

MS 245 A2094 Papers of V.D.Lipman,

Vivian David Lipman was born on 27 February 1921. He was the son of Samuel Lipman, MBE and Cecilia née Moses. He studied at Magdalen College, Oxford and was awarded first class honours BA PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics?) in 1942. He served in the Second World War from 1942-5 in the Royal Signals and Intelligence Corps. He then returned to his studies: a D.Phil at Nuffield College, Oxford.

He entered the Civil Service in 1947 as an Assistant Principal. He was involved in housing and had responsibility for London planning. [He was made Assistant Secretary of Ancient Monuments and Historic Buildings? in 1963 and then Under Secretary in 1972.] He was Director of Ancient Monuments and Historic Buildings, Department of the Environment from 1972 to 1979. He was responsible for ancient monuments, archaeology and historic buildings, the royal parks and palaces and the buildings of the national museums and galleries.

He was Vice President of the Ancient Monuments Society, a member of the Council of Architectural Heritage Fund and involved in the Textile Conservation Centre, the Society for the Protections of Ancient Buildings and was British Editorial Co-ordinator of the America Holy Land Project.

In addition, he was Vice President and President Jewish Historical Society of England, 1965-7; a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society; a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries/Antiquaries? and Honorary Research Fellow, University College London, 1971. His interests include the history and development of London, English local government and Anglo-Jewish history, particularly the middle ages and nineteenth century.

He married Sonia Lynette Senslive in 1964 and they had one son, Anthony.

The collection has been split into two main parts. The first section includes: personal records, 1921-90, such as a birth certificate and passport; general correspondence and papers, relating to both personal and academic material, 1955-91; a series of correspondence with Cecil and Irene Roth, 1964-90; papers regarding the Royal Victorian order, 1977-87; papers, correspondence and photographs regarding the British Bicentennial Heritage Mission trip to America, 1976; and material regarding societies and organisations, including the Jewish Historical Society of England, 1948-89. It also contains family and work-related photographs.

The second part contains academic notes, research papers and printed material covering Lipman's many and varied research interests including: local government; architecture, historic sites and buildings; medieval studies; synagogues, congregations and communities; Jewish statistics and population studies; Jewish institutions; Jewish education; biographies for prominent individuals from recent and ancient times; catalogues and bibliographies from exhibitions; reports and regulations from institutions and images and illustrations, some prepared for publications.

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