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Papers of three members of the Hamilton Dickson family, 18th to 20th cent. Robert Douglas Hamilton was a physician in Lanarkshire in the early 19th century, and the author of *The Principles of Medicine*; James D Hamilton Dickson (1849-1931), Senior Fellow of Peterhouse, is best known for his work on electricity and thermodynamics; his son, John D Hamilton Dickson, WS, was president of the Edinburgh Bach Society and chairman of the Reid Symphony Orchestra, amongst other musical interests.

ROBERT DOUGLAS HAMILTON

1. Medical papers, consisting mainly of the MS of Hamilton's *The Principles of Medicine*, of which only vol.1 was published (Lond, 1822).
- 2-9. Poetry. This consists largely of several copies of a long, apparently autobiographical, poem with a section on the Peninsular War.
 2. pp.1-753.
 3. pp.1-713.
 4. pp.1-404.
 5. pp.9-421.
 6. pp.109-491.
 7. Miscellaneous sections.
 8. pp.422-819, possibly from a different poem.
 9. Miscellaneous poems.
10. Correspondence, including drafts and copies, 1793-1827. The subjects include estate and medical matters.
11. Personal, medical and estate accounts, vouchers and receipts, 1757-1862.
12. Miscellaneous papers, n.d., including pages from an unpublished novel on John Paul Jones, and an essay on the art of war.

JAMES DOUGLAS HAMILTON DICKSON

13. MSS of 'Kinetic Theory of Gases', 1895; 'Optics', 1900; and 'Thermodynamics of Gases and Liquids', n.d.
14. Correspondence of Dickson with Sir James Dewar, and miscellaneous notes by Dickson, 1896-1914, n.d.
15. Correspondence, 1913-15, concerning the cataloguing of Japanese sword-guards in the Marlay bequest, Fitzwilliam Museum; annual report of the

- Fitzwilliam Museum Syndicate, 1913; rubbings of tsuba with names or inscriptions in the Royal Scottish Museum, 1914.
16. *An Order of Prayer for use in the Royal College of S Peter, Westminster*, (1899).
 17. *The Cambridge Review* (20 February 1931) containing Dickson's obituary.

JOHN DOUGLAS HAMILTON DICKSON

18. Personal papers, including school reports and workbooks, and photographs.
19. Musical compositions, n.d.
20. Miscellaneous papers, including published articles by Dickson, newspaper cuttings, etc.
21. General correspondence, 1903-58, n.d.
22. Miscellaneous correspondence and other papers:
 - (i) Honorary degree of Mus.Doc., 1946.
 - (ii) OBE, 1956.
 - (iii) Letters of Edward Dent, 1935-44.
 - (iv) Copy of 'William Banks, artist and engraver', a paper read to the Edinburgh Bibliographical Society by Sidney Newman, 1958.

EDINBURGH BACH SOCIETY

23. Rules, minutes, programmes, etc 1903-55.
24. Lectures, reviews, session programmes, etc 1922-7, n.d.
25. Correspondence, 1933-58, arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

REID ORCHESTRA

26. Legal documents, notes and other material, 1930-40, n.d.
27. Correspondence, 1931-4, arranged alphabetically by correspondent.
28. Correspondence and papers concerning the Founders' Guild for the proposed Edinburgh Symphony Orchestra, 1946-58.