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Papers of Professor David Abercrombie

Gen. 986 - Gen. 1055

Personal material (documents, diaries etc.) is contained in Gen. 986 to Gen. 989, followed by material relating to his involvement in university or departmental administration (Gen. 990 to Gen.997). Lecture and tutorial notes and other academic notes are in Gen. 998 to Gen. 1000, followed by material relating to areas on which Abercrombie's research was particularly focused (Gen. 1001 to Gen. 1004). Gen. 1005 to Gen.1021 contain material relating to his publications and broadcast talks and to the Classics of Linguistics series of which he was one of the editors.

The considerable correspondence has been organised into five categories: 1) personal, non-academic, correspondence (Gen. 1021); 2) files containing substantial correspondence with particular individuals (Gen. 1022 to Gen. 1036); 3) occasional correspondence, mostly on academic related matters (Gen.1037 to Gen.1039); 4) correspondence relating to spelling reform and basic English (Gen. 1040 to Gen.1041); and 5) correspondence with publishers (Gen. 1042 to Gen. 1043). In each of the first three groups the letters have been arranged alphabetically by the name of the correspondent, except for a few letters where the correspondent has not been securely identified (placed at the end of Gen. 1039). There are also some letters in Gen. 986. Gen. 1044 to Gen. 1055 contain material on a variety of topics.

Gen. 986	The Abercrombie family; personal documents and papers.
Gen. 987	Diaries 1937-1990.
Gen. 988	Further diaries, membership and ID cards, passports.
Gen. 989	University diaries and address lists.
Gen. 990	Visits and posts abroad - Ford Foundation, India, Thailand, Rhodesia, Norway, USA in 1957 and 1969.
Gen. 991	Papers relating to universities other than Edinburgh: Legon (Ghana), Ibadan (Nigeria), Glasgow, Rhodesia, Athens, Leeds, London School of Economics.
Gen. 992	University of Edinburgh committees etc.: Development Committee, Staff Club, Speech Therapy.
Gen. 993	Minutes of staff meetings of the Phonetics Department 1955-66 and of the amalgamated Phonetics and Linguistics Department 1973-1980.
Gen. 994	University and Departmental correspondence.

- Gen. 995 Phonetics Department: general records, information bulletins, laboratory bulletins, departmental administration 1967-79, speech synthesis research, forensic phonetics.
- Gen. 996 Course organisation: Phonetics Ordinary Course, postgraduate phonetic courses, Linguistics 2, Phonetics for Romance languages, Glasgow phonetics course, Linguistics 1.
- Gen.997 Exam papers: Fuad University, Leeds University, miscellaneous. University of London thesis by Afaf M.E.-S. El-Menoufy: A Study in the role of intonation in the grammar of English.
- Gen. 998 Teaching notes, undergraduate and postgraduate. Lectures: introduction to linguistics; and introduction to the study of language.
- Gen. 999 Lecture notes. Notes for the Phonetics Summer School.
- Gen.1000 Biographies, addresses, reading notes, notes for papers.
- Gen. 1001 Notes and papers relating to phonology.
- Gen. 1002 Notes and papers relating to Standard English, dialects, English and Scottish pronunciation, English for foreign students. Notes and papers relating to languages other than English.
- Gen. 1003 Notes and papers relating to phonetic notation and writing systems.
- Gen. 1004 Notes and papers relating to the history of phonetics and history of linguistics.
- Gen. 1005 Publications - pre-war.
- Gen. 1006 Publications - 1945-50.
- Gen. 1007 Publications - 1951-53.
- Gen. 1008 Publications - 1954-57.
- Gen. 1009 Problems & principles in language study, 1956.
- Gen. 1010 Publications - 1958-63.
- Gen. 1011 Augmenting the Roman Alphabet, 1963.
- Gen. 1012 English Phonetic Texts, 1964.
- Gen. 1013 Publications - 1964-67.
- Gen. 1014 Studies in Phonetics & Linguistics, 1965.
- Gen. 1015 Elements of General Phonetics, 1967.
- Gen. 1016 Publications - 1968-72.
- Gen. 1017 Publications - 1973-79.
- Gen. 1018 50 years in Phonetics, 1991.
- Gen. 1019 Miscellaneous duplicated papers. Contributions to dictionaries: International Dictionary of English Pronunciation; OED Supplement; Collins International Dictionary. Articles for the Pergamon Encyclopedia of Linguistics.
- Gen. 1020 Notes and text on William Holder (intended for publication but included in *Historiographica Linguistica* article 1993). Miscellaneous notes. Broadcast talks. T. McArthur - The Gift of tongues, 1981.

- Gen. 1021 Correspondence relating to the Classics of Linguistics series. Personal (non-academic) correspondence.
- Gen. 1022 Correspondence - substantial files: A - Ber.
- Gen. 1023 Correspondence - substantial files: Bie - BBC.
- Gen. 1024 Correspondence - substantial files: British Council.
- Gen. 1025 Correspondence - substantial files: British Institute - Chang.
- Gen. 1026 Correspondence - substantial files: Cherry - D.
- Gen. 1027 Correspondence - substantial files: E - F.
- Gen. 1028 Correspondence - substantial files: G - Henderson.
- Gen. 1029 Correspondence - substantial files: Higgs - Iles.
- Gen. 1030 Correspondence - substantial files: International - Kelly.
- Gen. 1031 Correspondence - substantial files: Kemp - Laver.
- Gen. 1032 Correspondence - substantial files: Linguistic - McClure.
- Gen. 1033 Correspondence - substantial files: McIntosh - Mueller.
- Gen. 1034 Correspondence - substantial files: Nihalani - Robins.
- Gen. 1035 Correspondence - substantial files: Romaine - Speitel.
- Gen. 1036 Correspondence - substantial files: Spencer - York.
- Gen. 1037 Correspondence - occasional correspondence: A - J.
- Gen. 1038 Correspondence - occasional correspondence: K - R.
- Gen. 1039 Correspondence - occasional correspondence: S - Z, and unidentified correspondents.
- Gen. 1040 Spelling reform proposals: correspondence on this with Sir James Pitman.
- Gen. 1041 Basic English: correspondence with C.K. Ogden, M. Haymon and others.
- Gen. 1042 Correspondence, etc., with the Edinburgh University Press.
- Gen. 1043 Correspondence, etc., with other publishers.
- Gen. 1044 Articles etc. received from other authors. Journal of the International Phonetic Association, vols. 17-19 (1987-89).
- Gen. 1045 Papers, minutes etc. relating to the Linguistic Survey of Scotland.
- Gen. 1046 Grosvenor Crescent gardens, Edinburgh - correspondence, minutes etc.
- Gen. 1047 House in France; Confrérie des Chevaliers de Tastevin.
- Gen. 1048 Miscellaneous audio-tapes.
- Gen. 1049 Miscellaneous audio-tapes. Portrait of Henry Sweet.
- Gen. 1050 Press cuttings, some broadly classified.
- Gen. 1051 Press cuttings, some broadly classified.
- Gen. 1052 Press cuttings.
- Gen. 1053 Miscellaneous photostats of alphabets and writing systems.
- Gen. 1054 Lists of Phonetics postgraduate students.
- Gen. 1055 Index box containing slips on private pupils, books read and bought, etc.

The great majority of the work done in sorting and listing this collection was done by Mr J.A. Kemp.

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