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The papers of William Amhurst Tyssen Amherst, 1st Baron Amherst of Hackney (1835-1909) includes invoices and correspondence from Quaritch and other booksellers relating to the formation and the later sale of Amherst's extensive library, 1856-1908, correspondence on bibliographical matters; general correspondence and family letters; correspondence and papers relating to the management of Amherst's estate, Diddlington Hall, Yorks, and to the Home Farm; papers and legal documents collected in the course of genealogical research into Amherst family.

Material ranges in date from 1640 to 1917 but chiefly covers the period from the 1850's to 1909.

Extent: 29 boxes. 11.5 linear ft.

Acquired in 1982 from Jonathan Hill and Sotheby's. Additional genealogical material and papers dealing with estate management was acquired by Hackney Public Record Office in England.

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CHRONOLOGY FOR LORD AMHERST OF HACKNEY

- 1835 Born April 25, at Narford Hall, Norfolk, son of William George Daniel-Tyssen (1801-1855) and Mary Fountaine (d. 1854).
Attended Eton College.
- 1852 Took name of Tyssen-Amhurst.
- 1853 Graduated from Christ Church College, Oxford.
Toured the Continent and probably also Egypt.
- 1855 Inherited title from his father and Diddlington Hall, Yorks, and Foulden Hall, Thetford, Norfolk.
- 1856 Married Margaret Susan Mitford (1835-1919), daughter of Admiral Robert Mitford, of Hunmanby Hall, Yorks and Mitford Castle.
Began building his library and art collections.
- 1857 Mary Rothes Margaret (oldest child) born; married Lord William Cecil, 1885; died 1919. (His six other daughters were: Sibyl Margaret, Florence Margaret, Margaret Mitford, Alicia Margaret, Geraldine Margaret, and Beatrice Margaret, died 1881).
- 1866 High Sheriff for Norfolk.
- 1877 Changed name from Tyssen-Amhurst to Tyssen-Amherst.
- 1880-1885 M.P. for West Norfolk.
- 1885-1892 M.P. for S.W. Norfolk.
- 1892 Created Baron Amherst of Hackney.
- 1898 Published History of Union Lodge, Norwich (privately printed) with Hamone Lestrangle.
- 1899 Published The Amherst Papyri, being an Account of the Egyptian Papyri in the Collection of Lord Amherst, by P.E. Newberry.
- 1900 Published The Amherst Papyri, being an Account of the Greek Papyri ..., by B.P. Grenfell and A.S. Hunt. 2 vols.
- 1901 Published a translation and edition of a Spanish manuscript in his library: The Discovery of the Solomon Islands, by Alvaro de Mendana written in 1568. This work was also issued by the Hakluyt Society.
- 1906 Published Handlist of the Books and MSS belonging to Lord Amherst of Hackney, by Seymour de Ricci (privately printed).
Sale of library announced, due to dishonesty of a solicitor in managing estate and trust funds.

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- 1908 Caxtons sold to Pierpont Morgan.
December 3-5, sale of library by Sotheby's. Other collections of paintings and antiques sold by Christie's, December 11.
- 1909 January 16, Amherst died. Daughter, Mary Cecil, inherited. March 24-27, second part of library sold.

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Correspondence and invoices from booksellers, 1856-1908.

Boxes 1-3 Correspondence with Bernard Quaritch, his son, Bernard A. Quaritch and Michael Kerney, 1858-1908.

Box 1 1858-1880

Box 2 1881-1895

Box 3 1896-1908

Boxes 4-9 Quaritch invoices, 1856-1908

Box 4 1856-1873

Box 5 1874-1879

Box 6 1880-1889

Box 7 1890-1894

Box 8 1895-1899

Box 9 1900-1908; Invoices to Lady Amherst, 1872-1875

Boxes 10-14 Invoices and a few letters from other booksellers to Amherst, 1853-1904 chronologically and then alphabetically arranged. Includes invoices for objets d'art and other items, and invoice from C.F. Molini to J.R. Daniel Tyssen, 1835.

Box 10 1853-1881

Box 11 1882-1895

Box 12 1896

Box 13 1897-1899

Box 14 1900-1904

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Boxes 15 -17 Amherst Library. Includes catalogue of Amherst Library, correspondence about the sale of the library; notes about and pictures of the books in it; catalogues of other libraries and collections.

Box 15 Catalogues of Amherst Library: list of pamphlets, Didlington Hall, catalogue of Egyptian and miscellaneous books, chemical composition of various substances; catalogues by shelves; The Amherst Library by Alicia M. Cecil (typescript); list of books exhibited at North Walsham; clipping about sale of library. Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge, A Classified List of the Books ... of Lord Amherst of Hackney's Library, 1908-1909. Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge. Catalogue of the Magnificent Library ... of ... Lord Amherst of Hackney, 1908-1909. Handlist of Amherst Library, lists of names for distribution of copies. Correspondence re distribution of handlist (letters from Abbott, Aldenham, Carysfort, Aude, Chatelaine, Clay, Cowley, Deissmann, Delehay, Delisle, Dickson, Duff, Esdaile, Egerton, Ehrle, Fortescue, Galbraith, Guppy, Hart, Hoe, Jenkinson, Kenyon, Lindsay, Marchal, Messer, Nash, Johnson, Nicholson, Perrot, Pollard, Rosenthal, Sayle, Vine, Warner); correspondence with Sotheby's about the catalogue; correspondence and papers re sale of library (letters from Abbott, Aude, Chatelaine, Clay, Cowley, Delehay, Dickson, Esdaile, Egerton, Ehrle, Galbraith, Guppy, Hart, Hoe, Jenkinson, Johnson, Kenyon, Lindsay, Marchal, Messer, Nash, Nicholson, Perrot, Pollard, Rosenthal, Sayle, Vine, Warner).

Box 16 Transcript of: Elizabeth I. Important proclamation forbidding ministers to preach without license December 27, 1558; Amherst's notes about his books; photos of Caxton's Boethius; notes on Amherst Papyri, Caxton's Boethius, the Book of Common Prayer, Coverdale Bible, Cranmer's Bible, Milton's Paradise Lost, 1667, the State Papers; notes on binding exhibition, 1891, a lecture, his library; extract from insurance policy on his library; facsimiles of letters taken from Wynken de Worde; photos of Caxton's Boethius, of Thomas à Kempis manuscripts; bibliographical clippings and clippings about other topics; biographical information; probate value of some of the books; books to be added to the catalogue; list of some of the books in the library of the late Rev. R.N. Taylor; notes about a sale 1894; extracts from The Amherst Papyri, by Grenfell and Hunt; prospectus for the Amherst Papyri by Newberry.

* two photos of unidentified printed works

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Box 17 Catalogue of Books in Hunmanby Hall, 1845; Catalogue of Books in Hunmanby Hall (no date); Catalogue of the Tyssen Library ... 1888; Butcher, Rainthorpe Hall, A Catalogue of the Valuable Antique Furniture ... 1878; Christie, Catalogue of the Important Collection of ... William Stephen Sandes, esq., 1867; Sotheby, Catalogue of a Collection of Inscribed Babylonian Terra-cotta Tablets ... 1887; Sotheby, Catalogue of a Portion of the Library of the late P.J. Selby, esq. ... 1893; excerpts from booksellers' catalogues that Amherst bought or considered buying; Mr. Thoresby to Mr. Ray ... list of local words; Meadows Taylor, True Translation of a Mahratta Address to Captain Meadows Taylor ... 1857 and the original Nulldroog address; Adams, Two Papers Read before the Canterbury Chamber of Trade, 1902; Faith and Infidelity, part I (concluded), 1848; A Form of Service on the Occasion of ... Prince of Wales, 1872; Hackney Church Act, 1789-90; Beechey, The History of a Lost Deed, 1888; Arthur H. Clark Company, Catalogue of the Publications; railroadiana: An Answer to the Thirteen Articles by the Petty Constables ... 1798.

Boxes 18-21 Correspondence, alphabetically arranged, by booksellers (except Quaritch) agents, bookbinders, scholars, etc. Some letters are grouped according to subject but are inter-filed alphabetically: the Amherst Papyri (letters from Newberry, Harrison); the New Town Hall (letters from Ellis, Tanner); the Samaritan Manuscript (letters from Bergheim, Black, Mills, Shellaby, Wright); the Scots Testament (letters from Blackwoods, Dickson, Gregor, Law, Lothian, Morgan, Smith); the Tyndale Memorial (letters from Birch, Carter, Edwards, Freemantle, MacGregor, Postans, Stocker, Thompson, Waterfield).

Box 18 A-D Includes letters from Birdsall, Bonomi, Bullen, Burke, De Ricci, Duff.

Box 19 E-L Includes letters from Edwards, Eyre, Gould, Halliwell, Kitchener.

Box 20 M-S Includes letters from Mitford, Pettigrew, Petrie, Pollard, Shaftesbury, Skeat.

Box 21 T-Z Includes letters from Taylor, Veitch, Wolff, Woods.

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B. AMHERST FAMILY PAPERS

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Amherst Family Papers. Family correspondence has letters from Amherst, Cecil, Daniel Tyssen, Fountaine, Mitford; letters about wine and madeira to Admiral Mitford, and about silkworms to Lady Amherst; a notebook on silkworms; letters to Lady Amherst about her book, In a Good Cause, published in 1885 to raise money for the Children's Hospital in Hackney; letters from Aide, Augustop, Bainbridge, Beechey, Caldecott, Callow, Carter, Collins, Darton, Ellis, Finn, Goldsmith, Hoey, Holzmam for the Prince of Wales, Howard, LeStrange, Montagu for Princess Christian, Phillips, Pocklington, Ralston, Rider Haggard, Rousley, Salisbury, Smith, Tayler, Temple, Troubridge, Wade. Draft of obituary for Charles Amherst Daniel Tyssen, and for John Robert Daniel Tyssen, uncles of Amherst.

Boxes 23-24

Genealogical Papers and Family Legal Documents. Papers and correspondence relating to the Amherst and Tyssen family, 1863-1902. Includes notes and extracts from a variety of sources; a notebook of references to the Amherst family; correspondence on genealogical matters, 1863-1902, from Auchinaty, Burnett, Coleman, Crosthwaite, King, Kirk, Lane, Moore, Papworth, Rylands, Steadman; lease, W.G. Daniel Tyssen for 39 Belgrave Square, London, 1840; conveyance of land from Amherst to William Cecil, 1887. Documents relate to the Blair, Drysdale, Ogstoun, Osbaldeston, and other families, 1640-1833, presumably collected during genealogical research on the Amherst and Mitford families.

Box 23

Genealogical papers, 1640-1862. Seisen giving title to property in Edinburgh to Robert Man, 1640. Oath at admission as burges of Edinburgh and guild brother taken by Hugh Blair, 1668. Oath at admission as burges of Edinburgh and guild brother taken by Alexander Ogstoun, bookbinder 1680. Document testifying to good character of Alexander Ogstoun, signed by mayor and magistrates of Aberdeen, 1686. Oath at admission as burges of Edinburgh and guild brother taken by Thomas Drysdale, locksmith, 1707. Oath at admission as burges of Edinburgh and guild brother taken by John Blair, merchant, 1709. Bill of sale for the ship "The Peter and Mary"; Gideon Leglize and John Testas, merchants of London, May 8, 1711. Seisen giving title of tenement in Edinburgh to Margaret Ogston, wife of John Blair, 1720. Document signed by Dudley Ryder, attorney general, requesting a Tales de circumstantibus (i.e. authority to make up a jury from those present in court) for the case brought by James Burrow against Thomas Cockerill for claiming to be baliff of Scarborough although previously impeached in the county of York, Hilary Term [1737]

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Summons to appear at the County of York assizes held at the castle of York, March 9, and to testify in the case brought by James Burrow against Thomas Cockerill. Feb. 12, 1741. (Blank spaces left for names of those to whom the summons was to be sent). Oath at admission as burges of Edinburgh and guild brother taken by James Drysdale, watchmaker, 1743. 6 A.L.S. from F.W. Osbaldeston, Lincoln's Inn, London to his brother George Osbaldeston at Hunmanby, Yorks, 1762. With these a receipt signed by Robt. Mitford for interest paid by Wm. Osbaldeston, 1726. Ages of the Mitford family, 1791. A.L.S. from Samuel Tyssen to Joseph Millar, 1794. Probate of the will with codicil of James Drysdale ... 1814. The Directors & Trustees of the Philanthropic Annuity Institution London to Grizel Drisdale, 1815. Account of monies received and paid ... Alexander Drysdale ... 11th August 1815 & 11th August 1833 by James Dunsmure ... Account of monies received and paid ... Margaret Drysdale ... 29th Decem. 1814 and 20th October 1823 by James Dunsmure. Account of monies received and paid ... James Drysdale ... 29th Decem. 1814 and 11th August 1825. Account of monies received and paid ... John Drysdale ... 11th August 1815 and 1st November 1828. Account James Dunsmure ... Susannah Drysdale ... 26 February 1823 ... to 17 Oct. 1829. Account of monies received and paid on account of James Drysdale ... 11th August 1825 and 31st January 1826 by James Dunsmure. I, James Drysdale ... 8th February 1826. Account of monies received and paid ... Margaret Drysdale ... 20th October 1823 and 12th October 1827. I, Margaret Drysdale ... 23d October 1827. Account of monies received and paid ... James Drysdale ... 31st January 1826 and the 25th June 1830. Account of monies received and paid ... John Drysdale ... 1st November 1825 and 11th Aug. 1831. Grenada. Know all men ... James Drysdale ... 4th June 1831. I, John Drysdale ... 15th August 1831. Mitford family, reproduction of coffin plate. Osbaldeston Family, reproduction of coffin plates. Photo of Hunmanby Hall, Yorks, home of Admiral Mitford. Photo of the Old Manor-house, Hackney. Photo of Andreas Fountaine.

Box 24

Genealogical papers, 1863-1902. Notes and extracts re Amherst Family. Chapter House books, Pepingbery magna (no date); notes and extracts on Amherst family, 1189-1483 (transcribed 1887); notes and extracts, 1330-1558; notes and extracts, 1469-1591; translation: Be It Remembered ... Th. Amherst ... 1506; extracts re Amherst

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family, Acta Curia Rochester 1562.3.4. & 1565; extract, 28 November 1526, 7 Henry VIII Pelyngbury; treasury receipt ... Begham & Pepynsbery-Court Rolls Hen VII 1502; license of alienation for Thomas Waller ... 1596 (with translation); transcript, Inquisition, 9 November 1634 Richard Amherst; notebook of research on Amherst Family, compiled by S.H. Moore; one A.L.S. from J. Denny Gedge to Lord Amherst, 1900, with photo of Bayhall; correspondence re genealogical research from Burnett, Auchinaty, Coleman, Crosthwaite, King, Stedman, Moore, Kirk, Lane, Mitchell & Hughes, Papworth, Rylands; invoices, statements, genealogical notes; William George Daniel Tyssen, lease for 39 Belgrave Square, London, 1840; conveyance of land from William Amhurst Tyssen Amherst and Langham Carter to Lord William Cecil, 1887; mould for crest, from Willy, Xmas & New Year 1898/9.

Box 25

Amherst Estate Papers. Correspondence and papers relating to the management of Didlington estate and the Didlington Home Farm: letters from Buckland, Chapman, Day, Gripper, Isley, Kett, Morgan, Oldfield, Paul, Penrice, Stocking, Wallis; Didlington Estate papers; game and wildfowl killed on Didlington Hall estate; keeper's instructions; livestock, Didlington home farm; plants; Foulden Hall sale, 1895; correspondence about boat from Captain Penrice, from crew; blueprint for raft seat; document in Spanish about Dream, Amherst's yacht; notes about land purchases; miscellaneous financial papers; Tyssen Amherst Estate, Solicitors Report and Forecast, 31 December 1884, Cheston & Sons; broadside for Gala at Didlington ... 1887; scale plan of Old Didlington Hall; proposed plans for new laundry at Didlington Hall, 1880 (3 drawings); architectural detail, window heads to ground floor, Home Farm, Didlington; plan for engine house with letter from Gripper; correspondence about the restoration of Didlington Church; fragment of floor plan for the house at Saint-Raphael; receipt for preparing plans and specification for ... Court Lodge, 1874-5; photo: the large stone, pine, Bertaud near San Tropez (3 prints); design for over left-hand gate; two unidentified photos.

C. MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

Box 26

Miscellaneous papers, manuscript and print: programme [for concert] September 25; broadside, County of Norfolk, Swaffham Prison, a calendar of prisoners ... 1866; High Sheriff of Norfolk, letter from Sedgwick, 1866; letter from Taylor, 1865; other papers re High Sheriff; expenses for volunteers, 1860; invitations including one from Balfour; papers about his European travels; notes, receipts; bookplates of Margaret Susan Mitford and Margaret Mitford; unidentified drawings; drawing of tapestry; photos of tapestry; sketch by Professor Hughes of the skeleton found in the barrow at Bodney; tracing of plan of Lima; sketch of coins; poem, Didlington Park 1873; Egyptian photographs;

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photo of Amherst, and of Lady Amherst and him; six photographs of Malta, six prints each; separate envelopes, covers and autographs; clippings, prints, vignettes; ephemera.

Box 27 Prospectuses for memberships and subscriptions; a few letters.

Box 28 Envelopes with stamps *Transferred to Ephemera*

Box 29 Research notes for FLIS paper on Amherst by M. Distad, 1984.