

C WFE Thomas Ferens Endowment, records 1829- c.1990s

Accession number: 15/68

Historical Background: Businessman and philanthropist Thomas Robinson Ferens (1847-1930) gave money to the city of Hull for an art gallery, which was constructed on the site of the church of St. John the Evangelist, in the area that would later be known as Queen Victoria Square. The church, originally built in 1791, was closed in 1917 and subsequently demolished when work began on the gallery in 1924, and which opened in 1927.

Custodial history: Some documents had the former reference numbers 6796 or 11062. Records created as part of the work of the Thomas Ferens Endowment and routinely transferred from Town Clerks Services.

Description: Deeds, an Act of Parliament, minutes and memoranda, correspondence, plans and a set of rules for the Friends of the Ferens Art Gallery

Arrangement:

C WFE/1	Records relating to the St John's Church site, Hull	1829-1821
C WFE/2	Records relating to the construction of the Ferens Art Gallery	1919-1990s

Extent: 1 box

Related material: See the minutes of the full City Council and the Property Committee in the searchroom and any associated reports at reference C TCR/1. Plans for the art gallery can be located at C TAA/1. A search through the online catalogue will produce references for images of the gallery, as well as many references to the life and work of Thomas R. Ferens. Some of his diaries can be found at U DX/96 and U DX/171.

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C WFE/1	Records relating to the St John's Church site 21 items 1 bundle	1829-1921
----------------	---	------------------

C WFE/1/1	Deeds and Acts relating to the St John's Church site 11 items	1829-1919
------------------	---	------------------

C WFE/1/1/1	Copy of the release of ground in the lordship of Myton i) Robert Thorley of Narva, Russia, merchant ii) Rev. Thomas Dikes of Barwick, county of York, clerk Original dated 16 Feb 1791 1 item	c.1900s
-------------	---	---------

WFE/1/1/2	Agreement respecting the roads leading to and around St John's Church in Hull i) Rev. Thomas Dikes and Messrs. Turner and Wells, the churchwardens of St. John's Church, Hull ii) The Hull Dock Company Includes a covenant to discharge pieces of land 1 item	11 Jul 1829
-----------	--	-------------

Hull History Centre: Thomas Ferens Endowment, records

C WFE/1/1/3	Agreement as to window light at St. John's Church i) Vicar and churchwardens of St. John's Church ii) North Eastern Railway 1 item	11 Jul 1908
C WFE/1/1/4	Agreement for the sale of St John's Church, Hull i) Rev. Arthur J. Culwick of Hull, clerk and others ii) Rt. Hon. T.R. Ferens, MP 1 item	16 Oct 1915
C WFE/1/1/5	Copy of the documents relating to St. John's Church 1 item	1916
C WFE/1/1/6	The Saint John's Church Kingston upon Hull Act An Act to authorise the sale of the Church of St. John in Victoria Square Hull, 6 & 7 George V Session 1916 1 item	19 Jul 1916
C WFE/1/1/7	Conveyance of the site of St John's Church i) Rev. Arthur J. Culwick of Hull, clerk and others ii) Rt. Hon. T.R. Ferens, MP 1 item	1 Jan 1917
C WFE/1/1/8	Copy Draft Deed of Trusts concerning the erection of an art gallery i) Rt. Hon. Thomas R. Ferens of Hull, Privy Councillor ii) The Corporation of Kingston upon Hull Originally dated 1917 1 item	9 Dec 1919
C WFE/1/1/9	Draft conveyance of land, hereditaments and premises situate south side of Victoria Square, Hull i) Rt. Hon. Thomas R. Ferens of Hull, Privy Councillor ii) The Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Kingston upon Hull 1 item	9 Dec 1919
C WFE/1/1/10	Conveyance of land, hereditaments and premises situate south side of Victoria Square, Hull i) Rt. Hon. Thomas R. Ferens of Hull, Privy Councillor ii) The Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Kingston upon Hull 1 item	9 Dec 1919
C WFE/1/1/11	Deed of Trusts concerning the erection of an art gallery in Hull i) Rt. Hon. Thomas R. Ferens of Hull, Privy Councillor ii) The Corporation of Kingston upon Hull 1 item	9 Dec 1919

Hull History Centre: Thomas Ferens Endowment, records

C WFE/1/2	Correspondence relating to the St John's Church site 4 items 1 bundle	1890-1928
C WFE/1/2/1	Correspondence regarding the Ferens Art Gallery 1 bundle	22 Feb 1912- 24 May 1928
C WFE/1/2/2	Draft letter of approval for the sale of corporate land, St John's Church from the Corporation of Hull Includes a plan of the area 1 item	Oct 1890
C WFE/1/2/3	Letter from the North Eastern Railway to Thorney & Sons regarding land at St John's Church, Hull 1 item	8 Nov 1906
C WFE/1/2/4	Copy letter with memorandum regarding land at St. John's Church 1 item	1917
C WFE/1/2/5	Postcard from Rev. E.W. Hadwen of St. John's Church, Hull to the Town Clerk, Hull 1 item	12 Dec 1919
C WFE/1/3	Plans of the St John's Church site, Hull 2 items	1907-1915
C WFE/1/3/1	Plans of the St John's site left with the Town Clerk by Col. Thorney 1 item	19 Apr 1907
C WFE/1/3/2	Plan of the St. John's Church area 1 item	Sep 1915
C WFE/1/4	Miscellaneous records relating to the St John's Church site 4 items	1908-c.1915
C WFE/1/4/1	Minutes of the Council Tramways Sub-Committee regarding a lavatory site on St. John Street 1 item	20 Mar 1908
C WFE/1/4/2	List of property owners on Paragon Street, Chariot Street and Carr Lane 1 item	16 Jul 1912
C WFE/1/4/3	Duties on land values for St. John's Church, Hull under the Finance Act, 1910 1 item	20 Apr 1915

Hull History Centre: Thomas Ferens Endowment, records

C WFE/1/4/4	Increment Value Duty for St. John's Church, Hull under the Finance Act, 1910 1 item	c. 1915
C WFE/2	Records relating to the construction of the Ferens Art Gallery 9 items 1 bundle	1919-c.1990s
C WFE/2/1	Trust Deeds for the Ferens Art Gallery, Hull 6 items	1919-1928
C WFE/2/1/1	Copy of Deed of Trusts concerning the erection of an art gallery, bearing the certificate of registry of Friendly Societies i) Rt. Hon. Thomas R. Ferens of Hull, Privy Councillor ii) The Corporation of Kingston upon Hull 1 item	9 Dec 1919
C WFE/2/1/2	Case to Counsel to advise in the matter of the Ferens Art Gallery in the City and County of Hull Regarding the issue of inadequate funds on completion of the building work 1 item	19 Dec 1927
C WFE/2/1/3	Handwritten draft trust deed relating to the endowment of Ferens Art Gallery, Hull i) Rt. Hon. Thomas R. Ferens of Hull, Privy Councillor ii) The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City and County of Kingston upon Hull 1 item	15 Mar 1928
C WFE/2/1/4	Typed draft trust deed relating to the endowment of Ferens Art Gallery, Hull i) Rt. Hon. Thomas R. Ferens of Hull, Privy Councillor ii) The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City and County of Kingston upon Hull 1 item	15 Mar 1928
C WFE/2/1/5	Trust Deed relating to the endowment of Ferens Art Gallery, Hull i) Rt. Hon. Thomas R. Ferens of Hull, Privy Councillor ii) The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City and County of Kingston upon Hull 1 item	15 Mar 1928
C WFE/2/1/6	Copy Trust Deed relating to the endowment of Ferens Art Gallery, Hull i) Rt. Hon. Thomas R. Ferens of Hull, Privy Councillor ii) The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City and County of Kingston upon Hull 1 item	15 Mar 1928

Hull History Centre: Thomas Ferens Endowment, records

C WFE/2/2	Correspondence regarding the Art Gallery Endowment Fund and the Ferens Art Gallery 1 bundle	1927-1928
C WFE/2/2/1	Correspondence regarding the Gallery Endowment Fund and the Art Gallery 1 bundle	22 Dec 1927- 6 Jun 1928
C WFE/2/3	Miscellaneous records of the Ferens Art Gallery 3 items	1954-c.1990s
C WFE/2/3/1	Memorandum of meeting at the offices of the Ministry of Education regarding the sale of pictures from the Ferens Art Gallery 1 item	15 Jul 1954
WFE/2/3/2	Application for rate relief for the Ferens Art Gallery 1 item	16 May 1990- 25 Jun 1990
C WFE/2/3/3	Rules of the Friends of the Ferens Art Gallery 1 item	c.1990s