

U DX373

**Papers relating to Thomas Thompson
and family**

c.1800s-1959

Accession number: 2013/20

Historical Background:

Thomas Perronet Thompson was born in Kingston upon Hull on 15 March 1783. His father, Thomas Thompson, was working in the mercantile house of William Wilberforce (grandfather of the anti-slavery campaigner) when his eldest son was born. His father had a very successful career as a merchant and banker and was able to build, from the proceeds, a vast castellated gothic Georgian house, known locally as 'Cottingham castle'. Thomas Thompson entered parliament in 1807 as Tory MP for Midhurst in Sussex and worked closely with William Wilberforce (the younger) to get the African slave trade banned by act of parliament later that year.

The Thompson family was Methodist. T. P. Thompson's mother, Philothea Perronet Thompson nee Briggs had received letters from John Wesley as a child because both her parents, William Briggs and Elizabeth Briggs nee Perronet, and her maternal grandfather, Vincent Perronet, were friendly with John Wesley. Thomas Thompson, himself a Methodist preacher, was advised by Wesley to marry Philothea (Johnson, pp.10-11).

For more biographical details of Thomas Perronet Thompson, please see U DTH.

Custodial history:

Donated by Arthur Robinson (great-great-great grandson of Thomas Perronet Thompson)

Description:

This small collection includes handwritten notes and letters relating to various Thompson family members including Thomas Thompson, his father Francis Thompson, his son Thomas Perronet Thompson and his daughter-in-law Philothea Thompson. There is also an account of the life of John Vincent Thompson, poems written on the death of Captain Charles William Thompson, two pedigrees of the Perronet-Briggs-Thompson family and a manuscript copy of the will of Thomas Thompson.

Extent: 8 items

Related material:

Papers of Thomas Perronet Thompson [U DTH]

Access conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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| U DX373/1 | Notebooks of Sarah Isabella Sidgwick and Mary Isabel Hughes
Includes two notebooks, one containing notes relating to and recollections of various Thompson family members by Sarah Isabella Sidgwick, and one containing notes relating to various Thompson family members by Mary Isabel Hughes.
1 item | c.1800s |
| U DX373/2 | File. Edith Thompson papers
Includes handwritten notes by or compiled by Edith Thompson relating to Thomas Thompson and his wife Philothea Perronet Briggs, Francis Thompson (father of Thomas Thompson) and various members of the Briggs family; a handwritten letter from Isabel Sidgwick to Edith Thompson relating to Isabel's parents and recent ancestors, and a photocopy of a letter from Edith Thompson to her Aunt Lily relating to her visit to Swine and a description of Owbrough Grange, the childhood home of Thomas Thompson.
1 file | c. 1896 |
| U DX373/3 | Poems written on the death of Captain Charles William Thompson
Includes handwritten poems relating to the death of Captain Charles William Thompson in the siege of San Sebastian (1813) by John Vincent Thompson and an unknown author, with typescript copies.
1 item | 1813-1814 |
| U DX373/4 | Booklet. 'Explication du Catechisme de l'Eglise Anglicane, tiree de divers auteurs'
Published in 'Guernesey' and marked with 'T.P.E. Thompson 1828'. Written in French.
1 item | 1817 |
| U DX373/5 | Will of Thomas Thompson
Handwritten will of Thomas Thompson written after the death of his wife and daughter.
1 item | 1824 |
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| U DX373/6 | File. Pedigrees of Perronet-Briggs-Thompson Family
Includes two copies of pedigrees of the Perronet-Briggs-Thompson family.
1 file | c.1896 |

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| U DX373/7 | Account of John Vincent Thompson
Handwritten account of the life of John Vincent Thompson by
his grandson Herbert William Thompson.
1 item | c.1930s |
| U DX373/8 | Letter. Jessie Thompson to Aunt Isabel
Handwritten letter relating to the life of Thomas Perronet
Thompson.
1 item | 12 Oct
1959 |