

# Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles, photo-journalist: papers, 1871 - 2004

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## Introduction and summary description

**Creator:** Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles  
**Reference:** AAD/2004/6  
**Extent:** 93 files

## Context

Born in 1871 in Rotterdam, the son of a retired Scottish wool manufacturer, Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles grew up in Weisbaden, Germany. After a brief time at the Royal Military College Sandhurst, he studied photo chemistry in Freiburg, Berlin and Vienna before settling in Berlin.

Pitcairn-Knowles was a keen sportsman, and founded many sporting clubs, among them Berlin Academic Sports Club, the Anglo American Club, Berlin Skating Club, Berlin Golf Club, Berlin Lawn Tennis Club, and Berlin Hockey and Bicycle Polo Club. His interest in sport led him to launch the journal *Sport im Bild* in 1895 and he went on to edit and contribute articles and photographs to other magazines and journals.

After leaving Germany, he settled for a while in Jersey, where he grew potatoes and tomatoes, before moving first to Paris and then to Brussels. It was around this time that he began his photographic expeditions, during which he photographed a huge variety of subjects, from goats in Corsica to cod liver oil. The glass negatives showing the results of these expeditions can be found in this archive. These photographs appeared in many journals, including *Wide World Magazine*, *Outing*, *Badminton Magazine*, and *Illustrated News*.

Just before the outbreak of World War I, Pitcairn-Knowles acquired property in Hastings on the south coast of England. He had become interested in naturopathy after it had been used to successfully treat both himself and his son, Gordon's, illnesses. This interest grew and Pitcairn-Knowles decided to forge a career in this field. He opened *Riposo Nature Cure and Country Club* in Hastings in July 1913. He died in 1956.

## Scope and content

Family papers and correspondence, 1898-1994; papers relating to *Riposo Nature Cure and Country Club*, 1910-1972; publications, 1895-1976; photographic material, undated; material relating to the Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles exhibition, Ostend, ca. 2004

## Provenance

Purchased from Richard Pitcairn-Knowles, 2004.

## Access

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## Related Material

### Archive and manuscript sources

The photographs collection in the V&A's Word & Image Department holds ca. 300 vintage prints by Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles, as well as a number of modern prints taken from his negatives.

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## Detailed catalogue

### Family papers and correspondence, 1898 - 2004

**Reference:** Pitcairn-Knowles-1

**Extent:** 21 files

#### Correspondence between Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles and Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles, 1898 - 1945 (bulk 1898 - 1903)

**Reference:** Pitcairn-Knowles-1-1

**Extent:** 9 files

Reference	Description	Dates
AAD/2004/6/1	Correspondence from Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles, nee Gardner to Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles Includes one letter from his mother, Doris Pitcairn-Knowles	24 Oct 1898 - 7 May 1898
AAD/2004/6/2	Correspondence from Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles, nee Gardner to Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles	13 July 1899 - 2 Aug 1899
AAD/2004/6/3	Correspondence from Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles to Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles	3 Aug 1899 - 2 Sept 1899
AAD/2004/6/4	Correspondence from Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles to Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles	5 Sept 1899 - 14 Jan 1900
AAD/2004/6/5	Correspondence from Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles to Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles Includes letter to Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles from her sister, Minnie, 24 Mar 1901.	20 Mar 1901 - 12 Apr 1901

AAD/2004/6/6	Correspondence from Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles to Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles Includes letter from Gordon Pitcairn-Knowles	22 June 1901 - 5 Mar 1903
AAD/2004/6/7	Correspondence from Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles to Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles	8 May 1903 - 22 May 1903
AAD/2004/6/8	Correspondence from Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles to Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles	16 Sept 1911
AAD/2004/6/20	Expanded typescript, transcribed by Richard Pitcairn-Knowles, of correspondence from Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles to Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles between 1899-1945 1 file	Undated

### **Correspondence: Andrew and Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles to Gordon and Joyce Pitcairn-Knowles, 1930-1945**

**Reference:** Pitcairn-Knowles-1-2

**Extent:** 9 files

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
AAD/2004/6/16	Correspondence from Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles and Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles to Gordon Pitcairn-Knowles and Joyce Pitcairn-Knowles 1 file	6 Feb 1930 - 19 Feb 1930
AAD/2004/6/11	Correspondence from Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles Gordon Pitcairn-Knowles and Joyce Pitcairn-Knowles	13 June 1934 - 31 July 1934
AAD/2004/6/12	Correspondence from Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles to Gordon Pitcairn-Knowles and Joyce Pitcairn-Knowles	17 Aug 1934 - 29 Aug 1934
AAD/2004/6/13	Correspondence from Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles to Gordon Pitcairn-Knowles and Joyce Pitcairn-Knowles	1 Sept 1934 - 29 Sept 1934
AAD/2004/6/14	Correspondence from Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles to Gordon Pitcairn-Knowles and Joyce Pitcairn-Knowles Last dated letter, 19 Nov 1934.	9 Oct 1934 - ca. 1934
AAD/2004/6/15	Correspondence from Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles and Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles to Gordon Pitcairn-Knowles and Joyce Pitcairn-Knowles 1 file	12 Sept 1937 - 23 Sept 1937
AAD/2004/6/10	Correspondence from Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles to Gordon Pitcairn-Knowles and Joyce Pitcairn-Knowles Includes letter from G. Thursfield to [Gordon Pitcairn-Knowles], 5 Dec 1944	21 Nov 1944 - 14 Dec 1944

AAD/2004/6/9	Correspondence between Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles, Gordon Pitcairn-Knowles and Joyce Pitcairn-Knowles	15 Dec 1944 - 4 Jan 1945
AAD/2004/6/21	Typescript, transcribed by Richard Pitcairn-Knowles, of correspondence 1 file  This file contains "letters from Europe in 1934" from Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles and Margaret Pitcairn-Knowles to Gordon Pitcairn-Knowles and Joyce Pitcairn-Knowles.	Undated

### **Personal papers and objects relating to Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles, 1871-2004**

**Reference:** Pitcairn-Knowles-1-3

**Extent:** 3 files

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
AAD/2004/6/18	Papers relating to Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles. Includes birth and death certificate, correspondence, newspaper clippings and photographs 1 box	13 Mar 1871 - 17 July 1956
AAD/2004/6/19	Papers relating to Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles. Includes correspondence and articles 1 file	1966 - 2004
AAD/2004/6/37	Trophies and souvenirs 17 pieces	1897 - 1909

### **Papers relating to Riposo Health Hydro, 1910 - 1972**

**Reference:** Pitcairn-Knowles-2

**Extent:** 3 files

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
AAD/2004/6/38	Papers and correspondence relating to Riposo, the Knowles' health hydro. 3 folders Part 1 includes detailed list of all papers in these files	1910 - 1972
AAD/2004/6/39	Photocopy of papers, correspondence etc contained in file AAD/2004/6/38 2 folders	Undated
AAD/2004/6/17	Correspondence to Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles 1 folder  Includes letters of application for positions at Riposo Health Hydro in Hastings	Mar 1911 - May 1911

## Publications containing articles relating to Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles or Riposo Health Hydro, 1895-1976

**Reference:** Pitcairn-Knowles-3

Arranged alphabetically

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
AAD/2004/6/23	The Badminton Magazine of Sports and Pastimes 1 item Issue No.157. Includes two photocopies of front cover	Aug 1908
AAD/2004/6/24	Country Life 1 item	23 Dec 1976
AAD/2004/6/25	Lectures pour tous 1 item	Apr 1907
AAD/2004/6/31	The New Statesman 1 item Vol XVIII No.447	5 Nov 1921
AAD/2004/6/26	Outing, the illustrated magazine of sport, travel, adventure and country life edited by Caspar Whitney 1 item Includes two photocopies of front cover	Jan 1904
AAD/2004/6/27	The Sketch 1 item	23 July 1913
AAD/2004/6/28	Sport im Bild 9 items Issues: No.5 (3 Feb 1905), No.45 (10 Nov 1905), No.21 (25 May 1906), No.20 (16 May 1913), No.22 (30 May 1913), No.30 (25 July 1913), No.42 (17 Oct 1913), No.44 (31 Oct 1913), No.51 (19 Dec 1913)	3 Feb 1905 - 19 Dec 1913
AAD/2004/6/34	Sport im Bild, 5 items I Jahrgang (Nos.1-27) 10 May 1895-27 Dec 1895, III Jahrgang (Nos.1-52) 1 Jan 1897-24 Dec 1897, V Jahrgang (Nos.1-26) 6 Jan 1899-30 June 1899 (also bound with the above Sport im Wort No.1- 7 Apr 1899- No.13 30 June 1899), VI Jahrgang (Nos.1-26) 4 Jan 1901-28 June 1901, VII Jahrgang (Nos.27-52) 5 July 1901-27 Dec 1901 (has incorrect frontispiece of VII Jahrgang Nos.1-26)	10 May 1895 - 27 Dec 1901
AAD/2004/6/29	Sport im Wort 2 items Issues: No.46 (15 Nov 1900), No.48 (29 Nov 1900)	15 Nov 1900 - 29 Nov 1900

AAD/2004/6/30 Sporting & Dramatic 1 item	2 Feb 1924
AAD/2004/6/32 The Wide World Magazine 3 items Issues: Vol.19, No.110 (May 1907); Vol.20, No.118 (Jan 1908); Vol.35, No.209 (Aug 1915)	May 1907 - Aug 1915
AAD/2004/6/33 Zeit im Bild 1 item Vol. 11, No.40	1 Oct 1913
AAD/2004/6/22 Photocopies of articles by Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles 1 file	Mar 1905 - May 1924

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## Photographic material, Undated

**Reference:** Pitcairn-Knowles-4

**Extent:** 55 files

## Photographs, Undated

**Reference:** Pitcairn-Knowles-4-1

**Extent:** 1 file

Reference	Description	Dates
AAD/2004/6/35	Photographs - prints and glass negative. One framed print 2 boxes	Undated

## Glass negatives, Undated

**Reference:** Pitcairn-Knowles-4-2

Reference	Description	Dates
AAD/2004/6/36	Glass negatives 7 boxes	Undated
AAD/2004/6/42	Grimsby Fishmarkets - 12 negatives, Badger and fox baiting - 8 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 1; Box 2.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/43	Ratodrome - 12 negatives, Cambridgeshire 1904 - 8 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 3; Box 4.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/44	S. F. Cody and his kites - 10 negatives, Fisheries - 11 negatives	Undated

	1 box Previous ref: Box 5; Box 6.	
AAD/2004/6/45	Oyster beds - 11 negatives (negs. 5 and 11 missing - copy negs included). Lobsters 1 box Previous ref: Box 7; Box 8.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/46	Diabolo - 19 negatives, Fishing - Seine, Paris - 3 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 9; Box 10.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/47	Sundries - Riviera - 9 negatives, Cider making - 15 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 11; Box 12.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/48	Automobile Gymkhana, Ostend 1908 and Grand Prix 1906 - 22 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 13.	ca. 1906-1908
AAD/2004/6/49	Circuit du Littoral and Grand Prix motor race, Ostend 1906 1 box Previous ref: Box 14.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/50	Seche cuttlefish - 26 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 15.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/51	English boating - 3 negatives. Seaweed and shell curiosities - 17 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 16; Box 17.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/52	Beach sailing - 16 negatives (5 missing), English Cliffenden, Isle of Man, Port Soderick - 3 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 18; Box 19.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/53	Dogmarket, Brussels - 16 negatives (2 missing) 1 box Previous ref: Box 20.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/54	Oursin, Sea urchin - 16 negatives (2 missing) 1 box Previous ref: Box 21.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/55	Plantshelters, Pflanzenschutz - 19 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 22.	Undated

AAD/2004/6/56	Ostend Race Course, 1908 - 24 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 23.	ca. 1908
AAD/2004/6/57	Violet Farm - 10 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 24.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/58	Cock crowing, Hahnengekrake - 24 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 25.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/59	Clovisses, Winkles - 15 negatives. Reusen; Oyster Culture - 7 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 26; Box 27.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/60	Corsica, shooting - 13 negatives. Corsica, goats - 17 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 28; Box 29.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/61	Paris Animal Market I - 9 negatives. Paris Animal Market II - 19 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 30; Box 31.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/62	Firmen Schilder, shop fronts - 4 negatives. Vlamish Races - 9 negatives 1 box (?) Previous ref: Box 32; Box 33.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/63	Kite flying - 18 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 34.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/64	Auf der Digue ( Ostend) - 10 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 35.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/65	Pumpkins 1 box Previous ref: Box 36.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/66	Seaweed - 8 negatives. Derby - 14 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 37; Box 38.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/67	Seine Fishing, Eel Fishing - 8 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 39.	Undated



AAD/2004/6/68	Festin des Cougourons (Pumpkins) - 18 negatives. Villas Scolaires, August 1908 - 8 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 40; Box 41.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/69	Welks - 6 negatives. English Derby - 17 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 42; Box 43.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/70	Codliver Oil - 23 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 44.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/71	Grimsby - 21 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 45.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/72	Holland I, ? 1923 - 19 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 46.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/73	Holland II, ? 1923 0 17 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 47.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/74	Otto's Holland - 20 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 48.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/75	Riposo House, Interior and Exterior - 13 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 49.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/76	Various treatments - 6 negatives. Riposo games - 10 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 50; Box 51.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/77	Schroth - 18 negatives. Schroth - 11 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 52; Box 53.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/78	Airbath - 13 negatives. Sunbath - 12 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 54; Box 55.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/79	Airchalets, Riposo - 17 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 56.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/80	Luft in Sonnebad (mostly Riposo) - 12 negatives. Skin disease - 4 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 57; Box 58.	Undated

AAD/2004/6/81	Riposo Animals - 17 negatives. Corsica bandits - 6 negatives. Corsica bandits - 6 negatives. Corsica bandits - 6 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 59; Box 60; Box 61; Box 62.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/82	A. P. K. [Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles] Self Portraits - 10 negatives. Family and Staff, Riposo - 14 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 63; Box 64.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/83	Family - 19 negatives. Riposo parties (1/4 plates) - 14 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 66; Box 67.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/84	Family photos - 7 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 68.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/85	Sonntas publikun, Ostende - Blankenberg - 22 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 69.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/86	Ostende, horse races - 22 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 70.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/87	Isle of Man - 7 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 71.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/88	School for fishing - 20 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 72.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/89	Jersey flowers - 5 negatives. Jersey potatoes - 13 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 73; Box 74.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/90	Jersey potato digging - 11 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 75.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/91	Street scenes, Belgium/ Holland (Glacier) - 12 negatives 1 box Previous ref: Box 76.	Undated
AAD/2004/6/40	Original glass negative boxes (empty) with annotations 10 boxes	Undated

**Glass lantern slides, Undated****Reference:** Pitcairn-Knowles-4-3

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
AAD/2004/6/92	Original wooden box of 86 lantern slides by Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles. 1 box Marked SCHROTH	Undated
AAD/2004/6/93	Original wooden box with 77 lantern slides by Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles 1 box	Undated

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**Material relating to the Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles exhibition at Ostende, ca. 2004****Reference:** Pitcairn-Knowles-5**Extent:** 1 file

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
AAD/2004/6/41	2 leaflets, 1 poster from Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles photography exhibition held at the Venetiaanse GaanderijenOstende. 1 file and 1 roll	ca. 2004

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