

Catalogue of the Professional Papers of Professor George Rolleston at the Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford.

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Introductory Information

Ref

GB/1648/GR

Title

Professional Papers of George Rolleston

Level

Fonds

Dates

1861–1882

Extent

Twenty two box files and four over-sized folders.

Creator

Rolleston, George, 1829–1881.

Administrative history

George Rolleston was born at Maltby Hall, near Rotherham in Yorkshire, on 30 July 1829, the second son of George Rolleston, a rector and squire of Maltby, and his wife Anne Nettleship. He was home-schooled by his father until the age of ten, after which he was educated at Gainsborough Grammar School for two years and subsequently at the Collegiate School in Sheffield. In 1846 he was awarded a scholarship to study Classics at Pembroke College, Oxford, for which he achieved a first-class degree in 1850 and was elected to the college's Sheppard Fellowship in Law and Physic. He chose then to study medicine at St Bartholomew's Hospital, where he qualified in 1854. His first position came towards the end of the Crimean War in 1855, when he took up a position as a doctor in the British Civil Hospital at Smyrna. Following a brief appointment as an assistant physician at the Hospital for Sick Children, London, in 1857, Rolleston returned to Oxford to work at the Radcliffe Infirmary and was elected to Christ Church College's Lees Reader in Anatomy in the place of Henry Acland, who had taken up the position of Regius Professor. In 1860 Rolleston was selected to become the first Linacre Professor of Anatomy and Physiology, a post that he held until his death. The following year Rolleston married Grace Davy, the daughter of Dr John Davy, and they had three sons and four daughters. The family lived at Park Grange, South Parks Road, Oxford from 1868. As a Professor at Oxford, Rolleston taught a wide range of subjects including anatomy, physiology, zoology, comparative anatomy, anthropology and archaeology. These interests are reflected in the subject breadth of his published papers collated after his death by his colleagues William Turner and Edward Tylor under the title *Scientific Papers and Addresses* (1884). Nevertheless, comparative anatomy was Rolleston's primary research interest, having been inspired by Darwinism and the 1860 meeting of the British Association at Oxford's new University Museum. The memorable debates here between his friend Thomas Huxley and both Robert Owen and Samuel Wilberforce motivated his own studies of brain development through the classification of skulls in humans and animals. To this end Rolleston acquired an extensive collection of skulls, the small surviving

part of which is now held in the Oxford University Museum of Natural History. His most famous publication is *Forms of Animal Life* (1870). His other accolades included elections as fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (1859), fellow of the Royal Society (1862) and fellow of Merton College (1872). He was a member of the Ethnological Society and the Anthropological Institute in 1870, as well as the Royal Geographical Society. Rolleston participated in a number of archaeological excavations in the latter part of his life: he opened Anglo-Saxon graves at Frilford in 1867–68; with his friend, A.H.L.F. Pitt-Rivers, he explored barrows at Sigwell and at Rushmore, and contributed reports on skeletal remains uncovered during Pitt-Rivers' work at Cissbury; in 1877 he published a book on British Barrows with Canon Greenwell, his contribution focussing on crania; and with John Thurnam he dug in Wiltshire. His other activities included vice-presidency of the temperance organization UK Alliance in 1867 and as the University's representative on the General Medical Council he promoted reform in medical education. He was also an active member of the Oxford Local Board, advocating improvements to sanitation, one of his life-long campaigns. He died at the premature age of 51 from kidney failure and was buried in Holywell Cemetery.

Archival History and Acquisition

The Professor George Rolleston Archive was originally held by the University Museum (now the Oxford University Museum of Natural History). It came to the Ashmolean Museum in 1886 along with the archaeological material resulting from his excavations, as part of a broader transfer of archaeological material from that institution to the Ashmolean. For much of the twentieth century, only the papers concerning archaeological work in Oxfordshire were held directly by the Department of Antiquities, with the rest of material housed in the Ashmolean Museum Library. The papers held by the library were returned to the Department of Antiquities in the late 1990s, in advance of the Ashmolean Museum Library being incorporated in the newly formed Sackler Library in 2001.

Scope and Content

The papers primarily relate to aspects of George Rolleston's professional career, specifically his involvement with the University Museum, as well as his craniological and archaeological research. Only a minority of the papers concern his work on comparative anatomy and zoology, which is to be found amongst the Zoological papers (GR/E). Very few papers are personal or family-related. The largest section is the correspondence files (GR/A), which date from 1861 until just after George Rolleston's death. The vast majority of these letters refer to osteological material and archaeological finds. There are additional series of handwritten notes regarding British barrows, archaeological sites and objects, and osteological material, mostly all written on blue foolscap paper by Rolleston. There are also files of pamphlets, offprints and newspaper cuttings, records cards for museum objects, and photographs and drawings of osteological material and archaeological sites and objects.

GR/A: Correspondence Files 1861-1881

Ref

GR/A

Title

Correspondence Files

Dates

1861–1881

Extent

Seven box files

Level

Sub-fonds

Scope

Folders of correspondence largely consisting of letters written to George Rolleston about skeletal remains, but there is also reference to the donation of artefacts to the University Museum, the excavation of barrows and discussion of other zoological specimens (but see also GR/E/1). The folders include the following series: correspondence divided by author; correspondence from Henry Moseley during the years he was on the HMS Challenger; correspondence from Canon William Greenwell divided by year; correspondence related to burials at Kitbury; correspondence regarding Girton; correspondence concerning brains; and correspondence regarding Greek osteological material.

GR/A/1 Correspondence by author

Ref

GR/A/1

Title

Correspondence by author

Dates

1861–1881

Extent

Four box files containing 128 files

Level

Series

Scope

Envelopes containing correspondence mostly all addressed to George Rolleston, grouped by surname. The correspondence is mostly of a professional nature, from colleagues and acquaintances.

Arrangement

The letters are grouped into envelopes according to the sender's surname and stored alphabetically.

Ref

GR/A/1/1

Title

Correspondence from Henry Acland

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Henry Acland (1 item).

Ref

GR/A/1/2

Title

Correspondence from Anderson

Dates

1874–1875

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Anderson sent from Danby, North Yorkshire (6 items). The correspondence includes a letter of introduction from Anderson and continues on to describe local finds of skeletal remains. The correspondence also includes 2 pieces of paper written in Swedish by Danielson.

Ref

GR/A/1/3

Title

Correspondence from Lady Anstruther

Dates

1864

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Lady Anstruther (1 item), concerning a skull.

Ref

GR/A/1/4

Title

Correspondence from Rev. J.G. Atkinson

Dates

1877

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Rev. J.G. Atkinson (1 item) concerning the excavation of a barrow (?) and seeking advice on what to do with the skeletal remains.

Ref

GR/A/1/5

Title

Correspondence from G. Bable

Dates

1875

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Bable (1 item). The one letter here is a short cover letter for a copy of a *Catalogue of Cyclostomatons Polygon* sent to Rolleston from Babel.

Ref

GR/A/1/6

Title

Correspondence from Rev. Bagshaw

Dates

1863

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Rev. Bagshaw (1 item) concerning the excavation of a barrow on Eyam Edge and a cranium found Grindton (?)

Ref

GR/A/1/7

Title

Correspondence from A. Effie Berryman.

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from his niece A. Effie Berryman (1 item). The correspondence concerns a paragraph from a newspaper (attached to letter) that describes the discovery made near Fulbourn station of an ancient furnace containing remains of bodies.

Ref

GR/A/1/8

Title

Correspondence from Baron de Boguschewsky.

Dates

1876–1879

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Baron de Boguschewsky sent from Pskow, Russia (25 items). The file includes 9 letters, 3 envelopes, 8 small photographs mounted on card, 4 newspaper cuttings, 1 postcard and a note in Rolleston's handwriting entitled 'Slavonic Crania'. The letters concern the exchange of papers, photographs and osteological material. The photographs are of buildings in Tartu, Estonia (known to Boguschewsky as Dorpat). The postcard is from Hamilton, Adams and Co. concerning the delivery of a parcel from Russia. The newspaper cuttings from *le Journal de Saint-Petersbourg* are in French and refer to the Russo-Turkish War and the Russian Sick and Wounded Fund in the UK.

Ref

GR/A/1/9

Title

Correspondence from Matthew R. Bigge.

Dates

1873–1874, 1876, n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston and Canon Greenwell from Matthew R. Bigge sent from Islip Thrapton, latterly London (12 items). Correspondence includes: 10 letters (one undated); a flyer for Matthew R. Bigge 'Land Agent & Surveyor'; and a newspaper clipping 'Discovery of Roman remains'. The correspondence includes a letter addressed to Greenwell concerning the discovery of Roman skeletons on a property under Bigge's charge. A further 6 letters are simply addressed 'Dear Sir', so their recipient is unclear. The remaining 3 letters are all addressed to George Rolleston and concern the find of skeletons, the possibility of Rolleston visiting the site and include a small sketched map of the find area.

Ref

GR/A/1/10

Title

Correspondence from Christopher Bowley

Dates

1877

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Christopher Bowley, Cirencester (1 item) concerning Stratton (?) barrow.

Ref

GR/A/1/11

Title

Correspondence from William Boyd-Dawkins

Dates

1869

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from William Boyd-Dawkins, sent from Manchester (1 item). The correspondence regards provisioning the new University Museum with osteological material from Greenwell, from duplicates in the Manchester Museum and one from Thomas Huxley.

Ref

GR/A/1/12

Title

Correspondence from M. Brown

Dates

1871

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from M. Brown (1 item), concerning a photograph a wine bottle with encrustations on it (see file GR/F/1/2 for photograph of this object).

Ref

GR/A/1/13

Title

Correspondence from P. Bury

Dates

1870

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston and Grace Rolleston from P. Bury from Fairfield, Thornton Heath (2 items). One letter is addressed to George Rolleston (17 Feb 1870) and concerns zoological identification. The other letter is addressed to Grace Rolleston (30 March 1870) and concerns primarily personal matters.

Ref

GR/A/1/14

Title

Correspondence from John A. Campbell

Dates

1871

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from John A. Campbell from Cumberland and Westmorland Aylum, Carlisle (1 item). The letter concerns delivery of a photograph of an urn.

Ref

GR/A/1/15

Title

Correspondence from C.S. Cathley

Dates

1872, 1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Mrs C.S. Cathley from London. The earliest correspondence is on behalf of Mrs Cathley's husband who had procured a skeleton for Rolleston, but had yet to receive acknowledgement. The later correspondence concerns the offer of a set of journals.

Ref

GR/A/1/16

Title

Correspondence from Lord Cawdor

Dates

1880?

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Lord Cawdor from Stackpole Court, Pembroke and from E.L. Bramwell to Lord Cawdor (2 items). The correspondence concerns the opening of a Tumulus in Warren Close, Pembroke and the discovery of an urn, plate and human bones.

Ref

GR/A/1/17

Title

Correspondence from Edward Charlesworth

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Edward Charlesworth from Oxford (2 items). The correspondence includes a letter concerning his research on the Geology of the Eastern counties and a flyer entitled 'Crag Investigation Fund'.

Ref

GR/A/1/18

Title

Correspondence from Captain William Chimico

Dates

1872, n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Captain William Chimico of the survey ship H.M.S. Nassau (8 items). The letters concern the collection of specimens for Rolleston during the course of Chimico's travels.

Ref

GR/A/1/19

Title

Correspondence from Edward Churton

Dates

1870

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Edward Churton (2 items). Correspondence regards the use of a quote from a book on *The antiquities of the Anglo-Saxon Church* by Dr Lingard.

Ref

GR/A/1/20

Title

Correspondence from Alfred Henge Cocks

Dates

1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from A.H. Cocks from Thames Bank, St Marlow (1 item). The letter thanks Rolleston for some osteological material of a dog, a sheep and a fox, with observations noted concerning the dog's skull.

Ref

GR/A/1/21

Title

Correspondence from W.C. Cooper

Dates

1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from W.C. Cooper from Dunstable (1 item). The correspondence thanks Rolleston for sending photographs of his lectures, apparently on Anglo-Saxon burials. Refers to a cemetery Cooper explored with J.W. Wyatt on one of his farms. Includes a sketch of a fibula, to scale.

Ref

GR/A/1/22

Title

Correspondence from Julia Cornthwaite

Dates

1870

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Julia Cornthwaite, from Walthamstow, and from J. Haylock to Julia Cornthwaite (4 items). The correspondence to Rolleston regards the dispatch of osteological material to him. The letter from Haylock describes the acquisition of osteological material from an 'old soldier'. There is a loose sheet of paper with a poem written out and the date '1827' at the bottom.

Ref

GR/A/1/23

Title

Correspondence from Cecil Cunnington

Dates

1879–1880

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Cecil Cunnington (8 items) concerning skeletons found in Rockley Barrow, Wiltshire. Of these, 2 are from A.C. Smith of the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society concerning proofs of a publication on this find (addressee unknown), and 1 is a piece of folded paper entitled 'notes of barrow at Rockley opened August 1879'. (See also GR/B/1/7).

Ref

GR/A/1/24

Title

Correspondence from Edward Cunnington

Dates

1879–1880

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Edward Cunnington, Dorchester, Derbyshire (12 items). The correspondence (11 letters and 1 envelope) regards Cunnington's excavation of Fordington Barrow (see also GR/B/1/4) and includes sketches of stone arrowheads found.

Ref

GR/A/1/25

Title

Correspondence from W. Cutter.

Dates

1873, 1877

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from W. Cutter, Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury (2 items). The letters concern the presentation of osteological material and requests for funds to send a collection of natural history to South Africa.

Ref

GR/A/1/26

Title

Correspondence from J.A. Dale

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from J.A. Dale, Park Terrace (3 items). The correspondence includes 2 letters concerning spear heads from Mr Bunny and one letter on the questions in preliminary examination papers.

Ref

GR/A/1/27

Title

Correspondence from Robert Damon

Dates

1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Robert Damon, Weymouth (1 item). Letter offering Rolleston *Pleurobranchus membranaceus* specimens for dissection.

Ref

GR/A/1/28

Title

Correspondence from J.W. Dawson

Dates

1866

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from J.W. Dawson, Montreal (2 items). Includes one letter confirming the dispatch of osteological material, and a receipt from the British and American Express Company of Canada.

Ref

GR/A/1/29

Title

Correspondence from J.N. Deane

Dates

1879

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from J.N. Dean, Dublin (3 items). The three letters concern the discovery of human bones in Dublin and the dispatch of osteological material from this find to Rolleston.

Ref

GR/A/1/30

Title

Correspondence from Harold Dillon

Dates

1876

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Harold Dillon, Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland (1 item). Short note concerning proofs for correction.

Ref

GR/A/1/31

Title

Correspondence from Thomas Dixon

Dates

1879

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Thomas Dixon, Sunderland (1 item). The correspondence forms a letter of introduction to Dixon's friend applying to study Physiology and notes that he has enclosed photographs sent to him from New Zealand.

Ref

GR/A/1/32

Title

Correspondence from John Dorington

Dates

1880

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from John Dorington, Lypiatt Park, Stroud (7 items). Letters include an invitation to speak to the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society and the discussion of archaeological discoveries of ancient skeletons by Dorington, the remains of which were sent to Rolleston to examine. The correspondence includes sketches of the context of the finds.

Ref

GR/A/1/33

Title

Correspondence from William Stewart Mitchell D'Urban

Dates

1877–1878

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to W.S.N. D'Urban, Devon and Exeter Albert Memorial Museum and Free Library (5 items). The correspondence includes 4 letters and 1 postcard. The correspondence includes references to zoological specimens and Palaeolithic stone implements from Broom Gravel Pit in the Parish of Hawkchurch, Devon, sent to Rolleston. There is mention of a set of photographs sent to Rolleston from D'Urban showing principal forms of implements found at Broom. At least one of the flint artefacts from the Broom Gravel Pit collected by D'Urban and sent to the University Museum is now in the Pitt Rivers Museum (1887.1.1).

Ref

GR/A/1/34

Title

Correspondence from W. Duthoit

Dates

1870, 1872

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to Rolleston from W. Duthoit and forwarded to Rolleston by Duthoit (8 items). The correspondence primarily concerns the Andaman Islanders, and reference to osteological material sent on the steamer 'Odessa'. There is also 1 letter addressed to George Rolleston not from Duthoit but about the consignment (signature illegible but sent from Exeter College)

Ref

GR/A/1/35

Title

Correspondence from Edward d'Eichwald

Dates

1870, 1872, 1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to Rolleston from Edward d'Eichwald, St. Petersburg (4 items). Includes two letters and two notes. The correspondence concerns English flint implements and an Anglo-Saxon urn sent to Eichwald by Rolleston and Rolleston's request for osteological material. The notes include 'note of objects of antiquarian interest sent to Professor Eichwald by Professor Rolleston March 22 1872' and a list of crania.

Ref

GR/A/1/36

Title

Correspondence from John Evans

Dates

1876–1878, 1880

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from John Evans (8 items). The correspondence includes 7 letters and 1 telegram. One of the letters is addressed to Canon Greenwell and concerns proofs (of *Barrows?*). The remaining correspondence is addressed to Rolleston and is of both a personal and professional nature. The correspondence includes reference to a Gallo-Roman skull with a large brass coin in its eye, and osteological material from Kings Langley and the Pfahlboudea (?).

Ref

GR/A/1/37

Title

Correspondence from and concerning John Wickham Flower

Dates

1872

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from John Wickham Flower, Croydon (15 items). The correspondence concerns osteological material from finds made by Flower, including Anglo-Saxon skeletons from Coulsdon, Surrey and burnt bones from a cairn in Scotland. There is also reference to theological matters. Five of the letters concern the skull from Coulsdon and are written by Miss Cunliffe and J.C. Gooden.

Ref

GR/A/1/38

Title

Correspondence from William Henry Flower.

Dates

1868, 1877–1878

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from William Henry Flower (4 items). The correspondence is both of a personal and professional nature. It includes reference to the use of Rolleston's osteological material in lectures, a skeleton found by Park Harrison at Cissbury (?) and the purchase of osteological material from Edward Whympier.

Ref

GR/A/1/39

Title

Correspondence from Robert Farrage

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence from Robert Farrage (1 item) concerning the number of male deaths during the last 10 years above the age of 20 years.

Ref

GR/A/1/40

Title

Correspondence from Robert William Felkin

Dates

1880

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from R.W. Felkin, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton (2 items). The letters concern Felkin's forthcoming trip to Zanzibar, a request to be proposed as a member of the 'Anthropological Society' and a list of skull measurements.

Ref

GR/A/1/41

Title

Correspondence from M. Foster

Dates

1872–1873, 1875

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from M. Foster, Sancton (5 items). The correspondence is personal and professional in nature. The correspondence includes a manuscript containing copies (in Foster's handwriting) of other people's letters concerning the governance of a school in Sancton. There is also reference to the discovery of a skeleton with a spear head, socket and knife found by Foster and a British arrowhead sent by Foster to Rolleston.

Ref

GR/A/4/42

Title

Correspondence from J. Fowler

Dates

1882

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence from J. Fowler, Hatsfield's Hall, Durham (1 item) concerning the 'Calvaria of William the Hermit of Lindholme'.

Ref

GR/A/1/43

Title

Correspondence from Rev. John Denny Gedge

Dates

1875

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Rev. John Denny Gedge, Netherwold Vicarage, Brandon (1 item). The correspondence concerns the dispatch of osteological material found locally.

Ref

GR/A/1/44

Title

Correspondence from G.S. Gibson

Dates

1876

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from G.S. Gibson, Saffron Waldon (4 items). The correspondence concerns a Saxon cemetery opened by Gibson and includes a sketched map of the cemetery and a list of measurements of skulls.

Ref

GR/A/1/45

Title

Correspondence from William Wyatt Gill

Dates

1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from W. Wyatt Gill, Lewisham (2 items). The correspondence includes reference to an axe from Mangaia, seeds from New Guinea and a woman's petticoat from the Loyalty Islands sent by Wyatt to Rolleston. The axe (1887.1.708) and the petticoat (1887.1.501–502) are now in the Pitt Rivers Museum.

Ref

GR/A/1/46

Title

Correspondence from S.D. Gross

Dates

1870

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from S.D. Gross, Philadelphia (3 items). The correspondence refers to the acquisition of osteological material from Dr Ash (?)

Ref

GR/A/1/47

Title

Correspondence from George Gulliver

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from G. Gulliver (1 item). The correspondence concerns the dispatch of osteological material to Rolleston.

Ref

GR/A/1/48

Title

Correspondence from Julius Haast

Dates

1871–1873

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Julius Haast, Canterbury Museum, New Zealand (6 items). The correspondence primarily regards the delivery of osteological material to the University Museum.

Ref

GR/A/1/49

Title

Correspondence from H.S. Harland

Dates

1873, 1875

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from H.S. Harland (3 items). Correspondence includes reference to the cast of skull of an ancient Briton sent by Harland to Rolleston, two molar teeth of a horse (?), a collection of ancient British stone implements that a colleague wishes to bequest to the University Museum and participation in excavations with Canon Greenwell.

Ref

GR/A/1/50

Title

Correspondence from James Park Harrison

Dates

1877–1879

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from James Park Harrison (14 items). The correspondence includes 11 letters, 1 postcard, 1 telegram and a photograph. The postcard announces the discovery of a shaft containing Roman pottery and associated finds. The letters concern the discovery of skeletal remains during excavations Park Harrison is working on with Lane Fox (presumably Cissbury) and refer to sending Rolleston photographs of skeletal remains in situ. One of the letters is a copy of a letter sent Harrison from Dr C. Kelly.

Ref

GR/A/1/51

Title

Correspondence from Bertram F. Harsthorne

Dates

1872, 1874–1875, n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from B.F. Harsthorne (15 items). Only 10 of the letters have years noted on them. The letters concern the Veddahs, Sri Lanka and reference to bows and arrows, an axe and samples of hair as well as osteological material sent to the University Museum. There is also reference in the letters to copies of photographs. Some of the hair samples are now in the Pitt Rivers Museum (1887.1.246–250), together with a metal axe hafted onto a wooden handle (1887.1.245).

Ref

GR/A/1/52

Title

Correspondence from J.A. Heathcote-Amory

Dates

1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from J.A. Heathcote-Amory (1 item). The correspondence concerns a box of burnt bones sent to Rolleston from Kingshayes.

Ref

GR/A/1/53

Title

Correspondence from A. Herbert

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from A. Herbert, Lyminton (1 item). The letter refers to the donation of an obsidian core from Milos (?). This is probably the obsidian core now in the Pitt Rivers Museum (1887.1.255).

Ref

GR/A/1/54

Title

Correspondence from A.G. (?) Hill

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from A.G. (?), Hill(?), Davenport House, Birmingham (1 item) concerning a letter sent by Hill's cousin. Mr J. Clark of Adalade, South Australia, offering some osteological material to Oxford.

Ref

GR/A/1/55

Title

Correspondence from Swinton Colthurst Holland.

Dates

1873–1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from S.C. Holland (7 items). The correspondence includes 5 letters from S.C. Holland, 1 postcard from S.C. Holland and 1 letter from Edward J. Wilson. The correspondence includes Holland's offer to collect material during his naval voyages, reference to bows and arrows and specimens of earth from Barbados. The letter from Wilson introduces S.C. Holland. One of the bows may be in the Pitt Rivers Museum (1887.1.527), as may the specimens of the earth referred to (1887.1.512).

Ref

GR/A/1/56

Title

Correspondence from Anatole von Hügel.

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from A. von Hügel (2 items). The correspondence concerns von Hügel's Fijian collection and his possible visit to Oxford, with the possibility of donating to the University Museum.

Ref

GR/A/1/57

Title

Correspondence from G.M. Humphrey

Dates

1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from G.M. Humphrey, Anatomical Museum, Cambridge (2 items). The correspondence concerns the delivery of osteological material from Oxford to Cambridge and payment for these.

Ref

GR/A/1/58

Title

Correspondence from Thomas J. Hutchinson

Dates

1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Thomas J. Hutchinson, London (7 items). The letters refer to Hutchinson's collection of osteological material on display in the Bethnal Green Museum and to Rolleston's purchase of some of them.

Ref

GR/A/1/59

Title

Correspondence from Thomas Huxley

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Thomas Huxley (1 item). The correspondence refers to a Maori skull and a visit to Oxford to give a lecture on the eye.

Ref

GR/A/1/60

Title

Correspondence with the Indian Museum, Calcutta

Dates

1870

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from the Indian Museum, Calcutta (3 items) concerning the dispatch of osteological material to Oxford. There is additionally a list of zoological specimens.

Ref

GR/A/1/61

Title

Correspondence from Margaret Jackson

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to Mrs Rolleston from Margaret Jackson (1 item) concerning the arrival of a package for George Rolleston.

Ref

GR/A/1/62

Title

Correspondence from John Jeremiah

Dates

1870

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from John Jeremiah, London (2 items). The correspondence regards a request for a copy of Rolleston's paper on the Frilford Anglo-Saxon graves.

Ref

GR/A/1/63

Title

Correspondence from A. Jewett.

Dates

1868

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from A. Jewett (1 item). Correspondence refers to a 'proof of the Earth worm'.

Ref

GR/A/1/64

Title

Correspondence from W. Basil Jones

Dates

1873

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from W. Basil Jones (2 items). The correspondence concerns Sancton - see also the correspondence file of M. Foster for further information on this matter.

Ref

GR/A/1/65

Title

Correspondence from Rupert Jones

Dates

1878

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Rupert Jones (2 items). The correspondence regards a volume of the *Transactions of the Newbury Field Club* in which Jones would like a note from Rolleston on the human skull 'from the Peet'. See also the File GR/B/4/2.

Ref

GR/A/1/66

Title

Correspondence from C. Kelly

Dates

1879

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from C. Kelly (1 item). The correspondence concerns Rolleston's paper on the Cissbury skeleton.

Ref

GR/A/1/67

Title

Correspondence from Rev. Joseph King

Dates

1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Rev. Joseph King (1 item). The correspondence concerns his future travel plans, George Lawes' ordination and a package of 'curiosities' that he is sending. The list of objects he refers to is pasted into Rolleston notes, several of which are now in the Pitt Rivers Museum (see GR/B/6/6).

Ref

GR/A/1/68

Title

Correspondence from Augustus Henry Lane Fox [Pitt-Rivers]

Dates

1876–1878

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from A.H. Lane Fox (22 items). Correspondence primarily relating to their joint interest in Mount Caburn and Ranscombe Camp in Sussex and includes sketches of areas of the sites as they were being investigated. All the letters were

transcribed as part of the Pitt Rivers Museum's 'Rethinking Pitt-Rivers' project (see <http://web.prm.ox.ac.uk/rpr/index.php/article-index/12-articles/734-rolleston-papers-at-ashmolean-museum>).

Ref

GR/A/1/69

Title

Correspondence from (?) Latham.

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from (?) Latham, Beaumont Street, Oxford (1 item), regarding craniology.

Ref

GR/A/1/70

Title

Correspondence from and concerning Rev. William George Lawes

Dates

1874–1877, 1879–1880

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from W.G. Lawes, Reading (27 items). This includes 13 letters from W.G. Lawes and 1 postal address card for W.G. Lawes. The correspondence concerns Lawes' New Guinea collection, including bones, zoological specimens, pottery and stone implements sent to the University Museum. Some of these artefacts may now be in the Pitt Rivers Museum (1887.1.535–588, 1903.129.15, 1903.130.19, 2005.21.1, 2005.37.1, 2005.138.1, 2009.82.1). The letters also relate W.G. Lawes' experiences and observations of living at Port Moresby, including the people, culture and local fauna.

There are additionally 14 letters concerning delivery of objects and books from and to W.G. Lawes in New Guinea, including: 4 letters from the London Missionary Society dated 1876 concerning a shipment of books to W.G. Lawes and other postal matters; 5 letters sent to George Rolleston by Fanny Lawes concerning news of W.G. Lawes in New Guinea and parcels to and from him; 4 letters from Mr. Burgis concerning the delivery of books to W.G. Lawes; and a letter from C. Appleton.

Ref

GR/A/1/71

Title

Correspondence from E. Laws

Dates

1878, 1880–1881

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from E. Laws (6 items). The correspondence comprises 4 letters, a drawing of a flint implement and an envelope with the note 'skulls bones returned to Tenby'. Correspondence includes references to a bull's skull, excavations at Tenby and osteological material found at Tenby that was sent to Rolleston.

Ref

GR/A/1/72

Title

Correspondence from John Lee

Dates

1869

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from John Lee (1 item). The correspondence concerns the discovery of a crannog in South Britain (Llangrove?).

Ref

GR/A/1/73

Title

Correspondence from Allesley Broughton Leigh

Dates

1877

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from A.B. Leigh, Brownsover Hall (3 items). The correspondence concerns some osteological material shown to Rolleston by Leigh.

Ref

GR/A/1/74

Title

Correspondence from Charles H. Leycester

Dates

1974

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence from Charles H. Leycester (1 item) concerning osteological material forwarded by his manager J. M Stokes.

Ref

GR/A/1/75

Title

Correspondence from D. Lewis Lloyd.

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence from D. Lewis Lloyd (1 item) requesting suggestions for the replacement of a science master, Mr. Poole.

Ref

GR/A/1/76

Title

Correspondence from the London Hospital

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence from the London Hospital (1 item), sent to George Rolleston from W. Tay (?), requesting that an accompanying circular concerning scholarships (not attached) be brought to the notice of Oxford medical students.

Ref

GR/A/1/77

Title

Correspondence from W.C. Lukis

Dates

1874, 1876

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston and Canon Greenwell from W.C. Lukis, Wath Rectory, Yorkshire (4 items). Three letters are addressed to Rolleston and concern bones found near a local castle (Castle Dykes), a request for information about Roman dogs, and information on fragments of skull in Lukis' possession found nearby in Wath. The letter to Greenwell concerns a polished stone axe and the Castle Dykes bones.

Ref

GR/A/1/78

Title

Correspondence from David? Macintosh

Dates

1868, 1870–1872

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston and Mr. Hammond from MacIntosh (10 items). One letter is addressed to Mr. Hammond and concerns the delivery of osteological material to Rolleston. Two of the items appear to be pages from letters for which the first page is missing.

Ref

GR/A/1/79

Title

Correspondence from W Macray.

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from W. Macray (1 item). Only a short note of a forthcoming visit from Mr. Lytes [?].

Ref

GR/A/1/80

Title

Correspondence from Neil Henry Maskelyne

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence from Neil Henry Maskelyne (1 item). The correspondence concerns mineralogy.

Ref

GR/A/1/81

Title

Correspondence from J. Mason

Dates

1878

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from J. Mason (1item). The correspondence regards the discovery of a lead coffin on a farm near Eynsham Hall and extends an invitation to Rolleston to visit the site.

Ref

GR/A/1/82

Title

Correspondence from Professor Rowland N. Michell

Dates

1870–1873, 1875

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Professor Roland N. Michell, Egypt (10 items) concerning 12 osteological specimens, 1 from Caesar's Camp near Alexandria, 1 from Gizeh (Giza) Pyramids and 10 from Saqqara (Sakkara). The circumstances of these finds are described in some detail. At least two of the specimens from Saqqara are now in the Pitt Rivers Museum (1887.33.2 and 1887.33.3).

Ref

GR/A/1/83

Title

Correspondence from Walter Money

Dates

1876, 1878–1879

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Walter Money, Herborough House, Newbury (15 items). Six of the items concern the Falkland Memorial Committee. The remaining correspondence regards the activities of the Newbury District Field Club, some long barrows at Bucklebury and some pottery sherds sent to Rolleston.

Ref

GR/A/1/84

Title

Correspondence from Charles M. Monkman

Dates

1870–1871, 1873

Extent

1 envelope

Level

1 file

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Charles Monkman, Malton (9 items). The correspondence regards the dispatch of osteological material belonging to J W Maughan [?], osteological material from a Roman cemetery at York, 2 skulls from contracted burials with deer horns, a criticism of the Canon's work in *The Times*, a cemetery found near Appleton by Rev. Peach and two round barrows in Yorkshire opened by Monkman (includes sketches). See also correspondence file for F. Porter.

Ref

GR/A/1/85

Title

Correspondence from John Moore

Dates

1874, 1879

Extent

1 envelope

Level

1 file

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from John Moore, Gloucester (3 items). The correspondence includes two letters, one regarding bones found on Barrington Downs and another concerning a box of bones sent to Rolleston found in a lead coffin. The third item is a watercolour drawing of teeth?

Ref

GR/A/1/86

Title

Correspondence from J.R. Mummery

Dates

1878

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from J.R. Mummery (3 items) regarding osteological material sent to the University Museum.

Ref

GR/A/1/87

Title

Correspondence from Robert Munro

Dates

1878–1879

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Robert Munro, Kilmarnock, Scotland (16 items) and R.W. Cochran-Patrick (2 items). The correspondence comprises 11 letters from Munro

regarding the Lochlea Crannog, 4 photographs on card of finds from the crannog, 2 letters from Patrick requesting Rolleston examine the bones from the crannog and a flyer for Ayrshire and Wigtonshire Archaeological Association.

Ref

GR/A/1/88

Title

Correspondence from W.K. Parker

Dates

1875

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from W.K. Parker (1 item) regarding cranial morphology.

Ref

GR/A/1/89

Title

Correspondence from Charles H. Pearson

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Charles Pearson, Farnham (4 items) concerning Anglo-Saxons and early English history and demography.

Ref

GR/A/1/90

Title

Correspondence from Walter Papeys

Dates

1869

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Walter Papeys, Auckland, New Zealand (1 item). The correspondence regards the photograph of Maori people and a discussion of stature. There is also reference to the dispatch of osteological material to Rolleston from a Mr. Stokes.

Ref

GR/A/1/91

Title

Correspondence from John Phillips

Dates

1872

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from John Philips (4 items). This includes 3 letters and a paper entitled 'Cranometry'. The correspondence regards methodologies of cranial measurement.

Ref

GR/A/1/92

Title

Correspondence from Frederick Pond

Dates

1874, 1876, n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence from Frederick Pond, Haslingfield (23 items). Most of the letters bear no year date. The salutation on many of the letters is simply 'Dear Sir' and references in some seem to indicate not all were sent directly to Rolleston (perhaps Canon Greenwell who is often referred to in these letters). The correspondence largely concerns the dispatch of bones and a few artefacts to Rolleston from local finds, although the provenance does not appear to be given in the letters themselves.

Ref

GR/A/1/93

Title

Correspondence from Fred R. Porter

Dates

1868?

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to Canon Greenwell from Fred Porter (1 item). The correspondence concerns excavations conducted by Porter with Charles Monkman. Includes sketch of a spearhead. See also correspondence file for Monkman.

Ref

GR/A/1/94

Title

Correspondence from Bartholomew Price

Dates

1877

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Bartholomew Price, Secretary at the Clarendon Press (1 item) regarding the price of *British Barrows* publication.

Ref

GR/A/1/95

Title

Correspondence from John E. Price

Dates

1878–1879

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from John E. Price, Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland (2 items). Correspondence refers to the skeleton from Cissbury.

Ref

GR/A/1/96

Title

Correspondence from Major F. Raikes

Dates

1880

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence from Major Raikes and W.S. Symond (5 items) concerning osteological material.

Ref

GR/A/1/97

Title

Correspondence from James Ragg (?)

Dates

1875

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from James Ragg (?), Pitt Close Cottage, Naunton Hill (2 items). The correspondence concerns Ragg's collection of fossils.

Ref

GR/A/1/98

Title

Correspondence from J. Raine

Dates

1879

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence from J. Raine, York (4 items) concerning the delivery of Roman skulls and a collection of flint implements found on the Wolds.

Ref

GR/A/1/99

Title

Correspondence from J.O. Ridley

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence from J.O. Ridely, Gravesend (1 item). Correspondence comprises a cover letter for answers to questions from lectures on digestion (answers not attached).

Ref

GR/A/1/100

Title

Correspondence from W. Leedham Greave Roberts (?)

Dates

1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence from W.L.G. Roberts (1 item) acknowledging receipt of a postal order.

Ref

GR/A/1/101

Title

Correspondence from William Rolleston

Dates

1865–1867, 1871–1873

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from William Rolleston, Christchurch, New Zealand (15 items). Ten of the letters are from George Rolleston's brother, William, and are largely of a personal nature, although also include reference to zoological specimens he has acquired in New Zealand for G. Rolleston. One letter is from an acquaintance of William Rolleston, H.W. Lloyd (?) on a personal matter. Three letters and a newspaper cutting concern the establishment of an astronomical observatory in Christchurch, which George Rolleston seems to have supported.

Ref

GR/A/1/102

Title

Correspondence sent by George Rolleston

Dates

1876–1877

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence sent by George Rolleston to various individuals (8 items), including Mr. Robertson, Harry Smith, Professor Phillips, and Canon Greenwell. The salutation of one letter is simply 'Dear Sir' and concerns Rolleston's complaint that two excavations he had conducted with Canon Greenwell at 'Cow Common' and 'Lucky Ground (?)' had been back filled. The letter addressed to Harry Smith encloses a letter sent to Rolleston from Greenwell concerning metal objects from Swiss Lake Village sites. The letter to the Professor (?) concerns methods of craniological measurement. The letter addressed to 'George' concerns payment for Swiss Lake Village artefacts. The letter address to Professor Phillips concerns George Rolleston's methodology for measuring skulls.

Ref

GR/A/1/103

Title

Correspondence from David Royce

Dates

1874, n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

1 File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from David Royce, Nether Swell Vicarage, Stow on Wold (20 items). Most of the correspondence is not marked with the year of writing. There are 19 letters and 1 loose leaf of paper that might be from one of these letters. The correspondence concerns archaeological finds around Nether Swell (see also GR/B/1/5).

Ref

GR/A/1/104

Title

Correspondence from E.J.E. Rudsdell

Dates

1875

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston and Mrs. Rolleston from E.J.E. Rudsdell (5 item), Beckingham, Gainsborough regarding dispatch of osteological material to George Rolleston and notes on the finder of the skull.

Ref

GR/A/1/104

Title

Correspondence from Sam Sharp

Dates

1875

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Sam Sharp, Dallington Hall, Northampton (2 items) concerning a skull from the Nene Valley, near Northampton.

Ref

GR/A/1/105

Title

Correspondence from George R. Shaw

Dates

1880

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence from George Shaw (1 item) concerning rubbings of carvings from Madagascar and a Samoan cloth sent to the museum. The same sheet of paper has a letter addressed to Max Müller concerning the same material. These may be copies of original letters.

Ref

GR/A/1/106

Title

Correspondence from John Slater

Dates

1868, 1870

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from John Slater, Streatley Vicarage, Berkshire (8 items). The correspondence includes reference to the number of burials over a period of years (1780–1867) (see also file GR/I/1) and a passage from Bede in Latin. One of the letters encloses another from J.J. (?) to Slater and concerns the Anglo-Saxon language.

Ref

GR/A/1/107

Title

Correspondence from Goldwin Smith

Dates

1869–1870

Extent

1 envelope

Level

1 File

Scope

Correspondence from Goldwin Smith, Ithaca, NY (2 items) principally concerning specimens of fish, but does also make reference to osteological material.

Ref

GR/A/1/108

Title

Correspondence from Edward J. Stevens

Dates

1870

Extent

1 envelope

Level

1 File

Scope

Correspondence to Rev. J. Earle from Edward J. Stevens, Salisbury (1 item) concerning a paper written by Rolleston.

Ref

GR/A/1/109

Title

Correspondence from William Stephenson

Dates

1875, 1880

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from William Stephenson, Beverley (4 items). The correspondence concerns implements found with a skull from a Saxon cemetery and a box of

bones of a child found on the Wolds. Two letters are personal in nature asking for advice on Oxford schools for Stephenson's son.

Ref

GR/A/1/110

Title

Correspondence from R. H. Taylor

Dates

1867

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from R.H. Taylor (3 items) concerning human remains from Kemble cemetery (see also GR/B/3/3).

Ref

GR/A/1/111

Title

Correspondence from William G. Thistle

Date

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from William G. Thistle (2 items) concerning osteological material.

Ref

GR/A/1/112

Title

Correspondence from John Thurman

Dates

1869–1870, [illegible]

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from John Thurman, Devizes (7 items) consisting of 5 letters, a printed page entitled 'Measurements of 56 skulls from chambered and other long barrows', and a handwritten note 'observations on two skulls from Towyn y Capel, presented to the Oxford Museum by the Hon. W.D. Stanley'. The correspondence concerns the Towyn y Capel skulls (see also correspondence file for Albert Way and GR/B/4/17).

Ref

GR/A/1/113

Title

Correspondence from J. Uhlmann

Dates

1878

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Dr J. Uhlmann (1 item) in French.

Ref

GR/A/1/114

Title

Correspondence from Rev. E. Venables

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Rev. E. Venables (2 items) concerning Roman bones from Lincoln and includes a clipping from a newspaper (?) regarding the discovery.

Ref

GR/A/1/115

Title

Correspondence from C. Knight Watson

Dates

1867–1869

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from C. Knight Watson, Society of the Antiquaries of London (7 items) concerning meetings and proceedings of the Society.

Ref

GR/A/1/116

Title

Correspondence from Albert Way

Dates

1870

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence from Albert Way (1 item) concerning skulls from Towyn y Capel cemetery from W.D. Stanley (see also correspondence file for John Thurman and GR/B/4/17).

Ref

GR/A/1/117

Title

Correspondence from W. Welsey

Dates

1872–1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from W. Welsey, Regent's Parks (4 items). The correspondence includes references to osteological material from Langton Wold and proofs of Moseley's plates.

Ref

GR/A/1/118

Title

Correspondence from Robert White

Dates

1878

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Robert White (4 items) including 2 letters, a telegram and a printed page of drawings of bones and an assortment of artefacts. The correspondence concerns White's collection which he wishes to sell.

Ref

GR/A/1/119

Title

Correspondence from Rev. S.J. Whitmee

Dates

1872, 1874–1875, 1877–1878

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Rev. S.J. Whitmee (20 items). There are 17 letters that largely concern ethnological and cranial collections made by Whitmee in Oceania, as well as specimens of fish and crustaceans. The collections are mainly from Samoa, but there is also reference to Gilbert Islands, Ellice Islands (Tuvalu) and New Guinea. Included is also a printed flyer for *A Grammar and Dictionary of the Samoan Dialect* edited by Whitmee and a printed specimen of this dictionary (see also GR/D/1/8). With one of the letters is a list of

objects sent to Rolleston including osteological material and artefacts. Of the objects listed the 5 wooden fish hooks from Tuvalu are now in the Pitt Rivers Museum (1887.1.469–471, 1887.1.474–475), as are the fan (1887.1.472) and basket (1887.1.473) from Samoa. The hatchet from Tuvalu may also be the axe now listed as being the Pitt Rivers Museum (1887.1.478).

Ref

GR/A/1/120

Title

Correspondence from Edward Whymper

Dates

1867–1870

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Edward Whymper, Lambeth, London (25 items) regarding osteological material. Of these 19 are from Whymper, including 4 that are copies of letters: 3 sent to Whymper from George Rolleston, 1 Professor Turner (?) from Whymper (?) and 1 without a salutation. Tied with this bundle of letters are 4 letters to George Rolleston also concerning osteological material, but from another individual [signature illegible]. A fifth letter addressed to Whymper is also included but no signature is associated with it.

Ref

GR/A/1/121

Title

Correspondence from R. Williamson

Dates

1877

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from R. Williamson, York (1 item) concerning courses at Oxford and the College of Surgeons.

Ref

GR/A/1/122

Title

Correspondence from Ernest H. Willet

Dates

1875

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Ernest Willet, Brighton (2 items) concerning the discovery of osteological material and a knife on Beeding Hill in two round barrows.

Ref

GR/A/1/123

Title

Correspondence from Henry Willet

Dates

1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to Rev. Canon Greenwell from Henry Willet (1 item) regarding the opening of pits at Cissbury with his son, Ernest Willet, and the discoveries of flint and charcoal within.

Ref

GR/A/1/124

Title

Correspondence from Daniel Wilson

Dates

1870

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Daniel Wilson, Toronto (3 items) regarding osteological material sent to the University Museum (see also GR/D/3/1 for list of osteological material sent from the University Museum in return).

Ref

GR/A/1/125

Title

Correspondence from Rev. Richard Wilton

Dates

1880

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence from Richard Wilton, Londesborough Rectory (5 items) concerning the remains of Anglo-Saxon bones and artefacts at Londesborough. The file contains 4 letters and a printed sheet entitled *Lyrics; Sylvan and Sacred* by Richard Wilton.

Ref

GR/A/1/126

Title

Correspondence from James Wood-Mason

Dates

1877

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from James Wood-Mason, Chester Square, London (2 items) concerning zoological specimens (a Megapod, Tupaia, Nisokia and a bat) together with osteological material from Naga and Lushai.

Ref

GR/A/1/127

Title

Correspondence from Heathcote Wyndham

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Heathcote Wyndham (1 item) concerning a sample of lead sent to Wyndham to be analyzed.

Ref

GR/A/1/128

Title

Correspondence from James Wyatt

Dates

1870, 1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from James Wyatt, Bedford (4 items). The correspondence regards the age of Anglo-Saxons found in English sites, the Kempston skeletons, information on a Saxon skull and spear sent to Rolleston by Wyatt and osteological material in the possession of Major Cooper. The file is composed of 3 letters and a loose sheet of paper with a postscript note. It is not clear if this belongs to any of the 3 letters. The spear referred to is now in the Pitt Rivers Museum (1887.1.428).

GR/A/2 Correspondence and papers from Henry Nottidge Moseley, HMS Challenger

Ref

GR/A/2

Title

Correspondence and papers from Henry Nottidge Moseley, HMS Challenger

Dates

1868, 1872–1875

Extent

1 box file containing 3 files (3 envelopes)

Level

Series

Scope

Correspondence and papers sent to George Rolleston from Henry Moseley during his HMS Challenger voyages 1872–1876. There correspondence is comprised of 43 letters, 12 newspaper cuttings concerning notes of discoveries made during the voyage and a file of miscellaneous papers.

Ref

GR/A/2/1

Title

Correspondence from Henry Nottidge Moseley

Dates

1866, 1872–1875, n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Henry Moseley sent mostly during his HMS Challenger voyage (51 items). Of these 16 have no year noted on them, 12 of which were posted from Cecil Lodge, Stoke Bishop and seem to be from Henry Moseley's father on Henry Moseley's behalf, forwarding packages etc. (2 further letters from Henry Moseley's father are dated 1875). Two letters are notices of telegrams received concerning the arrival of the Challenger. Only one letter dates to before Moseley's Challenger voyage. Most of the letters relate to either zoological or personal matters, rather than to the collection of artefacts or osteological material. The letter dated 5 June 1874 makes reference to Rolleston's 'Australian cousin' and skull he intends to send Rolleston in Oxford. The letter dated July 17 1874 is an introductory letter for F.E. Du Faur of Sydney who was mounting an expedition to North Western Australia.. A letter from the Royal Botanical Garden Ceylon dated 24 July 1874 regarding the foundation of a new museum was also found in this bundle of letters, possibly as Moseley makes reference to a museum position in Ceylon in his correspondence. Of the few artefacts referred to in the letters, collected by Moseley during his expedition, a few may now be in the Pitt Rivers Museum: an obsidian spearhead from the Admiralty Islands (1887.1.656), a Fijian pottery vessel (1887.1.686), and a New Guinea drum (1903.129.20).

Ref

GR/A/2/2

Title

Newspaper cuttings concerning the HMS Challenger voyage.

Dates

1872–1876

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Newspaper cuttings concerning the HMS Challenger voyage (13 items).

Ref

GR/A/2/3

Title

Miscellaneous papers concerning Henry Moseley and the HMS Challenger voyage

Dates

1872–1876?

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Miscellaneous papers (5 items). The papers include 2 loose pieces of paper, one a note on a carving obtained at Betsy Cove (?) Jan. 1874, the other a note from Regent's park regarding the arrival of a box (contents unclear). There is a handwritten note entitled 'specimens to illustrate a paper on *Peripatus Capensis* by H N Moseley' and 3 letters, one from John C. Galton (?), 1 from W. Sharpey and 1 from Rolleston.

GR/A/3 Rolleston-Greenwell Correspondence by year

Ref

GR/A/3

Title

Rolleston-Greenwell Correspondence by year

Dates

1868–1881

Extent

1 Box file containing 15 files (15 envelopes)

Level

Series

Scope

13 envelopes which have been previously organized by year of correspondence, where known. There are 2 further envelopes of correspondence where the year of writing is unknown. There are an estimated 347 letters in this series. The correspondence is predominantly from Greenwell to Rolleston, although a few are copies of letters Rolleston sent to Greenwell, or from other individuals. The material primarily regards British archaeology and their mutual interest in excavating British barrows. This resulted in the 1877 publication *British Barrows: a record of the examination of sepulchral mounds in various parts of England* by William Greenwell together with description of figures of skulls, general remarks on prehistoric crania and an appendix, by George Rolleston.

Ref

GR/A/3/1

Title

Rolleston-Greenwell correspondence 1868

Dates

1868

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence consisting of 6 letters, 3 from Greenwell to Rolleston, 2 from Rolleston to Greenwell and 1 from Greenwell, recipient unknown.

Ref

GR/A/3/2

Title

Rolleston-Greenwell correspondence 1869

Dates

1869

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence consisting of 2 letters, both from Greenwell to Rolleston.

Ref

GR/A/3/3

Title

Rolleston-Greenwell correspondence 1870

Dates

1870

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence consisting of 15 letters and 1 photograph. All the correspondence is from Greenwell to Rolleston.

Ref

GR/A/3/4

Title

Rolleston-Greenwell correspondence 1871

Dates

1871

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence consisting of 8 letters from Greenwell to Rolleston.

Ref

GR/A/3/5

Title

Rolleston-Greenwell correspondence 1872

Dates

1872

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence consisting of 13 letters from Greenwell to Rolleston.

Ref

GR/A/3/6

Title

Rolleston-Greenwell correspondence 1873

Dates

1873

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence consisting of 27 letters from Greenwell to Rolleston. Of these, 3 letters are written on the back of letters from other individuals: 1 from J. Raine to Rolleston, 1 to Greenwell, signature illegible, and 1 with an illegible signature, original addressee unknown.

Ref

GR/A/3/7

Title

Rolleston-Greenwell correspondence 1874

Dates

1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence consisting of 31 letters from Greenwell to Rolleston. Of these, 2 letters are written on letters originally written from Rolleston to Greenwell.

Ref

GR/A/3/8

Title

Rolleston-Greenwell correspondence 1875

Dates

1875

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence consisting of 56 letters from Greenwell to Rolleston.

Ref

GR/A/3/9

Title

Rolleston-Greenwell correspondence 1876

Dates

1876

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence consisting of 50 letters from Greenwell to Rolleston.

Ref

GR/A/3/10

Title

Rolleston-Greenwell correspondence 1877

Dates

1877

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence consisting of 26 letters from Greenwell to Rolleston. There is additionally 1 piece of paper with an address written on it.

Ref

GR/A/3/11

Title

Rolleston-Greenwell correspondence 1878

Dates

1878

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence consisting of 12 letters from Greenwell to Rolleston.

Ref

GR/A/3/12

Title

Rolleston-Greenwell correspondence 1879

Dates

1879

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence consisting of 9 letters from Greenwell to Rolleston.

Ref

GR/A/3/13

Title

Rolleston-Greenwell correspondence 1880/1881

Dates

1880–1881

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence consisting of 9 letters. Of these 7 are from Greenwell to Rolleston, 1 is from Rolleston to Greenwell. Only 1 letter is from 1881 and is written after Rolleston's death and provides information about some osteological material.

Ref

GR/A/3/14

Title

Rolleston-Greenwell correspondence, miscellaneous undated

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

One envelope of undated correspondence between Rolleston and Greenwell. It is unclear why this batch of undated material has been separated from GR/A/3/15. The correspondence consists of 34 letters and 14 pieces of paper with handwritten notes that may have been part of other letters, but it is presently unclear which.

Ref

GR/A/3/15

Title

Rolleston-Greenwell correspondence, miscellaneous undated

Dates

Nd

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

One envelope of undated correspondence between Rolleston and Greenwell. It is unclear why this batch of undated material has been separated from GR/A/3/14. The correspondence consists of 49 letters from Greenwell to Rolleston (including 1 inside an envelope covered in written notes), 1 post card addressed to Rolleston, 1 letter from Greenwell to Mr. Dawkins, 1 letter to Greenwell (from Rolleston?), and 4 pieces of loose paper with handwritten notes that may have been part of other letters, but it is presently unclear which.

GR/A/4 Miscellaneous Correspondence**Ref**

GR/A/4

Title

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Dates

1861–1882

Extent

1 box file containing 6 files (6 envelopes)

Level

Series

Scope

Files of correspondence found previously grouped together by theme: correspondence regarding burials at Kintbury, correspondence regarding burials at Girton, correspondence regarding brains and correspondence regarding Greek osteological material. There is also a file containing letters sent to the University Museum after Rolleston's death in 1882, mainly from W. Hatchett Jackson. There is also a file for correspondence addressed to George Rolleston's wife, Grace.

Ref

GR/A/4/1

Title

Correspondence regarding burials at Kintbury

Dates

1876–1879

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence concerning burials at Kintbury (24 items), with letters addressed to George Rolleston from William Boyd Dawkins (2 items), Walter Money (18 items) and Rupert Jones (3 items). There is also a handwritten note on foolscap paper addressed to 'the Editor of the Newbury Weekly News' entitled 'Human skeletons found at Kintbury'.

Ref

GR/A/4/2

Title

Correspondence regarding burials at Girton

Dates

1875

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence regarding burials at Girton College, Cambridge (5 items) including 1 letter from Barbara Leigh Smith Bodichon to George Rolleston, 2 letters from George Bushy to Bodichon, and 2 letters from George Bushy to George Rolleston. The correspondence regards Anglo-Saxon osteological material and pottery vessels found.

Ref

GR/A/4/3

Title

Correspondence regarding brains

Dates

1861–1863

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence regarding brains (19 items). Most of the correspondence is between George Rolleston and Thomas J. Moore, Liverpool Free Public Museum (12 items) concerning specimens of human brains, and 3 related letters to Thomas Moore sent from Northern Hospital Liverpool (sender's name illegible). There are also 2 letters from Mr. Collingwood, and a letter sent from Bath from R.J. Gove [?].

Ref

GR/A/4/4

Title

Correspondence regarding Greek osteological material

Dates

1871–1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence regarding Greek osteological material and associated artefacts sent to the University Museum (23 items). This correspondence primarily includes 15 letters to George Rolleston from Athanasios Rhousopoulos, mostly written in Greek. There is also a letter from the Rector of the University of Athens and 4 other letters written in English, 3 of which are directly associated with the purchase of osteological material and a few archaeological objects by Rolleston from Rhousopoulos, while another is linked to the purchase of some stone tools by John Wickham Flower, also from Rhousopoulos and via Rolleston.

Ref

GR/A/4/5

Title

Miscellaneous correspondence post-dating Rolleston's death

Dates

1881–1882

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Miscellaneous correspondence post-dating Rolleston's death (7 items), all sent to W. Hatchett Jackson, Anatomical Dept. Oxford, from various individuals including [?] Stevens (1 item), J. Fowler (1 item), John A. Lloyd (1 item), Canon Greenwell (2 items) and 1 unknown. The correspondence concerns the Broad Hinton skull.

Ref

GR/A/4/6

Title

Correspondence addressed to Grace Rolleston

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence addressed to Grace Rolleston (1 item). This consists of a letter addressed to 'Aunt Grace', but the sender's name is unknown (remaining portion of letter missing?).

GR/B: Papers relating to Archaeology (excluding Oxfordshire)

Ref

GR/B

Title

Papers relating to Archaeology (excluding Oxfordshire)

Dates

Extent

6 box files

Level

Sub-fond

Scope

Papers relating to archaeology. The majority of the papers relate to archaeology in the UK, the discovery of osteological material, and the exploration of barrows. Some of these papers had already been organized into separate series, e.g. barrows and Anglo-Saxon burials, while others were bundled separately although many of these could conceivably be incorporated into the barrow or the Anglo-Saxon series.

GR/B/1 Papers relating to British Barrows, by county

Ref

GR/B/1

Title

Papers relating to British Barrows, by county

Dates**Extent**

9 files (20 envelopes)

Level

Series

Scope

Series of files primarily concerning osteological material from barrows excavated by other individuals around the country. Many of these appear in *British barrows : a record of the examination of sepulchral mounds in various parts of England* by William Greenwell (1877) which included description of figures of skulls, general remarks on prehistoric crania and an appendix, by George Rolleston. The papers are all largely handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper describing the barrow and its contents.

Ref

GR/B/1/1

Title

Papers relating to barrows in Cumbria (Westmoreland)

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to barrows explored in the county of Cumbria (4 items). This includes handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper concerning barrows in: the Parish of Ravenstonedale (Hardrigg round barrow (see Greenwell 1877: 393–394); Parish of Kirkby Stephen (see Greenwell 1877: 382–385); Parish of Orton (see Greenwell 1877: 394–396); and Parish of Crosby Garrett (see Greenwell 1877: 386–393). The notes variously include references to objects and skeletal remains found, measurements of crania as well as references to the contexts and excavation of finds, together with some information on barrow architecture.

Ref

GR/B/1/2

Title

Papers relating to barrows in Cumberland

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to burials explored in the county of Cumberland (1 item). This includes handwritten notes on 3 sheets of blue foolscap paper concerning burials in Castle Carrock (see Greenwell 1877: 379–380), describing skull measurements.

Ref

GR/B/1/3

Title

Papers relating to barrows in Derbyshire

Dates

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to a barrow near Grindlow, Derbyshire (1 item). This includes a single sheet of blue foolscap paper with handwritten notes on a barrow that is not included in Greenwell 1877. The note provides an account of the excavation and what was found.

Ref

GR/B/1/4

Title

Papers relating to barrows in Dorset

Dates

1879–1880

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to barrows in Dorset (1 item). This includes Fordington barrow excavated in Dorchester, 1879–1880 by Edward Cunnington (see GR/A/1/... for correspondence relating to this). The handwritten notes on 6 sheets of blue foolscap paper include copies of letters sent by Cunnington and a pasted in sketch of a pottery vessel found.

Ref

GR/B/1/5

Title

Papers relating to barrows in Gloucestershire

Dates

1874?–1880?

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to barrows in Gloucestershire (2 items). The handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper including information on osteological material from West Tump long barrow and barrows in Nether Swell. The West Tump notes regard information from G.R. Witts, while the Nether Swell notes concern information from David Royce (see also correspondence file GR/A/1/...).

Ref

GR/B/1/6

Title

Papers relating to barrows in Northumberland

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to barrows in Northumberland (1 item), including 1 handwritten note on blue foolscap paper concerning skeletal remains at 'the fawns'.

Ref

GR/B/1/7

Title

Papers relating to barrows in Wiltshire

Dates

1879?

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to barrows in Wiltshire (1 item), including Rockley barrow. The handwritten notes on 4 sheets of blue foolscap paper include skull measurements and notes on the skeleton found in the barrow. See also the correspondence from Cecil Cunnington (GR/A/1/...).

Ref

GR/B/1/8

Title

Papers relating to barrows in East Riding of Yorkshire

Dates

1873

Extent

3 envelopes

Level

File

Scope

3 envelopes containing handwritten notes on barrows excavated in East Riding of Yorkshire, including: in the parishes of Goodmanham [including Enthorp, Jamett and Paulinus] (4 items); Londesborough (1 item); and Rudston (2 items). These handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper primarily concern skeletal remains and notes on osteological material from barrows. There are also two sheets of blue foolscap paper with handwritten notes entitled 'old names of skulls mentioned in note for 662' listing Goodmanham, Rudston, Brough, Flixton and Duggleby.

Ref

GR/B/1/9

Title

Papers relating to barrows in North Yorkshire

Dates

1872, n.d.

Extent

10 envelopes

Level

File

Scope

10 envelopes containing handwritten notes on barrows excavated in North Yorkshire (modern county), including: in Cowlam (1 item); Ebberston (1 item); Folkton [including Flixton] (1 item); Ganton [including Ganton Southwell and Brough] (2 items); Helperthorpe (1 item); Heslerton (1 item); Kewick (1 item); Langton Wold (1 item); Sherburn Wold [including Duggleby, Lamplough and Anderson] (1 item); and Weaverthorpe [including Smith, Ford and Anderson]. These handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper primarily concern skeletal remains and notes on osteological material from barrows.

GR/B/2 Papers relating to barrows (Greenwell series?)**Ref**

GR/B/2

Title

Papers relating to barrows (Greenwell series?)

Dates

1873–1879

Extent

1 box file, 5 files (5 envelopes)

Level

Series

Scope

Series of papers found together in an envelope marked 'Greenwell series?' This comprises bundles of handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper concerning skeletal remains from barrows. Some of these include correspondence pasted into the pages or loosely held within the folds of the paper. These have been organized into 5 envelopes by county (following handwritten note within – see Misc. file GR/B/2/5): Cumberland, Durham, Northumberland, Yorkshire and miscellaneous.

Ref

GR/B/2/1

Title

Papers relating to barrows in Cumberland (Greenwell series?)

Dates

1874, 1879

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to skeletal remains from barrows at Clifton near Penrith (2 items) and Moorhouse (1 item). The Clifton items include a newspaper cutting on the discovery of burial at Clifton and handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper describing the skeletal remains. The Moorhouse items include handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper describing a cist found at Moorhouse into which have been pasted 4 letters addressed to Rolleston, of which 3 are from the Society of Antiquaries in London (signature illegible).

Ref

GR/B/2/2

Title

Papers relating barrows in Durham (Greenwell series?)

Dates

1874, n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to human crania and bones from Stranton, West Hartlepool (1 item). The papers comprise handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper describing bones and crania, into which has been pasted a letter dated 12 May 1874 from John Harrison to Canon Greenwell (?), which had been forwarded on to George Rolleston.

Ref

GR/B/2/3

Title

Papers relating to barrows in Northumberland (Greenwell series?)

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to burials in Northumberland (5 items). The papers comprise handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper describing osteological material from: River Blyth (1 item); Doddington (1 item); Ilderton (1 item); Rothbury (1 item); and St John Lee (1 item). These primarily concern measurements of skulls.

Ref

GR/B/2/4

Title

Papers relating to barrows in Yorkshire (Greenwell series?)

Dates

1871, n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to burials in Yorkshire (9 items). The papers comprise handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper describing burials and osteological material, including measurements of skulls, from: Appleton le Street (1 item); Dinnington (1 item); Grimsthorpe (1 item); Old Malton (1 item); Sancton near Market Weighton (1 item); Wath Rectory (1 item); and York (1 item).

Ref

GR/B/2/5

Title

Miscellaneous papers relating to barrows (Greenwell series?)

Dates

1873–1874?

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Miscellaneous papers relating to barrows (11 items). The papers comprise handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper relating to the whole series of barrows. The papers include: page entitled 'Notes for Dr Thurman' regarding barrows at Rudstone, Duggleby, Ebberston, Brough and Lamplugh and includes 'notes of Dr Thurman's collection Jan. 1873); page entitled 'Canon Greenwell's notes' on several sites; page entitled 'provisional notes on the Greenwell collection' all concerning osteological material; 2 identical lists of site names against Roman numerals both entitled 'round barrows'; a page entitled 'P.vii' with drawings of a section (site unclear); page entitled 'long barrow Sept. 23 1873' (site unclear); and a plan and section entitled 'Plan of System of Flue holes' W.C.Lukis Aug. 22 1874' (site unclear); 2 pieces of loose paper one simply saying 'various notes on Greenwell series', the other a list of counties and sites included in this series (date of creation unknown); 1 page with illegible title with a few notes on measurements of bones.

GR/B/3 Papers and correspondence relating to Anglo-Saxon burials, organized by county**Ref**

GR/B/3

Title

Papers and correspondence relating to Anglo-Saxon burials, organized by county

Dates

1868–1880

Extent

1 box file, 6 files (6 envelopes)

Level

Series

Scope

Papers found bundled together in an envelope entitled 'Anglo-Saxon' burials. These comprise correspondence to George Rolleston and handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding Anglo-Saxon burials, primarily concerning osteological material. These have been organized into 5 files by county: Cambridgeshire, Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, Kent and York. There is

additionally a file for miscellaneous papers relating to Anglo-Saxon burials. Other papers that also concern Anglo-Saxon burials are found in the correspondence files and in series GR/B/4 'Papers relating to archaeological finds in the UK by county'.

Ref

GR/B/3/1

Title

Papers and correspondence relating to Anglo-Saxon burials in Cambridgeshire

Dates

1870, 1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers and correspondence relating to Anglo-Saxon burials in Cambridgeshire (5 items). This includes handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding finds at Haslingfield, near Cambridge and a handwritten note on 'Anatomical Department, Museum, Oxford' notepaper listing finds sent from Haslingfield (see also correspondence file for Frederick Pond GR/A/1/...). There are handwritten notes on Saxon burials from Little Wilbraham, in association with notes on crania presented by Rev. Tallie Cornthwaite and newspaper cuttings pasted onto the notes. There are also 4 letters to George Rolleston concerning Anglo-Saxon burials at Edix Hill, Wimpole, including a list of objects and a letter written to Canon Greenwell (sender unknown) and forwarded on to George Rolleston.

Ref

GR/B/3/2

Title

Correspondence relating to Anglo-Saxon burials in Derbyshire

Dates

1867–1868, 1871

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence relating to Anglo-Saxon burials in Derbyshire (16 items). This includes correspondence from John Briggs, Kings Newton (5 items) concerning the work of Mr. Jewitt and a note on 'discovery of human remains near Bredon Co. Leicester in 1867'. There are also letters from William Mopey, Melbourne (5 items) concerning burials at King's Norton and from Arthur Wilson, Melbourne (5 items) concerning the whereabouts of pottery urns. There is also a newspaper clipping from *The Illustrated London News* for January 25 1868 on 'Roman antiquities found at Melbourne' (1 item).

Ref

GR/B/3/3

Title

Papers relating to Anglo-Saxon burials in Gloucestershire

Dates

1867?

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to Anglo-Saxon burials in Gloucestershire (1 item) comprising handwritten notes on foolscap paper entitled 'Discovery of A.S. Remains at Kemble'. See also correspondence files for from R.H. Taylor GR/A/1/..

Ref

GR/B/3/4

Title

Correspondence and papers relating to Anglo-Saxon burials in Kent

Dates

1870, 1874, 1877

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence and papers relating to Anglo-Saxon burials in Kent (10 items). This includes letters from H.M. Villiers (2 items) and John Brent (1 item) concerning 'Jute Skull' from Sarr cemetery, together with 2 loose pieces of headed notepaper from 'Anatomical Depart, Museum, Oxford' on the Jute Skull (with number 544 noted). There is additionally a letter from R. Mummery (?) to George Rolleston concerning a seven crania (associated with number 441). There are handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper on 'Anglo-Saxon Skull Breach Down' (1 item) in which were found 3 loose letters dated to 1874, 1 from G. Weston and 2 from Rev. Bartlett concerning this find.

Ref

GR/B/3/5

Title

Papers concerning Anglo-Saxon remains from East Riding of Yorkshire

Date

1880

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers concerning Anglo-Saxon remains from East Riding of Yorkshire (2 items), comprising handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding remains from Londesborough forwarded by Rev. Richard Wilton (see also correspondence files GR/A/1/..). Pasted onto this paper are notes on artefacts found with the remains and a sketch of the burial. There is also a letter to George Rolleston from R. Abbey concerning Anglo-Saxon urns dug up in Mr. F.W. Calvet's garden near Micklegate Bar, York.

Ref

GR/B/3/6

Title

Miscellaneous papers relating to Anglo-Saxon burials

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Miscellaneous papers relating to Anglo-Saxon burials (2 items). This includes handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper entitle 'On the modes of sepulture observable in late Roman, British and Early Anglo Saxon Time in the Country by George Rolleston'. This seems to be a draft of a paper later published as part of Transactions of the International Congress of Prehistoric Archaeology, Third Session. There is also a single loose sheet of paper entitled 'Camboise' and with the number '457' written in pencil in the top right-hand corner. This short, hand-written note refers to bodies found with bone combs and fibula.

GR/B/4 Papers relating to archaeological finds in the UK by county

Ref

GR/B/4

Title

Papers relating to archaeological finds in the UK by county

Dates

1866–1880

Extent

1 box file, 17 files (17 envelopes)

Level

Series

Scope

Papers relating to archaeological finds in the UK organized by county, including files for Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Devonshire, Durham, Gloucestershire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Northampton, Somerset, Suffolk, Sussex, Surrey, Warwick and York. There is additionally a file for papers relating to Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

Ref

GR/B/4/1

Title

Papers relating to archaeological finds in Bedfordshire

Dates

1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to archaeological finds in Bedfordshire (1 item), including handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper concerning osteological material and artefacts found at Toddington Manor, Dunstable. See also correspondence from James Wyatt GR/A/1/...

Ref

GR/B/4/2

Title

Papers relating to archaeological finds in Berkshire

Dates

1870, 1875, 1878, n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to archaeological finds in Berkshire. The papers include reference to finds from Kintbury (Newbury), Lambourne and Hampstead Norris (8 items).

The papers concerning Kintbury (5 items) comprise handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper copied from various newspapers (*Reading Mercury*, *Newbury Weekly News*), journals (*Journal Anthropological Society*) and books (Cassell's Library of English Literature). There are also handwritten notes concerning bones found with Roman pottery presented by Walter Money (see correspondence file GR/A/1/..) There is additionally a newspaper cutting from November 1874 *Newbury Weekly News* entitled 'human skeletons found at Kintbury'.

The papers concerning Lambourn (2 items) comprise handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper entitled 'examination of an interment on the downs near Lambourn Dec. 6. 1870' including a sketch of the burials, together with handwritten notes on a small loose piece of paper on a skull dug up by Buckland and a skull dug up at Benham.

The papers concerning Hampstead Norris (1 item) comprise handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper describing the discovery of a skeleton near the village of Hampstead Norris.

Ref

GR/B/4/3

Title

Papers relating to archaeological finds from Devonshire

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers regarding archaeological finds from Devonshire (1 item), including handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding a 'Leaden box with burnt human bones from Kingshayes', which was presented to the University Museum by J. Heathcote-Amory (see correspondence file for Heathcote-Amory, GR/A/1/..).

Ref

GR/B/4/4

Title

Papers relating to archaeological finds in Durham

Dates

1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers regarding archaeological finds from Durham (8 items), principally concerning the excavations in Durham Cathedral and the osteological material found during the course of these. The papers include 2 handwritten copies of a diary of the excavations, dating from July 2 1874 to July 16 1874, describing graves and their contents (with a particular focus on the skeletons). There is a sheet of white paper with an extract of notes from the diary, but on one side of which is pasted a letter to George Rolleston from William Stubbs (no date). There are also 4 loose letters addressed to George Rolleston from Canon Greenwell (2 items), A.W. Franks of the British Museum (1 item), and from M. Brookerhand? (1 item).

Ref

GR/B/4/5

Title

Papers relating to archaeological finds in Gloucestershire

Dates

1874–1875, 1877–1880

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers regarding archaeological finds in Gloucestershire (10 items). The papers include handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding: osteological material from John Moore Burton on the Water; notes on Roman skeletons from Burton(?) Hill Quarry, Kainton (?) dated Sept. 1874; notes on 'bones, concrete(?) charcoal and remains from J.E. Dorrington'; notes on Roman cemetery skulls presented by John Bellours (including letter pasted to foolscap paper); notes on a skull from 'Gatcombe Park tumulus, near Minchinhampton' presented by S Lysons; notes with periodical references and list of skulls entitled 'Rodmartin' with two letters from Gertrude Lysons pasted inside; notes on Rockhampton taken from 'races of the Cotteswolds' by Henry Bird; notes headed 'July 1879' on a British and Gaulish skull from Belas Knap; and notes on a finds made by or communicated to Rolleston by David Royce around Netherswell including Upper Swell, Copse Hill, Hagle Knap, Walierworth, Stow on the Wold. There is additionally a plan on brown semi-transparent paper entitled 'on hill NW of Nether Swell Co. Glou.'.

Ref

GR/B/4/6

Title

Papers relating to archaeological finds in Hertfordshire

Dates

1877

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers regarding archaeological finds in Hertfordshire (1 item), including handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper entitled 'skeleton examined at Kings Langley Nov 22. 1877', including newspaper cuttings pasted to the back page.

Ref

GR/B/4/7

Title

Papers relating to archaeological finds in Kent

Dates

1870, 1874, 1876

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers regarding archaeological finds in Kent (4 items). These include handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding: a skull from Rev. Bartlett by Rev. Weston of Crosby Ravensworth; two skulls and a flint flake from James Wood Mason Nov. 1876; 7 skulls from J.R. Mummery – 5 from Richborough, 1 from Sandwich and 1 from Acropolis Athens; 6 skulls from Upchurch Sittingbourne.

Ref

GR/B/4/8

Title

Papers relating to archaeological finds in Lincolnshire

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers regarding archaeological finds in Lincolnshire (1 item). This includes handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding the Calvaria of William of Lindholm, including skull measurements.

Ref

GR/B/4/9

Title

Papers relating to archaeological finds in Norfolk

Dates

1875

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers regarding archaeological finds in Norfolk (1 item). This includes handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding a skull from Methwold Fen on Stoke River. A note from a letter (sender and recipient unknown) is pasted on the inside.

Ref

GR/B/4/10

Title

Papers relating to archaeological finds in Northampton

Dates

1873

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers regarding archaeological finds in Northampton (1 item). This includes handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding skeletons discovered by Mr. Bigge of Islip, at a railroad on the lines of Willingborough and Ditchford [see also Correspondence file GR/A/1 for letters from Mr. Bigge].

Ref

GR/B/4/11

Title

Papers relating to archaeological finds in Somerset

Dates

1877, 1879

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers regarding archaeological finds in Somerset (8 items). This includes handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding: osteological material from Dr John Beddor (?) from Bristol (1 item); finds (artefacts and osteological material) from South Cadbury April 12 1877 (1 item); finds at Sigwell, Parish of Compton made by Lane Fox [Pitt-Rivers] and Rolleston (1 item) during excavations of twin barrows in July 1877. There is also a letter from J. Bennett who was involved in excavating Sigwell with Lane Fox and Rolleston, an account of the excavations (by Bennett), 2 receipts for expenses and a telegram announcing the arrival of Lane Fox and Rolleston.

Ref

GR/B/4/12

Title

Papers relating to archaeological finds in Suffolk

Dates

1866

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers regarding archaeological finds in Suffolk (1 item). This includes handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding osteological material presented to the University Museum by

Rev. G. Cardew that were dug up at Helmington near Stonham. There are 5 newspaper cuttings regarding the finds pasted into these pages, a printed plan showing the line of fortresses erected by Edward (son of Alfred) and a letter addressed to George Rolleston (sender unknown).

Ref

GR/B/4/13

Title

Papers relating to archaeological finds in Sussex

Dates

1877?–1878

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers regarding archaeological finds in Sussex (2 items). These include handwritten notes on blue foolscap papers regarding a list osteological material from Caesar's Camp and Mount Caburn sent to and examined by George Rolleston (1 item) and notes on skeletons from Cissbury with sketches of sections in which they were found and including a letter from Charles Kelly pasted into the pages.

Ref

GR/B/4/14

Title

Papers relating to archaeological finds in Surrey

Dates

1871–1872

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers regarding archaeological finds in Surrey (1 item). This includes notes on osteological material found in barrows on Farthing Down, in the parish of Coulsdon, excavated by John Wickham Flower, E.V. Austin and G L. Gower. A newspaper cutting on the find is pasted into the back page.

Ref

GR/B/4/15

Title

Papers relating to archaeological finds in Warwickshire

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers regarding archaeological finds in Warwickshire (1 item). This includes handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper giving details of skull found at Brownsover Hall, Rugby.

Ref

GR/B/4/16

Title

Papers relating to archaeological finds in Yorkshire

Dates

1870, 1873, 1880

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers regarding archaeological finds in Yorkshire (3 items). These include handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding: a skull and its findspot presented by William Stephenson from Beverley 1880 (1 item); skulls from Weston, 1873 (1 item); bones from York found in a drain in North Eastern Company's Locomotive Yard (1 item), with 2 letters attached, one from Canon Greenwell to George Rolleston and the other from Charles Monkman to George Rolleston.

Ref

GR/B/4/17

Title

Papers relating to archaeological sites in Wales, Scotland and Ireland

Dates

1866, 1870, 1879

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers regarding archaeological sites in Wales, Scotland and Ireland (8 items). This includes handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding: osteological material from Dublin presented by J.N. Dean (see correspondence file) (1 item); osteological material presented by R.S. Hawkins from County Mayo, Clew Bay and Burishoole Abbey with a letter from Hawkins to Rolleston pasted inside (1 item); remains from a short cist in Roxburghshire, Scotland (1 item); osteological material from Towyn y Capel, Holyhead presented by W.O. Stanley (4 items); skull from Monmouthshire presented by John Edward Lee, including a traced map of the area of the find (1 item).

GR/B/5 Papers relating to Swiss Lake Villages material in the University Museum

Ref

GR/B/5

Title

Papers relating to Swiss Lake Villages material in the University Museum

Dates

1874–1875

Extent

1 box file, 3 files (3 envelopes)

Level

Series

Scope

Papers relating to Swiss Lake Villages, primarily the acquisition of material for the University Museum. The series includes a file of correspondence concerning the University's desire for Swiss Lake Village material, a file containing catalogues and lists of Swiss Lake Dwelling material acquired for the University Museum and a file containing miscellaneous papers concerning the Swiss Lake Villages.

Ref

GR/B/5/1

Title

Correspondence relating to the acquisition of Swiss Lake Village for the University Museum

Dates

1874, 1875 1877, 1880

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence regarding the University Museum's desire to acquire Swiss Lake Dwelling material (9 items). This includes: 2 letters to the University Vice-Chancellor from H. D. George of New College; a letter to George Rolleston from Canon Greenwell; a letter to George Rolleston from Augustus W. Franks; a letter from John Edward Lee (addressee unknown); a letter in French dated 1877; a copy of letter from F. Keller written in German noting a collection of Swiss Lake village bronze artefacts from sale (collections of Herr Graf and Herr Themois (?)); a letter with an illegible signature.

Ref

GR/B/5/2

Title

Catalogues and lists of Swiss Lake Village material acquired by the University Museum

Dates

1875

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Catalogues and lists of Swiss Lake Village material acquired by the University Museum (5 items). This includes: a handwritten catalogue on blue foolscap paper entitled 'Catalogue of Implements from the Lake Dwellings Switzerland'; a handwritten catalogue on blue foolscap paper entitled 'Catalogue of Bone from Swiss Lake Dwellings, Oxford Museum 1875'; a handwritten list of Swiss Lake material (a rough draft of one of the catalogues?); and 2 lists of objects and prices.

Ref

GR/B/5/3

Title

Miscellaneous papers relating to Swiss Lake Village material in the University Museum

Dates

1871, 1874?–1875?

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Miscellaneous papers regarding the collection of Swiss Lake Village material in the University Museum (6 items). This includes: the front page of a newspaper (*Intelligenzblatt für die Stadt Bern*) dated 8 May 1871; a handwritten note listing 'Literature of [..?] Pile Dwellings'; a handwritten list of desiderata from Lake Dwellings; handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper on the Pfahlboulin? skull from Lake of Bienne; handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper entitled 'Lake Dwellings' listing basic facts; and 2 loose pieces of paper with lists of assorted site names and numbers.

GR/B/6 Papers relating to artefacts in the University Museum

Ref

GR/B/6

Title

Papers relating to artefacts in the University Museum

Dates

1869, 1872–1874, 1876–1877, 1879–1880

Extent

1 box file, 15 files (15 envelopes)

Level

Series

Scope

Series of 15 files relating to artefacts in the University Museum, including: correspondence relating to the donation of an Egyptian Mummy from the Prince of Wales; lists of material sent by H.M. Moseley in October 1876; short list of material from Lieutenant S.C. Holland in July 1873; notes on an American collection presented by Elizabeth Warden with a copy of a letter from Justin Wilson; notes on an Indian axe from George Selwyn Edwards; notes on 'a number of specimens of Polynesian curiosities' presented by Rev. King; notes on a Hittite axe presented by William St Chad Boscawen(?) (including letter from him pasted onto the paper; notes on coins from Theo? Vaux; notes on a bow with arrows presented by Edward J. Jenkins; notes on antiquities sent to Dr Fiedler of Dresden; list of flints given by J.W. Flower; notes on the Medhurst collection of ancient British artefacts; a note entitled 'Bulla'; a note entitled 'Fibula'; notes on artefacts presented by the Rev. W.G. Lawes and the Rev. Joseph King, Savage Island and Samoa.

Ref

GR/B/6/1

Title

Correspondence concerning an Egyptian mummy presented by the Prince of Wales

Dates

1869

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to an ancient Egyptian mummy presented to the University of Oxford by the Prince of Wales (5 items). The correspondence largely concerns arrangements for the acceptance and dispatch of the mummy to the University Museum and includes letters from: Herbert Fisher (2 items); Blenheim Palace; Henry Acland; and an unsigned draft letter from the Anatomical Department addressed to Mr. Fisher. The mummy is now in the Pitt Rivers Museum (1887.1.481).

Ref

GR/B/6/2

Title

List of artefacts sent to the University Museum by H.M. Moseley

Dates

1876

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

List of artefacts sent to the University Museum by H.M. Moseley (1 item), comprised of handwritten notes written on a single sheet of blue foolscap paper. The artefacts listed include a Fuegian Basket, a pottery vessel, a carved wooden bowl from Admiralty Islands, bow and arrow from New Guinea and palm sticks from Ceylon. At least two of these are now in the Pitt Rivers Museum: Fuegian basket work (1887.1.690) and carved wooden bowl (1887.1.689).

Ref

GR/B/6/3

Title

Papers relating to artefacts sent to the University Museum by S.C. Holland

Dates

1873

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to artefacts sent to the University Museum by Lt S.C. Holland (1 item) consisting of handwritten notes written on a single sheet of blue foolscap paper. The notes list bows and arrows from Magellan Straits (possibly the bow and arrow now in the Pitt Rivers Museum 1887.1.527), and Patagonian Bolas.

Ref

GR/B/6/4

Title

Papers relating to the American collection from E. Warden

Dates

1879

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to the American collection from E. Warden (2 items) consisting of handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper, 1 sheet describing the collection of North American Indian stone implements and 1 sheet a copy of a letter written to George Rolleston from Justin Winson describing the circumstances of the acquisition of the collection. The collection is now in the Pitt Rivers Museum (1887.1.76, 1887.1.85–92, 1887.1.447–468, 2009.95.1).

Ref

GR/B/6/5

Title

Papers relating to an Indian axe

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to an Indian axe presented to the University Museum by George Selwyn Edwards (1 item) consisting a short handwritten note on blue foolscap paper

Ref

GR/B/6/6

Title

Papers relating to Polynesian artefacts

Dates

1873–1874, 1876–1877

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to Polynesian artefacts presented to the University Museum (4 items). This includes handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper listing 'Polynesian curiosities' presented by Rev. Joseph King August 31 1874, into which has been pasted additional handwritten notes. The objects include artefacts that may now be in the Pitt Rivers Museum: 4 arrows from the Solomon Islands (2011.107.1–4), a Samoan flywhisk (1891.61.21), a tattooing instrument (1891.61.23), a piece of Samoan barkcloth (1891.61.24), a sleeping tent (1891.61.25) and 'two ladies dresses' (1891.61.26–27).

There are additionally handwritten notes written on blue foolscap paper listing artefacts presented by the Rev. T.H. Hopkins July 31 1873. Some of the bows and arrows from Hopkins' donation are now in the Pitt Rivers Museum: shark tooth weapon from Kiribati

(1890.47.5); a wooden shield from Australia (1890.47.6); wooden club from Fiji (1890.47.8); stone club from New Zealand (2008.9.1); arrows from the Solomon Islands (2011.105.1–3).

There are also handwritten notes on blue foolscap papers entitled 'The Rev G.W. Lawes and the Rev. Joseph King. Savage Island & Samoan' listing objects received July 25 1873, October 31 1873, February 10 1874, January 25 1876, September 6 1877.

There is also a list of objects presented by Rev. S.J. Whitmee. Several of these of these are now in the Pitt Rivers Museum: wooden fish hooks (1887.1.469–471, 474–475); a fan (1887.1.472); a basket (1887.1.473); an axe (1887.1.478). See also correspondence file for S.J. Whitmee letters (GR/A/1/...).

Ref

GR/B/6/7

Title

Papers relating to a Hittite axe

Dates

1880

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to a Hittite axe presented to the University Museum by William St Chad Boscowen (1 item), consisting of handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper including a letter from Boscowen to George Rolleston pasted into the pages. This green diorite axe is now in the Pitt Rivers Museum (1953.12.25)

Ref

GR/B/6/8

Title

Papers relating to coins

Dates

1872

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to coins presented to the University Museum (1 item). This consists of handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper listing coins presented by Theo Vaux March 18 1872, two coins from H. Hippley, 1 coin from Dr Cheadle of Burford and 3 coins found near Witney. The coins from Hippley are now in the Pitt Rivers Museum (1997.1.257–258).

Ref

GR/B/6/9

Title

Papers relating to a bow and arrows presented by E.J. Jenkins

Dates

1877

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to a bow and arrows from the Solomon Islands presented to the University Museum by Edward J. Jenkins (2 items). This includes copy of a letter written to George Rolleston, together with the original letter, describing the acquisition of a bow and arrows. The letter also mentions fans. These artefacts are now in the Pitt Rivers Museum (2011.106.1–8).

Ref

GR/B/6/10

Title

Papers relating to antiquities sent to Dr Fiedler, Dresden

Dates

N.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to antiquities sent to Dr Fiedler, Dresden (1 item) consisting of a handwritten list on blue foolscap paper of pottery and stone artefacts.

Ref

GR/B/6/11

Title

Papers relating to flint implements from John Wickham Flower

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to 56 flint implements presented by John Wickham Flower to the University Museum (1 item), consisting of a handwritten list on blue foolscap paper of site names and roman numerals.

Ref

GR/B/6/12

Title

Papers relating to the Medhurst Collection

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to the Medhurst collection of ancient British antiquities (1 item) consisting of a handwritten list of coins, pottery, metal implements and osteological material. The price of the collection is noted to be £700.

Ref

GR/B/6/13

Title

Papers relating to bulla

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

A handwritten note entitled 'bulla' (1 item).

Ref

GR/B/6/14

Title

Papers relating to fibula

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Handwritten notes on a single sheet of blue foolscap paper entitled 'fibula' (1 item).

Ref

GR/B/6/15

Title

Papers relating to prehistoric British stone axes

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to prehistoric British stone axes (1 item) comprising handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper.

GR/C Papers relating to archaeological finds in Oxfordshire

Ref

GR/C

Title

Papers relating to archaeological finds in Oxfordshire

Dates

1867–1874

Extent

3 box files and 1 folder

Level

Sub-Fond

Scope

Papers relating to archaeological finds in Oxfordshire, including a series of files regarding George Rolleston's work at Frilford and a series of files regarding George Rolleston's work at Dorchester. The series of file relating to Frilford have been previously archived using a different numbering system.

Ref

GR/C/1

Title

Papers relating to archaeological work at Dorchester Dykes, Oxfordshire.

Dates

1871, 1874

Extent

1 box file, 2 files

Level

Series

Scope

Papers relating to archaeological finds at Dorchester Dykes, Oxfordshire. This includes a file of correspondence and a file of handwritten notes.

Ref

GR/C/1/1

Title

Correspondence relating to archaeological finds at Dorchester, Oxfordshire

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence relating to archaeological work at Dorchester, Oxfordshire (9 items). This includes correspondence from: Alfred Henge Cocks (4 items); Rev. W.V. Macfarlane (2 items); A.A. Harris (1 item); and William Cozens (2 items). The letters concern finds of artefacts and skeletons at Dorchester Dykes.

Ref

GR/C/1/2

Title

Papers relating to archaeological finds at Dorchester Dykes, Oxfordshire

Dates

1871, 1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Miscellaneous papers relating to archaeological finds at Dorchester Dykes, Oxfordshire (3 items). This includes handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding the discoveries of objects and skeletons by A.H. Cocks, A.A. Harris and the Rev. Macfarlane.

Ref

GR/C/2

Title

Papers relating to excavations at Frilford

Dates

1867–1869

Extent

2 box files and 1 folder

Level

Series

Scope

As this series has been previously catalogued this material has not been characterized here.

GR/D Papers relating to skulls

Ref

GR/D

Title

Papers relating to skulls

Dates

1864–1880

Extent

3 box files

Level

Sub-fond

Scope

Papers relating to George Rolleston's study of skulls. This includes a series of papers relating to skulls organized by region, a series of miscellaneous papers relating to skull measurements, and a series of miscellaneous papers concerning skulls. Note that there are also references in other sub-fonds, such as the correspondence files, that also concern Rolleston's study of skulls. The papers primarily include details of the provenance of the skulls and/or skull measurements and observations. Correspondence is also included in the files, often pasted onto the foolscap paper.

Ref

GR/D/1

Title

Papers relating to skulls organized by region

Dates

1868–1880

Extent

1 box file, 8 envelopes

Level

Series

Scope

Series of files relating to George Rolleston's study of skulls, organized by region. This includes files relating to: the Andaman Islands, India; Africa; the Americas (Greenland, North America and South America); Asia; Australia; Europe; New Zealand; Oceania (Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia).

Ref

GR/D/1/1

Title

Papers relating to skulls from the Andaman Islands

Dates

1870, 1872, 1874, 1878

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to skulls from the Andaman Islands (10 items). This includes: 2 letters, one addressed to Rolleston (sender unknown), the other from ..Smith (?); 2 offprints, one of an article on the Andamanese by Francis Day from the *Proceedings of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, June 1870*, the other a copy of *The Gazette of India* sent by W. Duthoit; 3 pages of handwritten notes on foolscap paper, one with a list of skull measurements entitled 'South Andamaners', 1 regarding osteological material presented by Sir George Campbell (including 2 letters from Campbell to Rolleston pasted onto the paper), and 1 entitled 'Andaman skeletons' presented by J.R. Mummery; 1 handwritten note on lined white paper entitled 'notes on note in vol. 5 Eth. Soc. I. Trans'; a receipt from King, Hamilton & Co. for the delivery costs; 2 loose pieces of paper with hand written labels(?) for male and female South Andaman skulls.

Ref

GR/D/1/2

Title

Papers relating to skulls from Africa

Dates

1871, 1878, 1879, 1880

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers concerning skulls from Africa (7 items). This includes a letter concerning an Egyptian skull (no. 673), addressed to Rolleston from [illegible signature]; handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding 24 Egyptian skulls; handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper and a letter regarding 2 skulls; handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper listing measurements of Bushman skulls; a letter dated 12 Nov 1879 from Evan H. Hare pasted onto blue foolscap paper regarding osteological material; handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding a West African skull.

Ref

GR/D/1/3

Title

Papers relating to skulls from the Americas

Dates

1866, 1870, 1874–1876, 1897, n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to skulls from the Americas (11 items). This includes handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding: an Eskimo skull; details of five skulls from Canada; background details and measurements of an Iroquois skull; measurements of a crania from Mammoth Cave, Kentucky; details of a Native American skull from S.D. Gross; details and measurements of skull of 'an American from an ancient cemetery at Nantucket' collected by C. Dawkins; details of a Chetco skull from Mr. Abby via Henry Moseley (including letter from Moseley pasted onto the page); a Munduruku dried head presented by William Bragge (now in the Pitt Rivers Museum, 1887.33.24); details of osteological material from the north bank of the Amazon; details for a skull (number 935) from Peru; details of other Peruvian skulls.

Ref

GR/D/1/4

Title

Papers relating to skulls from Asia

Dates

1864, 1876, 1877

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to skulls from Asia (14 items). This includes several pieces of correspondence: an envelope containing 3 letters from Mr. Sabonnadières (?) on the Veddahs; 4 letters pinned together with the note 'Vedda 1–5' including letters from Edward Jenkins (?) and another individual (illegible signature). There are also handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding: skulls presented by B.F. Hartshorne; Shan skull measurements; skulls from H. Duthoit; details of a skull from W. Duthoit; measurements of skull 489; details for a skull presented by Captain Hammond, including 2 letters from Hammond pasted onto the paper; details for skulls presented by J. Wood Manson; details for 2 skulls including a letter from Rev. H. Hansell, Magdalen College, pasted onto the page; handwritten notes relating to a 'Cole skull'.

Ref

GR/D/1/5

Title

Papers regarding skulls from Australia

Date

1869–1870, 1872, 1877–1880

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers regarding skulls from Australia (21 items). These include 5 loose pieces of correspondence to George Rolleston from Margaret Jackson, George Marteu, Evan B. Jeane (?), Joseph King and J. Marshall Stokes, and a postcard from F.L. Woolston. There are 2 loose envelopes both with “”Tin-pot-Bill” The Aboriginal murderer New S. Wales’ written on the front. A loose piece of white paper with a handwritten ‘List of South Australian Aboriginal Skulls shipped on ‘White Eagle’ to London’. A loose piece of paper with a handwritten note from J.L. Holloway concerning ‘Tuke Skulls’. There are also handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper, including notes on: a skeleton from Port Augusta, South Australia, presented by J. Marshall Stokes; a loose piece of paper with the address of J. Marshall Stokes; skulls from New South Wales presented by Dr H.M. Rowland; a list of skull casts taken from moulds made by Mr. Turner(?) of Melbourne; a handwritten list in pencil entitled ‘casts’; 2 skulls presented by Edward J. Jenkins, N.S. Wales May 1880 which includes a letter from Jenkins pasted onto the page; list of measurements of a skull from Dr Ward; a skull presented by Evan B. Jeane, Jan. 3 1880; skull presented by A. Lang of Merton College; measurements (of a skull?); 4 skulls from Christopher Rolleston, Sydney, May 17 1879. There is also a handwritten account of 3 skulls dated Feb. 7. 1870.

Ref

GR/D/1/6

Title

Papers relating to skulls from continental Europe

Dates

1869–1871, 1877–1878

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to skulls from continental Europe (excluding Greece – see GR/A/4/4) (13 items). This includes a loose piece of correspondence sent from Thornwood Lodge, Kensington (recipient’s signature illegible) concerning a skull said to be ‘Scythian or Macedonia’. There are also handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding: a Gallo-Roman skull with a coin in left eye presented by John Evans, 3/6/1878; a Gallo-Roman skull from St. Acheul from John Evans, Dec. 8 1878, including an extract of a letter from John Evans pasted onto the page; 2 skulls presented by J.H. Parker, June 1871, including a squeeze of a Latin inscription and an envelope containing 2 loose pieces of paper on which are noted Latin inscriptions; a skull presented by Arthur John Evans, including hand-written notes (by Evans?) pasted on the back; measurements of skull presented by A.J. Evans; Greek skulls from Professor Rhousopoulos; casts of Danish skulls from Dr F. Kroebbs (?), Copenhagen; skull from Vulci, Etruria, from H.C. Maxwell Lyte; measurements of a skull from Sweden; skull from the Swiss Lake villages, Lake Bienne presented by John Evans Jan 7 1878, including a copy of letter in French sent by John Evans dated 17 Dec 1877 pasted onto the paper; skull from village of Andeer presented by Dyce Duckworth, including 2 loose pieces of

paper with the number 768a written and notes about this skull; notes dated Oct. 10 1870 on Beinhaus Chapel skulls.

Ref

GR/D/1/7

Title

Papers relating to skulls from New Zealand

Dates

1868–1869, 1871, 1874

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to skulls from New Zealand (22 items). The papers include 16 letters: 2 from the New Zealand Shipping Company, 5 from 7 Westminster Chambers regarding forwarding deliveries from New Zealand, 1 from the University Museum Oxford (signature only an initial), 2 letters from A.V. Hospital, Netty Southampton (from Dr MacKinnon?), 1 letter concerning the arrival of osteological material (signature illegible), and 1 further letter concerning a paper on New Zealand from the Royal Anthropological Society (from?). There are additionally 2 receipts from the New Zealand Shipping Company. There are 4 loose sheets of paper with handwritten lists of objects: 1 concerning skulls from William Rolleston in Canterbury dated 1868, 1 listing osteological material sent by William Rolleston and Dr Haast dated May 1871, 1 listing 4 skulls from Dr MacKinnon (?) and 1 listing remains sent by William Rolleston dated Jan. 13 1869. There is a loose piece of blue paper with handwritten notes entitled 'Origin of the Maori people'. Additionally, there are 2 sheets of handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper, 1 with notes on the skulls from Dr Haast and 1 with measurements of a skull presented by Dr Bolt Nov. 1874.

Ref

GR/D/1/8

Title

Papers relating to skulls from Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia

Dates

1875–1877, 1880

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to skulls from Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia. This includes reference to skulls from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Savage Island, Sandwich Islands, Gilbert Islands and Caroline Islands.

From Melanesia: handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper concerning 'Fiji skull no. I'; handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper concerning osteological material from H.M.S. Pearl, Commodore Goodenough; and handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper on 'skull from Koishi village of Mom...? New Guinea' presented by Rev. W.G. Lawes'.

From Micronesia: 4 loose pieces of paper, 1 is a list of prices paid to Mrs. Lawes and the Rev. Whitmee, 1 a handwritten note concerning Lady Spokes (?), another dated Jan 6. 1876 concerning osteological material and artefacts from the Gilbert Islands and 1 noting

details of 3 skulls—2 from W.G. Lawes, 1 from Captain Raimie; there are also handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper concerning osteological material presented by Rev. S.J. Whitmee and including a letter from him pasted onto the paper.

From Polynesia: handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper concerning zoological specimens, bones (now in the Pitt Rivers Museum 2003.49.1–25) and a headdress sent by W. Wyatt Gill (now in the Pitt Rivers Museum 1887.1.503); handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding two skulls presented by Rev. Lawes Sept. 22 1880; handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding osteological material from Samoa presented by S.J. Whitmee; handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper regarding skulls presented by Captain G. Papman (?); there is additionally a letter Captain Papman concerning the delivery of four skulls.

Ref

GR/D/2

Title

Miscellaneous papers relating to skull measurements

Dates

1872

Extent

1 box file, 3 envelopes

Level

Series

Scope

Various papers relating to the measurement of skulls

Ref

GR/D/2/1

Title

Papers on craniological calculations

Dates

1872

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers found bound together with the title 'on craniological calculations' (2 items).

Handwritten notes on white paper dated Jan. 1872; handwritten notes on lined papers with three sets of measurements and equations.

Ref

GR/D/2/2

Title

Papers on the Tolson skull

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Measurements entitled 'Tolson skull' (1 item), comprising handwritten notes on white paper.

Ref

GR/D/2/3

Title

Miscellaneous papers with measurements of skulls and bones

Dates

1869, 1872n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Miscellaneous papers with measurements of skulls and bones. This includes a tied bundle of 3 sets of handwritten papers entitled: (i) 'skulls various measurements'; (ii) 'skulls + bones various measurements'; and (iii) an untitled bundle with similar handwritten tables and notes on measurements. Note that there are many loose leaves of paper with measurements in these bundles. There is additionally 2 other pieces of paper, 1 a tabulation of numbers and measurements, the other a printed table in which various skull measurements have been listed including skulls from Europe, Australia and America.

Ref

GR/D/3

Title

Miscellaneous papers relating to skulls

Dates

1873, 1878, n.d.

Extent

1 box file, 3 envelopes

Level

Series

Scope

Miscellaneous papers relating to skulls, including files on: papers relating to skulls sent from the University Museum; catalogues and lists relating to skulls; and miscellaneous notes on skulls.

Ref

GR/D/3/1

Title

Papers relating to skulls sent from the University Museum

Dates

1873

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Papers relating to skulls sent from the University Museum (1 item). This includes handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper listing skulls sent to Professor Daniel Wilson, University College Toronto.

Ref

GR/D/3/2

Title

Catalogues and lists of skulls and bones

Dates

1867, 1878

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Miscellaneous papers forming catalogues and lists of skulls (9 items). These comprise handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper, including: a series of numbers entitled 'Greenwell collection'; a list of skull (?) numbers by area; a 'Catalogue of Crania'; a list of references to skeletal remains from British barrows (from *British Barrows*) divided into brachycephalic and dolichocephalic; a 'Description of figured skulls' seemingly from *British Barrows*; a 'description of plates, plan'; 'Sabre [?] Cut skulls'; handwritten list of bones on blue lined paper entitled 'Littlewood'; handwritten note on notepaper entitled 'list of skulls sent from Lusitania March 1878'.

Ref

GR/D/3/3

Title

Papers relating to the display arrangement of skulls in the University Museum

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

Folder

Scope

Papers relating to the display arrangement of skulls in the University Museum (1 item), comprising handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper entitled 'provisional arrangement', found bundled together, listing skulls by shelf.

GR/E Papers relating to Zoology

Ref

GR/E

Title

Papers relating to Zoology

Dates

1862, 1869–1871, 1874–1878

Extent

1 box file

Level

Sub-Found

Scope

Papers relating to zoology including: a series of correspondence; a series on American fish; a series of newspaper cuttings; and a series of miscellaneous handwritten notes.

Ref

GR/E/1

Title

Correspondence relating to zoological specimens

Dates

1862–1878

Extent

1 box file

Level

Series

Scope

Four files of correspondence relating to zoological specimens, including a file on ‘Wales at Bridport 1876’, ‘correspondence with the Indian Museum, Calcutta’, correspondence on the trapdoor spider and a file of miscellaneous correspondence.

Ref

GR/E/1/1

Title

Correspondence regarding Whales at Bridport

Dates

1876

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from several individuals concerning a whale found dead by Beer fishermen between Lyme Regis and Seaton (8 items). This includes 2 letters from F.G. Griffin, 1 from H.M. Pattinson, 1 from ..[?] King, 1 with an illegible signature and another without a signature. There are additionally 2 newspaper cuttings concerning the find.

Ref

GR/E/1/2

Title

Correspondence with the Indian Museum, Calcutta

Dates

1874–1875

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from the Indian Museum, Calcutta (2 items), regarding the dispatch of specimens of Indian partridges to Oxford. One of the letters is from the British Museum and is associated with the number ‘260’.

Ref

GR/E/1/3

Title

Correspondence regarding the Mason or trapdoor spider

Dates

1862

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston regarding the Mason or trapdoor spider (5 items). Sender's signature is illegible, but the file includes 4 letters and a handwritten set of notes.

Ref

GR/E/1/4

Title

Miscellaneous correspondence regarding zoological specimens

Dates

1869, 1874–1878

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Miscellaneous correspondence regarding zoological specimens. These include: 6 letters from H. D. ...[?] College, Durham concerning the purchase of specimens; 2 letters from E.D. Rowley concerning birds and eggs; 1 letter from Alfred Newton; 1 letter from James ...?; 1 letter from Alan Fresiea..?; 1 letter from the London Missionary Society regarding the delivery of a rare bird specimen from Samoa.

Ref

GR/E/1/5

Title

Correspondence with Cornell University

Dates

1870, 1872–1875

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence to George Rolleston from Cornell, Ithaca, New York (7 items). The sender's signature is illegible. The correspondence concerns queries arising from Rolleston's book *Forms of Animal Life*.

Ref

GR/E/2

Title

Miscellaneous papers regarding specimens of American fish

Dates

1871

Extent

2 files

Level

Series

Scope

Miscellaneous papers regarding specimens of American fish, including a file containing correspondence and a file of handwritten lists of specimens.

Ref

GR/E/2/1

Title

Correspondence regarding American fish

Dates

1871

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Correspondence regarding specimens of fish (2 items), comprising 3 letters to George Rolleston from [illegible signature].

Ref

GR/E/2/2

Title

Miscellaneous papers regarding American Fish

Dates

1871

Extent

1 envelope

Level

File

Scope

Miscellaneous papers regarding American fish (5 items). This includes 3 sheets of handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper, 1 entitled 'List of fish from Professor Godwin Smith at Cornell University', 1 '~~For the British Museum?~~' and a final list the title of which is illegible but lists fish by number, name and habitat. There is additionally a smaller sheet of blue paper with handwritten noted on 'duplicates'. There is a larger lined set of papers on specimens from Cayuga Lake sent by Goldwin Smith.

Ref

GR/E/3

Title

Newspaper cuttings regarding zoological specimens

Dates

1876–1877

Extent

1 envelope

Level

Series

Scope

Newspaper cuttings regarding zoological specimens (5 items), principally from *The Times* and the *Reading Observer* concerning the Rev. W.G. Lawes in New Guinea and his observations of flora, fauna and ethnology.

Ref

GR/E/4

Title

Miscellaneous papers regarding zoology

Dates

1877–1878

Extent**Level**

Series

Scope

Miscellaneous papers regarding zoology (15 items). This includes 4 items of handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper, 1 entitled 'Professor Rolleston's story about the cockroaches', 1 a list of zoology specimens from the Rev. W.G. Lawes, 1 a list of bones dated May 1878, 1 a list of specimens from Lincolnshire? There are additionally 2 printed pamphlets, 1 a 'list of eggs laid in the Zoological Society's Gardens', the other an offprint of an article in French on 'L'Échidné de la Nouvelle-Guinée' by M. Paul Gervais. There are additionally 5 loose pieces of paper with various handwritten listings: 'Captain Moresby's New Guinea', 'List of New Guinea Birds sent to Professor Rolleston in 1876, 1877 by the Rev. W.G. Lawes', an untitled list of Latin specimen names, a note written on Anatomical Department notepaper and a scrap of blue paper with a few handwritten lines about birds; loose piece of paper on 'the following points of anatomy'.. dated Sept. 13 1878 concerning the (i) the organs of *Bojanus* and (ii) skulls of hares and rabbits; 2 loose pieces of paper with handwritten notes marked (iv) and (v) perhaps on digestive systems?; a loose piece of paper with handwritten notes on 'cranial bones of an ox'.

GR/F Photographs and illustrations

Ref

GR/F

Title

Photographs and illustrations

Dates

n.d.

Extent

4 folders

Level

Sub-fond

Scope

Photographs and illustrations relating to archaeology, animal specimens, human specimens and Cornish people.

Ref

GR/F/1

Title

Photographs and illustrations relating to archaeology

Dates

?

Extent

1 folder, 2 files

Level

Series

Scope

Photographs and illustrations relating to archaeology, including a file with images of places and a file with images of objects.

Ref

GR/F/1/1

Title

Photographs and illustrations of archaeological places.

Dates

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Extent**Level**

File

Scope

Photographs and illustrations of archaeological places (14 items), including 8 photographs and 5 illustrations. The photographs are all mounted on card and include: 2 of stone cairns from Co. Antrim (Cairnasegart and Giants Grave, Dunteige); 4 of 'West Tump' long barrow during excavation (4 views); and 3 of rock art in Vermont (Brattleboro and 2 in Bellows Falls). The illustrations include: 4 photographs of sketches mounted on card produced in N. Parade Cheltenham, Capt. A.G. Tod and seem to show a round barrow during excavation; and 1 loose piece of paper with a woodcut of a structure at Swell, Gloucestershire.

Ref

GR/F/1/2

Title

Photographs and illustrations of archaeological objects

Dates

?

Extent**Level**

File

Scope

Photographs and illustrations of archaeological objects (29 items). The photographs include: 3 *carte de visite* of Etruscan stelae in an Italian museum; 2 cut-out photographs of stone tools mounted on card entitled 'Mr. Wheatley Balme's (?) Celt'; 6 photographs mounted on card of objects (arrowheads, soapstone vessels, clay pipes and pottery vessels) in the Gilbert Museum of Indian Relics in Amherst College; 3 photographs sent by John H. Appleton of stone tools together with an accompanying letter from Appleton; 6 loose photographs of objects (stone axe head, pottery and stone slabs?) with a pencil note on the back saying from 'Gill Farm?'; 1 photograph mounted on card showing 5 stone tools said to have been 'found in a bog North

Ireland... in possession of Geo. Benn'; 1 photograph mounted on card showing 6 pottery beakers [note of findspot illegible]; 1 photograph mounted on card showing 3 pottery beakers found at Clifton Feb 9 1880 with a note of the sender of the photograph, Dr Michael ...?; a loose photograph showing 16 stone implements, with no note of provenance; 1 loose photograph showing several pottery urns and sherds stacked on shelves, with no note of provenance; 1 photograph mounted on card showing a dark bottle decorated with white decoration, no note of provenance (but see correspondence file for letter from M. Brown, GR/A/1/...); 1 loose photograph showing a fossil?. The illustrations include: reproduction of a sketch of specimens (pottery, wood stone tools) noted as being from Gill Farm (?) in the Christy Museum; a watercolour of a beaker, no note of provenance.

Ref

GR/F/2

Title

Photographs of animal specimens

Dates

Extent

1 folder, 2 files

Level

Series

Scope

Photographs and illustrations of animal specimens, including skeletons. The series is comprised of 2 files, one with photographs and illustrations of animal remains in the University Museum, Oxford, and the other of animal remains in other museums and collections.

Ref

GR/F/2/1

Title

Photographs of animal skeletons in the University Museum.

Dates

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Extent

1 file

Level

File

Scope

Photographs of animal skeletons in the University Museum, Oxford (10 items). This includes 2 identical *carte de visite* and 10 large photographs mounted on to card.

Ref

GR/F/2/2

Title

Photographs of animals and animal skeletons

Dates

1872

Extent

1 file

Level

File

Scope

Photographs of live animals and animal skeletons in other museums and collections (30 items). This includes: 2 photographs of an elk mounted on card with extensive handwritten notes on the back of one concerning "Sambo...Wotton Surrey April 10 1872"; 3 different sized photographs mounted on card of skeletal displays in Canterbury Museum, New Zealand; 1 photograph mounted on card of a museum display noted to be "Från Vega-utställningen I f.d. K. Bibliotekt"; 2 photographs mounted on card of the leg of a dinosaur from Otago; 1 photograph mounted on card of antler horns; 5 photographs of the skeletons of large birds (Canterbury Museum?); 8 small rectangular pieces of card with a pair of photographs mounted on each showing animal skulls and dinosaur skeletons in Christchurch, New Zealand; 8 loose albumen prints in an envelope marked 'photographs of Elk sent from Norway by A.H. Cocks 1979' including 2 skeletons on display in a museum in Copenhagen, 1 of beavers holes, 3 of an Elk carcass and 3 of Kjökkenmodding-Sölafer where Cocks excavated.

Ref

GR/F/3

Title

Photographs and illustrations of human specimens: skulls, skeletons and brains.

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 folder, 4 files

Level

Series

Scope

This includes a file of photographs and drawings of skulls and skull measurements, photographs of brains, a file of photographs of excavated skeletons in situ and photographs of indigenous peoples of the village of Annapata, Port Moresby, New Guinea, probably from W.H. Lawes.

Ref

GR/F/3/1

Title

Photographs and illustrations of skulls and skull measurements

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 file

Level

File

Scope

Photographs and illustrations of skulls and skull measurements (23 items). This includes: 5 printed plates of sketches mounted on card of skulls depicted at various angles produced by R.Q. Couch; a photograph mounted on card showing skulls being measured in craniometers; 5 photographs mounted on to card of skulls (and 1 of jaw bones) produced by A.G. Tod; 3 loose albumen prints, 2 of which show a skull (1 profile, 1 face on), and 1 with a clay/plaster(?) facial construction(?) all 3 photographed at a studio in Bath; 2 loose albumen prints of a skull (1 in profile, 1 face on); 2 photographs mounted on card of a skull resting on books (1 in profile, 1 face on) kept together in an envelope noting 'For Professor Rolleston F.R.S. with

Mr. Firth's compliments'; 1 card on which is mounted 2 photographs of a skull; 1 card with 5 photographs mounted on it showing different skull measurements being taken; 3 images of a skull from W. Cox including an albumen print mounted on card of the skull in profile, an albumen print of the skull with features painted on the print and a printed sketch of the skull.

Ref

GR/F/3/2

Title

Photographs of brains

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 file

Level

File

Scope

Photographs of brains (14 items). These include: 2 loose albumen prints of a brain suspended by wires photography in Bath; 12 photographs mounted onto cards noted to show a 'woman age 100', 2 labeled 'male dumb', 'male imbecile', 'female', 'youth', 'infant', 'male', 3 photographs of a brain on 1 card (unlabeled), a brain with stickers with letters on it labeled 'man', 1 brain (label illegible), and 1 showing a portion of a brain labeled 'male'.

Ref

GR/F/3/3

Title

Photographs and illustrations of excavated skeletons in situ

Dates

1878, n.d.

Extent

1 file

Level

File

Scope

Photographs and illustrations of excavated skeletons in situ (6 items). These include: 4 photographs mounted on card by Russell & Sons photographers of excavated skeletons; 1 loose albumen print of a skeleton (close up of skull and upper body) with note found at Meulone, Pengelly Riviere'; 1 printed illustration mounted on card of 2 Roman burials with the date 1878.

Ref

GR/F/3/4

Title

Photographs of indigenous people from the village of Annapata, Port Moresby, New Guinea.

Dates

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Extent

1 file

Level

File

Scope

Four loose albumen prints of indigenous people from the village of Annapata, Port Moresby, New Guinea. Probably from W.H. Lawes.

Ref

GR/F/4

Title

Photographs and illustrations of Cornish people

Dates

?

Extent

Level

Series

Scope

Photographs and illustrations of Cornish people, including a file of *carte de visite* photographic portraits of individuals and a miscellaneous file of photographs and illustrations of Cornish people (group shots, a drawing of a Cornish skull with associated documentation).

Ref

GR/F/4/1

Title

Photographs (*carte de visite*) of Cornish people

Dates

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Extent

4 envelopes

Level

File

Scope

Photographs (*carte de visite*) photographic portraits of Cornish people, found bundled into 4 envelopes (43 items).

Ref

GR/F/4/2

Title

Miscellaneous photographs and illustrations of Cornish people.

Dates

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Extent

1 file

Level

File

Scope

Miscellaneous photographs and illustrations of Cornish people (5 items). These included: four printed sketches of skull pasted onto a single piece of paper with the heading 'Cowlan'; 3 photographs mounted onto card, 1 a group shot of school children from St. Peters Parish, Newlyn, 1 of a group of children from Newlyn Town School outside a church and 1 of the choir of St. Peters at Newlyn; there is additionally a handwritten note entitled 'The choir of St Peter's Newly. Men & Boys' concerning 'characteristic Corn. British faces'.

GR/G Oxford University Museum records cards

Ref

GR/G

Title

Oxford University Museum records cards

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 box file, 2 series

Level

Sub-fond

Scope

2 series of handwritten records cards found in two separate envelopes. Within these some of the cards are tied together in bundles with string including bundles entitled: 'Exhibition Series' concerning skeletons; 'Constituent parts of plants and animals'; and 'natural crania'.

GR/H Offprints, pamphlets and newspaper cuttings

Ref

GR/H

Title

Offprints, pamphlets and newspaper cuttings

Dates

1861–1880

Extent

1 box file

Level

Sub-fond

Scope

Offprints, pamphlets and newspaper cuttings sent to George Rolleston largely concerning skulls and archaeological discoveries. There are also offprints from a few of Rolleston's own publications.

GR/I Miscellaneous papers

Ref

GR/I

Title

Miscellaneous Papers

Dates

Extent

1 box file

Level

Sub-fond

Scope

Miscellaneous papers belonging to George Rolleston. This includes a file of papers that list numbers of burials (largely from the early 19th century) and the ages of death according to sex of the deceased. There is also a file of loose scraps of paper with notes from books or lists of things that cannot be provenanced.

Ref

GR/I/1

Title

Papers regarding age at death

Dates

n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

Series

Scope

Papers regarding age at death (10 items). These papers are all handwritten lists of numbers of burials by year, with reference to sex of the deceased and age of death.

Ref

GR/I/2

Title

Miscellaneous papers

Dates

1867, 1873, 1876, n.d.

Extent

1 envelope

Level

Series

Scope

Miscellaneous papers that have been grouped together because they do not fit in with any of the series. This includes: a handwritten note dated June 1867 written in Latin; a handwritten note on 'the History of Falkland'(?); a printed postcard addressed to Professor Rolleston from the Anti-Slavery Society entitled 'Deputation to Earl Derby'; a sheet of paper with handwritten notes in Arabic(?); a loose piece of blue, lined paper with a list of countries/regions; handwritten notes on blue foolscap paper copied from *Das Germanische Todtenlager bei Selzen in der Provinz Rheinhessen, dargestellt and erlaeutert von der Gebruedern W. und L. Lindenschmit*. Mainz, Verlag Victor von Zabern. 1848; handwritten notes that appear to be copied from books, beginning "page 9, Note a... I can find no reference to the practice of eating horse flesh..."; a damaged loose piece of blue paper with handwritten notes of translations from St Cuthbert, St Edmund and St Augustine; a receipt from a tailor and robe maker dated 1873; 3 pieces of blue paper found together perhaps relating to Anglo-Saxon burials?