

ISIR GEORGE SITWELL AND THE YORKSHIRE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

British Newspaper archive – key source of information

- 1883 Sir George Sitwell left Oxford University
- In his youth had been a keen cricketer, cyclist, tennis player, hunter, and golfer
- Old photograph of Renishaw Hall shows a tennis Court on main lawn before the gardens were laid out. A collection of old tennis racquets at Renishaw but don't know who they belonged to.
- Sitwells long association with Scarborough from 18th century
- Sir George's mother and grandmother lived there, so he visited frequently and lived there whilst MP and off and on until 1920s
- Sir George was MP for Scarborough on and off between 1885-1895
- 1884 Yorkshire Gazette – Sir George gave the Association Challenge Cup, competed for annually. If won three times consecutively the player keeps the trophy. Sir George's mother attended the tournament on this occasion, since this was before his marriage in 1886.
- 1885 Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer Monday Aug 17 1885. Sir George was president (very good account)
- July 1885 – inaugural opening of new ground at South Cliff. Also a Sitwell was playing – a nephew I think.
- 1889 – courts in a disgraceful condition. Lord Londesborough gives a prize
- 1908 – Earl of Londesborough now president – Sir George's father-in-law
- 1911 – Sir George now one of the vice presidents. Earl of Londesborough is president
- 1914 – Lord Londesborough is president. Sir George a vice president
- 1920 – Sir George still one of the vice presidents
- Perhaps Sir George continued as a vice president every year.
- 1925 Sir George living permanently in Italy.
- 1933 – Sheffield Independent 10 Nov. Elected as president of the Yorkshire Lawn Tennis Association. Jubilee of Association. Sir George was 63 at the time. Reported to be a surprise appointment but was a keen lawn tennis player and 50 years ago was responsible for promoting the organisation.
- Photograph of Sir George presenting a trophy in archives.
- No other body of significant material found in the archives to date.