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**Papers of Bertram Fox (1876-1963) of Hull,
Temperance Lecturer**

1863-1963

Biographical Background: Bertram Fox was born in East Kirkby, Nottinghamshire in 1876. He would go on to become an important lecturer on the subject of temperance and a significant figure in the local temperance movement, which was particularly strong in the Hull area. He lived at 429 Spring Bank West, Hull and later at 2 Plantation Drive, Anlaby Park. Bertram was married twice. His first wife, Frances Dalton, who he married in 1907, died in 1926. She had a son, Sidney Dalton, whom became Bertram's stepson. In 1928 Bertram married again, at All Saints Church, this time to Margaret Hatfield of Hull.

Fox was initially sent to Cardiff for the United Kingdom Alliance (for the Suppression of the Traffic in all Intoxicating Liquors), before later returning to Hull in 1906 as District Superintendent. He was known as a vigorous speaker and he toured extensively around the UK in the 1920s. He was variously the General Secretary of Citizens' Committee to Conduct a Campaign in Support of the Government Licensing Bill, Honorary Convenor of the Hull United Temperance Board, local secretary for the Northern Association of Official Temperance Advocates, organiser for the Hull District of the Union of Democratic Control and District Superintendent for the Scottish Bill and Temperance Association based in Aberdeen. Fox was also a Baptist preacher, chairman of the local Hull and District Band of Hope and chairman of the League's National Conference when it came to Hull in 1924.

Prior to the outbreak of World War II, Bertram Fox ran a motor and cycle factor business in Mytongate, Hull. He then went on to work in the Food Office at Bevin House until he retired aged 73. He died in 1963, aged 87.

Custodial history: Deposited with Hull Local Studies Library sometime before 2010.

Description: Financial records; diary and personal papers; minutes of committees; correspondence; leaflets, circulars and promotional material relating to temperance campaigns; photographs.

Arrangement:

- L DIBF/1 Personal papers of Bertram Fox, 1905-1963
- L DIBF/2 Records relating to the United Kingdom Alliance in Hull, 1863-1919
- L DIBF/3 Records of the Citizens' Committee, Apr 1908-Aug 1917
- L DIBF/4 Records for the Hull National Temperance Alliance Bazaar, 1912
- L DIBF/5 Records relating to an essay competition on temperance in Hull Elementary Schools, 1906
- L DIBF/6 Correspondence of Bertram Fox, c.1905-1963
- L DIBF/7 Leaflets, pamphlets and articles regarding temperance and political issues, 1902-1950
- L DIBF/8 Financial records of Bertram Fox, 1912-1920
- L DIBF/9 Photographs and Postcards of Bertram Fox

Extent: 4 boxes/ 0.64 linear metres

Related material: The Hull Daily Mail has many articles on temperance in Hull. References can be located in the Local Studies card indexes. For example in the Hull Daily News there are two items on the opening of a new temperance bazaar in Hull by the Bishop of Lincoln, dated 1 October 1920 (p5) and 9 October 1920 (front page). A piece relating to the death of Bertram Fox can be found in the Hull Daily Mail, dated 24 September, 1963 on p8. At L.178 are additional leaflets for meetings of the United Kingdom Alliance in Barton upon Humber, Beverley, Gainsborough, Goole, Grimsby and Hull.

For details of the records of the United Kingdom Alliance please consult their website at www.alliancefoundation.org.uk. The Hull History Centre has some items relating to two of the organisations Bertram Fox worked with. Records of the Sons of Temperance Friendly Society can be found at reference L DLTF, and those of the Union of Democratic Control, at reference U DDC.

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

L DIBF/1	Personal papers of Bertram Fox	1905-1963
	3 items, 1 volume, 1 bundle	
L DIBF/1/1	Diary of Bertram Fox 1 volume	1944
L DIBF/1/2	Certificate of Commission for the Templar Institute of the Grand Lodge of England and the United States Authorising Brother Bertram Fox to act as district registrar of the Templar Institute 1 item	21 Feb 1905
L DIBF/1/3	Deed of Sale for 1 Baker Street, Hull i) Hull & District Band of Hope and Temperance League ii) Joseph Rank, Esq. 1 item	16 Jun 1931
L DIBF/1/4	Letters of Bertram Fox Contains letters and postcards regarding the U.K. Alliance, mining in Nottinghamshire, political issues, a postcard satirising women's rights and a postcard of the marriage of Samuel Fox, Bertram's elder brother. 1 bundle	1931-1963
L DIBF/1/5	Personal Insurance and loan in the name of Bertram Fox With the Eagle, Star and British Dominions Insurance Company 1 item	29 Nov 1927- 18 Jan 1936

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L DIBF/1/6	Papers regarding military service of Bertram Fox Contains correspondence relating to Bertram Fox being called up for military service during World War One of which he sought exemption. Also includes newspaper report on a conscience objector from Hull and a what appears to be a coded letter attached to 'document titled 'National Service - an appeal to the East Riding' in what may be the hand of Bertram Fox himself. 1 item	1916-1918
L DIBF/2	Records relating to the United Kingdom Alliance in Hull 3 bundles, 1 item	1863-1919
L DIBF/2/1	Leaflets of the United Kingdom Alliance in Hull 1 bundle	1905-1919
L DIBF/2/2	Miscellaneous circulars of United Kingdom Alliance Includes other temperance literature 1 bundle	c.1907-1914
L DIBF/2/3	Leaflets from United Kingdom Alliance regarding temperance in Hull Handbills, notices and leaflets 1 bundle	c.1907-1917
L DIBF/2/4	Certificates from the United Kingdom Alliance For the 'Total Suppression of the Liquor Traffic' in the names of Mr and Mrs Henry Hibbert 1 item	6 Jan 1863- 10 Apr 1897
L DIBF/3	Records of the Citizen's Committee to conduct a campaign in support of the Government Licensing Bill 1 volume	1908-1917
L DIBF/3/1	Minutes Book of Citizens' Committee 1 volume	Apr 1908- Aug 1917
L DIBF/4	Records for the Hull National Temperance Alliance Bazaar 1 volume, 2 bundles, 1 item 1 item 2 bundles	1912
L DIBF/4/1	Minutes of the Hull Bazaar Committee 1 volume	Oct 1912

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L DIBF/4/2	Hull Bazaar Committee receipts and accounts Loose papers contained within the volume of minutes, as described at L DFBF/4/1. 1 bundle	Oct 1912
L DIBF/4/3	Pamphlet for the British Isles Bazaar in Hull Held at the Assembly Room, Jarratt Street 1 item	1-3 Oct 1912
L DIBF/4/4	Hull Bazaar Committee receipts and accounts Loose papers contained within the volume of minutes 1 bundle	Oct 1912
L DIBF/5	Records relating to an essay competition on temperance in Hull Elementary Schools 1 item1 bundle	1906
L DIBF/5/1	Miscellaneous items relating to the Physical Deterioration and Alcoholism essay competition in Hull 1 bundle	1906
L DIBF/5/2	Souvenir of the essay competition in Hull Elementary Schools on Physical Deterioration and Alcoholism 1 item	May 1906
L DIBF/6	Correspondence of Bertram Fox 4 bundles, 3 files	c.1905-1963
L DIBF/6/1	Letters relating to temperance campaigns in Hull Includes some printed material and newspaper articles 1 bundle	c.1905
L DIBF/6/2	Letters to Bertram Fox on temperance and other matters Arranged alphabetically 1 bundle	1906-1912
L DIBF/6/3	Correspondence with Bertram Fox regarding temperance matters Alphabetical, in a letter book style 1 bundle	1913-1916
L DIBF/6/4	Letters from Bertram Fox to the Hull Daily Mail and national Daily Mail 1 bundle	1950-1963

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L DIBF/6/5	Correspondence and related material on temperance matters Originally a box file, it has been divided into three files. Appears largely unstructured though markers have been left in which may indicate some form of structure. Contains correspondence to Bertram Fox from various temperance societies and related material. 3 files	1914-1916
L DIBF/6/6	Correspondence to Bertram Fox relating to The Civil Service Clerical Association It appears Bertram Fox a member of Hull branch of The Civil Service Clerical Association, which was based at Bevin House, George Street. This correspondence is mainly between Bertam Fox and John Humphries, Chairman of the Coventry branch, but also includes correspondence between Mrs. H Iveson, District Secretary relating to a matter of payment to the District Treasurer. 1 file	1947-8
L DIBF/6/7	Letter from Bertram Fox to the editor of the Methodist Recorder, Fleet Street, London A letter to the titled 'The younger generation'. Includes draft in the hand of Betram Fox and typed, possibly final copy to the editor. 1 file	30 Dec 1957
L DIBF/7	Leaflets, pamphlets and articles regarding temperance and political issues 5 items, 1 volume, 5 bundles, 1 file	1902-1950
L DIBF/7/1	Leaflets produced regarding the Licensing Bill, 1908 Bound into a volume 1 volume	c.1908
L DIBF/7/2	Pamphlet entitled "The Reduction of Public Immorality – the responsibilities of Local Authorities" by W. C. Dawson 1 item	16 Jun 1914
L DIBF/7/3	Statements by various witnesses on drunkenness and drinking in Hull 1 bundle	1915

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L DIBF/7/4	Documents relating to a campaign against renewal of licenses for two public houses in Hedon Entitled 'Hedon Brewster Sessions' and includes a signed petition 1 bundle	1914-1916
L DIBF/7/5	The Pioneer: the magazine of the Order of the Sons of Temperance Friendly Society Issue No. 102, Hull Grand Divison, No.9. Contains details of the local divisons. 1 item	May 1917
L DIBF/7/6	Letters of Bertram Fox relating to the Scottish Permissive Bill and the Temperance Association The Association was based in Glasgow. File entitled 'Aberdeen 1919' 1 bundle	1 Dec 1918- 29 Sep 1920
L DIBF/7/7	Temperance leaflets and pamphlets For various meetings and talks, with promotional literature and texts 1 bundle	c.1901-1911
L DIBF/7/8	Papers relating to the Hull Branch of the Union of Democratic Control Blank application for membership form and a booklet outling the 5 principles of the Union 1 bundle	1915-1917
L DIBF/7/9	Notice for the Defence of the Realm (Liquor Control) Order Issued by the Central Control Board (Liquor Traffic) for the Humber area 1 item	28 Jan 1916
L DIBF/7/10	The 1920 Campaign Hymn Sheet for the Scottish Permissive Bill and Temperance Association 1 item	1920
L DIBF/7/11	Satirical parliamentary pools coupon for the 1950 General Election 1 item	1950
L DIBF/7/12	Leaflets, notices and related material on temperance Front of the file notes 'Cardiff - Gov't Licencing Bill, Cardiff oppostion, 1904' and 'Permanent Printed forms, Hull'. 1 file	1904-1905

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L DIBF/7/13	Newscuttings on matters of temperance One of two volumes (this volume is marked on the spine as volume II). Contains index at the front of the volume on subejcts relating to temperance. Also at the back of the volume is packet of addtional newscuttings. Previously at reference L.178, though was orignally a part of the Bertram Fox papers. 1 volume	1902-1903
L DIBF/7/14	Newscuttings on matters of temperance Contains newcuttings relating to temperance. Unlike L DIBF/7/13 there is no index for this volume. Previously at reference L.178, though was orignally a part of the Bertram Fox papers. 1 volume	1904-1908
L DIBF/8	Financial records of Bertram Fox 2 volumes	1912-1920
L DIBF/8/1	Ledger of Bertram Fox 1 volume	Jul 1912- Jan 1919
L DIBF/8/2	Account book of Bertram Fox 1 volume	Oct 1919- Nov 1920
L DIBF/9	Photographs and postcards of Bertram Fox 1 bundle, 11 items1 bundle	Early- mid 20th cent.
L DIBF/9/1	Photograph of Bertram Fox Studio portrait image 1 item	c.1926-27
L DIBF/9/2	Photograph of the marriage of Bertram Fox and Margaret Hatfield Names listed on additional sheet and with the original negative 1 bundle	8 Sep 1928
L DIBF/9/3	Photograph of a couple at the front of their house Signed on the back, 'with kindest regards from Annie'. [Possibly Bertram.] 1 item	Early- mid 20th cent.
L DIBF/9/4	Photographs of Bertram Fox Studio portrait images 2 items	1935

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L DIBF/9/5	Postcard of Rev. T Sykes, Primitive Methodist Minister Studio portrait image 1 item	Early- mid 20th cent.
L DIBF/9/6	Postcard of J. Glenelg Grant, author of 'The Heart Beneath the Uniform' Studio portrait image 1 item	Early- mid 20th cent.
L DIBF/9/7	Postcard of E Tennyson Smith, Temperance lecturer Studio portrait image 1 item	Early- mid 20th cent.
L DIBF/9/8	Postcard of the farwell tour of the Grand Chief Templar, Alderman Joseph Malins Accompanied by the Grand Superintendent of Juvenile Works, Bro. J.W. Hopkins. Joseph Malins founded the England Grand Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars and retired in 1914. 1 item	c.1913
L DIBF/9/9	Cartoon postcard of the effects of the licensing bill entitled 'the Last Tram' 1 item	Early 20th cent.
L DIBF/9/10	Postcards of 2 unidentified men 2 items	Early- mid 20th cent.