

# Guide to the Boswell Collection Supplement

## GEN MSS 153



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 153

**TITLE:** Boswell collection supplement

**DATES:** [ca. 1750-1900]

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.25 linear feet (4 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists mainly of letters and writings by or pertaining to various members of the Boswell of Auchinleck family. Series III includes seventeen journals of weather conditions and work assignments on the Auchinleck estate.

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

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Ongoing collection of documents acquired by gift and purchase from various sources. Type of accession (gift or purchase) and date of acquisition is noted in the box-and-folder list. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

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## Processing Information

This finding aid is updated periodically to account for new materials that have been added to the collection. The date of the most recent update is noted on the title page. For information on material that may have been acquired for the collection since the last update, please consult the Public Service Desk.

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## Associated Materials

For more extensive holdings of Boswell family material, including the papers of James Boswell, see [GEN MSS 89, Boswell Collection](#), and [GEN MSS 150, Boswell Collection Addition](#).

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## Scope and Contents

This finding aid encompasses accessions of single manuscripts and small groups of manuscripts and other papers, by or pertaining to the Boswell of Auchinleck family, which the library has chosen to group and list as an artificial collection. Materials incorporated into the collection prior to January 1995 have been organized into [Series I, Letters](#), and [Series II, Writings](#). Materials added to the collection since that time are located in Series II, Additions since July 1995, listed in the order in which they were added.



**Series II: Writings**

b. 1, f. 4	<p>"Attention," manuscript, corrected <i>1 item (4 leaves); 23 cm.</i></p> <p>Manuscript signed "Alex. Boswell" in unidentified hand.</p> <p>Purchased in 1993.</p>	n.d.
b. 1, f. 5	<p>"The Brigs answer to John Gibson," holograph, corrected <i>1 item (4 leaves); 30.5 cm.</i></p> <p>Purchased in 1993.</p>	n.d.
b. 1, f. 6	<p>"Crazy Paul's Flight to Pandemonium," manuscript <i>1 item (2 leaves); 25 cm.</i></p> <p>Pencil note under title: "by Alex Boswell."</p> <p>Purchased in 1993.</p>	n.d.
b. 1, f. 7	<p>"Solitude," manuscript <i>1 item (1 leaf); 23 cm.</i></p> <p>Docketed "Solitude a poem by Alexr. Boswell Esqr."</p> <p>Purchased in 1993.</p>	n.d.
b. 1, f. 8	<p>"The Woo Creel, or the Bill o'Bashan," holograph, corrected and annotated <i>1 item (4 leaves); 31 cm.</i></p> <p>Incomplete: missing last 18 lines.</p> <p>Purchased in 1993.</p>	[ca. 1816?]

**Series III: Additions Since July 1995**

- b. 1, f. 8a      Contract between John Murray and John William Croker: "Assignment of the copyright of the work called Boswell and additions by John William Croker" 1 item (2 leaves); 31 cm.  
With: "Macaulay and Croker: Croker's Edition of Boswell's Johnson, 1831.  
Macaulay's Review of the Same." Printed. [ca. 1882]  
"Answers to Mr. Macaulay's Review" Printed. 1856  
Newspaper clipping from *The Standard*, "Skye" 1872 Oct 9  
Printed sheet concerning The Club n.d.  
Purchased in 1997.

## GIFT OF HALSTED B. VANDERPOEL, YALE 1935S

## James Boswell Letters to Andrew Gibb

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|-------------|---|-------------|
| b. 4, f. 27 | Letter : London<br>1 item (2 p.); 25 cm. x 19 cm.   | 1781 Jan 11 |
| b. 4, f. 28 | Letter : London<br>1 item (1 p.); 23 cm. x 18 cm.   | 1790 Nov 8  |
| b. 4, f. 29 | Letter : London<br>1 item (1 p.); 23 cm. x 18 cm.   | 1790 Dec 11 |
| b. 4, f. 30 | Letter : London<br>1 item (4 p.); 23 cm. x 19 cm. Concerning the power of factory Boswell is sending with this letter (not present); instructions about rent collection from various tenants. Repaired. Accompanied by: dealer catalog description. | 1790 Dec 16 |
| b. 4, f. 31 | Letter : London<br>1 item (1 p.); 23 cm. x 18 cm.   | 1790 Dec 25 |
| b. 4, f. 32 | Letter : London<br>1 item (1 p.); 25 cm. x 18 cm.   | 1791 Feb 7  |
| b. 4, f. 33 | Letter : London<br>1 item (2 p.); 23 cm. x 18 cm. Concerning the imprisonment of Andrew Dalrymple for debt to Boswell; poultry sales.   | 1791 Feb 12 |
| b. 4, f. 34 | Letter : London<br>1 item (2 p.) 23 cm. x 18 cm.  | 1791 Mar 11 |
| b. 4, f. 35 | Letter : London<br>1 item (1 p.); 25 cm. x 18 cm. Concerning trees at Auchinleck.   | 1791 Mar 18 |
| b. 4, f. 36 | Letter : London<br>1 item (2 p.); 25 cm. x 18 cm. Concerning trees and repairs.   | 1791 Apr 2  |

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b. 4, f. 37	Letter : London 1 item (2 p.); 20 cm. x 16 cm. Rents and finances.	1791 May 10
b. 4, f. 38	Letter : London 1 item (2 p.); 20 cm. x 16 cm.	1791 Jun 10
b. 4, f. 39	Letter : London 1 item (2 p.); 23 cm. x 16 cm.	1791 Jun 29
b. 4, f. 40	Letter : London 1 item (2 p.) 23 cm. x 18 cm. Expects to arrive at Auchinleck August 10. AN on last leaf: "8 July. I could not get a frank until to-day."	1791 Jul 6
b. 4, f. 41	Letter : London 1 item (2 p.); 23 cm. x 18 cm. Expects to arrive at Auchinleck about August 25. Accompanied by: catalog description.	1791 Aug 1
b. 4, f. 42	Letter : London 1 item (1 p.); 23 cm. x 18 cm. Concerning farm tenants.	1792 Feb 10
b. 4, f. 43	Letter : London 1 item (2 p.); 20 cm. x 16 cm. Concerning the "Account of Improvements" for 1791.	1792 Mar 26
b. 4, f. 44	Letter : London 1 item (1 p.); 22 cm. x 18 cm.	1792 Apr 2
b. 4, f. 45	Letter : London 1 item (1 p.); 23 cm. x 18 cm. Accompanied by: catalog description.	1792 Jun 9
b. 4, f. 46	Letter : London 1 item (1 p.); 23 cm. x 18 cm.	1792 Jun 15
b. 4, f. 47	Letter : Chelmsford 1 item (2 p.); 23 cm. x 18 cm. Boswell in Chelmsford on business; gives direction concerning rents.	1792 Oct 2
b. 4, f. 48	Letter : London 1 item (1 p.); 34 cm. x 20 cm. Concerning rent for various properties, including Dalblair and Drumfork. Mentions Mr. Dun's illness. Accompanied by: typed transcript and catalog description.	1792 Oct 12
b. 4, f. 49	Letter : London 1 item (2 p.); 20 cm. x 17 cm. Various farm rentals	1792 Oct 29
b. 4, f. 50	Letter : London 1 item (3 p.); 26 cm. x 19 cm. Concerning various farm rentals and the selection of a new minister for the parish; requests butter for his brother and honey for himself.	1792 Nov 13
b. 4, f. 51	Letter : London 1 item (2 p.); 20 cm. x 18 cm. Raising the price of coal by a halfpenny per creel.	1792 Nov 29



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b. 4, f. 52	Letter : London 1 item (2 p.); 23 cm. x 18 cm. Concerning estate business; the appointments of a postmaster a replacement for Mr. Dun. Accompanied by: typed transcript, carbon.	1793 Jan 24
b. 4, f. 53	Letter : Glasgow 1 item (4 p.); 25 cm. x 19 cm. Concerning the rental of Braehead and plantings of trees. Lists of tenants in pencil in hand of Andrew Gibbs (?).	1793 Mar 23
b. 4, f. 54	Letter : London 1 item (1 p.); 23 cm. x 19 cm. Concerning the dinner for the new minister's ordination, and refusing a contribution to a fund for seamen. Accompanied by: catalog description and bill of sale (1957 Apr 25)	1793 Jul 10
b. 4, f. 55	Letter : London 1 item (2 p.); 32 cm. x 20 cm. Concerning tenants who have failed to pay rents. Accompanied by: typed transcript.	1793 Aug 13
b. 4, f. 56	Letter : London 1 item (4 p.); 21 cm. x 17 cm. Concerning Knockroon; road repair; payments to be disbursed in January. Annotated in pencil, "Tinker #16."	1793 Dec 13
b. 4, f. 57	Letter : London 1 item (2 p.); 32 cm. x 20 cm. Boswell's displeasure with several tenants; requests accounts for 1793 be drawn up promptly. Accompanied by: catalog description.	1793 Dec 19
b. 4, f. 58	Letter : London 1 item (2 p.); 20 cm. x 17 cm. Requests copies of accounts for 1793.	1794 Feb 24
b. 4, f. 59	Letter : London 1 item (4 p.); 20 cm. x 17 cm. Concerning measures to be taken with tenants in arrears; other estate business; requests copies of accounts for 1793. Accompanied by: typed transcript.	1794 Mar 27
b. 4, f. 60	Letter : London 1 item (1 p.); 23 cm. x 19 cm.	1794 Apr 3
b. 4, f. 61	Letter : London 1 item (2 p.); 21 cm. x 17 cm. Concerning tenants in arrears who are to be poided.	1794 May 1
b. 4, f. 62	Bibliographical information	n.d.

OVERSIZE MATERIAL

## OVERSIZE MATERIAL (continued)

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b. 2, f. 9-18	Journals for the estate of Auchinleck <i>10 items.</i> The journals record the daily weather, including barometer readings for some years, and details of work done by tradesmen and laborers on the estate.  In blue paper wrappers  Purchased in 1996.	1772-81
b. 3, f. 19-26	Journals for the estate of Auchinleck <i>7 items.</i> The journals record the daily weather, including barometer readings for some years. Those for 1784-86 also give details of work done by tradesmen and laborers on the estate.  In blue paper wrappers.  Purchased in 1996.	1784-90

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## **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.

### **Names**

Boswell, Alexander, Sir, 1775-1822

Boswell, Euphemia, 1774-1837

Boswell, James, 1740-1795

Boswell, James, 1806-1857

### **Families**

Boswell family