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DANIEL LYSONS, 1762-1834

Daniel Lysons was educated at Bath Grammar School and Oxford, receiving his B.A. in 1782 and his M.A. in 1785. In 1784, having taken orders, he became curate of Mortlake, becoming curate of Putney, Surrey, around 1790. While at Putney, Lysons began his survey of the area around London, in which he was encouraged by Horace Walpole, who appointed him as his chaplain. In 1804 he succeeded to the family living of Rodmarton, where he died in 1834.

Lysons's major work is *The Environs of London, being an Historical Account of the Towns, Villages and Hamlets within twelve miles of that Capital* (1792-1796). With his brother Samuel, Lysons began *Magna Brittainia, being a concise Topographical Account of the several Counties of Great Britain* (1806-1822), but after the first six volumes, covering the counties from B to D, Samuel died and the project was discontinued. Daniel Lysons also contributed views and illustrations to other works and published several pamphlets on religious and historical subjects.

SAMUEL LYSONS, 1763-1819

Samuel Lysons was educated at Bath Grammar School and the Inner Temple, London. He was called to the bar in 1798, choosing the Oxford Circuit, and practiced law until December 1803, when he was appointed Keeper of the Records of the Tower of London. He was director of the F.S.A. from 1798-1809, elected Fellow of the Royal Society in 1797, and appointed vice-president and treasurer in 1810. He was appointed to the revived office of antiquary professor in the Royal Academy in 1818. Lysons died at Cirencester in Gloucestershire in June of 1819.

Lysons engraved all 156 plates for *Reliquae Britannico-Romanae* (1801-1817), as well as the plates for *Views and Antiquities of the County of Gloucestershire* (1791) and *A Collection of Gloucestershire Antiquities* (1803). He published several other works, including "An Account of the Remains of a Roman Villa Discovered at Woodchester in the County of Gloucestershire" (1815).

Scope and Contents

The Lysons Family Collection consists of material collected by Lindsay Fleming in the course of research for his "Memoir and Select Letters of Samuel Lysons, V.P.R.S., V.P.S.A. 1763-1819" (Oxford, 1934). The papers span the dates 1789-1964, and have been organized into three series: I. Daniel and Samuel Lysons; II. Lysons Family Letters to Lindsay Fleming; III. Other Lindsay Fleming Papers.

Series I, [Daniel and Samuel Lysons](#), is located in Boxes 1-2 and contains letters by and to both Lysons brothers, mostly concerning antiquities and their publications; copies of the correspondence of Samuel Lysons with Hester Lynch Piozzi and of portions of his diary; and other materials concerning his life in the hand of Lindsay Fleming.

Series II, [Lysons Family Letters to Lindsay Fleming](#), is housed in Box 3 and consists of letters from various descendants of Daniel Lysons (1762-1834) to Lindsay Fleming in response to his research inquiries.

Series III, [Other Lindsay Fleming Papers](#), is housed in Box 4 and contains Fleming's research correspondence with other scholars, including Roland Austin, R. W. Chapman, and Wilfred Merton; other research material, including a family tree of Lysons descendants; and auction catalogs related to sales of Lysons property, including the 1948 sale of Daniel Lysons's library.

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Series I: Daniel and Samuel Lysons

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b. 1, f. 1	ALS to Thomas Cadell; Rodmarton 4 p., with address. On financial details of the sale of his brother Samuel's Reliquae Britannico-Romanae, financial losses on his own Sermons; on Magna Britannia and other literary matters	1823 Apr 14
LYSONS, DANIEL, 1762-1834		
b. 1, f. 2	AL draft to unnamed recipient; no place 1 p. Gratified by the appointment of Petrie to succeed his brother at the Tower of London	[1819 Aug?]
LYSONS, DANIEL, 1762-1834		
b. 1, f. 3	Cheque for L45.9.0 payable to Ralph Price, esq. 1 p.	1808 May 3
LYSONS, DANIEL, 1762-1834		
b. 1, f. 4	Memorandum on Samuel Lysons' first visit to the Royal Family in July, 1794 holograph 1 p. Introduced by Sir Joseph Banks	n.d.
LYSONS, DANIEL, 1762-1834		
b. 1, f. 5	Portraits, etc.	n.d.
LYSONS, SAMUEL, 1763-1819		
b. 1, f. 6	AL (draft) to [Charles Bragge-Bathurst] no place 1 p. Sends copy of his Gloucestershire Antiquities, which is about to be published. About the Master of the Rolls. Thanks him for his help in securing his new appointment as keeper of records in the Tower of London	[1804]
LYSONS, SAMUEL, 1763-1819		

LYSONS, SAMUEL, 1763-1819 (continued)

b. 1, f. 7	<p>ALS (draft) to [Edward Bray], K.N.W. 2 p.</p> <p>About his gift to the BM of 2 vols. of mss relating to the County Palatine of Chester.</p> <p>Also about the need for a room to house Norman antiquities with a list</p>	1810 Feb 1
LYSONS, SAMUEL, 1763-1819		
b. 1, f. 8	<p>ALS (draft) to Edward Brooke, Rodmarton 3 p.</p> <p>Describes the excavation of the Roman mosaic pavement and hypocaust found on Brooke's property</p>	1811 Jul 14
LYSONS, SAMUEL, 1763-1819		
b. 1, f. 9	<p>ALS (draft) to F.J. Browne, Record Office 1 p.</p> <p>About a Dorsetshire mosaic pavement and its reproduction in a new edition of Hutchins' History and Antiquities of the County of Dorset</p> <p>With a letter from Browne to Lysons</p>	1809 May 10
LYSONS, SAMUEL, 1763-1819		
b. 1, f. 10	<p>AL (draft) to [Sir William Grant], 1752-1832, Master of the Rolls, n.p. 2 p.</p> <p>Thanks him for his help in securing Lysons' new appointment as keeper of the records in the Tower of London</p>	1804 Jan 21
LYSONS, SAMUEL, 1763-1819		
b. 1, f. 11	<p>ALS to the Revd. Sam Lysons [his father], Temple 3 p., with address</p> <p>Relates his visit to the Royal Family at Windsor to show them his book</p>	1797 Aug 11
LYSONS, SAMUEL, 1763-1819		

LYSONS, SAMUEL, 1763-1819 (continued)

b. 1, f. 12	3 AL (drafts) to [Miss Planta] 4 p. Asks her to thank Princess Elizabeth for a book sent by George III and for her efforts over the keepership of the Tower Records Also about a fall from a hackney coach and a mosaic pavement	n.d.
LYSONS, SAMUEL, 1763-1819		
b. 1, f. 13	2 letters (copies) to an unnamed recipient, Temple and [? King's Bench Walk] 2 p. About delays in publication preventing his payment of debt to recipient and a dinner engagement	1796, n.d.
LYSONS, SAMUEL, 1763-1819		
b. 1, f. 14	3 letters (copies) to "My Ld" 4 p. About Lysons and his brother planning visit to recipient to inspect his deeds	1806, n.d.
[?LYSONS, SAMUEL], 1763-1819		
b. 1, f. 15	Drawing of the tomb of Daniel Lysons (an ancestor) in St. Mary-de-Crypt Church, Gloucester 1 p.	n.d.
[LYSONS, DANIEL], 1762-1834		
b. 1, f. 16	"On the part taken by Thomas Lysons, Esqr., Mayor of Worcester in the events connected with Charles II": holograph [?] 5 p.	n.d.
LYSONS, SAMUEL, 1763-1819		
b. 1, f. 17	AL (draft) to an unnamed recipient, Cirencester 1 p. About a seal which the recipient sent to Lysons for identification	1812 Oct 19
[LYSONS, SAMUEL], 1763-1819		
b. 1, f. 18	Inscription on the Lysons family memorial in the chancel of Hempstead Church, copy in Lysons' hand 1 p. Names of his uncle, Daniel Lysons, and his wife probably added by Samuel Lysons	n.d.

BROWN, W (continued)

b. 1, f. 25 2 ALS to [?Samuel Lysons], Stonesfield 1816
6 p.
About the mosaic pavements at
Stonesfield and Northleigh

BUTTERWORTH, JOSEPH, 1770-1826

b. 1, f. 26 ALS to Daniel Lysons, Trowbridge 1819 Sep 2
2 p.
On publishing Samuel Lysons'
Proceedings in Chancery

CARLISLE, NICHOLAS, 1771-1847

b. 1, f. 27 ALS to Daniel Lysons, Somerset Place 1821 Mar 13
2 p., with address
Franked by Manners-Sutton
Gives Forster's epitaph with
description of monument

COMERODE, GEORGE

b. 1, f. 28 ALS to Samuel Lysons, Harley St. [1812 or later]
2 p., with address
About the Horn of the Touders of
Delamere, an engraving of which he
wishes to publish in his History of
the Hundred of Edisbury

COUNSELL, ANN

b. 1, f. 29 Receipt, holograph signed, for Hester and Priscilla Lysons 1758 Oct 12
1 p.

COXE, WILLIAM, 1747-1828

b. 1, f. 30 3 ALS and 1 LS to Samuel Lysons 1801-16, n.d.
6 p., with addresses
Suggests people to provide local
information for Lysons' Reliquae
Britannico-Romanae
About his bad handwriting and a
forgotten debt

[ELLIS, SIR HENRY], 1777-1869

b. 1, f. 31 Letter (copy) to Samuel Lysons, British Museum 1815 Apr 7
1 p.
About the Lanercost Book

GLOUCESTER, ENG.

GLOUCESTER, ENG. (continued)

b. 1, f. 32	"The Freeman's Oath": document on a printed form admitting Samuel Lysons to the freedom of the city, Gloucester 1 p.	1789 Jan 30
HOWARD, HENRY, 1769-1847		
b. 1, f. 33	ALS to Samuel Lysons, Royal Academy 2 p. Informs him that he has been unanimously elected "Antiquarian to the Royal Academy."	1819 Jan 13
LAWRENCE, SIR THOMAS 1769-1830		
b. 1, f. 34	3 ALS to Samuel Lysons, 1763-1819, no place 10 p., various sizes About social engagements and the purchase of a picture of Lysons' father	[1795 or later]
LONGFORD, ELIZA		
b. 1, f. 35	ALS to Doctor [?Daniel] Lysons, Cheltenham 1 p., with address Concerning the marriage settlement of William Frye to Mary Horne and the birth of their children	1764 Dec 19
MACDONWAY, W.		
b. 1, f. 36	ALS to Samuel Lysons, East Street 3 p., with address About a dispute in the parish of Mortlake	n.y. Aug 20
MATHIAS, THOMAS JAMES, 1754?-1835		
b. 1, f. 37	ALS to the Rev. D[aniel] Lysons, 74 Monte d'Iddeo 1 p., with address Asks him to take copies of his Italian book to Mrs Starke in Rome	n.d.
NICOLAY, FRANCIS		
b. 1, f. 38	ALS to Daniel Lysons, Landgate 2 p. Inquires about a Saxon brass seal found at Hythe	1802 Sep 25
PENNANT, DAVID, D. 1841		

PENNANT, DAVID, D. 1841 (continued)

b. 1, f. 39 2 ALS to Samuel Lysons, Great Cumberland and Downing [1809], 1813
5 p., with addresses

On a new edition of A Tour in Wales
and his father's accuracy. Describes
silver coin and asks its worth;
Lysons' note says it is counterfeit

PENROSE, THOMAS, 1770-1851

b. 1, f. 40 ALS to Daniel Lysons, Writtle 1824 Apr 2
4 p., with address

About his efforts to make Bandinel
complete Samuel Lysons' Reliquae
Britannico-Romanae, Lyson's impending
trip to Italy, etc.

PENROSE, THOMAS, 1770-1851

b. 1, f. 41 ALS to D[aniel] Lysons, Kensington n.d.
3 p., with address

Enviest Lysons for his just completed
trip to Italy

PLANTA, JOSEPH, 1744-1827

b. 1, f. 42 ALS to Samuel Lysons, Brit: Museum 1797 Dec 27
1 p., with address

Thanks for "your splendid present."

ROYAL SOCIETY OF LONDON

b. 1, f. 43 Notice to Samuel Lysons of his election to Fellowship, Royal Society 1797 Feb 3
1 p.

On an engraved form, signed by Sir
Charles Blagden, Secretary

STOKES, ANTHONY I.

b. 1, f. 44 ALS to D[aniel] Lysons, Pembroke 1818 Oct 27
3 p.

About the boundary of Pembroke

STOKES, ANTHONY I.

b. 1, f. 45 ALS to S. Lysons,
3 p. Milford

About Roman coins, which he has just
sent to Lysons

WHEELER, JOHN

WHEELER, JOHN (continued)

b. 1, f. 46	ALS to Samuel Lysons, Gloucester 1 p. Detailed description of a brick pipe found while digging the foundation of a new building	1816 Mar 4
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DIARY COPIES AND NOTES BY LINDSAY FLEMING

b. 2, f. 47-51	Materials for life of Samuel Lysons, Volume 1 Samuel Lysons and the British Museum	n.d.
b. 2, f. 52-58	Materials for life of Samuel Lysons, Volume 2 Includes information on his career, the Royal Family, and extracts from his diary, 1789-1800 Also, notes in Fleming's hand from the Rolls of the reign of Richard II	n.d.
b. 2, f. 59-62	Correspondence between Samuel Lysons (1763-1819) and Hester Lynch Piozzi (1741-1821) Photostats. With note from John M.C. Lysons	n.d.
b. 2, f. 63	Small diary and notebook	n.d.
b. 2, f. 64	"Memoirs and select letters of Samuel Lysons, V.P.R.S., V.P.S.A., (1763-1819) with descriptive catalogue..." "Foreword: How I became interested in Samuel Lysons." handwritten draft	n.d.
b. 2, f. 65	Literary Productions of Samuel Lysons	n.d.

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b. 3, f. 67	2 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1964 Oct, Nov
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b. 3, f. 68	7 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1948 Jan-Jun
	With: 1 TL (copy) from Fleming to Lysons	1948 Jun 14
	LYSONS, DANIEL G	
b. 3, f. 69	7 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1925-26
b. 3, f. 70	6 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1926-27, n.d.
b. 3, f. 71	3 ALS (copies) to the Rev. D.G. Lysons from Lindsay Fleming 1 AL, incomplete copy from unidentified correspondent to the Rev. Lysons	1925-27
	LYSONS, MISS E.	
b. 3, f. 72	TLS to Lindsay Fleming, TLS to the Oxford University Press	1964
	LYSONS, E.W.M.	
b. 3, f. 73	2 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1931, 1957
	LYSONS, ESME K.	
b. 3, f. 74	9 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1926-48
b. 3, f. 75	6 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1948-49
b. 3, f. 76	9 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1949-53
b. 3, f. 77	15 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1955-58
b. 3, f. 78	15 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1958-61
b. 3, f. 79	14 ALS to Lindsay Fleming With: 1 TLS (copy) to Miss Lysons from Lindsay Fleming, 1961 Feb 20	1961-64
b. 3, f. 80	ALS, catalogue, and photograph concerning the sale of the portrait of Daniel Lysons, M.D. by Gainsborough	n.d.
	LYSONS, JOHN M.C.	
b. 3, f. 81	13 ALS, 1 TLS to Lindsay Fleming	1955-61

LYSONS, JOHN M.C. (continued)

b. 3, f. 82	8 ALS to Lindsay Fleming With: 2 TL (copies) from Fleming to John M.C. Lysons, 1961	1962-65
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LYSONS, LORENZO A.C.

b. 3, f. 83	3 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1948
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LYSONS, SAMUEL, D. 1953

b. 3, f. 84	ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1927 Jan 11
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LYSONS, VICTORIA

b. 3, f. 85	2 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1926 Aug, Sep
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LYSONS, W.L.G.

b. 3, f. 86	6 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1927-35
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PATTINSON, TERESA (LYSONS)

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	HALES-TOOKE, J.E.T. AND SABIN, V. PHILIP	
b. 4, f. 91	Letters on the Henry Bone miniature portraits of members of the Lysons family 2 TLS from Sabin, 1 TL (copy) from Sabin, and 1 ALS from Hales-Tooke, all to Lindsay Fleming 1 clipping	1959-61, n.d.
	SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF LONDON	
b. 4, f. 92	2 ALS, 1 TLS to Lindsay Fleming With: 1 receipt, signed, 1949	1949
	VICTORIA ART GALLERY AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES, BATH	
b. 4, f. 93	3 TLS and 1 printed receipt, signed, to Lindsay Fleming	1956-60
	AUSTIN, ROLAND, 1874-1954	
b. 4, f. 94-98	Approx. 60 letters and other material to Lindsay Fleming With: AL (draft) in Fleming's hand to Austin Roland, 1944 Mar 10 Other material as well	1926-64
	BRUTON, G.N.	
b. 4, f. 99	4 TLS, 1 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1926-28
	CHAPMAN, ROBERT WILLIAM, 1881-1960	
b. 4, f. 100	1 ALS, 1 TLS to Lindsay Fleming 2 p.	1930
	COLTERELL, T.S.	
b. 4, f. 101	2 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1925, 1926
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b. 4, f. 102	2 ALS, 1 TLS to Lindsay Fleming	1952
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b. 4, f. 103	2 TLS, 1 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1962-64
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b. 4, f. 104	2 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1930
HYDE, MARY CRAPO		
b. 4, f. 105	1 ALS, 1 TLS to Lindsay Fleming With: 3 ALS from T.G. Millward to Lindsay Fleming, concerning 58 letters from Hester Lynch (Salisbury) Thrale Piozzi to Samuel Lysons, 1930	1952
JOHNSON, JOHN, 1882-1956		
b. 4, f. 106	3 TLS to Lindsay Fleming With: Obituary of Johnson	1933
JOHNSTONE, GEORGE H., CAPT.		
b. 4, f. 107	2 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1928, 1957
MERTON, WILFRED		
b. 4, f. 108	18 TLS, 1 ALS to Lindsay Fleming With: 3 TLS from Frank Kitton	1932-34
PRICE, LEONARD C.		
b. 4, f. 109	2 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1927 Apr 5-8
b. 4, f. 110	5 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1927
b. 4, f. 111	5 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1927-28
REDSTONE, LILLIAN J.		
b. 4, f. 112	ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1941 Dec 4
ROBINSON, EDWARD		
b. 4, f. 113	2 TLS to Lindsay Fleming and 1 printed receipt, signed	1951 Jun 5-29
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b. 4, f. 114	3 ALS to Lindsay Fleming 5 p.	1926 Sep-Oct
STIER, FRANCIS		
b. 4, f. 115	TLS to Lindsay Fleming, Chichester	1965 Mar 21

WHILTOME, MARY H.		
b. 4, f. 116	3 ALS to Lindsay Fleming	1926 Jul-Sep
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b. 4, f. 120	Notes in Fleming's hand "A catalogue of the valuable and extensive library of the late Samuel Lysons, esq., F.R.S. and F.A.S...." [A Lyson family tree], late 19th and early 20th C "Notes...on Hervey Morris" "Rough tracing of hatchment of Rev. Samuel Lysons 'discovered in 1954...'" Obituary of Major Daniel Lysons	n.d.
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b. 4, f. 123	Catalogue of Walpole letters auctioned by Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge, 1882 (copy)	n.d.
CATALOGUES: LYSONS, DANIEL		
b. 4, f. 124	Catalogue and correspondence concerning the sale of books and papers, owned by Daniel Lysons, at Sotheby's	1948 Jun-Nov
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b. 4, f. 125-129	Typescript	n.d.
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Carlisle, Nicholas, 1771-1847
Coxe, William, 1747-1828
Fleming, Lindsay, collector
Lawrence, Thomas, Sir, 1769-1830
Lysons, Daniel, 1762-1834
Lysons, Samuel, 1763-1819
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