

GUIDE TO THE JOHN DUNMORE LANG COLLECTION

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

Title:	John Dunmore Lang collection
Collection dates:	1809 – 1890
Creator:	Unknown
Languages represented:	English
Repository:	Rare Books and Special Collections, University of Sydney Library https://library.sydney.edu.au/collections/rare-books/
Extent:	3 boxes
Genre and Forms:	Manuscripts, correspondence, printed books
Abstract:	This collection contains the papers of John Dunmore Lang and the extended Lang family.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Provenance

The collection entered into the University Archives prior to 1968 by Dr DS Macmillan. Previous owner was Mrs FH Harlow, wife of Rev. FH Harlow (a presbyterian minister). Mrs Harlow obtained the papers from Mrs AR Thomas, a nursing sister who looked after Miss Isabella Lang, daughter of JD Lang. It is thought Mrs Thomas obtained the papers from her or her estate when she died in 1926 (?).

Access

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Biographical note

John Dunmore Lang (1799-1878) was a presbyterian minister, politician, and writer. He migrated from Scotland to Australia in 1823. He established the Presbyterian Church in Australia and opened a Presbyterian school, the Australian College, which operated between 1831 and 1854. Lang and the Presbyterian Synod had a volatile relationship throughout his life. Passionate in his religious beliefs and supporter of assisted family immigration schemes, Lang actively encouraged British and Scottish immigration to Australia with the hope that public morality would benefit from the example of "well chosen" Protestant immigrants. Lang also sought influence through writing and publishing books and journals, including *An Historical and Statistical Account of New South Wales, both as a Penal Settlement and as a British Colony* (1834) and *The Colonial Observer* (1841-1844). He was elected to the Legislative Council for three terms and the Legislative Assembly (1859-69). He proved a loquacious participant and was gaoled for four months during this period for publishing a criminal libel.

References: Australian dictionary of biography. Melbourne: Melbourne University Press; London; New York: Cambridge University Press, 1966-[2000]. Volume 2, pp.76-83.

Concise encyclopedia of Australia and New Zealand (revised). Sydney: Horwitz Grahame, 1989.

Elder, Bruce (ed) *The A to Z of who is who in Australia's history?* NSW: Child and Associates, 1987.

Local Catalogue Headings

Lang, John Dunmore, 1799-1878, author

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Box	Folder	Item
Box 1	1	Notebook. Commences "In the presence of the sensation of hunger..." 1 vol.
Box 1	2	Notebook. Commences "Like a land animal and its hind parts like a fish.."
Box 1	3	"Notes of lectures taken while attending College", November 1914. [Also] "Notes of lectures of your brother (?) while at College", 1819. 11 sections.
Box 1	4	Sermons and addresses. By JD Lang? 29 items.
Box 1	5	Notes on "Austral Disc". (Australian exploration.)
Box 1	6	Notes on Hosea XIII: 9.
Box 1	7	History of logic continued, 1 section.
Box 1	8	Notes on beginning "I wish to write a few lines to my brothers that are of the Church of England". 1 section, 1 loose sheet.
Box 1	9	Papers of George Dunmore Lang. ("The lecture notes of your brother" see 10 above). 52 pieces.
Box 1	10	Notebook. Handwritten notes on one side. Italian notes on the other side.

- Notes on natural history (?):
- a. "Zoology is the science that treats.."
 - b. Lecture 117, 23 March 1815. "Shortly after the..."
 - c. Lecture 57, 12 January 1815. "The planet Jupiter..."
 - d. Zoology. Part 2. Elephants.
 - e. Lecture 59. 16 January 1815
 - f. Fragments of handwritten notes (7)
- Box 1 11** Notes on Natural Philosophy. By JD Lang. November 1814
- Box 1 12** Zoology. Part 5.
- Box 1 13** Notes of JD Lang. Moral philosophy. Class exercise. Natural philosophy.
- Box 1 14** Sermons of JD Lang? 32 items. (Labelled "Chiefly sermons and fragments of sermons which might be made up with good sight".)
- Box 1 15** Catalogue of musical programs. 1 vol.
- Box 1 16** William Lang's sketch book. (1849)
- Box 1 17** Domestic notebook. Also containing recipes.
- Box 1 18** GD Lang's university notes on logic, ethics, etc. 1 pad.
- Box 1 19** Miscellaneous notes by GD Lang.
- Box 1 20** Lectures on the Sabbath. By JD Lang. 1841.
(2 copies: one without a cover & one with a blue cover.)
- Box 1 21** The poetical works of Oliver Goldsmith.
- Box 1 22** A history of Greece. From the earliest times to the Roman Conquest.
By William Smith. 1871.
- Box 1 23** Seiner Theuren Freunde Hern... (Translates in ENG to: Dedicated to his dear friend...)
- Box 1 24** A Catechism on the government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church. 1840.
- Box 1 25** Chambers's miscellany of useful and entertaining tracts.
By William and Robert Chambers. 1845.
- Box 1 26** The illustrated penny almanack for 1853.
- Box 1 27** The Man of Feeling. By Henry Mackenzie Esq. 1809.
- Box 1 28** Family prayers. For everyday in the week: with prayers for Sabbath-schools. For the sick &c. By ministers of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.
Edited by Henry Cooke. 1841.
- Box 1 29** The Parent's assistant; or stories for children. By Maria Edgeworth. Vol. 3. 1831.
- Box 1 30** Sammtliche schriften. By W Blumenhagen. 1843.
- Box 1 31** The Coming event, or the United Provinces of Australia.
Two lectures by JD Lang 1850. (2 copies)
- Box 1 32** Repeal or revolution: or, a glimpse of the Irish future by JD Lang. 1848.
- Box 1 33** Map of the proposed seven provinces of Eastern Australia. N.d.
(Prepared for a published book?)
- Box 1 34**

Box	Folder	Item
Box 2	1	Extra Council Paper - The University Act. St. Andrews College or the Presbyterian College - J.D. Lang (1872) Correspondence.
Box 2	2	Dr Lang 17 May 1876 Miss Lang 16 August 1878 (Condolence letter on the passing of her father) Mrs Lang 19 December 1885
Box 2	3	Correspondence, various. Dated: 25 December 1829, 20 December 1829, 14 April 1828, 27 December 1829 List of references by Rev. J. D. Lang in Newspapers. Titles and Chronological dates from 1827 to 1842. Correspondence to Mrs. Lang (24 August 1878). Itinerary (1822)
Box 2	4	Narrative of Settlement of the Scots Church, Sydney, by J. D. Lang. (handwritten) Busby Reminiscences (compiled by James Nisbet). Correspondence to Rev. John Leake (Hobart town) (12 December 1823). Fragment of early prose. Correspondence from John Leake (1 March 1827). Page 7. Narrative of Scots Settlement.
Box 2	5	Other correspondence to the members of the Lang family and Miss Mackie.
Box 2	6	Yearly rental of Dunmore (a list of rentals) Miscellaneous handwritten note. A century of news. Newspaper clipping. Once a month magazine: Gallery of Eminent Australians - by J. D. Lang. 1886.
Box 2	7	Chapter VII: Australian Pioneers Reminiscences. By Jeremiah Bartley. Edited by John James Knight, 1896 Political Portraits of members of Parliament NSW, by David Buchanan Esq. (Jan 1863). Printed matter. Article by a survivor (13 June 1915) (handwritten).
Box 2		Notes of a trip to the Westward & Southward in the colony of NSW (March-April 1862)
	8	List of Cotton Spinners in Glasgow & neighbourhood (handwritten) Sydney Grammar School. Handwritten notes. Note on Justice Evatt's "The King and his dominion." (handwritten)
Box 2	9	Article on Dr Lang by H. Lawson. The Australian Nationalist, Sydney (8 August 1888) (handwritten notes).
Box 2	10	Various correspondence to Mr and Mrs Hanlin. 1939-1944.
Box 2	11	John Lang to the Department of Public Works (28 September 1870). Correspondence.
Box 2		The Mitchell Library request slips. Submitted by J.D. Lang, D. Hanlin & Frank Hanlin.
	12	Gordon Fairbairn to Mr Hanlin. Correspondence. Chronological list of papers by Rev. J. D. Lang (handwritten). List of Dr Lang's pamphlets.
Box 2	13	List of publications by Rev. John Dunmore Lang.
Box 2		Lang's pamphlets in Assembly Hall (handwritten)
	14	Chronology of themes (handwritten) List of Rev John Dunmore Lang. Vols. of manuscripts. Papers of Rev. J. D. Lang

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Box 2	15	Booklet: The Presbyterian Assembly Hall. Historical and descriptive account with notices of the work and activities of the church conducted from the building.
Box 2	16	Correspondence addressed to Mr Wyatt. Subject: various. Related to the passing of John Lang and Mrs Lang's response. Booklet: The History of ebenezzer by Rev. George Reid 1953
Box 2	17	Notes on William Lang Miscellaneous notes on Grotus Crayon Miscellaneous handwritten notes 1828
Box 2	18	Chronology of J. D. Lang's life including voyages to England (from Australia) Notes on the Presbyterian Church, Sydney Gazette (4 September 1823)
Box 2	19	Sydney Mail Supplement: Engraving: Printed sketch of the Interior of the Great Hall Sydney University (June 1871) DAMAGED item
Box 2	20	A Pioneer who put people before himself. Valuable work of Dr John Lang. By Walter E. Bethel. Newspaper clippings. Lang papers/pamphlets/handwritten notes:
Box 2	21	A. Moreton Bay B. Church C. Port Philip D. Education
Box 2	22	Early John D. Lang's translations from German.
Box 2	23	Hymn/prayer cards
Box 2	24	Photograph of the interior of a chapel/church Handwritten note (author unknown)
Box 2	25	News article: Sydney Harbour Bridge as it will appear when completed. Letters:
Box 2	26	A. 1830 - 1840 B. 1840 - 1850 C. 1860 - end
Box 2	27	Business papers of Andrew Lang. 1850s - 1880s. 2 bundles.
Box 2	28	Note on Provenance of Papers of John Dunmore Lang held in the University of Sydney archives. News clipping: Address by Rev. H. D. Mackie at the Civic Service, Hay. On Dr. John Dunmore Lang. The NSW Presbyterian (10 December 1931) News clipping: ... story continued from the previous news clipping. The NSW Presbyterian (24 December 1931)
Box 2	29	News clipping: Dr. J. D. Lang on his mother. Published in The NSW Presbyterian (30 April 1941) (3 copies) Other handwritten notes, author unknown.
Box 2	30	Photographs [A few items only]
Box 2	31	Deeds and papers relating to the Wollongong property. 1 bundle.

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Box 3	1	Isabella Lang's book. 1 vol. (Commonplace book of copied items.)
Box 3	2	George Lang's book. Bookkeeping exercises, with cuttings, manuscript pieces, and new paper clippings
Box 3	3	Principal parts of lectures on theology, delivered by Prof McGill, DD, University of Glasgow, 1815-1816. 1 vol. With some loose pieces.
Box 3	4	Notes on moral philosophy. John Lang. 1813. 1 vol. (Inside cover "Lectures on moral philosophy".)
Box 3	5	Notes on natural philosophy. (Beginning 8 Nov. 1814. Back labelled "Receipts").
Box 3	6	A collection of (46) letters from various professional gentlemen, authors etc, 1772-1862. Collected by Charles Fforest. 1866. 1 vol.
Box 3	7	Lecture on Luke XIII, 1-9. 1 vol.
Box 3	8	Journal of ship Trafalgar to England. 1894. 1 vol + 1 notebook.
Box 3	9	Journal of a voyage from Sydney to London, on board the barque Triad. By Georgina Mackie, 1846. Typescript copy.
Box 3	10	Research notes and related papers, possibly compiled by Rev. Hanlin? 11 folders. (Contains extracts and copies of documents.)
Box 3	11	Lease executed between John Wyllie and Rev. Dr Lang. 9 August 1830.
Box 3	12	Inventory of printing establishment belonging to the Colonist office.
Box 3	13	Testamur issued to David Thorn as Doctor of Theology 1849.
Box 3	14	New South Wales. Parliament. Legislative Assembly. Report of the Select Committee on the exchange of land, Scots Church, Jamison Street, Legalising Bill. 1864.
Box 3	15	Newspaper clippings. (Collection divided in parts 1 & 2).
Box 3	16	New South Wales. Parliament. Votes and Proceedings. Index to the session 1863-1866.