

## Samuel Evans, and others

Includes papers of Beit (will); Sir C. J. Quinton Brand; Central Mines Rifle Association; J. W. Lawrance; Frank Raleigh; John Martin; Capt A. J. Crosby; J. Hennen Jennings

### Pamphlet boxes

[Box 1]: Personal papers A-Z (incl. photocopy of Beit's will). Contents:

[1]. A photocopy of the will of Alfred Beit.

[2]. [Papers of Sir C. J. Quinton Brand]. Letters, a photograph, press cuttings and photocopies of these, concerning Sir C. J. Quinton Brand. Brand started work at Rand Mines in 1909 aged 16. He joined the Royal Flying Corps as a member of the Overseas Contingent in 1915 and was awarded the M.C., the D.F.C. and then the D.S.O. for bravery. After the war he was released by Rand Mines to return to Britain where he joined the R.A.F., reaching the rank of Wing Commander in 1929. He is best known for making the first London-Cape Town air flight in 1920 with Pierre van Ryneveld, for which both men were knighted by the King.

[3]. Central Mines Rifle Association Shooting Trophies. Insurance policy (Lloyds) . 500 pounds

[4]. J. W. Lawrance papers. Lawrance was the Native Labour Advisor to the Rand Mines. The papers are all to do with labour conditions on the mines, e.g. rations, health, safety.

[5]. Frank Raleigh – Y.W.C.A. & Hope Home. 6 letters

[6]. File printed: High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa, marked: War Expenditure – post 1930 – Mr. John Martin. John Martin was Chairman of the Argus Printing & Publishing Co. and a resident Director of the Central Mining and Investment Corporation Ltd. Contains letters from Lieut.-General Sir Pierre van Ryneveld, Brigadier E. Williamson, J. C. Smuts, etc. about the Great Britain/South Africa financial settlement after the Second World War.

[7]. File headed: Southern African Conference. John Martin. Post 1930. Secret. Contains correspondence of 1943-4 with regard to the holding of “a Conference of African Administrations from the Equator south for the purpose of consulting over common African interest and mutual aid in development...” This was first suggested by Sir Godfrey Huggins, the Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia and taken up by the Prime Minister of South Africa. London did not fully approve, and it is not clear whether the conference was held.

[8]. [Personal papers of John Martin]. These include an original letter from Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General of Canada (John Buchan), written in 1938, a copy of the lend-lease agreement between Britain and the U.S.A. presented to Congress in 1942, and a letter from the editor of the Manchester Guardian. There are also several obituaries of Martin.

[Box 2]: [Papers of Dr. Samuel Evans, Chairman of Crown Mines]. Contents: 10 files tied with tape and some loose correspondence.

[File 1]: Press cuttings, shorthand notes, some letters and documents concerned with the gold price, gold production, etc.

[File 2]: Native Labour, Health, Feb. 1913-1937+. Reports and letters, concentrating largely on the difference between conditions for workers in Panama and those for workers on the Rand.

Loose letters to and from correspondents such as Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, Sir Julius Wernher, E. J. Griffiths, H. Eckstein.

[File 3]: Letters on the diet and health of mine workers, with particular regard to pneumonia and tuberculosis; the colour bar, etc

[File 4]: Politics – Relief Funds, 1895/6; Reform moot. Notes and letters.

[File 5]: Politics: 1.) Reform Committee, 1895, etc. 2.) Kruger “set-up”, 1898-1899. Contains a copy of the Star for January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1896, covering the Jameson Raid; and a memorandum on the franchise.

[File 6]: Politics, March-Aug, 1899. Letters discuss the uitlander question; a page from the Transvaal Leader, for June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1899, on the question of the uitlander franchise; a petition to the Queen on the former; letters to Sir Percy Fitzpatrick reporting the latest events.

[File 7]: Politics, Jan. 1900-May. Includes a letter from Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, and a directive for refugees from the Anglo-Boer War.

[File 8]: Politics, June & July, 1900. Includes a copy of the Johannesburg Gazette issued under military authority, for June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1900, containing a proclamation by Lord Roberts, a police notice imposing curfews and restricting the sale of alcohol; and a notice restraining mining activities. Evans was the Chairman of the Uitlander Committee, Durban and at one point joined Lord Roberts’ staff.

[File 9]: Politics, Aug 1900-1903. Letters, notes and reports dealing with the refugees; a plot by the government to blow up the mines; Lord Milner’s interview with the Uitlander Committee; war debt.

[File 10]: Politics, 1904- Jan 1908. Contains Notes on the constitutional problem in the Transvaal; some letters written later on (e.g. letters to and from J. C. Smuts in 1929, 1932).

**[Box 3]:** Capt A. J. Crosby: private collection. Contents: 4 clear plastic sleeves of photographs; a report; an agreement; and a brown ringbinder

### Photographs

[Sleeve 1]: Crosby Collection (printed from negs). M’babane. Swaziland Tin (T.C.L.), 1913. Jarvis Garrard, Consulting Engineer for T.C.L. Photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Garrard, diggings.

[Sleeve 2]: Crosby Collection (printed from negs). Barberton. Exploration of T.C.L. Properties, 1913 Photographs of E. C. Godfrey, founder of Consort Mine, and two helpers; and men walking along the hillside.

[Sleeve 3]: Crosby collection (printed from his negs). Pilgrim’s Rest ca. 1914. Photographs of the diggings, e.g. mining headgear; small houses and a round hut being built; a team of oxen with a car following it; a couple of miners with pans; a road lined with temporary looking houses, gum trees and a telegraph pole – ‘Entering Pilgrim’s Rest from Graskop’ written on another copy.

[Sleeve 4]: Photographs donated by Mr. Crosby. [ Possibly Martin Crosby, architect of Barlow Park?]. Some of these are original, some modern prints. They seem to have been taken between 1910 and 1914. There are also some contemporary postcards. They include photographs of the Lisbon-Berlin waterfall; the T.G.M.E. reduction works in 1910; a line-up of the workers sinking Peachtree Shaft; the Pilgrim's Rest Coach moving off towards Kruger's Post; the residence of the Peach Tree Syndicate at Pilgrim's Rest, 1914; a Mr. Himmelblau; the 'Norcan Mine battery – A. J. T. Crosby manager, Mr. Jack engineer –'; 'the railway line leaving Sabie – just opened to traffic'; the Vaalhoek Mine; various views.

Report. The report is a copy of the original written for A. J. Crosby by H. Wohler in 1896 on a property 'known as "Maurice Green's Mining Leases"' in British Zululand. It includes a rough sketch of the property.

Agreement. An agreement drawn up in April, 1913. The envelope is marked: Captain A. J. Crosby. Peachtree Agreement

Ringbinder. Contains a typed copy of 'The Boer Campaign, 1899-1900: a diary of the Siege of Ladysmith and later campaigning', by Captain A. J. Crosby

#### **Hard-backed exercise book – Dams & earthen embankments**

The full title is: Facts & opinions concerning the construction of earthen embankments and dams, compiled for J. Hennen Jennings, Esquire, etc., by Harry D. Griffiths

**Pamphlet box: Evans' papers; (letters from Sir Edgar Vincent) Also est. gold refinery and mint. Plans of alterations to house, cnr Queen's St & Jubilee Road.** Contains 10 green files tied with ribbon; architect's plans. These are further papers of Dr. Samuel Evans, Chairman of Crown Mines.

[File 1]D 205: Contains letters, mementoes, newspaper cuttings, articles, speeches, etc., e.g. the passenger list on the R.M.S. Briton, sailing for England via Madeira, from Cape Town in April, 1901 – on board is Samuel Evans and also Mr. Rudyard Kipling and family; a certificate of registration issued to Samuel Evans by the British Consulate in Constantinople in 1895; a temporary passport issued by the British Department of Foreign Affairs in 1912 allowing Mr. and Mrs. Evans to travel to the U.S.A. and South America; a statement of expenses for a wedding that took place in Wrexham, in 1835, addressed to "Mr. Evans, Farmer, Bryn yr Owen", which included an amount for 7 shillings ' for Gilding the Ox's Horns'; correspondence from the days Evans worked in Egypt and Turkey; obituaries of Evans; articles on Sir Edgar Vincent and letters from him; a newspaper picture of the Dominion's Royal Commission showing Sir Edgar Vincent and Sir Rider Haggard; letters from J. Herbert Curle, Catherine Eckstein, John X. Merriman and others; articles on labour and health by Evans; correspondence after his death on the possibility of his biography being written.

[File 2]D 263: Letters from Sir Edgar Vincent (Lord d'Aberon) to Dr. Samuel Evans, 6/4/1896 - 11/9/1896  
Written on cover: 'Request & consent for SE to join Ecksteins'.

[File 3]D 263: [As above], 18/9/1896 – 27/11/1896

[File 4]D 263: [As above], 3/1/1897 – 19/3/1897

[File 5]D 236 [sic]: [As above], 13/3/1897 – 25/9/1897

[File 6]D 263: [As above], 25/9/1897 – 2/12/1897

[File 7]D 263: [As above], Jan 1898 – March 1898

[File 8]D 263: [As above], 28/3/98 – 10/6/98

[File 9]D 263: [as above], 3/6/98 – Dec. 1898

[File 10] Dr. Samuel Evans, Jan 1903 – 1933. Corresp. Consolidated Goldfields of S A.

**Architects' plans:** Two sets of plans for Evans' house in Park Town

**Books.** 14 letter books; Rand Mines Limited Interim Report, 1899; a book stamped F. Eckstein racing account; a cash book labeled: 1896-99 (for the racing account); and a ledger, also dealing with racing expenses.

**Pamphlet box 1:** S. Evans – papers. **Missing**

Contents:

1.) Dominions Royal Commission in three parts, two being Minutes of evidence taken in the Union of South Africa in 1914, and the third being the Third interim report;

2.) A paper by Samuel Evans entitled The gold premium, read before the Chemical, Metallurgical and Mining Society in 1920;

3.) A plastic sleeve containing 1) What appears to be an early nineteenth century exercise book belonging to Evans dealing with commercial questions; a folder entitled About a Miss Mary Evans, 1785-1845, containing Evans correspondence, bills, etc. between those dates, some of the letters being originally sealed with wax; a pamphlet by "Senex" entitled One coin for all the world: an international mint...; a folder containing a short obituary of 'the late Mrs. Davies Bryan' in Alexandria in 1922, with a photograph; and an offprint of an article published in the South African journal of science, 1914, by S. Evans entitled Health conditions on the Isthmus of Panama

4.) Ditto labelled Dr. Sam Evans: shorthand notes re. Disraeli Rothschilds, Berlin Conference, etc. Aug. 1887. With translation. Notes on the above and on Disraeli's personality and Rothschild's financial dealings generally.

5.) Ditto containing items such as a permit issued during the Anglo-Boer War (?) to pass unhindered in the Witwatersrand area; a first class ticket on the Midland Railway; a poster entitled: Instructions for gardening at blockhouses and permanent encampments...the following hints are given as a general guide for troops to obtain the best results from small gardens, after which follow details of growing potatoes, onions, etc.; a document giving the ranges of fire in yards of a number of blockhouses; a note on rations dated 10.4.02; and a plan of a blockhouse.

6.) A series of papers clipped together, e.g. newspaper cuttings, letters and copies of letters. These include correspondence with regard to the Star, e.g. Evans' comments on the first copy of the Star published under the British flag, and the appointment of a new editor; copies of letters to F. Eckstein's nephew; and copies of letters to Sir Maitland Park on the gold mining industry.

7.) A green file with tapes labelled Copies of Sam Evans' business letters to London (?). Copies of letters to Sir Reginald Sothern Holland and Mr. Eckstein

8.) Ditto. Contains a photograph of Evans torn out of The gold mining record, 1935; a photograph of a Swazi princess called Imbandees; an essay entitled Old natives who have lived principally on sour milk with a newspaper cutting on the treatment of mouth infections with lactic acid; cuttings on the Mint, established in Pretoria by Evans; a reply to criticism of his paper on taxation delivered at a meeting in an off-print from The Transvaal leader, 1907; further articles by Evans, on white settlement in British Africa, mineral production in South Africa, forty years of Rand mining, criticism of the Union government, South African minerals and the Empire, exporting gold by air, and so forth; and various other documents.

9.) Ditto, entitled: Samuel Evans to F. W. Hirst, 1922 to 35. Contains copies of letters on financial matters to Hirst.

10.) Ditto, entitled: Samuel Evans – personal papers. Aerodromes, Johannesburg & Germiston. Correspondence to Dr. S. Evans. Contains articles by Evans, items on Baragwanath Aerodrome, suggestions for the building of an aerodrome serving Johannesburg at Germiston; comparisons with British and Portuguese conditions for establishing aerodromes, etc.

11.) Ditto, entitled: F. W. Hirst (English economist) – printed material – newspaper cutting – miscellaneous correspondence. Contains articles by Hirst, ex-editor of the Economist; lectures delivered by him on a tour of South Africa; and newspaper cuttings on his views.

12.) Ditto, entitled: Letters to Samuel Evans from F. W Hirst, 1922-34, & printed material.

13.) Green folder, entitled: Letters to Samuel Evans. Contains correspondence of Evans to and from a number of people, e.g the journalist Moneypenny, Sir Lionel Phillips, F. Heim, Lady Baden-Powell (together with a newspaper cutting of Evans meeting her and Sir Robert Baden-Powell when they stayed with him in 1926, and other reports), R. W. Schumacher, J. Smuts, and H.Eckstein.

14.) A green file with tapes labelled: Miscellaneous in-coming letters to Samuel Evans, 1896-1927... Includes a letter in Welsh, written in 1887; letters from Sir Edgar Vincent, Sir Julius and Alice Lady Wernher, , Henry C. Hull, H. Eckstein, a note from a Mrs. Fanny Campbell enclosing a seating plan for the banquet held for Rudyard Kipling; F. Hirschhorn, F. H. P. Creswell, R A. Barry, and Deneys Reitz.

**Pamphlet box 2 : Maps**. Contains 11 plastic sleeves of maps. They are:

- 1.) South Africa – Railway map, 1897
- 2.) Nigel Deep Ltd. & Nigel G.M., 1895
- 3.) Minerva & Orion G.M. Co., 1895
- 4.) West Rand Mines Ltd., 1895
- 5.) Klerksdorp Gold Fields – Farms – Properties owned by Bantjies Exploration Syndicate, 1897
- 6.) Crown Reef G.M. Co. – Plan of mine, 1897
- 7.) Witwatersrand Goldfields – West Central Section, 1896. Properties owned by: Barnato Bros, H. Eckstein & Co., S. Neumann, J. B. Robinson and H. Freeman
- 8.) Randfontein Estates G.M. Co., 1895
- 9.) Consolidated Goldfields, Witwatersrand, 1896
- 10.) New Steyn Estate G.M. – Vlakfontein & Doornkop, 1895
- 11.) Heidelberg Gold Mine, 1895

**Books**. 6 letter books; 2 books entitled Statistical book, no.1 and Statistical book, no.2; a ledger and a Scrap album

The Scrap album contains obituaries of Evans, a list of old books, probably from his personal library, and a couple of newspaper cuttings quoting his views on mining and economics.