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Guide to the

**James Boswell letters**

1766-1778

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## Summary

**Creator:** Boswell, James, 1740-1795

**Title:** James Boswell letters

**Date:** 1766-1778

**Size:** .1 linear feet (1 folder)

**Abstract:** James Boswell (1740-1795) was a Scottish lawyer, diarist, and author. He is best known for his biography of his friend and contemporary, Samuel Johnson. The collection consists of a small quantity of letters written by Boswell between 1766 and 1788 to Sir Andrew Dick, Baronet of Prestonfield; Mr. J. Spotteswoode, and other unnamed recipients. The letters are generally of a social nature, often referencing Boswell's writings and the writings of others

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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## Key Terms

### Occupations

Authors, Scottish  
Biographers

### Subjects

Authors, Scottish -- 18th century

### Names

Boswell, James, 1740-1795  
Dick, Alexander, Sir, 1703-1785