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MISC/50: Photocopies and transcripts of documents, with notes, re Murray and Burnside families in Bromley, Bow and Poplar, 1750-1987

These items were deposited in the Local History Library at various dates during the 1970s and 1980s by W.Phyllis White. See Cockney Ancestor no.2 (Spring 1979) pp 18-23 for her article entitled 'A Scots family, the Murrays, in early Victorian Bow'; also pamphlet SP.485 for her account of Duncan Dunbar and the Dunbar family, and TH/5055 for further notes re the Burnside family.

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| MISC/50/1 | Pedigree showing connection between the Murray and Burnside families. | n.d. [20th c.] |
| /2 | Photocopy of marriage certificate re marriage of Alexander Elder Murray and Charlotte Ann Burnside at Bromley parish church. | 1836 |
| /3 | Photocopy of baptism certificate re Elspet Murray, 1839, baptised at All Saints, Poplar. | 1839 |
| /4 | Photocopy of baptism certificate re Alexander Elder Murray, 1845, baptised at Bromley parish church (copy made 1874) | 1874 |
| /5 | Photocopy of burial certificate re Andrew Murray of Bromley, died 1846 aged 5 years 9 months. (copy made 1874) | 1874 |
| /6 | Photocopy of 'family register' sheet listing the children of Alexander E. and Charlotte A.Murray. | n.d. [c.1854?] |
| /7 | List of Burnside and Murray documents belonging to Colin Andrew Murray, compiled by W.Phyllis White [formerly pamphlet LP. 6443]. Includes: | 1978 |
| | (a) photocopy of memorandum of agreement (28 Aug.1815) re sale of no.4, Robin Hood Lane, by James Speeding to Robert Burnside (refers ^{to} will of William Speeding, father of James Speeding). | |

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(b) photocopy of letter of 21 Feb. 1813 from ~~William James~~ Speeding at Madras, India, to his father William Speeding at the White Horse, Poplar. Informs his father that he is now on board the Frederick and Maria bound for Bombay ('this is the first employ I have had for five months'), and asks for a new brass sextant (costing about 8 guineas) and a book of charts (costing about 10-12 guineas) to be sent to him.

(c) transcript of the draft will of Robert Burnside (1849-50) 'late of Gloucester Terrace, Poplar, but now of Fairfield Place, Bow, gent'. Various bequests to his wife Susannah, his children, grandchildren and other relations. Mentions his freehold houses nos.1,2 and 3 Johns Place, Poplar; leaves 'my model of a ship in ivory' to his nephew William Elphinstone Boyson, and 'my spear taken at Seringapatam from Tippoo Saib' to his son-in-law Thomas English Parish Harris.

(d) transcripts of extracts from Bromley manorial documents and other deeds, 1750 - 1834 (see TH/4024-4060 and TH/5055) re the building known as the Eel Pie House in Robin Hood Lane, Bromley (later the site of nos.1,2 and 3 Johns Place), no.1 Gloucester Terrace, Poplar, and land on the west side of East India Import Dock.

- /8 'The Murray Papers, no.2: the Murrays and Burnsidés of Bow and Blackwall', typescript by W.Phyllis White [formerly pamphlet LP.3993]. Note inside cover that a number of photographs donated by W.P.White at the same time as these notes were added to the illustrations collection in the Local History Library. 1977
- /9 Photocopy of letter from 'Alick' [A.E.Murray, junior, aged 6½] to his father at Fife Cottage, Wellington Road, Bow. 1852
- /10 Photocopy of declaration by Susannah Burnside at Fife Cottage, of her gift to her grandson Edmund Southey Burnside of a number of items of furniture, etc. (list appended). 1852
- /11 'Mr.Burnside as executor, based on Mr.Boyson's statement of accounts', typescript by W.Phyllis White [formerly pamphlet LP.6446]. Contains account of proceedings following the death of John Turner of Poplar, gent., on 28 Apr.1839, Robert Burnside being his sole executor; also transcript of John Turner's will mentioning his house at 3, Union Street, Poplar, and making various bequests to his 4 sons Charles, Michael, Henry and Kenelm Turner, to his daughter Elizabeth Turner, and to his nephew Thomas Turner. 1977-1978