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Correspondence, papers and journals of or concerning the Cairns family, 18th-20th cents. The members of this distinguished family of ministers and theologians represented in the papers include; John Cairns (1818-92), philosopher, theologian and Principal of the United Presbyterian Synod College, Edinburgh; his brothers William, schoolmaster at Old Cambus, and David, United Presbyterian minister of Stichel (d.1910); the latter's sons, John (1857-1922), minister of Dumfries Buccleuch Street United Free Church, David Smith (1862-1946), Professor of Apologetics and Systematic Theology and Master of Christ's College, Aberdeen, and William Thomas (1868-1944), minister of Davidson Church, Eyre Place, Edinburgh; David (b.1904), Professor of Practical Theology at Aberdeen University (1947-72), and Alison Helen (1902-59), Secretary of the Saltire Society, son and daughter of Professor D.S. Cairns.

Presented, by the Revd Professor David Cairns DD, Aberdeen.

1. Discourse upon passages of scripture, 1860, 1885-6 (in two coverless notebooks)
2. Reminiscences, 1866, of the past 25 years in the village of Old Cambus (Cockburnspath) by William Cairns, schoolmaster and brother of Dr John Cairns
3. The Rev Daid Cairns, Stichel U P Church: original call to his church, 1855, and his last will and testament, 1862
4. Lectures and discourses, 1911-41, n.d. of the Rev William T Cairns of Davidson Church, Edinburgh
5. Miscellaneous papers as under:
 - (i) Religious verses, early 18th cent
 - (ii) A volume of sermons preached at Wallace Green Secession Church Berwick-upon-Tweed, 1788
 - (iii) Double Damask, the manuscript of a playlet, ?early 20th cent
 - (iv) Keys (2, printed) to D O Hill's disruption portrait, 1843
 - (v) A map of Iona, with sketches and ground plans of the Abbey Church (before restoration), and the great crosses, printed by the Iona Press, n.d.
6. Correspondence, 1944-8, of Agnes Mure Mackenzie and Alison H Cairns (includes one letter of the former to Robert Hurd)
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 - (i) Two issues, 2 September, 29 October 1944, of a 2nd Army news-sheet The Tam o' Shanter
 - (ii) Thanksgiving service May 1945 held by the 2nd Army in Germany: order of service (printed booklet)
 - (iii) a propaganda leaflet, probably German, ?January, 1945