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**Papers of Professor David Abercrombie**

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Personal material (documents, diaries etc.) is contained in Gen. 986 to Gen. 989, followed by material relating to his involvement in university or departmental administration (Gen. 990 to Gen. 997). Lecture and tutorial notes and other academic notes are in Gen. 998 to Gen. 1000, followed by material relating to areas on which Abercrombie’s research was particularly focused (Gen. 1001 to Gen. 1004). Gen. 1005 to Gen. 1021 contain material relating to his publications and broadcast talks and to the Classics of Linguistics series of which he was one of the editors.

The considerable correspondence has been organised into five categories: 1) personal, non-academic, correspondence (Gen. 1021); 2) files containing substantial correspondence with particular individuals (Gen. 1022 to Gen. 1036); 3) occasional correspondence, mostly on academic related matters (Gen. 1037 to Gen. 1039); 4) correspondence relating to spelling reform and basic English (Gen. 1040 to Gen. 1041); and 5) correspondence with publishers (Gen. 1042 to Gen. 1043). In each of the first three groups the letters have been arranged alphabetically by the name of the correspondent, except for a few letters where the correspondent has not been securely identified (placed at the end of Gen. 1039). There are also some letters in Gen. 986. Gen. 1044 to Gen. 1055 contain material on a variety of topics.

- **Gen. 986** The Abercrombie family; personal documents and papers.
- **Gen. 987** Diaries 1937-1990.
- **Gen. 988** Further diaries, membership and ID cards, passports.
- **Gen. 989** University diaries and address lists.
- **Gen. 990** Visits and posts abroad - Ford Foundation, India, Thailand, Rhodesia, Norway, USA in 1957 and 1969.
- **Gen. 991** Papers relating to universities other than Edinburgh: Legon (Ghana), Ibadan (Nigeria), Glasgow, Rhodesia, Athens, Leeds, London School of Economics.
- **Gen. 992** University of Edinburgh committees etc.: Development Committee, Staff Club, Speech Therapy.
- **Gen. 994** University and Departmental correspondence.
Gen. 995 Phonetics Department: general records, information bulletins, laboratory
bulletins, departmental administration 1967-79, speech synthesis research,
forensic phonetics.

Gen. 996 Course organisation: Phonetics Ordinary Course, postgraduate phonetic
courses, Linguistics 2, Phonetics for Romance languages, Glasgow phonetics
course, Linguistics 1.

Gen.997 Exam papers: Fuad University, Leeds University, miscellaneous. University
of London thesis by Afaf M.E.-S. El-Menoufy: A Study in the role of
intonation in the grammar of English.

Gen. 998 Teaching notes, undergraduate and postgraduate. Lectures: introduction to
linguistics; and introduction to the study of language.

Gen. 999 Lecture notes. Notes for the Phonetics Summer School.

Gen.1000 Biographies, addresses, reading notes, notes for papers.

Gen. 1001 Notes and papers relating to phonology.

Gen. 1002 Notes and papers relating to Standard English, dialects, English and Scottish
pronunciation, English for foreign students. Notes and papers relating to
languages other than English.

Gen. 1003 Notes and papers relating to phonetic notation and writing systems.

Gen. 1004 Notes and papers relating to the history of phonetics and history of linguistics.

Gen. 1005 Publications - pre-war.


Gen. 1009 Problems & principles in language study, 1956.


Gen. 1019 Miscellaneous duplicated papers. Contributions to dictionaries: International
Dictionary of English Pronunciation; OED Supplement; Collins International

Gen. 1020 Notes and text on William Holder (intended for publication but included in
Historiographica Linguistica article 1993). Miscellaneous notes. Broadcast
Gen. 1021 Correspondence relating to the Classics of Linguistics series. Personal (non-academic) correspondence.

Gen. 1022 Correspondence - substantial files: A - Ber.

Gen. 1023 Correspondence - substantial files: Bie - BBC.

Gen. 1024 Correspondence - substantial files: British Council.

Gen. 1025 Correspondence - substantial files: British Institute - Chang.

Gen. 1026 Correspondence - substantial files: Cherry - D.

Gen. 1027 Correspondence - substantial files: E - F.

Gen. 1028 Correspondence - substantial files: G - Henderson.

Gen. 1029 Correspondence - substantial files: Higgs - Iles.

Gen. 1030 Correspondence - substantial files: International - Kelly.

Gen. 1031 Correspondence - substantial files: Kemp - Laver.

Gen. 1032 Correspondence - substantial files: Linguistic - McClure.

Gen. 1033 Correspondence - substantial files: McIntosh - Mueller.

Gen. 1034 Correspondence - substantial files: Nihalani - Robins.

Gen. 1035 Correspondence - substantial files: Romaine - Speitel.

Gen. 1036 Correspondence - substantial files: Spencer - York.

Gen. 1037 Correspondence - occasional correspondence: A - J.

Gen. 1038 Correspondence - occasional correspondence: K - R.

Gen. 1039 Correspondence - occasional correspondence: S - Z, and unidentified correspondents.

Gen. 1040 Spelling reform proposals: correspondence on this with Sir James Pitman.

Gen. 1041 Basic English: correspondence with C.K. Ogden, M. Haymon and others.

Gen. 1042 Correspondence, etc., with the Edinburgh University Press.

Gen. 1043 Correspondence, etc., with other publishers.


Gen. 1045 Papers, minutes etc. relating to the Linguistic Survey of Scotland.

Gen. 1046 Grosvenor Crescent gardens, Edinburgh - correspondence, minutes etc.

Gen. 1047 House in France; Confrérie des Chevaliers de Tastevin.

Gen. 1048 Miscellaneous audio-tapes.


Gen. 1050 Press cuttings, some broadly classified.

Gen. 1051 Press cuttings, some broadly classified.

Gen. 1052 Press cuttings.

Gen. 1053 Miscellaneous photostats of alphabets and writing systems.

Gen. 1054 Lists of Phonetics postgraduate students.

Gen. 1055 Index box containing slips on private pupils, books read and bought, etc.
The great majority of the work done in sorting and listing this collection was done by Mr J.A. Kemp.

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