

**Notes from Osborne Papers at Matlock, Derbyshire Record Office  
Polito, summer 2007**

**Summary:**

Osborne's references to estates he visited for evaluations and clients etc. from 1940-45:

Watnall Hall

Alfreton Park

Sudbury Hall

Ogston Hall, Note May 8, 1945 (VE Day, but Osborne also notes "The most valuable book left at Ogston Hall are a Restoration Play and works relating to the Drama."

Woolscroft Book Dealer?

References to clients post war:

Folger, 1957

Mr. John Fleming, New York

Fitzroy Newdigate of Arbury, 1955-67

Auction houses noted:

Hodgson & company

Walker, Walton and Hanson

Sothebys

**BURDETT PAPERS HERE – NOTHING RELEVANT**

Burdett Letter D156M/cent 7, 9 1622

- from George Belgrave to Robert Burdett – mention of Bolsover

D 5054/13-15 – Estate & Household accounts 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

D5054/23 – Foremark Hall inventories – late 19th

D5054/25 – Misc. 16-18

D 5905 – Box material

**OSBORNE ARCHIVES LISTED UNDER THE GENERAL HEADING:**

Osborne, Edgar, of Smalley  
(D5063)

D5063/10 – Bib. Os. Articles

D5063/14/1 – Hatfield Library correspondence

- Lord Salisbury
- Lord Salisbury secretary
- Clare Talbot (?) asst. librarian
- General

D5063/15/1-3 – Corres. General nature – ref. to book sales etc. 1950s-60s

Incoming correspondence 54-71

D5063/16/1 – Briggs of Derby

2 – Padre Dixon Devon

3 – Peter Opie, Hampshire

4 – Ala Rodgers, Derby

5 – Col. Ian Walker

6 – H. Willes Leamington Spa., Warwickshire

7 – Anthony Wood, Warwick

8 – Vernon of Sudbury Hall

9 – British Museum

C – Fitzherbert

D5063/18 – Valuation list of books Osborne home

/20 – Press Cuttings

/21 – Autobiographical note

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**The following are my notes on Osborne's list of everything in his attic. There were, for example, 64 books about Africa.**

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Shelvocke, George.

A Voyage round the world by way of the great south sea

London, 1726

Purchased Watnall Hall Sale

\*\* In Watnall hall auction

**After returning to Calgary, I consulted the Watnall Hall sale catalogue for 1954 and indeed found the above book listed there. He may have purchased this at the sale.**

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Next section listed as Europe, but re: travel topics

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64 – Africa

70 – North America

79 – S. America & West Indies

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

Amazing docs in his 'pamphlets box'

80 – S. America & West Indies

84 – Canada – 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

88 – Australia, New Zealand, South seas, Polar Regions

88 V – note Pelloc

[strike out] Listed in error Returned to *Arbury* [note in pen, 'rbury' expanded in pencil]

Panorama of the Stirling Range 1922. A water colour sketch shows the range from Ellen's Peak to peak Donnelly – about 50 miles from a point 15 miles to the north in the Salt River District

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90 V – list of many drawings, watercolours

[one note re]

60 S della Bella original sketches drawings returned to Dessington ['r t D' in pencil]

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Sold July 1969

[ends this list]

Edgar Osborne

41 Woodside

Morley

Derby

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Some Jacobean but mainly (over many years) collected by myself from Wollescrafft,  
Watnall Hall, Worksaf ?, & other Wartime sales  
EO

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1956 Valuation of Osborne's Books  
D5063/18

O's hand

Jan 56 Inventory of Valuable books at the Spinney (his house)

[signs]

X – no trail in STC

+ - not reworded in Bishop's Cheek list

- not in Folger ?

\* - Micro copy only ?

N.R. – no record of sale

Valuation list of Cleaver & Jacobso(e?)n collections made 1942-43

Also Albert Osborne 1941

removed from

Ruttend Rd.

Bournemouth ?

➔ **Watnall Hall Sale 1946 (Could this be the sale Osborne is remembering when he writes on the Osborne play leaf?)**

Worksof ? Rectory 1940

Woollescrafft '93-50

Alfreton Park ?

Alfreton Park (notes in a printed article that from here came copies of medieval coal mining papers)

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Books Printed before 1640

“ from Attic

Aesop

1524

Cleaver

10L

Dante\_ \_ \_

MS. Book of Lours Flemish                      end pg 1

(I'm noting Cleaver)

Tyndale William                                      Cleaver  
The Parable of the Wicked Woman

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Sheldon, Gilbert

Notes X            A sermon preached before the  
King at Whitehall      1660  
London

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Pg. 34 "Many of the books listed in this catalogue are from the Canon Cleaver Library given to myself and Mabel between 1925-30. Others were given to Nott. University Library.  
(Nottingham I assume)

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Correspondence D5063/15/  
Misc. correspondence re. collecting

- **Osborne 50s negotiation for Arbury Hall & Folger**  
**Letter Aug 31 55 from Eleanor Pitcher offering 500 pounds for "twenty volumes of manuscript newsletters"**  
**-these are the newdigate newsletter from late 17th**  
- corresponds with SAA58 Mac ?  
SAA 54 Mac James McMonaway

57 on folger letterhead re sale of O's books to Folger

Agreement in which a Mr. John Fleming of New York (322 East 57<sup>th</sup> St NY 32)  
4000 pounds for list including the whole packet of works in Essex support &  
other 16<sup>th</sup> & early 17<sup>th</sup> **CHECK FURTHER HERE -**

Sale note from Sotheby's with prices & buyers names X two sales to H.P. Kraus 11, 000  
pounds "celebrated collection of Herbal & botanical Books"

He is entering items at many auctions – Christies (242.), Huntington (bought 3 items for  
\$250)

Letter from Fleming [above] re having bought "his library"

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Note from Hodgson & Co.

Auctioneers 1958

“By the way, you may remember that, when we sold the books from Arbury, there were a few bought in lots and, I think one or two returns. We did not recatalogue...poss...that Mr. Fitzroy Newdegate might have been sending up some more books. So you know...”

55 Negotiates for Arbury to sell papers on Western Australia to Western Australia library (20<sup>th</sup> century)

67 still negotiating for Newdigate (but nothing in this *from* Newd)

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2<sup>nd</sup> Batch of letters

Canadian Correspondence:

- he sends and sent to T P L
- - 59 writes from Regina to speak to Can. Lib assoc.

Congrats on appt to Hatfield House 55

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### Notes from war diaries

Book 1

Diary Aug 31 1939

Sept 29 at Woolscroft

Oct 20 at Woolscroft bought Milton broken leather cover

Sun mar 19

Past week has been a busy one (ordered PDF)

Monday & Tues out with Miss Rollinson~~~~ library ~~~in Chefoe area

Sun Oct 12

Lea Hearst Lady & Sir

Henry Stephens

Look at books for value

- some by Florence Nightingale

- duchess of Devenshire talks to him about sending books to soldiers “books for troops Leherne (?)”

Book 2 May 41 – Jan 42

Mr. Wrag’s bookshop popular

Vol 3 Feb 15 '42 – Dec 27 '43

Feb 22 '42 after 2 pages cut out at about 1 inch

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Diary Dec 43-Aug 45

Speaks of bringing books to Woolscroft “who seem to have quite a steady sale for them”

Takes frequent part in National Salvage Book drive – for paper & value ?  
Says looked at between 50-100 000 in one May 23 week

Regrets that most collections of child. Lit. have gone to America

Apr 27 – mentions Meyndl Langley (Hall?) & Swinbury Hall Lord Vernon  
Nearly 10 000 books & pamphlets  
- sent to Nottingham Uni.

**FOR NEXT NOTE IT IS OGSTON AND SOME RECORDS FOR OGSTON HALL  
ARE AT MATLOCK; SEEMED SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE ON FLYLEAF OF  
MS OSBORNE SPECULATES THE PLAY MAY BE LATE 17<sup>TH</sup>  
(RESTORATION) BUT ALSO DRAMA. CHECK OUT MATLOCK LIST FOR  
OGSTON**

May 8 '45 VE Day

Also notes Message from Col. Durbult Ogolin Hall [Ogstan?]  
“The most valuable book left at Ogstan ? Hall are a Restoration play & works relating to  
the Drama

June 8 Ogsaln Hall Salvday ? Bolsover Cresswell

June 27 Met A.A. Milne at meeting with story re Christopher – at war in Italy & soldiers  
saying “Get me out.....Robin”

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Osborne hand?

Middle Temple Masque

William Brown (17) ?

& correspondence

1892

Torn to bits

1953

1892 correspondence from Gordon Goodwin asking to see Masque for his brother-in-law  
Arthur Bullen's edition

To (Mrs.?) Chandos Pole f(g)ell -> Hopeton Hall

1958 – note from P.J. Croft to Chandos Poles that masque in hand of a Thomas Gell – answer to Chandos Pole

Other copy in Peterhouse Lib. Cambridge

1901 – Note from W.H. Akwright (?) re other MS relating to Gell ? & charges of 1643

Typed noted 1953 thanking Lt. Col. J. Chandos Pole, 23, chester Row SW 1 for loan of MS, Uni of Lond. Library

64 – return of masque (Ullysses & Circe?) with other MS sent by Chandos Pole for ID of hand – Thomas Gel – Other MS are: legal notebooks, Sir Walter Raleigh's epitaph, speech at his death & parliamentary speech of sir Francis Bacon

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