

**L DIDT**

**Records relating to David John Taylor**

**1924-1975**

**Biographical Background:** Mr David John Taylor (1910-1979) was born in Falkirk, Scotland and was educated there and at Emanuel School, London. After leaving school, Taylor went into insurance becoming an underwriter at the age of 23. He spent two years on the Continent in France. There, he built up an important continental business but, when the war came, Taylor returned to this country and joined Marconi Instruments Ltd., After several years in works management, he became their Northern Manager in 1945 and Hull was his base.

In 1954, he was appointed as Export Manager at Marconi and returned to London. He acquired an extensive knowledge of electronics and, besides dealing with telecommunications, became interested in radiography and other medical aspects of electronics. He travelled widely in Europe, India, Burma, Pakistan, Malaya and China. Wanting to spend more time in the UK and return to insurance, Taylor joined the international Minet Group of insurance brokers. In March 1959, he opened up the offices of J H Minet Northern in Hull, covering the whole of the North of England. Taylor chose Hull because he had made many friends here during his time at Marconi and felt he would be able to bring business into the city.

He was a member of the Institution of Electronics and was the national chairman of the council for a number of years from 1960. He was responsible, with the co-operation of Hull Electronics Engineering Society, for the September 1960 exhibition at Farmery Hall, George Street, Hull where the first purely electronics exhibition was held.

Taylor was a member of the Institute of Export, and sat on the Export Committee of the Scientific Instrument Manufacturers Association in London for 3 years. He was also a member of the Institute of Marketing and Sales Management.

Locally, he was a member of the Publicity Club of Hull; the Scots Society of St. Andrew, Hull; Hull and East Riding RUFC; Sutton Park Golf Club; a vice president of North Ferriby Cricket Club and a founder president of Hull Lions Club. He was Sheriff of Hull during 1963-1964 when James Gordon Edmond Teskey-King served as Lord Mayor. Mr. Taylor was married with four children and lived in North Ferriby. He died in 1979.

**Custodial history:** Bequeathed to Hull Local Studies Library

**Description:** Miscellaneous items relating to David John Taylor's personal and professional life, a collection of items from scrap books kept by David Taylor and an extensive collection of photographs from his Sheriff's year and his personal and professional life.

<b>Arrangement :</b>	L DIDT/1	Miscellaneous items relating to David John Taylor's personal and professional life	1924-1966
	L DIDT/2	Scrap Books	1960-1975
	L DIDT/3	Photographs	1950s-1964

**Extent:** 4 boxes

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

**Copyright:** Many of the photographs in this collection are copyrighted. Please see individual records for details.

L DIDT/1	<b>Miscellaneous items relating to David John Taylor's personal and professional life</b> 20 items & 2 bundles	<b>1924-1966</b>
L DIDT/1/1	French identity pass valid from 18 Feb 1933-19 Feb 1935 1 item	18 Feb 1933-19 Feb 1935
L DIDT/1/2	National Services Certificate of Registration 1 item	c. 1939-1945
L DIDT/1/3	National Service Grade Card 1 item	c. 1939-1945
L DIDT/1/4	National Service cancellation of call up No. Relates to an enlistment notice dated 8 Feb 1943 1 item	c. 1939-1945
L DIDT/1/5	Marconi Ekco Instruments Ltd., Sands, High Wycombe, Bucks-Temporary Works Pass 1 item	c. 1940
L DIDT/1/6	Marconi Ekco Instruments Ltd.- A.R.P Certificate 1 item	c. 1939-1945
L DIDT/1/7	Marconi Ekco Instruments Ltd.-Works Permit Includes photograph of David Taylor and details of his home address and position at Marconi 1 item	31 Jul 1942
L DIDT/1/8	Packet of business cards Marconi Ekco Instruments Ltd., St Albans, Herts- David J. Taylor, Export Manager 1 item	c. 1954
L DIDT/1/9	Packet of business cards L.H. Alliston & Co. Ltd., Eastbourne, Sussex-David J. Taylor, Sales Director 1 item	c. 1950s
L DIDT/1/10	Sketch map of Beamond End showing the lane to Little Missenden and the 362 bus service to Amersham, Buckinghamshire 1 item	c. 1950s

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L DIDT/1/11	Certificate [Second prize for Best Single Agricultural Implement] from Northumberland Agricultural Society, Alnwick Show 1 item	17 Jul 1946
L DIDT/1/12	Lancashire Schoolboys Rugby League Badge Embroidered and made of felt 1 item	n.d.
L DIDT/1/13	Yorkshire Schoolboys Rugby League Badge Embroidered and made of felt 1 item	1964
L DIDT/1/14	Souvenir programme of the visit of English Women Cricketers to Queensland, Australia Miss M. Taylor was part of the team and there is a photograph of her in the back of the programme. The Who's Who section of the programme says that M. Taylor is the 'Larwood of the team' and that she 'hails from Middlesex and earns her daily bread as Secretary in a London business house.' (Larwood suggests she is an outstanding fast bowler. Harold Larwood played cricket 21 times for England between 1926 and 1933). 1 item	1934-1935
L DIDT/1/15	Australian Herald Newspaper photograph recording the English Women Cricketers' First View of Melbourne.' Australia Miss M. Taylor was part of the team and is included in the far left of the photograph 1 item	3 Dec 1934
L DIDT/1/16	Ceylon Observer Newspaper article about the English Women Cricketers' visit to Ceylon Miss M. Taylor was part of the team and is included in a photograph within the article praising her bowling successes 1 item	12 Nov 1934
L DIDT/1/17	Australian Rugby League Touring Team 'Kangaroos' autographs. 1 item	1963-64
L DIDT/1/18	Items removed from a bound volume labelled 'Dramatic Societys' Items relate to various dramatic society productions in which David Taylor performed including the Emanuel School [London] Dramatic Society, the Old Emanuel School Dramatic	1924-1936

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Society, the Plow Players, Clapham Commercial French Club and the Beverley Players. Mostly programmes and flyers but there are also three black & white photos of the cast taken by a photographer on Clapham Junction, London (n.d)  
1 bundle

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| L DIDT/1/19     | Extract from Marconi Instruments Magazine Volume 8 No.4 announcing David Taylor's re-election for a three year period to the General Council of the Institution of Electronics. Please note that, during this time, David Taylor was Marconi Instruments' Export Manager<br>1 item  | Nov 1957                   |
| L DIDT/1/20     | Article in "British Industry", the Journal of the Confederation of British Industry, entitled "Transport Policy: on the right lines" by D. J. Taylor. Please note that, during this time, David Taylor was Managing Director of Minet Northern Ltd., Insurance Brokers<br>1 item  | 2 Sep 1966                 |
| L DIDT/1/21     | Bundle of correspondence relating to Marconi Ekco Instruments Ltd., Includes a list of departmental numbers, letters relating to David Taylor's removal to London, a works departmental reference chart, Marconi, High Wycombe Calibration Department loading compiled by D. Taylor & D. Pitman, Marconi Development Department schedule, letters relating to D. Taylor's post as Acting Manager for Marconi's Export Department and arrangements for his travel between Hull and London.<br>1 bundle | 1944-1957                  |
| L DIDT/1/22     | Visitor's Book<br>David John Taylor was Sheriff of Hull during 1963-1964 when James Gordon Edmond Teskey-King served as Lord Mayor. This book records the visitors that he welcomed during that year in civic office (includes names and addresses and/or organisations).<br>1 item   | 23 May 1963-20<br>May 1964 |
| <b>L DIDT/2</b> | <b>Scrap Books</b><br>It appears that Mr David Taylor compiled and kept scrap books recording his career and various interests that he had. Amongst the subjects are  | <b>1960-1975</b>           |

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Hull Lions Club, Hull Trinity House, the Humber Branch of the Institute of Chartered Ship-Brokers and the Institute of Marketing and Sales Management, the Hull and District Industrial Safety Council, the Marfleet Burns Club, the Institute of Marketing, Hull City Police Boy's Club, De La Pole Masonic Lodge no. 1605 and Minet Northern. Duplicates and news cuttings from the Hull Daily Mail have been removed and the scrap book covers discarded for preservation purposes.  
12 bundles

L DIDT/2/1	Items retained from David Taylor's scrap book 1 bundle	1960-1961
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L DIDT/2/3	Items retained from David Taylor's scrap book 1 bundle	1965
L DIDT/2/4	Items retained from David Taylor's scrap book 1 bundle	1966
L DIDT/2/5	Items retained from David Taylor's scrap book 1 bundle	1967
L DIDT/2/6	Items retained from David Taylor's scrap book 1 bundle	1968-1969
L DIDT/2/7	Items retained from David Taylor's scrap book 1 bundle	1971
L DIDT/2/8	Items retained from David Taylor's scrap book Includes 6 photographs of David Taylor taken by Minet Northern for their brochure 1 bundle	1971-1972
L DIDT/2/9	Items retained from David Taylor's scrap book Includes several items relating to Hull Police Boy's Clubs 1 bundle	1972-1973
L DIDT/2/10	Items retained from David Taylor's scrap book 1 bundle	1973-1974
L DIDT/2/11	Items retained from David Taylor's scrap book Includes a photograph of the opening of an extension at North Ferriby Methodist Church on 25 Nov 1974	1974-1975

1 bundle

<b>L DIDT/3</b>	<b>Photographs</b> The photographs in this series include those relating to David Taylor's personal and professional life as well as during his role as Sheriff of Hull in 1963-1964. 12 bundles, 2 volumes & 2 items	<b>c. 1950s-1964</b>
L DIDT/3/1	20 black & white photographs Most of the photographs in this bundle relate to David Taylor's personal life and show a property in Lelley. Others show a female cricket team, a small baby and a male with the initials M.W.T. working at a desk in New Delhi in 1954 1 bundle	c. 1950s
L DIDT/3/2	30 black & white photographs Most of the photographs in this bundle are personal and document different family occasions including weddings. 9 photographs are the wedding of Molly Frances Chilton to David Angus Forbes (of the Prince Albert's Somerset Light Infantry) on 5 Sep 1953 in Little Missenden. 1 bundle	c. 1950s
L DIDT/3/3	20 black & white photographs Most of the photographs in this bundle are of David Taylor on his own or in a group dressed smartly as if attending an event probably in his capacity as a member of the Institute of Chartered Ship-Brokers or the Institute of Marketing. 1 bundle	c. 1950s
L DIDT/3/4	10 black & white photographs These photographs were taken out of an unlabelled ringbinder and show electronic instruments (more than likely produced by Marconi Ekco Ltd) 1 bundle	c. 1950s
L DIDT/3/5	16 black & white photographs These photographs are of an exhibition of electrical instruments. This could be the 28 Sep-30 Sep 1960 exhibition held at Farmery Hall, George Street, Hull-the first purely electronics exhibition. David Taylor was responsible, with the co-operation of Hull Electronics Engineering	c. Sep 1960

Hull History Centre: Records relating to David John Taylor Society, for the exhibition. He was the chairman of the National Council of the Institution of Electronics for a number of years from 1960.  
1 bundle

L DIDT/3/6	3 black & white photographs These photographs are all Hull Daily Mail copyright and are possibly of an event organised by the Scots Society of St. Andrew, Hull. It shows David Taylor and several others participating in a social event which included eating chickens from an outdoor rotisserie 1 bundle	c. 1960
L DIDT/3/7	9 Negatives These negatives are of a family with an unknown young child appearing in most of them. 1 bundle	c. 1950s
L DIDT/3/8	<b>Series of black &amp; white photographs relating to Marconi Instruments Ltd.,</b> These photographs have reprint numbers on the reverse and have been put into bundles in print number order. There are gaps in the numbering. Most of the photographs include David Taylor in a professional capacity as well as in the work's cricket team. 4 bundles	c. 1950s
L DIDT/3/8/1	23 Photographs Reprint numbers 4566-5079	c. 1950s
L DIDT/3/8/2	22 Photographs Reprint numbers 5128-5368	c. 1950s
L DIDT/3/8/3	23 Photographs Reprint numbers 5424-5464	c.1950s
L DIDT/3/8/4	20 Photographs Reprint numbers 5470-5730 1 bundle	c. 1950s
L DIDT/3/9	Album of 16 black & white photographs This album of photographs is from the annual inspection of Kingston Upon Hull City Police by Mr. A. U. R. Scroggie, OBE., BL., Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary. 1 volume	23 Oct 1963

L DIDT/3/10	<p>Hull History Centre: Records relating to David John Taylor</p> <p>25 colour photographs</p> <p>These photographs were all taken by Graham Harley on the occasion of the Easter General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the City and County of Kingston Upon Hull during which David Taylor served as the Worshipful Sheriff of Hull.</p> <p>1 bundle</p>	6 Apr 1964
L DIDT/3/11	<p>2 colour photographs</p> <p>One photograph shows Mr. David Taylor in his Sheriff's ceremonial robes and chain, the other shows both Mr. and Mrs. David Taylor in their various ceremonial robes and chains.</p> <p>Photographer: Graham Harley.</p> <p>2 items</p>	c.1963-1964
L DIDT/3/12	<p>Album of photographs</p> <p>Souvenir album of black and white photographs of the Sheriff's year. This album charts the events of David Taylor during his Office of Sheriff of Hull starting with his inauguration. Inside the front cover are four loose colour photographs of a Civic visit to D6741-A British Rail BR class 37 diesel locomotive.</p> <p>1 volume</p>	1963-1964