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These are principally the papers of David Angus, civil engineer, 1855-1926, covering the whole of his professional career, most of which was spent in South America, in railway and harbour construction and as manager of a large mining company. He also surveyed a railway from Swakopmund to Otavi in Namibia. In addition to technical information on the business and economic history of South America, those papers contain a great deal of personal and private detail of family life there in the late 19th and early 20th century. A detailed curriculum vitae of David Angus will be found in no.7.

The arrangement is as follows:

- 1-2 Letters of David Angus to his wife Mary Wilson. These relate mainly to the period of separation before their marriage while Angus was working on the Victoria and Natividade Railway in Brazil before 1886, and to the times he spent on the survey of the Otavi railway in Namibia, 1892-3, but they include a great deal of information about Angus' other works in the Argentine, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Chile.
 1. 1882-6.
 2. 1887-1923.
3. Letters of Mary Angus to David Angus, 1882-1914.
4. Letters to the Angus' children, mostly from their parents, and mostly to their eldest daughter Nancy, 1901-40.
5. Letters of David Angus to his parents, 1886-9.
Letters of Mary Angus to her mother, 1886-8, with some replies.
Other family letters to Mary Angus, 1887, 1904-23.
Miscellaneous family letters mostly from David or Mary Angus, 1886-1908.
Letters to David and Mary Angus from their children, 1897-1938.
6. General business correspondence of David Angus, 1882-1925, much of it concerning the sale of his South American property after 1909.
7. Testimonials, 1882-6, 1894, and curriculum vitae of David Angus.
8. Papers, reports and plans relating to Brazil. These relate to Angus' early stay in Brazil, 1882-4, and to the O Triangulo Mineiro railway project in the state of Minas Geraes in which Angus was interested in 1925 just before his death.
9. Papers, including maps, bridge drawings, and printed items relating to Angus' work in Argentine, mostly on the survey of the Monte Cuman estate, 1886-7.
- 10-16 Papers, notebooks etc, relating to the survey done by Angus for a narrow gauge railway from Swakopmund on the coast of Namibia to the mines at Otavi, 1892-3.

10. Diary and survey notebook, 25.10.92 – 6.12.92.
11. Diary and survey notebook, 7.12.92 – 5.1.93.
12. Diary and survey notebook, 6.1.93 – 2.2.93.
13. Diary and survey notebook, 2.2.93 – 15.3.93.
14. Official correspondence relating to Damaraland (northern Namibia), 1892-3, and printed maps, with MS plans of several of the more difficult passages for the railway, with some preliminary survey notes, Nov 1892.
15. Papers relating to Damaraland, including instructions for the survey, and papers relating to later operations of the South West Africa Company, 1892-1907.
16. Triangulation survey and general survey Swakopmund to Otavi, 1893.
17. Papers, maps, and photographs relating to Angus' affairs in Vraguay and Paraguay, 1886, 1927.
18. Papers, plans etc, relating to the Arauco Co in Chile of which Angus was general manager from 1894-1909.
19. General maps of South America, and miscellaneous papers, several relating to oil prospecting in Bolivia, 1923, and to coalfields in Alberta, n.d.
- 20-26 Diaries of David Angus
 20. 1882-3, 1889-93, with gaps
 21. 1886-7.
 22. 1886-7.
 23. Jan-Feb 1887.
 24. 1888-9.
 25. 1894.
 26. 1911-15, 1919-20.
27. Notebook, 1880, consisting mainly of letters of Thomas Stevenson concerning a sewerage scheme at Duns.
28. Field notebook for the Monte Cuman survey 1887.
29. Field notebook for the Monte Cuman survey 1887-9.
30. Papers of Mary Angus including her autobiography, her general correspondence, 1891, 1893, 1914, 1921-31, some relating to the sale of the Paraguayan property, testimonials, 1880-84, and the text of a broadcast about her, made by her daughter Mrs Anne Proctor, 1949.

Letters to Mrs Proctor from her sisters June Stevenson, 1944, and Jean Tatham, n.d., the latter mostly about life in Chile.

Miscellaneous papers relating to Archibald and Stewart Angus, 1908, 1912, 1915.

K G, Rhymes and Jingles of the Censorship, n.d., and Lisa Isidor, A Selection from Annals of the Censorship, n.d.

- 31. Diary of Mary Angus, 1903.
- 32. Diary of Mary Angus, 1906.
- 33. Mary Angus' list of luggage for her return home from Chile to Great Britain, 1909.
- 34. Letters and papers of Duncan Angus, a gold prospector in Alaska, 1898, 1903, 1911.

Correspondence of Thomas C Wilson, civil engineer, 1906, some concerning his brother Hugh, and some the earthquake at Valparaiso.

Letters, photographs, and papers of Hugh Wilson, Bolivia, 1900-01.

- 35. Diary of Hugh Wilson, May-Sept 1900, mainly concerning his journey from Edinburgh to Bolivia.
- 36. Typescript copy of the diary of Jessie Graham, nurse in the Angus family, 1904-5.

'Spare notes for Family Book' by Mrs Anne Proctor.

- 37. 'Letters from South America, 1882-1909', typescript of a book compiled by Mrs Anne Proctor from the correspondence in this collection.