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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Oldknow, Samuel, 1756-1828
Title:	Samuel Oldknow papers
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Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Samuel Oldknow papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical / Historical

Samuel Oldknow was an English industrialist, the first successful maker of British muslin. He was born in Anderton, Lancashire in 1756. After serving an apprenticeship, he set up as manufacturer of cotton goods and fustians in Anderton. In 1781, as the cotton industry became mechanized, Oldknow began producing muslin products. In 1784, he erected a factory at Stockport and became recognized as the foremost muslin manufacturer in Great Britain. In 1790, Oldknow built a mill at Mellor and acquired land for his personal estate. He used the latest technology in his cotton spinning factories at Stockport and Mellor, including the Arkwright spinning jenny and the Watt steam engine. His enterprises resulted in the growth of the community in Derbyshire. He became a scientific and experimental agriculturist and planned for roads, bridges, and canals.

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Summary

Correspondence, account books, invoices, insurance policies, ledgers, payroll and wage records, receipts, and galley proofs. The records concern his cotton spinning mills in Stockport and Mellor. There are letters from merchants, tradesmen, manufacturers, and others relating to textile manufacturing and its mechanization in England during the last quarter of the eighteenth century. Included among the correspondents are: Sir Richard Arkwright, inventor of the spinning jenny; his son, Richard Arkwright; Henry Norris; Samuel Oldknow; Thomas Oldknow; Richard and Susannah Pennant (Baron and Baroness Penrhyn); Samuel Salte; and William Salte. Also included are the galley proofs for those letters published in George Unwin: *SAMUEL OLDKNOW AND THE ARKWRIGHTS* (London, 1924)

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Arrangement

Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged. Cataloged correspondence, A-Z. (Boxes 1-3); Cataloged documents, A-Z. (Boxes 4-5); Miscellaneous materials. (Box 5).

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Revision Description

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Papers: Date of acquisition--1929. Accession number--M-1929.

Ownership and Custodial History

Provenance: Edwin R.A. Seligman purchased a selection of the Oldknow papers offered to him in 1926 by Arthur Hulme, a contributing author of SAMUEL OLDKNOW AND THE ARKWRIGHTS. Those letters not purchased by Seligman were acquired by the John Rylands Library.

Processing Information

Papers Entered in AMC HR 02/--/91.

Processing Information

This original call number for this collection was MS Arkwright/Oldknow. The collection is labelled and shelved as Arkwright/Oldknow in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact rbml@columbia.edu for more information.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Related material can be found in the Samuel Oldknow Collection at the Johns Hopkins University Library. Also, the Manchester Reference Library, and the John Rylands Library (Ms. Nos. 751-840), Manchester, England

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Controlled Access Headings

- Cotton manufacture -- England -- 18th century
- Cotton manufacture -- England -- 19th century
- Cotton spinning -- England
- Cotton textile industry -- England
- Cotton weaving -- England
- Industrialization -- Great Britain -- 18th century
- Labor -- England -- 18th century
- Labor -- England -- 19th century
- Manufacturing processes -- Great Britain -- History
- Textile industry -- Great Britain -- History
- Industries -- Great Britain -- 18th century
- Manufactures -- Great Britain -- 18th century
- Mellor (Stockport, England)
- Stockport (England)
- Account books
- Galley proofs
- Insurance policies
- Invoices
- Ledgers (account books)
- Payrolls
- Receipts (financial records)
- Industrialists -- England
- Manufacturers -- England
- Merchants -- England
- Arkwright, Richard, Sir, 1732-1792
- Arkwright, Richard, 1755-1843
- Norris, Henry
- Oldknow, Thomas
- Penrhyn, Richard Pennant, Baron, 1737?-1808

- Penrhyn, Susannah Anne Warburton Pennant, Baroness
- Salte, Samuel
- Salte, William
- Oldknow, Samuel, 1756-1828

Collection Inventory

Series I: Cataloged Correspondence	
Title/Description	Instances
Andrew, Littlewood	box 1
Andrew, Samuel	box 1
Arkwright, Richard Sr.	box 1
Arkwright, Richard Jr.	box 1
Bancroft, Robert	box 1
Barton, John Bayley	box 1
Blackwall, Robert	box 1
Blundell, John	box 1
Boulton and Watt	box 1
Briscall, James	box 1
Bromehead, William	box 1
Cartwright, Thomas	box 1
Chorlton, John	box 1
Clerkenwell Parish Overseers (London)	box 1
Cowpe, John	box 1
Crowther and Stutt	box 1
Crowthers, E. and R.	box 1
Curnuth, John	box 1
Drinkwater, John	box 1
Evans, Thomas and Son	box 1
Ferns, George and R.	box 1
Gant, William	box 1
Goodwin, George	box 1
Grimshaw, Robert and Sons	box 1

Hall, S.	box 1
Hallerond, Roger	box 1
Heywood, S.	box 1
Hindley and Bradshaw	box 1
Hindy, Thomas and Sons	box 1
Hope, William	box 1
Hudson, E.	box 1
Hunt, Mrs. C.	box 1
Hyde, John	box 1
Kale, I.	box 1
Kirk, Matthias	box 1
Kirkham, Ralph	box 1
Leame and Spalton	box 1
Lingard, R. and R.	box 1
Lingard and Smith	box 1
Linnen, G.	box 1
Lister, Thomas	box 1
Liuston and Southwaite	box 1
Lomas, Thomas	box 1
Lowe, Robert and Co.	box 1
Lowe, Thomas	box 1
Lycett, William	box 1
Mallalieu, James	box 2
MuGuffog, James	box 2
MacKenweda, Edward	box 2
Manchester and Buxton Turnpike Trustees	box 2
Markland, John and Sons	box 2
Mason, Charles	box 2
Mather, Samuel	box 2
Merryweather, T.	box 2
Miller, Thomas	box 2
Millar, Thomas	box 2

Molineux, W. and G.	box 2
Mycock, George	box 2
Nelson, Ann	box 2
Newland, James	box 2
Nightingale, Peter	box 2
Noble, Miss	box 2
Norris, Henry	box 2
Norris, Thomas	box 2
Oldknow, B.	box 2
Oldknow, Joseph	box 2
Oldknow, Samuel	box 2
Oldknow, Thomas	box 2
Oliver, William	box 2
Osbaldiston, Joseph	box 2
Page and Bennet	box 2
Parker, Abraham	box 2
Parker, Robert	box 2
Parkinson and Willson	box 2
Parsons, William	box 2
Parson and Hurles	box 2
Parsons, Studley and Co.	box 2
Paulson and Siddon	box 2
Peak-Forest Canal	box 2
Pearson, James	box 2
Penrhyn, Richard Pennant, Baron	box 2
Penrhyn, Susannah Pennant, Lady	box 2
Percival and Condell	box 2
Pitches, Robert	box 2
Potter, John, Benjamin and James	box 2
Prescott, Mrs.	box 2
Radley, Samuel	box 2
Ramsden, Harrison and Co.	box 2

Rathbone, William and Sons	box 2
Reynolds, James	box 2
Reynolds and Warner	box 2
Rigby, Peter	box 2
Robinson, John	box 2
Roe and Co.	box 2
Roward, Stephen and Co.	box 2
Salte, Samuel and William	box 3
Sawyer, John Martin	box 3
Seedhouse, William	box 3
Shaw, James and William	box 3
Shaw, Miss and Joel Ratcliffe	box 3
Shepherd, William	box 3
Siddon, John	box 3
Siddon, Samuel	box 3
Siddon, William	box 3
Sims, Oliver	box 3
Smith and Blackwell	box 3
Smith, Payne and Smith	box 3
Steven, Thomas	box 3
Stock, James	box 3
Stock, Cooper and Watson	box 3
Stocks, Sam	box 3
Stringers, Thomas	box 3
Strutt, Joseph	box 3
Strutt, Joseph and Sons	box 3
Strutt, William Jr.	box 3
Stubbs, George	box 3
Swainston and Lythgoe	box 3
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Towkinson (?),Henry	box 3

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Wood, John	box 3
Worthington, George	box 3
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Allen, James	box 4
Arkwright, Richard Sr.	box 4
Arkwright, Richard Jr.	box 4
Arnsworth, P. and Sons	box 4
Arrowsmith, J.	box 4
Ashton Canal	box 4
Bennison, Thomas	box 4
Bertles, William	box 4
Bibby and Downhall	box 4
Boardman, P.	box 4
Booth, Samuel	box 4
Bowden, Thomas	box 4
Briscall, James	box 4
Brook, Benjamin	box 4
Brown, Charles	box 4
Brown, Isaac	box 4
Brown, Thomas	box 4
Bury, John and Sons	box 4
Callico and Fustian Printers	box 4
Carrington, William	box 4
Chatterton, John	box 4
Chatterton, William	box 4

Clarkson, Knight and Pratt	box 4
Clegg, William	box 4
Coppock, William	box 4
Darlington and Henderson	box 4
Davenport, Charles	box 4
Derby, County Constable of Mellor	box 4
Derby, County Overseers of the Poor	box 4
Downes, William	box 4
Ellison, Matthew	box 4
Ferns, George	box 4
Ferns, R.	box 4
Gardner, Edward	box 4
Garside, Samuel	box 4
Gaskill, John	box 4
Hargreaves, Robert and Sons	box 4
Hatfield, Thomas and Sons	box 4
Huchinson Mallalieu and Co.	box 4
Jowett, Robert and Jonathan	box 4
Keeling, Benjamin	box 4
Killer, J.E.	box 4
Lee, Charles and Co.	box 4
Lee, William	box 4
Lindley, George	box 4
Lings, Charles and Neb.	box 4
Lloyd, J.	box 4
Manchester Infirmary and Dispensary	box 4
Moorcraft, Ralph	box 4
Morris, John	box 4
Morris, Richard	box 4
Newby, William	box 4
Nicholson, George	box 4
Norbury, Bradford	box 4

Norris, Thomas	box 4
Oldknow, Joseph	box 4
Oldknow, Samuel	box 4
Oldknow, Samuel	box 5
Parker, Robert and Co.	box 5
Peak Forest Canal	box 5
Percival, Joseph	box 5
Pott, James	box 5
Roberts, John	box 5
Rothwell, Richard	box 5
Salte, Samuel and William	box 5
Sanderson, James and Co.	box 5
Sandford, Richard	box 5
School for the Blind	box 5
Shaw, James and George	box 5
Sims, Ollive	box 5
Sleigh, William	box 5
Sun Fire Office	box 5
Swire, Longbotham and Co.	box 5
Thornhill, John	box 5
Topham and Sowden	box 5
Von der Becke and Co.	box 5
Wade, William and Co.	box 5
Whitehead, David	box 5
Whitehouse, John	box 5
Wild, Immanuel	box 5
Wood, William	box 5
Worthington and Harrop	box 5
Wright, John	box 5
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Printed Materials	box 5

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