

AB1091 Papers of Hewitt Family, 1789-1972

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276 Items

A GENEALOGIES 4 Items 1789-1891

A1 A history of genealogy collected and arranged by Rev. James Alexander Hewitt DCL Cape of Good Hope 1891, dating from AD716-1788 followed by poem 'Roslin Castle' composed by Richard Hewitt in 1754. There was a predominance of clerics among the Hewitts, the most illustrious being James Hewitt who became Lord Lifford, Viscount & Baron of Ireland 1709-1789.

A2 A genealogical, historical and personal record of the Cumberland Hewitts. Known as "Statesmen" the highest form of regard in the North. There are no less than 13 lines from which descendants may exist. Scattered during the Civil Wars in reign of Charles I.

A3 A collection of genealogies relating to Hewitt, Chichele, Henschman, Garcia and others all related to Hewitts, mostly by marriage.

A4 An account of the "Issue of Richard and Sarah Hewitt married 28 April 1789, Son of Robert Hewitt of Rockliff by May his wife" and an account of the "Issue of Henry, son of Richard Hewitt of Islington and his wife Alison Harrison married at Cape Town 26 March 1829", James Alexander being the ninth out of their ten children, born 13 August 1843 at Kloof Cottage. These accounts were given as a gift to Henry Hewitt by his sister 12 July 1837.

B CORRESPONDENCE 49 Items 1838 Feb 9 – 1972 May 16

B1 Various correspondence including letters from Lord Lifford (Mar, Jun 187)) to James Hewitt, concerning the genealogy of the Hewitt family; J P Earwaker (1893), J E C Kayne, R C Hart and others, from Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury, 15 June 1908, granting him permission to officiate in Archbishop Temple's province, to James Hewitt from F Parminter of Royston, Herts. 1901 Sep 5; 3 black-edged letters to James from E. Squibb 1901; letters from James to his grandmother 1838 Feb. 9.

B2 Rev HAC Hewitt 23 Items

From Dean King to Rev H A C Hewitt 29 March 1968, acknowledging receipt of "letters, photographs and other most interesting remains with regard to the Cathedral – Diocese in earlier days" deposited in the Diocesan Archives; from members of the Consultative council, St Peter's Home, Grahamstown, 5 April 1959, thanking him for his Wardenship; letter of thanks from Mother Superior Dorothea C R, St Peter's for saying Jubilee Mass in Chapel and for cheque, 19 Dec 1954; from Edith C R also wishing him for his Jubilee; from Archibald, Bp of Grahamstown expressing regret at his resignation as Archdeacon, 28 Nov 1956; from Bishop of Grahamstown in gratitude for his work and service as Archdeacon and best wishes for the future, 31 Dec 1956; thanks from Bishop of Grahamstown for gift and services to him, the friend he would miss most, 23 Jun 1959; thanks from Sybil Thorndike for his Church Xmas Card, 24 Dec 1928; condolences from Cecil, Bishop of Mashonaland on the death of his wife; from Diocesan Secretary re report from Synod at Port Elizabeth on its appreciation of his long and devoted service;

from Town Clerk, East London expressing regret at Rev Hewitt's severance from the Council and that appreciation of his services be entered upon the Minutes; from Alan -----?, Sun Insurance Office congratulating him on being elected MW and assuring him he would attend his installation; to Mrs Eileen Hewitt, daughter-in-law of Rev H A C Hewitt from St John's Rose Croix Chapter telling her that he had been unanimously elected an Hon Member of the Chapter, and includes agenda with her letter informing them of his accident to his leg; from Thistle Lodge granting him life membership in recognition of his services to the Order.

C MEMORANDA 9 Items 1825 – 1958

2 copies of the Consecration of Holy Trinity Church, Port Elizabeth, centenary year 1857 – 1957, Oct 19/20th 1957; 2 Phillimore's Pedigree Forms (one not used) of Hewitt and Henschman Families; TS. "The New Dean of Salisbury", Bishop Webb, probably written by James Hewitt in 1900; heading of Minutes of Meeting at Albany School Board of which Rev H A C Hewitt was chairman 4 Jul 1950; list of services for Easter 1958, St James Church, Graaff Reinet; telegram from Lifford to Rev Hewitt on father's death; frontispiece of The Plays of Shakespeare, London 1825.

D NOTEBOOKS AND NOTES 33 Items

D1 Notebooks 15 Items

3 Albums of hand-written poetry anthology, notebook of 'Riddles, Enigmas, Charades, Conundrums and Puzzles' written by Henry Hewitt; notebook of 'monumental inscriptions'; notebook belonging to James Hewitt, Cape town, 1862, of people bearing the name Hewitt, arranged in alphabetical order according to Christian names; 5 handwritten books of sermons given to James Hewitt; exercise book of clerical notes diarised, of James Hewitt, headed 1904 Jan 12. Account breaks off after entry of Sat 23rd; an account of the Church in British Kaffraria from the earliest times; a history of the Division of Worcester (1887) from prehistoric times, road and bridges, civil history, the English Church at Worcester; Graaff Reinet.

D2 Notes 18 Items

King Williamstown July 1909; lecture on Cape English and account in P.E. Telegraph (TS); handwritten notes and extracts from various historical sources relating to the first confirmation at the Cape (after 300 years when Bartholomew Diaz landed at Algoa Bay 14 Sep 1487, and offered the 'Holy Sacrifice' in South Africa), the Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette proclaimed the conferring of Confirmation on 500 British persons by the Bishop of Calcutta on his way to India, in the DRC in Cape Town, 22 Oct 1827; loose notes and jottings in notebook relating to the Hottentot language by James Hewitt including 'Hottentot words and place names arranged under their suffixes', 'Classification of Hottentot words collected in various parts of the Western Province', an account of river names in South Africa "which can only be accounted for by tracing them back to Hottentot times", and letter from J Cullen to Rev Huet of Riversdale concerning Hottentot words collected by him; rough jottings (in chronological order) from 1683 to 1800 with entries of the names of the Hewitt family; beginnings of Tarkastad; the Anglican Church in the British Empire; articles and minor communications; English and Latin proverbs; derivation of names; on the publication of Leigh of ..... 's "Lord Byron – some of his Contemporaries"; notes on Bishop Henschman; extract from appeal by John Henschman to the Archbishop of Canterbury; page birth and baptismal notes on Robert William, Florence Henschman, Edith Constance [Hewitt?]; list of books, pamphlets etc relating to Dr John Hewitt; log line; Hewitts in Norfolk origins and others.

E HEWITT EPHEMERA 31 Items 1830 Oct 27 – 1922 July 18

2 Cards inscribed 'In memory of Henry Hewitt, died 23 Nov. 1870, aged 36 years' and 'In memory of Henry Hewitt, die 12 Sep. 1869, aged 72 years'; signature of Aletta Johanna Hewitt given at Cradock 1902; handwritten certificate (in Dutch) of baptism of Aletta Johanna Garcia, signed 19 Mar 1877 (Georgestad); marriage certificate of James Hewitt and Aletta Garcia, Riversdale 1877; signature of John Hewitt 1802; signatures of Mary Hewitt, G Hewitt, R Hewitt, Mary Hewitt; signature of S Hewitt, Mar 1802; invitation to Rev J A Hewitt, Riversdale, from His Excellency and Lady Frere to lunch at Government House; envelope addressed to James A Hewitt, St Augustine's College, Canterbury, with the Archbishop of Canterbury's wax seal (1870); postcard to Rev Dr Hewitt, Trinity House, Port Elizabeth from the Rector of Heidelberg, May 1894;

Deacon's Licence to Preach given by Robert, Cape Town to James Alexander Hewitt, 6 Mar 1871 for the parish of All Saints, Bredasdorp (with Archbishop's dry seal); notice given of James Hewitt's intention to offer himself as candidate for Deacon, witnessed 29 Jan 1871; testimonial addressed to Robert, Cape Town, signed by the clergy of Cape Town on behalf of James Alexander Hewitt, student of St Augustine's College, Canterbury and candidate for office of deacon 31 Jan 1871; part of a book cover with "Hy Hewitt, Apsley Academy, Bedfordshire, near Wobun" inscribed; 5 hand-painted playing-cards, the work of Mary Hewitt, daughter of James Hewitt; confirmation certificate of Henry Alexander Chichele Hewitt, 18 Dec 1892 in Holy Trinity Church, Port Elizabeth; Last Will and Testament of Henry Hewitt 27 Oct 1830 in Henry Hewitt's handwriting; programme of installation and investiture at Concordia Lodge; autographed card of annual festival of installation of W M and investiture of officers 9 Oct 1919 Concordia Lodge;

programme of ceremony of installation 18 Jul 1922 Panmure Mark Lodge 435 with Wor. Bro. H A C Hewitt installing Master; Hewitt voting card; Calling card – Mrs & 2 Miss Hewitts, Cradock; invitation card to installation of H A C Hewitt as S W (W M Elect) Concordia Lodge; card in memory of Richard Hewitt, died 6 Dec 1872 aged 86 years; confirmation card of Aletta Johanna Garcia Sep 15 1876; memorial of First Mass – H A C Hewitt, Dec 19 1904.

F MISCELLANEOUS 22 Items 1824

4 notes on crests and 17 crests cut from envelopes and letters; extract from the British Volunteer, 26 Jun 1824.

G PRESS CUTTINGS 70 Items 1858 – 1973

Scrapbook of press cuttings with births and deaths notices and civil history of the Worcester area, church missions, Lodge notices, mostly featuring the Rev H A C Hewitt and J A Hewitt; foundation stone laid by Archdeacon A C Hewitt of Kidds Beach Church; extracts from Notes and Queries Sep - Dec 1858 concerning Hewitt family of Amptill and Millbrook; notice (in Dutch) recording death of “de Heer Henry Hewitt” Cape Town 1869 Sep 14; page of The Gospel Missionary, 1874 of an account by Rev J A Hewitt S P G Missionary at Bredasdorp, entitled “Parish Visiting at the Cape”; newspaper clipping, Sep 1899 – ‘Freemasonry, Midland Lodge, The Foundation Stone of the New Temple with a synopsis of a speech given by James Hewitt on ‘Freemasonry from a social point of view’, G R Advertiser; clipping from the Graaff Reinetter (in Dutch), Sep 1899 also on the ‘Foundation Stone of the New Temple’;

synopsis of a lecture given at the meeting by James Hewitt ‘on the local uses of a Public Library’ in Grahamstown Journal Feb 7 1900 headed Grahamstown Public Library, The Annual Meeting (1900); account of lecture in Eastern Province Herald May 1900 by Rev Canon Hewitt on ‘Cape English’; galley proof of a printed essay ‘The literature of South Africa’; account of lecture ‘The Literature of South Africa’ in Port Elizabeth Telegraph and Eastern Province Standard, Nov 19 1891; newspaper account of the restored Higham Ferrers Church and College, Northamptonshire where Archbishop of Canterbury Henry Chichele in 1407 was baptised and which he endowed; Chichele’s kin funeral notice of the late Bishop of London in Fulham; account of career of Rear-Admiral Sir Wm Hewitt, KCE, VC; university hood assigned to St Augustine’s College, Canterbury; an appreciation from a Sister CR on Father Hewitt As Warden of the Community of the Resurrection from 1938; a tribute to Archdeacon Henry Alexander Chichele Hewitt 1878 – 1973;

a tribute to Mary Jane Hutchings, blind and deaf workhouse inmate whose initiative started the SPG Five Shilling Fund for the training of missionaries; Archdeacon Hewitt’s departure to Cape Town after 52 years in Grahamstown Diocese; his farewell to the congregation of Christ Church, Grahamstown; death notice of Mrs I M Hewitt, wife of Rev H A C Hewitt and his resignation from Grahamstown to Cape Town in Newsletter, Oct 1960, p 113; Newsletter Nov 1960 – Diocesan changes, including H A C Hewitt at 44th session of Diocesan Synod in St Hugh’s Church, Port Elizabeth; Daily Dispatch – photograph of Archdeacon H A C Hewitt at Peddie Town Hall at his farewell luncheon; Newsletter, Dec 1960, Fr Hewitt agreed to come out of retirement to help out and take temporary charge during illness of Rector of Holy Trinity, Port Elizabeth;

Grocott’s Daily Mail, 22 Mar 1960 – an alphabetical address given by Rev Fr H C Hewitt at Graeme Founders Day Service; George Town 22 July 1896 – Mr Hewitt introduced as First Assistant to Boy’s Public School; death notice of Inger Magdalene Hewitt 16 Aug 1960; polling of ratepayers to elect representative to Town Council, Rev H A C Hewitt being the one contestant; result of election in Rev Hewitt’s favour; Daily Dispatch, East London 8 May 1928 ‘The Parish of Peter’ by H A C Hewitt, Peddie Settlers Day celebrations – photograph of Rev H A C Hewitt dedicating memorial stone; page entitled ‘Message from the Visitor’ with reference to Fr H A C Hewitt as Acting Warden; St Peter’s Church News, Jul 1958 – Centenary of church with gratitude to Father Hewitt for his help; results of municipal election in favour of Rev H A C Hewitt; Archdeacon Hewitt’s departure to Cape Town; the Noble Army of the Aged – Rev H A C Hewitt, aged 88; page from Grahamstown Training College Magazine re Father Hewitt and his photograph overleaf;

page from Newsletter, Jul 1957 – Rev H A C Hewitt's service to St Peter's, East London; West Bank memorial 'In Memory of The Fallen' service conducted by Rev Mr Hewitt; farewell to Rector of St Mary's, Tarkastad; presentation at tennis tea at Railway Camp, Graaff Reinet; has obtained a position as railway missionary between Pretoria and Komatipoort; given a purse of gold before leaving for Pretoria by the adherents of the Episcopal Church in Graaff Reinet; welcome to St Peter's, West Bank; receipt of BA degree, Oxford Jul 11; welcome to Rev H E Rowley and farewell to Mr Hewitt who delivered parting address in St James Church, Graaff Reinet; Newsletter Jul 1957 – tribute to Rev H A C Hewitt 1912 – 1938 in East London; Grahamstown Training College Magazine, photograph and tribute to Fr Hewitt's service as Warden 1938 – 48; 2 obituaries to late Canon J A Hewitt; Rev Dr Hewitt at Umzintzani Diner of Prince Alfred's Guard, Port Elizabeth Advertiser Dec 8 1894; Dr Ross's lecture on 'Social Realities' at the Mechanics Institute;

a children's entertainment held in Trinity Church in which Miss A Hewitt as Cinderella and Master H Hewitt as Fairy Godmother took part; obituary to Lord Elibank; a favourite Dutch hymn; funeral report on death of Mrs Aletta Johanna Hewitt, wife of Canon Hewitt; obituary to Viscountess Beaconsfield, wife of Benjamin Disraeli; children's entertainment at Trinity Church arranged by Miss Garcia – H Hewitt in the witches' scene, Milly Hewitt as Winter, and in Beauty and the Beast, H Hewitt as Pascha, a merchant, a Hewitt, a daughter; R35 presented to Dr & Mrs Hewitt by the ladies of Trinity Church on account of much sickness in the family; Worcester Weekly News, 1881 June 30 – to turn Drostdy into a reformatory?; The Athenaeum 1892 Mar 5 – A Dictionary of Hymnology; sketches of English Church History in South Africa 1795 – 1848 by J A Hewitt; Worcester – Own Poet's views;

tribute by correspondent to J A Hewitt; book sale of library of Mr Henry Hewitt including valuable collection of Minerals and Shells; election of Rev Dr Hewitt to Grahamstown Cathedral as Canon; decorative pavement tiles from Caen; Dr Hewitt's views on humiliation and prayer; Canon Hewitt's life and work in Grahamstown; obituary to Canon J A Hewitt; The Oxford Magazine 1901 Mar 13, p 276, Mr H A C Hewitt (Keble) attacked opposer for uncharitableness in condemning Boers, also 1899 Nov 8, p 66, he spoke as an Africander; The Isis 1899 Nov 4, p 46, spoke as a man of Boer descent, also 1901 Mar 9, p 224, characterised opposer's description of Boer character as cruel, superficial and unjust.

## H MAPS 2 Items

H.1 Map of the 'Route of the Rebels of the Country Adjacent to Carlisle' by G Smith. (The Cumberland Hewitts were settled at Rockliff in the neighbourhood of Carlisle in the early part of the 17th century).

H.2 Rough ground plan of Kloof Cottage, Clifton.

## I PICTORIAL 51 Items (Stored in Room 27)

Collection of old photographs, family, clergy (mostly unidentified) which includes J A Hewitt, H Hewitt, Morris Garcia (father-in-law of J A H), Mrs J Hewitt, Archbishop Phelps of Cape Town, Bishop Webb – Dean of Salisbury; churches; Tarkastad, CP; bible – frontispiece; photographed copies of baptismal and marriage certificates in the Chapel, East London 1858; SS Mesaba; printed card of portrait de Vén Antoine-Sylvestre Receveur; hand-painted coat-of-arms; hand-painted Italian sketches (2 mutilated); negative; print of Rev John Hewitt; 2 religious cards of Christ – Pax statue.

## J PUBLICATIONS 4 Items

Canterbury Cathedral Chronicle No 31 Oct 1938 with article on Henry Chichele, Archbishop of Canterbury and Founder of All Souls College, Oxford, 1414 – 1443. The Hewitts are descended from his brother, William.

Gentleman's Magazine and Historical Review, June 1861, containing origin of the name of Hewett and its variations.

The Parson His Catechism

Local gleanings relating to Lancashire and Cheshire, printed in Manchester Dec 1876 containing several accounts of the life of Dr John Hewytt, executed 1658.

## K LITURGY 1 Item

One prayer book and hymnal in leather case.

Newsletter Jul 1957-Tribute to Rev.HAC Hewitt 1912-1938 in London; Grahamstown Training College Magazine, Photograph.

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The Anglican Church in the British Empire; articles- minor communications; English and Latin proverbs; derivation of names; on the publication of Leigh of Cunt's "Lord Byron- some of his contemporaries; notes on Bishop Henchman's extract from appeal by John Henchman to the Archbishop of Canterbury; page birth. Baptismal notes on Robert William, Florence Henchman, Edith Constans [Hewitt?]; list of books, pamphlets etc relating to Dr. John Hewitt; log line, Hewitts in Norfolk origins and others.