

## **NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM**

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### **Museum Archives**

Museum archives incl Owen official letters, memoranda and reports, 1873-83 (**DF931**) and correspondence in the Departmental series of correspondence, notably 157 letters to Dr A Gunther and J E Gray, 1864-1887 in Zoology Dept Corresp. (**DF200**)

**a. Dept of Entomology** (establ 1913, previously insects studied in Zoology Dept)

Includes Keeper of Entomology's expedition files, 1921-72 (**DF305**) and subject files, 1921-70 (**DF306**), Economic Section correspondence and papers, 1900-1926, with correspondence of F V Theobald (1868-1930) on mosquitoes and the importance of Diptera in transmission of disease and reports on economic zoology 1903 and 1904 (**DF330**). Related papers in Diptera Section correspondence and papers 1900-1982 (**DF331**) which includes papers of Ernest Edward Austen (1867-1938) who specialised in the blood-sucking tsetse flies [see also Entomology Library for F V Theobald's papers].

**b. Dept of Palaeontology: Anthropology Sub-Dept**

Correspondence dealing with purchase, exchange and disposal of human remains and artifacts and research, 1913-1969 (**DF140**); subject files relating to collections and particular topics, e.g. Aborigines, Lachish skull collection, genetics, serology, wounded and trephined skulls, gigantism and dwarfism, odontology (**DF141**).

**c. Dept of Zoology** (origins in Dept of Natural History and Artificial Productions set up with founding of British Museum in 1756, although most early records at BM; 1806 renamed Dept of Natural History and Modern Curiosities; 1836 department divided with zoology as one section, becoming Zoology Dept in 1856).

Includes Keeper's files; files re expeditions, 1913-74 (**DF213-215**). Also Parasitic Worms Section correspondence covering medical research issues, 1913-77 (**DF259**).

### **General Library MSS**

**Agassiz, Jean Louis Rodolphe** (1807 - 1873)

2 mas notebooks containing notes on anatomy, chemistry and physiology, taken by Agassiz when a student in Zurich, 1824-1825 (L MSS AGA A)

**Appelby, John Hilary** (b. 1938)

1924 typescript of part of the 'Kamerny Katalog' of medical and natural history books held in the library of the Russian Academy of Sciences, St Petersburg (1742)(L MSS APP)

**Darwin, Charles Robert** (1809 - 1882)

Letterbook, 1843-1882, leaves from original ms of On the Origin of Species and addnl mss (L MSS DAR A)

**Dawson, Warren Royal** (1888 - 1968)

9 boxes of correspondence on scientific, medical and historical topics, including with W.R. Lefanu 1945-1967 and E A Underwood, 1946-1952. (L MSS DAWS A)

**'Discovery'**

Registers, logbooks, diary and notebooks from the National Antarctic Expedition, 1901-1904, includes measurements of crew with physiological notes (L MSS DIS B)

**Grant, James**

MS postmortem examination of a female orang utan, March 1829 (L MSS GRAN)

**Gray, John Edward** (1800 - 1875)

Miscellaneous papers including autobiographical notes. Gray studied medicine and chemistry in London. (L MSS GRAY)

**Gunther, Albert Carl Ludwig Gotthilf** (1830 - 1914)

Large collection which includes his interest in history of science. Correspondence including with Sir W .T.H. Flower and Sir R. Owen; 3 notebooks of Professor Vierordt's lectures on physiology and on W L von Rapp's lectures on comparative anatomy, 1848-1851 )(no ref ?L MSS GUN)

**Hinds, Richard Brinsley** (c.1812 - c.1847)

2 ms diaries as surgeon-naturalist on HMS Sulphur around the Pacific islands, Dec 1835 to July 1840 (L MSS HIN)

**Sir Richard Owen** (1804-1892)

Correspondence incl Thomas Bell (1792-1880), Henri de Blainville (1777-1850), W. B. Carpenter (1813-1885), William Clift (1775-1849), Hugh Falconer (1808- 1865), John Goodsir (1814-1867), Marshall Hall (1790-1857), Gideon Mantell (1790-1852), Robert Bentley Todd (1809-1860) and Sir William Wilde (1815-1876); MSS by Owen incl notes on dissection by Owen of human cadaver at St Bartholomew's Hospital, 1825; report on establishment of the new museum at the royal College of Surgeons, [1836?]; report on completion of the Physiological Catalogue of the Hunterian Museum, 1841; questions on the relations between light and health, and draft letter on health and poverty in London [probably related to Owen's work with the Metropolitan Sanitary Commission 1847-48] [?184-]

Other MSS held by Owen incl: pencil sketches of teeth and bones by Georges Cuvier [post 1816].

Lecture notes incl St Bartholomew's Hospital, on vocal apparatus and brain, 1828, Hunterian lectures 1839-1855, covering theories of generation, nervous system etc.

c.3500 drawings, paintings and prints

Notebooks, diaries and scrapbooks 1830-1869 incl dissections and anatomical observations

Certificates and diplomas  
(LOC)

**William Clift** (1775-1849) pupil and amanuensis of John Hunter (1728-1793) and Conservator at RCS 1799-1842. Correspondence including John Abernethy (1764-1851), Sir Anthony Carlisle (1768-1840) and Sir Everard Hume (1756-1832); MSS by Clift include note on John Hunter's MS on 'The Venereal Disease', 1846. Other MSS held by Clift inc: Brodie, Sir Benjamin 'On muscle fibre' [post 1815]; Hunter, John 'Of the pudenda' [17-]; ?unknown, notes 'on a case of paraplegia', [18-].

**Sir Everard Home** (1756-1832) student, assistant and executor of his brother-in-law, John Hunter; closely associated with RCS. MSS by Home incl: notes on the eye, optic nerve and lungs [18-]; on the RCS museums, 1813: other MSS held by Home including Bauer, Franz Andrea microscopical observations on the human brain, 1820; Bell, Mr, surgeon, description of the wombat, [c.1807] Hunter, John, 'Instances of thirst being quenched by water absorbed through the skin' [17-] Murdoch, Thomas, 'On the introduction of venereal disease into Europe', 1821 Wood, Mr 'An enquiry into the medicinal properties of the hot waters in Saint Michaels, one of the Western Islands', endorsed by John Hunter [17-] Lecture notes on comparative anatomy delivered at RCS 1810,1813

**Wallich, George Charles** (1815 - 1899)

Surgeon in Indian Army, mss and journals including on HM Ship Bulldog 1860 and plus correspondence with mss and printed papers re his Army service and medical work, 1851-1898 (L MSS WAL C)

### **Botany Library**

**Arnott, George Arnold Walker** (1799-1868): 21 vols of corresp from contemporary botanists.

**Banks, Sir Joseph** (1743-1820)

Manuscript collection...includes journals of voyages.[Material also held in other parts of Museum].

**Blair, Patrick** (fl.1706-1728) Copies of correspondence and a 'Catalogue of the discoveries.. made by Dr P Blair', botanist and surgeon, (**Banksian MS. No 35**).

**Browne, Patrick** (1720?-1790) Practices medicine in West Indies and studied natural history: 'catalogue of the plants of the English sugar colonies' (**Banksian MS. No 70**).

**Buchanan, afterwards Hamilton, Francis** (1762-1829) Surgeon with East India Co: 1794, and to Ava 1795: descriptions and drawings of plants (**Banksian MSS. Nos 18 & 19**).

**Cirillo, Domenico** (1739-1799) Italian doctor and naturalist who wrote largely on botany: unpublished ms 'Institutiones Botanicae juxta methodum Tournefortianum' (**Banksian MSS. Nos 66 & 76**)

**Dale, Samuel** (1659?-1739) Physician and apothecary of Braintree who assisted John Ray with his botanical work: annotated copies of T. Johnson's 'Iter plantarum investigationis... in agrum cantianum', 1629 and 1632 (**Banksian MSS. No 96**)

**Fleming, John, MD FRS** (1747-1828) Botanical drawings include medicinal plants

**Hooker, Sir Joseph** (1817-1911) Notes and drawings made during expedition on 'Erebus' to Antarctic regions, 1839-43, Hooker was surgeon and naturalist.

**Horsfield, Thomas** (1773-1859) Physician in Java and Sumatra, 1799-1819, MS. list of Javanese plant corresp and sketches.

**Houstoun, William** (1695-1733) Surgeon in West Indies. MS. lists and descriptions of West Indian plants.

**Johnson, Thomas** [- 1644] Botanist and Apothecary. MSS. by S Dale of expeditions to Kent and Hampstead Heath by Apothecaries Society (**Banksian MS No 96**)

**Lind, James** (1736-1812) Scottish physician, visited China 1766: catalogue of Chinese and Japanese plants..., 1789, (in **Banksian Collection**).

**Medico-Botanical Society of London:** records, 1824-1839 incl minutes of Council and general meetings 1821-30; photographs; Report of the Royal Humane Society 1819, 1826; Stanhope's discourse on medical botany, 1854; loose MSS re John Frost and the Society [some by Richard Hunter?] and other material.

**Roxburgh, William** (1759-1815), Surgeon on Madras establishment of East India Co, then Suptd of Calcutta Botanic Garden: correspondence with Dr G Taylor and others, plus MS of his 'Flora Indica', descriptions etc.

**Russell, Patrick FRS** (1727-1805) Naturalist to East India Company in the Carnatic and wrote preface to Roxburgh's 'Plants of the Coromandel': drawings of medicinal plants.

### **Entomology Library**

**Manuscripts** (Following based on unpublished catalogue, arranged by author. There will be a geog index, but not a subject index).

**Anon (6)** Insects and disease cases in the Central Hall (of Natural History Museum), 1901-7. (6)

**Austen, Ernest Edward** (1867-1938) Travelled with Ross to Sierra Leone, specialist in blood-sucking flies. Miscellaneous notes, n.d. (21)

**Clarke, Cyril Astley** (1907- ) (Studies on genetics and mimicry in lepidoptera contributed to medical breakthrough re Rhesus negative condition in unborn children) See large collection demonstrating genetic studies in Natural History Museum. (87).

**Drury, Dru** (1725-1803) Papers include ms diary, 1794-96 with notes on household tips, medical notes etc. (119).

**Frey, Heinrich** (1822-90) Entomology interest and reputation as a medical writer. Collection of c.200 letters received mostly from European entomologists, 1856-85. (143)

**Gibbins, Ernest Gerald** (1900-42) (Joined Uganda Malaria Unit 1929 & worked on insects of medical importance, especially tsetse flies and Simuliidae) Correspondence received 1936, c.100 letters from Frederick Wallace Edwards, Guy Anstruther Knox Marshall and 2 notebooks on Simuliidae, c.1920s-40s. (151)

**Gunn, Donald Livingstone** (1905-83) (Research on locust physiology). Albums re locust control research, Kenya 1945; ms c.1950, misc reports, correspondence n.d. (161)

**Hancock, George Leonard Rhys** (? - 1940) Statistics re mosquitoes in Uganda, 1934. (165)

**Janson Family Archive.** Business and natural history agents and booksellers, 44 Grt Russell St., 1852-. Correspondence with collectors and naturalists world-wide, including Alfred Russel Wallace 1876-1903. (192)

**Malaria Mosquitoes.** Volume of miscellaneous documents on collecting them, including preliminary report on Culicidae of Gold Coast by Alfred J Chalmers, 1899 (216).

**Meigen, Johan Wilhelm** (1764-1845) (worked on classification of Diptera). Mss, drawings, notebooks. (228)

**Osten-Sacken, Carl Robert** (1828-1906) Diptera in Arctic Expedition: 3 notebooks, 1876. (250)

**Theobald, Frederick Vincent** (1868-1930): c.900 letters from various entomologists on mosquito related matters, c.1901-03, including from Ronald Ross 1902-03; and c.400 letters from Colonial Governors re the collection of mosquitoes, plus drawings for 1903 publication. (316)

**Walker, Francis** (1809-74) loose ms notes on Diptera of Madeira, n.d.

**Palaeontology/Anthropology Library**

**Dunn, E. J.** (?-?), South African scientist and geologist to Cape Government: notes on Bush men and Hottentots, with observations on their life style, plus fragments of diary, c.1910-1914.

**Flower, Sir William FRS** (1831-1899) Director of the Museum: notes on skeletons by racial types, including a file on dentition, n.d.

**The `Halling Man'** [Kent]: research and other anthropological pps with newspaper cuttings, photographs and letters, 1912-25

**Williamson, Dr George**, Staff Surgeon: `Observations on the human crania contained in the Army Medical Dept, Fort Pitt, Chatham' [a published version appeared 1857], plus catalogue of the Williamson collection.

Noted in Owen catalogue: 9 letters from Owen to W H Shrubsole, 1877-1885 (**PMss SHR**).

### **Reptile Section**

**Ionides, Constantine John Philip** (1901- post 1963) unpublished material on snakes.

**Smith, Malcolm Arthur** (1875-1958) Physician (author of `A Physician at the Court of Siam' (1947) and wrote on fauna of British India: misc notes on sea snakes, amphibians etc and catalogue of his collection.

**Wall, Col Frank** (1868-1950) Indian Army: 8 box files of MSS of detailed notes on snakes (more snake behaviour than venom).

### **Zoology Dept**

**MSS A-Z** include: Atkinson, E L notebooks on parasitic worms and protozoa during Terra Nova Expedition, 1910-12; George, W B (1918-89) papers, including on genetics; Gosse, PH description of *Nereis prolifera*, c. 1850; Horsfield, T (1773-1859) letters to Horsfield re East India; Museum and zoological matters incl from C. Lyell, (1816-59).