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The Pitman Collection comprises the papers of Sir Isaac Pitman (1813-1897), founder of a global business based on shorthand instruction, printing and publishing, as well as records relating to the initial teaching alphabet (ita), designed by his grandson, to aid the early development of reading skills through phonetic learning.

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