



**UNIVERSITY
OF LONDON**
**SENATE HOUSE
LIBRARY**

IDENTITY STATEMENT

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| Reference: | MS1228 |
| Title: | Foxwell invoices and receipts |
| Dates: | c1880-1928 |
| Level: | fonds |
| Extent and Medium: | 5 boxes |
| Name of Creator: | Foxwell, Herbert Somerton (1849-1936) economist and bibliographer |

CONTEXT

Biographical/Administrative History: Herbert Somerton Foxwell was born on 17 June 1849 in Somerset, the son of an ironmonger and slate and timber merchant. He received his early education at the Wesleyan Collegiate Institute, Taunton. After passing the London Matriculation examination at the minimum age, he obtained a London External BA Degree at the age of 18. He went to St. John's College, Cambridge in 1868. He was placed senior in the Moral Sciences Tripos in 1870 and was associated with the College for the rest of his life. He was made a Fellow in 1874 and held his College lectureship for sixty years. In the University he was largely responsible for the honours teaching of economics from 1877 to 1908. Foxwell was assistant lecturer to his friend Stanley Jevons who had held the Chair of Economics at University College London from 1868 and then succeeded Jevons as chair in May 1881, holding the post until 1927. At the same time, Foxwell was Newmarch Lecturer in statistics at University College London and a lecturer on currency and banking from 1896 at London School of Economics. In 1907 he became joint Professor of Political Economy in the University of London. In addition to these appointments, Foxwell gave extra-mural lectures for Cambridge University from 1874 and for London from 1876 to 1881 in London, Leeds, Halifax and elsewhere. He also held the following appointments: external examiner for London, Cambridge and other universities; first Dean of the Faculty of Economics at the University of London; vice-president and president of the Council of the Royal Economic Society; member of the Councils of the Statistical Society and the British Association for the Advancement of Science; and secretary and later president of the University (Cambridge) Musical Society and the Cambridge Antiquarian Society. He also provided a course of lectures at the Institute of Actuaries.

Foxwell was a dedicated book-collector and bibliophile and concentrated on the purchase of economic books printed before 1848. He described his library as a collection of books and tracts intended to serve as the basis for the study of the industrial, commercial, monetary and financial history of the United Kingdom as well as of the gradual development of economic science generally. Foxwell's library provides the nucleus of the Goldsmiths' Library of Economic Literature. When The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths purchased the

library of economic literature from Foxwell in 1901 for £10,000 it contained about 30,000 books. The Company also generously provided Foxwell with a series of subventions following the purchase of the Library to enable him to make further acquisitions prior to the gift of the Goldsmiths' Library of Economic Literature to the University of London in 1903.

From the sale in 1901, Foxwell kept back duplicates that formed a second collection which he sold to Harvard University for £4,000 in 1929. From the termination of dealings with the Goldsmiths' Company in 1903, he began creating a second major collection. By his death, on 3 August 1936, Foxwell had amassed a further 20,000 volumes that were sold to Harvard University creating the focus for the Kress Library.

CONTENT

Scope and Content: Comprises (mostly handwritten) paid invoices - hence receipts - from multiple booksellers in the United Kingdom and on continental Europe for books purchased by Herbert Somerton Foxwell, founder collector of the Goldsmiths' Library of Economic Literature.

There are also some invoices from bookbinders and there is a very small amount of correspondence showing how Foxwell interacted with his books. Many - but not by any means all - of the invoices are itemised, some with references to the booksellers' catalogues.

ACCESS AND USE

System of Arrangement: The arrangement follows the original arrangement of the invoices as received from Maggs Bros. Ltd, the booksellers.

Languages: English, German, French.

Conditions of Access: Open for research although at least 24 hours advance notice should be given.

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| MS1228/1/1 | Itemised receipts | c1899-1903 |
| | Booksellers include John Campbell (Edinburgh). William Ridler, Francis Edwards. Purchases include Anti-Socialist Gazette. Some receipts include postal stamps. | |
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| MS1228/1/2 | Itemised receipts | c1885- c1904 |
| | Booksellers include Bernard Quaritch, John Salkeld, William Brown (Edinburgh), overseas dealers (eg from Germany, Amsterdam). Purchases include Irish land pamphlets, Matthews' History of Gaslighting. | |
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| MS1228/1/3 | Itemised receipts | c1888- c1897 |
| | Dealers include John Wheldon, J. Pearson. Includes overseas purchases (eg France, Germany). Purchases include Patrick Cochrane's Records of the Coinage of Scotland. | |
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| MS1228/1/4 | Itemised receipts | c1888- c1899 |
| | Booksellers include Clement Sadler Palmer, Jesse Sainsbury. Purchases include volumes on prostitution. | |
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| MS1228/1/5 | Itemised receipts | c1889- c1898 |
| | Booksellers include Pickering and Chatto. Purchases include James I manuscripts. | |
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- MS1228/2/1 Itemised receipts** **c1890-1925**
 Booksellers include Galloway & Porter, W. H. Smith, the Museum Bookstore. Purchases include brief account of the French revolution, The Socialist, numbers 1-14. Also some typescript receipts.
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- MS1228/2/2 Itemised receipts** **1921-1925**
 Includes list of items on approval (in 1921) such as manuscripts relating to the French Revolutionary Army Commissariat. Purchases include Giffen, Essays in Finance; reports on the Scottish wool trade, 1828; G.D.H. Cole, Labour in the Coal-mining Industry. Also some typescript receipts. Booksellers include James Commin.
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- MS1228/3/1 Itemised receipts** **1923-1928**
 Booksellers include R. S. Frampton. Purchases include the life of Charles Booth. Also lists of items on approval.
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- MS1228/3/2 Itemised receipts** **1917-1923**
 Handwritten and typescript. Booksellers include T. W. Tidy, John Orr, J. Gamber (Paris). Purchases include Zay, Histoire Monetaire des Colonies Francaises. Also lists of items on approval.
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- MS1228/3/3 Itemised receipts** **1917-1923**
 Mostly handwritten, some typescript. Booksellers include Simmons and Waters, Walter Nield, John Grant. Purchases include Carlyle on Chartism.
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| MS1228/3/4 | Itemised receipts | 1923-1925 |
| | Booksellers include L.C. Braun, W. Heffer. Purchases include Keynes, Monetary Reform. | |
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| MS1228/4/1 | Itemised receipts | 1889-1921 |
| | Booksellers include Frank Murray, Martinus Nijhoff. Purchases include two volumes of the South Sea Company, 1721. | |
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| MS1228/4/2 | Itemised receipts | 1919-1922 |
| | Booksellers include James Commin, G. David. Purchases include a life of Liszt. | |
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| MS1228/4/3 | Itemised receipts | 1922 |
| | Booksellers include John Grant, W.P. Spalding. Purchases include Postlethwayt, Great Britain's True System. | |
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| MS1228/4/4 | Itemised receipts | 1922-1924 |
| | Booksellers include Galloway and Porter. Purchases include Candide; Bonomi, Socialism to Fascism. | |
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| MS1228/4/5 | Itemised receipts | 1919-1924 |
| | Booksellers include Henry Young, Lucien Gougy. Purchases include records of the Government of the Punjab. | |
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| MS1228/5/1 | Itemised receipts | c1882- c1888 |
| | Booksellers include Joseph Baer, John Bird Hawes. Purchases include South Sea Bubble tracts. | |
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| MS1228/5/2 | Itemised receipts | c1881- c1908 |
| | Booksellers include Henry Stevens, Harding and Willby. Purchases include Trades Union Congress reports. | |
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| MS1228/5/3 | Itemised receipts | c1885- c1891 |
| | Booksellers include J. W. Jarvis, John Wilson; purchases include Edinburgh Review, 1755-56. Also postcards from booksellers. | |
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| MS1228/5/4 | Itemised receipts | c1888- c1897 |
| | Booksellers include W. N. Pitcher, William Brown. Purchases include reports from York and North Midland Railway. | |
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| MS1228/6/1 | Itemised receipts | c1888- c1910 |
| | Booksellers include S. Bamber, William Harper. Purchases include Board of Trade reports. | |
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