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Miss Cicely Fox Smith, who had travelled in Canada and Africa, wrote a number of popular books on sailing ships of the last century. She was also a contributor to Punch for many years and well known for her attractive verses.

FXM The papers were presented by her sister, Miss M Smith in 1956. They consist of some manuscript material including logs of three East India merchant ships 1851 to 1854; a number of letters and photographs which she received from various correspondents; and a few articles and newspaper cuttings; there are also letters relating to the restoration of the VICTORY, 1920 to 1929. The collection has some useful materials for the study of the sailing ship.

FXM/1/A Logbooks kept while serving as a midshipman in the East India Merchant Service including BLACKWALL (Capt Thorne) 1851-52 London-Sydney-London and PRINCE OF WALES (Capt Wiltshire) 1852 London-Calcutta

FXM/1/B Logbooks kept while serving as a midshipman in the East India Merchant Service including PRINCE OF WALES (Capt Wiltshire) 1853 Calcutta-London and MONARCH (Capt Wiltshire) 1853-54 London-Calcutta-London

FXM/2 Remarks book of the RODNEY 1887-90 and of the HESPERUS 1890-93 during voyages London-Sydney

FXM/3/A Abstract logbooks of the HESPERUS (Capt Barrett) 1893-95 on voyages to Australia

FXM/3/B Abstract logbooks of the HESPERUS (Capt Barrett) 1895 and of the RODNEY (Capt Corner) 1895-96 on voyages to Australia

FXM/4 Logbook of the CITY OF ADELAIDE, voyages across the Pacific kept by different mates 1891-1901

FXM/5 Logbook of a voyage across the Pacific, possibly the CITY OF ADELAIDE 1895-96

FXM/6/A 'Twenty Years of Wandering' by G Sorrell being his account of life at sea from 1869-80, Volume One

FXM/6/B 'Twenty Years of Wandering' by G Sorrell being his account of life at sea from 1869-80, Volume Two

FXM/7 Autobiographical sketch probably by Capt T Young of his service at sea c.1860-80, 'Later Leaves-City of Agra-Baninga and Kooringa 1880-1893'

FXM/8 Letters to Miss Charlotte Fox-Smith, letters of appreciation and information, 1921 - 1938. Includes a photograph of a ship model FIERY CROSS and a photograph of a figurehead for the AVON, taken in Hong Kong, 1872; contains several postcards and two menus from the Seven Seas Club, fifth annual dinner at the Hotel Cecil, 9 January 1928 and 14 January 1929 Date Made 1921-1938

FXM/9/A-C Transcripts of letters from Lt James Ibbotson, Marines, to his family 1798-1800, typescript historical stories of the sea, newspaper cuttings, articles and notes 1644-1890

FXM/10 Photographs of sailing ships of Capt James William Holmes, also photographs and newspaper cuttings relating to his life n.d.

FXM/11 See item level records

FXM/11/1 Charts of Eastern waters 1819-66, South Atlantic, 1866; East India Archipeligo, 1866; Burma, 1866; Cape Verd Islands, Lts Vidal & Mudge, 1819 - 1821; Gaspar Straight, China Sea American chart, 1854; Straight of Sunda, 1848 corrected to 1855; Straight of Malacca and sail of the FIERY CROSS, 1865

FXM/11/2 List of British sailing ships using the port of Calcutta, 1873 - 1893

FXM/12 James Burney, A chronological history of the voyages and discoveries in the South Sea and Pacific Ocean illustrated with charts and other plates 1579-1620

FXM/13 Lloyds Register of Shipping, Vol.1 Sailing Vessels 1916-17

FXM/14 Newspaper and magazine cuttings of stories, poems and articles by Fox-Smith Date Made 1917-03-23 - 1939-10-07

FXM/15 Letters to Fox-Smith regarding research inquiries about various sailing vessels Date Made 1920-05-30 - 1943-02-14

FXM/16 Letters to Fox-Smith praising her work Date Made 1921-11-19 - 1937-08-27

FXM/17 Newspaper cuttings containing reviews of Fox-Smith's books Date Made 1923-05-23 - 1936-09-30

FXM/18 Letter from Robert Fuchs-Liska regarding the possibility of translating Fox-Smith's work into german Date Made 1930-10-11 - 1930-10-11

FXM/19 Handwritten and typewritten transcripts of poems and stories

FXM/20 Signed photograph of Fox-Smith as a young girl; four copies

FXM/21 Chart of North-West passage showing the routes of various searches for Franklin; includes handwritten annotations showing routes and dates of previous and subsequent searches

FXM/22 Chart of Gonives Bay, St. Domingo

FXM/23 Chart of Cul-de-sac de Marin, Martinique

FXM/24 Chart of Mariagalante and Deseada

FXM/25 Chart of Jacmel Harbour, St. Domingo

FXM/26 Chart of Acul Bay, St. Domingo

FXM/27 Chart of Port-au-Prince, Haiti

FXM/28 Chart of Fort Royal Bay, Martinique

FXM/29 Small pocket notebook containing addresses, short diary entries, calculations, etc; possibly the property of Captain G. Hirkup of the "Fiery Cross", whose business card is within

FXM/30 Handwritten memoirs of unkown seaman; covers a period in the 1860's whilst serving aboard the merchant vessels "Fanny", "Iolanthe" and "City of Winton"

FXM/31 Small notebook containing handwritten notes on signals, such as the meanings of various flags and pre-set codes

FXM/32 Photograph of J.T. Symons in the uniform of a naval officer

FXM/33 Photographs of various different ship-models and actual sailing vessels; includes some of the "Cutty Sark" at Falmouth in 1924

FXM/34 Photograph of two seamen at work on the deck of an unidentified sailing vessel

FXM/35 Printed booklet entitled, "La Arquitectura Naval Espanola (En Madera)"

FXM/36 Printed booklet entitled, "Polynesian Voyagers: The Maori as Deep-Sea Navigator, Explorer and Colonizer" by Elsdon Best

FXM/37 Printed publication entitled, "The Mariner:Quarterly Journal of the Ship Model Society of Rhode Island"

FXM/38 Printed booklet entitled, "Samuel Pepys as a Naval Administrator: A Lecture Delivered to the Hull Historical Association on the 29th September 1933" Date Made 1932-09-29 - 1932-09-29

FXM/39 Printed publication entitled, "Association des Amis du Musee de Marine; Quatrieme Bulletin Trimestriel pour 1935"

FXM/40 Printed booklet entitled, "Domestic Life on American Sailing Ships" by Joanna C.Colcord

FXM/41 Printed booklet entitled, "The 'Norman Court'" by John Grier

FXM/42 Printed booklet entitled, "A Memorandum of Vessels built at Blackwall Yard" by J.F. Green

FXM/43 Pencil and ink drawing of the "Royal Charles" by K. Vernon

FXM/44 Painted sketch of a riverside scene

FXM/45 Letters from H.M. Treasury regarding Fox-Smith's civil list pension Date Made: 1951-12-11 - 1952-02-29