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Papers of the North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers

Forster Collection

NRO 3410/For/1

Creator(s):

Forster, Thomas Emmerson, fl 1830-1870, engineer

Forster, George Baker, fl 1830-1870, engineer

Scope and Content

The Forster collection consists of three distinct sections. Section one comprises a collection of report books relating to various eighteenth and nineteenth century viewers, collected by Thomas Emmerson Forster but not relating to the Forster family. Sections two and three comprise working papers of Thomas Emmerson Forster and his son George Baker Forster.

Section Two

Scope and Content

Section two comprises bound volumes of correspondence, report, working papers and plans of George Baker Forster. These relate to his colliery interests in the North East and in Yorkshire, the Midlands, Cumberland, Wales and elsewhere.

NRO 3410/For/2/37-39 are 3 Volumes of original and copy letters, papers and plans re Longwitton Colliery and Greenleighton Quarry and Lime Works, owned by Sir W.C. Trevelyan and subsequently by Sir Charles Trevelyan (Greenleighton) and Cecil Spencer Percival (Longwitton), leased by the Longwitton and Greenleighton Coal and Lime Company. Much of the correspondence is with Thomas Gow, agent for the Trevelyans and C.S. Percival, including reports re the progress of workings in the colliery and quarry and royalty rent statements, also correspondence with applicants to work the colliery, 1874 - 1894.

The following is an Index of correspondents in NRO 3410/For/2/37-39. The letters are arranged in annual sections in Vol 37 but roughly in alphabetical order in Vols 38 and 39

Archer, Thomas Date of Letters: 1891, 1893

Armstrong, J Date of Letters: 1883

Barningham, J Date of Letters: 1894

Bainbridge, James Date of Letters: 1894

Bonner, George Date of Letters: 1886

Bonner, Thomas Date of Letters: 1876
Cochrane, E Date of Letters: 1877
Daglish, John Date of Letters: 1877
Dees and Thompson Date of Letters: 1879 - 1880, 1886 - 1887
Dixon, D.W. Date of Letters: 1881
English, Ralph Date of Letters: 1889
Gaskell, J.W. Date of Letters: 1891
Gow, Thomas Date of Letters: 1876 - 1886
Jack, J.L. Date of Letters: 1893
Jordon, J.J. Date of Letters: 1891
Liddell, Thomas Date of Letters: 1886
Linsley, J.R. Date of Letters: 1886
Lynn, J.R.D. Date of Letters: 1879
Maynard, Charles Date of Letters: 1886
Morris, J.A. Date of Letters: 1893
Mundie, W. Date of Letters: 1889
Nicholson, J.W. Date of Letters: 1891, 1894
Nimmo, John Date of Letters: 1886
Oliver, James Date of Letters: 1886
Pattinson, John Date of Letters: 1878
Percival, Cecil Spencer Date of Letters: 1879 - 1894
Ramsay, W. Date of Letters: 1891
Robinson, James Date of Letters: 1886
Robson, H.J. Date of Letters: 1886
Robson, W.C. Date of Letters: 1879 - 1880
Roscamp, J. Date of Letters: 1884, 1886
Ross, Alex Date of Letters: 1891
Simpson, Robert Date of Letters: 1886
Spencer, N. Date of Letters: 1877
Stainton and Atkinson Date of Letters: 1883
Thompson, John Date of Letters: 1891
Thompson and Sons Date of Letters: 1894
Topham, Joseph Date of Letters: 1886
Turnbull, Robert Date of Letters: 1894
Urwin, John Date of Letters: 1886
Weddell, John Date of Letters: 1893
Widdas, John Date of Letters: 1891
Wilkinson, William Date of Letters: 1886, 1888 - 1889
Woodman, W. Date of Letters: 1874, 1876

NRO 3410/For/2/40-54 are 15 volumes of original and copy letters, reports and plans re the Whitehall Royalties at Allhallowes Colliery, parishes of Allhallowes, Bolton and Torpenhow, Cumberland, royalty owners Sir Wilfred Lawson, George Moore, H.A. Clark, William Fletcher and the Ecclesiastical Commissions (glebe land), leased to Waugh and Fletcher, later the Allerdale Coal Co. The papers are mainly concerned with the management of the royalty of George Moore including correspondence with William Fletcher, lessee and Philips, Sidgwick and Biddle, trustees for George Moore. The volumes also include reports re the conduct of the colliery, including sections of seams, current workings, production, establishment and the 1897 strike, mainly by Thomas Bailes for G.B. Forster and T.P. Martin, manager and surface and workings

plans 1868 - 1922.

Index of correspondents in NRO 3410/For/2/40-54

Allerdale Coal Company Date of letters: 1881 - 1900

Allhallowes Coal Company Date of letters: 1916

Brown and Adams Date of letters: 1882

Eden, C.H. Date of letters: 1883 - 84, 1888, 1892, 1894

Faulder, Joseph Date of letters: 1886

Fletcher, L.H. Date of letters: 1907 - 1908

Fletcher, William Date of letters: 1876 - 1899

Foster Brown, T. Date of letters: 1882 - 88, 1892

Gilmore, Alan, Maryport Iron and Steel Co. Date of letters: 1884 - 1887

Graham, W. Date of letters: 1921

Harris, Rev Henry Hibbert Date of letters: 1873

Henny, John, Allerdale Coal Co. Date of letters: 1881 - 1892

Hough, Samuel Date of letters: 1879, 1881, 1884 - 86

Martin, Robert Date of letters: 1876

Martin, T.P. Date of letters: 1879 - 88, 1892, 1896

Moore Agnes Date of letters: 1883 - 1888

Moore, George Date of letters: 1868 - 69, 1878

Moore, William Parkin Date of letters: 1892, 1907 - 21

Mounsey, Bowman and Graham Date of letters: 1909 - 1911

Phelps, Sidwick and Biddle Date of letters: 1877 - 1909

Ramsay, William Date of letters: 1898

Reay, George, Allerdale Coal Co. Date of letters: 1887

Reay, Joseph, Allerdale Coal Co Date of letters: 1894 - 1896

Robinson, R.A. Date of letters: 1883

Semple, William Date of letters: 1897

Simpson, John B. Date of letters: 1881 - 1883

Smith, James Allerdale Coal Co. Date of letters: 1898 -1900

Stobart, H. Date of letters: 1879

Thomson, P.M. Date of letters: 1910 - 1916

Waugh and Musgrave Date of letters: 1989, 1907

Wilson, Robert Date of letters: 1877

Wood and Bowman Date of letters: 1885, 1887

Arrangement

The volumes, were originally in two separate numbered series, but as they are obviously a single series of similar volumes they have been amalgamated into a single series.

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/30

Union Cement Co. Wallsend

Creation dates: 1886

Extent and Form: 108 FOLIOS

Scope and Content

Volume of original and copy letters, papers and plan re the submission to arbitration of a claim by the Union Cement Company, Wallsend, lessees from Robinson and Allan for compensation from the North Eastern Railway Company for clay left in workings under the railway, 1883 - 1886

NRO 3410/For/2/30/1-103 are 83 letters between G.B. Forster and Richard Cail, Civil Engineer (17), Dees and Thompsen (3), Dodds and Co (29), Thomas Gow (8), George S. Gibb (17), G. Irving (3), Thomas Robinson, Union Cement Co (6), 1885 - 1886

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/30/39,43

Creation dates: 12 April - 10 July 1886

Scope and Content

Statements of the case by the parties and the arbitrator

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/30/194

Creation dates: 17 June 1886

Scope and Content

Account for a trial shaft for the Union Cement Company

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/30/105

Creation dates: 6 Aug 1885

Scope and Content

Extract of a letter from the Railway Company's solicitor re the making of a subway

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/30/106

Creation dates: c. 1886

Scope and Content

Transverse section of the land taken by the Railway Company

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/30/107](#)

Creation dates: 1884 - 1885

Scope and Content

Statement of the amount of clay used by the Union Cement Company

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/30/108](#)

Creation dates: Nov 1883

Physical characteristics: 47 x 120cm.

Scope and Content

Plan of the Union Cement Works, Wallsend showing North Eastern Railway lines, by Alfred Dinning, Land and Mining Surveyor, scale 408: 1"

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/31

Hollin Hill.

Creation dates: 1885 - 7

Extent and Form: 118 FOLIOS

Scope and Content

Volume or original and copy letters and valuations re Hollin Hill and Slapworth ironstone mines, including valuations for the executor of H.T. and H.W. Thomas, 1873 - 1887

NRO 3410/For/2/31/1-89 are 84 letters between G.B. Forster and Brown and Elmhurst, solicitors, York (20), William Charlton, Slapworth Mines, Guisborough (4), William Hanson, Newport Iron Works, Middlesborough (26), H.W. and J.E. Thomas (34), 1887 - 1888

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/31/23

Creation dates: 15 Sept 1887

Scope and Content

Valuation of the interest of the executors of the late H.T. Thomas in the ironstone in Hollin Hill Royalty

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/31/90

Creation dates: 1887

Scope and Content

Estimate of the ironstone available in Tidkinhow Royalty

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/31/92

Scope and Content

Copy of NRO 3410/For/2/31/23 with notes and calculations

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/31/99

Creation dates: June 1887

Scope and Content

Measurements of ironstone in Slapworth Royalty

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/31/101](#)

Creation dates: Jan 1887

Scope and Content

Valuation of Hollin Hill Royalty by Mr Forster and Mr Hanson, nd. and by Mr Charlton

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/31/104](#)

Creation dates: 5 Dec 1887

Scope and Content

Valuation of the interests of the executors of the late H.W. Thomas in the ironstone in Hollin Hill Royalty

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/31/106](#)

Creation dates: 1 Jan 1887

Scope and Content

Valuation of Hollin Hill Royalty by Mr Samuelson

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/31/107](#)

Creation dates: 1882 - 1887

Scope and Content

Accounts of B. Samuelson with the executors of H.W. Thomas

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/31/108](#)

Creation dates: 1887-1880

Scope and Content

Valuation of Hollin Hill Royalty, Sept 1887

Agreement between Mary Jane Thomas, Henry Newton and Bernhard Samuelson re the lease of Hollin Hill, 29 Oct 1880

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/31/116](#)

Creation dates: 1873, 1876

Scope and Content

Notes re Mr Forster's reports on Hollin Hill

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/31/117](#)

Creation dates: 4 Feb 1880

Scope and Content

Minutes re a meeting with Mr Charlton

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/31/118](#)

Creation dates: 20 Jan 1880

Scope and Content

Letter from Thomas Blake, for William Charlton to Newton, Robinson and Brown re a wayleave lease

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/32

Longwitton.

Creation dates: 1895 - 1902

Extent and Form: 74 FOLIOS

Scope and Content

File containing original and copy letters, notes and plans mainly re the offering for lease of Longwitton Colliery, 1895 - 1902 and re Greenleighton Limestone, 1905

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/32/1

Creation dates: 5 March 1900

Scope and Content

Note re a proposed visit to Longwitton

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/32/2

Creation dates: nd

Scope and Content

Notes re Longwitton Colliery, measurements and dismantling of the pit in 1886

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/32/3

Creation dates: nd

Physical characteristics: 25 x 37cm.

Scope and Content

Plan of Hill)End Farm, Longwitton, with reference giving acreages, Scale 6": 1 mile

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/32/4

Creation dates: nd

Scope and Content

Newspaper cutting advertising the royalty to let

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/32/5](#)

Creation dates: 1895 - 1902

Extent and Form: 53 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B. Forster and Mark Archer, Farnacres (2), Joshua Audas (2), James Bainbridge (2), Bell and Lowdon (2), Thomas Dryden (1), English Brothers (9), A. Hunter (1), W.Lishman, (2), A. Marsh (8), H.J. Main (2), Cecil H. Spencer Percival, Longwitton Hall (15), Richard Walker (2), Arthur Wooler, Wolsingham (4) and R. Wright (1), mainly re enquiries re the leasing of Longwitton Colliery and enclosing particulars of the colliery

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/32/66](#)

Creation dates: 1905

Extent and Form: 9 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B.Forster and J.W. Clarke, Guisborough (3), John Morrison, Civil Engineer, Cramlington (5), Alan Garthwaite (1) re the lease of Greenleighton Limestone

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/32/74](#)

Creation dates: nd

Scope and Content

Plan of workings in Longwitton Royalty, marking old and current workings, Scale 6": 1 mile

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/33

Mitford

Creation dates: 1874 - 1877

Extent and Form: 164 FOLIOS

Scope and Content

Volume containing original and copy letters, papers and plans re the royalties of Colonel Mitford at Longframlington, Prestwick Carr and Blackpool, 1874 - 1877

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/33/1

Extent and Form: 25 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B. Forster and G and F Brummell (10), S.C.Crone (1) and Edward Lawson (14) re Prestwick Carr and Longframlington Collieries, 1874

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/33/31

Creation dates: [1874]

Scope and Content

Notes re the lease of Prestwick Carr coal

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/33/33

Creation dates: 13 Feb 1874

Scope and Content

Notes re workings at Longframlington, including details of establishment

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/33/35

Creation dates: 1875

Extent and Form: 9 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B.Forster and G and F Brummell (4) and Edward Lawson (5)
re Prestwick Carr rents

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/33/44](#)

Creation dates: 1876

Extent and Form: 13 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B. Forster and Edward Lawson re Prestwick Carr

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/33/57](#)

Creation dates: 1877

Extent and Form: 86 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B. Forster and Joseph Anderson, Longframlington Colliery (11), G and F Brummell (29), S.C. Carr (4), W.W. Dickson (5), W. Dobson (22), Edward Lawson (8) and John Taylor (7) re Longframlington, Prestwick Carr and Blackpool Collieries

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/33/152](#)

Creation dates: [1877]

Scope and Content

Notes re original shareholders in Blackpool Colliery

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/33/154](#)

Creation dates: 13 Nov 1877

Scope and Content

Notes re Joseph Anderson's lease of Longframlington

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/33/155

Creation dates: 23 March 1877

Scope and Content

Notes re Blackpool Colliery including section of seams and production

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/33/160

Creation dates: nd

Physical characteristics: 54 x 39cm.

Scope and Content

Plan of Prestwick Estate marking field names and acreages, scale 6ch: 1"

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/33/161

Creation dates: 1873 - 1874

Scope and Content

Account to Colonel Mitford for work re Prestwick Carr

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/33/164

Creation dates: nd

Physical characteristics: 26 x 42cm.

Scope and Content

Sketch plan of Prestwick Carr marking pits, giving details of borings, 1826 and notes by John Pattinson, 20 Jan 1839, no scale

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/34](#)

Mitford

Creation dates: 1878 - 1891

Extent and Form: 123 FOLIOS

Scope and Content

Volume of letters and papers re the royalties of Col. Mitford at Longframlington, Prestwick Carr and Blackpool. 1878 - 1891

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/34/1](#)

Creation dates: 1878 - 1891

Extent and Form: 98 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B. Forster and Thomas Bailes (2), G and F Brummell (35), S.C. Crone (16), William R. Cole (1), Charles Davison (5), Dees and Thompson (1), W. Hodgson (26), Edward Lawson (10) and Thomas Slimm (2)

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/34/104](#)

Creation dates: 26 March 1885

Scope and Content

Abstract of Longframlington Colliery lease

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/34/106](#)

Creation dates: nd

Scope and Content

Note of coal drawn at Longframlington

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/34/107](#)

Creation dates: nd

Physical characteristics: 15 x 15cm.

Scope and Content

Sketch plan of unspecified pits, scale 2ch: 1"

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/34/108](#)

Creation dates: 7 June 1889

Scope and Content

Notes re Blackpool Colliery including details of the lease, sections of seams, available coal, current workings and coal produced, by T. Bailes

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/34/110](#), [119](#)

Creation dates: 1890, 1878, nd

Scope and Content

Notes re Prestwick Carr

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/34/114](#)

Scope and Content

Copy of For/2/33 p.155

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/34/116](#), [120](#)

Creation dates: 1878

Scope and Content

Notes and abstracts re the Longframlington lease

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/34/122](#)

Creation dates: nd

Physical characteristics: 24 x 18cm.

Scope and Content

Plan of unidentified estate ? Longframlington giving owners names, no scale

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/34/123](#)

Creation dates: 1 Jan 1889

Scope and Content

Abstract of the Longframlington lease