Family and personal papers of members of the Humphreys family, principally of Professor Humphrey Francis Humphreys (1885-1977); also of his father, John Humphreys (1850-1937); and uncle, Evan Griffith Humphreys (1853-1917).

The papers of John Humphreys, one of the founders of the University of Birmingham and recipient of three honorary degrees, include some family letters; a letter from Joseph Chamberlain on the subject of the University dated 1901; and various offprints and other material relating to his literary, historical, botanical and other interests.

The papers of Humphrey Humphreys, a graduate and subsequently a Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham, include letters he wrote to his family and to a confident, Gertrude Dale, while a postgraduate at Harvard, on a world tour in 1910 and during his war service with the Royal Army Medical Corps in the Middle East, 1915-1919; together with some undergraduate notes and notes, texts of talks and offprints mainly relating to his personal interests in archaeology and local history but also to his professional interests including higher education.

The papers of Evan Humphreys include copies of his published and unpublished works and several manuscript notebooks

**Administrative history:** John Humphreys (1850-1937) was the son of John and Ann Humphreys. He married Frances Sarah Lisseter (1850-1944) in 1879. They had five children: Margaret Winifred, known as Winnie (1880-c.1970); John (1881-1929); Humphrey Francis (1885-1977); Tryphena Mary Christabel, known as Christine (1887-1974); and Roger who died in infancy. Their third child, Humphrey, was educated at Bromsgrove School; the University of Birmingham, where he was admitted to the Medical School in 1904 as a Sands Cox scholar; and at Harvard University, USA. He served in the First World War with a field ambulance unit based in the Middle East.
Evan Griffith Humphreys (1853-1917) was the second son of John and Ann Humphreys, the younger brother of John Humphreys (1850-1937) and uncle of Humphrey Humphreys. Evan was a journalist, printer and bookseller who lived in Bromsgrove.

More detailed life histories about John, Humphrey and Evan Humphreys can be found at the respective sub-fonds level of this catalogue.

Sources: 'Who was who' and information supplied by the donor.

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**Language:** English

**Custodial history:** These papers were acquired by the donor in 1977 at the sale of the contents of Professor Humphreys house. The collection includes a copy of the sale catalogue.

**Acquisition:** The papers were presented at intervals during early 2004 and the final batch was received in May of that year.

**Archival notes:** Papers arranged and described by Mark Eccleston, November 2009.

**Related material:** There are some letters of Humphrey Humphreys in the Jessica Brett Young Papers (JBY) and the Francis Brett Young Collection (FBY) as well as in the University of Birmingham's archives.
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A partially filled album of material relating to the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, compiled by John Humphreys, is available at MS239.

The Lapworth Museum of Geology at the University of Birmingham hold a donation of fossils presented by John Humphreys.

The issue of the University of Birmingham student publication 'The Mermaid' dated May 1909 includes a photograph of Humphrey Humphreys.

Associated material: Two notebooks of John Humphreys are held by the Birmingham City Archives (GB 0143 MS 1323).

Publication notes: Dr R. D. Bridgewater made use of material in this collection in his doctoral thesis, 'The Great War Letters of Humphreys: An Edition', a copy of which is also included in the collection.

MS190/1 Papers of John Humphreys 1865-2002

Comprise largely his writings on a variety of subjects including academic papers on dentistry, articles on botany and local history, and his draft papers and notes. Also includes some family letters and some correspondence relating to published works.

Administrative history: John Humphreys (1850-1937) was awarded three honorary degrees by the University of Birmingham: MDS in 1901, MA in 1925 and PhD in 1931. He built up a private dental practice and in 1913 began to hand this over to Humphrey. John was an active member of the local Bromsgrove amateur dramatic society, a member of the Court Leet (becoming bailiff in 1895) and principal organiser of the town’s celebration of Queen Victoria’s Golden Jubilee in 1887. He took a keen interest in the flora and fauna of East Worcestershire and was a Fellow of the Linnean Society, the Society of Antiquaries and the Geological Society. John and Frances spent some time apart each year during the First World War. Frances held annual visits to Tenby and for some time, John visited Cleeve Prior. He retired from dental practice in 1915 but retained his post of Lecturer in Dental Anatomy and Physiology at the University of Birmingham until
1919. He was then appointed Reader in Medieval Archaeology in 1924 which he held until he was 80, then the oldest member of University staff. He is known for discovering the famous Sheldon Tapestries in Chastleton House, Gloucestershire. He died on 29 May 1937, is buried at Bromsgrove cemetery and is commemorated by a tablet on the main staircase of the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery.


3 folders
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**Related material:** The following four manuscript notebooks are held in the University Collection 1/i/8/4-7:

-'Shropshire Prehistorics', 1910
-'Churches near Cleeve Prior', 1915-1916
-'Bromsgrove Court Roll 1489 to 1490', 1906
-'Worcestershire Churches' 1910-1916

**Associated material:** The Sheldon Tapestries are held at the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery and the Victoria and Albert Museum.

**MS190/1/1** Correspondence 1865-1929

Comprises family correspondence, letters relating to his discovery of the Sheldon Tapestries and correspondence regarding his son, Humphrey's, war record and character during the First World War.

14 items
Access: Open

**MS190/1/1/1** Family correspondence 1865-1879

Correspondence between John Humphreys and his father; John and his brother, Eugene; and John and his fiancee, Frances Lisseter. Dated 31
October 1865 to 24 July 1879.

/1: letter from John to his parents, 31 October 1865. Acknowledges receipt of a post office order and drawing certificate; assures them he is not wasting his 'pocket money'; hopes Eugene and Evan are 'getting on at school'; has 'signed the indentures'; love to brothers and sisters.

/2: letter to John from his father, 4 January 1866. Pleased to hear John had enjoyed Christmas; took tea with Mr Symes who 'should very much like your business'; enquires whether John can obtain 'Caesar' in Staines; encloses a post office order of 10 shillings.

/3: letter to John from his father, 14 March 1866. Death of John's grandmother following 'an attack of paralysis'; 20 relations attended the funeral and the 'townspeople showed their respect by closing their shutters while the funeral passed'; will keep a lock of her hair for John; will send more money as fears John is 'running short'.

/4: letter to 'Johnny' from his brother Eugene, 6 July 1866. Informing John he won a recitation prize, a book titled 'Rome and its Ruins'; little Annie wanted to write but could not find a penholder'; restricted bathing and swimming because of the weather; school has been broken into by 'some rouges who have not been captured yet'.

/5: letter to John's father from John's employer, 12 December 1867. States that John's only fault 'is that he does not grow more, his size is so much against him'; can give John a holiday at Christmas; thanks for the 'splendid pair of ducks you sent us'.

/6: letter to John from Frances Lisseter, 14 March 1879. Hopes their wedding is not put off until after June; hopes to meet John at soon at Camp Hill or Moseley and walk down Edgbaston Lane.

/7: letter to John from Frances Lisseter, 19 March 1879. Enjoys visit to concert; concerned she will have to wait until June to be married.
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/8: letter to John from Frances Lisseter, 20 May 1879. Anticipates John's visit to attend the theatre with her.


/10: letter to John from his father, 24 July 1879. John and Frances now married; hopes their honeymoon to 'Doone Valley' and Clovelly is memorable; received letters of congratulations from friends; describes the throwing of flowers, rice and old shoes from 'so many friends' on his wedding day.

10 items

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Correspondence relating to 'Elizabethan Sheldon Tapestries'

1929

MS190/1/1/2

Two letters sent to John regarding the publication of his book entitled 'Elizabethan Sheldon Tapestries' which was reprinted from 'Archaeologia', volume LXXIV, pages 181-202.

/1: letter to John from J. Hanbury Williams, Windsor Castle, 18 April 1929. Acknowledging the Queen [Mary] has received the John's book and 'is much interested in the subject'.

/2: letter addressed to 'my dear Lilian' from L. Throckmorton, her uncle, Coughton Court, 19 April 1929. Asking her to tell John that the book was a great success with the Queen.

2 items

Access: Open

Other correspondence

1901-1916

MS190/1/1/3

/1: letter to John Humphreys from Joseph Chamberlain, 31 May 1901. The disposition of the late Mr Corbet's property; invitation to tea at Highbury.

/2: copy of letter to John Humphreys from army chaplain Dom Reginald Bede Camm [1864-1942] regarding Humphrey Humphreys' war work, 1 May 1916. The wounded following fighting at
Katish on Easter Sunday; heard reports that Humphrey 'behaved with extraordinary gallantry' and saved a wounded trooper, John Ernest Owen (No.2563 Warwickshire Yeomanry); Humphrey rescued the trooper from the field without a horse with bullets 'literally hailing round them'; witnesses air-raids 'but no damage done so far'. Duplicate of MS190/2/1/2/3/1.

2 items

Access: Open

MS190/1/2 Writings 1886-1926

Comprise papers, notes and articles relating to botany and naturalism, dentistry and local history. Mostly written in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

23 items

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MS190/1/2/1 Writings on botany and naturalism 1886-1926

Comprise various articles, notes and papers largely relating to the Worcestershire area.

/1: article published in The Bromsgrove, Droitwich and Redditch Weekly Messenger, 1886, entitled 'The Advent of Spring'.

/2: article entitled 'New Plants Discovered in the Bromsgrove District during the past summer', 1901.

/3: article published in The Bromsgrove, Droitwich and Redditch Weekly Messenger, 11 December 1897, entitled 'The Flora of Hartlebury Common'.


/6: article published in unidentified journal, 1908, entitled 'The Withy Twig Carol'.
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/7: paper read at the Shakespeare Club, Stratford-on Avon, 18 February 1910, entitled 'The Wild Flowers of Shakespeare'.


/10: article entitled 'The Dispersal of Seeds', [early 20th century]

/11: paper read before the Biological Section of the Birmingham Philosophical Society entitled 'Notes on the Flora of Tardebigge Reservoir', [early 20th century]

/12: article entitled 'The Flora of Hartlebury Common', [early 20th century]


/14: draft article entitled 'Snap Dragons', [early 20th century]

12 items

Access: Open

MS190/1/2/2 Writings on dentistry 1887-1907

Comprise published articles and one draft article regarding dentistry.

/1: 'Man's Lost Incisors' by Bertram Windle and John Humphreys, 1887, reprinted from the Journal of Anatomy and Physiology, Volume 21.


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/5: draft article with accompanying notes entitled 'The Teeth of Fossil Fishes'.

5 items

Access: Open

MS190/1/2/3 Writings on local history 1902-1911

/1: presidential address delivered at The Institute, Bromsgrove, 13 October 1902, entitled 'The Great Ice Age and its Action on the Lickey' (2 copies).

/2: paper read at The Institute, Bromsgrove, 26 October 1909, entitled 'Prehistoric Man and his work in East Worcestershire'.

/3-4: articles published in The Bromsgrove, Droitwich and Redditch Weekly Messenger, 1909, containing extracts from 'Prehistoric Man and his work in East Worcestershire'.

/5: 'Monumental Effigies in the Churches of Worcestershire', 8 March 1911.

/6: article entitled 'Agrarian Crime in England: a fragment of rural history'.

7 items

Access: Open

MS190/1/3 Other material 1887-2002

10 items

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MS190/1/3/1 Biography and photograph Early 20th century

/1: 'John Humphreys' by A. W. Wellings, [c 1930], reprinted from Dental Magazine and Oral Topics. (2 copies).

/2: mounted photograph of John Humphreys, [early 20th century]
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MS190/1/3/2 Survey maps of Worcestershire 1901
/1: ordnance survey map of Redditch with his annotated notes describing it as a 'boulder map', 1901.
/2: survey map of Worcestershire with annotated notes describing it as a 'boulder map'.
2 items
Access: Open

MS190/1/3/3 Publicity relating to plays in which he performed 1889-1893
/1: poster advertising 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' on 9-11 January 1889 detailing Mr J. Humphreys as Bottom (a weaver).
/2: programme for 'As You Like It' held in Hewell Park, 16-17 June 1893 detailing John Humphreys as Stage Manager.
/3: reprint of a view of 'As You Like It' from Berrow's Worcestershire Journal, 24 June 1893.
3 items
Access: Open

MS190/1/3/4 Material relating to local celebrations of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee 1887-2002
John Humphreys was the principal organiser of Bromsgrove's celebrations of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887.
/1: toast list at a presentation to John Humphreys at the Bromsgrove Jubilee, 15 September 1887.
2 items
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MS190/2 Papers of Humphrey Humphreys 1905-2003

Largely comprise personal correspondence from Humphrey to family members and friends during his postgraduate studies at Harvard University in America and his subsequent travels to the Far East in 1910. Also comprise a large amount of correspondence written in 1915-1919. During this period of the First World War he served in the Middle East with a field ambulance unit. The papers also include his articles and draft writings on a variety of subjects including local history, theology and higher education.

Administrative history: Humphrey Francis Humphreys (1885-1977) was the third child of John and Frances Humphreys. During his undergraduate studies Humphrey was Captain of the University Rugby XV and also served as President of the Guild of Undergraduates. He saw active service with Royal Army Medical Corps in both World Wars and, in the First World War, when he served in the Middle East, was awarded the Military Cross. Humphrey Humphreys was in The Royal Army Medical Corps in a field ambulance unit, serving in the Middle East from April 1915 until March 1919. He served in the 2nd South Midland Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance, rising to command the unit during the advance on Damascus. He also served as Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services with the 53rd Division and the Yeomanry Mounted Division during the third Battle of Gaza and the Jerusalem campaign. Humphrey wrote a number of letters to Miss Harriet Elizabeth Gertrude Dale during the early 20th century. She was in her late forties when the Octette, a small clique of intellectual medical students at the University of Birmingham, was founded in 1906. The group also included Francis Brett Young, the only nationally known member of the Octette.

He was appointed as Professor of Dental Surgery at the University in 1935 and remained in post until 1952. Between 1949-1952 he served as Vice-Principal of the University. For the academic year 1952-1953 he was the Vice-Chancellor of the University, the only alumnus to have held this position. In his professional capacity, he served...
as President of Midland Medical Society, 1954-1955, was a member of the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board and served on advisory committees to University Grants Committee, Medical Research Council, Nuffield Hospitals Trust, Ministry of Health. He was awarded the OBE in 1928 and the CBE in 1957. He had a serious recreational interest in archaeology and local history and he served as President of the Birmingham Archaeological Society, 1953-1958 and the Birmingham Natural History Society, 1953-1955. He married Constance Evelyn Hudson in 1920 and had two sons, Humphrey and Roger.


3 folders, 1 volume and 1 item

Access: Open

MS190/2/1 Correspondence 1907-1973

Comprise a number of letters sent to family members, mostly to his mother, and friends, including his confidant Gertrude Dale, a middle-aged spinster who surrounded herself with younger friends from the University of Birmingham. Some letters written during his postgraduate studies in the America and his subsequent tour to the Far East in 1910. The majority of the correspondence comprise his war letters, mostly sent to his mother, between 1915-1919. The letters provide an important account of life in a field ambulance unit during the First World War.

2 folders and 3 items

Access: Open

MS190/2/1/1 Letters written by Humphrey during a trip to America and the Far East 1910

Letters dated from 11 January 1910 to 9 October 1910. Written whilst Humphrey whilst a postgraduate at the Harvard Dental School in Boston. Describes his journey to, and his social
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Life in America and his subsequent travels both around America and the Far East. He records the cultural and social differences between America and England and describes the places he visits whilst travelling. He also records a visit to his brother, John, who was living in Malaya.

1 folder, comprising 57 items

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MS190/2/1/1/1

Letters to family members

Bundle of letters entitled 'Letters Home 1910'. Dated from 11 January 1910 to 9 October 1910 and ordered chronologically. The letters cover the time period when Humphrey was studying in America, at Harvard University, and later embarking on a tour to the Far East. The majority of letters are written to his mother, but also include two letters to his father (MS190/2/1/1/1/4 and MS190/2/1/1/1/22) and two letters to his sister, Christine (MS190/2/1/1/1/6 and MS190/2/1/1/1/20).

/1-37: describes journey to America; differences between English and American currency, meal times, temperature, accents, dress and speech; some mention of his dentistry work at the hospital and the differences between dental practice in America and England; witnesses a local mayoral election where the loser 'filed his election expenses at over 100,000 dollars'; attends operas, concerts, amateur theatricals and plays; attends social events and dinners; visits local art galleries and museums; views the architecture of America as 'splendid' although the medical buildings at Cambridge are 'disappointing'; mentions a widespread taste for gambling in America; notes the different political and judicial systems in America and records that universal equality 'finds its strongest expression here' as lower classes 'lack any sort of deference and respect'; notes that 'an absence of class hatreds and class prejudice' makes the atmosphere more agreeable; visits to New York and Niagara Falls with descriptions; describes Ellis Island; records the death of Edward VII and notes flags flown at half-mast and memorial services in Boston; provides great detail of his travels around America including visits to Chicago, Colorado, the
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Rocky Mountains, Santa Fe in New Mexico and the Grand Canyon; detailed descriptions of his travels around the far east; visits Japan, China and India and describes life there; differences in appearance, diet, decoration, climate; records a visit to his brother John in Malaya.

37 items

Access: Open

MS190/2/1/1/2 Letters to Gertrude Dale 1910

Letters addressed to ‘Miss Dale’, Humphrey’s close friend and confidant, Gertrude Dale. Dated from 13 January 1910 to 6 September 1910 and ordered chronologically.

/1-20: describe his dentistry work and social life in Boston; his travels around America and the Far East. Many details and descriptions are similar to those included in his letters to his family entitled ‘Letters Home 1910’ (see MS190/2/1/1/1).

20 items

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MS190/2/1/2 War letters 1915-1919

Letters written by Humphrey during the First World War dated 17 April 1915 to 14 February 1919. 139 of the letters are addressed to his mother and nine letters are address to Gertrude Dale. Some letters are addressed to his siblings and some friends. The letters provide descriptions of events he witnessed whilst in a field ambulance unit serving with The Royal Army Medical Corps. He served in the Middle East from April 1915 until March 1919 and the letters provide an insight into the activities of the field ambulance unit. Some letters also include details of the principal military operations in which he took part. It appears from internal evidence that some letters are missing. They may have been lost in transit, delayed in port because of the risk of enemy action, or because of the activities of German submarines which was the principal cause of delayed and lost mail. In an attempt to determine the reliability of the postal service Humphrey began to number his letters from 23 May 1915. His numbering was not
consistent, having two letters numbered 13, one
not numbered at all. He appears to have stopped
numbering letters after 9 September 1915. As
might be expected, the letters are long during
periods of inactivity and short during busy
periods.

1 folder, comprising 184 items

Access: Open

MS190/2/1/2/1 Letters to family members and friends 1915-1919

The letters are dated 17 April 1915 to 14
February 1919 and provide an account of life in a
mounted field ambulance in Egypt and Palestine.
They provide a consistent account of the
experience of working in a field of action. They
also give an insight into middle class life in
England before the war and forecast of the
changes that the war would bring to it. They also
demonstrate how his wartime experiences
changed his outlook on life and his future career.

/1-171: describes journey to Malta; records that
he 'shall be under the eye of the Censor' so
unable to discuss localities or names of troops;
describes his war work tending for the sick;
orderly officer and runs the mess as well; field
hospitals; dysentery but not much malaria;
describes provided an ambulance section for
British troops and running medical arrangements;
ilness and subsequent convalescence after
succumbing to paratyphoid in early 1916; the
capture of Mughar Ridge; describes the
reorganisation of divisions and regiments.

171 items

Access: Open

MS190/2/1/2/2 Letters to Gertrude Dale 1915-1916

Letters dated 24 May 1915 to 28 August 1916
and addressed to his friend and confidant, 'Miss
Dale'. It was during this period that Gertrude’s
health began to fail. She left Birmingham and
moved initially to Coleshill and then to London
where she died on 8 September 1921. The letters
describe everyday events in the middle east
including the food he ate, the illnesses he
encountered and also makes some mention of military activity.

/1-9: describe his experiences in Malta and Egypt during the early years of the First World War; 'mails are a great event'; the submariner that sunk the Wayfarer 'only missed us by a few hours'; 'Gallipoli is Flanders over again only worse'; in Egypt he is in 'independent command' of the section; tinned food such as oats, porridge and fruit; describes the difficulties and uncertainties of sending and receiving letters during wartime; unit sent to Aden unexpectedly which was 'a tremendous asset to ones confidence to have run a fairly important show single-handed'; develops knowledge of tropical diseases; attended 400 sick men; describes the failure at Sari Bair 'easily the most decisive event of the war and we start the second year badly down'; acknowledges a change in himself as harder and 'with sensibilities sadly blunted'; describes camp life in Egypt.

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MS190/2/1/2/3  Letters written to John Humphreys regarding Humphrey's war work  1916-1918

Two letters written to John Humphreys regarding Humphrey's character and actions during the First World War. Internal evidence indicates that these letters were kept with the letters Humphrey sent home to his parents.

/1: copy of letter to John Humphreys from army chaplain Dom Reginald Bede Camm [1864-1942] regarding Humphrey's war work, 1 May 1916. Duplicate of MS190/1/1/3/2.

/2-3: letter and typescript copy (2 copies) to John Humphreys from Colonel Hugh Richardson regarding Humphrey's war work and character, 15 May 1918. With accompanying comment by Humphrey explaining that he had only seen this letter for the first time in January 1963 as it 'was hidden amongst my letters home'.

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<td>/2-3: letter to Humphrey from J. D. H. Hedley (Registrar of Bromsgrove School), 25 May 1973. Enclosed a letter from H. E. M. Iceley, dated 23 May 1973, regarding a memorial album 'containing a very large number of obituary notices of J. L. Humphreys'.</td>
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MS190/2/2/2 Writings related to the University of Birmingham Mid 20th century
/1: offprint of an address on 'Some Notes on Latin-American Universities', [mid 20th century]
/2: reprint from British Dental Journal, 5 September 1950 entitled 'Civic Universities and Culture', [mid 20th century]
/3: an address delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Humphrey Humphreys, at the Freshmen's Conference, University of Birmingham, 5 September 1952.
/4: newspaper cutting entitled 'Higher Education in Russia', [mid 20th century]
/5: memorandum from Professor H. H. Humphreys', [mid 20th century]
/6: offprint of an address on 'University Education and Industry', [mid 20th century] (2 copies)

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MS190/2/2/3 Talks on Brains Trust at Bareilly 1942-1945
A series of papers enclosed in an envelope with the title 'Talks on Brains Trust at Bareilly 1942-4':
/1: Why are Shakespeare's Plays Popular
/2: Nature and the Countryside
/3: Mortality and Eternity
/4: Poetry and War (2 copies)
/5-6: Gramaphone Recitals, 6 December 1944 and 17 January 1945. Including Recital and Address to Music Society.

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Papers of the Humphreys Family

Robinson.

1 volume
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MS190/2/3 Other material 1977-2003
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MS190/2/3/1 Auction catalogue relating to the sale of Humphrey Humphreys' house 1977
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MS190/2/3/2 Thesis relating to war letters 2003
1 volume
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MS190/3 Papers of Evan Humphreys 1882-1914
Comprise solely his writings. Contains two published stories and six draft writings, largely fairy stories or accounts of holidays.

Administrative history: Evan Griffith Humphreys (1853-1917) was the second son of John and Ann Humphreys, the younger brother of John Humphreys (1850-1937) and uncle of Humphrey Humphreys. Evan Humphreys was a journalist, printer and bookseller who lived in Bromsgrove. Humphreys and Co. are listed as printers in College Street, Worcester in 1895. He married Ann (Nancy) Woodhead. The couple had no issue. He became Honorary Secretary of the Stratford-on-Avon Literary Society in 1883 and
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died on 1 March 1917.

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/2: volume with thoughts for each day of the year, printed by E. G. Humphreys, Worcester, 1914. With manuscript inscription inside front cover 'from Aunt Nancy and Uncle Evan Humphreys'.
2 items
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MS190/3/1/2  Draft writings and notes  Late 19th century
/1: notebook entitled 'A Fortnight's Trip to the Orkney and Shetland Isles', August 1882
/2: 'The Gunpowder Plot; its Connection with Stratford on Avon and the District', a paper read at the Stratford on Avon Literary Society's Meeting, 8 March 1883.
/3: notebook entitled 'Broadway', July 1890
/4: notebook entitled 'Trip to Malta', April 1886
/5: unfinished script of 'The Sleeping Beauty', [late 19th century]
/6: notebook entitled 'Bunla - A Fairy Story', [late 19th century]
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