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GENERAL INTRODUCTION

PROVENANCE

The papers were received from Mr David Paget Thomson, grandson, in August 1997 and December 1999.

OUTLINE OF THE CAREER OF SIR JOSEPH JOHN THOMSON

Joseph John Thomson was born in Cheetham Hill, Manchester on 18 December 1856. His father, Joseph James Thomson, was an antiquarian bookseller and publisher and his mother Emma Thomson (née Swindells) came from a branch of the local Vernon family who owned a cotton spinning company. Thomson was originally intended for an engineering apprenticeship. However, because of a long waiting list, he enrolled at Owens College in Manchester in 1871 (later University of Manchester) where he studied engineering, mathematics, physics and chemistry. Thomson had given up any thought of a career in engineering by the time he left Owens College in 1876. His ambition was to carry out original research.

In 1876 Thomson was awarded an Entrance Scholarship to Trinity College, Cambridge. In 1880 he graduated from the Mathematical Tripos as Second Wrangler. After graduation Thomson stayed in Cambridge. He was made a Fellow of Trinity in 1880. It was at this stage that he decided to concentrate on physics and began experimental work at the Cavendish Laboratory under Lord Rayleigh. In 1881 Thomson published his first major paper in the *Philosophical Magazine* showing that an electrified sphere, by acting as a current when it moves, would have an extra mass as a result of its charge. This theory was the first hint of a connection between mass and energy.

Thomson was appointed a Lecturer at Trinity College in 1883 and in 1884 he succeeded Lord Rayleigh as Professor of Experimental Physics at the Cavendish Laboratory. Under his direction the Cavendish Laboratory entered an era of new scientific discovery and became the leading experimental laboratory of physics in the scientific world. Thomson's fame attracted a succession of brilliant young men including E. Rutherford, J.S.E. Townsend and J.A. McClelland. Thomson held this post for 34 years.

Thomson continued research work on electric discharge through gases; he retained an interest in this line of experimentation for the rest of his life. However, it was overshadowed by his discovery of

the electron. On 30 April 1897 Thomson gave the first public announcement of his discovery of the electron in a lecture at the Royal Institution. Thomson's discovery was based on the theory that a cathode ray particle is more than one thousand times lighter than the lightest chemical atom and a universal constituent of matter. This ground-breaking discovery opened up the field of subatomic physics to experimental investigation.

In 1905 Thomson turned his attention away from cathode rays towards positive rays and in 1912 Thomson and his research assistant F.W. Aston discovered isotopes of neon, the first non-radioactive isotopes to be identified.

During the First World War Thomson was advisor to various government departments. He was also a member of the Board of Invention and Research, which was set up in July 1915 by Arthur Balfour, who was then First Lord of the Admiralty, to organise the science of the country for war.

In 1918 Thomson was appointed Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. He resigned from the Cavendish Professorship and was succeeded by Rutherford. However he was appointed to an honorary professorship by the University, which enabled him to continue his researches in the Cavendish Laboratory. He held the Mastership until his death in 1940.

Thomson became a leading spokesman for science in this period and was a member of the University Grants Committee (1919-1923) and the Committee on Science in the Educational System of Great Britain. He also played an important part in the formation of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, which was set up in 1919. Thomson remained on its advisory council until 1927.

During his career Thomson was President of the Cambridge Philosophical Society 1894, and President of Section A of the British Association, 1896 and 1931. In 1909 Thomson also acted as President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science at its annual meeting which was held in Winnipeg, Canada.

In 1884 Thomson was elected Fellow of the Royal Society. He received all the Royal Society medals for which he was eligible (Royal 1894, Hughes 1902, Copley 1914, Albert 1915), and served as President between 1915 and 1920. In 1906 he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics for his theoretical and experimental investigations of the passage of electricity through gases. He received a Knighthood in 1908 and the Order of Merit in 1912. Thomson received many other honours for his contribution to science. He was honorary member of the Royal Society of Medicine, London, 1919, the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, 1922, Institution of Civil Engineers, 1925. He was also President of the Junior Institution of Electrical Engineers, 1910, and Honorary Professor of Physics at the Royal

Institution. He also received many honorary degrees including those from Oxford, Göttingen, Oslo, Dublin, St. Andrews, Athens and Baltimore.

Thomson married Rose Paget, daughter of Sir George Paget, Regius Professor of Physic at Cambridge, in 1890. They had two children, George Paget Thomson and Joan Paget Thomson. G.P. Thomson was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1937.

Thomson died 30 August 1940.

DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

The material in this collection covers the period 1836-1956. It is presented in eight sections in the order given in the list of contents.

Section A, Biographical, covers the period 1874-1956. The material includes biographical profiles, certificates, press cuttings, photographs and invitations. Correspondence and papers used by Lord Rayleigh in the preparation of his biography of Thomson *The Life of Sir J. J. Thomson O.M. sometime master of Trinity College, Cambridge* (Cambridge, 1942) can be found at A.23-A.31. A.110-A.143 includes press cuttings on Thomson's lectures and reviews of his publications. Certificates are at A.72-A.103.

Section B, Family and personal, is the largest in the collection and spans the period 1836-1952. The bulk of the material consists of family and personal correspondence sent to members of the Thomson and Paget families between 1872 and 1952. This correspondence has been arranged by recipient, thus for example, letters from Thomson to his wife are to be found in Lady Thomson's correspondence at B.45-B.53 rather than in that of Thomson himself (B.1-B.6). There is significant correspondence sent to Thomson, 1873-1940, but the largest component of the section, at B.45-B.639, is correspondence and papers of Lady Thomson covering the period 1872-1950. This includes family and personal correspondence received by Lady Thomson, notebooks and diaries, and correspondence from societies and organisations. At B.640-B.679 is correspondence received by other family members including G.P. Thomson, J.P. Thomson, F.V. Thomson and G.E. Paget. The section also includes photographs, household accounts and a little miscellaneous material.

Section C, Trinity College, Cambridge, consists chiefly of incoming correspondence sent to Thomson as Master of Trinity College, Cambridge and covers the period 1918-1944. The bulk relates to College matters including students, Fellows, meetings etc., but there is also business and personal correspondence including letters of congratulations on Thomson's installation as Master in 1918.

The correspondence includes letters from Cambridge colleagues such as E. Rutherford, R.T. Glazebrook, J.G. Frazer and A. Schuster. The section also includes invitations to social occasions received by the Thomsons and replies to invitations to social events hosted by the Thomsons between 1918 and 1938. There are also a small number of Trinity College entrance examination papers and scripts.

Section D, Research, is very slight. It consists of a few research notes and photographs for the period 1893 to 1934.

Section E, Societies and organisations, is also slight. It has been arranged in alphabetical order and covers the period 1886-1930. The most significant material is that at E.10-E.28 - reports and minutes of the Committee on Science in the Educational System of Great Britain, which Thomson chaired between 1902 and 1920. There is also a small amount of Royal Society material.

Section F, Lectures, speeches and publications, covers the period 1876-1938. There is material on a number of Thomson's public lectures and speeches including lectures given at the British Association for the Advancement of Science annual meeting in Winnipeg, Canada, 1909. A notebook at F.27 has typescript notes on lectures delivered at Cambridge by Thomson. Publications material includes manuscript drafts of the first edition of *Conduction of Electricity through Gases* (Cambridge 1903) and *Rays of Positive Electricity* (London 1913).

Press cuttings on Thomson's lectures and publications can be found at A.110-A.143.

Section G, Visits and conferences, is not extensive. The material has been arranged in chronological order 1896-1938. It includes brief correspondence on the British Association for the Advancement of Science annual meeting, 1909.

Section H, Correspondence, is presented in two sequences, scientific and general. The scientific sequence includes letters from G.G. Stokes, Lord Rayleigh (4th Baron) and Lord Kelvin. The general sequence is arranged in chronological order covering the period 1888-1938. A file of 'Letters to JJ from distinguished people and others' is at H.32-H.35, which includes correspondence from Arthur Balfour, Stanley Baldwin and Austen Chamberlain.

There is also an index of correspondents.

LOCATION OF OTHER MATERIAL

Papers and correspondence of Sir Joseph John Thomson previously catalogued by the Unit for Trinity College are deposited in Trinity College Cambridge. Ref: GB 0016 J.J. Thomson. Finding aid: CSAC catalogue no. 74/4/80.

Correspondence, notebooks and papers of Sir Joseph John Thomson are deposited in Cambridge University Library, Department of Manuscripts and University Archives. Ref: GB 0012 CUL Add 7654.

The papers and correspondence of Sir George Paget Thomson are deposited in Trinity College Cambridge. Ref: GB 0016 G.P. Thomson. Finding aid: CSAC catalogue no. 75/5/80.

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A.2	Obituary notices written by friends and acquaintances of Thomson, <i>Nature</i> , Vol. 146, 14 September 1940.	
A.3	Reprint of obituary notice by J.A. Crowther published in the <i>Proceedings of the Physical Society</i> , Vol. 53, 1941.	
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A.6	Collection of verses by members of the Cavendish Laboratory titled 'The Post-Prandial Proceedings of the Cavendish Society', May 1911.	
A.7	Article written by A. Righi <i>re</i> Thomson's scientific work, <i>Nature</i> , 6 March 1913.	
A.8	Entries for the 1914, 1915 and 1917 editions of <i>Debrett's Peerage, Baronetage, Knightage & Companionage</i> .	
A.9	Entry for <i>Poggendorff</i> biographical directory, vol. VI, 1923-1931.	
A.10	1p typescript inscribed 'Two Biographies for Beginners, Edinburgh Dec: 21 1925'. Biographical verse <i>re</i> the careers of Thomson and Lord Balfour.	

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- A.11 Book titled 'Post-Prandial Proceedings of the Cavendish Society'. Collection of verses by Members of the Physics Research Society of the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, 1926.
- A.12 Correspondence from the Institution of Electrical Engineers *re* arrangements for the making of a film about Thomson, May, October 1934. Includes 4pp typescript inscribed 'Remarks to be made by Sir Joseph Thomson, O.M., F.R.S. when the film of himself is made'.
- See also A.28.
- A.13 Biographical sketch of Sir Richard Threlfall by H.T. Tizard, January 1937. Includes several brief references to Thomson.
- A.14 Entry for *Whitaker's Peerage*, 1938.
- A.15 Article titled 'Sir J.J. Thomson, O.M., F.R.S. A Centenary Biography', *Discovery*, December 1956.
- A.16 Article by G.P. Thomson titled 'J.J. Thomson and the Discovery of the Electron', *Physics Today*, August 1956.
- A.17 Article by G.P. Thomson titled 'Centenary of J.J. Thomson', *Science*, 14 December 1956.
- A.18 Reprint of article by G.P. Thomson about his father, *The New Scientist*, 20 December 1956.
- A.19 4pp carbon copy of an unidentified speech *re* the work of the Cavendish Professors, 3 September 1957.
- A.20 Entry for *Burke's Peerage, Baronetage and Knightage*, n.d.

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- A.21 14pp typescript inscribed 'J.J. Thomson as we remember him - by G.P. and J.P. Thomson', n.d.
- See A.29 for related correspondence.
- A.22 2pp manuscript copy of article in the *Cambridge Review*, 11 June 1896 *re* Thomson's Rede Lecture, n.d.
- A.23-A.31 Biographical correspondence and papers found together. The bulk of this material was originally assembled by Lord Rayleigh whilst writing his biography *The Life of Sir J. J. Thomson O.M. sometime master of Trinity College, Cambridge*, published in 1942 by Cambridge University Press. There is also a little material added later by the family.
- A.23, A.24 Miscellaneous correspondence and papers used in the preparation of biography of Thomson, 1887-1943.
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- A.24 includes correspondence from Lady Thomson to Lord Rayleigh with reminiscences about her late husband, 28 February, 4 March 1942.
- A.25 Correspondence from Lord Rayleigh to Thomson's daughter Joan Charnock, *re* biography, June 1941 - April 1942.
- A.26 Correspondence and Memorandum of Agreement from Cambridge University Press *re* the publication of Lord Rayleigh's biography, 27 October 1941 - 22 May 1942.
- A.27 Correspondence between Lord Rayleigh and the Chemical Society *re* 'The Sir Joseph J. Thomson Memorial Lecture', 20-30 October 1941.
- A.28 Correspondence to Thomson's daughter, Joan Charnock, 1941, 1948-1952.
- Includes a letter from the Institution of Electrical Engineers *re* a talking film made by Thomson for their film collection, 5 April 1948. Also includes a letter from the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge *re* the acquisition of Thomson's correspondence for their archives, 8 November 1951, 7 February 1952.
- See also A.12.

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- A.29 Correspondence *re* notes made by Joan Charnock and G.P. Thomson titled 'J.J. Thomson as we remember him', April - May 1958.

See A.21 for a copy of the typescript.

- A.30 Manuscript notes made by Lord Rayleigh whilst writing Thomson's biography, n.d.

- A.31 1p typescript *re* Lord Rayleigh and the Cavendish Laboratory, n.d.

A.32-A.71A CAREER, HONOURS AND AWARDS 1874-1940

Certificates can be found at A.72-A.103.

- A.32 Letter and testimonials *re* Thomson's election as an Associate of Owen's College, Manchester, 11-23 November 1874.

- A.33 Letter from J.M. Image writing from New University Club, London to Thomson's mother *re* Thomson's future success at Trinity College, Cambridge, 30 July 1877.

- A.34 Testimonials, October-December 1877.

- A.35 Letter from J.H. Poynting *re* availability of demonstratorship at Owen's College, Manchester, 27 March 1879.

- A.36 Letters of congratulation to Thomson's mother on her son's University examination success, 30-31 January 1880.

- A.37 Testimonials, April-May 1881.

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- A.38 Letter of application and testimonials for the Chair of Applied Mathematics at Owen's College, Manchester, May 1881.
- A.39 Includes advertisement and testimonials for the Professorship of Mathematics, King's College, London, November - December 1881.
- A.40 Letter notifying Thomson of his election as Fellow of the Royal Society, 13 June 1884.
- A.41 Includes a letter of application from Thomson for the Chair of Experimental Physics, Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, 11 December 1884, and correspondence congratulating Thomson on obtaining the appointment, 23-26 December 1884.
- A.42 Correspondence *re* portraits of Thomson, 1903, 1917, 1930.
- A.43 Memorabilia *re* Thomson's Honorary D.Sc. from the University of Oxford, 21-22 June 1904.
- A.44, A.45 Letters of congratulations on receiving the Nobel Prize for Physics, 13 November - 22 December 1906.

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- A.46-A.48 Letters of congratulation on receiving a Knighthood, 9 November - 13 December 1908.

3 folders.
- A.49 List of speeches made by Sir Oliver Lodge, Principal of the University of Birmingham, at Honorary Degree ceremony. Includes citation for Thomson, 1909.
- A.50-A.52 Letters of congratulation on receiving the Order of Merit, 7 March - 2 April 1912.

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- A.53 Letter of congratulation from H. Roscoe, a teacher at Owen's College, Manchester, on Thomson's Royal Society Copley Medal, 7 December 1914.
- A.53A Letter from the Admiralty inviting Thomson to become a member of the Inventions and Research Board, 12 July 1915.
- See also A.129.
- A.54 Memorabilia *re* Thomson's installation as Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, 5 March 1918.
- See A.131 and C.1-C.10 for related material.
- A.55 Memorabilia *re* Thomson's Honorary D.Sc. from the University of Cambridge, 15 June 1920.
- A.56 Letter informing Thomson of his election to Honorary Membership of the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, 31 January 1922.
- A.57 Letter from the Salters' Company enquiring whether Thomson would accept the Honorary Freedom and Livery of the Company, 7 April 1922.
- A.58 Correspondence *re* Thomson's Honorary Degree from the University of Paris, France, 8-27 December 1922.
- A.59 Correspondence *re* Thomson's election as an Honorary Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, 20 November - 3 December 1924.
- A.60 Book of signatures from past and present workers in the Cavendish Laboratory, presented to Thomson on his 70th birthday, December 1926.
- A.61 Telegraph from Sir Robert Hadfield congratulating Thomson on receiving an unidentified honour at the University of Paris, France, 3 June 1927.

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- A.62 Letter, invitation and certificate *re* Thomson's Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Edinburgh, 16 - 25 October 1930.
- A.63 Not used.
- A.64 Letter *re* Thomson's acceptance of an Honorary Degree from the University of Reading, 18 October 1935. Includes a list of proposed honorary degrees, 2 December 1935.
- A.65-A.67 Letters of congratulation on Thomson's 80th birthday, 26 November - 30 December 1936.

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- A.68 Includes letter and report from the Institution of Civil Engineers *re* Thomson's Kelvin Medal, 3 May 1938.
- A.69-A.71 Letters of sympathy to Lady Thomson *re* Thomson's death, 30 August 1940 - 29 April 1941, n.d.

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- A.71A 6pp typescript speech by K. Whiddington *re* Thomson's career, n.d.
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- A number of these awards are also documented at A.32-A.71A.
- A.72 Honorary Membership of the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin, 16 March 1900.
- A.73 Honorary PhD, Jagiellonian University, Cracow, [now Poland], 7 June 1900.

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- A.74 Honorary Membership of the National Academy of Sciences, USA, 22 April 1903.
- A.75 Honorary Doctor of Law, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA, 9 June 1903.
- A.76 Honorary Member of the Physico-Medical Society, Erlangen, Germany, 15 June 1903.
- A.77 Honorary Membership of the American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, 3 April 1903.
- A.78 Honorary Membership of the Academy of Science of Bologna, Italy, 17 January 1904.
- A.79 Honorary Member of the Royal Academy of Science of the Netherlands, 16 May 1904.
- A.80 Honorary Degree, Georg-August-University, Göttingen, Germany, December 1905.
- A.81 Honorary Doctor of Laws degree, University of Aberdeen, September 1906.
- A.82 Honorary Membership of the Royal Bavarian Academy of Science, Munich, Germany, 13 July 1907.
- A.83 Certificate *re* Thomson's election as President of the Junior Institution of Electrical Engineers, 5 May 1910.
- A.84 Honorary Membership of the Natural Science Society, Russia, 13 October 1911.
- A.85 Honorary Membership of the Società Reale di Napoli, Italy, 31 August 1911.

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- A.86, A.86A Honorary Degree, St Andrew's University, 14 September 1911.
2 certificates.
- A.87 Honorary DSc, Royal Society of Science, Göttingen, Germany, December 1911.
- A.88 Certificate presented to Thomson by the Rice Institute at the opening of a new University in Houston, Texas, 10-12 October 1912.
- A.89 Honorary Membership of the Académie Royale de Belgique, 6 July 1919.
- A.89A Honorary member of Royal Society of Medicine, London, 16 December 1919.
- A.90 Honorary Membership of the Royal Society of Science, ?Denmark, 9 April 1920.
- A.91 Franklin Gold Medal, the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, 4 January 1922.

See also A.133.
- A.92 Honorary Membership of the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, 18 January 1922.
- A.93 Certificate of Admission to the Freedom of the Company of Salters, 1 June 1922.
- A.94 Honorary Degree, University of Paris, France, December 1922.
- A.95 John Scott Medal and Premium presented to Thomson by the University of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the American Philosophical Society and the National Academy of Sciences, USA, 'for his work on the Physics of the electron', 14 March 1923.

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- A.96 Honorary D.Sc., University of Pennsylvania, USA, 1923.
- A.97 Diploma presented to Thomson at the British Empire Exhibition in appreciation of his services to Arts, Science and Industry in the British Empire, 1924.
- A.97A Honorary Membership of the Institution of Civil Engineers, 2 March 1925.
- A.98 Faraday Medal of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, 22 January 1925.
- A.99 Certificate presented to Thomson by the Physical Society of McGill University, Montreal, Canada, in celebration of his 70th Birthday, 18 December 1926.
- A.99A Honorary D.Sc., University of London, 1931.
- A.100 Certificate from the Bavarian Academy of Science, Germany, congratulating Thomson on his 80th Birthday, 18 December 1936.
- A.101 Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of Edinburgh, *ca* 1930.
- A.102 Honorary Degree, Athens, Greece, 19 April 1937.
- A.103 Honorary D.Sc., Columbia University, New York, USA, n.d.

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| A.104-A.109 | 'J.J. ON EDUCATION' | 1918-1940, n.d. |
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- The material below was found together and was given the title 'J.J. on Education' by Lord Rayleigh whilst writing his biography of Thomson *The Life of Sir J. J. Thomson O.M. sometime master of Trinity College, Cambridge*. Thomson was a member of the University Grants Committee and was a supporter of university education for women.
- See A.120 for press cuttings *re* Thomson's interest in Education.
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| A.104 | Correspondence <i>re</i> the financial needs of university education, 1918-1941. |
| | Includes correspondence between Thomson and A. N. Chamberlain <i>re</i> Thomson's resignation as a member of the University Grants Committee, 27 October 1923. |
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A.105 |
9pp manuscript ?copy of newspaper articles which appeared in <i>The Times</i> on the question of university education for women, 4 - 8 December 1920. Written in Thomson's hand. |
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A.106 |
Material <i>re</i> an address given by Thomson to Liverpool College at their Speech Day, 27-28 November 1928. |
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A.107 |
Untitled 14pp manuscript of lecture beginning 'The object of the meeting which we are inaugurating...'. Inscribed on back 'Inaugural Discourse to Summer School of Extra-Mural Studies 1930 or possibly 1914?' |
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A.108 |
Untitled 3pp manuscript of lecture beginning 'As I have been examining for these scholarships for fifty years...'. Inscribed on back 'This is part of the BA address of 1931'. |
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A.109 |
Correspondence from G.H. Hardy <i>re</i> the Education Committee, 1940, n.d. |

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A.110-A.143

PRESS CUTTINGS

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The material below has been presented in chronological order and covers the period 1888-1956. Includes press cuttings *re* Thomson's lectures and publications.

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Reviews of *Applications of Dynamics to Physics and Chemistry*, 1888.

A.111

Reviews of *Recent Researches in Electricity and Magnetism*, 1892-1894.

A.112

Includes reviews of the first edition of *Elements of the Mathematical Theory of Electricity and Magnetism*, 1894-1897.

A.113

Includes press cuttings *re* Thomson's 1901 Royal Institution Lecture titled 'The existence of bodies smaller than atoms', 1900-1902.

A.114

Article *re* Thomson's Hodgkins Gold Medal, Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC, USA, *Illustrated Scientific News*, p.38, December 1902.

A.115

Includes press cuttings reporting Thomson's acceptance of the post of head of the Department of Physics at Columbia University, New York, USA, 1903.

A.116

Includes reviews of *Conduction of Electricity through Gases*, 1904.

A.117

Reviews of the third edition of *Elements of the Mathematical Theory of Electricity and Magnetism*, 1905.

A.118

Includes press cuttings *re* Thomson's Nobel Prize for Physics, 1906.

A.119

Includes press cuttings *re* Thomson's nomination as President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science and Thomson's Knighthood, 1907-1911.

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- A.120 Press cuttings *re* Thomson's interest in education, 1907-1928, n.d.
- A.121 Article by A. Wood titled 'The Cavendish Laboratory and Sir J.J. Thomson, F.R.S.', *Knowledge and Scientific Illustrated News*, January 1909.
- A.122 Articles *re* the Annual Meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, *Manitoba Free Press*, August - September 1909.
- See G.6.
- A.123 Article *re* Thomson titled 'Our Portrait', *The Gownsmen*, p.17, 21 October 1909.
- A.124 Press cuttings *re* Thomson's Order of Merit, January - November 1912.
- A.125 Article titled 'The new recipient of the Order of Merit: Professor Sir Joseph John Thomson, O.M., F.R.S.', *The Illustrated London News*, 23 March 1912.
- A.126 Includes press cuttings *re* Thomson's discovery of two new air gases, January - September 1913.
- A.127 Reviews of *Rays of Positive Electricity and their Application to Chemical Analyses*, January - October 1914.
- A.128 Article titled 'An Empire's Wishes for 1915', *The Daily Chronicle*, 1 January 1915.
- Includes comments by Thomson.
- A.129 Includes press cuttings *re* the British Inventions Board, May - November 1915.
- Thomson was a leading member of the Central Committee.

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- A.130 Includes press cuttings *re* Thomson's Royal Institution Lecture titled 'Radiations from Atoms and Electrons' 1916-1917.
- A.131 Press cuttings *re* Thomson's appointment as Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, February - September 1918.

See A.54, C.1-C.10 for related material.
- A.132 1919-1921.
- A.133 Includes press cuttings *re* Thomson's Franklin Gold Medal from The Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, 27 July 1922.

See also A.91.
- A.134 Includes press cuttings *re* Thomson's Fison Memorial Lecture on 'The Structure of Light' which he delivered on 7 May 1925 at Guy's Hospital Medical School, London. 1923-1927.

See also C.56, C.61 and F.21.
- A.135 Press cuttings *re* Thomson's Founders' Memorial Lecture 'Beyond the Electron' which he delivered at Girton College, Cambridge on 3 March 1928.

See F.17 for manuscript of lecture.
- A.136 Reviews of the third edition of *Conduction of Electricity through Gases*, 1929.
- A.137 Articles *re* the Fourth National Lecture, *The Listener*, 22 January 1930.
- A.138 Article in *World-Radio Dominion and Foreign Programmes: The Official Foreign and Technical Journal of the BBC*, p.130, 24 January 1930.
- A.139 1930-1931.

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- A.140 Press cuttings re the University of Cambridge's Clerk Maxwell Centenary Celebrations, October 1931 - January 1932.
- A.141 Includes reviews of Thomson's book of reminiscences *Recollections and Reflections*. 1933-1938.
- A.142 1943-1956.
- A.143 n.d.
- A.144 DIARY 1909**
- A.144 Collins' Midget Diary, 1909.
- A.145-A.152 FINANCIAL 1878-1936**
- A.145 Two receipts inscribed 'Mr J.J. Thomson's Account with Mr Image', 1878.
- A.146 Account book inscribed on front cover 'Joseph J. Thomson Esq.', 1880-1889.
- A.147 Household receipts, 1880-1904.
- A.148 Receipts 1895.
- A.149 Receipts from the Manchester Stock Exchange, 1896.
- A.150 Fire Assurance Policy, 1897.

Biographical

A.151 Correspondence *re* Super-tax, Income Tax, and Stocks and Shares, 1916-1924.

A.152 Correspondence *re* Stocks and Shares, 1930-1936.

A.153-A.160 PHOTOGRAPHS 1909-1932, n.d.

A.153 Photograph of Thomson taken on board 'The Empress of Ireland' on his return from Canada, September 1909.

A.154 Photographs of Thomson taken for the Royal Society, 30 November 1921.
3 photographs.

A.155 Photograph inscribed on back 'Tuesday, March 14th 1922 - Part of Deputation leaving Buckingham Palace after presenting an Address from Camb: University to H.M. the King congratulations of Princess Mary's marriage'.

A.156 Photograph of Lord Balfour presenting Thomson with award, 27 July 1922.

A.157 Photograph inscribed 'G.M.T. [G.M. Trevelyan] and the Master of Trinity on the terrace at Hallington, Sept. 1932'. Also includes a letter from Janet Trevelyan to Lady Thomson *re* the photograph, 24 December 1932.

A.158 Photographs of Thomson as a child and as a Wrangler, n.d.
2 photographs.

A.159 Photographs of Thomson and his bust, n.d.
4 photographs.

Biographical

A.160 Photographs of Thomson in ?the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, n.d.
3 photographs.

A.161-A.165 INVITATIONS 1885-1936, n.d.

Social invitations received by Thomson between 1885 and 1936. See also C.81-C.130.

A.161 1885-1901.

A.162 1902-1903.

A.163 1904.

A.164 1906-1919.

A.165 1922-1936, n.d.

A.166-A.176 MISCELLANEOUS 1878-1956

A.166-A.168 Death notices, mostly of friends and acquaintances, 1878-1926, n.d.

A.166 1878-1899.

A.167 1900-1910.

A.168 1911-1926, n.d.

Biographical

- A.169 Material *re* Thomson's marriage, 2-4 January 1890.

Includes press cutting, wedding invitation and list of wedding presents.
- A.170 Certificate of registry of birth, 13 March 1888, and copy of Thomson's
Baptism certificate, 16 March 1888.
- A.171 Menu cards from Cavendish Research Students' Annual Dinners, 1900,
1902, 1905.
- A.172 Letter inscribed 'To my old students' from H. Roscoe, Thomson's teacher at
Owen's College, Manchester, 22 April 1904.
- A.173 Menu cards from Trinity College Celebrations, 1896, 1907-1914.
- A.174 Letter from the Modern Historic Records Association, New York City, USA,
requesting Thomson's autograph for their archives, 31 July 1912.
- A.175 Reprint of an article titled 'The Rayleigh Memorial', *Nature*, 8 December
1921. Also includes a letter from R.T. Glazebrook to Lady Thomson *re* the
article, n.d.

Thomson was Chairman of the Rayleigh Memorial Committee, which was
formed in 1919.
- A.176 Booklet of Open Days held in the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, to
commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Sir J.J. Thomson,
14-15 December 1956.

SECTION B

FAMILY AND PERSONAL

B.1-B.731

B.1-B.679 CORRESPONDENCE AND PAPERS

B.680-B.688 PHOTOGRAPHS

B.689-B.719 ACCOUNTS

B.720-B.731 MISCELLANEOUS

Family and personal

B.1-B.679	CORRESPONDENCE AND PAPERS	1836-1952
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The bulk of this material is the correspondence and papers of Thomson's wife Rose Elizabeth, Lady Thomson (née Paget). There is also family and personal correspondence of Thomson himself and of other family members including George Paget Thomson, his son, and Joan Paget Thomson, his daughter.

The correspondence between family members is arranged by recipient, thus letters from Thomson to his wife are to be found in the incoming correspondence of Rose Thomson at B.45-B.53 rather than in the family correspondence of Thomson himself (B.1-B.6).

All the correspondence is incoming; there are no copies of letters sent out.

B.1-B.44	Joseph John Thomson
B.45-B.639	Rose Elizabeth Thomson
B.640-B.679	Other family members

B.1-B.44	JOSEPH JOHN THOMSON	1873-1940, n.d.
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B.1-B.31	Family correspondence
B.32-B.44	Personal correspondence

B.1-B.31	Family Correspondence	1885-1940, n.d.
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B.1-B.31 consists of incoming correspondence to Thomson from members of the Thomson and Paget families.

B.1-B.6	Rose Elizabeth Thomson (née Paget) (wife)	1891-1936, n.d.
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See B.45-B.639.

B.1	1891-1899.
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Family and personal

B.2	May 1903.	
	Bundle of letters sent to Thomson from Rose on his journey from Liverpool to New York, USA, May 1903. During his visit to America, Thomson spent some time with the Reid family of Baltimore.	
B.3	1907-1924.	
B.4	1928-1931.	
B.5	1932-1935.	
B.6	1936, n.d.	
B.7-B.17	George Paget Thomson (son)	1899-1940, n.d.
	See also B.54-B.63 and B.640-B.656.	
B.7	1899-1910.	
B.8	1914-1917.	
B.9	1918.	
B.10	1922-1924.	
B.11	1925-1927.	
B.12	1928-1929.	
B.13	1930-1932.	

Family and personal

- B.14 1933-1935.
- B.15 1936-1937.
- B.16 1938-1940.
- B.17 Undated correspondence.
- B.18 **Joan Paget Thomson (later Charnock), (daughter)** 1908-1938
See also B.64A-B.64H and B.657, B.658.
- B.19 **Emma Thomson (née Swindells), (mother)** 1885-1900, n.d.
Emma Thomson's family was a branch of the local Vernon family who owned a cotton spinning company in Manchester. She married Joseph James Thomson, an antiquarian bookseller. They had two sons, Joseph John and Frederick Vernon. Emma Thomson died in 1901.
- B.20 **Frederick Vernon Thomson (brother)** 1900-1917
See B.659-B.666.
- B.21-B.24 **Kathleen Buchanan Thomson (née Smith)** 1924-1939, n.d.
Kathleen was Thomson's daughter-in-law. Her father, Sir George Adam Smith, was Principal of Aberdeen University. She married George Paget Thomson in 1924. They had four children, John Adam, Lilian Clare, David Paget and Rose.
- B.21 1924-1933.
Includes letter and newspaper cuttings *re* Kathleen Buchanan Adam Smith and George Paget Thomson's engagement, 1924.
- B.22 1935-1937.

Family and personal

- B.23 1938-1939.

Includes letters from Thomson's grandsons, John and David.
- B.24 Undated correspondence.

Includes letters from Thomson's grandchildren.
- B.25 **Grandchildren** 1930-1940, n.d.

Letters to Thomson from his grandchildren, John Adam, Lilian Clare and David Paget.
- B.26 **Hilda Thompson** 1918

Letter *re* Guy L. Thompson and his entry into Trinity College, Cambridge.

Hilda Thompson was a distant relative of the Thomson family.
- B.27 **Charles E. Paget (brother-in-law)** 1892

Letter *re* the death of his father, Sir George Edward Paget.
- B.28 **George Edmund Paget (brother-in-law)** 1924

Correspondence *re* 'Vie's Marriage Settlement'.

Vie was Lady Thomson's twin sister, Violet Roy-Batty (née Paget).
- B.29 **John Paget (nephew)** 1925

Correspondence *re* photograph.
- B.30 **Owen Frank Paget (brother-in-law)** 1896-1918

O.F. Paget was a younger brother of Lady Thomson. He emigrated to Fremantle, Western Australia with his wife Hilda in 1896, where he set up his own doctor's practice.

Correspondence *re* his doctor's practice.

Family and personal

- B.31 **James Henley Batty** 1908-1938, n.d.
- J.H. Batty was Lady Thomson's brother-in-law. He married Lady Thomson's twin sister Violet in 1902.
- Includes correspondence *re* 'investments'.
- B.32-B.44 Personal correspondence 1873-1940, n.d.**
- B.32 Letter from Thomson to his 'Aunty' *re* exam results, 1873.
- B.33 Correspondence from Harry Fielding Reid, Professor of Geological Physics, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA, 1886, 1934. Professor Reid and his wife Edith G. Reid were friends of the Thomson family.
- B.34 Includes letters of congratulation on the birth of Thomson's son, George Paget Thomson, 1892.
- B.35 Letter from the Department of Aeronautical Supplies, *re* the extension of G.P. Thomson's time in America, 22 November 1917.
- B.36 Letter from Arthur Rutter, Sons & Co., Valuers and Surveyors, *re* 'schedule of Fittings and Fixtures at Holm Leigh, West Road [Cambridge]', 7 August 1918.
- B.37 Letter from Atlas Assurance Company Limited, *re* Fire and Air policies for Holm Leigh, 7 August 1918.
- B.38 Letter from G. Baily, Honorary Secretary of the Hugh Oldham Lads' Club, Manchester, *re* plans for the Club. Includes an architect's sketch of ground floor plans for the Club, 24 October 1918.
- F.V. Thomson (Thomson's brother) was Honorary Secretary of the Club for 21 years until his death in 1917.
- B.39 Brief correspondence *re* G.P. Thomson's candidature for the Royal Society, February - March 1930.

Family and personal

- B.40 Correspondence from Edith G. Reid, a friend of the Thomson family, 1936-1937, n.d.
- B.41 Bundle of telegraphs *re* G.P. Thomson's Nobel Prize for Physics, 1937.
- B.42 Letter from E.F. Vacin of Albion, Michigan, USA, *re* the War, 21 July 1940.
- B.43 Letter from J.M. Thomson *re* her grandfather, Lord Kelvin (William Thomson), n.d.
- B.44 Letter from H. Chamberlain *re* the death of her mother, who was a friend of the Thomsons, n.d.

B.45-B.639

ROSE ELIZABETH THOMSON

1872-1950, n.d.

Rose Elizabeth Paget was born in 1860. She was a daughter of Sir George Edward Paget, Regius Professor of Physic at the University of Cambridge between 1872 and 1892, and Clara Paget (née Fardell) a clergyman's daughter from the Isle of Ely. Rose Paget met J.J. Thomson as a student at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge and they were married in 1890. They had two children, George Paget Thomson and Joan Paget Thomson. Lady Thomson died in 1951.

The bulk of the material is incoming correspondence from family members and friends. There are also notebooks and diaries at B.570-B.594, correspondence from societies and organisations at B.595-B.635, and miscellaneous material at B.636-B.639.

- B.45-B.569 Correspondence
- B.570-B.594 Notebooks and diaries
- B.595-B.635 Societies, organisations and appeals
- B.636-B.639 Miscellaneous

Family and personal

B.45-B.569 Correspondence 1872-1950, n.d.

B.45-B.64 Correspondence with immediate family members

B.65-B.569 Miscellaneous family and personal correspondence

B.45-B.64 Correspondence with immediate family members 1872-1950, n.d.

B.45-B.64 consists of incoming correspondence to Lady Thomson from her husband, son and daughter.

B.45-B.53 Joseph John Thomson 1891-1937

B.45 1887-1889.

Bundle of letters sent to Rose Paget by Thomson before their marriage.

B.45A 1891-1899.

B.46 1900-1901.

B.47 1902-1903.

Includes correspondence from Thomson *re* his journey from Liverpool to New York, USA, May 1903. Thomson lectured in New Haven, Connecticut before travelling to Baltimore, Maryland, where he stayed with Professor and Edith Reid.

B.48 1904-1908.

B.49 1909 June - July.

Correspondence sent to Lady Thomson whilst she was in Llandrindod Wells, Radnorshire, Wales. Includes letters from George and Joan Thomson.

B.49A 1909-1914.

Family and personal

B.50	1916-1920.	
B.51	1921-1927.	
B.52	1929-1931.	
B.53	1932-1937.	
B.54-B.63	George Paget Thomson (son) See also B.7-B.17 and B.640-B.656.	1906-1941, n.d.
B.54	1906-1912.	
B.55	1913-1915.	
B.56	1916. Correspondence <i>re</i> his receipt of the Smith's Prize, 14-20 March 1916.	
B.57	1917.	
B.58	1918.	
B.59	1919-1924.	
B.60	1924 July - August. Contents of folder inscribed 'Georgie's engagement (letters of congratulation)'. Correspondence to Lady Thomson from family and friends on the engagement of her son G.P. Thomson, to Kathleen Buchanan Adam Smith. Includes one letter from G.P. Thomson to his mother, 26 July 1924, and one letter from G.P. Thomson to his father, 28 July 1924.	

Family and personal

B.61	1925-1932.	
B.62	1933-1945.	
B.63	Undated correspondence.	
B.64A-B.64H	Joan Paget Thomson (later Charnock), daughter See also B.18 and B.657, B.658.	1908-1950
B.64A	1908-1923.	
B.64B	1924-1929.	
B.64C	1930-1934.	
B.64D	1935-1942.	
B.64E	1943-1944.	
B.64F	1945-1947.	
B.64G	1948.	
B.64H	1949-1950.	
B.65-B.569	Miscellaneous family and personal correspondence	1872-1950, n.d.

A sequence of incoming correspondence predominantly from family and friends, 1872-1950.

Family and personal

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| B.65 | 1872-1879. |
| | Includes three drawings by Lady Thomson's brother, O.F. Paget, April 1879. |
| B.66, B.67 | 1880 September - December. |
| | Correspondence sent to Lady Thomson and her twin sister Violet, from various members of the Paget family whilst they were staying in Dresden, Germany. |
| | 2 folders. |
| B.68 | 1881 January. |
| B.69 | 1881 February - March. |
| | Includes correspondence <i>re</i> 21st birthday, March 1881. |
| B.70 | 1881 April - May. |
| B.71 | 1881 June. |
| B.72 | 1881 July - August. |
| B.73 | 1881 September - October. |
| B.74 | 1881 November - December. |
| B.75 | 1881. |
| B.76 | 1882 January - February. |
| B.77 | 1882 March. |

Family and personal

B.78, B.79	1882 April. 2 folders. B.79 includes letter and memorabilia from her father, G.E. Paget <i>re</i> Charles Darwin's funeral, 27 April 1882.
B.80	1882 May.
B.81, B.82	1882 June. 2 folders.
B.83	1882 July.
B.84	1882 August.
B.85	1882 September - November.
B.86	1882 December.
B.87	1884 January - April.
B.88	1884 June - December.
B.89	<i>ca</i> 1885.
B.90	1886 January - June.
B.91	1886 July - August.

Family and personal

- B.92 1886 September - December.
- B.93 1887 January - July.
Includes one letter from C. Thompson to 'Uncle George' (G.E. Paget), 9 July 1887.
- B.94 1887 August - December.
Includes invitation from Mr and Mrs W.M. Grosvenor to their daughter's (Kate Grosvenor) wedding, 15 December 1887.
- B.95, B.96 1887 January - December.
Correspondence from her twin sister, Violet Paget.
2 folders.
- B.97 1888 January - March.
- B.98 1888 April - August.
- B.99 1888 September - December.
- B.100 1889 January - March.
- B.101 1889 April - June.
- B.102 1889 July.
- B.103 1889 August.
- B.104 1889 September.

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| B.105 | 1889 October. | Includes correspondence <i>re</i> the death of her cousin, Elise Paget. Also contains letter from Thomson inviting Professor and Mrs Roy, and Miss [?Rose] Paget to his rooms at Trinity College, Cambridge, 30 October 1889. |
| B.106 | 1889 November. | |
| B.107 | 1889 December. | |
| B.108 | <i>ca</i> 1889. | |
| B.109-B.115 | 1889 November - 1890 April. | Letters of congratulation on her engagement to Thomson.
7 folders. |
| B.116-B.119 | 1889 October - 1890 March. | Correspondence <i>re</i> the death of her cousin, Elise Paget.
4 folders. |
| B.120 | 1889 November - 1890 March. | Correspondence and papers <i>re</i> Elise Paget's estate. |
| B.121-B.125 | 1882 - 1890. | Correspondence to from her Norwegian friend, Thora Schjöth.
5 folders. |
| B.126 | 1890 January - April. | |
| B.127 | 1890 May - October. | |

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| B.128 | 1890 November - December. |
| B.129 | 1891 January - April. |
| B.130 | 1891 May - July. |
| B.131 | 1891 August - September. |
| B.132 | 1891 October - November. |
| B.133 | 1891 December. |
| B.134-B.136 | 1892 January - February.

Correspondence <i>re</i> the death of her father, G.E. Paget.

3 folders. |
| B.137 | 1892 March. |
| B.138 | 1892 April - June.

Includes correspondence <i>re</i> the birth of her son George Paget Thomson. |
| B.139 | 1892 June - July.

Correspondence and memorabilia <i>re</i> Thomson's visit to Ireland for the Dublin University Tercentenary, 1892. |
| B.140 | 1892 July - August. |
| B.141 | 1892 September - October. |

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B.142	1892 November - December.
B.143	<i>ca</i> 1892.
B.144	1893 January - February.
B.145	1893 March - May.
B.146	1893 June - August.
B.147	1893 September - December.
B.148	1894 January - May.
B.149	1894 July - September.
B.150	1894 October - December.
B.151	1895 January - May.
B.152	1895 June - August.
B.153	1895 September - October.
B.154	1895 November - December.
B.155	1896.

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| B.156 | 1897 January - March. |
| B.157 | 1897 April - May.

Includes three paintings and one sketch by Lady Thomson's twin sister, Violet. |
| B.158 | 1897 June. |
| B.159 | 1897 July - August. |
| B.160 | 1897 September - October. |
| B.161 | 1897 September - November.

Correspondence inscribed 'Business letters for Carl and Vie, 1897'.

Carl was Lady Thomson's brother-in-law, C.T. Roy. He was married to Violet Paget. |
| B.162-B.164 | 1897 October.

3 folders.

Correspondence <i>re</i> the death of her brother-in-law, C.T. Roy. |
| B.165 | 1897 November. |
| B.166 | 1897 December. |
| B.167 | 1898. |
| B.168 | 1899 January - February. |

Family and personal

B.169	1899 March - May.
B.170-B.172	1899 May. Letter of condolence on the death of her mother. 3 folders.
B.173	1899 June - August.
B.174	1899 September - October.
B.175	1899 November - December.
B.176	1900 January.
B.177	1900 February - March.
B.178	1900 April.
B.179	1900 May - June.
B.180	1900 July - September.
B.181	1900 October.
B.182	1900 November.
B.183	1900 December.

Family and personal

B.184, B.185	1901 January. 2 folders.
B.186	1901 February.
B.187, B.188	1901 March. 2 folders.
B.189	1901 April.
B.190	1901 May.
B.191	1901 June.
B.192	1901 July.
B.193	1901 August.
B.194	1901 September.
B.195	1901 October.
B.196	1901 November.
B.197	1901 December.
B.198	1902 January - February.

Family and personal

B.199	1902 March - April.
B.200	1902 May - June.
B.201	1902 July.
B.202	1902 August - September.
B.203	1902 October.
B.204	1902 November - December.
B.205	1903 March. Congratulations on the birth of her daughter, Joan Paget Thomson.
B.206	1903 May - December.
B.207	1904 January - February.
B.208	1904 March.
B.209	1904 April.
B.210	1904 May.
B.211	1904 June - July.
B.212	1904 August - September.

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| B.213 | 1904 October - November. |
| B.214 | 1904 December. |
| B.215 | 1905. |
| B.216 | 1906 January. |
| B.217 | 1906 February - March.

Includes correspondence from the Cambridge Antiquarian Society <i>re</i> portrait of her father, G.E. Paget, 2 February - 10 March 1906. |
| B.218 | 1906 March. |
| B.219 | 1906 April - May. |
| B.220 | 1906 June - July. |
| B.221 | 1906 August - September. |
| B.222 | 1906 September.

Correspondence <i>re</i> the death of M. J. Boquel. |
| B.223 | 1906 October.

Includes letter and newspaper cuttings from Edith Reid <i>re</i> her husband's participation in an expedition to the crater of Mount Colima, Mexico, 11 October 1906. |

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- B.224 1906 November.

Letters of congratulation on Thomson's Nobel Prize for Physics.
- B.225-B.227 1906 December.

Includes correspondence *re* Thomson's Nobel Prize for Physics.

3 folders.
- B.228 1907.
- B.229-B.231 1908 January.

3 folders.
- B.232-B.234 1908 February.

3 folders.

B.232 includes correspondence from C.C. Daniels and F. Martin inviting the Thomsons to stay at their home in Indre et Loire, France during the Easter break, 11-12 February 1908.
- B.235, B.236 1908 March.

2 folders.
- B.237-B.239 1908 April.

3 folders.
- B.240-B.242 1908 May.

3 folders.

Family and personal

- B.243-B.245 1908 June.
- 3 folders.
- B.243 includes press cuttings from *Cambridge Daily News* (17 June) and *Cambridge Express* (19 June), *re* extension of the Cavendish Laboratory. The newly installed Chancellor of Cambridge University, Lord Rayleigh, opened the new wing of the Laboratory on 16 June 1908.
- B.246 1908 July.
- Includes correspondence from her brother-in-law F.V. Thomson *re* her trip to Switzerland.
- B.247 1908 August.
- Includes letter from M. Prior *re* the death and burial of K. Westcott, 22 August. Also includes a press cutting from the *Daily Telegraph*, (26 August) *re* the death of A.H. Becquerel.
- B.248 1908 September.
- B.249, B.250 1908 October.
- 2 folders.
- B.251-B.254 1908 November.
- Letters of congratulation on Thomson's knighthood.
- 4 folders.
- B.255-B.257 1908 December.
- 3 folders,
- B.258, B.259 1909 January.
- 2 folders,

Family and personal

B.260, B.261 1909 February.
2 folders.

B.262-B.264 1909 March.
3 folders.

B.265 1909 April.

B.266 1909 May.

B.267 1909 June.

B.268 1909 July.

B.269, B.270 1909 August.
2 folders.

B.270 includes correspondence and press cuttings *re* the Annual Meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which was held at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada. Includes press cuttings *re* Thomson's presidential address, which opened the conference proceedings, 21-31 August 1909.

Lady Thomson stayed in Winnipeg with her husband, son and brother-in-law during the Conference. She wrote an account of her journey for the *Empire Review*. They returned to England in October 1909.

See also G.6.

B.271 1909 September.

B.272 1909 October.

Family and personal

B.273, B.274 1909 November.
2 folders.

B.275 1909 December.

B.276, B.277 1910 January.
2 folders.

Includes congratulations on her son G.P. Thomson's success in his Trinity College Cambridge Entrance Examinations and the award of a scholarship. The correspondence also includes references to Lady Thomson's article, published in *Empire Review*, re the journey from England to Winnipeg, Canada, which she made a year earlier for the Annual Meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. See also B.269, B.270.

B.278, B.279 1910 February.
2 folders.

B.279 includes one letter from E.A. McArthur re petition to grant women the Parliamentary vote, 20 February.

B.280 1910 March.

B.281 1910 April.

B.282-B.284 1910 May.
3 folders.

B.285-B.287 1910 June.
3 folders.

B.288, B.289 1910 July.
2 folders.

Family and personal

B.290, B.291	1910 August. 2 folders.
B.292	1910 September.
B.293	1910 October.
B.294	1910 November.
B.295	1910 December.
B.296, B.297	1911 January. 2 folders.
B.298	1911 February - December.
B.298A, B.298B	1911 May. Replies to an invitation to a party at the Thomsons' house on 13 May 1911.
B.299, B.300	1912 January. 2 folders.
B.301, B.302	1912 February. 2 folders. B.302 includes press cutting from a Japanese newspaper with headline 'Radium found in Japan: Radio-active mineral in hot spring in Taiwan', n.d.

Family and personal

B.303, B.304	1912 March. 2 folders.
B.305	1912 March. Congratulations on Thomson's Order of Merit.
B.306, B.307	1912 April. 2 folders.
B.308, B.309	1912 May. 2 folders.
B.310, B.311	1912 June. 2 folders.
B.312	1912 July.
B.313	1912 August.
B.314	1912 September.
B.315, B.316	1912 October. 2 folders.
B.317, B.318	1912 November. 2 folders.

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B.319, B.320 1912 December.
2 folders.

B.321 1913 January.

B.322, B.323 1913 February.
2 folders.

B.324, B.325 1913 March.
2 folders.

B.326, B.327 1913 April.
2 folders.

B.328, B.329 1913 May.
2 folders.

B.330, B.331 1913 June.
2 folders.

B.332, B.333 1913 July.
2 folders.

B.334 1913 August.

B.335 1913 September.

Family and personal

B.336, B.337 1913 October.
2 folders.

B.338, B.339 1913 November.
2 folders.

B.340-B.342 1913 December.
3 folders.

B.343 1914 January - February.

B.344 1914 March - April.

B.345 1914 May - June.

B.346 1914 July - August.

B.347, B.348 1914 September.
2 folders.

B.347 includes a letter from her nephew A.R. Paget *re* the declaration of war on Germany, and the situation in Japan. Attached to the letter is a press cutting 'Action at Tsingtao: Aeroplanes fly over forts and drop bombs', *Japan Daily*, 7 September 1914.

B.348 includes correspondence from her brother-in-law F.V. Thomson *re* her son G.P. Thomson's voluntary departure to join his regiment, 24 September 1914.

B.349 1914 October.

Family and personal

B.350	1914 November. Correspondence to Lady Thomson <i>re</i> her son G.P. Thomson's welfare on leaving England to join the front line in France. He returned to England in February 1915.
B.351	1914 December.
B.352, B.353	1915 January. 2 folders.
B.354	1915 February.
B.355, B.356	1915 March. 2 folders.
B.357	1915 April - June.
B.358	1915 July - August.
B.359	1915 September - October.
B.360	1915 November - December.
B.361	1916 January - June.
B.362	1916 July.
B.363	1916 August.

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B.364 1916 November.

B.365 1916 December.

B.366 1917 January.

B.367 1917 February - March.

B.368 1917 April.

B.369 1917 May.

B.370 1917 June - July.

B.371 1917 August.

B.372 1917 September.

Includes correspondence *re* stone memorial for her brother-in-law F.V. Thomson, who died 11 July 1917. The memorial was placed in St. Giles' Cemetery, Cambridge.

B.373 1917 October.

B.374 1917 November.

B.375 1917 December.

B.376 1918 January.

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| B.377 | 1918 February. |
| B.378 | 1918 March. |
| B.379 | 1918 April. |
| B.380 | 1918 May. |
| B.381 | 1918 June. |
| B.382 | 1918 July. |
| B.383 | 1918 August. |
| B.384 | 1918 September. |
| B.385 | 1918 October.

Includes letters of thanks for invitation to visit Trinity Lodge, 7 October 1918.

Also includes song lyrics inscribed 'Song by Francis Fielding Reid, France Oct: 1918'. |
| B.386 | 1918 November.

Includes replies to social invitations from Lady Thomson, and letters of thanks for her hospitality. |
| B.387 | 1918 December. |
| B.388 | 1919 January. |

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B.389	1919 February - March.
B.390	1919 April.
B.391	1919 May.
B.392	1919 June.
B.393	1919 July.
B.394	1919 July - August.
B.395	1919 August.
B.396	1919 September.
B.397	1919 October.
B.398	1919 November.
B.399, B.400	1919 December. 2 folders.
B.401	1920 January.
B.402	1920 February - March.

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| B.403 | 1920 April. |
| | Includes correspondence from I. McClelland <i>re</i> the death of her husband Professor J.A. McClelland, 13 April 1920. J.A. McClelland worked at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge when Thomson was Professor. He later accepted the Chair of Experimental Physics at University College, Dublin. |
| | Also includes an invitation for Lady Thomson to attend a ball given by the First and Third Trinity Boat Clubs held 14 June 1920. |
| B.404 | 1920 May. |
| B.405-B.407 | 1920 June. |
| | 3 folders. |
| B.408 | 1920 July. |
| B.409 | 1920 August. |
| B.410 | 1920 September. |
| B.411, B.412 | 1920 October. |
| | 2 folders. |
| B.413 | 1920 November. |
| B.414 | 1920 December. |
| B.415 | 1921 January - February. |

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- B.416 1921 April - July.
Includes correspondence *re* dinner party held by the Thomsons at Trinity Lodge, Cambridge, 23 April 1921.
- B.417 1921 September - October.
- B.418 1921 November - December.
- B.419 1922 January.
- B.420 1922 February.
- B.421 1922 March - April.
- B.422 1922 May - June.
- B.423 1922 August.
- B.424, B.425 1922 September.
Includes letters of congratulation on her son G.P. Thomson's appointment to a professorship at Aberdeen University.
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- B.426 1922 October - December.
- B.427, B.427A 1923 January - February.
Includes replies to invitation to Pitt Club Annual Ball (28 February) and United Hunts Annual Ball (1 March).
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- B.428 1923 March - May.
- Includes correspondence *re* invitations to attend the Trinity Ball and Masonic Ball.
- B.429 1923 April - May.
- B.430 1923 June - December.
- B.431 1923 December - 1924 May.
- Correspondence and newspaper cuttings *re* a series of 'Courts' held at St. James's Palace and Buckingham Palace, May and June 1924. Lady Thomson and J.P. Thomson attended a Court held on the evening of 21 May 1924.
- B.432 1924 January - April.
- Includes correspondence *re* a bazaar organised by the Church of England Homes for Waifs and Strays in order to raise money for their building fund, 20 February 1924. Lady Thomson participated in the 'Dickens Fair' by organising a University stall.
- B.433 1924 April.
- Correspondence *re* her sister Violet Roy-Batty's condition following an operation on her from Violet's husband, J.H. Batty, 9-25 April 1924.
- B.434, B.435 1924 May.
- 2 folders.
- B.436 1924 June.
- Includes correspondence and chairman's agenda *re* meeting organised by members of the Fellowship of Marriage, 4 June 1924.
- B.437 1924 July.

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| B.438 | 1924 August. |
| B.439 | 1924 September.

Includes correspondence <i>re</i> the illness and death of Lady Thomson's sister, Violet. |
| B.440, B.441 | 1924 October.

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| B.442 | 1924 November.

Includes print of a photograph inscribed on back 'Richard Bentley: From Roubillac's bust in the library of Trinity College, Cambridge', n.d. |
| B.443 | 1924 December. |
| B.444 | 1925 January. |
| B.445 | 1925 February-November. |
| B.446 | 1925 March.

Correspondence <i>re</i> arrangements for Divinity Reading Union Meeting, 24 March 1925. See also B.632. |
| B.447 | 1926 January - May. |
| B.448 | 1926 June. |
| B.449 | 1926 July.

Includes correspondence <i>re</i> the engagement of Violet's widower, J.H. Batty to Mary Birkmyre. |

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| B.450 | 1926 August. |
| B.451 | 1926 September - October. |
| B.452 | 1926 November - December.

Includes correspondence <i>re</i> next meeting of the Divinity Reading Union. |
| B.453 | 1927 January - March. |
| B.454 | 1927 April.

Includes letters of congratulation on the birth of Lady Thomson's grandson, John Adam Thomson. |
| B.455 | 1927 May.

Includes letters of congratulation on the birth of Lady Thomson's grandson, John Adam Thomson. |
| B.456 | 1927 June - July.

Includes replies to invitations to dinner parties hosted by the Thomsons between 13 and 26 July 1927. |
| B.457 | 1927 August - September. |
| B.458 | 1927 October. |
| B.459 | 1927 November - December. |
| B.460 | 1928 January. |

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- B.461 1928 February - March.
- B.462 1928 April - May.
- B.463 1928 May.

Letters of condolence *re* death of her brother-in-law, H.F. Gadow.
- B.464 1928 May - June.

Replies to invitations to social events hosted by the Thomsons between May and June 1928. Includes lists of guests and seating arrangements.
- B.465 1928 June.
- B.466 1928 July.

Includes correspondence from Lady Thomson's nephew Paul Paget *re* his immigration to Australia. Also includes correspondence *re* her nephew A.J.M. Paget's illness.
- B.467 1928 August.

Includes correspondence from Christabel Paget *re* her husband's illness.
- B.468 1928 August - September.
- B.469 1928 October - November.
- B.470 1928 December.
- B.471 1929 January - February.

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- B.472 1929 March - April.
- Includes correspondence from G. Seeger *re* the death and burial of M. Belser, a friend of Lady Thomson, 29 April 1929.
- B.473 1929 May.
- Includes correspondence from S. Paget, sister-in-law, *re* her husband G.E. Paget's illness, 26-30 May.
- B.474 1929 June.
- Includes correspondence *re* the death of G.E. Paget.
- B.475 1929 July - August.
- B.476 1929 September.
- Includes letters of congratulation on the birth of Lady Thomson's granddaughter, Lilian Clare Thomson.
- B.477 1929 October - November.
- B.478 1929 December.
- B.479 1930 January.
- B.480 1930 February.
- Includes letters of congratulations on G.P. Thomson's election to the Fellowship of the Royal Society.

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B.481, B.482 1930 March.
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B.483 1930 April.

B.484, B.485 1930 May.
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B.485 includes correspondence from Sir J.G. Frazer and Lady Frazer *re*
Wyse Bequest and their visit to Cambridge.

B.486 1930 June.

B.487 1930 July.

B.488 1930 August - October.

B.489 1930 November - December.

B.490 1931 January - July.

B.491 1931 August - December.

B.492 1932 January.

B.493 1932 February - May.

B.494 1932 August - September.

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B.495	1932 October.
B.496	1932 November.
B.497	1932 December.
B.498	1933 January - July.
B.499	1933 August.
B.500	1933 September - December.
B.501	1934 January - February. Includes one letter from J. Culverwell <i>re</i> her father's funeral, 19 January 1934. A photograph of her father (J.P. Culverwell) is enclosed. Also includes a photograph of M.L. McLennan, n.d.
B.502	1934 March - April.
B.503	1934 May.
B.504	1934 July - October.
B.505	1935 February - May.
B.506	1935 June.
B.507	1935 July.

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| B.508 | 1935 August. |
| B.509 | 1935 September. |
| B.510 | 1935 October. |
| B.511 | 1935 November. |
| B.512 | 1935 December.

Includes 5 photographs inscribed '...photos of portraits of Dr. Whewell', 26 December 1935. |
| B.513 | ca 1935. |
| B.514 | 1936 January.

Includes 4 photographs from Paul Paget, Lady Thomson's nephew in Australia. The photographs are inscribed on the back 'Bridge over the Grenaigh River', 'Boring for water on Sandplain Country', 'A picnic party at one of the pools at Xmas time', and 'Wicherina Reservoir', 26 January 1936. |
| B.515, B.516 | 1936 February.

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| B.517, B.518 | 1936 March.

Includes correspondence re G.P. Thomson's illness and operation.

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| B.519, B.520 | 1936 April.

Correspondence re G.P. Thomson's ill health.

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| B.521 | 1936 May. | |
| | | Includes correspondence from Betty Evans <i>re</i> the birth of her daughter, Elizabeth Ann Paget Evans, 3 May 1937. |
| B.522, B.523 | 1936 June. | |
| | 2 folders. | |
| | | B.522 includes newspaper cutting <i>re</i> funding for Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, <i>The Times</i> , 5 May 1937. |
| B.524 | 1936 July. | |
| B.525 | 1936 August. | |
| B.526 | 1936 September. | |
| B.527 | 1936 October. | |
| | | Includes correspondence <i>re</i> Divinity Reading Union General Meeting, 23 October 1936. |
| B.528 | 1936 November. | |
| B.529 | 1936 December. | |
| B.530 | 1937 January - July. | |
| B.531 | 1937 August - September. | |
| B.532 | 1937 October. | |
| | | Includes correspondence <i>re</i> the death of Lord Rutherford. |

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B.533-B.535	1937 November. 3 folders. B.534 and B.535 includes correspondence <i>re</i> G.P. Thomson's Nobel Prize for Physics.
B.536, B.537	1937 December.
B.538	<i>ca</i> 1937.
B.539	1938.
B.540	1939 January - April.
B.541	1939 May - June.
B.542	1939 July - August.
B.543	1939 September - October.
B.544	1939 November - December.
B.545	1940 January.
B.546	1940 February.
B.547	1940 March.
B.548	1940 April - May.

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B.549	1940 July - December.	
B.550	1941.	
B.551	1942-1943.	
B.552	1944.	
B.553	1945.	
B.554	1946-1950.	
B.555-B.560	Undated correspondence. 6 folders.	
B.561-B.569	Correspondence with hotels etc.	1884-1926, n.d.
	The correspondence is replies from various hotels and guesthouses to requests about accommodation from Lady Thomson.	
B.561	1884-1889.	
B.562	1902-1903.	
B.563	1906.	
B.564	1908.	
B.565	1909-1910.	

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B.566	1912.	
B.567	1916-1926.	
B.568, B.569	Undated.	
B.570-B.594	Notebooks and diaries	1877-1947
	B.570-B.587	Notebooks
	B.588-B.594	Diaries
B.570-B.587	Notebooks	1877-1920, n.d.
B.570	Hard-backed notebook inscribed on first page 'R.E. Paget Notes from Lectures'. Both ends of the notebook have been used. One end for 'Notes from lectures by Prof. Seeley On the Political Parties in England, Oct. 1877', and the other for 'Notes from lectures by Prof. Colvin on "Some favourite themes of Mediaeval and Renaissance Art" Nov. 1877'.	
B.571	Small green hard-backed pocket book inscribed on first page 'R.E. Paget: Notes'. Notebook used to list books read between 1879 and 1918.	
B.572	Hard-backed address book used for addresses and accounts, 1882-1887.	
B.573	Three hard-backed black notebooks pasted together inscribed on inside front cover 'Notes from Lectures on English Literature Lent Term 1884'. First notebook inscribed 'Notebooks from lectures on English Literature by Mr. Leslie Stephens'. Second notebook inscribed 'Notes from lectures by Prof. Seeley on Napoleon Bonaparte' October 1882. Third notebook inscribed 'Notes from our tour in France', 1882. A little intercalated material.	

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- B.574 Two hard-backed black notebooks pasted together, inscribed on inside front covers, 'Notes from Lectures on Chemistry, April 1883' and 'Notes from Lectures by Prof. Seeley' 1883-1884.
- First notebook has been used to record notes on 'Elementary Chemistry'.
- Second notebook has been used for notes on 'International History from the Seventeenth Century' and the 'Foreign Policy of England from the Revolution of 1688'. A little intercalated material.
- B.575 Hard-backed black notebook inscribed on first page 'Notes from lectures by Rev^d Lias on St. Paul's Epistles to the Thessalonians', 27 November 1884 - 15 February 1893.
- B.576 Black soft-backed notebook inscribed 'Mother's Meeting Book of Attendance', 1885-1890.
- B.577 Navy blue soft-backed notebook with gold trim inscribed 'Visiting Book: Callers and Invitations received Jan.1890'.
- B.578 Exercise book inscribed on front cover 'Notes on Cookery I'. Used for notes on 'Course of 9 Demonstrations in High Class Cookery, Oct. Term 1890'.
- B.579 Exercise book inscribed on front cover 'Notes on Cookery II', October 1890. Also used for demonstrations in 'High Class' cookery.
- B.580 Hard-backed notepad inscribed on first page 'Callers'. Notebook used to list names of all callers at the Thomson household between 1890-1903. Loose material at front and back of notebook. A little intercalated material.
- B.581 Soft-backed notebook inscribed on front cover 'Lady Thomson'. Inscription on inside front page reads 'May 1891: List of Contents of Mother's Bags East Road Mother's Meeting', 1891-1917.
- B.582 Hard-backed notebook used for 'Cookery Recipes', 1893-1901. Loose material at front and back of notebook. Some intercalated material.

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| B.583 | Hard-backed address book used for addresses and accounts, 1893-1915. |
| B.584 | Soft-backed notebook inscribed on first page 'Notes on Clean-starching and Ironing. Lent term 1894'. |
| B.585 | Soft-backed notebook inscribed 'East Road Mother's Meeting Book of Attendance', 1894-1901. |
| B.586 | Soft-backed notebook used to record invitations received 1901-1920. A little intercalated material. |
| B.587 | Hard-backed address book inscribed on front cover 'Where is it?' Loose material at front of notebook, n.d. |
| B.588-B.594 | <p>Diaries 1887 - 1947</p> <p>Notebooks which have been converted into use as diaries.</p> |
| B.588 | Hard-backed notebook inscribed 'R.E. Paget' on inside page. Contains diary entries, 13 July 1887 - 20 March 1892. |
| B.589 | Green soft-backed notebook inscribed on inside page 'April 1918 to August 1921'. |
| B.590 | Soft-backed red notebook inscribed on inside front cover 'Trinity Lodge Cambridge (Lady Thomson)', September 1921 - June 1924. |
| B.591 | Soft-backed blue notebook inscribed on inside front cover 'Lady Thomson Trinity Lodge Cambridge', July 1924 - May 1927. |
| B.592 | Hard-backed dark green notebook inscribed on inside front cover 'Lady Thomson Trinity Lodge Cambridge', May 1935 - June 1937. |

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B.593 Soft-backed notebook inscribed on inside front cover 'Lady Thomson Trinity Lodge Cambridge', June 1937 - November 1939. A little intercalated material.

B.594 Hard-backed notebook inscribed on inside cover 'Lady Thomson Garden Corner 23 West Road Cambridge', March 1945 - June 1947.

B.595 - B.639 Societies, organisations and appeals 1892-1945, n.d.

The material consists of correspondence from numerous religious or charitable bodies, arranged alphabetically by organisation, and sequences of miscellaneous shorter correspondence *re* societies and appeals.

B.595	British Columbia and Yukon Church Aid Society
B.596-598	Church Army
B.599	Christian Social Union
B.600	Divinity Reading Union
B.601, B.602	Dr Barnado's Homes
B.603	Girl Guide Movement
B.604, B.605	League of Honour
B.606-B.609	Mothers' Union
B.610	National Vigilance Association
B.611-B.618	Other societies
B.619-B.625	Appeals
B.626-B.635	Religious notes
B.636-B.639	Miscellaneous

B.595 British Columbia and Yukon Church Aid Society n.d.

Includes correspondence and booklet outlining the work of the British Columbia and Yukon Church Aid Society, n.d.

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| B.596-B.598 | Church Army | 1909-1937, n.d. |
| | Correspondence and pamphlets <i>re</i> the work of the Church Army, 1909-1937, n.d. | |
| | 3 folders. | |
| B.599 | Christian Social Union | 1907-1915, n.d. |
| | Includes pamphlets, accounts and notice of meeting for the Cambridge Women's Branch of the Christian Social Union, 1907-1915, n.d. | |
| B.600 | Divinity Reading Union | 1921-1938 |
| | Lady Thomson was Chairman of the Divinity Reading Union. The aim of the Union, which was set up in 1908, was to provide a forum for biblical study. | |
| | 3pp manuscript inscribed 'D.R.U. Group Meeting. Tuesday Nov. 29 1921 at Trinity Lodge <i>re</i> St. Polycarp'; pamphlet <i>re</i> the aims and rules of the Union, 1937-1938. | |
| | See also B.446, B.452, B.527 and B.632. | |
| B.601, B.602 | Dr Barnado's Homes | 1900-1936 |
| | 2 folders. | |
| | General correspondence, leaflets and notices for charity events. | |
| B.603 | Girl Guide Movement | 1916-1918, n.d. |
| | Letters written by ?members of the Girl Guide Movement to their French pen-pals. Also includes pamphlet on the work of the Girl Guide Movement, two postcards and one photograph of Girl Guides at camp, 1916-1918, n.d. | |
| B.604, B.605 | League of Honour | 1915-1917, n.d. |
| B.604 | Includes correspondence <i>re</i> prayer meetings, 1916, n.d; notices of meetings, 1915, 1917, n.d; pamphlet entitled 'Hymns for use in time of War', n.d. | |
| B.605 | League of Honour Occasional Papers, November 1915 - April 1917. | |

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B.606-B.609	Mothers' Union	1892-1919, n.d.
B.606	Includes accounts for Mothers' Union Teas, 1892, 1894; correspondence <i>re</i> membership and meetings, 1899-1900.	
B.607	1914-1919. Includes correspondence and programme <i>re</i> Mothers' Union Conference Week Meetings, 1914, Mothers' Union Journal, April 1916, correspondence <i>re</i> meeting to discuss Matrimonial Clauses Bill, November 1917.	
B.608	Correspondence and leaflets <i>re</i> Mothers' Union Birthrate Enquiry, 1919.	
B.609	Includes Mothers' Union cards and booklet entitled 'Catechism on the Constitution and Organisation of the Mothers' Union', n.d.	
B.610	National Vigilance Association	1917-1919
	Includes notice of National Vigilance Association Annual Meeting, 27 June 1917; two copies of <i>The Vigilance Record</i> , January, June 1918; letter <i>re</i> subscription, 1 December 1919.	
B.611-B.618	Other societies	1895-1943, n.d.
	Correspondence, pamphlets, etc. from various societies and organisations. The material has been arranged in chronological order, 1895-1943, n.d.	
B.611	1895-1910.	
B.612	1912-1914.	
B.613	1915-1917.	
B.614	1919-1927.	

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B.615 1930-1934.

B.616 1936.

B.617 1937-1943.

B.618 Undated.

B.619-B.625 Appeals 1892-1945, n.d.

B.619 1892-1893.

Correspondence *re* the opening of Barnwell Day Nursery, 1892-1893. Lady Thomson was a member of the Nursery's Committee.

B.620 1903-1912.

B.621 1913-1916.

B.622 1917-1926.

B.623 1928-1936.

B.624 1937-1945.

B.625 Undated.

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B.626-B.635	Religious notes	1874-1925, n.d.
B.626, B.627	Collection of hymns, prayers, Bible readings, Christmas carols, etc., 1874-1942, n.d. 2 folders.	
B.628	Includes 'Christian Progress: A Magazine of Help and Encouragement in Christian Life, Testimony & Work', June 1896; 'Plutarch-essay on flesh-eating', n.d.	
B.629	Scripture Union Notes, 1911-1912.	
B.630	Manuscript psalms, 1913-1925.	
B.631	4pp manuscript notes inscribed 'Sale of Work on behalf of the Student Christian Movement at the Malting House, Dec. 4 1923'.	
B.632	7pp manuscript notes inscribed 'For D.R.U. Group Meeting, Tuesday March 24 1925 - Trinity Lodge'. See also B.446.	
B.633	17pp manuscript notes inscribed ' "Ecce Homo" The Baptist', n.d.	
B.634	Miscellaneous manuscript notes, n.d.	
B.635	The Birthday Scripture Text Book, n.d.	
B.636-B.639	Miscellaneous	1899, 1951, n.d.
B.636	Correspondence inscribed 'Letters from guests at Sir George Stokes' Jubilee June 1st and 2nd 1899'.	

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B.636A Funeral service sheet for Rose Elizabeth Thomson. The service was held at Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, 28 May 1951.

B.637 1pp manuscript note inscribed 'With Vie's love to Joe - A suitable epitaph for Rose', n.d.

B.638 1p manuscript note *re* Lady Thomson's life, n.d.

B.639 1p manuscript inscribed 'List of books belonging to Rose E. Paget', n.d.

B.640-B.679 OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS 1836-1954, n.d.

B.640-B.656 George Paget Thomson

B.657, B.658 Joan Paget Thomson

B.659-B.666 Frederick Vernon Thomson

B.667-B.670 Sir George Edward Paget

B.671-B.673 Violet Emma Roy-Batty (née Paget)

B.674-B.679 Miscellaneous family members

B.640-B.656 George Paget Thomson 1901-1954, n.d.

George Paget Thomson was born in 1892. He was educated at Perse School and in 1922 he was appointed Professor of Natural Philosophy at Aberdeen University. He married Kathleen Buchanan Adam Smith in 1924. In 1930 G.P. Thomson was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1937, with C.J. Davisson, for the discovery of the diffraction of electrons by crystals. In 1943 he received a Knighthood. G.P. Thomson later became Master of Corpus Christi College Cambridge. He died in 1975.

See also B.7-B.17 and B.54-B.63.

B.640 Letter from his uncle F.V. Thomson *re* Christmas present, 6 December 1901.

B.641-B.643 Memorabilia *re* Perse Grammar School, 1905-1910.

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- B.641 Form lists, 1905-1910.
- B.642 Reports, 1906-1909.
- B.643 Includes programmes for Athletic Sports days, 1906, 1910, and Speech Day, 4 November 1908.
- B.644 Postcard from his aunt V.E. Roy-Batty with congratulations on winning his third Navy League Prize, 27 October 1908.
- B.645 Associate's ticket for 79th Meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, Winnipeg, Canada, 1909.

See also G.6.
- B.646 Receipts, driving licence, 1917-1918.
- B.647-B.651 Correspondence mostly from family members, 1926, 1927.
- B.647 1926 March - May.

Includes correspondence from his father J.J. Thomson *re* experiments on positive rays, May 1926.
- B.648 1926 June - October.
- B.649 1926 November - December.
- B.650 1927 January - March.
- B.651 1927 April - September.

Includes correspondence *re* the birth of his son, John Adam Thomson.

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- B.652 Letter from his father *re* corrections for a paper by G.P. Thomson, 30 June 1932.
- B.653 Letter from Lady Thomson *re* her grandson David Paget Thomson and his visit to Cambridge, 9 February 1944.
- B.654 Letter from Imperial Chemical Industries Limited *re* portrait of J.J. Thomson, 3 February 1944.
- B.655 Correspondence from Doris Fielding-Reid, 1953, 1954, n.d.
- Doris Fielding-Reid from Baltimore, USA, was a friend of the Thomson family. Includes correspondence *re* the death of her mother, Edith Reid, n.d. Also includes press cutting *re* Doris's brother Francis entitled 'Bond to be sought for Baltimore doctor and wife in slaying', *The Sunday Star*, 27 December 1953, and photographs of Doris and her family, n.d.
- B.656 Life Membership card for Royal Institution of Great Britain, n.d.
- B.657, B.658 Joan Paget Thomson 1918-1949, n.d.**
- Joan Paget Thomson was born in 1903. She married Harry Charnock in 1946. They had one daughter, Rosemary.
- B.657 Correspondence, 1918-1949, n.d.
- B.658 Receipts 1919-1924.
- B.659-B.666 Frederick Vernon Thomson 1874-1921**
- Thomson's younger brother Frederick Thomson was born in 1859. He worked for a firm of calico merchants, Claflin & Co. He was involved in voluntary work and organised boys' clubs, particularly the Hugh Oldham Lads Club, Manchester. In 1914 he moved to Cambridge to be near his brother. He died in 1917.
- The material below was found together in a box inscribed 'F.V. Thomson - Letters, etc'.

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- B.659, B.660 Correspondence 1875-1918.
- Includes correspondence from J.J. Thomson, 1906, 1913, 1914.
- 2 folders.
- B.661 Includes press cuttings *re* J.J. Thomson's career, 1874, 1906; certificate from the University of Oxford for passing Oxford Local Examination 1875; two photographs of F.V. Thomson.
- B.662-B.664 Letters and cards of condolence on the death of his mother, March - April 1901.
- 3 folders.
- B.665 Income tax repayments 1914-1917.
- B.666 Correspondence to Thomson *re* F.V. Thomson's Legacy, 1921.
- B.667-B.670 Sir George Edward Paget 1836-1892**
- Sir George Edward Paget was Lady Thomson's father. He was born in 1809 and educated at Charterhouse and Caius College, Cambridge. He was Regius Professor of Physic at Cambridge University between 1872 and 1892. He was knighted in 1885. He died in 1892.
- B.667, B.667A Contents of folder inscribed 'Parchment certificates, etc. Honorary Degrees: Sir George E. Paget K.C.B. Letters from Sir James Paget to my father, H. E. G. P. 10th June 1938'.
- Includes parchment certificates, 1836-1886. Also includes correspondence from Sir James Paget to George Edmund Paget, 1880, 1892.
- 2 folders.
- B.668 Brokers certificate, belonging to Sir George Paget's son, George Edmund Paget, found with preceding material, 16 April 1880.
- B.669 Correspondence to Sir George Paget, 1865-1892, n.d. Press cuttings *re* Sir G.E. Paget's death, January 1892.

Family and personal

- B.670 Miscellaneous material, including notice for his funeral, 1 February 1892.
- B.671-B.673 Violet Emma Paget (later Roy-Batty) 1866-1915**
- Violet Emma Roy-Batty was Lady Thomson's twin sister, they were born in 1860. Violet married Charles T. Roy in ?1887 and J.H. Batty in 1902. She died in 1924.
- B.671 Children's book 'Die Kinderstube' by Oskar Pletsch. Inscribed on front cover 'Violet E. Paget March 12 1866'.
- B.672-B.673 Correspondence returned to Lady Thomson after her sister's death in 1924.
- B.672 1878.
- B.672A 1879-1880.
- B.673 1881-1915.
- B.674-B.679 Miscellaneous family members 1875-1943, n.d.**
- B.674 Includes letter from Thomson's mother to Mrs Turnbull *re* Thomson's injured eye, 20 October 1875.
- B.675 Collection of pamphlets written by Lady Thomson's mother, Lady Paget, mostly *re* Wales, 1882-1897, n.d.
- B.676 Material *re* Charles E. Paget, 1883, n.d.
- Includes testimonials for post of Medical Officer of Health, 1883, n.d.; 3pp offprint inscribed 'Some health requirements in the construction of elementary schools by Charles E. Paget', n.d.; pamphlet inscribed 'A descriptive sketch of Penmaenmawr and its environs by Charles E. Paget' n.d.

Family and personal

- B.677 Notice *re* the death of Thomson's cousin, James Stanley Thomson, 19 August 1921.
- B.678 Letter to David Paget Thomson from his grandmother Lady Thomson *re* his visit to see 'Aunt Danny and the children', 20 April 1943.
- B.679 Letter from Owen K. Paget to his father, Sir George Paget, *re* his visit to Germany, n.d.
- B.680-B.688 PHOTOGRAPHS 1917-1925, n.d.**
- B.680 3 portrait postcards inscribed on back 'To dear Aunt Maud, 11 March 1917'. The pictures show Lady Thomson's nieces Betty and Olwen, and nephew Meyrick from Fremantle, Western Australia. The postcards are addressed to Lady Thomson's sister, Maud Gadow.
- B.681 3 postcards addressed to Mrs Gadow, 1921-1925. The postcards shows photographs of Lady Thomson's niece, Betty Paget, 1925, and nephew Meyrick Paget, 1921.
- B.682 Photograph of Thomson, Lady Thomson and G.P. Thomson, n.d.
- B.683 Photograph of G.P. Thomson wearing Ley's Choir School Cap, n.d.
- B.684 Photograph of G.P. Thomson in Perse School uniform, n.d.
- B.685 Photograph of Thomson's mother, n.d.
- B.686 Photograph inscribed on back 'With Miss Adie's best love and so sorry you are ill', n.d.
- B.687 2 passport sized photographs of unidentified man, n.d.

Family and personal

B.688 6 unidentified negatives, n.d.

B.689-B.719

ACCOUNTS

1888-1951

The material below consists chiefly of Thomson household accounts, which were kept by Lady Thomson, and have been arranged, in chronological order.

B.689 Soft-backed black account book, 1888-1892.

B.690 Hard-backed account book inscribed on front cover 'Prof Joseph J. Thomson Trinity College', September - December 1889.

B.691 Soft-backed account book inscribed on first page 'Furniture Account', 1889-1899.

B.692 25pp manuscript notes inscribed 'Expenses of Tea', 1889-1914.

B.693 Soft-backed account book, 1890-1903.

B.694 Soft-backed notebook inscribed on front cover 'Lists of Plate, Knives and House Linen (1890 to 1940)'. Loose material at back.

B.695 Soft-backed black account book inscribed on first page 'Accounts of Private and Personal Expenditure', 1893-1897. A little intercalated material.

B.696 Soft-backed black account book inscribed on inside cover 'Accounts at 4 Croft Terrace Tenby South Wales August 20 1898 to September 1898'. A little loose material at front.

Family and personal

- B.697 Soft-backed black account book inscribed on first page 'R.E. Thomson 6 Scroope Terrace Cambridge removed to Holmleigh West Road Cambridge: Accounts of Private and Personal Expenditure', 1898-1902.
- B.698 Soft-backed account book inscribed on first page ' Housekeeping Accounts at Portland House Dawlish', 1899-1904.
- B.699 Soft-backed account book inscribed on front cover 'GPT'. Used to record the 'accounts for children's clothes', 1902-1919.
- B.700 Soft-backed black account book inscribed on first page 'R.E. Thomson Holmleigh West Road Cambridge: Accounts of Private and Personal Expenditure', 1903-1907.
- B.701 Soft-backed black account book inscribed on first page 'R.E. Thomson Holmleigh West Road Cambridge', 1904-1906.
- B.702 Soft-backed account book inscribed on front cover 'R.E. Thomson Cambridge', 1907-1910.
- B.703, B.703A Two soft-backed black notebooks pasted together. One book contains accounts for 1908-1911, the other accounts for 1912 and 1913. Intercalated material.
- B.704 Soft-backed account book, 1910-1920.
- B.705 Household receipts, 1878-1925.
- B.706 Soft-backed account book, 1914.
- B.707 Soft-backed account book inscribed on inside page 'Accounts of Expenditure for Subscriptions and given away otherwise', 1919-1928.

Family and personal

- B.708 Soft-backed blue account book inscribed on first page 'Accounts of Personal Expenditure 1919'. Used 1919, 1924.
- B.709 Small soft-backed notebook, 1920-1950.
- B.710, B.711 Accounts, 1920-1951.
2 folders.
- B.712 Hotel bills, March - April 1921.
- B.713 Hard-backed account book inscribed on inside page 'Household Accounts', 1931-1934. A little loose material at back.
- B.714 Soft-backed account book inscribed on inside cover 'Household Accounts from February 1934 to December 1936'.
- B.715 Soft-backed blue account book inscribed on first page 'Accounts concerning money given away in subscriptions and otherwise', 1936-1943.
- B.716 Hard-backed green account book inscribed on inside cover 'Household Accounts from January 1937, 1938, to December 1939'. A little loose material at back.
- B.717 Hard-backed account book inscribed on inside cover 'Household Accounts from Dec. 1939 to May 1942'. Loose material at front and a little intercalated material.
- B.718 Soft-backed account book inscribed on inside page 'Household Accounts from May 1942' used to record the accounts for the years 1942-1945.
- B.719 Hard-backed red and blue account book inscribed on first page 'Household Accounts from September 1945' used to record the accounts for the years 1945-1948.

Family and personal

B.720-B.731	MISCELLANEOUS	1870-1938, n.d.
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B.720	1pp manuscript poem titled 'The Naut Gurach or Witch of the Valley', 1870.
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B.721	1pp manuscript titled 'List of Silver Dec.30th 1876'.
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B.722	Card titled 'The Family Cycle 1915-16'. The Family Cycle was a dining club of which Thomson was a member.
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B.723	Manuscript lists inscribed 'At Home card', 1922-1938.
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B.724	Report <i>re</i> Research Defence Society, June 1930. Lady Thomson's cousin, Stephen Paget, founded the Research Defence Society in 1908.
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B.725	Collection of children's drawings, n.d.
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B.726	Cookery recipes, n.d.
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B.727-B.730	Visiting cards, 1927-1930, n.d. 5 folders.
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B.727, B.728	1927. 2 folders.
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B.728A	1929.
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B.729	1930.
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| B.730 | Bundle of undated visiting cards. |
| B.731 | Miscellaneous manuscript notes, n.d. |

SECTION C

TRINITY COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

C.1-C.137

Thomson's association with Trinity College, Cambridge began in 1876, when he arrived as an undergraduate to study Mathematics. After graduation in 1880 Thomson remained in Cambridge and undertook research in physics under Lord Rayleigh. He was made a Fellow of Trinity College in 1880, College lecturer in 1883 and in 1884 was appointed Professor of Experimental Physics at the Cavendish Laboratory. In 1918 Thomson was appointed Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, a position he held until his death in 1940.

The material in this section relates entirely to the period of Thomson's Mastership. It consists chiefly of incoming correspondence received as Master presented in a chronological sequence 1918-1944.

Invitations received by the Thomsons and replies to invitations to College social events hosted by the Thomsons between 1918 and 1938 have also been included in this section. There are also a small number of Trinity College entrance examination papers and scripts from 1937.

C.1-C.80	CORRESPONDENCE
C.81-C.130	INVITATIONS
C.131-C.137	EXAMINATION PAPERS

Trinity College, Cambridge

C.1-C.80

CORRESPONDENCE

1918-1944

Correspondence received by Thomson on his appointment to the Mastership of Trinity College Cambridge in 1918 and as Master 1918-1939. Most of the correspondence relates to a wide range of College matters including students, Fellows, meetings, lectureships, appointments to Church livings held by the College, gifts and endowments etc., but the material also includes personal and business letters and correspondence and papers for other bodies on which Thomson served, most notably the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. There is a very little posthumous material relating to Thomson's Mastership.

C.1-C.10

Letters of congratulation on Thomson's appointment as Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, January, February 1918, n.d.

See A.54 and A.131 for related material.

C.1

9 January - 8 February 1918.

C.2-C.4

9 February 1918.

3 folders.

C.5, C.6

10 February 1918.

2 folders.

C.7

11 February 1918.

C.8

12 - 16 February 1918.

C.9

18 - 28 February 1918.

C.10

Undated.

C.11-C.80

Correspondence 1918-1944.

Trinity College, Cambridge

C.11	February, March 1918.
C.12	April, May 1918.
C.13	June - August 1918.
C.14	September, October 1918.
C.15	November, December 1918.
C.16	January, February 1919.
C.17	March, April 1919. Includes 14pp carbon copy inscribed 'International Catalogue of Scientific Literature. Director's replies to questions put by Members of the Royal Society Committee, February 1919'.
C.18	May 1919.
C.19	June, July 1919.
C.20	August - October 1919.
C.21	November 1919.
C.22	December 1919.
C.23	January 1920.

Trinity College, Cambridge

C.24	February - April 1920.
C.25, C.26	May 1920. 2 folders.
C.27	June 1920. Includes 7pp photocopied typescript inscribed 'Speech by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on receiving a deputation in regard to the Superannuation of University teachers on June 17th 1920'.
C.28	July - December 1920.
C.29	January 1921.
C.30	February 1921.
C.31	March 1921.
C.32	April 1921.
C.33, C.34	May 1921. 2 folders.
C.35	June 1921.
C.36	July 1921.
C.37	August 1921

Trinity College, Cambridge

- C.38 September 1921.
- Includes correspondence *re* the death of H. Jackson, Regius Professor of Greek at Cambridge University, 26 September - 2 October 1921.
- C.39 October 1921.
- C.40, C.40A November 1921.
- 2 folders.
- Includes letters *re* Trinity College Commemoration Dinner, which was held on 5 December.
- C.41 December 1921.
- C.42, C.43 January 1922.
- 2 folders.
- C.44 February 1922.
- C.45 March 1922.
- C.46 April 1922.
- Includes 8pp offprint of lecture by Sir J.G. Frazer titled 'The Scope and Method of Mental Anthropology', *Science Progress*, April 1922.
- C.47, C.48 May 1922.
- 2 folders.
- C.49 June - December 1922.

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- C.50 January - April 1923.
- C.51 May - December 1923.
Includes letters of application for Fellowships at Trinity College.
- C.52 March - June 1924.
- C.53, C.54 July 1924.
2 folders
C.54 includes correspondence from Newnham College Cambridge inviting Thomson to deliver the Sidgwick Memorial Lecture.
- C.55 August 1924.
- C.56 September 1924.
Includes letter from Guy's Hospital Medical School, London, inviting Thomson to deliver the first Fison Memorial Lecture.
See also A.134, C.61 and F.21.
- C.57 October 1924.
- C.58 November 1924.
- C.59 December 1924.
- C.60 January - April 1925.
Includes correspondence *re* the death of W.W. Rouse-Ball, a Tutor at Trinity College, April 1925.

Trinity College, Cambridge

- C.61 May 1925.
- Includes brief correspondence *re* Thomson's Fison Memorial Lecture.
- See also A.134, C.56 and F.21.
- C.62 June 1925.
- C.63 October - December 1925.
- C.64 1926.
- C.65 1927.
- Includes correspondence from Leys School, Cambridge, *re* Thomson's visit to open their new Science Laboratories, October, November 1927.
- C.66 1928.
- C.67 1929.
- C.68 March - April 1930.
- C.69 May 1930.
- Includes a letter from D.C. Henry of the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society inviting Thomson to deliver the Dalton Lecture, 28 May 1930.
- C.70 June 1930.
- Includes minutes of the Third Meeting of the Panel of Advisors for Broadcast National Lectures, which were held at Savoy Hill, London, 12 June 1930.
- See F.25.

Trinity College, Cambridge

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| C.71 | January - October 1931. |
| C.72, C.73 | November 1931.

2 folders. |
| C.74 | December 1931.

Includes correspondence <i>re</i> arrangements for a course of lectures given by Thomson at University College London in February 1932 titled 'Lectures on Physical Lines of Electric Forces'. |
| C.75 | 1932. |
| C.76 | April - July 1933. |
| C.77 | August - December 1933. |
| C.78 | 1934. |
| C.79 | 1935-1939, 1944.

Includes a letter from A.N. Shaw of McGill University, Montreal, Canada, <i>re</i> his memorial lecture on Rutherford. A reprint of the lecture titled 'Rutherford at McGill' is attached. |
| C.80 | Undated.

Includes 3pp manuscript of letter of support for appointing S. Ramanujan to a Research Fellowship, by J.E. Littlewood. |

Trinity College, Cambridge

C.81-C.130

INVITATIONS

1918-1938, n.d.

Includes replies to invitations to social events hosted by Sir J.J. (as Master) and Lady Thomson, and invitations to the Thomsons to attend College social events. See also A.161-A.165.

C.81

1918 June - November.

C.82

1919 January.

Replies to an invitation to attend the Mission to Seamen Meeting held on 27 January.

C.83

1919.

C.84

1920 January - February.

C.85, C.86

1920 February.

2 folders.

Replies to an invitation to a dance hosted by the Thomsons on 17 February.

C.87

1920 March.

C.88

1920 April - July.

C.89-C.91

1920 May.

3 folders.

C.89 includes replies to an invitation to a Dinner hosted by the Thomsons on 7 May to meet T.R.H. Prince Henry and Prince Albert.

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| C.92, C.93 | 1920 June.

2 folders.

C.93 includes replies to an invitation to the Trinity Ball held on 14 June. |
| C.94 | 1920 September - December. |
| C.95 | 1921 January - April. |
| C.96 | 1921 May. |
| C.97 | 1921 June, July. |
| C.98 | 1921 August - December. |
| C.99 | 1922. |
| C.100 | 1923 April.

Includes invitations to Royal Evening Party, Buckingham Palace, 23 April, and the marriage of the Duke of York to the Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, Westminster Abbey, 26 April. |
| C.101 | 1924 May, June.

Includes an invitation for Lady Thomson and Joan Thomson (daughter) to attend Buckingham Palace on 21 May, and an invitation to Afternoon Party at Buckingham Palace, 25 June. |
| C.102-C.105 | 1926 January - February.

Replies to invitations to a number of dances hosted by the Thomsons in early February.

4 folders. |

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C.106	1926 June - September.
C.107, C.108	1926 October. Replies to an invitation to meet the Chancellor and the Chirurgical Club. 2 folders.
C.109	1927 January - March.
C.110	1927 April, May.
C.111	1927 June - December.
C.112	1928 January, February.
C.113	1928 March, April.
C.114	1928 May.
C.115	1928 June - August.
C.116	1928 September - December.
C.117	1929 October - December.
C.118	1930 May, October - December.
C.119, C.120	1931. 2 folders.

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C.121 1932.

C.122 1933.

C.123 1934.

C.124-C.127 *ca* 1929 - 1934.
4 folders.

C.128 1935, 1936, 1938.

C.129, C.130 Undated.
2 folders

C.131-C.137 EXAMINATION PAPERS

1937

C.131 Entrance Scholarship Examination papers, Trinity College, December 1937.

C.132-C.137 Exam scripts for Trinity College Entrance Scholarship, December 1937.
6 folders.

SECTION D

RESEARCH

D.1-D.9

The material in this section is very slight. It consists of a few research notes, 1899-1920 and n.d., and photographs from the period 1893-1934.

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| D.1-D.4 | Research notes | 1899-1920, n.d. |
| D.1 | Hard-backed diary, 1899.

Used to record scientific notes. Written in Thomson's hand. | |
| D.2 | Soft-backed diary, 1914.

Inscribed on front cover 'EPS'. Contains correspondence at front of diary including a letter from the British Association for the Advancement of Science inviting Thomson to accept the office of Vice-President of Section A, 5 December 1896. Diary and memo pad at the back of diary used for notes. | |
| D.3, D.4 | Miscellaneous typescript and manuscript notes, 1920, n.d.

The manuscript notes are written in many different hands including Thomson's.

2 folders.

D.3 includes an 8pp typescript inscribed 'A Note on the Plane Wave in an Isotropic Dielectric', n.d. See H.11. | |
| D.5-D.9 | Photographs | 1893-1934, n.d. |
| D.5 | Two photographs inscribed 'Bonn, July 1893 Electric Oscillator used by E. H. Barton' and 'Bonn July '93 Electrometer used by Edwin H. Barton'. | |
| D.6 | Photograph inscribed 'Negative discharge from Whinshurst Machine 1893 W. Hayles'. | |
| D.7 | Two glass photographic plates inscribed '(50) air + Cl 23/10/17' and '(51) air + Cl 23/10/17'. Also includes letter from E. Everett at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge to Thomson <i>re</i> the photos, n.d. | |

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- D.8 Photograph inscribed 'Q plates all 21/11/34 emulsion. Tested on Thomson Parabola apparatus', 1934.
- D.9 Miscellaneous photographs, n.d.
- Includes group of 9 photographs contained in an envelope inscribed 'Figs. in test'.

SECTION E

SOCIETIES AND ORGANISATIONS

E.1-E.35

The material is very slight and in consequence does not represent the full extent of Thomson's involvement with British and overseas societies and organisations. The best documented body is the Committee on Science in the Educational System of Great Britain, of which Thomson was Chairman.

Further material relating to Thomson's work for the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research and some other societies and organisations is to be found in the correspondence in Section C.

E.1 ADVISORY PANEL OF THE MUNITIONS INVENTION 1918
DEPARTMENT

E.1 Letter from the Advisory Panel of the Munitions Inventions Department, London, *re* Thomson's membership of the Instruments Committee, 7 December 1918.

E.2 AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY 1930

E.2 Letter and bulletin from the American Mathematical Society, New York, USA, *re* membership, 22 March 1930.

E.3 ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION 1930
BUREAUX

Thomson was President of the Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux for 1929 and was later elected as an Honorary Member.

E.3 Correspondence *re* the Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux, London, January - June 1930.

Includes correspondence from S.C. Bradford of the Science Museum, London, *re* a scheme to standardise all Museum indexes, January - April 1930.

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E.4 BOARD OF TRADE 1913, 1919

E.4 Correspondence from the Board of Trade, London, 1913, 1919.

Includes a letter inviting Thomson to be Chairman of a new advisory Committee, 30 July 1913.

E.5 BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE 1909, 1910

Thomson was President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science between 1909 and 1910.

E.5 Menu card, letter and programme *re* activities of the British Association, 1909-1910. See also G.6.

E.6 BRITISH INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES 1924, 1930

E.6 Correspondence from the British Institute of Philosophical Studies, London, 1924, 1930.

Includes correspondence *re* election of Stanley Baldwin as President of the Institute, 18 June 1930.

E.7, E.8 CAMBRIDGE PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY 1896

E.7, E.8 Replies to Thomson's invitation extended as President of the Cambridge Philosophical Society to a *Conservazione* at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge on 12 March 1896.

2 folders.

E.9 COMMITTEE FOR THE RECEPTION OF FRENCH VISITORS 1906

E.9 Correspondence *re* the Committee for the Reception of French Visitors, June 1906.

Societies and organisations

E.10-E.28	COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE IN THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM OF GREAT BRITAIN	1902-1920, n.d.
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This Committee was appointed by the Government 'to enquire into the position occupied by Natural Science in the Educational System of Great Britain'.

Thomson was Chairman of the Committee and a member of the Board of Scientific Societies.

Reports and minutes of meetings of the Committee on Science in the Educational System of Great Britain, 1902-1920, n.d.

The material has been arranged in chronological order.

E.10	1902, 1912, 1914.
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E.11	1915.
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E.12	1916 February, May.
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E.13	1916 September.
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E.14	1916 October.
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E.15	1916 November.
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E.16	1916 December.
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E.17	1917 January.
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E.18, E.19	1917 February. 2 folders.
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E.20	1917 March.	
E.21	1917 April, May.	
E.22	1918.	
E.23	Letter from the League for the Promotion of Science in Education <i>re</i> the Report of the Committee and the forming of a deputation to remind the President of the Board of Education of the Report's existence, 13 June 1920.	
E.24-E.28	Other Committee papers etc., n.d. 5 folders.	
E.29	DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH	1924, 1925, n.d.
E.29	Correspondence, 1924, 1925, n.d. Includes correspondence <i>re</i> Thomson's retirement from the Chair of the Applications Committee, October 1924.	
E.30	INSTITUT DE FRANCE	1919
E.30	Correspondence from the Institut de France informing Thomson that he has been elected a Foreign Associate of the Academy of Sciences of the Institut, 24 October, 27 November 1919.	
E.31	PHYSICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON	1914
E.31	Material <i>re</i> the Physical Society visit to Cambridge on 20 June 1914.	

Societies and organisations

E.32	ROYAL INSTITUTION OF GREAT BRITAIN	1894-1914
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E.32	Correspondence, lecture programmes <i>re</i> the Royal Institution of Great Britain, 1894-1914.
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Includes a letter informing Thomson of his election as a member of the Royal Institution, 8 May 1905.

E.33-E.35	ROYAL SOCIETY	1886-1920
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Thomson was President of the Royal Society between 1915 and 1920.

E.33-E.35	Correspondence, programmes and press cuttings <i>re</i> the Royal Society, 1886-1920.
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SECTION F	LECTURES, SPEECHES AND PUBLICATIONS	F.1-F.64
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F.1-F.32 LECTURES AND SPEECHES

F.33-F.64 PUBLICATIONS

F.1-F.32	LECTURES AND SPEECHES	1890-1938, n.d.
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Principally drafts and correspondence relating to Thomson's public lectures and speeches. At F.27 is a notebook used by E.P. Adams for typescript notes on lectures by Thomson.

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| F.1 | 1p manuscript inscribed 'Extract from <i>Cambridge Review</i> February 20 1890: Letters to Lecturers'. |
| F.2 | 3pp manuscript of a speech delivered by Thomson at the 150th anniversary celebrations of the University of Princeton, USA, ca 1896. |
| F.3 | 'On Cathode Rays', Cambridge Philosophical Society, 8 February 1897.

1p offprint. |
| F.4 | 'Electric Sparks', Owens College, Manchester, 6 December 1897.

Pamphlet <i>re</i> Owens College Monday Evening Popular Lectures and Victoria University Extension Courses, 1897-1898. Thomson is listed as a Lecturer. |
| F.5 | 'Carriers of Negative Electricity', Royal Academy of Science, Stockholm, 6 December 1906.

Thomson delivered the lecture on receiving the Nobel Prize for Physics.

14pp manuscript. |

Lectures, speeches and publications

- F.6 'On Rays of Positive Electricity', Royal Institution, London, 22 March 1907.
14pp manuscript.
- F.7 'The Carriers of Positive Electricity', Royal Institution, London, 10 April 1908.
Offprint.
- F.8 Untitled 28pp offprint of an Address given by Thomson at the Annual Meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, Winnipeg, Canada, 1909.

See also F.9 and G.6.
- F.9 'Recent Progress in Physics', British Association for the Advancement of Science, Winnipeg, Canada, 1909.

Offprint.

See also F.8 and G.6.
- F.10 'On the light thrown by recent investigations of electricity on the relation between matter and ether', Adamson Memorial Lecture, Victoria University of Manchester, 4 November 1907.

Offprint.
- F.11 'The Dynamics of a Golf Ball', Royal Institution, London, 18 March 1910.

22pp manuscript.
- F.12 'The Passage of Electricity through Metals', General Meeting, Institution of Metals, London, 12 May 1915.

Visitor's ticket only.
- F.13 Untitled 9pp reprint of Thomson's Presidential Address at the Anniversary Meeting of the Royal Society, London on 30 November 1917.

Lectures, speeches and publications

- F.14 12pp manuscript inscribed 'Commemoration Sermon December 1918'.
- F.15 4pp transcript of speech at the unveiling of the Lister Memorial at University College London, 11 November 1919; letter arising, 19 November 1919.
- F.16 Contents of box inscribed 'RI Lecture 1921': six glass slides.
- F.17 'The Electron in Chemistry', Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, 9-13 April 1923.
- Pamphlet *re* a course of lectures by Thomson at the Franklin Institute.
- F.18 'The World's Quest for God'.
- Letter and notice *re* a meeting at the Examination Hall, Downing Street, Cambridge, 10 November 1924.
- Thomson chaired and introduced the meeting, which was held on 20 November 1924.
- F.19 Invitation from the Institution of Electrical Engineers, London, to deliver the 17th Kelvin Lecture, 3 April 1925.
- F.20 Invitation from the Royal Dublin Society to deliver an Afternoon Lecture, 4 May 1925.
- F.21 'The Structure of Light', Fison Memorial Lecture, Guy's Hospital Medical School, London, 7 May 1925.
- Correspondence, 2 October 1924 - 28 April 1925.
- See A.134, C.56 and C.61.
- F.22 'Newton's Work in Physics', Yorkshire Branch of the Mathematical Association, Grantham, Lincolnshire, 20 March 1927.
- Letter from the University of Leeds *re* the Sir Isaac Newton Bicentenary Celebrations organised by the Yorkshire Branch of the Mathematical Association, 16 April 1926 (see also G.12).

Lectures, speeches and publications

- F.23 'Beyond the Electron', Founders' Memorial Lecture, Girton College, Cambridge, 3 March 1928.
- Hard-backed notebook inscribed on front cover 'Physics', containing loose manuscript draft of lecture. Includes some intercalated material.
- See A.135 for press cuttings *re* the lecture.
- F.24 Letter and programme from the Medical Committee of the Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, London, *re* Thomson's Huxley Lecture, 23 January 1929.
- F.25 Letter and minutes *re* the Second Meeting of the Panel of Advisors for Broadcast National Lectures held at Savoy Hill, London on 5 June 1929.
- See C.70 for the minutes of the Third Meeting of the Panel of Advisors for Broadcast National Lectures.
- F.26 Contents of box inscribed 'Slides used at B.A. meeting 1938': six glass slides.
- F.27 Red and black hard-backed notebook inscribed on front cover 'Lectures by J.J. Thomson E.P. Adams', n.d. Used for typescript notes with manuscript equations etc on Thomson's lectures.
- A.G. Shinstone has inscribed inside cover 'Note 1957. Adams was a graduate student at Cambridge 1902-1903. These notes were probably made at that time. The handwriting is Adams'.
- F.28 Yellow soft-backed notebook containing untitled manuscript draft, n.d. Loose manuscript material at back of notebook. Inside covers have been used for diagrams.
- F.29 Untitled 12pp manuscript of Thomson's Royal Society Presidential Address, n.d.
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F.33 'Experiments on Contact Electricity between Non-Conductors', *Proceedings of the Royal Society*, no. 172, 1876.

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- F.49 Correspondence *re* the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 1910, 1921.

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Perrin was a French physicist whose work on Brownian motion provided the first demonstration of the existence of atoms. In 1910 he became Professor of Physical Chemistry at the Sorbonne. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1926.

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Stokes was appointed Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at the University of Cambridge in 1849, a post he retained until his death in 1903.

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H.5 **Strutt, J.W.** 1896, 1917

The 3rd Baron Rayleigh (J.W. Strutt) was a British physicist who discovered the element argon. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1904. From 1908 until his death in 1919 he was Chancellor of the University of Cambridge.

H.6 **Thomson, W.** 1884-1906

Lord Kelvin (W. Thomson) was Professor of Natural Philosophy at the University of Glasgow from 1846 to 1899. He died in 1907.

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