Guide to the Miles & Edwards and Charles Hindley & Sons Correspondence

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Collection Overview

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**CREATOR:** Miles & Edwards (London)

**TITLE:** Miles & Edwards and Charles Hindley & Sons correspondence

**DATES:** 1832–1875

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 linear foot (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Collection of letters from notable clients sent to the London interior decoration firm Miles & Edwards and its successor, Charles Hindley & Sons, from 1832 to 1875.

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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**


**Conditions Governing Access**

The materials are open for research.
Biographical / Historical

The firm of Miles & Edwards began operation in 1822 at 134 Oxford Street, Westminster, London. It specialized in fabric for curtains and furniture, as well as linings, fringes, cords and other fabric notions. They also sold carpets and wallpaper, made curtain rods and draperies to order, and took in furniture to be upholstered. While most of their clientele was in London, they took orders from across the British Isles. Customers in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the Isle of Wight requested fabric samples and wrote letters with their orders. Though best known for its middle class clientele*, Miles & Edwards attracted customers from the highest levels of society, such as the Duchesses of Bedford and Marlborough.

Charles Hindley & Sons bought out Miles & Edwards in 1844, moving into their Oxford Street premises. Under the new management, the company continued to offer a similar line of products and services, with the addition of furniture sales. Charles Hindley & Sons operated until 1892.


Scope and Contents

The collection comprises business correspondence sent by clients to the Miles & Edwards company and its successor, Charles Hindley & Sons. The bulk of the letters date from either the 1830s-1840s or the 1870s, with a few scattered letters from the decades in between. The authors of the letters were overwhelmingly female, eighty percent being written by or on behalf of women. The unknown collector of the letters evidently chose to include them based on the importance of the author. The authors include many countesses, marchionesses, earls and barons, as well as several duchesses, a maid-of-honor to the Queen, and an archbishop. Many of the women were daughters of earls or barons who had married men of the same rank. Authors of both sexes ranked as baronets or higher, or occupied important posts in the clergy or military.

Some time after the collector gathered the letters (perhaps around 1880), he or she mounted them on card stock and made handwritten notes about each of the authors. In most cases, the notes include the author’s first name, parentage, and marriage names and dates. The unknown annotator seems to have been interested in exploring the family ties and social position of each of the authors. Because he or she was working many years after most of the letters were written, this interest must not have been directly linked to business concerns. The purpose of the notations is not clear, though one might speculate that the annotator was simply interested in finding out more about the firm’s former clientele, or perhaps was an amateur genealogist.
Because the collector separated these letters from a larger group of correspondence, they cannot be used as a comprehensive source for the business history of Miles & Edwards or Charles Hindley & Sons. However, they do contain valuable information on what sorts and quantities of fabric notable English women ordered for their households in the nineteenth century. A large proportion of the letters that specifically mention fabric types include references to chintz, showing the wide popularity of this material. Several mention particular designs such as stripes or small patterns. A noteworthy example is that of Lady Grace Gore, who requested fabric samples patterned with wild hops, strawberry leaves, lilac larkspur, and shamrocks (Box 1, folder 69). Others discuss colors such as pink, green, orange or blue. The size of the orders is often quite large: several involve quantities of 20 yards of fabric or more, while one on behalf of the Countess Robilant in Turin was for 372 yards (Box 1, folder 3).

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| 2, f. 115 | 1844 November 22 | Letter.  
Middleton, Jane, Lady  
Requesting a piece of light glazed calico, or twilled if the glazed is not available. |
| 2, f. 116 | 1871 July | Letter.  
Middleton, Lady Brumstead  
[illegible note, regarding an order that was not received or incorrect.] |
| 2, f. 117 | 1874 March 6 | Letter: London.  
Midleton, Augusta Mary Brodrick, Viscountess of, d. 1903  
Requesting the company to arrange two places [in the shop?] from which to view a royal procession. |
Milbanke, Augusta, Lady. Thorp Persow  
Ordering a piece of “furniture print” fabric, a piece of blue dining calico, and a table cover with striped colors and a fringe. |
| 2, f. 119 | 1858 November 11 | Letter.  
Montague, Jane Margaret, Lady  
Giving notice that she received barely 7 yards out of the 10 yards of fabric she had ordered. |
| 2, f. 120 | 1873 June 27 | Letter.  
Morton, Frances Theodora Douglas, Countess of, d. 1879  
Regarding a disputed bill. |
| 2, f. 121 | 1838 May 14 | Letter: East Bergholt, Suffolk.  
Morton, Frances Theodora Douglas, Countess of, d. 1879  
Acknowledging receipt of a bed and furniture, returning several chintz patterns, requesting new patterns of green and white striped or figured chintz for armchair covers. |
| 2, f. 122 | 1852 December 28 | Letter: London (?).  
Munro, Jane, Lady, d. 1850  
Regarding delivery of furniture and curtains. |
| 2, f. 123 | 1844 May 18 | Letter.  
Murray, Susan Catherine Sanders, Lady, d. 1860  
Ordering two chairs and two table covers. |
| 2, f. 124 | 1844 July 20 | Letter.  
Normanby, Maria Phipps, Marchioness of, 1798-1882  
Regarding payment of a bill. |
| 2, f. 125 | 1841 April 19 | Letter.  
Northbrook, Arabella Georgina Baring, Baroness, 1809-1884  
Regarding delivery of fringe, lining, and sewing silk. |
Parker, Lady Perthshire  
Ordering 100 yards of chintz with a pale buff background, and lining. |
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Philpott, Henry, 1807-1892  
Inquiring about a set of trays to fit inside a wardrobe he had ordered; complaining about the quality of a mirror he received. | Undated |
| **b. 2, f. 128** | Letter: Wakefield.  
Pilkington, Isabella Elizabeth Georgiana, Lady  
Ordering 9.75 yards of white and red striped fabric, 9.75 yards of brown and red fabric, and inquiring whether they are also available in another width. | [After 1857] April 25 |
| **b. 2, f. 129** | Letter.  
Ripon, Sarah Louisa Albina Robinson, Countess of, 1793-1867  
Ordering 60 yards of fabric and thread to match. | 1845 January 23 |
| **b. 2, f. 130** | Letter: Brighton.  
Rivers of Sudeley Castle, George Pitt-Rivers, Baron  
Regarding the status of an order for rods and curtains. | 1841 July 10 |
| **b. 2, f. 131** | Letter: Claybury, Wales.  
Riversdale, Charlotte Theodosia, Lady, d. 1853  
Ordering one piece of “blue trellis furniture calico”, and one piece of “speckled dining.” | 1841 August |
| **b. 2, f. 132** | Letter: London.  
Romilly, Georgiana Elisabeth, Lady, d. 1867  
Requesting three painted towel horses for a nursery to be sent with her dining room table. | 1852 April 27 |
| **b. 2, f. 133** | Letter.  
Rosebery, Archibald John Primrose, Earl of, 1783-1854  
Regarding a table cover. | 1852 June 22 |
| **b. 2, f. 134** | Letter: London (?).  
Salis, Cecilia Henrietta Margaret Bourgeois, Countess  
Requesting a meeting to settle her bills. | 1848 July 26 |
| **b. 2, f. 135** | Letter: Kirkcudbright, Scotland.  
Selkirk, Joan Douglas, Countess of, d. 1871  
Regarding fabric patterns and the matching of a red color. | 1838 November 8 |
| **b. 2, f. 136** | Letter: Kirkcudbright, Scotland.  
Selkirk, Joan Douglas, Countess of, d. 1871  
Requesting patterns of green [illegible] and cotton velvets, and regarding a previous order of curtains and fringe. | 1843 October |
| **b. 2, f. 137** | Letter.  
Shaftesbury, Emily Ashley-Cooper, Countess of, d. 1872  
Inquiring about a set of white net curtains. | 1852 |
| **b. 2, f. 138** | Letter: Albany.  
Sidmouth, Mary Addington, Viscountess of, 1794-1894  
Declining to purchase a carpet, but ordering a 7-foot rug in its place. | 1852 December 6 |
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<td>Ordering 3 yards of crimson Brussels carpet, and 3 yards of [Coctonne?].</td>
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<td>Requesting someone to visit her with a样品 of chintzes for a sofa and armchairs.</td>
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