



Frank Thistlethwaite Archive: A Guide



Reference: FT

Provenance: Parts of the archive were formerly housed in the Vice-Chancellor's Office, the UEA Registry and at his home in Cambridge. By 2003 the entire collection has been transferred to the UEA Archives in accordance with FT's will.

Biographical Description: Frank Thistlethwaite (1915-2003) was founding Vice-Chancellor of UEA (1963-1980). Prior to this he was a fellow and tutor at St John's College Cambridge (1949-1961) where he pioneered the teaching of American History. During WWII he was employed in New York and then London in mobilising American support for the British war effort. FT wrote widely on American history, the origins of UEA and his own family's history.

Dates: 1947-2003

Extent: 9.8 linear metres. Contained in: 3 filing cabinets, 1 stationery cupboard and 4 loose boxes.

Medium: Mainly correspondence, a few audio cassettes, slides and a few memorabilia.

Scope and Content: FT's personal archive includes official papers of the UEA including foundation and development papers; senate, council and assembly papers; official and personal correspondence and memoranda; papers relating to official engagements and foreign trips including the British Council and Inter-University Council; hospitality correspondence; speeches, diaries, photographs, press cuttings; papers concerning his music interests including the UEA Male Voice Choir; and early papers of the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts.

Description and Arrangement: Arranged chronologically and by topics.

Classification: C=cabinet; D=drawer; Box = box file

I. FT's PROFESSIONAL CAREER BEFORE UEA

Cambridge (undergraduate) 1934-1938

FT Address to St. John's College Historical Society 11 March 1980 (Speeches Box 4)

Minnesota 1938-1940

Address to Norwegian-American Historical Society, St. Olaf, Minnesota 11 October 1986 (Speeches Box 4)

"Reflections on Twenty Five Years of Migration History": Keynote address to Symposium on "A Century of European Migrations 1830-1930, Spring Center, Wayzata, Minnesota 9 November 1986 (Speeches Box 5)

Postscript to "Migration from Europe Overseas in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century"; in R. Vecoli Ed. *A Century of European Migrations 1830-1930*, 1991 (Book).

"A Half Century of Immigration History at the University of Minnesota", Address at the Reception for the publication of *A Century of European Migrations*, University of Minnesota 6 December 1991 (Speeches Box 4)

War, 1940-1945

"Lend/Lease in Stage II": material for a History of Lend/Lease: unpublished monograph of the Official History of the War; together with appendix consisting of relevant War Cabinet papers, 1947 C1 D3

Cambridge 1945-1961

Broadcasts C1 D2

Fulbright Conference in American Studies 1952 C1 D2 see also W. Johnson and F.J. Colligan *The Fulbright Program: A History* pp.127-8 (Book, in Cambridge)

Fulbright Commission Reports 1949-1954; 1954-1959 C1 D2

British Association for American Studies, Bulletins 1956 onwards; minutes and papers 1958-1963 C1 D2

Atlantic Congress 1959 C1 D2

FT as Editor of Cambridge University Press American Life and Institutions series (titles: General, Architecture, Economic System, Negro, Politics, Mass Communications, Labour) C1 D2

Lectures, miscellaneous C1 D2

Writings on American History

"The Great Experiment", correspondence & MS C1 D2

"The Great Experiment", business correspondence C1 D2

"The Anglo-American Connection" correspondence C1 D2

"The Women's Movement in the U.S." C1 D2

Writings on American Studies

"FT and the Origins of American Studies in England", unpublished memorandum (Personal Memoranda & Correspondence Box 5)

FT. "American Studies in Historical Perspective"; a talk delivered before the SCONUL Advisory Committee on American Studies 3 December 1982 (Pamphlets Box)

FT. speech at UEA Seminar in Atlantic Studies March 1982; proceedings, appendix (Pamphlets Box)

FT's memoranda and correspondence relating to professional career in Cambridge including American Studies promotion 1947-1961, lectures, articles C1 D2

Reviews (Reviews Box)

Writings on Migration History

FT "Migration from Europe Overseas in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries": Rapport to XI International Congress of Historical Sciences, Stockholm 1960 (Pamphlets Box); reprinted (among other places) in R.J. Vecoli, Ed. *A Century of European Migrations 1830-1930*, 1991 (Book, in UEA Library)

FT "Postscript" in R.J. Vecoli, Ed. *A Century of European Migrations 1830-1930*, 1991 (Book, in UEA Library)

Book royalties C1 D2

Publishing projects, business correspondence C1 D2

II. THE FOUNDING OF UEA 1959-1966

Pre-History

Promotion Committee minutes and papers 8/6/59-10/12/62 (Box)

Executive Committee minutes and papers 1959-1964 (Box)

Finance Sub-Committee minutes and papers 1959-1964 and Finance and General Purposes Committee minutes and papers 1962-1963 (Box)

Academic Planning Board minutes and papers 1960-1963 (Box)

Academic Advisory Committee 1964-1968 (Box)

UEA's foundation (a collective history), correspondence with participants, including papers from G. Tilsley, Wallace Morfey, Lord Murray of Newhaven and E.T. Williams C1 D1

UEA Vice-Chancellorship papers Oct. 1960 – Aug. 1961 C1 D1

FT's appointment, cv. emoluments, Committee on the Vice-Chancellor's Personal Requirements C1 D1

Letters of congratulation to FT on appointment (Personal Memoranda & Correspondence Box 1)

UEA First Report to UGC 1961; returns to UGC 1958-1963 C1 D1

G. Tilsley's "The First Steps" 1988 C1 D1

Government

UEA Royal Charter, First Schedule

Senate 21/11/62 – 23/11/66 Vols 1-8 C3 D3

Council 23/3/64 – 5/12/66 Vols 1-5 C3 D3

Court 1964 – 1972, 1973 – 1980 C3 D4

Development Committee 27/1/64 – 12/6/67 Vols 1-6 C3 D4

Assembly 30/1/64 – 19/8/80 C3 D3

Joint Committee, Senate, Students' Council and Graduate Students Association 7 Vols 13/1/64 – 12/10/76 C3 D4

Academic

Deans in Arts Committee 31/10/62 – 11/12/62 C3 D1

Deans meetings, miscellaneous C3 D1

Student Affairs 1964-1969 C2 D1 Students Council 1963-72 C2 D1

FT's seminar in School of English Studies: "British Migration to North America" 1965 C1 D2

Management and Technology Conference, London 1967 C3 D1

Academic Consultative Conference 1967 C3 D1

Schools Conferences C3 D1

FT's U.S. Visit 1965 C3 D1

Staff List 1962-1963, 1963-1964 C3 D2

Staff and Students, Origins and Qualifications C3 D2

Pastoral Care

Dean of Students 1962-1966, 1966-1968 C3 D2
FT's funeral address for Marcus Dick (Speeches Box)

Development Plan

Committee on appointment of University Architect C3 D1
Correspondence with Architect C3 D1
Site Development Report, letters etc. 1964 C3 D1
Architects briefs, schedules and cockshy C3 D1
Residences C3 D1
School of Biological Sciences C3 D1
School of Chemical Sciences C3 D1
School of Maths and Physics C3 D1
Library C3 D1
Boiler House Complex C3 D1
Access Roads and Playing Fields C3 D1
Landscaping C3 D1
Committee on relationship with the Architect C3 D1
Papers for meeting with Lord Mackintosh 28/9/64 C3 D1

Pomp and Circumstance

UEA Plate: FT's history of C1 D1

Village Opening: Sir Keith Murray 28/9/63 C3 D2

Installation of Chancellor 1966 (Box)
Installation of Lord Franks (Box) C1 D3
Track of VC's address to 1966 graduates 25/6/66 on BBC East film "Down in '66" C1 D3

Social

Wood Hall Visitors' Book C3 D2
Faculty Parties at Wood Hall 12/10/63 C3 D2
Student Parties at Wood Hall 6/6/65 C3 D2
County, City and UEA Parties at Wood Hall 30/7/64 C3 D2
VC's Hospitality in the Region C3 D2
Jane Thistlethwaite's Women's Club papers C1 D1
Lord Mackintosh's parties C3 D2
Early UEA Christmas cards C1 D1

General

Transcript of E.T. Williams' notes on FT's exposition to Academic Planning Board on his interview before appointment. "UEA's Foundation: correspondence with participants" C1 D1
FT. "The Founding of the University of East Anglia: A Reminiscent Chronicle" 1963 C1 D1; (spare copies in C1 D3)
FT. "The University of East Anglia" in Murray G. Ross, Ed. *New Universities in the Modern World* New York 1966 (Book in Cambridge & UEA Library)
"Thoughts on New Universities" misc. papers, incl. Watt article C3 D4
FT. Address at Court after Lord Mackintosh's death (see Epilogue 2 in A.A. Thomson *By Faith and Work* 1966 (Book in Cambridge & UEA Library)
FT. "Doing Different in a Cold Climate", St John's College Lecture 1986 (Pamphlet Box: spares in carton)
FT article: "Of UEA Names and Titles": *Ziggurat*, no.3 January 1987 (Personal Memoranda & Correspondence Box 5)

FT article: "Of Doing Different": *Ziggurat*, no 4 May 1987 (Personal Memoranda & Correspondence Box 5)

"The University of East Anglia" in Michael Beloff: *The Plateglass Universities* 1968 (Book in Cambridge & UEA Library)

FT speech to UEA Society, 20 September 1986 (Speeches Box 4)

FT speech at UEA Foundation Dinner, Earlham Hall, 8 October 1993 (Speeches Box 4) see FT. *Origins: a Personal Reminiscence of UEA's Foundation* 1993 C1 D1

III. UEA DEVELOPMENT: SECOND PHASE 1966-1980

Constitutional and Governmental

Academic Planning Working Party 1967-1969 C3 D1

Academic Planning Working Party 1972-1975 C3 D1

Frame of Government (FOG) 1969-1972 C3 D2

Committee to consider Assembly Representation C3 D1

Council: Correspondence with members of C3 D1

Council: Membership Committee C3 D1

A Proposal for Administrative Reform C3 D2

Government and Planning (Structure) C3 D2

Council and Senate Membership 1964-1976 C3 D2

Structure of Schools of Study 1970 C3 D2

See also institution of Constitution Committee 1972-1975; Forward Planning (Policy) Committee 1974-1978, Resources Committee; Registry files

Development Plan II 1970 C3 D1

University Finance June 1979-1980 C3 D2

Car Parking C3 D2

Academic Developments

Dean of Students, working party on appointment 1968 C2 D1

Dean of Students, Dr John Coates 1968-1980 C2 D1

John Innes Council, Correspondence 1967-1980 C3 D2

FT address at the opening of the Exhibition of the John Innes Special Collections, Sainsbury Centre 17/8/81 (Speeches Box 4)

John Innes Institute, Directorship C3 D2

Second Chair in Sociology 1970 C3 D2

Chair in Politics 1975 C3 D2

Development Studies Chairs 1977 C3 D2

Directorship of CRU correspondence 1978 C3 D2

Chair in Law 1975-1976 C3 D2

Chair in Law and Deanship of School 1978-1979 C3 D4

University art collection: correspondence with Alastair Grieve (Personal Memoranda & Correspondence Box 5)

The Sainsbury Family and Sainsbury Centre C2 D2

FT. "Universities and their Art Collections", Address at AGM, Friends of the Sainsbury Centre Oct. 1982; also AGM, Eastern Arts Association (Speeches Box 4)

Opening of the Sainsbury Centre, memorabilia; (Personal Memoranda & Correspondence Box 4)

Advisers' Meetings C3 D1

Deans Retreats Jan. 1974-1980 C3 D1

Religious Affairs

FT's St John's College Commemoration Sermon 6 May 1962 (Speeches Box 1)
Address at Bootham School Whitsuntide gathering 16 May 1976 (Speeches Box 2)

Student Affairs

Student Affairs 1969-1980 C2 D1
Students' Council 1972-1980 C2 D1
Student Union Meetings, minutes 1972-1980 C2 D1
Students committees and societies 1964- C2 D1
Students Debating Society 1963-1975 (including FT and gavel) C3 D1
Student Publications 1965-1969 C2 D1
Senate Working Party on Discipline 1966-1969 C2 D1

Student and Staff Unrest

Student Government 1968 C2 D1
Student Discipline: Emergency Discipline 1968-1969 C2 D1
CVCP Cambridge Week-end: student discipline June 1968 C2 D1
LSE Student Government 1969 C2 D1
The Confidentiality of Student Files 1969-1970 C2 D1
Three confidential cases (in envelope) 1970 (in section: Student Unrest 1968-1974) C2 D1
Barclays Bank 1970-1971 C2 D1
Occupation of Arts Building March 1971 C2 D1
Occupation of Arts Building March 1971 - press cuttings C2 D1
Occupation of Arts Building March 1971 - 'The Bill' C2 D1
Open Sit-in Arts Building 7-9 February 1973 C2 D1
Sit-in/Strike Arts Building March 1973 C2 D1
Occupation of Arts Building Nov. 1973 C2 D1
Catering Crisis 1974 C2 D1
Thistlethwaite Male Voice Choir 1974 C2 D1
Contingency Committee March 1971 - Jan 1980 C2 D1

FT's speech to Council about student discipline June 1979 (Speeches Box 3)

Regional Affairs

Public Relations 1968-1975 C3 D2
FT and founding of English-Speaking Union, Norwich Branch 1966 (Speeches Box 1)
FT and founding of Eastern Arts Association C1 D1
Centre for East Anglian Studies C3 D1; see also FT's trial balloon speech. WEA, Bury St Edmunds
July 1966 (Speeches Box 1)
Aldeburgh/UEA Music Proposal 1972-1977 C1 D1
Joint meeting of University Faculty and local doctors C1 D2
Business and Professional Women's Club 1966 (2 audio tapes) C1 D3
FT's addresses and speeches to regional organisations (Speeches Boxes passim)

National Affairs

House of Commons Policy Group (education) 1 July 1969 C3 D1
House of Commons Study Group on East Anglia 1967 C3 D1
Applications for admission from offspring of notables C1 D1
Royal Visits: misc. C2 D2

visit of the Queen 24 May 1968 C3 D2
visit of Princess Margaret 13 May 1968 C3 D2
FT and JT's visit to Windsor (Personal Memoranda & Correspondence Box 2)

Visit of Anne Armstrong, U.S. Ambassador 1977 audio tape C1 D1

FT's National Appointments

FT's chairmanship of CVCP Administrative Training Committee Box FT/1

FT's chairmanship of CVCP Libraries Committee (file missing)

FT's paper on reform of CVCP: Vice-Chancellor's group 1976-1980 Box FT/1

FT's correspondence with other Vice-Chancellor's Box FT/1

FT's speeches at Anglo-American Vice-Chancellors and Presidents Conferences:

- York 1966 (Speeches Box 1)
- Williamsburg 1969 (Speeches Boxes 1 and 3)

Anglo-American Conference on New Universities, Villa Serbelloni March 1968 (Speeches Box 3)

Association of Commonwealth Universities conferences:

- Executive Heads Conference, University of Exeter, Aug. 1973: FT's Address "On being a Vice-Chancellor" (Speeches Box 2)
- ACU Conference, Vancouver 1978 FT's paper (with Colin Latimer) "International Mobility", in session on "Pressures and Priorities", published proceedings *Pressures and Priorities: the report of proceedings of the twelfth congress of the Universities of the Commonwealth* (Book in Cambridge & UEA Library).

Anglo-French Reactors' Conference, Bordeaux Oct. 1964 (Speeches Box 1)

FT's membership of British Bicentennial Liaison Committee, Nov. 1974 (Personal Memoranda & Correspondence Box 3)

FT as Member and Chairman of IUC

IUC correspondence 1976-1980, 1979-1981 C1 D1

IUC Chairman's Reports 1973-1978 C1 D1

IUC Jamaica Conference 1979 C1 D1 (also Speeches Box 3)

IUC UEA Conference 1981 C1 D1 (also Speeches Box 4)

IUC and the Berrill Report C1 D1

IUC and the Swann Report C1 D1

FT's appearance as Chairman of IUC before House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, Overseas Development Sub-Committee 26 Feb 1980; HMSO (Personal Memoranda & Correspondence Box 4)

Report on the Establishment of the University of Colombo, presented to the National Council of Higher Education, Ceylon and printed as Sessional Paper XXVI 1967 of the Parliament of Ceylon (Pamphlets Box)

British Council Specialist Tour of Yugoslavia, Spring 1974 (Personal Memoranda & Correspondence Box 3)

British Council delegation to China April 1977 Report (Personal Memoranda & Correspondence Box 4)

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FT's Personal Memoranda & Correspondence (5 Boxes)

FT's Press cuttings (4 Albums) C2 D3

FT's Photographs (7 Albums) C2 D3

FT's Speeches (4 Boxes)

FT's Pamphlets (Box)

FT's Engagements carried out (5 Boxes)

FT's pocket diaries 1945-1989 (Box)
 FT's official diaries 1962-1980 (1 Box)
 FT's desk diaries 1963-1970 (loose in steel cupboard)
 FT's Vice-Chancellor's Annual Reports 1961-1962 to 1979-1980 C2 D3
 UEA Calendars 1964/5-1972/3 (Box)
 UEA Bulletins 1965-1975 C1 D3
 UEA: the First Two Decades, June 1980: Library Exhibition C1 D3
 UEA: the First Two Decades, June 1980: Visitors' Book C1 D3
 Earlham Hall Visitors' Book C1 D3
 FT's Confidential Reminiscences (with James McFarlane), 6 audio tapes Spring 1980 C1 D3
 FT. "On the Development of a New University": 10th Anniversary Symposium for the Founding of the University of Tsukuba, Japan, 28/10/83 (Speeches Box 4); see also *Tsukuba University: Its First Decade* 1984 (Book)
 FT. "Adapting the University for Change": paper delivered at the Joint British Council/University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, 26 September, 1984. (Speeches Box 4) see also correspondence with Shirley Williams (Personal Memoranda & Correspondence Box 5)
 FT. "Britain and the Land Grant College Tradition"; lecture delivered at the University of Minnesota, November 1986; printed in *Atlantic Community Quarterly*, Winter 1987-1988 (Pamphlets Box)
 FT. "Doing Different in a Cold Climate", St. John's College Lecture, 25/10/88 (Pamphlets Box) also 2 audio tapes C1 D3
 "The Ring of Words: A Programme of Poetry, Prose and Music" chosen and introduced by Frank and Jane Thistlethwaite: UEA Senior Common Room, Silver Jubilee meeting, 19 May, 1989 (text, Speeches Box 4). See FT. *Origins: a Personal Reminiscence of UEA's Foundation* 1993 C1 D1
 FT. Bibliography of Frank Thistlethwaite's Writings 24/7/92 (Personal Memoranda & Correspondence Box 5)
 FT. Frank Thistlethwaite: Curriculum Vitae (Personal Memoranda & Correspondence Box 5)

FT's Memorabilia

FT's Cambridge Degree parchments BA, 38, MA 41 C1 D3
 FT's certificate authorising him to be Vintner of Cambridge University, signed under the University seal by Lord Adrian, Vice-Chancellor, 9/1/59 (in Cambridge)
 M. Le Recteur Thistlethwaite, Decret: Commandeur d'Honneur de L'Ordre du Bontemps de Medoc et des Graves 21 October 1964 (in Cambridge)
 University of Colorado, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (LHD) 1972 C1 D1
 CBE Warrant, Statutes, etc. 1979 C1 D3
 DCL UEA 1980 C1 D3
 RIBA Hon. Fellowship 1985 C1 D3
 Minnesota Presentation 1991 C1 D3
 UEA Loyal Address 1977 (copy) C1 D3
 FT's file: Biography of his father Lee Thistlethwaite, 1991 & 1992 C1 D3

Retirement etc.

Retirement; gifts correspondence; portrait C1 D1 (see also UEA/JONES/37)
 Frank and Jane Thistlethwaite Fund C1 D1
 Public Orator's citation for honorary degree and FT's reply on behalf of honorary graduates: pamphlet (Pamphlets Box)
 Thistlethwaite Oboes C1 D1
 Frank Thistlethwaite Archive for UEA C1 D1
 Diary: "Leave-Taking 1980", 2 vols. 19 January – 23 June; 25 June – 26 September (Personal Memoranda & Correspondence Box 5)
 Obituary and press-cuttings, 2003- (Box FT/2)