

**C DMFW**                      **Records relating to the research of**                      **1902-1982**  
**William Foot Walker**

**Accession number:** 12/53

**Biographical Background:** William Foot Walker (1904-1995) was a very active local historian and wrote a number of books on a wide range of historical subjects. He attended Hull Grammar School and on leaving he initially worked for a Dutch grain merchants before joining the family wholesale egg and butter import business in Hull. Walker became interested in history after sightseeing with relatives on a visit to London. His first lecturing opportunity came at 16 when he took a group after a lecturer failed to show up. He would go on to teach for the Workers Educational Association until his eyesight began to fail him in his 80s. During World War Two, he taught for a while in the adult education department at the University of Hull. He was also very active within organisations such as the Hull Literary Society, where he was president, the East Riding Antiquarian Society as secretary and was a life member of the East Yorkshire Georgian Society. Married in 1941, he had three daughters.

**Custodial history:** Passed to the Hull History Centre by the York Minster Historic Collections Team

**Description:** Letters, syllabuses, cards, notes, annotated copies of articles and cuttings from local authors and organisations

**Extent:** 9 bundles

**Related material:** For books and articles written by Walker held at the Hull History Centre, please see the online and card index catalogues. See the Hull Daily Mail, 13 Feb 1995 page 6, (West Hull news), for a full biography.

**Access conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C DMFW/1	List of objects and places in Hullshire and South Holderness to be photographed by the Hull Photographic Club 'Reliques, primeval and early conditions', the 'picturesque ancient and historical'. Presented by J. Hollingsworth. 1 bundle	1902
C DMFW/2	Letters and notes of William Foot Walker on 'Early Hull Printers' by W.G.B. Page Includes an annotated copy of the booklet, information concerning publication and notes for a talk at the Hull Literary Club. 1 bundle	1908-1934
C DMFW/3	Research notes of William Foot Walker on silver, silversmiths and historic documents of Hull Prepared for an exhibition and a display. Includes items such as cuttings and letters. 1 bundle	1944-1952

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C DMFW/4	Records relating to William Foot Walker's membership of organisations and societies Includes letters and membership cards for the Hull Literary Club, East Riding Antiquarian and Archaeological Societies and Hull Museum Society. 1 bundle	7 Sep 1948- 21 Jul 1982
C DMFW/5	William Foot Walker's notes and letters concerning 'Early Sailings to Iceland' by G.J. Marcus As published in the Transactions of the East Riding Antiquarian Society Vol.30 1 bundle	18 Sep 1951- 15 Jul 1952
C DMFW/6	Letters and notes of William Foot Walker on Hull newspapers and printers 1 bundle	5 Jan 1954- 10 Sep 1974
C DMFW/7	Notes of William Foot Walker on The Avenues, Hull Includes articles and letters relating to a project by pupils from the Sir John Fisher Junior High School, Hull 1 bundle	29 Nov 1972- 3 May 1976
C DMFW/8	Notes and syllabuses details for courses run by William Foot Walker for the Workers Educational Association, Hull Branch 1 bundle	22 May 1973- 6 Jan 1981
C DMFW/9	Letter from Neville Bartlett of London to William Foot Walker relating to the article 'Lay poll tax returns for the City of York in 1381' In the Transaction of the East Riding Antiquarian Society, Vol.22 1 bundle	16 Dec [?]