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SUMMARY: Autograph MSS.

Collection of letters assembled by Lady Smith from her correspondence and that of her husband, Sir James Edward Smith (1759-1828); before each section of letters, she provides a brief biographical sketch of the authors represented in those letters; the third volume contains mainly letters reacting to her husband's death and to her Memoir and Correspondence of the Late Sir J.E. Smith; collection touches on many aspects of the Smiths' interests, personal and public, scientific and literary; it illustrates their many friendships, especially with the family of William Roscoe (1753-1831) and the Holkham literary circle; especially interesting are the discussions of gardening and concerning the Linnean Society of England; on the whole it provides a well-rounded picture of Norfolk society and literature from the late 18th century to the mid 19th century; the collection includes several MS and printed poems.

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BAKEWELL, MR.

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|------|---|------------|
| b. 3 | AL (in 3rd person) to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877)
n.p.
3 p.; 18 x 11 cm.
Thanks her for sending a copy of the
"Memoirs of Sir James Edward Smith"
(1759-1828).
d 148/3/51 | 1833 May 8 |
|------|---|------------|

BATHURST, HENRY, BP. OF NORWICH, 1744-1837

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|------|--|---------|
| b. 1 | 3 ALS to Sir James Edward Smith, (1759-1828)
1815 Jan 31, 1824, and n.d.
various places
3 p.; 23 x 19 cm.
About his son's marriage, William
Roscoe (1753-1831), and a bill to
grant privileges to Unitarianism.
d 148/1/6-8 | 1815-24 |
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BALCH, K. M.

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|------|---|---------------|
| b. 3 | ALS to the Rev. William Fitt Drake
n.p.
3 p.; 19 x 11 cm.
Concerns his portrayal in the
"Memoirs of Sir James Edward Smith"
(1759-1828).
d 148/3/48 | [1833] Jan 28 |
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BALCH, K. M.

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| b. 3 | ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877)
n.p.
3 p.; 22 x 19 cm.
Concerns the "Memoirs of Sir James
Edward Smith" (1759-1828).
d 148/3/49 | 1833 Feb 5, |
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BOOTT, FRANCIS, 1792-1862

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|------|---|-----------|
| b. 3 | 3 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877)
8 p.; 23 x 19 cm.
About the death and the "Memoirs" of
Sir James Edward Smith (1759-1828),
the death and career of Lord Byron
(George Gordon Noel Byron, 6th baron,
1788-1824), the writings of the
ancient author Virgil, etc.
d 148/3/11, 34, 44 | 1828-1833 |
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BOOTT, MARY (HARDCASTLE)

BOOTT, MARY (HARDCASTLE) (continued)

- b. 3 2 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1832
 1832 Nov 5 and Nov 11
 n.p.
 8 p.; 23 x 19 cm.
 Both letters primarily discuss the
 "Memoirs of Sir James Edward Smith"
 (1759-1828) and contemporary
 reaction to the work.
 d 148/3/34, 35

CALDWELL, ANDREW, 1733-1808

- b. 2 5 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1799-1808
 1799-1808, various dates
 various places
 18 p.; 23 x 19 cm.
 About his travels in England,
 plants, news of friends and family,
 the house of Samuel Johnson
 (1709-1784), the poetry of Robert
 Burns (1759-1796) and Allan Ramsay
 (1686-1758), his health, etc.
 d 148/2/21-25

CASAMAJOR, HARRIET (EAST), D. 1831

- b. 2 4 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1803-1830
 1803-1830 various dates
 various places
 11 p.; various sizes
 Mainly on news of her family.
 d 148/2/9, 16, 18-19

CORRIE, S.

- b. 3 4 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1832-1833
 Woodville
 16 p.; 23 x 18 cm.
 The letters describe Mrs. Corrie's
 reactions, enthusiastic, to the
 "Memoirs of Sir James Edward Smith"
 (1759-1828); she also discusses Mrs.
 Corrie's failing health.
 d 148/3/27, 36, 40, 41

CRABBE, GEORGE, 1785-1857

- b. 1 2 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1834
 1834 Mar 17 and Apr 30
 Pucklechurch
 6 p.; 22 x 18 cm.
 Reminisces about his father, the
 poet George Crabbe (1754-1832),
 various places they lived, and old
 friends.
 d 148/1/14-15

CULLUM, SIR THOMAS GERY, 1741-1831

- b. 3 ALS to [William Fitt] Drake 1828 Mar 24
Bury
1 p.; 25 x 20 cm.
Sends condolences on the death of
Sir James Edward Smith (1759-1828).
d 148/3/6

CULLUM, SIR THOMAS GERY, 1741-1831

- b. 3 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1828 Apr 3
Bury
1 p.; 25 x 20 cm.
Concerns the effects of the death of
Sir James Edward Smith (1759-1828)
on the Linnean Society, etc.
d 148/3/15

DAVY, MARTIN, 1763-1839

- b. 3 ALS to William Fitt Drake 1828 Mar 21
Caius Lodge
2 p.; 22 x 18 cm.
Sends condolences on the death of
Sir James Edward Smith (1759-1828).
d 148/3/3

DERBY, EDWARD SMITH STANLEY, 13TH EARL OF, 1775-1851

- b. 3 2 ALS to William Fitt Drake 1828
1828 Mar 19 and Apr 1
London
4 p.; 23 x 19 cm. and 18 x 13 cm.
About the death of Sir James Edward
Smith (1759-1828).
d 148/3/2, 13

EAST, EASTLY CLAYTON

- b. 2 1 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1831 Apr 4
Hallplace
2 p.; 23 x 19 cm.
On the death of his aunt, Harriet
(East) Casamajor (d. 1831).
d 148/2/20

EAST, HANNAH (CASAMAJOR), LADY EAST, D. 1810

- b. 2 12 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1799-1809
various places
1799-1809
43 p.; various sizes
Letters mainly provide news of
daily activities of family members
and friends.
d 148/2/1-6, 8, 10-14

HARDWICKE, THOMAS (continued)

- b. 1 2 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1830-34
 1830 Aug 11 and 1834 Nov 16
 Lambeth
 7 p.; 24 x 19 cm. and 23 x 19 cm.
 The first letter renews
 correspondence between the two and
 discusses prominent naturalists,
 such as Nathaniel Wallich
 (1786-1854); the second discusses
 the author's recent ailments.
 d 148/1/12, 13

HORNBLOWER, JANE ELIZABETH (ROSCOE), 1797-1853

- b. 3 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1828 Mar 28
 Lodge Lane
 2 p.; 23 x 18 cm.
 Sends her father's condolences on
 the death of Sir James Edward Smith
 (1759-1828).
 d 148/3/10

JOHNES, JANE (JOHNES)

- b. 3 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) [1828?] Nov 16
 Hill Court Near Exeter
 1 p.; 22 x 19 cm.
 Sends condolences on the death of
 Sir James Edward Smith (1759-1828)
 and explains that her husband burned
 his correspondence with Sir James.
 d 148/3/24

LAMBERT, AYLMER BOURKE, 1761-1842

- b. 3 ALS to William Fitt Drake 1828 Apr 1
 London
 2 p.; 23 x 19 cm.
 Sends condolences on the death of
 Sir James Edward Smith (1759-1828).
 d 148/3/12

LAMBERT, AYLMER BOURKE, 1761-1842

- b. 3 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) [1832 Dec] 27
 n.p.
 2 p.; 23 x 19 cm.
 Thanks her for Christmas dinner;
 sends news of the Linnean Society
 and friends.
 d 148/3/39

LEICESTER, THOMAS WILLIAM COKE, EARL OF, 1752-1842

LEICESTER, THOMAS WILLIAM COKE, EARL OF, 1752-1842 (continued)

b. 3, 2 5 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1822-1828
 1822-1828 various dates
 various places
 9 p.; various sizes
 On the birth of his sons and on the
 death of Sir James Edward Smith
 (1759-1855).
 d 148/2/34, 36, 39; d 148/3/4, 16

LOMBE, EDWARD, CA. 1800-1852

b. 3 2 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) [1828 Mar]
 [1828 Mar] and n.d.
 n.p.
 6 p.; 18 x 11 and 23 x 19 cm.
 The first letter (148/3/8) discusses
 his present health conditions and
 thanks Lady Smith for having sent
 him a copy of the "Memoirs of Sir
 James Edward Smith" (1759-1828);
 attached to this item is an extract
 written by her husband about Mr.
 Lombe which Lady Smith copied; the
 second letter (148/3/23) sends his
 respects.
 d 148/3/8, 23

MARTIN, L.

b. 3 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) [1831 or later]
 n.p.
 4 p.; 23 x 19 cm.
 Compliments Lady Smith, whom the
 author addresses as "My dear Aunt,"
 on the "Memoirs of Sir James Edward
 Smith" (1759-1828).
 d 148/3/31

MASTER, JANE

b. 2 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1816 Jan 3
 The Abbey
 4 p.; 18 x 11 cm.
 Thanks Lady Smith for concern over
 her mother's health following an
 accident.
 d 148/2/43

MASTER, MARY (PETTY), D. 1819

b. 2 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1815 Nov 16
 The Abbey
 3 p.; 18 x 11 cm.
 Discusses their recent visit and
 other family news.
 d 148/2/42

MASTER, MR. AND MRS.

- b. 2 AL (in third person) to Mrs. Reeve n.d.
n.p.
2 p.; 18 x 11 cm.
Reply to an invitation from Mrs. Reeve.
d 148/2/41

MATON, WILLIAM GEORGE, 1774-1835

- b. 3 2 ALS to William Fitt Drake 1828
1828 Mar 22 and Apr 2
London
8 p.; 22 x 18 and 18 x 13 cm.
Sends condolences on the death of Sir James Edward Smith (1759-1828).
d 148/3/5, 14

MENZIES, ARCHIBALD, 1754-1842

- b. 3 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1832 Dec 14
London
3 p.; 23 x 18 cm.
Praises her "Memoir of Sir James Edward Smith" (1759-1828).
d 148/3/38

MITFORD, JOHN, 1781-1859

- b. 3, 1 31 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877), 4 ALS to [?his publisher] and 1 ALS to [Mrs. Clarke] 1835-58
1835-1858 various dates
Benhall, Sloane Street, etc.
99 p.; various sizes
About his poetry and work on Thomas Gray (1716-1771), his friendship with Samuel Rogers (1763-1855), Lady Smith's memoir of her husband (Sir James Edward Smith, 1759-1828), literary subjects, gardening, his travels, friends, etc.;
with 20 p.; also with 20 p.;
of poetry from the "Gentleman's Magazine".
d 148/1/16-50; d 148/3/47

MORLEY, FRANCES (TALBOT) PARKER, COUNTESS OF, 1786-1857

- b. 2 3 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1804
1804 Jan 10, Aug 20, Dec 14
Bath
14 p.; 23 x 18 cm.
Discusses her daily activities, her acquaintance and sends news of mutual friends.
d 148/2/44-46

MORLLICH, A.

- b. 3 ALS to Mrs. [S.] Corrie n.d.
 n.p.
 3 p.; 18 x 11 cm.
 Comments on the "Memoirs of Sir
 James Edward Smith" (1759-1828)
 which Mrs. Corrie had sent; also
 comments on the health of Mrs.
 Corrie.
 d 148/3/43

NOAILLES, PHILIPPE DE, PRINCE DE POIX, 1752-1819

- b. 1 ALS to Sir James Edward Smith (1759-1828) [1800] May 3
 Great Marylebone St.
 1 p.; 25 x 20 cm.
 Thanks Smith for his kindness during
 the author's visit to England.
 d 148/1/4

OPIE, AMELIA (ALDERSON), 1769-1853

- b. 2 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1836 Dec 11
 n.p.
 3 p.; 25 x 20 cm.
 About the French writer, Alphonse de
 Lamartine (1790-1869) and his family.
 d 148/2/47

PLATT, THOMAS

- b. 3 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1832 Nov 12
 London
 1 p.; 23 x 19 cm.
 Thanks her for sending the "Memoirs
 of Sir James Edward Smith"
 (1759-1828).
 d 148/3/37

RAMMOHUN, ROY, RAJA, 1772?-1833

- b. 1 2 ALS to Sir James Edward Smith (1759-1828) 1832 and n.d.
 1832 May 21 and n.d.
 n.p.
 4 p.; 23 x 19 cm.
 The first letter expresses his hopes
 of visiting the Smiths in the near
 future, and the second thanks Smith
 for an invitation.
 d 148/1/10

ROSCOE, WILLIAM CALDWELL, 1823-1859

ROSCOE, WILLIAM CALDWELL, 1823-1859 (continued)

- b. 1 "M[argaret] S[andback]": MS copy by Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith 1852
(1773-1877)
Havodunos
1 p.; 11 x 18 cm.
A poem written in honor of Margaret
(Roscoe) Sandback (ca. 1812-1852).
d 148/1/51

ROSCOE, WILLIAM CALDWELL, 1823-1859

- b. 2 "Lines to be placed under the portrait of the Rt. Revd. Dr. Henry Bathurst, n.d.
Lord Bishop of Norwich [1744-1837], at Holkham:" MS copy by Pleasance
(Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877)
1 p.; 23 x 18 cm.
d 148/2/38

ROSCOE, WILLIAM, 1753-1831

- b. 3 1 ALS and 1 LS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1828-30
1828 Dec 16 and 1830 Feb 6
Lodge Lane
8 p.; 23 x 19 cm.
About botany, the Linnean Society
and the death of Sir James Edward
Smith (1759-1828).
One letter (148/3/22) is partly
transcribed by his son, Henry Roscoe
(1800-1836), and the other (148/3/25)
is wholly written by "T.E.R." [Thomas
Roscoe? (1791-1871)].
d 148/3/22, 25

SANDBACK, MARGARET (ROSCOE), CA. 1812-1852

- b. 1 10 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1843-1851
The Cottage and Havodonus
60 p.; various sizes
Various reflections on her own works
and those of friends.
d 148/1/52-61

SCHUTZ, SUSAN ELIZABETH

- b. 3 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1832 Oct 9
Gillingham Hall
5 p.; 18 x 11 and 23 x 18 cm.
Thanks her for her present of the
"Memoirs of Sir James Edward Smith"
(1759-1828) and sends news of common
friends and acquaintances.
d 148/3/32

SMITH, EDWARD JAMES

SMITH, EDWARD JAMES (continued)

- b. 3 2 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1828-33
 1828 Sep 20 and 1833 Sep 8
 6 p.; 25 x 20 cm.
 The first letter (148/3/21) sends his condolences on the death of his uncle, Sir James Edward Smith (1759-1828), and the second (148/3/52) discusses the memoirs his aunt has sent him.
 d 148/3/21, 52

SMITH, FRANCES

- b. 3 2 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1828 and n.d.
 1828 Apr 8 and n.d.
 6 p.; 19 x 11 cm. and 13 x 10 cm.
 The first letter (148/3/19) sends condolences on the death of Sir James Edward Smith (1759-1828) and the second (148/3/46) comments on the "Memoirs" of the late Sir James which she had heard read.
 Women Writers.
 d 148/3/19, 46

SMITH, PLEASANCE (REEVE), LADY SMITH, 1773-1877

- b. 1 AL (copy, incomplete) to William Smyth (1765-1849) n.d.
 n.p.
 3 p.; 26 x 20 cm.
 The introduction to the copy of letter reads: "The following was a portion of a letter I sent to Professor Smyth on finding he had introduced Dr. Priestley [Joseph Priestley (1733-1804)] in his Evidences as one of the defenders of Christianity. His name having been unjustly slandered. I was gratified that the professor had vindicated his injured memory."
 d 148/1/65

SMITH, WILLIAM, 1756-1835

- b. 1 3 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1828-33
 1828 Apr 6, 1830 Mar 18, 1833 Feb 4
 various places
 10 p.; various sizes
 The first letter (148/3/18) sends his condolences on the death of Sir James Edward Smith (1759-1828); the second (148/3/26) concerns correspondence which he has yet to look over; and the third (148/3/45) concerns the "Memoirs" of Sir James.
 d 148/3/18, 26, 45

SMYTH, WILLIAM, 1765-1849

- b. 1 2 ALS and 1 AL to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1845 and n.d.
 [1845] May 27 and n.d.
 Norwich
 9 p.; various sizes
 About his lectures and books which
 she has read and praised; about
 Joseph Priestley (1733-1804) and
 Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778).
 d 148/1/62-64

SOUTHWELL, M. TRAFFORD

- b. 3 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1832 Oct 8
 Wroxham
 4 p.; 18 x 11 cm.
 Thanks her for the gift of the
 "Memoirs of Sir James Edward
 Smith" (1759-1828).
 d 148/3/30

STANHOPE, LADY ELIZABETH WILHELMINA (COKE), D. 1873

- b. 3, 2 12 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) various dates
 [Before 1816] - 1828 various dates
 48 p.; various sizes
 d 148/2/26-33, 35, 37, 40;
 d 148/3/17

SWAINSON, MARY

- b. 3 ALS to Mrs. [S.] Corrie [no year] Nov 30
 n.p.
 4 p.; 18 x 11 cm.
 Thanks her for the gift of the
 "Memoirs of Sir James Edward Smith"
 (1759-1828).
 d 148/3/42

TURNER, DAWSON, 1775-1858

- b. 3 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1832 Oct 8
 Yarmouth
 2 p.; 25 x 20 cm.
 On her the gift of the "Memoirs of
 Sir James Edward Smith" (1759-1828).
 d 148/3/29

WALLICH, NATHANIEL, 1786-1854

WALLICH, NATHANIEL, 1786-1854 (continued)

b. 3,1 2 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1829-32
 1829 Dec 19 and 1832 Oct 1
 London
 8 p.; 25 x 20 cm. and 23 x 19 cm.
 The first letter concerns the death
 of Sir James Edward Smith
 (1759-1828), his current work,
 friends, etc.; the second letter is
 included in a letter of Francis
 Boott.
 d 148/1/9; d 148/3/28

WATT, MARTHA (ELLIS), D 1795

b. 1 2 ALS to [Sir James Edward] Smith (1759-1828) 1793-94
 1793 May 9 and 1794 Jun 23
 Northau Place
 5 p.; 23 x 18 cm.
 The first letter discusses material
 she sent to Smith for perusal and the
 second praises Smith's method of
 writing natural history.
 d 148/1/1,2

YOUNGE, W.

b. 3 ALS to Pleasance (Reeve) Smith, Lady Smith (1773-1877) 1832 Oct 25
 Sheffield
 3 p.; 23 x 19 cm.
 On her the gift of the "Memoirs of
 Sir James Edward Smith" (1759-1828).
 d 148/3/33

[ILLEGIBLE SIGNATURE]

b. 3 ALS to William Fitt Drake 1828 Mar 28
 Oxford
 2 p.; 23 x 19 cm.
 Sends condolences on the death of
 Sir James Edward Smith (1759-1828).
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