

# SPECIAL COLLECTIONS NEWS

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### WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE!

This is an occasional publication, which aims to keep readers informed of developments in Special Collections.

### JUST RECEIVED: JACQUETTA HAWKES PAPERS

The J.B. Priestley Library is delighted to announce that it has received for the Special Collections the archive of Jacquetta Hawkes (1910-1996), well-known and influential archaeologist and writer. The extensive archive includes diaries, letters, photographs, notebooks and drafts of books, poems, plays and articles.

It is particularly appropriate that the Archive should come to the University of Bradford, because of our strong research interest in Archaeology and also because we already hold the J.B. Priestley Archive (he was her second husband) and so the two archives complement each other.

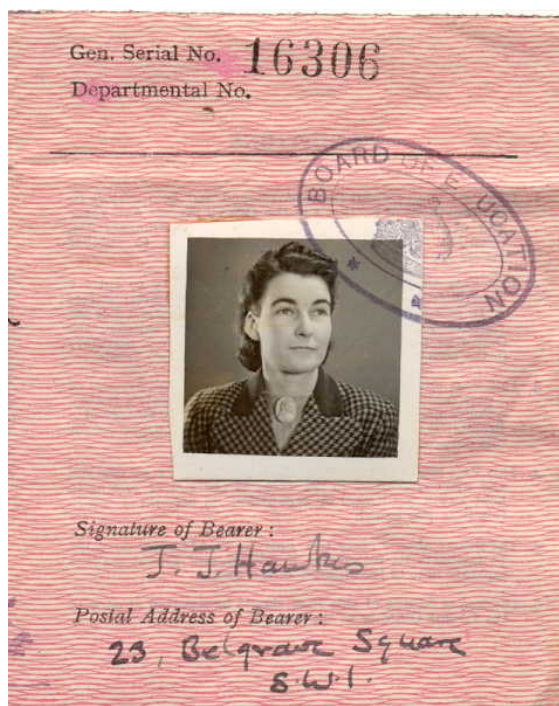


Image: Jacquetta Hawkes' official pass and ID card, 1944. From the Jacquetta Hawkes Archive.

Dr Christine Finn, herself an archaeologist and author, is writing a biography of Jacquetta Hawkes entitled "Ice Without, Fire Within": to be published by Archaeopress, September 2004. Dr Finn joins the Library in September 2003 as Writer-in-Residence, and has also been awarded an Honorary Research Fellowship by the Department of Archaeology. Dr Finn shares Jacquetta's deeply held belief in a humanistic, imaginative approach to the study of prehistory and has already published several articles about her life and works.

## INTRODUCTION TO SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Special Collections at the University of Bradford are collections of books and archives which are stored and managed separately because they are old, rare, valuable, fragile or work best as a collection. They cover all kinds of material, from 17th-century printed books to modern University papers, and even J.B. Priestley's pipes. Special Collections is based in the J.B. Priestley Library on the University's main campus. The Special Collections staff catalogue, promote and care for the collections and also help readers to make use of them. Most of the Special Collections are open to all bona fide researchers.

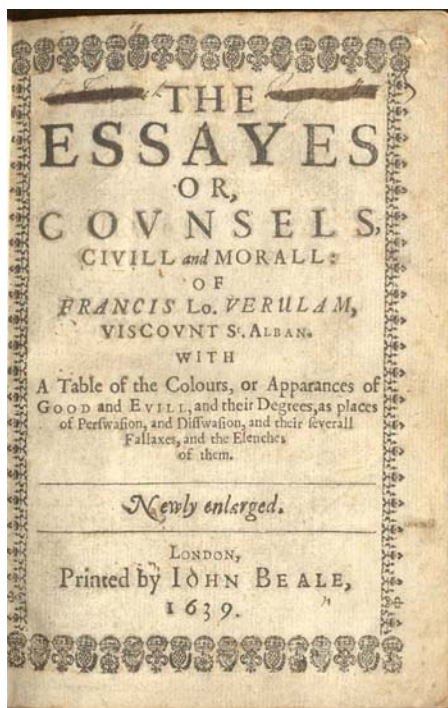
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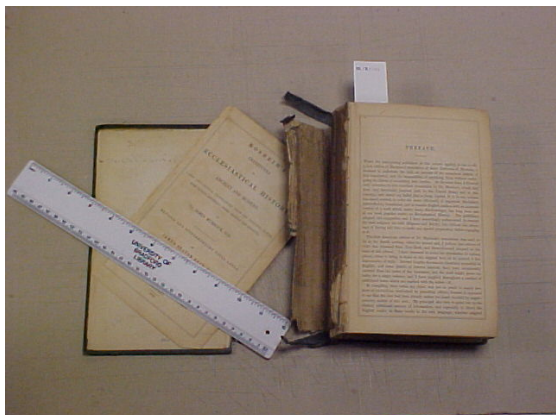
## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (1): WHICH IS THE OLDEST BOOK IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS?

Most of the books and archives in Special Collections date from the 19th and 20th centuries, but there are many 17th century books too. Here is an image of the title page of the oldest book in stock at present: "The essayes or counsels civill and morall", by Francis Bacon, printed in London in 1639.



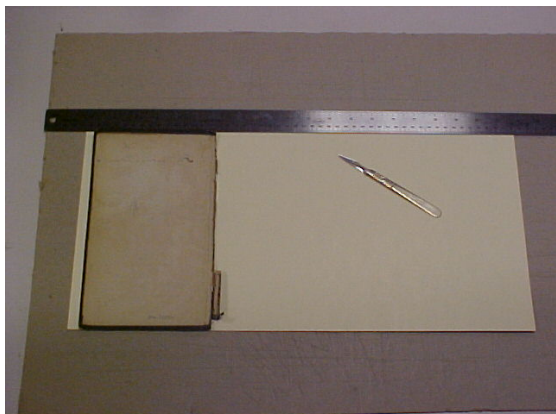
## CARING FOR THE COLLECTIONS (1): PHASE BOXES

### *Stage 1*



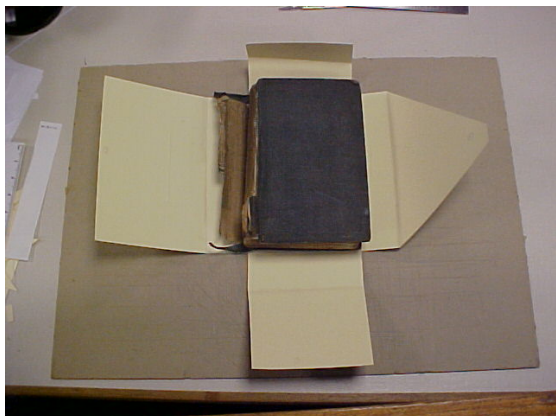
A fragile and deteriorating book. Its covers and pages are made of poor quality paper and past exposure to sunlight has led to rapid decay. It is at risk of further damage when handled or shelved; also the loose pages and spine could easily be lost.

### *Stage 2*



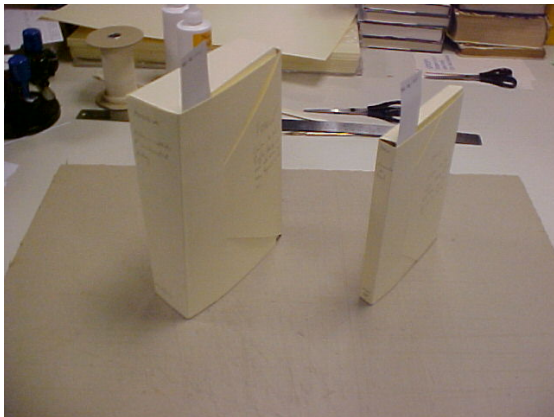
We protect the book from further damage by storing it in a phase box: a custom-made container of archival quality card. Here the book is being measured.

### *Stage 3*



The card is cut to the correct size. This is how the book will appear when it is being read.

## Stage 4



The card is folded around the book. The finished product! The phase box keeps all parts of the book together and protects it. Eventually, funds permitting, the book can receive conservation treatment.

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