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EGG COLLECTIONS AT TOWNELEY HALL ART GALLERY AND MUSEUMS, BURNLEY.

Brief notes on the collectors/dealers represented in the two larger collections at Towneley Hall appear below. Unfortunately, no data books or correspondence were acquired with the collections and consequently the names below are taken from the clutch labels which do not differentiate in most cases between field collector, dealer or later vendor. The number of extant clutches assigned to each dealer/collector is certainly on the low side as many labels have been re-written with the collectors' names omitted and, of course, many clutches were collected personally by the owners of the two collections. However, it is hoped that the lists may prove useful to anyone wishing to trace the work of a particular dealer/collector.

BOOTH collection. George Albert Booth F.E.S. (d.11.8.1924) of Kirkham and Grange-over-Sands. Cabinet of 24 drawers (app. 566 clutches) purchased 28.3.1925 for £58. The majority of the clutches appear to have been purchased.

Sources of clutches:-

Bunyard P.	8 *	Herbert J.	1
Buyard Wm.	1	Jefferys C.	6 *
Calvert R.W.	8	Kennedy R.	1
Clarke W.J.	6 =	Morley T.	5
Copeland A.T.	8 *	Murray H.	7 =
Cumming R. Gordon	1 *	Palmer -	1
Davis J.	2	Potter E.G.	2
Dean J.	1	Richards H.	1
Dugdale R.D.	10	Schmitz Rev.E.	1
Ellis J.	1	Somerville H.	1
Farren	3 (* ?)	Tait B.	1
Feast A.	1	Wallis S.H.	4 *
Fernil J.	1	Ware H.	2
Gregson C.S.	7	Watson E.F.	1
Gunn J.R.	1	Williams D.	2
Hardacre J.	1	Wrigley R.H.	9

* sale in "Natural History Auctions" under this name

= entry in "British Taxidermists"

JACKSON collection. J. Jackson of Burnley. 2 cabinets of 8 and 29 drawers (app. 510 clutches). Bequest 6.5.1941.

Sources of clutches:-

Abbot G.A.	1 (U.S.A.)	Norgate F.	10 *
Asley Dr.M.	1	Noble H.	1 *
Atkinson J.	1	Ogden E.	1
Banks J.	1	Ormeroyd A.	1 (Canada)
Bingham H.P.	1	Palmer J.	1
Bromley H.	1	Plumb R.	7
Collier M.	1 (U.S.A.)	Proctor Maj.F.W.	1 *
Dueg H.	6	Proctor H.	3
Ellis E.	1	Rackford R.E.	1 (U.S.A.)
Fleming J.M.	1 *	Raine W.	3 (Canada)
Gorton H.	1	Ramberg J.	5
Graham S.	1	Skinner E.R.	2 *
Gregory D.G.Dexter	2 (U.S.A.)	Smith G.	1
Hargreaves H.D.	1	Schulter -	2
Harlow Rich.C.	1 (U.S.A.)	Thompson C.H.	1 (U.S.A.)
Hatherton C.E.	1	Tooner Dr.	1
Haugh H.B.	1	Turnbull J.W.	1
Ingraham Capt.D.P.	1	Tuck Rev.J.G.	1
Jancre` H.	5	Walton -	1
Johnson J.	1	Welburn D.	2
Kirke-Swann H.	1	Whitehouse -	1
Knieper -	4	Winter J.	1
Marsden H.W.	1 *	Wolley J.	1 *
McQueen D.	1	Wrigley R.H.	4

Some were certainly purchased via Stevens - The Whitehouse clutch bears the annotation "Stevens sale 1915".

FOOTNOTE: The BOOTH collection contains, in a glass topped black card box, an egg bearing the following label: "249 Swallow tailed Kite (sent by J.J. Audubon from Texas in 1842 to a correspondent in Paris)". On the underside of the box is pencilled "159" which may be a lot number, and 1887 has been written on the egg itself. Also in the collection in identical boxes are single eggs of the Iceland and Greenland Falcons, one of which bears the label "Lot 424". Any information from members having nineteenth century sale catalogue which may help to trace the sources of these eggs will be most welcome.

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