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Thomas Hassall died on 14 Nov 1898 in Ballarat, Australia. His will was straightforward in the first instance, leaving his cottage to his niece Louisa Haslem for her life time and then passing to her son Thomas Richard Haslem. Thomas Richard inherited other property and stocks and shares for his use during his life time. To his own son, also called Thomas, he left only a small annuity of £150.

Complications arose in the second part of the will when he directed that the remainder of his income should be divided equally between the children of his half brothers and sisters Joseph, Samuel, Sophy, Jane Knowels, Ann Barnett; to his half brother Joseph himself and to Thomas, only, of his half-brother Williams' family. The papers contained in this collection represent the Manchester side of the familys' attempt to claim their inheritance. The trust set up by the will was not wound up until 1962.

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- E6/1 Will of Thomas Hassall
- E6/2/1-2 Papers relating to the Mercer family collected for the purpose of the will
- E6/2/1 Cemetery and interment papers
- E6/2/2 Miscellaneous papers
- E6/3/1-12 Correspondence between the Hassall's of Manchester and the Hassall's of Ballarat, including associated papers
- E6/4/1-2 Legal papers relating to the division of Thomas Hassall's will
- E6/4/1 Solicitors papers
- E6/4/2 Wardman papers
- E6/5/1-2 Papers concerning the final closure of the will
- E6/6/1-2 Miscellaneous items

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- E6/1 Copy will of Thomas Hassall, gent, of Ballarat, Victoria, Australia. Executor: The Ballarat Trustees Executors and Agency Company Limited". Major beneficiary: Thomas Richard Haslem, his great nephew. With codicil of same date.
28 June 1898
- E6/2/1/-2 Papers relating to the Mercer family collected for the purpose of the will.
- E6/2/1/1-5 Cemetery and interment papers.
- E6/2/1/1 Certificate of purchase of a burial plot in Sale Cemetery? Issued to Sam Hassall of Ardwick
27 Sep 1879
- E6/2/1/2 Receipt for the interment of Elizabeth Mercer in Southern Cemetery.
26 June 1929
- E6/2/1/3 Certificate of purchase of a burial plot in Southern Cemetery issued to Harry Eugene Mercer.
3 July 1929
- E6/2/1/4 Receipt for the interment of Harry Eugene Mercer.
4 Nov 1935
- E6/2/1/5 Receipt for the interment of Elizabeth Ellen Mercer in Warrington Cemetery.
12 April 1930
- E6/2/2/1-7 Miscellaneous Papers
- E6/2/2/1 15 Mar 1894
- E6/2/2/1/1 Harry Eugene Mercer, auctioneers assistant, 40 Berwick Street, Chorlton on-Medlock, Manchester.
- E6/2/2/1/2 Elizabeth Hassall, spinster of the same address.
- E6/2/2/1/3 Charles Alfred Tarr, auctioneers assistant, of the same address. Settlement of household furniture and effects previous to the marriage of Harry Eugene Mercer and Elizabeth Hassall.
- E6/2/2/2 Photograph of a wedding party. Possibly wedding of Harry Eugene Mercer and Elizabeth Hassall.
- E6/2/2/3 Letter to Harry Eugene Mercer, All Saints, Manchester from the Ballarat Trustees Executors and Agency Co. Ltd., regarding the will of Thomas Hassall.
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- E6/2/2/4 Letter to Harry Eugene Mercer from Master in Equity's office, Law Courts, Melbourne, regarding obtaining a copy of Thomas Hassall's will.
11 October 1898
- E6/2/2/5 Protection certificate and certificate of identity (soldier not remaining with the colours) issued to Edward Mercer.
13 February 1919
- E6/2/2/6 Certified copy of an entry of death of Harry Eugene Mercer age 66 years, in Stafford.
31 October 1935
- E6/2/2/7 Application for and grant of letters of administration for the estate of Harry Eugene Mercer to his son Edward Mercer.
15 January 1936
- E6/3/1-12 Correspondence between the Hassall's of Manchester and the Hassall's of Ballarat, including associated papers.
- E6/3/1 Lineage of William and Martha Hassall giving children and grandchildren's names, dates of birth and death.
- E6/3/2 Papers giving rough details used in compilation of the above.
- E6/3/3 Letters to Mr Charles Alf Tarr from Australia and from Mr Knowles of Nantwich regarding the settling of Thomas Hassall's will which had not yet been probated.
1901
- E6/3/4 Letters to ? from Harriet Hassall, Australia, giving general family news.
6 January 1903
- E6/3/5 Letter to Lizzie (Elizabeth Mercer) from Jim and Harriet, Australia. Mentions photographs exchanged and other family news.
28 January 1903
- E6/3/6 Letter to ? from Nellie Reed (nee Hassall) giving news of her parents death.
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- E6/3/7 Letter to Harry and Elizabeth Mercer from Nellie Reed giving news of Thomas Hassall's will.
21 June 1921
- E6/3/8 Letter to Elizabeth Mercer from Martha Hamilton nee Hassall, daughter of James and Harriet. Informs of her parents deaths.
28 November 1921
- E6/3/9 Letter to Elizabeth Mercer from Nellie Reed concerning the winding up of Uncle Tom's will.
20 April 1922
- E6/3/10 Three photographs: two of Aunt Lizzie from niece Nellie and great niece, May; one showing family group, possibly wedding. Endorsed: My nephew, Thomas?
C 1900-1922
- E6/3/11 Letter to Frank (Pethybridge) from John Hassall concerning the payment of money from Thomas Hassall's will.
19 July 1929
- E6/3/12 Letter to Harry and Elizabeth Mercer from Nellie Reed, Adelaide, South Australia, giving family news.
8 October 1929
- E6/4/1-2 Legal papers relating to the division of Thomas Hassall's will.
- E6/4/1/1-2 Solicitors papers.
- E6/4/1/1 File (Solicitors?) of papers including letter from H Mercer requesting certificates from the family to be used as proof of claims; correspondence with the solicitors regarding the division of the money; statements of receipts and expenditure for and on account of the estate of Thomas Hassall, deceased; details of births, marriages and deaths within the families; draft family tree.
1923-1938
- E6/4/1/2 List of claims admitted and other possible claims in the matter of the Trusts of the will and codicil of Thomas Hassall, deceased. The Ballarat Trustees Executors and Agency Company Limited v Anne Sophia McLean.
1923

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- E6/4/2/1-2 Wardman papers
- E6/4/2/1 Copy will of Mary Ellen Wardman, widow, 71 St. Albans Road, St Anne's on sea. Executor: Henry Knowles, coal merchant of Willaston, major beneficiary, Fred. Art. Thompson Wardman, her adopted son.
- 5 May 1913
- E6/4/2/2 List of assets and liabilities relating to the will of Mary Ellen Wardman. Note to the effect that the balance had been handed over to W Hassall's children.
- E6/5/1-2 Papers concerning the final closure of the will
- E6/5/1 Letter to Mr E Mercer of Bournemouth from John Nightingale and Co., Solicitors, Deansgate, Manchester regarding the final winding up of the will of Thomas Hassall.
- 18 December 1962
- E6/5/2 Statements of administration accounts and beneficiaries regarding the Thomas Hassall Trust.
- 1962
- E6/6/1-2 Miscellaneous items
- E6/6/1 Two double spreads from the Manchester Evening News featuring some Australian news.
- 29 December 1932
- E6/6/2 Extract from the Manchester Guardian concerning The Friends School at Penketh.
- 27 March 1905