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Personal and political diaries, 1879-1905, and correspondence and papers, 1914-1919, of Thomas Lennox Gilmour, CBE (1859-1936), barrister, journalist, businessman and public servant. Gilmour was Private Secretary to Archibald Philip Primrose, 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Rosebery from 1884 to 1903, and his diaries deal mostly with his work for Rosebery. During the First World War he served as Secretary of the War Savings Committee, 1915, and was involved heavily in war propaganda activities culminating in service as Assistant Secretary of the Department of Information, 1916-17. He was Secretary to the Rhodes Trust, 1916-19, and a Director of the Trans-Zambesia Railway Company, established in 1919.

*Presented, 1984 and 1985, by J S L Gilmour Esq, Cambridge.*

1. Diary, 20 April – 27 September 1879, covering the period when Gilmour was a bank clerk in Nottingham.
2. Diary, Nottingham, 1 October 1879 – 17 July 1880, and Edinburgh, 23 October 1882 – 28 November 1884, the latter period covering his studies at Edinburgh University, freelance journalism for *The Scotsman*, and his appointment, through the recommendation of its editor, Charles Cooper, as secretary to Rosebery.
3. A fragment of diary, Mentmore, 7-12 February 1885, giving Gilmour's impressions of 'the gorgeousness of the place', and recording Rosebery's activities during this period.
4. Diary, 26 October 1885 – 14 September 1886, largely on the political activities of Rosebery, Gladstone and other leading Liberals during this period.
5. Fragments of diary, 8 April 1905, recording a visit to, and political conversation with Rosebery; 23 May 1905, on an Ethiopian Railway project; and July 1905, on a visit to Norway and conversations with the Norwegian foreign minister and prime minister on the dissolution of the union with Sweden.
- 6-10. Correspondence and papers, 1914-15, mostly concerning the visit of Gilmour to the USA in September-October 1914 with the authors, Sir James M Barrie and A E W Mason, mainly concerning Gilmour's reports on and efforts to influence American opinion on the War.
6. Correspondence, 1914-15, with or concerning Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British Ambassador to the USA.

- 7-8. General correspondence of Gilmour, 1914-15, mostly concerning the private American mission.
  7. 1914.
  8. 1915.
9. Gilmour's personal memoir of the visit, 1914, and private reports, 1914-15, mostly on American opinion.
10. Press cuttings on the visit, 1914; list of saloon passengers on RMS "Lusitania", New York to Liverpool, 14 October 1914, including Barrie and Gilmour.
11. Memorandum and Articles of Association, indentures and contracts, etc [printed] of the Trans-Zambesia Railway Company Limited, incorporated 24 December 1919.