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Papers of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, (1808 - 1891)

1838 - 1896

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Administrative/Biographical History:

William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, was born on 27 April 1808, the eldest of the four children of William Cavendish and his wife, the Hon. Louisa O'Callaghan, eldest daughter of Cornelius O'Callaghan, first Baron Lismore. His grandfather was George Augustus Henry Cavendish, 1st Earl of Burlington; William Cavendish, 4th Duke of Devonshire, was his great-grandfather. William Cavendish was styled as Lord Cavendish between 1831 and 1834; as Earl of Burlington between 1834 and 1858; and as the 7th Duke of Devonshire between 1858 and 1891. The changes in his title are reflected in the descriptions of documents, for example he will be referred to as the Earl of Burlington in diaries dated between 1838 and 1858 but as the 7th Duke of Devonshire in diaries dating from 1858 onwards.

Cavendish's father was killed in a carriage accident in 1812. He was educated at Eton College and Trinity College, Cambridge, and took his BA and MA in 1829, when he was second wrangler and first Smith's prizeman. In June 1829 he was returned as MP for Cambridge University, and two months later he married his relative, Lady Blanche Georgiana (1812–1840), fourth daughter of George Howard, 6th Earl of Carlisle, and favourite niece of William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire. Blanche, almost a child bride, was as serious, earnest, and devout as her husband. They had three sons and one daughter: Lady Louisa Caroline Cavendish (later Egerton, 1835-1907); Spencer Compton Cavendish (1833-1908, later 8th Duke of Devonshire), Lord Frederick Charles Cavendish (1836-1882), and Lord Edward Cavendish (1838-1891).

When her uncle (the 'bachelor duke') took to religion in the 1830s, Blanche was a source of support and encouragement to him in his new-found sense of sin. When she died in 1840 (her doctors said of 'great nervous debility', but more probably of tuberculosis since she had been coughing blood) her uncle was almost as desolated as her husband.

Cavendish had no great political ambitions. He was ejected by Cambridge University in 1831 because he had taken the family Whig line in supporting the Reform Bill; he was immediately found another seat in the Fitzwilliam borough of Malton, and he was then translated to the Cavendish family Derbyshire seat when the incumbent, his grandfather, was created Earl of Burlington later that year. He was rarely heard from again in Parliament after succeeding to the Burlington title and estates in 1834. Those estates, in north Lancashire and Sussex, had come to the 4th Duke of Devonshire by marriage (along with vast Irish estates in Cork and Waterford), and had been left by him to his third, but second surviving, son.

He and his wife were greatly attached to the houses on the Burlington properties – Holker Hall in north Lancashire, and Compton Place in Eastbourne. The death of his wife at first turned Cavendish into a recluse at Holker, looking after its famous herd of shorthorns and resisting the 6th Duke's suggestion that he should move to Chatsworth with his four young children. Very soon he threw himself into the personal management of his estates which was to occupy the rest of his life. Furness was the first to absorb his attention, when he and the other great landowner in the neighbourhood, the duke of Buccleuch, played leading parts in launching



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the Furness Railway in 1843; this was designed to facilitate the transport of their slate and iron ore to the coast at the village of Barrow. Then from 1848 Cavendish became interested in the development of Eastbourne, and over the next forty years his investments in waterworks, gasworks, pier, and park, along with his patronage and the measures of his estate office to control the tone of development, were held to have been largely responsible for making Eastbourne into 'the Empress of watering places' (*Eastbourne Chronicle*, 4 June 1904). He also contributed to the development of Buxton as a watering place.

Furness was a different story. There nothing less was afoot than the creation, virtually from scratch, of a whole new industrial district, and the Duke found himself, sometimes reluctantly, drawn into the leadership of this process. The rise of Barrow as an industrial town, which began with the establishment of the Haematite Steel Company in 1859, was most directly associated with the enterprise and capital of the major industrialists, H.W. Schneider, Robert Hannay, and Sir James Ramsden. Behind them lay the capital and commitment to the economic expansion of the region manifested by the Duke. He never adopted a rentier attitude towards this part of his possessions; far from simply pocketing his mineral royalties and railway dividends he regarded it as a matter of self-interest and moral duty to use them to finance the further development of the region; and this continuing stream of investment, coupled with his close attention to all the businesses with which he became involved, made him into a regional entrepreneur of the first rank. The Park-Vale iron ore and Furness Railway ventures led on, with convincing economic logic, to his active involvement in the steel company and in the Barrow docks, once more in partnership with the duke of Buccleuch; and thence to the shipbuilding company which became the Naval Construction and Armaments Company (eventually sold to Vickers in 1896). He also invested in a shipping company and, using the growing pool of potential female labour created by the growth of Barrow and its male-dominated industries, in a flax and jute company.

Even before he succeeded to the dukedom Cavendish had committed more than £100,000 to Barrow enterprises. He then discovered that the 6th Duke had left the Devonshire estates saddled with debts of £1 million. He took measures to curb expenditure, and considered selling parts of the estates. He was persuaded that this would lead to loss of influence and social humiliation, and increased his exertions to nurture the great Barrow boom of the 1860s and early 1870s. Investment in the Barrow ventures increased steadily and for a while the dividends from them soared, so that at the peak in 1874 the Duke, with a gross income of more than £300,000, was probably the richest individual in the land, with more than half of his income coming from Barrow. Some of the inherited debt was cleared, but the Barrow investments necessitated some fresh borrowing, so that the overall debt remained much the same. Then, after 1874, misfortune struck. First, the whole British economy suffered a setback, and second, Barrow was hit especially hard by the ending of the 'Bessemer boom' in the steel industry (stimulated by Sir Henry Bessemer's process). The Duke's income from the Barrow enterprises collapsed from £150,000 a year in the early 1870s to barely £8000 a year at the end of the 1880s; in the same period he poured money into 'his' firms in a frantic effort to prop up the ailing steel, shipbuilding, shipping, and jute companies, so that at his death he left debts of some £2 million, all sunk in what had turned into unproductive investments. His eldest



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son, Spencer Compton Cavendish, 8th duke, was left to sort out this financial mess, and was astonishingly successful in the task.

The 7th Duke never appeared in society in London, reserving his public life for more serious pursuits, notably the support of higher education. He was the first Chancellor of the University of London, from 1836 to 1856, and an important influence on its early development. He was Chancellor of Cambridge University from 1862 until his death; he was Chairman of the Royal Commission on Scientific Instruction and the Advancement of Science, which sat from 1871 to 1874; and he provided for the Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge in 1874. He was a considerable benefactor of Owens College, Manchester, and of the Yorkshire College of Science, Leeds; when these colleges became part of the new federal Victoria University in 1880 he was its first chancellor.

Cavendish supported Irish disestablishment in 1869 but opposed home rule and became a Liberal Unionist in 1886. Elected a Fellow of the Royal Society on 10 December 1829, he was made an honorary LLD of Cambridge, as well as being nominated a Knight of the Garter in 1858 and sworn of the privy council in 1876. He died at Holker Hall on 21 December 1891 and was buried at Edensor, close to Chatsworth, on 26 December. He was survived by his eldest son and his only daughter, Lady Louisa Caroline (*d*. 1907), who married Rear-Admiral Francis Egerton in 1865. His two younger sons, Lord Frederick Charles Cavendish and Lord Edward Cavendish, predeceased him. Lord Frederick was murdered hours after his arrival in Dublin as Chief Secretary for Ireland in May 1882, in the Phoenix Park killings.

Source: F.M.L. Thompson, 'Cavendish, William, seventh duke of Devonshire (1808-1891)', Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Custodial History:

Most of the material in the collection was created or acquired by William Cavendish, 4th Duke of Devonshire, and remained within the family; its exact archival history is unknown.

Source of Acquisition:

The material was extant in The Devonshire Collection prior to 1 August 2011.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of personal papers of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire. It includes 33 of the Duke's diaries covering the period 1838-1890. There is also a series of accounting records which includes: 15 volumes of summaries of the 7th Duke's household and personal expenditure from 1858-1886; the Duke's personal account books from 1858-1888; and individual receipts and payments for transactions carried out by William Cavendish when he was styled Earl of Burlington.

Family correspondence represented in the collection includes: a volume of copies of family letters; the correspondence of the Duke's wife, Blanche Cavendish and his mother, Louisa



Cavendish; letters sent from the Duke's grandson, Victor Cavendish; letters sent by the Duke's sister, Lady Louisa Egerton; and letters from the Duke's son, Lord Frederick Cavendish, sent home from a trip to America in 1859. There are also resolutions of condolence sent to the Duke on the death of his son, Lord Frederick Cavendish in the politically-motivated Phoenix Park murders in 1882 and other papers of the Duke concerning his son's death. Non-family correspondence includes letters to Richard Almack concerning a house sale at Strawberry Hill House, letters from the Rev. E. Baines, a letter from writer Elizabeth Gaskell, and other general correspondence. The correspondence includes some letters which post-date the Duke's death as there is a selection of letters that are addressed to his daughter, Louisa Egerton, in the years after her father's death.

Finally there is a series of 'other papers' of the 7th Duke of Devonshire, including: a guestlist for Chatsworth House from 1863; a copy of the *Cambridge University Reporter* - Report of the Meeting for procuring a Portrait of the Duke; a memorial to the Duke; a notice showing rules for the tenants of Holker Cottages, December 1840; formal addresses presented to the Duke; and William Cavendish's sketchbooks, with sketches drawn in Russia, where he accompanied the 6th Duke in 1826.

System of Arrangement:

The material has been arranged into the following four series:

- DF5/1: Diaries, 1838-1890
- DF5/2: Accounts, 1858-1890
- DF5/3: Correspondence, 1840-1896
- DF5/4: Other papers, 1840-c.1891

Conditions Governing Access:

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English.

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Related Material:

Further correspondence of the 7th Duke of Devonshire can be found in the following collections in the Chatsworth Archives: Correspondence Series 2 (GB 2495 CS2); the 6th Duke's correspondence series (GB 2495 CS6); and the 8th Duke's correspondence series (GB 2495 CS8).



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<u>DF5/1</u>	Diaries of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	<u>22 January 1838 - 3</u> <u>August 1890</u>	<u>Section</u>
	This series consists of the diaries of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, from 22 January 1838 to 3 August 1890.		
	There is a handwritten index to the diaries, held in a separate collection (see NAT/125/1-6).		
	33 volumes		
DF5/1/1	Diary of William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington, Volume 1	22 January 1838 - 4 April 1840	ltem
	Diary endorsed "Diary of my Grandfather when Lord Burlington in 1838". The first of two volumes endorsed as Volume 1.		
	1 item		
DF5/1/2	Diary of William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington, Volume 1	15 July 1838 - 14 March 1839	ltem
	The second of two volumes endorsed as Volume 1. 1 item		
DF5/1/3	Diary of William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington, Volume 2	15 March 1839 - 13 June 1839	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/4	Diary of William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington, Volume 3	6 April 1840 - 24 July 1842	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/5	Diary of William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington, Volume 4	28 July 1842 - 10 October 1844	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/6	Diary of William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington, Volume 5	13 October 1844 - 16 July 1846	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/7	Diary of William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington, Volume 6	18 July 1846 - 22 August 1848	Item



	1 item		
DF5/1/8	Diary of William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington, Volume 7	25 August 1848 - 28 March 1850	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/9	Diary of William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington, Volume 8	29 March 1850 - 16 March 1852	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/10	Diary of William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington, Volume 9	18 March 1852 - 31 July 1853	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/11	Diary of William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington, Volume 10	1 August 1853 - 3 April 1855	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/12	Diary of William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington, Volume 11	5 April 1855 - 5 January 1857	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/13	Diary of William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington, Volume 12	6 January 1857 - 10 August 1858	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/14	Diary of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, Volume 13 1 item	11 August 1858 - 21 May 1860	Item
DF5/1/15	Diary of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, Volume 14	22 May 1860 - 16 December 1861	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/16	Diary of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, Volume 15 1 item	18 December 1861 - 20 April 1863	Item
DF5/1/17	Diary of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, Volume 16	21 April 1863 - 11 September 1864	Item



	1 item		
DF5/1/18	Diary of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, Volume 17	13 September 1864 - 4 May 1866	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/19	Diary of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, Volume 18	5 May 1866 - 15 September 1867	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/20	Diary of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, Volume 19	16 September 1867 - 3 May 1869	ltem
	1 item		
DF5/1/21	Diary of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, Volume 20	4 May 1869 - 1 October 1870	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/22	Diary of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, Volume 21	2 October 1870 - 23 April 1872	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/23	Diary of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, Volume 22	24 April 1872 - 15 November 1873	ltem
	1 item		
DF5/1/24	Diary of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, Volume 23	16 November 1873 - 22 October 1875	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/25	Diary of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, Volume 24	9 May 1876 - 5 June 1878	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/26	Diary of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, Volume 25	7 June 1878 - 2 June 1880	ltem



	1 item		
DF5/1/27	Diary of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, Volume 26	3 June 1880 - 25 November 1882	ltem
	1 item		
DF5/1/28	Diary of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, Volume 27	26 November 1882 - 6 May 1884	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/29	Diary of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, Volume 28	6 May 1884 - 31 January 1886	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/30	Diary of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, Volume 29	2 February 1886 - 2 January 1888	Item
	1 item		
DF5/1/31	Diary of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, Volume 30	5 January 1888 - 3 August 1890	Item
	1 item	-	
DF5/1/32	Recollections of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, on Relvil's sermon at Caton Church	30 June 1839	ltem
	1 item		
DF5/1/33	Diary of William Cavendish	1820	Item
	1 item		
<u>DF5/2</u>	Accounts of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	<u> 1858 - 1890</u>	<u>Section</u>
	This series includes 15 volumes containing summaries of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire's household and personal expenditure from 1858-1886. It also includes the Duke's personal account books from 1858-1888 and individual receipts and payments for transactions carried out by William Cavendish, when he was styled as Earl of Purlington		

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22 volumes, 41 items

DF5/2/1	Summaries of the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1858 - 1886	Series
	Volumes listing the departments on which money was spent. The volumes show expenditure on things such as: interest, annuities, insurance, allowances to children, rates and taxes, wages, provisions, board wages, cellars, furniture and repairs, fuel and light, stables and carriages, washing, personal expenses, servants liveries, travelling and carriage of goods, books and stationery, medical attendance, clubs fees, subscriptions and donations, gardens, children miscellaneous, elections, petty expenses, estates, investment and succession duty. The volumes mostly cover expenditure for individual years, with three volumes giving summaries of expenditure over a number of years.		
	16 volumes		
DF5/2/1/1	Summary of the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1858	Item
	2 volumes		
DF5/2/1/2	Summary of the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1859	Item
	1 volume		
DF5/2/1/3	Summary of the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1860	Item
	1 volume		
DF5/2/1/4	Summary of the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1861	Item
	1 volume		
DF5/2/1/5	Summary of the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1862	Item
	1 volume		
DF5/2/1/6	Summary of the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1863	ltem



	1 volume		
DF5/2/1/7	Summary of the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1864	Item
	1 volume		
DF5/2/1/8	Summary of the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1865	Item
	1 volume		
DF5/2/1/9	Summary of the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1866	Item
	1 volume		
DF5/2/1/10	Summary of the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1867	Item
	1 volume		
DF5/2/1/11	Summary of the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1868	Item
	1 volume		
DF5/2/1/12	Summary of the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1869	Item
	1 volume		
DF5/2/1/13	Summary of the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1858 - 1866	ltem
	1 volume		
DF5/2/1/14	Summary of the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1865 - 1872	ltem
	1 volume		
DF5/2/1/15	Summary of the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1883 - 1886	Item
	1 volume		

DF5/2/2	Account Books of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire The volumes within this subseries show the personal expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire between 1858 and 1888. It also includes 2 passbooks for accounts held by the Duke with the London and Westminster Bank.	1853-1890	Series
	6 volumes		
DF5/2/2/1	Account Book Showing the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	January 1858 - October 1863	Item
	1 volume		
DF5/2/2/2	Account Book Showing the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	November 1863 - December 1869	Item
	1 volume		
DF5/2/2/3	Account Book Showing the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	January 1875 - July 1881	Item
	1 volume		
DF5/2/2/4	Account Book Showing the Expenditure of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	August 1881 - December 1888	Item
	1 volume		
DF5/2/2/5	Passbook for a bank account held by William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1887 - 1888	Item
	Passbook for an account held by William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire with the London and Westminster Bank Limited.		
	1 volume		
DF5/2/2/6	Passbook for a bank account held by William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1889 - 1890	Item
	Passbook for an account held by William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire with the London and Westminster Bank Limited.		
	1 volume		



DF5/2/3	Individual Receipts and Payments for Transactions Carried Out by William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington	1840 - 1850	Series
	41 items		
DF5/2/3/1	Rent Payments to the Worshipful Company of Clothworkers	1845 - 1846	Item
	Rent payments for property in the Manor of Sutton, Somersetshire.		
	2 items		
DF5/2/3/2	Receipts for building work undertaken in Eastbourne	16 June 1840 - 20 November 1840	Item
	Edward Maynard's account.		
	3 items		
DF5/2/3/3	A Letter and Receipts concerning the Purchase of Great Northern Railway Bonds	1850	Item
	1 letter and 5 receipts for the purchase of bonds by Henry Godwin.		
	6 items		
DF5/2/3/4	Correspondence concerning payments to Decimus Burton, Kelk and Co and Chittenden and Arnolds	7 September 1848 - 18 December 1848	Item
	Two letters concerning accounts. One letter concerning payment to Decimus Burton for work undertaken at Eastbourne and No.10 Belgrave Square and one letter detailing payments to Kelk and Co and Chittenden and Arnolds.		
	2 items		
DF5/2/3/5	Receipts of payments made by Joseph Paxton from the private accounts of the 6th and 7th Dukes of Devonshire	1857 - 1858	Item
	23 items		
DF5/2/3/6	Receipts of payments for work undertaken at the Lismore Estate under the 7th Duke of Devonshire	1858	Item



	5 items		
DF5/2/3/7	An account with Mansfield F Mills to the Duke of Devonshire for metal rails from Holmwood Colliery to Derwent Brick and Tile Yard	1858	Item
	1 item		
<u>DF5/3</u>	Correspondence of William Cavendish. 7th Duke of Devonshire	<u> 1840 - 1896</u>	<u>Section</u>
	This series largely contains letters sent to and from family members, including: a volume of copies of family letters; some correspondence of the Duke's wife, Blanche Cavendish and his mother, Louisa Cavendish; letters sent from the Duke's grandson, Victor Cavendish; and letters sent from the Duke's daughter, Lady Louisa Egerton.		
	It also includes resolutions of condolence sent to the Duke on the death of his son, Lord Frederick Cavendish and other papers that the Duke had collated concerning his son's death.		
	There is also non-family correspondence including letters to Richard Almack concerning a house sale at Strawberry Hill House, letters from the Rev E Baines and other general correspondence.		
	There are some letters which post-date the 7th Duke's death as the letters within the file DF5/3/3/8 were also addressed to his daughter, Louisa Egerton.		
	887 letters, 34 items, 2 volumes and 6 files		
DF5/3/1	Family and Personal Correspondence of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1819 - 1889	Series
	6 files and 123 letters		
DF5/3/1/1	Letters from Blanche Cavendish to William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington	December 1829 - August 1839	Subseries
	A loose bundle of 45 letters and manuscripts written by Lady Blanche Cavendish to her husband, William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington. Also includes one letter to William from his brother George and verses in the hand of Blanche.		
	The items include: Nos 1 to 37: Letters from Lady Blanche to Lord William Cavendish from the year of their marriage until a year before her death; Nos 38 and 39: Verses in Blanche's hand; No. 40: 1831 notes by Blanche from Faber on the prophecies; No.41: letter from Blanche to Queen Victoria on the occasion of her wedding		



	DF5: Papers of William Cavendish, 7 th Duke of Devonshire, (180 1838-1896	8-1891)
	1840; No.43: Lord Burlington, words on the death of Blanche; No. 45: George H Cavendish to William Cavendish, letter from Cambridge 1831.	
	45 letters	
DF5/3/1/2	Letters from Lord Frederick Cavendish to [William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington] and Lady Louisa Cavendish	2 January 1859 - 18 March 1859; 1860 - 1861
	Includes letters sent by Lord Frederick Cavendish, who was travelling in America in 1859, sent to his father William Cavendish, Lord Burlington, and his sister, Lady Louisa Cavendish. The letters were sent from Cincinnati, Boston, Baltimore, Charleston and Savannah.	
	15 letters	
DF5/3/1/3	Letters from Lord and Lady Edward Cavendish to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1850 - 1888
	6 files	
DF5/3/1/3/1	Letters from Lord Edward Cavendish to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1850 - 1888
	Letters sent to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire by his son, Lord Edward Cavendish.	
	Letters cover a variety of topics, covering family and political matters, including: 4 December 1857, a letter sent from Cambridge, referring to Edward attending a lecture by Dr Livingstone; 8 June 1868, a letter concerning the naming of Victor [Lord Edward's son, later 9 th Duke of Devonshire] after Queen Victoria and Princess	

6 files and 2 letters

DF5/3/1/3/2 Letters from Lady Edward Cavendish to [William Cavendish, 7th **Subsubseries** 27 July 1876; 12 Duke of Devonshire] January 1887 Letters addressed to 'Uncle Burlington' from Lady Edward

Cavendish. The letter dated 27 July 1876 concerns an invitation issued to Lord and Lady [Listowel]. Letter of 12 January 1887 is written by Lady Edward on behalf of Lord Edward who was

Christian who wished to be his godparents; 16 February 1877, a letter concerning a burglary at St George's Hill, the home of the Duke's daughter, Louisa Egerton; and 2 May 1881 and 4 May 1881, 2 letters concerning Lady Edward giving birth to a stillborn child.

Subseries

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recovering from an illness.

2 letters

DF5/3/1/4	Letters sent to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire by his grandchildren	1876 - 1878; 1880 - 1881; 1887	Subseries
	Includes letters sent to William Cavendish by his grandchildren, Victor Cavendish (18 letters), Dick [Richard] Cavendish (5 letters), and John Cavendish (2 letters).		
	25 letters		
DF5/3/1/5	Other letters sent by family members to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1866; 1889	Subseries
	4 letters and 1 volume		
DF5/3/1/5/1	Letters sent to [William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire] by Lady Constance Campbell	28 November 1889 - 18 December 1889	Item
	Letters addressed to 'Great Uncle' [William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire] from Lady Constance Campbell concerning the purchase of a collie puppy.		
	3 letters		
DF5/3/1/5/2	Letter sent to William [Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire] by Lady Caroline Lascelles	15 August 1866	Item
	Letter sent to William Cavendish, by his sister-in-law, Lady Caroline Lascelles concerning her daughter, and the Duke's niece, Lady Edward Cavendish giving birth to a stillborn child. Lady Edward was married to the Duke's son, Lord Edward, making the child the grandchild of the Duke.		
	1 letter		
DF5/3/1/5/3	Copies of family letters of William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington	1835 - 1853	Item
	Volume containing 4 pages of copies and extracts of family letters concerning William Cavendish, Lord Burlington, and his family. These letters mainly follow the progress and health of Lord		



	Burlington's son, Lord Frederick Cavendish from his birth to early adulthood. The volume also includes a description of Lady Burlington, written by her sister, Harriet, Duchess of Sutherland and two inserts. 1 volume		
DF5/3/1/6	Family and Personal Correspondence of William Cavendish, Lord Cavendish; Mrs Louisa Cavendish and Blanche Cavendish	1819 - 1831	Subseries
	Correspondence of William Cavendish, future 7th Duke of Devonshire and his family members. The majority of the letters are family correspondence. They include: letters written to and from William Cavendish by various correspondents; letters written to William Cavendish's mother, Louisa Cavendish, some concerning the education of her son; and letters written by his wife, Blanche Cavendish, sent to her mother.		
	32 letters		
DF5/3/2	Letters and papers concerning the death of Lord Frederick Cavendish	1882 - 1883	Series
	1 box		
DF5/3/2/1	Resolutions of Condolence sent to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, on the death of Lord Frederick Cavendish	1882; 1883	Item
	Includes 672 resolutions of condolence and sympathy letters; a telegram sent by the Lord Lieutenant to the Home Secretary announcing the death of Lord Frederick Cavendish; a copy of a message sent out by William Harcourt offering a reward for information leading to the conviction of Lord Frederick's murderers; a volume of the Eucharistica, Meditations and Prayers, with an inscription dedicated to Frederick Cavendish by [Lady Lucy Cavendish], June 1864; 2 newspaper extracts concerning Lord Frederick's death; a copy of a letter addressed to Lady Lucy; 2 copies of letters written by Lucy Cavendish concerning her feelings after Lord Frederick's death, including one written to 'Aunt Fanny'; a poem written by F T Palgrave, dated 20 June 1882; and a list of subscribers to Lord Frederick Cavendish's memorial fund, dated 20 July 1883.		

17 bundles: 677 letters, 5 items and 1 volume



DF5/3/2/2	Papers collated by William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire on the Death of Lord Frederick Cavendish	1882 - 1883	Item
	Items concerning the death of Lord Frederick Cavendish. Eleven items from an envelope marked Holker Hall - newspaper cuttings, memorial inscription, a letter from H Cowper to Lady Frederick Cavendish and 5 pages of notes written in pencil. Also includes 3 sermons written in memory of Lord Frederick Cavendish, a letter and a poem addressed to the Duke of Devonshire; a proposed inscription for cross at Bolton Abbey and an extract from the parish of St Mark's [newsletter], the parish in which Lord Frederick Cavendish was a trustee.		
	18 items		
DF5/3/2/3	Letter from Thomas Nugent to [William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire]	14 May 1882	Item
	A letter sent to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire by Thomas Nugent, following the death of Lord Frederick Cavendish in the Phoenix Park Murders. Nugent talks about religious issues in Ireland as a factor in the murders. Also includes lists compiled by [William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire noting Liberal Societies and Clubs. It is unclear why the lists were stored together with the letter from Thomas Nugent.		
	1 letter and 7 items		
DF5/3/2/4	Letter from W H Hayne to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	12 June 1882	Item
	A letter enclosing a sermon concerning the murders at Phoenix Park, Dublin.		
	1 letter and 1 item		
DF5/3/2/5	Letter from Thomas Whitaker to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	3 May 1883	Item
	Whitaker encloses a copy of the Ilkley Free Press and verses written in the memory of the Duke's son, Lord Frederick Cavendish [enclosures not present].		

	1 letter		
DF5/3/3	Collections correspondence of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1833 - 1896	Series
	Correspondence relating to the collections of the 7 th Duke (books, manuscripts, coins etc), and the history of the Cavendishes.		
	55 letters and 3 items		
DF5/3/3/1	Letters forwarded to William Cavendish concerning a Cavendish Coat of Arms found in Cavendish, [Suffolk]	1833 - 1834	ltem
	Correspondence of George Cavendish, 1st Earl of Burlington and Lord Charles [Cavendish] concerning a Cavendish Coat of Arms found during renovations to a property in Cavendish, [Suffolk]. The letters were forwarded to George Cavendish, 1st Earl of Burlington's grandson, William Cavendish (later 7th Duke of Devonshire).		
	5 letters		
DF5/3/3/2	Letter sent to [Mrs] Robinson from [William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington]	23 July [1839]	Item
	Letter thought to have been sent from the Earl of Burlington to Mrs Robinson concerning furniture. A list of Italian sketches is attached with a note saying that the sketches were received December 1839.		
	1 letter		
DF5/3/3/3	Letters sent to Richard Almack by William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington	1842; 1846	Item
	3 letters from William Cavendish, Lord Burlington addressed to Richard Almack, Sudbury. The letter dated 1842 refers to a sale to be held at Strawberry Hill House that year and the two letters of 1846 concern an oak cabinet offered to Lord Burlington by Richard Almack.		
	4 letters		
DF5/3/3/4	Letter sent by Lord Richard Cavendish to an unknown recipient Letter written by William Cavendish, the 7th Duke of Devonshire's brother, Lord Richard Cavendish to an unknown recipient. The letter concerns Lord Richard returning Senior's journal to the recipient	21 July 1859	ltem



and requesting other works. Sent from Compton Place, Eastbourne, Sussex.

1 letter

DF5/3/3/5	Letters sent to [William Cavendish, 7th] Duke of Devonshire concerning Library Collection requests	10 January 1878 - 7 June 1883	Item
	 This file includes letters sent to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire concerning items in his library collection. The letters are as follows: 2 letters concerning an application from George H Moore, Superintendent of the Lenox Library, New York, to procure a transcript of a play in the John Philip Kemble collection written by Col Hunter. 9 letters from Dr Grosart (1881-1883) and 1 draft response from the Duke 2 letters from/concerning Mr Grigg concerning the photography of <i>The Merchant of Venice</i> (1600) and other works by Shakespeare. 2 letters from Alexander Smith of the Hunterian Club concerning the loan of the first edition of Thomas Lodge's 'Looking Glasse', 1594, to the Club. Also includes 2 pages of unidentified notes. 		
	15 letters		
DF5/3/3/6	Letters from Reginald Stuart Poole of the British Museum, concerning the cleaning and arrangement of coins for William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	28 July 1879 - 4 August 1879	Item
	3 letters		
DF5/3/3/7	Letters sent to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire by Dr Grosart 4 letters addressed to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1883 - 1884	Item
	from Dr Grosart, concerning his research towards a publication of a biography of the 1st Earl of Cork. Found with the letters is a transcription of one of the letters, an extract taken from one of the letters and an unidentified note.		
	4 letters and 3 items		
DF5/3/3/8	Letters sent to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire and Lady Louisa Egerton Concerning Collection Enquiries	1884 - 1896	Item



	Letters addressed to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire and his daughter Lady Louisa Egerton concerning research and enquiries about the manuscript collections held by the Dukes of Devonshire. The letters date beyond the 7th Duke's death as the letters were also addressed to his daughter, Louisa Egerton. 17 letters		
DF5/3/3/9	Letters from J [Pycroft] Collier concerning letters of his father, John Payne Collier	January 1884	Item
	Includes two letters from J [Pycroft] Collier concerning letters of his father, John Payne Collier. When sorting through his late father's possessions, Collier found a large copy of the "Handbook of Chatsworth and Hardwick" in which was found correspondence of John Payne Collier concerning missing leaves from the play "King Johan", a play purchased by Collier on behalf of the 6th Duke of Devonshire. In his second letter Collier forwards the three letters concerning the missing leaves on the request of Lady Louisa Egerton.		
	5 letters		
DF5/3/3/10	Letter from William Clement Kendall to [William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire]	25 September [1887]	Item
	Concerning a medal commemorating an ancestor of William Kendall, namely Sir John Kendall the Knight of Rhodes and St John of Jerusalem, that Kendall believes to be in the collection of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire. Kendall asks if the Duke would be willing to part with the medal.		
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4	General Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1837 - 1890s	Series
	A small group of incoming and outgoing letters of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire.		
	29 letters		
DF5/3/4/1	Mounted envelope originally containing a letter from William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington to Reverend Henry Thompson	29 January 1837	Item



	The letter originally enclosed within the envelope was not present at time of cataloguing.		
	1 item		
DF5/3/4/2	Letter from H Blunt to William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington	[1840]	ltem
	A letter of condolence [the letter is undated, but perhaps sent on the death of Blanche Cavendish, Lady Burlington?].		
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/3	Letter from William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington, to Mrs Stanford	[1840]	Item
	Lord Burlington writes to [Stanford] concerning the health of Blanche Cavendish, Countess of Burlington, and asks [Stanford] not to bring their children to see their mother due to her illness. Written from West Hill, Surrey. The letter is undated.		
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/4	Letter from Caroline Norton to [William Cavendish], Earl of Burlington	25 March [c1850]	ltem
	Letter from Caroline Norton concerning a pamphlet she forwarded to him concerning laws affecting women (pamphlet not present at time of cataloguing).		
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/5	Copy of a letter from R C Hubberty to William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington	22 June 1853	ltem
	R C Hubberty writes concerning the education of William Cavendish's sons Lord Frederick Cavendish and Lord Edward Cavendish. Sent from West Deeping.		
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/6	Letter from [Michael] Faraday to William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington	21 June 1856	Item



	[Michael] Faraday writes to decline an invitation from William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington. Letter sent from the Royal Institute. 1 letter		
DF5/3/4/7	Letter from James [Simpson] to [William Cavendish], Earl of Burlington	19 May 1857	Item
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/8	Letter from Elizabeth Gaskell to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	4 March [1859]	Item
	Letter from Elizabeth Gaskell concerning the return of two letters sent to her by Patrick Brontë which she had forwarded to the late 6 th Duke of Devonshire. Includes a transcript of Patrick Brontë's letters.		
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/9	Letter from Vesin de'Romanini, Consul General to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	3 May 1860	Item
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/10	Letter from [illegible signature] to [an unspecified recipient]	16 November 1861	Item
	A response to [the publication of unspecified correspondence]. The sender mentions that many letters have already appeared in the Duke of Bedford's correspondence. Sent from The Grange, Alresford.		
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/11	Letter from William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire to Wilson	15 January 1863	Item
	Letter concerning [land] belonging to Major Vickers. A transcript is attached.		
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/12	Letter from William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire to Schulz	6 December 1864	Item



	Due to the death of Lord Carlisle the Duke will not be able to see Schulz. A transcript of the letter is attached.		
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/13	Letter from William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire to Reverend J K Richmond	30 June 1865	ltem
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/14	Letter from William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire to Reverend [G] R MacIlwaine	20 February 1866	ltem
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/15	Letter from William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire to a member of the Sussex Archaeological Society	4 July 1866	ltem
	The Duke is unable to accept the office of President of the Sussex Archaeological Society at their next annual general meeting.		
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/16	Letter from William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire to Mr Wheatley	1 April 1870	ltem
	Subscription to the Extra Series of the Early English Text Society.		
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/17	Letter from [William Cavendish, 7th Duke of] Devonshire to J Hibbert	16 September 1871	ltem
	Letter concerning William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire's subscription to the fund for the building of New Mills Public Hall. A transcription of the letter can be found with the document.		
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/18	Letter from William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire to Reverend E Baines	4 April 1876	ltem

1 letter



DF5/3/4/19	Letter from Lord Minto to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	21 October 1877	Item
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/20	Letter from Lord Minto to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	31 October 1877	Item
DF5/3/4/21	Letter from William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire to Reverend Milnes	13 June 1879	ltem
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/22	Letter from William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire to John Storror, University of London	15 May 1882	ltem
	Thanks the University of London for sending a Resolution of Condolence following the death [of the Duke's son, Lord Frederick Cavendish.]		
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/23	Letter from Thomas Lloyd Brown to [William Cavendish], Duke of Devonshire	24 May 1882	Item
	Letter of religious writing with reference to a religious pamphlet sent to the Duke of Devonshire by Thomas Lloyd Brown (pamphlet not present). Written from Leeds.		
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/24	Letter from William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire to an unspecified recipient	22 October 1883	Item
	The Duke is unable to attend a Board [of Guardians?] meeting.		
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/25	Letter from William Andrew to an unspecified recipient	3 December 1883	Item



	Letter concerning the situation of a man named Charles Fearn [of Church Broughton?] and the sale and state of cottages once owned by him. Andrew writes that the cottages are owned by the Church not the Duke of Devonshire. Sent from Church Broughton Vicarage, Derby. Appended to the letter is also a very fragile letter thought to have been sent to the Duke of Devonshire by Charles Fearn concerning the same matter.		
	2 letters		
DF5/3/4/26	Note from William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire to an unidentified recipient	24 July 1884	ltem
	The Duke is advising the recipient that he will call later that afternoon to view "the group of the Mayor & Aldermen of the Borough of Eastbourne" [The First Mayor, Aldermen and Clerk of the Borough of Eastbourne, by Henry Gales.]		
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/27	Toronto University [bookplate?] acknowledging the presentation of [a book] by the Duke of Devonshire	[1890s]	ltem
	1 item		
DF5/3/4/28	Petition from the Bell Ringers at the Parish Church of Edensor to the Duke of Devonshire]	[Late 19th Century]	ltem
	An undated petition sent to the Duke of Devonshire by the Bell Ringers at the Parish Church of Edensor asking the Duke to obtain new bells for the Parish Church. Please note that the item is undated, however three of the petitioners, Benjamin Hulley, George Booth and George Mather appear in the Chatsworth 1890 Pensions Book, listed as residents of Edensor.		
	1 letter		
DF5/3/4/11a	Letter from Hatton Turner to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	July 1864	ltem
	Letter enclosing a prospectus (no longer extant) on a work on "Aerostation" by Hatton Turner, trying to elicit a subscription to the book.		
	1 letter		

1 letter



<u>DF5/4</u>	Other Papers of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	<u> 1840 - c.1891</u>	<u>Section</u>
	This series includes a guestlist for Chatsworth House from 1863; a copy of the <i>Cambridge University Reporter</i> - Report of the Meeting for procuring a Portrait of the Duke; a memorial to the Duke; a notice showing rules for the tenants of Holker Cottages, December 1840; formal addresses presented to the Duke; and William Cavendish's sketchbooks, with sketches drawn in Russia, where he accompanied the 6th Duke in 1826.		
	11 items, 1 file and 3 volumes		
DF5/4/1	Guestlist for Chatsworth House	November 1863	Item
	A list of company staying at Chatsworth, November 1863		
	1 item		
DF5/4/2	Copy of <i>The Cambridge University Reporter</i> - Report of the Meeting for Procuring a Portrait of His Grace The Chancellor	1882	ltem
	A bound volume.		
	1 volume		
DF5/4/3	Memorial to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	c.1891	Item
	Memorial written after the death of the Duke of Devonshire. The memorial list is uncertain of the name of the Duke and records the name William Spencer Cavendish, 8th Duke of Devonshire with a question mark. Internal evidence suggests that the memorial is for William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire.		
	1 item		
DF5/4/4	Notice Showing Rules for tenants of Holker Cottages	December 1840	Item
	1 item		
DF5/4/5	Formal Addresses presented to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1861 - 1899	Series
	4 items		
DF5/4/5/1	Formal Address presented by the Mayor, Alderman and Burgess of Cambridge to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	11 June 1861	ltem



	Address to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire on his appointment as High Steward of the Borough of Cambridge. 1 item		
DF5/4/5/2	Formal address presented by The Corporation of the city of Carlisle to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire.	8 September 1899	ltem
	Address to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire on his visit to the city of Carlisle for laying foundation stone of Church of St Aidan.		
	1 item		
DF5/4/5/3	Formal Address Presented by The Committee of Management for building the Public Hall at New Mills to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire.	9 September 1871	ltem
	Address to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire on his visit to the town of New Mills for the opening of new Public Hall.		
	1 item		
DF5/4/5/4	Formal Address presented by The Corporation of the City of Manchester to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	14 July 1880	Item
	Address to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, in his capacity as Chancellor of the Victoria University, on the occasion of his visit to Manchester to inaugurate said university.		
	1 item		
DF5/4/6	Royal Warrant appointing William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire as Lord Lieutenant and Keeper of the Rolls of the County of Derby	7 May 1858	Piece
	1 item		
DF5/4/7	An extract of bequests made [by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire]	[c1850]	Piece
	Extract showing bequests made by [William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire], to his nephew William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington and others.		
	1 item		



DF5/4/8	A plan of a stained glass window erected by men employed at The Haematite Iron and Steel Works to commemorate the death of Lord Frederick Charles Cavendish	[1883]	Piece
	Design for a commemorative window erected in memory of Lord Frederick Cavendish, the second son of the 7th Duke of Devonshire, who was killed in Dublin on 6 May 1882.		
	1 item		
DF5/4/9	Royal Warrant appointing William Cavendish, Earl of Burlington as Lord Lieutenant and Keeper of the Rolls of the County of Lancaster	26 March 1857	Piece
	1 item		
DF5/4/10	Papers relating to the funeral of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire	1891; 1898	ltem
	Papers relating to the funeral of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, includes notes made on the Duke's funeral, lists of the names of bearers and those who worked on the grave, measurements of the Duke's grave and coffin and a journal of labour showing payments made to those who were connected with the arrangements for the interment of the Duke.		
	Also includes a seemingly unrelated letter from E Twigg and Co to J P Woodhead at Chatsworth concerning the price of mosaic tiles, dated 21 May 1898.		
	1 file		
DF5/4/11	A prayer to William Cavendish, Duke of Devonshire, Chancellor of the University of Cambridge	June 1862	Item
	A handwritten Latin prayer to William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, which was held in the chambers of Cambridge by William George Clark.		
	1 volume		
DF5/4/12	William Cavendish's Russian Sketchbooks	1826	Item
	Two sketchbooks used by William Cavendish when he accompanied the 6 th Duke of Devonshire on his embassy to Russia in 1826. 2 volumes		



