University of Sheffield Library. Special Collections and Archives
Ref: MS 437
Title: Alfred Plummer Travel Diaries

Scope: *Diaries recording the travel experiences of the Reverend Alfred Plummer in Germany in 1869 and 1889, and in England between 1916 and 1919.*

Dates: 1869, 1889, 1916-1919
Level: Fonds
Extent: 1 box
Name of creators: Alfred Plummer

Administrative / biographical history:
The diaries are handwritten and document some of the travels of Alfred Plummer. The earlier diaries cover his visits to Germany and Austria in 1869 and 1889 and include some photographs and newspaper cuttings, while the later ones document his travels in England between 1916 and 1919, notably in Shropshire, Hertfordshire and Devon. Again they include many newspaper cuttings and photographs, and also some of Plummer’s reflections on the War.

Alfred Plummer was born in February 1841 at Heworth Vicarage in County Durham, the third son of the Reverend Matthew Plummer and his wife Louisa. He was educated at Lancing College in Sussex, and at Exeter College, Oxford, before becoming fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, from 1865, then Master of University College, Durham, from 1874 to 1902. He was ordained deacon in 1866, and married in 1874. He retired in 1902 and moved to Bideford in Devon.

As Master of University College, Durham, Plummer taught theology, with a particular interest in the gospel of Luke, and published a number of commentaries on Luke and other books, based on a detailed study of the Greek text. He wrote widely on church history, and published sermons and devotional works. Plummer also translated some of the works of the German theologian Ignaz von Döllinger, whom he visited fifteen times between 1870 and 1889.

Alfred Plummer died in April 1926.

Source: By purchase, in September 2013
System of arrangement: Chronological
Subjects: Voyages and travels - Germany - Diaries; Voyages and travels - England - Diaries
Names: Plummer, Alfred, 1841-1926
Conditions of access: Available to all researchers, by appointment
Restrictions: None
Finding aids: Listed
Listing:

**437/1**  Travel Diaries: Germany

437/1/1 Diary entitled "Munich: A. Plummer, Trinity College Oxford. Munich, July 11th 1869"
Entries begin on Sunday 11th July 1869 and end on Monday 23rd August 1869  
17.5 x 11.5 cm; 57 leaves; ms.

437/1/1i Includes one enclosed item: card for Buffet de la Gare, Bellinzona, Switzerland

437/1/2 Diary entitled "Munich to Vienna, Salzburg, and England: A. Plummer, Trinity College Oxford. Passau, August 24th 1869"
Entries begin on Tuesday S. Bartholomew’s Day [24th August] 1869 and end on Thursday 8th September 1869. The later part of the book contains poems in German with English translations.  
17.5 x 11.5 cm; 54 leaves; ms. One loose page  
Stuck into the book are a B&W photograph of Linz with The Karlskirche, Vienna, on the reverse; a pressed flower; a German newspaper cutting headed “Ehrensache gegen anonyme Gemeinheit”.

437/1/3 Diary headed "Munich: Alfred Plummer, University College, Durham, England. Munich, July 27th 1889"
Entries begin on Wednesday 24th July 1889 and end on Friday 5th September 1889  
17.5 x 11.5 cm; 137 leaves; ms.  
Towards the back of the book are stuck in a German newspaper cutting headed “Unser Verhältnis zu England”; four photographs: “Neustift in the Stubai Valley”, “Wilder Freiger (Stubai Valley), “Fulpmes to the South”, “Fulpmes to the West”. At the very back of the book are written some poems in German and English.

437/1/3i-ii Includes two enclosed items: postcard of “Rossinières - La Frasse” addressed to Mrs. Plummer in Bideford, North Devon; a pressed flower

**437/2**  Travel Diaries: England

437/2/1 Diary labelled “A. Plummer, Dulany, Bideford, August 1916”
Entries begin on Friday 25th August 1916 and end on Thursday 5th October 1916  
16.5 x 10.5 cm; 57 leaves; ms.  
Many newspaper cuttings and photographs are stuck into the book throughout.
437/2/1i-iv  Includes four enclosed items: B&W photographs cut from Country Life depicting scenes from Ludford and Ludlow

437/2/2  Diary labelled “1917 Berkhamsted and Bude; 1918 Chulmleigh; 1919 Tavistock: A. Plummer, Berkhamstead, 1 Sept 1917” Entries begin on 31st August 1917 and end on Wednesday 10th October [1917] 16.5 x 10.5 cm; 56 leaves; ms. Many newspaper cuttings and photographs are stuck into the book throughout.

437/2/3  Diary labelled “Chulmleigh, N. Devon 29 August to 12 September 1918: Alfred Plummer, Dulany, Bideford, N. Devon” Entries begin on Thursday 29th August 1918 and end on Friday 13th September 1918 17.5 x 11.5 cm; 24 leaves; ms. Fragile condition Several photographs are stuck into the book throughout.

437/2/4  Diary labelled “1919: A. Plummer, Bideford” Entries begin on Tuesday 2nd September 1919 and end on Tuesday 7th October 1919 15.5 x 10 cm; 56 leaves; ms. Many newspaper cuttings and photographs are stuck into the book throughout.

437/2/4i  Includes one enclosed item: bill for Freid’s Furniture Store, Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania, dated 8th October 1947