

Representative Church Body Library

MS 253

Correspondence and miscellaneous papers of the Stephen family; principally of Sir James Stephen (1789-1859), regius professor of modern history, Cambridge 1849 [see D N B]; his son Sir James Fitzjames Stephen (1829-94), judge [see D N B]; and Rosamond Stephen (1868-1951) daughter of Sir James Fitzjames Stephen [see G. Willis Rosamond Stephen: a constructive visionary *New Divinity* winter 1972]

1794-1948

Assumed this material was bequeathed to the RCB Library following the death of Rosamond Stephen, its former benefactor, in 1951.

Arrangement

1. Miscellaneous family papers
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1. Miscellaneous Family Papers, 1848-75

1. 29 Apr 1848 Letters patent creating James Stephen Esq., a KCB
2. 17 Oct 1859 Letters patent appointing James Fitzjames Stephen Recorder of Newark
3. 18 May 1874 Invitation to Miss Stephen to a reception by the Corporation of the City of London for Tsar Alexander II
4. 12 Feb 1875 Licence to James Fitzjames Stephen to plead for Thomas Izod Sheldon
5. [n.d.] Book plate of Harry Lushington Stephen 1860-1945

2. Letters to various members of the Stephen family, arranged as autographs in three papers albums, 1794-1898

1. n.d. 1888 [Sir John Emerich Edward Dalberg, 1st baron] Acton to Sir James F. Stephen – death of Sir Henry James Sumner Maine
2. June 1887 Acton, Athenaeum Club, Pall Mall, S.W. to Sir James F. Stephen – accepts dinner invitation.
3. [n.d.] Do. Accepts invitation.
4. 27 Mar 1884 Sir Laurence Alma-Tadema, 17 Grove End Road, St John's Wood, N.W. to Stephen – accepts dinner invitation.
5. 18 Dec 1889 Anstey Guthrie, 16 Duke Street Mansions Grosvenor Square, W. to Stephen [son of Sir James] – about his novel of India *The Pariah*.
6. 16 Mar 1841 Thomas Arnold, Rugby to Sir James Stephen – problem of appointing a nonconformist professor to the college.
7. 23 May 1852 Albert [Prince Consort], Osbourne to Sir James Stephen – thanks for 2nd edition of his lectures.
8. 12 Jan 1879 Matthew Arnold, Woodhouse, Loughborough to Sir James F. Stephen – congratulations on appointment to the bench.
9. 18 Sept [n.d.] Augustine Birrell, 37 Addison Gardens North, Kensington to James Kenneth Stephen – Irish visit unexpectedly curtailed, unable to see Ravensdale, opinion of reviewers.
10. 24 Feb 1886 R. Bagwell, 13 Tedsworth Sq. to Lady Stephen – accepts dinner invitation.
11. 30 Dec 1889 Robert Barrett Browning, 29 De Vere Gardens, W. to Sir

- James F. Stephen – invites Sir James to be pall bearer at his father's [the poets] funeral.
12. [n.d. 1889] Sarianna Browning to Lady Stephen – apologises for not receiving Lady Stephen
13. [n.d.] Rhoda Broughton, 21 Half Moon St., W. to Mrs Stephen confirming arrangements to dine and see "The Mikado."
14. 13 Jan 1879 James Bryce, 7 Stone Buildings, Linc. Inn to Sir James F. Stephen – congratulations on appointment to the bench.
15. 16 Dec 1852 Thomas Carlyle, 5 Cheyne Row, Chelsea to Sir James Stephen – invitation to tea.
16. [n.d.] Note of Thomas Carlyle re. M. Bruce.
17. 8 June 1880 Joseph Chamberlain, 72 Prince's Gate, S.W. to Sir James F. and Lady Stephen – accepts dinner invitation.
18. [n.d.] Sir George Pomeroy Colley to Sir James F. Stephen – accept invitation for a talk.
19. 1 Nov 1884 Sir Frederick Temple Hamilton-Temple-Blackwood, 1st Marquis of Dufferin and Ava Brown's Hotel, Dover St., to Sir James F. Stephen – invitation to call.
20. 10 Oct 1883 Edward [Duke of Clarence] to James Kenneth Stephen – general news about himself, encloses autographed photograph [present]
21. 14 Dec 1884 Sir Dighton Probyn, Sandringham, Norfolk to James K. Stephen – invitation from Prince of Wales to Sandringham
22. 4 May [n.d.] James Anthony Froude to Lady Stephen – thanks for comments on book problems of biographers
23. 14 Apr [n.d.] James A. Froude, 5 Onslow Gardens, S.W. to Lady Stephen – unable to dine.
24. 22 Feb [n.d.] James A. Froude, 5 Onslow Gardens to Lady Stephen – accepts invitation to dine; Sir James proposed for Johnson Club.
25. 13 Oct [n.d.] James A. Froude, 5 Onslow Gardens to Sir James Stephen – thanks for advice; comments on shooting parties.
26. 31 Dec 1845 William Ewart Gladstone, Downing Street to Sir Jas. Stephen – hopes they will work well together with perfect frankness.
27. 20 Mar 1877 William E. Gladstone, 73 Harley St., to Sir James F. Stephen

thanks for work.

28. 6 Feb 1883 William E. Gladstone, Cannes to Sir James F. Stephen – thanks for copy of Stephen’s history of criminal law; comments on role of the state in protecting religion from offence.
29. 9 Mar 1886 Edmund Grosse, 7 Whitehall Gardens, S.W. to Mrs Stephen – thanks for invitation.
30. 1 Jul 1849 M. Guizot, Brompton – letter of introduction for Sir James Stephen. [French.]
31. [n.d.] Henry Hallam to Francis Palgrave confirming appointment.
32. 13 Oct 1875 William Holman Hunt, 2 Wilton Terrace, Campden Hill, London W. to Franklin Lushington – inviting Mrs Lushington to see a finished picture.
33. 17 Jul 1886 Sir Spencer Compton Cavendish, marquis of Hartington, Devonshire House, Picadilly to Sir James F. Stephen – letter of thanks for approval of conduct.
34. 18 Nov 1880 Dr Benjamin Jowett, Oxford to Sir James F. Stephen – invitation to Oxford.
35. 17 Jul 1882 Arthur Kavanagh, The Land Corporation of Ireland Ltd., 4 Victoria Street, Westminster to Thomas Fortescue, 1st baron Clermont – apology for error and enclosure of form for shares.
36. 15 May 1881 Thomas Henry Huxley, 4 Marlborough Place, Abbey Road, N.W. to Sir James F. Stephen – has read proofs again.
37. 26 Sept 1887 Sir Alfred Lyall, Lieut. Governor’s Camp, N.W. Provinces India to Sir James F. Stephen – bill for carpets; preparing to leave India; situation in the Provinces; his impeachment.
38. 2 Oct 1874 Edward Lear, Davidson’s Glenview Hotel, Conoor to Mr Cunningham – forthcoming trip to India; no longings (includes a drawing of “a tolerably correct likeness of what I now am...”)
39. 8 Oct 1874 MS of a poem “The Cumberbund” with a drawing of Ye Cursed Cumberbund. Signed Edward Lear, Upper Norwood, [Surrey].
40. 6 Nov 1883 William Edward Hartpole Lecky, 38 Onslow Gardens, S.W. to Sir James Stephens F. – correction to and praise for Sir James book; legal inquiry re habeas corpus.
41. 16 Apr 1884 Rev. William John Loftie, 3A Sheff. Terr. View London W. to

- Mr Stephen – sends a book.
42. 4 Feb 1876 [Edward Robert Bulwer-Lytton, 2nd baron] Lytton to Mr Stephen – accepts dinner invitation.
43. [n.d.] Lytton (House of Lords notepaper) to Lady Stephen – Sir J. Drummond has arranged for Lady Stephen to have access to House of Lords.
44. 15 Sept 1857 Thomas Babington 1st Baron Macauley to Sir James Stephen – thanks for congratulations on peerage; great debt to Stephen esp. for obtaining post for Trevelyan in the Treasury and for saving sister from exile.
45. 3 Dec 1887 Lytton, Calcutta to Sir James F. Stephen – recommends his father's play at Court Theatre.
46. 27 Apr [n.d.] Thomas Babington Macauley, Albany to Sir James F. Stephen – unable to meet expresses trust that Sir James will use his father's name well in *Essays in Ecclesiastical Biography*.
47. 4 Nov 1857 Macauley, Holly Lodge, Kensington to Sir James Stephen - examination of Warren Hastings by House of Commons 1813
48. 19 Sept 1859 Macauley, Holly Lodge, Kensington to James F. Stephen – sympathy on death of father.
49. 5 Nov 1859 Macauley, Holly Lodge, Kensington to James F. Stephen – invitation to dinner.
50. 6 June 1868 Archbishop Henry E. Manning, 8 York Place, London W. to Mr Stephen – arrangements to meet.
51. 16 June [n.d.] Rev. F.D. Maurice to Sir James Stephen – refs. to Sir James articles in *Edinburgh Review*.
52. 22 Apr 1875 Sir Theodore Martin, 31 Onslow Square to Lady Stephen – tickets for theatre.
53. 19 Mar 1889 Theodore Martin, 31 Onslow Square to Lady Stephen – unable to accept invitation.
54. 25 May 1865 John Stuart Mill, Saint Veran, Avignon to James F. Stephen – review of his book; earlier correspondence on logic with Sir James Stephen.
55. 31 May 1865 John S. Mill, Saint Veran to [-] – logic metaphysics on belief German philosopher forthcoming trip to England.
56. 26 Feb 1867 John S. Mill, Blackheath Park to James Fitzjames Stephen –

comments of Sir James speech at Bow St.

57. 11 Feb 1878 John Morley, 4 Chesham Place, Brighton to Sir James F. Stephen – soliciting support for a candidate for the Atheneum.
58. 10 Aug 1881 John Morley, Killiehuntly, Kingussie, NB to Sir James F. Stephen – review of a book.
59. 12 Nov 1889 John Morley, 95 Elm Park Gardens, South Kensington to Sir James F. Stephen – introducing Norwegian Chief Justice.
60. 26 June 1877 Florence Nightingale, 35 South St., Park Lane London W. to H.S. Cunningham – Madras drainage and hospitals.
61. 27 Dec 1877 Florence Nightingale, 35 South St., to [Sir John Laird Mair Laurence 1st Baron] Laurence – Christmas greeting, irrigation on the Ryot.
62. 1 Jul 1888 Florence Nightingale to Mrs Cunningham, 6 Onslow Gardens – enquiring after Mr Cunningham (env).
63. 17 Jul 1853 John Henry Newman, Edgebaston to Sir James Stephen – Stephen's criticism of Newmans' Loss and Gain.
64. 14 Feb 1876 John H. Newman, The Oratory to J.F. Stephen – declines participation in controversial meeting no talent for extempore debate.
65. 18 Feb 1876 John H. Newman, The Oratory to J.F. Stephen acknowledgment of letter.
66. 11 Feb 1832 Daniel O'Connell, London to the Editor, *Northampton Mercury* – replying to comments in the paper on his personal conduct.
67. 16 June 1856 Geo. Richmond, 10 York St. to Mrs Stephen – thanks; glad Lady Stephen pleased with his work.
68. [n.d.] John Ruskin, Branimood, Coniston, Lancashire – to Miss Thackeray – arranging for a visit; enjoyed talk on Tuesday.
69. 12 Apr 1891 Sir Robert Arthur Talbot Gascoyne – Cecil 3rd marquis of Salisbury to Sir James F. Stephen – informing him that a baronetcy has been conferred upon him.
70. 2 Mar 1881 Sir Anthony Ashley-Cooper, 8th earl of Shaftsbury, 24 Grosvenor Square, London W. to Rev. John Venn - ? Irish land question.
71. 5 July 1875 Very Rev. Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, Deanery Westminster to Mrs Hope – reply to dinner invitation.

72. 1873 Alfred Tennyson, Farringford, Freshwater, Isle of Wight to James F. Stephen – thanks for essays.
73. [n.d.] William M. Thackeray, Palace Green, Kensington to James F. Stephen – thanks for “Black Act.”
74. [n.d.] William M. Thackeray, 36 Onslow Square, London S.W. to James F. Stephen – piece too late for publication; will suit next month with some modification.
75. 20 Nov 1859 William M. Thackeray, 36 Onslow Sq. to James F. Stephen – review of *The Virginians* – solicits contribution for *The Cornhill Magazine*.
76. 14 Feb 1898 Alexis de Tocqueville, Tocqueville par St. Pierre – Eglise Manche rel. to Stephen’s published lectures on the French Revolution. [French.]
77. 13 May 1882 Sir George O. Trevelyan, Chief Secretary’s Office, Dublin Castle to Sir James F. Stephen – thanks for expressions of support.
78. 23 May 1881 Anthony Trollope, Hasting, Petersfield to Sir James F. Stephen – sends vol. of Cicero’s oration to substantiate legal point.
79. 24 Feb 1881 Anthony Trollope, Hasting, to Sir James F. Stephen – discussion of Cicero’s oration.
80. 31 May 1881 Anthony Trollope, Hasting to Sir James F. Stephen – Tertullian and legal evidence.
81. 16 Nov 1874 John Tyndall, Royal Institution of Great Britain to Mr & Mrs Stephens – acceptance of invitation.
82. 13 Jan – John Tyndall to James F. Stephen – re. discussion on mysticism.
83. 16 Mar 1885 George Frederick Watts, Holland House, Kensington to Lady Stephen – agrees to paint Sir James.
84. 26 Sept 1882 Sir Garnet Joseph Wolsely, Cairo to Sir James F. Stephen – thanks for congratulatory letter [re. victory of Tel-el-Kebir.]
85. 8 Oct 1890 [Sir Garnet Joseph, viscount] Wolsely, Belfast to Sir James F. Stephen – comments on Morley; hopes Stephen will call when in Dublin; enquires after Stephen’s health; unable to find Schomberg’s camp in Dundalk.

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| 86. 9 June 1838 | Rev. Saml. Wilberforce, Lavington to James Stephen – seeks info on article in <i>The Christian Advocate</i> ; collection of a MS. |
| 87. 23 Sept 1794 | William Wilberforce, Wilford to James Stephen – congratulations on return to metropolis, thanks for offer of turtle but regrets unable to eat it. |

3. Correspondence of Miss Rosamond Stephen, 1920-1951

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| 1. 1923 | Letters from Rosamond Stephen to her sister Kate (1-9) |
| 2. 1938-51 | Letters from Rosamond Stephen to Miss Geraldine Fitzgerald [RCB Librarian] mostly on library matters (1-23) |
| 3. 1923; 1925; 1931 | Misc. letters from Rosamond Stephen to B.L; Herbert Pankenham-Walsh, bishop of Assam; John Godfrey Fitzmaurice Day, bishop of Ossory (1-3) |
| 4. 1920-23 | <p>Misc. letters to Rosamond Stephen</p> <p>Correspondents:</p> <p>Charles F. D'Arcy, Archbishop of Armagh</p> <p>Walter H. Frere C R, London</p> <p>Rev Walter H.T. Gahan, rector of Gorey (Ferns)</p> <p>Fanny Getty, Belfast</p> <p>John A.F Gregg, bishop of Ossory and Archbishop of Dublin</p> <p>Beatrice Hamilton, Howth</p> <p>Rev. Frederick R.M Hitchcock, rector of Kinnity (Killaloe)</p> <p>Douglas Hyde</p> <p>Beatrice King-Harman, Ballymahon (Longford)</p> <p>Rev. Frederick J. McNeice, rector of Carrickfergus (Connor)</p> <p>Hon. Benjamin J. Plunkett, bishop of Meath</p> <p>John Orr, bishop of Tuam</p> <p>Herbert Pakenham Walsh, bishop of Assam</p> <p>H.G. Tempest, Dundalk</p> <p>Mary A.K. Thorp, Grange (Carlow)</p> <p>? Peter Tipping</p> <p>Mrs Mary Ann Turner, Belfast</p> <p>Isa Still, Belfast (1-22)</p> |

4. The Record of Rosamond Stephen, 1902-1940

Two boxes consisting of 13 bound volumes and 16 folders, containing mostly transcript copies of extracts from Rosamond's letters, journals, and recollections of events in her life in general. Including specific commentary on important events but also the everyday details. The period covered includes Stephen's relocation from Belfast to Dublin, as well as her observations on events of national and international significance.

A recent digitization project sees a significant run of the 'Record' digitised and searchable online for the first time. This was made possible through funding from the

Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport, and Media under the Decade of Centenaries Programme.

The period covered for the digitization project is 1912–23 with some additional smaller excerpts for the period 1902–07 also included to put the source into further historical context.

To view and search Rosamond Stephen's 'Record' click on this link:

<https://esearch.informa.ie/rcbrstephen>

5. Photographs

1. Caroline Emilia Stephen
2. J.F. Stephen
3. Sir James Fitzjames Stephen (portrait)
4. Leslie Stephen (leaning on mantelpiece)
5. Leslie Stephen portrait
6. Leslie Stephen and Troy (dog)
7. Leslie Stephen and his wife Marion Thackeray (framed)
8. Photo Frame: Leslie Stephen and Troy, Marion Thackeray, Anne Isabella Thackeray [later Lady Ritchie] and William M. Thackeray.
9. Group of family and friends at Derreen 1869 – Mrs Stephen, Mrs Froude, Rose Kingsley, Margaret Froude, Ashley Froude (child), J.A. Froude, Katherine Stephen, Rose Froude, J. Townsend Trench, J.F. Stephen, Charles Kingsley, Wm. Monsell, J.K. Stephen, Herbert Stephen, Mary Caroline Froude, Harry Stephen
10. Photographs of eminent contemporaries:

Robert Browning, Thomas Carlyle, Dr John Colenso (bishop of Natal), Prince Edward, George Eliot (Mary Anne Evans), James Anthony Froude, Sir Henry Maine, John Stuart Mill, Dr Edward Bouverie Pusey, Very Rev. Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, William M. Thackeray, Queen Victoria
11. Miscellaneous photographs featuring friends and family, including one definite photo of Rosamond and other presumed images with a beloved dog Coolin and on her travels, 1907, [n.d.]
12. Miscellaneous photos taken during travels, including Japan, Canada, Luxembourg, Jamaica, France, and Ireland. Several of these link with her extensive postcard collection below, [n.d.]

6. Postcards, c. 1909-1938, [n.d.]

An extensive postcard collection assembled by Rosamond Stephen. It is clear she was extensively travelled and a collector not just of books but this extraordinary collection which spans several decades and features postcards from 69 different countries, some of which are annotated while others are blank. Additionally, it is clear her family and friends knew of this passion and supported her endeavours by sending her postcards. Arranged geographically and in alphabetical order.

1. Africa

- 1.1. Algeria
- 1.2. Congo
- 1.3. Egypt
- 1.4. Ethiopia
- 1.5. Kenya
- 1.6. Morocco
- 1.7. Mozambique
- 1.8. Nigeria
- 1.9. Nyasaland (presently Malawi)
- 1.10. Seychelles
- 1.11. South Africa
- 1.12. Sudan (presently Sudan and South Sudan)
- 1.13. Tanzania
- 1.14. Tunisia
- 1.15. Uganda

2. Asia

- 2.1. British Malaya (presently Malaysia and Singapore)
- 2.2. Ceylon (presently Sri Lanka)
- 2.3. China
- 2.4. India
- 2.5. Japan
- 2.6. Vietnam

3. Australia/Oceania

- 3.1. Australia
- 3.2. Fiji
- 3.3. New Zealand

4. Caribbean

- 4.1. Cuba
- 4.2. Dominica
- 4.3. Jamaica
- 4.4. Trinidad and Tobago

5. Central America

- 5.1. British Honduras (presently Belize)
- 5.2. Panama

6. Europe

- 6.1. Albania
- 6.2. Andorra

- 6.3. Austria (includes album)
- 6.4. Belgium
- 6.5. Bulgaria
- 6.6. Cyprus
- 6.7. Czechoslovakia (Czech Republic and Slovakia)
- 6.8. Denmark (includes album)
- 6.9. France (includes album)
- 6.10. Germany
- 6.11. Greece (includes album)
- 6.12. Hungary
- 6.13. Ireland (presently Ireland and Northern Ireland)
- 6.14. Italy (includes album)
- 6.15. Luxembourg
- 6.16. Malta
- 6.17. Monaco
- 6.18. Netherlands
- 6.19. Norway (includes album)
- 6.20. Poland
- 6.21. Portugal
- 6.22. Romania
- 6.23. Russia (includes album)
- 6.24. San Marino
- 6.25. Spain
- 6.26. Sweden (includes album)
- 6.27. Switzerland
- 6.28. Turkey (includes album)
- 6.29. United Kingdom/Great Britain (England, Scotland, and Wales) (includes album)
- 6.30. Yugoslavia (presently Croatia, Slovenia, Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, and Montenegro)

7. Middle East

- 7.1. Iraq
- 7.2. Lebanon
- 7.3. Mandatory Palestine (presently Israel and Palestine)
- 7.4. Syria
- 7.5. Yemen

8. North America

- 8.1. Canada
- 8.2. Mexico
- 8.3. United States of America (USA)

9. South America

- 9.1. Chile

10. Miscellaneous

- 10.1. 1914
- 10.2. Golden Journey 1931 Album (Iraq, Iran, Syria, Lebanon, Germany, Turkey, and Greece)
- 10.3. Historical
- 10.4. Islands Album
- 10.5. Miscellaneous Album (British Museum and Chateau de Pau)
- 10.6. Miscellaneous Postcards
- 10.7. Personal
- 10.8. Ships
- 10.9. War

7. Miscellaneous

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| 1a. c. 2,500 BC | Box containing two items: a rare cuneiform tablet from the Dynasty of Ur which lists items such as corn, meal, beer, and barley given to three people and a scarab pottery with glaze reading “good day” wishes. Iraq origin – possibly collected by Rosamond Stephen. |
| 1b. 13 March 1914 | Explanatory letter on the items above from Rev. Claude H.W. Johns, Master St. Catherine’s College, Cambridge highlighting the uniqueness of the first item and relative insignificance of the second. The letter reveals Rosamond Stephen was in correspondence with leading scholars of her day. |
| 2a. 7 October 1890 | Palm leaf manuscript. A Garland of Jewel Songs by Derashayam Pillar. [Sanskrit.] |
| 2.b 27 September 1928 | Explanatory letter accompanying the manuscript states how the manuscript was presented to Miss Rosamond Stephen, by Michael Francis, Butler in the service of Miss Dorothea Stephen, Madras. |
| 3. [18/19 th C.] | A copy of the Koran of Indian origin. |
| 4. [Early 19 th C.] | Volume of Indian paintings of and relating to the Maharaja Ranjeet Singh of Lahore d. 1839 (Red blind tooled Morocco 285mmx205mm, 60ff). Handmade book gifted to Rosamond on her 2 nd birthday by her father, Sir James, at the time in the legal service of the Governor General of India – based ‘at Simla.’ He jokingly annotates the opening page with the order ‘All gentlemen buy this book and send it to London’, which he then follows with 57 folios containing his vivid hand-painted drawings of various Indian scenes, intended as an education tool for the young child. |

5. 1822-1907 Scrapbook – engravings, postcard, illustrations of drawings, mainly of buildings, places, people, and animals.
6. 1942-48 Scrapbook – press cuttings
7. [n.d.] Manuscript music book
8. [n.d.] Membership card of Rosamund Stephen of Church of Ireland Union
9. [n.d.] Photostat of receipt to Dr Mosse from Dublin Society, 10 Mar 1754
10. 2 June 1925 Note for £1000 20,000 merks (£1,000) bought for 2d in High St Kensington by Rosamond Stephen.
11. 1 March 1929 Note rel. to picture of William Wilberforce gifted to the Library.
12. [October 1920] Letter from J. [McLareon], Belfast to Miss Evans – general news; illness, recent bereavement.
13. 4-7 June 1923 Letter from unidentified correspondent but likely one of Rosamond's sisters, Mysore City [India] to B.L., contains general news; brass pot and cups, illness, movie show in London representing jungle animals in India, etc.
14. [n.d.] Collection of holiday cards addressed to Rosamond Stephen from contemporaries including, George Eliot, Rev. John Wordsworth bishop of Salisbury, Rachel Wingate and Geraldine Fitzgerald, Librarian of the RCB Library (1932-1962) who signs her card "with love and all good wishes, Geraldine, Christmas 1931."
15. [n.d.] Miscellaneous ephemera possibly collected for use in scrapbook (see 7.5 above).

8. Artefacts

- [n.d.] Box of marble hand painted figurines that may have served as inspiration for the paintings in 7.4 and other ephemera.