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Historic metrology material

- /1 [186-] Ms notebook detailing arithmetical rules and definitions re simple and compound interest, insurance, purchasing of stocks, brokerage, commission, tare and trett, etc. One leaf bears name Thos. Honiball. Frontispiece bears "From Mrs Honiball to J Whitechurch 1864"
- /2 ca.1958 Photographs: Bearings Materials Tester (Oertling, London) Microchemical Balance Beam (L. Oertling Ltd, London) Platinum Standard Weight  
----- as above ----- (1 kilogram)  
Container for above  
Quartz Fibre Balance (Oertling)
- /3 1976 A Comparative History of Metrology compiled from the notes of Dr Erwin Reifler\* by H J Griffin+ (unpublished). [Photocopy of typescript of 363p (including foreword, introduction and index), with photocopy of 17 plates (of 22), 24 amended pages of index, and correspondence 1977 Feb-Apr/H J Griffin and M Stevenson]
- /4 1977 Ancient Hebrew and Solomonic Building Construction compiled from the notes of Dr Erwin Reifler\* by H J Griffin+ (unpublished). [112p ts, with 31 amended pages, and correspondence 1971 Apr-1972 Aug, 1977 Jun/ H J Griffin and M Stevenson]
- /5 1963 Nov 30 [Ts copy letter] Weights & Measures, Ministry of International Trade, New Delhi [to unnamed correspondent]/Shri V B Mainkar, [sending, in four parts, an article on 'Development of Length and Area Measures in South India'. 2p + 67p ts] [1 file]

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- /6 1896 Feb [Ms copy letter] Feb 29, Shire Hall, Nottingham [to] H West Fovargue, Town Clerk, Eastbourne/W A Wells, [re tenders for Inspectors' measuring equipment. With particulars of the tenders of various companies, and the detailed tender of Averys, for standard weights and measures for the borough of Eastbourne] [1 file]
- /7 1930s-1960s Papers, press cuttings, photos re Steelyards, including those at Soham, Kings Lynn, Woodbridge [1 file]
- /8 1963-1964 Correspondence between various parties (including L Saunders of Averys; J T Graham, editor of **The Monthly Review**, the journal of the Inst. of Weights & Measures Admin; M Stevenson, H Rigby and E R Granger of Eastbourne, Barnwood in Glos. and Norwich Weights & Measures Offices respectively, principally regarding cart-weighing steelyards) [1 file]
- /9 Lantern slides and negatives re weights, measures and associated metrological references of importance
- /1 - 99 lantern slides, 3¼"sq. [1 wooden box with ms. list in lid]
- /2 1935-1958 ca.118 glass plate negs. and ca.48 film negs., 3½" x 2½" or smaller [1 cardboard box containing 2 trays and index to /9/2 and /9/3]
- /3 - 39 lantern slides, 2 " sq. [5 small 'Kodak' boxes]
- /10\* - Transcripts of historical references to weights and measures [6 vols]
- /1 1/ 1 to 27/ 207
- /2 28/208 to 49/ 398
- /3 50/399 to 68/ 600
- /4 68/601 to 83/ 804
- /5 84/805 to 105/ 923
- /6 106/925 to 121/1023
- /11\* - List of Transcripts in Numerical Order [up to 129/1036] [1 vol]

- /12\* - W/M Historical References. File Index  
[arranges files under Government,  
Technical, Economic and General]
- /13 Official (government) publications
- /1 1859 Aug 13 Cap. LVI [of] An Act to amend the Act  
of the Fifth and Sixth Years of King  
William the Fourth, Chapter Sixty-  
three, relating to Weights and  
Measures
- /2 1859 Aug 13 Cap. LXVI [of] An Act for regulating  
Measures used in Sales of Gas
- /3 1864 Jul 29 Cap. CXVII [of] An Act to render permis-  
sive the Use of the Metric System of  
Weights and Measures
- /4 1866 Aug 6 Cap. LXXXII [of] An Act to Amend the  
Acts relating to the Standard Weights  
and Measures and to the Standard  
Trial Pieces of the Coin of the  
Realm
- /5 1869 Mar 8 Standards Commission. Memorandum by the  
Chairman, G B Airy, for the Consider-  
ation of the Members of the Commis-  
sion
- /6 1869 Jun 1 Memorandum [by G B Airy] for the consid-  
eration of the Standards Commission  
on the state of the Question now  
before them regarding the suggested  
Abolition of Troy Weight
- /7 1869 Jun 18 Standards Commission. Supplementary  
Memorandum by the Astronomer Royal,  
G B Airy, on the proposed Abolition  
of Troy Weight
- /8 1869 Jun 18 ----- as above -----  
[bearing minor amendments and pub-  
lished in 1869 Dec?]
- /9 1871 Standards Commission. Fifth Report of  
the Commissioners appointed to in-  
quire into the Condition of the Ex-  
chequer (now Board of Trade) Stand-  
ards. On the Business of the Stand-  
ards Department, and the Condition  
of the Official Standards and Appa-  
ratus
- /10 1872 Mar 11 Standards of Weights and Measures. Cor-  
respondence etc respecting removal  
and redeposit of Parliamentary copies

of Standards of Imperial Length and Weight immured in the Palace of Westminster

- /11 1872 Mar 25 ----- as above -----  
Copy of Correspondence etc relating to the Imperial Standards of Length and Weight, and the Parliamentary Copies immured in the Palace of Westminster
- /12 1890 Aug 6 Weights and Measures. Report by the Board of Trade on their Proceedings and Business under the Weights and Measures Acts, 1878 and 1889
- /13 1892 ----- as above ----- . Descriptive List of Standards of Weight and Measure deposited with the Board of Trade and of the Instrumental Equipment of the Standards Office
- /14 1904 Feb 1 Weights and Measures (Metric System). A Bill to render compulsory the use of the System of Weights and Measures commonly known as the Metric System
- /15 1910 Mar 2 Weights and Measures. Report by the Board of Trade on their Proceedings and Business under the Weights and Measures Acts
- /16 1911 Mar 7 ----- as above -----
- /17 1912 Feb 27 ----- as above -----
- /18 1914 Mar 13 ----- as above -----
- /19 1920 [Mar] Royal Commission on Decimal Coinage. Report of His Majesty's Commissioners appointed to consider whether it is advisable to make any changes in the denominations of the currency and money of account with a view to placing them on a decimal basis

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