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#### IDENTITY STATEMENT

<b>Reference:</b>	MS825
<b>Title:</b>	Professor R.A. Humphreys papers
<b>Dates:</b>	1933-1984
<b>Level:</b>	fonds
<b>Extent and Medium:</b>	4 boxes
<b>Name of Creator:</b>	Humphreys, Robert Arthur (1907-1999) historian

#### CONTEXT

**Biographical/Administrative History:** Robert (Robin) Arthur Humphreys was born on 6 June 1907. He received his early education at Lincoln School and at Peterhouse, Cambridge. He then stayed on at Cambridge to obtain his BA (1929) but moved to the United States in 1930 for a two-year term as Commonwealth Fund Fellow at the University of Michigan. He received his PhD in 1932. He returned to Britain in 1932 to become Assistant Lecturer in American History at University College London (UCL) and was promoted to Lecturer in 1935 and then became the first Professor of Latin American History in 1948, a post that he held until his retirement in 1974.

Humphreys' other commitments included being: honorary secretary of the Royal Historical Society between 1953 and 1955 (elected President in 1961); member of the University Grants Committee on Latin American Studies, 1962-1964; member of the UCL Advisory Committee on Latin American Studies from 1962 to 1965, and Director of the Institute of Latin American Studies from 1965. He received an OBE in 1946. He was made a Commander of the Rio Branco, Brazil (1972) and received the Machado de Assis Medal from the Academia Brasileira de Letras (1974). He died in 1999.

#### CONTENT

**Scope and Content:** These papers are largely concerned with Humphreys' involvement in the development and promotion of Latin American Studies in Britain.

#### ACCESS AND USE

<b>Language of Scripts:</b>	English
<b>System of Arrangement:</b>	The collection is roughly divided into three series: correspondence, papers relating to committees and conferences, and miscellaneous items created by Professor Humphreys.
<b>Conditions of Access:</b>	Open for research. Access to individual items in Senate House Library archives collections may be

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<b>MS825/1</b>	<b>Letters relating to Humphreys' honours, appointments and research grants.</b>	<b>1945-1982</b>
	With an enclosure: journal offprints dealing with Humphreys' career.	

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<b>MS825/2</b>	<b>Letters from Hugh Hale Bellot</b>	<b>1933-1969</b>
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<b>MS825/3</b>	<b>Letters from historians in Latin America</b>	<b>1936-1978</b>
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<b>MS825/4</b>	<b>Letters from historians of Latin America in the USA</b>	<b>1935-1976</b>
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<b>MS825/5</b>	<b>Promotion of Latin American studies in Great Britain</b>	<b>1934-1961</b>
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<b>MS825/6</b>	<b>Promotion of Latin American studies in Great Britain</b>	<b>1962-1971</b>
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**MS825/7   Miscellaneous correspondents in Great Britain   1934-1976**

**MS825/8 University College London Advisory Committee on 1961-1965  
Latin American Studies: papers**

<b>MS825/9</b>	<b>Parry Committee: minutes</b>	<b>1962-1964</b>
	Minutes of the University Grants Committee on Latin American Studies	

<b>MS825/10</b>	<b>Parry Committee: general file</b>	<b>1963</b>
	Papers of the University Grants Committee on Latin American Studies	

<b>MS825/11</b>	<b>Parry Committee: correspondence, memoranda, draft minutes</b>	<b>1962-1964</b>
	Correspondence and papers of the University Grants Committee on Latin American Studies	

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**MS825/12 Parry Committee: replies from vice-chancellors 1963**

Replies to a circular letter of December 1962 sent from the University Grants Committee on Latin American Studies to vice-chancellors of British Universities

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**MS825/13 Parry Committee: interviews 1963**

Interviews of the University Grants Committee on Latin American Studies: University of London

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**MS825/14 Parry Committee: interviews 1963**

Interviews of the University Grants Committee on Latin American Studies: non University of London

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**MS825/15 European-Latin American Conference, October 1964: papers 1964**

Papers of the conference held at Villa Servellioni, Bellagio, Italy, 4-9 October 1964

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**MS825/16 Latin American Studies subcommittee: correspondence and papers 1965-1970**

Correspondence, draft minutes and committee papers of the Latin American Studies subcommittee of the University Grants Committee

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**MS825/17 Latin American Studies subcommittee: University of Essex 1966-1971**

Papers of the Latin American Studies subcommittee of the University Grants Committee relating to the University of Essex

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**MS825/18 Latin American Studies subcommittee: Institute of Latin American Studies visit 1969**

Papers of the Latin American Studies subcommittee of the University Grants Committee relating to a visit to the Institute of Latin American Studies, University of London.

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**MS825/19 Advisory Committee for the Simon Bolivar Professorship: reports 1974-1975**

Reports of the Advisory Committee for the Simon Bolivar Professorship, University of Cambridge.

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**MS825/20 British Ignorance of the United States: report 1941 June-August**

Report compiled by Humphreys when working for the Foreign Research and Press Service, with correspondence

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**MS825/21 Unpublished papers**

**1949  
November  
22-1970  
April 24**

- Impressions of South America; delivered at Chatham House (22 November 1949)
- The Mexican Revolution; delivered for the BBC General Overseas Service (4 August 1959)
- Canning, Liverpool and Latin America; delivered at the University of Liverpool (24 April 1970)
- José Toribo Medina (undated)

4 items

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**MS825/22 Newspaper article: Detroit Free Press**

**1939 March  
11**

- Defence and Appreciation (11 March 1939)

1 item

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**MS825/23 Newspaper articles: O Estado de São Paulo**

**1943  
December  
9-10**

- A America Latin e o mundo de apos-guerra (9 December 1943)
- A America Latin e o mundo de apos-guerra (10 December 1943)

2 items

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**MS825/24 Newspaper articles: The Listener**

**1941 June  
19-1959  
February 12**

- Latin America in World Affairs (19 June 1941)
- Latin America and its peoples until 1900 (29 October 1953)
- Latin America: the rise of new nations (5 November 1953)
- Simón Bolívar: 'Liberator' (12 February 1959)

4 items

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**MS825/25 Newspaper articles: The Manchester Guardian**

**1939  
February  
21-June 2**

- 'American news' in English papers (21 February 1939)
- English misconceptions about the United States (21 March 1939)
- American opinion (2 June 1939)

3 items

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**MS825/26 Newspaper articles: The Times**

**1942  
January 15-  
1972 May  
22**

- Twenty one American republics confer at Rio (15 January 1942)
- Results of the Rio conference reviewed (9 March 1942)
- South America looks ahead (16 May 1942)
- Mexico a belligerent (1 June 1942)
- The American middle sea (16 July 1942)
- Latin America since Rio (10 August 1942)
- Belligerent Brazil (26 August 1942)
- The Atlantic War (17 February 1943)
- Argentina in isolation (13 March 1943)
- Pan-American Union (5 May 1943)
- Perplexities in Argentina (21 July 1943)
- Latin American studies develop in Britain (5 September 1967)
- The Liberator: dreamer who despaired at the end (22 May 1972)

13 items. Open for research