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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/2/35](#)

Reav

Creation dates: 1874 - 1879

Extent and Form: 182 FOLIOS

Scope and Content

Volume of bound original and copy letters mainly re statements of royalty rents and reports re Mr Reav's royalties at Rosegill Pit, Crosby, Cumberland, 1874 - 1879

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/35/1](#)

Creation dates: 17 Aug 1871

Scope and Content

Report re Mr Reav's coal at Rosegill Pit including sections of seams, current working and estimated duration

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/35/5](#)

Creation dates: 12 June 1873

Scope and Content

Notes re available coal in Mr Reav's Crosscannanby Royalty

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/35/7](#)

Extent and Form: 12 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B. Forster and William Mulcaster, Crosby and Gilcruix Collieries (4) and W. Reav (8), 1874

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/35/8](#)

Creation dates: 1875

Extent and Form: 20 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B. Forster and William Mulcaster (10) and W. Reay (10)

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/35/40

Creation dates: 12 June 1875

Scope and Content

Calculations re coal in the Crosscannonby Royalty

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/35/43

Creation dates: 1876

Extent and Form: 19 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B. Forster and William Mulcaster (9) and W. Reay (9)

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/35/61

Creation dates: 23 Nov 1876

Scope and Content

Report re Rosegill Colliery including sinking of the pit from the Rattler to the Yard Band [Seam], current workings, section of seam, output and query re future working

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/35/65

Creation dates: 13 May 1876

Scope and Content

Calculations re produce of seams

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/35/66

Creation dates: 28 June 1876

Scope and Content

Note re a meeting with Mr Mulcaster re Mr Reay's coal

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/35/67](#)

Creation dates: 1877

Extent and Form: 21 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B. Forster and Thomas Bailes (1), William Mulcaster (15) and W. Reay (5)

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/35/89](#)

Creation dates: 14 Nov 1877

Scope and Content

Report re Rosegill Colliery

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/35/92-132](#)

Creation dates: 1878

Extent and Form: 34 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B. Forster and William Mulcaster (24) and W. Reay (10)

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/2/35/106](#)

Creation dates: nd. [1878]

Physical characteristics: 26 x 19cm.

Scope and Content

Plan of Mr Reay's Royalty showing Rattler Band workings, scale 2ch: 1"

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/35/132

Creation dates: 30 Sept 1878

Scope and Content

Notes re borings in the Rattler Band, 1 May

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/35/135

Creation dates: 1879

Extent and Form: 49 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B. Forster and William Mulcaster (24), W. Reay (21) and R. Swarley Thorpe (4)

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/36

Reav

Creation dates: 1879 - 1882

Extent and Form: 57 FOLIOS

Scope and Content

Continuation of Vol NRO 3410/For/2/35, 1879 - 1882

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/36/1

Creation dates: 9 Sept 1879

Scope and Content

Notes re current workings in the Rattler and Yard Bands with sections of seams, 25 March

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/36/4

Creation dates: 1880

Extent and Form: 15 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B. Forster and William Mulcaster, Crosby and Gilcrux Collieries, (13) and William Reay (2)

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/36/17

Creation dates: [1880]

Scope and Content

Section of strata in the exploratory drift at Ellen Pit

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/36/20 - 41

Creation dates: 1881

Extent and Form: 19 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B. Forster and William Mulcaster (6) and William Reay, (13)

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/36/36

Creation dates: 21 Oct 1881

Physical characteristics: 36 x 24cm.

Scope and Content

Plan of workings in Mr Reay's Royalty showing where pillars are to be removed, scale 2ch: 1"

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/36/42

Creation dates: April 1881

Scope and Content

Report re Mr Reay's Royalty at Rosegill including sections of seams, current workings, establishment and pillar working

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/36/45

Creation dates: 1882

Extent and Form: 11 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B. Forster and William Mulcaster (5) and William Reay (6)

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/36/55

Creation dates: nd

Physical characteristics: 28 x 30cm.

Scope and Content

Plan of Crosscannonby Parish taken from the 25" O.S. Plan

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/36/56

Creation dates: nd

Physical characteristics: 26 x 19cm.

Scope and Content

Incomplete sketch plan of workings, scale 2ch: 1"

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/36/57

Creation dates: 29 Aug 1879

Physical characteristics: 58 x 53cm.

Scope and Content

Plan and section of workings in Rosegill No 2 Pit, Crosby and Gilcruix Collieries, scale 2ch: 1"

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/2/37

Trevelyan

Creation dates: 1874 - 1883

Scope and Content

Letterbook re Longwitton Colliery: Greenleighton Quarry

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/2/38

Trevelyan

Creation dates: 1884 - 1887

Scope and Content

Letterbook re Longwitton Colliery: Greenleighton Quarry

Reference: NRO 3410/For/2/2/39

Trevelyan

Creation dates: 1888 - 1894

Scope and Content

Letterbook re Longwitton Colliery: Greenleighton Quarry