

Guide to the David Underdown Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: OSB MSS 214

CREATOR: Underdown, David

TITLE: David Underdown papers

DATES: 1930–2010

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 12.42 linear feet (13 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The David Underdown papers, which span from 1930-2010, contain correspondence, lectures, teaching materials, personal papers, electronic files, and other materials created by or relating to David Underdown's life and work.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Susan Amussen, 2013, 2015.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Preferred Citation

David Underdown Papers. James Marshall and Marie-Louise Osborn Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections as they are acquired, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization. Various acquisitions associated with the collection have not been merged and organized as a whole. Each acquisition is described separately in the contents list below and titled according to month and year of acquisition.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

David Underdown

David Underdown (1925-2009) was a historian, author, and educator. Educated at Blue School, Exeter College, Oxford, and Yale University, Underdown wrote and taught extensively about 17th-century English politics and culture. Underdown taught at Yale University from 1986 until his retirement as Professor Emeritus in 1996. He also taught at a number of institutions including Sewanee College, Brown University, and University of Virginia. Among his many award-winning publications, his most well-known work was *Pride's Purge: Politics in the Puritan Revolution* (1981).

Scope and Contents

The David Underdown papers, which span from 1930-2010, contain correspondence, lectures, teaching materials, personal papers, electronic files, and other materials created by or relating to David Underdown's life and work.

Arrangement

Organized into two groupings: January 2013 acquisition; and June 2015 acquisition.

Collection Contents

January 2013 acquisition, 1930–2010

11.08 linear feet (11 boxes)

Contains correspondence, writings, teaching materials, ephemera, journals, and personal papers created by or related to the life and work of David Underdown.

Gift of Susan Amussen, 2013.

Organized into four series: I. Writings, 1947 - 2010. II. Correspondence, 1940 - 2009. III. Teaching materials, . IV. Personal papers, .

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|------|---|-----------------|
| | Writings 1.08 linear feet 3.25 linear feet (3 boxes) (3 boxes) | 1947–2010 |
| | Contains writings, clippings, reviews, drafts, and related papers and ephemera. | |
| | Materials maintain order found at time of acquisition. | |
| b. 1 | Reviews and clippings | circa 1972-1987 |
| b. 1 | Review revisions | circa 1990s |
| b. 1 | Comment on Clive Holmes | 1977 |
| b. 1 | Untitled essay on 1966 General Election | circa 1966 |
| b. 1 | Wooster lecture | circa 1980s |
| b. 1 | Washington University conference | circa 1986 |
| b. 1 | The Parliamentary Diary of John Boys, 1647-8 | undated |
| b. 1 | Draft and notes related to "John White Revisited" | undated |
| b. 1 | "The Collapse of the Independent Party, 1648" annotated draft | circa 1960s |
| b. 1 | Program--International symposium on British history | 1987 |
| b. 1 | "From Coral Rag to Clipsham" annotated draft | undated |
| b. 1 | History of cricket | circa 2006 |
| b. 1 | AHA speech with note | circa 1976 |
| b. 1 | "The Harringtonian Moment" draft | undated |
| b. 1 | Highlander School materials (2 folders) | circa 1947-1963 |
| b. 1 | "Puritanism and Poverty" version and related papers (2 folders) | circa 1992 |
| b. 1 | Historiography drafts and notes (2 folders) | undated |
| b. 1 | "Crook-taloned birds" from New Yorker | 1962 |

Writings (continued)

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|-----|--|----------------------|
| b.1 | E.P. Thompson obituaries and articles | circa 1993 |
| b.1 | Sir Richard Willys article and notes | undated |
| b.1 | Chattanooga Times reviews and clippings | circa 1960s |
| b.1 | Bicentennial project--Hope, Refuge, Model | 1976 |
| b.1 | Highlander school materials | circa 1950s |
| b.1 | Hampshire county council election article and related papers | circa 2006 |
| b.1 | Correspondence about writings with Tim Harris and others along with related papers | circa 1989-1995 |
| b.1 | Yule argument and related correspondence | circa 1969-1970 |
| b.1 | Encyclopedia articles and related papers | circa 1990s-2000s |
| b.1 | Dick Pile notes and related correspondence | undated |
| b.1 | Conference on British studies materials | circa 1970 |
| b.1 | Whiteway and Darcy materials | circa 1980s-1990s |
| b.1 | Puritanism and poverty | circa 1990s |
| b.1 | Ford's book with corrections and related materials | circa 1990s |
| b.1 | Kishlanksy-Adamson exchanges | 1991-1994 |
| b.1 | China trip notes and related papers | 1987 |
| b.1 | Correspondence regarding Sewanee teaching | 1954-1962 |
| b.1 | International symposium on British history | 1987 |
| b.1 | Correspondence and photographs | circa 1950s-1970s |
| b.1 | Working file for book illustrations | undated |
| b.1 | History Today correspondence and related papers | 1983 |
| b.1 | Royalist notes and related papers | circa 1970s |
| b.1 | "Fire From Heaven" correspondence and related materials | 1998-2001 |
| b.1 | Anglo-US history paper | circa 1994 |
| b.1 | Somerset correspondence and related materials | 1999-2001 |
| b.1 | Bound typescript of "Charles McLean Andrews" | 1952 |
| b.2 | "Royalist Party in England" typescript (2 folders) | 1952 |

Writings (continued)

| | | |
|------|--|----------------------|
| b. 2 | Article reprints and offprints (4 folders) | circa 1950s-1980s |
| b. 2 | Papers related to academic speaking engagements | 1981-1982 |
| b. 2 | "English Civil War and Local Community" typescript | 1984 |
| b. 2 | "Whose Political Culture?" speech with notes | undated |
| b. 2 | "Lawrence Stone and the English Revolution" typescript | undated |
| b. 2 | Papers related to AHA in Chicago | 1986-1988 |
| b. 2 | Clippings and writings related to cricket match fixing (2 folders) | circa 1999-2001 |
| b. 2 | Notes and papers related to Watching Cricket in the Eighteenth Century | 1996-1997 |
| b. 2 | Riots and Revels paper and notes | undated |
| b. 2 | Papers related to the Southern Historical Association meeting | 1959 |
| b. 2 | Marshall University speech and related papers | 1988 |
| b. 2 | "Fields, Forests, and the English Revolution" annotated typescript | undated |
| b. 2 | Hollar writings with related papers | circa 1994 |
| b. 2 | Clippings about American cricket | circa 1992-2000 |
| b. 2 | Writings about William Gilbert Grace with related correspondence and papers | circa 1987 |
| b. 2 | Fords--notes | circa 1992 |
| b. 2 | Paper abstracts from International Symposium on British History | 1987 |
| b. 2 | Papers related to Church memorial lecture | 1991 |
| b. 2 | Correspondence and notes related to AHA | 1992 |
| b. 2 | Papers related to conference on British studies | 1989 |
| b. 2 | Folger conference | 1990 |
| b. 2 | Brief from AHA | 1989 |
| b. 2 | Hutton/Pounds review | 2001 |
| b. 2 | Papers related to North East Conference on British Studies | 2004 |
| b. 2 | "Seventeenth-Century Historians and the Revolution of 1640-1660" typescript | undated |
| b. 2 | "Cricket Crowd" typescript | undated |
| b. 2 | "The Problem of Popular Allegiance in the English Civil War" typescript | 1980 |
| b. 2 | Sewanee address and related papers | circa 1981 |

Writings (continued)

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| b. 2 | "Revisiting Inversion in Early Modern England" typescript | 2001 |
| b. 2 | "As Tame as the Ladies" typescript | 1990 |
| b. 2 | "Memories of Harold Gimblett" typescript | undated |
| b. 2 | William Benn entry--Oxford dictionary of national biography | circa 2004 |
| b. 2 | "Prince Henry's Ghost" typescript | undated |
| b. 2 | "Free-Born Englishmen: The Political nation in the Seventeenth Century" typescript | undated |
| b. 2 | "Itching after popularitie: gentry politics before 1640" lecture typescript | undated |
| b. 2 | "Custom and Inversion: Popular Politics before 1640" lecture typescript | undated |
| b. 2 | "Liberty and Property: The Political nation and the English Revolution" lecture typescript | undated |
| b. 2 | "The Man in the Moon: Levelling, Gender and Popular Politics 1640-1660" lecture typescript | undated |
| b. 2 | "The Political Nation After the Restoration" lecture typescript | undated |
| b. 2 | Reviews--Freeborn People | circa 1998 |
| b. 2 | Reviews of "Revel, Riot, and Rebellion" | 1985-1987 |
| b. 2 | Reviews | circa 2000s |
| b. 2 | "But the Shows of their Street" peer reviews and related papers | circa 2010 |
| b. 2 | "Yellow Ruffs and Poisoned Possets: Placing Women in Early Stuart Political Debate" typescript | undated |
| b. 3 | "Chalk and Cheese" reviews with related papers | circa 1978 |
| b. 3 | Hexter festscript and related papers | 1978-1979 |
| b. 3 | Papers related to Dorsey press | 1965-1966 |
| b. 3 | Papers related to AYA trip (2 folders) | 1995 |
| b. 3 | Lewis and Clark talk | 1987 |
| b. 3 | Dorset lectures | 2001 |
| b. 3 | Papers related to "Pride's Purge" reprint | 1984 |
| b. 3 | Papers related to Cricketer article | 1998-2000 |
| b. 3 | Papers related to Exeter College | 1989-2000 |
| b. 3 | Papers related to award from Cricket Society | circa 1999-2001 |
| b. 3 | Honest radicals article | circa 1970s |

Writings (continued)

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| b. 3 | Reviews (3 folders) | circa 1980s-2000s |
| b. 3 | Papers related to e-books | 2002-2004 |
| b. 3 | CVs | circa 1987-2005 |
| b. 3 | Papers related to dictionary of national biography | 1998-2002 |
| b. 3 | Corrected Ford lectures and related papers | 1988-1993 |
| b. 3 | Papers related to American Historical Association | 2006 |
| | Correspondence <i>7.58 linear feet (7 boxes)</i> Contains correspondence, much with other authors, along with related notes, clippings, and papers. Materials maintain order found at time of acquisition. | 1940-2009 |
| b. 3 | Personal records and correspondence | 1956-2007 |
| b. 3 | Notes and letters | circa 1980s-2000s |
| b. 3 | Letters, notes, and related papers (10 folders) | circa 1950s-1970s |
| b. 4 | Family and miscellaneous correspondence (11 folders) | circa 1950s-1960s |
| b. 4 | Sewanee correspondence (6 folders) | circa 1950s |
| b. 5 | Sewanee correspondence (7 folders) | circa 1950s |
| b. 5 | Notes and letters (8 folders) | circa 1940s-1950s |
| b. 5 | Correspondence (4 folders) | circa 1980s |
| b. 6 | Correspondence (3 folders) | circa 1980s |
| b. 6 | Correspondence (2 folders) | circa 1980s-1990s |
| b. 6 | Correspondence (3 folders) | circa 1960s |
| b. 6 | Correspondence (5 folders) | circa 1960s-1970s |
| b. 6 | Correspondence and papers related to 610 Angell Street residence | circa 1980s |
| b. 6 | Correspondence (3 folders) | circa 1970s-1980s |

Correspondence (continued)

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| b.7 | Correspondence--Spaeth | circa 1980s-2000s |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Ross | 1998-1999 |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Stieg | 1977-1985 |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Lyons | 1978-1980 |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Madway | 1994-2000 |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Malcolm | 1977-1997 |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Maltby | 1989-1999 |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Reinhart | 1977-1984 |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Klein | 1985-2004 |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Kishlansky | 1975-1990 |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Forrest | 1987 |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Ferrell | 1985-2002 |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Estabrook | 1985-2002 |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Erwin | 1987-1998 |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Egloff | 1989-1995 |
| b.7 | Letters regarding jobs and employment | 1968-1999 |
| b.7 | British historians CVs | undated |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Behre | 1989-1991 |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Benedict | 1991 |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Cogswell | 1989-1999 |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Duncan | 1991-2005 |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Deignan | 1982-1987 |
| b.7 | Correspondence--Eglin | 1999 |
| b.7 | Correspondence--UVA and Brown University | 1950-1969 |
| b.7 | Correspondence (3 folders) | circa 1980s-1990s |
| b.7 | Sewanee correspondence (4 folders) | circa 1950s |
| b.7 | Correspondence (2 folders) | circa 1950s |
| b.7 | Cards | 2007-2009 |

Correspondence (continued)

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| b. 7 | Notes, reviews, and articles (2 folders) | circa 1960s-1990s |
| b. 8 | Correspondence--mss reports | 1992-2005 |
| b. 8 | Letters of recommendation | 1987-2008 |
| b. 8 | Correspondence--Sewanee | circa 1960s-2000s |
| b. 8 | Correspondence--Guggenheim and other fellowships | circa 1950s-1990s |
| b. 8 | Correspondence--mss reports | circa 1960s-1990s |
| b. 8 | Correspondence--Yale | 1985-1996 |
| b. 8 | Correspondence and papers related to naturalization | circa 1997 |
| b. 8 | Correspondence and papers related to Ann Underdown's estate and holdings | 1979-2002 |
| b. 8 | Correspondence and papers related to Susan Amussen | circa 1970s-1980s |
| b. 8 | Correspondence (3 folders) | circa 1950s-1970s |
| b. 8 | Correspondence from America (3 folders) | 1951-1973 |
| b. 8 | Correspondence--RAF and Oxford | 1943-1949 |
| b. 8 | Correspondence (5 folders) | circa 1980s-2000s |
| b. 9 | Correspondence (4 folders) | circa 1990s |
| b. 9 | Correspondence--Hambleton (2 folders) | circa 1990s-2000s |
| b. 9 | Correspondence--Dorchester | 1988-2001 |
| b. 9 | Correspondence--Dorset | circa 1990s |
| b. 9 | Correspondence, clippings, and related papers | circa 1998-2001 |
| b. 9 | Correspondence and related papers | 2003-2008 |
| b. 9 | Correspondence--All Souls | 1991-1995 |
| b. 9 | Correspondence--Liberty fund | 1998-1999 |
| b. 9 | Correspondence--Yale University Press | 1992-2000 |
| b. 9 | Correspondence--Penguin | 1998-2002 |

Correspondence (continued)

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| b. 9 | Correspondence--A.P. Watt | 1989-2002 |
| b. 9 | Correspondence and related papers--Shakespeare Association of America | 1987-1988 |
| b. 9 | Correspondence--publicity for "Start of Play" | 2000 |
| b. 9 | Correspondence--British Academy | 1991-2001 |
| b. 9 | Correspondence--Oxford University Press | 1984-1993 |
| b. 9 | Correspondence--Smithsonian | 1999 |
| b. 9 | Correspondence--Wells | 1999-2001 |
| b. 9 | Correspondence--Sandling | 1997-2001 |
| b. 9 | Notes and letter from Carl | 1990 |
| | Teaching materials <i>2.17 linear feet (2 boxes)</i> Contains papers related to Underwood's experiences as an educator, including extensive notes on courses taught. Materials maintain order found at time of acquisition. | 1970-1989 |
| b. 9 | Course seminar notebook | circa 1979 |
| b. 9 | Course notes <i>(2 folders)</i> | undated |
| b. 10 | Grading notes <i>(3 folders)</i> | circa 1980s |
| b. 10 | Course notes--Tudor and Stuart England | undated |
| b. 10 | Course notes--Tudors | undated |
| b. 10 | Course notes--Stuarts | undated |
| b. 10 | Course notes--History 252A | undated |
| b. 10 | Course notes--History 142 | circa 1970s-1980s |
| b. 10 | Course notes--History 101-2 | circa 1970s-1980s |
| | Personal papers <i>1.33 linear feet (2 boxes)</i> Contains journals, ephemera, and other papers related to the life experiences of David Underwood. Materials maintain order found at time of acquisition. | 1930-2009 |
| b. 10 | Address books | undated |
| b. 10 | Passports | circa 1950s-2000s |

Personal papers (continued)

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| b. 10 | Library cards, rail tickets, and other ephemera | circa 2000s |
| b. 10 | Royal Air Force flying log book | circa 1946 |
| b. 10 | Clippings--nuclear arms | circa 1980s |
| b. 11 | Diaries (13 folders) | circa 1940s-2000s |
| b. 11 | Deposit book | undated |
| b. 11 | Brown University master's diploma | 1969 |
| b. 11 | Oxford examination questions and notes | undated |
| b. 11 | Royal Air Force service and release book | undated |
| b. 11 | Blue School progress reports | circa 1930s-1940s |
| b. 11 | Journal | 1972-1973 |
| b. 11 | Ephemera | circa 1980s |
| b. 11 | Oxford Mail front page | 1945 |
| b. 12 | Retirement certificate from Yale University | 1996 June 30 |
| b. 12 | Rolled photo of Wells School students | 1939 June |
| b. 12 | Ribbon | undated |

June 2015 acquisition, undated

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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Geographic Names

Great Britain
Great Britain -- History

Subjects

Historians
Historians -- 20th Century

Names

Underdown, David