

Guide to the Ballitore Papers

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Collection Overview

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TITLE: Ballitore papers

DATES: 1709-1827

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

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of James Marshall and Marie-Louise Osborn.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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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, 1709-1827

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.

b. 1	Bibliographic Materials	
b. 1	Biographical / Bibliographical Papers	
b. 1	Burton, Charles. ALS to Mary Leadbeater, Ballyboy Letter discusses farming.	1825 March
b. 1	Carleton, Deborah. 2 ALS to Mary Leadbeater, Ballitore Letters discuss personal matters.	1774 May, 1778 May
b. 1	Carleton, Joshua. 10 ALS to George Rooke, Dublin Letters discuss personal matters.	1709 January -1709 August
b. 1	Christy, James. 13 ALS to various persons, [v.p.] 2 Folders Includes 5 letters from Deb[orah] Christy and 2 from Mary Christy. Letters are addressed to Richard Shackleton, Mary and William Leadbeater and Thomas Chandlee.	1781 January -1799 January
b. 1	Colles, Edward. ALS to Mary Leadbeater, Liverpool Letter discusses personal matters.	1823 September
b. 1	Coote, Charles, d. 1770. 34 ALS to Mary Leadbeater, [v.p.] 4 Folders The letters discuss personal matters and include portions of Coote's verse, the inscription on the tomb of his daughter Mary Ann, and detail about the school he attended. The death of Charles, 4th Duke of Rutland, is mentioned, 1787 Oct 26, and problems of publishing one of Mary Leadbeater's books in London are discussed, 1812 Apr 16.	1779 March -1820 October
b. 1	Coote, Charles, 1761-1835. 2 ALS to an unnamed recipient, Dublin, [n.p.]	1809 January 20, 1821 March 26

b. 1	Costello, Mary. 14 ALS to Mary Leadbeater, [v.p.] <i>2 Folders</i> Letters discuss personal matters, Mrs. Leadbeater's poems and the Ballitore School.	circa 1812-1819
b. 1	Diary Anonymous manuscript. Mentions a cholera plague, politics, especially the "soap question", India, and family life.	1832-1833
b. 1	Grattan, Catherine. 10 ALS to William Leadbeater, [v.p.] Letters discuss Catherine Grattan's employment as a teacher.	1819 February - 1823 May
b. 1	Grattan, Eliza[beth]. 9 ALS to William Leadbeater, [v.p.]	1814 November -1823 April
b. 1	Grattan, Francis. 2 ALS to William Leadbeater, [n.p.] Letters discuss personal matters including the death of Henry Grattan and some poems written by him.	1822 September, 1824 May
b. 1	Grattan, Richard. 15 ALS to Mary Leadbeater, [v.p.] Includes 8 letters from Eleanor Grattan and 1 letter from John Grattan.	1808-1819
b. 1	Halpin, D. 3 ALS to Mary Leadbeater, Rathangan, 1 [n.p.] Letter discusses personal matters.	1825 October, undated
Leadbeater, Deborah		
b. 2	45 ALS to Elizabeth Leadbeater, [v.p.] Letters discuss personal matters, especially health. Included are several postscripts by Mary Leadbeater and several poems.	1803 August-1820 January
b. 2	54 ALS to Elizabeth Leadbeater, [v.p.] Letters discuss general matters, health, Mary Leadbeater's <i>Cottage Dialogues</i> , 1811 Sep 10, and a comet. Includes a postscript by Mary Leadbeater and several pages of verse by Deborah Leadbeater.	1808 April-1816 November
b. 2	Leadbeater, Dorothy. ALS to Mary Leadbeater, Mountmelick Letter discusses general and personal matter.	1811 January
Leadbeater, Edward, [v.p.]		
b. 2	ALS to "Uncle"	1802 November
b. 2	ALS to "Uncle"	1803 September
b. 2	ALS to "Uncle"	1809 January
b. 2	Leadbeater, Elizabeth. 2 ALS to William Leadbeater, Ballitore, Mountmelick	1801 April, 1806 August
Leadbeater, Henry		
b. 2	3 ALS to Mary Leadbeater, Coote Hill Henry Leadbeater, a physician, provides several medical opinions.	1791 January-1804 December

Leadbeater, Henry (continued)

b. 2	2 ALS to William Leadbeater, Coote Hill Discusses illnesses which were making Henry an invalid.	1799 December, 1805 April
b. 2	ALS to Abraham Shackleton, Coote Hill Proposed visit by Leadbeater to Ballitore is discussed.	1803 February 1
b. 2	10 ALS to unnamed recipient, Coote Hill The letters discuss business concerns, especially Henry Leadbeater's linen trade.	1790 October-1809 June
b. 2	4 ALS to an unnamed recipient, Coote Hill	1791 September-1798 January
b. 2	ALS to an unnamed recipient	1797 December
b. 2	ALS to an unnamed recipient	1802 March
b. 2	ALS to an unnamed recipient	1803 April
b. 2	Leadbeater, John. ALS to Rev. Ephraim Harper, Snugborough	1772 July 30
Leadbeater, Mary (Shackleton), 1758-1826		
b. 2	ALS to Deborah Carleton, Clonmel Describes trip that Mary Shackleton and her mother took through parts of England.	1778 May 23
b. 2	ALS to Richard Grattan, [Ballitore] Includes short note from Grattan on verso.	undated
b. 2	ALS to Ephraim Harper	1808 December
b. 2	ALS to Elizabeth Leadbeater, Ballitore	1812 July 16
b. 2	38 ALS to William Leadbeater, [v.p.] <i>4 Folders</i> Poetry is included with the letters.	1792 June-1824 October
b. 2	3 ALS to Mary Nicholson, Ballitore	1780 January-1784 April
b. 2	ALS (copy) to Thomas L. O'Beirne, Ballitore Letter deals with Edmund Burke including several anecdotes.	1802 February
b. 2	8 ALS to Elizabeth Shackleton, [v.p.] Letters discuss general and personal matters, Mary Leadbeater's impressions of London, details of a Quaker meeting, and Samuel Neale.	1780 June-1789 January
b. 2	17 ALS to Richard Shackleton, [v.p.] <i>2 Folders</i> Letters discuss personal matters. Included is an account of a duel; meeting of an American; and mention of Edmund Burke with a quote from him and on his stand towards slavery, 1783 Aug 6, 1789 May 30. Also postscripts by Abraham Shackleton, H[enry] Tuke and Sarah Shackleton are included.	1781 February-1791 April

Leadbeater, Mary (Shackleton), 1758-1826 (continued)

b. 2	47 ALS to Melesina Trench, [v.p.] <i>5 Folders</i> Letters discuss literary matters and include several poems.	1802 June-1827 July
b. 2	Letter (copy of extract) to an unnamed recipient, [n.p.] Letter discusses Edmund Burke.	1784 September 7
b. 3	Uncat. <i>2 Folders</i>	
b. 3	Poems (holograph, signed), [n.p.] Poem titles are: "To Edmund Burke"; "On Butler's Court"; "To Jane Burke."	undated
b. 3	Verses (holograph, signed) Consists of 3 poems, "On Butler's Court" (partly composed by Richard Shackleton), "To Jane Burke", and "To Edmund Burke".	[1780 or later]
b. 3	Written on occasion of a report that the only son of Edmund Burke was lost at sea (holograph poem, signed), [n.p.]	n.d.
Leadbeater, William, ca. 1757-1827		
b. 3	ALS to Henry Leadbeater, Mountmellick	1789 Aug
b. 3	ALS to Abraham Shackleton, Mountmellick	1787 Mar
b. 3	ALS to an unnamed recipient, [n.p.]	1794 Feb 23
b. 3	"Essay on Charity" (holograph, signed), [n.p.]	[ca. 1775]
b. 3	Memorandum (holograph, initialed), [n.p.] Describing a visit of Job Scott to Ballycane, July 1793.	1793
b. 3	ALS to John Leadbeater	1791 November
b. 3	ALS to Alexander McMullen	1803 March
b. 3	ALS to "Edward"	1803 September
b. 3	"Letters on the Character Situation of the Irish Peasantry", [n.p.] Anonymous manuscript.	undated
b. 3	Medlicott, Sarah. 2 ALS to Mary Leadbeater, [n.p.] Letters discuss personal matters.	1812 February
b. 3	"Notes respecting the last illness &c. of Job Scott", [n.p.] Anonymous manuscript.	undated
b. 3	Palmer, Sanford. 2 ALS.	1815
b. 3	Pike, Ann. 2 ALS to Mary Leadbeater, Dublin Letters discuss personal matters.	1788 September, December
b. 3	Pike, Jonathon. ALS to Mary Leadbeater, Dublin Letter discusses personal matters.	1789 August

b. 3	<p>Pike, Margaret. 63 ALS to Mary Leadbeater, [v.p.] <i>7 Folders</i></p> <p>Letters discuss deaths and illnesses. Also included are comments on Annals of Ballitore, 1808 Apr 20; Cottage dialogues, 1812 Dec 26; Melesina Trench, 1816 Dec 23; and the Rebellion of 1798, 1798 Jun 29.</p>	1786 February-1826 June
b. 3	<p>Pike, Richard. ALS to Mary Leadbeater, Dublin</p> <p>Letter discusses personal matters.</p>	1787 December
b. 3	<p>Pike, William. ALS to Mary Leadbeater, Brookfield</p> <p>Letter discusses personal matters.</p>	1788 April
b. 3	<p>Rice, Eliza. 8 ALS to Mary Leadbeater, [v.p.]</p> <p>Letters discuss personal matters.</p>	1809 December-1810 December
Rooke, George, 1652-1742		
b. 3	<p>30 ALS to Joshua Carleton, [v.p.] <i>4 Folders</i></p> <p>Letters discuss personal matters. Two references are made to the Duke of Marlborough, 1712 Aug 25.</p>	1709 March-1731 July
b. 3	<p>ALS to Robert Strettell, [n.p.]</p> <p>Letter discusses personal matters.</p>	1709 April 28
b. 3	<p>7 ALS to various persons, [v.p.]</p> <p>Letters include 2 to Timothy Forbes; 1 to Joshua Carleton; 1 to Joan Rooke, his mother; 2 to George Rooke, his father; and 1 to William Westbury.</p>	1712-1736
b. 3	<p>Shackleton, Abraham, 1697-1771. ALS to Mary Leadbeater, Dublin</p> <p>Letter is from grandfather to granddaughter giving his blessing and recognizing her writing ability.</p>	1769 August
b. 3	<p>Shackleton, Deborah. 31 ALS to Elizabeth Leadbeater, [v.p.] <i>4 Folders</i></p> <p>Letter discusses personal matters.</p>	1811 February-1824 July
Shackleton, Eben		
b. 3	<p>20 ALS to Elizabeth Leadbeater, [v.p.] <i>2 Folders</i></p> <p>Letters discuss general matters including comment on the poor and Roman Catholics.</p>	1807 March-1823 April
b. 3	<p>ALS to Sarah Shackleton, Liverpool</p> <p>Letter discusses personal matters.</p>	1806 February
Shackleton, Elizabeth (Carleton), 1726-1804		
b. 4	<p>AL to Deborah Carleton, Ballitore</p> <p>Letter discusses personal matters.</p>	[1757] October
b. 4	<p>ALS to Rachel Carleton, Ballitore</p> <p>Letter discusses personal matters.</p>	1755 October

Shackleton, Elizabeth (Carleton), 1726-1804 (continued)

b. 4	7 ALS to Mary Leadbeater, Ballitore, Dublin Letters discuss personal matters and Quaker meetings, especially funerals. Includes a postscript written by Sarah Shackleton.	1771 November-1789 May
b. 4	118 ALS to Elizabeth Pike, mostly Ballitore <i>12 Folders</i> Letters discuss personal matters. Included are several postscripts by Richard Shackleton.	1753 October-1762 June
b. 4	49 ALS to Elizabeth Pike, Ballitore <i>5 Folders</i> Letters discuss personal matters. Included are postscripts by Richard Shackleton.	1762 August-1769 December
b. 4	26 ALS to Richard Shackleton, [v.p.] <i>3 Folders</i> Letters discuss illnesses, Quaker meetings and Richard Shackleton's living with Edmund Burke.	1758 October-1780 September
b. 4	Diary (holograph, signed) Relates travels to various Quaker meetings.	1753-1763
Shackleton, Richard, 1728-1792		
b. 4	3 ALS to Deborah Carleton, Ballitore Letter discusses personal matters.	1763 July-August
b. 4	ALS to Deborah Carleton, Ballitore Letter discusses personal matters.	1777 July
b. 4	2 ALS to Rachel Carleton, Ballitore Letters discuss personal matters.	1775 December, 1776 March
b. 4	78 ALS (initialed) to Mary Leadbeater, [v.p.] <i>9 Folders</i> Letters discuss general matters pertaining to Quakers in England. Interesting references to Edmund Burke and George Crabbe.	1773 November-1792 August
b. 5	AL (initialed) to William Leadbeater, Lurgan Discusses family and Quaker matters.	1791 April
b. 5	ALS to Elizabeth Pike, Ballitore Letter discusses the selling of a horse.	1756 August
b. 5	61 ALS to Elizabeth Shackleton, [v.p.] <i>7 Folders</i> Letters discuss personal matters and Quakers. References are made to Edmund Burke.	1756 May-1790 November
b. 5	2 ALS to Sally Shackleton, Ballitore	1784 September 3, 1789 August 16

Shackleton, Richard, 1728-1792 (continued)

b. 5	ALS to unnamed recipient, Ballitore The death and funeral of a friend's wife.	1757 April 3
Shackleton, Sarah		
b. 5	150 ALS to Mary Leadbeater, [v.p.] <i>15 Folders</i> Letters discuss personal matters. Several postscripts by other family members are included, as well as poems by Sarah Shackleton and a letter written by Gustavus Vassa [Olaudah Equiano] to the Society of Friends thanking them for publishing <i>A Caution to Gt. Brit. and her Colonies</i> .	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.] <i>3 Folders</i> 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. <i>2 Folders</i> 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. <i>2 Folders</i> 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.	
b. 7	One folder of unsorted letters and fragments.	

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

Children's writings
Education -- Ireland
English literature -- 18th century
English literature -- 19th century
Families -- Ireland -- Domestic relations
Female friendship
Irish literature -- 18th century
Irish literature -- 19th century
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