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Biographical Index of Borrowers

Baron, John. As John Jones notes in *Balliol College: A History*, John Baron rose almost from the bottom of Oxford University to the top; he was admitted as a Servitor at Balliol in 1686, elected a Fellow in 1691, and became Master of the College in 1704. He also served as Vice Chancellor of the University between 1715 and 1718.

Bernard, [Unknown]. No obvious Balliol match for a “Dr Bernard” has been identified.

Blake, William. The only possible match Joseph Foster provides in his *Alumni Oxonienses* for a “Mr Blake” at Balliol in the 1670s is one William Blake, who matriculated in June 1676, aged 17. He was awarded a B.A. in 1680.

Blinman, John. Foster notes that John Blinman matriculated in July 1678 aged 18.

Bradford, John. John Bradford matriculated as a gentleman undergraduate in October 1697. He gained a B.A. in 1701 and an M.A. from 1704. He was a Fellow of the College from 1700 and was later rector of Black Torrington 1712-37.

Brydges, William. William Brydges was admitted as a Fellow-Commoner to Balliol in 1701, and went on to study for the bar-at-law at Gray’s Inn. He was also a clerk at the Chancery from 1709-13. Letters exchanged between his tutor, John Baron, and his father, Francis Brydges (Balliol 1677), show that he became a studious scholar in his short time at Balliol, after what Jones describes as a “turbulent adolescence.” That a Fellow as senior as Baron was allocated to tutor Brydges might explain why he was permitted access to the library.

Bulkeel, [Unknown]. Neither Jones nor Foster records anyone with the name Bulkeel at Balliol (or indeed at any other college) in this period. The most likely candidate may be a Richard Bulkley, who matriculated at Balliol in March 1675, was made a Doctor of Divinity in 1701, and died in 1702.

Carnegie, Robert. Three Scottish students with the surname Carnegie were admitted to Balliol around 1700, but the most likely match according to Foster is one Robert Carnegie, who matriculated in July 1699 and earned a B.A. and an M.A. during his years at the college (1703 and 1706 respectively). He is recorded in the lending register as borrowing books as late as 1710 after that.

Clements, Henry. Henry Clements was a fairly renowned bookseller during his life in Oxford (1647-1719). He was granted privilegiatus in May 1681 and consulted a volume in Balliol Library in 1706.

Cole, Sheldon. Sheldon Cole became a Fellow in 1692, before he even achieved his B.A. in 1693. He later gained an M.A. in 1696, and in the lending register he

repeatedly signs his name as Dr Cole, suggesting that he was awarded a doctorate that has gone unrecorded.

Dobson, [Unknown]. No obvious Balliol match for a “Mr Dobson” has been identified.

Fife, [Unknown]. A Thomas Fyfe is recorded as having incorporated without a college at Oxford as an M.A. from Edinburgh University in 1693. Though there is no explicit link to Balliol, the college’s close connection with the Scottish universities at this time might lend some weight to the suggestion that Fyfe is the man named in the lending register.

Fisher, Henry. Henry Fisher became a Fellow in 1707. He matriculated at Balliol in June 1700, aged 15, before gaining a B.A. (1704) and an M.A. (1707). He became a Blundell Fellow in 1707 and was instituted at Bere Regis in 1725. He donated £3,000 to the college in the 1760s for the creation and construction of the Fisher Buildings at Balliol. Jones notes that the building today bears the puzzling inscription “Verbum non amplius Fisher,” literally translated “A word no more Fisher.”

Forrester, Alexander. Alexander Forrester, of Westminster, matriculated in January 1692-3 aged 15. He was later a student of the Inner Temple from 1691.

Foster, William. William Foster matriculated at Balliol in March 1685-6, became a Fellow in 1691, and remained at Balliol until becoming rector of Hampreston, Dorset, in 1698.

Gower, Thomas. A Thomas Gower matching the dates of the lending register matriculated at Balliol College in April 1674.

Greaves, Richard. Richard Greaves became a Fellow in 1675. He matriculated in February 1669-70, gained a B.A. in 1673, an M.A. in 1676, and became a B.D. in 1684. On his death in 1706 he left property in Shropshire as the endowment for two Exhibitions.

Hamilton, James. Foster records that James Hamilton was an undergraduate and that he matriculated at Balliol aged 15 on 13th March 1692-3.

Harbin, George. No George Harbin is recorded at Balliol College or Oxford University in this period. It is likely that entries bearing his name refer to the George Harbin who trained for the ministry in Cambridge, and at this time was chaplain to the Bishop of Ely. Harbin read widely in English history and genealogy, and published two books on the English Constitution and the Crown of England in the early 1700s. To my knowledge, there is no record besides these entries of him having spent time at Balliol.

Harris, William. A William Harris matriculated at Balliol on 14th July 1695, aged 15; given that Harris is only recorded as having borrowed Dee’s Euclid, and that previous entries for Euclid are all similarly recorded as having been loaned to

teenage boys, it seems likely that the volume acted as a textbook, and was required for undergraduate students.

Hibbins, Henry. Henry Hibbins matriculated at Magdalen Hall in 1665-6, and gained a B.A. and M.A. there. In 1671, he became a Fellow at Balliol, where he resided until becoming rector of Waddesdon in Buckinghamshire in 1682, having completed his studies for a B.D. (1680). His son Barker attended Balliol as an undergraduate from 1705.

Hobbes, Thomas. Not to be confused with his author namesake, Thomas Hobbes matriculated as a gentleman undergraduate aged 16 in July 1679.

Holman, Philip. Philip Holman attended at Balliol from 1704, having been a student of Middle Temple from 1703.

Hoybin, [Unknown]. No obvious Balliol match for a "Mr Hoybin" has been identified.

Hudson, John. There is no record of any contemporary Fellow or student of Balliol College by the name of John Hudson. Entries in his name may refer to the John Hudson who became Bodleian Librarian in 1701. Hudson's entries are signed with a specific reference to borrowing from "Bal: Col: Lib:" – suggesting that it might have been someone from out of college.

Hughes, John. John Hughes became a Fellow in 1671, having matriculated in 1667 and becoming a B.A. in 1670. As a Fellow he gained an M.A. (1673) and a B.D. (1684). In 1691, college Fellows were forced to take an Oath of Allegiance to William and Mary, but Hughes was one of three Fellows whose conscience apparently could not permit it. However, while the other two were ejected, Hughes's refusal was put down to a "deep and dangerous melancholy," and his dissidence was temporarily indulged.

Hunt, Joseph. Joseph Hunt was a Fellow at Balliol from 1700, and Master from 1722 until his death in 1726. He gained a B.A. (1700), M.A. (1703), B.D. (1718), and D.D. (1721). Hunt published an edition of Theodosius's *Sphaerics* in 1707, having consulted the college's century-old copy numerous times prior according to the register.

Jackson, William. William Jackson became a Fellow in 1676. He gained a B.A. in 1673 and an M.A. in 1677-8. The lending register suggests he remained at the college until into the 1690s.

Jones, Reginald. Jones matriculated at Balliol in March 1697 and gained a B.A. (1700), an M.A. (1703), and a B.D. (1718). He was a Fellow from 1702; Jeremiah Milles records in his diary that he approached him for votes in the days before his election. Jones went on to be a vicar in Overton in 1710, before acting as a rector in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight for the rest of his life.

Joye, James. Joye matriculated aged just 15 in July 1697. He became a student of Middle Temple in 1698.

Keill, John. John Keill studied at Edinburgh University, gaining an M.A. there in 1692. He incorporated at Balliol in February 1694-5, where he gained a B. and D.Med (1713). He was also Savilian professor of astronomy from 1712 until his death in August 1721. Keill was an ardent Newtonian physicist, and often corresponded with Newton himself; he defended him against Leibniz's claims of plagiarism. Though never made a Fellow of the College, Keill was evidently a regular borrower from the library, and apparently compiled most of the college mathematics syllabus for undergraduates. He published his *Introductio ad Veram Physicam*, an introduction to modern natural philosophy, in 1702.

Kingsmill, Henry. Henry Kingsmill matriculated at Balliol in February 1704-5. He died in 1710 aged 20.

Loffey, [Unknown]. No obvious Balliol match for a "Mr Loffey" has been identified.

Lugg, Adam. Adam Lugg became a Fellow at Balliol in 1686. He matriculated in July 1680 and became a B.A. (1684) and then an M.A. (1687). He was a proctor at the University from 1691.

Mander, Roger. Roger Mander matriculated at Balliol in 1666 and steadily rose through its ranks, ultimately gaining a D.D. in 1688. He was a Fellow from 1671 and became Master of the College from 1687-1705. He was also acting Vice-Chancellor of the University from 1700-2, and acted as a rector in Dorset and Cornwall. Jones describes him as instrumental in recovering Balliol's finances in the late 17th century, acquiring numerous patronages and scholarships during his tenure. He used the office of the Vice-Chancellor to procure similarly lucrative donations, almost securing £10,000 from Thomas Cookes that was eventually set aside for the formation of Worcester College in 1714.

Milles, Jeremiah. Jeremiah Milles was elected as a Fellow of the College in 1697, having matriculated in 1690. As John Jones notes, he was generally "unremarkable," and had "an utterly conventional and respectable career." Yet he is interesting on account of his having kept a diary during his Balliol years, where he resided as a tutor until 1705. His lifestyle seems to have been generally sedate; occasionally dipping into some light study, he entertained students and peers, ate well, and was fond of walks and riding. He also served as the college Bursar in 1702. He eventually secured a benefice and moved to be vicar of Duloe, Cornwall, where he remained until he died in 1746.

Monox, Richard. Richard Monox was elected to a Fellowship in 1697, having been at the College since 1691-2. He eventually gained a B.D. in 1718, and served as a vicar in Oxford and Essex after leaving. He was a frequent borrower from the College Library, loaning books on a variety of subjects.

Newham, Ralph. Ralph Newham matriculated at Balliol in May 1686. He gained a B.A. in 1689-90 and an M.A. in 1692. He was a Fellow from 1690, and was still borrowing books from Balliol as late as 1700.

Newte, Samuel. Samuel Newte was the last in a long line of Newte family men to attend Balliol in the 17th and 18th centuries. He matriculated in 1701-2, and gained a B.A. and M.A. He was a proctor of the University in 1714, and became a rector of Tiverton in 1716. While a minister, he published a minor volume of his sermons in 1725.

Norwood, Thomas. Thomas Norwood was elected to a Fellowship in 1676. He spent about 10 years at Balliol before becoming a rector in Gloucestershire, where he apparently resided until his death in 1734.

Pain, Abraham. Abraham Pain (also Payne) became a Fellow in 1699. According to John Jones's *Balliol College*, he was also the Dean in charge of the Library in the mid-1690s, but this may be an instance of him being confused with his brother John, Fellow from 1691. Abraham only matriculated in 1695, aged 17 – it is unlikely that he was Senior Dean at the time, as Jones reports. His name does not appear in the lending register except as “Pain, [Unknown]” because it is not clear which brother is responsible for the entries.

Pain, John. John Pain (also Payne) matriculated at Balliol in 1685-6, before gaining a B.A. (1689) and an M.A. (1692). He became a Fellow in 1691. It is likely that he, and not his brother Abraham, was the “Senior Dean Mr Pain” responsible for the library's accounts in 1694-5. He became a rector in Somerset in 1699.

Pengelly, James. James Pengelly was a gentleman of Balliol College who matriculated in 1690-1. He gained a B.A., an M.A., and finally a B.Med in 1700, which he collected under the name Jacob. He signs his name in the register “Dr Pengelly” thenceforth.

Pitcarn, David. David Pitcarn is not recorded as a Fellow of Balliol, but did matriculate there in 1695 having already gained a B.A. from Edinburgh University. That the entry in his name specifies that the book was borrowed “for David Pitcarn” suggests that it was withdrawn on his behalf, rather than in person.

Price, Edward. Edward Price matriculated at Balliol in March 1657-8. He gained a B.A. and an M.A. and was elected a Fellow in 1665. He became a rector in Wales from the 1670s, but is still recorded as having borrowed books from Balliol as late as 1679.

Pym, John. John Pym matriculated aged 18 in June 1676, and gained a B.A. in 1680. He was rector of Clayhanger (1688-95) and later Lifton Cheney in Somerset.

Rolfe, Robert. Robert Rolfe was never made a Fellow, but appears to have resided in Balliol between 1697 and 1710, achieving a B.A. and an M.A. in the process.

Shapcote, John. Multiple Shapcote family members attended Balliol in the period, but the one most likely to be responsible for the borrowing in the register is John Shapcote, who was awarded a B.A. (1693), M.A. (1696), B.Med. (1700), and D.Med. (1702) during his time at the college. He signs his name as “Dr Shapcote” after 1700.

Sloper, Walter. Walter Sloper became a Fellow in 1671. He matriculated in March 1666-7 and remained at Balliol until 1682. His son, also Walter, attended Balliol from 1701-2.

Strong, Edward. Edward Strong was made a Fellow in 1695. He achieved a B.A. in the same year, and then an M.A. in 1698. Foster doesn't record any further qualifications but Strong consistently signs his name as a “Dr Strong” from 1698. He was later a rector of Wiltshire and Somerset.

Sydenham, Philip. Sir Philip Sydenham was an MP of Ilchester and Somerset until 1705, at which point he devoted himself to scholarly pursuits. In doing so he accumulated a treasured library, which he was later forced to sell in the 1730s in order to pay off debts. There is no record of him having become a member of any college at the University, which suggests that his borrowing was purely a case of special dispensation.

Venn, John. John Venn matriculated as a commoner in May 1662, before ascending to a Fellowship in 1668, 11 years after his father. Between 1678 and 1687 he was Master of the College, as well as Vice-Chancellor of the University 1686-7. He was rector of a variety of places until his death in October 1687.

White, Francis. Francis White was the son of the Mayor of Oxford, a Knight. He matriculated at Balliol in 1667, gaining a B.A. (1671), an M.A. (1674), and a B.D. (1684). He was a Fellow from 1672, and appears to have resided in the College for many years after. Jeremiah Milles records that White suffered from a case of gout as late as October 1701.

Wills, John. John Wills became a Fellow in 1698. The younger brother of Nicolas (Balliol 1690) He matriculated in March 1694-5 and gained a B.A. (1698) and an M.A. (1701) during his time at the college. The lending register shows that he was still borrowing books at late as 1706.

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