
Sir Francis Beaufort papers addenda

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Sir Francis Beaufort papers addenda

Dates: 1797-1858

Collection Number: mssFBA 1-28

Creator OR Collector: Beaufort, Francis, Sir, 1774-1857

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Abstract: Correspondence, documents, photographs, poems and wills relating to Sir Francis Beaufort, Maria Edgeworth and the Beaufort and Edgeworth families.

Language of Material: The records are in English.

Access

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Acquisition Information

Purchased from Francis Beaufort-Palmer, June 4, 1971.

Biographical Note

Admiral Sir Francis Beaufort: hydrographer of the British Navy and member of the Royal Society, creator of the wind force scale and weather notation coding, and author of *Karamania*, or, A brief description of the south coast of Asia-Minor and of the remains of antiquity (1817). Beaufort married twice; his first wife was Alicia Magdalena Wilson (d. 1834) and, in 1839, he married Honora Edgeworth, the daughter of his long-time friend Richard Lovell Edgeworth and sister of the novelist Maria Edgeworth.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content

One box of correspondence, documents, photographs, poems and wills; arranged chronologically (1797-1858), FBA 1-28. Notable correspondents include: Daniel Augustus Beaufort (son of Sir Francis), Harriet Henrietta Beaufort, Lady Honora Beaufort, Charles Sneyd Edgeworth, Frances Anne Edgeworth, Maria Edgeworth, Archer Thomas Upton, and Lestock P. Wilson.

Also included are poems by Maria Edgeworth, one of which is written to Sir Philip Crampton, Surgeon General of the Forces of Ireland. The photographs are mainly of Edgeworthstown House, the Edgeworth family home in Co. Longford, Ireland.

The wills and legal documents include the will of Daniel Augustus Beaufort (father of Sir Francis), an autograph 1843 codicil by Sir Francis and copies of various other wills. Apparently, there was a dispute between the Beaufort and Edgeworth families concerning the wills and codicils of Sir Francis, who died in 1857, and his second wife, Lady Honora, who died in 1858. Some of the correspondence and the legal memorandum, notes and opinions relate to this dispute and involve family members and lawyers.

Personal Names

Beaufort, Daniel Augustus, 1739-1821

Beaufort, Daniel Augustus, 1814-1898

Beaufort, Francis, Sir, 1774-1857

Beaufort, Harriet Henrietta, 1778-1865
Beaufort, Honora, Lady, 1791-1858
Beaufort, Rosa Elizabeth>
Crampton, Philip, Sir, 1777-1858>
Edgeworth, Charles Sneyd, 1786-1864
Edgeworth family
Edgeworth, Frances Anne, 1769-1865
Edgeworth, Maria, 1768-1849
Edgeworth, Richard Lovell, 1744-1817
Louisa Anne, Marchioness of Waterford, 1818-1891
Upton, Archer Thomas, -1875
Wilson, Frances Maria, 1799-1848
Wilson, Lestock P.

Subjects

Distribution of decedents' estates -- Great Britain -- 19th century
Families -- Great Britain -- History -- 19th century
Probate law and practice -- Great Britain -- History -- 19th century
Wills -- Great Britain -- History -- 19th century

Geographic Areas

Great Britain -- social life and customs -- 19th century

Genre

Documents -- Great Britain -- 19th century
Letters (correspondence) -- Great Britain -- 19th century
Photographs -- Great Britain -- 19th century
Poems -- Great Britain -- 19th century
Wills -- Great Britain -- 19th century

Box 1

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FBA 1 **Edgeworth, Maria, 1768-1849. Mary Queen of Scots farewell to France: [poem] (1797, Apr. 23)**

(1 p.)

FBA 2 **Edgeworth, Maria, 1768-1849. To Sir Francis Beaufort, 1774-1857 (1817, Sep. 11)**

Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford, Ire. (6 p.)

FBA 3 **Edgeworth, Maria, 1768-1849. To Philip Crampton Esq / Surgeon General of Ireland / With a fountain Pen: [poem] ([1821, Apr.])**

(2 p.). On verso: "To Maria Edgeworth's Pen," copied out by Edgeworth but signed "PC."
Also enclosed: another copy of Maria Edgeworth's poem, copied out in a different hand (2 p.). Subject: Crampton, Philip, Sir, 1777-1858.

FBA 4 **[Unknown author]. "In the name of God, amen! I, D.A. Beaufort...:" [copy of the will of Daniel Augustus Beaufort, dated Jan. 6, 1797] ([approximately 1821])**

(4 p.). With cover sheet, with red wax seal. Subject: Beaufort, Daniel Augustus, 1739-1821.

FBA 5 [Unknown author]. "Mr. Bradford's Sermon : Extract of Bradford's sermon on my dear Father:" [sermon on the death of Daniel Augustus Beaufort, 1739-1821, copied out by his daughter] ([approximately 1821])

(4 p.)

FBA 6 Edgeworth, Maria, 1768-1849. To Sir Francis Beaufort, 1774-1857 ([approximately 1829])

(6 p.)

FBA 7 Edgeworth, Maria, 1768-1849. To [Louisa Anne, Marchioness of Waterford, 1818-1891] (1842, May 26)

Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford, Ire. (6 p.). Addressed to Lady Beresford.

FBA 8 Beaufort, Francis, Sir, 1774-1857. "Whereas my wife Honora and I are on the eve of a journey...:" [codicil to a will Beaufort signed on June 2, 1843] (1843, June 3)

[London, Eng.] (2 p.). With red wax seal.

FBA 9 Edgeworth, Maria, 1768-1849. "Much loved Honora, constant friend of mine...: [poem] (1844, Jan. 1)

(1 p.)

FBA 10 Edgeworth, Maria, 1768-1849. To Lady Honora Beaufort, 1791-1858 (1848, Apr. 23)

(4 p.)

FBA 11 Edgeworth, Maria, 1768-1849. To Lady Honora Beaufort, 1791-1858 (1848, Oct. 27)

Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford, Ire. (4 p.)

FBA 12 [Unknown author]. Epitome of the settlement made previous to the marriage of Capt. Beaufort and Miss Wilson, dated Dec. 1, 1812 ([approximately 1850]?)

(4 p.)

FBA 13 James Simonton, Dublin. 8 photographs of Edgeworthstown [House] Co. Longford / Home of R L Edgeworth / and Maria his daughter ([approximately 1850]?)

With envelope. Subjects: Edgeworth, Maria, 1768-1849 ; Edgeworth, Richard Lovell, 1744-1817.

FBA 14 [Unknown author]. Estimates of property and income for probate for Sir Francis Beaufort ([approximately 1857])

(4 p.)

FBA 15 [Unknown author]. "On the eve of parting from my family...:" [copy of the will of Sir Francis Beaufort, dated Jan. 21, 1817], followed by: "Nine years additional experience...:" [copy of a codicil to the will of Sir Francis Beaufort, dated July 11, 1826] ([approximately 1857]?)

(3 p.). Also enclosed: modern envelope for another will, dated Dec. 17, 1857.

FBA 16 [Beaufort, Rosa Elizabeth]. To [Harriet Henrietta Beaufort, 1778-1865] (1858, Jan. 3)

(20 p.). Addressed to: "My dear Aunt Harriet;" pages are tied together with black thread. Copied out by "LCB" [Lucy C. Beaufort?]

FBA 17 **Edgeworth, Frances Anne, 1769-1863. To Lestock P. Wilson (1858, Mar. 13-16)**

(4 p.)

FBA 18 **[Bazalgette, E----]. "Copy of the opinion of Mr. Bazalgette on the following questions" (1858, Mar. 19)**

Lincolns Inn, London, Eng. (2 p.)

FBA 19 **[Unknown author]. Memorandum and notes concerning Lady Honora Beaufort's will, estate and valuation of furniture, etc. (1858, Mar.-June)**

[London, Eng.] (6 p.)

FBA 20 **Beaufort, Daniel Augustus, 1814-1898. To Lestock P. Wilson (1858, Apr. 2)**

Warrington, Cheshire, Eng. (4 p.). With envelope.

FBA 21 **Beaufort, Daniel Augustus, 1814-1898. To Charles Sneyd Edgeworth, 1786-1864 (1858, Apr. 20)**

(4 p.). Marked "Copy." Followed by: copy of a letter from DAB to CSE, Apr. 21, 1858, then a copy of a letter from CSE to DAB, n.d.

FBA 22 **[Upton, Archer Thomas, -1875]. "I have read the will and codicil..." [copy of statement by Upton regarding Sir Francis Beaufort's will] (1858, May 6)**

London, Eng. (4 p.)

FBA 23 **[Fox, Charles]? To Lestock P. Wilson (1858, May 20)**

London, Eng. (2 p.)

FBA 24 **Upton, Archer Thomas, -1875. To Miss ----- Beaufort (1858, June 1)**

London, Eng. (4 p.). Cataloger's note: written to one of Sir Francis Beaufort's daughters.

FBA 25 **[Unknown author]. [Legal notes on the will and codicil of Sir Francis Beaufort] ([1858])**

(52 p.). Written in various hands; originally tied together with string.

FBA 26 **[Unknown author]. Notes on the settlement on the marriage of Capt. F. Beaufort R.N. and Alicia M. Wilson, dated 1st December 1812 ([1858])**

(3 p.)

FBA 27 **[Unknown photographer]. [Photograph of three older ladies] ([before 1859]?)**

With some initials on verso. Also enclosed: bookplate of Robert Bidduplh, 1801-1864, of Ledbury.

FBA 28 **[Unknown artist]. [Reproduction of a silhouette of Frances Maria Wilson] ([before 1859]?)**

With some damage.