Guide to the Sir Angus Cunninghame Graham Naval History Manuscripts Collection MS.M.001

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**Title:** Sir Angus Cunningham Graham naval history manuscripts collection

**Creator:** Cunningham Graham, Angus, Sir

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**Physical Description:** 1.4 Linear Feet (4 boxes)

**Date (inclusive):** 1746-1967

**Date (bulk):** 1746-1913

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**Language of Material:** English

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**Acquisition Information**
Acquired, circa 1966.

**Custodial History**
The collection was initially assembled by Commander Charles Elphinstone Fleeming Cunningham Graham and it includes materials created or assembled by Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward Seymour and Admiral Sir Douglas Romilly Lothian Nicholson.

**Processing Information**

**Biographies**

**Angus Cunningham Graham**
Admiral Sir Angus Edward Malise Bontine Cunningham Graham of Gartmore, son of Commander C. E. F. Cunningham Graham, was born in 1893. Cunningham Graham completed his education at Osborne and Dartmouth, served in the Grand Fleet, 1914-1918, and was Senior Naval Officer at West River, China from 1936 until 1938. He was Captain of H.M.S. (Her Majesty's Ship) Signal School, 1943-1945 and became a Rear Admiral in 1945. In 1952, after serving as a Vice-Admiral for four years, he was appointed an Admiral. Among many other titles, Cunningham Graham was also a Trustee for the National Library of Scotland, Commissioner of the Queen Victoria School, and Vice-President of the National Trust of Scotland. He died in 1981.

**Charles Elphinstone Fleeming Cunningham Graham**
Commander C.E.F. Cunningham Graham, father of Angus Cunningham Graham and brother of Robert Bontine Cunningham Graham, famous Scottish politician and writer, was born in Edinburgh in 1854. After three years at Harrow he joined the crew of H.M.S. Britannia. He served the Royal National Lifeboat Institution for twenty-five years first as an Inspector of Lifeboats, and later as a Deputy Chief Inspector. He died in 1917.

**Scope and Content of Collection**
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Arrangement
This collection is arranged into 3 series.

Series 1. Ephemera files, circa 1830-1967. 0.4 linear ft.
Series 2. Ships' logs and related documents, 1757-1803. 0.4 linear ft.
Series 3. Signal books, 1746-1913. 0.6 linear ft.

Separated Material
Collection initially also included the diaries of Anne Elizabeth Bontine and additional materials which now comprise the Anne Elizabeth Bontine Diaries and Other Materials (MS-M29), Special Collections and Archives.

Ephemera files Series 1. circa 1830-1969
Physical Description: 0.4 Linear Feet
General Physical Description note: no content
Series Scope and Content Summary
This series consists of personal items, correspondence, lecture notes and sketchbooks including a bound chronology listing the previous collectors of these materials and their biographies. The materials in this series deal with naval issues, such as engineering and navigation and include a number of letters from the personal correspondence of Angus Cunninghame Graham.
Arrangement
The items are arranged into categories and chronologically within categories.

box 1, folder 1
Checklist and biography of custodians. Cunninghame Graham Naval Library
November, 1967

box 1, folder 2-3
Correspondence

box 1, folder 2
Cunninghame Graham, Angus, letter to Graham’s librarian 1969

box 1, folder 3
Cunninghame Graham, C. E. F. 1911-1914.

  Physical Description: 2 items.
  General Physical Description note: no content

box 1, folder 4-7,
box 4, folder 1-3
Lectures, notes, and publications

box 1, folder 4-6,
box 4, folder 1
Cunninghame Graham, Angus

  H.M.S Achilles, engineering circa 1912
  H.M.S. Cumberland, shipbuilding notes circa 1926-circa 1946
  Navigation, piloteage and compass notes circa 1910-circa 1930
  Notes on charts, flags, signals and various naval subjects circa 1910- circa 1940

box 1, folder 7
Cunninghame, Graham, C. E. F.. Addenda to Naval Library catalogue circa 1912

box 4, folder 2
Lieutenant Layman, H.F.H., Lecture on the history of naval visual signalling 1926, July

box 4, folder 3
Waters, David Watkin, Notes on the convoy system of naval warfare, thirteenth to twentieth centuries, part I, 1204 -1874 1957.
Ships' logs and related naval documents Series 2. 1757-1803

Physical Description: 0.4 Linear Feet
General Physical Description note: no content
Series Scope and Content Summary
This series consists of ships' logs and miscellaneous naval documents dating from the middle of the 18th to early 19th centuries. The materials document naval life during the time period aboard naval vessels, administrative and legal events, ships' locations and movements, crew data and other related matters.

Arrangement
The series is arranged alphabetically by title and by author within categories of documents.

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box 1, folder 8-11, Naval documents
box 4, folder 4

box 4, folder 4 Letter book 1757-1758.
Scope and Contents note
Spine title: Journal De M De Contrepo Capitain Debrulo.

box 1, folder 8 Midshipman's leave book, H.M.S New Zealand 1910-1911
box 1, folder 9 Seamanship note book 1890
box 1, folder 10 Sketchbook of ships and sailboats 1882
box 1, folder 11 Watch, station, and quarter bill circa 1811

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box 2, folder 1, Ships logs
box 4, folder 5-6

box 4, folder 5-6 Harris, John 1792-1802.
Physical Description: 2 folders.
General Physical Description note: no content
Scope and Contents note
The volume, in addition to 4 loose pages of entries, also contains a tintype portrait of an unidentified male.

box 2, folder 1 Moubray, Richard Hussey (Commander of the H.M.S. Maidstone, 1801-1803) 1803
Signal books Series 3. 1746-1913
Physical Description: 0.6 Linear Feet
General Physical Description note: no content
Series Scope and Content Summary
This series consists of 11 signal books that include information on charts, flags, signals and various other subjects including navigation, tides, sail making, and stowage of holds.
Arrangement
Items in this series are arranged chronologically.

box 2, folder 2 Signals for the Royal Navy and ships under convoy 1746.
Scope and Contents note
Includes the undated publication Coins weights and measures, ancient and modern for all nations.

box 2, folder 3 Pendant and signals circa 1746
box 2, folder 4 Telegraph flag of the thousands circa 1746-circa 1800.
Scope and Contents note
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