

Finding Aid for the Jack H. Hexter Papers

Descriptive Summary

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Creator: Hexter, J. H. (Jack H.), 1910 – 1996.

Title: Jack H. Hexter Papers.

Dates: ca. 1974 – 1996.

Quantity: 5 linear feet.

Language: English.

Biographical Note

Jack H. Hexter (1910-1996) was born May 25, 1910 in Memphis, Tennessee. He was a historian who specialized in Tudor and seventeenth century British history and was well known for his comments on historiography. In his later years, Hexter also became involved in politics. Hexter married Ruth Mullin in 1942; they had three children.

In 1931, Hexter was awarded a BA by the University of Cincinnati. He went on to teach at Queens College in New York from 1939 to 1957. Hexter then taught at Washington University in St. Louis from 1957 until 1964, and Yale University from 1964 to 1978. While at Yale University, Hexter was a Charles Stillé Professor and founded the Yale Center for Parliamentary History in 1966. In 1978, he returned to Washington University, becoming the John M. Olin Professor Emeritus of the History of Freedom. He retired in 1990.

In the 1990s, Hexter became involved in politics, developing “Troops to Teachers”, a plan in which retired military officers would become teachers in public schools. This plan was approved by the United States Senate on September 10, 1993. Hexter died on December 8, 1996 in St. Louis.

Hexter's publications include *The Reign of King Pym* (1941), *More's Utopia: The Biography of an Idea* (1952), “The Historian and His Day” (1954), *Doing History* (1971), and *Parliament and Liberty from the Reign of Elizabeth to the English Civil War* (1992, editor). Hexter was also the founder editor of the Stanford University *Making of Modern Freedom* series.

(Adapted from *Journal of the History of Ideas* 58.2 (1997) 349-350, by Donald R. Kelley and Wikipedia entry Jack H. Hexter)

Scope and Content Notes

The papers of Jack H. Hexter include biographical and autobiographical information, professional and personal correspondence, notes and clippings as a part of research for his publications and the “Troops to Teachers” plan, copies of speeches and publications, and three reel-to-reels.

The series are arranged as follows:

Series 01: Autobiographical and Biographical Information

Series 01 provides biographical information on Jack H. Hexter and information about his work.

Series 02: Correspondence

Series 02 includes correspondence from and to Hexter. The majority of the correspondence is professional, but there is some personal correspondence intermingled. It is divided into three groups: first, correspondence by recipient; second, correspondence by subject; third, general correspondence. The first two divisions are arranged alphabetically. The third division is arranged first chronologically and then alphabetically. This material was kept in folders as Hexter had it divided.

Series 03: Research

Series 03 in research by Hexter, including notes made by Hexter, newspaper clippings, and photocopies from other sources.

Series 04: Speeches

Series 04 includes drafts and final versions of speeches by Hexter, arranged alphabetically by title.

Series 05: Publications by Jack H. Hexter

Series 05 includes drafts and final versions of publications by Hexter, arranged alphabetically by title.

Series 06: Publications by Others

Series 06 includes drafts and final versions of publications by others, arranged alphabetically by author's last name.

Series 07: Media material

Series 07 includes three reel-to-reels.

Administrative Information

Source of Collection

This material was donated to Archives by Jack Hexter and his son Chris Hexter at two separate times.

Processing Information

Compiled by Jay Kempen and updated by Sonya McDonald and Sarah

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Accruals

The accruals are interfiled with collection.

Restrictions

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Collection Contents

Series 01: Autobiographical and Biographical Information

Box No.	Folder
01	Autobiographical Accounts (5 Folders)
	Biographical Accounts
	Biographical Accounts (Military Service)
	Biography and Bibliography
	Critical Reviews of J.H. (3 Folders)

Series 02: Correspondence

Box No.	Folder
01	Correspondence (Cogswell, Thomas)
	Correspondence (Danforth, W.)
	Correspondence (Elton, Geoffrey)

Correspondence (Jansson, Maija)
Correspondence (Jacobs, David and Alice)
Correspondence (Judson)
Correspondence (Kramer, Rita)
Correspondence (Kristol, William)
Correspondence (McClain, Charles)
Correspondence (Merton, Robert) (includes some publications by Merton)
Correspondence (Morgan, Robert)
Correspondence (Murphy, Joyce)
Correspondence (Olien, Diana and Roger)
Correspondence (Powell, Colin)
Correspondence (Robins, Lee)
Correspondence (Rostrow, Charles Nicholas)
Correspondence (Rostrow, Nicholas)
Correspondence (Rostrow, Nicholas and Eugene)
Correspondence (Rudenstine, Neil)
Correspondence (Sacks, David and Eleanor)
Correspondence (Sacks, David H.)
Correspondence (Shalikashvili, John)
Correspondence (Sherry, Norman)
Correspondence (Skinner, Quentin)
Correspondence (Smuts, R)
Correspondence (Spigel, Trudi)

Correspondence (Stevenson, L.)

Correspondence (Stone, Lawrence)

Correspondence (Thernstrom, Abigail)

Correspondence (Turner, Henry Ashby)

Correspondence (Winkler, David)

Correspondence (Woodward, C. Vanna)

Correspondence (Wootten, David)

Correspondence (Wormald, Jenny)

Correspondence (Wrighton, Mark)

Correspondence (Zaller, Robert)

Correspondence (American Academy of Arts and Sciences)

Correspondence (American Academy of Arts and Sciences)

Correspondence (The American Freedom Summer Institute)

Correspondence (American Historical Review)

Correspondence (American Philosophical Society)

Correspondence (American Philosophical Society)

Correspondence (Braudel-Related)

Correspondence (Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences)

Correspondence (Center for the History of Freedom)

Correspondence (Complimentary Copy List)

Correspondence (Guggenheim)

Correspondence (History of Freedom Contributors)

Correspondence (ICCIDAH [Western Civ.]

- Correspondence (Journal of the History of Ideas)
- Correspondence (Key Memos)
- Correspondence (Library Proposal)
- Correspondence (McArthur Fellowship)
- 02 Correspondence (Meeting with Charles McClain)
- Correspondence (National Humanities Center)
- Correspondence (New Criterion)
- Correspondence (Newberry Library)
- Correspondence (*Parliament and Liberty/The Making of Modern Freedom*)
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- Correspondence (Permission Requests to use Hexter's publications)
- Correspondence (POROI Visit)
- Correspondence (Prague Business School)
- Correspondence (Recommendations) (2 folders)
- Correspondence (Storrs Lecture)
- Correspondence ("Thomas More and the Problem of Counsel")
- Correspondence (Time Literary Supplement)
- Correspondence (Trip to England, 1994)
- Correspondence (Wall Street Journal)
- Correspondence (Washington University in St. Louis-Related)
- Correspondence (Yale Center for Parliamentary History)
- Correspondence (Yale University Press)
- Correspondence (1974-75)

Correspondence (1976-77)

Correspondence (1978)

Correspondence (1991-1993)

Correspondence (1994)

Correspondence (General [A-L])

Correspondence (General [M-Z])

Correspondence (General [J-L])

Correspondence (General [M-O])

Correspondence (General [P-R])

Correspondence (General [S-U])

Correspondence (General [V-Z])

Correspondence (Letters Awaiting Reply)

Series 03: Research

Box No.	Folder
02	Research (Congressional Record—Senate)
	Research (Education Clippings)
	Research (English Parliamentary Government) (1-5 of 6 Folders)
03	Research (English Parliamentary Government) (6 of 6 Folders)
	Research (Machiavelli)
	Research (Military—Clippings)
	Research (Military Education)
	Research (Military Education—American Federation of Teachers)
	Research (Military Education—Clippings)

Research (Military Education—Clippings and Notes)

Research (Military Education—Clippings, Notes, and articles about Hexter’s work)

Research (Military Education—NCOs)

Research (Military Education—Notes)

Research (Military Education—Possible Funding Sources)

Research (Military Education—SOCED)

Research (Military Education—Statistics)

Research (Military Education—Statistics and Notes)

Research (Military Education—To Be Followed Up)

Research (Misc. Articles)

Research (National Plan—New World Order)

Research (Parliament and History)

Research (“Parliament, Liberty, and Freedom of Elections”—Clippings)

Research (Race Relations)

Series 04: Speeches

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03	Speeches (“An Exemplary Peace Dividend: Career NCOs for the Public Schools”)
	Speeches (“Another Rescue Mission”)
	Speeches (“In the Matter of Knowing”)
	Speeches (Lee Robins Talk)
	Speeches (“Problem of Historical Knowledge”)
	Speeches (Quotes Regarding Hexter’s Military-Education Idea)

Speeches (“Revving up the Military-Educational Complex”)

Speeches (“Revving up the Military-Educational complex: New Careers in One’s Ninth Decade”) (Drafts)

Speeches (Walnut Hills Speech)

Series 05: Publications by Jack H. Hexter

Box No.	Folder
03	Publications – “The Apology”
	Publications – “Before Beginning”
	Publications – “Birth of Modern Freedom” (Drafts) (3 Folders)
	Publications – “Call Me Ishmael”
	Publications – “Carl Becker, Professor Novick, and Me; or, Cheer Up, Professor N.!”
	Publications – “Case of Goodwyn vs. Fortescue”
	Publications – “Doing Western Civ.”
	Publications – “Doing Western Civ: An Ethnocentric View”
	Publications – “Early Stuarts and Parliament”
04	Publications – “The Early Stuarts and Parliament: Old Hat and the <i>Nouvelle Vague</i> ”
	Publications – “Elizabeth, Commonwealth, and Freedom”
	Publications – “First Crisis” (5 Folders)
	Publications – “Grand Monarch of France”
	Publications – “The Historian and His Society”
	Publications – “Historians and Philosophers”
	Publications – “In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb”

Publications – “In the Beginning” (3 Folders)

Publications – “In the Matter of Knowing”

Publications – “Judaean-Christian Tradition”

Publications – “La implosion de la deconstruccion un requiem”

Publications – “Making of Modern Freedom” (3 Folders)

Publications – “The Military-Educational Complex”, *The New Republic*

Publications – “One Humanist at the Humanities Center”

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Publications – “Parliament, Liberty, and Freedom of Elections”

Publications – “Power Struggle, Parliament, and Liberty...”

Publications – “Property, Monopoly, and Shakespeare’s Richard II”

Publications – “Property, Monopoly, and Shakespeare’s *Richard II*”

Publications – “Protestant Revival and the Catholic Question in England”

Publications – “Publish or Perish – A Defense”

Publications – “Quoting the Commons”

Publications – “Rev Up the Military-Educational Complex”

Publications – “Thomas Hobbes and the Law”

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Publications – “The Tudor Parliament and the Making of Modern Freedom”

Publications – “Turning the Corner” (Draft)

Publications – “Use of History”

05 Publications – “What is the Use of History”

Publications – “What is the Use of History” (Draft) (3 Folders)

Publications – “What Kind of Apology is That?”

Publications – “What Kind of Apology is That?” (Draft) (2 Folders)

Washington University (Law and Liberty Program)

Series 06: Publications by Others

Box No.	Folder
05	Publications – “America’s Wasted Blacks”, <i>The Economist</i>
	Publications – “Back to School”, <i>The New Republic</i>
	Publications – <i>Education that Works: An Action Plan for the Education of Minorities</i>
	Publications – Lederer, Richard, “The World According to Student Bloopers”
	Publications – Moskos, Charles, “How Do They Do It?”
	Publications – Moskos, Charles, “What the Army Can Teach Us about Race Relations” and “Success Story of Blacks in the Army”
	Publications – Powell, Colin, “Speech at Howard University, May 1994”
	Publications – Shribman, David, “German-American Settlers Write Home”
	Publications – Smuts, R. M., “The Puritan Followers of Henrietta Maria in the 1630s”
	Publications – Smuts, R. Malcom, “The Court and Its Neighborhood: Royal Policy and Urban Growth in the Early Stuart West End”
	Publications – Smuts, R. W., “Fat, Sex, Class, Adaptive Flexibility and Cultural Change”
	Publications – Wood, Gordon, “The Origins of the Bill of Rights”

Series 07: Media Materials

Box No.	Folder
05	3 reel-to-reels