Guide to the Ballitore Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** OSB MSS 50

**TITLE:** Ballitore papers

**DATES:** 1756–1889

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.5 linear feet (7 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence, mainly between members of the Leadbeater family, including Mary Leadbeater and her husband William, and the Shackleton family, including Mary Leadbeater's parents, Elizabeth and Richard Shackleton, her sister, Sarah, and her grandfather, Abraham Shackleton. There is also correspondence with many other relatives, including Mary's cousin, Margaret Pike. Many letters were written by children. There is extensive correspondence between Mary and the poet Melesina Trench. The papers also include poetry by Mary (including a poem written about Edmund Burke); narrative diaries kept by her mother, Elizabeth; manuscript magazines written by children; and a family tree.

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

b. box

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Processing Information
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Richard Shackleton
Richard Shackleton succeeded his father, Abraham, as master of Ballitore School, a Quaker school that opened in 1726 in Ballitore, Ireland. One of Abraham’s students had been Edmund Burke. Richard’s second wife was Elizabeth Carleton, and Mary Shackleton Leadbeater was their daughter.

Mary Shackleton Leadbeater
Mary Shackleton Leadbeater married William Leadbeater (a former student at the Ballitore School) in 1791. They resided in Ballitore, where he was a farmer and landowner, and she ran the village post office. In 1794, she published anonymously “Extracts and Original Anecdotes for the Improvement of Youth.” She also published “Poems” in 1808; “Cottage Dialogues among the Irish Peasantry” in 1811; and “Memoirs and Letters of Richard and Elizabeth Shackleton” in 1822. Her “Annals of Ballitore” was printed posthumously in 1862 by Richard Davis Webb as “The Leadbeater Papers.”

Scope and Contents
The papers consist of correspondence, mainly between members of the Leadbeater family, including Mary Shackleton Leadbeater and her husband William, and members of the Shackleton family. There is also correspondence with many other relatives, including Mary’s cousin, Margaret Pike; a number of letters were written by children. There is extensive correspondence between Mary and the poet Melesina Trench. The papers also include poetry by Mary (including a poem written about Edmund Burke); narrative diaries kept by her mother, Elizabeth; manuscript magazines written by children; and a family tree.

Arrangement
Organized into 1 series: I. Correspondence and Other Papers, 1709-1827.
Collection Contents

Series I. Correspondence and Other Papers

2.5 linear feet (7 boxes)

Detailed folder notes in the box and folder list highlight the main topics of many correspondents’ letters.

Alphabetically arranged, with unsorted material at the end of the series.

The series contains mostly family correspondence, mainly between members of the Leadbeater family, including Mary Leadbeater and her husband William, and the Shackleton family, including Mary Leadbeater’s parents, Elizabeth and Richard Shackleton, her sister, Sarah, and her grandfather, Abraham Shackleton. There is also correspondence with many other relatives, including Mary’s cousin, Margaret Pike. Many letters were written by children.

Frequent topics of the correspondence include personal and family news, particularly of the health of various family members; business matters; Ballitore School; Ireland; and literature and poetry. There is extensive correspondence between Mary and the poet Melesina Trench, in which the two women discuss literature and their writings.

The papers also include poetry by Mary, including a poem written about Edmund Burke; narrative diaries kept by her mother, Elizabeth; manuscript magazines written by children; and a family tree.

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**Leadbeater, William, ca. 1757-1827**

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### Shackleton, Richard, 1728-1792

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The death and funeral of a friend’s wife. | 1757 April 3 |

### Shackleton, Sarah

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15 folders  
Letters discuss personal matters. Several postscripts by other family members are included, as well as poems by Sarah Shackleton and a letter written by Gustavius Vassa [Olaudah Equiano] to the Society of Friends thanking them for publishing *A Caution to Gt. Brit. and her Colonies*. | 1783 June–1824 February |
| b. 5      | 6 ALS to William Leadbeater, [v.p.] | 1798 February–1809 August |
| b. 5      | 7 ALS to Elizabeth Shackleton, [v.p.]  
Letters discuss personal matters related to Quaker Meetings: Sarah Shackleton traveled throughout England meeting Quakers, among them George Rooke. | 1793 August–1798 September |
| b. 5      | 9 ALS to Richard Shackleton, [v.p.] | 1786 January–1792 February |
| b. 5      | Uncat. | |
| b. 5      | Thompson, Abigail. 3 ALS to Richard Shackleton, [v.p.]  
Includes 1 letter from Deborah Thompson. | 1761–1785 |
| b. 6      | Trench, Melesina (Chenevix), 1768-1827. ca. 300 ALS to Mary Leadbeater, [v.p.]  
3 folders  
Several letters from Melesina Trench’s family are included; one notes the death of Melesina Trench. Letters discuss literary matters, especially concerning the works of Mary Leadbeater and Melesina Trench. Several poems are included throughout the letters. | 1802 June–1827 July |
| b. 7      | Two folders of unsorted journals and essays.  
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Includes various copied exercises, quotations, and verses, along with a family pedigree chart and other papers. | |
| b. 7      | Two folders of unsorted journals, essays, and fragments.  
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Includes two accounts of redirected letters, various handwritten and printed childrens’ exercises, and other personal lists and papers. | |
| b. 7      | One folder of unsorted letters. | |
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### Selected Search Terms

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#### Subjects
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- Quakers
- Quakers -- Education
- Society of Friends -- Ireland
- Women authors, English
- Women authors, Irish

#### Geographic Names
- Ballitore (Ireland)
- Ireland -- Social life and customs -- 18th century
- Ireland -- Social life and customs -- 19th century

#### Names
- Burke, Edmund, 1729-1797
- Leadbeater, Mary, 1758-1826
- Leadbeater, William, ca. 1757-1827
- Pike, Margaret
- Shackleton, Abraham, 1696-1771
- Shackleton, Elizabeth, 1726-1804
- Shackleton, Richard, 1726-1792
- Shackleton, Sarah
- Trench, Melesina Chenevix St. George, 1768-1827

#### Families
- Ledbetter family
- Shackleton family

#### Corporate Body
- Ballitore School