND STREET
1861 - 1884

Institutional Record Collecting

COVERAGE AND SURVIVING RECORDS

- The archive service began officially in 1991.
- Records had been collected and kept for their historical value, for the previous 30 years or so they had been stored together as an archive (in varying environmental conditions!)
- ‘Ownership’ of records, a push-pull between views of long serving staff and pressures of space.
- Modern Day – An EDRM has been in place since 2006 which captures ‘official’ electronic records for the future.
- A Records Management Service in place from 2009 which performs an advocacy function, helps bring in historical records too.



Legislative Restrictions

CAVEAT INQUISITOR!


Data Protection

Closure Periods – Student Records can be accessed up to 1931, then closed due to Data Protection legislation


Access Applications

Personal Information - Apply via a Subject Access Request

Family Information - Apply via a Researcher Undertaking
(Post-1931) Proof of ID of the researcher
More precise details of information sought, e.g. name, and dob or parents names, to make sure it's the correct information”
Sensitive information may be redacted



'NAME RICH' FAMILY HISTORY RESOURCES

- **Student Records:** Indexes covering 1890s-1920s and most of the corresponding registers.
 - **Class Registers:** From the 1960s onwards, recording attendance and progress. (Subject to DPA)
 - **Course Timetables:** Individual timetables by students on specified course. Arranged A-Z.
 - **Exam Registers:** Patchy coverage between 1910s and 1970s depending on subject and status of student. (Subject to DPA)
 - **Scholarship and Prizes Records:** Listed in Prospectuses 1880s-1940s; Prizes administrative files; Scholarship registers 1900s-1940s.
 - **Staff Records:** Teacher applications 1890s – 1920s; Attendance, Recruitment and Correspondence 1940s-1960s
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CONTEXTUAL RECORDS

If you can't find records of relations or even if you can, what records can you use to develop their stories

- **Prospectuses:** Calendars and Prospectuses 1880s - Present
- **Newspaper Cuttings:** Contains cuttings, event bills, old exam papers 1880s – 1990s
- **Correspondence:** Incoming and outgoing Correspondence from College Secretary and Principals 1880s – 1980s
- **Student/Staff Publications:** Student publications: The Mock Turtle 1920s-1940s; HP Sauce, UHT, etc 1980s – present; Staff Newsletters - Intercom, FACET, Huddle, 1967 onward
- **Committee Minutes/Annual Reports:** Class and Governor Committee Minutes 1840s-Present; Annual Reports 1850s-Present
- **Photographs:** 1900s onwards; Campus Views, Student Groups, Events



LOCATING THE RECORDS

- Online Catalogue – From February 2016. The files won't be listed to item level or indexed. Use descriptions to decide if a series will be useful or examine series grouped in similar areas for related records.
- Set of baseline details are useful (crucial?) in beginning a search, name, DOB, any addresses from census records, father's names, etc.
- Casting a broad enough net through time – differences in educational age ranges and policy on compulsory and voluntary education. Trawling through adjacent years may be necessary.



RELATED COLLECTIONS

The University Collection contains the records of the main institution from 1841, other institutions merged into it over the years and are catalogued separately.

Huddersfield Female Educational Institute
1847 – merged in 1881

‘Holly Bank’ Huddersfield Technical (Teachers’)
Training College
1947 – merged in 1974

Oastler College
1963 – merged in 1970

Huddersfield Student’s Union
1920s-Present

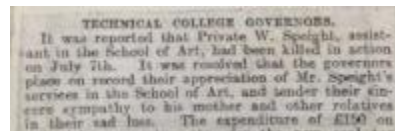
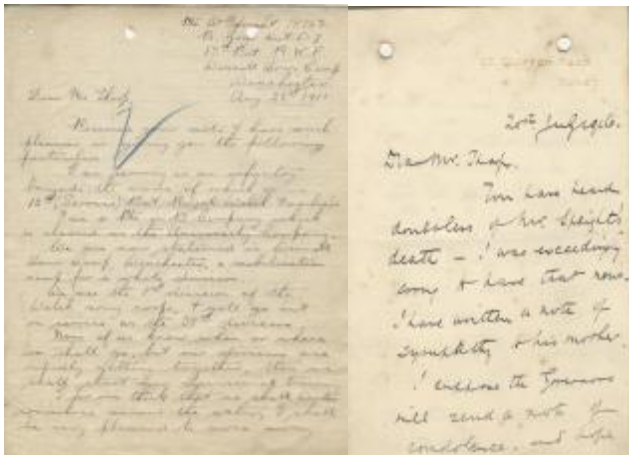
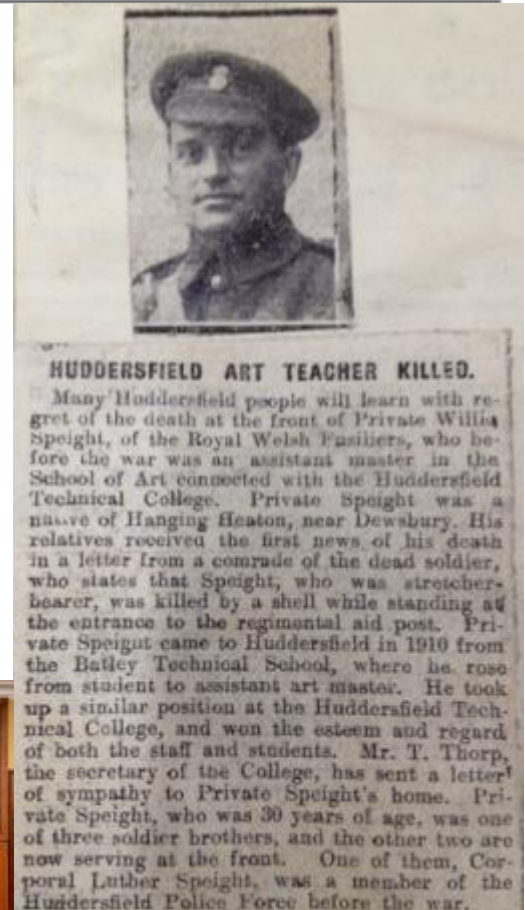
West Yorkshire College of Health Studies
merged in 1996

Avery Hill College of Education, London
Evacuated to HTC in WWII, now at Greenwich University

Stories from the Archive

WILLIE SPEIGHT – ASSISTANT ART MASTER

- 2nd Assistant Art Master at the Technical College 1909 -1916
- Appears in Prospectuses and Class Committee Minutes, Secretary's Correspondence
- Contextual Records – Newspaper Cuttings, Job Specs, Records of Art Department Events, College War Memorial; Huddersfield Roll of Honour Book



Stories from the Archive

JACKSON CALVERT

- Student and Assistant. Data provided in enquiry:

Name	DOB	Extra Info
Jackson Calvert (Father)	Sep 1878	(1901 Census) 22. Analytical Chemist, 6 Portland St, Hud. Studied Chemistry 1895-1901?
Harry Shaw Calvert (Sons)	Dec 1902	Studied Accountancy at HTC?
Norman Stanley Calvert ^	Dec 1903	Analytical Chemist with British Dyestuffs / ICI Studied Chemistry?

H.S. Calvert

Int. B. Sc. Course. 18-0

	9-15--10-15	10-15--11-15	11-15--12-15	2-15--3-15	3-15--4-15
Monday	Mathematics <i>as Geometry</i>	Mechanics <i>as Statics</i>	German or Zoology.	Mathematics Practical Physics	
Tuesday	Mathematics <i>as Dynamics</i>	Mechanics <i>as Kinematics</i>	Inorganic Chemistry	Organic Chemistry	
Wednesday	Electricity	Physics	Heat	Mathematics (Tutorial)	
Thursday	Mathematics <i>as Calculus</i>	Chemistry <i>as Material</i>	Inorganic Chemistry	Mathematics Physics	
Friday	Mathematics <i>as Algebra</i>	Mechanics <i>as Acoustics</i>	Light	Practical Chemistry	
Saturday	Practical Chemistry, Mathematics	Mathematics			<i>Sedburgh</i>

TECHNICAL COLLEGE HUDDERSFIELD.

President:—Ald. J. F. BRIGG, J.P.
Principal:—S. G. RAWSON, D.Sc., F.I.C.

List of Scholarships for Competition.

DAY.

BLAIRIES' SCHOLARSHIP. Value £15 per annum. Tenable for 2 years and renewable for a third. Open to men students alone. Age not less than 16 upon June 25th. Subjects—Advanced Chemistry and Mathematics and Elementary Physics and Mechanics. Of these Chemistry and Physics are of primary importance and practical work will be set in each. Credit will also be given for knowledge of either French or German.

BRIGG SCIENCE & ART SCHOLARSHIP. Value in the first year £3, in the second £12 and in the third £15. Open to students of both sexes. Age not less than 14 nor more than 16 on May 31st, 1897. Subjects:—(1) English, (2) Latin or French or German, (3) Mathematics, (4) Chemistry or Physics.

Candidates must be in attendance at an Organized Science School or a public elementary school.

BROOKE SCIENCE & ART SCHOLARSHIP. Value, *(conditions, &c., exactly as for the Brigg Scholarship.*

ARMYTAGE SCHOLARSHIP. Three of £30 each, tenable for 3 years. Age not less than 13 nor more than 16 on June 25th. Open to students of both sexes. Subjects:—Any two of the Science & Art or City Guilds subjects, in addition to mathematics which is compulsory, and any two of the following:—English, Latin, Greek, French, German. Students must have attended a public elementary school for not less than 3 years.

In all the above Scholarships the entry will be paid without any deduction, the fees being here continued; the value of the Scholarships being then increased by 20s. 6d. to nine guineas per annum.

HUDDERSFIELD COUNTY BOROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS. Three carrying 500 tuition, but no money allowance. Tenable for 3 years. Age not less than 14 on June 25th. Open to candidates of both sexes, who must have resided within the limits of the County Borough for the year preceding the date of examination.

EVENING.

ARMYTAGE SCHOLARSHIP. Value of £200. Tenable for one year but renewable for a second. All fees will be remitted. No limits of age. Subjects and general conditions as for the Armytage Day Scholarships.

HUDDERSFIELD COUNTY BOROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS. Five, carrying free tuition, but no grant. No limit of age. Tenable for one year but renewable for a second.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The continued tenure of all Scholarships will depend upon the progress and conduct of each holder and may be determined at any time by the Council of the College.

Names of intending competitors must be sent in to the Secretary, about whose all further information may be obtained, not later than Friday, June 25th.

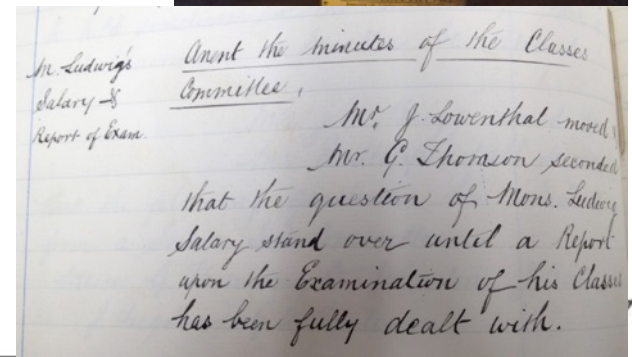
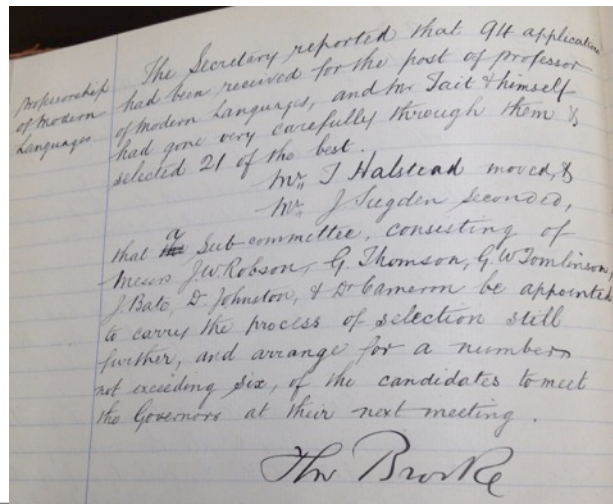
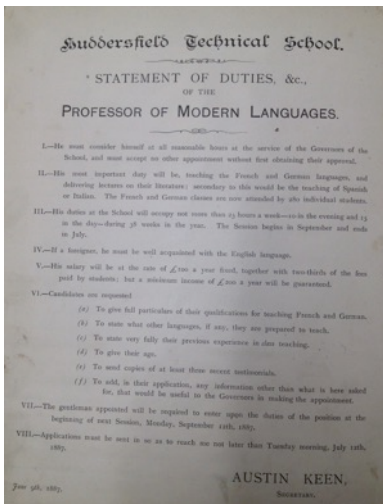
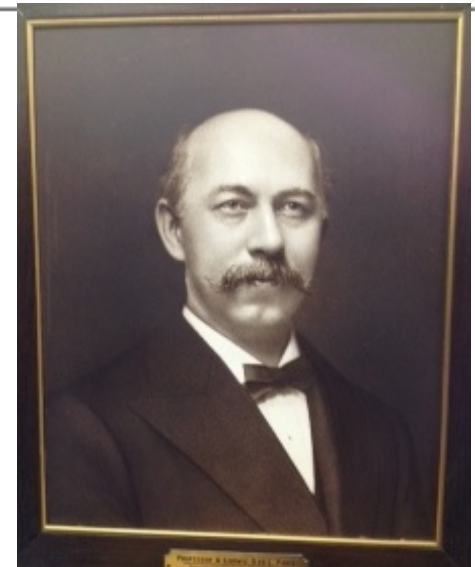
The examinations will commence upon Monday, June 28th, at 10 a.m. for the day, and at 7-30 p.m. for the evening scholarships.

THOMAS THORP, Secretary.

Stories from the Archive

ANTON LUDWIG – FRENCH AND GERMAN MASTER

- Head of Modern Languages (French and German) between 1887-1922, German only after 1912.
- Appears in Prospectuses, Class Committee and Governors Minutes, Art Collection.
- Contextual Records: Job Spec for post; Exam Papers set during his tenure; 125th Anniversary Recollections



Starting your Research

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Casting the Net Wider

- New 1992 Universities often have 19th century origins
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_UK_universities_by_date_of_foundation
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Uni of the West of Scotland
Glasgow Caledonian
Liverpool John Moores
UCLAN – Central Lancs
Staffordshire University
Birmingham City
Uni of Brighton
Uni of Portsmouth



Robert Gordon Uni
Teeside University
Leeds Beckett
Sheffield Hallam
Nottingham Trent
De Montfort - Leicester
Uni of Westminster



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