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Diaries and notebooks of Edward Theodore Salvesen  
1873-1900

Fonds

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Salvesen, Edward Theodore (1857-1942); Lord Salvesen; lawyer, politician and judge.

Edward Theodore Salvesen (1857-1942) was the son of Christian Frederick Salvesen (1827-1911), the Norwegian born founder of the Salvesen shipping company of Leith. He was educated at Edinburgh University and called to the Scottish Bar in 1880, becoming a Queen's Counsel in 1899. As a Liberal Unionist candidate, he unsuccessfully contested the parliamentary constituencies of Leith Burghs in 1900 and Bute in 1905. He was Sheriff of Roxburghshire, Berwickshire and Selkirkshire from 1901-1905 and held office as Solicitor General for Scotland from February-October 1905. In 1905 he was appointed a judge of the Court of Session, a post he held until 1922. He was appointed a Privy Council in 1922 and was also a member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. He was the Lord Rector's Assessor on the Courts of Edinburgh University from 1929-1933, and presided over numerous charitable organisations. He was a Commander of the Order of the White Rose of Finland and Order of St. Olav of Norway.

The manuscript diaries and journals provide an insight into Salvesen's youth and early years in the Scottish bar. In addition, they document his frequent journeys to Norway, Finland and Germany, thus showing the strong links he maintained throughout his life with the land of his fore-bearers. Many of the volumes contain enclosures that have been described in the inventory and also sketches of buildings, animals and some unidentified human faces.

All the journals and notebooks have been retained. They have been arranged into two series:

1-20 Journals

21-24 Miscellaneous notebooks

The journals and notebooks are written in English; however some of the enclosures are in Norwegian and German.

*Memoirs of Lord Salvesen*, ed. Harold F. Andorsen, Edinburgh, 1949.

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## Journals

1-20 Journals, 1881-1900, of Lord Edward Theodore Salvesen.

1. 1881.
2. 1882, includes a postcard from Norway and a business card.
3. 1883.
4. 1884, contains some sketches of human faces and a dog.
5. 1885, includes a cheque and a letter, 21 March 1884, of the British Linen Company Bank.
6. 1886, includes licence, 6 September 1886, to kill game, some stamps and a photographer's business card.
7. 1887, Includes licence, 5 September 1887, to kill game and some loose pages on the aneroid barometer.
8. 1888.
9. 1889.
10. 1890.
11. 1891, includes a letter, 26 March 1884, of the British Linen Company Bank.
12. 1892, includes a letter, 26 July 1892 of the British Linen Company Bank, an invoice, 31 August 1892, and a business card.
13. 1893.
14. 1894, includes a business card of a London-based portrait painter.
15. 1895, contains a sketch of a dog.
16. 1896, contains sketches of the elevation of a house, a floor plan and a table plan.
17. 1897, contains a sketches of a balustrade and elevation of a house.
18. 1898, includes a passport, 23 March 1898, issued by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marquess of Salisbury, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; a chemist's prescription and a scrap of paper recording his weight on 9 April 1897.
19. 1899.

20. 1900, includes Mr and Mrs Edward Theodore Salvesen's business card.

**Miscellaneous notebooks**

21. Common-place book, 1873-1884, containing diary entries of various holiday tours in Kristiansand, Norway, Finland and Germany. Some early entries are not in chronological order and they are often interspersed with miscellaneous entries on a variety of subjects ranging from his professional life, personal thoughts and family and friends.

22. Typescript pages describing a trip to Iceland, c. 1887.

23. Investment account book, 1889-1917.

24. Notebook, undated, containing the script of an unfinished novel or short story in five chapters.