Leigh family papers

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Descriptive Summary
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Abstract: The Leigh family papers is a collection of letters, poems and manuscripts of six generations of the Leigh family
of Adlestrop mainly concerning family matters and the society in which they lived.

Language of Material: The records are in English.

Access
Collection is open to qualified researchers by prior application through the Reader Services Department. For more
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Biographical Note
The Leigh family, descended from Sir Thomas Leigh, Lord Mayor of London for Queen Elizabeth I, were a long-established
family in Adlestrop in Gloucestershire. They were connected by marriage to many other wealthy families in Gloucestershire
and Oxfordshire, including the Dukes of Chandos and the Austens. The Leighs of Adlestrop were Jane Austen’s maternal
relatives.

Arrangement
The collection is arranged chronologically. It is housed in two boxes.

Scope and Content
The papers consist of the following:
Box 1: Correspondence and Manuscripts are arranged chronologically. The collection consists of letters, poems and other
manuscripts written by various members of the Leigh family and other people in their circle. The letters are mainly
concerned with the intimate, mundane, playful and tragic aspects of family life from the early modern period until the
middle of the 19th century. There is also a small number of poems, written by or copied out by family members, a Hymn, a
speech, and a travel account.
Please note: there is no material in this collection by Jane Austen nor is she a subject of any of this material. But, the Leigh
Family Papers will allow researchers to develop enhanced understanding of her family and kin networks, gendered
relationships, literature, and English sociability.
Box 2: Album. The 19th century volume is titled in gild on the spine, "Original Family Papers &c. Vol. 1. MSS." Letters and
other material purchased by the Library Collectors’ Council have been removed from the volume by the Huntington Library
Conservation Department. An unknown number of letters were removed from the volume prior to the Huntington Library
purchase.
The entire collection has been digitized. Please visit the Huntington Digital Library to view the material:

Note

Cataloger's Notes
1. The decision was made to remove and conserve all material in the album. This work was done before the material was cataloged; but some evidence of original mountings (old glue, stubs, etc.) remain on the letters and manuscripts.
2. A large number of the letters and manuscripts retain the autograph ink notes written by Frederick Leigh Colvile, 1819-1886 (FLC); these notes were not noted on the folder or in the Finding Aid.

Personal Names
Austen, Jane, 1775-1817 -- Family -- Sources
Austen-Leigh, James Edward, 1798-1874
Barton, Henry, 1717 or 1718-1790
Brydges, Henry, 1676?-1728
Chandos, James Brydges, Baron, 1642-1714
Colvile, Frederick Leigh, 1819-1886
Cooper, Edward, 1770-1835
D'Oyly, Diana Rochfort, Lady, -1803
D'Oyly, John Hadley, Sir, 1754-1818
Hastings, Warren, 1732-1818
Hoskyns, Mary Leigh, Lady, 1699-1735
Leigh, Caroline Brydges, Lady, 1730-1804
Leigh, Charles, 1700-1766
Leigh, Edward, 1708-1737
Leigh, Elizabeth Craven, approximately 1651-1687
Leigh, Elizabeth, 1735-1816
Leigh (Family : Adlestrop, England) -- Archives
Leigh, James Henry, 1765-1823
Leigh, James, 1724-1774
Leigh, Joanna Pury, 1625?-1689
Leigh, Julia Twisleton, 1771-1843
Leigh, Mary Lord, approximately1695-1756
Leigh, Mary Leigh, 1731-1797
Leigh, Mary, 1728-1768
Leigh, Theophilus, approximately 1643-1725
Leigh, Theophilus, 1693-1785
Leigh, Thomas, 1734-1813
Leigh, Tryphena, 1678-1744
Leigh, William, 1691-1757
Leigh of Stoneleigh, Edward Leigh, Baron, 1742-1786
Leigh of Stoneleigh, Thomas Leigh, Baron, 1713-1749
Parr, Samuel, 1744-1825
Rowe, Elizabeth Singer, 1674-1737
Trapp, Joseph, 1679-1747
Turner, Edward, Sir, 1719-1766
Warburton, William, 1698-1779
Willes, John, Sir, 1685-1761
Wentworth, Thomas, 1693-1747
Wight, Cassandra Leigh, 1695-1778

Subjects
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Childbirth -- Great Britain -- History -- 18th century
Earthquakes -- Great Britain -- 18th century
Families -- Great Britain -- History -- 17th century
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Families -- Great Britain -- History -- 19th century
Smallpox -- Great Britain -- History -- 18th century

Geographic Areas
Bath (England) -- History -- 17th century
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England -- Social life and customs -- 17th century
England -- Social life and customs -- 18th century
England -- Social life and customs -- 19th century

Genre
Drawings -- Great Britain -- 18th century
Letters (correspondence) -- Great Britain -- 17th century
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Poems -- Great Britain -- 19th century

Box 1

Correspondence, Manuscripts & Poems (HM 81608-81660) 1686/87-1866

HM 81608  Leigh, Elizabeth Craven, approximately 1651-1687. Letter to Theophilus Leigh, approximately 1643-1725 (1686/87, Mar. 12)
           Red wax seal, (2 p.)

HM 81609  Leigh, Elizabeth Craven, approximately 1651-1687. Letter to Theophilus Leigh, approximately 1643-1725 (1687, June 11)
           Black wax seal; cover sheet, (1 p.)

HM 81610  Leigh, Joanna Pury, 1625?-1689. Letter to Theophilus Leigh, approximately 1643-1725 (1688, June 23)

HM 81611  [Chandos, James Brydges, Baron, 1642-1714]. Watercolor drawing of [Embroidered Portefeuille envelope] [approximately 1700?]
           On verso: description of William Colvile Esq. of Newton's signature, previously removed; with watercolor crown illustration, (2 p.)

HM 81612  Leigh, Theophilus, approximately 1643-1725. Letter to Theophilus Leigh, 1693-1785 (1716, June 21)
           With some repair, (3 p.)
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<td>Barnsley, England</td>
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<td>([1732]??, May 11)</td>
<td>Red wax seal; cover sheet, (1 p.)</td>
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HM 81626  Leigh, Charles, 1700-1766. Letter to Theophilus Leigh, 1693-1785 (1740, May 12)
           Ross. Red wax seal; final page repaired, (3 p.)

HM 81627  Warburton, William, 1698-1779. Letter to Theophilus Leigh, 1693-1785
           (1741, May 12)
           Newark upon Trent, England, (1 p.)

HM 81628  Leigh, William, 1691-1757. Letter to Theophilus Leigh, 1693-1785
           (1743/44, Jan. 15)
           Adlestrop, Glos., England, (1 p.)

HM 81629  Leigh, William, 1691-1757. Letter to Theophilus Leigh, 1693-1785
           (1743/44, Jan. 28)
           Adlestrop, Glos., England, (3 p.)

HM 81630  Leigh of Stoneleigh, Thomas Leigh, Baron, 1713-1749. Letter to
           Theophilus Leigh, 1693-1785 (1744, Apr. 10)

HM 81631  Leigh, William, 1691-1757. Letter to Theophilus Leigh, 1693-1785 (1745,
           Oct. 26)
           Adlestrop, Glos., England, (1 p.). Subject: smallpox

HM 81632  Leigh, William, 1691-1757. Letter to Theophilus Leigh, 1693-1785 (1745,
           Nov. 20)
           Adlestrop, Glos., England, (1 p.)

HM 81633  Leigh, William, 1691-1757. Letter to Theophilus Leigh, 1693-1785 (1747,
           June 8)
           Adlestrop, Glos., England. Black wax seal; cover sheet repaired, (2 p.)

HM 81634  Leigh, Thomas, 1734-1813. Letter to Theophilus Leigh, 1693-1785 (1748,
           Sep. 3)
           Evesham, England. Final page repaired, (2 p.)

HM 81635  Leigh, James, 1724-1774. Letter to Theophilus Leigh, 1693-1785 (1749/50,
           Mar. 12)
           century

HM 81636  Turner, Edward, Sir, 1719-1766. Letter to Theophilus Leigh, 1693-1785
           (1752, Mar. 31)
           London, England, (3 p.)

HM 81637  Banbury, William, Sir. Letter to Theophilus Leigh, 1693-1785 (1755, Mar.
           26)

HM 81638  Leigh, Thomas, 1734-1813. Epithalamium / Sung by the Muses / on the
           Marriage of James Leigh...to...Lady Caroline Brydges...: [poem] (1755)
           (4 p.)
HM 81639 Leigh, Mary, 1728-1768. Letter to Theophilus Leigh, 1693-1785 (1760, Mar. 6)
Cavendish Square, London, England, (5 p.)

HM 81640 Turner, Edward, Sir, 1719-1766. Letter to Theophilus Leigh, 1693-1785 (1762, June 17)
Bath, England, (4 p.)

HM 81641 Turner, Edward, Sir, 1719-1766. Letter to Theophilus Leigh, 1693-1785 (1763, July 28)

HM 81642 Leigh of Stoneleigh, Edward Leigh, Baron, 1742-1786. Letter to Theophilus Leigh, 1693-1785 (1764, Apr. 18)

HM 81643 [Leigh, Mary, 1728-1768]. A Hymn Taken from the 148th Psalm [before 1768]
(6 p.)

HM 81644 Leigh, Theophilus, 1693-1785. Letter to Thomas Leigh, 1734-1813 (1774, June 17)

HM 81645 Leigh, Theophilus, 1693-1785. Letter to Lady Caroline Brydges Leigh, 1730-1804 (1779, Feb. 1)
Balliol College, Oxford, England. Some repair, with portion of final page torn away, (1 p.)

HM 81646 [Barton, Henry, 1717 or 1718-1790]. Letter to Thomas Leigh, 1734-1813 (1785, Sep. 24)

HM 81647 Willes, John, Sir, 1685-1761. On Lady Saye & Sele & Lady Hawke going to Court / Lady S: & S: in Blue & Gold Lady H: in Mourning. by the same: [poem]
[approximately 1785?] (1 p.). Copied out by Julia Twisleton Leigh, 1771-1843.

HM 81648 Willes, John, Sir, 1685-1761. On Miss Turner (now Lady Saye & Sele), by John Willes Esq ---: [poem] [approximately 1785?] (1 p.). Copied out by Julia Twisleton Leigh, 1771-1843.

HM 81649 [Leigh, Elizabeth, 1735-1816]. [Account of a Tour to Malvern, & up the Wye, Herefordshire] (1797, Aug. 7-21) (4 p.)

HM 81650 [Leigh, Elizabeth, 1735-1816]. "My Dear little Neice, dont wish to be eighty..." [poem] [(1797-1798)?] (1 p.). With autograph note on verso, written by Julia Leigh. This poem written for Julia Leigh Colvile (d. 1871), daughter of James Henry Leigh and Julia Twisleton Leigh.

HM 81651 [Rowe, Elizabeth Singer, 1674-1737]. Soliloquy: [poem] [approximately 1800?] (2 p.). Copied out by Elizabeth Leigh, 1735-1816.


HM 81656  [Leigh, James Henry, 1765-1823]. Prologue [to Chrononhhotonthologos] [1821] (3 p.)

HM 81657  Leigh, James Henry, 1765-1823. "It has been generally the opinion of many of the ablest supporters of Christianity that Sunday was designed by the Creator as a day of relaxation...:" [speech?] [approximately 1821] (8 p.)


Box 2

19th century Album [material removed]

Album. Titled in gilt on the spine, "Original Family Papers &c. Vol. 1. MSS" [19th century] All letters and other material have been removed from the volume by the Huntington Library Conservation Department.