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Summary information

Repository:	Antiquarian Horological Society
Title:	CARRINGTON, ROGER
Reference code:	CAR
Date:	1972–2005 (creation)
Physical description:	27 files in 4 boxes (0.66 linear metres)

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Roger F. Carrington (1948–2005) was a horological researcher, specialising in Liverpool watchmaking. He was the author of important articles published in **Antiquarian Horology**: "Thomas Yates of Preston, Watchmaker & Experimentalist" (1975) and "Pierre Frederic Ingold and the British Watch and Clockmaking Company" (1978). He also undertook painstaking research at Guildhall Library into watchmakers and clockmakers in insurance records, and was a collector of unusual horological items which he sourced at antique markets. Although publication plans for his proposed books were cut short by his untimely death, he left behind a wealth of research papers and manuscripts in various stages of completion.

Scope and content

This collection comprises Roger Carrington's research papers relating to clockmaking and watchmaking in the north of England, and the role of insurance records in researching horological history.

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition

The collection was deposited at the AHS, then located at Ticehurst, East Sussex, by Roger Carrington's widow Susan Carrington on 7 January 2013, following discussions with Andrew King and Alan Treherne.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into two series, reflecting the original arrangement at the time of deposit.

CAR/01: Notes and presentations

CAR/02: Insurance policy research

Alternative form available

A digitised and searchable typescript pdf file of the watchmakers' insurance policies extracted by Roger Carrington from the Sun Life registers (1710–1863) and Royal Exchange registers (1754–59, 1773–1861) is available to AHS members via the AHS website.

Restrictions on access

These records are mostly available for public access by prior appointment. Records containing personal information are subject to access restrictions under the UK Data Protection Act, 2018.

Related material

Most of the Carrington Archive, including photographs of watches and notes and extracts relating to clock and watchmakers from south-west Lancashire, was deposited at the Liverpool Museum in 2013. A list of these records exists in the acquisition file.

Records of the Sun Life Insurance Company (now Sun Insurance Office Ltd) and the Royal Exchange Assurance Company are held at London Metropolitan Archives (formerly at Guildhall Library), refs. CLC/B/192 and CLC/B/107/02 respectively. The Sun Life Insurance policy registers used by R.F. Carrington in his research are ref. CLC/B/192/F/003/MS11936- MS11937, and the fire policy registers of the Royal Exchange Assurance Company are CLC/B/107/02/MS07252-MS07255. They cover the period of 1710-1863.

Accruals

Roger Carrington's archive has been fully catalogued and no further deposits are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Series descriptions

Series CAR/01: NOTES AND PRESENTATIONS

Date: 1972–2005 (creation)

Scope and content: This series contains Roger Carrington's research papers and presentation scripts relating mainly to clockmaking and watchmaking in the north of England.

Physical description: 9 files

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
CAR/01/001	File - Rough notes and sketches for various horological projects	n.d. [20th c.]	1 folder of loose papers
	<i>Scope and content:</i>		

	File marked RC5 and annotated "Roger's father's sketches for various projects" and "Dad's sketches etc, all undated and for various projects". Includes handwritten notes and rough sketches of clock elements and movements.		
CAR/01/002	File - Essex makers: research papers on Essex clocks and clockmakers <i>Scope and content:</i> File marked RC6. Includes typewritten and handwritten alphabetical lists of Essex clock and watchmakers, a list of turret and other public clocks in Essex arranged alphabetically by placename, and two issues of *Transactions of Chigwell Local History Society* (number 1, 1970 and number 2, 1974).	1972–2005	1 folder of loose papers
CAR/01/003	File - Lists of watches for sale <i>Scope and content:</i> File marked RC13/2. Includes typewritten lists of watches and clocks for sale by various dealers based in York, Liverpool, Lancashire and Cheshire, including Rarities International, Kingsway Galleries, Castle Galleries and Roy James and Co.	1972–1982	1 folder of loose papers
CAR/01/004	File - Robert Robin: research papers on Robin-type escapement <i>Scope and content:</i> File marked RC13/3. Includes correspondence, descriptions, journal articles, photographs and negatives relating to Robin-type escapement (Robert Robin, 1742-1799 was a French clockmaker and inventor of the combined anchor-spring escapement). Also includes a copy of *Horlogerie Ancienne* (December 1978).	1978–1979	1 folder of loose papers
CAR/01/005	File - Notes on a presentation on the history of watchmaking <i>Scope and content:</i> Handwritten script of R.F. Carrington's presentation given to the Northern Section of the AHS in 1976. Also includes related correspondence.	1976–1977	1 folder of loose papers
CAR/01/006	File - Notes on a presentation on watchmaking in Liverpool <i>Scope and content:</i> Bound printed script of R.F. Carrington's presentation given to the Bedfordshire Branch of the BHI at Sherington Village Hall on 22 October 1992. 47 pages.	1992	1 folder of loose papers
CAR/01/007	File - Notes on a presentation on watchmaking in Liverpool <i>Scope and content:</i> Bound printed script of R.F. Carrington's presentation given to the East Anglian Section of the AHS at Manor House Museum, Bury St Edmunds, on 20 March 1993. 46 pages.	1993	1 folder of loose papers
CAR/01/008	File - Notes on a presentation on watchmaking in Liverpool <i>Scope and content:</i> Bound printed script of R.F. Carrington's presentation given to the London Section of the AHS at the Science Museum, London, on 21 April 1994. 45 pages. Also includes slides and related correspondence.	1994	1 folder of loose papers
CAR/01/009	File - Lecture on "The Role of Insurance Records in Researching Horological History" <i>Scope and content:</i>	1997–1998	1 folder of loose papers

	Bound printed script of R.F. Carrington's presentation given to the AHS at the City of London Guildhall on 20 February 1997. Includes slides, draft summary of the lecture by J.A. Neale, and related correspondence.		
Series CAR/02: INSURANCE POLICY RESEARCH			
<u>Date:</u> n.d. [c.1990] (creation)			
<u>Scope and content:</u> This series contains extracts from eighteenth and nineteenth-century fire insurance policies relating to clockmaking businesses. They were compiled from manuscripts held at the Guildhall Library (now part of The London Archives).			
<u>Physical description:</u> 18 files			
<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
CAR/02/001	File - Sun Insurance Company policies MS 11936 for years 1710–1753 <i>Scope and content:</i> Handwritten extracts from volumes 1–100 of policy register series MS 11936, including an alphabetical name index and individual policy details.	n.d. [c.1990]	1 folder of loose papers
CAR/02/002	File - Sun Insurance Company policies MS 11936 for years 1753–1770 <i>Scope and content:</i> Handwritten extracts from volumes 101–195 of policy register series MS 11936, including an alphabetical name index and individual policy details.	n.d. [c.1990]	1 folder of loose papers
CAR/02/003	File - Sun Insurance Company policies MS 11936 for years 1770–1782 <i>Scope and content:</i> Handwritten extracts from volumes 202–299 of policy register series MS 11936, including an alphabetical name index and individual policy details.	n.d. [c.1990]	1 folder of loose papers
CAR/02/004	File - Sun Insurance Company policies MS 11936 for years 1782–1795 <i>Scope and content:</i> Handwritten extracts from volumes 300–399 of policy register series MS 11936, including an alphabetical name index and individual policy details.	n.d. [c.1990]	1 folder of loose papers
CAR/02/005	File - Sun Insurance Company policies MS 11936 for years 1794–1825 <i>Scope and content:</i> Handwritten extracts from volumes 400–499 of policy register series MS 11936, including an alphabetical name index and individual policy details.	n.d. [c.1990]	1 folder of loose papers
CAR/02/006	File - Sun Insurance Company policies MS 11936 for years 1824–1838 <i>Scope and content:</i>	n.d. [c.1990]	1 folder of loose papers

	Handwritten extracts from volumes 500–555 of policy register series MS 11936, including an alphabetical name index and individual policy details.		
CAR/02/007	File - Sun Life Insurance Company MS 11937: name index	n.d. [c.1990]	1 folder of loose papers
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Bound printed alphabetical list of names of clockmakers, watchmakers, jewellers and other horology-related professionals, compiled by R.F. Carrington from the policy registers of the Country Department of the Sun Life Insurance Company (now Sun Insurance Office Ltd; The London Archives ref. CLC/B/192/F/003/MS11937). Gives name, policy register volume number, placename and occupation.		
CAR/02/008	File - Sun Insurance Company policies MS 11937 for years 1793–1812	n.d. [c.1990]	1 folder of loose papers
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Handwritten extracts from volumes 1–99 of policy register series MS 11937, including an alphabetical name index and individual policy details.		
CAR/02/009	File - Sun Insurance Company policies MS 11937 for years 1811–1833	n.d. [c.1990]	1 folder of loose papers
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Handwritten extracts from volumes 100–199 of policy register series MS 11937, including an alphabetical name index and individual policy details.		
CAR/02/010	File - Sun Insurance Company policies MS 11937 for years 1832–1844	n.d. [c.1990]	1 folder of loose papers
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Handwritten extracts from volumes 200–300 of policy register series MS 11937, including an alphabetical name index and individual policy details.		
CAR/02/011	File - Sun Insurance Company policies MS 11937 for years 1843–1853	n.d. [c.1990]	1 folder of loose papers
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Handwritten extracts from volumes 301–399 of policy register series MS 11937, including an alphabetical name index and individual policy details.		
CAR/02/012	File - Sun Insurance Company policies MS 11937 for years 1852–1863	n.d. [c.1990]	1 folder of loose papers
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Handwritten extracts from volumes 400–527 of policy register series MS 11937, including an alphabetical name index and individual policy details.		
CAR/02/013	File - Royal Exchange Assurance Company MS 7252–7255: name index	n.d. [c.1990]	1 folder of loose papers
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Bound printed alphabetical list of names of clockmakers, watchmakers, jewellers and other horology-related professionals, compiled by R.F. Carrington from four series of fire policy registers of the Royal Exchange Assurance Company (The London Archives ref. CLC/B/107/02/MS07252–MS07255). Gives name, policy register volume number, placename and occupation.		
CAR/02/014	File - Royal Exchange Assurance Company policies MS 7252 for years 1753–1759	n.d. [c.1990]	1 folder of loose papers
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Handwritten extracts from volumes 1–7 of the fire policy register MS 7252, including an alphabetical name index and individual policy details.		

CAR/02/015	File - Royal Exchange Assurance Company policies MS 7252 for years 1773–1791	n.d. [c.1990]	1 folder of loose papers
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Handwritten extracts from volumes 1–98 of the fire policy register MS 7253, including an alphabetical name index and individual policy details.		
CAR/02/016	File - Royal Exchange Assurance Company policies MS 7252 for years 1803–1854	n.d. [c.1990]	1 folder of loose papers
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Handwritten extracts from volumes 46–83 of the fire policy register MS 7254, including an alphabetical name index and individual policy details. Volumes 1-45 of this series do not survive.		
CAR/02/017	File - Royal Exchange Assurance Company policies MS 7252 for years 1809–1863	n.d. [c.1990]	1 folder of loose papers
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Handwritten extracts from volumes 1–36 of the fire policy register MS 7255, including an alphabetical name index and individual policy details.		
CAR/02/018	File - Sun Insurance Company and Royal Exchange Company policies	n.d. [c.1990]	1 CD rom