

# Guide to the Le Keux Correspondence

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**TITLE:** Le Keux correspondence

**DATES:** 1811-1879

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.42 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of professional correspondence of John, Henry and John Henry Le Keux, including letters from publishers, artists, fellow engravers, patrons, and prospective students. Among the correspondents are Robert Batty, Edwin Guest, Augustus Charles Pugin, and Dawson Turner. A letter by George Doo encloses a copy of the Associated Society of Engravers' plan for publishing their National Gallery collection.

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## LE KEUX FAMILY

John Le Keux (1783-1846) and his younger brother Henry Le Keux (1787-1868) were apprenticed to the architectural engraver James Basire, and both produced a wide variety of architectural and views engravings for various publications, including works by Neale, Pugin, and J. M. W. Turner. Henry Le Keux abandoned engraving work for the crape manufacturing business in 1838, but John continued to execute commissions until shortly before his death in 1846. John's eldest son, John Henry Le Keux (1812-1896), also became an architectural engraver; his works include plates in Ruskin's *Stones of Venice* (1851) and *Modern Painters* (1888).

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## Scope and Contents

The [Le Keux Correspondence](#) consists of business letters addressed to John, Henry, and John Henry Le Keux, along with a few letters by each. The papers span the dates 1811-1879 and have been arranged alphabetically by correspondent in a single series.

The letters' authors include fellow engravers, prospective students, artists, publishers, and patrons of works to which the Le Keux contributed. Authors include Robert Batty, A. C. Pugin, Dawson Turner, and Alaric Alexander Watts.

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### Series I: Correspondence

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b. 1, f. 1	AL to Henry Le Keux, Strand	1825 Apr 7
	ACKERMANN, RUDOLPH, D. 1868	
b. 1, f. 2	AL to J. H. Le Keux, S. A.	1854 May 16
	ARCH, JOHN ARTHUR	
b. 1, f. 3	ALS to Henry Le Keux, London	1830 Dec 29
	BATTY, ROBERT, 1788-1848	
b. 1, f. 4	ALS to Henry Le Keux, Connaught Square	1830 Sep 16
	BELL, J. A.	
b. 1, f. 5	Receipt (holograph, signed) for payment for drawings supplied to John Le Keux, London Eight drawings of Cambridge buildings.	1863 Jul 19
	BLISS, PHILIP, 1787-1857	
b. 1, f. 6	3 ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Oxford, Brighton Oxford engravings.	1855, 1856
	BLORE, EDWARD, 1787-1879	
b. 1, f. 7	ALS to Henry Le Keux, Welbeck Street	1838 May 5
	BOONE, THOMAS	
b. 1, f. 8	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Bond Street	[n.y.] Feb 1
	BRIDGEWATER, FRANCIS HENRY EGERTON, [8TH EARL OF, 1756-1829]	
b. 1, f. 9	<a href="#">ALS to Henry Le Keux, Bridgewater</a>	1820 Mar 30
	CLARKE, JOSEPH	
b. 1, f. 10	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Saffron Walden	1856 Jan 11
	CLUTTERBUCK, ROBERT, 1772-1831	
b. 1, f. 11	ALS to Henry Le Keux, London	1815 Nov 14
	COOKE, EDWARD WILLIAM, 1811-1880	
b. 1, f. 12	ALS to John Henry Le Keux, Kensington	[n.y.] Jan 22
	COOKE, GEORGE, 1781-1834	

## COOKE, GEORGE, 1781-1834 (continued)

b. 1, f. 13	2 ALS to Henry Le Keux, [n.p.] Engravings in hand.	[1816?], 1821
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## COXE, HENRY OCTAVIUS, 1811-1881

b. 1, f. 14	ALS to John Henry Le Keux, Bodleian Library	1866 Apr 4
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## CURTIS, E. J.

b. 1, f. 15	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Barnsbury Park	1857 Dec 30
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## DAVIDSON, C.

b. 1, f. 16	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Reigate Sent a drawing for Dr. Magoon.	[1861]
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## DE LA MOTTE, PHILIP H.

b. 1, f. 17	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Kings College, London	1861 Oct 10
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## DOO, GEORGE T., 1800-1886

b. 1, f. 18	Memorandum of draft resolution by the Associated Society of Engravers, [London] Meeting at John Le Keux's.	1827 Jan 15
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## DUNCAN, EDWARD, 1804-1882

b. 1, f. 19	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Mornington Place	1846 Mar 6
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## DUNCOMBE, G.

b. 1, f. 20	Memorandum to J. H. Le Keux from the Board of Trade	1855 Feb 2
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## FINDEN, WILLIAM, 1787-1852

b. 1, f. 21	ALS to Henry Le Keux, London	1831 May 1
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## FRASER, JAMES, D. 1841

b. 1, f. 22	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Regent Street	1839 Dec 4
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## GOODALL, EDWARD, 1795-1870

b. 1, f. 23	ALS to John Le Keux, Mornington Crescent	1845 May 13
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## GORHAM, GEORGE, CORNELIUS, 1787-1857

b. 1, f. 24	2 ALS and 2 notes, unsigned, to J. H. Le Keux, Brampford Speke Illustrations for Reformation Gleanings [?].	1856-57
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## GREENWELL, DORA, 1821-1882

b. 1, f. 25	ALS to Mrs. J. H. Le Keux, [n.p.]	[n.y.] Dec 29
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## GUEST, EDWIN, 1800-1880

## GUEST, EDWIN, 1800-1880 (continued)

b. 1, f. 26	AL to J. H. Le Keux, Sandford Park Regarding map received from Mr. C. C. Babington.	1861 Aug 19
b. 1, f. 27	2 ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Oxon Map of western England.	1862 Sep-Dec
HARPER, THOMAS		
b. 1, f. 28	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Camden Rd., N. W.	1862 Dec 13
HEATON, CHARLES WILSON, 1817-1881		
b. 1, f. 29	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Jesus College, Oxford	1862 Dec 4
HOWELL, JOHN, 1788-1863		
b. 1, f. 30	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, [n.p.]	1855 Aug 3
HUGO, THOMAS, 1820-1876		
b. 1, f. 31	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Bishopsgate St. Within	1855 Feb 19
JONES, WILLIAM BASIL TICKELL, BP. OF [ST. DAVIDS, 1822-1897]		
b. 1, f. 32	ALS to Freeman & Jones, University College, Oxford Endorses cheque for Mr. Le Keux.	[1856?] Dec 13
LE KEUX, HENRY, 1787-1868		
b. 1, f. 33	ALS to John Le Keux, Dorset St. Charles Pye transmits apology by John Britton.	1820 Sep 25
b. 1, f. 34	ALS to [John Henry Le Keux], Bosking	1853 Dec 22
b. 1, f. 35	ALS to [Longmans], Dorset St. With comment to John Britton [?] by T. Huntsman of Longmans.	1820 Jun 2
LE KEUX, JOHN, 1783-1846		
b. 1, f. 36	ALS to Deightons, Bourne End	1844 Oct 26
b. 1, f. 37	ALS to Henry Le Keux, Pentonville With receipt added by Neale for the copper plates.	1826 May 9
b. 1, f. 38	ALS to Henry Le Keux, Harmondsworth	1838 Feb 6
b. 1, f. 39	ALS to John Henry Le Keux, Bourne End	
b. 1, f. 40	ALS to Mr. Tilt, Harmondsworth	1833 Jul 9
LE KEUX, JOHN HENRY, 1812-1896		
b. 1, f. 41	2 ALS to George Rutland, Durham A sale of books, etc.	1873 Jul 7-8

## LIZARS, WILLIAM HOME, 1788-1859



## LIZARS, WILLIAM HOME, 1788-1859 (continued)

b. 1, f. 42	ALS to Henry Le Keux, Edinburgh Delivered by a friend, Mr. Stewart, Engraver.	1819 Aug 6
LODDIGES, GEORGE, 1784-1846		
b. 1, f. 43	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Hackney	1834 Dec 9
MAGOON, ELMER L.		
b. 1, f. 44	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, New York	1856 Oct 7
MASON, A. J.		
b. 1, f. 45	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, [n.p.]	[n.y.] Mar 20
MAYER, JOSEPH, 1803-1886		
b. 1, f. 46	2 ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Liverpool Prints and particulars of artists.	1856 Feb, Mar
NASH, FREDERICK, 1782-1856		
b. 1, f. 47	ALS to Henry Le Keux, London	[1816?] Aug 8
NESBITT, ALEXANDER		
b. 1, f. 48	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Torquay	[n.y.] Jan 3
NICHOLS, JOHN GOUGH, 1806-1873		
b. 1, f. 49	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Parliament St.	[1854?] Nov 17
b. 1, f. 50	Letter, in another hand and signed Sylvanus Urban, to J. H. Le Keux, Strand	1860 Aug 16
OUVRY, FREDERIC, 1814-1881		
b. 1, f. 51	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Somerset House	1855 Mar 13
OWEN, [N?] C.		
b. 1, f. 52	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Board of Trade, London Space at Paris Exhibition; reference to Henry Le Keux.	1854 Aug 12
PACKE, CHARLES WILLIAM, 1792-1867		
b. 1, f. 53	AL to John Le Keux, Whitehall Engraving crest.	[n.y.] Mar 23
PALEY, FREDERICK APTHROP, 1815-1888		
b. 1, f. 54	ALS to John Le Keux, Cambridge Discussion with Camden Society Committee, Ecclesiological.	[ca.1845] Mar 20
PARKER, JOHN HENRY, 1806-1884		
b. 1, f. 55	ALS to John Le Keux, Oxford	1836 Nov 9
PEASON, R. KYRKE		

## PEASON, R. KYRKE (continued)

b. 1, f. 56	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Kidwelly	1857 Aug 31
PEPPER, JOHN HENRY, 1821-1900		
b. 1, f. 57	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Royal Polytechnic Inst.	1855 Sep 28
PLANCHE, JAMES ROBINSON, 1796-1880		
b. 1, f. 58	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Sackville St., Piccadilly Mr. Baily has informed the Council [of British Archaeological Assn.].	1855 Jan 27
PROUT, SAMUEL, 1783-1852		
b. 1, f. 59	ALS to Henry Le Keux, Brixton	[ca.1825] Apr 29
PUGIN, AUGUSTUS CHARLES, 1762-1832		
b. 1, f. 60	ALS to Henry Le Keux, Southampton St.	1817 Jun 30
PYE, John, 1782-1874		
b. 1, f. 61	ALS to Henry Le Keux, Cirencester Place With outline in pencil of reply on p. 1.	1838 Apr 23
REINAGLE, RAMSEY RICHARD, 1775-1862		
b. 1, f. 62	ALS to John Le Keux, London Written on verso of printed notice of prints of "Sunrise".	[1834 Jun 2]
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b. 1, f. 63	ALS to Henry Le Keux, Bond St.	1821 Nov 20
SCHIRMER, M.		
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SCOTT, SIR GEORGE GILBERT, 1811-1878		
b. 1, f. 65	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Spring Gardens	1857 Jul 17
SHARPE, EDMUND, 1809-1877		
b. 1, f. 66	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, St. James's Place	1848 May 18
SHAW, Henry, 1800-1873		
b. 1, f. 67	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Southampton Row	1854 Apr 7
SMITH W. COLLINGWOOD		
b. 1, f. 68	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Pimlico	[1854 or later]
THOMPSON, WILLIAM, ABP. OF YORK, 1819-1890		
b. 1, f. 69	2 ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Oxford Drawings of Oxford and payment.	1861, 1869

	TILT, CHARLES	
b. 1, f. 70	2 ALS to John Le Keux, Fleet St. Details of publishing business.	1842 May, Jun
	TITFORD, WILLIAM JOWITT	
b. 1, f. 71	ALS to Henry Le Keux, [London]	1811 Jun 9
	TUCKER, CHARLES	
b. 1, f. 72	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Suffolk St.	1850 May 15
	TURNER, DAWSON, 1775-1858	
b. 1, f. 73	ALS to Henry Le Keux, Yarmouth	1821 Jan 29
	VARLEY, CORNELIUS, 1781-1873	
b. 1, f. 74	Signature on a note of admittance for J. H. Le Keux	1839 Mar 4
	WALKER, THOMAS LARKINS, d. 1860	
b. 1, f. 75	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Leicester	1855 Oct 2
	WATTS, ALARIC ALEXANDER, 1797-1864	
b. 1, f. 76	ALS to Henry Le Keux, Torrington Square	1827 Nov 21
	WEALE, John, 1791-1862	
b. 1, f. 77	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, High Holborn	1861 Jun 18
	WHITE, ALFRED	
b. 1, f. 78	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, West Drayton	1853 Aug 16
	WILD, CHARLES BEARD, 1781-1835	
b. 1, f. 79	ALS to Henry Le Keux, New Bond St.	1815 May 2
b. 1, f. 80	ALS to John Le Keux, Mortimer St.	[n.y.] Oct 31
	WILLIAMS, THOMAS	
b. 1, f. 81	2 ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Northumberland House Plates for the Duke of Northumberland, C. H. Hartshorn, and Albert Way.	1860 Jan, Feb
	WILMORE, ARTHUR	
b. 1, f. 82	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, [n.p.]	1872 Sep 7
	WRIGHT, THOMAS, 1810-1877	
b. 1, f. 83	ALS to J. H. Le Keux, Brompton	[n.y.] Feb 27
	WYATT, SIR MATTHEW DIGBY, 1820-1877	

WYATT, SIR MATTHEW DIGBY, 1820-1877 (continued)

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From the office of Sir M. Digby Wyatt.

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## **Selected Search Terms**

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### **Subjects**

Engravers -- Great Britain  
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Publishers and publishing -- Great Britain

### **Occupations**

Engravers -- Great Britain

### **Names**

Batty, Robert, 1788 or 1789-1848  
Bliss, Philip, 1787-1857  
Bridgewater, Francis Henry Egerton, Earl of,  
1756-1829  
Cooke, George, 1781-1834  
Doo, George Thomas, 1800-1886  
Finden, W. (William), 1787-1852  
Guest, Edwin, 1800-1880  
Le Keux, Henry, 1787-1868  
Le Keux, John, 1783-1846  
Le Keux, John Henry, 1812-1896  
Nichols, John Gough, 1806-1873  
Pugin, Augustus, 1762-1832  
Turner, Dawson, 1775-1858  
Wyatt, M. Digby, Sir (Matthew Digby),  
1820-1877