

# Guide to the Walpole Family Ephemera Collection

LWL MSS 17



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** LWL MSS 17

**CREATOR:** Stoke Newington Public Library

**TITLE:** Walpole family ephemera collection

**DATES:** 1716–1903

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.08 linear feet (2 boxes + 1 broadside)

**LANGUAGE:** In English.

**SUMMARY:** A collection of printed portraits, topographical views, real estate advertisements, maps, and other ephemera associated with the English historian and collector Horace Walpole (1717-1797), his family, and their properties. The majority of the items are plates produced for publications, and over half of the collection is related to two of the family's estates, Strawberry Hill in Twickenham, Middlesex, and Houghton Hall near King's Lynn, Norfolk.

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/lwl.mss.017>.

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

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Marlborough Rare Books Ltd., January 2006.

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## Custodial History

The material in the collection was formerly owned by the Stoke Newington Public Library in London, and all items have the library's ownership stamp.

In 1905 the library was the beneficiary of a substantial bequest from the antiquarian collector and historian Edward J. Sage, one of the founding library commissioners for Stoke Newington. His bequest included more than five thousand books and a large collection of prints, manuscripts, and ephemera. While it is not certain, it is likely that much of the material described in this finding aid was part of that bequest as other Walpole-related items in the Sage bequest were purchased at auction, and from dealers, by Wilmarth Lewis during his lifetime, and by the Lewis Walpole Library afterward. This material can be identified by searching "Stoke Newington Public Library" in the Yale University Library catalog.

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## Conditions Governing Access

This material is available for research.

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## Preferred Citation

Walpole Family Ephemera Collection. The Lewis Walpole Library, Yale University.

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## Stoke Newington Public Library

The Stoke Newington Public Library was founded in the early 1890s, in a building constructed with funding from the philanthropist John Passmore Edwards. It is located in the Borough of Hackney, in northeast London.

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## Scope and Contents

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Series I holds engraved portraits of Walpole, his father Robert Walpole, other Walpole and Waldegrave family members, and friends such as Mary Berry and Anne Seymour Damer. Series II documents the sale and development of Strawberry Hill and Houghton Hall through printed prospectuses with hand-colored maps and site plans issued by London firms marketing the properties. Also present are engraved views of the houses, a photograph of Houghton Hall taken from *Norfolk Photographically Illustrated* (1865), prints of Strawberry Hill interiors, and views of homes of Walpole's associates. Series III contains a disparate group of Walpole-related items, including a receipt signed by Horatio Walpole of Wolterton (1716), a manuscript note from Horace Walpole to Joseph Cooper Walker (1792), and a prospectus for Mrs. Paget Toynbee's edition of *The Letters of Horace Walpole* (1903), among other papers, prints, and photographs.

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## Arrangement

Organized into three series: I. People (1746-1884), II. Places (1773-1901), and III. Other Papers (1716-1903).

## Collection Contents

### Series I: People, 1746–1884

#### 30 Folders

Series I holds printed portraits of Walpole and Waldegrave family members primarily created as plates for eighteenth and nineteenth-century publications. Multiple portraits are present for Horace Walpole (1717-1797) and his father Robert Walpole, Earl of Orford (1676-1745), as well as other key associates such as his publisher Richard Bentley and friends Mary Berry, William Cole, and Anne Seymour Damer. The collection also contains a few early twentieth-century photographs of portraits, both printed and painted.

Arranged in alphabetical order by sitter.

b. 1, f. 1	Bentley, Richard, 1708-1782	1798
b. 1, f. 2	Berry, Mary, 1763-1852	undated
b. 1, f. 3	Campbell, John, 1693-1770	1798
b. 1, f. 4	Campbell, Mary Bellenden, 1685-1736	1798
b. 1, f. 5	Chute, John, 1701-1776	1798, undated
b. 1, f. 6	Cole, William, 1714-1782	1805, undated
b. 1, f. 7	Conway, Henry Seymour, 1721-1795	1782, 1798, undated
b. 1, f. 8	Damer, Anne Seymour, 1748 or 1749-1828	1801, 1830, undated
b. 1, f. 9	Edwards, Edward, 1738-1806.	1808
b. 1, f. 10	Hertford, Francis Seymour Conway, Marquess of, 1719-1794	1791, undated
b. 1, f. 11	Hervey, Mary Lepell, 1699 or 1700-1768	1798
b. 1, f. 12	Mann, Horace, Sir, 1701-1786	undated
b. 1, f. 13	Maria, Duchess of Gloucester, 1736-1807	undated
b. 1, f. 14	Mason, William, 1725-1797	1811
b. 1, f. 15	Montagu, George, 1712-1790	1840, undated
b. 1, f. 16	Strafford, William Wentworth, Earl of, 1722-1791	undated
b. 1, f. 17	Townshend, Dorothy Walpole, 1686-1729	1802, undated
b. 1, f. 18	Vertue, George, 1665-1756	1763?
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 1	Waldegrave, Charlotte Maria, 1761-1808 Cut from <i>The Magazine of Art</i> , vol. 8 (1885), p. 126, with Sidney Colvin's article on the portrait drawing by John Downman.	1885
b. 1, f. 19	Waldegrave, Frances Elizabeth Anne, Countess, 1821-1879 Wood engraving cut from the <i>Illustrated London News</i> .	1879 July 19

b. 2 (Oversize), f. 2	Walpole, Catherine, Lady, 1681 or 1682-1737 Plate from <i>Aedes Walpolianae, or, A description of the collection of pictures at Houghton-Hall</i> (London: [1752])	1752
b. 1, f. 20	Walpole, Edward, 1621-1667	undated
b. 1, f. 21	Walpole, Edward, 1706-1784	undated
b. 1, f. 22	Walpole, Galfridus, 1683-1726	1802
	Walpole, Horace, 1717-1797	
b. 1, f. 23	Portraits	undated
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 3	Portraits	1811-1884
b. 1, f. 24	Walpole, Horatio Walpole, Baron, 1678-1757	1798
	Walpole, Robert, Earl of Orford, 1676-1745	
b. 1, f. 25	Portraits	1790-1813, undated
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 4	Portraits	1746, 1748, undated
b. 1, f. 26	William Henry, Prince, Duke of Gloucester, 1743-1805	1797

**Series II: Places, 1773–1901****30 Folders**

Series II primarily documents the sale and development, in the late nineteenth century, of Strawberry Hill, Horace Walpole's estate in Twickenham, and Houghton Hall, the family's estate in Norfolk, through printed auction prospectuses, maps, and site plans issued by London firms marketing the properties. Material is present too for Little Strawberry Hill, which was at times offered separately from Strawberry Hill, as well as the family's home at 15 Berkeley Square, London. Also here are engraved views and floor plans of Strawberry Hill and Houghton Hall removed from publications, a photograph of Houghton Hall (1865, a plate from *Norfolk Photographically Illustrated*), prints of Strawberry Hill interiors, chimneys, and collection objects (plates engraved for *A Description of the Villa of Mr. Horace Walpole*), and newspaper clippings describing the estates. In addition, there are views of homes of the Berry, Chute, and Townsend families, and another Walpole ancestral home, Wolterton Hall in Norfolk.

Arranged alphabetically by county.

Hampshire		
b. 1, f. 27	The Vyne Home of the Chute family.	undated
Middlesex		
London		
b. 1, f. 28	5 Arlington St. Clipping from <i>Journal of the Society of Arts</i> about Robert Walpole's home.	1882 November 3
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 5	15 Berkeley Square Auction prospectus for a sale by the estate of A.F. Lehmann; includes plan of the reception floor.	1891
Twickenham		
Little Strawberry Hill		
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 6	Auction, July 31, 1884 Prospectus with folded site plan.	1884
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 7	Auction, June 22, 1885 Prospectus with folded site plan.	1885
b. 1, f. 29	Residence of Catherine Clive	1836
b. 1, f. 30	Maps, views, and literature	1773, undated
b. 1, f. 31	Marble Hill House	undated
Strawberry Hill		
b. 1, f. 32	Floor plans	undated
b. 1, f. 33	Literature	1823, undated

## Middlesex &gt; Twickenham &gt; Strawberry Hill (continued)

b. 2 (Oversize), f. 8	Literature An article on the house clipped from the <i>Illustrated London News</i> , Saturday, May 21, 1842, and mounted in a booklet.	1842
b. 1, f. 34	Objects	undated
	Real estate development	
b. 3 (Broadside)	Estate plan Plan does not show development south of Little Strawberry Hill.	circa 1873
b. 3 (Broadside)	Estate plan Plan shows "Proposed New Road" south of Little Strawberry Hill.	circa 1876
b. 3 (Broadside)	Estate plan Plan shows "Waldegrave Park Road" south of Little Strawberry Hill.	circa 1880
b. 1, f. 35	Sale brochure, 1881	1881
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 9	Auction, June 15, 1883 Two editions of the prospectus: second edition has two additional lots (Lot 2A of freehold land, and Lot 9 of "The Elms") plus conditions of sale and a revised site plan.	1883
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 10	Auction, July 10, 1888 Prospectus with estate plan.	1888
	Views	
b. 1, f. 36	Exteriors	1790, 1809, undated
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 11	Exteriors Includes engraved elevations of the South Front and East Front, with frontispiece and plates engraved for <i>A Description of the Villa of Mr. Horace Walpole</i> (Strawberry-Hill: Printed by Thomas Kirgate, 1784).	circa 1784
b. 1, f. 37	Interiors	1795, undated
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 12	Interiors Contains plates engraved for <i>A Description of the Villa of Mr. Horace Walpole</i> (Strawberry-Hill: Printed by Thomas Kirgate, 1784).	1784, undated
b. 1, f. 38	Waldegrave Park Estate	undated

## Norfolk

## Houghton Hall



## Norfolk &gt; Houghton Hall (continued)

b. 2 (Oversize), f. 13	Auction, July 22, 1886 First edition prospectus for a sale under the direction of the Marquis of Cholmondeley. Includes several site plans, floor plans, and lithographed views of Houghton Hall.	1886
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 14	East and West Fronts, and ground plan	undated
b. 1, f. 39	Literature Clippings and an offprint.	1856–1886
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 15	Plate from <i>Norfolk Photographically Illustrated</i> Two copies of an albumen print mounted on card with an engraved caption.	1865
b. 1, f. 40	Views	1782–1901
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 16	Houghton Church A lithographed view.	undated
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 17	Raynham Hall	1819
b. 1, f. 41	Wolterton Hall	1783, 1818
Yorkshire		
b. 1, f. 42	Kirkbridge, Stanwick The birthplace of Mary and Agnes Berry.	undated

**Series III: Other Papers, 1716–1903****8 Folders**

Series III contains a disparate group of Walpole-related texts and visual materials ranging from a 1716 receipt for tonnage signed by Horatio Walpole of Wolterton to a 1903 prospectus for Mrs. Paget Toynbee's edition of *The Letters of Horace Walpole*. There is a print view of "The Castle of Otranto," one of the monument to King Theodore erected by Horace Walpole at St. Ann Westminster, and text pages removed from different editions of *The Letters of Horace Walpole*. Also in the series is a 1792 manuscript note sent from Horace Walpole to Joseph Cooper Walker; its content was published in volume 42, page 384 of *The Yale Edition of Horace Walpole's Correspondence* (New Haven: 1980) based on an 1885 edition of his letters, but the manuscript itself had been untraced since 1905.

Arranged in chronological order.

b. 1, f. 43	Printed receipt for tonnage signed by Horatio Walpole (1678-1757)	1716 June 26
b. 1, f. 44	Manuscript note to Joseph Cooper Walker from Horace Walpole regarding Walker's travels  Published in <i>The Yale Edition of Horace Walpole's Correspondence</i> (New Haven: 1980), vol. 42, p. 384	1792 September 20
b. 1, f. 45	View of the monument to Theodore, King of Corsica, on a wall in St. Ann Westminster  Plate from <i>Antiquities of London and Environs</i> , engrav'd & publish'd by J. T. Smith (London: 1798); e Etching and aquatint	1798
b. 1, f. 46	"Reminiscences of the Courts of George the First and Second"  Removed from <i>Letters of Horace Walpole, Earl of Orford</i> (London: Richard Bentley, 1840), vol. 1.	1840
b. 1, f. 47	"Short Notes of My Life" and "Memoir Relative to his Income" by Horace Walpole  Removed from <i>Letters of Horace Walpole, Earl of Orford, to Sir Horace Mann: His Britannic Majesty's Resident at the Court of Florence, from 1760 to 1785</i> (London: Richard Bentley, 1844), vol. 4.	1844
b. 1, f. 48	"Curiosities of the Peerage" in <i>Chambers's Journal</i>	1879 February 1
b. 1, f. 49	Page from a Clement Sadler Palmer sales catalogue advertising a Horace Walpole and Strawberry Hill collection  With a card of the Manchester bookseller Henry Gray.	1885, ca. 1892
b. 1, f. 50	Prospectus for Mrs. Paget Toynbee's edition of <i>The Letters of Horace Walpole</i>	1903
b. 1, f. 51	"The Castle of Otranto. From an Original Drawing, as it now exists, in the Kingdom of Naples."	undated
b. 1, f. 52	Miscellaneous	1799, 1811, undated

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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

Houghton Hall (England)  
Raynham Hall (England)  
Strawberry Hill (Twickenham, London, England)

### Genres / Formats

Auction catalogs  
Engravings (prints)  
Ephemera  
Photographs  
Portraits  
Topographical views

### Names

Berry, Mary, 1763-1852  
Damer, Anne Seymour, 1748 or 1749-1828  
Walker, Joseph C. (Joseph Cooper), 1761-1810  
Walpole, Horace, 1717-1797  
Walpole, Horatio Walpole, Baron, 1678-1757  
Walpole, Robert, Earl of Orford, 1676-1745

### Corporate Bodies

Debenham, Tewson, Farmer & Bridgewater  
(Firm)  
Farebrother, Ellis, Clark & Co  
Ventom, Bull & Cooper.