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

Forster Collection

NRO 3410/For/1

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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.

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/30](#)

Mining Royalties Commission

Creation dates: 1889 - 99

Extent and Form: 186 docs

Scope and Content

Volume containing correspondence and minutes of evidence re the Royal Commission on Mining Royalties, including the formation of a committee to represent the interests of the Mine Owners, 1889 - 1893

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/30/1](#)

Creation dates: 19 Aug 1889

Physical characteristics: Printed.

Scope and Content

Warrent appointing the Royal Commission to inquire into the subject of mining royalties

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/30/2-154](#)

Creation dates: 1889 - 1893

Extent and Form: 125 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B. Forster and Sidney Anning (2), R.W. Corber (1), John Daghish (14), David Dale (6), Matthew R. Griffith (1), Reginald Guthrie (5), N.T. Lawrence (2), Herbert Lyon, secretary to the Commission, (61), C. Mander (2), E.G. Marshall (5), R. Martin (2), J. Moore (4), A.G.V. Pale (2), R.C. Rawlins (2), Parker Rhodes (1), R. Alleyne Robinson (9), J.B. Simpson (1), W.B. Turner (2), J.S. Wall (2) and Oswald Walmsley (10), including claims for expenses, 1889 - 1893

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/30/25-26](#)

Creation dates: nd

Scope and Content

List of coal lessors in Northumberland and Durham

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/30/81](#)

Creation dates: c.1891

Extent and Form: 11 pp

Scope and Content

Notes re German mining law

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/30/91](#)

Creation dates: nd

Extent and Form: 14 pp

Scope and Content

Notes re terms of Cumberland Coal leases

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/30/155-157](#)

Creation dates: nd

Scope and Content

Lists of owners of coal royalties in Northumberland, Durham and Cleveland

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/30/162-169](#)

Creation dates: c.1889

Physical characteristics: Printed.

Scope and Content

Schedules of questions to be addressed to various colliery officers by the Commission, and list of secretaries of Mining Associations

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/30/172](#)

Creation dates: 1890

Scope and Content

Notes re wages paid in 1890

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/30/173-185](#)

Creation dates: 1892

Physical characteristics: Printed.

Scope and Content

Evidence to the Royal Commission on Mining Royalties

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/30/186](#)

Creation dates: 25 Nov 1889

Scope and Content

Letter from David Dale to Herbert Lyon

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/31](#)

Royal Commission Mining Royalties 1889, Northumberland and Durham Statistics,
Report on Mining Laws of the Australasian Colonies.

Creation dates: 1889-1890

Extent and Form: 95 docs

Scope and Content

Volume containing reports and correspondence compiled for the Royal Commission on Mining Royalties re royalty rents in Northumberland and Durham and royalties and general mining practices in Australasian Mines, 1889 - 1890

Items 1-44 relate to Mining Royalties Commission 1889-1890

Items 45-46 relate to Mining Royalties Commission, Australasian Colonies, 1890

Items 47-54 relate to New South Wales 1889-1890

Items 55-59 relate to Victoria 1890

Items 60-65 relate to Queensland 1890

Items 66-67 relate to New Zealand 1890

Items 68-73 relate to Australasia General 1890

Items 75-95 relate to Mining Royalties Commission Correspondence 1890

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/31/1](#)

Creation dates: March 1890

Extent and Form: 16 pp

Physical characteristics: Printed.

Scope and Content

Report of the committee for the investigation of mining rents and royalties

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/31/2](#)

Creation dates: 9 Nov 1889

Scope and Content

Letter from Oswald Walmesley to E. Gleadowe Marshall

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/31/3](#)

Creation dates: 1889

Extent and Form: 2 copies, 3pp

Physical characteristics: Printed.

Scope and Content

Queries to the committee of royalties commission re royalty rents

Reference: NRO 3410/For/3/31/4

Creation dates: nd

Scope and Content

Table of average rents

Note

Incomplete

Reference: NRO 3410/For/3/31/5

Creation dates: nd

Extent and Form: 13 pp

Scope and Content

Draft answers to queries from the Durham District

Reference: NRO 3410/For/3/31/6-13

Creation dates: nd

Scope and Content

Tables showing production and royalty and wayleave rents

Reference: NRO 3410/For/3/31/14

Creation dates: nd

Scope and Content

List of Northumberland Royalties and owners

Reference: NRO 3410/For/3/31/15-19

Creation dates: nd

Scope and Content

Calculations re rents

Reference: NRO 3410/For/3/31/20

Creation dates: nd

Scope and Content

Schedule of coal and wayleave rents for Durham Collieries

Reference: NRO 3410/For/3/31/21

Creation dates: 1889

Extent and Form: 60 pp

Physical characteristics: Printed.

Scope and Content

Replies to queries by the Mining Royalties Commission

Reference: NRO 3410/For/3/31/22

Creation dates: nd.[1890]

Extent and Form: 47 pp

Physical characteristics: Printed.

Scope and Content

Digest of replies to queries 21 above

Reference: NRO 3410/For/3/31/23

Creation dates: 24 June 1890

Scope and Content

Circular letter for John Darglish and J.B. Simpson

Reference: NRO 3410/For/3/31/24-43

Creation dates: July - Dec 1890

Scope and Content

Correspondence of T.E. Forster (junior) with J.B. Simpson and John Dalglish enclosing statements of royalty rents

Reference: NRO 3410/For/3/31/44

Creation dates: [1889]

Scope and Content

Statement of information required by the Mining Royalties Commission

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/45-46

Creation dates: 1890

Extent and Form: 16 pp. and 39pp.

Physical characteristics: Printed.

Scope and Content

Reports re mining law and practice in Australia and New Zealand, by T.E. Forster, (junior)

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/47-48

Creation dates: [1889]

Scope and Content

Notes of queries by the Royal Commission

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/49-52

Creation dates: 1890

Extent and Form: 4 letters

Scope and Content

Between T.E. Forster (junior) and Henry Trenchard (1) and Oswald Walmesley (3) reporting re mines in N.S.W

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/53

Creation dates: 1890

Scope and Content

List of southern collieries and notes re royalties

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/54

Creation dates: nd

Extent and Form: 5 pp

Physical characteristics: Printed.

Scope and Content

Synopsis of the Amending Land Bill

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/55-56

Creation dates: 1890

Scope and Content

Notes re mines in the Melbourne Districts including the history of the Ballarat Mines and the Sandhurst District

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/57

Creation dates: 17 March 1890

Scope and Content

Letter from Charles Stewart, Inspector of Mines

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/58

Creation dates: nd. [1890]

Scope and Content

Note re lease regulations in Victoria

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/59

Creation dates: 19 March 1890

Extent and Form: 6 pp

Scope and Content

Letter from T.E. Forster (junior) to Oswald Walmesley re mining in Victoria

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/60

Creation dates: nd. [post 1874]

Scope and Content

Notes re the Gold Fields Act, 1874 and re gold mining leases

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/61-62

Creation dates: 1890

Extent and Form: 2 letters

Scope and Content

From William Fryer, Brisbane re Queensland mining

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/63

Creation dates: nd. [c. 1890]

Physical characteristics: Printed.

Scope and Content

Proforma for application for a licence to prospect

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/65

Creation dates: 28 June 1890

Scope and Content

Letter to Oswald Walmesley re Queensland mining

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/66-67

Creation dates: March - April 1890

Scope and Content

Letter from T.E. Forster to the New Zealand Mines Dept re mining law with reply

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/68

Creation dates: 1884 - 1889

Scope and Content

Schedule of Acts re mining

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/69-72

Creation dates: nd.[1890]

Scope and Content

Notes re leases and value of minerals raised

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/73

Creation dates: 3 June 1890

Extent and Form: 12 pp

Scope and Content

Report re mining in Australia including metalliferous and coal mining

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/75-92

Creation dates: 1890

Extent and Form: 18 letters

Scope and Content

Between T.E. Forster (junior) and Oswald Walmesley (15), E. Gledowe Marshall (1), Richard Rawlins (2)

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/94

Creation dates: nd.[1890]

Extent and Form: 4 pp

Scope and Content

Queries from the Royal Commission re foreign mines

Reference: NRO 3410/3/31/95

Creation dates: nd.[1890]

Extent and Form: 18 pp

Physical characteristics: Printed.

Scope and Content

Replies to queries re foreign and colonial mines

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/32](#)

Springwell Hall Damages, 1891, Bagworth Royalty, Lord Brookes, 1889.

Creation dates: 1889-1891

Extent and Form: 100 DOCS

Scope and Content

Letters and papers re a dispute between Joseph H. Love of Springwell Hall and the Framwellgate Coal Co, agent John Shiel and Durham Main Colliery Owners, agent William Lishman, re damage alledged to have been done to the hall by colliery workings, submitted to the arbitration of G.B. Forster, 1891. Also Lord Brook's Coal Royalty, Bagworth, Leicestershire, 1889

Items 1 - 70 relate to Springwell Hall Damages 1891

Items 71 - 100 relate to Lord Brook's Coal Royalty, Bagworth, Leicestershire, 1889

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/32/1-52](#)

Creation dates: 1891

Extent and Form: 52 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B. Forster and Dees and Thompson (2), W. Lisham (8), Philipson, Cooper and Goodger (3), J & R.D. Proud, solicitors (6), Jos Potts (1), John Shiel (12) and W.O. Wood (20)

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/32/53-55](#)

Creation dates: nd. [1891]

Scope and Content

Notes re coal remaining under Springwell Hall by T. Bailes and depreciation of the property

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/32/56](#)

Creation dates: 1891

Scope and Content

Index to [NRO 3410/FOR/3/32/57](#)

Reference: NRO 3410/3/32/57

Creation dates: 1891

Extent and Form: 88 pp

Scope and Content

Transcripts of the evidence presented to arbitration

Reference: NRO 3410/3/32/58

Creation dates: nd. [1891]

Extent and Form: 14 pp

Physical characteristics: Typescript

Scope and Content

Transcripts of correspondence between Messrs Shiel and Wood and of evidence re the workings and the damage to Springwell Hall

Reference: NRO 3410/3/32/59-60, 64-65

Creation dates: 1891

Scope and Content

Notes and transcripts of evidence

Reference: NRO 3410/3/32/61-62

Creation dates: 14 Jan 1891

Extent and Form: 12 pp

Scope and Content

Estimates of the cost of repairing the damage

Reference: NRO 3410/3/32/66-70

Creation dates: [1891]

Scope and Content

Plans showing workings in the Hutton and Busty Seams, Framwellgate Colliery, under Springwell Hall, various scales

Reference: NRO 3410/3/32/71-97

Creation dates: 1889

Extent and Form: 25 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B.Forster and Lord Brooke (3) and J. Povey-Harper, agent to Lord Brooke, (22)

Reference: NRO 3410/3/32/80

Creation dates: Sept 1889

Extent and Form: 4 pp

Scope and Content

Report re Lady Brooke's Royalty at Bagworth, Leicestershire, including extent of the royalty, communications, section of seams, rents and available coal

Reference: NRO 3410/3/32/98

Creation dates: 17 Oct 1889

Scope and Content

Information given by J. Povey-Harper re the royalty

Reference: NRO 3410/3/32/99

Creation dates: nd

Scope and Content

Sections of strata at Bagworth

Reference: NRO 3410/3/32/100

Creation dates: nd

Physical characteristics: 73 x 53cm.

Scope and Content

Plan of the Bagworth Estate marking collieries, railways and level line,
scale 6": 1 mile

Reference: NRO 3410/3/33

Phillips v Homfrey, Bedwelty Colliery

Creation dates: 1889

Extent and Form: 240pp and 1 plan.

Scope and Content

Volume containing transcripts of court proceedings of the case in the High Court of Chancery of Phillips v Homfrey re a trespass at Bedwelty Colliery, Wales, including reports by George Baker Forster re quantities available and compensation with comments by Mr Forster Brown, 1889

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34](#)

Ushaw Moor and Hill Top Collieries Arbitration Co Durham

Creation dates: 1890

Extent and Form: 135 docs

Scope and Content

Volume of legal papers, correspondence, reports and plans re a dispute between Rev Charles Gillow, Rev William Wrennall and Rev Thomas Croskell and Henry Chaytor re the working of coal under Ushaw College with reference of the case to the arbitration of George Baker Forster, 1889 - 1890

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/1-98](#)

Creation dates: 1890

Extent and Form: 93 letters

Scope and Content

Between G.B. Forster and William Cochrane (2), Dees and Thompson (8), Alfred S. Dinning (2), William Hill (32), Roger Holliday (2), William Lishman (2), Messrs Lisle and Proud (10), T. Taylor Smith (25) and Percy Strzelecki (10), 1890

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/99](#)

Creation dates: nd. [1890]

Extent and Form: 4 pp

Scope and Content

Copy of the award of the umpire, including valuation of the damage

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/100](#)

Creation dates: 1890

Extent and Form: 39 pp

Scope and Content

Notes re the proceedings of the arbitration Jan - Feb 1890

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/101](#)

Creation dates: 31 Jan 1890

Extent and Form: 16 pp

Scope and Content

Transcript of the proceedings of the arbitration, evidence of Mr Dinning, James Ray and Mr Fleming

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/102](#)

Creation dates: 13 Feb 1890

Extent and Form: 53 pp

Scope and Content

As above, evidence of Mr Dinning, Mr Fleming, Mr Pallister, William Dixon, Francis Coulson, Roger Holliday and Peter Lonsdale and valuation of damages

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/103](#)

Creation dates: 14 Feb 1890

Extent and Form: 49 pp

Scope and Content

As above, evidence of William Cochrane, Peter Lonsdale, George Robson, Mr Pallister and Thomas Taylor Smith

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/104](#)

Creation dates: 27 Feb 1890

Extent and Form: 30 pp

Scope and Content

As above, evidence of William Cochrane and Thomas Taylor Smith

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/105](#)

Creation dates: 28 Feb 1890

Extent and Form: 50 pp

Scope and Content

As above, evidence of H.T. Pierson, William Lishman, Thomas Douglas

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/106](#)

Creation dates: 13 March 1890

Extent and Form: 35 pp

Scope and Content

As above, evidence of William Hill

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/107](#)

Creation dates: 14 Feb 1890

Physical characteristics: 28 x 28cm.

Scope and Content

Plan showing the workings [under Ushaw Moor], scale 2ch: 1", noted by George Baker Forster

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/108](#)

Creation dates: 21 June 1890

Extent and Form: 12 pp

Scope and Content

Draft award by George Baker Forster re the arbitrations

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/109](#)

Creation dates: [1890]

Physical characteristics: 43 x 35cm.

Scope and Content

Plan of workings in the Busty Seam, Ushaw Moor Colliery, scale 2ch: 1"

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/110](#)

Creation dates: 13 Feb 1890

Physical characteristics: 25 x 50cm.

Scope and Content

Section of the road from Hill Top to Ushaw Colliery, scales 60': 1" by William Dixon, surveyor

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/111](#)

Creation dates: c.1890

Extent and Form: 3 pp

Scope and Content

Copy of NRO 3410/3/34/99 with alterations

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/112](#)

Creation dates: 1890

Scope and Content

Copy of NRO 34103/34/107

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/113](#)

Creation dates: [1890]

Extent and Form: 20 pp

Scope and Content

Notes re calculations of damages

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/114](#)

Creation dates: 22 Feb 1890

Physical characteristics: 30 x 36cm.

Scope and Content

Plan of Hill Top and Finnings, no scale, G.B.F

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/115](#)

Creation dates: [1890]

Scope and Content

Note of points to be raised in deciding the award [1890]

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/116](#)

Creation dates: [1890]

Extent and Form: 3 pp

Scope and Content

Analysis of questions put to G.B. Forster [1890]

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/117-118](#)

Creation dates: [Feb 1890]

Extent and Form: 3 pp

Scope and Content

Statements of claims for compensation for damage

Reference: [NRO 3410/3/34/119](#)

Creation dates: 3 May 1890

Scope and Content

Notes from Thomas Taylor Smith re measurements of barriers

Reference: NRO 3410/3/34/120

Creation dates: [1890]

Extent and Form: 3 pp

Scope and Content

Answers to queries (? 116 above)

Reference: NRO 3410/3/34/121

Creation dates: 18 June 1888

Scope and Content

Estimate of the cost of repairing the shaft

Reference: NRO 3410/3/34/122

Creation dates: 13 March 1890

Scope and Content

Notes re Mr Smith's and Mr Hill's addresses

Reference: NRO 3410/3/34/123

Creation dates: 16 April 1890

Scope and Content

Notes re a visit to Ushaw Moor Colliery

Reference: NRO 3410/For/3/34/124

Creation dates: 20 June 1888

Scope and Content

Letter from Thomas Taylor Smith to Henry Chaytor re Hill Top

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/34/125](#)

Creation dates: 13 March 1890

Extent and Form: 2 pp

Scope and Content

Summary of the claim for damages

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/34/126](#)

Creation dates: 18 June 1889

Extent and Form: 3 pp

Scope and Content

Report re Hill Top Colliery by F. Coulson

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/34/127](#)

Creation dates: 14 Feb 1890

Scope and Content

Details of the consumption of water at Ushaw College

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/34/128-130](#)

Creation dates: Feb 1890

Extent and Form: 9 pp

Scope and Content

Notes and claims re damages by Roger Holliday, F. Coulson, Peter Lonsdale and William Cochrane

Reference: [NRO 3410/For/3/34/131-134](#)

Creation dates: 1890

Extent and Form: 4 plans

Scope and Content

Of workings under Ushaw Moor, various scales

Reference: NRO 3410/For/3/34/135

Creation dates: 22 Nov 1889

Extent and Form: 12 pp

Scope and Content

Agreement by Charles Gillow, William Wrennall and Thomas Croskell to submit the award to the arbitration of George Baker Forster