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W & A K Johnston Ltd

Records of W & A K Johnston Ltd, geographical and educational printers and publishers, Edinburgh, including correspondence and papers of the Johnston family, ca. 1796-1931.

Johnston Family Papers

- 1-3 Volumes containing [pasted in] letters, papers, photographs, and miscellanea of or concerning various members of the family, ca. 1796-1902.
1. Papers, mainly of the following Johnstons:
 - (a) Andrew (1771-1844), commissary for the French prisoners of war at Perth Depot, letters, 1810-14, largely of or concerning the prisoners.
 - (b) Archibald, Surgeon, RN (1800-43), letters, naval papers, and sketches, 1834-43, n.d.
 - (c) Sir William, Lord Provost of Edinburgh (1802-88), and his second wife, letters, papers, and press-cuttings, including letters, papers, and printed election squibs on Edinburgh local politics.
 - (d) Alexander Keith, Geographer (1804-71), letters, papers and press-cuttings of and concerning, 1844-72, n.d.
 - (e) Alexander Keith, Junior, Geographer and East African Explorer (d. in Tanganyika, 1879), son of above, letters, photographs, maps, and press-cuttings, largely concerning his expedition, 1878-98, n.d.
 - (f) Miscellaneous letters, papers, cards, and miscellanea of the Keith Johnstons, and their relatives the Ainslie and Galland families, 1824-1917.
 2.
 - (a) Thomas Brumby, brother of Sir William and A Keith, and a partner in the firm, letters, papers, drawings, etc, 1846-97.
 - (b) Archibald, Helen Jane, William, Thomas Ruddiman, Margaret Isabella, James Wilson, John Keegan, and Rosie Marr, children of above, papers, drawings and miscellanea of, ca. 1875-1906.
 - (c) George Harvey, son of T B, managing director of W & A K Johnston, and family historian, letters, papers and miscellanea, 1860-1917.
 3. Album of family photographs, including photographs of older paintings and miniatures, mid-19th – early 20th cents.

- 4-7 'The Johnstons', a family history in manuscript, compiled from original sources [largely collected in 1-3 supra] by George Harvey Johnston, early 20th cent.; in four volumes.
4. Volume I: general notes on the name of Johnston, and biographical accounts of the following:
- Andrew (1731-99);
 - Mrs Wilson, née Margaret Johnston (1761-88);
 - John, Banker (1763-88);
 - Jean (1776-?)
 - Andrew (1771-1844);
 - Dr Archibald, Naval Surgeon (1800-43);
 - Sir William, of Kirkhill, Lord Provost, incorporating a full copy of his diary [original stated to be destroyed], 1826-33.
5. Volume II:
- Sir William (1802-88), diary (cont) 1833-44, and further biographical account to 1888;
 - Alexander Keith, LL.D (1804-71);
 - A Keith, Junior (1844-76)
 - Grace Keith, authoress;
 - Mrs Ainslie, née Keith Johnston.
6. Volume III:
- Mrs Ainslie [cont] 1839-85;
 - Gulland family;
 - Thomas Brumby (1814-97);
 - Archibald's. of former (1844-?);
 - Shepherd family;
 - William (d.1863);
 - Thomas Ruddiman (1849-?);
 - Mrs Tobin née Johnston (1851-?);
 - James Wilson (1853-1906) and daughter Muriel;
 - John Keegan (1855-?);
 - Rosie Marr (1857-1919);
 - George Harvey (1866-1903).
7. George Harvey (1903-20). [Volume 1V].
8. G Harvey Johnston, Notes on the Ruddimans, priv. printed, 1887; interleaved copy with extensive manuscript additions.
9. G Harvey Johnston, The Ruddimans in Scotland: Their History and Works, Edin., 1901; with extensive manuscript additions and [tipped in] autograph letters.

10. G Harvey Johnnton, 'Johnston & Ruddiman Pedigree', a genealogical table partly in MS, compiled from nos.8 & 9.

Miscellaneous Family Papers

11. (a) Commonplace book attributed to Andrew and John Johnston containing medical notes and recipes, verses and printing and engraving notes, late 18th – early 19th cent.
- (b) Scrapbook possibly of Andrew Johnston containing miscellaneous notes and recipes on papers, inks, types engraving and general topics ca. 1826-34.
- (c) Papers on etching and engraving, with an anecdote and verses, early 19th cent.
- (d) Press cuttings of articles in the Perthshire Courier May-July, 1893 on the old depot for French prisoners at Perth.
12. Journal of a tour from Edinburgh to Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France June-Aug, 1847.
13. A Keith Johnston, Senior, essays (2) on medical geography:
- ‘The Geographical Distribution of Disease as indicating the connexion between the natural phenomena and Health and Longevity’, n.d.
- ‘On the Geographical distribution of health and disease over the Globe in connexion, chiefly, with Natural Phenomena’, 1856.
14. A Keith Johnston:
- (a) Notes from various authors for his essays on medical geography, ca. 1856.
- (b) Facsimile letter of Baron von Humboldt to Keith Johnston, 1848, commending the latter’s Physical Atlas, printed with the Blackwood prospectus of the work.
- (c) Lithograph circular for ‘L’ Institution de l’Abendberg’ a school for mentally defective children, Canton of Berne, Switzerland, n.d.
15. A Keith Johnston, medical notes, n.d.
16. A Keith Johnston, essays:
- ‘Notes on Cartography’, 1862.
- ‘Abyssinia’, n.d.

17. Sir William Johnston, papers concerning a dispute between the secretary of the Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland, and George Lawson, Honourary Seedsman to the Society, and his son Charles, 1858-9.
18. Circular letter to the proprietors of St Andrew Square Gardens, with a related paper, 1874.
19. Sir William Johnston, volume of invitation tickets, etc, ca. 1850-79.
20. Scrapbook containing 'Notes on Family Names', largely from newspaper articles, early 20th cent.
21. Miscellaneous notes on family history, early 20th cent, probably of George Harvey Johnston.

Papers of W & A K Johnston, Ltd

22. Contract of copartnery, 1839, between William and Alexander Keith Johnston.
23. Cashbook of the firm, 1839-45.
24. Notebook containing copies of letters, 1841-4, to a Keith Johnston concerning his National and Physical Atlas.
25. Miscellaneous notes, letters, press-cuttings, and trade circulars, 1847-89, n.d.
26. Letters, notes, and diagrams, 1855, concerning original art-work for the Johnstons' Astronomical Atlas, 1855.
27. Account and address book, 1868-70.
28. 'Specification of Thomas Nelson, Preparing paper or other material for drawing, &c', Lond, 1868.
29. Album of cuttings, 1869-76, concerning the Ordnance Survey of Scotland; with cuttings and letters of T B Johnston concerning a fund raised in Edinburgh to finance a Livingstone Relief Expedition, 1872.
30. Account book, 1877-93, W & A K Johnston with William Beattie & Co, Fountainbridge, Edinburgh.
31. Business diary, 1877.
32. Copy from shorthand notes of the argument in the case of Johnston v Johnston in the High Court, Chancery Division, 13 March, 1884.
- 33-4 Tissue letter-books of outgoing business correspondence of the firm, 1886-1906.

- 33. 1886-93.
- 34. 1893-1906.
- 35. Business diary, 1888.
- 36. Letters and papers concerning the Illustrated Histories of the Scottish Regiments series, 1893.
- 37. List of subscribers to Heraldry British and Foreign, 1895-6.
- 38. Copies of agreements, 1897-1931, of W & A K Johnston with publishers and authors, with some related correspondence and papers.
- 39. Notebook containing notes on solutions in engraving processes, etc, n.d.

Albums containing specimens of printing and engraving, retained as archive material.
- 40. 'Specimen of Chromo-printing', large folio volume of specimens of work by W H Lizars, Edinburgh.
- 41. W H Lizars, specimens largely of manuscripts facsimiles, and coloured plates, including one map; stamped [Volume] 1 on spine.
- 42. Lizars [Volume] II, specimens of manuscript facsimiles, heraldic engravings, and bookplates, with one map.
- 43. Lizars [Volume] III, specimens of bank bills.
- 44. Lizars [Volume] IV, specimens of coloured and black and white advertisement engravings.
- 45. Lizars, proofs of 34 plates of views by Professor Rogers, 1856.
- 46. Lizars, black and white engravings of book frontispieces [including portraits], and geological and zoological specimens.
- 47-52 Lizars, specimens of work for banks:
 - 47. 'Drafts, letters &c'
 - 48. 'Receipts'
 - 49. 'Bills'
 - 50. 'Letters of Credit &c'
 - 51. 'Bills'
 - 52. Miscellaneous.
- 53. Volume of miscellaneous pamphlets [including Session Papers], and printing specimens.
- 54. W & A K Johnston, album of advertisements in press for 1923-5.