



GUIDE TO THE SCRODER COLLECTION

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

Title:	Scroder collection
Collection dates:	1686-1887
Creator:	[Aphra Frances Scroder?]
Languages represented:	English; Latin
Repository:	Rare Books and Special Collections, University of Sydney Library https://library.sydney.edu.au/collections/rare-books/personal-papers.html
Extent:	1 box
Genre and Forms:	Material including personal correspondence, legal documents, petitions, marriage certificates, naval commission documents, Freedom of the City certificates and hand drawn genealogical diagrams.
Abstract:	The Scroder collection consists of personal letters and legal documents relating to the Scroder family of Waterford, Ireland, many of whom were merchants or members of the Royal Navy.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Provenance

Keith Jones, who originally consulted the material, suggests the Scroder collection was lodged by Aphra Frances Scroder (b. December 27, 1886) with the University Archivist Dr. David MacMillan shortly after December, 1955.

Access

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Biographical note

The Scroder family lived for several generations in Waterford, Ireland, where they acted as merchants or members of the Royal Navy. There are several Scroders named Christopher and Jacob, and the genealogical diagrams within the collection are a valuable aid for clarity (see items 34-37).

Individuals who feature most frequently are: Christopher Scroder (d. May 1, 1839) a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy, his brother Jacob Scroder (d. August 7, 1832), the latter's son Jacob Scroder (b. May 19, 1805), and grandson Jacob Scroder (b. May 1, 1844). Note: these family members are distinguished by their dates of birth and death throughout the collection, unfortunately, the dates are incomplete and only either their date of birth or death is known.

Related family names include Langley and Boulton.

Most of the material dates from the late-eighteenth until the mid-nineteenth century. The documents directly reflect significant events including the Irish Potato Famine and the French Revolutionary Wars. The youngest Jacob Scroder (b.1844) emigrated to Australia in 1870. It is assumed his daughter Aphra Frances Scroder (b. December 27, 1886) deposited the collection with the University of Sydney in 1955.

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

- Item #1 Letter to Jacob Scroder (d.1832) at Cherry & Sikes (merchants), Waterford, October 26, 1790. From his brother Christopher Scroder (d.1839) aboard the ship *L'Aquilon*. Re: activities as part of the Royal Navy before the onset of the French Revolutionary Wars.
- Item #2 Letter to Jacob Scroder (d.1832) at Arundel Street, Waterford, June 24, 1794. From his brother Christopher Scroder (d.1839). Re: family matters, details of various locations in the Mediterranean Christopher had been sailing to as part of the Royal Navy.
- Item #3 Letter to Jacob Scroder (d.1832) at Mrs Emerson's, Stephen Street, Waterford, August 16, 1796. From William Scroder in Dublin. Re: religious matters.
- Item #4 Letter to Jacob Scroder (d.1832) at Cherry & Sikes, Arundel Street, Waterford, May 27, 1797. From his brother Christopher Scroder (d.1839) written "at single anchor off Cadiz." Re: activities of the Royal Navy during the French Revolutionary Wars. Note: Christopher mentions he was serving under Admiral Nelson and his officers on the *Theseus* (the flagship of Nelson's fleet for the 1797 Battle of Santa Cruz).

- Item #5 Letter to Jacob Scroder (d.1832) at Cherry & Sikes, Waterford, August 31, 1797. From his brother Christopher Scroder (d. 1839) written aboard *Theseus*. Re: Christopher's activities as part of the Royal Navy during the French Revolutionary Wars.
- Item #6 Letter to Jacob Scroder (d.1832) at Cherry & Sikes, Waterford, September 15, 1797. From his brother Christopher Scroder (d.1839) written aboard *Theseus*.
- Item #7 Letter to Jacob Scroder (d.1832) at Cherry & Sikes, Waterford , October 30, 1797. From his brother Christopher Scroder (d. 1839) aboard a Royal Navy ship. Re: Christopher's activities as part of the Royal Navy during the French Revolutionary Wars.
- Item #8 Letter to Jacob Scroder (d.1832) at Cherry & Sikes, Waterford, April 30, 1799. From his brother Christopher Scroder (d. 1839) off Acre. Note: Written just prior to Christopher and *Theseus'* participation in the Siege of Acre (1799). See Christopher's mention in *The Times*, September 11, 1799 (not in collection) that commends his "indefatigable vigilance and zeal."
- Item #9 Letter to Jacob Scroder (d.1832) in Waterford, February 15, 1801. From Captain Miles in Wootton, Isle of Wight. Re: contacts in the Royal Navy and Miles' connection to Christopher Scroder (d. 1839).
- Item #10 Letter to Jacob Scroder (d.1832) in Waterford, February 15, 1801. From Captain Miles in Wootton, Isle of Wight. Re: contacts in the Royal Navy and Mile's' connection to Christopher Scroder (d. 1839). Note: This appears to be a draft or later manuscript copy of item 9. The text is almost identical.
- Item #11 Letter to Jacob Scroder (b.1805) at Ballyduff, December 27, 1823. From his father Jacob Scroder (d.1832) in Waterford. Re: family matters.
- Item #12 Letter to Jacob Scroder (b.1805) at Roxborough, December 26, 1829, amended January 23, 1830. From John Palliser(?) of Derryluskan(?). Re: cargo of game sent by Jacob Scroder and Henry Langley.
- Item #13 Letter to Jacob Scroder (b.1805) at London Coffee House, Ludgate Hill London, August 15, 1839. From J.P. Beresford in Bedale. Re: appointment with the Admiralty. Note: sender possibly Admiral Sir John Beresford (1766-1844).
- Item #14 Manuscript certificate, Freedom of the County of the City of Waterford issued to Christopher Scroder in 1686 by Mayor William Goodrich. Written in Latin. See item 39 (a more legible manuscript copy).
- Item #15 Manuscript certificate, Freedom of the County of the City of Waterford issued to William Boulton Jr., February 10, 1725(?) by Mayor Thomas Christmas. Written in Latin.

- Item #16 Lease agreement between William Boulton and Jonah Porter, November 26, 1741. For land at Waterford for a Baptist Meeting House, for a period of 999 years.
- Item #17 Commission document for Christopher Scroder Gent (b.1720-5), August 18, 1744. Appointed Lieutenant in Captain William Morgan's company of the Militia of the City and County of the City of Waterford. Issued at Dublin Castle.
- Item #18 Commission Document for William Sinclair Gent, April 29, 1760. Appointed Ensign in the 58th Regiment of Foot commanded by Colonel Robert Anstruther. Issued by James Murray Esq. Brigadier General and Commander in Chief.
- Item #19 Formal certificate commission document for William Sinclair Gent, October 27, 1760. Appointed Ensign in the 58th Regiment of Foot commanded by Colonel Robert Anstruther. Issued by George III at Saville House and bears his signature.
- Item #20 Manuscript copy of the will of William Boulton of the City of Waterford, November 6, 1763.
- Item #21 Manuscript certificate, Freedom of the County of the City of Waterford issued to Benjamin Scroder, January 1, 1770 by Mayor Bolton Lee.
- Item #22 Commission document for William Boulton Sinclair Gent, September 19, 1780 in New York. Appointed Ensign in His Majesty's 17th Regiment of Foot commanded by Lieutenant General Robert Monckton.
- Item #23 Commission document for William Boulton Sinclair Gent, September 24, 1787. Appointed Lieutenant in the 17th (or the Leicestershire) Regiment of Foot, commanded by Lieutenant General George Morrison. Issued by George III at St James's and bears his signature.
- Item #24 Manuscript certificate, Freedom of the County of the City of Waterford issued to Jacob Scroder (d.1832), March 3, 1801, by Mayor Samuel King.
- Item #25 Handwritten recommendation for a pension for Lieutenant Christopher Scroder (d. 1839), July 20, 1801. Signed Sidney Smith who asks that Scroder "be put under the care of the commissioners of sick and hurt being insane." Explains reason for Scroder's condition. Reverse states "Waterford, May 5, 1834, Jacob Scroder."
- Item #26 Manuscript certificate, Freedom of the County of the City of Waterford issued to Jacob Scroder (b.1805), July 27, 1830, by Mayor Michael Evelyn.
- Item #27 Handwritten note written by Jacob Scroder (b.1805), July 28, 1831, Waterford. Indicates that he paid ten shillings for registering his name in Liverpool as a Freeman of Waterford (therefore free of town dues in Liverpool).
- Item #28 Deed of Marriage Settlement between Jacob Scroder (b.1805) and Frances Langley,

May 3, 1841.

- Item #29 Certificate of marriage between Jacob Scroder (b.1805) and Fanny Langley, May 4, 1841.
- Item #30 Petition to lift the duty on the import of Indian corn to Sir Robert Peel from Jacob Scroder (b.1805) and Christopher Scroder (b.1812), Merchants of the City of Waterford. Dated c.1845-6. Note: Written during the Irish Potato Famine, they mention 'the Defective yield of the potato crop' and 'the poverty of the great mass of its inhabitants.'
- Item #31 Licence to have arms in a dwelling house issued to Jacob Scroder (b. 1805), July 26, 1848. Lists Scroder as a Merchant of 34 Manor Street in the County of the City of Waterford, and enables him to have in his dwelling house one sword and three guns.
- Item #32 Silhouettes of the children of Jacob Scroder (b.1805) and Fanny Langley, July 29, 1851. On reverse each notes child's name and age.
- Item #33 Petition by Jacob Scroder (b.1805), December 31, 1859. To the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for a nomination for his son Jacob Scroder (b.1844) for a civil service role.
- Item #34 Genealogical diagram by Jacob Scroder (b.1805) at Waterford, April 20, 1835 and updated August 18, 1850.
- Item #35 Genealogical diagram of the children of Jacob Scroder (b.1805) and his wife Fanny Langley (1815-49). [August 1, 1856?]
- Item #36 Undated genealogical diagram. Annotated in a later hand to include the marriage and children of Jacob Scroder (b.1844).
- Item #37 Undated genealogical diagram. On reverse is a reference of Jacob Scroder, possibly copied from item 41.
- Item #38 Manuscript certificate, Freedom of the County of the City of Waterford issued to Jacob Scroder (b.1844), August 3, 1865, by Mayor John Lawler.
- Item #39 Manuscript copy of item 14, the Freedom of the County of the City of Waterford issued to Christopher Scroder in 1686, by Jacob Scroder (b.1844), December 20, 1869. Genealogical diagram on reverse (the same as items 34, 35 and 36).
- Item #40 Third class passenger ticket in the name of Jacob Scroder (b.1844) from Liverpool to Melbourne sailing October 4, 1870.
- Item #41 Manuscript copies of character references and introductory letters for Jacob Scroder (b.1844) dated between June 1, 1866 and September 5, 1871.

- Item #42 Certificate of marriage between Jacob Scroder (b.1844) and Edith Maude Lilley, January 27, 1886, St. Matthew's Church, Prahan.
- Item #43 *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper clipping, February 3, 1886. Marriage notice of Jacob Scroder (b.1844) to Edith Maude Lilley on January 27, 1886 at St Matthew's Church, Prahan by the Rev. H.A. Langley.
- Item #44 *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper clipping, January 1, 1887. Birth notice: "Scroder - December 27 at 61 Ada Terrace, Old Parramatta Road, Forest Lodge, the wife of Jacob Scroder, of a daughter."
- Item #45 Handwritten notes on genealogical details of the Langley family. On reverse noted "Copied from family tree - Bishops court, Bendigo June 20, 19(?)11." Possibly by Aphra Frances Scroder (b.1886, Melbourne).
- Item #46 Printed handbill issued by the Church of St. Thomas, North Sydney, advertising their 1955 Christmas program. Keith Jones who originally consulted the Scroder collection states it was used as a cover for the Scroder letters, suggesting that the Scroder collection was lodged by Aphra Frances Scroder (b. December 27, 1886) with the University Archivist Dr. David MacMillan shortly after December, 1955.
- Item #47 Informational article on the Scroder Papers by archive employee, Keith Jones, 1986.
- Item #48 Original item list and descriptions for Scroder Papers by archive employee, Keith Jones, 1986. Note: the current collection has been reordered and the numbers will no longer correlate with Jones' notes.