



# **Records of Chancellor's Hall**

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1787-2000

The records of Chancellor's Hall comprise, administrative records in the form of papers relating to the purchase and subsequent development of the building and land which became the University Hall of Residence; student registers listing the residents and the fees paid; papers relating to insurance policies on the building with plans; promotional material in the form of handbooks and prospectuses; minutes of meetings of the Junior Common Room 1953-1966 and copies of the Constitution of the Junior Common Room and the papers of Peter Farr, President of the Senior Common Room, minutes of meetings of the Chancellor's Hall House Sub-Committee 1925-1937; photographs of the building and grounds and also students in residence, staff and events at Chancellor's Hall; records of Chancellor's Hall Association including copies of the Chancellor's Hall Constitution 1972, papers relating to reunion dinners, printed Chancellor's Hall Association Register 1952 and minutes of the Annual General Meetings of the Association held between 1949 and 1979 and a typescript draft history of Chancellor's Hall 1922-1970 written by Eric Orme with 'reminiscences and anecdotes' edited by T. A. Trigg which was published by Chancellor's Hall Association in 2000; other ephemeral material includes a visitor's book for 1927, a letter from Robert Panton, Warden to Eric Orme and a printed invitation card.

The material in this collection is a valuable source of information about the administration of one of the earliest Halls of Residence at Birmingham from its opening and also charts the way its residents experience of communal student life changed over the years. The papers and photographs relating to the buildings and grounds provide historical evidence of the architectural and landscape history of the property now demolished.

**Administrative history:** The original building which became Chancellor's Hall, was known as The Dales and was the home of Birmingham business man and Liberal politician, George Dixon, from 1855 to 1898. Dixon was Mayor of

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Birmingham and Member of Parliament for the city and his home became a centre of Liberal Party activity with Gladstone being a frequent visitor. After Dixon's death in 1898 the house was sold to a Mr E. H. Stringer who owned it until 1920 when the property was sold by auction to the University of Birmingham. At about the same time the University Guild of Undergraduates had been considering the issue of the provision of residential accommodation for male students. In July 1920 a Hostel Sub-Committee issued a report recommending the University make such provision in the form of Hall of Residence for men in the same way as it had already provided for women undergraduates in University House. After the necessary building work was finished the first students were admitted to Chancellor's Hall as it was now known in October 1922. The first Warden was E. W. Gillett and the first Matron was Mrs E. H. Edward. The University House Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Principal was responsible for the Hall of Residence. Funding for the establishment of Chancellor's Hall came partly from the University Grants Committee and donations from Sir Charles Hyde. Throughout the 1920s the University continually sought to raise money from external sources to carry out the necessary development of the buildings and facilities and to encourage male undergraduates to take up residency. The Hall Management Committee struggled to meet the demands of the residents, deal with staffing and management issues and keep control of finances. Professor Frank Tillyard took over as Warden in 1928 but resigned in 1930 due to ill health and was succeeded by Major Robert Panton. At the same time Miss Kate Evans was appointed as Matron. New disciplinary codes were enforced for student residents of Hall under Major Panton but the problem of recruitment of undergraduates to fill the rooms remained a major issue as they found it more and more difficult to compete with cheap lodgings outside the University. In 1935 it was proposed that all students living away from home should spend one year in a Hall of Residence, foreign student numbers in Hall increased and in 1936 five Chancellor's Hall Exhibitions to a value of £30 were established.

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For a short time after the declaration of war in 1939 part of Chancellor's Hall was taken over for use by military authorities to house new service recruits. Later in the war when bombing on Birmingham began air raid precautions were instituted including the strict enforcement of blackout regulations and the bricking up of various rooms to provide above ground shelter and sleeping accommodation for the residents. Students were trained in first aid and carried out fire watching duties. The war years were also marked by chronic staff shortages and the perennial problem of maintaining food supplies. Despite these difficulties Chancellor's Hall remained open throughout the war years and even managed to accommodate Royal Engineer Cadets on training courses at the University. Both Major Panton and the Matron retired when the war ended in 1945. The new Warden was Mr P. C. Hordern, a member of the University's Appointments Board and the new Matron was Miss D. M. Brewster who shortly gave way to the appointment of Miss A. B. Bruce in 1947. The post war years saw Chancellor's Hall increase accommodation for students through the purchase and development of nearby properties. Financial problems still remained with the Hall regularly running at a loss so that in 1954 it was agreed that the University Central Funds take over payment of the Warden's salary and insurances for Chancellor's Hall. However, even after two increases in fees accounts for the Hall in 1956 still showed a deficit.

Student dissatisfaction during the 1960s with fees, food and rules in Hall posed further problems for the management of Chancellor's Hall. In 1963 the Chancellor's Hall Sub-Committee was replaced by the Chancellor's Hall Committee. The following year P. C. Hordern left the office of Warden and was not replaced. The administration of Chancellor's Hall now came under the direct responsibility of the University Halls Administrator and Mr Bob Gibson was appointed the first President of the Senior Common Room. As a former resident and Chancellor's Hall Exhibitioner, Gibson worked to improve the fabric of the building, cement relations with members of the Junior Common Room and maintain Hall's traditional events such

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as 'Baldwin Night'. However, when he left office in 1967 and was replaced by Dr Peter Farr the future of Chancellor's Hall was far from certain. It was seen as too small to operate economically even if money could be found to carry out the necessary building and refurbishment works. Added to this, Birmingham City Council plans for the Augustus Road area complicated the University's negotiations with the Calthorpe Estate for the renewal of leases on land. By 1970 the University authorities agreed to surrender the leases and close Chancellor's Hall, relocating students to halls on the Vale site.

Chancellor's Hall Association was inaugurated in 1949 at a dinner attended by forty five former residents including J. W. Alexander and the then University Vice Chancellor, Raymond Priestly. A second meeting was held in 1951 when sixty six members attended including Eric Gillett, the first Warden. Association reunions were held biannually until 1970. When Chancellor's Hall closed the event in 1971 took place in Manor House when members elected a Steering Committee under the Chairmanship of Tony Rigby tasked with contacting all known or potential members and drawing up a draft constitution. At a General Meeting in 1972 held at Wyddrington Hall under the Chairmanship of A. W. Wallbank, the new Constitution of Chancellor's Hall was formally adopted. Also at this meeting Peter Hordern was appointed Life President and an Executive Committee of twelve members was elected. It was decided to continue holding reunions every two years and to continue raising funds through Association subscriptions and fund raising events. These funds were to be used to provide additional amenities for residents of other Halls of Residence and for the descendants of members. The University's Raymond Priestly Centre for outdoor pursuits on Coniston Water, Cumbria, was a significant recipient of support and grants and donations have been made to other University causes by the Association. In 1974 a new Executive was elected which included Professor John Walker who remained as Chairman until his retirement in 1989 and Bob Gibson who was Treasurer until 1995. At a General Meeting in that year the Executive Committee nominated Fred Grocott,

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the oldest active member, as Honorary President and Bob Gibson as Honorary Vice President, subsequently to become Honorary President in 1999 with Professor John Walker becoming Honorary Vice President.

Source: The University of Birmingham  
Chancellor's Hall (1922-1970) A Complete History with Reminiscences and Anecdotes' edited by T. A. Trigg and history written by Eric M. Orme, published by the Chancellor's Hall Association in association with Zoilus Press, 2000

**Arrangement:** These papers have been arranged into two sub-fonds sequences, A relating to the papers of the Hall of Residence and B relating to Chancellor's Hall Association.

6 boxes (5 standard, 1 large)

Access: Open, but subject to some access restrictions

**Access conditions:** One file, UB/HCH/A/2/3/1, is closed until 01/01/2049 under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998 because it contains sensitive information about individuals

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**Language:** English

**Custodial history:** The majority of this collection was deposited by Mr R. J. Gibson, 12 Nov 1997 with additional material from Section 24 of the existing University Archive collection.

**Related material:** Other material relating to Chancellor's Hall within the University Archives includes: Chancellor's Hall Committee Minutes 1945-1964 (COU11); Halls of Residence Committee Minutes 1955-1964 (COU22); Joint

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Senate and Council Committee on Halls of Residence Minutes 1966-1972 (JSC8); Senate Committee on Halls of Residence 1962-1966 (SEN85) and the papers of O. J. Simpson, a former student who was resident in Chancellor's Hall during the 1930s (USS30). A volume of Chancellor's Hall House Sub-Committee Minutes 1925-1937 which was formerly located in Section 24 of University Archives has now been relocated to the sequence of University Minutes

The University Archives also contain material relating to other halls of residence, particularly University House (UB/HUH), but also to halls of residence constructed on the Vale site during the 1960s, particularly Mason Hall (UB/HMA), and to Manor House in Northfield (UB/HMH)

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Records of the Hall of Residence

1787-1989

The records of the Hall of Residence comprise administrative records, specifically, papers relating to the property housing Chancellor's Hall, together with records relating to the governance of the Hall in the form of minutes of meetings of the Junior Common Room and of the Chancellor's Hall House Sub-Committee, and papers of the President of the Senior Common Room and financial records such as registers of fees paid by residents and insurance policies covering the building and contents and non payment of fees due to sickness. Also included are examples of promotional literature, prospectuses, handbooks and photographs of the building and student residents as well as miscellaneous items associated with Chancellor's Hall.

5 boxes, 2 files

Access: Open

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Property Records

1787-1989

These records are restricted to papers relating to the purchase of the property by the university and its previous ownership

1 box

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	Access: Open	
UB/HCH/A/1/1	Papers relating to the property and land known as Chancellor's Hall	1787-1989
	<p>These papers, for the most part, relate only to the early history of the property up to its sale to the university in 1920, including the papers from the Calthorpe Estate Office in 1989 which concern the pre 1920 ownership of the land and building.</p> <p>1 volume, 8 items</p>	
	Access: Open	
UB/HCH/A/1/1/1	Calthorpe Estate Office Papers	1787-1989
	<p>/1: Letter, dated 26 January 1989, from J. K. Wilson of the Calthorpe Estate Office in response to an enquiry regarding the history of the property known as 'The Dales'</p> <p>/2-3: photocopies made c 1989, of an extract from the survey of Edgbaston prepared for Sir Henry Gough in 1787 and of the 1888 ordinance survey map showing the building and grounds</p> <p>3 items</p>	
	Access: Open	
UB/HCH/A/1/1/2	Auction sales particulars	1898-1920
	<p>Auction sales particulars including plans and photographs of the property and land comprising 'The Dales', Augustus Road, Edgbaston:</p> <p>/1-2: Photocopy, made c 1989, of the auction sales particulars and plan, 28 July 1898, when the property was sold on the death of George Dixon; annotated 'Sold Jan 5 /99 to E.H. Stringer for £3,500 plus £400 for fittings, fixtures and electric light'</p> <p>/3: Sales particulars when the property was sold at auction to the University of Birmingham 10 November 1920</p> <p>3 items</p>	



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	Access: Open	
UB/HCH/A/1/1/3	Watercolour of 'The Dales'	c 1860
	Watercolour (circa 8 x 5 inches) of 'The Dales' by Charles Reginald Aston [1832-1908] with inscription on reverse 'The Dales - Edgbaston March 1857 to 1861 - 25 March' also typescript notes about the artist.	
	2 items	
	Access: Open	
UB/HCH/A/1/1/4	Photograph album	c 1890
	Photograph album showing exterior and interior views of 'The Dales', Edgbaston	
	1 volume	
	Access: Open	
UB/HCH/A/2	Papers relating to the governance of Chancellor's Hall	1925-1970
	This series includes minute books of the JCR 1953-1966, copies of the JCR Constitution 1963-1970 and the papers of Dr Peter Farr, President of the SCR 1966-1970. There is also a volume of minutes of the Chancellor's Hall House Sub-Committee 1925-1937	
	1 box	
	Access: Open	
UB/HCH/A/2/1	Minutes of meetings of Junior Common Room	1953-1966
	Minutes of meetings of the JCR and the JCR Committee held at least once per term with additional meetings as necessary to discuss particular issues. The meetings were usually used to discuss social events organised by the 'Nomads Committee' of the JCR such as the Spring Dance, Baldwin Night Dinners and Christmas entertainments and the provision of amenities to students in Hall. It was remarked that the JCR meetings were not usually well attended and often not taken very seriously by those students who did attend which is reflected in the writing of the minutes. The minutes also	

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provide an interesting insight into the relationship between Chancellor's Hall JCR Committee and the Warden over matters of Hall management. On 11 February 1957 the members of the JCR issued a 'Memorandum on the administration of Chancellor's Hall, submitted by the Junior Common Room for consideration by the appropriate authorities' outlining their grievances and dissatisfaction with the attitude of the Warden in his dealings with the JCR. A second such memorandum was issued 12 December 1959 in an 'atmosphere of widespread discontent' outlining the residents' grievances and concluding, 'in the present circumstances we have no confidence whatsoever in the Warden, as reflected by his present attitude...'. Copies of both these memoranda are inserted in the minutes of the respective dates.

2 volumes

Access: Open

UB/HCH/A/2/1/1      Minutes of meetings of Junior Common Room      1953-1959

Signed minutes of meetings of the JCR 10 March 1953 - 3 December 1959; Copies of memoranda on the administration of Chancellor's Hall submitted by the JCR can be found loosely inserted with the minutes of meetings of 11 February 1957 and 12 December 1959

1 volume

Access: Open

UB/HCH/A/2/1/2      Minutes of meetings of Junior Common Room      1960-1966

Signed minutes of meetings of the JCR 17 February 1960 - 4 July 1966

1 volume

Access: Open

UB/HCH/A/2/2      Constitution of the Junior Common Room      1963-1970

Copies of the Constitution of the Junior Common Room drawn up 1963 with subsequent amendments. The minutes of meetings of the JCR from 1954 reveal that there was then a Constitution in existence but no copies of this are

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present in this collection of Chancellor's Hall papers.

1 volume, 6 items

Access: Open

UB/HCH/A/2/2/1      Constitution of the Junior Common Room      1963-1966

One bound draft typescript copy with corrections and amendments, signed by B. Maynard Potts, Honorary Secretary JCR 12 December 1963 also initialled and dated 4 July 1966

1 volume

Access: Open

UB/HCH/A/2/2/2      Constitution of the Junior Common Room      1963-1970

/1-6: Duplicate copies of amended Constitution; one copy further amended 10 February 1970

6 items

Access: Open

UB/HCH/A/2/3      Papers of Dr Peter Farr      1967-1988

Papers and correspondence of Dr Peter Farr as President of the Senior Common Room, Chairman of the Hall Council of Chancellor's Hall 1966-1970 and as a member of the Executive Committee of Chancellor's Hall Association.

Copies of correspondence with University authorities and with Chancellor's Hall staff on issues of management including reports of maintenance faults and catering issues and staffing problems; copy of letter, 15 December 1967, from C. P. Thompson to The Bursar on the economic viability of Chancellor's Hall; copy of letter [from Farr] to H. Harris, University Secretary, 22 May 1969, regarding the delegation of responsibilities to Halls Councils; copy of letter 26 May 1970, from D. E. Plaskitt, President of the JCR to Dr R. E. Hunter, Vice-Chancellor, on the imminent closure of Chancellor's Hall

5 files, 28 items

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- Access: Open
- UB/HCH/A/2/3/1      Papers relating to a student disciplinary matter      1968
- Copy of Minutes of a Hall Council Meeting 31 October 1968; notes taken about the incident and relevant correspondence with the University Registrar's Office and the Deputy Principal regarding the breach of Hall discipline.
- 1 file
- Access: Closed
- Closed until: **01/01/2049**
- Access conditions:** This item has restricted access for 80 years under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998 because it contains sensitive information about individuals
- UB/HCH/A/2/3/2      Papers relating to the administration and management of Chancellor's Hall      1959-1968
- /1-11: Papers including letters and internal memoranda concerning management of staff and maintenance of facilities:
- /1: copy of a letter, dated 22 May 1969, to Mr H. Harris, University Secretary concerning the proposed delegation of responsibilities for the governance of Halls of Residence to Hall Councils.
- 1 file
- Access: Open
- UB/HCH/A/2/3/3      Papers relating to the closure of Chancellor's Hall      1967-1970
- Papers relating to negotiations concerning the future of Chancellor's Hall including:
- /1 : Copy of a memorandum from C.P. Thompson concerning the economic viability of maintaining Chancellor's Hall, 15 December 1967
- /2: Letter to Dr Farr from the Calthorpe Estates (Management) company Ltd regarding the history of the original property, 15 October 1968

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- /3: Copy of letter, 26 May 1970, from D. E. Plaskitt, President of the JCR to Dr R. E. Hunter, Vice-Chancellor, on the imminent closure of Chancellor's Hall;
- 1 file
- Access: Open
- UB/HCH/A/2/3/4      Report and room lists      1967-1968
- /1: Copy of the Report of the President of the SCR, October 1967;
- /2-3: Room lists for October 1967 and 1968
- 1 file
- Access: Open
- UB/HCH/A/2/3/5      Plans      1962-1967
- /1-5: Plans of Chancellor's Hall showing alterations, fire protection details
- 5 items
- Access: Open
- UB/HCH/A/2/3/6      'The Students' Role in 1968'      1969
- Copy of 'The Students' Role in 1968: An account by the Registrar of a one week demonstration by students and the events which led up to it' produced January 1969
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- UB/HCH/A/2/3/7      Photographs      c 1900
- /1-/21: Photographs of the interior, exterior and grounds of Winslade Hall, Exeter and photographs of the exterior and interior of other unidentified house or houses
- 21 items
- Access: Open
- UB/HCH/A/2/3/8      Chancellor's Hall Association      c 1970-1988

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Papers relating to Peter Farr's role as a Committee member of Chancellor's Hall Association including:

/1: Copy of the minutes of the General Meeting of Chancellor's Hall Association, 11 July 1987

/2: Memorandum, 17 June 1988, from Dr J. W. Binns regarding Chancellor's Hall Association Committee Meeting 11 July 1988

/3: Copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of Chancellor's Hall Association 11 July 1988

/4: Membership subscription form completed and returned to Peter Farr, 13 August 1979 (3 items)

/5: Copy of letter from Nora W. Oram to a Mrs Giles forwarded to Peter Farr concerning a Chancellor's Hall reunion and news of former Matron, Miss Walters (2 items)

1 file

Access: Open

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Records of Chancellor's Hall House Sub-Committee

1925-1937

This series consists of one surviving minute book recording meetings of Chancellor's Hall House Sub-Committee, appointed by Chancellor's Hall House Committee in December 1923, and which met on an informal basis, without keeping minutes, until February 1925. The minute book records membership and recommendations submitted by the committee to the House Committee for approval before 1925.

Membership was made up of a chairman, initially Alderman Ellaway but later George Morley, Mrs E. P. Beale, Frances Keay, Edith Barling, A. P. Braddock, and the Warden and Matron of Chancellor's Hall. It appears that this Sub-Committee was appointed to discuss matters relating to expenditure on salaries, wages, maintenance and repair work, and catering, as well as to set charges for conferences and to approve rebate of fees when student residents were away at camp or on training courses, or

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rebates for meal costs when students were away from the hall in the evenings as part of University social activities. The committee recommended increases in salaries and wages, and with the appointment of domestic staff, and with renewal of insurance policies. It also set charges for use of the billiard room and for use of the sick room. It appears to have met every few months. Minutes are handwritten initially, but typed from the meeting held 13 September 1927 onwards

Minutes contain information about the purchase of household linen, china, furniture, and domestic equipment, as well as details about catering, and quotations for repair and decoration work in the hall of residence and its grounds. A monthly statement of general expenditure on food was submitted to the Sub-Committee; from the late 1920s details of food costs per term are given. Minutes include reports by the Warden and Matron of Chancellor's Hall. These include recommendations relating to accommodation and equipment, but Wardens reports from the 1930s also give details about numbers of students resident at Chancellor's Hall, the health of students, and include occasional information about cases of discipline and theft.

Minutes from 8 December 1932 onwards give the name of the committee as 'Chancellor's Hall House Committee' rather than 'Chancellor's Hall House Sub-Committee', but committee members and business discussed remain the same. From this date, minutes sometimes include the names of individual students leaving the hall of residence, or absent from hall for a period of time. Copies of estimated income and expenditure accounts for Chancellor's Hall are included from the year ended 31 July 1932, and for subsequent years. The last income and expenditure account in the volume covers the period to 31 July 1938, though the last minutes recorded are for the meeting which was held on 26 October 1937.

Minutes for the meeting held on 8 January 1930 record discussion about the appointment of a new Matron, and include a copy of the job advertisement and information about the position and duties

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	1 volume	
	Access: Open	
UB/HCH/A/2/4/1	Minutes of Chancellor's Hall House Sub-Committee	1925-1937
	Signed minutes of meetings held 6 February 1925 to 26 October 1937	
	1 volume	
	Access: Open	
UB/HCH/A/3	Financial records	1926-1953
	The financial records of Chancellor's Hall comprise Student Registers from 1927-1953; insurance policies 1926- 1935 covering building and contents and also 'school fees insurance' and a schedule of income and expenditure accounts for years 1934/1935 - 1944/1945	
	2 boxes	
	Access: Open	
UB/HCH/A/3/1	Students' Registers	1927-1953
	The Students' Registers kept by Chancellor's Hall, are not indexed but record the names, alphabetically, of students in Hall each term with their room numbers and the fees paid for accommodation and any other additional charges such as linen room and common room fees and 'gate money'. The registers can thus be used to identify former students in Chancellor's Hall for the years between 1927and 1953.	
	3 volumes	
	Access: Open	
UB/HCH/A/3/1/1	Students' Register	1927-1934
	Students' Register Winter Term 1927-Summer Term 1934	
	1 volume	
	Access: Open	



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	<b>Notes:</b> Old Reference: UC4/iv/18	
UB/HCH/A/3/1/2	Students' Register  Students' Register Winter Term 1934 - Winter Term 1945  1 volume  Access: Open	1934-1945
	<b>Notes:</b> Old Reference: UC4/iv/19	
UB/HCH/A/3/1/3	Students' Register  Students' Register Winter Term 1945- Winter Term 1953  1 volume  Access: Open	1945-1953
UB/HCH/A/3/2	Insurance Policies  Insurance policies for Chancellor's Hall made out in the name of the Warden mostly for 'School Fees' including lists of students in Hall, 1926, 1927, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1935 and also one for building and contents cover which includes plans of the building dated July 1926  1 file  Access: Open	1926-1935
UB/HCH/A/3/3	Accounts  Schedule of income and expenditure for Chancellor's Hall for each academic year between 1934 and 1945  1 item  Access: Open	c 1945
UB/HCH/A/4	Promotional Records  This series includes prospectuses covering years from the opening of Chancellor's Hall in 1922 to around 1935; examples of Chancellor's Hall student handbooks 1968-1970 and a picture postcard showing an exterior view of the building.	c 1921-1970

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	1 file, 4 items	
	Access: Open	
UB/HCH/A/4/1	Prospectuses	c 1922-1935
	/1: First prospectus, issued 1922, for the newly established 'Hall of Residence for Men Students' describing the location and detailing the accommodation, facilities and fees	
	/2: Prospectus dating from around 1929-1931, illustrated with photographs of the building and grounds (2 copies)	
	/3: Prospectus dating from around 1933-1935, illustrated with photographs of the building and grounds	
	/4: Prospectus dating from around 1935-1939, illustrated with photographs of the building and grounds (7 copies)	
	/5: Shorter version of prospectus dating from the Wardenship of R. C. Panton probably in 1930s (2 copies)	
	/6: Flyers with outline information for prospective students probably dating from the Wardenship of R. C. Panton probably in 1930s (11 copies)	
	1 file (23 items)	
	Access: Open	
UB/HCH/A/4/2	Chancellor's Hall Handbooks	1968-1970
	/1-2: Student handbooks for sessions 1968-1969 and 1969-1970	
	/3: Handbook for Chancellor's Hall JCR 1969-1970	
	3 items	
	3 items	
	Access: Open	
UB/HCH/A/4/3	Picture postcard	c 1920s
	Picture postcard showing exterior view of	

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- 1 item
- Access: Open
- UB/HCH/A/5      Photographs      c 1924-1970
- Overall this collection of photographs provides a comprehensive visual record of the residents of Chancellor's Hall from the early 1920s through to its closure and demolition in 1970. The majority of the annual group photographs of students with the Warden and the Matron usefully include captions identifying all those shown but most of these group photographs date from the the 1920s and the 1960s with relatively few from the intervening years. There is also a presentation album and an album, probably compiled by one of the students, of photographs of Chancellor's Hall buildings and students dating from 1924, formal portraits of four of the Wardens, ariel photographs of the building and surrounding land and various informal photographs at a gathering at Chancellor's Hall in 1970.
- 1 box
- Access: Open
- UB/HCH/A/5/1      Photograph album      1927-1962
- Photograph album presented to Sir Charles Hyde [Bart LLD] on the occasion of the visit by Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin to open the extension of Chancellor's Hall 20 October 1927. The album contains photographs on the front and back pages of views of the exterior of Chancellor's Hall and also annual group photographs of the students and staff from 1923 to 1962. All the group photographs, with the exception of the one for 1923, are captioned with names of everyone shown. There are no photographs for the period between 1931 and 1941
- 1 volume
- Access: Open
- UB/HCH/A/5/2      Photograph album      c 1924
- Album of photographs, probably taken by a

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student, showing exterior and interior views of Chancellor's Hall, students relaxing and playing sports in the grounds and other locations, possibly on a field trip. The named individuals shown include M. Fletcher-Toomer, J. B. Neame, F.E. Chetwynd, Eric Gillett [Warden], D.W. Wardrop, O.W. Minshall

1 volume

Access: Open

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Photographs of Wardens

c 1922-1945

Mounted photographs of Wardens of Chancellor's Hall including:

/1: Eric Gillett

/2: Frank Tillyard

/3: P. C. Hordern

/4: R. C. Panton

4 items

Access: Open

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Photographs of staff and students

1925-1969

Photographs of students with Warden and the Matron taken on the lawn in front of Chancellor's Hall. The photographs are mounted and all except those for 1925, 1944 and 1945-46 are captioned with individuals' names. The photograph for 1944 shows a number of individuals in military uniform, possibly Royal Engineers cadets:

/1: 1925

/2: 1926

/3: 1927

/4: 1928

/5: 1935

/6: 1944

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/7: 1945-46

/8: 1956-57

/9: 1962-63

/10: 1963-64

/11: 1965-66

/12: 1966-67

/13: 1968-69

13 items

Access: Open

UB/HCH/A/5/5      Unmounted group photographs      c 1955-1967

Unmounted and undated group photographs of  
Chancellor's Hall students and staff:

/1-2: Probably taken during the 1950s showing  
P.C. Hordern [Warden 1945-1964]

/3: Photograph taken on the same occasion as  
the 1966-67 mounted photograph described at  
UB/HCH/A/5/4/12

3 items

Access: Open

UB/HCH/A/5/6      Photographs of exterior of Chancellor's Hall      c 1920-1950

/1-6: Various photographs of the exterior of  
Chancellor's Hall and grounds, some mounted as  
if for an exhibition or display

6 items

Access: Open

UB/HCH/A/5/7      Aerial photographs      c 1950-1960

Various aerial views of Chancellor's Hall and  
surrounding area

14 items

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UB/HCH/A/5/8	Rugby Union Team	1951-1952
	Photograph of Chancellor's Hall Rugby Union team with Warden, P. C. Hordern	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
UB/HCH/A/5/9	Photographs taken at gathering at Chancellor's Hall	1970
	/1-10: Two sets of informal photographs taken at a gathering at Chancellor's Hall 18 August 1970 showing outside of the building	
	10 items	
	Access: Open	
UB/HCH/A/5/10	George Dixon	c 1870
	Three-quarter length portrait of George Dixon against exterior wall of an unidentified building	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
UB/HCH/A/6	Ephemera	1927-1981
	Miscellaneous items relating to the history of Chancellor's Hall	
	1 volume, 2 items	
	Access: Open	
UB/HCH/A/6/1	Visitors Book	1927-1981
	Chancellor's Hall Visitors Book beginning 20 October 1927 marking the visit of the then Prime Minister, Stanley Baldwin. Other signatories on that occasion included, Mrs Lucy Baldwin, Lord Cecil [Chancellor of the University], Charles Hyde and Sir Gilbert Barling. Events held at Chancellor's Hall continued to be commemorated by the signatures of guests in the visitors book, including Baldwin Night and the reunions held by Chancellor's Hall Association until 11 July 1981.	
	1 volume	

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	Access: Open	
UB/HCH/A/6/2	Letter from R. C. Panton	1942
	Letter, dated 15 November 1942, from R. C. Panton, the Warden of Chancellor's Hall to [Eric. M. Orme] inviting him to High Table for dinner the following day	
	1 item	
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UB/HCH/A/6/3	Invitation card	1946
	Printed invitation card from Mr and Mrs Eric W. Vincent to a dance and social evening at the Students' Union, 20 March 1946	
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UB/HCH/B	Chancellor's Hall Association	1949-2000
	Records and other papers relating to Chancellor's Hall Association including the minute book and associated papers of the Annual General Meetings 1949-1979, printed Register 1952, material relating to reunion dinners, Constitution of Chancellor's Hall Association 1972, draft copy of a history of Chancellor's Hall by Eric Orme and T. A. Trigg	
	1 volume, 1 file	
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UB/HCH/B/1	Minutes	1949-1979
	Signed manuscript minutes of meetings of Chancellor's Hall Association beginning with the first Annual General Meeting of the Association 9 July 1949 when H. B. Collison was elected its first Chairman. Meetings, thereafter, were held at first annually and then later at intervals of two or three years but usually coinciding with the Association reunion dinners. The last meeting for which there are minutes in this volume was held on 10 July 1979. The minutes of this meeting and that of 6 July 1974 and notes on an informal meeting held 26 June 1971 were typed and	

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attached to the minute book. Other documents of relevance to the discussions at the meetings have also been included such as correspondence of F.H. Robbs and Peter Hordern in May 1954, an attendance list 6 July 1974 and a leaflet published by the University appealing for donations to the Raymond Priestley Outdoor Centre, Coniston Water.

The minutes recorded discussions on maintaining support for the Association, arrangements for reunion dinners and the management of Association finances including donations to University causes and the support of students in Hall. The informal meeting of Association members held at The Manor House 26 June 1971 considered the future of the Association following the closure of Chancellor's Hall. It was agreed to draw up a Constitution, canvass opinions of members on the continuation of the Association and to arrange a further reunion dinner. At the meeting of 8 July 1972 the Constitution was adopted and a new Executive Committee was elected with A. W. Wallbank as Chairman. It was also agreed to continue with the reunions and to raise funds in order to support student descendants of members of Chancellor's Hall and other University appeals.

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Chancellor's Hall Association Register

1953

Printed Register 1952 giving the names, in alphabetical order, of students resident in Chancellor's Hall from its opening until 1952. Details recorded include the years the student was in residence, the degree taken, subsequent career details and or their latest known address. This register was probably owned by T. A. Trigg whose card is stapled to a front page.

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Reunion dinner attendance list

1971



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List of those attending the reunion dinner held 26 June 1971 with record of payments.

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UB/HCH/B/4      Constitution of Chancellor's Hall Association      1972

Constitution of Chancellor's Hall Association adopted at meeting held 8 July 1972 ( 2 copies)

2 items

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UB/HCH/B/5      History of Chancellor's Hall      2000

Draft copy of ' Chancellor's Hall [1922-1970] A complete history with reminiscences and anecdotes' edited by T. A. Trigg and history written by E. M. Orme published by the Chancellor's Hall Association, 2000. A draft typescript of a preface is also included which does not appear in the finished publication.

The reminiscences of former students resident in Chancellor's Hall included in this volume provide valuable perspectives on student life in Hall at different times in its history. There are various accounts of life in Hall during the Second World War which include air raid precautions, fire watching duties and food rationing. Other topics covered include social activities and entertainments organised in Chancellor's Hall, house rules and forms of etiquette and dress code and together the reminiscences show the way life in Hall changed over the years. The various references to fellow students and members of staff make these reminiscences a valuable source of additional information about former students.

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UB/HCH/B/6      Reunion dinner menu      1979

Menu for the Chancellor's Hall reunion dinner held at High Hall 28 July 1979, annotated with notes, possibly for a speech, in a printed cover

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