

For the Archive Session at Keele:

Helen Burton to demonstrate how to handle the material and the rules of the archive.

Divide into groups: each group has a folder of material. Answer the following questions:

1. How would you describe the content of the material you have been given? (Feel free to use internet resources to place it in context.)
2. How would you describe its physical condition?
3. Why use this kind of material in research?
4. What else would you like to know in relation to this material?
5. Situate this material within the context of the Le Play archive and find other items of potential relevance on the catalogue.

GB172 LP/11/4/29 Title Charts and diagrams Date 1915 - 1916 Level File Extent 1 folder Description Charts, diagrams and thinking machines by Victor Branford and Patrick Geddes. The material covers a variety of topics including regional survey, religion, town and city, sociology, eugenics, individuals and institutions, government, power and finance. The folder also contains correspondence between Branford and Geddes which relates to some of the diagrams.

GB172 LP/1/1/3/10 Title Comte anniversary meeting Date October 1907 Level File Extent 1 folder Description Papers read at a meeting of the Sociological Society held on 22 October 1907 to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Auguste Comte including papers by Victor Branford, Leonard Hobhouse, and Patrick Geddes. The folder also contains draft articles on Comte and positivism and notes for a speech given at the Positivist Society's Comte celebration on 6 October 1907.

GB172 LP/4/1/1/1/2/1/2/26 Title Health Date 1926 - 1935 Level File Extent 1 folder Description Draft of the contents for the survey of health services; draft reports and notes on hospitals, diseases, cooperation in health work between statutory and voluntary agencies, ambulance services, and the London Midland and Scottish Railway Hospital Fund; and a memorandum on the organisation of hospital services in South West Lancashire, Cheshire and North Wales by the Merseyside Hospitals Council. The folder also contains a progress report for the different sections of the Chester survey from July 1935.

GB172 LP/11/2/4/1 Title Drafts Date 1921 - 1925 Level File Extent 1 folder Description Draft scheme for a book entitled 'Evolutionary Vitalism' based on lectures given by Patrick Geddes and draft manuscript and typescript chapters and notes for the same. The drafts include the following titles: 'Evoluntionary Vitalism as Pure Science', 'The Concept of Life and the Life Process', 'The Life Process as Mind Process', 'The Life Process as Social Process', 'The Integrate Personality', 'The Townsmen', 'Rustic Origins', 'The Charting of Life' and 'The Notation of the Life Process Organic, Mental and Social'. Some of the chapters are annotated by Geddes or Victor Branford. The folder also contains a letter from Patrick Geddes to Victor and Sybella Branford. There is a note by Lewis Mumford on the folder which reads: 'As student biologist Branford came under Geddes' spell. This early preparation has importance for his biog.'