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## BLOXHAM SCHOOL ARCHIVES

### CLASSIFICATION SCHEME

A simple and flexible scheme has been used to divide the existing records, and to enable additional records to be added to a series or to the scheme as a whole.

There are four main groups, with subdivisions for classes within each group. The documents within each class are distinguished by a running number. In most cases it is unnecessary to identify individual papers within a bundle, but where desirable (as in the case of the Egerton correspondence) a piece-number, folio or page number can be added.

Strictly, the Egerton papers should have been divided among the other classes of administrative records, correspondence and accounts, but it seemed better to treat them as a separate group.

The documents have all been stamped and numbered for identification, the mark normally being found endorsed on loose papers or inside the cover of volumes. A pencil mark has been used when the ink stamp would have been unsightly.

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THE CLASSIFICATION SCHEME

H 1	SCHOOL HISTORY	Printed books, articles
H 2		Newspaper cuttings
H 3		Collections of notes on history
H 4		Correspondence about historical research
E 1	P.R. EGERTON	Correspondence to Egerton
E 2		Correspondence from Egerton
E 3		Accounts (to 1897)
E 4		Sermons
E 5		Commonplace books, memoranda, etc.
E 6		Personal records and books
E 7		Correspondence about testimonials
AA	SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	Woodard Corporation
AB		Bloxham Council
AC		General administration - prospectuses, admissions, registers, addresses, school lists
AD		Headmaster - log-books, notices, correspondence
AE		Bursar - appeals, accounts from 1897, building plans
AF	Chaplain	Chaplain - services, registers
AG		Teaching - timetables, examination books, reports
AH		Senior Common Room
AJ		School events - calendars, school programmes, Founderstide
AK		Sport records
AL		OTC, JTC, CCF records
AM		Societies and clubs

PH 1-10	PHOTOGRAPHS	Albums
PH 11-		Framed photographs, mounted photographs
OB 1	OLD BLOXHAMIST SOCIETY	Membership
OB 2		Minutes
OB 3		Accounts
OB 4		Correspondence
OB 5		Events, fixture cards



## INTRODUCTION

Bloxham School was started by Revd J.W. Hewett in 1853, but his ambitious building plans combined with excessive High Church practices resulted in his downfall in 1857. Only one or two records of his school survive at Bloxham, though papers relating to it and to his bankruptcy are in the Bodleian Library, Oxford (MS.Oxf.Dioc.Pprs. c.1736 and MS.Top.Oxon. f.40).

In September 1859 Revd P.R. Egerton, then a young and unsettled curate at Deddington, bought the derelict building and started his own school. Egerton aimed to meet the educational need of a 'middle-class school' with Anglican Catholic principles primarily for boys who would go straight into business. From a handful of boys in January 1860 the numbers rose to nearly 200 in 20 years. Subsequently the school suffered seriously from competition from the government-supported Board Schools and by the end of the century there were less than 100 boys.

The archives now kept in the office of the Old Bloxhamist Society at the school provide ample evidence of Egerton's meticulous planning and progress, his worries over finance, and his repeated attempts to ensure that his private school should survive him. In turn he approached the Woodard Corporation of St Nicolas, Lancing in 1859-60, Keble College, Oxford in 1879, Woodard again in 1880, before establishing a Bloxham School Trust in 1884. Finally, affiliation with the Woodard Corporation was agreed in 1897, although its independent origin and character, size and distance from the other Woodard schools in the Southern Division kept Bloxham somewhat isolated for many years.

From 1897 the most important archives at the school are the minutes and accounts of the Bloxham Council in the custody of the bursar. Comparatively few other records survive for the period from 1900 to 1960 to illustrate the school's partial recovery before World War I, the depression of the 1920s and 1930s relieved by the building programme and educational policies of the first lay headmaster, V.L. Armitage (1925-40). At the outbreak of World War II the school was again facing a financial crisis and the Council were reputedly considering closure, although this is not recorded in their minutes. These remain the chief source of evidence for the recovery first in numbers and then in buildings and academic standards achieved by K.T.Dewey (1940-52) and R.S. Thompson (1952-66).

Since the centenary year of 1960 there has been a more successful attempt to keep archive copies of school papers, chiefly the printed ones, illustrating the substantial growth of the school and its activities under D.R.G. Seymour (from 1966). There is, however, nothing to match the evidence of the Egerton period - few letters of headmasters, unpublished reports or papers on Council policy, administrative or educational aims and methods, or school activities, the duties of housemasters and chaplain. Even the record value of the school magazine, The Bloxhamist, is variable compared with the factual reporting of earlier issues. Similarly, the photographic records of the school are comparatively more extensive before 1920 than since.

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June 1976



H 1

## SCHOOL HISTORY

H 1 Printed

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|------|-----------------|---|----------|
| 1/1  | 1952            | K.E. Kirk, <u>Story of the Woodard Schools</u> , (2nd. edn.)  | 1 vol.   |
| 1/2  | 1910            | [G.H. Ward], <u>History of All Saints' School, Bloxham</u> (1st. edn.)  | 2 copies |
| 1/3  | 1925            | [G.H. Ward], <u>Supplement to the History of All Saints' School, Bloxham</u>  | 1 vol.   |
| 1/4  | 1925            | [G.H. Ward], <u>History of All Saints' School, Bloxham, with Supplement</u>   | 1 vol.   |
| 1/5  | 1875<br>to date | <u>The Bloxhamist</u> , Vol. I continuing   | -        |
| 1/6  | 1892-<br>1898   | <u>The Bloxhamist</u> , Vols. XVIII-XXIV, bequeathed by A.E. Peel   | 1 vol.   |
| 1/7  | 1960            | [G.H. Bletchly], <u>All Saints' School, Bloxham, 1860-1960: brief history of the school and its progress</u>                                | 1 vol.   |
| 1/8  | 1960            | <u>Illustrated London News</u> , 7 May, with article on school, pp. 789-92  | 1        |
| 1/9  | 1966            | <u>Bloxham science exhibition to commemorate the opening of the science extension</u>   | 1        |
| 1/10 | 1966            | D. Christie-Murray, <u>The arms of the Revd. Philip Reginald Egerton, founder of Bloxham School</u>   | 2 copies |
| 1/11 | 1969            | F.J. Willy, 'From small beginnings', <u>Griffin</u> (Winter 1969)   | 2 copies |
| 1/12 | 1971            | [E.J.Kahn], <u>With cheerful voice: Bloxham's chapel, 1871-1971</u>   | 1        |
| 1/13 | 1971            | <u>Bloxham School: science exhibition on the occasion of the opening of Raymond House</u>   | 1        |
| 1/14 | 1975            | D.W. Harrington, 'The Egerton family of Adstock in the county of Buckingham', <u>Family History</u> , IX Nos. 53/56 (Nov. 1975), pp. 93-128 | 1        |

H 2 Newspaper cuttings

- 2/1 1910 Newspaper cuttings and photographs of Jubilee, collected by Revd. H.R. Willimott 1 vol.
- 2/2 1931-1943 Newspaper cuttings, programmes and photographs, collected by G.H. Bletchly 1 vol.
- 2/3 1942-1964 Includes programmes and reports of dinners of Friends of Bloxham, inaugurated 1931, 75th anniversary dinner dance, 1935, opening of Great Hall, 1936
- 2/3 1942-1964 Newspaper cuttings, programmes and photographs, collected by G.H. Bletchly 1 vol.  
Includes report of Centenary Appeal, 1953
- 2/4 1960 Newspaper cuttings, programmes and photographs, collected by G.H. Bletchly 1 vol.  
Includes many photographs of visit for Centenary by H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother
- 2/5 1864-1935, 1969 Newspaper cuttings 1 bdl.  
Includes reports of meeting to promote colonisation of New Zealand, [1850], opening of schoolroom wing, 1864 opening of dining hall, 1869 chapel building, 1871, 1882 copy obituary of Eliz. Arkell, 1875 presentation of portrait to Revd. P.R. Egerton, 1887, and obituary, 1911 end-of-term despatch of luggage by horse and cart, 1932 Jubilee rugger match, 1935 cricket matches 1865

H 3 Collections of historical notes

- 3/1 c.1910 MS. biography of Revd. A.D. Crake, written by Helen Baillie, given by Revd. E.E. Crake 1 bdl.
- 3/2 1938 Recollections of school by H.C. Boissier, O.B. 1875-78 2

H 3 (cont.)

- 3/3 c.1940 Note (by F.B. Palmer) on A. Chevallier Tayler's painting, 'The Viaticum' 2
- 3/4 1967 Note on Revd. A.D. Crake by G.H. Bletchly 1
- 3/5 1970-1971 Notes on chapel history by E.J.Kahn, including notes on chapel music not published in With cheerful voice. 1 file
- Contains much material from The Bloxhamist, quoting references
- 3/6 1971 History of chapel by E.J. Kahn (typescript for With cheerful voice) 1 file
- 3/7 1976 Note of numbers of boys in school by E.J. Kahn and B.S. Smith (incomplete) 1860-1976 1

H 4 Correspondence about historical research

- 4/1 c.1965 to date Correspondence, filed by E.J. Kahn, relating to history of school, Canon H.P. Liddon, Bishop Sam. Wilberforce, Jackson Knight (master), A.W.Platt (O.B. 1872-77), football, OTC 5 files

See also AD 8

EGERTON

E 1 Correspondence to Revd. Philip Reginald Egerton ✓

1/1 1855- 1898 General correspondence from many correspondents, relating chiefly to the foundation of the school and proposals for affiliation with Woodard Corporation or Keble College, Oxford, and to School Trust established in 1884 142

1855

9 Aug. Revd. A. Potts, Cuddesdon, Oxon. PRE's entrance to Theological College. (1855)

1857

5 Aug. Revd. L.S. Clarke, Lodsworth, Sussex. Curacy after ordination

7 Aug. Revd. L.S. Clarke, Lodsworth. Curacy

- (Revd.) P. Hopkins (?). Curacy of Little Barford or Bloxham. (1857 ?)

1859

16 May Revd. W.V. Richards, London. Offering curacy at All Saints, Margaret St., with notice of its consecration

- Revd. E.B. Pusey, Oxford. About a publication out of print. (? 1859)

14 May Revd. T.P. Nunn, Shepton Mallett, Som. Offering curacy. (1859)

4 July Revd. A.H. Mackonochie, Mission House, Well Close Sq., London E. Invitation to join mission

7 July Revd. A.H. Mackonochie, London. Need for work at home as well as in colonies

30 Aug. (Revd.) H.M. Turton, London. Offering post in New Zealand. (1859)

Nov. Invitation to dinner of Old Johnians, Hurstpierpoint (? sent to PRE)

29 Nov Revd. N. Woodard, New Shoreham, Sussex. Proposes to look at Bloxham. PS of 6 Jan 1860. Prepared to negotiate finally

1 Dec. Revd. N. Woodard, Oxford. Advises against purchase of Bloxham

(3 Dec. Revd. N. Woodard to (Revd. H.P.) Liddon. Friends should advise PRE against purchasing Bloxham unaided)



E 1/1 cont.

- 9 Dec. Revd N. Woodard, New Shoreham. Looks forward to seeing PRE.
- 20 Dec. Revd W. Butler, Wantage, Berks. Prejudice likely owing to 'Hewitt's absurdities'
- (27 Dec) Revd H.H.Swinney, Cuddesdon. Best wishes for middle class school
- 29 Dec. A. Pott, East Hendred, Berks, Promises to recommend
- 30 Dec. Revd E.Bickersteth, Aylesbury, Bucks. Promises to recommend
- 31 Dec. Revd. C.H.Lomax, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex. Will send advice
- 1860
- 1 Jan. H.C.Risley, Deddington. Encloses gift for furnishing
- 3 Jan. E. Steere, Burgh, Boston, Lincs. Good wishes from Guild
- 3 Jan. J. Rogers, Brighton. Despatch of 5 mattresses and pillows
- 3 Jan. Revd C.H.Lomax, Hurstpierpoint. Long letter about diet, costs, timetables, stationery, furniture. (Dated 1859 by mistake)
- 5 Jan. Revd E.C.Lowe, London. Decision about Provost of Lancing
- 7 Jan. Revd E.C.Lowe, London. Appointment of Harris as master (at Hurstpierpoint)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. (E.Steere, Burgh. Two London members of Guild of St Albans available for help
- Easter (8 April) Revd N.Woodard, New Shoreham. Enquiry on progress
- 5 May Revd A.H.Mackonochie, London. Thanks for sympathy over mob attack
- 9 May Revd A.H.Mackonochie, London. Best wishes in work
- 17 Aug. Revd C.H.Lomax, Rand, Lincs. Long letter about domestic arrangements, gardener, furnishing chapel, stationery
- 29 Aug. Revd C.H.Lomax, Rand. School progress, desks, drawing materials
- 14 Sept Revd C.H.Lomax, Rand. Financial problems. Increase numbers rather than fees. Advice on advertising. Has studied PRE's accounts
- 19 Sept Revd C.H. Lomax, Rand. Advice on raising fees. Day boys
- 25 Sept Revd C.H.Lomax, Rand. More boys vital
- 28 Nov. (Revd C.H.Lomax), Manchester. Advises caution before appointing housekeeper. Expenditure to be analysed

1861



1861

- 26 Apr E.Field, Hurstpierpoint. Organisation of divinity in school, communicants and confession
- E.Willis, Winchester. Counsels moderation in High Church practices
- 24 June Appeal for another St Nicolas Corporation school at Balcombe, Sussex

1862

- 24 Feb P.Hoskins, Whitwell, I.O.W. Public approval from Gladstone and Wilberforce
- 12 Mar M.Farrell, Bloxham. As head boy apologises for distressing event
- (16 Apr) Revd T.H.Fullagar, assistant master. Apologises for failings and differences of opinion
- 2 June Revd N.Woodard, New Shoreham. Promises to check terms of St Nicoloas trust deed to help PRE
- 4 Aug Revd C.H.Lomax, Manchester. Proposed visit
- 26 Sept Revd C.H.Lomax, Manchester. Will keep things straight in PRE's absence during scarletina epidemic
- Sept Revd C.H.Lomax, Manchester. Epidemic. (1862)
- 30 Sept Revd C.H.Lomax, Bloxham. Epidemic. Boys return that night. PRE not permitted to marry before mother's death

1863

- 12 Jan Revd C.H.Lomax, Manchester. Poverty in city
- 9 July H.Stevens, Bloxham. Order for bedsteads. Employ strangers as maids, not villagers
- 13 July Mrs M.Davis, Abingdon. Poor school work by son (? 1863)
- 14 July G.Davis, Abingdon. Complaints of sons being hit by Mr Blacker, master
- Mrs M.Davis, Abingdon. Strongly supports PRE. (? 1863)
- 17 July Mrs M.Kinch, Deddington. Punishment by masters. (1863)
- 22 July Mrs M.Kinch, Deddington. Offering support and £10 for building
- 28 July Revd C.Barter, London. Offers £1500 mortgage for playground and to complete building
- 2 Aug Revd C.Barter, London. Visit by PRE
- 24 Sept 'Your most dutiful pupils', Bloxham. Congratulations on fatherhood

- 25 Sept J.C.Ford, Buenos Ayres. Son going on as New College chorister
- 12 Nov Dr H.Ackroyd, Oxford. Discussed drainage with G.E.Street, architect. Glad PRE out of difficulty
- 5 Dec Revd C.H.Lomax, Manchester. Scarletina epidemic again. Advice against French or German masters. Staff difficulties  
Illness of Mrs Egerton
- 17 Dec Revd C.H.Lomax, Manchester. Opinion on staff applications
- 22 Dec Revd C.H.Lomax, Manchester. Opinion on staff applications
- 26 Dec Revd C.Barter, Sarsden, Oxon. About to send £400.  
Further £1100 available
- 30 Dec Revd C.H.Lomax, Manchester. Advice on applicants interviewed by him
- 31 Dec Revd C.H.Lomax, Manchester. PRE's applicants sound better

1864

- 7 Jan J.Large, Brechin, Angus. Withdraws application
- 16 Jan Mrs M.Kinch, Deddington. About sons at school. (1864)
- 22 Jan Mrs M.Kinch, Deddington. About son at school. (1864)
- 15 Sept W.Ellis, O.B., Glasgow. Requests reference
- 16 Sept Revd E.Lowe, Hurstpierpoint. Form of invitation for opening new buildings. Illness of Mrs Egerton
- 22 Sept Revd C.Barter, Sarsden. Do not fear proposed railway. Arrangements for opening ceremony of new buildings. Negotiations for playing field
- 25 Sept Duke of Marlborough, Blenheim, Oxon. Accepts invitation
- 5 Oct Revd E.Bickersteth, Aylesbury. Cannot attend
- 7 Oct Revd E.Payne, Swalecliffe, Oxon. Accepts
- 7 Oct Lord North, Wroxton, Oxon. Accepts
- 12 Oct Revd R.Benson, Cowley, Oxford. Cannot attend
- 15 Oct Canon H.P. Liddon. Probably cannot attend
- 20 Oct Lord Saye and Sele, Broughton, Oxon. Accepts
- 20 Oct Revd E.King, Cuddesdon. Cannot attend
- (21 Oct B.Disraeli to Miss Nixon. Cannot attend)
- 25 Oct Dr G. Moberley, Winchester. Cannot attend
- 25 Oct J.C.Egerton, London. Report opening in The Times

- (28 Oct Lord Macclesfield to Miss Nixon. Cannot attend)
- 31 Oct G.E.Street, London. Cannot attend
- (2 Nov Mr Jones to Duke of Marlborough. Asks latter to take notice of his son at school)
- 13 Nov H. Churchill, Deddington. Possession of playing field still occupied by former tenant
- 21 Nov H. Churchill, Deddington. Tenant served with notice of ejection
- 28 Nov Revd C.Barter, Sarsden. Countering rumours about purchase price. Stopping-up lane
- 17 Dec Editor, Illustrated London News. Engraving of school
- 23 Dec. Editor, Illustrated London News. Engraving of school
- 1869
- 8 March Revd J.R.Young, Whitnash, Warws. Confirmation of son
- 17 Mar Revd J.Hodgson, Bloxham. Easter services at parish church. Village opposed to choral eucharist
- 1873
- 19 Feb M.B.Bredon, Londonderry. Describes Foyle College
- 1879
- 3 Mar C. Gould, sister in law, Woodheath (? Sussex). Does not wish to establish school further than £7500. Hopes interviews about trustees will be arranged. (? 1879) (1)
- 22 Mar J.A.Shaw-Stewart, Keble College, Oxford. Will lay letter before College council. (1)
- 10 May W.Ford, Gray's Inn, London. Offers legal assistance. Bring deeds and charter of incorporation of Keble College, who might be trustee
- 10 July W.Ford, Gray's Inn. Legal difficulties in proposal to affiliate with Keble College. Advises obtaining own charter and council
- 12 July J.A.Shaw Stewart, Keble College. College will not accept offer. Suggests names for own council (1)
- 14 July W.Ford, Gray's Inn. Suggests enlisting support of bishop of Oxford
- 15 July J.E.Hubbard. Advises trust as at Radley (1)

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1. Found in original bundle 'Keble College correspondence'

- 20 July C. Gould, Brighton. Might settle affairs now, rather than by will. (1879) (1)
- 16 Sept Lord Beauchamp, Madresfield, Worcs. Disappointed at Keble College. (1)
- 16 Oct Lord Beauchamp, Madresfield. Affiliation again considered by Keble College but rejected. Suggests names, including self, for trust. (1)
- 5 Nov J.A.Shaw Stewart, Keble College. Suggests either affiliation with Woodard Corporation, or won trust. Encloses college resolution. (1)
- (5 Nov) Keble College resolution against affiliation

1880

- 27 Jan Canon N.Woodard, Manchester. Would now consider incorporation. Dr Lowe to start negotiation
- 11 Feb Canon N.Woodard, Henfield, Sussex. Need to transfer, property, pay off mortgage and obtain endowment
- 12 Feb Dr E.C.Lowe, Brighton. Invites PRE to Midland Chapter
- 14 Feb Canon N.Woodard, Henfield. No objection to appeal (for endowment)
- 21 Feb Canon N.Woodard, Henfield. Reassures PRE (after criticism as Catholic churchman)
- 2 Mar Canon N.Woodard, Henfield. Encourages PRE to go to meeting at Denstone
- 5 Mar Dr E. Lowe, Denstone, Staffs. Wishes to cooperate. PRE holding back

1881

- 4 April W.Ford, Gray's Inn. Affiliation possible with Selwyn College, Cambridge
- 18 Sept Lord Beauchamp, Madresfield. Could not offer financial help for two years (1)

1883

- 1 May Revd F.A.Lloyd, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks. Family and O.B. news
- 28 Oct H.G.Heaven, Ontario, Canada. Description of settling in Canada

1884

- 15 Feb W.O. Milne, London. Architect's proposals for headmaster's house

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1. Found in original correspondence 'Keble College correspondence'



1890

- 6 Feb M.C.Fisher, London. Encloses accounts. School not expanding and would not sell well. Advises going away for rest. (See also E3/19,20)

1891

- 25 Oct H.G.Heaven, Ontario. Family news

1892

- 12 Feb Revd F.S.Boissier, headmaster, Bloxham. News of numbers (123) in school and exams. Has prefects in home for readings once a month. Encloses -  
30 Dec 1891 and 7 Feb 1892. Letters with R.S.Philips, O.B., on leaving teaching at Framlingham. (3 docs.)
- 10 Mar Revd F.S Boissier, Bloxham. Exam results. Difficulty of keeping good boys. Need for academic staff
- School roll, Term I
- 20 May Headmaster's report to Trustees. Similar to letter of 10 March. Notes loss of educational time due to religious activities

1893

- 18 Mar W.O.Milne, London. Revised plans for library. (See also E7/1)
- 16 May Revd F.S.Boissier, Bloxham. Encloses report. Fears of church schools being squeezed out of existence
- Headmaster's report to Trustees. Suggests academic 'inspection'. Public funds not available because of lack of 'conscience clause'
- 3 June Revd F.S.Boissier, Bloxham. Suggests raising fees

1894

- 10 Mar Headmaster's report to Trustees. Headmasters Association gathering evidence for Royal Commission on Secondary Education. Pension scheme requested. Difficulty in attracting suitable new boys for school
- 19 Apr Revd F.S.Boissier, Bloxham. Outlines economies and offers resignation. Advocates affiliation to Woodard Corporation

1895

- Headmaster's report to Trustees. Scarlet fever. Better academic boys leave for other schools. Educational cost of religious principles. Need for endowment if Egerton fortune likely to be withdrawn



E 1/1 cont.

1896

12 Feb Revd W.B.Woodard, Ardingly, Haywards Heath, Sussex. Only £600 of £1000 guarantee had been raised

1897

- 9 Jan E. Wingfield, trustee, London. Transfer (to Woodard Corporation) by nominal sale
- 12 Jan E.Wingfield, London. PRE's illness aggravated by stress
- H. Egerton, brother. Names and addresses of trustees (part missing)
- 3 Feb E.Wingfield, London. Meeting of trustees. All would sign consents to resolution
- 10 Feb FitzHugh, Woolley, Baines & Woolley, Brighton. Notice of trustees' meeting
- 11 Feb Formal notice of trustees' meeting in London on 20 Feb to transfer school to St Nicolas College and annul rules of management of 1 Mar 1884
- 28 Mar Revd S. Boulter, O.B., Fordington St George, Dorset. His personal debt to PRE
- 28 Nov F.C.Isham Wilson, O.B., Hove, Sussex. Recollections of Crake, PRE at cricket, concerts

1898

14 Mar R.N.Lyne, Zanzibar. Good wishes on presentation

E 1/2 1857-1890 Letters from Dr H.P. Liddon, Principal of Cuddesdon Theological College and Canon of St Paul's 51

Concerns PRE's spiritual depression as curate at Deddington and advising against mission work, 1857-59, and continued spiritual depression at Bloxham until his marriage, 1863; negotiations with Keble College, 1879, and declining trusteeship, 1883; suggests PRE will be refreshed by leaving Bloxham, 1890

Includes copy will with bequest of £200 for school library, 24 Nov. 1885

E 2      Correspondence from Revd P.R. Egerton

- 2/1      1840- Letters and draft letters, notes, etc.      26  
          1897
- 20 Dec 1840      To father. Kept in at school      (1)
- 1 June 1858      Deddington. To mother. Anniversary festival at  
                  Cuddesdon College. Appeal for missionaries
- 27 Mar (1859)      Self-critical notes on daily routine
- (28Dec) 1859      Deddington. (To Revd N. Woodard). Has decided to  
                  buy Bloxham, and appeals for support from  
                  Woodard's Society
- 26 Nov 1861      Bloxham. To mother. Anxious about expenditure.  
                  Encouraged by reference made at Woodard's public  
                  meeting in Oxford
- (1863)              To bishop of Oxford (draft). Establishment of  
                  trust or alternative way of raising £2000 to  
                  carry out G.E.Street's building plans      (2)
- (20 Feb 1863)      To bishop of Oxford (draft). Summary of Hewett's  
                  school and his purchase, with proposals for  
                  enlargement      (2)
- 20 Feb 1863      Fair copy draft of above      (3)
- (Feb 1863)        Notes for above      (3)
- (1863)              Notes on disadvantages of 'Diocesan scheme'.  
                  PRE favours continuing as private school
- 8 April 1863      Bloxham. (To bishop of Oxford). Financial position  
                  and proposals for enlargement
- July 1863        Bloxham. Notice to raise fees of new boys
- 8 July 1863      Hextable, Kent. To (Revd C.) Barter. Reasons  
                  for raising fees and appealing for subscriptions  
                  to cover capital costs of new buildings
- 18 July 1863      Hextable. (To Mrs Davis). Punishment practices  
                  and his aims at Bloxham
- Sept 1863        To Duke of Marlborough. (Copy draft). Invitation  
                  to preside at opening of schoolroom wing
- 24 Nov 1864      Bloxham. To Editor, Banbury Guardian (draft).  
                  Need for financial independence

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1. Given by Mrs A.C.Longland, Abingdon, neice of PRE, 9 June 1955
  2. In an exercise book
  3. Loose in exercise book

E 2/1 cont.

- (To Editor, Banbury Guardian) (rough draft).  
Meaning of term 'endowment'
- 1869 See E 2/2
- 6 Oct 1870 Bloxham. To Mr Coker. Aim to educate boys going straight into business. Statistics of parents' occupations (1)
- 17 Jan 1871 (To Duke of Marlborough) (draft). Invitation to preside at lunch after opening of chapel
- 27 Feb 1872 Bloxham. To Mr Edwardes, master. Abolition of corporal punishment
- 13 Feb 1873 Bloxham. To a parent (draft). On practice of confession
- June 1879 Notes on future management, giving his aims in establishing school and proposals for conveyance to and management by Keble College
- 16 Feb 1880 Bloxham. To Canon N.Woodard. Seeking selective financial help. His Catholic beliefs
- (Aug 1881) (To Lord Beauchamp). Proposals for 'foundation' and future development if assured of continuance. Wishes to retire
- 14 Mar 18 93 Vale Mascall, Bexley, Kent. To neices Augusta and Helen Coker Egerton. On their confirmation. (Typescript copy)
- 5 Nov 1895 Vale Mascall. To Revd F.S.Boissier. Arrangements for visit by Lancing authorities. Staff reductions necessary
- 22 Oct 1896 Vale Mascall. To C.J. Wilson. Wishes to be commemorated on All Saints Day rather than birthday, 14 July
- 19 July 1897 Vale Mascall. To C.J.Wilson. Not to be referred to in Bloxhamist as Revd P.R.Egerton but as 'Founder'

- E 2/2 1869 Draft letters to Mr Willis and bishop of Oxford concerning accusations by Mr Baxter about confession and Sunday games 1 vol.
- PRE advocated confession before communion, according to the Prayer Book, but bishop ruled, not without parental permission. Gives information about Sunday routine,

silence at meals on Fridays. Denies that boys play games on Sundays, even unofficially

E 3	<u>Accounts (up to transfer to Woodard Corporation, 1897)</u>		
3/1	1859- 1865	Legal bills of H. Churchill of Deddington and related papers	1 bdl.
		Includes attendance at sale when (Thos) Barrett bought school buildings for £1500, 15 Sept 1859; purchase of school from Barrett at £1615, 17 Sept 1859; purchase of land for playing field, 1863-4, loan of £2000 and mortgage, 1864-5; non-payment of fees, 1864	
3/2	1860- 1861	Accounts for fees, dues and boys' expenses, including books, haircuts, extra washing and drilling, pocket money	1 vol.
3/3	1861	Summary rough accounts of income (£694.1.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and expenditure (£668. 0. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ )	1
3/4	(1861)	Summary rough accounts of expenditure, partly as E3/3	1
		Includes furniture, £126.14.11 and building improvements, £98.18.8	
3/5	(1862)	Estimates of annual expenditure as schoolmaster compared with a benefice of £400	4
3/6	(1862)	Analysis of expenditure for year	1 vol.
3/7	1862- 1863	Accounts of total income (£2007.4.1) and expenditure (£1985.5.10 $\frac{1}{2}$ )	1
3/8	1862- 1863	Accounts of school income (£1288.2.6) and expenditure (£1168.15.9), with notes	3
3/9	(1863)	Detailed analysis of accounts	2
3/10	1863- 1864	Accounts of total income (£2965.6.4) and expenditure (£2852.1.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), with notes	4
3/11	1864	Accounts of school income (£1972.6.4) and expenditure (£1849.15.10)	1
3/12	1864- 1866	Monthly accounts with summary of cheques paid	1 vol.



3/13	1865- 1867	Builders' accounts of W.Adkins and Thos. Barrett of Bloxham	1 bdl.
		Includes laundry, bakehouse, wash-house and boys' playhouse, 1865, shed, wash-house and rooms over ('Botany Bay'), 1867, maintenance and minor repair, furniture	
3/14	(1860)- 1870	Accounts of income and expenditure, chiefly 1867-70	1 vol.
		Contains private income from investments, and summary of expenditure, 1860-70. Includes newspaper cutting with Cambridge Local exam results, 1868	
3/15	1869- 1881	Chapel account at Bucks & Oxon Union Bank, Banbury, including Arkell Memorial Fund	1 small vol.
3/16	1870- 1871	Chapel building, wages day book	1 vol
		Gives names of masons and labourers, hours worked, weekly wages	
3/17	1872- 1873	Chapel offertory accounts	1
3/18	1872	Accounts of income and expenditure	1
3/19	1873	Letter from M.C. Fisher of London, accountant, explaining accounts and commenting on low 5% yield on capital	1
3/20	1878	Letter from M.C. Fisher, London. Slight improvement to 6% yield on capital. Advocates a good headmaster's house and reserves for building repairs	1
		<u>See also</u> E 1/1	
3/21	1879- 1887	Fines book, for breakages and damage to school property	1 small vol.
3/22	1881	Receipt for embroidered cloth and veil (for chapel)	1
3/23	1869- 1890	Note of number of boys in school, and balance of accounts, 1885-90	1
3/24	1886	Builders' accounts of W.Adkins for headmaster's house and other works	2
3/25	1888	Bill for books for T.C.Ovenston	1
3/26	(1890)	Subscription list for memorial stained window to Revd W.A.Marshall	1
3/27	1891	Accounts for Nov-Dec 1890	1



- 3/28 1891 Cash accounts, and income accounts 2  
Includes loss on St Mary's Lodge of £98.15.5
- 3/29 1896 Balance sheet of income (£3168.19.3) 1  
and expenditure (£3113.11.9)
- E 4 Sermons
- 4/1 1858- Sermons delivered at Hempton, Deddington, 1  
1893 Bloxham church and school chapel, North Cray (Kent) g.66
- E 5 Commonplace books, memoranda
- 5/1 1861 Exercise book of Matthew Farrell 1 vol.  
(head boy)  
Contains also list of 1st XI, 1862, names of boys in school, 1862, copy letter to boys from PRE thanking them for support in accusation of favouritism, 1862  
See also E 1/1
- 5/2 1863 Speech at oak-planting ceremony on 1  
wedding of Edward, Prince of Wales
- 5/3 1864- 'Common Place Book', containing 1 vol.  
g.1875 miscellaneous notes in confused arrangement, with many loose papers  
Contains Cambridge Local exam papers, 1868; detailed form lists; termly notes about boys' arrival and departure, home addresses, parents' wishes; rules for classroom; prefects' duties; 3rd Division Divinity exam questions, 4th Division Latin exam paper; prefects, 1868  
At end reversed: notes on individual new boys and qualifications, 1869-71, applicants as assistant master, 1871, exams and prizes, 1869-71  
Front cover inside: letter to Oxford Journal concerning inaccurate report of chapel opening and exam results (1871)  
Back cover inside: newspaper cuttings of Cambridge Local exam results, 1867-69, cricket matches, 1868-(71)

## E 5/3 cont.

Loose: exam results, 1864-73; timetables; form lists, c. 1875; mark sheets, 1872; prize lists, 1869; newspaper cutting of naval exam success of R.A.Cave-Brown-Cave, 1872, with miscellaneous other cuttings; letter from H.L.Ranking, Marseilles, 1872; sale particulars of farm buildings and land in Brickhill Lane, 1899, endorsed 'Bought'

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| 5/4 | c.1870      | Notes for Latin lessons and timetable         | 2      |
| 5/5 | c.1880      | Pages from mark books                         | 2      |
| 5/6 | c.1882-1885 | Exercise book of F.A.Minty, later used by PRE | 1 vol. |

Contains draft report of All Saints-tide and chapel improvements for Banbury Guardian, 1882, and of All Saintstide and exam results, c. 1885; draft sermons

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| 5/7 | 1890 | Extract from Trustees' minutes about responsibilities of headmaster, chaplain, matron and bursar, and administration of school                   | 1 |
| 5/8 | 1898 | Draft speech for O.B. dinner on 10 January relating to founding of school and differing from the report printed in <u>Bloxhamist</u> , XXIV, 5-7 | 1 |

E 6 Personal records

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|-----|------|--|---|
| 6/1 | -    | Portrait, ? of PRE as a young man                          | 1 |
| 6/2 | 1849 | Winchester College election oath                           | 1 |
| 6/3 | 1857 | Ordination certificate as deacon                           | 1 |
| 6/4 | 1859 | Ordination certificate as priest                           | 1 |
| 6/5 | 1860 | List of linen at school                                    | 1 |
| 6/6 | 1884 | Copy trust deed establishing Bloxham School Trust, 1 March | 1 |

Trustees named as Revd P.R.Egerton, Canon H.P.Liddon, Earl Beauchamp, J.A.Shaw Stewart, Hon.C.L.Wood, Revd A.L.C.Heigham (later replaced by E.Wingfield), W.G.F.Phillimore, Q.C., H.D.Egerton

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|-----|------|--|---|
| 6/7 | 1934 | Correspondence from H. Chitty, Winchester, about Egerton's pedigree as founder's kin, and election certificates of C.C.Egerton and P.R.Egerton | 4 |
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6/8	1838	<u>Bible</u> given by 'Aunt Harriet', Bunbury, Cheshire	1 vol.
6/9	1845	T.Wilson, <u>Short and plain instruction for the better understanding of the Lord's Supper</u> , given by mother, 1847	1 vol.
6/10	1856	<u>Hours of prayer for daily use...</u>	1 vol.
6/11	1865	T.T.Carter, <u>Book of private prayer</u> , given by 'his affectionate friend H.P.Liddon', 1866, and by 'P.R.E. to H.E.', 1875	1 vol.
6/12	1858	<u>Bible</u> , signed by PRE	1 vol.
6/13	-	Table of descent of PRE from William of Wykeham	1

E 7 Testimonials

7/1	1885- 1896	Subscription list for Egerton testi- monial, portrait fund and library, with builders' accounts of W.Adkins of Bloxham, architects' fees of W.O.Milne and J.C.Hall of 77 Chancery Lane, London, and related papers. Letter from Revd F.S. Boissier stating that library scheme was abandoned for lack of funds, 1892	1 bdl.
7/2	1886	Letters to Revd F.S.Boissier and C.J. Wilson about Egerton testimonial and presentation	606
7/3	1887	Circular letter to parents from C.J. Wilson about portrait of Mrs Egerton	1
7/4	1887	Letter to C.J.Wilson from Mrs Harriet Egerton about arrangements for present- ation	1
7/5	1890	Illuminated address from Bloxham village	1 vol.
7/6	1908	Letters to C.J.Wilson about memorial to Mrs Egerton	47
7/7	1911	Letters to C.J.Wilson on death of PRE	40
7/8	1912	Appeal for Egerton memorial of altar reredos and sanctuary fittings	1

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

AA Woodard Corporation

- 1 1902 Kalendar of the Corporation of SS Mary 12 vols. (1)  
to date and Nicolas, Lancing, 1902, 1936, 1940,  
1964-65, 1967 to date

AB School Council (2)

- 1 1901- Minutes 1 vol.  
1922
- 2 1922- Minutes 1 vol.  
1964
- 3 1964 Minutes 1 vol.  
to date

AC General administration

- 1 c.1865- School prospectuses 1 bdl.  
to date
- 2 1876- Admission forms, 1876-78, 1879-81, 6 vols.  
1896 1882-84, 1885-87, 1888-90, 1891-96
- Give names and personal details about  
education and health of boys entering  
school
- 3 1860- Address books 10 vols.  
1882
- Give names and addresses of masters,  
parents and others
- 4 1860- 'Names List' 1 vol.  
1896
- Gives names, and dates of admission  
and leaving
- 5 1860- School roll 1 vol.  
1896
- Gives names and dates of admission  
and leaving. (Loose note by G.H.Bletchly  
states that this is not the complete  
roll, which was held by the headmaster  
in 1960)

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1. As in 1976. Series continuing

2. In custody of Bursar



AC cont.

6	1881- 1923	Age register  Gives names, ages and dues payable	1 vol.
7	1902- 1919	Names list  Numerical lists, giving names of boys each term	1 vol.
8	1906, 1909- 1913	Name rolls (form lists)	10
9	1876	School list (printed)	3 copies
10	1927 to date	School lists	1 large bdl.

The 'Grey Book', from 1939 the 'Blue Book'. No.57 (1952) contains an editorial note of its history by D.G. Longden, following which each issue is numbered.

The list was introduced 'in a simple and concise form' in Jan 1926, and appeared termly until 1940. It became an annual publication from 1941 to 1951, when the format was changed and the cover reverted to a grey colour. In the 1970s an annual edition has been published with termly amendment sheets of major alterations

The first surviving list is for 1927, numbered by D.G.Longden as No.5. There are many gaps in the series before 1936

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HEADMASTERJournals and log books

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|---|---------------|--|-----------------|
| 1 | 1864-<br>1898 | Log book of Revd F.S.Boissier, head-<br>master 1886-98 | 1 large<br>vol. |
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At beginning: Newspaper cuttings of opening of schoolroom wing, 1864, and chapel, 1871, critical report in Globe, 1875; table of Cambridge Local exam results, 1865-97; school timetable (1886) (p.18)

The log book begins properly in 1887, recording main school events, health, staff changes, building alterations, with particular emphasis on Boissier's concern over scarletina outbreaks, water shortages, declining numbers and financial difficulties

Includes obituary from Guardian of Revd A.D.Crake, 1890, departure of PRE as Warden with subsequent reduction in staff, 1890, transfer of school to Woodard Corporation, 1896, injury to F.(Bo) Mallett, 1896

Headmasters' notices, etc.

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|---|---------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 2 | 1916          | Dining hall seating list              | 1 |
| 3 | 1966          | VI form and prefects' privileges      | 1 |
| 4 | 1967,<br>1968 | Regulations for the use of the Centre | 2 |

Headmasters' correspondence. Circulars

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|---|---------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| 5 | 1868-<br>1971 | Circular letters to parents | 1 bdl. |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------|--------|

Includes letters about holidays, 1868, scarletina epidemic, 1872, carpentry and engineering shops, 1888, headmaster's house, 1898-99, 1906, wartime arrangements, 1940, Raymond House, 1971, headmasters' newsletters, 1871, 1910, 1953, 1966

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|---|--------|---|---|
| 6 | c.1967 | Press release (not issued) about North<br>Oxfordshire Project | 1 |
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Headmasters' correspondence. General

Very little correspondence has been transferred to the archives collection. R.S.Thompson, headmaster 1952-66, possesses a small collection, but the main series remains in the custody of the headmaster and bursar. There are no formal arrangements for the selection and preservation of such records.

7/1	1907	From Foster & Co of Oxford about school and club colours	1
7/2	-	From Mrs Hinde, daughter of PRE, about perpetuating memory of Gould family	1
7/3	1949-1951	Chapel repairs	13
7/4	1950	From F. Whitehead, captain M.C.C.XI, after first match against school (copy)	1
7/5	1951-1952	Negotiations for purchase of Mallett's Field (unsuccessful)	14
7/6	1953	Report in <u>Banbury Guardian</u> about purchase of Park Close	2
7/7	1953	Chapel music, particularly use of plainsong	4
7/8	1954	With Oxfordshire County Council, offering places at Bloxham for boys from county schools	5
7/9	1960	Maintenance of roadside verge at Park Close	1
7/10	1973	Statement in reply to questionnaire (from Oxfordshire County Council) about school and its role in the locality	2

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Headmasters' correspondence. School history

8/1	1952	From Kenneth Kirk, bishop of Oxford, about new edition of <u>Story of the Woodard Schools</u>	6
8/2	1955-1958	From various correspondents about proposed History of Bloxham edited by C.A.Hodgkinson	34
8/3	1955-1957	From Mrs Sybil Longland, niece of PRE, concerning gift of letters and flute belonging to her uncle	6

See E 2/1

AD cont.

8/4	(1955)	From Mrs E.D.Forrest, neice of PRE, about Park Close	1
8/5	1956	From John Hinde, grandson of PRE, concerning whereabouts of school plans	1
8/6	1960	From G.H.Bletchly, master, referring to discovery in Crake House of historical papers kept by C.J.Wilson	1
9		<u>Society of the Friends of Bloxham</u>	
9	1931-1933	Dinner seating plans	1 bdl.



AE      BURSAR

1                      Appeals circulars

Appeals might be made by the Council, Headmaster, or Old Bloxhamist Society, and the collection of funds or subscriptions be equally diverse. A common factor on some occasions was C.J.Wilson, bursar and resident secretary of the O.B.Society.

For appeals specifically connected with PRE see E 7, E3/15 and E3/26

For appeals by Old Bloxhamist Society see OB 3 and 4

1/1	1873	Chapel east window, in memory of bishop Samuel Wilberforce, with note of inscription. Proposal for annual O.B. dinner	2
1/2	1901	Gym, pavilion and fives courts	1
1/3	1914	Miss M.E.Mallinson memorial window	1
1/4	1925	Swimming bath	1
1/5	1952	K.T.Dewey portrait	1
1/6	(1953)	'Centenary Appeal' for new laboratories, modernisation of Egerton House, and new house	1
1/7	(1960)	Development Trust circulars, one from Richard Maurice Fund-Raising Ltd	2
1/8	(1963)	'2nd Development Campaign' for classroom block, Wilberforce House extension, 2 rugby football pitches, sick quarters	1
1/9	(1965)	'Bloxham Development' for classroom block, working library, Egerton and Wilberforce Houses extensions, music school	1
1/10	1968	Increase in size from 240 to 360 boys	1
1/11	(1970)	'Third Development Programme' for cafeteria dining hall, laboratories, Raymond House housemaster's quarters, audio-visual teaching aids, arts and technical centre. With summary of recent development	3

2		<u>Appeals accounts</u>	
2/1	1891	Receipt from Messrs J.R.Clayton and A. Bell of London for chapel memorial window to Revd A.D.Crake and Revd W.A. Marshall	2
2/2	1892	Receipt from Clayton and Bell for chapel memorial window to Miss Martin	3
2/3	1897-1898	Chapel bell fund	1 small vol.
2/4	1899-1901	Receipt book for gymnasium fund	1 vol.
2/5	1899-1904	Receipt book for Wigan Test, banner and vestment funds	1 vol.
2/6	1900-1926	Various funds. Contains accounts of funds for gym, c.1900, swimming bath, 1904-26, history of school, 1910-17, Mrs Egerton memorial window, 1908, Boer War memorial, 1900-02	1 small vol.

3 Plans, building papers

Some plans of school property and buildings are kept in the bursar's office

3/1	1871	Drawing for chapel weathercock, with specification, by G.E.Street	1
3/2	1874	Hospital (later Palmer House) by W.O.Milne, plans and elevation drawings	
3/3	1882	Plan of chapel seating by W.O.Milne	1
3/4	1946-1953	Reports, specifications, correspondence and architects' plans of F.R.Jelley and F.A.Wicker of Sutton, Surrey, relating to new organ and organ loft	28
For correspondence about chapel repairs, 1949-51 <u>see</u> AD 7/3			
3/5	1947-1948	Estimate and bill for war memorial by H.H.Martyn & Co of Cheltenham, Glos.	4
3/6	1952	Plans, letter and estimate for additional pews by Craftsmens Studios, Harrow, Msex.	4
3/7	1958	Plan and letters about memorial to bishop Kenneth Kirk	3
3/8	-	Key to Reading Room clock	

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General accounts

The summary general accounts for the school are kept at the bursar's office.

4/1	1904- 1905	Bloxham revenue account	1
4/2	1910	Jubilee expenses	4

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Correspondence

5/1	1933	Letter to C.J.Wilson about bequest of pewter pots etc. by R.B.Morris-Morris	1
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CHAPLAIN

Chapel service registers and other records are kept in the vestry

1	1856	<u>An Office for the admission of choristers as used in All Saints Grammar School, Bloxham</u>	1
2	-	'The Founder's Prayer' (? Winchester)	1
3	1864 to date	Service sheets for festivals, special services, memorial services	1 bdl.
4	1881	Notice about behaviour of choir boys	1 (framed)
5	1881-1884	Guild of All Saints. Letter about formation, roll, addresss book, manual	5
6	1904	A.D.Crake, <u>Book of private devotion for boys</u> (3rd edn)	1 vol.
7	-	E.F.Nugent, <u>Children before the altar</u>	1 vol.
8	1944	Prayers 'Invasion 1944' by K.T.Dewey	1 bdl.
9	(c.1950)	'My confirmation'	1
10	1964	D.Dowie, <u>(Bloxham) Service book</u>	1 vol.
11	1967	Report on conference on 'Public School Religion' held at Bloxham	2
12	(c.1972)	M.Lerrigo, <u>Love is never wasted and other talks at Bloxham</u>	1 vol.
13	1972	Programmes of conference 'Christian values in the boarding school' held at Bloxham	4
14	1975	Programmes of Community Service conference held at Bloxham	2



AG      TEACHING

- |   |                 |   |           |
|---|-----------------|---|-----------|
| 1 | 1864-<br>1929   | Examination record of Oxford Locals, (Cambridge Locals) to 1896, Oxford and Cambridge Higher Board, 1897-1925, Oxford and Cambridge School and Higher certificates, 1925-29 | 1 vol.    |
| 2 | 1867            | Report on Herbert Lipscomb  | 1(framed) |
| 3 | 1963,<br>1967   | Timetables  | 2         |
| 4 | c.1970-<br>1976 | 'Choice of Upper School Studies'  | 2         |
| 5 | 1891            | Mark sheet of College of Preceptors examination   | 1         |

AH SENIOR COMMON ROOM

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|----|---------------|--|-----------------|
| 1  | 1889-<br>1890 | List of members and accounts kept by C.J.Wilson of C(hurch) B(uilding ?) S(ociety), Bloxham Ward   | 1 small<br>vol. |
| 2  | 1892.         | 'Take no thought for the morrow', sermon preached at Ashton upon Mersey, Cheshire, by Revd C.C. Atkinson (former master)                     | 1               |
| 3  | 1900          | Menu of masters' meals   | 1               |
| 4  | (c.1919)      | Campaign ribbons of A.G.Brock, M.C. (master, 1943-52)  | 1 small<br>box  |
| 5  | 1933          | Notice from headmaster about masters' habits of smoking and hands in pockets   | 1               |
| 6  | 1941          | Firewatchers' log book<br><br>Contains notes of wartime firewatchers' duties and reports, freely supplemented by humorous and other comments | 1 vol.          |
| 7  | 1943          | Agricultural camp accounts<br><br>Accounts of 1379 hours worked for Bloxham farmers to help overcome wartime labour shortage                 | 1 vol.          |
| 8  | 1944          | Certificate for 'Salute the Soldier' National Savings campaign   | 1               |
| 9  | 1879          | Advertisement for a temporary master   | 1               |
| 10 | c.1940        | Armband for Local Defence Volunteer  |                 |

AJ SCHOOL EVENTS

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|---|-----------------|---|--------|
| 1 | 1937<br>to date | School calendars (printed)  | 1 bdl. |
|   |                 | The term's calendar was printed in the Grey Books, 1927-38 (see AC 10). The earliest surviving separate calendar is that for Easter Term 1937, the series continuing to date. There are many gaps in the series, particularly 1938-50 |        |
| 2 | 1862-<br>1895   | Programmes of annual School Concerts  | 1 bdl. |
| 3 | 1928<br>to date | Programmes of Founderstide  | 1 bdl. |
| 4 | 1960            | Programmes of Centenary celebrations  | 1 file |
| 5 | 1886<br>to date | Programmes of special events -<br>Presentation of Egerton portrait, 1886<br>School jubilee, 1910<br>Opening of Great Hall, 1937<br>Visit of Woodard Corporation Chapter, 1949<br>School carnival, 1965                                | 1 bdl. |

AK SPORTS RECORDS

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|---|-----------------|---|-------|
| 1 | 1871<br>to date | Programmes and fixture cards of sporting events and matches, chiefly post-1970              | 1 bdl |
| 2 | 1922-<br>1950   | Names of rugby XVs  | 7     |
| 3 | 1950            | Notice and lunch seating plan for cricket match against Lord Elton's Bible Class, Adderbury | 2     |

AL CADET CORPS

- |   |                 |                                   |        |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | 1968<br>to date | Programmes of general inspections | 1 bdl. |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------|



AM	<u>SOCIETIES</u>	(1)	
1	1909- 1928	Minutes of Debating Society Contains rules, 1909, 1910, 1928, and reports of debates	1 vol.
2	1947- 1959	Minutes of Current Affairs, later Dewey, Society, with notes on Society by G.H.Bletchly	1 vol.
3	1976	List and aims of 'Clubs and Societies'	1
4	1966 to date	Programmes of Concert Club	1 bdl.
5	1925 to date	Programmes of school and house plays	1 bdl.
6	1937, 1966 to date	Programmes of various societies	1 bdl.
7	1956, 1963	Copies of school magazines, <u>Still Waters</u> (1956) and <u>Voice</u> (1963)	4

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1. For photograph album of Camera Club, 1889-1902, see PH 5

OLD BLOXHAMIST SOCIETY

OB 1 Membership

Current records remain in the Hon. Secretary's files

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|-----|-------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1/1 | c.1871-<br>1918   | Register and address book   | 1 vol.          |
| 1/2 | 1912-<br>1947     | List of members and subscriptions<br>1912-30 and 1939-47  | 1 vol.          |
| 1/3 | c.1875-<br>c.1940 | Address book of members, kept by C.J.<br>Wilson. With some loose papers   | 1 small<br>vol. |
| 1/4 | 1914              | Report and list of members  | 1               |
| 1/5 | 1960              | List of members   | 1               |
| 1/6 | 1975              | Report on questionnaire about<br>membership   | 2               |
| 1/7 | (c.1921)          | 1914-18 war roll of honour with<br>addresses  | 1 small<br>vol. |
| 1/8 | 1923              | 'Roll of Honour and War Record of<br>Old Bloxhamists...1914-1919 and...<br>1899-1902', with introduction by<br>Col. H.A R.May, C.B.,V.D., photographs<br>of Bloxham and war scenes in France<br>and Belgium | 1 vol.          |
| 1/9 | 1975              | News review   | 1               |

OB 2 Minutes

- |     |               |   |        |
|-----|---------------|---|--------|
| 2/1 | 1887-<br>1896 | Minutes and summary accounts of the<br>Old Bloxhamist Committee in London                                 | 1 vol. |
|     |               | Contains rules, minutes and accounts<br>of annual dinners   |        |
| 2/2 | 1896-<br>1900 | Minutes of Old Bloxhamist Society<br>(formed at Anderton's Hotel, London,<br>23 April 1896) and committee | 1 vol. |
|     |               | At end: register of members   |        |

OB 3 Accounts

3/1	1881- 1938	<u>Bloxhamist</u>	1 vol.
3/2	1911- 1947	Subscriptions	1 small vol.
3/3- 3/6	1912- 1939	Subscriptions, annual dinners and petty cash	4 small vols.
3/7	1916- 1917	Subscriptions for war memorial	1 small vol.
3/8	1934	Subscriptions and letters concerning appeal on retirement of F. 'Bo' Mallett	1 bdl.

OB 4 Correspondence

Much correspondence from c. 1945 remains in the  
Society's current filing system

4/1	1901	Appeal for war memorial	1
4/2	1915- (1919)	Appeal for war memorial	7
4/3	1887- 1958	General correspondence, including appeal to support <u>Bloxhamist</u> , 1887, complaint about blazer colours, 1919, formation of O.B. Masonic Lodge, 1932	5
4/4	1878	Appeal for testimonial to Revd A.D.Crake	1

OB 5 Events

5/1	1893 to date	Annual dinner menu cards, sports fixture cards	1 bdl.
5/2	1910	List of those present at jubilee	1
5/3	1960	Photograph and list of those present at centenary, and table seating plans (for centenary dinner)	2
5/4	1968 to date	Lists of those present at annual dinners	1 bdl.
5/5	1970- 1971	Programmes of hardwood tree-planting	1 bdl.

PHOTOGRAPHS

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| 1  | 1863-<br>c.1870 | Photograph album of Revd P.R.<br>Egerton<br><br>Chiefly portraits of masters and boys                                    | 1 vol.          |
| 2  | 1863-<br>1890   | Photograph album of Revd P.R.<br>Egerton<br><br>Chiefly buildings, with some groups                                      | 1 large<br>vol. |
| 3  | 1867-<br>1874   | Photograph album of Revd A.D.Crake<br><br>Chiefly portraits of boys, with<br>some of buildings                           | 1 vol           |
| 4  | 1889-<br>1890   | Photograph album of Ellen Hinde,<br>nee Egerton<br><br>School buildings and personalities,<br>north Oxfordshire villages | 1 vol.          |
| 5  | 1889-<br>1902   | Photograph album of Camera Club<br><br>School buildings and personalities,<br>north Oxfordshire and Warwicks.            | 1 large<br>vol. |
| 6  | 1895-<br>c.1905 | Photograph album<br><br>School groups, teams, etc.   | 1 vol.          |
| 7  | 1896-<br>1898   | Photograph album<br><br>Chiefly groups   | 1 large<br>vol. |
| 8  | 1904-<br>1912   | Photograph album of Revd H.R.<br>Willimott<br><br>Chiefly groups   | 1 large<br>vol. |
| 9  | 1912-<br>1927   | Photograph album of Revd H.R.<br>Willimott<br><br>Chiefly groups   | 1 large<br>vol. |
| 10 | 1924-<br>1927   | Photograph album of Brig. D.D.<br>Zvegintzov, O.B.   | 1 vol.          |



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Serial	Date		
H 1/15	1947	The Fiery Cross vol. XXIII (monthly magazine of the Church Union) publishes 'Church Public Schools, Bloxham', an article.	
H 1/16	1978	(published) A History of Bloxham School by Brian S. Smith 1 vol. with typescript and proof copies.	
H 2/6	1950's and 1960's	Newspaper cuttings	2 bundles
H 3/8	1957	'Looking back', a collection of MS reminiscences by school leavers: Boissier-Wyles 4pages, C.P. Dixon 2 pages, P.Sergeant. 3p.	
H 3/9	1930's	Extract from the letter of an O.B. commenting on his life at school. 1 page typed.	
H 3/10		Reminiscences on tape of Lt. Col. E.L. Roberts O.B.	2 tapes
H 3/11		" " " G. Gray O.B.	1 tape

- AA 2 1966 A long term plan for the Woodard Schools, report by Richard Kelsall on the future of the Southern Division, with correspondence and papers including one on Relationships between Industry and the Schools of the Southern Div. 1 file.
- AA 3 1949 Programme for the first visit of the Southern Division Chapter to Bloxham.
- AB 4 1966 to date Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
1 vol (Bursar)
- AB 5 1980 to date Minutes of the Health and Safety Committee 1 file "
- AC 11 1925 to date Grey Books ( amends AC 10)
- AC 12 1860 to date Register of names of all entrants 1 vol. (Hm. Sec.)
- AC 13 1860 to date Record cards for all pupils with dates, school record, examination results, etc. " "
- AC 14 c. 1953 to 1978 Personal files of old pupils (Bursar store)
- AC 15 1979 to date " " " " " (Hm. Sec.)
- AC 16 1970 'Some information for those joining the staff', a pamphlet by E.J. Kahn describes the working of the school with particular attention to staff roles. Brochure.
- AC 17 MS notes by E.J. Kahn on school routine
- AC 18 1986 'Customs of Bloxham School' by Dr. M.C.V. Cane brings AC 16 above up to date. Brochure. (Dr. Cane)
- AC 19 c. 1976 Office year plan with index to files and notes on annual events shows the administrative routine. 1 bundle
- AC 20 1974 to 1984 Minutes of Housemasters meetings (Dr. Cane)
- AC 21 1983 to date " " " " (Hm. Sec.)
- AC 22 1972 Advice from Second Master ( E.J. Kahn) to masters showing parents around the school suggests route, talking points, etc. 1 bundle

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AC 23	1974	Skeleton programme for the induction of new boys	1 sheet.
AC 24	1986	Joining Information, a folder sent to parents of entrants by Hm. office.	
AC 25	1986	Joining Instructions sent with the first account to parents of entrants by the Bursar's office.	3 pages.
AC 26	1986	Dress regulations for girls and boys.	2 sheets.
AC 27	1986	Bloxham School Regulations ( school rules)	2 sheets.
AC 28	1967	Record of conversations, with related papers, on the subject of the future relationship between Bloxham and the maintained comprehensive school which was then about to be built in the village. Present were D.R.G. Seymour (Hm.), the acting Director of Education for Oxfordshire, the Chairman and some members of the Public Schools Commissions then taking evidence for their report.	1file
AC 29	1971 to 1978	Detention Book.	1 vol
AC 30		Fagging rules	1 sheet
AC 31		House and school punishments	1 sheet
AC 32		MS notes on the above 30 & 31	1 sheet
AC 33	1983 to date	Hm. reports to School Council	(Hm Sec)
AC 34	1953 to 1965	R.S. Thompson's (Hm) mark book	1 vol
AC 35	1962 to 1970	Wilberforce House discipline book	1 vol Wilberforce
AC 36	1983 to date	Captain's book in which head girl advises successor	Stonehil
AC 37	1968 to 1979	Ditto with comments on house organisation , etc.	Crake
AC 38	1961	E.J. Kahn's notes for his successor as housemaster give a full picture of house regulations, routine, organisation and the roles expected of those in office.	33 pages MS.
AD 1/2	1978	A collection of papers from E.J. Kahn, acting Headmaster for Nov. and Dec. of that year, gives a picture of the day to day administration through correspondence with parents, memos to staff, notes for meetings, etc.	1 bundle

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AD 5/2	1953 to 1965	Termly circular letters to parents from R.S. Thompson.	1 file
AD 5/3	1983 to date	Termly circular letters to parents from M.W. Vallance	1 file (Hm. Sec.)
AD 7/11	1947 to 1958	Correspondence with Dr. T.H. Sanderson- Wells O.B. who becomes a benefactor of the school.	
AD 7/12	1940	Letter to K.T. Dewey from the Secretary of HMC regrets that Conference cannot offer membership since Bloxham is below the minimum required number of pupils of 150.	
AD 7/13	1952	K.T. Dewey's letter announcing his decision to retire.	
AD 7/14	1952 to 1961	Correspondence between Provost and R.S. Thompson opens with the Provost's letter informing RST of the vacancy at Bloxham and offering it to him, subject to Chapter approval, and Thompson's reply.	1 file
AD 7/15		Copy of a reply to B.B. Kemp by R.S. Thompson on reading a letter from the Master of Emmanuel College Cambridge shows RST in robust form.	
AD 7/16	1965	RS Thompson's farewell letter to parents.	
AD 7/17		A talk to leavers by RST.	4 pages
AD 7/18	1954	A letter to RST from G.L. Gibson thanks the school for help given by boys and masters when his house, 'Bennetts' caught fire.	
AD 7/19	1964 to 1965	Correspondence about the visit to Bloxham of four Swedish boys.	1 bundle
AD 7/20	c. 1955	Thomson's view of the school he had taken over	
AD 7/21	1961	Correspondence relating to the ATV programme on Public Schools in which Bloxham and three other schools were featured.	1 file

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AD 7/22	1953 to 1965	Correspondence between Thompson and R.M. Raymond O.B. and benefactor of the school.	1 file
AE 1/12	1949	Joint appeal for the F.B. Palmer memorial organ, the War Memorial and the Chapel urgent repairs fund.	1 leaflet.
1/13	1954	Centenary Appeal correspondence.	1 file
AE 1/14	1961	Minutes and papers relating to the proposed Appeal	1 bundle
AE 1/15	1983 to 1985	Appeal brochure with 1985 progress report.	
AE 4/3	1937 to 1982	Games capititation account book 1 vol	Mr Tideswell



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AE 15		List of Chapel benefactors
AF 16	1945 & 1958	Correspondence relating to visits by the B.B.C. to broadcast Chapel services, with orders of service, text of sermons preached. 1 file
AF 17	1946	Order of service for the Solemn Requiem for Old Bloxhamists who gave their lives 1939 to 1945.
18	1947	The Fiery Cross vol XXIII (monthly magazine of the Church Union) publishes 'Church Schools, Bloxham', an article. See H 1/15
AF 19	1952	Order of service for the installation of R.S. Thompson
AF 20		Leaflets for confirmands
AF 21		Servers guild leaflets with list of duties
22	1983	In Memoriam R.M. Raymond, order of service.
23	"	" " E.J. Kahn " "
AF 24	1984	'Change and changelessness', service book for the fifth Bloxham Conference.

Serial	Date			
AG 6	1925 to 1950	Higher Certificate results	1 bundle	(Bursar store)
AG 7	1925 to 1950	School Certificate results	"	"
AG 8	1951 to 1974	GCE O level results	4 bundles	"
AG 9	1951 to 1970	GCE A level results	2 bundles	"
AG 10	1950's and 1960's	Some examiners' reports	1 file	"
AG 11	1971 to date	GCE O level results	1 bundle	Dir. Acad. Adm.
AG 12	1971 & 1972	GCE A level results		Dr. Cane
AG 13	1973 to date	GCE A level results		Dir. Acad. Adm.
AG 14	1982 to date	O and A level results		Hm. Sec.
Ag 15	1963 to 1974	Academic records of leavers show IQ and examination performance.	1 file	
AG 16		Completed proforma gives assessment of the 'typical entrant to Bloxham'. A profile.		
AG 17	1966	A paper by Seymour on IQ's.		
AG 18		A paper relating IQ to A level results		
AG 19	1968 to 1974	Common Entrance results	1 vol.	
AG 20	1964 to 1972	A level pass rates	1 bundle	
AG 21	1977 to 1979	Papers on entrance to Oxbridge and to other universities and on sixth form general studies. Lists of O.B.s in higher education.	1 bundle	
AG 22	1986	'Choice of Upper School Studies', brochure for those entering the sixth form.		
AG 23	1986	Summary of the curriculum for third, fourth and fifth forms.	1 sheet.	
AG 24	1975 to 1976	Papers on curriculum development with the introduction of the 2-1-2 scheme (two years to O level, one to AO and one to A level).	1 file	Dir. Acad. Adm.
AG 25	1979 to date	Minutes of meetings of Heads of Department	"	"
AG 26	1985 to date	" " " " Academic Planning Group	"	"
AG 27	c. 1956	MS Geographical Survey Bloxham area by S.G.A. Curwen	11 pages	

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Serial	Date		
AH 11	1934 to 1982	List of members of staff	1 bundle
AH 12	1930's	Papers of W.F.J. Knight (master) relate to Romano-British settlement near Bloxham and include photographs, maps, traces, notes and published pamphlets.	1 bundle
13	1964 to date	Files of members of staff who have left the school.	Hm. Sec.
AH 14		Current staff records	" "
AH 15	1972	Letter of thanks to the Common Room for help and hospitality at the Bloxham conference.	
AJ 6	1950's	Two verse prologues written and spoken by Captain of School at Founderstide.	
AI 7	1954 to 1968	Programmes for school and Chapel events, not a complete series.	1 bundle.
8	1971, 73, 76.	Details of sponsored walks for charity	1 bundle.

Serial	Date			
AK 4	1961 to 1967	Correspondence, reports and team lists relating to boxing.		1 file.
AL 2	1910 to date	OTC/CCF weekly orders and related documents on Corps activities. The first volume opens with the Army Order authorising the existence of the contingent.	7 vols/box files)	C.C.F. Office
L 3	1917 to date	Corps Inspection reports	2 files	" "
AM 8	1953	Tape recordings of excerpts from school plays - 'Emperor's Clothes', 'Tinder Box', 'Cymberella'.		1 tape
M 9	1954	'Unity', periodical of the first form.		1 issue
I 10	1962	'Bloxham miscellany', school newspaper Nos. 1 to 10		
AM 11	1963	" " " , " " " " " "		1 to 6
AM 12	1978 to date	'Orion', a school magazine of news, comment on school and world matters, original work in verse and prose, issued weekly or fortnightly. The series to no. 215 is largely complete.		Library office
I 13	c. 1954 to 1957	'Still Waters', a literary magazine for school contributors. See AM 7.		3 issues
AM14	1958	Script of a play, 'False Colours', by G.H. Chapples. 6 pages typed.		

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Serial	Date	
AM 15	1958 & 1959	Poems entered for the school poetry competition - 3
AM 16	1965	A letter from Dir. of Music to R.S. Thompson encloses a carol written by Overton (words by his mother). The boy had been recently awarded an Exhibition.
17	1973 to date	Music programmes, orders of service and notes of musical activities of all kinds. 11 vols. Dir. of Mus.
1/10	1968 to 1973	List of OB's at universities.
OB 5/6		Text of some speeches made at OB dinners 1 bundle
Ph. 11	1960	Photographs of the visit of the Queen Mother 1 bundle