

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### INTRODUCTION TO VOLUMES IN SP

The volumes contained in South Press (SP) comprise registers of matriculation, subscription, examination, graduation and other administrative functions such as attendance at lectures, sureties, admissions to regency and disputations. Some of the registers had been absent from the Archives for many years and kept in private hands. Considered to be the personal property of the bedel by whom they were kept, they were often sold or otherwise disposed of by his executors.

The older volumes here, which had been in the continuous custody of the Archives, (eg SP 1, SP 2) were originally kept in the North East Press (NEP). In John Wallis's 1664 'Repertorie of Charters', they are listed as being kept on the lower shelf of NEP amongst the registers of Congregation and Convocation etc which are still kept there today. In the early eighteenth century, Bernard Gardiner (Keeper of the Archives, 1703-26) set up an additional press on the north side of the room, between the window and the entrance to the room: the North Press (NP). Although planned to be used for overflow from the North East Press, it appears that initially only the drawers were used, for accounting records.

At some point before 1815, the older matriculation, subscription and graduation registers were moved from the North East Press into the North Press along with later volumes in the series. There is a separate list of volumes in NP in John Wallis' 'Repertorie' which shows that some of the older volumes had been recatalogued and allocated new shelfmarks. In 1815 the North Press was moved to the opposite side of the room (due to work being carried out on the stairs and the entrance to the room) and became the South Press (SP).

### **Matriculation and subscription at matriculation**

From the earliest times, the University required that every scholar should be on the roll (*in rotulo*) or in the register (*in matricula*) of a master (*Statuta Antiqua* lxxxii, 60-1, 82, 107). The first systematic attempt to bring all students and privileged persons (see below) under the same discipline was made in 1420 when a royal ordinance was issued which enacted that all scholars should reside in a college or hall, under the guardianship of a principal and that they, and their servants, should swear an oath to observe the University's statutes. In 1552 this ordinance was revived (*Statuta Antiqua*, lxxxii) and the names of all persons then residing in colleges and halls were entered in the Chancellor's register (OUA/Hyp/A/5, f68ff and see also Clark, *Register of the University of Oxford* (Oxford Historical Society, 10, 1887), vol II, part 1, pp162-3).

The first matriculation statute, issued in 1565 (*Statuta Antiqua*, 391-5), provided for the registration of all scholars and privileged persons who, if 16 or over, should swear to observe the statutes. The statute required students to be registered within seven days of their admission to a college or hall, and to give particulars as to their age and place of residence.

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Scholars attached to no college or hall but dwelling in the town were to be under the supervision of a master who was himself a member of a college or hall.

From 1581, all matriculating students over the age of 16 were required to declare their assent to the Thirty-Nine Articles of the Church of England, the Book of Common Prayer and the oath of Royal Supremacy (*Statuta Antiqua*, 421). In order to demonstrate this assent, the matriculating student, if aged 16 or over, swore the oath of supremacy and signed his name on manuscript pages bound up with a copy of the Thirty-Nine Articles.

The student was then required to provide the following information to the University: his age, the rank or status of his father, and his county of origin. Age was required by the University as it determined whether or not the student was required to take the oath of supremacy. If he was under 16, he was not required to do so; the University Statutes directed that the swearing of the oath was to be deferred until that age. The father's rank or status was required in order to determine the fees payable by the student. Fees at matriculation, and after, varied according to the rank of the father and in the case of eldest sons of esquires and the sons of peers, the student might claim exemption from part of the statutable residence for the BA. The county of origin was of use to the colleges, as certain college fellowships and scholarships were limited to persons born in certain specified counties, but it is not clear why the University required this information.

The first matriculation register, SP 1, gives this information and, very occasionally, additional information such as the name of the student's tutor. From 1616, it began to be noted whether the person matriculating was the eldest or second son, etc. From 1622, the matriculation registers also contain the name of the student's father and, it is not clear exactly which, the parish in which the student was born or in which the father resided.

Also included in the matriculation (and subscription) registers are the names of privileged persons (*persona privilegiata*). There were, generally, two types of privileged person: servants and tradesmen. Servants (*servientes*) could be either personal servants or common servants. Any University officer, graduate or undergraduate could have his personal servant admitted to the status of privileged person. Common servants included both University officers such as bedels, or college servants such as manciples, or cooks etc. Tradesmen (*privilegiati*) were workmen and tradesmen of the town *eg* booksellers, plumbers and carriers.

Under the Laudian Statutes of 1636 it remained the case that a student had to be entered at a college or hall and within 15 days of admission there had to appear with his tutor before the Vice-Chancellor to be matriculated. If 16 or over, they subscribed to the Thirty-Nine Articles, took the oath of Supremacy and swore to obey the statutes. If under 16 but over 12, the student's name was merely entered but the oath had to be taken at a later time

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once he reached the required age. The registers show, however, that boys under 12 sometimes subscribed.

Subscription at matriculation remained obligatory until 1854 when it was abolished by the Oxford University Act (17 & 18 Vict cap LXXXI). The series of subscription registers continued, however, to be maintained until the end of 1891. After 1854 the signature was said to be a record of the payment of the matriculation fee, although from 1859 there is a separate series of matriculation fee books (SP 28-33) in which those matriculating had to write their own name to show that they had paid. Since 1870, matriculants have also been required to complete a form in their own handwriting giving the required particulars (see UR 1).

### **Subscription at graduation and on other occasions**

In addition to subscription at matriculation, members of the University were also required, at various times, to subscribe a) at graduation; b) for admission to the Bodleian Library (SP 114-116); c) to the Act of Uniformity (SP 15-16); and d) to a declaration in lieu of the Sacramental Test (SP 19).

a) The earliest register of subscription at graduation in the Archives dates from 1660 (SP 43). Those about to receive their degree were required to declare their assent, by subscribing, to the Thirty-Nine Articles of the Church of England and the oath of supremacy. The swearing of the oath of supremacy by those being presented for degrees was prescribed by the Laudian Statutes (Tit IX, sect 6) but subscription to it appears not to have been required until 1660, following the Restoration.

The original authority for the oath of allegiance to be taken by graduates was the parliamentary statute of James 1 (7 Jac I cap 6) which refers back to his earlier statute of 3 Jac I cap 4 and extends the application of the oath contained in it to 'all and every other persons whatsoever that is or shalbe promoted to and Degree in Schole, before the Vicechancellor of the said Universitie for the tyme being, in the Congregation House'. The Register of Convocation records the receipt of a letter from the Chancellor in June 1610 instructing the University to carry out the terms of the statute. Lists of the members of the University (including privileged persons) to whom the oath was administered in July 1610 are preserved in the Archives (SP/E/6). The text of the oath, dated 26 April 1611, was entered into the Senior Proctor's book (NEP/supra/Reg B, f133v).

The text of the oath of allegiance first appears in the subscription registers in 1736. Subscription by members of the Universities to the oath of allegiance (along with the oaths of supremacy and abjuration) was first made compulsory by the Act of Parliament of George I (1 Geo I sess 2 cap 13). It appears that this requirement was introduced for graduates at Oxford in 1714 or shortly afterwards.

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The register of graduate subscriptions for this period was noted as missing from the Archives in 1887 and there is no evidence for it ever having been in the Archives. Consequently the Archives does not have a record of subscriptions to the oath until the beginning of the following register in 1736.

Subscription for degrees was gradually phased out following the 1854 Oxford University Act. Subscription on conferral of a BA degree was abolished in 1854. Subscription for all other degrees and for all offices except degrees and professorships in theology was abolished in 1871 under the University Tests Act. The University continued, however, to require those presented for a degree to sign their names in a register. Known as 'degree signatures', the subscription was interpreted as being evidence of the presence of the candidate and the primary record of the conferral of the degree, but it seems rather to be a relic of a now redundant administrative practice which the University found it easier to continue than to stop. Signatures up to 1965 are preserved in the Archives (UR 4/1-7).

b) Under the Laudian Statutes (Tit IX s6 c1), all those being presented for a degree had to swear an oath for admission to the Public Library (*ie* the Bodleian Library). In 1838 this was replaced by a subscription to the text of the declaration for admittance.

c) The Act of Uniformity of 1662 required all those being admitted to a fellowship of a college or elected to a professorship to declare their 'unfeigned assent and consent to all and every thing contained and prescribed in and by... the Book of Common Prayer' (1662 Act of Uniformity, 13 and 14 Car II cap 4). They were required to subscribe to the declaration mentioned in the Act in the presence of the Vice-Chancellor. This requirement was abolished by the Universities Tests Act of 1871.

d) The Test Act of 1673 (25 Car II cap 2) obliged all persons filling any office, civil or military, to take oaths of supremacy and allegiance, to subscribe to a declaration against transubstantiation and to receive the sacrament within three months of taking office. The Sacramental Test Act 1828 (9 Geo IV cap 17), which repealed the Test and Corporation Acts, abolished the necessity to receive the sacrament but required, in its place, the subscription to a declaration in lieu of taking the sacrament. This requirement was, in turn, abolished by the Declarations Before Taking Office Act 1866 (29 & 30 Vict cap 22). Those taking up the offices of Vice-Chancellor, Proctors and Registrar were required to subscribe in the presence of witnesses.

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#### Guide to registers of matriculation and subscription in the Archives

##### Registers of matriculation

1564-1615	SP 1
1615-48	SP 2
1648-62	SP 37
1662-93	SP 3
1693-1709	SP 4
<i>1709-14 can be found in SP 6-7</i>	
1714-40/1	SP 8
1740/1-76	SP 9
1776-1810	SP 10
1810-1925	SW/2/3-9c
1925-95	UR 1/2

##### Registers of subscription at matriculation

1581-1615	SP 38
1615-39	SP 39
<i>1639-50 missing</i>	
1650-60	SP 40
1660-1693/4	SP 41
1693/4-1714	SP 42
1714-40	SP 12
1740-76	SP 13
1776-1810	SP 14
1810-91	SW/2/10-14

##### Registers of subscription at graduation

1660-70	SP 43
1670-95	SP 44
1695-1706	SP 45
<i>1706-36 missing</i>	
1736-63	SP 46
1763-90	SP 47
1790-1808	SP 48
1808-21	SP 49
1821-8	SP 50
1829-37	SP 51
1838-48	SP 20
1848-57	SP 21
1858-68	SP 22
1868-1965	UR 4/1-6

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#### **Concordance**

Prior to being allocated an SP shelfmark, several volumes in the South Press already had earlier reference codes (or 'pressmarks') which are known to have been cited elsewhere. The letters of the former reference were usually preceded by 'Reg' or 'Registrum'. Where the former reference consists of a two-letter code, the use of upper and lower case appears to have been used inconsistently.

<u>Current reference</u>	<u>Former reference(s)</u>
SP 1	P
SP 2	PP
SP 3	AG and 5
SP 4	AZ and 6
SP 5	AK and 7
SP 6	AI and 8
SP 8	BA and 9
SP 9	BC and 10
SP 10	11
SP 11	BB and 12
SP 12	Bb and 6
SP 13	Bd and 7
SP 14	CC and 8
SP 15	Be
SP 34	AL and AM and 6
SP 35	AH
SP 36	AHh
SP 37	W
SP 38	AB and 1
SP 39	X, AC and 2
SP 40	AD and 3
SP 41	AE and 4
SP 42	AF and 5
SP 43	AN and 2
SP 44	AT and 3
SP 45	AO and 4
SP 46	Bh
SP 47	Bi and 6
SP 52	AP and 1
SP 69	Au

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SP 1-11 are registers of matriculations, 1564-1810. Later matriculations can be found in SW/2 and UR 1. The arrangement of the registers falls into two types: some are divided into 'heads' for each college (some with a separate section for privileged persons, some without); and some are arranged chronologically by date of matriculation. Some registers also include fees paid at matriculation. SP 2 includes a separate section for 'servientes'. In the other registers, these can be found under the relevant college heading. See the Introduction for further details of the changing content of the register entries.

SP 1                      Matriculation register. 1564-1615

The register is divided into 'heads' for each college, plus a separate list of privileged persons at the end. The initial lists, for 1565 and 1572, are simply lists of members of the colleges at those times, rather than records of actual matriculations. Matriculations begin in 1572 and are entered by date. Entries become fuller in c1581 and generally give the student's name, county of birth, rank of the father, and age, sometimes giving the actual date of matriculation, although these are often missing. No fees are included here (although fees are included in later registers). The register is known to be defective for the years 1612-14. Continued in SP 2.

A discussion of the contents of this volume can be found in Clark, *Register of the University of Oxford* (Oxford Historical Society, 10, 1887), vol II, part 1, p.viii-ix and xviii-xxvi. An earlier list of members of the colleges, 1552, can be found in the Chancellor's Register Hyp/A/5, f68ff.

SP 2                      Matriculation register. 1615-48

Continued from SP 1. The register is divided into 'heads' for each college, plus separate lists for privileged persons and 'servientes'. At the beginning of the register are recorded the matriculations, with signatures, of 'nobiles'. No fees are included here (fees are included in later registers). The volume was originally received in the Archives in 1656 but removed in 1659 and returned in 1671. Continued in SP 37.

A discussion of the contents of this volume can be found in Clark, *Register of the University of Oxford* (Oxford Historical Society, 10, 1887), vol II, part 1, p.ix-x.



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- SP 3                      Matriculation register. 1662-93
- Continued from SP 37. The register is divided into 'heads' for each college, plus a separate list of privileged persons at the end. It includes fees paid. Continued in SP 4.
- SP 4                      Matriculation register. 1693-1709
- Continued from SP 3. The register is divided into 'heads' for each college but there is no separate list of privileged persons. It includes fees paid.
- SP 5                      Copies of matriculation entries. 1691-9
- This volume appears to contain copies of matriculation entries originally recorded in SP 3-4 but arranged here by date of matriculation, not by college. No fees are recorded. The volume resembles a notebook and would appear to have been compiled for handy reference. Continued in SP 6.
- SP 6                      Copies of matriculation entries, Feb 1699/1700 - 1709 and matriculation register, 1709-Sep 1714. Feb 1699/1700 - Sep 1714
- Continued from SP 5. This volume appears to contain, up to 1709, copies of matriculation entries originally recorded in SP 4 but arranged here by date of matriculation, not by college. From 1709 it appears that the volume is used as the matriculation register. No fees are recorded. Continued in SP 8.
- SP 7                      Copies of matriculation entries. Aug 1713 - Jul 1714
- The register is divided into 'heads' for each college. It appears to have been compiled retrospectively at a later date for handy reference, the entries having been, perhaps, copied from SP 6.
- SP 8                      Matriculation register. Oct 1714 - Dec 1740
- Continued from SP 6. The entries in the register are arranged chronologically by date of matriculation. No fees are recorded. Continued in SP 9

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SP 9                      Matriculation register. Jan 1740/1 - Mar 1776

Continued from SP 8. The entries in the register are arranged chronologically by date of matriculation. No fees are recorded. Continued in SP 11.

SP 10                     Copies of matriculation entries. Oct 1765 - Jul 1768

This volume appears to contain copies of matriculation entries originally recorded in SP 9 but arranged here by college not by date of matriculation. The register is divided into 'heads' for each college, plus a separate list of privileged persons at the end. No fees are recorded. It includes, loosely interleaved, pages of *Jackson's Oxford Journal*, 1762.

SP 11                     Matriculation register. Apr 1776 - Sep 1810

Continued from SP 9. The entries in the register are arranged chronologically by date of matriculation. No fees are recorded. Continued in SW/2/3.

SP 12-14 are registers of subscriptions at matriculation, 1714-1810. Earlier subscriptions can be found in SP 38-42. Later subscriptions can be found in SW/2. Each register includes, bound in at the front, a printed copy of the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion. Some also include printed copies of Tit II of the Statutes and a list of fees payable at matriculation. Entries are in order of date of subscription and are arranged by degree (including incorporations). They are completed in the subscriber's own hand, giving name, status and college. Those incorporating also give the name of their previous university and degrees already held.

SP 12                     Subscription register. Oct 1714 - Dec 1740

Continued from SP 42.

SP 13                     Subscription register. Jan 1740/1 - Mar 1776

SP 14                     Subscription register. Apr 1776 - Sep 1810

Continued in SW/2/10.

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SP 15-16 are registers of subscription to the Act of Uniformity. Those being admitted to a fellowship of a college or those elected to a professorship were required to subscribe to the 'declaration mentioned in the late Act of Uniformity' (1662 Act of Uniformity, 13 and 14 Car II cap 4) in the presence of the Vice-Chancellor. The subscriptions are arranged by college and are completed in the subscriber's own hand. The entries give the subscriber's name and position.

SP 15                      Register of subscription to the Act of Uniformity (Fellows and Professors). 1662-1807

SP 16                      Register of subscription to the Act of Uniformity (Fellows and Professors). 1808-70

SP 17-18 are known as Junior Proctor's books. Earlier Junior Proctor's books can be found at SP 107-110. These contain printed lists, pasted in, of determining bachelors, those taking responsions and those taking other examinations (eg First Public Examination). From 1858 they also include lists of those incepting in various faculties. From 1870 the lists are cuttings from the University Gazette. SP 18 also includes notices issued by the Junior Proctors instructing candidates for examinations to submit their names; and a notice, 1868, concerning student conduct during the forthcoming city elections.

SP 17                      Junior Proctor's book. 1846-54

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SP 18                      Junior Proctor's book. 1854-72

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SP 19

Register of declarations in lieu of the Sacramental Test. 1828-66

The Test Act of 1673 obliged all persons filling any office, civil or military, to take the oaths of supremacy and allegiance, to subscribe to a declaration against transubstantiation and to receive the sacrament within three months of taking office. The Sacramental Tests Act 1828 (9 Geo IV cap 17), which repealed the Test and Corporation Acts, abolished the necessity to receive the sacrament but required, in its place, the subscription to a declaration in lieu of taking the sacrament. This requirement was, in turn, abolished by the Declarations Before Taking Office Act 1866 (29 and 30 Vict cap 22).

The volume includes, at the front, the text of the oath to be taken. Entries, giving name and office, are written in the subscriber's own hand, by the Vice-Chancellor, the Proctors and Pro-Proctors on admission to office in the presence of the Vice-Chancellor or Proctors and Registrar. The volume includes notes by the Registrar concerning witnesses to the signing.

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SP 20-2 are registers of subscription at graduation. Earlier registers covering the period 1660-1837 can be found in SP 43-51. Each register includes, bound in at the front, a printed copy of the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion and the printed texts of the oaths of supremacy and allegiance. Entries are in order of date of subscription and are arranged by degree (including incorporations). They are completed in the subscriber's own hand, giving name and college. Those incorporating also give the name of their previous university and degrees already held. There is a contents list at the front of each register. SP 20-21 include lists of subscriptions for degrees in music which are not included in the contents list. SP 22 does not include subscriptions for degrees in music.

It is not clear what the difference is between the degree signatures recorded here, after 1854, and those recorded in SP 96. The signatures appear not to be duplicated i.e. some appear in these registers, some in SP 96, but it has not been possible to ascertain why certain signatures are in certain registers. After 1854 the entries for those taking non-theological degrees are simply signatures rather than subscriptions. Signatures of BA candidates, 1838-1904, can also be found in SP 114-116.

SP 20                      Register of subscription at graduation. 1838-48

Continued from SP 51.

SP 21                      Register of subscription at graduation. 1848-57

SP 22                      Register of subscription at graduation. 1858-68

Subscriptions or, more properly, degree signatures for all degrees except the BA are continued in UR 4/3.

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SP 23-7 are registers of those who attended, as spectators, the (oral) public examinations of other candidates. The registers were described in previous catalogues as 'Testimonia iis qui examinationibus interfuerunt perhibita'. Until 1850, candidates for examinations were required to attend the examinations of others before sitting their own. Candidates would receive a certificate to show the Proctors that they attended the required number of times. This requirement was abolished in 1850.

The registers are arranged by date of examination and give the name and college of each of those attending. Some entries (up to Easter Term 1831) also indicate whether the examination attended was the first or second at which the attendee had been present.

- SP 23                      Register of those attending examinations. 1810-18
- SP 24                      Register of those attending examinations. 1818-22
- SP 25                      Register of those attending examinations. 1822-6
- SP 26                      Register of those attending examinations. 1826-35  
Inscribed 'Examination Sitting Book'. Continued in SP 105.
- SP 27                      Register of those attending examinations in mathematics and physics.  
1825-52  
  
This volume was described in previous catalogues as 'Testimonia iis qui examinationibus in Disciplinis Math and Phys: interfuerunt perhibita'.

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SP 28-33 are matriculations fee books. Written in the matriculant's own hand, they record the amount of fees paid at matriculation. Arranged by date, they give the name and college of each matriculant as well as, until 1892, their 'quality' or status (*eg* son of a cleric) and the fee paid. Additional information is occasionally given such as whether the student was the eldest or second son etc. There is a gap in the series for the years 1868-74.

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| SP 28 | Matriculations fee book. 1859-68   |
| SP 29 | Matriculations fee book. 1874-80   |
| SP 30 | Matriculations fee book. 1880-6    |
| SP 31 | Matriculations fee book. 1886-91   |
| SP 32 | Matriculations fee book. 1892-8    |
| SP 33 | Matriculations fee book. 1898-1911 |

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SP 34

Volume labelled 'Registrum comitorum &c'. 1505-1643

According to a note in the front of the volume, this was originally two separate volumes, referenced AL and AM, which were bound together in 1816. According to Anthony Wood's *Life and Times* vol IV, p139 (Oxford Historical Society, 30, 1895), AL is a miscellaneous compilation volume of John Bell, Esquire Bedel of Arts and Medicine, 1605-38. It contains the following items:

- a list of outstanding exercises for the BM and DM;
- a list of colleges for preaching purposes;
- extracts of certain decrees of Convocation concerning the government of the University, 1590;
- a list of High Stewards with extracts from the registers concerning their election, 1555-1629;
- the order of the solemnity of the creation of Thomas Egerton, Lord Ellesmere, to be Chancellor of the University, 1610;
- lists of elections of esquire and yeoman bedels, 1540-1634
- lists of Chancellors, 1505-1630, Vice-Chancellors, 1565-1635, and Proctors, 1505-1635;
- the names of those incepting at the Comitia, 1505-1642;
- the names of those admitted to the DM and BM, 1555-1635; those admitted to practice medicine without a degree in medicine, 1593-1633; and those incorporating DM, 1596-1609;
- accounts of the laying of the first stones of the Arts Library over the proscholium, 1610, of Wadham College, 1610, and of the New Schools, 1613;
- an account of the controversy between the town and the University, 22 Jun 1612;
- the proctorial cycle, 1629-51, with regulations concerning the Proctors.

According to Anthony Wood, AM is a miscellaneous compilation volume of Matthew Crosse, Esquire Bedel of Law, 1618-48. This includes a list of admissions to the BD, 1565-1640; and lists of admissions to various degrees, including incorporations, 1560-1641.



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- SP 35                      Index to matriculations. 1648-67
- A note in the front of the volume states that this is an index to SP 37, SP 40 and SP 3. Another note says 'Proctors' book'. The index is arranged alphabetically by name, AA-ZR, where the first of the two letter is the forename initial and the second, the surname initial. Privileged persons are listed separately at the end.
- SP 36                      Index to matriculations. 1648-67
- A note by RL Poole, Keeper of the Archives, in the front of the volume states that this volume appears to be a transcript of the first part of SP 35 but arranged in a 'more orderly fashion'. It is arranged in the same alphabetical manner as SP 35.
- SP 37                      Matriculation register. 1648-62
- Matriculations continue from SP 2 but the volume is smaller than its predecessors and the content is slightly different. Entries are arranged under college, then by date of matriculation, with a separate list of privileged persons at the end. The register includes fees paid at matriculation.
- A note by Anthony Wood in the front of the volume explains that the register was begun by Bernard Hore, Superior Bedel of Law, at the command of the Parliamentary Visitors. Hore's predecessor, Matthew Cross, who had been ejected by the Visitors to make way for Hore, had withheld the previous register (SP 2) in protest. Having no precedent to follow, Hore set up this register according to his own needs: chief amongst them, the recording of fees paid. These were not included in the previous matriculation registers. By the end of the period covered by this register, its predecessor (SP 2) had been returned by Matthew Cross's son. Hore's successor, Samuel Clark, was therefore able to return to the former style of recording matriculations for the remainder of the register and successive volumes. Continued in SP 3.

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SP 38-42 are registers of subscription at matriculation, 1581-1714. Subscriptions covering the period 1714-1810 can be found in SP 12-14; subscriptions from 1810 can be found in SW/2. No register of subscriptions is known to have existed for the period 1639-50. Each register includes, pasted in at the front (with the exception of SP 40), a printed copy of the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion. Some also include the text of the oath of supremacy and a list of fees payable at matriculation. Entries are in order of date of subscription (although many entries in SP 38 are undated) and are written in the subscriber's own hand. Entries in SP 39-42 give the subscriber's name, status and college; entries in SP 38 usually give only the name. SP 38-9 include later annotations by Philip Bliss, Keeper of the Archives, giving the subscriber's college.

SP 38                      Register of subscription at matriculation. 1581-1615

The register was received in the Archives in 1712. See NR Ker *Pastedowns in Oxford Bindings*, 170, 1402a for descriptions of fragments in the binding. A discussion of this volume can be found in Clark, *Register of the University of Oxford* (Oxford Historical Society, 10, 1887), vol II, part 1, p.vi-vii and xviii-xxvi.

SP 39                      Register of subscription at matriculation. 1615-39

The register was received in the Archives in 1705. A discussion of this volume can be found in Clark, *Register of the University of Oxford* (Oxford Historical Society, 10, 1887), vol II, part 1, p.vii-viii.

SP 40                      Register of subscription at matriculation. Nov 1650 - Jul 1660

SP 41                      Register of subscription at matriculation. Oct 1660 - Jan 1693/4

Included, at the back, is an index of names, arranged by college, for the years 1660-67/8, plus a copy of the entries for 29 April 1692. Loosely inserted are notes and lists, compiled c19th century, of names which appear in the subscription register but not in the matriculation register, 1662-93.

SP 42                      Register of subscription at matriculation. Jan 1693/4 - Oct 1714

A note by T Vere Bayne, Keeper of the Archives, in the register states that it was missing from the Archives for many years and found in a room in the Clarendon Building in 1887. Continued in SP 12.

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SP 43-51 are registers of subscription at graduation. Later registers covering the period 1838-68 can be found in SP 20-2. Each register includes, bound in at the front, a printed copy of the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion and either a printed or manuscript text of the oaths of supremacy and allegiance. They are completed in the subscriber's own hand, giving name, college and degrees already held. Those incorporating also give the name of their previous university and degrees already held. Incorporations can be included throughout these sections, or in a separate section at the end. Some registers also contain, at the back, subscriptions by those licensed to practise medicine, 'studiosi' of surgery and Bodley's Librarians.

SP 43                      Register of subscription at graduation. Aug 1660 - Jul 1670

SP 44                      Register of subscription at graduation. Oct 1670 - Jul 1695

SP 45                      Register of subscription at graduation. Oct 1695 - Jul 1706

A note of 29 Nov 1887 inserted in the register by T Vere Bayne, Keeper of the Archives, reads 'Registr. Subscr. 1706-1736 never seen by me'. There is also a note in the volume by Philip Bliss, Keeper of the Archives, which states that the volume has been 'lost'.

SP 46                      Register of subscription at graduation. Oct 1736 - Jul 1763

SP 47                      Register of subscription at graduation. Oct 1763 - Mar 1790

SP 48                      Register of subscription at graduation. Apr 1790 - Apr 1808

SP 49                      Register of subscription at graduation. Apr 1808 - Apr 1821

SP 50                      Register of subscription at graduation. May 1821 - Dec 1828

SP 51                      Register of subscription at graduation. Jan 1829 - Dec 1837

The volume also includes a printed list of determining bachelors, 1832.

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SP 52-8 are registers of examiners and candidates, 1638-1801. SP 52 is arranged by date of examination, giving the name and college of the examiners and candidates for each day's examination. SP 53-8 contain lists of those incepting at the Comitia each year, followed by lists of examiners ('magistri') and candidates, giving their name and college for each day's examinations.

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| SP 52 | Register of examiners and candidates. Oct 1638 - Jul 1760 |
| SP 53 | Register of examiners and candidates. Aug 1693 - Jul 1706 |
| SP 54 | Register of examiners and candidates. Jul 1723 - Jul 1737 |
| SP 55 | Register of examiners and candidates. Jul 1737 - Apr 1755 |
| SP 56 | Register of examiners and candidates. Apr 1755 - Jul 1772 |
| SP 57 | Register of examiners and candidates. Jul 1772 - May 1785 |
| SP 58 | Register of examiners and candidates. Apr 1796 - Jul 1801 |

SP 59-61 are registers of candidates for examinations. The registers are inscribed 'Registrum examinatorum' and 'Senior Proctor's list of candidates' as they were known in earlier catalogues. They continue from SP 58 but the information they contain is arranged differently. Until June 1807 the register gives, for each year, the names of the Vice-Chancellor, Proctors, examiners and masters. There follows, arranged by date of examination, the name and college of candidates and the degree for which they are being examined. From 1807, there is a single list of all candidates for the year, giving name and college but no details of the degree. SP 59 also includes the names of those incepting at the Comitia.

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| SP 59 | Register of candidates for examinations. 1801-17 |
| SP 60 | Register of candidates for examinations. 1817-35 |
| SP 61 | Register of candidates for examinations. 1836-55 |

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- SP 62 Register of extraordinary examinations. 1802-6
- The extraordinary examination was established by statute of 1800 with the aim of ranking the most able candidates in order of merit. It marked the beginning of honours in examinations. The register, inscribed 'Registrum examin<sup>m</sup> extraord<sup>m</sup>', gives for each year the names of the Vice-Chancellor, Proctors, and examiners; and the names of those in the Faculty of Arts who commended themselves most highly to the examiners.
- SP 62a List of degrees conferred, excluding BA degrees, including creations (*ie* honorary degrees), arranged roughly by date and by degree. 1642-7
- Formerly part of SP/C/13.
- SP 63 Register of fees paid for dispensations and graces etc. 1608-16
- Inscribed 'Dispensationes, Gratiae', the register records, in date order, fees paid for dispensations, graces and other things such as determinations, admissions and stipends.
- SP 64 Dispensations accounts presented each term by the Registrar to the Vice-Chancellor. 1624-30
- The register, inscribed 'Computus dispensationum', records money paid to the University for dispensations granted by Convocation and Congregation. Arranged by year and by term it gives the names of those dispensed and the fees paid by them. Some entries give additional information as to the reason for the dispensation.
- The original cover of the accounts is a draft indenture, dated c1623 between Thomas French and Richard Glover concerning land in the parish of St Michael, Oxford. Included at the front, is a note of a meeting of the Delegates examining the fabric of the Schools, 1626, concerning the University's debt of £2000 and how it was proposed to recoup the money through dispensation fees.

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SP 65-6 are registers of those admitted to regency. The registers give the name and, from 1737, college and degree, of those admitted to regency and are arranged by date of admission.

SP 65

Register of admissions to regency. 1634-1706 and 1737-1852

The register includes, at the front, letters, 1834-51, testifying that the individuals seeking admission to regency have fulfilled the residence requirement according to Tit X s1.

SP 66

Register of admissions to regency.

Inverted at the back of the volume are minutes of meetings of the Delegates of Privileges, 1856-64 (see also WPα/17/8b/3-12). Loosely inserted is a note on the case of John Fowle concerning University jurisdiction over weights and measures, 1859.

SP 67

Alphabetical list of admissions to regency. 1824-52

The list gives the name, college, degree, body to which admitted (Convocation or Congregation) and the date admitted. It was compiled by Philip Bliss during his time as Registrar (1824-52).

SP 68

Sureties for determining bachelors or 'Sponsiones'. 1737-57

The Laudian Statutes (Tit VI s2 s9) required that all determining bachelors should lodge caution-money of 20 shillings with the Vice-Chancellor before they were presented for determining. This bound the bachelor to respond at the disputations. The register is arranged under college headings (with contents at the front), giving a list of individuals at Egg Saturday each year plus signatures of their sponsors. Registers of sponsors for those presented to the degrees of BA and MA can be found at SP 89-95.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

SP 69-70 are registers of those admitted to study in the Faculty of Law. Arranged by date of admission, they give the name and college of those admitted. Each register is inscribed 'Liber admissionum ad studium in jure civili' as it was described in earlier catalogues. The registers are arranged in order of date of admission and give name and college.

SP 69                      Register of admissions to the Faculty of Law. Jan 1669/70 - Feb 1710/11

SP 70                      Register of admissions to the Faculty of Law. Jan 1710/11 - Feb 1856

SP 71a-b are registers of determiners and regents, 1810-24. The registers are arranged in two sections: 1) a list of regents and 2) a list of the names of determiners. The lists of regents are arranged by degree, including recipients of doctorates by diploma. The lists of names of determiners are arranged by year, then by college, giving the name and, until 1819, status of the determiner. Both registers also include, inverted at back, the text of the oath of the Mayor, Bailiffs and Burgesses of Oxford and a record of the swearing of the oath before the University on 30 September and 10 February (St Scholastica's Day), giving the name, and sometimes title, of the town officers.

SP 71a                      Register of determiners and regents comprising a list of the names of determiners, 1810-22, and a list of regents, 1810-21. 1810-22

SP 71b                      Register of determiners and regents comprising a list of regents, 1822-4, and a list of the names of determiners, 1823-4. 1822-4

SP 72a                      Register of doctoral exercises in divinity, 1847-68, and, inverted at back, law and medicine, 1847-71. 1847-71

The register records the performance of exercises for doctoral degrees in divinity, law and medicine. The entries, written by the examiner, simply state that the exercise was performed. The register of doctoral exercises in law and medicine is continued in SP 72b. The volume also includes the names of those who disputed for the BCL degree. From April 1853, following the introduction of a written requirement for the DCL in 1851 (*Statuta 1857*, p43), the register also records the reading of a dissertation and the delivery of a copy to the examiner.

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- SP 72b                      Register of exercises for the degrees of DCL and DMed. 1871-1925
- Continued from the rear section of SP 72a. From 1887 a dissertation did not have to be read before the examiner unless he specifically asked for it to be. Some entries after 1887 therefore simply record the delivery of a dissertation. From 1913 the registers comprise *Gazette* cuttings only concerning the submission of dissertations, signed, to 1918, by the examiner. Loosely inserted is correspondence of the Registrar, 1920-3, concerning supplicating doctors.
- SP 73                        Register of disputations for degrees in law and medicine, 1827-36, and, inverted at back, degrees in theology, 1829-37. 1827-37
- The register is arranged by date, giving the name and college of the disputer, the degree being disputed for, and the dates on which the disputer responded and opposed.
- SP 74                        Register of disputations signatures. 1834-47
- The register is arranged chronologically by date of disputation and contains a statement by the disputer, written in his own hand, that he did the necessary disputations (or exercises) for the degree. It also gives details of degrees already held.



## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

SP 75-88 are registers of certificates for attendance at lectures. All the registers are in the format of tear-off printed slips of paper with counterfoils. Some registers contain only counterfoils, some contain blank slips, and some contain slips which have been completed but are still attached.

The slip (and counterfoil) was completed and signed by the professor or public lecturer (praelector) in that subject giving the name and college of the student in order to certify that he had attended his lectures during a particular term. There is a slip per student per term. The obligation on students to attend lectures was established by the 1850 Examination Statute (Tit IX s2 c7). Students were not permitted to enter for the second public examination without having attended one entire course of lectures of at least two professors or public lecturers. This obligation was abolished in 1859.

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| SP 75 | Certificates for attendance at lectures: Regius Professor of Civil Law. 1856-60             |
| SP 76 | Certificates for attendance at lectures: Savilian Professor of Geometry. 1852               |
| SP 77 | Certificates for attendance at lectures: Professor of Natural Philosophy. 1857-9            |
| SP 78 | Certificates for attendance at lectures: Professor of Rural Economy. 1855-6                 |
| SP 79 | Certificates for attendance at lectures: Professor of Modern History. 1852-4                |
| SP 80 | Certificates for attendance at lectures: Professor of Latin Language and Literature. 1855-8 |
| SP 81 | Certificates for attendance at lectures: Aldrichian Praelector of Chemistry. 1852-5         |
| SP 82 | Certificates for attendance at lectures: Praelector of Geology. 1852-9                      |
| SP 83 | Certificates for attendance at lectures: Camden Praelector of History. 1852-8               |

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- SP 84a                      Certificates for attendance at lectures: Praelector of Logic. 1855-9  
  
Continued from SP 84b.
- SP 84b                      Certificates for attendance at lectures: Praelector of Logic. 1851-5  
  
The register includes, loosely inserted, a list of students attending lectures, MT 1855 - HT 1857. Continued in SP 84a.
- SP 85                        Certificates for attendance at lectures: Praelector of Experimental Philosophy. 1851-4
- SP 86                        Certificates for attendance at lectures: Praelector of Experimental Philosophy. 1854-7
- SP 87                        Certificates for attendance at lectures: White Praelector of Moral Philosophy. 1852-5
- SP 88                        Register of certificates for attendances at lectures. 1851-8  
  
The register covers a range of subjects and includes entries also found in the individual subject registers above. It includes, loosely inserted, lists of those who attended courses of lectures by the Reader in Experimental Philosophy, 1856-9, and the Praelector of Mineralogy, 1856.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

SP 89-95 are registers of sponsors for those to be presented for degrees. The Laudian Statutes (Tit IX sV s1) required that all those who were to be presented to the degree of BA or MA should lodge caution-money of 40 shillings with the Vice-Chancellor. This bound the BA presentee to appear at Egg Saturday at the beginning of the Lent following, and the MA presentee to become an inceptor at the next Act and to be admitted to regency after the Act. Should the presentee fail to do as required, the money was to be forfeited to the University. The registers comprise printed forms signed by the sponsor and completed with the name and college of the presentee for whom they were providing surety. A register of sureties or 'sponsiones' for determining bachelors, 1737-57, can be found at SP 68.

- SP 89                      BA sponsors. 1767-88
- SP 90                      BA sponsors or 'Stipulations for BA degree'. 1788-97
- SP 91                      BA sponsors or 'Stipulations for BA degree'. 1797-1808
- SP 92                      BA sponsors. 1809-18
- SP 93                      BA sponsors. 1818-20
- From February 1820 the surety appears to have been reduced from 40 shillings to £1 1s 6d.
- SP 94                      MA sponsors. 1765-86
- SP 95                      MA sponsors or 'Stipulations at inception'. 1786-1802
- SP 96                      Register of signatures at graduation for non-theological degrees. 1854-72
- Inscribed 'Degree signatures', the register gives the name and college of those graduating in all degrees except theological degrees written in the subscriber's own hand. It is not clear what the difference is between the degrees signatures recorded here and those recorded after 1854 in SP 21-2. The signatures appear not to be duplicated *ie* some appear in this register, some in SP 21-2, but it has not been possible to ascertain why certain signatures are in certain registers. Continued in UR 4/4/1.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

SP 97-100 are registers of entries for degrees. They record the names and colleges of those who are being presented for degrees at a ceremony. The entries, which appear to have been written by the college dean of degrees, are arranged by date and by degree. From 1893 the registers include written statements by the Secretary of Faculties to the effect that each name entered is qualified for the degree for which he is being entered.

SP 97                      Register of entries for degrees. 1871-6

SP 98                      Register of entries for degrees. 1876-80

SP 99                      Register of entries for degrees. 1890-4

SP 100                     Register of entries for degrees. 1894-7

SP 101                     Registrar's lists of degrees. 1874-81

These are lists of degrees conferred which appear to have been compiled by the Registrar for his own reference. The lists are arranged by date and degree, giving name and college. The volume includes, loosely inserted, a note, 1879, signed by the Chancellor nominating Robert G Faussett as one of the Clerks of the Market for the coming year.

SP 102-4 appear to be the Registrar's personal copies of matriculation lists for his own reference. Begun by Philip Bliss, and continued by his successors, the lists are arranged by date of matriculation and give name, college and age at matriculation.

SP 102                     Registrar's matriculation lists. Oct 1828 - Dec 1848

SP 103                     Registrar's matriculation lists, Jan 1849 - Dec 1870; with, at back, matriculations Oct 1827 - Jul 1828. 1827-70

SP 104                     Registrar's matriculation lists. Jan 1871 - Oct 1890

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

SP 105                      Register of those present at examinations for degrees. Apr 1836 - May 1852

Inscribed 'Attendance book. Examination for degrees', this register records the name and college of those who attended (as spectators) the public examinations of other candidates. It is arranged by date of examination. Until 1850 candidates for examinations were required to attend the examinations of others before sitting their own. Candidates would receive a certificate to show to the Proctors that they had attended the required number of times. This requirement was abolished in 1850. Loosely inserted in the volume is a certificate of attendance at Literae Humaniores public examinations for Alexander Russwurm, signed by the examiner. Continued from SP 26.

[SP 106                      Candidates attending Responsions. 1836-50 *recatalogued as UR 3/1/2/2*]

SP 107-110 are registers of declamations. From 1662, in addition to the requirements for the degree specified by the Laudian Statutes, candidates for the MA were required to deliver two declamations ('declamationes') in Latin. This requirement was abolished in 1809 following the implementation of the new statute governing determining bachelors. Arranged by date, they record the name and college of those performing declamations and the subject of the declamation.

SP 107                      Junior Proctor's book of declamations. 1723 - Nov 1736

This volume was received in the Archives in 1913 from St John's College where it had been found in 1901.

SP 108                      Junior Proctor's book of declamations. May 1736 - Mar 1768

Entries for the period May-November 1736 appear to have been copied from SP 107.

SP 109                      Junior Proctor's book of declamations. May 1768 - Mar 1797

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- SP 110 Junior Proctor's book of declamations. May 1797 - Jan 1809, with lists of determining bachelors, 1820-45. 1797-1845
- The volume is inscribed 'Liber Proc: Jun: Declamationes 1797-1809' and 'Ordo Determinantium 1820-1845'. It contains printed lists, pasted in, of those taking responsions and of determining bachelors continued from SP 111. These are continued in SP 17. The lists of declamations are handwritten and end in 1809 following the implementation of the new statute which changed the requirements for determining bachelors.
- SP 111 Register of determining bachelors. 1809-20
- Described in previous catalogues as 'Ordo Determ.', the register contains lists of determining bachelors giving their name, college and the dates of each of the two lectures which they were required to deliver. The statutes (Tit VI s2 c7) required determining bachelors to deliver two lectures in Latin prose. The lists are handwritten until 1819; the 1820 list of determining bachelors is printed and pasted in. Continued in SP 110.
- SP 112 Register of attendance at the lectures of determining bachelors. 1810 - Apr 1819
- The Examination Statute of 1807 (Tit VI s1 c6) required those studying for the BA to be present at least twice at the lectures of determining bachelors and for the attendance to be recorded in a register. The statute came into effect in Trinity Term 1809. Described in previous catalogues as 'Lect. Bacc. Determ.', the register is arranged by date giving name and college. It records whether the lecture is the first or second at which the attendee has been present, or, in a single entry, the dates of both lectures.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

SP 113

Register of those admitted to degrees. 1694-1736

Inscribed 'Register of all admitted to any degree 1694-1736', this is a list of all degrees conferred from 26 June 1694 and all degrees, apart from BAs, after Easter Term 1695. The lists are arranged by term, then by degree giving name, college and date.

This register was compiled for stamp duty requirements. It would appear that these were loose sheets which have been bound together in a volume. Stamps were affixed to the pages as evidence of payment of duty; next to each name is a 40 shilling stamp plus an additional stamp per sheet. Stamp duty was first imposed by an act of parliament of William and Mary (5 and 6 W&M cap XXI, 1694) which established stamp duties for four years from 28 June 1694 towards the carrying on of war against France. The act stipulated that for every register entry of any degree taken in the University, recorded on a skin or piece of vellum or parchment, the sum of 40 shillings was payable and was to be recorded on the sheet. This act was amended by a further act of William and Mary (6 and 7 W&M cap XII s2, 1694) in which the BA degree was exempted from the payment. The temporary nature of these provisions was extended by an act of William III (9 Will III cap XXV, 1697-8) which granted such stamp duties to the King, his heirs and successors, again exempting BAs (see LL Shadwell, *Enactments in Parliament*).

There are no stamps after 1704. The register includes a statement dated 26 May 1705 from the Commissioners appointed to implement the act to the effect that they give their licence to their Registrar to write in the volume without a stamp for each name. From 1714, the Commissioners' inspectors have signed the register at the end of each Trinity Term.

See MR 8/1/1 for parchment sheets, for stamp duty purposes, listing the names of those admitted to degrees, 1773 and 1787-97.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

SP 114-116 are registers of subscriptions of those being admitted to the degree of BA or to the status of Student of Civil Law (SCL). Each is inscribed 'Subscriptiones admittendorum ad publicam bibliothecam' and includes the printed text of the declaration for admittance. Under the Laudian Statutes (Tit IX s6 c1) those being presented for a degree had to swear an oath for admission to the Public Library (ie the Bodleian Library). In 1838 this was replaced by a subscription to the declaration.

The registers are arranged by date and the entries, written in the subscriber's own hand, give their name and college. Later BA subscriptions can be found in UR 4/1-2 and UR 4/7.

SP 114                      Register of subscriptions of those being admitted to the degree of BA.  
Oct 1838 - Dec 1871

SP 115                      Register of subscriptions of those being admitted to the degree of BA  
or to the status of Student of Civil Law. Feb 1872 - Jul 1896

The register is divided into three sections: BA, SCL and those incorporating.

SP 116                      Register of subscriptions of those being admitted to the degree of BA.  
Aug 1896 - Dec 1904

[SP 117                      Higher degree candidates' signatures. 1872-97 *recatalogued as*  
*UR 4/4/1*]



## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

SP 118-25 are registers of admissions to degrees compiled for stamp duty requirements, 1825-55. The registers are inscribed 'Appendix ad Regist. Congreg. Admissiones Art Bacc' etc as they were described in previous catalogues. They appear to be loose sheets which have been bound together in volumes. Stamps were affixed to the pages as evidence of payment of duty; next to each name is a stamp (£3 for BAs and £6 for all other degrees) plus an additional stamp per sheet. The registers are arranged by date giving the name and college of those admitted.

Stamp duty was first imposed by an act of parliament of William and Mary (5 and 6 W&M cap XXI, 1694) which established stamp duties for four years from 28 June 1694 towards the carrying on of war against France. The act stipulated that for every register entry of any degree taken in the University, recorded on a skin or piece of vellum or parchment, the sum of 40 shillings was payable and was to be recorded on the sheet. This act was amended by a further act of William and Mary (6 and 7 W&M cap XII s2, 1694) in which the BA degree was exempted from the payment. The temporary nature of these provisions was extended by an act of William III (9 Will III cap XXV, 1697-8) which granted such stamp duties to the King, his heirs and successors, again exempting BAs (see LL Shadwell, *Enactments in Parliament*).

In 1797 an act of George III (37 Geo III cap XC, 1797) repealed the exemption of BAs from the payment of stamp duty. All stamp duties payable on matriculations and admission to degrees (or a register entry of any such admission) were abolished in 1855 by an act of parliament of Victoria (18 and 19 Vict cap XXXVI).

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| SP 118 | Register of admissions to degrees of BA, 1825-31, and BMus, 1825-55. 1825-55 |
| SP 119 | Register of admissions to degree of BA. 1831-42                              |
| SP 120 | Register of admissions to degree of BA. 1842-52<br>Continued in SP 125.      |
| SP 121 | Register of admissions to degree of MA. 1825-30                              |
| SP 122 | Register of admissions to degree of MA. 1830-42                              |
| SP 123 | Register of admissions to degree of MA. 1842-52<br>Continued in SP 125.      |

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- SP 124                      Register of admissions to the degrees of DD, DCL, DM, DMus, BD, BCL, BM and incorporations. 1825-42
- According to a note by Philip Bliss, only those incorporating from Dublin were required to pay duty on incorporation; those incorporating from Cambridge had already paid duty on being initially admitted to their degree.
- SP 125                      Register of admissions to the degrees of DD, DCL, DM, DMus, BD, BCL, BM, 1842-5; with admissions to the degrees of MA, 1852-5, and BA, 1852-5. 1842-55
- BA admissions are continued from SP 120; MA admissions are continued from SP 123.
- SP 126-7 were compiled by Philip Bliss, Keeper of the Archives. A note in the front of each states that the volumes are his 'private property' and are to be given to his successor as Keeper of the Archives. The registers comprise: 1) an alphabetical list of wills in the Archives; and 2) lists of matriculations, 1615-47. The list of wills appears to include only those wills which then existed in the Archives as loose documents (ie excluding copies of wills in the Chancellor's Court registers). The volumes also include, loosely inserted, correspondence of Philip Bliss concerning enquiries he received as Keeper. See also AR 7 for Bliss's notes on wills in the Archives.
- SP 126                      List of wills in the Archives and list of matriculations, 1615-48. Vol 1, A-M. Compiled c 1830
- SP 127                      List of wills in the Archives and list of matriculations, 1615-48. Vol 2, N-Z. Compiled c 1830
- SP 128                      Notebook belonging to the Esquire Bedel of Law, inscribed 'Matriculations'. 1836-40
- Arranged by date of matriculation, the notebook records the name, college and status of matriculants as well as the fee collected by the Bedel. The volume was begun by TH Bobart and continued by his successor, William Miller.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

SP 129 Lists of members of the colleges. 1660

This is a bound collection of returns from each college with a note by Strickland Gibson giving the title 'Lists of the names of the members of every college in Oxford and of the college servants, 1660'. The returns are arranged in order of date of college foundation. According to *The History of the University of Oxford* vol IV *Seventeenth-Century Oxford*, edited by Nicholas Tyacke (1997) Chapter 1, 'University and Society', p35ff, the lists also note whether those listed had subscribed to the oaths of supremacy and uniformity established by the Restoration visitors. Formerly part of SP/C/13.

SP 130-6 are volumes of transcripts of matriculation registers 1565-1869. The transcripts were compiled by Colonel Joseph Lemuel Chester (1821-82) from entries in the original registers of matriculations and subscriptions in the Archives which he consulted here in 1865-6 and 1869-70. Chester copied out, sorted and relisted c95,000 entries. In the introduction to his *Alumni Oxonienses*, Joseph Foster (1844-1905) claims that Chester declined to print the transcripts even though Dr Griffiths, Keeper of the Archives, urged him to. George Edward Cokayne (1825-1911) helped Chester financially in his work and was appointed his literary executor.

Chester made two copies of the transcripts, one of which is known to have been acquired after his death by Joseph Foster. It appears that this was one of a number of various works of both Chester and Cokayne which had been acquired by Bernard Quaritch, London bookseller. Foster claims that Quaritch prevailed upon him to publish the matriculation registers.

Foster extended the transcripts to the end of 1886 and was given permission by the Keeper of the Archives to extract the names of those who had incorporated and received honorary degrees. He also transcribed existing published lists of degrees such as the *Catalogue of Graduates 1659-1850* and those in the *University Calendar*. These researches were then published in 1887 and 1891 as the *Alumni Oxonienses*, a register in both eight- and four-volume format of all known members of the University between 1500 and 1886.

One copy of the transcripts is known to have been sold at auction in London in 1885 as part of the library of Leonard Lawrie Hartley. The transcripts, Lot 2440 in the auction held on 12 June 1885, had been valued by Chester at £1800. The volumes had been sold to Hartley by Cokayne for £1500 (*Catalogue of the Library of Leonard Lawrie Hartley*, Bodleian Library shelfmark 2591 d.40).

These transcripts were purchased for the Archives at an auction held on 29 November 2011 (Lot 396) at Bloomsbury Auctions, London. They were one of a number of lots which had been the property of the late John Brooke-Little (1927-2006), herald.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

SP 130 includes, tipped in at the front, a letter from Cokayne to Foster, April 1887, concerning the survival of chronologically arranged lists of members. Cokayne explains that Chester cut up his lists, sorted them into alphabetical order, then stitched them together. From those strips, the transcripts were made and the strips probably destroyed. It also includes two explanatory prefaces signed by, although not in the hand of, Chester in 1869 and 1872 following his two periods of study in the Archives. The prefaces describe his methodology for this first volume of transcripts and how he dealt with the information in both the matriculation registers and the corresponding subscription registers. They also give an explanation of the abbreviations used in the volumes and describe and discuss each original matriculation register.

SP 130 is a transcript of the entries for 1564-81 in SP 1. The entries are arranged by college but appear to omit the list of privileged persons which also appears in SP 1. There is an index to colleges and halls and an alphabetical index of names.

SP 131-6 contain entries for 1581-1869 which are arranged both alphabetically and chronologically. They include entries for privileged persons. Each entry can include: surname, forename, year, month, day, father's name, father's rank, residence, county, age and college.

SP 130	1565 to 1580
SP 131	1581 to 1714 A to F
SP 132	1581 to 1714 G to O
SP 133	1581 to 1714 P to Z
SP 134	1715 to 1869 A to F
SP 135	1715 to 1869 G to O
SP 136	1715 to 1869 P to Z

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### INTRODUCTION TO DRAWERS IN SP

The drawers in South Press were first used by Bernard Gardiner (Keeper of the Archives 1703-26). As with the other drawers in the existing presses in the Lower Archive Room, each drawer was known at this time as a 'pyx'. A 'pyx' or 'pix' (plural: 'pixides') was a wooden box used in medieval archives for the storage of documents. It was usually small and rectangular and would have had a sliding lid on which an identification mark or brief description of the contents was written. Later, 'pixides' began to be stored in cupboards with a mark or description written on the front. The drawers in the presses of the Lower Archive Room are large versions of this sort of box (see 'Muniment rooms and their fittings in medieval and early modern England' by TH Aston in *Lordship and Learning: Studies in memory of Trevor Aston* (ed Ralph Evans, 2004) for a full description of a 'pyx'.

According to a note by Reginald Lane Poole (Keeper of the Archives 1909-27) in NEP/supra/54, Gardiner established drawers A, B and C but placed only a few documents in each. It was not until Benjamin Buckler's Keepership (1777-81) that more documents were added to these and drawers D and E were established. Buckler used drawers D and E to store documents of the 17th century which had been found amongst unsorted debris lying in two boxes in the Archives. Lane Poole began to fill drawer F, which had not yet been used by his time, with the remaining contents of these boxes.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/A

- SP/A/1                      Articles of agreement between 1) the University and 2) John Williams, John Baskett and Samuel Ashurst, stationers of London, giving them sole rights of printing books on the annexed schedule within the precincts of the University. 2 Jan 1711/12
- The term of the agreement was for 21 years. The consideration, £2000, was to go towards the 'new printing house', *ie* the University Press building (now the Clarendon Building).
- SP/A/2-3                    Abstract of the case for and against Magdalen College concerning the nomination of a principal for Magdalen Hall. *missing since 1777 according to the 'Repertorie of Charters', NEP/supra/54.*
- SP/A/4                      Lease for 40 years by the feoffees of the parish of St Mary the Virgin to the University of a house in that parish occupied by William Marsh, tailor. 27 Feb 1712/13
- Former references WPalpha/39 and 44. The property was near the new printing house (now the Clarendon Building).
- SP/A/5                      Lease for 1000 years by the feoffees of the parish of St Mary the Virgin to the University of a tenement known as the 'parish house' (adjoining the house of William Marsh, tailor). 28 Feb 1712/13
- Former reference SEP/19/17. See also SEP/19/1-26 and WPα/39/1-8 for documents relating to this site (also known as Marsh's tenement). The document includes a licence to pull down the property in order to build the new printing house.
- SP/A/6                      Contemporary copy of SP/A/17.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/A

SP/A/7-9 concern four exhibitions for scholars of divinity at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge which were established by the will of Sir James Lancaster. The scholarships, two at each university, were to be administered by the Skinners' Company of London.

- SP/A/7                      Copy will of Sir James Lancaster, 18 April 1618, with codicil of 9 June 1618. 1714
- SP/A/8                      Decree of the Lord Chancellor concerning Sir James Lancaster's exhibitioners, including the names of current scholars at the University of Oxford. 10 Jul 1713
- SP/A/9                      Account of yearly payments of four exhibitions established by bequest of Sir James Lancaster to poor scholars studying divinity at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, presented by the Skinners' Company to Chancery under decree of the Lord Chancellor of 20 June 1713, including a list of exhibitioners, 1697-1713. undated (1713)
- SP/A/10                     Lease for 21 years by John Montagu, Dean of Durham Cathedral, to the University of Henry Birkhead's land in Fulwell, Durham. 27 Jul 1714
- For further records concerning Henry Birkhead and his property in Fulwell, see SP/A/6, 14, 16-18.
- SP/A/11                     Catalogue of books belonging to Jacob Bobart the younger, Superintendent of the University Physic Garden, known as 'Bibliotheca Bobartiana'. 1720
- According to annotations made in 1818 by George Williams, Regius Professor of Botany, Bobart left these books to the Physic (now Botanic) Garden Library. The annotations also indicate those books which were still in the Library in 1818.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/A

SP/A/12                      Counterpart articles of agreement between 1) the University and 2) John Baskett, Samuel Ashurst and Robert Gosling, stationers of London, giving them sole rights of printing books on the annexed schedule within the precincts of the University and the use of half of the printing house. 28 Jun 1734

The term of the agreement was for 21 years. The printing house is the University Press building (now the Clarendon Building).

SP/A/13a-c concern a case in Chancery brought by Charles Aldrich, nephew of the late Dr Henry Aldrich, Dean of Christ Church, against William Stratford, DD, of Christ Church. Stratford was accused of stealing property of the late Dr Aldrich who had died in 1710. The University believed that the Chancellor's Court had the right to try the case *ie* it claimed cognisance (or conusance). The University presented the Lord Chancellor, Simon Harcourt, 1st Viscount Harcourt, with documents showing the precedents for this and he agreed. The papers here concern both the Aldrich/Stratford case as well as other cases which demonstrated precedents for the University's right of privilege to hold these cases in the Chancellor's Court.

Following this, Charles Aldrich was prosecuted in the Chancellor's Court for breach of privilege for suing William Stratford in Chancery (see Chancellor's Court case no 1713/22). He was banished and stripped of his privileges. In a subsequent case (Chancellor's Court case no 1715/28) he was granted absolution from banishment.

SP/A/13a                      Booklet of papers concerning the case between Charles Aldrich and William Stratford, including an account of events and texts of supporting documentation presented to the Lord Chancellor. undated (1713)



## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/A

SP/A/13b/1-44 Case papers and correspondence concerning the case between Charles Aldrich and William Stratford, 1712/13, with papers relating to precedents of cognisance and the University's privileges, 1728-1885. 1713-1885

Papers 1-40 concern the Aldrich/Stratford case and precedents of cognisance allowed by Chancery, 1712/13. Paper 41 is a solicitor's bill for services in claiming cognisance from Chancery in the cases of *Boote v Graham* and *Paternoster v Graham*, 1728. Paper 42 is a warrant from the Vice-Chancellor granting the Proctors and one of the Clerks of the Market the power to visit taverns in Oxford and to taste and examine the wine sold there, 1744. Paper 43 is a writ to the Judge of the Chancellor's Court not to take attorney Thomas Jepson Wagner into custody, or to release him if he is taken into custody, 2 Jun 1846. Paper 44 is the claim of cognisance of the University in the case of *Frederick Ginnett v George Napier Whittingham* (a case held in the High Court, Queens Bench), May 1885. See Chancellor's Court case no 1886/1. Some papers were formerly referenced WPβ/14 and WP/L/48.

SP/A/13c/1-24 Papers concerning claims of causes in equity allowed to the University chiefly concerning historical cases, since the time of Elizabeth I, but also including papers concerning the Aldrich/Stratford case of 1713. undated (c 1713)

According to a note on the wrapper written by RL Poole, Keeper of the Archives, these papers were removed from SP/B/8. They also include some papers formerly referenced WP/L/17 and WP/L/48.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/A

SP/A/14, 16-18 (and SP/A/6 and SP/A/10) concern Dr Henry Birkhead (1617-96) and his estate at Fulwell in the parish of Monkwearmouth, Durham. In his will, Henry Birkhead left property which he leased from the Dean and Chapter of Durham, plus land at Sutton Courtenay, Berkshire, to the University to be used to found a professorship of poetry. The bequest was not formally accepted by the University until 1708 owing to encumbrances on the estate and claims made on it by Birkhead's wife and others.

Henry Birkhead leased the land at Fulwell, formerly occupied by Thomas Lumley, from the Dean and Chapter of Durham. The lease was for a term of 21 years at an annual rent of £5 8s 6d. The lease document, dated 22 November 1679, does not survive in the Archives.

Under Birkhead's first will of 1688 (see SP/A/14a/2), his wife Jane Stevenson was the chief beneficiary. Stevenson and Henry Birkhead are supposed to have been married in 1677 but the only record of the marriage appears to be a note (see SP/A/14a/1) signed by John Andrewes, curate of St Pancras Church, Middlesex. The validity of this marriage is doubtful, particularly as John Andrewes is believed to have died two years earlier (according to his entry in Venn's *Alumni Cantabrigienses*). Jane Stevenson appears in the records here as both Stevenson and Birkhead but, for consistency, she is named Stevenson throughout the catalogue. Relations between Henry Birkhead and Jane Stevenson soured to the point that he issued a second will in 1693/4 (see SP/A/17) in which Jane Stevenson was left only one shilling. The remainder of his estate was left to his executors, Henry Guy and Mary Knight (or Geery).

Henry Birkhead appears to have incurred large debts. He had also lent much money and put up much as security for others (such as the former Dean of Durham Cathedral, Dennis Granville). When he died in 1696, money was still owed to creditors. Before his will could be implemented, the University had to deal with the claims of others, such as Bernard Granville and Jane Stevenson, to the estate. The executors renounced their executorships so that letters of administration could be obtained by the University for Birkhead's estate. In 1699 Bernard Granville, who had hindered the implementation of Birkhead's will, finally agreed to assign over to Simon Harcourt his interest in the land in trust for the University. An order was obtained for immediate possession of the house and lands. In June 1700, the Dean and Chapter of Durham leased the land at Fulwell to the University for a term of 21 years (see SP/A/16b).

The University sold the land at Sutton Courtenay in 1697 (see SP/A/18a).

See also WPα/27/1-5.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/A

- SP/A/14a/1 Note written by John Andrewes, curate of St Pancras' parish church, Middlesex, certifying that he married Henry Birkhead and Jane Stevenson in the church on 6 May 1677. 1677
- SP/A/14a/2 Copy will of Henry Birkhead. 30 Oct 1688  
This was replaced by a later will of 17 March 1693/4 (see SP/A/6 and SP/A/17).
- SP/A/14a/3 Contemporary copy of SP/A/14b/3.
- SP/A/14a/4 Letter of Henry Birkhead to Bernard Granville, 1690, with three letters of Birkhead to his wife, Jane, 1691-3. 1690-3
- SP/A/14a/5 Assignment of the lease by Henry Birkhead to Richard Meredith of London of his land in Fulwell for the remainder of the 21 year term of the lease of 1679. 23 Dec 1693
- SP/A/14a/6 Contemporary copy of SP/A/14a/5.
- SP/A/14a/7 Note concerning the terms of the six-year lease by Henry Birkhead of his farm at Fulwell to Richard Martin. 31 Dec 1700
- SP/A/14a/8 Copy lease by the University to Jeremiah Abbs of Monkwearmouth of a farm at Fulwell for a term of 15 years. 4 Jun 1743
- SP/A/14a/9 Three letters of Simon Harcourt to the Vice-Chancellor concerning Bernard Granville and land at Fulwell. May 1699 - Jan 1699/1700

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/A

- SP/A/14b/1      Licence to alienate by John Sudbury, Dean of Durham Cathedral, to Henry Birkhead concerning land at Fulwell. 10 Mar 1679/80
- This document gave Birkhead the right to assign his lease of land at Fulwell to another during the 21 year term of that lease. This had been prohibited by the original lease document of 1679.
- SP/A/14b/2      Five receipts of Henry Birkhead and Jane Stevenson concerning moneys paid in rent on land and interest. 1684-90
- SP/A/14b/3      Assignment by Henry Birkhead to Bernard Granville of Westminster of the remainder of the 21 year term of the lease of 1679 of his land in Fulwell. 30 Jun 1692
- See SP/A/14a/3 for a contemporary copy. The consideration was £1000, payable by Granville to Birkhead.
- SP/A/14b/4      Counterpart of mortgage between 1) Henry Birkhead; 2) James Heriott, goldsmith of Fleet Street, London; and 3) Richard Meredith of London concerning land at Sutton Courtenay, Berkshire. 23 Dec 1693
- SP/A/14b/5      Bond of Henry Birkhead to Jane Stevenson and bond of Bernard Granville to Jane Stevenson, 1695; with notes of moneys received under this and subsequent bonds, 1695 and 1699. 1695 and 1699
- SP/A/14b/6      Assignment of the lease of Henry Birkhead's land in Fulwell in trust for the University between 1) Henry Guy and Mary Knight or Geery, executors of Henry Birkhead; 2) the University; and 3) Benjamin Cowper and John Brooks. 1 Dec 1696
- Henry Birkhead's executors assigned the lease to Benjamin Cowper and John Brooks, for a consideration of 10 shillings, in trust for the University.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/A

- SP/A/14b/7            ‘Assignment of a judgement’ by Richard Meredith to William Sherwin between 1) Richard Meredith; 2) James Heriott; 3) the University; and 4) William Sherwin, one of the bedels of the University. 18 Jan 1697/8
- A judgement made in the Court of Common Pleas was obtained by Richard Meredith against Henry Birkhead for £900 owed to him in c1696. The judgement was in Meredith’s favour and stated that he should be paid all money owed to him and be free from further costs. This document transfers the benefit and advantage obtained in the judgement to William Sherwin.
- SP/A/14b/8            Two letters of Jane Stevenson concerning her rights to the estate of Henry Birkhead. Sep 1699
- SP/A/14b/9            Answers of Bernard Granville to the University’s bill of complaint. 1699
- SP/A/14b/10           Assignment by Bernard Granville to Simon Harcourt in trust for the University, of the remainder of the 21 year term of the lease of 1679 of Henry Birkhead’s land in Fulwell. 27 Jan 1699/1700
- SP/A/14b/11           Part of a letter (written at Durham between unidentified correspondents) concerning Bernard Granville’s property in Fulwell. 5 Mar 1699/1700
- SP/A/15                Deed of gift by Robert Lowth, Bishop of Oxford, to the University of the copyright of his book, *De sacra poesi Hebraeorum*. 2 Oct 1775

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/A

- SP/A/16a            Assignment of the lease of Henry Birkhead's land in Fulwell between 1) Richard Meredith; 2) James Heriott; 3) the University and John Brooks, administrator of Henry Birkhead; and 4) William Sherwin, bedel of the University. 18 Jan 1697/8
- The lease was assigned to William Sherwin for the remainder of the 21 year term of the lease of 1679.
- SP/A/16b            Lease for 21 years by the Dean and Chapter of Durham to the University of land in Fulwell. 15 Jun 1700
- SP/A/17            Copy will of Henry Birkhead, 17 Mar 1693/4, with codicil (notice of administration) dated 1 Dec 1696. 1696
- A copy of this can be found at SP/A/6. See SP/A/14a/2 for will of 30 October 1688 which this will replaced. See also SP/A/10, 14, 16 and 18.
- SP/A/18a            Conveyance of land at Sutton Courtenay formerly belonging to Henry Birkhead between 1) Benjamin Cooper and John Brooks; 2) the University; and 3) Thomas Prince. 19 Jan 1697/8
- SP/A/18b            Lease for 8 years by Henry Birkhead to Andrew White and James Billingsley of land at Sutton Courtenay, Berkshire. 2 Aug 1672
- SP/A/19            Draft case of the University to the House of Lords regarding the appeal by William Richardson, John Richardson and James Richardson concerning the University's privileges relating to printing. 1803
- SP/A/20            Abstracts of charters concerning cognisance in the Chancellor's Court written by John Wallis. undated (late 17th cent)

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/B

SP/B/1-2 and SP/B/27-8 concern the bequest of Sir Christopher Parkins to the University of an annuity of £25 to supplement the stipend of the Regius Professor of Divinity. In his will of 1620 Sir Christopher Parkins left a rent-charge to the University on his property in Cannon Row, Westminster, to begin after his wife Anne died. He bequeathed the property to his servant, Anthony Bright, who then conveyed it to Alexander Brett and Henry Brett, sons of Anne Parkins. They conveyed the property, along with the rent-charge and arrears which had accrued, to Sir William Wheeler in 1649 (see indenture at SP/B/28). Wheeler refused to pay the annuity, and the arrears, and the University placed a bill before Chancery in 1657 demanding payment. Wheeler was ordered to pay what was due to the University but he refused, claiming that he had not known of the rent-charge on the property when he bought it. Chancery issued a decree in 1662 (see SP/B/27 for exemplification of the decree) ratifying its order to Wheeler to pay both the accrued arrears and the annuity.

In 1685 the University again placed a bill of complaint before Chancery demanding payment of the annuity from Charles Wheeler, successor to Sir William Wheeler. Chancery issued a decree (see SP/B/1) ordering Wheeler to pay what he owed. In 1697 the property burnt down resulting in a loss of income from it. In 1702 George Wheeler put a bill before Chancery against the University and William Jane, Regius Professor of Divinity. His complaint was that they had not agreed to certain articles requiring the University to lower the rent-charge. He claimed that as he was to rebuild the house at his own expense, at a cost of £500, the annuity should be reduced to £10 for the next 50 years (beginning in 1703). The University was required to accept the lower annuity until 1753 after which it was to revert to £25. By 1768, the Regius Professor of Divinity, Edward Bentham, was pursuing Grenville Wheeler, then owner of the property, for arrears owing.

SP/B/1                      Decree in Court of Chancery against Charles Wheeler for the payment of £25 per annum to the Regius Professor of Divinity. 21 Nov 1685

SP/B/2                      Correspondence and other papers of Edward Bentham, Regius Professor of Divinity, concerning the payment of the annuity under the will of Sir Christopher Parkins, 1768-9; with correspondence and other papers of John Wallis concerning the annuity, Nov 1661-Jan 1661/2. 1661-1769

Former reference SEP/M/14. A note by Benjamin Buckler, Keeper of the Archives, states that he added the papers of John Wallis to Bentham's papers in 1778.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/B

SP/B/3a Printed 'Act for confirming and rendering more effectual certain Letters Patent of James I for annexing a canonry and several rectories to the Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Oxford ... etc'. 1712

This Act (10 Anne cap 45) made amendments to the letters patent of James I of 26 August 1605 concerning professorships in Divinity at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. At Oxford, the Act concerned the canonry at Christ Church and rectory at Ewelme. Former reference WPβ/12.

SP/B/3b Manuscript copy of SP/B/3a (parchment roll). 1712

SP/B/4 Deed relating to the new settlement, under the Commonwealth, of the stipends of the Professors of Law and Physick [*ie* the Regius Professors of Civil Law and Medicine]. 8 Feb 1651/2.

[SP/B/5 recatalogued as UD 27-8]

[SP/B/6 recatalogued as SEP/Z/9]

SP/B/7 Draft of an Act of Parliament for vesting the copyright of books in authors or their assigns. undated (18th cent)

This Act was intended to repeal the 1710 Statute of Anne (8 Anne cap 19). It appears never to have been enacted.

[SP/B/8 recatalogued as SP/A/13c]



## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/B

SP/B/9 Copy of an exemplification of depositions for common for all manner of cattle (1558-1603) concerning enclosure of common land near Horton, Studley, Stanton, Worminghall, Brill and Oakley etc. undated (early 17th cent)

A note in John Wallis' *Repertorie of Charters* (NEP/supra/54) states that this document was placed in the Archives at the request of John Crooke. This may be Sir John Croke (or Crooke), 1553x1556-1620, judge and speaker of the House of Commons who lived at Studley Priory and who is mentioned in the document.

SP/B/10a-b Drafts of Acts of Parliament concerning the University charter of 1636 and the liberties and privileges of the University, chiefly concerning alehouses and taverns. undated (c1678-9)

[SP/B/11 recatalogued as SEP/Z/7a]

[SP/B/12 recatalogued as SEP/Z/12]

SP/B/13 Copy of a bill of complaint brought in the Court of Chancery by the University against the executors of John Cross, founder of Ampthill Hospital. 5 Jul 1700

See also MR 4 for records of the Ampthill Hospital.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/B

SP/B/14a-c concern Sir Thomas Bodley's estate at Cookham, Berkshire, which he gave to the University to endow the library. SP/B/14d appears unrelated and may have been placed with these documents in error.

SP/B/14a                      One part of a tripartite indenture between 1) Sir Thomas Bodley, 2) the University, and 3) John King, Dean of Christ Church, and Antony Blincow, Provost of Oriel, concerning the endowment of the Public Library. 20 Apr 1609

This part is Thomas Bodley's copy and was originally sealed by the University, Antony Blincow and John King. The seal of Antony Blincow is the only extant seal. Grisaille decorated top border. See Long Box 11/1-2 for the other two parts of this tripartite indenture.

By this indenture, Thomas Bodley conveyed his estate at Cookham to the University in order to provide, financially, for the maintenance and improvement of the Library which he had recently refounded. The text of this document is printed in WD Macray, *Annals of the Bodleian Library*, pp412-18.

SP/B/14b                      Terrier of land in Cookham, Bray and Bisham, Berkshire, belonging to the University. 14 Jul 1680

SP/B/14c                      Lease by Sir Thomas Bodley to Christopher Smith of his estate at Cookham, Berkshire. 10 Mar 1608/9

SP/B/14d                      Legal release by John Hunsdun to John Croney. 4 Apr 1660

This document is unrelated to SP/B/14a-c. It appears, from a list of documents on the reverse, to have been used at some point as a wrapper for other documents including the lease in SP/B/14c.

The document may relate to a dispute between the University and a John Hunsdun in 1659-60 concerning tallow seized by the Clerks of the Market. According to Vice-Chancellor's accounts (WPβ/21/4, accounts for 1659-60), £10 was lent to Hunsdun upon a bond by order of the delegates appointed by Convocation to consider matters between the University and the city.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/B

[SP/B/15            recatalogued as SEP/Z/11]

[SP/B/16            recatalogued as SEP/Z/17]

[SP/B/17a-b        recatalogued as SEP/Z/27a-b]

[SP/B/18-26        recatalogued as SEP/Z/18-26]

SP/B/27            Exemplification of a decree in Chancery concerning Sir William Wheeler's non-payment of the annuity for the Regius Professor of Divinity under the will of Sir Christopher Parkins. 1662

Grisaille portrait initial and decorated top border. Former reference Long Box 26. See also SP/B/1-2 and SP/B/28.

SP/B/28            Papers concerning the case in Chancery of the University versus Sir William Wheeler relating to payments to the Regius Professor of Divinity from property at Cannon Row, Westminster, undated and 1661-2; with a letter of 1747; and an indenture of 1649. 1649-1747

This bundles contains 25 items. Items 1-23 include a copy of the will of 1620 of Sir Christopher Parkins and depositions and other papers concerning the examination of witnesses. Item 24 is a letter of 1747 to the Vice-Chancellor from the Commissioners for Building a Bridge at Westminster. The property at Cannon Row (along with other properties of Sir Granville Wheeler) was to be purchased by the Commissioners and pulled down to make way for the new bridge. The letter seeks the University's consent for changes to be made to the rent-charges on all three of Wheeler's properties there. Item 25 is a release, dated 12 Dec 1649 (in poor condition), transferring the property from Henry and Alexander Brett to Sir William Wheeler. See also SP/B/1-2 and SP/B/27.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/C

- SP/C/1 Printed pamphlet entitled 'The Privileges of the University of Oxford in point of visitation etc' by J Fell. 1647
- See also Cordeaux and Merry, *A Bibliography of Printed Works relating to the University of Oxford*, 1535.
- [SP/C/2-4a recatalogued as NEP/supra/21-3]
- SP/C/4b Printed 'Act against unlicensed and scandalous books and pamphlets and for better regulating of printing', 20 September 1649; bound with 'An Act for reviving of a former Act' (*ie* the Act of 20 September 1649), 7 January 1652/3. 1649 and 1652/3
- SP/C/5 Rolled lists of those voting for candidates in the election of members of Parliament for the University held on 21 March 1721/2; with lists of the numbers of votes received by the three candidates: William Bromley, George Clarke and William King. 1722
- There are two interleaved documents concerning the proposed publication of these lists. The lists were published as *A true copy of the poll for Members of Parliament for the University of Oxford, taken March the 21st 1721. Digested into an alphabetical order* (Oxford, 1722).
- SP/C/6 Essay concerning the qualifications of an elector in the election of University burgesses. 1722
- The author of the essay is unknown. The essay concerns the election of members of Parliament for the University held on 21 March 1721/2.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/C

- SP/C/7                      Copies of documents and notes concerning the case of Rex v Bishop of Chester, held at the Lancaster Assizes, relating to Lambeth degrees. 1722
- Lambeth degrees are degrees conferred by the Archbishop of Canterbury.
- [SP/C/8                      recatalogued as NW 15/1a]
- SP/C/9                      Copies of documents and notes relating to the case of the University versus Christ Church concerning sermons given by canons of Christ Church at St Mary's Church. Mar 1673/4
- A note by John Wallis, Keeper of the Archives, states that these documents were given to him by the Bishop of Lincoln, Dr Thomas Barlow, in 1677. The case concerned the Dean and canons of Christ Church and whether they could preach only at Christ Church or also at St Mary's Church.
- SP/C/10a-e                  Deeds relating to Richard Rawlinson's endowment of the Professorship of Anglo-Saxon. *Missing at least since Aug 1886 according to the 'Repertorie of Charters', NEP/supra/54.*
- SP/C/11                      Grant by Henrietta Louisa, Countess of Pomfret, to the University of the Pomfret collection of statues etc. 10 Mar 1755
- Grisaille decorated side borders.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/C

SP/C/12a-b concern Oliver Cromwell's proposed college at Durham. The college was established by letters patent of Cromwell in 1657, the original of which is held by Durham University Library. The University objected to the college, which it saw as a prospective rival and an assault on its privileges, and lobbied to forestall its creation. The Vice-Chancellor's accounts for 1658-9 (WPβ/21/4, p305) record a payment of £16 made to Daniel Greenwood, Principal of Brasenose, and John Wallis, Keeper of the Archives, for their journey to London for 'preventing the erecting of a university at Durham'. When Richard Cromwell succeeded his father as Lord Protector and Chancellor of the University in July 1657 he allowed the project to lay dormant. The college ceased to exist in 1660.

The copies of the documents at SP/C/12a-b were made in c1658-9. The Vice-Chancellor's accounts for 1658-9 record a payment of £2 10 shillings to clerks for the copying of the two patents and other documents (WPβ/21/4, p305). They also record a payment of £2 to a Mr Fidoe for writing four copies of the University's 'petition and reasons against erecting an universitie at Durham'. This petition was presented to Convocation at its meeting of 12 April 1659 and the text of it can be found copied into the register of Convocation at NEP/supra/Reg T, pp339-42.

- SP/C/12a                      Copy of letters patent of Oliver Cromwell of 15 May 1657 establishing a college at Durham. undated (c1657)
- SP/C/12b                      Copy of letters patent of Richard Cromwell (undated) for a grant to the college at Durham established by Oliver Cromwell. undated (c1658)
- [SP/C/13                      recatalogued as SP 129 and SP 62a]
- SP/C/14                      Correspondence and other papers concerning the case brought in Star Chamber by John Smith, Chandler of Oxford, against the University. 1584-92

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/C

SP/C/15 Minutes of a meeting of Convocation of 5 May 1400. 1400

The minutes concern the election of Philip Repyndon as Chancellor. Printed in *Statuta Antiqua Universitatis Oxoniensis*, pp189-91.

A note by John Wallis, Keeper of the Archives, states that this document was given to him by a Dr Crowder on 25 March 1674 who found it 'amongst papers in the church at Worcester'. This may be Dr Joseph Crowther (or Crouther), rector of Tredington, Worcestershire, and prebend of Worcester.

SP/C/16 Account of stock bought with proceeds from the endowment of Richard Rawlinson. 1773-94

Richard Rawlinson, DCL, founded, in his will, a professorship of Anglo-Saxon. Rawlinson died in 1755 but the endowment did not take effect until 1795.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/D

SP/D/1

27 papers relating to printing and the Press. undated (17th century)

A note made by Reginald Lane Poole, Keeper of the Archives, on the now-discarded 20th century packaging stated that originally the bundle comprised 17 papers to which a further ten papers were added at an unspecified later date.

The papers concern the University's defence of its printing privileges, the University printers and relations with the Stationers' Company. They include copies of extracts from charters, historical notes on the University's right to print and on relations with the stationers made by Gerard Langbaine and John Wallis, Keepers of the Archives; copies of texts of agreements made with stationers and of stationers' licences and grants to print certain books; and petitions to the Vice-Chancellor and to Thomas Yate, Principal of Brasenose College, from the University printers concerning the stationers and the privilege of printing.

The papers also include (Paper 19) the letter of the Chancellor, William Laud, of 22 Mar 1632/3, concerning the privilege of printing and the charter of 13 March 1632/3. The original charter of 13 March 1632/3 is at Long Box 15/2. See also SEP/P.

SP/D/2

20 papers relating to the case in Chancery between the King's Printers and the University concerning printing; in particular, the printing of bibles. 1684

In 1684, Henry Hill, Thomas Newcomb and Charles Garret, the King's Printers, placed a bill of complaint before Chancery against the University, Peter Parker and Thomas Guy, University printers. The papers include a copy of the Chancery bill of 22 March 1683/4 with the University's response and correspondence of and notes by John Wallis, Keeper of the Archives, concerning the University's right to print, historical accounts of the University's dealings with the King's Printers, and the present situation regarding printing in Oxford. See also SEP/P.



## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/D

SP/D/3

21 papers relating to the 'Quo Warranto' issued by Henry Hills, Master of the Stationers' Company, against the University concerning its right to print. 1688

A 'quo warranto' is a writ requiring the person to whom it is directed to show what authority they have for exercising some right or power which they claim to have. Henry Hills sent a petition to the King (Paper 12) against the University, Peter Parker and Thomas Guy, which was read in Privy Council, stating that there were too many presses at Oxford.

The papers include a copy of the allegations made against the University as well as answers to them by John Wallis, Keeper of the Archives. They also include a draft petition to the King and copy letters of John Wallis including correspondence with Henry Hyde, Earl of Clarendon. See also SEP/P.

[SP/D/4

recatalogued as SEP/P/17b/4]

SP/D/5

43 papers concerning taxation. 17th century

Before 1942 there were 29 papers in this bundle. In February 1942, eleven papers which had been removed from the Archives many years previously were returned by the University Solicitor and placed within this bundle. A further three papers have since been added.

The papers concern the University's privilege of taxation and its defence of it against the claims of the town. Subjects include assessments, subsidies (taxes levied on imports and exports), taxation of lodgings; taxation for military purposes, 1643-75, and the taxation, by both town and University, of privileged persons (*eg* Richard Prickett, a privileged barber, 1628). They chiefly include historical notes and extracts from University and other records made by Brian Twyne and John Wallis, Keepers of the Archives as evidence of precedents.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/D

SP/D/5

43 papers concerning taxation. 17th century *contd*

The papers also include: 17th century copies of 14th and 16th century agreements between Merton, University and Magdalen Colleges and the town concerning exemption from subsidies and from fifteenths and tenths (Papers 3-6), undated; 17th century copies of an 'inquisitio ad quod damnum' concerning Bedel Hall of 1294 (Papers 28-31) undated; papers concerning the proposed new charter for the town and the University's response to it, in particular its effects on University privileges, including notes on the University's powers to make bylaws over the town and historical issues between the town and the University (Papers 9-10 and 14), 1618; papers concerning taxation for Colonel John Knightly's proposed regiment of bowmen recruited from among scholars (Paper 36), 1643 [see also SP/F/40/41]; papers concerning the case in the Court of Common Pleas between William Hopkins, a privileged person, and Robert Ives (Paper 23), 1674, which include a 17th century copy of the submission of the mayor, bailiffs and citizens of Oxford of 1355 concerning the St scholastica's day riot (Paper 20); and a copy of the University's petition to Charles I concerning taxation and the privileges of its members, with the King's answer, (Paper 22), July 1643.

SP/D/6

54 papers relating to the tavern set up by the Commissioners for Wine-licences and put down by the Vice Chancellor. 1673-6

This concerns the application of William Stirke (or Sturk) to the Commissioners of Wine-licences for a licence to trade wine in Oxford. The University opposed the tavern being set up as it contravened its privileges and brought a case against Stirke in the Chancellor's Court (case number 1674/82) for 'contempt of jurisdiction' (*ie* trading without a licence).

The papers also relate to general licensing of taverns in Oxford. They include correspondence and other papers of John Wallis. See also WPβ/R/8a/1.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/D

SP/D/7

48 papers of John King, Dean of Christ Church, relating to discommoning, the case of Richard Painter, and other conflicts with the town. c1608-12

A note with the papers states that they were received by John Wallis, Keeper of the Archives, from John Fell, Dean of Christ Church, on 13 March 1685/6. To these have been added later (apparently by Dr Gardiner, Keeper of the Archives, 1703-26) two papers formerly referenced WP $\alpha$ /40 and 41 - these are now papers 45 and 46.

The papers chiefly comprise correspondence of John King and related papers. They include correspondence with senior town officials such as Thomas Wentworth, City Recorder, and Thomas Harris, Mayor.

Richard Painter, a bailiff of Oxford, was tried in the Chancellor's Court (case number 1609/44) for breach of the peace and violation of the University's privileges as regards the nightwatch. Painter and another bailiff, John Smith, were found doing the nightwatch (a University privilege) and charged with noctivagation, fined and imprisoned. Papers include letters from Painter and papers concerning the proceedings in Kings Bench, 1609. See also WP $\beta$ /L/2a.

Discommoning was the University punishment which deprived its subjects of all trade or other contacts with scholars and privileged persons. The papers include notes of proceedings in Convocation, where discommonings were usually declared. They chiefly concern the dispute with the masons' company, 1609, and the case brought by the company and the town against a privileged slater, Pearson, who had been imprisoned by the town. The papers include petitions from masons and joiners seeking admission to the University. They also refer to specific cases of discommoning such as that of Thomas Bird, 1609-10.

Other conflicts with the town include the imprisonment of privileged persons by the city and the proposed city charter, instigated by Ralph Radcliffe, which was seen to threaten the University's privileges.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/D

SP/D/8                      19 papers concerning the case in the Chancellor's Court between John Reston and Henry Marman. 1611-12

In 1610 John Reston of Culham brought a case of debt against Henry Marman of Stanton (case number 1610/3). The papers include appeals by Marman to Congregation following the conclusion of the case.

SP/D/9                      30 papers concerning the settling of precedence between the University and the City. 1702-3

The papers concern the settling of a dispute between the University and the city relating to precedence in processions attending a royal visit. This followed a disturbance with the town over precedence at the visit of Queen Anne to Oxford on 26 August 1702. Four citizens of Oxford who were considered to have ignored precedence were discommoded by decree of Convocation for their role in the disturbance. The documents include schemes drawn up for future order of precedence. These documents were originally folded and stored in a leather bag (see SP/D/9A).

SP/D/9A                     Leather bag in which the papers in SP/D/9 were originally stored. undated

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/D

SP/D/10                      Copies of the will of Sir Thomas Gresham of 4 July 1575 and of the document of 1 April 1581 establishing the endowment for his lectures. undated (16-17th cent)

The will of Thomas Gresham made provision for the foundation of seven public lectures and the establishment of Gresham College in Gresham's house in Bishopsgate Street, London. The provisions of the will came into force in 1597 following the death of his wife. The City of London was to appoint the lecturers in divinity, astronomy, geometry and music; the Mercers' Company was to appoint the lecturers in law, physic and rhetoric.

In January 1596/7 both the City of London and the Mercers' Company wrote to the University, having also written to Cambridge, asking it to nominate two persons in each of the faculties. A committee of Convocation was appointed to draw up a list of nominees. Convocation agreed to the nominations at its meeting of 15 February and directed the Public Orator to write in reply to both (see Clark, *Register of the University of Oxford* (Oxford Historical Society, 10, 1887), vol II, part 1, p.232-3).

[SP/D/11                      recatalogued as NEP/supra/49-50]

[SP/D/12                      recatalogued as SP/F/20]

SP/D/13                      Extract from the will of Lord Godolphin of 7 February 1784 concerning his gift of £5000 to the University for printing etc. undated (18th cent)

SP/D/14                      Extract from the will of Charles Godwin of 20 February 1770 concerning his gift of coins and books to the University; with a note concerning the appointment of administrators, 12 Dec 1770. undated (c18th cent)

[SP/D/15-16                      recatalogued as WPβ/3]

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/D

[SP/D/17                    recatalogued as SP/7]

SP/D/18                    Four printed draft articles of agreement concerning the printing of  
bibles etc, some annotated. 1811, 1817, 1818, 1841

1. Articles of agreement between the University and Thomas Bensley  
of London, Joshua Cooke of Oxford, Samuel Collingwood of London,  
Edward Gardiner of London and Joseph Parker of Oxford, printers.  
21 June 1811

2. Articles of agreement between the University and Joshua Cooke of  
Oxford, Samuel Collingwood of Oxford, Joseph Parker of Oxford and  
Edward Gardiner of London, printers. 1817

3. Articles of agreement between the University and Joshua Cooke of  
Oxford, Samuel Collingwood of Oxford, Joseph Parker of Oxford and  
Edward Gardiner of London, printers. 1818

4. Articles of agreement between the University and Joseph Parker of  
Oxford, Edward Gardiner of London, John Collingwood of Oxford  
and Thomas Coombe of Oxford, printers. 1841

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/E

- SP/E/1/1            Order of Parliament for the burning, in the universities and in London, of two books by Dr John Pocklington: *Altare Christianum* and *Sunday no sabbath*. 10 Mar 1640/1
- SP/E/1/2            Copy of a letter from Convocation to the House of Commons concerning cathedral churches. 24 Apr 1641
- SP/E/1/3            Copies of a letter from Convocation to the King and House of Lords concerning cathedral churches. 24 Apr 1641
- SP/E/1/4            Letter of Charles I to the Vice-Chancellor concerning the publication of both his and Parliament's declarations. 1 Jul 1642
- SP/E/1/5            Letter of Charles I to the Vice-Chancellor concerning his thanks for the recent loan and his protection of the University. 18 Jul 1642
- See also SP/F/40 for papers concerning loans to the King.
- SP/E/1/6            Letter of Charles I to the Commissioners of Array in Oxfordshire concerning their protection of the University. 18 Jul 1642
- SP/E/1/7            Letter of Charles I to the Mayor of Oxford concerning his protection of the University. 22 Jul 1642
- SP/E/1/8            Letter of Charles I to the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire concerning his protection of the University. 22 Jul 1642

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/E

SP/E/2

20 papers relating to disputes with the city. 1635-61

These papers concern the University's disputes with the city of Oxford over its privileges. The papers concern the city's grievances about the annual Mayoral oath, the St Scholastica's Day ceremony, the fee-farm, the University's licensing of alehouses, claims to the title of Portmeadow, court leet jurisdiction, the nightwatch, the right to felons' goods, market tolls and assessment for taxation. See also SP/E/9 and SP/E/15.

The papers include petitions, historical notes and extracts from University charters and registers and from archives held elsewhere; plus historical notes setting out precedents and relevant historical events as evidence.

Papers 11-13 concern the conference at Lambeth in April 1636 before Archbishop Laud between representatives of the University and the City to debate the issues under dispute. They include the judgement of Justice William Jones following the conference. The papers also include (Paper 16) the commission of Lord Falkland, Lord Lieutenant, to the city to provide the nightwatch, 1660/1; and (Paper 20) the University's answer to the city's petition which was printed as *A defence of the rights and privileges of the University of Oxford*, June 1649.

SP/E/3/1

Notice of an election by New College of John Beesley as Public Lecturer; with a note by the Vice-Chancellor, Christopher Potter, concerning the lack of notice he had received about the election. 21 Jul 1641

SP/E/3/2

Declaration by Heads of Houses concerning the antiquity and lack of use of the statute of 'Cancellarius natus'. 5 Jul 1641

SP/E/3/3

Copy letter of the Chancellor, Robert Dudley Earl of Leicester, concerning the neglect of University exercises and the abuse of dispensations. 19 Jul 1584

Printed in *Statuta Antiqua Universitatis Oxoniensis*, pp431-4.



## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/E

- SP/E/3/4 Copy of a statement of the delegates appointed to consider Mr Rashleigh's proposal for digging for coal in Swindon; with, on reverse, a note concerning the subscription of New College to the proposal. undated (c1660)
- SP/E/3/5 Opinions of the delegates appointed by Convocation to organise the entertainment for the visit to the University of the Polish Count Palatine Albertus (de) Alasco concerning the debt incurred by Christ Church and New College in respect of the entertainment. 5 Jan 1583/4
- See NEP/supra/Reg L, fol 234v for a note of the appointment of the delegates. See WPβ/S/1a/1\* for two accounts of receipts and expenses for the visit. The visit is described in Anthony Wood's *History and Antiquities of the University of Oxford*, ed J Gutch (1796), vol II, pp215-218. See also AL Poole's article in the *Oxford Magazine*, vol xxx, 16 Nov 1911.
- SP/E/3/6 Copy of text of documents concerning the election and deprivation of John Berkenhead as Professor of Moral Philosophy, 1643, with a note of an order of the Committee for Plundered Ministers for the sequestration of his estate, 15 August 1644. 1643-4
- Berkenhead was deprived of the Professorship because of his editing of *Mercurius Aulicus*, a royalist weekly newspaper deemed to be a 'scandalous pamphlet'. See also SP/F/24.
- SP/E/3/7 Letter of the professors of the University of Utrecht to the members of the Theology Faculty concerning the gift and sale of canonries. 1 Feb 1660/1.
- SP/E/3/8 'Narratio facti' submitted by the professors of the University of Utrecht accompanying their letter of SP/E/3/7. undated (c1660/1)

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/E

SP/E/3/9-11 concern the supplementation of the revenues of heads of houses. The revenues of certain heads of houses had been augmented by money from the Parliamentary Commissioners for the Public Revenue. These papers concern the augmentation of these headships by the Crown following the Restoration.

SP/E/3/9                      Note concerning the augmentation of headships. undated (c1660)

SP/E/3/10                    A list of headships in need of augmentation at 26 July 1649, giving their value, transcribed from the Register of the Visitors of the University (p261-2) on 14 August 1660. 1660

The Register of the Visitors of the University is in the Bodleian Library (shelfmark: MS. e Mus. 77). It has been published as the *Register of the Visitors of the University of Oxford 1647 to 1658*, ed. M Burrows (Camden Society, 1881).

SP/E/3/11                    Estimate of yearly value of certain headships with details of their augmentation of 1651. undated

SP/E/4                        Papers relating to the parliamentary visitation and to general University business, including disputes with the city. 1640-60

These papers concern the three parliamentary visitations of the University which took place between 1647 and 1658. The papers include petitions from the University to the Visitors; notes concerning ordinances of the Visitors; accounts of proceedings in Convocation; and copies of documents and lists, drawn up by Gerard Langbaine, of relevant documents in the Archives. The papers concern the Visitors' attempts to reform the University and to address what they saw as debauched behaviour (see Papers 41-50, 53-8 and 61-70). They include (Papers 88 and 102b) proposals for outlawing 'entertainments' after examinations.

The papers also concern disputes between the University and the city concerning privileges such as rents and rent arrears, the bearing of arms, nightwatch, the celebration of mass and the licensing of alehouses.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/E

SP/E/4

Papers relating to the parliamentary visitation and to general University business, including disputes with the city. 1640-60 *contd*

The papers also include statements of grievances of the city concerning University privileges, notes of the University's answer to the city; letter to John Selden, lawyer and University MP, asking for his help against the townsmen, 1649 (Paper 33); petitions of the city *eg* to Oliver Cromwell 1654 (Paper 59); and the printed *The Humble Petition of the Major etc to the Supreme Authority of the Nation*, 1649 (Paper 40). See also SP/F/26-7.

The papers also concern: the removal and return of documents from the Archives for the trial of Archbishop Laud, 1640-50; University parliamentary burgesses, 1654 and 1660 (Papers 66 and 107); and a decision to provide scholarships for candidates for the ministry from the Churches of Piedmont, 1660 (Paper 106). Paper 109 is a list of the papers compiled by Walter Mitchell.

SP/E/5

65 papers relating to the parliamentary visitation and to disputes between the University and the city. 1647-9

These papers concern the first parliamentary visitation of 1647-52. They include (Paper 1) a printed pamphlet entitled *The Privileges of the University of Oxford in point of visitation etc* by J Fell, 1647 (see also SP/C/1); notes made in preparation for the Visitation including the University's arguments against it; warrants and citations summoning heads of houses to appear before the Commissioners; extracts from acts of Convocation; and ordinances of Parliament for the Visitation.

The papers also include (Paper 25) an order from the Visitors to Gerard Langbaine as Provost of Queen's to produce the college's statutes, registers and accounts, with the text of his reply of 10 Oct 1647.

The papers also concern the University's ongoing disputes with the city and include petitions by the University and colleges to Thomas Fairfax and to the Committee for the Articles of the rendering up of Oxford concerning rent arrears. Paper 63 is a list of the papers compiled by Walter Mitchell.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/E

SP/E/6

Lists of the names of privileged persons in colleges, halls and the city, who took or were to take the Oath of Allegiance. Jul 1610

Papers 1-40 are returns by colleges and halls, arranged by college or hall. Papers 41-9 are returns arranged in date order with (Paper 41, verso) notes of the Registrar for a meeting of Convocation, 12 June 1610. Papers 50-63 are returns by privileged persons not living in colleges or halls, arranged by parish.

SP/E/7

57 papers concerning bakers, brewers, maltsters, taverns, and wine licences. 17th cent

The papers chiefly comprise historical notes and extracts from University charters and registers. They concern the licensing of taverns and alehouses and the licensing and admission of bakers, brewers, maltsters and vintners. They also concern the assises of bread and beer and disputes between the brewers and the University. They include lists of licences for taverns and maltsters; petitions of Oxford brewers; notes on the jurisdiction of the Chancellor's Court; and notes concerning the practice of licensing and cottage building at Cambridge. Paper 58 is a list of the papers compiled by Walter Mitchell.

The University had the exclusive right of granting licences to sell wine or keep an inn within the precincts of the University. Vintners and innkeepers were obliged to observe the assise of wine as fixed by the Vice-Chancellor and the Clerks of the Market. The University also exercised extensive rights over brewers, admitting them to the practice of their trade, specifying the premises they were to use, fixing days ('courses') for their brewing and determining from time to time the price at which their beer and ale was to be sold. Licences to sell ale were issued by the University to tavern keepers.

The University also claimed control over the bakers of Oxford. Bakers were admitted by the Vice-Chancellor in the Chancellor's Court to the right of making and selling bread. At admission they swore an oath to observe the price and weight of bread fixed by the Clerks of the Market and each baker was assigned a mark with which his loaves were to be stamped. Bakers were also required to observe the assise of bread as fixed by the Vice-Chancellor and the Clerks of the Market.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/E

SP/E/8

58 papers relating to the University's defence against the city of its privileges and rights relating to the market, taverns, brewers and maltsters, bakers, vintners, scavengers, felons' goods, bailiffs, bylaws, imprisonments, *abjuratio villae*, cottage building, the night watch and discommoning. 17th cent

The papers chiefly concern the 1640s. They include copies of extracts from University charters and registers and historical notes on precedents and the University's rights made by Gerard Langbaine, Keeper of the Archives. The papers include briefs setting out the University's grievances against the city submitted to a committee of the House of Lords in 1640 (see also SP/E/9). *Abjuratio villae*, ie abjuration of the city, was the swearing of an oath to leave the city. Paper 59 is a list of the papers compiled by Walter Mitchell.

SP/E/9

62 papers concerning disputes with the city. 1639-61

These papers concern the University's disputes with the city of Oxford concerning its privileges and jurisdiction. The papers concern the city's grievances about the annual Mayoral oath, the St Scholastica's Day ceremony, the fee-farm, claims to the title of Port Meadow, the court leet, assessment for taxation, weights and measures, the University's power to make bylaws, the licensing of taverns, maltsters and alehouses, the nightwatch and noctivagation, the power of the proctors, coroners, brewers, discommoning, the right to felons' goods, and cottage building.

The papers include petitions, historical notes and extracts from University charters and registers, including (Papers 2-3) the petition of the city to the House of Lords of January 1640/1 setting out its grievances against the University.

The papers chiefly concern the dispute with the city of 1648-50. They include petitions of the city, county and the University to Parliament; papers for meetings of the city and the University; correspondence; and papers relating to the formulation of the University's reponse (see also SP/E/2). The papers include (Paper 18) the city's printed petition of April 1649 and papers of the Committee for the reformation of the University of Oxford, the committee of Parliament appointed to deal with the dispute, 1649-50. Paper 63 is a list of the papers compiled by Walter Mitchell.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/E

- SP/E/9                      62 papers concerning disputes with the city. 1639-61 *contd*
- The papers also concern the delegates appointed by the University in 1650 (including Gerard Langbaine) to negotiate with the city and include papers of meetings of these delegates (see also SP/E/15). They also include proposals for settling the grievances and a copy of the articles of agreement between the city and University of March 1651/2. They also include the petition of 1661 of the University to the King for the restitution of its privileges which had lapsed during the Interregnum.
- SP/E/10                      Copy of the licence of mortmain for Wadham College. 20 Dec 1610
- [SP/E/11                      recatalogued as SP/F/39]
- [SP/E/12                      recatalogued as SP/F/40]
- SP/E/13/1-3                      Copies of documents concerning Thomas Bodley and the Bodleian Library. 1604-15
1. Copies of texts of the Library statutes; the stationers' agreement of 12 December 1610; the stationers' ordinance of 28 January 1611/12; and of the will, with codicil, of Thomas Bodley, 2 January 1612/13. undated (c1610)
  2. Copies of the texts of ordinances of the Curators of the Library approved at Convocation on 27 July 1615. undated (c1615)
  3. Copy of the licence in mortmain granted by James I for the Library to be endowed with lands for its maintenance, 28 June 1604 (copy of Long Box 14/3). undated (c1604)
- See also SP/B/14.

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/E

- SP/E/14/1a Note by John Wallis entitled 'An abstract of divers privileges and rights of the University of Oxford'. undated (c1700)
- The privileges and rights included the assize of bread and ale, University jurisdiction and cognisance, regency, student lodgings and the Clerks of the Market. Printed by John Gutch in *Collectanea Curiosa II*, p35. Formerly used as wrapper for other documents in SP/E/14.
- SP/E/14/1b Correspondence between John Wallis and Thomas Greene, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, concerning the universities' rights to the assize of beer and wine etc, with draft of an Act of Parliament on measures and retailing of ale and beer etc. 1700
- SP/E/14/2 Copy by Brian Twyne of a petition of 1393 of the University of Cambridge to Parliament that stationers and bookbinders be declared servants of scholars as they are in Oxford. undated (c1634-44)
- SP/E/14/3 Notes by Brian Twyne concerning apothecaries and physicians, including his notes on them and a loan from the Archives to Bartholomew Warner, Regius Professor of Medicine, of documents concerning the Professorship. undated (c1634-44)
- SP/E/14/4 Copy letter of John Wallis to the Vice-Chancellor, Ralph Bathurst, giving his opinion on the matriculation of a Mr White, a chemist, as a privileged person. 10 Apr 1676
- SP/E/14/5 Notes by Brian Twyne and John Wallis and extracts from the charter of 11 May 1682 concerning the St Scholastica's Day ceremony. undated (17th cent)
- SP/E/14/6 John Wallis's 'memorial of things which the University ought to secure to itself from the Town', concerning University privileges which were threatened by the city's new charter. 1 May 1683

## SHELFLIST OF LOWER ARCHIVE ROOM: PRESS SP

### SP/E

- SP/E/14/7            Note concerning the Chancellor and his deputies as justices of the peace. undated (17th cent)
- SP/E/14/8            Five papers containing notes and extracts from charters and registers relating to the privileges of the University. undated (17th cent)
- The privileges include Clerks of the Market, assise of beer and bread, customs and tolls, proclamations, proctors' jurisdiction, by laws, recognisances, bailliffs, scavengers, alehouses and precedents for the University's payment of subsidies.
- SP/E/15              Letter of attorney of the University concerning the settling of differences with the city. 31 May 1650
- The letter provides for the establishment of a committee of University representatives (including Gerard Langbaine, Keeper of the Archives) to meet with representatives of the city. See also SP/E/9.
- SP/E/16/1-2 concern the case of Arthur Allen Routledge, a privileged barber appointed as constable by the city who refused the job claiming exemption due to his matriculated status.
- SP/E/16/1            Notes on the arguments of counsel and judgement of the Court of Kings Bench for the trial of AA Routledge. undated (c1782)
- These notes were transcribed by TF Wenman, Keeper of the Archives 1781-96, from notes of Thomas Milles, Counsel for the University.
- SP/E/16/2            Brief for the defendant, AA Routledge, at the trial at the Court of Kings Bench 1780
- [SP/E/17              recatalogued as NW/4/9a-b]



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### SP/E

SP/E/18                      Opinion of Thomas Milles, Counsel for the University, concerning the case of a matriculated barber nominated constable by the city.  
undated (late 18th cent)

A note by TF Wenman, Keeper of the Archives 1781-96, in SP/E/16/1 suggests that this is a Mr Walker, a privileged barber who refused the office of constable and pleaded exemption on account of his privileged status. He was, at the time, exercising another trade in which he was not privileged.

[SP/E/19                      recatalogued as NW/4/9a-b]

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### SP/F

- SP/F/1                      Assessments of Oxford parishes for taxes. 1643
- These are lists of inhabitants of parishes with the amount of tax payable by each. The money raised was for the fortification and defence of the city, for payment of £2000 lent to the King 'for the present occasion', for weapons and for a magazine of corn and 'victualls'.
- SP/F/2a-c concern the bequest of William Paulet, Lord Saint John, to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge of £100 for the relief of poor scholars. Lord Henry Paulet, brother of William, brought a case in Chancery against John Hutton and John Pettit, executors of the will of his brother. A decree of Chancery ordered the payment, by the defendants, of the money owed to the University. See NEP/supra/Reg R, fols 85v-89v for the receipt in Convocation in 1634 of £20 from John Hutton as part payment towards this.
- SP/F/2a                      Decree in Chancery concerning a bequest of William Paulet, Lord Saint John, of £100 to be paid to each University. 19 Apr 1624
- SP/F/2b                      Memorandum of a decree in Chancery concerning a bequest of William Paulet, Lord Saint John, of £100 to be paid to each University for relief of poor scholars. 10 Feb 1624
- SP/F/2c                      Copy of text of SP/F/2b with a note of collation, 1633, stating that this document is the same as a copy in the possession of Henry Paulet. 1633
- SP/F/3                      List of individuals in Oxford parishes to whom payments to the poor were to be made. 1625 and undated
- SP/F/4                      Names of privileged persons in Oxford parishes, arranged by parish, giving the amounts paid 'for last payment of the 15s and 10s granted to our late sovereign Lord Kinge James in the 21st year of his reign'. 1625

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### SP/F

- SP/F/5                      Notebook recording details of the taxation of freemen and privileged persons for the sick as a result of plague. Feb 1605/6 - Jun 1606
- This book lists the names of freemen of the parishes of Oxford and of privileged persons and their assessments of tax payable for the relief of plague victims; with, at the back, details of payments made for the sick persons visited giving amount and for what purpose. The city and University co-operated in the relief of plague victims; the Vice-Chancellor taxed privileged persons and the Mayor taxed citizens in order to raise money to deal with the plague.
- Former reference SP 8 and NW 6. The notebook's wrapper is a fragment of a lease of Stodley's Inn by Joseph Barnes to Walter Toldervey, undated (c1597).
- SP/F/6                      Ten papers concerning a poll tax in the University, chiefly comprising returns for each college giving the names of members, Feb 1666/7; including printed parliamentary papers concerning the raising of money for the Second Dutch War, 1666. 1666-7
- SP/F/7                      Assessments for a fifteenth levied on non-privileged persons in certain Oxford parishes (St Michael, St Giles, St Peter in the Bailey and St Peter in the East) giving names of individuals assessed. 1606-10
- These papers have been wrapped in pages of a printed Bible (2 Chronicles), undated (c1600).
- SP/F/8                      List of persons who claimed to be privileged persons but who were not privileged, giving name and trade. undated (c1600)
- SP/F/9                      List of residents of the parish of St Peter in the Bailey, with their taxation assessment giving names and amount of tax payable. undated (1609)
- This duplicates the information given in SP/F/7 for this parish.

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### SP/F

- SP/F/10                    List of names of residents of the parish of St Peter in the East.  
undated (17th cent)
- Some entries on the list are marked with a 'p' which possibly denotes the status of privileged person.
- SP/F/11                    List of residents of the parishes of All Saints and St Martin's and of New College land taxed for fifteenths, giving names and occupations.  
undated (17th cent)
- SP/F/12                    List of names endorsed 'Masons conspirers'. undated (c1640)
- In 1640 the University crushed an attempt by the masons to establish a company or guild.
- SP/F/13a                   List of tradesmen set up in the city who had never been apprentices, giving name and trade. undated (c1640)
- SP/F/13b                   List of tradesmen set up in the city who had served no apprenticeship, drawn up by the city and presented to the University, giving name and trade. 1640/1
- SP/F/14                    List of the names of graziers holding pasture within five miles of the University who sell cattle to London. undated (c1640)
- In 1640 the University launched an enquiry into the pasture holdings of city butchers who were suspected of being graziers and selling cattle to London.
- SP/F/15                    List of the names of members of the Commission of the Peace for Oxford which includes, according to the endorsement, 'both scholars and townsmen'. undated (c1640)



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### SP/F

SP/F/21 Note of a request by Lord Saye and Sele to heads of colleges to close college gates against his soldiers and not to let them drink in colleges or houses. 1642

SP/F/22 Petition of Accepted Frewen, President of Magdalen College, to the King concerning his non-residence at his prebend in Canterbury Cathedral. 1642

A note states that the petition was never presented to the King.

SP/F/23 Wrapper labelled 'Petition to the Chancellor, Lord Pembroke'. Feb 1642/3

This document appears to be a wrapper for something subsequently missing or never written.

SP/F/24 Order of the Committee for Plundered Ministers sequestrating the profits of the Moral Philosophy Professorship at Langdon Hills, Essex, from John Berkenhead, Fellow of All Souls College, to the use of Dr John Wilkinson, Principal of St Mary Hall. 15 Aug 1644

Berkenhead was deprived of the Professorship because of his editing of *Mercurius Aulicus*, a royalist weekly newspaper deemed to be a 'scandalous pamphlet'. See also SP/E/3/6.

SP/F/25 Order of the House of Lords concerning the opening of shops and selling of goods on Sundays and fast days. 20 Nov 1644

SP/F/26 Draft petition of the University and Colleges to the Committee for the Articles of the rendering up of Oxford, written by Gerard Langbaine. 16 Sep c1644

The petition concerned the payment of rents and rent arrears due from the University's tenants. It was to be presented at the Court of Wards by John Selden, Member of Parliament for the University. The Committee for the Articles etc was a committee of the House of Commons. See also SP/E/4.

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### SP/F

- SP/F/27                    Two draft letters of the Vice-Chancellor, Daniel Greenwood, to the Chancellor, Oliver Cromwell, concerning complaints by townsmen. 29 Jan 1651/2
- See also SP/E/4 .
- SP/F/28                    Draft letter of the University to the Chancellor, Oliver Cromwell, concerning payment of the stipends of the Professors of Divinity, Civil Law and Medicine. 9 Aug 1652
- SP/F/29                    Order of the Commission for Relief upon Articles granted in time of War concerning John and Judith Elliott. 28 Jan 1652/3
- The University presented a petition to the Commission against John and Judith Elliott for breach of articles. The Commission ordered the Elliotts to appear before the Exchequer Chamber, Westminster, to answer the University's complaint. See Chancellor's Court papers 1653, p5.
- SP/F/30                    Draft petition of the University, written by Gerard Langbaine, to the Chancellor, Oliver Cromwell, to empower the Vice-Chancellor's Assessor to prove wills. 1652
- SP/F/31                    Account of feefarm rents purchased by the University. 7 Mar 1653/4
- SP/F/32                    Order for payment to the University of feefarm rents purchased on 7 March 1650. 7 Feb 1654/5
- SP/F/33                    Draft testimonial of performance of duty by Dr Richard Zouche, Regius Professor of Civil Law, presented to the Commissioners for the Public Revenue. undated (mid 17th cent)
- SP/F/34                    Petition, written by Gerard Langbaine, of the University Bedels to the Committee for the Regulation of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge concerning fees. undated (mid 17th cent)

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### SP/F

- SP/F/35a List of members of the Commission for the Peace for the city of Oxford, 19 June 1630; with list of members of the Commission for Gaol Delivery, 20 December 1637. 1630 and 1637
- SP/F/35b Lists of members of the Commission for the Peace for the city of Oxford for 9 July 1613, 6 July 1637 and 1 March 1641; with notes concerning a clause inserted in the form of the commission in Henry VIII's time. 1613, 1637 and 1641
- SP/F/36 Rental of the University listing rents due to the University giving place, donor, tenant and details of lease. 1649
- SP/F/37 Copy writ issued to the Sheriff of Oxfordshire for the collection of ship money with notes by Brian Twyne. 12 Aug 1635
- The Sheriff was instructed to communicate the writ to the Mayor of Oxford who was then to communicate it to the Vice-Chancellor. Ship money was a tax levied by Charles I originally on the inhabitants of coastal towns in time of war. In 1634 its coverage was extended to inland counties during peacetime.
- SP/F/38 List of heads of houses or their deputies warned (by G Locksmyth and S Litchfield) to keep scholars quiet. 18 Feb 1640/1
- SP/F/39 Eight papers concerning the surrender of Oxford. 1646
- The papers concern the rights and privileges of the University and the articles of surrender drawn up by the University in 1646. They include copy letters of Gerard Langbaine and Sir Thomas Fairfax to Sir Thomas Glemham, Governor of Oxford, May-June 1646; and Gerard Langbaine's copy of the printed *Articles concerning the surrender of Oxford*, June 1646.
- Former reference SP/E/11.



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### SP/F

SP/F/40

48 papers concerning the siege of Oxford. 1642-4

The papers chiefly comprise orders and copy orders of Charles I to both the University and the city concerning: the raising of money for fortifications and soldiers; the recruitment of scholars and townsmen to form an army for the defence of the city; the bringing in of arms and ammunition to the magazine; the calling of scholars to work on the fortifications and for military training. The papers include an order to the University to send scholars to Christ Church Meadow for military training with Colonel Hollyland (Paper 16) and a note of a meeting of the Council of War at Oxford ordering the establishment of a regiment of auxiliaries to be commanded by the Earl of Dover (Papers 27-8).

The papers also include orders of the Lords Commissioners and of the House of Commons concerning University rents, the borrowing of money, the raising of a regiment of townsmen, the raising of money for the city fortifications and for the repair of turnpikes.

The papers also concern the loan of money to the King by the University and include letters of Charles I to the University requesting money of 7 July 1642 (Papers 1-2) and 18 July 1642 (Paper 34). See also SP/E/1/5.

The papers also concern the large numbers of honorary degrees awarded on the request of Charles I, 1642, and include the University's petition to the King against the practice as damaging to the University, with the King's answer, 1642/3 (Papers 3, 9-10) (see also NEP/supra/Reg Sb, pp21-2).

The papers also concern the privileges of the University including (Papers 43-4) historical notes on the taxation of scholars and privileged persons presented to the Commissioners for Warlike Affairs at Oxford on 16 May 1643; and (Papers 7-8) a petition to the Chancellor, Earl of Pembroke, concerning the preservation of the University's privileges, February 1642/3 (see also WPy/3/3b).

Former reference SP/E/12.

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### SP/F

- SP/F/41                      Note on a deodand case concerning the death of Mary Harrison, run over by a cart in Oxford. 1660
- A deodand is an object or instrument which, having caused the death of a human being, is forfeited or given to God. Deodands were forfeit to the Crown but in practice the owner of the object that had caused the death was required to pay a fine equal to the value of the deodand.
- SP/F/42                      List in the hand of Samuel Clarke, Architypographus, of noblemen and others at Court in London to whom commemorative verses were to be sent. undated (c1661-2)
- This identification was received from Dr R Beddard, Oriel College, 22 Oct 1986. There is also an accompanying note, in the hands of previous Keepers of the Archives and Falconer Madan, Bodley's Librarian 1912-19, discussing the possible date of the document.
- SP/F/43                      Questions concerning 'Lombardi et trapezitae' *ie* the admission of usurers to communion, perhaps intended for use in disputations. undated (17th cent)
- SP/F/44                      Note concerning questions of procedure in disputations. undated (17th cent)
- SP/F/45                      Certificate of subscription of Andrew Cheap. 1 Dec 1750
- Received from Gloucestershire Record Office, April 1999.
- SP/F/46                      Bills for binding books of verses on the deaths of William III, the Prince of Denmark, Queen Anne, George II, Queen Caroline and Frederick Prince of Wales, and on the occasion of the Peace of Utrecht; with receipts of money from the Vice-Chancellor and lists of persons to whom copies were to be presented. 1702-60
- Former reference MR 1/2/1.

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**SP/F**

SP/F/47

Certificates awarded to Edith Marion Coulthard for the Higher School Certificate (Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board), 1909; the Certificate in Regional Geography, 1910; the Diploma in Geography, 1911; the degree of Bachelor of Arts, 1925; and the degree of Master of Arts, 1925. 1909-25

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