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Papers of the families of William Bottomley and William Barlow, 1836-1924, n.d. The two families were related by marriage: William Bottomley the younger (1850-1912) married Annie, daughter of William H Barlow, FRS (1812-1902). The Bottomleys were also related to Lord Kelvin's family: William Bottomley the elder (1817-1857) married Anna Thomson, Lord Kelvin's sister. The younger Bottomley became Kelvin's assistant.

1	WILLIAM BOTTOMLEY THE ELDER
2-5	WILLIAM BOTTOMLEY THE YOUNGER
6-11	LORD KELVIN
12-14	WILLIAM HENRY BARLOW
15-19	FAMILY AND MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

1. Letters, 1843-57, n.d., to William Bottomley the elder, merchant in Belfast, including letters from Robert Thomson in Australia.
2. Degrees and testimonials of William Bottomley the younger, 1869-89.
3. Letters to William Bottomley, 1872-1912, n.d. They include letters and papers about laying cables in the West Indies in 1874-5.
4. Report, 1875, to the Central American, West Indian and Panama Telegraph Companies on the cable laid between Pará and Demerara.
5. Press-cuttings and obituaries of William Bottomley, 1912, n.d.
6. Letters, 1852-1915, n.d., of Lord and Lady Kelvin, mostly to William Bottomley the younger and his wife.
7. Transcripts of the proceedings in the case Thomson v Batty, 1888, concerning the infringement of Kelvin's patent for a mariner's compass.
8. Obituaries, appreciations, and miscellaneous papers of Lord Kelvin, 1907, n.d.
- 9-10. Photographs of Lord and Lady Kelvin and members of their family.
11. Printed material relating to Lord Kelvin.
12. Press-cuttings and miscellaneous papers concerning W H Barlow and his plans for the Tay Bridge, 1887, 1902, n.d.
13. Photographs of bridges (mostly the Tay Bridge).
14. Photographs of the Barlow family.

15. General family correspondence, 1836-1924, n.d.
16. Album of family photographs, 1887-8.
17. Photographs of India.
18. Miscellaneous family photographs.
19. Miscellaneous papers, 1853-1906, n.d.