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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: OSB MSS 33

TITLE: Book trade collection

DATES: 1729-1812

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Receipts and short notes concerning the book trade in London in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Booksellers include Thomas Caddell, Thomas Longman, Thomas Lowndes, George Nicol, John Nourse, Paul Vaillant, Thomas Vernor, John Whiston, and John Wilkie. There is one long letter from Andrew Millar to David Mallet about the sales of Mallet's edition of the works of Henry St. John, Lord Viscount Bolingbroke.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of James Marshall and Marie-Louise Osborn.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

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Scope and Contents

This finding aid encompasses accessions of materials pertaining to the book trade.

Collection Contents

Correspondence and Receipts, 1796 Apr 5

b. 1, f. 1	Adams, H. Receipt to Vernor & Hood, signed	1796 Apr 5
b. 1, f. 2	Baillie, Alex. ALS to Thomas Cadell	1780 Feb 28
b. 1, f. 3	Baker, Samuel, ca. 1712-1778. Receipt, signed On an account to John Nourse for books supplied to John Nourse by Baker and Leigh.	1769 Nov 18
b. 1, f. 4	Baldwin, Richard. Receipt, signed To John Nourse for binding two books.	1746 Jan 3
b. 1, f. 5	Barnard, Frederick. ALS to Mr. Nicolls	1781 Apr 17
b. 1, f. 6	Baumgarten, F. E. Statement of account to Mr. Phillips for books. List included.	1782 Jan
b. 1, f. 7	Becket, Thomas, fl. 1760-1776. ALS to unnamed recipient Requests a copy of Robertson's <i>History</i> .	1760 Jun 20
b. 1, f. 8	Bladon, Samuel, d. 1779. ALS to unnamed recipient	1760 Aug 2
	Blair, Ann (Persode)	
b. 1, f. 9	ALS to Thomas Cadell, Downing St.	1783 Jan 29
b. 1, f. 10	LS and AL (3d person) to Mr. [Robert?] Lawless Concerns several works by John Blair.	1794 May
b. 1, f. 11	Blair, John, d. 1782. Receipt, signed To Thomas Cadell for £24 for 6 copies of his work on Chronological and Historical Tables.	1774 Aug 24
b. 1, f. 12	Bowyer, Robert, 1758-1834. 2 Receipts, signed To Mr. Boydell acknowledging payment for a copy of <i>Complete History of England</i> .	1793 Jun, Jul
b. 1, f. 13	Buckland, James, 1710-1790. 2 ALS to Thomas Cadell Requests copies of several works.	1773 May 3
b. 1, f. 14	Cadell, Elizabeth. Signature, cut from a letter, Bellsizes Lane	n.d.
b. 1, f. 15	Cadell, Thomas, 1742-1802. ALS (fragment) to unnamed recipient, London	1772 Oct 8
b. 1, f. 16	Cadell, William. ALS (fragment) to Andrew Miller, Bristol	1765 Apr 25
b. 1, f. 17	Cadell & Davies, publishers. Memorandum Concerning printing costs for an unidentified pamphlet. Manuscript in an unidentified hand.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 18	Chambers, Frances, Lady. ALS to unnamed recipient, Putney	[1814-20]

b. 1, f. 19	Corbett, Charles. Receipt, signed To John Nourse, acknowledging payment for items sold.	[n.y.] Feb 28
b. 1, f. 20	Dashwood, A., Lady. AL (3d person) to Mr. Evans [Thomas?] Davis, Charles, d. 1755	n.d.
b. 1, f. 21	Receipt, signed, to John Nourse Acknowledging payment for books sold.	1747 May 30
b. 1, f. 22	Receipt, signed, to John Nourse	1747 Oct 12
b. 1, f. 23	Douglas, John, Bp. of Salisbury, 1721-1807. ALS to unnamed recipient, Windsor Castle Requests a copy of a work by Charles Alexander de Calonne.	1790 Oct 29
b. 1, f. 24	Duncan, J. ALS to [Thomas Cadell?] Elmsly, Peter, 1736-1802	1774 Apr 15
b. 1, f. 25	Document, signed, for P. Elmsly	n.d.
b. 1, f. 26	Receipt, signed, for a shipment of books	1782 Aug 17
b. 1, f. 27	Receipt, signed, to John Gill for settlement of George Keith's account	1783 Aug 16
b. 1, f. 28	Glover, Richard, 1712-1785. ALS to Thomas Becket	n.d.
b. 1, f. 29	Grant, Lady. AL (3d person) to William Strahan, Pall Mall	[n.y.] May 17
b. 1, f. 30	Grantham, Thomas Robinson, 2d Baron, 1738-1786. AL (3d person) to unnamed recipient, [n.p.]	n.d.
b. 1, f. 31	Hamilton, Lane. ALS to unnamed recipient	1801 Jul 5
b. 1, f. 32	Hurd, Richard, Bp. of Worcester, 1720-1808. 2 ALS to Cadell & Davies	1795 May 20, n.d.
b. 1, f. 33	Jephson, William. Receipt, signed, to Jacob Tonson for wines sold List included.	1729 Aug 22
b. 1, f. 34	Kearsley, George. ALS to Thomas Cadell Asks for a copy of Hugh Blair's sermons.	1791 Aug 8
b. 1, f. 35	Lawless, Robert. ALS (fragment) to unnamed recipient For Thomas Cadell. Longman, Thomas, 1699-1755	1783 Jun 18
b. 1, f. 36	ALS to John Nourse	1746 Jan 16
b. 1, f. 37	Receipt, signed, to John Nourse, acknowledging payment for book sold List included.	1750 Jun 21
b. 1, f. 38	Longman, Thomas, 1730-1797. Memorandum, holograph, signed	1775 Oct 17

b. 1, f. 39	Millar, Andrew, 1707-1768. AL (draft) to [David Mallet?], Kew Garden Concerns the poor sale of Bolingbroke's <i>Works</i> .	[1762] Aug 23
b. 1, f. 40	Morgan, Mr. AL (3d person) to Thomas Cadell, Bride St.	[n.y.] May 27
b. 1, f. 41	Mortimer, Thomas, 1730-1810. Receipt, signed, to George Robinson Concerning a new edition of <i>Every Man his Own Broker</i> .	1784 Oct 5
b. 1, f. 42	Murray, S. Receipt, signed, to Vernor & Hood Nicol, George, 1741-1829	1796 Sep 9
b. 1, f. 43	ALS to unnamed recipient Mentions James Robson.	1781 Jun 7
b. 1, f. 44	Promissory note, signed to James Dodsley for £26.12.4	1779 Dec 21
b. 1, f. 45	Receipt, signed, to John Nourse Nourse, John, d. 1780	1759 May 25
b. 1, f. 46	ALS to Francis [Wingrave?], [n.p.] Tells him to pay Mr. Hamilton Sr. £100.	1775 Jul 3
b. 1, f. 47	Promissory note, signed to Benjamin Cole for £20	1745/6 Jan 13
b. 1, f. 48	Memorandum of agreement between John Nourse and Richard Montagu Also signed by Montagu.	1747 Jun 24
b. 1, f. 49	2 ANS to him	n.d.
b. 1, f. 50	Osborne, Thomas d. 1743. ALS to John Nourse	1732 Jan 24
b. 1, f. 51	Osborne, Thomas, d. 1767. ALS to Andrew Millar, [London] Requests several books.	1760 Nov 23
b. 1, f. 52	Pennant, Thomas, 1726-1798. ALS to Thomas Cadell, Downing Letter discusses a work by de Buffon.	1785 Sep 18
b. 1, f. 53	Pratt, Samuel Jackson, 1749-1814. ALS (signed by Courtney Melmoth) to Thomas Cadell, Bath	1778 Feb 7
b. 1, f. 54	Rivington, Charles, 1688-1742. Receipt, signed, to John Nourse, for payment for books purchased List included.	1736 Apr 20
b. 1, f. 55	Sastres, F. AL (3d person) to Rudolph Ackermann, London Concerns his <i>Repository of the Arts, & c.</i>	1809 Jun 2
b. 1, f. 56	Say, Edward, d. 1769. Receipt (holograph, signed) to John Nourse, for £50 payment for a share in the General Evening Post Seward, William, 1747-1799	1750-51 Jan 30
b. 1, f. 57	2 ALS and 1 memorandum to Cadell & Davies	1795 Jul, n.d.

Seward, William, 1747-1799 (continued)

b. 1, f. 58	2 ALS to Thomas Davies	[1795 Jun 30], n.d.
b. 1, f. 59	Stanhope, Grizel (Hamilton) Stanhope, Countess, d. 1811. ALS and AL to unnamed recipients, Ovenden	1799 May, 1800 May
b. 1, f. 60	Tighe, S. ALS to Thomas Cadell, Harrow	1786 Jul 4
b. 1, f. 61	Tonson & Co. Receipt (signed John Hardy) to Sir John Evelyn for payment for books supplied	1753 Feb 1
Vaillant, Paul, d. 1802		
b. 1, f. 62	ALS to unnamed recipient Requests a copy of Malone's Shakespeare.	1791 Jan 29
b. 1, f. 63	Receipt, signed, to Sir John Evelyn for payment for books List included.	1755 Oct 22
b. 1, f. 64	Vincent, G. AL (3d person) to Cadell & Davies Concerns an advertisement to be placed in the <i>Morning Chronicle</i> and <i>Morning Herald</i> .	1812 Mar 20
b. 1, f. 65	Watson, Jonathan, Bp. of St. Andrews, d. 1809. ALS to Thomas Cadell	1794 Oct 21
b. 1, f. 66	Wetsteins & Smith, firm, Amsterdam. Document, signed: bill of exchange to John Nourse concerning payment to Mr. Roeland Van Thiel	1731 Aug 31
Whiston, John, d. 1780		
b. 1, f. 67	ALS to Andrew Millar Mentions an agreement with Messrs. Tonson and Watts.	1753 Dec 17
b. 1, f. 68	Receipt, signed, to Sir John Evelyn for payment for books bought from Whiston and White	1753 Sep 26
b. 1, f. 69	White, Benjamin, d. 1794. Receipt, signed, to Sir John Evelyn for payment for books purchased from Whiston and White	1754 May 18
Wilkie, John, d. 1785		
b. 1, f. 70	Receipt, signed, to Thomas Lowndes acknowledging payment for list of books List and prices included.	1763 Oct 27
b. 1, f. 71	Receipt, signed, to Thomas Lowndes acknowledging payment for a list of books List and prices included.	1770 May 22
b. 1, f. 72	Wilmot, Samuel. ALS to John Nourse, Oxford	1738 Jan 4
b. 1, f. 73	Unidentified order and receipt	n.d.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Booksellers and bookselling -- Great Britain

Genres / Formats

Receipts (financial records) -- Great Britain --
18th century

Receipts (financial records) -- Great Britain --
19th century

Occupations

Booksellers

Names

Caddell, Thomas, 1742-1802

Longman, Thomas, 1731-1797

Lowndes, Thomas, 1719-1784

Mallet, David, 1705?-1765

Millar, Andrew, 1705-1768

Nicol, G. (George), 1740?-1828

Nourse, John, 1762?-1790

Vaillant, Paul, -1802

Vernor, Thomas, -1793

Whiston, John, 1711-1780

Wilkie, J. (John), -1785