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Journals, letters, manuscripts, notes, verse, and other papers, 1928-1967, undated, of and relating to Alastair Cram, Lawyer and Judge in Kenya [1909-1994].

Alastair Cram was educated at Perth Academy and Edinburgh University and started his working life as a solicitor in private practice at the Scottish Bar. In the Second World War he saw service with the Royal Regiment of Artillery and SAS during which time he was taken prisoner and was involved in several successful escapes. Alastair Cram was awarded the Military Cross in 1945. In peacetime, he served as a Judge in Kenya and, in 1965, was Governor-General of Malawi. Alastair Cram was also a notable climber, traveller and athlete.

The papers relate largely to Alastair Cram's climbing activities and wartime escapes.

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- 1 Incomplete typescript journal, 1934-1935, of a tour from Perth to Austria, Switzerland and Italy and of climbing in the Bernina Alps, Austria [Tschierva]
- 2 Diary of an 'Easter Climbing Camp, 1935' in Glen Etive, Braemore, Forest of Assynt and Loch Naver in Sutherland and Ben Nevis
- 3 Account, undated, by Alastair Cram of his years of imprisonment and escape attempts during World War II
- 4 Manuscript and typescript notes, undated, on wartime escapes and climbing expeditions
- 5 Annotated typescript notes, undated, on how to escape from prisons
- 6 Notebook, undated, entitled 'Climbing Notes Mountaineering' but actually relating to Alastair Cram's wartime experiences
- 7 Notebook, undated, entitled 'Mountaineering Lecture Notes' but actually relating to Alastair Cram's wartime experiences
- 8 Photocopies of 'Draft: Note of Escapes', undated. With a letter of Isobel Cram, 2006
- 9 Notes, in manuscript and typescript on 'Planning', undated
- 10 Incomplete typescript, undated, of 'Frontiers and Feelings' a lecture by Alastair Cram
- 11 'Prisoner of War Escape Maps' and camp manufactured compass, undated
- 12 Letters, typewritten copy of citation, and press cuttings relating to Alastair Cram's Military Cross and other decorations, 1946-1961, undated

- 13 Letter, 1952, of Basil Goodfellow, Secretary of the Alpine Club, to Alistair Cram, concerning the 1953 Everest Expedition. With printed panorama of the Lahul region of the Himalayas, 1956
- 14 Annotated typescripts of three poems and extracts of poems, published in *The Student*, the Edinburgh University student magazine, 1929-1934, by Alastair Cram
- 15 Printed extracts of articles, poem by Alastair Cram and press-cuttings relating to his climbing activities in Scotland and the Alps, 1929-1935
- 16 Press-cuttings, 1928, concerning a climbing accident in the Cairngorms to Thomas Baird and Hugh Barrie. Alastair Cram was involved in the attempted rescue.
- 17 Press-cuttings, 1945-1967, from East African newspapers, relating largely to court cases in Kenya and Malawi.