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Correspondence and papers, 1863-1978, of John Buchan, 1st Baron Tweedsmuir, author and Governor-General of Canada (henceforth in this list, JB), his wife Susan, née Grosvenor, Baroness Tweedsmuir, novelist (SB), and their family, chiefly John Norman Stuart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron Tweedsmuir (JNSB); correspondence and papers, 1924-40, of James Walter Buchan (JWB), brother of JB and historian of Peeblesshire; and literary papers, 1920-45, of Anna Buchan, 'O. Douglas' (AB), author and sister of JB. The papers have been arranged in the sections detailed below. Material now in this collection was formerly Accs.9058 and 11513. For a collection of Buchan correspondence and papers received earlier from the family, see Acc.6975. JB's drafts and final copies of his private reports from Canada to Kings George V, Edward VIII and George VI, 1935-40, are Acc.11738.

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**1-24. JB and SB family correspondence and papers**

1. Letters of JB to Susan Grosvenor, later Buchan, 1905-6.
2. Letters of JB to SB, 1907.
3. Letter (1) of JB to SB, 1907.
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8. Letters of SB to her mother and family, 1907.
9. Letters of JB to his mother, Helen Buchan, 1915-16, 1935-37.
10. Letters of JB to JNSB, 1930, 1934-6.
11. Letters (12), 1931-9, but mostly 1937-9 and from Canada, of JB to JNSB.
12. Letters of JB to JNSB, 1937-8, 1940.

13. Letters of SB to JNSB written from Canada, 1935-40.
14. Letters of SB to JNSB, 1940-50.
15. Letters of SB to JNSB, 1951-75.
16. Letters of SB to JNSB, 1934-76.
17. Letter of SB at Elsfeld, Oxfordshire, May 1938, to JB in Canada.
18. Letters of JNSB to JB and SB, *ca.* 1926-31.
19. Letters of JNSB to JB and SB mostly written during his service as a District Officer in Uganda, 1934-6.
20.
  - (i) Letters of JNSB to SB and JB, 1937-8.
  - (ii) Letters (5) of JNSB, in the Canadian Army, to SB, 1943-4.
21. Letters to SB from her mother, Mrs Norman Grosvenor, *ca.* 1935-9.
22. Letters of Mrs Grosvenor to her grandson, JNSB, 1936-40.
23. Letters, 1882-1908, of and to General Sir Reginald Talbot, uncle of SB; includes one letter of JB to Gen. Talbot.
24. Miscellaneous Buchan & Grosvenor family papers:
  - (i) Buchan family tree, 1725-1922, probably compiled in the 1920s.
  - (ii) A letter of David Buchan, Edinburgh, to JB, at Brasenose College, on his father's executry, 1898.
  - (iii) A letter of JB to his mother, from Canada, 1924.
  - (iv) A fragmentary text, typescript with manuscript notes, of a lecture on Scottish poetry, n.d.
  - (v) Union Castle menu cards on RMS 'Walmer Castle', July 1902 (JB on passage to South Africa).
  - (vi) List headed 'Buchan Library', n.d. but *ca.* 1927-34.
  - (vii) Copies of papers about Peter, 7<sup>th</sup> Baron King of Ockham (1776-1833), biographer of Locke, given to SB by her aunt Mary, Lady Fortescue.

25-34 **JB speeches and lectures**

25. Speeches on the women's suffrage question, 1911.
26. General political speeches, 1913-34, n.d.
27. Papers relating to JB's maiden speech in the Commons, 1927.
28. Speeches on the Palestine question, 1932-3, n.d.

29. Correspondence with J Ramsay Macdonald: (i) a letter to the Prime Minister, 25 April 1934 with a memorandum on 'The condition of England'; and (ii) a letter of Ramsay Macdonald to JB, 19 Nov. 1934, with corrections and comments on a draft message to the Universities Conservative Conference in Edinburgh, Jan. 1935.
30. A file of historical lectures:
- (i) 'The Study of History', 1921.
  - (ii) 'The Teaching of History', 1927.
  - (iii) 'Highland and Lowland', 1928.
  - (iv) 'Oliver Cromwell', 3 lectures, n.d.
31. University lectures, 1927-32:
- (i) 'Moderation', Glasgow, 1927.
  - (ii) 'The Future of Western Democracy', Edinburgh, 1928.
  - (iii) 'The Meaning of a University', Belfast, 1931.
  - (iv) 'Truth and Accuracy', Aberdeen, 1932.
32. Speeches, 1924-8:
- (i) Toast to 'The Empire', 16 Feb. 1924.
  - (ii) A speech on the Anglican Prayer Book revision issue, probably intended for the Commons debate, June., 1928.
  - (iii) 'Unionism in Scotland', a speech to the Glasgow Conservative Club, 22 Feb. 1928.
33. An address (several copies) to the Montreal Council of Reformed Churches, 1937.
34. Various lectures, n.d.:
- (i) 'Adventurers All'.
  - (ii) 'The Revision of Dogmas'.
  - (iii) 'John Bunyan'.
  - (iv) 'The Written and the Spoken Word'.
- 35-55 **Miscellaneous correspondence & papers**
35. A manuscript journal of JB of a continental tour, n.d. but ca.1897-1900; the volume also contains some miscellaneous verses and prose.
36. Commission, 1863, to the Hon. Norman de l'Aigle Grosvenor to be a Lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards.
37. A box of letters and papers, 1917-19, labelled "Alastair Buchan, 1894-1917", probably assembled by Walter and Anna Buchan and concerning their brother who was killed near Arras on the Western Front in 1917; includes some maps and photographs.

38. A Masonic certificate issued to William Henderson Buchan in Calcutta, 1908.
39.
  - (i) South Africa, 1901-3: JB's passes, permits and war medal ribbons (2).
  - (ii) First World War: JB's passport and military or diplomatic permits, 1915-19.
  - (iii) A wireless licence, 1926, in the name of SB.
40. Some First World War papers of JB:
  - (i) A letter, Nov. 1915, of Stair Gillon, 87<sup>th</sup> Brigade, to JB.
  - (ii) A paper [1918], on 'The British Military Achievement', probably by JB.
  - (iii) A printed paper, 'Issues of the War', on British naval achievements.
  - (iv) Papers relating to the condition and strength of the Allied forces, and the effects of the blockade on Germany.
41. A trench map, O.S. France Sheet 28 S.W., April 1917.
42. Photograph of Lieutenant Alastair Ebenezer Buchan (*cf.* 37, above), brother of JB (d.1917).
43. Certificate of commission by Albert, King of the Belgians, 1917, of Lieut.-Colonel John Buchan, then Director of Government Information, to be *Officier de l'Ordre de la Couronne*.
44. A volume of papers of or relating to Brigadier-General Cecil Rawlings, explorer and friend of JB who was killed in action in Oct. 1917 comprising: an account of the operation of Gen. Rawlings 62<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade near Croisilles, Mar.-April 1917; a letter of Rawlings to JB, 9 Aug. 1917, enclosing an aerial photograph of the Hindenburg Line opposite his section of the front; and JB's obituary in *The Times* with other related letters.
45. Photographs of JB's brother Alastair (d.1917) and of his son Alastair Francis (1918-76), writer on strategic and international affairs.
46. A volume, with JB's bookplate, containing typescript copies of letters from the Western Front of Captain Francis Octavius Grenfell V.C., killed in action, 1915; and of Capt. Riversdale Nonus Grenfell, 9<sup>th</sup> Lancers, killed in action, 1914.
47. Buchan family postcard album, with cards mostly addressed to Alastair Buchan, *ca.*1904-6; with two photographs.
48. Album of photographs and press-cuttings of the peace celebrations in Peebles, Aug 1919.
49. Order of Service for a memorial service for Lieut. Hon. Edward W. Tennant, killed in action, 22 Sep. 1916.

50. Correspondence of JB, 1907-23, relating to his directorship of Thomas Nelson and Sons, Lrd, Publishers, Edinburgh; with an obituary (5 copies) of Thomas Arthur Nelson, probably by JB, reprinted from *The Times*, April, 1917.
51. Typescript copies of the letters, 1925-35, of T.E. Lawrence, during his period as 'Aircraftman Shaw', to JB; with a letter of David Garnett concerning his edition of the Lawrence letters.
52. Letters (2) to JB, 1938; from two admirers of his novels; with a photocopy of a letter of JB, April, 1937, to a friend, Alexander Fraser, Alsask, Saskatchewan, giving his reactions to his official visit to the USA, and his impressions of President Roosevelt.
53. Letters (6) to SB, 1935-6; with a mock obituary (9 copies) entitled 'E[dward] M[ontagu] W[ood] An Appreciation'.
54. Journal notes of SB, 1946-53.
55. A copy of *The Times* obituary of SB, 30 Mar. 1977.
- 56-66 **Canadian Papers**
56. Three letters with a photograph relating to the sale of Sphinx Island, British Columbia (gifted to SB by the Government of B.C. in 1939).
57. Correspondence, papers, photographs and map relating to Sphinx Island, 1954-78.
58. A further file of Sphinx Island correspondence, 1975-6.
59. A letter to William Buchan, Indian Civil service, brother of JB (d.1912), relating to the Stuart family, ancestor of the Buchans.
60. The itinerary, Aug. 1936, of the Tweedsmuir's' tour of Western Canada.
61. Copy of an open letter of JB to the Canadian sporting magazine *Rod and Gun*, Dec. 1936, on the conservation of Canadian wildlife.
62. Brochure for Norada Mines Ltd. (copper mines and smelter in North West Québec) presented to the Governor-General on his visit, Jan. 1936.
63. Article on a visit to Tweedsmuir Park by SB, 1938.
64. A packet of personal photographs mostly taken during JB's tour of the Canadian North, 1937.
65. SB's personal memoir of the visit of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth to Canada, 1939.

66. The forward by SB to a biography of Leonard Brockington; with a copy of a letter of the latter, 1961.

67-78 **Miscellaneous Buchan family letters & photographs**

67. Four letters, 1901-2, 1913, 1937, of JB to Anna Buchan (AB).

68. Two letters, 1901, 1912, of JB to William Buchan, I.C.S.

69. (i) Letter of his mother, Mrs Helen Buchan, to JB, 1912.  
(ii) Letters (2 each) of AB and Helen Buchan to SB, 1906, 1912.  
(iii) Letter of SB to Helen Buchan, 1937.

70. Nine photographs (damaged) of JB's parents, the Revd. John and Helen Buchan, née Masterton.

71. Six letters, 1936-40 of AB to her nephew, JNSB.

72. Two letters, 1936 and n.d., but the second written during the war (1939-45), of William Buchan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lord Tweedsmuir, to his brother, JNSB.

73. Letters, 1935-54, of his brother, Professor Alastair Buchan, to JNSB.

74. Letters of condolence received by SB on the death of JB, 1940.

75. Letters of condolence, 1940, received by JNSB.

76. A file of photographs of or concerning JB.

76a Photographs and postcards, c.1905-1940, including a number of snapshots from an ocean liner voyage and of Canada.

77. Photographs of JB and the Buchan family to 1940; with the Orders of Service for the funeral service of JB, Ottawa, 14 Feb. 1940, and the memorial service in Westminster Abbey, 22 Feb. 1940.

78. Cuttings from the Canadian press, 1940, relating to the death of JB.

79-102 **J Walter Buchan Papers**

79. Letters of JB to JWB, 1924-36.

80. Letters of JB (Canada) to JWB, 1937.

81. Letters of JB (Canada) to JWB, Jan.-Aug. 1938.

82. Letters of JB (Canada) to JWB, Sep.-Dec. 1938.

83. Letters of JB (Canada) to JWB, Jan.-June, 1939.

84. Letters of JB (Canada) to JWB, July 1939 – Feb. 1940.
85. Glasgow University degree of Master of Arts in favour of James Walter Buchan, 1902.
86. Letters of Rev Dr Robert Alexander Cameron MacMillan, a close friend of the Buchan family, to JWB, 1911-16. The letters of 1911 are from South Africa, where the writer was then Minister of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Johannesburg; letters of 1915-16 are mostly from the Western Front.
87. A box of letters and memorabilia of R A C MacMillan, 1915-16: after service as a Chaplain, he had enlisted as an infantry officer in the Seaforth Highlanders and was killed in action in France, 11 April, 1917.
88. The typescript and final privately printed edition of a memoir of R A C MacMillan commissioned by his family; the printed book includes the text of the memorial service address by JB.
89. A letter of William Lyon Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, to Helen Buchan.
90. Eight letters of SB to JWB, with a copy of her article, 'Tweedsmuir Park', in the *National Geographic Magazine*, 1938.
91. Eight letters of JNSB to JWB and AB, 1937.
92.
  - (i) Letters and telegram (12) , from RMS 'Duchess of Atholl' and from Canada, 1936, of AB and their mother, Helen, to JWB.
  - (ii) Letters and telegram (13) of or concerning Alastair Buchan to his uncle, JWB, 1936-9.
  - (iii) Letter of Brian Fairfax-Lucy to JWB, 1938.
93. JWB's 'Memo of trip to Canada', 1936
94. Miscellaneous printed papers and ephemera of JWB and AB relating to their visit to Canada and the USA, 1936-9; includes Government House programmes of functions and visits with JB.
95. Printed ephemera of JWB relating to his voyage to North America by Nord-Deutcher Lloyd liner, 1936.
96. JWB's Canadian visit, 1939: Canadian Pacific Line and other printed ephemera.
97. Six packets of snapshots taken in Canada, probably during JB's tour of the Western and Northern provinces [1937].
98. A collection of cuttings and printed ephemera assembled by JWB, and relating to JB, 1931-8.
99. Index to titles held by J. & W. Buchan, Solicitors, Peebles, n.d.



100. A letter, 1965, of Leonard W. Brockington to SB relating to Janet Adam Smith's biography of JB.
101. A charcoal and chalk sketch entitled [by JSNB] 'Uncle Willie at Oxford', ie William Buchan (d.1912).  
A photograph, probably JB in dress uniform, during his service as Assistant Private Secretary to Lord Milner in South Africa, 1901-3.  
Bookplate for JWB: signed by Harold Nelson.
102. A box of legal and financial papers, various dates, of J.& W. Buchan, Solicitors, Peebles, or belonging to JWB or AB.
- 103-107 **Miscellaneous papers of or relating to JB**
103. Private investments book of JB, 1925-30.
104. Screenplay for a film version of JB's, *The Thirty Nine Steps* by Michael Robson.
105. Directions for a film version of *The Thirty Nine Steps*.
106. Scroll of degree of D.Litt *honoris causa* awarded to JB by the University of Columbia, USA, 1934.
107. Certificate confirming the naming of the steamer 'Lord Tweedsmuir', Aug 1955.
- 108-120 **Literary papers of Anna Buchan ('O. Douglas')**
108. The corrected typescript of the posthumous *Farewell to Priorsford*, Lond., 1950, containing five short stories, an unfinished novel, biographical introduction by A.G. Reekie, memoirs by SB, Lady Alice Fairfax-Lucy (sister), Christine Orr, and William Crichton.
- 109-115. Novel mss. of AB, 1920-40, as listed below.
109. *Olivia in India* (1933) and *Penny Plain* (1920).
110. *Anna and her Mother* (1922), and *Priorsford* (1932).
111. *The Proper Place* (1926).
112. *Eliza for Common* (1928).
113. *Taken by the Hand* (1934).
114. *Jane's Parlour* (1937).
115. *The House That's Our Own* (1940) and 'The Wintry Years'.
116. Script of AB's autobiography, *Unforgettable, Unforgotten* (1945).

117. Lectures and addresses:
- 'Dorcas, Acts, ix, 36:43'.
  - 'Christ and the Common People'.
  - 'Gallio' [ie. L. Junius Gallio, Acts 18:12].
  - 'Experiences in India, Oct 07 – May 08'.
  - 'Hannah More'.
  - 'Mrs Oliphant'.
  - 'Religion and the Drama'.
  - 'Christina Rossetti'.
  - 'Women Philanthropists'.
118. Short stories and other writings:
- 'A Talk About Books'.
  - 'The Destruction of the Poor'.
  - 'An Echo'.
  - 'Penny Plain' – one-act comedy play.
  - 'Sardines'.
  - 'Writers and Readers'.
  - 'To be a Pilgrim', probably a review of a Scots play.
  - 'Marigold'.
  - Copy of AB's address as Warden of Neidpath (Peebles Common Riding).
119. Letter, 4 Sep. 1937, of Edith Baldwin to AB; with various incomplete or unidentified short articles, reviews or lectures, and printed ephemera.
120. Workbooks of AB (in 11 volumes).