

Frederick Locker-Lampson Correspondence

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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Locker-Lampson, Frederick, 1821-1895

TITLE: Frederick Locker-Lampson Correspondence

DATES: 1770-1897

BULK DATES: 1853-1885

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 11.89 linear feet (33 boxes)

LANGUAGE: In English; some letters in French and Italian.

SUMMARY: The Frederick Locker-Lampson Correspondence is a collection of over 2,000 letters, accompanied by a few manuscripts and family papers, consisting primarily of letters received by Frederick Locker-Lampson. In addition to substantial quantities of letters from members of his immediate and extended families, the collection contains letters from scores of English literary figures, including F.T. Palgrave, Simeon Solomon, James Gibbs, and Richard Garnett. Some of Locker-Lampson's better-known literary friends and colleagues, including Lord Alfred Tennyson, Robert Browning, and Austin Dobson, are represented by single letters, although there are no substantive correspondences with them. The collection also contains correspondence pertaining to Frederick's father, Edward Hawke Locker, including letters to his wife written during his naval career, and letters from the Irish author John Wilson Croker.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Bernard Quaritch, Ltd. on the James Osborn and Marie-Louise Osborn Fund, 1993.

Ex libris Jonathan Locker-Lampson. Formerly on deposit at the East Sussex Record Office Library, United Kingdom.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Frederick Locker-Lampson Correspondence. James Marshall and Marie-Louise Osborn Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

Processing Information

The collection was received in 1993 in six folio albums and nine bundles of varying size, all of which had been listed at the item level by the British Historical Manuscripts Commission for their National Register of Archives. The material was removed from these binders and housed in acid-free boxes and folders in the exact order in which it was received. The folders are annotated with volume, page, and document numbers in the case of the volumes, and bundle and document numbers for the bundled materials.

This finding aid is a key to the item-level HMC/NRA list, one copy of which is housed in Box 1 of this collection. A second copy has been cataloged as Osborn e18. Folder titles, consisting of a volume or bundle number followed by a page number (or numbers), were supplied by staff during initial processing.

Frederick Locker-Lampson, 1821-1895

Frederick Locker-Lampson was born Frederick Locker at the Royal Naval Hospital in 1821, the third child of Edward Hawke Locker, the civil commissioner for the hospital. He was educated at several preparatory schools before becoming a junior clerk in a colonial broker's office in 1837. From 1841 to 1849 he held a series of offices with the Admiralty, including deputy reader and précis writer for Lord Haddington. He received a leave of absence for health reasons in May 1849, and began extensive travels in Europe.

On July 4, 1850, Locker married Lady Charlotte Christian Bruce, a daughter of the Earl of Elgin and a friend of Queen Victoria. They had one daughter, Eleanor, who in 1878 married Lionel Tennyson, the son of the poet. Locker retired from government service, and despite his continued poor health was a member of several London clubs; his literary friends included Thackeray, Tennyson, Trollope, Kinglake, Lamartine, Lord Lytton, and George Eliot. He also collected fine and rare books, particularly Elizabethan imprints, Louis

XVI furniture, and Chinese porcelain. The Lockers often summered at Frogmore House, one of the royal retreats.

In 1857 he published his first and only collection of original verse, *London Lyrics*, a ninety page volume that received several editions during his lifetime. *Lyra elegantiarum*, an anthology of occasional verse, appeared in 1867. Lady Charlotte Bruce Locker died in 1872, and in 1874 Locker married Hannah Jane Lampson, a children's author who was also the heiress of Sir Curtis Miranda Lampson of Rowfant, first baronet. The couple had four children, two sons and two daughters.

Locker published *Patchwork*, a collection of extracts he referred to as his "little *Commonplace-Book*," in 1879. His father-in-law died in 1885, and Locker took the name Lampson in order to inherit the family estates. Locker-Lampson settled at Rowfant, and in 1886 privately published *The Rowfant Library, A Catalogue*. Edited by Alfred W. Pollard and R. H. Lister, the catalogue described the books, manuscripts, autographs, and works of art owned by Locker-Lampson. In the same year, his son-in-law Lionel Tennyson died of jungle fever during his voyage home from India. Two years later, Eleanor Locker Tennyson married the literary critic and politician Augustine Birrell.

Frederick Locker-Lampson died at Rowfant on May 30th, 1895. A volume of memoirs and genealogical information, *My Reminiscences*, was published in 1896, edited by Augustine Birrell, who also compiled a list of Locker-Lampson's late additions to his library. The Rowfant Library itself was sold to an American bookdealer, almost certainly Robert Dodd, in 1905.

Scope and Contents

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The collection also contains correspondence pertaining to Frederick's father, Edward Hawke Locker, including letters to his wife written during his naval career, and letters from the Irish author John Wilson Croker.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in the exact order in which it was received, which is the order followed by the Historical Manuscript Commission in their item-level volume and bundle list. To quote from their introduction: "The bulk of the papers listed here are mounted and bound in six large albums; the remaining (mainly later) papers are in a number of bundles. The contents of the albums were mounted by James Gibbs in an approximately chronological sequence, which has been preserved in the Contents list." With the exception of the physical re-housing of the material in boxes and folders, no further arrangement work has been done on this collection.

Researchers should note that this guide can be used only in conjunction with the *List of Locker-Lampson Mss.*; a copy is housed in Box 1 of this collection. A second copy has been cataloged as Osborn e18. To search for a particular correspondent or topic in that index, look in the alphabetical lists in Parts II and III of that work, note the volume, page and document (or bundle and document) numbers given in the entry, and match them to the volume/bundle and item number spans given for boxes in the listing below. Part I of the *List* is the item level contents list of the collection. Researchers should look through this as well to determine if there are other items of interest that were not included in the alphabetical index.

Collection Contents

Series I: Volumes, 1770–1876

9.59 linear feet (24 boxes)

The original order has been retained. The material in Volumes I-V is in rough chronological order; the letters in Volume VI are in rough alphabetical order. Volumes I-III contain the papers of Edward Hawke Locker. Volumes IV and V contain the papers of Frederick Locker-Lampson. Volume VI holds "the remains of an autograph collection."

b. 1	List of Locker-Lampson Mss.	
b. 2, f. 1-71	Volume I, page 1, item i - Volume I, page 100, item i	1780-1808
b. 3, f. 72-151	Volume I, page 101, item i - Volume I, page 157, item i	1808-1815
b. 4, f. 152-230	Volume II, page 14, item i - Volume II, page 63, item ii	1807-1815
b. 5, f. 231-305	Volume II, page 64, item i - Volume II, page 103, item ii	1815-1820
b. 6, f. 306-384	Volume III, page 20, item i - Volume III, page 65, item ii	1820-1826
b. 7, f. 385-445	Volume III, page 66, item i - Volume III, page 102, item ii	1827-1834
b. 8, f. 446-540	Volume IV, page 1, item i - Volume IV, page 9, item xxxviii	1841-1859
b. 9, f. 541-636	Volume IV, page 10, item i - Volume IV, page 19, item xii	1859-1863
b. 10, f. 637-728	Volume IV, page 20, item i - Volume IV, page 29, item xxvi	1862-1865
b. 11, f. 729-829	Volume IV, page 30, item i - Volume IV, page 50, item xxii	1865-1866
b. 12, f. 830-959	Volume IV, page 51, item i - Volume IV, page 59, item xiii	1866-1867
b. 13, f. 960-1034	Volume IV, page 60, item i - Volume IV, page 65, item xx	1867
b. 14, f. 1035-1128	Volume IV, page 66, item i - Volume IV, page 85, item vii	1867-1890
b. 15, f. 1129-1270	Volume V, preliminary page - Volume V, page 26, item vi	1868-1869
b. 16, f. 1271-1410	Volume V, page 27, item i - Volume V, page 49, item ii	1869-1870
b. 17, f. 1411-1550	Volume V, page 51, item i - Volume V, page 82, item v	1870-1871
b. 18, f. 1551-1693	Volume V, page 83, item i - Volume V, page 110, item iv	1871-1872
b. 19, f. 1694-1834	Volume V, page 111, item i - Volume V, page 144, item vii	1872-1873
b. 20, f. 1835-1979	Volume V, page 145, item i - Volume V, page 171, item vi	1873-1874
b. 21, f. 1980-2120	Volume V, page 172, item i - Volume V, page 195, item v	1874-1875
b. 22, f. 2121-2260	Volume V, page 196, item i - Volume V, page 220, item iv	1875-1876

b. 23, f. 2261-2323	Volume V, page 221, item i - Volume V, page 232, item vii	1876
b. 24, f. 2324-2379	Volume VI, page 28, item i - Volume VI, page 85, item ii	1770-1867

Series II: Bundles, 1847-1897*2.3 linear feet (9 boxes)*The received order has been retained. For further information, see *List of Locker-Lampson Mss.* in Box 1.

b. 25, f. 2380-2498	Bundle VII, preliminary pages - Bundle VII, item 109	1886-1888
b. 26, f. 2499-2524	Bundle VII, item 110 - Bundle VII, item 135	1886-1887
b. 27, f. 2525-2559	Bundle VIII, preliminary pages - Bundle VIII, item 33	1874-1892
b. 28, f. 2560-2580	Bundle IX, preliminary pages - Bundle IX, item 18	1880-1885
b. 29, f. 2581-2601	Bundle X, preliminary pages - Bundle X, item 19	1881-1895
b. 30, f. 2602-2711	Bundle XI, preliminary pages - Bundle XI, item 105	1885
b. 31, f. 2712-2732	Bundle XII, preliminary pages - Bundle XII, item 20	1858-1887
b. 32, f. 2733-2757	Bundle XIII, preliminary pages - Bundle XIII, item 24	1880-1884
b. 33, f. 2758-2768	Bundle XIV - Bundle XV, item 7	1847-1897

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Authors, English -- 19th century -- Archives
English literature -- 19th century

Occupations

Authors -- Great Britain -- 19th century

Names

Browning, Robert, 1812-1889
Croker, John Wilson, 1780-1857
Dobson, Austin, 1840-1921
Garnett, Richard, 1835-1906
Gibbs, James, 1825-1886
Locker, Edward Hawke, 1777-1849
Locker-Lampson, Frederick, 1821-1895
Palgrave, Francis Turner, 1824-1897
Solomon, Simeon, 1840-1905
Tennyson, Alfred Tennyson, Baron, 1809-1892

Families

Locker-Lampson family