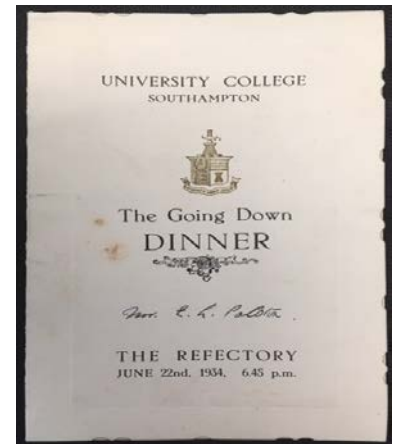


Special Collections subject guides

Food and Drink

Introduction

With nearly 7 million manuscript items and 50,000 printed books, the Special Collections, Hartley Library, provide a resource of remarkable richness and depth. Within the Archives and Manuscripts are the papers of the first Duke of Wellington, third Viscount Palmerston, and papers for the foundation of the states of India and Pakistan in the archive of Earl Mountbatten of Burma. Southampton is also home to one of the largest Jewish archives in Western Europe. Printed collections of note are the Parkes Library on Jewish/non-Jewish relations, the Cope Collection on Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, the Perkins Agricultural Library and the Wellington Pamphlets.



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This guide gives an overview of the aspects of Food and Drink on which you can find material in Special Collections, together with relevant examples.

Food Cultivation

Archival Collections

These include plans for planting and uses of fields; works on agricultural experiments; essays on the culture of potatoes; papers on stocks and pedigrees of cattle, and practical guides on agriculture.

- [MS 62 Broadlands Archive](#) - Broadlands family and estate papers
- [MS 64 Congleton manuscripts](#) - Estate papers of the Parnell family, Barons Congleton for properties in Cheshire and Ireland

Printed Collections

The [Perkins Agricultural Library](#) contains pre-1900 publications on all aspects of agriculture, including handbooks of farm management, books on agricultural chemistry and on individual crops and animal husbandry. Selected books are available online at [Internet Archive](#). See also the printed catalogue [Catalogue of the Walter Frank Perkins Agricultural Library](#). Books on farming in Hampshire are found in the [Cope Collection](#).

- James Long *The Dairy Farm* (London, 1889) Rare Books Perkins SF 239
- Samuel Hayes *Essays in Answer to All the Queries on the Culture of Potatoes* (Dublin, 1797) Rare Books Perkins SB 211.P8

Food Preparation/Recipes

Archive Collections

These include papers on the affairs of shechita; correspondence relating to school meals; recipe books; speeches on food safety; memoranda on cooking equipment, and reports showing dishes considered for different types of cooking and attendance numbers for cookery courses.

- Archives of the London Board of Shechita, 1801-1980, MS 142
- Laws of the Board for administering the affairs of Shechita, papers by Boards of Shechita, and pamphlets on shechita can be found in sections B and D of Papers of Rabbi Solomon Schonfeld, 1930s-1950s, MS 183
- Records of the National Association of Divisional Executives for Education correspondence with organisations and local authorities relating to school meals, 1922-74, MS 68/6-10
- Exercise book used for handwritten copies and cutting of recipes, compiled by Lady Swaythling, 1890s, MS 383 A4000 1/6/3

Printed Collections

The [Rare Books Collection](#) and the [Perkins Agricultural Library](#) have small numbers of books which contain recipes, dating from the 18th century onwards. The [Parkes Library](#) contains publications on Jewish dietary laws, shechita and on ethnographic aspects of Jewish food traditions.

- John Simpson *A Complete System of Cookery ... Containing Bills of Fare for Every Day of the Year ... being One Year's Work, at the Marquis of Buckingham's, from the 1st of January, to the 31st of December, 1805* 4th ed. (London, 1813) Rare Books TX 717
- Anat Helman *Jews and their Foodways* (New York, 2016) Parkes BZ 2001.S78

Household management

Archival Collections

These include lists of stock and tenants; account books; and correspondence on the recruitment of kitchen staff, which are held mainly in our Broadlands and Congleton estate paper collections (MS 62 and MS 64), as well as in the Carver Manuscripts and Lady Swaythling papers (MS 63 and MS383).

- Broadlands Estate household account book, 1785-7, BR 103/14
- Household accounts for Apsley House, 1802-18, MS 63/15
- Household management accounts and correspondence in Lady Swaythling papers, 1900s-1920s, MS 383 A4000/5

Printed Collections

Books on household management which are found in the [Perkins Agricultural Library](#) include:

- *The Complete Family-Piece and Country Gentleman and Farmer's Best Guide* 4th ed. (London, 1739) Rare Books Perkins TX 151
- William Ellis, *A Country Housewife's Family Companion* (London, 1750), Rare Books Perkins TX 151

Food Consumption

Archival Collections

These include passages in journals describing the making of liquors and methods used to thaw frozen supplies; accounts, table plans, dinner books, admission tickets, menu cards, photographs relating to dinners arranged for special occasions; and reports on the provision of food.

- Diary of Samuel Holt Beever of his travels in Portugal and Spain: contents relating to fruit market, wine making, and food provisions, 1812, MS 362 A3005
- Dinner book kept by Lady Swaythling, detailing the invitations issued, menu and seating arrangement, 1919-31, MS 383 A4000/3/7

Printed Collections

The [Parkes Library](#), [Cope Collection](#) and [University Collection](#) all contain examples of menus produced for dinners held by organisations and those marking notable occasions.

- Luncheon and Dinner Menus from R.M.S. Queen Mary, September 1936, Rare Books Cope Cook Postcards, v.8
- *University of Southampton Centenary Celebrations 1962 Dinner* Univ. Coll. LF 788.6

Food Relief

Archival Collections

These include records of charities, committees, and individuals providing food assistance to those less fortunate, such as reports, photographs, correspondence.

- [MS 173 Jewish Care](#) (an amalgamation of the Jewish Board of Guardians, Jewish Association for the Protection of Girls, Women and Children and the Jewish Blind Society)
- [MS 147 Papers of D. Mellows](#) Secretary of the Association of Jewish Youth and subsequently secretary of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, Bevis Marks

Printed Collections

The [Cope Collection on Hampshire and the Isle of Wight](#) contains examples of publications relating to the provision of food in times of need, such as handbills and reports. Books on Jewish charities within the [Parkes Library](#) often contain references to food provision.

- *The Committee for the Relief of the Poor, do hereby give notice, that soup will be ready for delivery at the Soup House, in the Sugar House yard...* (Southampton, 1800) Rare Books Cope ff SOU 06.5 v.1 no.43
- Bournemouth County Borough *Community Catering in Bournemouth* (Bournemouth, 1941), Cope BOU 45

Food Supplies

Archival Collections

These include estate and military account books; price lists; and correspondence relating to food shortages on military campaigns.

- Food shortages in Ireland during the Peninsular War, 1807, 1809, MS 61 WP1/177, 179, 180, 274
- Comptrollers of Army Accounts and the Board of Claims, 1813-25 in Records of the Commissariat in the Peninsula and of Commissary Generals Sir R.H.Kennedy and Sir J.Bisset, MS 271
- Reports of food costs and correspondence regarding food control in Archives of Jewish Care, 1928 and 1917, MS 173/1/11/5 and 6
- Invoices about supplies of food in Papers of the Federation of Jewish Relief Organisations of Great Britain, 1954, MS198/A811/FJRO15, 19, 24
- Accounting and memoranda book of Sir Robert Kennedy, Commissary General: schedules of cash accounts sent to assistant commissary general for supplies, 1812-16, MS 271 A922/6/2
- Letter from Lord Louis Mountbatten to General Sir C.J.E. Auchinleck discussing food shortages on a military campaign, 2 January 1944, MS 62 MB 1

Printed Collections

Both the [Perkins Agricultural Library](#) and the [Wellington Pamphlets](#) contain publications on the economics of food production and supply. The [Cope Collection](#) includes reports on Southampton Docks which contain information on foodstuffs imported and exported as well as duties payable.

- Sir James Caird *The Landed Interest and the Supply of Food* 4th ed. (London, 1880) Rare Books Perkins HD 595.A2
- Southern Railway Company *Southampton Docks Handbooks of Rates, Charges and General Information* (Southampton, 1928) Cope per quarto SOU 43.13

Access

Manuscript and rare book material is made available for consultation in the Archives and Manuscripts and Rare Books reading room. Information on access arrangements can be found at.

<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/archives/about/access.page?>

Further information

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