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Summary information

Repository:	Antiquarian Horological Society
Title:	HUDSON, LILY
Reference code:	HUD
Date:	1950s–1970s (creation)
Physical description:	8 files in 1 box (0.08 linear metres)

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Lily Hudson (1920–2023) was the first secretary of the Antiquarian Horological Society. She worked as a personal assistant at an RAF training centre during the Second World War and in 1950 joined the British Horological Institute to work as an assistant to Major Cowen, the BHI Secretary. She became instrumental in organising BHI trips to France and Switzerland in 1950 and 1951. Her meticulous recordkeeping was crucial to the eventual formation of the Antiquarian Horological Society in 1953. After leaving the AHS in 1956, she remained in touch and took part in the Society’s milestone celebrations as an honoured guest.

Scope and content

This collection comprises photographs and papers relating to the British Horological Institute’s trips to France and Switzerland organised by Lily Hudson, its “British Clockmaker’s Heritage” exhibition, as well as some later material.

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Deposited at AHS Lovat Lane by Angela Wright via James Nye in June 2024.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into one series chronologically by event.

HUD/01: BHI events

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.

Accruals

Lily Hudson's archive has been fully catalogued and no further deposits are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Series descriptions

Series HUD/01: BHI EVENTS

Date: 1950s–1970s (creation)

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File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
HUD/01/001	File - BHI Convention, Cheltenham: group portrait of attendees	1950	1 photograph in a folder
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Contains one b/w photograph, captioned, pasted onto card. Caption does not give the names of people in the image.		
HUD/01/002	File - BHI France tour: photographs and documentation	1950 May	1 folder of loose papers and photographs
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Contains snapshots and portraits from Paris, Lyons and Besancon (38 b/w photographs, captioned, one loose and the rest pasted onto 7 cards); two photographic postcards; three banquet menus (two with guests' signatures); map of Paris public transport; and Lily Hudson's Foire de Paris pass. Captions do not give names of people in the photographs.		
HUD/01/003	File - BHI Swiss tour: photographs and documentation	1951 Apr	1 folder of loose papers and photographs
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Contains snapshots and group portraits from Zurich and Bad Attisholz (nine b/w photographs, uncaptioned, loose), five postcards, and two tour programmes and timetables.		
HUD/01/004	File - Group photographs from an unidentified event, possibly taken during one of the tours	n.d. [1950s]	1 folder of loose photographs
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Contains three b/w photographs, uncaptioned, loose, showing seated audience and men inspecting chronometers or pocket watches.		

HUD/01/005	File - Opening ceremony of the "British Clockmaker's Heritage" exhibition at the Science Museum on 22 May 1952 <i>Scope and content:</i> Contains three b/w photographs, captioned, showing Princess Alice, Sir Harold Spences Jones, H. Alan Lloyd, Kenneth Pickthorn, Mr Elicott, Dr F. Sherwood Taylor, Lily Hudson and others.	1952 May	1 folder of loose photographs
HUD/01/006	File - Correspondence between Lily Hudson and the Private Secretary to H.M. Queen Mary, thanking her for the catalogue of the "British Clockmaker's Heritage" exhibition	1952 May	1 folder of loose papers
HUD/01/007	File - Group photographs from an unidentified event, and AHS list of members 1970 <i>Scope and content:</i> Contains four colour photographs, uncaptioned, loose, showing people boarding a coach, posing for the portrait and seated at a dinner table.	1970 and n.d.	1 folder of loose papers and photographs
HUD/01/008	File - Copy of an early photograph depicting two unidentified men standing next to a longcase clock <i>Scope and content:</i> Contains one sepia photograph, uncaptioned, loose.	n.d. [early 20th century]	1 photograph in a folder