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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. Matriculation certificate, 15 November 1843, of John Cairns at Berlin University signed by the Rector, Dr Lachmann
2. Letters, n.d. (ca.1845), of Sir William Hamilton probably to Dr John Cairns
- 3-6. Letters of William Cairns to his brother, John:

22 August 1844
8 February 1845
18 September 1846
11 July 1856
7. Some Memorials: Memories of My Maternal Grandfather, by William Cairns, ca.1860
8. Letter of Lord Lister to J Niven, 17 March 1877
9. Jessie M Cairns, letter to her mother from Kreuznach, 12 October 1875
10. Letter, Dr John Brown to his uncle the Rev D Smith, Biggar, ca.1860
11. Part letter, n.d., of Rev David Cairns to his fiancée, Elizabeth Smith, Biggar
- 12-13 Letters, 28 May 1880, 1 April 1880, of Rev John Cairns (Junior), later of Dumfries, to his father
14. Testimonials for Alison H Cairns

15. Letters, (5 complete, 1 incomplete, 1907, 1911-14, of Mary Slessor, the missionary, to Mrs Elizabeth Cairns (1, 1907) and to Mrs Fyfe Findlay, wife of Dr Adam Fyfe Findlay, Master of Christ's College, Aberdeen
- 16-17 Letters, 23 July 1894, 23 August 1908, of Rev John Cairns, the former from France to his father, the latter from London to his sister Jessie, describing a debate in the House of Commons
18. A note, n.d., of Principal Robert Rainy to Principal John Cairns