

Thomas Henry Lyon Papers
circa 1840-1890 (bulk circa 1840-1849)

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Summary Information

Library Unit	Archives and Manuscripts Department
Creator	Lyon, Thomas Henry, 1825-1914
Title	Thomas Henry Lyon papers
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1840-1890
Date [inclusive]	1840-1890
Extent	1.0 Linear feet (1 box)
Language	English

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Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Last Update

March 2015. Accession added by Adrienne Pruitt.

Restrictions on access

Collection is open for research. Some materials are fragile and should be used with care.

Restrictions on use

Though the copyright interests have not been transferred to Boston College, all of the items in the collection are in the public domain.

Provenance

Because the current accessioning system was not used until January 1986, it is not possible to know exactly the dates of acquisition of materials received before that time.

Related Materials

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Lyon family and estate records, WMS 1157, Warrington Library, Warrington, England.

Biographical note

Thomas Henry Lyon was born October 28, 1825 to Thomas and Eliza Lyon of Appleton Hall, near Warrington, Lancashire, England. He attended Eton College before joining the Royal Navy in 1839, attaining the rank of Lieutenant in 1846. Lyon served on a number of vessels, including the HMS *Blonde*, HMS *Columbine*, and HMS *Ganges*. After leaving the navy in 1853, he settled at Appleton Hall, which he inherited in 1859. From 1854-1856 he was a member of the 1st Royal Cheshire Militia. He married Vanda Wilson-Patten in 1860. She died in childbirth in 1861. Lyon was remarried in 1872 to Edith Grace Branker, with whom he had a daughter, Dorothy, in 1876. He died of influenza on November 13, 1914.

Sources

England & Wales Christening Records, 1530-1906. Great Budworth, Cheshire, England; 1741-1833; film number 1655825. Ancestry.com, Accessed March 18, 2013.

Furneaux, Clare. *The Lyon Family of Appleton Hall and Stretton Parish Church*. Alfresco Books: Appleton. 1996.

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Scope and Contents note

Contains two loose leaves (circa 1840s), two diaries (1842 and 1846-1849), an inventory of plate (1884), and a commemorative book in calligraphy (1890). The diaries serve primarily as a travel log, recording information about Lyon's sea voyages from England to places like Africa, Borneo, China, and Egypt. The loose leaves discuss King Charles II of England. The inventory of plate details specific silver items owned by Lyon. The commemorative book thanks Mrs. and Mr. Lyon, in beautiful calligraphy, for sponsoring a fete at Appleton Hall in aid of Stretton Church and Schools, and is signed by the fete organizers. It includes a photograph of St. Matthew's Church in Stretton.

Arrangement note

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Collection Inventory

Notes on Charles II, circa 1840s	Box 1
Processing Information note Removed from the 1846-1849 diary.	
Diary, 1842 [http://hdl.handle.net/2345.2/MS1986_118_ref12]	Box 1
Diary, 1846-1849 [http://hdl.handle.net/2345.2/MS1986_118_ref11]	Box 1
Inventory of plate, 1884	Box 1
Appleton Hall Fete commemorative book, 1890	Box 1