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## **Inventory**

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**Papers of the family of Cathcart of Cathcart  
Lords, Viscounts and Earls Cathcart  
c.1380 – c.1910**

**Including the papers of  
General the Hon. Sir George Cathcart (1794-1854)**

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These papers were deposited by the seventh Earl Cathcart in 2006.

**Extent:** 22 metres

### **Historical Note:**

These papers of the Cathcart family of Cathcart, Lords, Viscounts and Earls Cathcart and Lords Greenock, cover from the late 14<sup>th</sup> century to the first decade of the twentieth century.

The main figures represented are:

- Charles Cathcart, 8<sup>th</sup> Baron (succeeded 1732, d.1740). Appointed Commander-in-Chief of all British forces in America in 1740, but died on the voyage out. Married Marion Schaw/Shaw, only child of Sir John Schaw and Lady Shaw (nee Margaret Dalrymple) of Greenock.
- Charles Schaw Cathcart, 9<sup>th</sup> Baron (b.1721, succeeded his father 1740, d.1776). Wounded at Fontenoy, and thereafter nicknamed "Patch". Ambassador to Russia, 1768-1772. Married Jane Hamilton, daughter of Lord and Lady Archibald Hamilton, and sister of Sir William Hamilton.
- William Schaw Cathcart, 10<sup>th</sup> Baron, first Viscount, first Earl Cathcart, first Baron Greenock (b.1755, succeeded his father 1776, d.1843). Commander-in-Chief in Ireland, 1803-1805, Commander-in-Chief in Scotland, 1806-12, Commander-in-Chief of the Expedition to Copenhagen, 1807, Ambassador to Russia, 1812-1820. Married Elizabeth Elliot, cousin to the first Earl of Minto, lady-in-waiting to Queen Charlotte.
- Charles Murray Cathcart, second Earl (b.1783, succeeded his father 1843, d.1859). Governor of Edinburgh Castle and Commander of the Forces in Scotland, 1837-1842, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief British North America, 1846-1849. Geologist. Married Henrietta Mather.
- The Hon. Sir George Cathcart (1794-1854). Third son of the first Earl Cathcart. A.D.C. to Wellington at Waterloo. On military service in Canada, 1838-1841. Governor and Commander of the Forces at the Cape of Good Hope, 1852-54. Killed at Inkerman in the Crimean War. Married Lady Georgiana Greville, his cousin. One of his children was Emily Cathcart, Maid of Honour and then Woman of the Bedchamber to Queen Victoria (d.1917).
- Alan Frederick Cathcart, third Earl (b.1828, succeeded his father 1859, d.1905). Married Elizabeth Mary Crompton, daughter and heiress to Sir Samuel Crompton, first and last baronet.

### **Arrangement:**

The Cathcart papers were surveyed in 1951 by the National Register of Archives (NRA 3495; copy in Acc.12686/39). Note of damage sustained in a fire in 1939 was recorded there. Since 1951, the papers have been moved several times, and the 6<sup>th</sup> Earl Cathcart (1919-1999) in the course of his researches undid most of the bundles and rearranged material. This means that the 1951 order cannot, for loose documents, be resurrected in any meaningful way. Bundles have also lost their labels, or been allocated erroneous labels. The extremely poor condition of a good number of documents (and to a much lesser extent, volumes) means that that material in this category cannot be made available to users.

It is also the case that certain papers listed in 1951 have not been transferred to the National Library of Scotland.

The current arrangement begins with the 1951 sections A and B, although several items recorded in 1951 are not now present. Then some miscellaneous manuscript material in volume form is listed. The arrangement thereafter is largely chronological, with the exception of the following:

1. Letters from members of the British royal family, 1791-1837 (Acc.12686/40 to Acc.12686/42)
2. Material relating to Sir Samuel Crompton (d.1848), father of the wife of the third Earl, and the Crompton family (Acc.12686/101 to Acc.12686/102)
3. Material relating to General the Hon. Sir Henry Murray (1784-1860) (son of the second Earl of Mansfield by his wife Louisa, Countess of Mansfield in her own right and daughter of the 9th Lord Cathcart) and his immediate family (Acc.12686/103)
4. Material relating to Major-General the Hon. Sir George Cathcart (1794-1854) (son of the first Earl), his wife and cousin Lady Georgiana (nee Greville, daughter of Louisa, Countess of Mansfield in her own right and daughter of the 9th Lord Cathcart, by her second husband) and his children, in particular their daughter Emily (Acc.12686/120 to Acc.12686/146). There is also printed material relating to Sir George Cathcart in Acc.12686/98 and Acc.12686/100
5. Pictorial material (Acc.12686/110 and Acc.12686/111)

Where items recorded in 1951 still exist as identifiable units, the 1951 reference numbers are noted in square brackets after the brief description (e.g. [C51]).

## **INVENTORY:**

- 1 Photocopies of modern publications about the Cathcart/Murray genealogies, and Cathcart biographies.  
General orders for Forces (Horse and Dragoon regiments) in the Low Countries, 1707-1709. 7 vols [A1 to A7];  
Summary of orders and events before the action at Mons, and Charles, eighth Lord Cathcart's travels in Europe afterwards. 1 vol. [A8];  
Diary or Journal kept by Lord Cathcart, 1709-21, 1725-1727, 1728-1732, 1734-1739. 13 vols [A10-A12; A14-20; A22-A24]
- 2 Diary or Journal kept by Lord Cathcart: Transcript, 1709-28. 16 vols. [A25-A40]
- 3 Diary or Journal kept by Lord Cathcart: Transcript, 1728-38. 17 vols. [A41-A57]
- 4 Diary or Journal kept by Lord Cathcart: Transcript, 1738-39. 5 vols. [A58-A62];  
Extracts made by the third Earl Cathcart in 1896 from the Diary to illustrate the part of the Scots Greys in Marlborough's wars and in the Rebellion of 1715. 1 bundle [A63];  
Orders and instructions relating to the expedition to the West Indies, under Lord Cathcart's command, with various notes on fortification. 1 vol. [A64]
- 5 Charles, ninth Lord Cathcart, Orders, camps in the Low Countries, 4 sections of a book, with covers missing. [A65];  
Journal by Jane Hamilton, Lady Cathcart, 1745-1771, in 24 notebooks [A66];

Meditations by Lady Cathcart, 1746-1749, in one notebook [A66];  
Lady Cathcart's accounts of family expenses, 1764-1768, in one notebook [A66];  
copy of schoolboy letters from Archibald Hamilton to his sister Jane, Lady Cathcart,  
1739-1743; copy of part of Lady Cathcart's Journal for 1771; Jane, Lady Cathcart,  
Memoranda of St Petersburg, March 1769 to 26 July 1770

- 6 Charles, ninth Lord Cathcart, Journal of events during the expedition against Quebec, 1 May to 10 September 1759, and Journal of events of the siege of Bergen-op-Zoom, July to September 1773. [A68]
- 7 Journal of the Siege of Schweidnitz, by M. de Gribeauval [A69]
- 8 Lord Cathcart as Ambassador at St Petersburg. Account book, 1767-1771 [A71]
- 9 Lord Cathcart as Ambassador at St Petersburg. Letters from Secretaries of State, 1768-1772 [A72]
- 10 Lord Cathcart as Ambassador at St Petersburg. Letters from Secretary of State's office, 1769 [A73]
- 11 Lord Cathcart as Ambassador at St Petersburg. Letters from Secretary of State's office, 1770-71 [A74]
- 12 Lord Cathcart as Ambassador at St Petersburg. Letters to British agents, 1769-1770 [A75]
- 13 Lord Cathcart as Ambassador at St Petersburg. Letters from other ambassadors and agents, 1768-1772 [A76]
- 14 Lord Cathcart as Ambassador at St Petersburg. Letters from John Murray at Constantinople, 1770-1771 [A77]
- 15 Lord Cathcart as Ambassador at St Petersburg. Letters from other ambassadors, 1770-1772 [A78]
- 16 Lord Cathcart as Ambassador at St Petersburg. Letters from other ambassadors and agents, 1770-1772 [A79]
- 17 William Cathcart, 10<sup>th</sup> Lord, later first Earl. Military detail (1801) [A81]
- 18 William Cathcart, 10<sup>th</sup> Lord, later first Earl. Commander-in-Chief in North Europe. General orders for forces in Bremen, 1805-1806 [A82]
- 19 William Cathcart, 10<sup>th</sup> Lord, later first Earl. Commander-in-Chief in North Europe. Letters to the King's ministers, etc. (carbon copies) [A83]
- 20 William Cathcart, 10<sup>th</sup> Lord, later first Earl. Commander-in-Chief in North Europe. Letters to the King's ministers, etc. (carbon copies) [A84]

- 21 William Cathcart, 10<sup>th</sup> Lord, later first Earl. Commander-in-Chief in North Europe. Letters, May-July 1807, December 1805-January 1806 [A85]
- 22 William Cathcart, 10<sup>th</sup> Lord, later first Earl. Commander-in-Chief in North Europe. Orders issued by the King of Sweden and Lord Cathcart, July-October 1807 [A86]
- 23 William Cathcart, 10<sup>th</sup> Lord, later first Earl. Commander-in-Chief in North Europe. Letters of John Macdonald, aide to Lord Cathcart, June-October 1807 [A87]
- 24 William Cathcart, 10<sup>th</sup> Lord, later first Earl. Commander-in-Chief in Scotland. Letters concerning promotions, etc., 1806-1811 [A88]
- 25 William Cathcart, 10<sup>th</sup> Lord, later first Earl. Commander-in-Chief in Scotland. Minutes of letters received, and copies of letters sent, 1806-1808 [A89]
- 26 William Cathcart, 10<sup>th</sup> Lord, later first Earl. Commander-in-Chief in Scotland. Letters on military business, 1806-1808 [A90]
- 27 William Cathcart, 10<sup>th</sup> Lord, later first Earl. Commander-in-Chief in Scotland. Letters on military business, 1808-1809 [A91]
- 28 William Cathcart, 10<sup>th</sup> Lord, later first Earl. Commander-in-Chief in Scotland. Letters on military business, 1808-1812 [A92]
- 29 William Cathcart, 10<sup>th</sup> Lord, later first Earl. Commander-in-Chief in Scotland. Letters on military business, 1809-1810 [A93]
- 30 William Cathcart, 10<sup>th</sup> Lord, later first Earl. Commander-in-Chief in Scotland. Letters on military business, 1810-1812 [A94]
- 31 William Cathcart, 10<sup>th</sup> Lord, later first Earl. Ambassador to Russia. Letters from the Foreign Office, 1812-1815 [A95]
- 32 William Cathcart, first Earl. Ambassador to Russia. Letters from the Foreign Office, 1816-1818 [A96]
- 33 William Cathcart, first Earl. Ambassador to Russia. Letters mainly to Lord Castlereagh, 1815-1818 [A97]
- 34 Journal of Lady Mary Cathcart, 1819 [A100];  
Diary of William, Earl Cathcart, 1839-1843 [A101-A105]  
SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. NOT TO BE ISSUED.
- 35 Charles Murray Cathcart, later second Earl Cathcart, volume of copy letters, July 1845-August 1846, while in Canada [A106]
- 36 Pocket book of Canadian statistics, c.1845 [A107], one volume;  
"List of trees and shrubs planted at Cathcart from 1826 to March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1828", one volume;  
Lady Cathcart's housekeeping accounts, 1761-1766 [B2], one volume;

Address of inhabitants of Montreal on second Earl's departure from Canada, 1847 [C90], scroll;  
 Collection for a memoir of my late father, begun 1859, by the third Earl Cathcart [F6], one volume;  
 Lady Cathcart's account of the character of her daughter Isabel, who died aged 5 (1856) [F7], one volume;  
 Ladies Louisa and Mary Cathcart, volume concerning the deaths of friends and relatives, 1846-1867 [F11], one volume, with loose inserts of letters, etc.;  
 Four songs, words by Lord Cathcart, music by R. Sloman, 1869 [F14], one volume;  
 "Canadian melodies", with letter dated 31 August 1871, signed C.S. Stanley [F15], one volume;  
 "List of specimens of ores, rocks, minerals, etc. etc. collected or given to me, Augusta Sophia Cathcart", one volume;  
 Sketches and historical notes, mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, one volume;  
 Account of "your ladyship's brother" [brother of Jane, Lady Cathcart?], late 18<sup>th</sup> century, signed George Lytton, one volume;  
 Earl Cathcart's passport, issued in 1884, one volume;  
 Third Earl Cathcart's notebooks, two volumes;  
 Diaries, 1849, 1850, 1851, three volumes;  
 "Mr Punch's Pocket Book, 1871" [G16], one volume;  
 "Concerning the family pictures", late 19<sup>th</sup> century, one volume;  
 "Prayer composed by Dr Webster for Miss Cathcart, immediately after Mrs Graham's death", 1792, one volume;  
 "A copy of the sermon, preached, at Dunkeld, upon January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1791, by George Baird", at the funeral of Jane, Duchess of Atholl (nee Cathcart);  
 Manuscript notebook, dated 1754, signed by Robert Napier, giving military directions.

- 37 Volume of miscellaneous extracts, printed material, etc. [E4]
- 38 Volume of transcripts from the Cathcart Papers, 1387 to 1800.
- 39 Writs showing the antiquity of the family of Cathcart, 1387-1753, one volume [F1]; index of family charters and deeds, by Thomas Smith, late 18<sup>th</sup> century, one volume [F2];  
 Letters patent of George II appointing the 9<sup>th</sup> Lord Cathcart as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 1755. Single sheet, folded, with seal (damaged). [C4];  
 Letters patent of George II appointing the 9<sup>th</sup> Lord Cathcart as Lord High Commissioner to the general Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 1756. Single sheet, folded, with seal (damaged). [C5];  
 Returns relating to men and horses of Lord Cathcart's Regiment of (1<sup>st</sup>) Carabiniers, 1733-1738. Volume with loose documents inserted. [C3];  
 NRA 1951 list, 2 copies, one lacking last leaf;  
 North Riding of Yorkshire County Record Office, records relating to the North Riding Wood End estate of the Crompton and Cathcart families deposited by the Rt. Hon. the Earl Cathcart, 1970;  
 Photocopy of list of West Riding Cathcart material at Leeds City Libraries, deposited there by Lord Cathcart in 1970, comprising more detailed listings of categories E58-E75, E77, E100, E17, E104 of the NRA 1951 listing;

Extract (printed) from the Historical Manuscripts Commission second report, Appendix, pp24-30, on the Cathcart papers. By Alfred J. Horwood.

- 40 Elizabeth, Lady Cathcart. Correspondence with Queen Charlotte and other members of the royal family, 1791-1801 [C8] and 1803-1804 [C9]
- 41 Elizabeth, Lady Cathcart. Correspondence with Queen Charlotte and other members of the royal family, 1805-1812 [C10], and some modern transcripts
- 42 Elizabeth, Lady Cathcart. Correspondence with Queen Charlotte and other members of the royal family, 1814-1837 [C11] and notes on the contents of /40 above [C12]
- 43-
- 45 Mainly pre-1720 material [including C2, D4-D25, E3]
- 46 Lady Archibald Hamilton correspondence, c.1723-c.1753; memorials and papers by Lady Schaw in a cause with Shaw Stewart, 1712-1754 [E6]; further Schaw/Shaw material, 1715-1759 [E7]
- 47 Mainly 1720s [including D26-D29, D31-D34]
- 48 Mainly 1730s [including D36, D39, D42, D45]
- 49 Mainly 1730s, loose documents; mainly 1740s [including D46, D55]
- 50 1746-1749 [material from D54 conserved by the National Archives of Scotland]; material relating to a process brought by John Chalmer of Gadgirth against the 9<sup>th</sup> Lord Cathcart, 1642-1744 [E1]
- 51 Mainly 1750s
- 52 Mainly 1760s
- 53 Mainly 1760s [including conserved material from C7 and D68]
- 54 1767 [conserved material from D68, mainly relating to the Devon river navigation]
- 55 Mainly 1770s
- 56 Mainly 1780s
- 57 Mainly 1780s [including material from D77 and D78]
- 58 Mainly 1790s [including D86 and D90]
- 59 Mainly 1790s [including D88 and D91]
- 60 1796-1803 [C15-C17]

- 61 1803-1804 [C18, C20]
- 62 1805-1806 [C22, C24, C25, and two bundles without numbers]
- 63 1806-1807 [C28 (two), C29-C32]
- 64 1807 [C33, C35]
- 65 1807-1808: three unnumbered bundles
- 66 1801 [C97], 1807-1808 [C36-C38, C40-C41]
- 67 1807-1809 [C34, D99]
- 68 1800-1809 [including D95-D96]
- 69-
- 70 1800-1809: two boxes of loose documents
- 71 1812 [C42-C45]
- 72 1812 [C45, C47, C48]
- 73 1810-1812: loose documents
- 74-
- 76 1813: three boxes of loose documents [including D100 in /76]
- 77 1814: loose documents
- 78 1815: loose documents
- 79 1816-1818: loose documents
- 80 1819: loose documents
- 81 1819-1824 [D109]; 1820 [D103]; 1820: loose documents
- 82 1821 [D104]; 1821: loose documents; 1820-1822: first Earl's pension [C74]; 1822: loose documents
- 83 1823-1829 [including D108]
- 84 Letters to and from the Duke of Wellington, 1820s; bundle, 1826-1829; bundle of mainly army appointment requests, 1818-1838
- 85 1830-1842 [D111, D112, D118, D119]
- 86 1830 [D114]; folder, 1830-1836; folder, 1834-1836; folder, 1836-1838



- 87 1830s: loose documents
- 88 Folder of 1843 letters; folder of 1837-1844 letters; folder of 1844 letters on military offenders; two folders of Canadian material, 1845-1847; folder of letters, 1847-1848; folder of letters, 1849-1853
- 89 1840s: loose documents
- 90 Letters patent appointing Lord Cathcart Governor in Chief in Canada. [C87] DAMAGED. NOT TO BE ISSUED
- 91 1850s: loose documents
- 92 1860s; 1870s: loose documents
- 93 1880s: loose documents
- 94 1890s: loose documents
- 95 1900-1910: loose documents
- 96 Undated manuscripts; miscellaneous mss notes; mss scraps, etc.
- 97 Undated manuscripts; miscellaneous mss notes; mss scraps, etc. Printed pamphlet material germane to the Archive, including Sir George Cathcart material
- 98 Printed ephemera, including Sir George Cathcart material
- 99 Typescripts relating to the 8<sup>th</sup> Lord Cathcart and the Hon. Charles Allan Cathcart (1759-1788); and to various later nineteenth-century Cathcarts
- 100 Typescripts relating to Sir George Cathcart and the second Earl Cathcart
- 101-
- 102 Two boxes of material relating to Sir Samuel Crompton and other members of the Crompton family
- 103 Material relating to Sir Henry Murray, his wife Emily, sister Caroline, his brother George and son Arthur. (Murray letters to his half-sister Georgiana, wife of Sir George Cathcart, are in the Sir George Cathcart sequence, and Murray's letters to other Cathcart family members are in the main Cathcart sequence.)
- 104 Volume of Cathcart family charters, 1387-1645
- 105-
- 107 Three scrap books, c.1900
- 108 Cathcart family tree
- 109 Large vellum documents in a tube. DAMAGED. NOT TO BE ISSUED

- 110–  
111 Two boxes of pictorial material
- 112–  
114 Three archival boxes of badly damaged documents. DAMAGED. NOT TO BE ISSUED
- 115–  
119 Three plastic skips and 2 tin trunks of smoke damaged documents, mainly estate and financial papers. DAMAGED. NOT TO BE ISSUED
- 120 Sir George Cathcart and Lady Georgiana Cathcart: documents prior to 1830. Includes “Memoranda relative to Russia, 1816”, with a modern typescript version of this, and “Campaign of Lutzen and Boutzen, 1813, Chap. 1”.
- 121 Sir George Cathcart: “Notes relative to the Campaign in Russia, 1812”;  
Sir George Cathcart: “Sketches and plans in illustration of my notes relative to the campaigns in Russia ...”;  
“The Military Journal and Correspondence of George Cathcart (1794-1854) A.D.C. to the Duke of Wellington, describing the campaigns of Dresden, Leipsig and Waterloo, 1813-1815” (modern typescript);  
Pocket book of maps of central Europe, c.1811 (printed);  
Commonplace book of Lady Georgiana Greville (later Cathcart), dated 20 July 1816
- 122 Sir George Cathcart and Lady Georgiana Cathcart: documents, 1830-1835.
- 123 Sir George Cathcart and Lady Georgiana Cathcart: documents, 1834-1838.
- 124 Sir George Cathcart and Lady Georgiana Cathcart: documents, 1839-1840.
- 125 Sir George Cathcart and Lady Georgiana Cathcart: documents, 1841-1845. Includes “Memoranda relative to Canada”, 1845 and a typescript version of the same.
- 126 Sir George Cathcart and Lady Georgiana Cathcart: documents, 1846-1851. Includes a folder of letters from the Duke of Wellington, 1847-1851.
- 127 Sir George Cathcart: volume containing copies of letters and memoranda, 1847-1851.
- 128 Sir George Cathcart and Lady Georgiana Cathcart: loose documents, 1852; folders of documents arranged monthly, January – May 1852.
- 129 Sir George Cathcart: folders of documents arranged monthly, June - October 1852.
- 130 Sir George Cathcart and Lady Georgiana Cathcart: folders of documents arranged monthly, November – December 1852; *Correspondence with the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope relative to the State of the Kafir Tribes ...* (London, 1852) (printed, one volume); loose documents, 1853.

- 131 Sir George Cathcart: folders of documents arranged monthly, January – April 1853.
- 132 Sir George Cathcart: folders of documents arranged monthly, May – August 1853.
- 133 Sir George Cathcart: folders of documents arranged monthly, September – December 1853.
- 134 Sir George Cathcart: journal 1852-1854.
- 135 Sir George Cathcart and Lady Georgiana Cathcart: loose documents, 1854; Crimea maps, 1854.
- 136 Sir George Cathcart: folders of documents arranged monthly, January – May 1854.
- 137 Sir George Cathcart: letter book March 1852 – March 1854.
- 138 Sir George Cathcart: letter book March – May 1854. See also 145.
- 139 Sir George Cathcart and family: undated loose material, but thought to date from before his death.
- 140 Sir George Cathcart and family: family material from after his death, 1850s.
- 141 Sir George Cathcart and family: family material from after his death, 1860s and 1870s.
- 142 Sir George Cathcart and family: family material from after his death, 1880-1905.
- 143 Sir George Cathcart: material for a biography. See also 146.
- 144 *Crimean Graves: Ode* (printed);  
Lady Georgiana Cathcart's passport, 1861;  
*Report on the Crimean Cemeteries* (London, 1873) [C.719];  
scrapbook of Crimean material;  
album of drawings by Sir George Cathcart;  
two volumes of drawings by Emily Cathcart;  
commonplace book of Emily Cathcart.
- 145 Sir George Cathcart: letter book July-August 1854. With 1883 additions by Emily Cathcart. See also 138.
- 146 Bound volume of material for a biography of Sir George Cathcart, two chapters on the Crimea. See also 143.