
Wemyss Family

PRG 91
Series list

- Papers of Thomas Brown, naval officer, comprising warrants of appointment, testimonials and draft letter. 1
1801-1837. 0.5 cm.
1 : Warrant appointing Thomas Brown acting master of HMS 'Britannia' 28 May 1803
2 : Warrant appointing Thomas Brown acting master of HMS 'Windsor Castle' 8 June 1803
3 : Memorandum written by Admiral Mackenzie, Naval Arsenal, Copenhagen to Thomas Brown 10 September 1807. Directs Brown to superintend the issue of stores for equipment of Danish prizes
4 : [Incomplete] testimonial for Thomas Brown written by Mackenzie, 2 November 1807
5 : Testimonial signed by [Captain Sir] Home Popham, 12 April 1813. Certifies Thomas Brown as qualified for post as Master Attendant of dock yard
6 : Draft of letter [by Thomas Brown?] 7 January 1837. Writer expresses concern re rate of his half pay
7 : Outline of Thomas Brown's career as a naval officer, Superintendent of Heligoland and Master Attendant of Woolich Dockyard, and his forced retirement. (2 copies)
- Further papers of Thomas Brown Wemyss 2
1845-1920. 1.5 cm.
Papers of Thomas Brown Wemyss (born 1845), engineer, comprising a birth certificate, 'letters received before leaving home' in 1879 (mainly testimonials but also an invitation and papers relating to the opening of the Tay Bridge and railways at Dundee (1878), a subsequent letter referring to the Tay Bridge disaster (1880), his will (1879), letters relating to his employment as Inspector of Ironwork by the Engineer in Chief's Department in South Australia (1882), a poem written for him by his daughter Ellie on his birthday (1897), and papers relating to the granting of an Imperial Service Medal for 'meritorious service as Inspector of Ironwork, Engineer-in-Chief's Department'(1820).
[For a record of salary and apportionment of time kept by Thomas B. Wemyss as Inspector of Ironwork, Engineer in Chief's Department, see GRG 53/232 (held by State Records, SA)]

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| Writings of Ellie Wemyss | <u>3</u> |
| ca.1902-1933. 1.5 cm. | |
| Papers of Ellie Wemyss, consisting mainly of poems but also including a short story entitled 'One crowded hour'. A manuscript poem 'Advance Australia' was written on hearing of the proposed dispatch of the Australian Contingent for South Africa in 1899 (this item outsize). A number of the poems are published, some as fund raisers for the war effort and include a booklet of her poems entitled 'Songs of Cheer' (1919), and one published in 'Steele Rudd's Magazine', March 1907. | |
| Letters received by Ellie Wemyss | <u>4</u> |
| ca. 1901-1948. 2 cm. | |
| Letters received by Ellie Wemyss from friends and colleagues, many in response to letters and poems sent to them by Ellie. Includes letters from Catherine Helen Spence, Ada Muecke, Lord Tennyson, Thomas Edison, Alfred Deakin, Edette M. Fox (with photograph and memorial card for Charles Leonard Fox) and Amy Johnson. Also includes a series of correspondence (1912-1919) relating to Ellie Wemyss' role as Honorary State Secretary of the Girl Guides and the 'regrettable dissension which has arisen among the Executive of the Girl Guides' Association'. | |
| Newspaper cuttings | <u>5</u> |
| 1914-1920. 0.5 cm. | |
| Newspaper articles on a variety of topics collected by Ellie Wemyss. They include letters to the editor and poems from Ellie Wemyss as well as articles of interest to her, including female suffrage, the WEA and music. | |
| Miscellaneous papers | <u>6</u> |
| ca.1863-1933. 1 cm. | |
| Miscellaneous papers collected by family members over the years including: genealogical information; papers relating to the Children's Sunbeam Society; correspondence; membership certificates; invitations; an inscribed copy of 'Catherine Helen Spence 1825-1905'; and an Excelsior College pamphlet (1933). | |