

# Guide to the Henry Baker, Letterbook

OSBORN FC109 1/2



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**CALL NUMBER:** OSBORN FC109 1/2

**CREATOR:** Baker, Henry, 1698-1774

**TITLE:** [Letterbook]

**DATES:** 1722-1770

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.39 linear feet (1 volume)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Anonymous MS.

Collection of copies of 210 letters to and from Baker dating from 1722 to 1770; letters discuss scientific subjects, especially microscopy, electricity, and the education of deaf children; also discuss contemporary affairs, most notably the Jacobite Rebellion (1745-1746) and the London earthquake (1750).

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## Collection Contents

### OSBORN FC109

#### ARDERON, WILLIAM, 1703-1767

- b. 1-2            9 letters (copies) to Henry Baker (1698-1774)            1743-52  
               1743 Dec - 1752 Aug  
               Norwich  
               23 p.; 32 x 21 cm.  
               Letters discuss a visit by John  
               Theophilus Desaguliers (1683-1744).  
               109/I/26,42,43,46,80 and  
               109/II/128,130,134,145
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#### ARDERON, WILLIAM, 1703-1767

- b. 2            "A Short Description of the Remains of Sr John Falstafs House in Norfolk": anonymous MS            1752  
               3 p.; 32 x 21 cm.  
               Memorandum concerning Sir John  
               Falstaf (1378?-1459).  
               109/II/146
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#### BADCOCK, RICHARD

- b. 1            Letter (copy) to [Henry Baker (1698-1774)]            1746 Nov 20  
               Twickenham  
               2 p.; 32 x 21 cm.  
               Requests names of members of the  
               Royal Society of London and  
               distinguishes varieties of  
               polyanthus.  
               109/I/60
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#### BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

- b. 2            "Memorandum": anonymous MS            [1762 Dec 1]  
               n.p.  
               1 p.; 32 x 21 cm.  
               Biographical information on Dr.  
               Nathaniel Matthew Wolfe, physician  
               to Prince Fryderyk Michal Czartoryski  
               (1696-1775).  
               109/II/172
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#### BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744 (continued)

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| b. 2 | "Memorandum": anonymous MS<br><br>London<br>1 p.; 32 x 21 cm.<br>Election and subsequent malfeasance<br>of Emanuel Mendes da Costa<br>(1717-1791); sale of his collections;<br>carelessness of James West<br>(1704?-1772).<br>109/II/175 | 1770 |
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## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

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| b. 2 | "Memorandum": anonymous MS<br><br>[London]<br>2 p; 32 x 21 cm.<br>Attempts to recover his letters to<br>the late William Arderon (1703-1767)<br>and John Browning.<br>109/II/189 | [1767] |
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## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

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|--------|---|---------|
| b. 1-2 | 13 letters (copies) to William Arderon (1703-1767)<br><br>1744 Nov - 1752 Jul<br>London<br>31 p.; 32 x 21 cm.<br>Letters discuss: Baker's work; the<br>Royal Society of London; John Hill<br>(1716?-1778); James Harrison<br>(1693-1776); and microscopes<br>developed by Mr. Page and Lindsay;<br>also mentions John Montagu (2nd duke<br>of Montagu, 1690-1749).<br>109/I/32,42,43,46,56,63,76,82,103<br>and 109/II/124,135,139,141 | 1744-52 |
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## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

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| b. 1-2 | 6 letters (copies) to Archibald Blair<br><br>1746 Nov - 1749 Feb<br>London<br>16 p.; 32 x 21 cm.<br>Letters discuss extrasensory<br>perception; mention David Erskine,<br>9th earl of Buchan (1672-1745),<br>Alexander Hume Campbell (1708-1760),<br>and George MacKenzie, 1st earl of<br>Cromarty (1630-1714).<br>109/I/59,64,72,101 and 109/II/114 | 1746-49 |
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## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744 (continued)

- b. 1      Letter (copy) to Isabella (Law) Blair (1715?-1774)      1746 Mar 10  
           London  
           5 p.; 32 x 21 cm.  
           Concerns the death of her husband,  
           Robert Blair (1699-1746).  
           109/I/55

## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

- b. 1      8 letters (copies) to Robert Blair (1699-1746)      1743-46  
           1743 Jun - 1746,  
           London  
           18 p.; 32 x 21 cm.  
           Letters discuss: Baker's winning the  
           Copley Medal and his "History of the  
           Polype"; George Adams; George  
           Berkeley, bp. of Cloyne (1685-1753);  
           Martin Folkes (1690-1754); Thomas  
           Thompson (d.1763); and the death of  
           Alexander Pope (1688-1744).  
           109/I/16,20,23,28,30,33,39,49

## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

- b. 1      Letter (copy) to Benjamin Boddington      [1741 Feb]  
           [London]  
           2 p.; 32 x 21 cm.  
           Letter discusses the speech  
           production of a young girl with no  
           tongue.  
           109/I/12

## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

- b. 2      Letter (copy) to William Borlase (1695-1772)      1752 Feb 22  
           London  
           3 p.; 32 x 21 cm.  
           On the death of Dr. Cromwell Mortimer  
           (d.1752); Thomas Birch (1705-1766)  
           elected as successor; also discusses  
           proposals by Emanuel Mendes da Costa  
           (1717-1791) for a book on fossils.  
           109/II/140

## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744 (continued)

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| b. 1-2 | 6 letters (copies) to John Browning<br>1746 Dec - [1758] Jul<br>London<br>18 p.; 32 x 21 cm.<br>Letters discuss: the Royal Society<br>of London; experiments with<br>electricity carried out by Sir<br>William Watson (1715-1787); theories<br>of John Hill (1716?-1778); the<br>classifications of Linneus (Carl von<br>Linne, 1707-1778); Peter Camper<br>(1722-1789); William Stukeley<br>(1687-1765); the death of John<br>Montagu (2nd duke of Montagu,<br>1690-1749); Richard Wilkes<br>(1691-1760); Robert Clayton (Bp. of<br>Clogher, 1695-1758).<br>109/I/61,87 and<br>109/II/116,117,164,165 | 1746-[1758] |
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## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

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| b. 1 | 6 letters (copies) to Joseph Lawrence Bruni<br>[1743] Dec - 1747 Aug<br>London<br>14 p.; 32 x 21 cm.<br>Letters discuss: Abraham Trembley<br>(1700-1784); George Anson, baron<br>Anson (1697-1762); various electrical<br>experiments; and the Jacobite<br>Rebellion of 1745-1746.<br>109/I/24,31,44,47,54,78 | [1743]-1747 |
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## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

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| b. 2 | 2 letters (copies) to Alexander Hume Campbell (1708-1760)<br>1743 Sep and 1748 Sep<br>London<br>3 p.; 32 x 21 cm.<br>Letters discuss a scientific<br>monograph by Dr. Gianfrancesco Pivati<br>(1689-1764) which was translated by<br>David Erskine Baker (1730-1767); also<br>discusses experiments with<br>microscopes.<br>109/II/106 | 1743-48 |
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## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744 (continued)

- b. 2            Letter (copy) to Peter Collinson (1694-1768)            1768 Apr 9  
 Strand  
 3 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Baker will deliver paintings to  
 Charles Lyttelton, bp. of Carlisle  
 (1714-1768); collections of Emanuel  
 Mendes da Costa (1717-1791) will be  
 sold ro the relief of bondsmen;  
 turbulence of supporters of John  
 Wilkes (1727-1797).  
 109/II/193
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## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-17445

- b. 1            Letter (copy) to Dr. Pierre Demours (1702-1795)            1745 Mar 26  
 London  
 2 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Thanks Demours for his translation  
 of Baker's "History of the Polype".  
 109/I/40
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## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

- b. 1-2          8 letters (copies) to Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)            1747-51  
 1747 Nov - 1751 Jan  
 London  
 32 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Letters discuss: the education of  
 deaf mutes; the development of  
 Philosophical Societies; the London  
 earthquake (1750); the method of  
 inoculation proposed by John Ranby  
 (1703-1773); also mentions the  
 Christmas party given by John  
 Montagu, 2nd duke of Montagu  
 (1690-1749).  
 109/I/ 89,92,95,104 and  
 109/II/112,125,131,136
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## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

- b. 1-2          2 letters (copies) to Martin Folkes (1690-1754)            1741-50  
 1741 Feb and 1750 Mar  
 London  
 4 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Comments on Benjamin Boddington and  
 on the London earthquake of 1750.  
 109/I/11 and 109/II/126
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## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744 (continued)

b. 2 Letter (copy) to [Richard Gough (1735-1809)] 1769 Aug 14  
 London  
 1 p.; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Baker will try to locate the son of  
 Dr. Cromwell Mortimer (ca.1700-1752)  
 who is in possession of a MS which  
 Gough is seeking.  
 109/II/202

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## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

b. 2 Letter (copy) to Westley Hall (1711-1776) 1749 Sep 7  
 London  
 3 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Discusses Hall's philosophical  
 writings; mentions frequent  
 appearances of a comet.  
 109/II/119

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## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

b. 2 Letter (copy) to [Charles Lyttelton, bp. of Carlisle (1714-1768)] 1767 Nov 25  
 Strand  
 2 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Discusses supposed remains of the  
 London residence of Thomas Wolsey,  
 cardinal Wolsey (1475?-1530).  
 109/II/191

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## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

b. 1-2 13 letters (copies) to Henry Miles (1698-1763) 1743-51  
 1743 Nov - 1751 Jan  
 London  
 30 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Letters discuss electrical  
 experiments, John Hill (1716?-1775),  
 Robert Boyle (1627-1691), Francis  
 Hawksbee (1687-1763), Sir William  
 Watson (1715-1787), Edmund Halley  
 1656-1742), John Tuberville Needham  
 (1713-1781), Gianfrancesco Pivati  
 (1689-1764), and Miles's own proposed  
 work on the "History of Electricity";  
 also included are drawings by David  
 Erskine Baker (1730-1767).  
 109/I/22,38,41,50,52,58,85,105  
 and 109/I/115,122,137,138

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## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744 (continued)

- b. 2 Letter (copy) to George Brudenell Montagu, earl of Cardigan (later 3rd duke [1752] of Montagu, 1712-1790)  
 [London]  
 3 p.; 32 x 21 cm.  
 The recipient's father, John Montagu, 2nd duke of Montagu (1690-1749), had admired Baker's "Employment for the Microscope" (1753); sends a copy to the son who also is interested in the subject.  
 109/II/144

## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

- b. 1-2 5 letters (copies) to Dr. James Mounsey 1748-70  
 1748 May - 1770 Feb  
 London  
 22 p.; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Letters discuss the Royal Society of London and the Royal Society of Arts, mistaken treatment of the American colonies, and poverty and luxury in contemporary London; also mentions the electric shock of Robert Clayton, bp. of Clogher (1695-1768), the death of Henry Baker, Jr. (1734-1766), and the education of William Baker (1763-1828).  
 109/I/99 and 109/II/182,188,196,206

## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

- b. 1 2 letters (copies) to Pitt Ridgeway, 7th earl of Londonderry (1719?-1765) 1747  
 1747 Sep and 1747 Oct  
 London  
 4 p.; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Letters discuss scientific projects and the spread of a cattle disease.  
 109/I/79, 81

## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

- b. 2 Letter (copy) to Dr. Stuck 1752 Aug 18  
 Catharine Street  
 2 p.; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Recommends lightning conductor invented by Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790).  
 109/II/143

## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744 (continued)

- b. 2 Letter (copy) to James Symonds 1745 Sep 24  
 London  
 2 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Baker has received the description  
 of Symonds's coin collection and  
 will aid the recipient in his search  
 for duplicates or needed specimens.  
 109/II/120
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- BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744
- b. 2 Letter (copy) to James Symonds 1750 Mar 12  
 London  
 5 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Discusses the recent earthquakes  
 (London earthquake and its  
 aftershocks); also includes a list  
 of coins for exchange or acquired by  
 Thomas Lawrence (1711-1783).  
 109/II/127
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- BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744
- b. 2 7 letters (copies) to Stephen de Vismes 1753-70  
 1753 Nov - 1770 Nov  
 London  
 31 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Letters discuss political affairs in  
 England: trouble with the American  
 colonies and India; food prices;  
 Jewish enfranchisement; the ministry  
 of Augustus Henry Fitzroy, 3rd duke  
 of Grafton (1735-1811); allegations  
 of corruption by Samuel Musgrave  
 (1732-1780); attempts to clean and  
 illuminate London; affairs of Thomas  
 Birch (1705-1766) and John Wilkes  
 (1727-1797).  
 109/II/152,180,186,198,205,207,209
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- BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744
- b. 1 3 letters (copies) to Thomas Walls (b.1672) 1739-45  
 1739 Feb - 1745 Mar  
 London  
 7 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Letters discuss speech production;  
 mention John Copping (b.1698),  
 William Holder (1616-1698), Vincent  
 Browne (1695-1747), John Kippax  
 (1682-1760), and Richard Pocock, bp.  
 of Meath (1704-1765).  
 109/I/6,14,37
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- BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744

## BAKER, HENRY, 1698-1744 (continued)

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| b. 2 | 4 letters (copies) to Nathaniel Matthew Wolfe<br>1766 Mar - 1769 Aug<br>London<br>19 p; 32 x 21 cm.<br>Letters discuss Bernard Jussieu<br>(1698-1777), James Short (1710-1768),<br>John Smeaton (1724-1792), and Joseph<br>Planta (1724-1827).<br>109/II/183,185,194,201 | 1766-69 |
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## BANNERMAN, PATRICK

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| b. 1 | Letter (copy) to John Cuming<br>Kinnoul<br>2 p; 32 x 21 cm.<br>Answers to the queries propounded by<br>Henry Baker (1698-1774).<br>109/I/74 | 1747 Aug 20 |
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## BLAIR, ARCHIBALD

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|------|---|---------|
| b. 2 | 7 letters (copies) to Henry Baker (1698-1774)<br>1746 Dec - 1749 Aug<br>Gardald<br>35 p; 32 x 21 cm.<br>Letters discuss instances of second<br>sight and extrasensory perception.<br>109/I/62,65,69,73,97,108<br>and 109/II/118 | 1746-49 |
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## BLAIR, ISABELLA (LAW), 1715?-1774

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| b. 1 | Letter (copy) to Henry Baker (1698-1774)<br>Athelstaneford<br>2 p; 32 x 21 cm.<br>Death of her husband, Robert Blair<br>(1699-1746);<br>see Osborn Shelves fc 109/I/55.<br>109/I/53 | 1746 Mar 1 |
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## BLAIR, ROBERT, 1699-1746

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| b. 1 | 7 letters (copies) to Henry Baker (1698-1774)<br>1743 Jun - 1745 Feb<br>Athelstaneford<br>13 p; 32 x 21 cm.<br>Letters discuss Baker's and Blair's<br>works and microscopes; a poem<br>entitled "Sacharissa Weeping" is<br>also included.<br>109/I/15,17,21,27,29,35 | 1743-45 |
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## BODDINGTON, BENJAMIN

## BODDINGTON, BENJAMIN (continued)

- b. 1      Letter (copy) to [Henry Baker (1698-1744)]      1741 Feb 4  
           Ipswich  
           1 p.; 32 x 21 cn.  
           Letter discusses the case of a girl  
           whose cancerous tongue falls out.  
           109/I/10

## BORLASE, WILLIAM, 1695-1772

- b. 2      3 letters (copies) to Henry Baker (1698-1774)      1753-55  
           1753 Oct - 1755 Mar  
           6 p.; 32 x 21 cm.  
           Letters discuss scientific projects,  
           the financial difficulties of Emanuel  
           Mendes da Costa (1717-1791), and the  
           proposed membership in the Royal  
           Society of London of Thomas Pennant  
           (1726-1798); also mentions Charles  
           Lyttelton, bp. of Carlisle  
           (1714-1768).  
           109/II/150,156,157

## BROOKE, RICHARD

- b. 2      Letter (copy) to Henry Baker (1698-1774)      1762 Sep 28  
           Maryland  
           2 p.; 32 x 21 cm.  
           Sends condolences on the loss of  
           Baker's wife, Sophia (Defoe) Baker  
           (1705?-1762); discusses dyes and  
           samples of dyed cotton which he will  
           send.  
           109/II/167

## BROWNING, JOHN

- b. 2, 1      2 letters (copies) to Henry Baker (1698-1774)      1748-49  
           1748 Apr 9 and 1749 Oct  
           Burton Hill [Yorks.]  
           9 p.; 32 x 21 cm.  
           Letters discuss cremation and urn  
           burial, a description of Stonehenge  
           by John Wood (1705?-1754), and  
           information on zinc smelting.  
           109/I/98 and 109/II/123

## BUCHAN, DAVID ERSKINE, 9TH EARL OF, 1672-1745

- b. 1      Letter (copy) to Henry Baker (1698-1774)      1727 Aug 11  
           London  
           1 p.; 32 x 21 cm.  
           Letter discusses his son's progress  
           and sends compliments to Mary  
           (Hutton) Worstenholme, lady  
           Worstenholme, and John Forster.  
           109/I/4

## CAMPBELL, ALEXANDER HUME, 1708-1760

- b. 1      2 letters (copies) to Henry Baker (1698-1774) [1748] -1748  
           [1748 Feb] and 1748 Sep  
           n.p.  
           3 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
           Letters discuss electrical experiments; also mention Gianfrancesco Pivati (1698-1764) and Sir William Watson (1715-1787).  
           109/I/94, 107

## CLAYTON, ROBERT, BP. OF CLOGHER, 1695-1758

- b. 1      Letter (copy) to Henry Baker (1698-1774) 1747 Jul 3  
           Clogher  
           1 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
           Letters sends thanks for a previous letter from Baker and informs Baker that the enclosure he sent to Clayton has been sent to Thomas Walls (b.1672).  
           109/I/71

## COLLINSON, PETER, 1694-1768

- b. 2      Letter (copy) to Henry Baker (1698-1774) 1768 Apr 2  
           Mill Hill  
           1 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
           About a packet for Charles Lyttelton, bp. of Carlisle (1714-1768).  
           109/II/192

## COPPING, JOHN, B.1698

- b. 1      3 letters (copies) to Henry Baker (1698-1774) 1722-23  
           1722 and 1723 [no dates]  
           Hammersmith  
           4 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
           Attempts to show Baker's poems to Alexander Pope (1688-1744) and Thomas Tickell (1686-1740).  
           109/I/1,2,3

## COSTA, EMANUEL MENDES DA, 1717-1791

- b. 2      2 letters (copies) to Henry Baker (1698-1774) 1763 Jan  
           n.p.  
           3 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
           Seeks an appointment to the Royal Society of London; mentions Francis Hawksbee (1687-1763).  
           109/II/174,176

## CUMING, JOHN

## CUMING, JOHN (continued)

- b. 1 Letter (copy) to Archibald Blair 1747 Jun 20  
 Humby  
 12 p.; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Answers Baker's 8 questions about  
 second sight with 10 reported  
 examples of it.  
 109/I/70
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## DODDRIDGE, PHILIP, 1702-1751

- b. 1-2 10 letters (copies) to Henry Baker (1698-1774) 1747-50  
 1747 Nov - 1750 Oct  
 n.p.  
 67 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Letters discuss the London earthquake  
 (1750), the Philosophical Society and  
 the report to it by William Shipley  
 (1714-1803), as well as the Jekyll  
 Fund (Sir Joseph Jekyll, 1663-1738);  
 included is a monograph on Locusts.  
 109/I/86,90,93,100,102,109  
 and 109/II/113,129,132,133
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## EARLE, GOODENOUGH

- b. 2 Letter (copy) to Henry Baker (1698-1774) 1749 Jun 7  
 Barton  
 1 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Thanks him for his poem of "the  
 Universe".  
 109/II/110
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## GARDEN, ALEXANDER, 1730-1791

- b. 2 3 letters (copies) to Henry Baker (1698-1774) 1753-57  
 1753 Dec - 1757 Apr  
 Charlestown, S.C.  
 24 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Letters discuss various scientific,  
 mostly botanical and zoological,  
 projects: mentions many important  
 scientific figures, among others:  
 John Ellis (1710-1776); William  
 Arderon (1702-1767); John Huxham  
 (1692-1768); Cadwallader Colden  
 (1688-1777); John Bartram (1699-  
 1777); Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790);  
 John Clayton (1693-1773); Mark  
 Catesby (1679-1749); Pehr Kalm (1716-  
 1779); Carl von Linne (1707-1778);  
 William Shipley (1714-1803); and  
 Charles Plumier (1646-1704).  
 109/II/158,160,163
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## GARDEN, ALEXANDER, 1730-1791

## GARDEN, ALEXANDER, 1730-1791 (continued)

- b. 2 Letter (incomplete copy) to William Shipley (1714-1803) 1755 Apr 5  
 Charlestown, S.C.  
 7 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 List of crops and commodities;  
 discusses threshing machines in  
 comparison to slave labor.  
 109/II/159
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## GOSTLING, WILLIAM, 1696-1777

- b. 2 Letter (copy) to Henry Baker (1698-1774) 1749 Jan  
 Canterbury  
 2 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Sends his account of a "fireball"  
 [meteor] which was seen two years  
 earlier in Deal.  
 109/II/111
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## GOUGH, RICHARD, 1735-1809

- b. 2 2 letters (copies) to Henry Baker (1698-1774) 1769-70  
 1769 Aug and 1770 Mar  
 n.p.  
 2 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Letters discuss a work by Maurice  
 Johnson (1688-1755) and a proposed  
 "Memoirs of the Society of  
 Antiquaries"; a biography of Henry  
 Hare, 3rd baron Coleraine (1693-1749)  
 is also included.  
 109/II/200,208
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## HALL, WESTLEY, 1711-1776

- b. 2 Letter (copy) to Henry Baker (1698-1774) 1769 Aug 24  
 Alnwick. 2 p; 32 x 21 cm. Discusses two sycamore trees growing around  
 stones fallen from a nearby wall. 109/II/203
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## HANWAY, JONAS, 1712-1786

- b. 1 Letter (copy) to [Nathaniel] Forster (1718-1757) 1746 Apr 12  
 St. Petersburg 5 p; 32 x 21 cm. Letter discusses the "Everlasting Fire" seen  
 near Baku, as well as other natural phenomena. 109/I/57
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## HOPE, HENRIETTA

- b. 2 Letter (copy) to Henry Baker (1698-1774) [ca.1765]  
 n.p.  
 2 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Sends her thanks for his past help and  
 kindness with regard to her education.  
 109/II/210
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## MILES, HENRY, 1698-1763

## MILES, HENRY, 1698-1763 (continued)

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| b. 2, 1 | 11 letters (copies) to Henry Baker (1698-1774)<br>1743 Sep - 1756 Dec<br>Tooting<br>23 p; 32 x 21 cm.<br>Letters discuss scientific experiments, as well as Jean Nicolas Sebastien Allamand (1713-1787), John Ellis (1710-1776), and Sir Hans Sloane, bart. (1660-1753); also mentions the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745-1746.<br>109/I/19,34,36,48,51,88 and 109/II/121,162,153-155 | 1743-56 |
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## MILWARD, EDWARD, 1712-1757

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| b. 1 | Letter (copy) to Dr. Cromwell Mortimer (1700?-1752)<br>[London]<br>3 p; 32 x 21 cm.<br>Letter discusses the articulation of tongueless speakers.<br>109/I/13 | 1742 Apr 26 |
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## MOUNSEY, JAMES

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| b. 2, 1 | 5 letters (copies) to Henry Baker<br>[1747] - 1762 Nov, n.p.<br>21 p; 32 x 21 cm.<br>Letters discuss Mounsey's positions as an army physician and court physician in Russia; also discusses a treatment for rabies, an earthquake in Siberia, and introduces the rhubarb.<br>109/I/77,84,96 and 109/II/166,168 | [1747]-1762 |
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## PENNANT, THOMAS, 1726-1798

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| b. 2 | 2 letters (copies) to Henry Baker (1698-1774)<br>1753 Oct and 1756 Jan<br>Downing<br>3 p; 32 x 21 cm.<br>Letters discuss scientific matters.<br>109/II/151,161 | 1753-56 |
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## SHIPLEY, WILLIAM, 1714-1803

## SHIPLEY, WILLIAM, 1714-1803 (continued)

- b. 2 Letter (copy) to Henry Baker (1698-1774) 1753 Aug 12  
 Northampton  
 5 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Discusses his recent visits to sights of "British Antiquity", in particular Stonehenge, Wansdyke, and Avebury; describes the interaction of the local residents with the monuments, paying special attention in this regard to Avebury; also mentions Dr. Stephen Hales (1677-1761).  
 109/II/149

## STUART, ALEXANDER

- b. 1 Letter (copy) to Henry Baker (1698-1744) 1740 Nov 5  
 Gt. Russell St., Bloomsbury  
 1 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Letter discusses a poem on the universe which he will hand to the Royal Society of London.  
 109/I/9

## WALLS, THOMAS, B. 1672

- b. 1 3 letters (copies) to Henry Baker (1698-1744) 1739  
 1739 Jan - 1739 Aug  
 Dublin  
 7 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Letters discuss Walls' opinions on speech production and his methods and fees for teaching the deaf.  
 109/I/5,7,8

## WOLFE, NATHANIEL MATTHEW

- b. 2 12 letters (copies) to Henry Baker (1698-1774) 1762-69  
 1762 Dec - 1769 Nov  
 n.p.  
 54 p; 32 x 21 cm.  
 Letters describe a tour of Poland with Prince Fryderyk Michal Czartoryski (1696-1777); mentions the death of Augustus III, king of Poland (1696-1763); also makes medical observations, commenting on smallpox vaccinations and rabies.  
 109/II/173,177-179,181,184,187,190,  
 195,197,199,204

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### Names

Baker, Henry, 1698-1774  
Blair, Robert, 1699-1746