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MS 48 Alston Collection

Deeds and documents of the Alston Family of Winsom Green, Birmingham, 1795-1878

2. Eggington Family

Copies of letters (1801-41), bonds, financial papers, notice of a land sale, a map concerning the sale of a property belonging to the Eggington Family that adjoined land belonging to James Alston.

Includes:

Letters of Walter Eggington (Warwick Gaol, Sheerness) to his brother Joseph Eggington, Jan.-Dec. 1824: impending transportation to Australia; his share of property willed by their mother.

Certificate concerning Walter Eggington, living in Westbury, Van Diemen's Land, 7 Sept. 1840.

Lee Collection

Bundle 574

Agreements and other documents of William E. Wimby and William M. Wimby of Birmingham, who held a number of patents for their inventions.

Select:

Agreements between (1) W.E. and W.M. Wimby and (2) F.H. Lloyd and T.F. Craddock relating to letters patent for improvement of cable tramways in Tasmania, 1889.

Agreement between (1) W.E. and W.M. Wimby and (2) F.H. Lloyd and T.F. Craddock relating to the sale of improvements of cable tramways in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland and Tasmania, 1889.

Agreement concerning the sale of a patent for New South Wales, 1891.

Total of 18 agreements.

MS 917 Adderley Family

Papers of the Adderley Family of Hams Hall, Warwickshire, 12th century – 1936. Charles B. Adderley (1814-1905), 1st Baron Norton, was a Member of Parliament from 1841 to 1878 and held office in the governments of Lord Derby (1858, 1866-68) and Benjamin Disraeli (1874-78).

MS 917/10/51

Minute book of the Council of the Society for the Reform of Colonial Government (chair: Sir Francis Baring), 3 Jan. 1850 – 26 June 1851. Adderley was a member of the Society.

MS917/14/2/2

Receipts from banks for New Zealand stock sold on behalf of Sir John Godley, 1892-1908

MS 908 Caddick Collection

Diaries and papers of Helen Caddick (1845-1927) of Edgbaston, a traveller, photographer, writer and collector of anthropological artifacts.

Illustrated travel diaries, 1889-1914, comprising typed entries with manuscript insertions, newspaper cuttings and numerous photographs.

Volume 3 (pages 251-69): 7 July – 2 August 1893

Travels in Honolulu, Makukona, Hilo and Paia. Includes accounts of volcanic eruptions in 1868.

Volume 4: 10 April 1895 – 9 June 1896 (416pp)

Travels in the East Indies, Australia, New Zealand and the Western Pacific. The diary describes the voyage from London to Batavia on the SS *India*, visits to Bandang, Jogjakarta, Surabaya, Caddick's arrival in Brisbane (1 August) and visits to Sydney and the Blue Mountains, voyages in the Pacific, visiting Levuka, Apia, Nuku'alofa, Rarotonga, Papeete and Bora Bora, travels in New Zealand including Auckland, Rotorua, Wellington, Picton, Dunedin, Queenstown, the New Zealand Alps and Christchurch, her return to Australia (30 March) and visits to Hobart, Port Arthur, Launceston, Melbourne, Ballarat, Adelaide and Albany, and the return voyage via Colombo and Gibraltar. The entries are extremely detailed and include references to economic conditions, natural scenery, coral reefs, flora and fauna, botanical gardens, museums, native churches and houses, schools, meetings with officials and missionaries, Maori and Pacific artifacts, farms, art galleries, universities and theatres. She often recorded conversations in considerable detail.

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MS 908 Caddick Collection (continued)

Volume 7 (pages 17-99): 10 March – 14 July 1905

Travels in New Zealand. The diary describes Caddick's visits to Wellington, Auckland, Paparua, New Plymouth, Masterton, Christchurch, Hamilton and Rotorua, meetings with the politicians Sir Robert

Stout and Richard Seddon, the kauri forests and other natural scenery, and her departure on a voyage to Panama and Peru.

Volume 11: 10 March – 7 August 1912

Travels in Australia. The diary describes Caddick's arrival in Melbourne (10 March), visits to Sydney, Brisbane and Toowoomba, a stay on a station on the Darling Downs, social life, her return to Brisbane, walks, visits to schools, and local flora.

Volume 12: 8 August – 2 November 1912

Travels in Australia and the Philippines. The diary continues the account of Caddick's stay in Australia, her life in Sydney, visits to the Blue Mountains, Sydney University, Sydney Technical College, schools, hospitals and children's homes, meetings with Margaret Windeyer, her departure from Sydney on the *Nikko Moru* (1 October), stopping at Thursday Island and Manila, and her departure for Hong Kong.

Publications

Colonisation Circular Part 6: New South Wales, London [1881] (12pp)

New South Wales: general information for emigrants and others, London, 1881 (12pp)

W.H. Twelvetrees. *Report on Mount Victoria goldfield, Launceston*, 7 October 1904 (30pp)

The railway guide of New South Wales, Sydney, 1881

Reel M827

MS 908 Caddick Collection (continued)

Photographs contained in the diaries. The quality of the reproduction is poor.

Volume 3: Hawaii

Volume 4: East Indies, Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Islands

Volume 7: New Zealand

Volume 11: Queensland

Volume 12: Philippines

Stone Collection

Sir Benjamin Stone (1838-1914) of Birmingham was a manufacturer and Member of Parliament (1895-1909). He was the President of the National Photographic Record Association and the author of a number of travel books. He travelled widely in Europe, Asia, North America and the Pacific.

Box 416: 1-40

Photographs of the inauguration of the Commonwealth of Australia, Sydney, Jan. 1901

Box 417: 1-37

Photographs of New Zealand including the Auckland Jubilee procession (1887), Milford Sound (1878), Rotorua (1878), Mount Egmont (1878), Mount Tarawera (1878), the Lower Waitakerei Falls, Lake Wakatipu (1878) and Lord Onslow addressing Maoris (1887).

Box 418: 1-20

Photographs of New Zealand fern trees (878), Maori families and individuals (1878), and Maori houses and carvings (1878).

Box 483

Photographs of Fijian plantations (1879), Levuka, the Governor's house at Nasona, canoes, houses, Fijian people, Hawaii (1906), the Captain Cook memorial, scenery, Samoa (1879), Solomon Islands (1879) and the Straits Settlements (1890).

Album 19

Photographs of East Asia (1873), including Borneo, Java, Singapore, Sumatra and Batavia.

Reel M2118

MS 189 Macdonald Family

1. Abstract of will and codicil of William Macdonald (d. 1851), formerly of Sydney, later of Birmingham, 5, 19 Dec. 1846 (10pp). It refers to property in George Street, Sydney.
2. J. Suckling (Birmingham) to Trustees and Executors of W. Macdonald, 20 July 1852: arrangements for disposal of estate; management of property in Sydney.
3. Valuation of estate of William Macdonald. (1p)

MS 347 Sir Richard Threlfall

Papers of Sir Richard Threlfall (1861-1932), Professor of Physics, Sydney University (1886-99), scientist with Allright and Wilson, chemical engineers of Birmingham (1899-1932).

Select:

1/2 List of scientific papers by Threlfall, 1885-94. (ms, 4pp)

MS 347A Sir Richard Threlfall

Select:

- 3 Threlfall. The new physical laboratory at the University of Sydney. Reprint from *Building and Engineering Journal*, c. 1888. (4pp)

- 4 Threlfall. The present state of electrical knowledge: presidential address. Reprint from *Transactions of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science*, 1890, pp 27-54.
- 5 Threlfall. *Spontaneous heating of coal cargoes*, Sydney, Government Printer, 1897. (49pp)
- 14-27 Sarah Threlfall (Preston) to Richard and Evelyn Threlfall (Sydney), Nov. 1897-June 1898: family news; illness of Evelyn; their impending return to England. (14 letters)
- 232-33 R.L. Stevenson to Threlfall, n.d.: requests that address of wine merchant be sent to G. Balfour. (photographs)
- 235a Josey Ascroft to Threlfall, 20 Dec. 1914: thanks for help with Australian investments over many years.
- 243-44 Prof. J.A. Pollock (Sydney) to Threlfall, 29 Nov. 1898: thanks for recommendation; sends list of people at farewell dinner.
- 245 Prof. J.A. Pollock to Threlfall, 5 March 1916: thanks for nomination for Royal Society fellowship; obituary notice of L. Hargrave.
- 246 Prof. J.A. Pollock to Threlfall, 5 March 1916: bequest to Threlfall.
- 247 A. Weaver (Sydney) to Threlfall, 7 Sept. 1922: information for obituary of J.A. Pollock; bequest to Threlfall.
- 248 A. Weaver to Threlfall, 27 Oct. 1922: obituary of Pollock in *Nature*.
- 249 Threlfall to A. Weaver, 24 Nov. 1898: sends proof of obituary. (copy)
- 274 Issue of *Hermes* (Sydney), 24 Nov. 1898, with article on resignation of Threlfall from Sydney University. (pp 2-4)
- 280 H.T. Tizard. Obituary of Threlfall. Reprint from *Journal of the Chemical Society*, 1937, pp. 186-95.
- 289 Menu for farewell dinner for Threlfall, Sydney, 25 Nov. 1898
- 290 Discharge of loan for mortgage of house in Sydney to Threlfall, 30 Sept. 1903
- 328-32 Photographs, diagram and explanatory note concerning Threlfall's quartz-thread gravity balance, designed by Threlfall and J.A. Pollock in 1889-90. It was designed to study the variation of the earth's gravitational pull by statical methods.

MS 466 Cadbury Collection

John Cadbury (1801-1889) founded the Birmingham firm of cocoa and chocolate manufacturers Cadbury Brothers. In 1861 his sons Richard (1835-1899) and George (1839-1922) took over the firm and they built the model factory at Bournville, on the southern edge of Birmingham, in 1879. Cadbury opened a factory at Claremont in Tasmania in 1922.

Select:

- 44 Photograph album, mainly of Trinidad. Folios 4-7 and 45 contain 13 photographs of Tammapua, Samoa, 1902-4.
- 45 Photograph album. Folios 8-13 and 18-19 contain 20 photographs of plantations, houses, labourers and scenery at Samoa, 1904-6.
- 210 George Cadbury (Bournville) to Thomas Cooper (Sydney, Brisbane, Hobart), 1888-1922. (58 letters)
- Cooper was the representative of Cadbury Brothers in Australia. The letters refer to the affairs of the Society of Friends; family news; adult education; the 1892-93 economic depression; the success of Bournville cocoa; Manchester Daily News; the growth of exports to Australia; the effects of World War I on business; the establishment of the Cadbury factory at Hobart; and Bournville Village.
- 276 John Cadbury. Journal of a voyage from London to Moreton Bay on the *Prince Consort*, 13 Dec. 1863-2 April 1864 (typescript, 12pp). John Cadbury (1834-1866) was the eldest son of the founder of the firm. His diary contains brief entries referring to the weather, games and relations between the passengers.
- 277 Extracts from letters on the illness and death of John Cadbury at Brisbane, 28 May 1866. (2pp)
- 278 Photograph of the grave of John Cadbury. (Filmed before item 277)
- 436 Itinerary of the Australian trip of Barrow and Geraldine Cadbury, Dec. 1929-May 1930.
- 437 Letters from Barrow Cadbury to friends, Dec. 1929-April 1930. (typescript, 42pp)
- The letters describe the voyage to Australia on the SS *Maloja* via Suez and Colombo; brief visits to Perth and Adelaide; travels in Tasmania; social events; meetings of the Society of Friends; travels in New Zealand; meetings with staff in Sydney and Melbourne; the return voyage on SS *Oronsay*.
- 438 Letter-diary of Geraldine Cadbury, Dec. 1929-April 1930 (reworked, 24pp). The letters refer to similar subjects and also visits to schools and public talks.
- 440 E.E. Unwin (Hobart) to Barrow and Geraldine Cadbury, Feb.-March 1930: plans for expansion of the Friends School, Hobart. (2 letters)
- 441 Cuttings from New Zealand newspapers concerning the merger of Cadbury Brothers Ltd. and R. Hudson & Co. Ltd, March 1930. (3 cuttings)
- 442 Barrow Cadbury to M. Tatham, Jan.-April 1930. (typescript, 18pp)
- Meaburn Tatham was the secretary of Cadbury Brothers. The letters refer to visits to Cadbury offices and stores in Perth, Adelaide and Hobart; staff; Sir Macpherson Robertson; rumours concerning Rowntree & Co.

MS 714 Smythe Family

Letters and papers of the Smythe family, 1854-94

Select:

- 2 Explanatory note about the letters.
- 3-7 Fuller Smythe and T. Smythe (Geelong) to their mother, 19 March 1854: voyage to Australia on merchant ship *Emily*; cargoes; plans to travel to Callao. (copy, 9pp)
- 8-11 Notes of a voyage of the *Emily* from Australia to Callao in 1854. (copy, 10pp)

MS 918 John Holt

Records of John Holt (1848-1932), organ builder of Harborne, Birmingham

Select:

- 7 Specification of Brad. Model built for Dr J.C. Bradshaw, Christchurch cathedral, 11 Nov. 1922. (4pp)
- 8 Note on care and maintenance of John Holt Reed organ sent in 1925 to William Hoskin, St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford, New Zealand, March 1930. (typescript, 14pp)
- 10 Correspondence between Holt, J.C. Bradshaw and W. Hoskin concerning the organ supplied to Hoskin, Oct. 1929-March 1930. (8pp)
- 11 Holt to J.C. Bradshaw, 18 Feb. 1925: notes on unpacking and erecting of organ no. 1472 for Masonic Temple. (10pp)

MS 1056 Henry Hope & Sons

Records of Henry Hope & Sons, metal window manufacturers, of Smethwick.

Select:

- 139 Correspondence between Henry Hope & Sons (Smethwick) and Austral WindowCo. (New York and Sydney), 1922-27. (80pp)

The papers mainly relate to an agreement between the two companies whereby Henry Hope & Sons were granted the sole right to manufacture and sell Austral single plane steel windows in Australia and New Zealand.