Contents listing

GENERAL INTRODUCTION
PUBLISHER'S NOTE
CONTENTS OF REELS
DETAILED LISTING
EXTRACTS
General Introduction

"The local record offices of Great Britain hold staggering quantities of manuscripts written by women. Only now is this vast resource being tapped. Women's own writings facilitate the exploration of a multiplicity of themes from the construction of identity to the composition of political communities, from the intimacies of emotional life to the structure of society. The examination of women's manuscripts will enable scholars to engage critically with the categories, modes of explanation, and chronology of recent women's history. Feminist theory can be evaluated and developed by applying it to the range of empirical material offered in Women's Language & Experience."

Dr Amanda Vickery, Consultant Editor
Lecturer in Modern British Women's History,
Royal Holloway, University of London

Scattered throughout the local record offices of England, Scotland and Wales are vital yet neglected sources for the study of women's history: diaries, commonplace books, travel journals and letters which describe women's lives and experiences in their own language.

This new project brings together such sources for the first time and makes possible a general overview of the condition of women in Britain from 1500 to 1940. It will suggest answers to questions such as:

Did women actually conform to prescribed models of authority?

How did women's aspirations and fantasies match up with their real lives?

Did women employ the rhetoric of submission selectively, with irony, or quite cynically?

This project will encourage work by scholars across many disciplines including English, Politics, History, the Social History of Medicine, Social Policy and Women's Studies.

Subjects covered include:

- Sexuality, masculinity & femininity
- Courtship & marriage
- Household organization & authority
- Childbearing, childrearing & parenting
- Medicine & health
- Women's paid & unpaid work
- Informal & institutionalized charity
- Religion & ethical values
- Gentlefolk, politeness & snobbery
- Tourism, taste & commercialized leisure
- Women's reading & visits to the theatre
- Political culture & social structure
- Perceptions of female destiny
- Female education & professional aspirations
- Equal rights feminism

The project is based on a nationwide trawl of women's diaries in public libraries, university libraries and county and regional record offices carried out by Dr Amanda Vickery, Consultant Editor for this project. Correspondence with, and subsequent visits to, many of the libraries and record offices concerned established that many hundreds of such diaries survive. They vary widely in style, clarity, content and extent.

To create a useful microform edition we have generally excluded diaries which are very sparse, those which are difficult to read, and those which are full but deal exclusively with topics such as weather observations. However, all diary sequences filmed have been filmed in their entirety, and the aim has been to provide as broad a range of diaries as possible, covering as many types of women as possible, over a broad date range.

<back


Publisher's Note

The aim of this project is to bring together a vast body of women's diaries and related materials from all over England, Scotland and Wales, so that scholars can examine women's lives over three centuries from a variety of perspectives. By examining their language and experience it is possible to see how dreams and aspirations changed over this period, to see how travel and work altered their lives, and to understand the roles of family, childbirth and death in shaping women's lives. With the publication of this fourth part we can now offer over 480 manuscript volumes describing the lives of c120 women between 1650 and 1943.

Part 4 is based on the manuscript holdings of the National Library of Scotland and the National Library of Wales, extending the geographical diversity of the diaries covered by this project. Over half of the volumes date from the 17th and 18th centuries.

There are 79 volumes from the holdings of the National Library of Scotland. In addition to diaries we have included some additional materials such as devotional notebooks, commonplace books, autobiographies and memoirs.

Amongst the important 17th century materials are Lady Halkett's Meditations (MSS.6489-6502). These 14 volumes are a mixture of religious reflections and diary entries, commenting on her sins, as well as on financial problems following the Civil War, historical episodes such as the Popish Plot of 1678, and thoughts on widowhood. They cover the period from c1650 to her death in 1699.

Records relating to Covenanters include both letters and memoirs for the period 1675-1704, mainly relating to three sisters - Elizabeth Collace, Jean Collace and Katharine Ross (Adv Mss 32.4.4 and 34.5.19). This material is chiefly religious in character, but includes some notice of family movements and affairs, conventicles and persecutions, and the texts of the field-preachers' sermons. By way of comparison, there are also 17th century memoirs for John Livingstone and James Fraser. The 17th century religious memoir of Marion Vetch is at Adv Mss 34.6.22.

Because evidence concerning witchcraft is so scarce, we have also included a small item (MS.1909) describing the confessions of Margaret Ducchall and others, accused of witchcraft, in Ailoa in 1658.

The 18th century is also well represented, starting with diaries describing the social life and private affairs of Anne, Lady Stuart, of Castlemilk (MSS.8224-8229 and 8231). The diaries of Mary Graham, 1781-1791 (MSS.3628-3637) offer a different perspective of life in the period detailing her work among the poor. The diaries also describe her travels in Spain and France, and her capture by an American privateer.

The autobiography of Eliza Fletcher, 1770-1817 (MS.3758) extends into the early 19th century, as do the correspondence, journals and songs of Lady Nairne and of her sisters, Mrs Stewart of Bonskieid, Mrs Steuart of Dalguise, and Mrs Keith of Ravelstone (MSS.580-986). These cover the period from 1763 to 1847 and provide a remarkable portrait of a scattered family who remained in close contact. They also give sharp insights into literary and artistic taste.

We have also taken the opportunity to include two fascinating manuscript volumes which shed much light on women's lives in this period. The first is an essay on female conduct by Margaret Monro dated circa 1739. This contains much practical advice, but warns that: "The danger of promiscuous reading of plays is so great, that no young woman ought to allow herself in it, she ought to read none, except such as are recommended to her by one whose judgement and sincere friendship she can rely on. Many novels are written in the same bad taste as the faulty plays, and tend greatly to turn the head and corrupt the heart...." (MS.6659, f31). The second is Tibbie Flint, a fictional life set in Roxburghshire, Edinburgh and London (MS.9379A-B). This was apparently written by Elizabeth Bell of Coldstream (1787-1876) between 1808 and 1828.

A variety of 19th century diaries describe life in Bath, York and at Fontainebleau School. Of particular note is Isabella Bremner's 1853 diary describing her passage to India and her subsequent life in Bombay as the wife of a doctor. There is also a substantial 13 volume run, 1825-1852, of diaries, commonplace books and account books of Lady Hislop, daughter of Hugh Elliot, the diplomat (MSS.13141-13153).

One of the most poignant and remarkable records is the medical journal of Lady Clementina Malcolm describing her ultimately unsuccessful struggle with breast cancer, 1829-1831. Attempts to cure or alleviate the condition by means of medicine, plaster, bathing and operation were all tried and the efficacy of rhubarb pills and opium are discussed. In addition to her own notes, there are letters from her children (Acc. 9756).

"Tuesday morn I renewed the plaster, took the medicine, Mr W said the increased discharge was what he wished, at night... took a rhubarb pill, not a very good night and considerable pain."

For the 20th century there is a substantial five volume diary for Elizabeth Haldane covering the period from 1910 to 1937 (MSS.20240-20244) and an account of Anne Geddes' visit to the United States in 1900 (MS.19997).

There are 35 volumes of manuscript diaries from the National Library of Wales which are equally diverse in scope.

The diary of Katherine Wynn (Peniarth Ms. 521A) dates from 1682, and the copybook of Katherine Thomas, c1660, (NLW MS.4340) includes verses on the death of her children.

One of the largest sequences of diaries is the 10 volume set for 1778-1786, describing the life of Elizabeth Baker of Dolgelau, together with her letter books, 1779-1797 (Peniarth 416 I, II and 501). Continuing on from this in date terms are the diaries of Elizabeth and Sarah Ann Ellis, 1786-1839 (19 volumes, NLW MSS.11737-11755).

The diary of Mary Rees (NLW MS.3093) describes the life of a Minister's wife, 1861-1862, while the lengthy run of Mrs Clerk's diaries (NLW MSS.15035-15041) provide insights into nineteenth century household management.
Finally, we offer 9 volumes of diaries and 2 volumes of related materials of Hester Lynch Piozzi (1741-1821) (NLW MSS.11096-11104). These describe her life at Brynbella with the musician, Gabriel Piozzi, her literary endeavours, and meetings with friends. There is good material relating to Samuel Johnson and the bluestockings. These papers also form an important complement to the records of the Ladies of Llangollen, Sarah Ponsonby and Eleanor Butler, (also published by Adam Matthew Publications) with whom she was closely connected.

These diaries will enrich our understanding of women’s lives in Britain from the 17th century to the 20th century, encompassing Catholics and Nonconformists, poor folk and aristocrats, writers and travellers, and many more besides.
Contents of Reels

Manuscript Source - Approximate Date - Person

REEL 1
Adv Ms 32.4.4  c1650-1697, 1704 Katherine Ross, Elizabeth Collace and Jean Collace
Adv Ms 34.5.19 c1650-1697, 1704 Katherine Ross, Elizabeth Collace and Jean Collace
Adv Ms 34.6.22 c1680 Marion Veitch memoirs

REEL 2
MS.980 1763-1876 Lady Nairne correspondence
MS.981A (ff1-185) 1789-1823 Lady Nairne journals

REEL 3
MS.981B (ff186-468) 1830-1841 Lady Nairne journals
MS.981C (ff469-683) c1836-1845 Lady Nairne journals
MS.982 1802 Mrs Stewart of Bonskeid journal

REEL 4
MS.983 1789-1808 Mrs Steuart of Dalguise journals
MS.984 1831-1847 Mrs Keith of Ravelstone journals

REEL 4A
MSS.985-986 c1780-1847 Lady Nairne Songs and Thoughts

REEL 5
MSS.1096-1100 1811-1812 Marjory Fleming diaries
MS.1909 1658 Confessions of witches
MS.2205 1717-1762 Elizabeth Walker Memorandum Book
MSS.3628-3637 1781, 1785-86, 1788-91 Mary Graham journals and diaries
MS.16045 1781 Mrs Fielding Journal

REEL 6
MS.3758 1770-1817 Eliza Fletcher autobiography
MSS.6489-6490 c1650-1699 Anne Lady Halkett's Meditations

REEL 7
MSS.6491-6493 c1650-1699 Anne Lady Halkett's Meditations

REEL 8
MSS.6494-6495 c1650-1699 Anne Lady Halkett's Meditations

REEL 9
MSS.6496-6498 c1650-1699 Anne Lady Halkett's Meditations

REEL 10
MSS.6499-6501 c1650-1699 Anne Lady Halkett's Meditations

REEL 11
MS.6502 c1650-1699 Anne Lady Halkett's Meditations

REEL 12
MS.6659 1739 Margaret Monro Essay on Female Conduct

REEL 13
MSS.8224-8229, 8231 1758, 1776-80, 1793 Lady Anne Stuart diaries
MS.9379 A-B 1808-1828 "Tibbie Flint's History" by Elizabeth Bell

REEL 14
MS.9481 1803-1805 Miss Ewbank journal
MS.9482 1809-1831 Miss McCulloch journal
MS.10225 1863-1864 Eliza Curr diary
MSS.13141-13144 1825-1852 Lady Hislop diaries
MSS.13145-13153 1826-1882 Lady Hislop note books and account books
MS.15904 1891 Elizabeth Ramsay diary
MS.15905 1790 Travel journal of a young lady

REEL 15
MS.19224 1853 Isabella Bremner Indian diary
MS.19997 1900: Anna Geddes diary
MSS.20240-20243 1910-1918 Elizabeth Haldane diaries

REEL 16
MS.20244 1919-1937 Elizabeth Haldane diaries
Acc. 9259 1822-1831 Lady Clementina Malcolm medical journal and related papers
Sources from the National Library of Wales

REEL 17
Peniarth 521A 1682 Katherine Wynn diary notes
NLW MS 4340 c1660 Katherine Thomas copy book
NLW MS 5950B 1751 Miss Sparrow’s sayings
NLW MS 12471B 1763-1785 Household Account Book
REEL 18
Peniarth 416 I, v1-4 1778-1786 Elizabeth Baker of Dolgellau diaries

REEL 19
Peniarth 416 I, v5-7 1778-1786 Elizabeth Baker of Dolgellau diaries

REEL 20
Peniarth 416 I, v8-10,
Peniarth 416 II 1778-1786 Elizabeth Baker of Dolgellau diaries and letter book

REEL 21
Peniarth 501 1779-1797 Mrs Baker letter books

REEL 22
NLW MSS 11737-11744 1786-1839 Elizabeth and Sarah Ann Ellis diaries

REEL 23
NLW MSS 11745-11755 1786-1839 Elizabeth and Sarah Ann Ellis diaries

REEL 24
NLW MSS 13625-13626 1824-1826 Lady Ann Erskine diary and Journal
NLW MS 3093A 1861-1862 Mary Rees diary
NLW MS 22242C 1890-1905 Ellen Sophy Rendel Journal
NLW MSS 15035-15037 Early 19th cent Mrs Clerk housekeeping books and diary

REEL 25
NLW MSS 15038-15041 Early 19th cent Mrs Clerk housekeeping books and diary

REEL 26
NLW MSS 11096-11104 1797-1812 Hester Lynch Piozzi diaries, letters and a survey of Brynbella
**Detailed Listing**

**REEL 1**

Sources from the National Library of Scotland

**Adv Ms 32.4.4**

COVENANTERS Early 18th c. copies of letters and memoirs of Covenanters.

(i) Letters, 1675-7, of the Preacher John Welwood. They are mostly addressed to Elizabeth Collace and her sister Katherine Ross, but there are also a few to the Covenanter Richard Cameron. The letters, which are not in strict chronological order, are chiefly religious in nature, but there are occasional mentions of the persecutions in Fife, the Morse and Teviotdale. (f 1).

(ii) Memoirs of Katherine Ross (published Edinburgh, 1735). The MS does not differ greatly from the printed text except in the inclusion of a note identifying one of the characters as the Minister of Auldearn (f 35v). It includes another note which appears in the printed text, where the author had left a blank in her original MS (f 66). See also Adv MS 34.5.19, ff 185-284 which is closely related (f 27).

(iii) Notes by Jean Collace on the deaths of her sisters Katherine and Elizabeth in 1697 and 1704. Those concerning Katherine form the basis of the first part of the epilogue in her printed Memoirs (f 79).

(iv) "Some short remembrances of the Lord's kindness to me, and his work on my soul for my own use" being a religious memoir by Jean Collace. Most of it refers to the period 1675-6, and it occasionally mentions the family's moments in Fife and Morayshire, the conventicles and persecutions, and the texts of the field-preachers sermons (f 79v).

Sections ii-iv are in the same hand. iii + 126 ff Quarto.

**Adv Ms 34.5.19**

COVENANTERS Early 18th c. copies of autobiographies and other works of Covenanters.

- Autobiography of John Livingstone, minister of Ancrum. It has been published from the version in Wodrow MS Quarto XVIII by William & Tweedie in Select Biographies (Wodrow Society, Edin, 1845-7) i, pp 129-97. This MS has few variants from the printer version, (f 1).

- "An account of what past when Mr John Livingstone appeared before the Councill house at Edinburgh" 11 Dec 1662. cf Select Biographies, i, pp 215-21 (f 51).

- "Some expressions of Mr John Livingstone... a little before his death ye 9 August 1672" cf Select Biographies, i, pp 290-1, and Wodrow MS Quarto XVIII, f85 (f 55v).

- Sermon of Livingstone at Ancrum, 13 Oct 1662, cf Select Biographies, i, pp 201-12 and Wodrow MS Quarto. XXVII, no 17 (f 56v)

- Letter of Livingstone to his parish, 3 Apr 1663. cf Select Biographies i. pp 225-9 (f 64).

- Sayings of Livingstone cf Select Biographies, i, pp 279-86 (f 67).

- Extracts from Robert McWard's ETTXRWVIAMOI; or, Earnest Contendings for the Faith. The pagination noted in the margins does not agree with that of the 1723 edition (f 73).

- Not used.

- Memoirs of James Fraser of Brea, Minister of Culross. Although related to Fraser's published memoirs (Select Biographies ii, pp 85-370), it is not the same. It chiefly concerns Fraser's spiritual life, but also mentions his various trials and his imprisonment on the Bass Rock. These appear to have been several lacunae in the original manuscript from which this was copied (f 119).


- Memoirs of Katharine Ross (published Edinburgh, 1735). For another closely related manuscript of this and sections xii-xiii, see Adv Ms 32.4.4, ff 27-126. This copy includes the note (f 194) identifying the minister of Auldearn (f 185).

- Notes by Jean Collace on the deaths of her sisters Katharine and Elizabeth in 1697 and 1704. See Adv Ms 32.4.4 f 79 (f 238).

- "Some short remembrances of the Lord's kindness to me and his work on my soul for my own use", by Jean Collace. See Adv Ms 32.4.4., f 79v (f 238v), ii + 284 ff Octavo.

**Adv Ms 34.6.22**

VEITCH. An 18th c. copy of An Account of the Lord's gracious dealing with me; and his remarkable hearing and answering my supplications, being the religious memoirs of Mrs Marion Veitch, the wife of William Veitch, Minister of Dumfries, published by the Free Church of Scotland, Edinburgh 1846. For information about the original, and extracts from this copy, see Thomas McCrie (ed) Memoirs of Mr William Veitch and George Brysoon... This MS is written in two different hands, the second of which is early 19th c. and corresponds closely with the printed version. 81 pp Quarto.
REEL 2

MSS 980-6 LADY NAIRNE COUSOMON

Correspondence, journals and songs, mainly in the autographs of Lady Nairne and of her sisters, Mrs Stewart of Bonskeid, Mrs Stewart of Dalguise, and Mrs Keith of Ravelstone. Those of which were received loose have been bound in their chronological order, except the songs and miscellaneous fragments. Some of the journals had already been sewn together in a manner which made it impossible to arrange them in exact chronological order. Lists of contents have been inserted in the volumes of journals and songs, and writers of all letters have been entered in the General Index of MSS. Quarto.

MS 981A (ff1-185) Journals of Lady Nairne, 1789-1845 v + 697 ff. Divided into 3 vols, A, B & C.

REEL 3

MSS 980-6 LADY NAIRNE COUSOMON

MS 981B (ff186-468) and MS 981C (f469-683) Journals of Lady Nairne, 1789-1845 v + 697 ff. Divided into 3 vols, A, B & C.

MS 982 Journal of Mrs Stewart of Bonskeid, 1802 i + 40 ff.

REEL 4

MSS 980-6 LADY NAIRNE COUSOMON

MS 983 Journals of Mrs Stewart of Dalguise, 1789-1808 i+ 185 ff.

MS 984 Journals of Mrs Keith of Ravelstone, 1831-47 i + 479 ff.

REEL 4A

MSS 980-6 LADY NAIRNE COUSOMON

MS 985 Songs, mainly in the autograph of Lady Nairne vi + 42 ff.

MS 986 Miscellaneous fragments in the autograph of Lady Nairne and others, including ‘Thoughts’, 1821 of Lady Nairne, and ‘Recollections of Clevedon’, etc, 1847 by Margaret Harriet Steuart; correspondence regarding the collection and inventories 211 ff.

REEL 5

MSS 1096-1100


MS 1096 Miniature portrait 1880.

MS 1097-9 Diaries of Marjory Fleming. n. d. 28 ff, 19 ff, 30 ff Quarto.

MS 1100 Letters and papers of Marjory Fleming; letters of her mother, and her cousin Isabella Keith, 1811-12, n. d. Arranged chronologically. 20 ff.

MS 1909 Confessions of Witches. Confessions of Margaret Duchall & others, accused of witchcraft, and their dolations against other persons, with the signatures of those who heard them, Alloa, 1658 3ff.

MS 2205

(i) Memorandum-book of Elizabeth Walker, daughter of James Walker, Minister of Buittle, containing notes of money matters and deaths in the family, recipes etc, 1717-62, n. d. The earlier notes are in the hand of another. Fragmentary; many leaves had been wholly or partially cut away before receipt, and several blank leaves have been removed since (f 1).


MS 3628 Journal by Mrs Graham, commencing on 23 Aug 1781, of a journey from near Oporto through Ciudad Rodrigo, Salamanca, Madrid, Burgos, Bayonne, Toulouse, and Avignon to Lyons. At the end of MS 3629 are notes of purchases, anecdotes in French, etc. 37 + many blank ff; 51 ff. 145 x 100 mm.

MS 3630-31 Diaries of Mrs Graham, 1785-6.

MS 3630 1785 iv + 44 ff 120 x 75 mm.
MS 3631 1786 13 ff 90 x 75 mm.

MS 3632 Notes by Mrs Graham relating to her care for the poor about Brooksby, 1788-90. 20 + several blank ff. 155 x 100 mm.

MS 3633 Mrs Graham's journal of a journey from Aix-en-Provence via Fréjus to Antibes, Dec 1791. 7 + a few blank ff. 160 x 95 mm.

MS 3634 Notes by Mrs Graham on cards.

(i) Notes of a tour, starting from Balgowen in Aug 1780, mentioning capture by an American privateer and covering the journey described in MSS 3628-9 and return to Great Britain (f 1).

(ii) Notes on her movements in Great Britain, 1790 (f 2).

(iii) Notes on plants, 1791 (f 3).

(iv) Notes on poultry, 1791 (f 6).

(v) Notes from books (f 8).

(vi) Sketch (f25). 25 ff. 120 x 80 mm.

MS 3635 Notes of Mrs Graham, chiefly relating to the care of the poor.

'No I Old cloaths given out' and notes on the poor about Balgowen, 1783-91 (f 1).

'No 2 Books recommended to me', perhaps intended for Sunday Schools, etc (f 17).

'No 3 receipts' chiefly medical, ?1786 (f 25).

'No 4' Notes on the poor, 1787 (f 33) 40 ff. 120 x 50 mm.

MS 3636 Notes by Mrs Graham from a sermon of Bowdaloue ? 1791.

9 + many blank ff. 155 x 90 mm.

MS 3637 Prayers, notes from books, etc, in Mrs Graham's hand. 18 ff.

MS 16045 'Extracts from Mrs Fielding's Journal while we were Abroad together in 1781', made by the Hon. Mrs Mary Graham and describing a tour in Portugal made by the Grahams and the Fieldings. Mary Graham's own journal of the tour is MS 3628 88 pp. Octavo.

REEL 6

MS 3758 Eliza Fletcher. The manuscript of part of the Autobiography of Mrs Eliza Fletcher (1770-1858), in the hand of the author (except ff 30v-36r). The period covered is from 1770 to 1817. There are many variations from the printed edition of 1875. 92 ff. Sm quarto.

MSS 6489-6502 Anne Lady Halkett’s Meditations.

Anne Lady Halkett was a daughter of a cadet of the Murray of Tullibardine family and lived from 1622-1699. She was the second wife of Sir James Halkett of Pitfour who died in 1670. Lady Halkett was a royalist and author of religious meditations. There are now extant fourteen bound volumes of the ‘Meditations’, out of a series of twenty-one, viz. numbers v-vii, ix-x, xi-xl, xv-xvi, according to the numbering in an appendix to The Life of the Lady Halkett, Edinburgh, 1901. The dedication of this work is signed ‘S.C.’, and it is probably by Simon Couper, a Dunfermline minister who knew Lady Halkett well (see MS 6502, pp 226-9).

Apart from religious reflections the volumes were used as a diary and contain thoughts of the writer on historical events, eg the Popish Plot of 1678, as well as comments on her financial troubles consequent on the Civil War and later widowhood. The volumes present here were written from the middle of the seventeenth century until the death of the writer. The other seven volumes were already missing in 1870 when John Gough Nichols was editing the text of The Autobiography of Anne Lady Halkett, Camden Society, 1875. Loose papers relative to each volume have been bound in at the beginning or end and paginated in Roman numerals.

MS 6489 ii + 259 pp Folio
MS 6490 ii + 380 pp Octavo

REEL 7

Anne Lady Halkett’s Meditations.

MS 6491 v + 326 pp Quarto
MS 6492 xxii + 352 pp Quarto
MS 6493 ix + 336 pp Quarto

REEL 8

Anne Lady Halkett’s Meditations.

MS 6494 iii + 380 pp Quarto
MS 6495 v + 506 pp Quarto
REEL 9
Anne Lady Halkett's Meditations.

MS 6496 iii + 378 pp Quarto
MS 6497 vii + 392 pp Quarto
MS 6498 v + 372 pp Quarto

REEL 10
Anne Lady Halkett's Meditations.

MS 6499 iv + 370 pp Quarto
MS 6500 iii + 375 pp Quarto
MS 6501 vii + 373 pp Quarto

REEL 11
Anne Lady Halkett's Meditations.

MS 6502 iii + 314 pp Quarto

REEL 12

MSS 6659 ESSAY ON FEMALE CONDUCT
A copy of an essay incorporating the corrections by Margaret Monro on the way in which a girl should conduct her life, composed by and apparently in the hand of Alexander Monro, primus, probably in 1738 or 1739, in the form of letters to his daughter Margaret. The sheets on which the 'letters' were written were inserted in a blank notebook as interleaves. Additional paragraphs, sentences etc., were written in the margins of the interleaves, as well as on some of the original pages, on which is written by the same hand an essay entitled, 'Of the Orinige of Government and of the Right to The Supream Power applied to the disputed Succession of the Crown of Britain' 1739. v + 386 + some blank ff.

REEL 13

MSS 8224-8 Diaries and Notebooks of Anne, Lady Stuart, wife of Sir John Stuart, 5th Bt. of Castlemilk. Diaries for the years 1776 to 1780 describing her social and private life. The diary for 1779 (MS 8227) is complete only to 15 Aug, the remainder having been destroyed by Anne Charlotte Maitland Stirling in 1830 (see MS 8228, f 7). The diary for 1780 (MS 8228) ends at 29 Jan; it is followed by a diary written by Anne C M Stirling (f 7), beginning on 21 July, 1850. 37 ff; 64 ff; 36 ff; 33 ff. Octavo.

MS 8229 Diary of Anne, Lady Stuart for 1793. 50 ff Octavo.

MS 8231 commonplace book, 1758, to Miss [Anne] Stuart, Castlemilk, a love token from K M 24 ff Octavo.

MS 9379 A-B TIBBIE FLINT 'Tibbie Flint's History', sketches in letter and anecdote form, written in Scots by Elizabeth Bell of Coldstream (1787-1876) in the character of Tibbie Flint. The material contained in the two volumes was apparently written between 1808 and 1828, and describes amusing events in the life of 'Tibbie Flint' in Roxburghshire, Edinburgh and London. Authorship and other details are given in a note at the beginning of the manuscript, dated 24 Dec 1890, in the hand of William, 3rd Earl of Minto which reveals that Elizabeth Bell used to dress up and act the part of Tibbie Flint at Minto House. Her connection with the family was through friendship with Mary, Countess of Minto, to whom many of the sketches are addressed. Elizabeth Bell's 'gift of personification' was also praised by Sir Walter Scott in his Journal, 7 March 1828. ii ff + 316 pp. Quarto.

MS 9481 JOURNAL OF MISS EWBANK OF YORK, 1803-5 The journal covers the period 9 Sept 1803 to 11 Sept 1805. The narrative opens with an account of a tour of the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales, but most of the text is concerned with social life in York. The writer was the niece of the Revd Andrew Ewbank, rector of Londesborough, Yorkshire, and many entries relate to his family. Amongst prominent personalities are Miss Elizabeth Hamilton, the novelist, and Dr Henry Moyes, a blind Scottish lecturer on popular science. A few pages have been torn out. 80 ff. Quarto.

MS 9482 Journal and reminiscences of Miss M E McCulloch (later Ross) 1810-1831. The book opens with brief notes of a tour to Wales and Bath; this is followed (f 4) by detailed reminiscences, written in 1813, of a prolonged visit to Bath in 1809-10. The second part of the volume (f 31) contains a long history, written during mourning and addressed to her children, of events in her family, from her marriage in 1813 to Captain Ross, retired from naval service in the East, until his death in 1828. Among family homes mentioned are Troqueer Holmand Cargenholm, Kirkcudbrightshire; a long stay in Richmond, Yorkshire, is also described. The volume concludes with three sets of memorial reflections, 1829-31. 133 ff. Quarto.

MS 10285 Diary of Eliza Cur of Dundee, July 1863-June 1864 describing journey to and year spent at school for young ladies in Fountainebleau. i + 51 + several blank ff.

MSS 13141-44 Diaries of Lady Hislop (daughter of Hugh Elliot, diplomatist). 13141 1825-42 84 ff Octavo 1843-46. 17 + blank ff Octavo 1847 26 + printed ff Octavo
Womens Language and Experience, Part 4

13144 1852 54 + printed ff Octavo

**MSS 13145-53**
Notebooks, Commonplace Books and Account books of Lady Hislop, 1826-82.

**MS 13145**
Pocketbook of Lady Hislop containing notes of correspondence, 1846-7. 4 + blank ff. Duodecimo.

**MS 13146**
Commonplace book of Lady Hislop with Messrs Coutts & Co, 1826-27. 8 + blank + 1f. Duodecimo

**MS 13147**
Personal account books of Lady Hislop with Messrs Coutts & Co, 1836-48. 10 + blank ff. Quarto

**MS 13148-153**
Account books of Lady Hislop's trustees and executors with Messrs Coutts & Co, 1843-82

**MS 13148**
1843-50 20 ff
**MS 13149**
1850-5 20 ff
**MS 13150**
1855-60 20 ff
**MS 13151**
1860-4 18ff
**MS 13152**
1865-77 16 ff
**MS 13153**
1877-82 11 + blank ff

**MS 15904**
Diary 1891 of Elizabeth Lucy Ramsay daughter of John Ramsay of Kidalton, written when she was 14. It covers Jan-Sept 1891 and describes her activities such as riding, sailing off the west coast in the family’s yacht, and visit to Islay and London. 19 ff Octavo.

**MS 15905**
Journal of a tour in England and Scotland, Aug-Oct, 1790. The writer is apparently a young lady travelling with her brother and friends from Hampshire. She gives brief descriptions of places visited, including Nottingham, the Lake District and Edinburgh; from here they toured the Highlands via Stirling, Inverary and Lock Lomond before returning south through York and Peterborough. 39 ff Octavo.

**REEL 15**

**MS 19224**
‘Punch’s Pocket Book’ for 1853 containing the diary of Isabella Bremner kept on her journey to India and in Bombay, where she went to accompany her husband who had established a medical practice there in 1841. This is mainly an account of the social life and daily routine of the Bremner household. 104 ff Octavo.

**MS 19997**
Engagement diary of Anna Geddes, 1900, including details of Patrick and Anna Geddes’s visit to America of that year with a note of their expenses (f 27) 32 ff Octavo.

**MSS 20240-44.**
E S Haldane. Diary of Elizabeth S Haldane, 1887-1937. MSS 20240-2 are three quarto volumes containing the greater part of her original diary from 1910 to shortly before her death in 1937. MSS 20243-4 are a photocopy of transcripts of the complete diary from 1888 to the end, typed on sheets of quarto paper. The whereabouts of the first volume of the original diary are not known. The diary was written at intervals of varying length, ranging from a few days to some months, but most entries cover the period following the previous one. A postcard of 1935 of Sir George Adam Smith, formerly loosely enclosed in MS 20242 is tipped in (f 40).

**MS 20240**
1910-17 90 ff
**MS 20241**
1917-30 86 ff
**MS 20242**
1931-7 141 ff (ff 42-140 blank)
**MS 20243**
1887-1918 213 ff

**REEL 16**

**MSS 20244**
1919-1937 198 ff

**Acc. 9756**
Medical journal of Lady Clementina Malcolm. Loose journal notes in varying formats. 3 May-10 Sept 1831. 10 ff

Miscellaneous papers 1701-1845, n. d. c 40 ff Includes several letters relating to her illness: three from her to her children, written before an operation in case of its failure; one to her recommending “the efficacy of a small opium pill”.


Alexander Macdonald of Keppoch. Frr of letter re Glencoe massacre. 1f
Detailed journal describing attempts to cure her breast cancer by medicine, plaster, bathing etc. Lady Malcolm died 19 Nov 1831 after two years of suffering.
REEL 17
Sources from the National Library of Wales

Peniarth 521A (Hengwrt 538) DIARIES & NOTEBOOKS
Eighteen diaries and notebooks containing memoranda and accounts by Howell Vaughan, 1633, Katherine, widow of Griffith Wynn of Bodfane, and later wife of Col. Hugh Nanney, 1692, Hugh Evans, agent to the said Katherine, 1682-90, Lumley Williams of Ystumcolwyn, 1696, Robert Vaughan of Hengwrt, 1745, and others. Several of the diaries, which include almanacks by Trigge, Gallen, and Rider and the Daily Journal, contain entries relating to the Nannau estate. Rider’s British Merlin for 1698 contains a few englynion in manuscript, and in one notebook there are inventories of linen and utensils at Nannau, 1692.
English; Welsh. XVII-XVIII cent.

NLW MS 4340A A COMMONPLACE BOOK
A volume of transcripts of prayers, devotions, epitaphs, verses, etc., from printed and family sources by Mrs Katherine Thomas [? of Herefordshire], together with verses by her on the deaths of her children, Katherine (1665) and Dorothy (1676), and of her husband (1671), and on other occasions, and a copy of verses by Elizabeth Peirce, daughter of Dr Peirce [? William Piers, bishop] of Bath. English. XVII cent.

NLW MS 5940A MISS SPARROW’S SAYINGS.
‘Brief Remarks on Miss Sparrow’s Sayings which she hatched at Haverfordwest in the year 1751’, followed by an account by ‘S. D.’ of the treatment accorded to him by ‘J. B.’, ‘collector of the Duty on Salt’, during his stay at J. B.’s house at Haverfordwest, 1750-I, and an account of ‘The Ingratitude of Mr J. B. to S. D.’, with copies of letters from S. D. to J. B., 1753. English. XVIII cent.

NLW MS 12471B (Wigfair 71) HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNTS.
A household account book recording, month by month, sums expended on food, clothing, household utensils, servants and casual labourers’ wages, local travelling, etc., during the years 1763-75, 1777-9, 1780 (incomplete), 1781, 1782 (incomplete), 1783 (incomplete), 1784 (incomplete), and 1785. The frequent references to turnpike tolls paid in visiting Ruthin may indicate a residence in that area. Also mentioned in connection with turnpike payments or otherwise are Bodfari, Denbigh, Derwen, Hafodunos, Llanruth, Llanrwst, Northop, Plasnewyd, Plassriffith, Rudland, Soughton, etc. The hand bears a close resemblance to that of the writer of the first two letters in NLW MS 12413, i.e. M. [possibly Mary] Lloyd, aunt of Phoebe Lloyd and consequently of John Lloyd (‘The Philosopher’) of Hafodunos. At the end of the volume a loose leaf written in a different hand and recording ‘Money layed out at Plascoch’ in September 1786 has been inserted. English. XVIII cent.

REEL 18

Peniarth 416A Part I (Hengwrt 395)
A DIARY
The Journal of Mrs Elizabeth Baker, Dolgelley, 1778-86.
Vols 1-4 English. XVIII cent.

REEL 19

Peniarth 416A Part I (Hengwrt 395)
A DIARY
The Journal of Mrs Elizabeth Baker, Dolgelley, 1778-86.
Vols 5-7 English. XVIII cent.

REEL 20

Peniarth 416A Part I (Hengwrt 395)
A DIARY
The Journal of Mrs Elizabeth Baker, Dolgelley, 1778-86.
Vols 8-10 English. XVIII cent.

Peniarth 416D Part II (Hengwrt 398)
A LETTER BOOK
The letter book of Mrs Elizabeth Baker, relating to mining ventures in Merioneth, 1770-5. With printed appeals for contributions towards her relief, 1787-8, and lists of donors.

REEL 21

Peniarth 501C (Hengwrt 398, Part II)
MRS BAKER’S LETTER BOOKS.
Transcripts of letters written by Mrs Elizabeth Baker, 1779-97; extracts from newspapers relating to political events, 1795-7; and lists of presents received by Mrs Baker, 1798-9. English. XVIII cent.

REEL 22

ELLISS MS NLW MSS 11737-59 are manuscripts of the family of Elliss of Llanafan, Rhandir-mwyn, Aberystwyth, etc. They were presented by Mr W J Griffiths, Aberystwyth, in 1938.
ELLISS FAMILY MEMORANDA

Entries of births, etc., 1786-1863, of members of the family of Ellis at Lamberhurst, Brenchley, and Rolvenden, co. Kent, and at Llanfihangel y Croyddyn, Llanafan, and Llanilar, Co. Cardigan, recorded on the dorse of the title page of John Brown: The Most Superb Folio and Self Interpreting Bible... (Bungay, Suffolk, 1812). English. XIX cent.

DIARIES

Dyddiadur; neu, Gydymaith I'r Almanac, 1827, 1828, [The Wreath, or Ladies Complete Pocket Book] 1831, Coflyfr, neu Gydymaith I'r Almanac, 1833, and Rees' Improved Diary and Almanack, 1843, 1845, 1846, with manuscript entries by Elizabeth Elliss. English; Welsh. XIX cent.

DIARY

The Wreath, or Ladies Complete Pocket Book, 1839 with manuscript entries by Avarina Elliss, sister of Elizabeth Elliss and of Sarah Ann Elliss. English. XIX cent.

JOURAL OF A WALKING TOUR

Journal, 4-5 April 1900, of a journey undertaken by un-named companions by train to Tregaron and thence on foot the following day from Tregaron to Trawsgoed. The descriptions include the church at Tregaron and the view from the church tower, Strata Florida, Pontrhydfendigaid, Ystrad Meurig, Caradog Falls and Llanafan Bridge. English. Early XX cent.

A diary or Journal, 1861-2, kept by [? Mary Rees] the wife of a Pembrokeshire minister. English. XIX cent.

ELLEN SOPHY RENDEL: JOURNAL 1890-1905; XX cent.

Journal, June 1890 - June 1905, with entries mainly in the hand of Ellen Sophy, wife of Stuart Rendel, Baron Rendel of Hatchlands, relating to family life at Hatchlands, Surrey. Blank pages filled by a later hand with details of 'excessively Rare books' and 'Rare Alchemical works'. 1, 161 ff. 250 x 200 mm. Leather covers, gold fillet; 'Hatchlands 1890' in gold on front cover. Bought from Peter Eaton. London 1986.
BRYNBELLA MSS. NLW MSS 11096-104 form part of the Brynbella ‘Piozziana’ presented by Mrs K. M. Evans, Brynbella, St. Asaph, in May 1944.

NLW MS 11096-8A (Brynbella 1-3)

DIARIES
The Daily Journal; or, Gentleman’s, Merchant’s and Tradesman’s Complete Annual Accomp-t-Book... 1797, 1801, 1802, with manuscript entries by Gabriel Piozzi (d. 1809). English. XVIII-XIX cent.

NLW MS 11099A (Brynbella 4)

DIARY
Peacock’s Complete Pocket Journal and Annual Vade Mecum..., 1808, with manuscript entries by Gabriel Piozzi and (from August) Hester Lynch Piozzi (1741-1821). English. XIX cent.

NLW MS 11100A (Brynbella 5)

DIARY
The Daily Journal..., 1809, with manuscript entries by Hester Lynch Piozzi and Gabriel Piossi. English. XIX cent.

NLW MS 11101A (Brynbella 6)

DIARY
The Commercial Pocket Journal or, Gentleman, Merchant, and Tradesman’s Complete Pocket Book & Journal..., 1811, with manuscript entries by Hester Lynch Piozzi. English. XIX cent.

NLW MS 11102A (Brynbella 7)

DIARY
Crosby’s Gentlemen’s Merchants’, and Tradesman’s Complete Pocket Book & Journal..., 1812, with manuscript entries by Hester Lynch Piozzi.

NLW MS 11103D (Brynbella 8)

LETTERS AND MISCELLANEA
A group of holograph letters and miscellaneous papers: a letter from Edward Bridge, Lleweleny, to [John Salusbury of Bach-y-graig], 1756 (particulars of Mr Allwood’s survey of the Bach-y-graig estate); a proof copy of a circular from Henry Thrale to the electors of Southwark, 1765, with manuscript corrections by Dr Samuel Johnson; a draft letter of thanks from Henry Thrale to the electors of Southwark [December, 1765], in the hand of Samuel Johnson; a bill, in French, from Henry Metman, etc., Paris, to ‘Monsieur Thralle’ for clothing, 1775; a bill, in French from [ ] Guerrier, ‘Marchand Bonnetier’, Paris, to [Samuel] Johnson for stockings, 1775; a laundry bill, in French, for ‘Mr Jerent’ [1775]; a letter from Frances Burney, Brighthelmstone, to Doctor S Johnson, Bolt Court, Fleet Street, London [1778] (correspondence between the writer and the recipient); a draft letter [1781] in the hand of Samuel Johnson concerning the putting of the brewhouse [the old Anchor Brewery in Southwark] in the hands of Robert Barclay and John Perkins; a letter (unsigned) from Hester Lynch Thrale to Mr Swale, 1784 (rejecting future correspondence from the recipient); a transcript of an ‘Impartial Character of Dr. Samuel Johnson’ from The European Magazine..., May 1795; a letter from ‘Edwin’, Covent Garden [London], to -, 1798 (containing an epitaph on Samuel Johnson); a passport, 1790, issued to [Marquis] de Trotti and [Abbé de] Buchetti to travel from France to London; a letter from ‘Estipee’ [Hester Lynch Piozzi?] to Messrs T[homas] Cadell, Junior, and [William] Davies, booksellers, Strand, London 1796 (comments on predictions and prophecies arising from the recipients’ ‘Ingenious Work’); a Christmas Carol for Brynbella 1797’, in the hand of Hester Lynch Piozzi; a letter from [Hester Lynch Piozzi] from 43 Great Pultney Street, Bath, to [her coachman] Jacob [Weston], 1798 (news of the writer’s husband and ‘our dear little Boy’ John [Salusbury Piozzi] Salusbury, the marriage of Mrs Beckwith and Thomas Davies, the gardener at Brynbella, a payment for ‘our dear little Boy’s schooling, etc.’); a letter (in the third person) from Wm. Henry Chambers, Holywell, to Mrs Piozzi at Bath, 1803 (literary patronage for the writer); a letter from T[homas] Shephard, Enborne [near Newbury], to Mrs Piozzi at 54 Welbeck Street, Cavendish Square, London, 1810 (John Salusbury Piozzi Salusbury’s tutoring account, etc.); a transcript of a letter from [Sir John Salusbury Piozzi Salusbury] to condolence, regret at
the recipient's departure from Bronwylla); two letters from Robt. Gray from Bronwylla and Dr [Robert] Gray, 1823 (condolence, regret at the recipient's departure from Bronwylla); two letters from Robt. Gray from Bronwylla and Bishop Wearmouth, to Sir John [Salusbury Piozzi] Salusbury sic at Bronwylla, 1823 (acknowledgement of condolence, a request that the writer's letters should not be included among the Mrs Piozzi manuscripts advertised for sale); and stanzas by Thomas Gray. The following documents have been extracted from other items in the 'Brynbella Piozziana' and added to the present group:- a holograph letter from Edwd. Mangin [from Bath] to Mrs Piozzi at 8 Gay Street [Bath], [1816] (accepting an invitation); a list of the names and subscriptions of the well-wishers of Sir John Salusbury Piozzi Salusbury at Brynbella, 6 January 1818; and copies of correspondence between Sir John Salusbury Piozzi Salusbury, James Wason, Liverpool, and Messrs Bridge & Mason, Red Lion Square [London], 1844-5, relating to claims upon, and the title to, the Bachygraig estate. English; French. XVIII-XIX cent.

NLW MS 11104C (Brynbella 9)

SURVEY
A survey and valuation of the Bachegraig estate in the parishes of Tre Meirchion and Bodvarry, Flintshire, belonging to Gabriel Piozzi Esq., taken in the year 1790 by Samuel Minshull. Following the survey are estate accounts in the hand of Gabriel Piozzi, 1768-1807, including particulars of rents, arrears of rents, taxes, tithes and farm and household expenses; and memoranda of the letting of properties, tithes, hay, etc., by Sir John [Salusbury Piozzi] Salusbury, 1820-4. English. XIX cent

Therefore accompanying the survey is a volume of seven ink and coloured field plans, with schedules, on vellum, now shelved in the Department of Prints, Drawings, and Maps. Cymru, June 1946, pp. 37-44); and five holograph letters from Diana Noel, Lady Barham, Fairy Hill [Gower], to the Reverend D[avid] Charles (1762-1834), Carmarthen, 1816-20 (the opening of one of the writer's chapels, the writer's health, condolence with the recipient, invitations to Fairy Hill and to the quarterly meeting at Penclawdd, personal). English. XVIII-XIX cent.

<back
Extracts

REEL 1

Adv Ms 32.4.4 Letters of Elizabeth Collace, Covenanter, c 1650-1697, 1704

"Letters written by Mr John Walwood while he was Preaching up & downe Scotland, in ye years 1675, 1676 & 1677.

Letter 1st To Mrs Elizabeth Collace Kilbrag July 22 1675

Mrs
I Hear of your Solitude, But it is well that the Lord is with you. If he moves away, all the best Company would not fill up his room: But He can fill up the room of all other Comforts...."

Adv Ms 34.5.19 Letters of Katherine Ross, Elizabeth Collace and Jean Collace, Covenanters, c 1650-1697, 1704

The Life of Mr John Livingstone minister of the Gospell. January 1666 Some observations of the Lords [?] towards me during my life written for the use of my Children.

My father was Mr William Livingstone first minister at Monyabusch, where he entered in the year 1600 and ys after was transported about the year 1614 to be minister at Lanark where he dyed in the year 1641 being 65 years old...

Having at home learned to read & write I was sent in the year 1613 to Stirling to a latine School, where Mr William Wallace a good man & learned humanight was schoolmaster where I stayed till Summer 1617....

REEL 2

MS 980 Lady Nairne Correspondence, 1763-1876

"September 14 1763

Were my Dear Sister to send the finest Neclace ever came from the Indies I could receive it with no more pleasure than the pretty one of her own making, I lined it with white and have been wearing it everyday as you desired. I’m sorry you made so little use of my Ruffles, I wore yours on some extraordinary occasions.

.... Pray tell the Miss Oliphant I’m very much at her service and am extremely fond of having a Letter subscribed by such a Fine young Lady.

As this Hood is mad of course beauty I think it will wear very well with a brown Linsy-woolsy gown, at home for they are both becoming and consequently suits well together... whatever your opinion my be of this reasoning, I know you’ll have no doubt of my being

Dear Sister

Your most Affectionate
humble Servante
Char. Robertson
it gave me no small satisfaction

Dear Sister

Your most Affectionate
humble Servante
Char. Robertson
it gave me no small satisfaction

to hear of poor Susan’s welfare,
I hope she’ll deserve to be
taken care of in her old Age Adieu"

REEL 3

MS 982C Journal of Mrs Stewart of Bonskeid, 1802

"Tuesday Feb 2 .... At dinner we had Major Campbell of Inverawe of the Scotland Fancibles & his Lady, Major & Mrs & Philip Moure of the Perth Shire militia & Major Craigie of ditto, Mr & Mrs & Philip Stewart? - they were talking of the Irish Cronacks which are sung at the Funerals—a terrible howl it is - always ascending & descending as they cry and why did you die - you had plenty of [Pirates? ](Potatoes) why did you die—plenty of pigs etc & it is a custom in the south of Ireland to expose a corpse upon the Street with a plate to receive alms—which the Priest takes & burys the body as cheap as he can...."

REEL 4

MS 983 Journals of Mrs Steuart of Dalguise, 1789-1808

"Thursday 12th March 1789 V 3

The snow near 2 inches deep in the morning went almost quite off the ground before night - a little falling snow & then thro the day did not lay.

My Dear Father rested very well - his leg almost quite well & he walks perfectly easily. I read a little History before breakfast & ended the 2 vol of Smollet. Nothing remarkable but that the Barons have got the better of the King & obliged him to do what they please.
I work from ten to twelve mostly in the dining room - play’d a little before dinner….French in the evening….

Friday 13th Snowing all day with a very cold wind. My Father pretty well. I read before breakfast of an engagement at Lewes between the King & his Rebellious Barons in which the latter gained the day & made afterwards a most extravagant use of their victory….

REEL 6

MS 3758 Autobiography of Eliza Fletcher, 1770-1817

"I was born on the 15th of January 1770 at the village of Oxton near Tadcaster in Yorkshire. My father was descended from a respectable race of Yeomen....

In the winter of 1789 and 1790 I paid a visit to my friend Mrs Dr Harrison at Ripon - and there became acquainted with Lord Grantly. He was then I should think bordering on fifty a man of insinuating address, and of cultivated taste and accomplishments. He distinguished me with marked attention: Invited my Father to accompany me to visit him and his Mother at Grantly, and show’d me a preference that had my heart been untouched’d and my faith unpledged, he might by flattering my vanity have made some impression on my heart,— But happily I had nothing of the Coquette in my disposition, and the attentions of this nobleman though flattering were indifferent to me. - I had besides no good opinion of his moral character and in all the partialities and friendships I have had in life either to my own sex, or the other I never could found friendship on anything but solid esteem and moral approbation...."

REEL 7

MS 6491 Meditations of Anne Lady Halkett, c1650-1699

"Expostulations about prayer

My God my god why dost thou withdraw thy presence from mee; thou knowest without thee it is impossible I should have one good thought & since all the good I doe desire is butt to make mee acceptable to thee why did thou reject my prayer & make itt to become a Snare unto mee...."

MS 6491 Meditations of Anne Lady Halkett, c1650-1699

"Occasional Meditations upon the death of my dearest Child Betty who died of the small poxe upon Tuesday the 13th of November 1660 in Convent Garden & buried in that Church

How many variety of ways is the Lord pleased to try mee with and now this is a new one which I have never knowne before. This child was dearer to me than any other & shee hath beene most visittid with sickness & weakeness. Both might have beene a Continual preparation to mee to have Looked for death & yett the outtliving many hazards made mee even att the very last hope...."

REEL 9

MS 6498 Meditations of Anne Lady Halkett, c1650-1699

"Monday January 24 1686

Meditation is the life of action. And noe act can be well performed that is not duly considered and the advantage or prejudice represented, which may be the result of there performance.

According to this rule what need have I to be very serious in reflecting upon what I am now intending...

Monday 21 of May 1688

Having so often mentioned the advantage I have found by fixing my morning thoughts upon some pious Meditation, I need nott insist further upon that. Only reflect on the reason I had to make this day the date for beginning this booke. For it was the Evening of Monday the one & twentieth of May 1649, that I was under the greatest Perill that ever any now Living I believe hath met with. The particulars & the person that ocationed itt I desire ever to conceale Butt while I live (and as ever since so) I intend to continue with the Lords assistance every Monday to commemorate the deliverance with private adoration...

This day it is 48 yeare since that time and yet it is fresh in my memory... as if it were butt yesterday performed...."

REEL 12

MS 6659 Essay on Female Conduct by Margaret Monro, 1739

"Of Commerce with Men

.... Any Man who says undecent things in your Company, tho wrapped up in ambiguous lines, those who attempt frequently freedoms; Those who take all occasions to flatter you on your Person or Parts, Those who decry and argue against Decency and Discretion, and commend Gayety Freedom and good (?)in Women; Those who undertake the defence of Vice, are none of our Friends.... They are dangerous Companions who ought to be shunned. The Man who entertains a well-grounded Esteem for a Woman is sparing of Compliments to her; If he sees her do wrong, he endeavours to convince her of her Error in a
private tender Manner; He approaches her with Awe himself and he is offended at the least Appearance of any thing that
tends to the Debauching her Minder Person....

Books of Housekeeping

That the Books may be improved and that the Husband may be sensible of the Wife's Care and Regularity, she ought to ask
him to assist her in controuling and examining them. If he declines this trouble she may designedly put them in his way when
alone, Curiosity may prompt him to do her Justice by inspecting them.

The Wife who keeps regular Books ought to preserve them, they may serve as a Model of Management for her Daughter, and
if her Husbands Affairs ever go into Confusion, they bear testimony for her being blameless....

REEL 14

MS 15904 Diary of Elizabeth Ramsay, 1891

"16 January 1891 Went to Port Ellen to-day with Pappy & Miss S.... I tried in vain to get small plush purse in village. Only very
ugliest & commonest leathers ones. Came home in time for lunch. Went for a walk with Pappy before tea...."

MS 15905 Travel Journal of a Young Lady, 1790

"A Journey to Scotland
August 16 1790

Mr Mrs Baxter brother and self set off at half past six o clock in the morning a small [?] but very pleasant breakfast at St
Albans 21 miles from London. A very good Inn and civil people - changed Horses at Wooburne [?] changed again at the Bull
Dunstable bought a D— Hat [?] stopt at Newport Pagnall to dine took a walk and saw the Church yard which was neat and pretty an old Town (noted for
nothing but the making of Lace) had everything very good the people very attentive. Slept at Northampton a Capatal good
Town... From Leicester we proceeded to Nottingham a most charming ride, a ridge of fine cultivated Hills, on one side, on the
other a fine Champaign Country - about a Mile before you enter the Town you pass over the River Trent. Nottingham is a
large Manufacturing Town for Stockings, but indifferently paved, a handsome square Market Place, with some good houses in
it, a Noble Building calld the Castle belonging to the Duke of Newcastle from which you have a very fine view of the Town...."

REEL 15

MS 20243 Diary of Elizabeth Haldane, 1915

" November 22 1914 ... Everyone amused with Joffre, French and the "entente", but so many are sad. Still wonderful spirit
prevails specially amongst sensible people not carried away by spy-craze and rumours. 3rd Club was quite nice. W Bughclere,
Marie, Mrs Leo Rothschild, who as Austrian feels Germany has destroyed her country, but who knows the power and strength
of Germany, Lord Crewe who has come out so much and talked of Kultur and its meaning, Russian books etc. But no
conversation gets off war at present, and no wonder. What is fine is the way people are acting, and people one thought quite
frivolous are coming out so wonderfully and showing self-sacrificing spirit. The women's vote and the prospect of immensely
increased taxation is hardly noticed, and the War Loan is said to be subscribed twice over. Saw Ian Hamilton; he wants me to
write of the Hospitals, which certainly are splendid...."

REEL 16

MS 20244 Diary of Elizabeth Haldane, 1919

"Jan 4 1919 All together as a Family. It is strange how frequently this has been the case as the years go by. Saw the New
Year in. One wonders what it will bring: the last has surely been one of the most wonderful in the history of Europe.

We have had times of extremest anxiety and most wonderful relief. The result of the Election has been an extraordinary
surprise. The Asquithian Liberals are practically demolished—Coalition triumphant. Asquith out by 2000 in E. Fife which is
almost incredible. Who is to lead a way in the Opposition? Are the Tories to lead in fact as they do in numbers? What of all L
G's promises?

R brought the Evening Paper from Carstairs after he went to London to be present at Banquet at Buckingham Palace to
President Wilson. He thoroughly enjoyed his time there. Talked to President W and at once spoke of League of Nations after
referring with appreciation to the P's Sabume speech dealing with the Convention...."

Acc 9756 Medical Journal and Related Papers of Lady Clementina Malcolm, 1822-1831

"Friday Night

My dearest George

I write in case I do not survive the operation I am about to submit to tomorrow, to bid you farewell to tell you since the hour
of your birth you have been my chief happiness and while I have the power of thinking you will be in my thoughts. I pray the
Almighty to bless you to enable you to grow up a pious good man to give you strength of mind to resist Vice and be moderate
in your pleasures May you prove a comfort to your Father a Guide to your brother Accustom yourself to raise your thoughts to
your Great Creator at all times and when you pray let it be with your whole heart Through the mercy of our Saviour your
prayers will be heard. God Almighty bless you my Son if I thought I shall not get over this I would delay the operation and
send for you but it seems wisest to let things take their course. Willy is not aware of what I have to suffer I wish him to have
my watch you your Father’s miniature the ring I always wear with a Seal and anything that I possess that you fancy I am
sure your Father will give you a remembrance of the last wishes of
yr affectionate
Mother

In case I have to submit to another operation I have nothing to add to what I wrote two months ago my dearest George but
that to my last hour you will be in my thoughts God Almighty bless you and prosper you.”

Sources from the National Library of Wales

Reel 17

NLW MS 4340 Copy Book of Katherine Thomas, c 1660

“A Prayer against Sensuality

O Eternall father, thou that sittest in heaven invested, with essentiall glories & divine perfection, fill my Soole with so deep A
sense of the excellencies of Spirituall & Heavenly things, that my affections being weaned from the pleasures of the world, &
the false allurements of Sin, I may with great Severity & the prudence of a holy discipline & strict desires, with a cleare
resolution & a free Spiritt, have my Conversation in heaven & heavenly imployments; that being in affections as my
condition, a pilgrim & a strainger here I may covett after & Labour for an Abidinge City & att Last may enter into & forever
dwell in the Celestial Jerusalem with the mother of us all through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.”

NLW MS 5950 Sayings of Miss Sparrow, 1751

“…. From the time I gave up Housekeeping to my going to board with Mr J B I paid £20 p Ann for my Diet, and always lived
(i.e eat and drank) as the Family with whom I resided did. But having not my Linnen washed in Mr J B's House I intended
paying him £18..5.. a Year finding my own Washing Candle etc which I thought ample pay (in a cheap and plentiful Market)
for his Table, being very sensible I was not likely to eat better, nor indeed so well, as other Tables I before had done. Now
when a Boarder sits down to a Scanty Table as I did (I call it Scanty because I found it so, having never as a Boarder lived so
bare, nor never will do again as long as I am able to pay for what I eat) yet if he eats as the rest of the Family does, he has
no great reason to complain, because he Fares as they Fare; and had this been the Case here, I should have been for ever
Silent....”

REEL 18

Peniarth 416 I, v1 Diary of Elizabeth Baker of Dolgellau, 1778

“…. New Year's day 1779
Friday. I had the comfort of hearing before rising from bed that the Revd & Mrs Owen of Carnarvon a fast friend was come to
see me & we breakfasted together - and agreed upon every topick past- as well as in our future Hope - that I may justly say
the beginning of the year is very happy - and if my friend Mr Vaughan will in future quit his obstinacy of temper, which has
originally occasioned this distress of fortune to himself, and anguish to his friends....”

REEL 19

Peniarth 416 I, v5 Diary of Elizabeth Baker of Dolgellau

“.... Returned Mrs Betty Kenny her Snuff-box that contain'd the Rappee, she gave me on Wednesday last; & the messenger
return'd with the information my good Friend was in health.
Saturday 15. Wrote to Mr Vaughan: when my letter was folded & directed I went downstairs to seal it; where sat mine
Hostess ironing , her daughter helped me to a candle in her usual way that's to say, with a good natured manner and
readiness....”

REEL 20

Peniarth 416 I, v8 Diary of Elizabeth Baker of Dolgellau, 1784

“Bryn Adda 1784
Wednesday April 14. An hour and more after I had breakfasted came Owen Jones's wife with three Pikelets, which denoted
she came to breakfast, as tis the custom of the country - I gave her choice , & she preferred my coffee to Tea; paid her for a
pound of Souchong - she sat a little time and Betty interpreted for her, Owen's wife, speaks no more English than I do Welch,
but she's not so ignorant of the former as I am of the latter - before the remains of coffee were cold Dav Robt's wife entered
- gave her two dishes they both commended my coffee....”

REEL 24

NLW MS 22242 Journal of Ellen Sophy Rendel, 1890-1905

Sunday 23 August. The whole family went to church & exercised their lungs vigorously on behalf of the choir which has
marvellously improved under Fishers leadership. A wet afternoon....”

REEL 26

NLW MS 11096 Diary of Hester Lynch Piozzi, 1797
"... Thursday 16 March. We dined at Miss Thrale's, and went at the Play House, Drury Lane.

Saturday 18 March. We dined at Mrs Maddox and all the evening. John the footman lost the Bird Clock of Mrs Piozzi Value fifty Guineas...."

**NLW MS 11102 Diary of Hester Lynch Piozzi, 1811**

"Tuesday 2 June. Got easily to Worcester. Saw Salusbury & went with him to buy China. Left Worcester & arrived late at Shrewsbury. Salusbury had been in waiting for me 48 hours.

Wednesday 3 June. Drove away to old Shrewsbury Lyon, walked in the Quarry – very fine. Dined by Invitation at Longpore; a full table. Saw Condover Park as we drove back to our Inn.

Thursday 4 June. Went with Salusbury to Brocus's.... Left him going back to Longnor. Went on and dined with the Ladies of Llangollen.

Friday 5 June. Breakfasted with the Ladies - very good Literary Chat. Never saw such fine China...."