

H732 (formerly H75)

University of Edinburgh
Department of Special Collections
Andrew Lang Papers

Andrew Lang obtained his PhD in 1996 from the University of Edinburgh for a thesis on George Dempster of Dunnichen, the 18thc Scottish politician and improver. His supervisor was John M. Simpson of the Department of Scottish History. The External Examiner for the thesis was Dr John Brims. After his sudden death in 2001, his widow donated his notes for his thesis to the university. Andrew Lang wrote his thesis, subsequently published by the Edward Mellen Press, as a part-time postgraduate student. He was an architect at the Scottish Office.

The collections consists of a box of 3x5 cards, a pocket file and 37 loose-leaf binders containing photocopies and notes. The numbers given below for the forty-one items have been assigned by the compiler of this list. There are labels on the spines of the loose-leaf binders and these are sometimes used in quotation marks in the list below.

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- 1) Box with 3x5 cards. Draft bibliography filed alphabetically.
- 2) Pocket file labelled 'Dempster: Permissions'. Correspondence relating to publication of a revised version of Lang's thesis in 1998 by the Edward Mellen Press.
- 3) 'Dundee, Forfar, Skibo, Rogers'
Contents are a mixture of manuscript notes from various publications and some photocopies. 'Rogers' refers to notes from the publication of the Rev. Charles Rogers, the Victorian antiquary.
- 4) 'GD Biogs St Andrews Univ. Papers'
Photocopies and some manuscript notes of biographical memoirs of Dempster, and 'Papers in St Andrews University Library Includes Cupar Burgh Records St Andrews Do Haden-Guest Papers Misc Letters Etc'
- 5) Stanley [Stanley mills in Perthshire]
- 6) Statistical Account + Harvey Wood
Photocopies and notes from OSA and transcripts/photocopies from E.H. Harvey Wood, 'Letters to an Antiquary: G J Thorkelin (1752-1829)', 1972
- 7) 'MISC I'
Notes and photocopies from various works; Cockburn, Alexander Carlyle, etc
- 8) 'MISC II Unsorted Docs'
Includes work by Lang, 'Calculation of Present-Day Value of £10,000 in 1760'

- 9) 'Dempster Chaps 0-8'
Copy for published biography based on thesis.
- 10) 'Dempster Chaps 9-14 Bibliog + Index'
Copy for published biography
- 11) 'NDNB Entries George Dempster Patrick Craufurd'
Photocopies & correspondence re work by Andrew Lang on New DNB entries.
- 12) 'George Dempster: Transcripts of his letters'
MS & photocopy. Large red folder.
- 13) 'Transcripts of Letters 2'
NLS, SRO [now NAS], EUL
- 14) 'Transcripts of Letters 3'
Reprint from *Ayrshire Archaeological & Natural History Society Collections*,
1947-1949 Second Series, Volume I; NAS, GD9 British Fisheries Society, NLS
Saltoun, Collection Dr Iain Boyle
- 15) 'Letters of George Dempster to Sir Adam Ferguson 1756-1813'
Photocopy of book of Dempster's published correspondence.
- 16) 'Agriculture'
Notes and photocopies from various works.
- 17) James Ker John Leslie
Photocopies and notes re *New DNB* entries.
- 18) 'Scotland and America Emigration'
Notes and photocopies from relevant publications.
- 19) 'Dempster & Skibo Talk'
Correspondence and text of 'George Dempster and the Skibo Estate', lecture
given by Andrew Lang at Carnegie Hall, Clashmore, 15 April 2000. Notes 'My
own interest in Dempster originated with Spinningdale Mill, which formed the
starting point for a dissertation done as part of my architectural studies'.
- 20) Haldane Brodie
Copy and notes re *New DNB* entries for Alexander Brodie and Patrick Haldane.
- 21) 'George Dempster Toronto Letters I Vols 1-4'
University of Toronto Library Manuscripts Collection 126 'Dempster, George
Soper, d1889 Agriculturalist'. Photocopies of correspondence and notes.
- 22) George Dempster Toronto Letters II Vols 5-6'
Photocopies of correspondence. Notes by Lang at front of folder.
- 23) George Dempster Toronto Letters III Vols 7-19

Photocopies and notes filed under each volume number of the Toronto collection.

- 24) Letham Archives Lunan & Vinney Minutes + HMC Reports
Letham feuars' committee, photocopy of minutes of Lunan & Vinney water Farmers Society minutes [in NLS], 'HMC Reports (Mainly consulted in NLS but some also in British Library and at Commission's Offices).
- 25) 'The Times' Transcripts
Photocopies. Notes from index.
- 26) History of Parliament Debates
Hansard, etc.
- 27) Other H of C Debates + Namier & Brooke
Almon, Parliamentary Register, Harris, entries from Namier and Brooke, eds., *History of Parliament* volumes.
- 28) Correspondence Mellen Press + NDNB
Re publications.
- 29) Boswell & Burke etc
Notes and photocopies from published works relating to Burke and Boswell, particularly their published correspondence.
- 30) The Scots Magazine
Photocopies and notes re references to Dempster in Scots Magazine.
- 31) Correspondence (General)
Re thesis and subsequent book.
- 32) Reading Lists Etc
Notes for reading as part of dissertation work.
- 33) Enlightenment Universities/Clubs
Photocopies and notes re secondary reading for dissertation research.
- 34) Banks Fisheries Roads
Notes and photocopies under each heading.
- 35) SRO Panmure + Wills + Sasines Dundee Archive
Photocopies and notes under these four headings.
- 36) E.I. Co I India Office (+ Jamaica)
Notes from papers in India Office Library. Notes & photocopies re Jamaica and Heming Family.
- 37) E.I. Co II Secondary Sources
Photocopies and notes
- 38) H of C Politics (Secondary Sources) I Administrations

Notes and photocopies.

39) H of C Politics (Secondary Sources)

Notes with some photocopies.

40) Politics I

Notes and photocopies.

41) Politics II

Notes and photocopies, offprint of John Simpson's 'Who Steered the Gravy Train' from *Scotland in the Age of Improvement*.