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Correspondence, papers, literary manuscripts, political writings, news clippings, and miscellaneous items, ca. 1881-1999, of Baron Robert "Bob" John Graham Boothby (1900-1986), with a few items of his father Sir Robert Tuite Boothby (1871-1941), and some collected by his wife, the Lady Wanda Boothby (1933?-). The bulk of the papers spans from 1924, when Baron Boothby was first elected to Parliament as a representative for East Aberdeenshire, until his death in 1986. While a large portion of the papers relate to Baron Boothby's political career, a significant amount is also of a more personal nature and reflects the parts of Baron Boothby's life which were not politically motivated.

The collection has been divided into the following 6 series: Correspondence; journal; speeches, articles, memorials, transcripts, and book reviews; drafts of books; printed books; miscellaneous; and newspaper cuttings.

Purchased from Lady Wanda Boothby, 2008

1-32	Correspondence
33	Journal
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Correspondence

The correspondence 1881-1999, undated, has been divided into 3 sub-series: Family and childhood correspondence (1881-1942, undated), Selected Correspondents (1919-1986, undated), and General correspondence (1922-1999, undated). Baron Boothby corresponded with an enormous number of people from various aspects of his life: from politics, to personal friends and family, to his constituents and the general public. The items within the Family and childhood correspondence sub-series are many of his earliest letters to his grandmother, and parents. There are additionally letters here that were written prior to Boothby's birth, from his father's papers. The second sub-series of Selected Correspondents is comprised of correspondence with important figures in the UK and the world during Boothby's time. The third sub-series is the remaining correspondence in chronological order.

1	Family and childhood correspondence, 1881-1942, undated
2-19	Selected correspondents, 1919-1986, undated
20-32	General Correspondence, 1922-1999, undated

1 Family and childhood correspondence, 1881-1942, undated

1	Family and childhood correspondence, 1881-1942, undated (83 items)
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2-19 Selected Correspondents, 1919-1986, undated

2	Amery, Julian, 1955-1976 (14 items)
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- Asquith, Margot (Countess of Oxford and Asquith), 1933-1940 (7 items)
 Attlee, C.R., 1940-1952 (3 items)
 Baldwin, Stanley, 1923-1941(7 items)
 Barrie, J.M., 1923-1975 (2 items)
- 3 Beaverbrook, Max Aitken (Lord), 1927-1963 (85 items)
- 4 Bonham-Carter, Violet (6 items)
 Callaghan, James, 1965-1980 (12 items)
 Chamberlain, Neville, 1938-1940 (2 items)
- 5 Churchill, Winston (Prime Minister), 1928-1979, undated (36 items)
- 6 Clark Kerr, Archibald (Baron Inverchapel), 1919-1943 (21 items)
- 7 Cooper, Diana, 1954-1963, undated (3 items)
 Cooper, Duff, 1934-1952 (7 items)
- 8 Coote, Colin, 1940-1977, undated (41 items)
- 9 Douglas-Home, Alec, 1960-1963, undated (5 items)
 Eden, Anthony, 1937-1956, undated (10 items)
 Foot, Dingle, 1953-1976 (7 items)
 Foot, Michael, 1958-1978, undated (9 items)
- 10 Heath, Edward (Prime Minister), 1967-1980 (8 items)
 Jellicoe, George, 1972-1980 (4 items)
 Jenkins, Roy, 1968-1986 (5 items)
 Keynes, J. M., 1938-1940 (4 items)
- 11 Lloyd George, David, 1933-1941(28 items)
- 12 Lloyd George, Frances, 1958-1972, undated (39 items)
- 13 Macmillan, Harold, 1958-1985 (10 items)
 Maugham, W. Somerset, 1960-1964, undated (9 items)
 Mosley, Diana, 1973-1980 (11 items)
- 14 Mosley, Oswald "Tom", 1926-1980, undated (33 items)
- 15 Pym, Francis, 1979-1981 (4 items)
 Royal Family, The 1936-1985 (9 items)
 Russell, Bertrand, 1963-1967 (4 items)
 Sinclair, Archibald, 1931-1933 (5 items)
- 16 Spears, Louis (General), 1966-1967, undated (7 items)
 Thatcher, Margaret (Prime Minister), 1977-1986 (7 items)
 Tolstoy, Nicholai, 1981 (1 item)

- Walker, Peter, 1982-1983 (1 item)
- 17 Weininger, Richard, 1967-1979, undated (25 items)
- 18 Weizmann: Chaim, Vera, & Weizmann Institute 1930-1976, undated(14 items)
Wells, H.G., 1939 (1 item)
- 19 Wilson, Harold (Prime Minister), 1963-1976 (34 items)

20-32 General Correspondence, 1922-1999, undated

- 20 1922-1939 (59 items)
- 21 1940-1947 (138 items)
- 22 1948-1959 (124 items)
- 23 1960-1962 (111 items)
- 24 1963-1967 (129 items)
- 25 1968-1970 (99 items)
- 26 1971-1972 (61 items)
- 27 1973 (117 items)
- 28 1974-1975 (108 items)
- 29 1976-1978 (117 items)
- 30 1979-1980 (123 items)
- 31 1981-1984 (102 items)
- 32 1985-1999, undated (138 items)

33 Journal

Bound journal in which Baron Boothby wrote daily diary entries. The journal begins with an entry on 1 June 1949 and ends less than a quarter of the way through the volume with a final entry on 7 August 1949. This was the beginning of his appointment as a British delegate to the consultative assembly of the Council of Europe.

- 33 Boothby, Robert (Baron), manuscript journal, 1 June-7 August 1949 (1 volume)

34-41 Speeches, Articles, Book Reviews, Transcripts, and Memorials

This series is divided into 5 sub-series: Addresses and Speeches; Drafts, Notes, and Published articles; Book reviews; Interviews and transcripts; and Memorials. The sub-series Addresses and Speeches is a collection of notes, complete and incomplete speeches, and even published addresses by Baron Boothby in his various capacities throughout his life. The Sub-series Drafts, notes and published articles is compiled of writings by Boothby in varying stages that seem to pertain to

articles in newspapers, magazines, and various other publishing outlets. The third sub-series, Book reviews is a grouping of hand-written book reviews by Boothby for both newspapers and publishers. The sub-series Interviews and Transcripts includes transcripts from a small portion of television and radio programmes that Boothby was a part over throughout his lifetime, as well as transcripts for interviews he did with various sources. The final sub-series, Memorials, is a collection of pieces Boothby wrote about men he knew well. These include David Lloyd George and Winston Churchill.

34-36 Addresses and Speeches, 1939-1982, undated

- 34 1939-1970 (34 items)
- 35 1971-1985 (27 items)
- 36 undated (29 items)

37 Drafts, Notes, and Published Articles, 1935-1982, undated

- 37 1935-1982, undated (45 items)

38 Book reviews, 1973-1980, undated

- 38 1973-1980, undated (57 items)

39-40 Interviews and Transcripts, 1952-1981, undated

- 39 1952-1971 (20 items)
- 40 1972-1981, undated (10 items)

41 Memorials, 1952-1982, undated

- 41 1952-1982, undated (17 items)

42-58 Drafts of Books

This series contains full version copies of books Baron Boothby wrote as well as a copy of his biography. These are typed and in some cases proofed versions of the monographs prior to their final printing and publishing.

- 42-45 Boothby, Robert 'A Rebel Remembers' Typescript copy
 - 42 Pt. 1 (141 pages)
 - 43 Pt. 2 (148 pages)
 - 44 Pt. 3 (150 pages)
 - 45 Pt. 4 (20 pages)
- 46-48 Boothby, Robert 'A Rebel Remembers' Proof-read copy ([last pages need conservation](#))
 - 46 Pt. 1 (150 pages)
 - 47 Pt. 2 (150 pages)

48	Pt. 3 (150 pages)
49	Pt. 4 (71 pages)
50-52	Boothby, Robert 'I Fight to Live', Typescript copy (very brittle, needs conservation treatment, do not produce in Reading Room)
50	Pt.1 (110pages)
51	Pt.2 (140 pages)
52	Boothby, Robert 'Memories of a Rebel' Handwritten copy – 'For Wanda'
53-58	James, Robert Rhodes 'Bob Boothby: a Portrait' Typescript copy
53	Pt. 1 (138 pages)
54	Pt. 2 (144 pages)
55	Pt. 3 (138 pages)
56	Pt. 4 (145 pages)
57	Pt. 5 (136 pages)
58	Pt. 6 (88 pages)

59-61 Printed Books

Printed books collected by Baron Boothby. Some of the books are copies of those written by Baron Boothby, while others may contain an excerpt by or about Baron Boothby, and others were deemed important enough by Baron Boothby to keep with his personal papers.

59	'Attlee: as I knew him' from Local History Series, No. 5 'Memoranda 1968' by Robert Young Logan 'Clement Davies and the Fall of Neville Chamberlain, 1939-1940' by David M. Roberts 'Goods or Gold: the Meaning of the Breton Woods Agreement' by Boothby 'The Other Club' Founded 1911
60	'The New Economy', 1943 Signed copy of 'I Fight to Live', 1947 Signed copy of 'What I Believe', 1966
61	Copy of Robert Burns, 'Tam o' Shanter', 1855, signed by Robert Boothby.

62-70 Miscellaneous Items

This series is comprised of items in the Baron Boothby papers which he deemed important enough to keep and which do not fit within other series in the collection. Many of these items are of a personal nature for Boothby like the items about his father's death. Others were collected by Lady Wanda Boothby about Baron Boothby, even after his death.

- 62 Passports (5 items)
- 63 Certificate: Honorary Life Member of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra
Personal Memorandum: Morale of Czechoslovak Republic
- 64 Masters dissertation on policy appeasement, 1968. by Holding
- 65 'Picture Press 4' The Journal of Pressed Steel Company
Aberdeen Leopard: the magazine for North East Scotland, December 1988
The House Magazine: The Weekly journal of the Houses of Parliament, November 1984
'125 years in words and pictures as described in contemporary reports in The Daily Telegraph: 1855-1980'
'Regulus' March 1980
The Sunday Times Magazine April 1, 1973 'The Public and Private Life of Lord Boothby'
- 66 'Churchill: The War Leader 1940-1945' packet of reproduced documents from the Churchill collection. Includes correspondence with Lady Boothby for permission to publish a letter from Baron Boothby
'Flat-Footed Jean'
Copy of published Letter by Boothby regarding Mr. Enoch Powell and the Commonwealth
Copy of published letter by Boothby regarding Edward Heath and his destruction of local democracy
- 67 'Extract form the minutes of the War Emergency committee Meeting of the Associated Scottish Life Offices held on Tuesday 11 March 1941' regarding the death of Boothby's father
'The Scottish Provident Institution: Extract from Minute of the Meeting of Board 11 February 1941' regarding the death of Boothby's father
'Count All Men Mortal: A history of Scottish Provident 1837-1987' by Maurice Lindsay. Pg. 167 has panting of Boothby's father
- 68 Scrapbook containing newspaper cuttings concerning Boothby's death.
- 69 "This is Your Life" Album
- 70 Photographs
Images from Northern Scottish Fishing village(s) (4 images)
Images of article with photos of David Lloyd George (7 images)

71-82 Newspaper Cuttings, Bound volumes

This series consists of 12 albums of newspaper clippings about Baron Boothby from his earliest political endeavours until 1980 and probably compiled by Baron and Lady Boothby themselves. Due to the nature of the materials in this series, each album is brittle and fragile. Please use care when handling these materials.

71	1918-1927 (Many pages no longer attached, but are within Book – very brittle)
72	1927-1928
73	1928-1931
74	1931-1938
75	1939-1948 (front board is loose and may easily become detached)
76	1945-1963
77	1958-1959 (Paper-back, glue binding scrap book)
78	1960-1961 (Paper-back, glue binding scrap book)
79	1962, 1963, 1964 (wire-bound scrap book)
80	1963-1968
81	1964-1974 (Front board is very loose, spine is in bad shape)
82	1974-1980