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**About this handlist**

Scan of an older typescript list
Inventory of the Alexander Thomson of Banchory Papers.

Alexander Thomson of Banchory (1798 -1868)

These comprise both bound volumes and boxes of correspondence and other papers.

THO 1 to THO 5 are mainly papers relating to Thomson's ancestors and their relations (see simplified family tree at the end of the inventory) and friends.
THO 6 to THO 9 are diaries.
THO 10 to THO 31 are works by Thomson.
THO 32 to THO 34 are miscellaneous material.
THO 35 to THO 40 are mainly concerned with the Great Disruption of 1843 and its aftermath.
THO 41 to THO 48 are almost totally correspondence.
[49 - 59 are unallocated.]
THO 60 is a copy of Smeaton's biography of Thomson (Edinburgh, 1869).
THO 61 - 78 are boxes of correspondence: 61 - 75 are arranged chronologically; 76 - 77 are undated letters arranged by correspondent, excluding undated letters from the Earls of Aberdeen and family, which are in box 78.

A.T. throughout the inventory stands for Alexander Thomson.
THO 1

Hamilton family correspondence, 1713-1786. Includes nine letters from Alexander Hamilton (1712-1756) of Annapolis, dated 20 August 1739, 15 March 1740, 5 November 1740, 12 June 1742, 26 November 1742, 8 November 1743, 3 July 1745, 15 September 1748 and 2 October 1750. Also correspondence by and relating to Gavin Hamilton, bookseller and printer in Edinburgh, 1754-55.

THO 2

Mostly material relating to Andrew and David Skene: Andrew Skene was A.T.'s father's mother's father, and David Skene his son. For further Skene material see also THO 11 etc.

1) letter from Thomas Reid to Andrew Skene, 14 November 1764. fols 1-2.
2) letter from Thomas Reid to David Skene, 13 July 1765. fols 3-4.
3) letter from Thomas Reid to David Skene, 20 and 30 December 1765. fols 5-6.
4) letter from Thomas Reid to Andrew Skene, 30 December 1765. fols 7-8.
5) letter from Thomas Reid to David Skene, 23 March 1766. fols 9-10.
6) letter from Thomas Reid to Andrew Skene, 8-14 May 1766. fols 11-12.
7) letter from Thomas Reid to Andrew Skene, 15 July 1766. fols 13-14.
8) letter from Thomas Reid to Andrew Skene, 17 December 1766. fols 15-16.
9) letter from Thomas Reid to David Skene, 25 February 1767. fols 17-18.
10) letter from Thomas Reid to David Skene, 14 September 1767. fols 19-20.
11) letter from Thomas Reid to David Skene, 31 October 1767. fols 21-22.
13) letter from Thomas Reid to David Skene, 18 April 1766. fol. 25.
16) letter from Henry Home, Lord Kaimies, to David Skene, 14 April 1767. fols 29-30.
17) letter from Henry Home, Lord Kaimies, to David Skene, 11 January 1769. fols 31-32.
18) letter from Henry Home, Lord Kaimies, to David Skene, 6 March 1770. fols 33-34.
19) letter from Thomas Pennant to [David Skene], 10 August 1769. fol. 35.
20) letter from Thomas Pennant to David Skene, 13 September 1769. fols 36-37.
21) letter from Thomas Pennant to [David Skene], 10 November 1769. fols 38-39.
22) letter from Thomas Pennant to [David Skene], 7 January 1770. fols 40-41.
23) letter from Thomas Pennant to [David Skene], 5 March 1770. fols 42-43.
24) letter from Thomas Pennant to David Skene, 7 April 1770. fols 44-45.
25) letter from Thomas Pennant to David Skene, 22 May 1770. fols 46-47.
26) letter from Thomas Pennant to [David Skene], 12 August 1770. fols 48-49.
27) letter from Thomas Pennant to [David Skene], 5 October 1770. fols 50-51.
28) letter from Messrs Hopkins and Co. to David Skene, regarding a box from Thomas Pennant being sent to Skene, 23 October 1770. fol. 52.
29) letter from George Campbell to David Skene, 1 August 1770. fols 53-54.
30) letter from the Earl of Deskford to Andrew Skene, 16 January 1762. fols 55-56.
31) letter from Alexander Munro (primus) to David Skene, 15 July 1758. fols 57-58.
32) letter from John Walker to David Skene, 14 April 1770. fols 59-60.
34) letter from the Earl of Buchan to David Skene, 12 May 1770. fol. 63.
35) copy letters from David Skene to: Dr Hope, 27 April 1764; Lord Kames, 3 December 1765; Lord Deskford, undated; "Dr L", 21 March 1765; John Ellis, 15 April and 16 May 1765. fols 64-65.
36) memoranda of David Skene 'wt regard to my business & conduct', the first dated 23 April 1753, Paris. fols 66-68.
37) copy letter of A.T. to Sir William Hamilton, 16 May 1837, regarding the Reid-Skene letters, including a list of the correspondence and some remarks on the Skenes. fols 69-70.
38) various biographical notes on Thomas Reid by Dr Knight. fols 71-72.
40) unsigned and incomplete (?) letter to Andrew Skene (?), undated. fol. 75.
41) copy by A.T. of hymns written on the reverse of a picture of George Boswell of Balmuto, Physician to James VI, painted in 1582. fols 76-77.
44) Two poems, one relating to the death of Bishop Gilbert Burnet of Salisbury, and the other relating to the election contest between Skene and Pitfour for the County of Aberdeen, 28 February 1786, with a note by A.T. saying they were found in the papers of Robert Hamilton. In Hamilton's hand? fols 82-83.

45) 'Persons in Aberdeen worth more than £10,000', undated. In the hand of Robert Hamilton (?). Found amongst Hamilton's papers. Also a table giving the weights of various people, calculated at Cruives (of Don), 17 July 1799. fols 85-86.

THO 3

'Account of Edinburgh according to what Elizabeth Hamilton remembers it when she was very young. Assisted a little by her Brother Doctor Hamilton' [i.e. A.T.'s maternal grandfather]. This was written in 1824-25 (paper watermarked 1823) and gives an account of Edinburgh in the mid-eighteenth century. 47 fols (some blank).

THO 4

1) Letters and documents, 1747-1830, relating to the Hamilton family, in particular Dr Robert Hamilton of Eastfield (1743-1829), A.T.'s grandfather, and Professor at Aberdeen University. Letters include a considerable number to and from his wife. fols 1-103, 106-22.
2) Letters relating to Gavin Hamilton (father of Robert), for example one dated 16 November 1734 to his mother. Includes also two letters from Gavin's brother Alexander, of Annapolis, 5 July 1741 and 13 November 1743; and letters from the Earl of Hopetoun and family. fols 104-105, 123-51.
3) 10 letters from Robert Hamilton to A.T., 10 March 1816 to 10 December 1827. fols 152-171.
4) Miscellaneous documents relating to Robert Hamilton, including a letter from Andrew Skene (1793) and two from Thomas Chalmers, Glasgow, 21 November 1821 and 24 November 1821. fols 172-191.

THO 5

'Miscellaneous pamphlets Dr H'. All are printed except for items 30 and 32.
1) 'To the Trades, Heritors and Householders of Edinburgh' against the parliamentary scheme to levy £1800, by way of tax or poors-rates, in proportion to the value of their house-rents, for the support of the Poors-House. [1740s?] fol 1.
2) 'By order of the Lord Provost and Magistrates of Edinburgh', 10 April 1760. Concerning a meeting to consider a project for supplying the city with water, and the necessary taxation this entails. fol. 2.
3) 'The Most Humble Petition and Address of his Majesty's most excellent Band of Pensioners, commonly called, the Blue-
Gowns of Scotland', concerning their sustenance. Requesting an amendment to the effect that their present privileges and rights be not infringed. March 27 1749. fols 3-4.
4) 'Resolutions of his Majesty's Most Excellent Blue-Gowns Anent the Poor's Tax.' Edinburgh, March 1749. fol. 5.
6.) 'To the Heritors and Inhabitants of Edinburgh, &c.' [Anon.] February 16 1749. Concerning the Committee which championed the citizens' rights concerning taxation - 'against most strenuous Sollicitations from the Grand Projector'. fol. 7.
7) 'To the King's most excellent Majesty, the humble Address of the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of City of Edinburgh to His Majesty'. Undated. Concerning the defence of the realm and the Protestant succession. Signed by Geo. Drummond, Provost. fol. 8.
8) General Assembly and Committee Resolutions and Memorial respecting the Test Act. Edinburgh, May 27 1790. fols. 9-12.
9) 'The Pastoral Address of the Presbytery of Aberdeen, to all the Parishes within their Bounds', concerning 'the present momentous and awful crisis, when an unprincipled and ferocious enemy [Napoleon] is threatening to invade us'. 24 August 1803. Signed W.L. Brown, Moderator. fols 13-14.
10) Index to the General Assembly (1817) Committee report on the Management of the Poor. fols 15-16.
12) 'Regulations for the Aberdeen Volunteers', 1795. fols 21-22.
13) Official summons to the officials of King's College to answer charges brought against them by A.D. Fordyce, Commissary of Aberdeen, 3 May 1793. fol. 23.
14) 'Proposals for a new paper intitled The Edinburgh Gazetteer, to be Published at Edinburgh, every Thursday and Friday'. Signed Wm Johnston, Edinburgh, 19 September 1792. Sent to Dr Hamilton. fols 24-25.
15) 'Regulations of the Society at Aberdeen. For the Benefit of the Children of deceased Clergymen of the Church, and Professors in the Universities, of Scotland.' 1799. fols 26-27.
16) 'To the friends of Christianity and oriental literature'. Copy of a letter, dated 12 March 1812, and received 9 September, from Dr Joshua Marshman of Serampore to Dr Ryland of Bristol, concerning the loss of the native languages printing press by fire. Sent to Dr Hamilton. fols 28-29.
17) 'Extract Settlement of the Residuary Estate of John Burnett, Esq.' making provision for the poor in Aberdeen, to be administered largely by the Synod of Aberdeen. Deed dated 24 March 1783 and registered 12 September 1803. fols 30-35.
18) 'Athenaeum; or, New Literary Lounge'. List of the newspapers., etc., with the days of their arrival, at the
Athenaeum. Dated 20 December 1803. Sent to Dr Hamilton.
fol. 36.
19) Announcement of the opening of Aberdeen's Athenaeum, or New Literary Lounge, 1 July [1803?] fols 37-38.
20) 'Aberdeen Lancastrian Institution'. Plan to establish in Aberdeen schools conducted on the principles of Mr Joseph Lancaster in which the children of the poor shall be taught gratis if their parents wish it. Dated 22 August 1815. Calls for donations and subscriptions. Sent to Dr Hamilton. fols 39-40.
21) 'Abstract of Minute of Committee for Relief of the Poor of this City' [Aberdeen] 8 September 1812. Thanks Kirk Sessions for visitations and making up the lists of the poor. Gives notice of a second distribution to the poor. Sent to Dr Hamilton. fols 41-42.
23) 'Memorial and Representation of the University of Marischal College, Aberdeen, in concurrence with the University of Glasgow' for the enlargement of the duration of copyright and the same privileges with respect to books sent out from Stationers' Hall as King's College Aberdeen enjoyed. fols 45-46.
24) Letter concerning the current state of Protestants in France, from Williams' Library, London, 7 December 1815. Signed Thomas Morgan, Librarian and Secretary. Sent to Dr Hamilton. fols 47-49.
27) Memorial of Alexander Shand as a trustee and executor to the late Earl of Aberdeen and as curator and tutor to his family, with respect to his treatment after the death of that Earl. He asks for a settlement from the present Earl. Signed in holograph by Shand, January 1820. fols 52-53.
28) 'Minute of the Right Honourable the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council respecting the Projected Railway in the Vicinity of Edinburgh'. Favours measures to accelerate the transmission of commodities, at a lower cost, into the city but accepts no pecuniary obligation. Signed Kincaid Mackenzie, Lord Provost, 18 March 1818. fols 54-55.
30) 'State Shewing how Mr. Vansittarts Table B2 has been constructed.' 1813. fols 60-61. [In manuscript.]
31) 'Substance of the Bill for Ascertaining and Establishing Uniformity of Weights and Measures, now in the House of Commons.' Notes contain amendments proposed by a committee of
the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Glasgow. April 1823. fols 62-63.
32) 'A list of Friendly Societies Sanctioned By the Justices of the Peace for Aberdeenshire From 1793 to 1820 inclusive.' 232 listed. fols 64-67. [In manuscript.]

THO 6

Diary, 1 September 1842 - 31 December 1845. [Not foliated]

THO 7

Diary of English travels. Thursday 29 February - Friday 31 May 1844. 68 fols.

THO 8

Account of the deputation to London on church matters, 27 September to 13 October 1841. 41 fols.

THO 9

'Memorials of our continental tour. Years 1826, 27, 28, 29. Also 1862-63.' Includes letters on accommodation, certificates (government and police) to travel freely, German note on the distillation of alcohol (printed), inventory of the furniture in the Palazzo Arrighetti, via del Giglio, Florence, poems in Italian (some printed), Canning’s letter of introduction to the British Ambassador in Vienna for the Thomson (Foreign Office, 1826), manuscript copy of the shorter catechism, ticket to Vatican Museum, invitations from various hosts, theatre and opera programmes, menus, guides to churches and libraries and miscellaneous correspondence. Reversing the volume there is Canning’s letter of introduction to the British Ambassadors at Turin and Paris (1826) and further correspondence, letters of introduction, etc. Not foliated.

THO 10

Notebook containing mostly student work:
Notes on Old Testament prophecy, Socrates, battles from 1800 to 1809, notes on Roman jurisprudence from the Institutes, De dialecto Ionica, Greek poetical expletives, three kinds of motion, the poor laws, moral philosophy class at Marischal College, the Speculative Society (20 April 1819), the mathematics class at Marischal College, the moral philosophy class, Scotch bankruptcy law, French system of weights and measures, introduction to natural philosophy, commonplace jottings, curious statistical account, etc., mathematical figures 1813-1814, notes on Roman ruins, letter (3 April 1833) on the origin of the name 'Devenick', Arabic poetical translations, with the original. Not foliated.
THO 11

1) draft letter to Sir James Clarke. August 1859.
Concerning:
the origin of the inhabitants of the north east coast of
Scotland, of which Aberdeen is the capital; the influence of
Roman civilization in the east of Scotland; and the furthest
limits of the Roman Empire in Scotland. fols 1-4.
2) draft report to Prison Board. c1860. fols 5-18.
3) biographical sketch of Dr David Skene M.D., of Aberdeen.
There is a printed abstract in the Transactions of the Royal
Society and publication in full in Edinburgh’s new
Philosophical Journal. fols 19-44. (See also THO 2, 11/5-6,
12/4, 25/4, 29/9, and 29/12.)
4) prevention of crime. fols 46-49.
5) copies of letters from David Skene to Linnaeus (16
December 1765, 27 February 1766, 28 May 1766, 21 January 1767)
and from Linnaeus to Skene (21 January 1766, 14 April 1766, 20
February 1767). All in Latin. fols 51-83 bis.
6) copies of letters of David Skene to John Ellis, and
Ellis’s replies:
from Ellis: March 1765, 26 March 1765, 25 April 1765, 27 June
1765, July 1765, 22 October 1765, 26 November 1765, 4 January
1766, 30 January 1766, 2 December 1766, 29 January 1767, 24
February 1767, 26 March 1768, 28 July 1768, 24 September 1768,
31 December 1768, 19 June 1769, 26 June 1769, 19 October 1769,
26 December 1770 (received posthumously);
from Skene: 5 July 1765, 13 November 1765, 5 December 1765, 9
December 1765, 18 January 1766, 21 February 1766, February
1766, 21 April 1766, 21 November 1766, 12 February 1767, 7
March 1767, 17 March 1768, 5 October 1768, 11 December 1769,
14 July 1770. fols 84-207.
7) draft of paper on prevention of crime, read before Section
F of the British Association at Aberdeen, September 1859.
fols 208-65.
8) draft lecture on sanitary reform. Read in Aberdeen,
November 1859. (Printed as a pamphlet: see THO 29/14) fols
266-344.
9) the Aberdeen Industrial Feeding Schools. Read before
Section F of the British Association, 17 September 1859. In a
copyist’s hand up to fol. 401. fols 345-403. See also THO
29/6 and 29/13 etc.
10) statistics illustrative of the progress of Aberdeen
Industrial Schools. Almost totally in a copyist’s hand. fols
404-17.
11) statistics illustrative of the progress of Aberdeen
Industrial Schools. fols 418-27.

THO 12

1) lecture on the moral and social state of Italy, read
before the Y.M.C.A., Aberdeen. Almost totally in a copyist’s
hand. fols 1-55.
2) notes for a lecture on popery, read in the Free Church, Banchory, December 1857. fols 56-68.
3) lecture on common things, read in the Free Church, Banchory, 6 December 1858. fols 69-154.
4) Draft memoir of Dr David Skene, sent to Dr Balfour, for the Royal Society, with copies of a selection of Skene's correspondence. 2 December 1858. Partly in a copyist's hand. Published. fols 155-187. See also THO 2, 11/3, 11/5-6, 25/4, 29/9 etc.
5) draft of part of a paper on aqueducts. Published. fols 188-205.
6) progress of prison discipline. For Meliora. Published. Printer's copy, mostly in a copyist's hand. fols 206-270. See also THO 12/9 and 29/11.
7) on the fragments of sculptured stones found at Dinnicare near Stonehaven. Paper for the Antiquarian Society, read March 1858. Published. fols 271-285. See also THO 29/17.
8) on Roman aqueducts, etc. Read March 1858. Published. fols 286-396.
9) progress of prison discipline. Draft in A.T.'s hand, November 1858. fols 398-459. See also THO 12/6 and 29/11.
10) on salmon fishings. April, 1859. fols 460-66.

THO 13

1) first draft of 'Teachings of the microscope'. fols 1-124.
2) notes for a lecture on history of Russia, delivered in the Free Church of Banchory during the Russian War (1 January 1855). fols 125-60.
3) first draft of a paper on Roman roads, eventually read at the Architectural Institute and printed in their Transactions. First read, 22 February 1855. fols 163-220.
4) laws of industrial schools and reformatories in Scotland. fols 224-33.
5) draft of paper on obelisks in Rome. Read at the Architectural Institute and printed in their Transactions. fols 236-80.

THO 14

1) scheme for colonizing Palestine. 1840. fols 1-8.
2) first draft of Scotch episcopacy. 1848. For Oxford Magazine. Published. fols 9-67.
3) letter to Lord Aberdeen on Aberdeen colleges. February 1856. In a copyist's hand. fols 69-87.
4) review of Professor Baden Powell’s work on the recent origin of man on earth, and the skeleton found in excavating Mickleton Tunnel. Two drafts. 1856. For the Edinburgh Philosophical Journal. Published. fols 88-121. See also THO 29/8.
5) letter to Mr D. Hill, Recorder of Birmingham, on juvenile delinquency. 14 December 1853. Published. fols 122-41. See also THO 29/6.
6) draft paper on hills and valleys, walls and gates of ancient Rome. For Architectural Institute. 1853-54. Published. fols 142-194.
8) translation from Italian: Virgin Mary in Leghorn. 1847. fols 287-293 (includes printed sheet in Italian).
9) letter to the editor of the 'News of the Churches' on juvenile delinquency. fols 294-303.

THO 15

1) literary history of the Bible, read in Banchory Free Church. fols 1-55.
2) on fulfilled prophecies of the Old Testament, read in Banchory Free Church. fols 56-141.

THO 16

Manuscript of 'Punishment and Prevention'. Published in London, 1857. Not foliated. For the published work see THO 31.

THO 17

Volume concerned with the Newton Stone, Garioch, Aberdeen.
3) summary of A.T.'s 'Notice of the various attempts which have been made to read and interpret the Inscription on the Newton Stone, Garioch, Aberdeenshire'. Read on 8 February 1864, with consequent discussion and other material (printed). fols 42-43.
4) press cuttings, photographs, letters (in particular from Dr George Moore of Hastings) and other material translating and relating to the Newton Stone. fols 44-189.
5) summary of A.T.'s 'Notice of the various attempts which have been made to read and interpret the Inscription on the Newton Stone, Garioch, Aberdeenshire'. Read on 8 February 1864, with consequent discussion and other material (printed). fols 190-91. Duplicate of THO 17/3 above.
6) Notice of the various attempts which have been made to read and interpret the inscription on the Newton Stone, Garioch, Aberdeenshire. From the Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Vol. V (Edinburgh, 1865). Printed. fols 192-203.
7) press cuttings, letters from Ralph Carr and miscellaneous documents. fols 204-220.
THO 18

1) Notice of the various attempts which have been made to read and interpret the inscription on the Newton Stone, Garloch, Aberdeenshire. fols 1-13.
2) various translation attempts on the same inscription. fols 15-22.
4) notice of a group of four circles of standing stones in the south corner of the parish of Banchory-Devenick, Kincardine, with drawings and sketch map. fols 25-48.

THO 19 [A box]

1) recent excavations in Rome. Published viro (Edinburgh 1866) and manuscript draft.
2) illustrations to A.T.'s papers on Roman waterworks and triumphal arches.
3) Rae Wilson's France & Italy. See also THO 30/9.
4) carneval [sic].
5) letters from Rome. Twelve 'letters', really chapters in a book. See also THO 19/6 and 27.
6) letters from Rome, chapters 13-16. See also THO 19/5 and 27.
7) drawings of shells.
8) material relating to the visit of the Prince Consort to Banchory and A.T.'s visit to Balmoral, September 1859.

THO 20

1) miscellaneous notes on Scots female immorality - what can be done ... fols 1-32. With appendix on fol. 33 on numbers of females committed to Aberdeen Prison, 1856-58.
2) notes on females in prison. fols 35-41.
3) female juvenile delinquents. fols 42-44.
4) draft report by the Aberdeen Committee of the British Association to the subscribers to the local fund, concerning the meeting in Aberdeen (1859). Preparations, visits of the Prince Consort, exhibits, lectures, visit to Balmoral, etc. fols 47-72.
5) brief sketch of the history of the Aberdeen Industrial Feeding Schools. [A revision of a previously printed work.] fols 75-102. See also THO 20/6, 29/6 and 29/13.
6) 'Statement of the Principles on which the Aberdeen Industrial Schools were founded and on which they have been hitherto conducted.' [Incorporates parts from an earlier printed article.] fols 105-31. See also THO 20/5 and references there.
7) 'On the Licentiousness of Scotland, and the Remedial Measures which ought to be adopted.' With printed inserts. [Incorporates parts from an earlier printed article.] fols 135-58.
8) 'Enquiry into the obligation which lies upon the Government of Britain to provide for the Education of
neglected outcast juveniles and the style of education required for their permanent good.' fols 159-165. See also 20/16.
9) history of the Scottish Episcopal Church. Lacks the beginning. fols 181-216.
10) paper on archaeological objects in the north-east of Scotland, especially in Aberdeenshire and Kincardine. fols 217-224.
11) paper by a 'lover of geology who is at the same time a sincere believer in the revealed word of God'. fols 225-238.
12) 'On the Boundaries which separate Theology from Science and the provision of knowledge which belongs to each.' fols 239-41.
13) soap, its nature and use. fols 245-46.
14) draft copy of a letter sent by A.T. to the Lord Justice Clerk, Chairman of the Scottish Universities Commissioners, 15 February 1861, expressing his disapproval of the class of natural history being struck out of the M.A. curriculum. Followed by copy letters from A. Sedgwick, John Phillips, Roderick Murchison, and Richard Owen anent the same, to A.T. (8-14 February 1861). fols 247-55, 256-68.
16) 'Enquiry into the obligations which lie upon the Government of a Nation I to provide for the education of neglected outcast Children and II the style of Education which is required for their good.' 14 headings only. fols 275-6. See also THO 20/8.

THO 21 (not foliated)

1) history of Tuscany.
2) Roman history.
3) chronology of popes (to 1846).
4) history of Naples.
5) chronological table of principal Italian painters, sculptors, architects and engravers [no engravers in fact].
6) literary history of Italy, with subtitles: orators, grammarians, etc.
7) chronological table of celebrated Italian authors.
8) celebrated Italians [i.e. biographical sketches of Dante, Petrarch, Tasso, etc.].
9) Roman antiquities.
10) notes taken from Nibby's Lectures on Roman Antiquities, 1828-29.
11) Roman antiquities. Includes 6 folios of miscellaneous notes form Mr Burgess' MSS volume III.
12) history of Venice.
13) German literature.
14) modern German literature.
15) French kings, and French authors.
16) ancient German history.
16) engraved plans of Pompeii, Pozzuoli and surroundings,
Cuma, Roman Forum, Pantheon, Trajan's Forum, Circus Maximus, Baths of Caracalla, catacombs, etc., etc. 18 plates in all.

THO 22

1) notes on obelisks and stone monuments in Ancient Rome; on the Egyptian obelisks now in Rome. Partly in a copyist's hand. Fols 1-114.
2) on the hills and valleys, the walls and gates of Rome. Includes maps and sketches to illustrate the text. Fols 115-172.
4) on the roads of the Romans. Transactions of the A.I.S. [Architectural Institute of Scotland?], session 1854-55. Read at a meeting of the Institute on 22 February 1855. In a copyist's hand apart from the glossary at the rear. Fols 252-321.
5) draft of an article on Roman roads. Fols 323-331.
8) the walls and gates of Rome. Fols 374-78.

THO 23

Miscellany of rough drafts on various subjects:
1) life and character of C.J. Fox. Fols 2.
3) India Bills, 1819. Objections to Fox's bill; Pitt's India Bill. Fols 7-14.
4) 'Ought there to be any Legal Provision for the Poor?' Fols 16-17.
6) crown or people? Fols 23-29.
7) origin of feudal law. Fols 33-43.
8) notes for a valedictory essay to the Speculative Society, Tuesday 20 April 1819. Fols 44-50.
9) poor laws, 1818 (English and Scottish). Fols 51-87.
11) ancient geography of Scotland. Fols 97-100.
14) notes on Dr Robert Hamilton, mathematician and author of several works on finance and political economy [and A.T.'s grandfather], 1834. Copied into Opera Varia vol. II (see THO 30/8). For the Edinburgh Encyclopedia. Fols 125-132.
15) 'To the Electors of the City of Aberdeen' concerning their present M.P., his vague electoral manifesto, etc. Signed: A Presbyterian. c.1837. Fols 133-34.
16) diary of proceedings at Banchory from 30 June to 5 August 1837. Fols 135-38.
17) 'The humble petition of the subscribers, agriculturalists and others residing in the parish of [blank] (humbly) shows.' c.1837-38? States opposition to the revision of the Corn Laws. fols 139-41.
18) 'Plan for improving the Revenue arising from the Salmon fishings in the River Dee.' April 1838. With another, polished, revision of the same, with diagram (fol. 146 inserted), 5 May 1838. fols 143-48.
20) 1: Belgian universities. 2: University of Bonn. fols 161-74.
21) notes on the possible unification of Marischal College and King's College, Aberdeen, dated 28-29 November 1826; a related letter from D. Dewar, Aberdeen, 9 November 1837; a letter from A.T., Rotterdam, 28 November 1826, to John Hope, Solicitor General; and 'Reasons for Adding a Course of Religious Instruction to the Curriculum at Marischal College', Rotterdam, 29 November 1826, submitted to the Principal and the professors, and signed A.T., Dean of Faculty. fols 175-182.
22) copy of the instructions, dated 31 July 1634, given to Dr Gordon, concerning the University in Old Aberdeen, to be presented to the King. Signed John Forbes. fols 183-198.

THO 24

1) data for a 'literary history of Italy'. fols 1-32.
2) notes on ancient Roman history and monuments. fols 34-158.

THO 25

1) monumental pillars in Rome. (School work, revised later?) fols 3-31.
2) triumphal arches in Rome. (School work, revised later?) fols 33-57.
3) arches not triumphal. (School work, revised later?) fols 59-69.
4) memoir of Dr David Skene. fols 71-77. See also THO 2, 11/3, 11/5-6, 12/4, 29/9 and 29/12.

THO 26

Volume marked 'Italy &c':
1) draft address on Italy. fols 1-38.
2) draft report from the Rural Police Committee to the Commissioners of Supply of the County of Aberdeen at their annual meeting, 30 April 1853. fols 39-48.
3) missionary enterprises of the Free Church. fols 49-68.
5) report of improvement of waste land on the estate of Banchory from 1 January 1849 to 30 April 1852. (Printed in part in Opera varia V [not at New College Library], but see also THO 29/5.) With statistical appendices. fols 79-107.

THO 27

'Letters from Rome M.S.' 12 letters in draft with preface and two folios of notes at the rear. Letter 1: inscribed 'Rome May [deleted] 1830' to 'My dear B'. Letter 12 dated 26 March 1832. 239 fols. See also THO 19/5-6.

THO 28

1) 'Notes on Antinomianism and Antinomians' fols 1-34.
2) (reversed, from end) 'Index to scattered thoughts, notes and references on various questions relating to ... religious theories ... and the like.' fols 35-43.

THO 29

Opera varia. Vol. I. Miscellaneous. All printed.

3) Outlines of a scheme for the union of King's and Marischal Colleges into one University. (Aberdeen, 1850.) 18 pp.
4) Facts from Rome; or, popery at head-quarters. (Aberdeen, 1851.) 156 pp.
5) Report of improvement of waste land. (Edinburgh, 1854.)
   From the Transactions of the Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland, October 1853. 11 pp. See also THO 26/5.
7) Notes on the more prominent defects in the construction of cottages in the neighbourhood of Aberdeen. March 1858. 7 pp.
   See also THO 29/10.
8) Remarks on Professor Baden Powell's views respecting the recent origin of man upon the earth, and the skeleton found in excavating Mickleton Tunnel. (Edinburgh, 1856.) From the Edinburgh New Philosophical Journal, April, 1856. 11 pp. See also THO 14/4.
9) Biographical sketch of David Skene, M.D. of Aberdeen; with extracts from correspondence between Dr Skene and Linnaeus and John Ellis, about the year 1765. From the Edinburgh New Philosophical Journal, N.S., October 1859.
(Edinburgh, 1859.) 16 pp. See also THO 2, 11/3, 11/5-6, 25/4 and 29/12.
10) Notes on the more prominent defects in the construction of cottages in the neighbourhood of Aberdeen. March, 1858. 7 pp. See also THO 29/7.
12) Biographical memoir of the late Dr D. Skene of Aberdeen. From the Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. 3 pp. See also THO 25/4, 29/9, etc.

THO 30

Opera varia. Vol. II. County reports. All printed except 8 and 9.

1) Report from Rural Police Committee to the Commissioners of Supply of the County of Aberdeen, at their annual meeting, 30th April 1853. A.T., convener. 6 pp.
2) Report by the Rural Police Committee, to the Commissioners of Supply of the County of Aberdeen, at their annual meeting, on 1st May, 1854. A.T., convener. 6 pp.
3) Draft report by sub-committee of rural police of County of Aberdeen, on the causes of the recent increase of vagrancy and crime in the county ... (Aberdeen, 1852.) A.T., convener, 18 August 1852. 23 pp.
4) Draft report by sub-committee of rural police of County of Aberdeen, on the causes of the recent increase of vagrancy and crime in the county ... A.T., convener, 18 August 1852. 2nd ed. [1] + 24 pp.
5) Report, by Prisons' Board of the County of Aberdeen, on the causes of the remarkable increase of juvenile delinquency in the County of Aberdeen. (Aberdeen, 1856.) A.T., convener, 27 February 1856. 22 pp. + 4 pull-out tables.
6) Report, by committee appointed by the County of Aberdeen, on the turnpike & commutation roads in the County ... (Aberdeen, 1857.) A.T., convener, 5 December 1857. [1] + 34 pp. + 3 pull-out tables.


8) Copy of Memoir of Dr Hamilton in Encyclopaedia Britannica, 7th ed. 33 fols. Fol. 2 bears "From Edr. Encycl." and is dated 1834. [The Memoir, slightly varied, is in the Encyclopaedia Britannica.] See also 23/4.

9) Rae Wilson's France & Italy. (Printed in Presbyterian Review 1836.) 40 fols. See also 19/3.

THO 31

Opera varia. Vol. III. Punishment and Prevention (London, 1857.) 436 pp. For the manuscript see THO 16.

THO 32

'Memoirs for Writting of the Historie of Scotland from the Records now extant.' Extracted from a manuscript of Sir Robert Sibbald, preserved in the Library of the Faculty of Advocates, 1824. The volume consists of a series of bibliographic notes, together with some other data. 68 fols.

THO 33

Volume concerning A.T.'s Bannatyne Club membership, 1826-55. Includes letters from David Laing, circulars, printed accounts, prospectuses, etc. 129 fols.

THO 34  [A box]

Miscellaneous documents:
1) letters and documents relating to A.T.'s father Andrew and grandfather Robert Hamilton and other relations.
2) miscellaneous documents and drafts of works by A.T., including: plan for Scottish schoolbooks; passport 1820; resolution of County of Aberdeen on normal schools, 21 December 1837; address of Presbytery of Aberdeen of the Free Church of Scotland to Queen Victoria (undated); appeal to the Friends of Church Extension; note on Thomas Chalmers's visit to Banchory, September 4-11 1843 (2 versions); outline of Roman history, 1863; biography of David Skene (2 versions); copy letters, 1839-41.
3) printed material, including: ephemera relating to the early years of the Free Church; Recent Excavations in Rome (Edinburgh, 1866), On the Inscription upon the Stone at Newton Insch, Aberdeenshire, and on the Inscription on a Sculptured Stone at St Vigeans, Forfarshire, by Ralph Carr of Hedgeley.
4) material relating to the sale in 1972 of A.T.'s library at Sotheby's, and to manuscripts of A.T. at Aberdeen University, October 1986.

THO 35

1) 'The Protest, 1843.' A facsimile with the text and signatures. Published at Edinburgh, 31 May 1843. fols 1-4.
2) information for church members with respect to Church Extension financial needs, to be read before the collection. Edinburgh, January 1838. (printed) fols 5-6.
3) General Assembly's pastoral address regarding 'the alarming indications of the divine displeasure against our native country' and the need for 'a day of solemn humiliation and prayer'. Edinburgh, 30 May 1842. Signed, David Welsh, Moderator. (printed) fols 7-8.
4) letter to A.T. from David Welsh, North Berwick, 6 August 1840, with, 'Reasons of adherence to the Church of Scotland, addressed by a minister, to his parishioners'. (printed) fols 9-12.
5) 'First circular to the Friends of the Church of Scotland' from the Provisional Committee constituted by the United Committees of the Convocation of Ministers and General Meeting of Elders. Edinburgh, February 17 1843. (printed) fols 13-14.
6) 'Second communication to the Friends of the Church of Scotland' from the Provisional Committee. Edinburgh, February 24 1843. (printed) fols 15-16.
7) 'Third communication to the Friends of the Church of Scotland' from the Provisional Committee. Edinburgh, March 3 1843. (printed) fols 17-18.
8) 'Fourth communication to the Friends of the Church of Scotland' from the Provisional Committee. Edinburgh, March 10 1843. (printed) fols 19-20.
9) 'Fifth communication to the Friends of the Church of Scotland' from the Provisional Committee. Edinburgh, March 17 1843. (printed) fols 21-22.
10) 'Sixth communication to the Friends of the Church of Scotland' from the Provisional Committee. Edinburgh, March 24 1843. (printed) fols 23-24.
11) 'Eighth communication to the Friends of the Church of Scotland' from the Provisional Committee. Edinburgh, April 7 1843. (printed) fols 25-26.
12) 'Ninth communication to the Friends of the Church of Scotland' from the Provisional Committee. Edinburgh, April 14 1843. (printed) fols 27-28.
13) 'Tenth communication to the Friends of the Church of Scotland' from the Provisional Committee. Edinburgh, April 21 1843. (printed) fols 29-30.
14) form for recording donations to the Free Presbyterian Church building fund. Collections during April 24-30 [1843]. (printed) fol. 31.
15) 'To the people of Scotland in general ... the affectionate representation of ministers and elders ... in
solemn assembly met.' Edinburgh, 20 May 1843. (printed) fols 32-35.
18) document, headed 57, Old Broad Street, 1 May 1843, printing the Requisition dated December 1842 sent by various ‘respectable individuals’ listed, including A.T., to Thomas Chalmers asking him for a course of lectures on church-state relations, and his two replies, Edinburgh, 4 February and 29 March 1843, declining the invitation. fols 40-41.
20) letter from J. Munro (?), Glasgow, 18 October 1849. fols 45-46.
22) address of some landed proprietors, friends of the Free Church of Scotland, at their meeting in Glasgow, 21 October 1843, to their brother landed proprietors throughout Scotland. Signed, Breadalbane, Chairman. Regarding refusal of sites for new churches. (printed) fol. 49.
23) printed invitation to noblemen and commoners, heritors of Scotland, who adhere to the principles of the Convocation, to have a meeting. Undated; no signatures. fol 51.
24) (Private) Free Church of Scotland Ministers Sick Fund. Regarding a fund to be collected. Edinburgh, November 11 1844. (printed) fol. 52.
26) printed memorandum to the ministers and adherents of the Free Church of Scotland on the sustentation fund, with a copy letter from A.T. dated 6 February 1845, with notes appended, and a printed appeal on behalf of the Free Church at Woodside. fols 54-61.
28) printed appeal of the Free Church, Old Aberdeen, for support. fol. 64.
29) miscellaneous letters, printed leaflets, and memoranda about the funding of Free Church buildings (including New College), stipends, pensions, bursaries and other educational matters (e.g. gifts by A.T. of books, money and a medal to New College), meetings, missionary work, and other Free Church business. 1845-48. fols 66-201.
30) matters relating to heritors and their views on the current state of the Church in Scotland, early 1843, and related material. fols 202-22.
31) further miscellaneous documents and letters (printed and in manuscript) on Free Church and general ecclesiastical matters, 1845-46. fols 224-49.
33) memorandum (printed) to the lay Friends of the Church of Scotland. Addressed to A.T. and dated 27 January 1843 by Thomas Chalmers, with a note in holograph by him. fols 254-55.
34) printed documents on Church of Scotland and Free Church matters, 1842-54: e.g. model trust disposition, 1844. Some have mss addenda. fols 256-73.
35) two drafts (one partial) of the overture anent deacons, May 1847. fols 274-79.

THO 36

1) miscellaneous documents and letters (printed and in manuscript) relating to the affairs of the Free Church of Scotland, mainly in the parish of Banchory-Devenick and other Aberdeenshire parishes, 1843-45. Includes (fols 42-54) a declaration of support, January 1843, for possible resignation from the establishment, signed by many parishioners of Banchory-Devenick. fols 1-278. See also THO 37.
2) material relating to a testimonial to be presented to William Henderson, builder in Aberdeen, for his services to the Free Church, 1845-46. fols 279-342.
3) miscellaneous printed documents and notices relating to Free Church business, e.g. opening of the Free Church of Banchory-Devenick. fols 343-351.

THO 37

Declaration of support, January 1843, for possible resignation from the establishment, with the copy signatures of parishioners of Banchory-Devenick. See also THO 36, fols 42-54.

THO 38

1) notes from a sermon on I Tim. 5, 22 by the Revd Alexander Dyce Davidson, of the West Church Aberdeen, before the Disruption. fols 1-10.
2) nine letters dated 1834 concerning the erection of an Aberdeen Church Accommodation Society. Includes two letters of Alexander Brunton of Edinburgh University and a copy letter of A.T. to him. fols 11-28.
3) letters, printed memoranda, etc., 1843-44, relating to Free Church affairs, local and national, financial, educational, etc., etc. Includes: a letter from the Duke of
Argyll (fol. 35); printed memorandum concerning the Waldenses (fol. 39); letters concerning Thomas Chalmers' visit (fol. 108-112) to Aberdeen; A.T.'s draft letter from landed proprietors who were Friends of the Free Church, Glasgow, 21 October 1843, 'To the noblemen & gentlemen landed proprietors in Scotland, who have directly or indirectly refused sites for Free Churches on their estates' (fol. 133-38), and a printed version of the same (fol. 143) signed Breadalbane, Chairman; a printed appeal for New College Library (fol. 147); a letter to A.T. from David Welsh, 21 October 1843, thanking him for a donation of books to the Free Church library (fol. 148); a letter from Thomas Chalmers (only the signature is in his hand) to A.T., Edinburgh, 12 January 1844 (fol. 180); and a copy letter to Thomas Chalmers, 9 February 1844 (fol. 185-86). Fols 29-230.

THO 39

1) printed and manuscript material relating to the impending publication of 'The Watchword', the erection of a new church in Aberdeen, church extension, education, patronage, etc., 1834-44. Fols 1-31.
2) printed and manuscript material relating to current church events, 1842-44, including: A remedy for the Church of Scotland in a letter to ... Sir Robert Peel, by John Davidson (Aberdeen, 1842) (fol. 32-43); Letter from Sir James Graham ... to the Moderator of the General Assembly, with the reply; being the Minute of the General Assembly's Special Commission, adopted ... January 12 1843 (Edinburgh, 1843) (fol. 83-90); lithographed letters about meetings in 1843 of heritors (fol. 92-93) and related manuscript and printed material (fol. 94-126, 130-136, 140-144, 207, 225-46, 252, 268-9), including copy letters to the Duke of Wellington, Lord Aberdeen and Sir James Graham, 16 and 17 February 1843 (fol. 144); printed circulars and communications to the Friends of the Church of Scotland and related material (fol. 146-49, 194-97); financial circulars and related documents, mainly printed (fol. 150-57, 185, 192, 200-02, 206, 212-17, 221, 254-55, 263-66, 272-75, 277-311 - from fol. 263 onwards relating particularly to manse funds); printed lists of communicants at Peterculter, 2 September 1843 (fol. 220), at Free St Clement's (fol. 223) and at Banchory-Devenick (fol. 224); plans for churches (fol. 257-60) and manses (fol. 262). Fols 32-311.
3) miscellaneous printed ephemera relating to Scottish church matters in the 1840s. Fols 312-23.
4) printed material relating to various church matters, mainly in 1844, including fees (fol. 324-27) and handbills (fol. 368-77, 379-80). Fols 324-383.

THO 40

'Minutes of proceedings in Parish of Banchory-Devenick in praeparation [sic] for [and subsequent to] the setting up of a
Free Presbyterian Church in the Parish, in the Event of the threatened Disruption of the Church from the State taking place', January 1843-January 1844. 34 folios + fol. 35 (loose).

THO 41

Copies of letters sent by A.T., 20 March 1834 - 28 November 1838. Recipients include Alexander Brunton, Dr Tholuck, Hon. A. Gordon, Lord Arbuthnott, and Thomas Chalmers. 140 fols.

THO 42

Copies of A.T.'s outgoing correspondence, 1840-42:
1) letters, 5 February 1840 - 12 May 1840. 39 letters, prefaced by an index to those and 12 excised ones. fols 1-66.
2) letters, 12 May 1840 - 2 January 1841. 48 letters, prefaced by an index to those and 2 excised ones. fols 67-156.
3) letters, 11 January 1841 - 5 August 1841. 49 whole letters, and one part-letter (the beginning of the letter concluded in 42/4), prefaced by an index to those and 6 excised ones. fols 157-228.
4) letters, 5 August 1841 - 10 June 1842. 37 whole letters, and one part-letter (the end of the letter begun in 42/3), prefaced by an index to the first seven. fols 229-320.
5) letters, 27 May 1842 - 9 May 1843. 43 letters, no index. fols 321-97.
Correspondents include: Earl of Fife, J. Hamilton, Hon. A. Gordon, Lord Arbuthnott, Lord Aberdeen, Sir Robert Peel, Sir C. Gordon.

THO 43

Copies of letters, 1840-3 [sent by A.T.]:
1) Prison Board correspondence. 32 letters, 13 June 1840 - 15 November 1843. Prefaced by index to the first 23 letters. fols 1-85.
2) letters on the church question, 19 August 1841 - 23 June 1843. 62 letters, prefaced by an index to the first six. fols 95-232.

THO 44

Copies of letters from A.T., 3 July 1843 - 19 July 1845. Correspondents include Robert Candlish, Lord Breadalbane, Sir Andrew Agnew, William Cunningham and Alexander Duff. With partial index at the beginning. 87 fols.

THO 45

Letter Book no. 1. Previous to 1838: These letters are mostly incoming, but there are some copies of outgoing correspondence. A number have been removed but
most of these are in the boxes of loose letters. There is an alphabetical index of correspondents at the beginning. Includes an obituary of Dr James Hamilton (1749-1835, nephew of Gavin Hamilton and son of the Rev. Robert Hamilton, Professor at Edinburgh University) (fol. 95) and a genealogical memoir of the Rev. Robert Hamilton by his niece Miss Elizabeth Hamilton (fol. 185). Fol. 189 is a note on the history of the Bridge of Dee. Letters are numbered. 252 fol.

THO 46

'Letter Book I [sic]. Principally on the Church Question & Meeting of Landed Proprietors - Interesting correspondence. Nothing private.' 1839-43. Not indexed by A.T. Mainly incoming correspondence but also includes resolutions, memoranda, etc. concerning the Church question (some printed). 331 fol.

THO 47

Correspondence (mainly incoming), January 1843 - January 1845. Some are printed. Concerned with church matters, national and local. A lithographed letter on the proposed heritors meeting (fol. 9), dated January 1843, is preceded by a list of the heritors to which it was sent. Another relevant list is on fol. 41-49. The meeting was held on 24 January 1843 and a letter sent to Sir Robert Peel: this letter, Peel's reply and other relevant letters were printed (fols 60-66). Many letters at the beginning of this volume are concerned with this meeting and its aftermath. Another list of correspondents, dated 2 March 1843, is given on fol. 157. Correspondents include: Thomas Chalmers (fols 56-9, 76, 94-5, 141-2, 243, 309-12, 348), Lord Breadalbane (fols 17-8, 366-7, 489), Sir Robert Peel (fol 29 - copy), Sir Andrew Agnew (fols 34, 88-9, 92-3, 118-9, 134-8, 143-4, 356-7, 381-2, 416-7, 474-5), Sir David Brewster (fols 90-1), and David Welsh (fol. 542). 562 fol.

THO 48

Volume of correspondence, mainly to A.T. Fol. 1 is an index, but two letters (from David Hume and James Thomson) are missing, and others at the end are not listed:

1) apart from one item, letters to A.T., 1824-41.
Correspondents include the Duke of Wellington (fols 128-9), John Lee (fols 126-7), Sir Robert Peel (fols 130-1), Thomas Chalmers (fols 132-3) and Professor Tholuck (fols 92-4, 100-03, 120, 123-5). Many were sent to A.T. when he was in Italy. The only letter in this group not sent to A.T. is an undated one to his father Andrew from Robert Jameson in May 1803 (fols 121-2). fol. 3-132.

2) miscellaneous letters and documents, e.g. John Hamilton to Miss E. Hamilton, 10 June 1780 concerning the Gordon Riots.
(fols 133-4), Colin Maclaurin to an unknown correspondent, 18 August 1743 (fols 139-40), a bill signed by Sir Walter Scott, 17 August 1824 (fol. 141), and a letter from James Gregory to Andrew Thomson, 26 October 1800 (fols 147-8). fols 133-51. 3) Further letters, mainly to A.T., including one to Elizabeth Hamilton from her cousin Samuel Horsley, Bishop of St Asaph, Brighton, 13 January 1805 (fols 175-6). fols 152-82.

[THO 49 to 59 are unallocated.]

THO 60


THO 61-78: boxed correspondence

61: 1797 - 1841 [Also entries are on the correspondence by J. Davidson, 1926.]
62: 1842 - 1845
63: 1846 - 1848
64: 1849 - 1851
65: 1852 - 1853
66: 1854
67: 1855 - 1856
68: 1857
69: 1858
70: 1859
71: 1860
72: 1861 - 1862
73: 1863 - 1864
74: 1865 - 1866
75: 1867 - 1868
76: undated incoming correspondence, A - I.
77: undated incoming correspondence, J - Z.
78: undated incoming correspondence from the Earls of Aberdeen and the Gordon family.