

## Sir Percy FitzPatrick

### Pamphlet boxes

**[Box 1]: 2 letters:** The first is from Samuel Evans in 1899 re “ the terrible exodus from the Rand”, and the “tremendous excitement here today on account of the Ultimatum”. He mentions Sir Percy’s book [*The Transvaal from within?*]. The second is from Evans in 1900, discussing the merits of having Johannesburg replace Pretoria as a capital.

Plastic sleeve. This contains a lampoon, *Oom Paul’s alphabet*, sent to Fitzpatrick by E. Homewood.

File 1: FitzPatrick: Miscellaneous in-coming mail, 1908-24, from: J. B. Taylor? Otto Beit, J. H. Beck, H. C. Boyd. Letters re Ram’s Pool (buried treasure). Includes a letter from Bishop Furse of Pretoria, on Native education in the Transvaal. The Ram’s Pool treasure was apparently the lost treasure of the Grosvenor which sank off the coast of the Transkei in 1782. The writer of these documents was convinced that this treasure was hidden in a secret pool on her farm Amberley, in Natal.

File 2: Politics, 1900-1905. War indemnity – newscuttings. Letters from Fitz to S. Evans. Letters from S. Evans to Fitz. Letter to J. Wernher, 1899.

File 3: FitzPatrick: Miscellaneous out-going mail from Fitz to A. J. Wright, A. Beit, L. Phillips, S. Evans re. murder of Joel, Fitz’s overspending, trip to Mashonaland. Also a letter telling of a series of disasters on his farm Amanzi in which FitzPatrick temporarily lost the sight of one eye and had to have all his teeth pulled, Cecily had an abscess in her ear, cattle and some of their labour died of anthrax and other diseases, etc., etc.

File 4: FitzPatrick, J. P. Outgoing correspondence. Private London letters, 1898 Aug. 15 – 1900 Jun. 8

File 5: Politics: Feb.1907-Oct. 1919. Letters from FitzPatrick to: S. Evans, J. Wernher, G. Farrar. Miscellaneous in-coming letters to FitzPatrick. Telegrams, copies & lists of speeches re. elections – Chinese labour speech, “Plea for a fresh start” pam. Contains an index to his speeches, letters, leaders, etc. published in various newspapers such the Star, Cape Times, Daily Mail, etc.

File 6: FitzPatrick: Family letters to Alan, Oliver. Letters from: Alan, Nugent. Deaths of Lady FitzPatrick & Fitz with biographical notes. Letter from Cecily – telegram of congratulation on her engagement, etc. Letter from Mrs. Jenny FitzPatrick (Fitz’s mother) to S. Evans, 1899, is not in its place.

A plastic sleeve containing 4 booklets, 2 with a yellow cover entitled What General Louis Botha has done for Pretoria, 2 with a purplish cover entitled What Sir Percy FitzPatrick has done for Pretoria., and another copy of The Union: a plea for a fresh start.

File 7: Politics: Jan.1906 – Nov. 1906. Letters from FitzPatrick to: S. Evans, G. Farrar, L. Phillips. Letters from: S. Evans, Phillips to FitzPatrick. Telegrams: Fitz’s speech at Pretoria, Nov. 1906 in ‘Transvaal Leader’ re. Constitution, Elections, etc.

File 8: Regiments & War Effort, 1914-1918. Trust deed: I.L.H.: Letter to Beit, 1900. Misc. in-coming letters re. raising an Imperial Corps; Fitz's war lectures, etc. Delville Wood: S.A. memorial in France. Mullins Memorial. Copy of King George's letter thanking Fitz for initiating 2-minute pause for Armistice Day

File 9: Politics: 1920 – 1924. Letters from FitzPatrick to: A. J. Wright, Longden, Amery, Smartt. Fitz in London - (Imperial Preferences). Information on: Balfour, L. George, Asquith, Ramsay MacDonald; the Election in U.K.

Some loose correspondence on such matters as the Rand Pioneers and the editorship of the Star.

File 10: "Jock of the Bushveld". General correspondence, accounts, letters from Longmans; letters re the translation of "Jock" into Dutch; American sales of the book. Included are some notices of the school edition, and a corrected draft of a letter from FitzPatrick discussing the factual basis of various incidents in the book.

**[Box 2]: FitzPatrick: Sundays River Settlement. Lake Mentz/Farms. Hazelden/Bob's Reef, De Kaap. Accounts. Contents:**

[File 1]. Contains letters from Abe Bailey, 'Afridi' (Samuel Evans), and a copy of a letter to [Lord?] Harmsworth; a receipt for membership of the Empire Parliamentary Association and Privilege Ticket; a letter from the editor of the Critic enclosing a copy of an editorial.

[File 2]. Sundays River Settlement: Jan. 1922–July 31<sup>st</sup>, 1922. Miscellaneous in-coming mail Contains letters from Drummond Chaplin, the Land Bank and others; notes on the cultivation of citrus fruit; minutes of the meetings of the Sundays River Irrigation Board, many letters on water and the settlers' difficulties.

[File 3]. Sundays River Settlement: Jan. 1920–Dec. 1921. Letters from Fitz to A. J. Wright. Miscellaneous in-coming letters. Telegrams; minutes of meetings, General Land Settlement. Immigration.

[File 4]. FitzPatrick: Sundays River Settlement. Oct. 1913–Nov. 1919. Letters from Fitz to A. J. Wright. Miscellaneous in-coming mail to Fitzpatrick. Telegrams. Some letters include information on Hume Pipes.

[File 4]. Do., Aug. 1922–Dec. 1922. Miscellaneous in-coming letters. Minutes of Meeting. Letters to A. J. Wright

[File 5]. FitzPatrick: Lake Mentz (Sundays River Settlement), 1921-22. Newscuttings, reports, letters, etc. A report gives the story of the building of the dam which was then second in importance only to the Aswan Dam in Egypt.

[File 6]. FitzPatrick: Sundays River Settlement, 1923 – 26. Miscellaneous in-coming letters. Letters to A. J. Wright, Alan Fitzpatrick, etc.

[File 7]. FitzPatrick: Buckland Downs: 1914: letters. 1904+ A/Cs. Balmoral Farm: 1914-15. General farm correspondence – sundry: 1913-14

[File 8]. FitzPatrick, J. P. Business correspondence Hazelden, De Kaap Gold Dredging Co., Bob's Reef Claim, 1910-1911

[File 9]. 1. Personal accounts with Wernher Beit & Co. & H. Eckstein & Co., 1903-1908. 2. Miscellaneous accounts, 1910-1924. 3. Agreement re. building contract re. Clonave 1910 [Park Town, and the purchase of a stand at] Isipingo. Miscellaneous business correspondence; Family correspondence; general correspondence out-going, in-coming; Politics, 1900-1924; Publications – “Jock”; Regiments. Contents: 2 letters; a plastic sleeve; 10 files tied with ribbon

### **Books**

4 letter books, running from 1897 to 1906, containing copies of correspondence between FitzPatrick and Mr. Balfour; General Buller, H. Eckstein; Julius Wernher, etc.; a volume of the Debates of the Second Session of the Legislative Council of the Transvaal, 1903-4, of which Sir Percy was a member, and a green leatherbound volume containing the 6<sup>th</sup> annual report of Rand Mines Limited, 1898.