

## Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker: personal papers held by the archive of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

**Date Range:** 1820s - 1920s

**Scope/Content:** This collection comprises 4 series. The first series (JDH/1) is comprised of papers and correspondence relating to expeditions that J.D. Hooker was involved in, either as a direct participant or in an advisory capacity. The second (JDH/2) is a series of volumes of correspondence between J.D. Hooker and many other individuals on a variety of topics. The third series (JDH/3) contains papers relating to the published works of J.D. Hooker and other manuscript Flora. The fourth series (JDH/4) is comprised of papers and correspondence relating to a wide variety of societies and subjects in which J.D. Hooker had an interest. For a full list of volumes within each series see below.

For more information about any of the listed volumes please refer to the RBG Kew archive [online catalogue](#)

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### Series 1: Expeditions

#### **JDH/1:** Expeditions

**JDH/1/1:** Antarctic Journal 18 May 1839 - 28 Mar 1843

**JDH/1/2:** Correspondence from Antarctic Expedition 1839 - 1843

**JDH/1/3:** Letters & Journal 1839-1843

**JDH/1/4:** Antarctic Manuscript c.1839-1843

**JDH/1/5:** Antarctic Botany - Notes and Drawings c.1839-1840s

**JDH/1/6:** H.M.S. Erebus - St. Auckland's and Campbell's Islands - Botanic Manuscript c.1840

**JDH/1/7:** Antarctic Expeditions 1842-1903

**JDH/1/8:** Notebooks 1840-1908

**JDH/1/8/1:** Notebooks - The Erebus Expedition 1840-1843

**JDH/1/9:** Indian, Moroccan and Syrian Journals etc. c.1842-1911

**JDH/1/10:** Indian Letters 1847-1851

**JDH/1/11:** Indian Journal c.1848 - 1852

**JDH/1/12:** Indian Journals c.Oct 1848 - Nov 1849

**JDH/1/13:** Hooker & Thomson - Itinerary - Catalogue of Plants c.1850-1851

**JDH/1/14:** Voyage of HMS Challenger Letters c.1872-1876

**JDH/1/15:** Voyages of HMSs Alert and Discovery c.1872-1878

**JDH/1/16:** Transit of Venus Expedition 1874-1875

**JDH/1/17:** Journey to America: c.1877

## Series 2: Correspondence

### **JDH/2: Correspondence**

- JDH/2/1:** Letters to J.D. Hooker c. 1840s-1900s
- JDH/2/2:** Letters to Lady & J.D. Hooker c. 1840s-1900s
- JDH/2/3:** Letters from J.D. Hooker c. 1830s-1900s
- JDH/2/4:** Letters from J.D. Hooker c. 1833-1910
- JDH/2/5:** Letters from J.D. Hooker c.1839-1889
- JDH/2/6:** Business and Family Letters c. 1940s-1910s
- JDH/2/7:** The "Lion Letters" c.1883-1891
- JDH/2/8:** Letters during a Tour in Paris c.1844-1845
- JDH/2/9:** Misc Letters c.1850-1922
- JDH/2/10:** Correspondence Received c.1839-1845
- JDH/2/11:** Letters to I. Palgrave c.1874-1911
- JDH/2/12:** Letters to La Touche and W.E. Darwin c.1871-1911
- JDH/2/13:** Letters to T.H. Huxley c.1851-1894
- JDH/2/14:** Correspondence with General Strachey c.1858-1905
- JDH/2/15:** Letters to George Engelmann c.1867-1883
- JDH/2/16:** Letters to Thiselton-Dyer c.1870-1909
- JDH/2/17:** Linnean Society Letters to J.D. Hooker c.1879 - 1886
- JDH/2/18:** Royal Society Letters c.1870s - 1900s
- JDH/2/19:** Memoranda (Inward Correspondence c.1840s-1900s) c. early 1900s
- JDH/2/20:** Memoranda (In- and Out- Letters) c.1840s-1900s
- JDH/2/21:** Two volumes of Correspondence from Joseph Hooker with Asa and Jane L Gray and others, including members of the Hooker family 1854-1905
- JDH/2/22/1:** Volume One of Joseph Hooker's correspondence with Asa and Jane L Gray 1854-1905
- JDH/2/22/2:** Volume Two of Joseph Hooker's correspondence with various correspondents, including members of the Hooker family 1854-1905

## Series 3: Publications & Botanical Manuscripts

### **JDH/3: Publications and Botanical Manuscripts c.1839-1906**

- JDH/3/1:** Flora Antarctica - Letters about Publication c.1845-1867
- JDH/3/2:** Census of Indian Flora c.1840s-1850s
- JDH/3/3:** Flora of British India and Imperial Gazetteer of India 1851-1906
- JDH/3/4:** Census Flora Indica c.1855-1859
- JDH/3/5:** Students Flora c.1870s-1880s
- JDH/3/6:** Insectivorous Plants 1875-78
- JDH/3/7:** Floras of Burma, India, Eastern and Western Himalayas, Ceylon and Malaya - c.1890s-1900

## Series 4: Miscellaneous Papers

### **JDH/4: Miscellaneous Papers c.1820s-1910s**

- JDH/4/1:** Lecture Notebook c.1827
- JDH/4/2:** Diplomas etc. 1839-1912
- JDH/4/3:** Awards and Memberships 1839-1901
- JDH/4/4:** Botanical Sketchbook c.1840s
- JDH/4/5:** Testimonials 1845
- JDH/4/6:** Memoranda c.1845-1916
- JDH/4/7:** Seeds, Plants & Museum Specimens from Dr. Hooker 1847-1851
- JDH/4/8:** Indian Herbaria c.1850s-1880s
- JDH/4/9:** Retirement Pensions; Royal Naval Exhibition; Spencer Portrait c.1851-1897

**JDH/4/10:** Dinners, Receptions and other matters ; Exhibition of Scientific Instrus.; Government Grant; Greenwich Observatory; Vivisection Bill 1858-1891  
**JDH/4/11:** Botanical Magazine; Botanical Work Committee; Forbes Memorial Fund; Oxford Botanical Gardens c.1860s-1900s.  
**JDH/4/12:** A Brief History of the Botanic Gardens and Arboretum (Pleasure Grounds) of Kew 23 Jan 1878  
**JDH/4/13:** Genera Plantarum (Extracts) c.1888  
**JDH/4/14:** Banks' Journal: Notices and Reviews 1896-1897  
**JDH/4/15:** Victoria County History 1899-1901  
**JDH/4/16:** Impatiens c.1900-1910  
**JDH/4/17:** Asiatic Species of Impatiens c.1900-1910  
**JDH/4/18:** Westminster Abbey Memorial 1913-1914  
**JDH/4/19:** Hooker Memorial Subcommittee 1913-1916  
**JDH/4/20:** Herbaria Indiae Orientalis (Distrib.) c. mid 19th century.

### **Provenance**

Whilst the provenance of this collection is uncertain, evidence suggests that the bulk of J.D. Hooker's papers were probably deposited in the Kew archives by his widow, Lady Hyacinth Hooker, and other members of the family subsequent to the research for and publication of Leonard Huxley's book *Life and Letters of Sir J.D. Hooker* (1918). Letters in the file JDH/2/9 from Lady Hooker and W.H. Hooker (J.D. Hooker's son) mention some specific documents and remark that the Kew archive is the most appropriate place for deposit. Some other volumes may have been created in situ at Kew in relation to J.D. Hooker's position as Director but this is likely to have been primarily the related Directors' Correspondence series. (The Directors' Correspondence comprises letters inwards to Kew's Directors' and senior staff from 1841 to the 1920s, also including some of Sir William Jackson Hooker's correspondence pre dating his appointment as Director of Kew in 1841).

A number of volumes, however, were presented directly to the archive:

**JDH/1/17:** Journey to America; **JDH/4/5:** Testimonials; **JDH/4/4:** Botanical Sketchbook - these volumes were presented by J.D. Hooker in 1908.

**JDH/2/8:** Letters during a Tour in Paris - this volume was presented by Prof. Julian Huxley through Mr. J.S.L. Gilmour in May 1943.

**JDH/2/9:** Misc Letters - Copies of letters from Andrew Sinclair to J.D. Hooker and from J.D. Hooker to Sir George Grey which were deposited by Mr. Garry Tee of The University of Auckland in November 1991; copies of 2 original letters from J.D. Hooker to Sir John Kirk which were offered for sale (not bought) by John Wilson, Witney in 1979; a copy of an original letter from J.D. Hooker to "Grote" which was offered for sale (not bought) by Maggs Bros. in 1993; a photocopy and transcript of a letter from J.D. Hooker to "Frere" (?) and the reply from Col. Younghusband which was deposited by Ms. Joan DeFato of the Dept. of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens, Los Angeles in June 1982; an original letter from J.D. Hooker to an anonymous addressee which was deposited by E. Clifton, High Wycombe in Aug 2003; a photocopy of a letter which was sold at Sotheby's on 23 July 1974 to the American Philosophical Society (possibly deposited by a Mrs. Mortimer?).

**JDH/2/12:** Letters to W.E. Darwin - these letters were presented by G. Darwin in Oct 1976.

**JDH/2/16:** Letters to George Engelmann. Accession no. QX-97-018. Found in archives room at Kew.

**JDH/2/17:** Letters to Thiselton-Dyer - this volume was presented by William Thiselton-Dyer in 1921.

**JDH/4/1:** Lecture Notebook c.1827. Accession no. PrP-02-0007. Found in library at Kew.