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This collection consists of the correspondence and papers of Sir George Taylor, FRS, LLD, DSc, FRSE, FLS, UMH, (1904-1993), formerly Principal in the Air Ministry (1940-5), Deputy Keeper of Botany, British Museum (Natural History) (1945-50), Keeper of Botany, British Museum (Natural History) (1950-6), Director, Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew (1956-71) and Director of the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust (1970-89). Sir George was knighted in 1962.

Sir George participated in three major botanical expeditions (to South Africa, 1927-8, East Africa, 1934-5, and Tibet and Bhutan, 1938) which are illustrated in letters, photographs and diaries.

Correspondence of special interest includes letters from botanical explorers Frank and Jean Kingdon Ward, George and Betty Sherriff and Frank Ludlow (mostly from Burma, Tibet and Bhutan) and from King Gustav of Sweden and Stanley Smith (the latter discussing the possible foundation of a Horticultural Trust).

Sir George was also in regular contact with, amongst others, Sir William Wright-Smith (Regius Keeper of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Edinburgh), (1922-56), Professor Harold Fletcher (Regius Keeper of the RBG, Edinburgh), (1958-70), the 2nd and 3rd Barons Aberconway, Sir Eric Savill (Director of the Gardens, Windsor Great Park) (1959-70), Sir Edward Salisbury (Director, Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew), (1943-56) and various officials connected with Herbaria, Botanical Gardens, Museums, Universities etc, in many different countries.

Of the numerous different associations and committees Sir George was connected with, his membership of the Ministry of Transport's Advisory Committee on the Landscape Treatment of Trunk Roads (hereafter known as the Landscape Advisory Committee) from 1956 to 1981 (Chairman 1969-81) is most fully reflected in this collection. There are also substantial references to Sir George's membership of the Department of the Environment's Advisory Committee on Forestry and Trees in the Royal Parks (1958-79) and the Windsor Gardens Consultative Committee.

Other points of interest include Sir George's radio and television scripts, speeches etc, his contributions to the Dictionary of Scientific Biography and his connection with Tropical Herbaria.

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CORRESPONDENCE

1. 1928-1930.
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5. 1941-1945.
6. 1946.
7. January-August 1947.
8. September-December 1947.
9. January-February 1948.
10. March-May 1948.
11. June-August 1948.
12. September-October 1948.
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14. January-March 1949.
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16. June-July 1949.
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18. November-December 1949.
19. January 1950.
20. February-March 1950.
21. April-June 1950.
22. July-August 1950.
23. September-October 1950.
24. November-December 1950.
- 24a. 1951.

- 24b. 1952.
- 24c. 1953.
- 25. 1954 – June 1955.
- 26. July-December 1955.
- 27. January-July 1956.
- 28. August-December 1956.
- 29. January-June 1957.
- 30. July-December 1957.
- 31. January-June 1958.
- 32. July-December 1958.
- 33. January-May 1959.
- 34. June-September 1959.
- 35. October-December 1959.
- 36. January-June 1960.
- 37. July-December 1960.
- 38. January-May 1961.
- 39. June-August 1961.
- 40. September-December 1961.
- 41. 1-2 January 1962.
- 42. 3-9 January 1962.
- 43. 10 January – February 1962.
- 44. March-April 1962.
- 45. May-July 1962.
- 46. August-December 1962.
- 47. 1963-1966.
- 48. January-June 1967.

49. July-December 1967.
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71. 1987.
72. 1988.
73. 1989.
74. n.d.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER PAPERS

75. Aberdour Castle gardens, 1976-8.
76. Bedgebury Pinetum Consultative Committee, 1960-1, 1970-4.
77. Bentham-Moxon Trust, 1959-64.
78. Bentham-Moxon Trust, 1965-8.
79. Bentham-Moxon Trust, 1969-71.
80. Bentham-Moxon Trust, 1972-4.
81. Bentham-Moxon Trust, 1975-7.
82. Bentham-Moxon Trust, 1978-84.
83. Bentham-Moxon Trust, 1985-9.
84. Borders Tree and Shrub Growers Ltd, 1977-81.
85. Bradford Washburn Award, 1969.
86. Branklyn, Perthshire, 1966-8.
87. Brian Clouston and Partners, 1978.
88. British Naturalists' Association, 1971, 1976, 1986-7.
89. Chelsea Physic Garden, 1970-2.
90. Chelsea Physic Garden, 1973-6.
91. Chequers, 1971-5.
92. Commonwealth War Graves Commission, 1960, 1963-6, 1969, 1974.
93. Commonwealth War Graves Commission, 1975-7, 1983.
94. Costa Rica trip, 1973.
95. Corstorphine – Angus Herbarium, 1966-72, 1981.
(For earlier correspondence and papers, ca. 1910-60, see Manuscript Department, University of Dundee, MS.27).
96. Countryside Commission for Scotland, 1971, 1984, 1989.
97. Cove, 1975-7.
98. Curtis's Botanical Magazine, 1970-89.

99. Department of the Environment's Advisory Committee on Forestry and Trees in the Royal Parks – correspondence, 1958-87.
100. Department of the Environment's Advisory Committee on Forestry and Trees in the Royal Parks – reports, 1954-79.
- 100a. Dictionary of Scientific Biography, 1966-70.
101. East Lothian Amenity Society, 1970-3.
102. East Lothian (1971) and East Linton (1972) Horticultural Societies.
103. Edinburgh Botanic Garden (Sibbald) Trust, 1977-84.
104. Edinburgh Botanic Garden (Sibbald) Trust, 1985-9.
105. Harold Fletcher, 1971-5.
106. Forestry – Advisory Committee, 1971, 1975.
107. F R Fosberg, 1963-4.
108. Friends of Edinburgh University Library, 1963, 1971-8.
109. Friends of Edinburgh University Library, 1979-87.
110. Friends of Harthill and Calderstones Park, 1964, 1981-9.
111. Garden Society, 1953-89.
112. Garden Society of Scotland, 1972-89.
113. Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Fund, 1971-3.
114. Geographical Club, 1960-72.
115. J St Bodfan Gruffydd, PPILA, 1969, 1977-87.
116. King Gustav VI Adolf of Sweden, 1955-72, n.d. (including photographs).
117. Haddington Garden Trust, 1972-6.
118. Haddington Garden Trust, 1977-89.
119. Haddington Garden Trust – minutes, agendas and accounts, 1972-6.
120. Haddington Garden Trust – minutes, agendas and accounts, 1977-88.
121. Haddington Garden Trust – Trust Settlement, 1972, and Plans, 1974.
122. Haddington Garden Trust – Plants.

123. Professor J Heslop-Harrison, FRS, 1970-6.
124. Historic Gardens Symposium, 1971-2.
125. Indian Botanic Garden, 1987.
126. International Dendrology Society, 1972-83.
127. International Botanical Congress, 1964.
128. James Scott & Son (Portobello) Ltd, 1969-78.
129. James Scott & Son (Portobello) Ltd, 1979-87.
130. John Lewis Partnership, 1962-76.
131. Landscape Advisory Committee and Nature Conservancy Council – Road Verges and the Effect of Traffic on Plants, 1952-78.
132. Landscape Advisory Committee – Letters, minutes and inspection reports, 1956-76.
133. Landscape Advisory Committee – Letters, minutes and inspection reports, 1977-9.
134. Landscape Advisory Committee – Letters, minutes and inspection reports, 1980-3.
135. Landscape Advisory Committee – Reports and briefs, 1970-3.
136. Landscape Advisory Committee – Reports and briefs, 1974.
137. Landscape Advisory Committee – General reports, 1977-80.
138. Landscape Advisory Committee – Miscellaneous reports (DDE, Ministry of Transport etc), 1966-75.
139. Landscape Advisory Committee – M3-M4 link. Motorway M31 Inspection, 1966.
140. Landscape Advisory Committee – M40 Crossing of the Chilterns, 1967-70.
141. Landscape Advisory Committee – Motorway and Major Trunk Roads Scheme Progress Map, 1970.
142. Landscape Advisory Committee – M1-A1 Feasibility Study, 1974.
143. Landscape Advisory Committee – Site Inspection reports and briefs (and loose maps), 1975-80.

144. Landscape Advisory Committee – Yorkshire to North-East, Kirkhampton to Dishforth, 1979.
145. Landscape Advisory Committee – Proposed Extension of the M1 to the North of Leeds, n.d.
146. Land Use Consultants, 1986.
147. ‘Les Roses’, 1972-8.
148. Linnean Society of London, 1969, 1976-9, 1981, 1988.
149. London’s Garden Society, 1969-84.
150. Birthday congratulations and obituary for Sir David Love, 1979-80, 1982.
151. Lucretions, 1957-70, 1978-81, 1984, 1987-8.
152. Frank Ludlow, 1937-68.
153. Mitchell Beazley International Ltd, 1972-1984.
154. John Murray, 1971-1978.
155. John Murray, 1979-1988.
156. National Trust.
157. National Trust for Scotland – Gardens committee, 1976-8.
158. Percy Sladen Memorial Fund, 1972-7.
159. Percy Sladen Memorial Fund, 1978-86.
160. Seymour Preston, 1985-89.
161. Charles Puddle, 1967-88.
- 161A. Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh, 1973-88
162. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 1975-81.
163. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 1982-9.
164. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew – Report of a Visiting Committee, 1958.
165. Royal Horticultural Society, 1971.
166. Royal Horticultural Society, 1972-5.
167. Royal Horticultural Society, 1976-83.

168. Royal Horticultural Society, 1984-9.
169. Royal Horticultural Society – Botanical Magazine, 1951-68.
170. Royal Horticultural Society – Botanical Magazine, 1969-70.
171. Royal Society, 1965-9, 1971.
172. Royal Society, 1972-7.
173. Royal Society, 1978-86.
174. Royal Society of Edinburgh, 1973-88.
175. Sir Eric Savill, 1984-8.
176. Scone Palace Estate, 1972-3.
177. Scotland's Gardens Scheme, 1972-8.
178. Scottish Houses (not Belhaven), 1969.
179. Scottish Rock Garden Club, 1968-89.
180. Scottish Wildlife Trust, 1967-85.
181. Major George Sherriff, 1934-67 and Mrs E H Sherriff, 1968-74.
182. Stainton Botanical Trust, 1964-72.
183. Stainton Botanical Trust, 1973-7.
184. Stainton Botanical Trust, 1978-88.
185. Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust, 1965-83. (see also nos.342-382)
186. Miss E M Taylor, 1971-5.
187. Graham S Thomas, 1984-7.
188. Thomas Phillips Price Trust – Report for Trustees, 1970.
189. Thomas Phillips Price Trust – Markshall Estate, 1970-2.
190. Thomas Phillips Price Trust – Markshall Estate, 1973-4.
191. Thomas Phillips Price Trust – Markshall Estate, 1975-6.
192. Thomas Phillips Price Trust – Markshall Estate, 1977.
193. Thomas Phillips Price Trust – Markshall Estate, 1978-9.

194. Thomas Phillips Price Trust – Markshall Estate, 1980-8.
195. Tibetan expedition of 1938.
196. Tibet.
197. Visiting Committee for Tropical Herbaria, 1963.
198. Visiting Committee for Tropical Herbaria – Questionnaires and reports, 1963.
199. Wakehurst Place, 1970.
200. F Kingdon Ward and wife, 1932-68.
201. Westonbirt Arboretum Consultative Committee, 1968-74.
202. Windsor Gardens Consultative Committee – Correspondence, 1970-87.
203. Worshipful Company of Gardeners, 1968-87.

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204. 1925.
205. 1926.
206. 1927.
- 206a. 1927 – entry for 13th September 1927.
207. 1928.
208. Diary of a tour in East Africa, 1934-5 (by Edwards).
209. Original and typed transcript of Tibet Diary, 1938.
210. Ludlow's Diary, 1938.
211. 1951.
212. 1955.
213. 1957.
214. 1958.
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243. 1987.

PRESS CUTTINGS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

244. 1920-49.

245. 1950-60.

246. 1961-65.

247. 1966-75.

248. 1976-90.

249. n.d.

PHOTOGRAPHS

250-7 Photographs from the South African Expedition of 1927-8. Numbers 1-116.

250. Nos.1-15.

251. Nos.16-30.

252. Nos.31-45.

253. Nos.46-60.

254. Nos.61-75.

255. Nos.76-90.

256. Nos.91-105.

257. Nos.106-116.

258-73 Photographs from the East African Expedition of 1934-5. Numbers 1-405.

258. Nos.1-25.

259. Nos.26-50.

260. Nos.51-75.

261. Nos.76-100.

262. Nos.101-125.

263. Nos.126-150.

264. Nos.151-175.

265. Nos.176-200.

266. Nos.201-225.

267. Nos.226-250.

268. Nos.251-275.

269. Nos.276-300

270. Nos.301-325.

271. Nos.326-350.

272. Nos.351-375.

273. Nos.376-405.
- 274-81 Eight albums containing photographs from the Tibet expedition of 1938 (with contents lists).
282. Box containing photographs from the Tibet expedition of 1938.
283. Album containing glass negatives from the Tibet expedition.
- 284-90 Boxes containing glass negatives from the ?Tibet expedition, 1938.
291. Photographs from the Bhutan expedition by Sherriff, 1949.
- 291a Photographs from the Bhutan expedition by Sherriff, 1949.
292. Box containing miscellaneous negatives, including Sherriff's negatives from an expedition of SE Tibet in 1934.
293. Landscape photographs – Lancaster-Penrith motorway.
294. Miscellaneous photographs on various subjects including Sino-Himalayan Garden, Rhododendron Species Foundation, Kew Palace 17th cent Gardens.
295. Miscellaneous photographs and slides.

CERTIFICATES, PRIZES AND DEGREES

- 296-301 Prizes, Certificates, Degrees, etc.
- 302-5 Prizes, Certificates, Degrees, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 306 Ludlow, Sherriff & Taylor Field notes (Fourth set nos.3580-5500).
- 306.a Ludlow, Sherriff & Taylor Field notes (Fourth set nos.5501-7289).
307. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew – Visitors, Book, 1959-70.
308. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew – Visitors, Book, 1962-71.
309. Volume containing hand coloured etchings by James Bolton.
310. Volume containing dried ferns.
311. Catalogue of British plants.
312. Sketches, diagrams and material relating to the flora of Africa.

313. British and Irish Botanists, Britten and Boulger, 2nd edition, interleaved with newspaper obituaries of botanists.
314. Papers relating to Sir George's interest in the Reverend John Walker DD (1731-1803), Professor of Natural History, Edinburgh University.
315. Newspaper and magazine articles relating to Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker (1817-1911), John Reid (1656-1723) and Willilam Curtis (1746-99).
316. Letters of botanical interest, 1801-1929, including many written to C E Salmon.
- 317-9 Radio and TV Scripts, Speeches, Replies to Toasts, etc, 1935-86.
320. Book reviews.
321. Autobiography of Sir George Taylor.
- 321a Transcript of Sir George Taylor talking about his life recorded for BBC.
- 322-4. Bank statements.
322. 1930-40.
323. 1944-60.
324. 1960-66.
325. Biographic Index to 'The Dillenian Herbaria' from Druce and Vines.
- 326-8 Articles (Typescript and printed) by Sir George Taylor.
329. Miscellaneous articles, photographs etc concerning meconopsis and podostemaceae.
- 330-1 Miscellaneous articles (Typescript and printed) by various people including Frank Kingdon Ward.
- 332-4 Miscellaneous papers.
335. Miscellaneous drawings.
- 336-7 Miscellaneous printed material.

REFERENCES (NOT FOR CONSULTATION)

338. Personal References, A-F.
339. Personal References, G-K.
340. Personal References, L-O.
341. Personal References, P-Z.

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STANLEY SMITH HORTICULTURAL TRUST (see also no.185)

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- 342. No.1 – 1 December 1971.
- 343. No.2 – 31 May 1972.
- 344. No.3 – 1 December 1972.
- 345. No.4 – 31 May 1973.
- 346. No.5 – 30 November 1973.
- 347. No.6 – 31 May 1974.
- 348. No.7 – 30 November 1974.
- 349. No.8 – 31 May 1975.
- 350. No.9 – 30 November 1975.
- 351. No.10 – 31 May 1976.
- 352. No.11 – 30 November 1976.
- 353. No.12 – 31 May 1977.
- 354. No.13 – 30 November 1977.
- 355. No.14 – 31 May 1978.
- 356. No.15 – 30 November 1978.
- 357. No.16 – 31 May 1979.
- 358. No.17 – 30 November 1979.
- 359. No.18 – 31 May 1980.
- 360. No.19 – 30 November 1980.
- 361. No.20 – 31 May 1981.
- 362. No.21 – 30 November 1981.
- 363. No.22 – 31 May 1982 (pt.1).

- 364. No.22 – 31 May 1982 (pt 2).
- 365. No.23 – 30 November 1982.
- 366. No.24 – 31 May 1983.
- 367. No.25 – 30 November 1983.
- 368. No.26 – 31 May 1984.
- 369. No.27 – 30 November 1984.
- 370. No.28 – 31 May 1985.
- 371. No.29 – 30 November 1985.
- 372. No.30 – 31 May 1986.
- 373. No.31 – 30 November 1986.
- 374. No.32 – 31 May 1987.
- 375. No.33 – 30 October 1987.
- 376. No.34 – 31 May 1988.
- 377. No.35 – 31 October 1988.
- 378. No.36 – June 1989.
- 379. No.37 – October 1989.
- 380. No.38 – April 1990.
- 381. No.39 – October 1990.
- 382. US Trust matters – US applications requiring a decision from the Trustees, n.d.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AND PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE

383-392 Business and Personal correspondence.

- 383. 1977.
- 384. 1978.
- 385. 1979.
- 386. 1980.
- 387. 1981.
- 388. 1982.
- 389. 1983.

- 390. 1984.
- 391. 1985.
- 392. 1988.

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

- 393. Extracts from manuscript descriptions of plants in the Edinburgh Botanic Garden, or found in the neighbourhood, May 1792 – October 1793.

Extracts from Dr Walker's diary.
- 394. Extracts from records.
- 395. List of distribution of reprints.
- 396. Audio tape (contents unknown).

SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY LECTURE NOTES

School

- 397. Natural Science – Botany, 1919-1920
- 398. Natural Science – Zoology, 1920-1921

University

- 399.. Botany 1922-1923
- 400. Botany 1923-1924
- 401. Botany 1924-1925
- 402. Botany – advanced (includes photographs)
- 403. Botany, n.d.
- 404. Anatomy, n.d.

VOLUMES CONTAINING DRIED PLANTS COLLECTED BY SIR GEORGE TAYLOR

- 405-6. 1920-1921 (2 volumes)
- 407. 1920-1922
- 408. 1923-1925
- 409. 1924-1925

LISTS OF PLANTS

- 410. List of Potamogetons collected by Sir George Taylor 1944-1947 and distribution of Potamogetons
- 411. Distribution of Potamogetons
- 412. Lists of plants by other botanists
- 413. Index to Flora of Moidart and adjacent districts
- 414. Primula exhibition labels