

Hull History Centre: Richardson's manuscript, Tickell's History of Hull in 26 parts and proof copy of Wildridge's Old & New Hull

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**1772-1889**

**Accession number:** L 22/11

**Biographical Background:** Reverend John Tickell was a schoolmaster and lived in Hedon. He was also a historian and wrote a 'History of the Town and County of Kingston upon Hull'. He died on 6 June 1823, aged 78 years.

John Richardson, (1808-1885) was a surgeon-dentist, town councillor for West Sculcoates (between 1844-1869), local antiquarian, collector of historic records and writer. He contributed articles to both the Hull Packet and the Eastern Morning News as well as publishing his own works. In addition, it has been alleged he was the actual author of Gunnell's publication, 'The Hull Celebrities' and the Johnson Manuscripts. Richardson was also very involved with Hull Mechanic's Institute, giving many lectures there as well as holding office. His obituary in the Eastern Morning News noted that he was a 'character who was noted for his trickery and waggery'.

Thomas Tindall Wildridge (1858-1928), was a records clerk, antiquarian, artist and author. Wildridge was born in the St. Pauls area of Sculcoates in 1858 to Thomas and Elizabeth Wildridge. His father was a local timber merchant. After attending Hull Grammar School, Wildridge was employed in the Hull Dock Offices, before becoming the Corporation of Hull's first records clerk in 1884. He was paid £10 per month, with most of his time being spent on indexing. Despite delivering some 144 cwt of records for destruction he also managed to catalogue numerous records. Many of these records were likely to have provided him with information for some of his own works, such as 'The Honorary Freedom of Kingston upon Hull' and 'Holderness and Hullshire Historic Gleanings'. In December 1892, Wildridge submitted a translation of the Edward I Charter. In November 1893 the Corporation gave him three months to complete his work, and by 1894 he had been dismissed. In 1892 Wildridge was the driving force behind the formation of the East Riding Antiquarian Society, which was later 'admitted into union with the Society of Antiquities (of London)'. He later became the honorary librarian of the Municipal Library but failed to get the post of chief librarian of Hull. After retiring, Wildridge moved away from the area and died in 1928 in Waddesdon, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

**Custodial history:** Collected by Mr. David Stipetic and purchased by Hull History Centre in October 2022.

**Description:** John Tickell's 'History of Kingston upon Hull' in 26 parts, a handwritten manuscript by John Richardson, and T. Tindall Wildridge's 'Old and New Hull'.

**Extent:** 3 volumes/26 items

**Related material:** Published books relating to Hull and its history include: A History of Hull by Gillet and MacMahon (L.9.7); Victoria County History, East Riding of Yorkshire, Volume 1 Kingston upon Hull (L.9.7) and Hull: culture, place history by David Starkey, et al. (L.9.7). Copies are available in the library area.

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

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| L DIDS/1 | <p>'History of the Town and County of Kingston upon Hull, from its foundation in the Reign of Edward I to the present time, comprehending the space of near five hundred years: with a description of part of the adjacent Country, and the injuries it sustained by the incursions of the Saxons and the Danes, antecedent to the building of the Town' by John Tickell</p> <p>Printed in 26 parts. Printed in Hull by Thomas Lee and Company.</p> <p>Tickell's 'History' was published in parts by subscription. The cost to subscribers was 1/- for each part; whereas non-subscribers had to pay 1/6d. Subscribers could pay 1/6d to have copies printed on Royal paper. The parts were issued in blue paper wrappers. In all, there were 940 pages with 18 engraved plates, dated between 1789 and 1796. The last, Gale's frontispiece view of Hull from the south-east was published on 10th June 1796. There was some delay in the publication of the latter parts.</p> <p>1 volume</p>  | 4 Jun 1789-<br>c.10 Jun 1796 |
| L DIDS/2 | <p>Handwritten manuscript by John Richardson, Surgeon-Dentist, Kingston upon Hull</p> <p>The volume is divided into two parts each beginning at opposite ends of the volume. The volume includes the title 'Reminiscences of the Town of Kingston upon Hull being a list of all the Wardens, ..., Mayors, Aldermen, Sheriffs, Chamberlains, Town Councillors, Assessors, Auditors, Recorders, Magistrates, Town Clerks, Treasurers, Clerks of the Peace, Clerks to the Magistrates, Coroners and other Officers of the Borough, ... Stewards, Members of Parliament and ... Persons who have visited the Borough from its earliest foundations with facsimiles of their signatures or their autographs,' and relates to the years 1804 to 1843. Includes at the start of the volume a description of what each of the intended six volumes will include and a short list of coroners from 1296 to 1306.</p> <p>On the other side of the volume is 'Local jottings, persons and events in the Borough of Kingston upon Hull in the 18th and 19th Centuries' by John Richardson, Surgeon-Dentist and Town Councillor for West Sculcoates Ward in the Borough of Hull from 1844 to 18[...].</p> <p>1 volume/26 items</p> | 1840-1870                    |

L DIDS/3	<p data-bbox="467 208 1181 387">'Old and New Hull: Being drawings of the Town of Kingston upon Hull with descriptive and historical notices; also portraits of local men with biographical and genealogical notes' by T. Tindall Wildridge</p> <p data-bbox="467 394 1181 790">Includes handwritten pencil annotations. Also includes a letter addressed to T. Tindall Wildridge from Joseph Armytage Wade, thanking Wildridge for wishing to print his biography but requesting he postpones printing it until after his death or after he has achieved something more "worthy", dated 20 May 1889. The letter is pasted to page 317 which relates to J. A. Wade, J.P. and includes a note above his portrait which states the portrait and biography of J. A. Wade appeared in this copy only and that he never saw either.</p> <p data-bbox="467 797 603 822">1 volume</p>	1889
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