

# Guide to the Bateman Family Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** OSB MSS 32

**CREATOR:** Bateman family

**TITLE:** Bateman family papers

**DATES:** 1756–1812

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.63 linear feet (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence between family members. Includes letters between Rebekah Clegg Bateman and her husband, Thomas Bateman, her son, William Bateman, her father, Arthur Clegg, and her sister, Elizabeth Clegg Wilson; letters between Rebekah Bateman and her brothers, William and Thomas Bateman; one letter from Thomas Bateman to his son, Thomas; and letters between William Bateman and his brother, Thomas, and his father, Thomas. Many of the letters are written by and to children at school. Also included are hymns, poetry, prayers, and excerpts from sermons written down by Rebekah Clegg Bateman; and a travel diary written by her son, Thomas, about a visit to the Lake Country.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased in 1974 from Myers, Ltd. for the James Marshall and Marie-Louise Osborn Collection. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Conditions Governing Use

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Bateman Family Papers. James Marshall and Marie-Louise Osborn Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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## BATEMAN FAMILY CHART

NB: Limited to persons represented in the Bateman Family Papers.

Arthur Clegg (ca. 1732-1818) m. Sarah Pearson (ca. 1733-1811)

----Rebekah Clegg (1766-1797) m. 1786 Thomas Bateman (ca. 1765-1847)

-----William Bateman (1787-1835) m. Mary Crompton

-----Thomas Bateman (1821-1861) m. 1847 Sarah Parker

-----Thomas Bateman, Jr. (1791-1810)

-----Rebekah Bateman (b. 1794)

----Elizabeth Clegg m. 1791 Thomas Wilson (1764-1843)

-----Rebakah Wilson (b. 1792)

-----Joshua Wilson (1795-1874) m. 1837 Mary Wood

-----Elizabeth Wilson

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## WILLIAM BATEMAN (1787-1835)

William Bateman was the eldest son of Thomas Bateman, a Dissenting Manchester cotton merchant, and his wife Rebekah Clegg Bateman. He was apprenticed to and later joined his father in the cotton business, but by the early 1820s he retired to Middleton by Youlgrave in Derbyshire. A Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, Bateman undertook several excavations of barrows and tumuli in the Peak district, publishing notes on these in the *Archaeologia*. Some of his dig notes were arranged and published by his son Thomas,

who was also an amateur archaeologist, in C. R. Smith's *Collectanea Antiqua*. Bateman died on June 11, 1835.

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## Scope and Contents

The Bateman Family [Papers](#) consist of correspondence and related material connected to the family of Thomas Bateman of Manchester. The papers span the dates 1756-1818, and have been arranged alphabetically by author. They were apparently selected, bound, and annotated by William Bateman (1787-1835) around 1818, and later partially disbound. Papers relating to his brother Thomas Bateman, Jr., who died of "water on the brain" in 1810 at the age of 18, had been previously gathered and annotated by Thomas Bateman (ca. 1765-1847).

Thomas Bateman and his wife, Rebekah Clegg Bateman, were fervent Dissenters, and their correspondence both with each other and with other family members reflects their strong interest in religious matters. Many letters contain reports of sermons, prayer sessions, meditations on Bible verses, self-examinations and exhortations to lead a Christian life. Other topics include family news, discussions of health and schooling for the children, arrangements for travel and visits, and errands to be done while Thomas is in London or Manchester on business.

The letters of Elizabeth Clegg Wilson to her sister Rebekah are particularly strong in reports of church and chapel events; news of neighbors, fellow church members, and distant relatives; and analyses of her personal spiritual state. Elizabeth was particularly concerned with the quality of local ministers, and they did not all meet with her approval; in 1796 she noted of "Mr. Lindal" that "I wish he would give up preaching and go to his weaving or whatever was his trade."

Rebekah Clegg Bateman's own religious concerns are documented in the collection of her miscellaneous papers located in Box 2, folder 12. These include her "Parts" for Sabbath Day exercises; copies of prayers and hymns; and inspirational quotations from sermons.

The letters exchanged among the younger Bateman and Wilson cousins contain school and family news, humorous comments on presents and upcoming family visits, and occasional mentions of parental finances and business conditions. Thomas Bateman's 1809 letters to his brother William describe his walking tour of the Lake District and his reaction to a Fourth of July celebration by American sailors in Liverpool which was disrupted by British carpenters. Further description of his Lake District tour, as well as other personal papers, a pencil portrait of him, and accounts of his illness and death, can be found in folders 16-18. A copy of his funeral sermon, delivered by the Reverend Peter Samuel Charrier, is located in folder 22.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Bateman Family Papers

ALLWOOD, ANNA MARIA		
b. 1, f. 1-2	10 ALS to Rebekah Clegg Bateman; various places	1789-[1791?]
ARMITAGE, WILLIAM		
b. 1, f. 3	2 ALS to Rebekah Clegg Bateman; Chester	1790, 1793
BATEMAN, REBEKAH, B. CA. 1794		
b. 1, f. 4	8 ALS to Thomas Bateman, Jr.; various places Most of these letters also include notes to Thomas from cousin Rebecca Wilson.	1808-10
b. 1, f. 5	11 ALS and 1 AL to William Bateman; Islington and other places	1806-09
BATEMAN, REBEKAH CLEGG, CA. 1763-1797		
b. 1, f. 6	47 ALS to her husband Thomas Bateman; mostly from Manchester	1786-97
b. 1, f. 7	2 ALS to her son William Bateman; Gatley Accompanied by copy of the 1797 letter in William Bateman's hand, poem on "happy scenes of youth" dated "May 1818", and notes on his mother's death.	1796, 1797
b. 1, f. 8	ALS to her father Arthur Clegg; Gatley With 2 copies, annotated with information on "her sudden death at Gatley Hall"	1797 May 19
b. 1, f. 9	4 ALS to Margery Smithson; various places	1780-97
b. 1, f. 10	20 ALS to Mary Jane Hodson Durdon Barclay Whitby; Manchester, etc. Annotated by William Bateman	1781-91
b. 1, f. 11	3 ALS to her sister Elizabeth Clegg Wilson; various places	1781-92
b. 2, f. 12	Miscellaneous manuscripts Includes devotional poetry, prayers, school exercises, excerpts from sermons, hymns, accounts, and medical prescriptions for William Bateman.	1777-91, n.d.
BATEMAN, THOMAS		
b. 2, f. 13	5 ALS to his son Thomas Bateman, Jr.; various places	1808-10
BATEMAN, THOMAS, 1791-1810		

## BATEMAN, THOMAS, 1791-1810 (continued)

b. 2, f. 14	ALS (draft?) to his sister Rebekah Bateman; Liverpool	1810 Jan
b. 2, f. 15	<a href="#">16 ALS to his brother William Bateman; various places</a> Accompanied by notes, a poem, and a pencil portrait of Thomas by William Bateman.	1809-10
b. 2, f. 16	MS account of the final illness and death of Thomas Bateman, Jr, with notes on his "delirious conversation" and medical treatment	1810 Apr 22
b. 2, f. 17	Document, signed: indenture Apprenticing Thomas Bateman, Jr. to his father Thomas for seven years, to be taught "the business of a cotton merchant."	1807 Aug 31
b. 2, f. 18	"Letters belonging to my late dear boy Thomas, found in his drawers May 1810" Letters and papers describing his 1809 tour of the Lake District; Bound with poems, school exercises, cash accounts, and other papers, and annotated by Thomas Bateman.	[ca. 1800-10]
BATEMAN, WILLIAM, 1787-1835		
b. 2, f. 19	ALS to (his father) Thomas Bateman; Pauls Cray [Kent]	1801 Jan 29
b. 2, f. 20	4 ALS to (his brother) Thomas Bateman, Jr.; Manchester	1809-10
b. 2, f. 21	ALS to unidentified; Manchester	1812 Mar 2
CHARRIER, PETER SAMUEL, CA. 1769-1826		
b. 2, f. 22	Funeral sermon on the death of Thomas Bateman (1791-1810), holograph Sermon text is Psa. 102:23. Annotated by William Bateman.	1810 May 6
CLEGG, ARTHUR, CA. 1732-1818		
b. 2, f. 23	ALS to Rebekah Clegg Bateman and Elizabeth Clegg Wilson; Manchester	1778 Sep 19
CLEGG, SARAH PEARSON, CA. 1733-1811		
b. 2, f. 24	4 ALS to her daughter Rebekah Clegg Bateman; various places	1778-96
b. 2, f. 25	5 ALS to her daughters Rebekah Clegg Bateman and Elizabeth Clegg Wilson; Manchester	1777-78
HOPE, JOHN		
b. 2, f. 26	ALS to Thomas Bateman, Jr.; Manchester Letter of condolence on the death of Rebekah Clegg Bateman.	1797 Jun 24

## HOWARD, OLIVE

## HOWARD, OLIVE (continued)

b. 2, f. 27 ALS to the Rev. Mr. [?]; Stockport 1756 Jan 13

## HUNT, H.

b. 2, f. 28 ALS to [Arthur Clegg?], Delph 1779 Feb 29  
Sending books to be studied by  
Clegg's daughters.

## KELSO, SETH

b. 2, f. 29 ALS to Arthur Clegg; Portsmouth 1796 Sep 22  
Docketed: "A letter from one of the  
Missionarys gone to South Sea  
Islands...." Religious sentiments.

## PEARSON, JAMES, CA. 1737-1816

b. 2, f. 30 ALS to Elizabeth Clegg Wilson; Bolton 1786 Jul 6

## RUTT, ANN

b. 2, f. 31 ALS to Rebekah Clegg Bateman; Mile End 1777 Dec 30

## SIMPSON, M.

b. 2, f. 32 ALS to Rebekah Clegg Bateman 1779 Sep 29

## WHITBY, MARY JANE HODSON DURDON BARCLAY

b. 2, f. 33 3 ALS to Rebekah Clegg Bateman; Chester 1784-91

## WILSON, ANN, CA. 1773-1822

b. 2, f. 34 ALS to Rebekah Clegg Bateman; Manchester 1781 Apr 1

## WILSON, ELIZABETH

b. 2, f. 35 2 ALS to Rebekah Clegg Bateman; Manchester 1780, 1781

## WILSON, ELIZABETH CLEGG

b. 2, f. 36 46 ALS to her sister Rebekah Clegg Bateman; various places 1787-97  
Letterbook. Family news, religious  
discussion, comments on the Dissenting  
church at Manchester and elsewhere.  
Bound with printed portraits of  
several ministers mentioned in  
the letters.

b. 2, f. 37 4 ALS to her brother-in-law Thomas Bateman, London 1798-1801

b. 2, f. 38 ALS to Margery Smithson, London n.y. May

## WILSON, MARY, CA.1766-1830

b. 2, f. 39 2 ALS to Rebekah Clegg Bateman; Highbury Place 1792, 1793

## WILSON, REBEKAH, B. CA. 1792



## WILSON, REBEKAH, B. CA. 1792 (continued)

b. 2, f. 40	ALS to Thomas Bateman; Tyndale Place	1810 Mar 13
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## WILSON, THOMAS, 1764-1843

b. 2, f. 41	ALS to Thomas Bateman; London Condolence letter on the death of Rebekah Clegg Bateman.	1797 Jun 19
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## UNIDENTIFIED

b. 2, f. 42	Genealogical notes, bookplate, etc.	n.d.
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## 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

Brothers and sisters -- Great Britain  
Children's writings  
Fathers and daughters -- Great Britain  
Fathers and sons -- Great Britain  
Husband and wife -- Great Britain  
Mothers and daughters -- Great Britain  
Mothers and sons -- Great Britain

### Genres / Formats

Diaries  
Hymns (documents)  
Poetry  
Prayers (documents)  
Sermons

### Names

Bateman, Rebekah, b. ca. 1794  
Bateman, Rebekah Clegg, ca. 1763-1797  
Bateman, Thomas, 1791-1810  
Bateman, William, 1787-1835  
Clegg, Arthur  
Clegg, Sarah Pearson, ca. 1733-1811  
Wilson, Elizabeth Clegg

### Families

Bateman family