

Edward Hall, notes and transcripts for 'Shorter English Diaries, 1676-1910'

EHC/100

In the late 1930s, around the time the Oxford University Press were publishing his books on Miss Weedon, Edward Hall embarked on a new project. This was to edit and publish extracts from some of the diaries in his collection.

His working title was 'Shorter English Diaries, 1676 to 1910'. However, work on the project was interrupted by the Second World War and did not resume until 1944 when he had returned to the UK after serving overseas.

He was given the post of Rail Transport Officer at Gloucester station, a sinecure of a job which gave him time to continue his research. However, by the autumn of 1945 he had been promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader with the much more onerous job of Officer Commanding an RAF camp at Folkstone.

Apart from some drafts and working papers there is nothing to show that his efforts ever came to fruition. These working papers form part of the Edward Hall collection and are grouped under the overall reference EHC/100. The individual papers are listed below. Numbers given in the listing – such as EHC/67 – refer to the catalogue reference of the surviving diary, where this exists in the Edward Hall Collection.

See the page here for the full catalogue:

<http://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Museums-archives/Wigan-Archives/Collections/People-and-families/Edward-Hall-diary-collection.aspx>

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Early draft of a transcript, with explanatory notes, of part of George Folliot's diary (1765-66) by Edward Hall, c.1945

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Transcript of part of George Folliot's diary (1765-66), with explanatory notes, by Edward Hall, corrected and better typed version of EHC/67/ HR/1, c.1945

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Original and copy of a letter from A J Hawkes to Edward Hall relating to the loan of a George Folliot diary (probably the 1773 -1774) for an exhibition in Wigan Library, June 1944

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Three copies of the explanatory note displayed with the George Folliot diary, exhibited in Wigan Library, 1944

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Bundle of eight documents (some duplicates) relating to Edward Hall's request to Chester Library, and their reply, for information on the Folliot family, October 1944

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Bundle of five documents (some duplicates) relating to Edward Hall's request to the Dean of Derry, and his reply, for information on the Folliot family, November 1944

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Two copies of a document headed 'The Diary of George Folliot' – possibly intended as an introduction to the transcript of the diary if/when it was published, c. 1945

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Two copies of a document headed 'The Diary of George Folliot, New York Merchant – Introduction', written by W E Michington, Senior Lecturer in History at the University College of Swansea. Possibly intended as an introduction to the published version of the diary on microfilm, undated, but possibly later than the second half of the 1940s since it mentions E Hall's gift of the diary to Wigan Library

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Two copies of a document headed 'Data relating to the Folliot family', c. 1945

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De Lisle letters: Hand written translation of the French section only contained in Les Mesuriers Manuscript Letter Book (1810 – 1812), undated

EHC/73/HR/ 1

Typewritten transcript with explanatory notes of part of Lucy Wright's Travel Diary of 1806, c.1945

EHC/60/HR/ 1

Typewritten transcript with explanatory notes of part of the Rev. John Needham's diary (1779- 1785), c.1945

EHC/55/HR/ 1

Typewritten transcript with explanatory notes of part of the diary of Littleton Powys 1789, c.1945

EHC/122/HR/ 1

Typewritten transcript with explanatory notes of part of Charlotte Holtzapffel's diary 1815-1820, c.1937

EHC/122/HR/ 2

Bundle of three letters, written by Edward Hall in February 1936, seeking information about Charlotte Holtzapffel from the family firm

EHC/20/HR/1

Typewritten transcript with explanatory notes of part of the diary of Mr Windham's foreign travel diary (1769-1779), c.1945

EHC/20/HR/2

Bundle of two letters giving negative replies to Edward Hall's letters (not in collection) seeking information on the Windham family

EHC/15/HR/ 1

Typewritten transcript with explanatory notes of part of the diary of Elizabeth Prince (1730-1731), c.1945

EHC/59/HR/ 1

Typewritten transcript with explanatory notes of part of the diary of Mrs I Stuart (1813–1814)

EHC/70/HR/ 1

Typewritten transcript with explanatory notes of part of the Charles H Lapidge

EHC/83/HR/ 1

Typewritten transcript with explanatory notes of part of the log of the the steam paddle barge 'Kurier' of Berlin, c.1820

EHC/78/HR/ 1

Two copies of a typewritten transcript with explanatory notes of part of the diary of Miss Davis of Ambleside (1810)

EHC/1/HR/ 1

Typewritten transcript with explanatory notes of part of the diary of Anna Walker, c.1789

EHC/68/HR/ 1

Typewritten transcript with explanatory notes of part of the diary of Abraham Wildman (1828)

EHC/58/HR/ 1

Two copies of a typewritten transcript with explanatory notes of part of the diary of the Rev. John Carter (1779- 1793), c.1945

EHC/58/HR/ 2

Bundle of letters written by Edward Hall to an unknown recipient (possibly the Lincoln Archivist) seeking information on John Carter, 1944

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Copy of a letter of unknown authorship (possibly the Lincoln Archivist) to Sir Geoffrey Harmsworth giving information on John Carter, 1971

EHC/191/HR/ 1

Typewritten transcript with explanatory notes of part of the diary of Raleigh Trevelyan (1813-14)

EHC/17/ 1

Typewritten transcript with explanatory notes of part of the diary of the Rev. Seth Ellis Stevenson (1724-1789)

EHC/17/HR/ 2

An account of the lives of Seth William Stevenson (d.1853) and his son, Henry Stevenson (1839-88), presumably descendents of S E Stevenson

EHC/17/HR/ 3

Two letters from the Librarian of University College, Nottingham, regarding a second Stevenson diary which was in the possession of that Library, 1938

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Two letters to Edward Hall from C W Pilkington-Rogers, School House, Retford, saying he had no knowledge of S E Stevenson

EHC/145/HR/ 1

Typewritten transcript with explanatory notes of part of the Journal of a half-pay Naval Officer (1789)

EHC/250/HR/ 1

Draft of a contents page for volume two of Edward Hall's proposed book - 'Shorter English Diaries, 1676-1910'

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Typewritten transcript, written in French of Lilian Dunbar's diary (1674-c.1700), c.1945

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Typewritten transcript of accounts from the diary of R Butt.

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