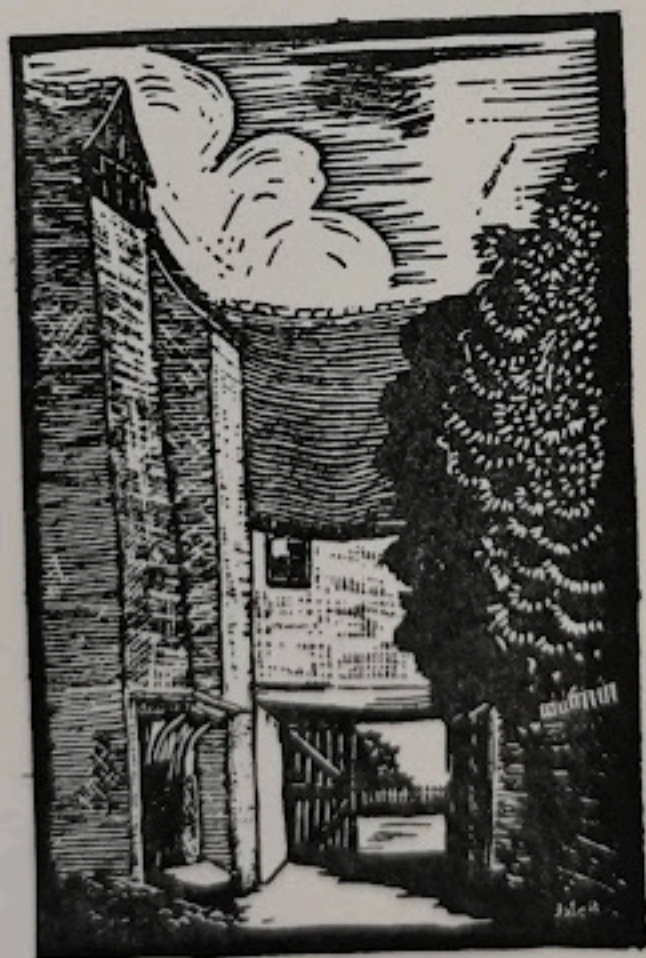


THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY
FOLK MUSEUM

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1950



THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM
2 CASTLE STREET, CAMBRIDGE

The Cambridge and County Folk Museum

(Incorporated 5th June, 1946)

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

as on 31st December, 1950.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS :

Patron :

The Rt. Hon. the Lord Fairhaven, M.A., D.L., J.P., F.S.A.

President :

E. Saville Peck, M.A., D.L.

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H. I. Fyjis-Walker, M.B.E.

Hon. Treasurer :

~~J. K. Taylor, J.P.~~

Hon. Secretary :

Alderman F. J. Priest

Hon. Curator :

L. C. G. Clarke, M.A., F.S.A.

Resident Curator :

Miss E. M. Porter, B.A.

ELECTED MEMBERS :

~~G. H. S. Bushnell~~, W. Brereton, E. B. Haddon, ~~N. O. Higgins, M.B.E.~~,
Professor J. H. Hutton (retd. June 1950).

NOMINATED MEMBERS :

Councillor D. V. Durell

by Cambridgeshire County Council.

Aldermen A. C. Taylor, F. Doggett,

F. J. Priest, Mrs. C. D. Rackham,

Councillors G. F. Hickson, R. Hensher,

H. R. Mallett, W. Stockbridge, Mrs.

T. R. Henn

,, Cambridge Borough Council.

J. Saltmarsh, M.A., F.S.A.

,, Council of the Senate of the University

Mrs. J. H. Hutton, M.A. (retd. June 1950)

,, Cambridge Antiquarian Society.

Miss D. M. Howlett

,, Cambridge Borough Teachers' Association.

Mrs. Vincent-Brüns

,, Cambridgeshire Teachers' Association.

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Proceedings at the Annual General Meeting, 1950

THE FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association being the fourteenth Annual Meeting since the opening of the Museum, was held on Thursday, March 9th, 1950, in the Small Room of the Guildhall.

The Patron-President, Lord Fairhaven, was in the Chair supported by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. K. Taylor, and the Acting Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Saville Peck.

The Report of the Annual General Meeting held on March 9th, 1949, was approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1949, was received and adopted. The audited statement of accounts was presented by the Hon. Treasurer and adopted on the proposal of Ald. F. J. Priest, seconded by Mr. E. B. Haddon. Mr. Chater Blows was appointed Auditor at the remuneration of five guineas.

Lord Fairhaven, on the proposition of Mr. Fyjis-Walker, was unanimously re-elected as Patron-President, The Vice-Presidents were re-elected, as were also the Hon. Treasurer, the Acting Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Curator.

The President then reported on the receipt of the appointment to the Council of Management of the persons nominated by the representative bodies mentioned in Article 49 of the Articles of Association, including the nine representatives of the Borough Council. Special Resolutions for certain modifications of the Articles of Association were moved by Mr. Fyjis-Walker, seconded by Professor Sir Ellis Minns and carried unanimously.

At the conclusion of the meeting an interesting talk on "Treen or Wooden Bygones" was given by Mr. Edward H. Pinto, assisted by Mrs. Pinto and illustrated by pictures and specimens of woodware. Mr. and Mrs. Pinto were warmly thanked by the President. Thanks were also accorded to Dr. G. H. S. Bushnell for providing and working the epidiascope during the lecture.

At a meeting of the Council on April 19th, 1950, Mr. E. S. Peck, who had been Acting Hon. Secretary, was elected President, and Ald. F. J. Priest was elected to fill the vacancy as Hon. Secretary.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. K. Taylor, at a meeting of the Executive Committee held on December 20th, 1950,

tendered his resignation owing to pressure of business. This was received with regret, and thanks were accorded to him for his services.

Further efforts were made during 1950 to effect a transfer of the Museum from Castle Street to Abbey House. Professor Richardson, R.A., the Hon. Consulting Architect, estimated that a sum of £2,000 would cover the cost of necessary alterations, re-decorations, etc., to adapt the Abbey House to the needs of a Museum. It was proposed that this sum be raised by appeal, and that, when the money was obtained, the Borough Council be asked to take over the Folk Museum when it was established at the Abbey House and assume full responsibility for its upkeep and maintenance. Accordingly in July 1950 a preliminary full report on the Folk Museum and the Abbey House was submitted to the General Purposes Committee of the Borough Council. The Committee, while sympathetic and appreciative of the work of the Museum, were however, unable to recommend the taking over of the Museum at the present time, the estimated annual cost of maintaining it at the Abbey House being over £2,000. A further difficulty was the inability of the Housing Committee to release the accommodation at present occupied by three families for whom no alternative premises were available. This decision was received with deep regret by the Council of Management. They agreed that steps be taken to covenant the Abbey House with the National Trust.

On July 13th, 1950, some of the members of the Council of Management visited Shepreth where the Vicar, Rev. C. J. Sharp, conducted them round his museum. The visit was an enjoyable one and warm thanks were accorded Mr. Sharp.

ABBEY HOUSE

Changes in tenancies during 1950 have taken place at Nos. 1 and 2 Abbey House. Arrangements have been made for the exterior painting of the house in the spring of 1951, for re-decorating and repairs to the inside of No. 1 and for the repair of the fence on the Beche and Abbey Roads frontage.

RESIDENT CURATOR'S REPORT

There has again been a slight increase in the number of visitors to the Museum during 1950, with a total of 3,551. Of these 1,561 attended on free days, this number including 591 school children in organized groups. School visits, which are still mainly from the Borough, included parties from Tollington High School, London; Priory School, Acton; and Prestwood Modern School, Wolverhampton.

Four special Exhibitions were held during the year; Hats and Bonnets, 1760-1920; Photographs of the Borough

Charters (by kind permission of the Borough Council); Boating in Cambridge and Treen or Small Woodware. An analysis of visitors to these exhibitions shows that those dealing with the history of Cambridge are the most popular. For this reason a comprehensive display of exhibits dealing with the life and work of the town is being arranged for 1951 to attract the visitors expected for the Festival and the Royal Show.

More exhibitions have been loaned to the Perse Boys' School. These lead to visits to the Museum of both boys and their parents.

One side of the Museum's work is increasing. This is the part played by the Museum as a bureau of information, many enquiries coming weekly from all parts of the country and from abroad. A typical day's batch of enquiries covered such topics as the dress of 16th century woodmen, the date and cost of erecting the town goal, pewter touch marks and the formation of bog oak.

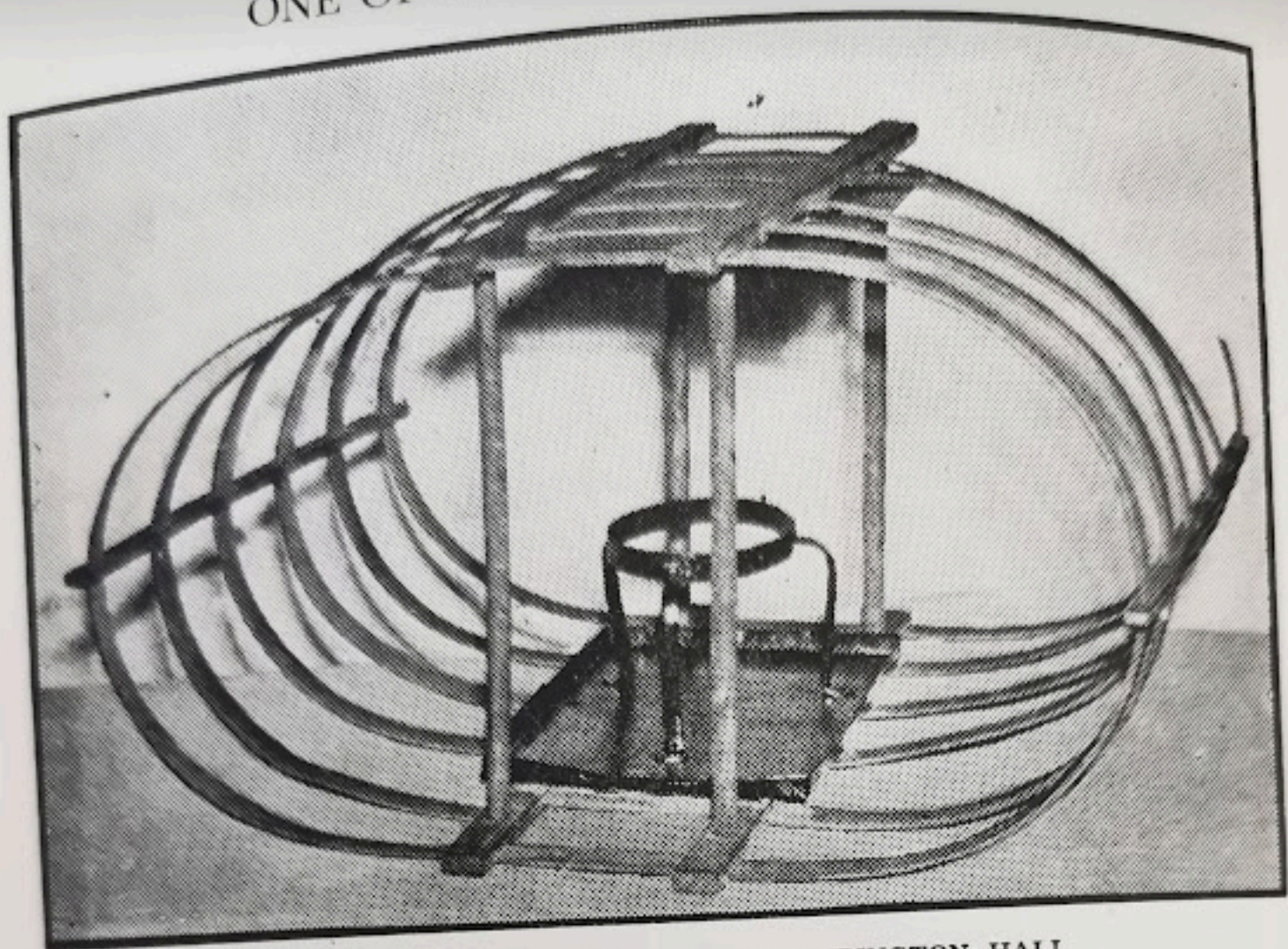
During 1950 the Resident Curator gave 45 talks to Youth Club's, Women's Institutes, Social Clubs and other organizations.

Some interior decoration has been carried out at the Museum, while the addition of wooden battens to the walls of the Trades and Occupations Room enables exhibits to be displayed to greater advantage.

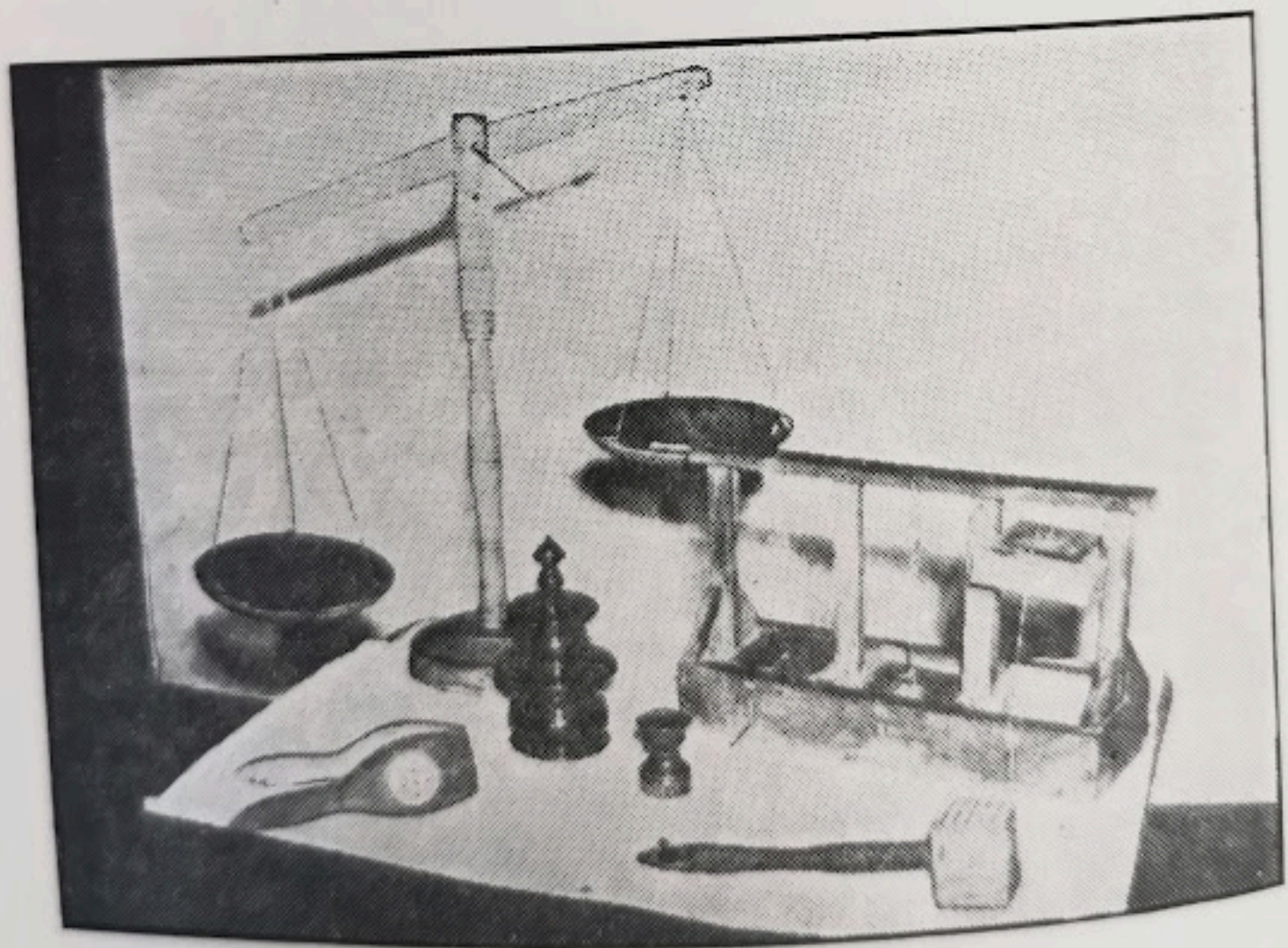
The carrier's wagon which formerly stood exposed in the yard has been removed to a barn at the Manor House, Melbourn, by kind permission of Mr. K. W. Welfare. The Cambridge Antiquarian Society has also kindly allowed certain of the vehicles, only partly under cover at the White Horse to be stored in the Cellarer's Checker in Beche Road. The vehicles will remain under the Museum's supervision, and although not on view to the public except by special application, will be more adequately protected from the weather than heretofore. When it is possible to move the Museum to Abbey House permanent and weatherproof accommodation will be found for them there.

REPORT OF THE HON. TREASURER

It will be seen that the subscriptions have remained at about the same level as previously and with the grant from the Corporation the Museum at White Horse Inn is now solvent, but it cannot be too strongly stressed that the financial position of the Museum would be very precarious were it not for the very generous grant voted by the Corporation of Cambridge.



BED WAGON OR AIRER, FROM TRUMPINGTON HALL



A GROUP IN THE EXHIBITION OF TREEN

By kind permission of "The Cambridge Daily News"

RECORD OF VISITORS

COMPARATIVE YEARLY ATTENDANCE

<i>Year ended 31st Dec.</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Free Admission Included in Total</i>	<i>School Children admitted free Included in Total</i>
1937	4,735	1,377	685
1938	4,178	1,204	No Record
1939	3,975	1,264	588
1940	4,790	No record	No record
1941	4,663	2,522	347
1942	3,988	2,142	No record
1943	4,396	2,001	No record
1944	4,439	1,766	No record
1945	4,208	1,738	No record
1946	3,746	1,576	148
1947	2,682	1,093	134
1948	2,655	1,097	426
1949	3,150	1,376	623
1950	3,551	1,561	591

LIST OF THE PRINCIPAL ACCESSIONS 1950

PERSONAL AND DOMESTIC LIFE

Costume

BONNET, brown silk, flower-trimmed, 1880 ; BONNET, navy blue and scarlet velvet, 1880 ; HAT, straw, 1910—all of local make Miss Humm
 BONNET, black crinoline straw, 1890 ; PARASOL, white linen, hand embroidered, 1890 exrs. of the late Miss Kett
 PELISSE, child's cut-work, 1880 Miss M. Greene

Lighting

CANDLE BRACKET, brass, for use in stage coaches, early 19th cent. Captain S. W. Sykes

Smoking

PIPE STOPPER, carved wood with fob, late 18th cent. Captain S. W. Sykes

The House and Fittings

GRANDFATHER CLOCK, by Wright of Linton, c. 1780 Mrs. Hallidie
 ANTIMACASSARS (2), crochet, c. 1880 Mrs. Mann

Domestic Appliances

APPLE SCOOP, carved wood. Late 18th cent. Captain S. W. Sykes

Table Ware

SUGAR TONGS, carved wood, early 19th cent.

Captain S. W. Sykes

Writing Materials

WRITING SET, brass, 18th cent.

Councillor R. Hensher

The Nursery

DOLLS (2), 1860 and 1885

Mrs. Green

DOLL, 1880

Mrs. Haynes

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIAL LIFE

Rural Occupations

SHEPHERD'S DRIFT, 19th cent.; ASPARAGUS SAW, 19th cent.

Mr. N. A. Huddleston

OX SHOES AND NAILS

Major P. C. D. Mundy

FLEAM, for bleeding cattle, late 19th cent.

Mr. W. Clee

RAM'S BELLS (4), iron and latten; WHETSTONE, labourer's pocket, 19th cent.

Mr. Lee

Building

CHIMNEY POT, early 19th cent. hand-made; BRICKLAYER'S HAMMER, found in Oyster House; RIDGE TILE, 19th cent. hand-made; GOUGE for mortice making, 19th cent.

Mr. Huddleston

Straw

STRAW SPLITTERS (4); late 19th cent.

Mr. Eastwell

Domestic Crafts

NEEDLEWORK PICTURES (4), worked c. 1840

bequest of the late Mr. G. S. Jennings

EMBROIDERY FRAME, formerly in the possession of Mrs. Widnall, Old Vicarage, Grantchester

Miss M. Greene

Trades

MARINE ENGINE, 1910; LATHE, both made by the late Mr. G. Lister

Mr. H. Lister

MARBLE, for grinding paint, found on premises of Messrs. W. Eaden Lilley and Co. and mentioned in inventory of 1784; INVENTORY, 1784 (photostat) of fixtures left by Mr. Purchas of Shoemaker Row, Cambridge to Messrs. Hart and Ansell; LETTER HEADING (photostat) of John Purchas, Haberdasher and Oilman, Shoemaker Row, Cambridge, 18th cent.; ACCOUNT BOOK (photostat of page from) of John Purchas, 18th cent.

Mr. K. Lilley

MORTAR, wood, with pestle, 18th cent.

Mr. E. S. Peck

MEDAL, Cambridge Working Men's Club, 1870. Presented to W. Chid-denton for book binding

Mrs. Hayles

Commerce and Banking

TRADE TOKEN, Nicholas Arthur, Cambridge

CHEQUE BOOK, Foster's Bank, Cambridge

Mr. Peach, per Mr. Lee
Leicester
Museum

SOCIAL ORGANIZATION AND LIFE

Customs and Folk Lore

CORN WINDMILLS (2) and CORN BRAID, made for Meldreth Harvest Festival, 1948, 1949
Mrs. Green

Education

CHILDREN'S BOOKS, early 19th cent.

SAMPLER, Longstowe School, 1831

Mrs. Marshall
Captain R. G. Briscoe

Prints and Engravings

PRINT : " Cambridge Railway Station, 1847 "

PRINT : " Prince Albert as Chancellor of the University "

PRINT : " The Old Oak, Melbourn "

Mr. G. P. Jones

Anon.

Miss Chadwick

Topography

MAP : Proposed New Free BRIDGE AND ROAD across Misdummer Common (Victoria Road); MAP, Spalding's map of Cambridge, 1888; MAP, Grant's map of Cambridge, 1847
The Misses Spalding

Printed Matter

BOOK : Agricultural Dictionary (2 vols.), 1794

Miss Paine

JOURNAL : " Lantern of the Cam ", 2 vols., March 1871, Dec. 1873;

LIST of Commissioners and Trustees appointed by Cambridge Council in 1870
The Misses Spalding

ALMANAC, miniature, Leather bound, 1849

Mrs. Hayles

Permanent Loans

Notice of the Soham-Cambridge-London Coach, 6 May, 1837

Mr. T. W. Bagshawe

Plaster Frieze, " The Last Supper ", by Edmund Kett of Cambridge
Parochial Council of Great Shelford

1950

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(Donors of 10 guineas and upwards)

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Major the Hon. H. R. Broughton
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Perse Boys School
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A. H. Wooll

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R. H. Edleston
Miss A. Edleston
Sir Harold Gray
Lady Gray
Miss N. M. Gray
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Miss Warrington
Women's Institutes (Cambs.
Federation)
H. Woods

ANNUAL GRANTS

Cambridge Corporation
Cambridge Borough Education Committee
Cambridgeshire County Education Committee

THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ended 31st December, 1950

1949	<i>To</i>	EXPENDITURE	1950	1949	<i>By</i>	INCOME	1950	
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	
58	13	0	60	12	0	81	17	
61	12	1	46	16	0	14	1	
55	7	10	56	6	3			
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175	12	11	163 14 3			95	18	
208	0	0				15	0	
26	3	2	263 10 3					
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234	3	2				315	0	
44	3	3	97 4 3			39	18	
6	8	2						
5	5	0	119 13 2					
29	5	9						
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85	2	2	£644 1 11					
182	0	7						
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£676	18	10				£676 18 10		
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APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

£	s.	d.	<i>To</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>By</i>	£	s.	d.	
3927	6	0	Balance carried forward ..	4046	19	2	Balance forward 1 Jan., 1950 ..	3927	6	0	
							Surplus for the year brought down ..	119 13 2			
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£3927	6	0		£4046	19	2		£4046	19	2	
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THE ABBEY HOUSE FUND

<i>To Gross Expenditure to</i>								<i>By Gross Income to 1st Jan., 1950 :—</i>						
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<i>1st Jan. 1950 :—</i>														
3134	12	9	Repairs, Redecorations and Re- building Buildings	3374	14	4		2928	16	0	Subscriptions	3073	6	8
	32	7	Architect	32	7	0		576	12	2	Gross Rent received	827	12	2
	110	17	Garden Work	110	17	3		96	4	6	Interest on Deposit Accounts ..	96	19	8
	50	6	Commission on Purchase	50	6	3		37	0	0	Contribution towards Prelimin- ary Expenses	37	0	0
	187	14	Company Preliminary Expenses	187	14	7		88	7	9	Contribution towards Repairs per contra	88	7	9
			Rents Expenses :—					3727	0	5		4123	6	3
	35	11	Rates, Water and Insurance ..	50	4	7					<i>By Income for the year 1950 :—</i>			
	25	7	Repairs	25	7	11		144	10	8	Subscriptions, Donations and Income Tax recovered	144	10	8
	13	4	Adverts., Printing and Sundry Expenses	14	7	1		251	0	0	Rent receivable (Gross)	250	0	0
	24	13	Commission	38	11	4		15	2		Interest on Deposit Accounts ..	1	9	
	3615	5		3884	10	4		396	5	10		394	12	5
	276	14	Transfer to General Account (net Rents)	498	10	10		4123	6	3		4517	18	8
	3891	19		4383	1	2		259	4	11	Balance deficit carried forward..	-	-	-
			<i>To Expenditure for the year 1950 :—</i>											
	14	13	Rates, Water and Insurance ..	10	11	7								
	240	1	Repairs, Redecorations and Re- building	54	7	10								
		12	Adverts., Printing and Sundry Expenses	11	9									
	13	17	Commission	13	1	5								
	269	5		78	12	7								
	221	16	Transfer to General Account (net rents)	-	-	-								
	491	1		4461	13	9								
	-	-	Balance Surplus carried forward	56	4	11								
	£4383	1		£4517	18	8		£4383	1	2		£4517	18	8

BALANCE SHEET, 31st December, 1950

1949		1950				1949		1950			
£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AND RESERVES											
<i>Reserve for Life Members</i>											
241	2	9		241	2	9					
<i>General Fund, Income and Expenditure</i>											
3927	6	3		4046	19	2					
4168	8	9		4288	1	11					
<i>Abbey House Fund—Income and Expenditure Account</i>											
259	14	11		56	4	11		4344	6	10	
3908	13	10									
CURRENT LIABILITIES—General Fund											
<i>Sundry Creditors as per list</i>											
53	15	6		41	17	6					
<i>Sundry Creditors (Abbey House Fund) (as per list)</i>											
300	0	0		2	11	5					
<i>Ditto, due to General Fund, as per contra</i>											
93	14	0		171	9	10		215	18	9	
347	9	6									
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£4256		3		4		£4560		5		7	
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3750		0		0		1		0		0	
FIXED ASSETS											
<i>Property (Freehold) at cost</i>											
<i>The Abbey House</i>											
3750		0		0							
CURRENT ASSETS											
<i>Abbey House Fund</i>											
<i>Sundry Debtors and Payments in Advance</i>											
1	0	0		3	0	6					
<i>Rents accrued</i>											
62	10	0									
<i>Cash at Bank, on Deposit Account (including adjustment for outstanding items)</i>											
32	6	1		164	2	8					
<i>Cambridge and District Trustee Savings Bank Deposit Account</i>											
13	0			13	0			230	6	2	
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33		19		1		98		14		10	
General Fund											
<i>Sundry Debtors, due from Abbey House Fund, as per contra</i>											
62	10	0		171	9	10					
<i>Rents accrued</i>											
19	11										
<i>Cash in hand (Petty Cash)</i>											
1	0	0		2	2	2					
<i>Cash in hand (Hon. Treasurer)</i>											
99	8	2		1	7	6					
<i>Cash at Bank, Current Account</i>											
209	11	4		191	17	5					
<i>Cambridge and District Trustee Savings Bank Deposit Account</i>											
472	4	3		213	2	6		579	19	5	
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£4256		3		4		£4256		3		4	
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£4560		5		7		£4560		5		7	
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Report of the Auditor to the Members of the CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1948 I report to the Members of the CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM that I have examined the foregoing Balance Sheet together with the annexed Income and Expenditure Accounts, dated 31st December, 1950, with the books of the Company, and that I have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of my Audit. In my opinion proper Books of Account have been kept by the Company so far as appears from my examination of those Books.

In my opinion and to the best of my information and according to the explanations given to me, the above Balance Sheet and the annexed Income and Expenditure Accounts, which are in agreement with the Books of Account, give the information required by the Companies Act 1948 in the manner so required, and give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31st December 1950, and of the Surplus for the year ended on that date.

R. CHATER BLOWS, Auditor,

Chartered Accountants (J. CHATER AND SONS) Cambridge.